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Community Betterment annual meeting

The annual planning meeting of the Rock Falls Community Betterment group is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 4**. All board meetings are open to the public, but the annual meeting in March is designated as a community meeting for the purpose of discussing issues and events.

At the annual meeting, members of the board are elected and plans begin to formulate for the summer Fun Days extravaganza. Three board member positions are open this year. Anyone interested in serving as a board member is encouraged to contact Gary Dockum or Kaylene Ahrens. The mission of the Betterment Group is to raise funds to pay for the operation of the community center facility.

This year the Betterment Group would like to expand the Fun Days event over the entire weekend and would like to encourage Rock Falls residents to come and share ideas for fun activities. The Fun Days celebration will need lots of help to prepare for the activities. There are many committees that share the workload of food service, sports events, fence building, and much, much more. Please stop by the Annual Meeting and show your support for the wonderful activities conducted by the Betterment Group.

The meeting is held at the community center. There will be free chili, dessert, and coffee serving at 6:30. Come in for supper, socialize, and share some good ideas.

Council to Consider Community Visioning

Mr. Jack Leaman, a professional landscape architect from Mason City, will be meeting with the Rock Falls City Council at the March 9 meeting to discuss the value of proper planning and futuristic thinking. Mr. Leaman has worked for several years with the Community Visioning Program and has assisted such communities as Northwood, Rudd, Marble Rock, and Rockford.

The Community Visioning Program integrates technical landscape planning with sustainable community action to assist communities in making decisions about the local landscape. The program teaches a planning process that results in an enhancement plan reflecting the values and identity of the community.

Community Visioning is sponsored by the Iowa DOT, Trees Forever, and Iowa State University.



KGLO Tractor Ride to Go Through Rock Falls

Every summer Mason City radio station KGLO sponsors an extravaganza tractor ride to celebrate North Iowa agriculture. According to the Three

Do You Remember?

60 years ago

A fellowship hall for the Old Stone Church was begun in 1945 and completed in 1949. Many church suppers and fund raising activities were held to help pay for the new addition. The debt was paid in full in November of 1957 and a special service was held at that time to commemorate the church's 90th anniversary. Rev. Nicholson built the alter out of walnut lumber donated by Art Wetter. He also made kneeling rails of walnut. A velvet drape was hung behind the new alter. A brass cross, vases and candlesticks given as memorials were also placed on the alter.

(Rock Falls Historical Book)

Pancake Breakfast Sunday March 1

Community Center



8-11 AM

Free-will Donation

Business Spot Light



It has been suggested that periodically when space allows, some of the Rock Falls business concerns could be highlighted.

Quietly located on the southern edge of Rock Falls along Spring Street lies a business that was begun in 1998. The Dog House, owned and operated by Rhonda Janka, provides professional trimming and grooming services for area dog owners.

So when Fido gets a bit scrungy, give the Dog House a call for a great scrub and a snip.



 on to Osage to have lunch at the Cedar River Complex.

Eagles website, the Tractor Ride is scheduled to begin on July 20 with registration on July 19.

Each day the ride will leave from the North Iowa Fairgrounds. On Day 2 of the ride, the procession will head northeast and take a mid-morning break in Rock Falls.

From Rock Falls the riders will proceed to Mitchell, then

