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Riverside Drive Flood Damage

The flood of 2008 took its toll on Riverside Drive. A tributary of the Shell Rock River passes under Riverside Drive near its intersection with River Street. The culvert under the street could not handle the volume of water that came with the flood and serious washouts occurred causing major collapse of the surface.

The county secondary roads department immediately closed Riverside Drive after the flood to prevent possible accidents.

After serious evaluation, the county engineer has decided to remove the culvert and replace with a much larger concrete encasement. This unit should be able to handle much greater volumes of water and be less inclined to plug with debris.

Removal and replacement will most likely require more time than a simple replacement of gravel around the culvert. Sewer and utility lines will need to be re-routed before beginning the project. Traffic could very well be impeded for most of the summer. But the re-design should be much

Garbage rates

Representatives of Waste Management Company met with the City Council in June to discuss increased costs of removing residential trash and recycling items. Increased landfill tipping fees and the cost of diesel fuel are the primary culprits of diminished cashflows. Waste Management has requested rate increases from the city to be able to continue providing services. The Council agreed to a revised contract with Waste Management and will be increasing household collection rates beginning next February of 2009.



Farmers Market is now operating at Rock Falls Grain, 8 to 10 AM each Saturday through September 6.

more reliable and efficient.

Having Riverside Drive closed has caused difficulty with garbage collection, mail delivery, and delivery trucks for business operations north of Rock Falls. Residents living along Riverside Drive are required to travel upriver to Plymouth to gain access to the outside world.

New Well in City Park

Shawver Well Drilling Company of Fredericksburg made short work of sinking a new well in the Rock Falls city park.

The City Council approved construction of the well at the May council meeting. The well is the first phase toward the ultimate goal of sanitary rest rooms in the park. The next phase will be installation of a drinking fountain in the park.

The new well features an odd-looking standpipe. The pumping system involves a constant-pressure design that houses a small pressure tank at the apex of the standpipe. This allows for easy winterization in late fall.

Although this well does not need to comply with public drinking water supply standards at this time, the well was engineered by Yaggy Colby Co. in Mason City to meet those standards should usage of the well ever reach public standards. Cerro Gordo County public health and the Iowa DNR were also consulted to assure compliance with public drinking water standards.



The next meeting of the City Council will be held July 14 in city hall.



If a number of grinding and pounding noises have been heard in the south end of town lately, it could be a result of the latest construction project at Rock Falls Grain. The new 100,000-bushel grain bin is nearing completion. The new bin will be used for storing soybeans and will bring overall storage capacity to 870,000 bushels of grain at the facility.