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## Strategic Plan for Sewer System

Plans are moving forward within City government to build a strategic plan for future operations of the city sewer system. Dennis White, regional manager of PeopleService, Inc. met with the City Council in August to begin discussions for a strategic plan. The plan will provide specific action steps for the next five years and conceptual visioning for the following five years and beyond.

Mr. White will facilitate a series of work sessions to be held each Monday evening for 5 weeks beginning with the next Council meeting on September 10. The council members will meet at 6:30 PM on September 10 at the sewer lagoon for an inspection and overview of the lagoon process. Serious changes in lagoon operations are a distinct possibility of Iowa DNR regulations.

Later during the regular council meeting, representatives from an equipment supply business will visit with the council regarding the latest choices of lift station grinder-pumps. The largest expense to the city over the coming years will be replacement of aging pumps. The life expectancy of a pump is seven to ten years. Most of the Rock Falls pumps have been in operation for nearly twenty-five years. The price of a single pump today is over \$2,000. A portion of the strategic plan will focus on a process for replacement as older pumps fail.

The cost of maintenance and

## August Fun Days Has a Twist

Based upon the experience of many years of Fun Days in Rock Falls, it is highly unusual for a rain to dampen the spirits of the faithful. Yet after a week of setting up fences, tents, stages, portapotties, and hauling picnic tables, a little rain turned into a week of nearly continuous rains.

The high spot for the weekend was the karaoke and dance next to the beer garden on Friday evening. Many old friends gathered to visit about all the summer happenings.



Saturday morning, organizers decided that the rain was unrelenting, the weather report was daunting, and festivities would need to be cancelled. Since many food supplies had been purchased, it was also decided to re-schedule the steak fry portion of Fun Days to the following Friday evening—indoors.

All reports indicate that the re-scheduled steak fry was a huge success. During much of the 3-hour event, the main hall of the

community center was filled with locals and visitors enjoying steak and all the trimmings. In addition, nearly two hundred raffle prizes were drawn, courtesy of many local businesses and organizations.

Winners of raffle prizes did not need to present to win. Persons not present will be notified of any winning tickets and prizes will be available to retrieve at Rock Falls Grain Company.



## Vandals Strike Lagoon

In the dark of night, sometime during August, vandals used a 4-wheel drive vehicle to ram

the gate at the Rock Falls sewer lagoon. The vehicle was then driven around the various levees that comprise the lagoon reservoirs. Serious damage was done to the steel gate along with the chain and padlock. The incident was reported to the county sheriff. Any information available should be reported to the sheriff's office.