

Marble Rock Journal

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Church Services:

- St. Mary's Catholic -- Roseville > Sunday 8:30 a.m.
- St. Mary's Catholic - Greene > Tues.-- Fri. 7:30 a.m.
- (No Saturday evening Mass) □ Sunday 10:00 a.m
- Holy Name -- Rockford > Saturday 5:30 p.m. □
- St. Paul's Lutheran > Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- Community Sunday School > Sunday 10:15 – 11:15
- United Methodist > Sunday 9:00 a.m.

- January 1st > NEW YEARS DAY
- January 4th > City Council meeting
@ 7:00 pm > City hall
- January 5th > Lion's Club meeting
@ 6:30 pm > United Methodist
- January 8th > Pancake breakfast
@ 9:00 – 12:00 > WFB Community Center
- January 9th > Study Club
@ 1:00 pm > Library meeting room
- January 15th > Historical Society Board meeting
@ 4:00 pm > Museum
- January 16th > MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY
➢ Firemen's meeting
@ 7:00 pm > Fire station
- January 19th > Lion's Club meeting
@ 6:30 pm > St. Mary's Catholic
- January 21st > Marble Rock Community Fire
Company Inc.meeting
@ 9:00 am > Fire station
➢ Nature's Remedies-Essential
Oils Class
@ 10:00 am -12:00 pm > 503 Bradford St.
- January 23rd > Journal News due
➢ Floyd County Extension Healthy
Living Series
@ 5:30 – 7:00 pm > Charles City
- January 25th > Blood mobile
@ 2 pm – 6pm > Community Center
- January 26th > Floyd County Extension Healthy
Living Series
@ 10:00 am -11:30 am > Marble Rock Li-
brary
- January 28th > LUNAR NEW YEAR
- January 31st > Park Board meeting
@ 7:00 pm > Whitetails back room
(Public Input welcome)
- February 1st > February Journal out



Rocky Says

I hope you had GREAT Christmas and New Years with family! Our BIG THANKS to all who put up Christmas lights and other decorations at their homes. Those along with the town decorations certainly brighten up our town. Cheers to Ross & Darlene Enabnit, Steve & Vicki King and John & Sherry Marzen for being chosen as winners of the Lions Christmas Lighting Contest,



Thanks to the City for sponsoring Santa's visit and to the Study Club for providing the treats. It was an extremely cold day, but there were still 23 eager youngsters to meet Santa! Thanks to Bill Wentworth and Doreen for serving as Santa's helpers.



Cheers to the Lions Club and Lutheran Ladies for providing fruit and other goodies to elderly people in our community with health issues, and those in assisted living and nursing facilities.



January is again the Red Cross Blood Drive. The drive will be at the Walter F. Bohl Community Center on Wednesday, January 25th. The hours are from 2 through 6 p.m. If you have contributed before, you will receive a call to schedule your appointment time. If you haven't given recently, contact Florence at 641.315.2258 or Carol at 641.315.2250, or just show up.



Happy New Year!

ROCKY



"You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Marble Rock Community Fire Company Inc. will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. at the Marble Rock Fire Station. This meeting is set pursuant to Article Five of the By-Laws of the Corporation. All Township Trustees and City Officials by designation are voting members of this corporation and are urged to attend this meeting.

Items on the agenda include: Election of Officers and Directors, Approval of Fire Chief, Report on Status of Fire Department, First Responder Report, Review of the Financial Budget Reports for 2016, Review and Adoption of the 2017 Budget and Assessment Proposals, and any other business brought before the Board."



OBITUARIES

GERALDINE JANSSEN

MARBLE ROCK - Funeral service for Geraldine Janssen, 95, of Marble Rock will be 11 _ 00 a.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at Retz Funeral Home, 519 N. First St. Greene with Pastor Phillips of the Gospel Lighthouse in Floyd officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery, Greene.



Visitation will be 9 _ 00 a.m. – 11 _ 00 a.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Retz Funeral Home in Greene.

Geraldine Janssen was born on August 17, 1921, in Mason City, Iowa the daughter of and died Monday, December 5, 2016 at the Valley View Care Center in Greene. She received her education in the public schools in Mason City.

She was united in marriage to Arthur Janssen on April 2, 1944, in Mason City. To this union were born two children. Geraldine worked at Deckers in Mason City. Geraldine and her husband moved to a

farm in Marble Rock in 1971, where they lived for the next forty-five years.

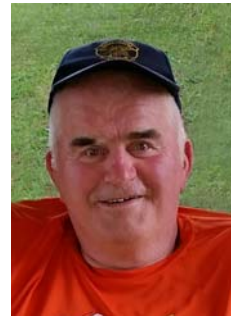
She loved music and dancing. Geraldine enjoyed going to auctions, yard sales, horse sales, and taking rides in the country. She had a soft spot for kittens and was an accomplished cook. Most of all Geraldine loved to work in her huge vegetable garden but having tea parties with her great-granddaughter, Cheyenne was also cherished time.

She is survived by her granddaughter Amy

Arrangements were entrusted to Retz Funeral Home, 519 N. First St. Greene. 641-823-4457.

GEORGE TUMILSON

ROCKFORD - George Tumilson, 81, of Rockford, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, December 9, 2016. A funeral service for George Tumilson will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 17, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Rockford



with Judy Wooton officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Rockford. Visitation will be at Hauser Funeral Home in Charles City from 4 _ 00 to 8 _ 00 p.m. Friday, December 16, 2016 and will continue one hour prior to the funeral service at the church on Saturday.

George Tumilson, the son of Thomas and Nellie (Fowler) Tumilson, was born August 2, 1935 in Rockford, Iowa. He attended school in Rockford, graduating from Rockford High School in 1955. George began working at the Rockford Brick & Tile before enlisting in the Army. He proudly served his country from June 11, 1958 until his honorable discharge on June 2, 1960. Upon returning home, George continued his work at the Rockford Brick and Tile before beginning his lifetime career in construction.

On September 3, 1966, George was united in marriage to Kathleen "Kathy" Jacobs at First United Methodist Church in Rudd. The couple made their home in Rockford and they were blessed with three children. George worked construction with his two brothers, Don and Bob with Tumilson Brothers Construction. He was also owner of GTS Construction with Tom Squire, Royal Structures with Chuck Greenman and finally George Tumilson Construction until his retirement in the late 90's.

George also helped out local farmers during harvest time by combining for them; the girls have fond memories of riding with dad in the combine and bringing him meals.

George was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Rockford where he served as Trustee. He was also active on the Board for 3 Minutes Out. He was part of a card club for many years, playing 500. George enjoyed woodworking, watching Westerns, and reading. He loved his country and was a true patriot. Those who knew him would say he was a quiet presence and a "gentle giant".

George loved his family very much, especially his grandchildren whom he supported in their activities. Living family members include his two daughters _ Kristie (Gregg) Vieira of Cedar Rapids and Joy McMeekan of Taylor Ridge, Illinois; adopted daughter, Torrie (Jeff) Ulfing of Virginia Beach, Virginia; six grandchildren _ Kobey, Kamryn and Kaitlyn Pohlman and Kelsi, Sydney and Isabella McMeekan; brother, Don (Mary) Tumilson; six sisters _ Laura (Dick) Paul, Cora (Jim) Schroeder, Ann (Melvin) Reiter, Nell Tumilson, Lucky Kauffman and Mary Tumilson; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Kathy on February 9, 2015; son, SOC (SEAL) Jon Thomas Tumilson; son-in-law, Scott McMeekan; four brothers _ Richard "Sam", Thomas, David and Robert; and two sisters _ Betty Schindele and Thomasena Gruver.

Hauser Funeral Home, 641-228-2323, in Charles City, is in charge of local arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hauserfh.com.

RICHARD "DICK" DIGHT

Richard "Dick" Dight, 71, of Rudd, passed away Friday, December 16, 2016 at the Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City.

A gathering of family and friends to celebrate Dick's life will be held Thursday, December 22, 2016 from 5 _ 00 to 8 _ 00 p.m. with a time of sharing beginning at 6 _ 30 p.m. at Hauser Funeral Home in Charles City.

Richard Donald Dight was born on November 6, 1945 in Charles City, IA. He was the son of Howard & Edith (Bethell) Dight of Charles City. He started school attending Ulster #8 country school & then went to Charles City schools graduating in 1963.

After graduating Dick started his farming career & purchasing his first farm in 1964. Dick always had a love for the land/farming & raising pigs & his cow/calf herd. He was proud of the prize winning



show cattle that he raised for his children to show & to sell for other youth to show at local & state fairs.

He served on the Farmers Coop/Rockford board of directors for many years, sold Agri Pro seed & served on the Floyd County Fair board for many years where he also served as president. Dick also worked at A&B Elevator in Charles City, delivered Sar seed corn & had his own trucking business.

In his younger years he loved tractor pulling with "Little Puff" his Allis tractor & pulling the micro mini tractor which he made himself. He enjoyed snowmobiling & hanging out with Russ Sido, Bill Koehler & Mike Trettin (the four amigos).

Dick was active in 4-H as a youth & was a 4-H leader & was very active in the Charles City FFA & won state & national meat judging contests thru FFA.

Dick suffered a stroke in 2006 which ended his farming & cattle career, and diagnosed with lung cancer in July 2015.

He was united in marriage to Brenda Kock on May 18, 1974 in Charles City. They enjoyed farm life for 41 years before moving to Rudd in October 2015 due to his poor health.

They loved the farm & raised three children on that farm. Kyle, Trent & Kate & taught them the values of farming & farm life. He was very proud of his kids, Kyle, Trent & Kate for their cattle & other livestock showing abilities. He was proud of Trent for stepping up to take over the love of the farming after his stroke & Kate for following her dream & love of teaching of pre-school & Pre-K students.

Dick is survived by his wife, Brenda of Rudd; children _ Trent (Jerri) Dight of rural Rockford and Kate (Steve) Porter of Eagle Grove; four grandchildren _ Dillan, Tyson and Braxton Dight of Rockford and Kenley Porter of Eagle Grove; mother & father-in-law Sylvan and Thelma Kock of Greene; brother, Robert (Marian) Dight of Charles City; sister-in-law, Pam Dight of Osage; inlaws _ Rob Younie of Jefferson, Carma Hillman of Marble Rock and Sherri Bundt of Menomonee, WI; and many friends, neighbors, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by son, Kyle Dight (1989); his parents; twin sisters at birth; brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Jane Dight; brother, Tom Dight; brother and sister-in-law, Danny Hillman and Karen Younie.

In lieu of flower the family suggests memorial to the family or charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank Dr. Paul Royer, Kim and Brittney and the office staff at the Charles City Family Health Center for all their loving care over the years.

Hauser Funeral Home, 641-228-2323, in Charles City, is in charge of local arrangements. Online

condolences may be left for the family at www.hauserfh.com.

EDYTHE D. (WATERS) NAUMANN

Edythe D. (Waters) Naumann, 92, of Mason City, died Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at the Sheffield Care Center. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, at Holy Family Church, Mason City. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery, Sheffield. Visitation will be 1 hour before services at the Church.



Edythe was born August 22, 1924, on a farm in Floyd, County, Iowa. She was the ninth child of Harry and Edith (Arthur) Waters. She graduated from Marble Rock High School in 1941.

On June 13, 1944 Edythe was united in marriage with Bernard Naumann at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Roseville, Iowa. To this union two children were born. Edythe worked with her husband doing bookwork for Naumann Electric for many years. She enjoyed reading, growing flowers, traveling and most of all being with her grandchildren and family.

Edythe is survived by her son: Gary Naumann, Excelsior Springs, MO, and his children: Staci (Mark) Mellman, Payton Myah and Avery; Susan Umbarger, Gabe, Grady and Sam; Scott (Peg) Naumann, Nick and Morgan; Sonya (Jeff) Naumann-Skinner; Edythe's daughter: Carolyn (Gene) Riles, Sheffield, Iowa and her children: Pamela (Daren) Meints, Ethan and Collin; Kathy Riles, Jackson Beach.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, five brothers: Herbert Waters, Tom Waters, Arthur Waters, Merle Waters and Lloyd (Jack) Waters; four sisters: Juanita Burns, Dorothy Wells, Elsie Rahl and Velva Brown.

Arrangements were entrusted to Retz Funeral Home, Sheffield, Iowa.

son City. A Funeral Mass for Micki Wihlm will be held 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Roseville, rural Marble Rock, Iowa. Visitation will be held at St. Mary's Roseville gym on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Micki, the daughter of Keith 'Tiny' and Lois (Hannamann) Kunkle, was born October 14, 1951 in Oelwein. Micki graduated from Oelwein High School and Hamilton School of Business in Mason City.

On April 8, 1972, Micki was united in marriage to Dick (Richard) Wihlm at St. Mary Catholic Church in Greene. The couple made their home in Marble Rock.

Micki worked for the Rockford school district for 37 plus years as a school bus driver, dishwasher and janitor. She was a loving, caring yet tough woman, just ask the thousands of students she has driven to school over the years. She enjoyed reading, watching movies, and playing cards with friends in card club. Micki loved spending time with her grandchildren and watching them at their sporting events.

Survivors include her husband, Dick Wihlm; children, Trampus (Tammy) Wihlm of Cumming, Jolli Wihlm of West Des Moines, and Shadi (Scott) Norby of Rudd; seven grandchildren, Marissa Norby, Trey Norby, Makenna Norby, Nate Aveni, Ben Aveni, Zane Wihlm and Holden Wihlm; siblings, Kathryn Knowles of Charlotte, NC, Sue Baldwin of Waterloo, Gordon (Mary Jo) Kunkle of Hazleton, and Gaylen (Deb) Kunkle of Oelwein; four stepsisters, Karen (Dave) Fernandez of Cedar Rapids, Sherry (Mike) McGinnis of Phoenix, AZ., Diane Buckingham of Vinton, and Corinne (Jay) Joslyn of Iowa City; one stepbrother, Bob Palmer of Alaska; and many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepmother, Norma Kunkle; sister, Mary Ann Kunkle, niece, Diane Baldwin, mother-in-law and father-in-law Alphonse and Rose Wihlm and sister-in-law Karen Wihlm.

Memorials may be directed to the family at P.O. Box 219, Greene, Iowa 50636.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Retz Funeral Home, 519 N. First St. Greene. 641-823-4457 www.retzf.com



MARGIE E. 'MICKI' (KUNKLE) WIHLM,

MARBLE ROCK: Margie E. 'Micki' (Kunkle) Wihlm, 65, of Marble Rock, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016 at the North Iowa Mercy Medical Center in Ma-



LIONS LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

Following are the Marble Rock Lions Club Lighting Contest Winners:

First Place - Ross & Darlene Enabnit - \$100
Second Place - Steve & Vicki King - \$75.00
Third Place - John & Sherry Marzen – \$50.00

The Lions expresses their appreciation for all who took the time and effort to display Christmas decorations.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In February of 2014, I was asked by our local RAGBRAI Committee to complete a questionnaire for the Des Moines Register. The information supplied was to be used by the Register to promote Marble Rock. I was sworn to secrecy since Marble Rock had not yet named as a pass-through town.

HISTORY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 26, 2014

TOWN NAME: Marble Rock

Population: 307

HISTORICAL SITES

JACOB BEELAR LOG HOUSE - Jacob Beelar took up the land where the present town of Marble Rock now stands. Initially he built a 16 x 16-foot log house in 1851 when he was the only settler in the township, and remained about one year without a single neighbor or member of his family.

In 1852, Beelar build a 20 x 30 two-story log house for his family of nine. This he located on the east bank of the Shell Rock River near a large spring. It is though the original 16 x 16-foot log house still exists and is fasten to the rear of this 20 x 30 structure.

The Beelar log house was moved from its original site to the Historical Society's property on June 2, 2009.

The log house was preserved because siding was added and it looked to be a conventional house. Most residents of Marble Rock were not aware the house was constructed of logs. John Jesmore, longtime Mayor and businessman, was born in this house and made this his home all his life.

BALTIMORE TAVERN – Built in 1853, the Baltimore Tavern has stood near the banks of the Shell Rock River three miles north of Marble Rock. The Tavern was the “stopping place” for those going to the grist mill 40 miles away at Cedar Falls, and the post office 30 miles away at Waverly. The Tavern was a stage coach stop for those going west and for young married couples traveling into unsettled areas to make their home.

The house has always been well maintained and is now the home of Harley and Carol Lines.

STONE BANK BUILDING – The “Marble Rock Bank” was established in 1873 and was the first to provide a regular banking business for residents. In 1885 the stone bank building was constructed for their place of business. The vault features railroad rails to support the ceiling. The building is now owned by the Historical Society and contains many exhibits.

OLD CITY HALL – The City Hall was built in 1924 to provide a City Council room, Fire Station and community gathering place. The building is of colonial-type architec-

ture with French windows and doors, and was constructed on the site of the old firehouse. M. B. Cleveland, a prominent Waterloo architect, designed the building. Mr. Cleveland was also responsible for designing many schools, homes and commercial structures.

Since purchasing the Old Town Hall from the city of Marble Rock in 2006, the Marble Rock Historical Society has done much to refurbish and bring this classic old structure back to its original beauty. Renamed “Museum Hall”, the building is packed with historic documents and objects.

BRIEF HISTORY OF MARBLE ROCK

In 1852, Jacob Beelar took up land where the present town of Marble Rock is located and was the first resident of the township. Due to five sections of good timber, the area was named “Beelar’s Grove”. The village was platted in 1856 with the name Marble Rock since the entire town rests on a bed of rock with white limestone cropping out along the river bank resembling marble.

In 1860, the twin city of Aureola was platted on the west side of the Shell Rock River and grew sporadically. Robert Frost, the founder, built a rock and crib dam across the Shell Rock River to power a saw mill which was the main source of activity for many years. Originally the area was called Grand Bend due to the shape of the nearby river. There is no known documentation why the name was changed to Aureola. There are five houses now in Aureola.

In 1871, the railroad came through on the east side of the Shell Rock River which ensured all development would be in Marble Rock. In 1917 the growth boasted 56 businesses including two banks, two Doctors, a Dentist, locally owned electricity power plant and telephone system, Opera House, hotel and newspaper.

The entire west side of the 100 block of Main Street burned on February 12, 1899. with the temperature at sixteen degrees below zero. On September 6, 1899, the entire east side of the 100 block burned.

Marble Rock population is now 307. In 1940, the population was 660 and there were dozens of businesses, four churches and a school. The school merged with Rockford, Rudd and Marble Rock and closed in the spring of 1991.

Today the Marble Rock Community includes the following: Churches (St. Mary’s Catholic, St. Paul’s Lutheran, Untied Methodist), First Security Bank, Hillman StopNShop, Hillman Trucking, Historical Society, J. R. Ackley Insurance, Lines Tree Farm, Neil Wedeking Electric, Public Library, Retz Funeral Home, Scavenger Backwater Motors (manufactures shallow water boat motors), Staudt Insurance, Swift Hog Buying Station, U.S. Post Office, Viafield Cooperative (grain and fertilizer), Walter F. Bohl Community Center plus several home-based business.

FAMOUS CITIZENS

Jacob Beelar – First resident of area, first marriage in area (3rd wife), first to break ground to farm.

John Jesmore – “Mr. Marble Rock”. Long-time Mayor, South Dakota homesteader, early Ford Automobile Dealer, tinkerer, prankster

Loren Inman – Minister, educator, farmer, businessman and member Iowa House of Representatives (2-18-1914 thru 2-8-1919)

Jasper (Jap) Thornton – Brilliant, eccentric, barefoot

C. L. Bopp – Druggist, Mayor, author, poet, inventor (railway signaling device), President Teletopograph Signal Co. (1911)

James McNeilus – Stone/brick mason, builder of local stone houses, author, poet

Arnold Staudt – Farmer, long-time Scouter and responsible for establishing the Winnebago Scout Reservation (Camp) three miles north of Marble Rock, founding member and President Marble Rock Historical Society

Arlene Carney – School teacher; Founding member, Curator, President Marble Rock Historical Society; Certified UMC Lay Preacher; leadership roll in many community organizations

INFAMOUS EVENTS

On March 7, 1928, a school bus was hit by a south bound Rock Island passenger train two and one-half miles southeast of Marble Rock. The bus driver was blinded by a swirling snow storm. Killed were two children and the bus driver. Fifteen other children were injured.

\$1800.00 tree falls (December 12, 1967) – The price of the 100-foot giant, estimated to be 200 years old, apparently was the highest ever paid for a tree in the state. The buyer along with a German wood expert felt the tree would yield a large amount of veneer. After the giant had been cut down, it was discovered the first eight feet of the tree was hollow making it worth \$800.00.

June 11, 1942 - Owen V. Burns will serve four years in a federal reformatory for embezzlement of \$7,700. Burns, 34, former manager of the Marble Rock office of the Charles City First Security Bank and Trust Company, Wednesday pleaded guilty to charges of embezzlement and making false entries. A shortage of \$7,700 was traced to Burns. Court records showed a shortage of \$537,000 to \$540,000 had been discovered and at least part of which had been to persons other than Burns. Continuing investigation of the shortages is still in progress”.

Marble Rock Bank Robbed (January 11, 1974) – Two armed men took about \$3800.00 from the First Security Bank about 6:45 p.m. Friday. One had a pistol and the other a shotgun. The bank employees were shut in a back room of the building with a phone. They dialed the sheriff's office. Roadblocks were set up, but removed after several hours. The criminals were never caught. It was an extremely cold night and there was no one on the streets to identify the car.

STRANGE HAPPENINGS

In the spring when the ice would “go out” of the Shell Rock River, flooding would often occur and some of the rising water would flow through a pasture west of the main street bridge and bypass the main channel and dam. This flooding was a common occurrence since the bridge was built in 1913-14. The road would be impassable for a few days and alternate bridges would be used. In the spring of 1951, the high water washed a new large

channel west of the bridge. During this period, no water flowed through the main channel and kids found it exciting to walk across the top of the dam. The county rented a steel bridge to span the new channel until they could haul fill to bring the road up to the level of the bridge floor.

DeGraw (Outhouse) Bear had a powerful formula for disposing of the contents of outhouses. He would hire a local Marble Rock young man to drive him around Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota. For a fee, Bear would go to the outhouse and pour in his chemical, and the owner could not use the facility for a few days. Every town they were in, Bear would buy chemicals in the drugstore, but whether he used them is anybody's guess. They beat him up, got him drunk, tired everything to get his formula, but never did. He took the secret to his grave.

INTERESTING BUILDINGS

The five buildings owned by the Marble Rock Historical Society located on Bradford Street all have a long history. The first building purchased was the 1885 Stone Bank Building which also was formerly used as the Post Office and Laundromat. The Pioneer Kitchen Building has housed the telephone office, music studio, barber shop, cobbler shop, radio shop and was Genevieve Schrader's home when she worked for C. L. Bopp, Druggist.

The Town & Country Building was used as the Marble Rock Journal print shop and contains a skylight to provide light for the printer to set the type. The log house was built by the first area settler for his family home. Museum Hall was the former City Hall and Fire Station. All buildings are used for exhibits.

At the southwest corner of Main & Bradford, is the Gates Building. At the top of the second story is the letter “G”. On the second story at the front were Doctor and Dentist offices. The climb up the stairs was long and difficult. The joke was if you were sick or pregnant how could you ever make it up the stairs to see the Doctor? Across the back of the second floor was a large dance hall. On the first floor there was a general merchandise store.

First Security Bank & Trust of Charles City purchased the north one-half of the Gates Building in 1935. The building had been a general merchandise store and the north half walled off and remodeled into a bank in 1916. This bank was forced to close during the great depression in 1932. The tile floor, teller stations, fountain, vaults and furniture are original to the 1916 remodeling, and are still being used 100 years later.

The Marble Rock Public Library was constructed in 2005 with bequests from the Iva Boon and H. Dean Staudt estates.

AMAZING LANDSCAPE

The Shell Rock River called by the Indians “Dashonah” or “Neshonagatan” signifying “Otter River” flows through the west side of Marble Rock. The beauty of the river is enhanced by the dam and power house constructed in 1912. The river provides year around recreation including fishing, boating, canoeing, snowmobiling

and bald eagle watching. On hot summer days, many "put in" tubes below the dam to float downstream.

Interesting community feature/topics for The Des Moines River and other media:

The Marble Rock Historical Society with its five buildings and exhibits is an unusually large resource for a small town.

Tosanak Recreational Area – The Winnebago Council BSA owed two camps, one at Marble Rock and the other at Waverly. The cost of operating these two facilities was more than the Council could handle and voted to sell the Marble Rock Camp in April 2012. Floyd County Conservation purchased the 320 acre facility with the help of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for \$750,000.

Many individuals, foundations, businesses, charities and civic organizations inside and outside of Floyd County contributed money toward the acquisition and in October of 2013 the Tosanak Recreational Area became fully owned by Floyd County.

Floyd County Conservation now has the task to redevelop the camp facilities into a first-class public recreational area.

The Charles City Western Railroad was founded in 1910 to connect Marble Rock to Charles City and Colwell. Regular interurban and street car passenger service was established. The Charles City east-west Illinois Central and Milwaukee mail and freight service was enhanced by using the north-south Rock Island Railroad at Marble Rock. In 1914 service began with a gasoline power locomotive, but in 1915 the line was electrified. Service was discontinued by new owners in the mid-1960.

Max C. Handley



THANK YOU

Thanks to the Marble Rock Lions Club
My heart-felt thanks to the Marble Rock Lions Club for the nice Christmas delivery. I enjoyed and appreciated it very much. Blessings to all in 2017.

Betty Harms

Thanks to the Lions Club for the fruit basket at Christmas.

Roger & Bonita Staudt



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- January 1st > Janice Wells / John Swinton
- January 2nd > Samatha Schriever/ Marsha Schwartz/ Karen Keith/ Abagael Hoy
- January 3rd > Justin Schweizer
- January 4th > Justin Stewart/ Joshus Wharton
- January 5th > Chase Kruegar/ Janice Schultz
- January 6th > Dan Kingery/ Daniel Duryee
- January 8th > Donna Gerhard/ Joyce Losee
- January 10th > Ryan Thieman
- January 12th > Becky Brierly
- January 13th > Jacque Kuhlemeier/ Rose Mary Chambers
- January 14th > Arlene Carney
- January 16th > Ella Carroll/ Paige Enabnit/ Caroline King
- January 17th > Ann Ott
- January 18th > Lorri Chambers/ Tessy Hunt
- January 19th > Shirley Welch
- January 21st > Mary Adams/ Barry Winters
- January 22nd > Max Handley/ Troy Duryee/ Mindy Truex/ Rachel Chambers/ Ty Bouillon/ Anna Wells
- January 23rd > Doug Merfield/ Tyler Kieth/ Hayley Meek/ AJ Staudt/ Weston Lines
- January 24th > Patricia Staudt/ Gary Kinseth/ Jeffrey Staudt
- January 25th > Mike Hollatz
- January 27th > Chris Titus/ Amy Titus
- January 28th > Brennon Fullerton/ Zachary Chambers
- January 29th > Morgan Krull/ Kelly Stewart
- January 31st > Megan Neal/ Jennifer Green/ Bill Wentworth



ANDREW HEARD
Agent

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 17th > Sue & Marty Parcher
January 28th > Diane & Clayton Black



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Marble Rock Library

What's New...

**New Books:

Better Than New by Nicole Curtis
Six Scary Stories by Stephen King
Because It's Christmas by Katherine
Spencer
Iowa Culture Past & Present by Carson
Ode
Turbo Twenty Three by Janet Evanovich

**For Young Readers:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down
by Jeff Kinney
Around The Pond, Who's been Here?

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Floyd County January 2017
Wellness Calendar

JANUARY: Prepare Childbirth series—January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 6:30 – 9:30 PM

Floyd County Medical Center— call for registration

For Mom’s due between January 26th thru April 27th.

Free for those who plan to deliver at FCMC- \$65.00 for those delivering elsewhere.

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

Cost: \$50.00 for refresher class

For information contact FCMC OB Dept. 1-641-228-6830 ext: 270

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION CLINICS:

January 5th Childhood Immunization Clinic -1003 Gilbert St --9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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

January 11th Childhood Immunization Clinic -1003 Gilbert St --1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

January 19th Childhood Immunization Clinic –1003 Gilbert St-- 9:00 AM 12:00 PM

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

January 25th Childhood Immunization Clinic –1003 Gilbert St-- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

ALZHEIMERS CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP:

January 17th Alzheimer’s Care-Giver Support Group 4:00 PM—St. John’s Lutheran Church-
Call Floyd County Public Health with questions 641-257-6111

WIC CLINICS:

January 24th Floyd County WIC Clinic – 203 Brantingham Street; Charles City 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
For information call 1-800-657-5856

January 25th Floyd County WIC Clinic – 203 Brantingham Street, Charles City 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
For information call 1-800-657-5856

January 26th Floyd County WIC Clinic – 203 Brantingham Street, Charles City 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
For information call 1-800-657-5856

Other 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

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on Support Group –

for information call St. John Lutheran – Charles City 1-641-228-3397

Alzheimer’s Care-Giver Support Group – for information call Floyd County Public Health Home Care 1-641-257-6124

Diabetic Support Group –

for information call Floyd County Medical Center 1-641-257-4317

MOP (Mother’s with Preschoolers) –

for information call St. John Lutheran 1-641-228-3397

Community Indoor Walking –Trinity United Methodist – Charles City

Monday - Friday 7:30 – 9:00 AM

Fibromyalgia Support Group - for information call 641-228-7141

Calendar Information: Floyd County Public Health/HHC, 1-641-257-6111

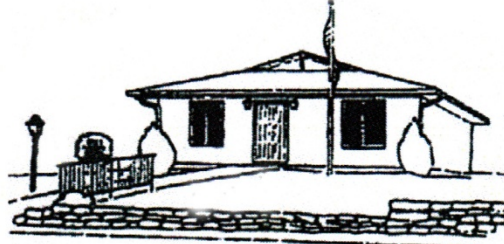
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Nature's Remedies - Essential Oils Class

Saturday, January 21, 2017 10am to 12noon
503 Bradford Street in Marble Rock (use east side entrance)

You have probably heard "the buzz" about essential oils and now you have the opportunity to come and learn the specifics of how and when to use them! Presentation includes a Personalized Lifestyle/Wellness Assessment with recommendations of which oils to use for specific applications.

Class size is limited. Don't miss your opportunity to experience these amazing oils first hand.

RSVP to Lynn Kingery 641-425-4599 or email at kingeryl@myomnitel.com

2017 Kick Off
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
Come Taste the homemade Pancakes
Walter F. Bohl Marble Rock Community Center



Free Will offering (To help with Heating & general Maintenance)

Sunday, January 8
9:00 - Noon

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 10-11:30AM**



**IPAD BASICS
WORKSHOP**

**MONDAY, MARCH 6 | 10-11:30AM
MONDAY, MARCH 20 | 5:30-7PM**

Morning Workshops are located at the Marble Rock Public Library; 122 Main St. N, Marble Rock. Evening Workshops are located at the Floyd County Extension; 112 N. Main, Charles City. Pre-Registration is required for all workshops and space is limited. Subject to cancellation due to low registrations. All workshops cost \$5. To register, call the Floyd County Extension at 228-1453 or email xfloyd@iastate.edu.

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