

# ROCK FALLS NEWS

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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.

Recent landscaping and improvements have added to the beauty of the cemetery and to allow for sales of more lots. The improvements greatly enhance the magnificent arched sign and brass identification plaque.

## Fun Days News Flash!!

Early reports indicate that Fun Days will be extended throughout the whole week-end of August 15. A new event for this year will be Pedal Tractor Pull competition. Kids ages 4-11 compete against kids in their own age group. All participants receive ribbons. Good time for family reunions! Mark your calendars!

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 Erma Eggabroad, president; Shirley Wyborny, secretary; and Marge Rippentrop, treasurer. Board members include Don White, Lowell Johnson, Tennis Gordon, and Wayne Eggabroad.

The May 11 City Council meeting will be held in the City Park at 7:00 P.M.



## Do You Remember ?

There are probably several in the community that remember when Rock Falls telephones were accessed by using only 4 numbers. The first two numbers dictated the operating line, while the last two numbers determined the pattern of rings. For example, if the last two numbers were 21, the phone would ring 1 long, 1 short, 1 long and 1 short. If the number ended in 12, the phone would ring 3 short rings and 1 long ring. These rings were punched through using a local switchboard operator.

A long-distance phone call could be made using a long-distance telephone operator. A station-to-station call could be made to Minneapolis during the evening hours for forty cents. During daytime hours the call would cost sixty cents. A person-to-person call in the daytime would cost seventy-five cents to Minneapolis. There was probably only one phone in each house, if that. Those were

## Pancake Breakfast

All You Can Eat

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs,  
Coffee, Juice

Sunday May 3

8-11 AM

Free Will Donation



Community Center

the days of the "party" lines where ten to twenty homes could all be sharing one phone line. Patience was golden.



## Clean Up Day

A good turnout of volunteers made light work of the city-wide cleanup project on Earth Day 2009. Twelve volunteers braved the bitter cold wind and rain 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 25 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: Lincoln Jost, Brian Vanderploeg, Doug Heimer, Rich Petersen, Tracy Ward, Roger Luther, Terry Stanley, Tim Dodd, Rick Wyborny, Marty Petersen, Larry

Dorenkamp, and Todd Huff. Just a reminder, for future reference, cardboard boxes tend to collapse when they get rained on, causing great difficulty loading.

