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# Rock Falls News

## Fun Days Set for August 17

FRIDAY 6:00 PM Softball tourney begins Beer Tent will be open

SATURDAY 8:00 AM Softball tourney continues

RUN<WALK & WINE in Rock Falls
7:15 AM Check-in at Tennis Court
8:00 AM 5K Run/Walk begins
8:30 AM ALICE & NAOMI TENT Farmers Market

BEANBAG TOURNAMENT
9:00 AM Register NE corner picnic table
11:00 AM Beanbag tourney begins
$10 entry fee. Koozies for all

11:00 AM ZUMBA free 30-45 min class Abby Bice & Tracy Mathers

9 AM - 3 PM 20' Slide (GYM)
Noon - 3 PM Kids Carnival (GYM)
Root Beer Floats (BEHIND TENNIS COURT)
HOSTED BY: CENTRAL SPRINGS GIRL SCOUTS

WINE TASTING
1:00 PM Check-in at Beer Tent

3 PM - 5 PM Kids Pedal Tractor Pull (TENNIS COURT)
Sponsored by: Richard & Joan Arthur and Cliff & Linda Weatherwax

FOOD
9:00 AM CONCESSION STAND serving pop, chips, popcorn
10 AM-7 PM SANDWICH MEAL DEAL
(Pulled Pork, hamburger, brat or hot dog)

Both Adult and Kids' raffle drawings begin at 1:00 PM with scads of wonderful prizes; tickets available at Rock Falls businesses or at headquarters booth on the grounds Plus a silent auction will offer great deals on cool merchandise.
Music on the grounds will be provided by Nic Cooper, Scott Cooper, and Alex Bergan from 1:00-5:00 pm.
The Fun Days Dance will be held from 8:00 to midnight, music by the Bolder Road Band featuring classic country and rock and roll.
Download a complete schedule and brochure on the Rock Falls Fun Days facebook page.
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## Illegal pumps

*The heavy rainfall experienced during the early weeks of summer highlighted a problem within the Rock Falls sewer system. The problem exists in homes where groundwater or rainwater is allowed to enter the sanitary sewer system.*
*During the July city council meeting the PeopleService company report showed service calls to eight households where the collection tank outside the house was filling with water faster than the sewage pump could extricate the water. This would be occurring while no water was being drained within the house.*
*It is a very simple matter to discharge a sump pump into the sanitary sewer rather than plumb a discharge line outside the house to a natural waterway. However, such a discharge into the sanitary sewer is illegal.*
*During heavy rainfall periods, rainwater or groundwater entering the sanitary sewer can cause overloading of the sewage pumps and/or backflow of sewage into the house. In addition, such rainwater totally overloads the entire city sewer system all the way to the lagoons.*
*Further evidence can be seen in the PeopleService report of waste water being pumped into the sewer lagoons. In April 341,000 gallons of waste water was pumped, while in May 524,000 gallons were pumped. Then in June the amount rose to 701,000 gallons. It is highly unlikely citizens are taking more showers, doing more laundry, and washing more dishes during heavy rainfall periods. Therefore, there is little doubt that the increased number of gallons pumped is rainwater getting into the system.*
*To solve this problem, the City would like to encourage voluntary compliance in asking every household to ensure that only sewage enters the city sewer system. If necessary, ask a plumber to check the home's sewer connections for compliance. Home inspections should not be necessary and are distasteful. But if excessive groundwater continues to enter the system, home inspections and legal action will need to be implemented in order to preserve the integrity of the system.*

## Future of Rock Falls Bridge

During the June City Council meeting county engineer, Mary Kelly, discussed the future of the bridge over the Shell Rock River in downtown Rock Falls. Ms. Kelly informed the Council that the bridge is on the long-range capital improvement schedule and asked for input toward the future of the bridge.

Ms. Kelly informed that there are two basic alternatives. Since the bridge was constructed in 1929 and is on the Register of Historic Structures, it may well be possible to preserve the bridge, but give it a major overhaul. The second alternative is to demolish the old bridge and replace it with a totally new structure. There are, of course, advantages and disadvantages to both alternatives. The repair or replacement of the bridge could be as much as five years in the future, but the county would like to know the feelings of the community now so that preliminary plans can be started.

The ultimate decision rests with the county, but the county will certainly consider the wishes of the Rock Falls community. Therefore, the city council would appreciate citizens voicing their opinions as to which alternative would be best for the community.