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## Betterment Group Annual Meeting

The Rock Falls Community Center hosts auctions and events that attract interesting people from all across the country. A recent auction of specialty pottery products attracted persons from ten different states. Invariably, people will comment about how lucky our city is to have such a wonderful community center.

The center is busy with snowmobile rallies, wildlife banquets, wedding receptions, anniversary celebrations, scouting events, pancake breakfasts, and auctions. In addition, the center is used for recreation purposes. Every Monday evening a group of ladies meet for aerobic exercises. Recently, an indoor batting cage was installed to let high schoolers get a jump on

### Pancake Breakfast

All You Can Eat  
 Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs,  
 Coffee, Juice

Sunday March 2

8–11 AM

Free Will Donation

Community Center



the baseball and softball season and to sharpen their batting skills.

Warm weather brings a number of die-hard tennis players to the lighted court. A horse-shoe court exists in the back yard for anyone so inclined. A large open space exists for those wishing to practice their long ball or chip shots. A large, paved basketball court graces the back yard in addition to the indoor court in the gymnasium.

However, the Community Center does not exist from luck. It exists from the hard work of a dedicated group of citizens that comprise the Community Betterment Group. The mission of this enterprising organization is to perpetuate the existence of the Center through various fund-raising events and the summer festival known as Fun Days. Funds are needed to pay for heating and cooling, repairs, insurance, lawn care, and snow removal.

Like any organization, volunteers are constantly needed to spread the workload and replace members who move and retire. Volunteers can assist on the board of directors or on the various projects conducted throughout the year.

**Wednesday, March 5**, the Betterment Group invites the entire community to attend their **Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM** at the Center. Coffee and desserts will be available. The Betterment Group will be reporting on the past year's events and will be making plans for the coming year including Fun Days. Lots of helpers are needed for Fun Days.

The Group will also be electing officers and board members. Come enjoy the lively conversation and offer to help keep the most wonderful community center in North Iowa viable and beautiful!

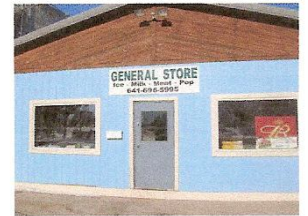


## Future Fire Protection

City Councilman, Brian Vanderploeg, attended a meeting with the Plymouth Fire Department in January. Activities of the past year were reported. More importantly, the Plymouth Fire Department shared their plans for future operations. A new fire station and some badly needed equipment items are on the drawing board. The firemen have been busy writing grant applications to help fund these new acquisitions. Several funding sources have already been approved.

Everyone should know that the members of the fire department expend many hours per year participating in various fire service courses. A fact that few people in Rock Falls realize is that a few of the firefighters have also been trained as paramedics. The fire fighters volunteer hundreds of hours with no expectation of compensation.

The City of Rock Falls and the various townships within the fire district are being asked to raise their financial contributions to bring the department to a top-level fire service provider. The Rock Falls City Council unanimously voted to double the annual contribution to the fire department and extends a big vote of thanks for the excellent service to this community. Also, it is reported that the department is on the lookout for future volunteer fire fighters. If anyone in Rock Falls would be interested in volunteering, contact Plymouth City Hall.



## Grocery Store in Rock Falls

The expansion has already begun. Sales of existing items in The General Store have been strong enough to warrant an expansion into more grocery items, cleaning supplies, frozen foods, dairy products, pizzas, beverages, and meats from S & S Locker, Osage.

The General Store will be working with the Grafton J-Mart to stock fresh merchandise at very good prices.

One wall of shelving has already been installed and stocked. More meat items and dairy products have been placed in inventory. More shelving units are planned for the center of the store. The plan is to have the expansion complete by mid-April. In addition, bedding plants from Bonnies will again be available this spring.

This grocery store expansion will be a wonderful asset to the community of Rock Falls. But it will only remain an asset if it's used. Please stop down to The General Store, see what the guys are doing with the place, and pick up a few items. You will be impressed! *Editor's note: the BBQ baby back ribs are to die for, and all that's needed is to warm them up.*