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FUN DAYS A BIG SUCCESS



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City Council holds August meeting in the park.

For a change of pace and for a chance to enjoy a summer evening in the park, the Rock Falls City Council held the August council meeting in the City Park. Since the council intended to discuss street repairs and future plans for the park, it seemed like an appropriate setting.

During the meeting the council gave a thank you to council member Mark Brosz for backfilling a load of black dirt along the new sidewalk in the park. In addition, the council discussed the possibility of continued upgrading of the park. Although the park has become a real showpiece for a community this size, it would be a nice addition to provide restrooms and drinking fountains for park users.

Such facilities would, of course, need to have water service. Since water service is not presently available, the first priority would be to drill a well. The second priority would be to access sewer service. Community improvement grant funds would need to be acquired for

Rock Falls Fun Days was held August 19 and once again proved to be immensely successful. The event was located on the grounds of the Community Center. The weather was very good, a bit overcast Saturday morning, turning to sunny and pleasant the remainder of the weekend.

A myriad of activities was offered including sports games, a children's carnival, a bake sale, raffle drawings, a beer garden, concession stand, a steak fry, a classic car show, and a Saturday night dance.

It has been reported that many Rock Falls families hosted out-of-town guests for the weekend. The Fun Days festival is always a great time to have family reunions. Many residents and their extended families plan their summer around the third weekend of August.

A weekend summer festival is no small undertaking. The Rock Falls Community Betterment organization plans and

operates this event. Some of the activities are designed to be fund-raising activities. Proceeds of Fun Days are needed and used to operate the Community Center. It takes a fair amount of money each year for heating and cooling, insurance, and repairs. Several communities have mentioned how lucky Rock Falls is to have preserved its school building. It seems the Center is used almost every weekend for auctions, dances, reunions and receptions of various kinds.

Under the chairmanship of Gary Dockum, a host of Rock Falls residents drove the various activities for Fun Days. At the risk of overlooking a key contributor, following is a list of the key committee members:

Kaylene Ahrens
 Dale Borchardt
 Gary Dockum
 Josh Dockum
 Billika Dodge

Mary Hanson
 Justin Heimer
 Liz Hinrichsen
 Lorene Johnson
 Lowell Johnson
 Leo Jost
 Steve McDonough
 Rose Paulson
 Kim Rosenbaum
 Bev Shabacker
 Terry Stanley
 Josh Stanley
 Jodi Wyborny

Please give these folks a hearty "thank you" the next time you see them. In addition, there were over 50 individuals who assisted with activities, worked shifts in the various booths, and provided treats and baked goods.

It takes a great team to conduct a great festival. Rock Falls has both.

the City to fund such an expense. The council discussed formulating a committee to begin a project cost analysis and to explore grant opportunities.

Following the closure of the council meeting, the council members walked a few blocks of city streets to observe recent shoulder improvements and to discuss solutions to problem drainage areas.

For those citizens who have not been escorted to the City Park by children recently, take an evening stroll through the park while the weather is nice. Improvements made to the park by your City officials over the past couple of years have been outstanding. This is a city park that everyone in Rock Falls can be proud of!

