



Hopefully the rainy season is behind us because

Rock Falls

Fun Days will be here before we know it. Many people remember the complete rain-out of 2007. Mark the weekend of August 16 on your calendar in red crayon.

But rainouts are a rarity for Fun Days and hope prevails. The Community Betterment Group has been spending the summer planning great and wonderful activities for the 2008 grand affair.

Food has always been an essential part of Fun Days. Baked goods and fresh produce will be available at 9:00 A.M. at the Alice and Naomi Tent Show along with the Fun Days concession stand. For those needing a hearty lunch, Dad's Hamburgers will get started at 10:00 A.M. And where can you find a sumptuous sirloin steak dinner for ten bucks? Answer: Fun Days at 4:00 P.M., served by the Plymouth Fire Fighters.

Then how do we stay trim and work off all the delicious food? Get involved! Games galore will keep everyone active and competitive. The co-ed volleyball and men's softball tournaments will begin at 9:00 A.M. Get your teams signed up ASAP. Beginning at 1:00 P.M. the always-popular bean-bag tournament will launch. And, of course, the youngsters will enjoy games and inflatables beginning at 10:00 A.M.

No city celebration has better raffle sales than Rock Falls Fun Days. Scads of prizes will be won by lucky rafflers. This year's very special grand prize will be a Rock Falls commemorative hand-made quilt, constructed and donated by Lois Fingalsen. Advanced tickets can be purchased at most Rock Falls businesses. In addition, there will be a kid's raffle. Tickets can be purchased at the headquarters



booth during the day. Drawings for the prizes will begin at 1:00 P.M.

Back by popular demand this year will be helicopter rides to get a bird's eye view of the beautiful Shell Rock River valley. The helicopter will be coming from Iowa Helicopter based out of the Ankeny airport. Plans are underway to establish the heliport as close to the Community Center campus as possible.

Live music will add sparkle to the evening beer garden dance. A popular local group, Working Class Band, will begin playing at 8:00 P.M. The dance is free and law enforcement will be checking for underage beverage consumers.

Fun Days is always a great time for guests and family reunions. The weather is usually perfect, the river has lots of water this year, and campgrounds are plentiful for weekend travelers. Remind your out-of-town friends that the Rock Falls News can be accessed via the internet at www.rockfallsiowa.com.

vide a new drinking fountain suitable for thirsty children using the playground and picnickers enjoying the shelter house.

Future plans include construction of sanitary rest rooms



Construction Begins on Riverside Drive

Two months following the flood of '08, work has started toward the repair of the culvert under Riverside Drive. The first challenge is to re-locate the pressurized sewer main that lays under the street. A contractor from Joice will be moving the sewer main. The county engineer informs that the large steel culvert that has been in place since 2004 will be replaced with a concrete encasement that will have greater flow capacity.



with flush toilet facilities. Drilling the well was the first phase of the rest room project.

New Drinking Fountain in City Park

Improvements continue in the city park as technicians with Knorr Electric from Clear Lake install the pump and pressure tank in the new well. The standpipe from the well will also pro-