

## ROCK FALLS NEWS

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## Lois Fingalsen Donates Quilt

Since experiencing a nearly complete rainout last summer, Fun Days of 2008 promises to make up for lost time. City council member, Lois Fingalsen, has been busy creating a work of art. Using the front of a Rock Falls sesquicentennial tee shirt, Lois created an incredible red, white, and blue starburst quilt. Lois has donated the quilt to the Fun Days committee to be used as a raffle item.

As many know, Fun Days incurs a blizzard of expenses including insurance, porta-potties, fencing, and music. Typically, such expenses are covered through the sale of raffle tickets that encompass many unique products.

Please extend a big thank-you to Lois Fingalsen not only for her generous gift of a hand-made quilt, but also for her many years of service on the Rock Falls city council.

Plans for the summer festival at last inquiry still included helicopter rides which proved enormously popular at the sesquicentennial celebration in 2005. And keep in mind, Fun Days makes for a great weekend to invite friends and family for a reunion.

The Community Betterment Group sponsors the Fun Days celebration and will need lots of help to prepare for the activities. There are many committees that share the workload of food service, sports events, fence building, and much, much more. Please give a Betterment Group member a call to volunteer or leave a message at City Hall.

## Trash Fees to Increase

Waste Management officials met with city officials to begin discussions of the upcoming contract for trash pickup. The cost of diesel fuel and increased tipping fees at the landfill will likely cause increases in pickup fees.



## Water Service in City Park

Many improvements have been added to the Rock Falls city park during the past few years including a shelter house and a first class children's playground.

In addition, the "wish list" for the city council has included building sanitary restrooms in the city park.

The major barriers for such construction include a source for water and the hookup for sanitary sewer service.

During the May city council meeting, the council took a step forward toward realization of the project. The council accepted a presentation from Gary Shawver, president of Shawver Well Company of Fredericksburg regarding

the drilling of a 6-inch well within the park property. Mr. Shawver provided a cost estimate of approximately \$17,000 to include all engineering fees, drilling and casing the well, and a constant pressure pumping system. The system would include a fitting suitable for connection to a sanitary restroom facility with flush toilets.

In the past, the council has had good results from application to various grant funding sources for construction of park projects. Now that a cost estimate is in hand, the council plans to pursue a number of funding sources to keep the financial impact to the city to a minimum. It is hoped that drilling can be started by late summer. Following the well construction, a drinking fountain will immediately be installed for all to enjoy.

## Primary Election June 3

The polling location for Falls Township is the Rock Falls Community Center. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.



## New Bin at Elevator

Randy Arndt of Rock Falls Grain met with the City Council during the May council meeting to gain approval of a building permit for construction of a

new storage bin on the elevator property. According to Arndt, the new bin will add 100,000 bushels of badly needed storage capacity. The bin will be primarily used for soybeans during the post-harvest season of October through January. The new bin will allow the elevator a maximum storage capacity of 870,000 bushels of grain.

The concrete base has been poured southwest of the office building and measures 42 feet in diameter. The bin will stand 107 feet tall. It is hoped

that construction can be completed by the end of June.

Plans are also underway for construction of a continuous flow grain dryer for later in the summer or early autumn. Various structures will be relocated along with electrical re-wiring to accommodate the dryer.

*Farmers Market begins at the elevator May 24, 8 to 10 AM and each Saturday through September 6.*