

## DO YOU REMEMBER?



### Forty Years Ago

What were you doing forty years ago? Leslie Graver-son and a hearty group of volunteers were putting the finishing touches on the original covered bridge in Wilkinson Pioneer Park in 1969. Construction began in 1968 and was completed in July 1969 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a parade. First across the bridge was a horse-drawn lumber wagon, followed by a covered buggy. Next came two sulkies and a Model A Ford automobile.

The 50-foot bridge was built from native lumber: oak, elm, and cottonwood and cost \$4,500, most of it for materials.

### Fifty Years Ago

1959 saw the graduation of the last group of seniors from Rock Falls School. Included in the class of '59 were the following seniors:

- Larry Wyborny
- Mary Grundel
- Lowell Johnson
- John Hoblet
- Lora Sutton
- Clair Elsbury
- Kathryn Dodge
- Kathleen Dodge
- Darold Walker
- David Anderson
- Gerald Calvert
- Roland Weller
- Robert Everding
- Ray Harmon

The Class of 1959 is formulating plans for a class reunion at the Community Center, formerly Rock Falls School, this summer.



1959 also saw the genesis of Wilkinson Pioneer Park. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wilkinson donated 19 acres to the Cerro Gordo County Conservation Board to be used as a park as a memorial to the pioneers who settled this section of our country.

Development of the park began fifty years ago and a shelter house was built. Through the years the conservation board continued to add more land to the park as well as improve the camping and picnic areas.

(Courtesy Rock Falls Historical Book, 1977)

Girl Scouts  
 FundRaiser Lunch  
 Sunday, Feb. 8 12-2 pm  
 Nora Springs School  
 Cafeteria  
 Potato/Ham Soup,  
 Chicken Casserole,  
 Dessert, Drink

Pancake Breakfast  
 RF Community Ctr.  
 Sunday Feb 18 am

### Business Spotlight

It has been suggested that periodically when space allows, some of the Rock Falls business concerns could be highlighted.

Probably one of the newest businesses in the Rock Falls area is Kelley's Country



**Greenhouse**, located east of Rock Falls along county highway B-20. Owners, Mike and Glennis Kelley, established their greenhouse business in November of 2008. Four-packs of vegetables and flowers will be started in the greenhouse in early spring for sale as bedding plants. In addition, hanging baskets of flowers will be available at the greenhouse for brightening all those Rock Falls front porches and patios. Future plans include construction of a second greenhouse. \*\*\*\*\*

**Notice: beginning in 2009 the rate for sewer service has increased by \$1.00.**