

Grandparents Day  
No more cans  
breadandbutteryum  
Gerald's '63 Olds  
Happy Birthday to YOU!  
.... And SO Much More!



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# Friendly Valley Times



## YOUR City >>>

David Mull, Mayor  
Kevin Pieters Cory Schurman  
Marc Havens Travis Hollander

### City Hall Hours

Monday 8:00am-1:00pm  
Tuesday Closed  
Wednesday 8:00am-4pm  
Thursday Closed  
Friday 8:00am-1:00pm

Recycling 7:00am Mon, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
Mondays - September 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Tips for Managing Your Passwords

Passwords are the key to almost everything you do online, and you probably have multiple passwords that you use throughout the day. Choosing hard-to-hack passwords and managing them securely can sometimes seem inconvenient. Fortunately, there are simple ways to make your passwords as secure as possible. Doing so can keep hackers from taking over your accounts and prevent theft of your information (or money from online banking!).



### Never reveal your passwords to others.

You probably wouldn't give your ATM card and PIN to a stranger and then walk away. So, why would you give away your username and password? Your login credentials protect information as valuable as the money in your bank account.

**Use different passwords for different accounts.** That way, if one account is compromised, at least the others won't be at risk.

**Use Multi-factor authentication (MFA).** Even the best passwords have limits. Multi-Factor Authentication adds another layer of protection in addition to your username and password. Generally, the additional factor is a token or a mobile phone app that you would use to confirm that you really are trying to log in.

**Length trumps complexity.** The longer a password is, the better. Use at least 16 characters whenever possible.

**Make passwords that are hard to guess but easy to remember.**

To make passwords easier to remember,

use sentences or phrases. For example, "breadandbutteryum". Some systems will even let you use spaces: "bread and butter yum".

Avoid single words, or a word preceded or followed by a single number (e.g. Password1).

Don't use information in your password that others might know about you or that's in your social media. (e.g. birthdays, children's or pet's names, car model, etc.). If your friends can find it, so will hackers.

**Complexity still counts.** To increase complexity, include upper- and lower-case letters, numbers, and special characters. A password should use at least 3 of these choices. To make the previous example more secure: "Bread & butter YUM!"

**Use a password manager.** Password management tools, or password vaults, are a great way to organize your passwords. They store your passwords securely, and many provide a way to back-up your passwords and synchronize them across multiple systems.

### ATTENTION:

The City is asking all residents to please take a picture of your service line before the water meter that is inside your house.

This is for the purpose of EPA lead service line inventory.

Please email is to

[srcityhall@heartofiowa.net](mailto:srcityhall@heartofiowa.net)

You can contact City Hall with any questions or to schedule an inspection if you are unsure of what or how to complete this request.

**This request needs to be submitted no later than October 16, 2024**

# Steamboat Rock Visionary Group >>>



**Members:** Dave Hagberg, Mike Finger, Toni Nederhoff, Sandy Trampe, Mariah Schurman, Mary Gast, Bob Hutchcroft

## Thank You

Thanks to everyone who attended our brisket dinner fundraiser. We heard many compliments about the food and the brisket from Wes Beenken was delicious.



Funds from the dinner will be spent on additional mulch for the playground. Playground mulch is expensive and additional mulch must be added at least every three years. So, thanks for those who contributed.

## Shelter Reservations

Reservations may be made by placing a sheet of paper in the holder with your name and dates you wish to use the facility. The holder is on the south side of the shelter attached to a support pole.

## Rivers Edge Trail

The RE trail committee is hoping to receive a significant grant that will provide funds for completing the trail to Marshalltown. If this grant is awarded the trail should be completed in five to six years. We will then be flooded with people looking for all kinds of services. Let's get ready.



**Steamboat Rock Baptist Church**  
107 2<sup>nd</sup> St; Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-868-2458

[church@steamboatbaptist.org](mailto:church@steamboatbaptist.org)

Office Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm  
Traditional Service – 8:30am  
Pathway Classes (Sunday School) – 9:30am  
Contemporary Service – 10:30am



**Steamboat Rock Presbyterian Church**  
401 Market St. Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-868-2292

[srpresbychurch@gmail.com](mailto:srpresbychurch@gmail.com)

Worship:10:30am

## Community Resources >>>

### Steamboat Rock Visionary Group

PO Box 344  
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-868-2812  
[bhutchcroft@hotmail.com](mailto:bhutchcroft@hotmail.com)

### Steamboat Rock Fire & Rescue

PO Box 174  
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-868-2314  
[srchief@heartofiowa.net](mailto:srchief@heartofiowa.net)

### Steamboat Rock Cemetery

19325 Z Ave.  
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-751-5096  
[50672cemetery@gmail.com](mailto:50672cemetery@gmail.com)

### Steamboat Rock Historic Society

409 W. Market St.  
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-858-6085  
[jimkkramer@heartofiowa.net](mailto:jimkkramer@heartofiowa.net)

### Steamboat Rock Public Library

511 W. Market St.  
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672  
641-868-2300  
[srocklib@heartofiowa.net](mailto:srocklib@heartofiowa.net)

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## Looking for a way to give back?

Donations are appreciated at the Little Food Patries around Hardin County.

### Located at the Library

Iowa Falls: Friendship Club, Hospital, Julia O'Neal park, First United Meth. Church, Library, & Dale Howard Activity Center (inside)  
Eldora: Bud's Laundromat, Library, & Dorothy's.  
Hubbard: Post Office Radcliffe: Elem. School  
Ackley: Library Union: Library Alden: Library







## Steamboat Rock Fire Department

### INFORMATION NOTICE:

We have truly appreciated those that have donated their cans but, **August will be the last month the Fire Dept. will be collecting cans.**

I have extended the offer for other groups and am waiting for a reply. More information will be available in next month's article. Once again, thank-you!!

A funny little quote was sent to me the other day – Summer should get a speeding ticket!!

Since summer has sped by, it now means that kids are getting ready for back-to-school, get yourself back into the habit. Keep a watchful eye out for littles coming/going from bus stops. Busses have not been running for three months, so remind yourself that there could be a stop on your morning route to work.

Even though summer is rapidly approaching the end, below are some good reminders to help prepare for the cooler/colder months.

- Good time to check your filter if you have had AC on before the heat is needed.
- When it cools down, good time to rinse out your fins on your outside AC unit
- Remember to clean gutters after the leaves have fallen

IF you plan on burning (leaves or branches), please remember to call Hardin County Sheriff. State your name and address of the burn. It is also a good reminder to contact your local fire chief if you are planning a burn.

If your fire hasn't been reported by yourself and someone calls it in, SRFD will be responding and will be putting it out.

Be responsible, call it in and note the wind speed/direction!!

Hardin County NON-Emergent number 641-939-8190.

**As Always be Fire Safe!!**  
**Chief Williams**

## Pastor Lynn Arends, Steamboat Rock Presbyterian Church and East Friesland Presbyterian Church

I love to look at classic cars. When I visited our daughter a few years ago, her landlord, 83-year-old Gerald, had his 1963 Oldsmobile Starfire, complete with a rebuilt 394 Starfire engine, parked in her driveway. Gerald explained that he was taking his car to a car show at their church down the road. While I'm thinking what a cool church this must be, Gerald had to be on his way. I expected him to ease out of the driveway and slooowly drive down the street until he reached the church. Gerald did ease out of the driveway, but then, to my surprise and delight, proceeded to hit the gas, causing those dual exhausts to make the most beautiful rumble I've heard in quite a while.



I believe that many of us, as Christians, treat our faith like a classic car. We get it out on occasions; shine it up when we go to church and maybe even brag about it a little. But we're afraid to take it out and make it rumble. I don't think that's what God intends for us to do with our faith, though. I think He would rather we take it to the street and give it the gas! In The Message translation of the Bible, Paul tells the Colossians in 3:1-2, "So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it...Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ- that's where the action is." In other words, if you have been raised with Christ, then live like it! Live like people who are alive in Christ. Take your new life and go out proudly and boldly and act like you have a new life!

If you have been raised with Christ, do something for the good of the world. Keep looking forward, looking ahead, and looking for work that you can do for the kingdom of God. In the NIV Bible, 1 Corinthians 15:58 says that we should, "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

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# Steamboat Rock Public Library

511 W. Market St.; Steamboat Rock Phone/Fax: 641-868-2300

[www.youseemore.com/nile/steamboatrock](http://www.youseemore.com/nile/steamboatrock) or on Facebook @SteamboatRockLibrary

For the last 7 years Dar and I have planned summer reading at the Steamboat Rock Public Library, and I am always afraid the contributions won't come in to pay for the programs, prizes, books, and treats. Truly should never have worried. This community and the surrounding area have always been terrific with their support.

This year I want to thank the following for their support. The people that use this facility need to let them know just how much the patrons appreciate them and their contribution not just for summer reading but for any program.

The following are in no type of order:  
Dale Howard Auto Center, Eldora Veterinary Care, Hardin County Savings Bank, Gary Rolph, Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls, Tim &

Linda Sterns, Vision Health Center, Jackie Hagberg, Aaron Armstrong, Mick Kramer, Bob & Vickie Hutchcroft, Jim & Julie Green, and OEL Construction.

Along with these individuals there have been cash donations when we have programs, and the following have provided food, Sunny D, and books. Suzie DeVries, Anna Doolaard, The Rock Stop, and Greenbelt Bank & Trust.

When you see any of these contributors, I hope you thank them for their contribution. We could not have done this without their help.

Melissa Johanson, Director



## Hours

Tuesday 1:00-6:00pm  
Wednesday 2:00-5:00pm  
Thursday-Friday 12:00-4:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

## New to the Library

### Biography

*Never Enough* by Andrew Wilkinson

### Fiction

*Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller

*How to age Disgracefully*  
by Clare Pooley

*Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate

*Little Secrets* by Lisa Jackson

*Resurrection* by Danielle Steel

*The Teacher* by Freida McFadden

### Mystery

*The God of the Woods*  
by Liz Moore

*Dog Day Afternoon*  
by David Rosenfelt

*Breaking the Dark* by Lisa Jewell

*Final Girls* by Riley Sager

*The Burning* by Linda Castillo

*Camino Ghosts* by John Grisham

*If Something Happens to Me*  
by Alex Finlay

*The Last Time She Saw Him*  
by Kate White

*Alone in the Woods* by Charly Cox

*Middle of the Night* by Riley Sager

*All the Colors of the Dark*  
by Chris Whitaker

*The Invitation* by N.L. Hinkens

*The Class Reunion* by N.L. Hinkens

### Nonfiction

*Cheaper, Faster, Better*  
by Tom Steyer

### Romance

*Look on the Bright Side*  
by Kristan Higgins

### Children's Fiction

*The One and Only Family*  
by Katherine Applegate

### Science Fiction

*Eruption* by Michael Crichton and James Patterson

## Steamboat Rock Historical Society

**President:** Jim Kramer      **Vice President:**  
**Secretary:**                      **Treasurer:** Kitty Hemmen  
*At Large:* Keith Griffen  
Email: jimkkramer@heartofiowa.net



### **OUR Mission:**

"To preserve and promote the history of Steamboat Rock and the surrounding area"

### Museum Open By Appointment Only

We are still in the planning stages as to when the museum will be open again on a regular basis. However, we would be happy to give you a tour. Call me at 641-858-6085 or send me an email at the address above, and we will find a date and time to meet.

### Update on Building Repairs

Since our team started meeting again, we have been working on getting the building updated. So far, the window frames on the east side of the building have been repaired, new window shades have been installed, and the carpet has been cleaned. Repair work to the outside stucco is done be done in mid to late September. Once the stucco is repaired, we have a painter ready to repaint the building.

### Monthly Meetings

You are welcome to join us at one of our monthly meetings. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday night of each month at 6:30 PM. Dates for upcoming months are September 9<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>. We would love to have you join us.

### The Night Riders of Hardin County

Author, Lance Hansmann, has been busy doing book signings at libraries in Hardin County over the past several months. If you have not yet read his book, we have a supply on hand at our museum. Contact me for more information.

### Steamboat Rock in Pictures

Thanks to Chester Klatt, we have some new pictures of Steamboat Rock in the past. Be sure to stop in sometime and see these new additions.

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## The Joy in History

I've now been an active member of the Steamboat Rock Historical Society for over 23 years, and I continue to get a lot of enjoyment in serving our community in this way. This past 60 days I have again been reminded of why enjoy it so much. Let me share a few of my experiences from the last 60 days:

- I've been in contact with a lady from Door County Wisconsin for nearly 9 years in regard to her ancestors coming from this area of the United States. She was finally able to come to Steamboat Rock just recently. My wife and I spent an entire day with her taking her to various spots near Steamboat Rock. We discovered the following: (1)-the gravesite of her great-great-great grandparents in the Hauser Cemetery near Union. (2)-the gravesite of her great-great-great-great-grandparents at the Eldora Cemetery. (3)-the possible site and actual cabin of her great-great-great grandparents east of Gifford. (We later found out that this cabin was a stagecoach stop way back in the mid 1850's.) (4)-She also had a map that her grandmother had drawn of the locations of some of the homes in Steamboat Rock back in the early 1900's. These homes included the Turner's, "Old Man Haas", the Gellhorn's, the Cartwrights and included the locations of hotel, the telephone office, three churches, the school, and the blacksmith shop. (5)- And she gave me copies of her grandmother's journal that she had wrote about her time living in Steamboat Rock. My wife and I so very much enjoyed this day of helping this lady discover her roots. She is planning on coming back next summer to spend an entire week here.
- This past month, Chester Klatt, a new member of SRHS, discovered some pictures of life in Steamboat Rock that none of us had seen before. Whenever we find new pictures it is a joy to both discover them and then be able share them with the community. Stop in sometime and see them for yourselves. Again, thank you to Chester for finding these pictures.
- Kitty Hemmen gave me a copy of a journal written by Marie (Chaudat) Gast that told of how she came from France to Steamboat Rock in 1920. It was so interesting to read. And what made it special for me was that she was my babysitter and lived just one block away from where I now live. Her story is amazing.
- Grace Starr has been working on an exhibit to honor the Veterans of Steamboat Rock who served during the Vietnam War Era. It is so very interesting to read the stories of these men who risked their lives to serve our country.

This was all in the past 30-60 days. I find a lot of joy in helping others discover their roots and also finding more about events that helped to shape my life. If you are looking for a little more joy in your life, consider helping out at the Steamboat Rock Historical Society.

**Jim Kramer—President of the Steamboat Rock Historical Society**



## September 8, 2024

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUU!!!**

*May you live a long life, Full of Gladness and Health, with a pocket full of gold as the least of your wealth, May the Dreams you hold dearest, be those which Come True, May the kindness you spread, keep returning to YOU!*

August 24<sup>th</sup> Nate Johnson  
& Kip Roelfsema

August 26<sup>th</sup> Tami Bear  
August 31<sup>st</sup> Derek Witt

September 6<sup>th</sup> Emily Schuneman  
& Heidi Young

September 12<sup>th</sup> Jon Schurman

September 13<sup>th</sup> Cathy Armstrong

September 8<sup>th</sup> Les Winther

September 15<sup>th</sup> Jodie (Stupp) Schmidt

September 10<sup>th</sup> Jarret Wininger





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## Pastor Lynn Arends, Steamboat Rock Presbyterian Church and East Friesland Presbyterian Church



Maybe it's time we take our Christian faith out on the road and give it the gas and see what the old church can do. Like Gerald's '63 Olds, we need to take our faith out and not baby it. We need to get it out of the walls of our churches and out in the world where people can hear it and see it. What do you say? Let's live like we're raised in Christ and take it to the street!

**May God bless you this month and always.**

### *Cottage on the Edge*

[www.airbnb.com/h/cottageontheedge](http://www.airbnb.com/h/cottageontheedge)

Doug & Mona Bleeker 641-640-0568



### *Antiques by Mona*

[www.antiquesbymona.com](http://www.antiquesbymona.com)

Doug & Mona Bleeker 641-640-0568  
17552 V Ave, Steamboat Rock, IA



### *Trailhead Cabins and Camping*

Jarret, Kim, & Mel Winger brings to you [www.trailheadcnc.com](http://www.trailheadcnc.com)



**MAYOR**  
David Mull

*A Valley Of  
Friendliness*



**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Kevin Pieters  
Cory Schurman  
Marc Havens  
Travis Hollander  
Marvin Veld

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session on August 15, 2024 at City Hall. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Mull at 6:00 PM with council members Kevin Pieters, Travis Hollander, Marc Havens and Marvin Veld in attendance. Cory Schurman was absent.

Kevin Pieters made the motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Marc Havens. Motion carried.

**Comments and concerns from the Public;** Jim Kramer talked to the council concerning the concept of an All School Reunion/Weekend Celebration of Steamboat Rock. He represented the Historical Society and was asking for the City's support and help for this undertaking. The plans are for the Weekend Celebration to take place in 2026. There is also support from the Visionary Group of Steamboat Rock. Council said they would discuss help & support in the future when plans start for the event.

Kevin Pieters also brought a concern from a resident, Les Winther concerning placing a fence on his property and what his boundaries were for doing so.

**REPORTS:**

**Library:** no report

**Fire Department:** Truck door that was damaged has been okay to rebuild. Should be receiving the two torpedoes with the next couple of weeks, they are to help the department put out fires faster and safer. Department is working on mapping out the territory that is covered by the department to help aid in fire calls. Also purchase 6 new batteries for equipment. Accepted the resignation of Harrison Lippert, he is moving to Mason City. Fire Chief Scott Williams recommended that Steamboat Rock residents check with their insurance concerning their premiums because of the "dual page" which means when the department is called there is also a second department called to assist with mutual aid.

**Public Works:** Shannon was filling in for Will while he is on vacation. He is working on cleaning at the sewer plant.

Kevin Pieters made the motion to approve the Minutes from last month's meeting and was seconded by Marc Havens. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Pieters to approve the bills presented and seconded by Marv Veld. Motion carried.

After discussion, Kevin Pieters motioned to approve the hours and was seconded by Marv Veld. Motion carried.

Discussion concerning the hours, motion was made by Marv Veld not to pay the librarian for attending council meetings and to deduct the ½ hour for July's meeting that was included on payroll; this also includes all departments of the city going forward, excluding City Clerk (this being part of the clerk's duties). Motion was second by Travis Hollander. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** East door to City Hall; door has to be operational in accordance with the fire code. Looking in to what needs to be done to make the door work properly.

Search Grant has been approved and funds will be transferred upon completion of final paperwork being submitted.

**New Business:** Hardin County Savings Bank account. Kevin Pieters made the motion to keep the account open and use for funds from gym rental. Motion was seconded by Marc Havens. Motion carried. I will proceed to get the account updated.

IAS propane contract for 2024-25 season. Kevin Pieters motioned to book for 1631 gallons. Motion was seconded by Marv Veld. Motion carried.

Property clean-up – Moved to September meeting for closed session.

Street Repairs – Council discussed getting a second bid. Will has bid to do the removal and replace and should start work next month.

Promotion of the School/Gym – Have some interest in using the gym for kids basketball practice and possible tournaments. Council would like to make some improvement to facilitate interest in the property.

Lead – Water service information: Shannon proposed that we post to the newsletter and note on water invoices for residents to submit a picture, of the water service entrance into the property, to the city hall email ([srcityhall@heartofiowa.net](mailto:srcityhall@heartofiowa.net)) or call city hall if they have questions, concerns or would like to schedule for someone to check their service. This is a requirement from the EPA and is due by October 16, 2024.



Budget review was postponed until September meeting.

Trees – The Visionary Group had requested assistance in treating diseased trees last month and council voted not to support the issue but proposed to help in purchasing replacement trees instead. Motion was made by Marc Havens to give a monetary donation to the Visionary Group to purchase trees. Motion was seconded by Travis Hollander. Motion carried.

Street Light Replacement: Alliant Energy contacted city hall concerning the street light at SW intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and Madison. Pole was damaged and it was costly to the city to replace the pole and install the new light. It was more cost effective for the city to move the light to the Northside pole. Motion was made by Kevin Pieters to pass the resolution to give permission for Alliant to move the light to the north side pole at 4<sup>th</sup> and Madison. Travis seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken with four votes for, and none opposed. Cory Schurman was absent. Resolution carried.

Future Items for Agenda: Budget, Street Repairs, Closed session (concerning property cleanup)

Marc Havens motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Kevin Pieters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting is September 9, 2024

David L, Mull, Sr., Mayor

Valeria Kjormoe, City Clerk

# I Heard it On...

Congrats to AGWSR FFA members on a successful Iowa State Fair! Many hours and a lot of hard work went into their projects. We are proud of all your accomplishments!



## Looking Ahead...

Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> Karaoke @Happenings 9:00p-1:00a

Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council Meeting @6:30pm City Hall

Every Wednesday @6:30pm- Awanas Club @SR Baptist Church  
AND Celebrate Recovery @Presbyterian Church