

Rockford Community Newsletter

March, named after Mars, the Roman God of War. We will see if it comes in like a lion. We spring forward an hour on the 9th with daylight savings time. St. Patrick's Day is the 17th. Spring returns on the 20th.



Rockford History

From the Story of Rockford by Michael Vala, Biographical chapter.

Elizabeth Marchant Upright may have been the only mother to have had 10 sons in the Civil War. Born in New York in 1086 she married Arlo Marchant and to them were born thirteen sons and four daughters. After the death of her husband, she moved with her sons to Winnebago county (Rockford) , Illinois. There ten of her sons enlisted in the army. They were George, Abel(died in service), Enoch, David, DeWitt(killed in action), Lewis, Silas, Aaron(killed in action), James and Norman. Following the war, she married M. J. Upright, also a Civil War veteran, and in 1875 they moved Butler county Iowa. She moved to Rockford in 1888, where she lived until her death in 1890 at the age of 83.

In 1881 a bill passed by Congress to pay pensions of \$8.00 per month to parents for the loss of children in the war was never received by Mrs. Upright until 1888, when the amount was raised to \$30.00.

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 11th, 2025, 7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Schlader, Medlin, Johnson, and Enabnit with Seibert absent. Citizens present were Bill Dow and Spenser Gruis. Also present was Public Works Employee Daniel Paulus.
Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.

2. Motion Johnson, sec. Medlin to approve the consent agenda consisting of January 14th Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims and Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve SEH for professional services for the WWTF project. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
4. Motion Enabnit, sec. Medlin to approve purchase of new fire alarm system through Federal Fire Equipment for Rockford City Hall. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
5. Skid Loader was tabled until later.
6. Motion Johnson, sec. Enabnit to Five-year sewer maintenance contract with CIT Sewer Solutions. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
7. Motion Johnson, sec. Medlin to approve hiring Iowa Lot Striping for the city's street painting. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve \$200.00 donation to the Rockford Spring Egg-stravaganza. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
9. Motion Schlader, sec. Medlin approved to get quotes on the cost of the City Budget Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, for the Annual Exam. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
10. Public Works Employee Dan Paulus reported on water main breaks, revamping the pumphouse, and trimming of trees.
11. Mayor Johnson reported on 911 board meetings.
12. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to adjourn at 8:19 P.M.

What's Happening

Grow Rockford Together-The next meeting will be on Sunday March 2nd at 7:00pm at City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Floyd County Conservation-Please visit Floyd County Conservation Facebook page and/or floydcoia.org to stay current on events and information.

RRMR All School Reunion 2026-Every 5 years RRMR holds an All School Reunion. It is generally the class that has their 50th reunion that sponsors this reunion and organizes it. We are reaching out for a class or group of individuals to take over the planning for the 2026 reunion. There are details that need to be done the year before the reunion. Please contact Donna Smith 641-420-9493 or Jean Pearson 641-425-5751 if there is a class that would take over for the class of 1976. Let's not let this great get together fail. It is a wonderful time to renew old friendships.

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society-Saturday, March 8, 2025, 1:30 PM, in society's library at 75 S Georgia, Mason City. (across street from MC Police Dept) Program is titled: MARK'S COLLAGE: A COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS/SLIDES FROM THE AREA.

Shout outs-Dan Paulus and Jeff Eilertson for keeping our streets clear this winter and working on water main leaks in the very cold weather.

Rockford Public Library- Book Club Wed the 5th at 5p-6p and Sat the 8th at 10a. Knit/Crochet Club also on Sat 8th at 11a. Sat the 15th kids sensory play time at 10a. Wed the 19th Knit/Crochet Club at 4:30p.

Obituaries-Helen J. Schumburg, born Apr 16, 1933, passed Feb 8, 2025. **Jeremy Ben Shuler**, July 2, 1976, passed Feb 16, 2025.

Welcome to Rockford! Welcome to the community Sheila Olson. We hope you thrive here and are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

Donations of paper for printing the Newsletter are appreciated and can be dropped off at City Hall. Monetary donations for the Newsletter can be made at First Security Bank to the Grow Rockford account. Note that the donation is for the Newsletter. Thank you!



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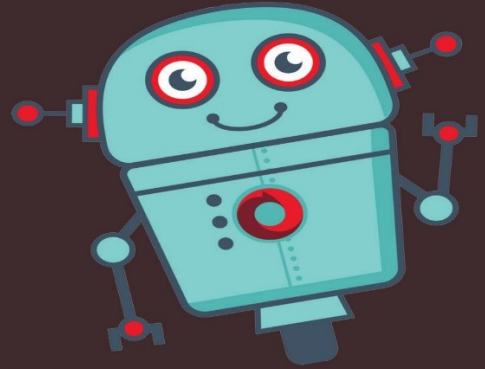


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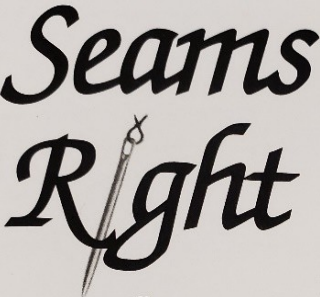
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Community Meals [\(641-756-3581\)](tel:6417563581)

RUDD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BREAKFAST
Every 1st Saturday of the month
7:30-9:30 a.m.
400 Chickasaw (Main Street)
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Rockford Churches

First United Methodist Church

21 3rd St NW

Worship 10:30am Sundays or on Facebook

[641-756-2360](tel:641-756-2360)

ZION Lutheran Church

805 East Main Ave

Worship 10:00am Sundays

[641-756-3850](tel:641-756-3850)

Holy Name Catholic Church

507 1ST Ave NW

Mass 5:30 pm on Saturdays

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