



Marble Rock Journal

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March 2010

Community Calendar

Church Services:

Church Services:

St. Mary's Catholic Saturday > 7:00 p.m.

Sunday > 8:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran > Sunday 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist > Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school > 10:00 a.m.

March 1st > City Council meeting

@ 7:00 pm > City hall

March 4th > Lion's Club meeting

@ 6:30 pm > United Methodist

March 5th > WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 8th > Marble Rock Study Club

@ 1:00 pm > Library meeting room

March 10th > Park Board meeting

@ 7:00 pm > Library meeting room

MARCH 14th > DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

March 15th > American Legion meeting

@ 7:00 pm > Library meeting room

March 15th > American Legion Auxiliary meeting

@ 7:00 pm > Library meeting room

March 15th > Firemen's meeting

@ 7:00 pm > Firestation

MARCH 16th > Pick up Daffodils

@ Library

MARCH 17th > ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17th > Library Board meeting

@ 5:00 pm > Library meeting room

March 18th > Lion's Club meeting

@ 6:30 pm > St. Mary's Catholic

MARCH 20th > SPRING BEGINS

March 23rd > Journal news due

MARCH 28th > PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29th > PASSOVER

March 31st > April Journal out

Rocky Says

"Spring Forward!" Daylight Savings Time begins March 14th.



Cheers to Ross Enabnit for his ten years of service to the Floyd County Memorial Hospital as a Commis-

sioner. He was awarded a plaque recently in appreciation.



The Lions Club is again holding their Vegas Night Prime Rib Dinner Fund Raiser. Profits will go to the installation of an Electronic Message Center in Memorial Park.

The event will be held March 20th. Tickets may be purchased from any Lions Club member or at First Security Bank.

It's a great way to have a super meal, a fun night out and use bogus money to obtain many prizes donated by area merchants and the Lions Club.



Don't forget to pickup your daffodils at the Library March 16th to support cancer research.



Cheers to the NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness) group of the United Methodist Church for the cookies and timely reminder of the Lenten Season. It was also a nice Valentine's treat!

Rocky



Please pick up daffodils

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

At

Marble Rock Library

If unable to pick them up contact Dana Kiefer

(641) 315-2276

brothers: Klaydon 'Mort'; Donald and Ronald 'Toby' Sult and brother-in-law William Thieman.

Those wishing to send a memorial in memory of Weldon may do so to the Weldon Sult Memorial Fund in care of the Marble Rock United Methodist Church, American Legion Post #387, Iowa Hospice, New Hampton or the Parkinson's Research Institute.

Arrangements entrusted to Reid's Funeral Chapel, 423 Bradford St., Marble Rock, 641-823-4457.



BETTY LOU WHARTON

DUMONT -Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at the Sietsema-Vogel Funeral Home in Dumont, with Monsignor Walter Brunkan officiating the service. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, at the Sietsema-Vogel Funeral Home in Dumont. Burial will take place in the Hillside Cemetery in Marble Rock.

Betty Lou Wharton, 52, of Bristow, passed away Friday (Feb. 5, 2010) at her home in Bristow. She was born on March 11, 1957, in Dubuque, to Milford and Theresa (Olinger) Moore. Betty graduated from Hempsted High School in Dubuque.

She was united in marriage to Rick Wharton on July 19, 1975, at St. Mary's in Dubuque. Betty worked alongside her husband for A1 Metro Movers and Atlas Van lines.

She was affiliated with the Catholic Church. Betty loved and enjoyed her children and grandchildren dearly, especially going to the numerous events that occurred. She also enjoyed yard work, working with her husband and looked forward to helping a family friend in the fields in the spring and fall.

Betty is survived by her husband, Rick Wharton, of Bristow, son, Rick and wife Julie Wharton, of Marble Rock, daughter, Joanne and husband, Jeremiah Miller, of Marble Rock; grandchildren, Destiny, Grace and Joshua Wharton and April, Alex, and David Miller; parents, Milford and Theresa Moore, of Dubuque; sister, Mary Moore, of Mason City; brother-in-law, Greg and wife Tina LaRue, of Dubuque; sister-in-law, Kittie Rodgers, of Dubuque; and nephew, Michael Moore, of Mason City.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Joanie Moore; and grandson, Derick Wharton.

Sietsema-Vogel Funeral Homes, 641-456-3232. www.sietsemavogelfuneralhomes.com.



We would like to thank the Marble Rock United Methodist Church for the cookies received with love and care for our community during the Lenten/Easter season. It is a blessing to remember the love of our Lord God the father and the resurrection of his son Jesus Christ.

Beverly and Dennis Fisher



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MARBLE ROCK CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 2010 7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Marble Rock City Council was called to order with Mayor Merfeld presiding with Councilpersons Engelhardt, Hubbard, Parcher, Schmidt, Wells present. Interested citizens were present. Mayor Merfeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved Wells/seconded Engelhardt to approve the agenda as presented. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Moved Engelhardt/seconded Parcher to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 Regular Meeting as presented. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Monthly reports were discussed. Moved Engelhardt/seconded Hubbard to approve the monthly reports as amended. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried. Income for the month of January totaled \$15,828.18 which includes: General Fund \$3984.24, Library Fund \$3525.00, Roads Revenue Fund \$2222.28, Special Revenues Fund \$44.01, Landfill-Garbage/Recycling Fund \$925.83, Sewer Revenue Fund \$2556.37, Water Revenue Fund \$2567.54. Moved Engelhardt/seconded Hubbard to approve the claims as amended. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried. Total of all city claims were \$14,673.68.

CITY CLAIMS

Salaries	3390.65
TrueNorth Companies	
life insurance	4.80
Omnitel Communications	
telephone service	71.31
Alliant Energy	
electricity	1283.02
Black Hills Energy	
natural gas	1697.52
United Healthcare	
group insurance	1567.25
Allied Manatts Group	

snow removal – calcium sand Stop-N-Shop	528.76
pickup gas/snow removal gas	164.12
Menards-Mason City	
lift station repairs	98.29
Hawkins, Inc.	
cyl. rental	5.00
NS Rockford Register	
minutes published	97.27
Iowa League of Cities	
membership dues	115.00
Staples Credit Plan	
paper/toner/supplies	162.83
Jendro Sanitation	
garbage bags – small	260.00
Walk & Murphy	
legal services	435.50
Advantage Business Solutions	phone & Web
support/on-site service	427.50
Marble Rock Petty Cash	
postage/wash pick-up	7.29
L G I	
monthly water test	21.00
Marble Rock Reserves transfers	1600.00
Postmaster	
2 rolls stamps	88.00
First Security Bank	
fed. w-h/fica/medicare	1010.14
IPERS	
ipers	566.74
Jendro Sanitation	
garbage/recycle collection	839.56
IA Dept. of Revenue	
sales tax	197.13
Sam's Club	
Comm. Center membership	35.00

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Reported that he had attended several meeting including Conference Board, Emergency Management and an upcoming E911 meeting.

Councilman Engelhardt reported that they had a meeting with the property owners involved in the bridge project. Another meeting is scheduled for February 3 with both the City Attorney and the property owners. He also noted that a notice had been received that the project was behind schedule and he would talk to consultants about that.

Council discussed the maximum balance to list in the resolution naming a depository and with the bridge project coming up, they decided that it should be \$2,000,000. Moved Engelhardt/seconded Hubbard to

adopt Resolution 2010-02 Approving Naming Depositories with Maximum Balance of \$2,000,000. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Engelhardt, Hubbard, Parcher, Schmidt, Wells. Nays- None. Carried.

The depository named was the First Security Bank and Trust Co.

A resolution to approve the Charles City Press as the official publication for the City was passed at the last meeting and then vetoed by Mayor Merfeld. To re-pass after a veto the Council must have a 2/3 vote. Mayor Merfeld read his veto letter to the citizens. Moved Hubbard/seconded Engelhardt to adopt Resolution 2010-01 Approving Charles City Press as the Official Publication for the City of Marble Rock for the Year 2010. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Engelhardt, Hubbard, Parcher, Wells. Nays- Schmidt. Carried.

Moved Engelhardt/seconded Schmidt to approve Whitetails liquor license renewal. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Moved Engelhardt/seconded Wells to approve the FMC Solid Waste Management Agency Auditors' Report as presented. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

An ordinance was presented increasing water-sewer rates 15% each. Moved Engelhardt/seconded Wells that the ordinance be passed on first consideration. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Engelhardt, Hubbard, Parcher, Schmidt, Wells. Nays- None. Carried.

Moved Engelhardt/seconded Schmidt that the requirement for consideration at two additional meetings be suspended and the ordinance be finally considered. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Engelhardt, Hubbard, Parcher, Schmidt, Wells. Nays- None. Carried.

Moved Engelhardt/seconded Parcher that An Ordinance Amending Title VI Chapter 5 Utilities – Billing Charges of the Code of the City of Marble Rock 2002 and Ordinance 02-2009 be finally passed. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Engelhardt, Hubbard, Parcher, Schmidt, Wells. Nays- None. Carried.

The Mayor declared the ordinance, having received the necessary votes, passed as Ordinance No. 01-2010 and signed his approval. This will raise rates from \$3.75 per/1000 gallons to \$4.31 per/1000 gallons, with minimums staying the same. The new rates will be in effect with the March 1, 2010 bills.

Moved Engelhardt/seconded Parcher to approve a 3% increase in the Fire Department assessment to

the City. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried. This increases the City assessment from \$13,814.31 to \$14,323.91, a difference of \$509.60.

The proposed budget for F/Y 2010-2011 was discussed. Moved Engelhardt/seconded Parcher to approve proposed budget with a 3% cost of living wage increase with a review of salaries in July after cost of group insurance is known. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Other items discussed were City Hall roof, employee wages and benefits, group insurance, hiring a code enforcer, nuisances, and engineer/consultant for infrastructure projects.

Moved Engelhardt/seconded Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

/s/ Doug Merfeld

Doug Merfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sandra Winters

Sandra Winters, City Clerk

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**Regular Meeting
Of the**

**MARBLE ROCK LIBRARY BOARD
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Carol Wreghitt, Sara Noss, Florence Shook, Lynette Swinton, Renee Parker, Wally Schmitt, Dave Krull, Elaine Ott, Librarian, Darlene Enabnit, Assistant Librarian.

Agenda: Renee made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Wally motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Florence made the motion, seconded by Dave to approve the secretary's report, motion carried.

Librarian's Report:

- A. The new computers have been busy, everyone seems impressed with them.
- B. We've sold two of the old computers.
- C. We are planning to do a computer class in the near future.

Computers: Dave installed the new computers and they are working fine. The printer we have is not network capable and it would be cheaper to buy a new printer than install a hub to make these network. Staples has one on special this that looks like what we could use. Florence made the motion, seconded

by Lynette to purchase the printer and whatever software we need, motion carried.

Claims: Wally made the motion, seconded by Renee to accept the Claims, motion carried.

After School Program: They had an overnight "Lock-In" one night during Christmas break. They had 13 kids and 5 adults. The kids were very good and they all had a very good time. They all brought snacks to share, played games and watched movies. They had pancakes and sausages for breakfast.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05

Sara Noss, Secretary

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.99¢

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8 oz. Colby Cheese \$

2.45

We have Easter Cards.

Wishing you a Happy Easter!

Callie, Carma, Shirley, Sherry,
Diane, Barb, and Deb

Floyd County March 2009 Wellness Calendar

March 3rd Childhood Immunization Clinic – 1003

Gilbert Street-- 9:00-4:00 PM

To schedule an appointment call 1-641-257-6111

March 10th Free Blood Pressure Clinic Floyd Com-

munity Center 2:30-4:00 PM

March 11th Childhood Immunization Clinic – 1003

Gilbert Street- 1:00-4:00 PM

To schedule an appointment call 1-641-257-6111

March 15th Childhood Immunization Clinic – 1003

Gilbert Street-- 1:00 – 4:00 PM

To schedule an appointment call 1-641-257- 6111

March 16th Alzheimer's Support Group 4:00 PM—St.

John's Lutheran Church

Call Floyd County Public Health with questions 641-257-6111

March 24th Floyd County WIC Clinic – 1010 S Grand

Ave.; Charles City 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

For information call 1-800-657-5856

March 25th Floyd County WIC Clinic – 1010 S Grand

Ave.; Charles City 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM For informa-

tion call 1-800-657-5856

March 25th Childhood Immunization Clinic – 1003

Gilbert Street-- 9:00 – 12:00 PM

To schedule an appointment call 1-641-257-6111

March 29th Childhood Immunization Clinic—1003

Gilbert Street—1:00 – 4:00 PM

To schedule an appointment call 1-641-257-6111

LEAD TESTING CAN BE DONE AT WIC CLINICS

Prepare Childbirth Series: Floyd County Medical

Center—Fee \$65.00

Continuing classes—Call the hospital for dates—641-228-6830

Mothers wishing refresher information should register for dates of any given class.

Cost for refresher class--\$50.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT FCMC OB DEPT. 1-641-228-6830 EXT: 271

Classes available are:

Early Pregnancy: information on the first months of pregnancy

Cesarean Birth Awareness: information on caesarean birth

Our New Baby: for older brothers and sisters of the new baby

Scheduled upon request: fee is \$15.00 for each class

Parkinson Support Group – for information call St.

John Lutheran – Charles City 1-641-228-3397

Alzheimer's Support Group – for information call

Floyd County Public Health Home Care

1-641-257-6111 ---

Fibromyalgia Support Group – for information call

228-7141 (Deb Franke)

Diabetic Support Group –for information call Floyd

County Memorial Hospital 1-641-257-4317

MOP (Mother's with Preschoolers) – for information call St. John Lutheran 1-641-228-3397

Sparrows – Trinity United Methodist – Charles City 1-641-228-5368

Community Indoor Walking –Trinity United Methodist – Charles City

Monday - Friday 7:30 – 9:00 AM

Calendar Information: Janice Brahn, Floyd County Public Health/Home Health Care-- 1-641-257-6111

Janice Brahn
Floyd County Public Health/Home Health Care
641-257-6111
janice.brahn@floydcoiaph.org



Maple Walnut Crisps

- 44 Club crackers
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/3 cup finely chopped almonds
- 1/4 tsp maple flavoring

Place crackers in a single layer in a parchment paper-lined 15 x 10 x 1 baking pan. Set aside. In a small heavy saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar and syrup. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 3-4 minutes or until sugar is dissolved. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spread evenly over crackers. Bake at 350° for 10 to 12 minutes or until tops appear dry. Cool completely on a wire rack. Break into pieces. Store in an airtight container.

Received from Beverly Handley



FLOYD COUNTY SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY UPDATED 2/16/10

The following change has been reported to the Floyd county and surrounding area sex offender registries as of February 20, 2010. This information is released to the public by the Floyd County Sheriff's Office pursuant to Iowa Code 629 A and published by The Marble Rock Journal in the interest of the public safety.

Any action taken by you against these persons, including vandalism of property assault against this person, his or her family or employer can result in your arrest and prosecution.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
ALDERMAN, BRUCE LEE	5/17/63	1900 OWEN ST. CHARLES CITY
BARNES, JOSEPH LEE	11/20/81	1834 SHADOW CHARLES CITY
BUCK, RANDALL ALAN	5/31/54	1278 CAMEO NORA SPRINGS
COTTON, LAWRENCE LEROY	3/15/34	634 COLLEGE ST. MARBLE ROCK
KOENIGSFELD, ANTHONY PAUL	7/27/73	1341 110 TH NORA SPRINGS
MANNETTER, ROBERT RAY	6/1/89	

1007 CLINTON CHARLES CITY
MILLER, GREGORY DEAN 2/25/65
22 N WYATT NORA SPRINGS
MYERS, DAVID PAUL 4/23/63
3038 GREENE RD GREENE



Dr. Charles Stanley

Why God Closes Doors

JEREMIAH 10:23-24

A blocked opportunity is a useful teaching tool. God's ultimate objective is to mold us into the image of His Son, and toward that end, He at times prevents us from doing or having something we desire.

- **Closed doors prevent mistakes.** Just because a path is clear does not mean it is the one God intends for us to follow. Sometimes we won't have the information we need to make a wise decision, so He bars the way either spiritually or physically. The Holy Spirit can see the whole road map for our lives, which is why we are to follow His guidance.

- **Closed doors redirect our walk.** Rest assured, God never leaves a willing servant with nothing to do. The alternate opportunity He has in mind will yield bigger fruit, more satisfaction, and greater glory for Him.

- **Closed doors test faith and build perseverance.** Waiting for the Lord to speak or act is hard, particularly when our desire has been denied. But we'll learn wisdom, patience, and trust by pausing prayerfully until He reveals His will.

- **Closed doors buy us time.** We are not always as prepared as we'd like to think. God may temporarily hold shut an opportunity for service until a believer is properly equipped for kingdom work.

In spite of the repeated use of "closed door" in this devotion, the real message is that God opens doors. He has created a perfect pathway for us to follow. Keep your feet on it, and you will walk over thresholds leading to service, satisfaction, and glory for your Lord.

MARCH MILESTONES

Some people say if March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb. Of course with the unpredictability weather, it seems this forecast is more often the exception than the rule. Remember if you don't like the weather, just wait a minute, it will change. The first day of Spring or the vernal equinox is March 21. Regardless of the weather outside maybe the

idea of Spring in our hearts is simply good medicine after a long hard winter – or a short dull winter. William Shakespeare warned us to beware the ideas of March. Maybe he was prophetic because March 15 was when Federal income taxes were due but now we have an extra month.

Nature's clock is more reliable than any manmade timekeeper. March 15 is one of those natural time markers. The town of Hinckley, Ohio commemorates this day as Buzzard Day. Like the swallows of Capistrano, the buzzards are scheduled to return on this day in Hinckley every year.

The first US census was authorized in 1790 and since then we have been counting heads to determining Congressional districts, figure out unemployment rates and so forth.

When concerned about time remember it was Satchel Paige who said, "Don't look back; someone might be gaining on you."
(from On this Day in History – Spinrad)

"When camping or hiking, never leave evidence you were there."

"Never lose your nerve, your temper, or your car keys."

"Turn your enemies into friends by doing something nice for them."

"Don't let weeds grow around your dreams"

"Buy a used car with the same caution a naked man used to climb a barbed-wire-fence."

"Remember that what's right isn't always popular, and what's popular isn't always right."
(from Life's Little Instruction Book Volume 11)
From one of Arlene Carney's comments of previous years.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 3rd > Marilyn & Arlin Enabnit
Karen & Raymond Smith
- 16th > Teresa & Kenny Staudt
Amy & Don Fisher
- 19th > Mary & Steve Brinkman
- 23rd > Elaine & Mike Marzen
- 24th > Rhonda & Dan Neal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1st > Madison Adams / Chris Marsh
- 3rd > Marilyn Dolan / Randy Schwiezer
- 6th > Betty Wedeking / Darla Parker
- 8th > Derick Lines / Jacob Munoz
- 9th > Caitlyn Green
- 10th > Jon Sult / Christopher Cassman / Cheryl Rohwedder
- 12th > Biller Litterer / Michele Quick
- 13th > Dean Ott
- 14th > Lois Adams / John Chambers / Calab Chambers / Jacob Brunner / Samatha Duryee
- 16th > Matt Rooney
- 17th > Margaret Chambers
- 20th > Clayton Lines
- 21st > Mary Kelly / John Maxson / Andy Kelly
- 22nd > Steve Wells
- 23rd > Lacey Brierly
- 25th > Deb Kock
- 26th > Betty Staudt / Alyson Meek
- 27th > Dennis Staudt
- 28th > Duane Kingery / Teresa Wells / Randy Lines / Eldon Randall
- 29th > Rich Koenigsfeld / Kris Kuykendall
- 30th > Beverly Knecht
- 31st > Paula Schmitt