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CleanUp Day April 25

Once again, the City of Rock Falls will celebrate Earth Week by offering a one-time major item cleanup service. Residents who would like to dispose of large items that are not usually retrieved by the weekly trash pickup can set items out by the street on Cleanup Day. These items will be collected by a volunteer crew early Saturday morning, April 25.

Items can be set out by the street on Friday, April 24, to be available for collection on Saturday morning. However, if items are placed in cardboard boxes, and rain or snow is in the forecast, hold the cardboard boxes until Saturday morning. In years past, boxes have been set out several days earlier, only to disintegrate in foul weather. Once the boxes disintegrate, volunteers have had to pick hundreds of small items out the grass. This year, if boxes have disintegrated, the materials will be left for the property owner to remove.

Since all of the items collected will be taken to the Landfill, the City must comply with Landfill regulations. Certain recyclable materials and hazardous materials cannot be collected on Cleanup Day. Recyclables, of course, can be set out during the weekly pickup ser-

vice. Hazardous materials can be disposed by contacting the Landfill directly (641/357/5452) for proper disposal instructions. The following items **cannot** be collected on Cleanup Day:

Recyclables (cardboard, newspapers, magazines, bottles, cans, plastics)

**Yard waste, tree branches
Tires**

Major Appliances

Household Hazardous materials (paints, chemicals, etc.)

Automotive batteries (lead-acid)

Televisions and computer monitors

Arrangements have been made with an outside company to collect major appliances. A sticker can be purchased (\$13) from Tracy Ward (696-3416), city clerk, to be placed on the appliance. Place the appliance near the street early on April 25. The company will collect any appliance with the proper sticker. Volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to help with Cleanup Day. Simply meet downtown at 7:00 AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided at conclusion in the Community Center.



Leo Jost, Community Servant

Long-time board member of the Betterment Group is standing down. Leo Jost was instrumental in launching the Betterment Group at its beginning. Leo has served on the board most of the years of the group's existence.

Not only did Leo serve on the board of directors, Leo provided hundreds of hours of volunteer service and labor to the building and grounds of the community center. Leo helped with serving pancakes, setting fences for Fun Days, removing weeds from the tennis court, building retaining walls, and much, much more. Although Leo has chosen to step down from the board, it is very probable that Leo will still be seen volunteering his time to help make Rock Falls the greatest little town in Iowa!

Pancake Breakfast

All You Can Eat

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs,
Coffee, Juice

Sunday April 5

8–11 AM

Free Will Donation



Community Center

Business Spotlight

Brosz Transmissions

One of the long-standing businesses in Rock Falls is Brosz Transmissions. The business has been operating since 1993. Owner, Mark Brosz, indicates that the business specializes in the repair of automobile and light truck transmissions. However, Mark and his father, Roland Brosz, also can handle oil changes and many types of general automotive and light truck repairs.



Betterment Group Annual Meeting

The annual public meeting of the Rock Falls Area Community Betterment organization was held on

Wednesday, March 4. The primary item of business was to elect new board members for three open seats. Lowell Johnson, John Ebbers, and Ian Whipple were elected to the board.

Lively discussion among area citizens centered around the annual summer festival, Rock Falls Fun Days. Ideas included having a two-day celebration, musical program on Friday night, classic car show, rubber ducky float, helicopter rides, and a DJ for the Saturday dance, rather than a band.

A great turnout of nearly 30 people attended the annual meeting and enjoyed chili and dessert bars courtesy of Kaylene Ahrens and her kitchen crew. Remember to support all activities of the Betterment Group including Fun Days, pancake breakfasts, and the antique auction lunch counter. Profits go to pay expenses of operating the community center. Skyrocketing propane costs this year have caused serious cash drains on the operating budget. At present, very little taxpayer money goes into the community center operations.



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