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Rock Falls News

Fun Days Set for August 17

Flip over two or three pages of that seed corn calendar to August and save the weekend of August 17. In fact, start inviting the in-laws and outlaws to come spend the weekend to enjoy the sights and sounds of Fun Days in Rock Falls!

Again, there will be food and fun for all ages and we're getting all the nasty, rainy, weather out of the way right now to assure gorgeous weather in mid-August.

The Area Betterment Group is working diligently on the Fun Days agenda and promises another weekend of great activities. Back by super-popular demand will be the kick-off event, the 5K Fun Run/Walk Open event. This great event has brought scads of area fitness folks to Fun Days for the past several years and is open to activity buffs of all skill levels.

In addition to the 5k Run, early risers will be treated to the traditional farmers' market in the Alice and Naomi tent featuring homegrown produce and baked goods. Plenty of coffee and soft drinks are available as well.

Another popular event returning to Fun Days will be the Wine Fest featuring samples of the best wines of North Iowa wineries complemented with the musical entertainment of Scott Cooper and friends.

It is also being reported that the evening meal will once again be the delectable pulled-pork barbeque sandwiches with all the trimmings. Your weekend guests will be talking about this feast for weeks afterward.

Plans are still in the making and the Betterment Group assures that Fun Days will be a great time for all. So again, save the date of August 17 and get the word out to your friends and family to spend the weekend.
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Election Year for Council and Mayor

It has been designated by the State of Iowa that city elections occur on odd-numbered years. In Rock Falls city officials are elected to four-year terms. The election of city council members is staggered so that only a portion of the council members is elected every two years.

The Rock Falls city election for 2013 will be held on Tuesday, November 5. Three council positions will be open along with the mayor position in 2013. The terms of council members Don Bannan, Mark Brosz, and Jessica Prazak will be open for election.

State law dictates an election process. Cities can choose from a few different processes; Rock Falls utilizes the petition process whereby candidates who wish to pursue an elected office begin the candidacy with the city clerk. The petition must contain at least ten signatures of Rock Falls voters. A person's signature on a petition is not a vote for the candidate; it merely substantiates that the candidate meets the legal requirements of the election process.

Monday, August 26, 2013, is the first day a candidate can file nomination papers with the city clerk. The completed nomination papers need to be returned to the city clerk on or before Thursday, September 19, 5:00 PM. All voters of Rock Falls are strongly encouraged to consider taking a turn in the administration of city affairs. For information or for nomination papers, phone city clerk, Tracy Ward, at 641-530-1275.

Ready for Memorial Day

The Rock Falls community spirit once again surfaced on a bright Saturday in May as an industrious group of caring individuals rolled up their sleeves and gave the Rock Falls cemetery a good spring cleaning. The winter of 2013 took its toll on the cemetery damaging trees, bushes, and flower beds.
This small, but feisty group of volunteers included Lowell Johnson, Tennis Gordon, Judy Gordon, Irma Eygabroad, Wayne Eygabroad, Marge Rippentrop, Nyle Rippentrop, Don White, Novella White, Leo Jost, Lance Jost, Lincoln Yost, Pauline Bahnsen, Keely Fingalsen, Larry Dorenkamp, Shirley Wyborny, Rolland Weller, and Mark Broz.
The Cemetery Board would like to give a special thanks to the Jost family for bringing a pickup and trailer for hauling brush and to Mark Broz for bringing his tractor and loader. It is always great to have the cemetery looking clean and sharp for Memorial Day weekend since people come from all over the United States at this time to visit friends and family who have gone ahead and now reside in the Rock Falls Cemetery.