



Happy Valentine's Day!!

# Antique City

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### Water Plant

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Walnut, IA 51577  
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### Library

224 Antique City Dr.  
Walnut, IA 51577  
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www.walnut.lib.ia.us/  
Hours:

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
1:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

### Fire Department

500 Pearl St.  
Walnut, IA 51577  
712-784-3811

### Mayor

Gene Larsen  
712-784-3947

### City Council

Trace Frahm  
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712-784-3832  
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712-249-0190

## WVFD to host soup luncheon

The Walnut Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a free will donation soup luncheon on Sunday, February 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Walnut Fire Station. Funds raised from the event will go toward the purchase of a Stryker power cot for the Walnut ambulance.

The power cot is an innovative battery-powered hydraulic system that raises and lowers the patient with the touch of a button, which will dramatically reduce strenuous lifting and the associated risk of back injury to our members. The power cot will have the capability to lift 500 pounds unassisted and up to 700 pounds with assistance.

Fire Chief/Chef Justen Tooley said they will be serving, chili, potato and chicken noodle soup, along with oyster stew, if the oysters are available.

Join them Sunday, February 19th for a good cause or if you can't make it, you can send a check to:

Walnut Fire & Rescue Assoc.  
P.O. Box 778 - Walnut, IA 51577-0778

## City Hall Now Accepts Credit Cards

The City of Walnut has recently acquired the technology to accept credit card payments for all City related billings. Credit card payments can currently be taken at City Hall or over the phone and will soon be available online, along with eCheck payments.

The City is able to process payments from Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express. There is, however, a processing fee that will be applied at the time of payment; all credit card payments will include a \$1.50 flat fee plus 2.35% per transaction. Online eCheck payments will only include the \$1.50 flat fee. Feel free to call City Hall if you have any questions.

### Roberts Bakery

**As they have for many years, Roberts Bakery is taking a well deserved break during the months of January and February. Check the sign on their door for news of when they plan to re-open.**

### From the Mayor:

1. Great news concerning the school project: The City Council voted to establish an agency fund with the Pott. Co. Community Foundation. This fund provides a way for those who want to support the improvements needed to develop the property to continue service to the community of Walnut, to donate to the project and take a tax deduction for doing so. This will be followed by the establishment of an endowment fund later to provide long term benefits to the community. Details on how to donate will be available on the City website and at City Hall for now.
2. Last month we told you about the new truck parking available next to the water plant. I want to clarify that there is free parking available besides the 6 electrically equipped spaces which are reserved. We hope to improve the parking area in the future with concrete pads for dropping loaded trailers, better lighting and improvement of the driveway. The goal is for our local truck drivers to have a place to park and get the big trucks off the streets which are narrow and not designed for heavy rigs.
3. The City Council has asked AHSTW school district to pursue air conditioning the school building as the next step in development since it will probably be a substantial expense. It will probably mean we will have to put up with the ugly white siding for a while longer. It is important to take the best advantage of the funds available.

Gene Larsen, Mayor



WVFD responds to a 3rd structure fire in 3 weeks. Above: Ryne & Hannah Johnk's home, which was under construction at the time of the fire, was a total loss. Thankfully no one was injured in any of the fires.



The City breaks out the "Beast" to supply water to the downtown contractors during the Façade Project.

### TLC Community Food & Clothing Pantry

231 Antique City Dr. - Walnut

TLC Food & Clothing Pantry is open every Thursday from 4 - 6 p.m. (except Holidays). Everyone is welcome to visit the pantries once a week, all that is asked is that you please *take only what you need*, as they want to serve as many people as possible. Please bring your own reusable or plastic bag.

#### Reminder:

Dog licenses are due on or before February 14th. Please register your dog at City Hall and bring a current copy of its rabies shot records.

*We're all a little "nuts" here!!*

### Library News:

The town of Walnut lost someone very special last month when Charlotte Shepherd passed away. Charlotte was a friend to so many in the community and she was a special friend to the Walnut Public Library. Over the years, whenever we needed an extra helping hand, we could count on Charlotte. She had called bingo games, supervised craft activities, served refreshments, cleaned dried glue and paint off tables, swept up glitter from floors and volunteered the use of Larry's pristinely manicured lawn to host a tailgate party for eighty people. Charlotte helped promote adult library programs to members of the organizations she belonged to and we could count on having a good turnout because of her.

She liked to visit the library to read the local newspapers, magazines featuring Iowa and cooking magazines (even though Larry would probably never eat any of the recipes in them). She would often look at the yearbooks to see who graduated in a certain year and that always led to some interesting stories about her many years working at the school. She loved to visit with people at the library. When children came in, she would ask them how school was going, who their teacher was and what activities they were involved in. You could take Charlotte out of the school but you could never take the school out of Charlotte! When out-of-town visitors came into the library, Charlotte would always strike up a conversation with them. Somehow, she seemed to have some connection to their hometown or knew something about the school district or their sports team.

We will miss Charlotte at the Walnut Public Library and in our community. She was one of a kind.

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We are  
**THANKFUL**  
for our customers, partners, and friends  
Please join us for our  
*Customer  
Appreciation  
Dinner*

Tuesday, February 7th  
5-6:30 p.m.  
Emma Jeans - 2117 Antique City Dr.  
Register for Door Prizes!

300 Antique City Dr.  
Walnut, IA 51577  
Phone: 712-784-2201  
www.rollinghillsbank.com  
Lobby Hours  
8:30 - 4 p.m.

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# February

- 2-2: City Council Meeting 5 p.m.
- TLC Food Pantry 4-6 p.m.
- 2-4: 15th Annual Soup Cook-Off
- Shelby Depot & Trail 5-7 p.m.
- 2-7: Rolling Hills Bank Customer Appreciation Dinner - Emma Jean's 5-6:30 p.m.
- 2-9: TLC Food Pantry 4-6 p.m.
- 2-12: Peace Church Soup Luncheon 11:30-1 p.m.
- 2-13: AmVet Auxiliary Meeting 1 p.m.
- 2-14: Happy Valentine's Day
- Dog Licenses Due
- 2-16: TLC Food Pantry 4-6 p.m.
- 2-18: Warning Siren Testing 10 a.m.
- 2-19: Fire Dept. Soup Luncheon 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 2-23: TLC Food Pantry 4-6 p.m.
- 3-12: Mabel Stahl's 100th Birthday Open House Heritage House, Atlantic 2-4 p.m.

If you would like your event on the calendar, please submit your information by the 20th of each month.



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