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Rock Falls News

Fun Days 2013 Big Success!

Congratulations and a hearty thank-you to all the Community Betterment members and all the volunteers who pitched in to make this year's Fun Days so successful.

Aided by glorious weather, a large crowd gathered in the city to enjoy sports, tremendous food, music, and fantastic fellowship. The area campgrounds could certainly attest to that fact with nearly full occupancy. The weekend festivities began Friday evening with adult softball games. The beer gardens opened for players and fans.

Fun Days was kicked off on Saturday with another exciting 5-K run. The Alice and Namomi Tent was stocked with mouth-watering pastries, pies, vegetables, coffee and drinks. The concession stand this year decided to offer a menu of sandwiches, chips, and desserts all day long, rather than offer a larger meal over the dinner hour. Organizers feel the change was well-received.

Following the dinner hour, the beer gardens and the basketball court swelled into a fun-loving mass of humanity enjoying the music and fellowship of the Fun Days dance.

Thanks to the volunteers who turned out Sunday morning to clean the grounds, take down the fencing, and return equipment. Everyone would most likely agree that even though Fun Days 2013 has come and gone, memories of this very successful event will last for many months. Please extend your heartfelt thanks to all the Betterment Group board members and volunteers for all their Fun Days efforts. It is a huge undertaking.

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Election Year for Council and Mayor

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. To date, one council person and the mayor have indicated they will not seek re-election.

Rock Falls utilizes the petition process for elections whereby candidates who wish to pursue an elected office begin the process by filing a petition of 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 PM

The city park and playground continues to be a focal point of interest for the City Council. Following the installation of the new play assembly in the west end of the playground, the council ordered new border beams to better contain the shredded rubber chips. In addition, additional chips were ordered to provide a thicker base for a safer play area.

Manpower to install the beams and chips was provided by the city council and helpful citizens. Helpers gathered on two consecutive evenings, August 19 and 20, to manhandle power tools and swing sledge hammers. Those helping with the project include the following: Mark Brosz, Tracy Ward, Sharm Ward, Caroline Petersen, Dick Schinnow, Richard Petersen, Lincoln Jost, Lance Jost, Jay Waitek, Keely Fingalsen, Jodi Wyborny, Rick Wyborny, Jessica Prazak, Jake Prazak, and Hella Navaratil.

New Sign for Community Center

On-going efforts of the Betterment Group to keep the Community Center looking good include the installation of a new sign above the front entrance. The old sign had served its purpose and was becoming hard to read. In addition, letters spelling out "CITY HALL" will be placed in the vertical windows above the door. Also take note of the freshly groomed bushes and crab apple trees on the property, courtesy of Mr. Lincoln Jost.

Betterment breakfast will be Sunday, Sept.1, 8-11:00 AM.