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### Vandals Strike Again!

The City of Rock Falls has been notified by the U.S. Postal Service that vandalism has occurred to the bank of mail boxes near city park. Keys have been broken off in the lock mechanisms of several of the parcel lockers on several occasions. Such attacks render the lockers unusable until the locks can be replaced by the Postal Service.

Tampering with mailboxes is a federal offense that the Postal Service does not take lightly. The offense is a felony and can be investigated by postal inspectors and the FBI.

Citizens who live or work near the bank of mailboxes should report any suspicious activity around the boxes to authorities.

#### STUNT CYCLES

It was a gorgeous Saturday afternoon on October 6 in Rock Falls. The City Park was full of children enjoying the playground equipment. And Glover Street east of the park was lined with spectators.

Sponsored by the Rock Falls Lounge, the motorcycle club entitled Stunt D.N.A performed motorized acrobatics on torpedo bikes, 4-wheel ATV's and mini-cycles. All of the stunts were precise and well-rehearsed.



The show was free and lasted about an hour and a half. Many in the audience commented that they hoped the show would return again next year. It was a great way to enjoy an autumn afternoon.

# **Council Meets with Pump Distributor**

During October the City Council continued meeting with Dennis White and Larry Warren of PeopleService, Inc. to map a



strategic plan for the operation of the city sewer system. On October 22 PeopleService invited Mr. Peter Beck, a representative from Hutcheson Engineering Co. in Omaha to visit with the council regarding a particular type and brand of grinder pump.

Hutcheson Engineering sells the Meyer pump. The majority of lift station tanks in Rock Falls presently contain a Meyer pump. Following construction of the original system, all stations contained Meyer pumps. Over the years, about 16 of the stations have been fitted with E-1 pumps in an attempt to simplify maintenance.

Two weeks previous, the council visited with a representative that markets the E-1 pump. The two pumps that the council is considering operate under different pumping principles, but perform the same basic function. For future operation of the sewer system, the council needs to decide which type of pump will be best for Rock Falls in terms of cost, maintenance, and longevity.

Additional work sessions will be conducted in November to further the plan for system upgrades and probable rate increases.

#### Pancake Breakfast

All You Can Eat

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Coffee, Juice

Sunday Nov. 4

8-11 AM



Free Will Donation

**Community Center** 

A number of questions have been fielded recently regarding the rates for different levels of trash pickup service. The basic rate of service is \$5.25 per month for plastic bag pickup. The household needs to purchase special bags at a cost of \$1.00 each. The second choice is for a small 2-wheeled bin. The charge for this service is \$9.00 per month. The third level of service involves a large 2-wheeled bin. This service amounts to \$13.50 per month. All levels of service include a bin for recycled materials. Trash pickup is conducted each Monday morning by Waste Management Co. in Mason City. Charges for trash pickup service are added to the monthly sewer system invoice.