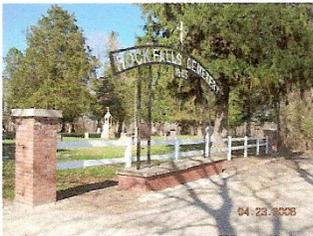


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County's Oldest Cemetery

The Rock Falls Cemetery carries the enviable distinction of being the oldest cemetery in Cerro Gordo County, platted in 1865. The Board of Trustees for the cemetery spend a great deal of time and energy upgrading and maintaining the cemetery to keep the property looking its best.

Recently, the northeast corner and the northern border have been leveled, landscaped, and seeded to improve the beauty and to allow for sales of more lots.

In addition, Leo Yost applied his masonry expertise to the front entrance in rebuilding the brick gate posts. The wire fence between the posts was removed and replaced with a modern white rail fence. The improvements greatly enhance the magnificent arched sign and brass identification plaque.

Funds for maintaining the cemetery are generated from the sale of lots, from donations, and from memorial bequests. The price for a 4-unit family plot remains at a very reasonable \$500.

Officers of the Rock Falls Cemetery Association include Irma Eygabroad, president; Shirley Wyborny, secretary; and Marge Rippentrop, treasurer. Board members include Don White, Lowell Johnson, Tennis Gordon, and Wayne Eygabroad.

Fun Days News Flash!!

Early reports indicate that the very popular helicopter rides will be returning for the 2008 Fun Days August 16, 17. Good time for family reunions! Mark your calendars!



New Retaining Walls

Kudos to Leo Jost for applying his expertise to the construction of dual retaining walls on the east side of the Community Center. People-Service Co. utilizes a portion of the Community Center basement as a workshop. A portico entrance to the shop created a rainfall runoff problem with serious erosion.

Leo designed and constructed a retaining wall on each side of the structure to contain the soil. City councilman Mark Broz excavated soil in front of the door, while Lowell Johnson, Rich Petersen, and Randy Arndt spread river rock below the eaves and in front of the door to further prevent erosion and mud puddles.

The day following the project tested the design with a day-long rainfall. Everything held. Thanks to all who assisted. Once again, volunteers make the difference!



Clean Up Day

A record turnout of volunteers made light work of the city-wide cleanup project on Earth Day 2008. Sixteen volunteers braved the bitter cold winds to help pick up large trash items not normally taken in the weekly residential trash removal. Waste Management Co. brought a 25-yard trash packer to town at 7:00 A.M.

April 26 to help make short work of a large project. The City Council would like to thank the following volunteers for helping keep Rock Falls the prettiest town in Iowa: Scott Ennis, Gary Dockum, Leo Jost, Lance Jost, Lincoln Jost, Brian Vanderploeg, Mark Broz, Doug Heimer, Rich Petersen, Tracy Ward, Roger Luther, Chris Gritzmacher, Terry Stanley, Josh

Stanley, Randy Arndt, and Dar Horgan who came all the way from Grafton to help out.

