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 Council Member – Lois Fingalsen
 Council Member – Doug Heimer
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 Council Member – Jodi Wyborny



Fun Days 2009

Rock Falls Fun Days was held August 15 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 and produce sale, raffle drawings, a beer garden, concession stand, a steak fry, a childrens' tractor pull, and a Saturday night dance. A new event this year included a rocket firing range where children made their own paper

rockets and fired them with compressed air for altitude and distance. Thanks to Todd and Carol Huff.

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. Most of the activities are designed to be fund-raising activities. Proceeds of Fun Days are needed and used to operate the Community Center.

City Council Election

Three of the five city council seats in Rock Falls are open for re-election this fall along with the mayor position. To be included on the election ballot in November signature petitions need to be filed with the City Clerk by September 17. Each petition would need to carry 10 signatures of Rock Falls voters. The mayor and city council terms are for four years. Petitions can be acquired by phoning city clerk, Tracy Ward, at 696-3416.

The city council typically meets one evening per month, on the second Monday at 7:00 pm in the Community Center.

Weather Alert Radios

A number of years ago every residence in Rock Falls was provided with a weather alert radio that is activated by the Weather Service

in the event that severe weather is threatening.

All of the radios are programmed to receive an alert signal from the KIMT tower near St. Ansgar. Every Wednesday morning around 11:00 AM, the Weather Service provides a test signal that should activate all the radios in Rock Falls. Any radio that does not react to that signal probably needs to be re-programmed. There is a phone number on the back of the radio that will connect a person to the company that can assist with re-programming the radio. There are several steps to the re-programming but they are quite simple.

In addition, each radio is equipped with a nine-volt battery. This battery will allow the radio to function if the power in the home goes out, and it will help hold the programming codes in the radio. Just like a smoke alarm, the battery should be replaced every year. One's birthday is a good reminder.

