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Rock Falls Fun Days will be here before we know it. Mark the weekend of August 15 on your calendar in red crayon. The Community Betterment Group has been spending the summer planning great and wonderful activities for the 2009 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. Donations of such items are still needed. Phone Caroline Petersen 696-3349.

The Fun Days concession stand will also open at 9:00 A.M. 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. until 7:00 P.M.

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 by phoning 696-5796. 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 9:00 A.M. The Kids Carnival will open at twelve noon.

New for 2009 will be the Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pull that is being sponsored by Camp at the Woods and Omnitel Communications. Start time is 3:00 Pm on the tennis court.

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 gorgeous Brinkman Gas Grill. Lois Fingalsen has very generously constructed and donated another beautiful quilt for a raffle prize. 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. Grand prize drawings at 9:00 P.M.

Recorded music will add sparkle to the evening beer garden dance. Tunes will be spun by Three Eagles Mobile Dance Party and will begin 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



City Council Election

2009 marks another year for city elections. The ability for citizens to serve as an elected official, representing the people of their city, is a cornerstone to the nation's democratic process.

The City of Rock Falls encourages any eligible individual to represent his/her community as an elected official.

Three city hall seats are open in the 2009 election in Rock Falls: two city council seats and the mayor. To date, none of the incumbent officials have indicated that they will run for re-election.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to hold office within any city in Iowa, eligible candidates simply must meet all state voter registration qualifications, even if the person is not registered to vote. Potential candidates are also required to be residents of the city in which they are running. There are not any limitations on the length of time a candi-

date is required to have lived within the city.

Candidates

For any potential candidate to get his name on a ballot a nomination petition and an affidavit of candidacy must be filed with the city clerk. Potential candidates will want to make certain they fill out the nomination petition and affidavit of candidacy completely. This includes listing the candidate's name as he/she wishes for it appear on the ballot, the name of the office sought, and the signature of the candidate.

Each nomination petition must contain a minimum of ten resident voter signatures.

Candidates can file nomination petitions with the city clerk between August 24 and September 17, 2009. Election Day falls on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.



Reminder to Dog Owners

Citizens that keep dogs for pets within a "community" should respect the rights of neighbors in close proximity that may not enjoy the noise of a continually barking dog. Dogs can be given obedience training to limit barking to an acceptable level or can be kept indoors. Rock Falls has a city ordinance, Title IV, section 4-1-4, which states "an animal shall be considered a nuisance if it causes a disturbance by excessive barking or howling, chases vehicles, or molests, attacks or interferes with persons or other domestic animals on public property."