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GROUT TURNS 60!

The *Grout Museum* is in good company as it celebrates turning 60 this year. *Disneyland* is winding up its 60th anniversary in 2016 (it opened July 15, 1955). Meanwhile the *Guinness Book of World Records* marked the beginning of its 60th year in print in August 1955.

Cedar Valley residents have Henry Grout to thank for building a collection as varied and amazing as the records recorded by *Guinness* and Henry's appointed trustees for creating our very own version of *The Magic Kingdom*.

Join us for the celebration!



SUMMER MEMBERSHIP
PROMOTIONS!

June 14 - 18, Father's Day Special
$10 Off a Family Membership

July 5 - 9, Independence Day Special
$13 Off Any Membership Level

RENSSELAER RUSSELL HOUSE MUSEUM
Summer Hours
June - August, Saturdays from 1 - 4 PM

SUMMER OUTREACH SCHEDULE
JUNE - AUGUST

Denver Community School - June 1
College Square Mall (Cedar Falls) - June 4
Hoover Star Party - June 4
Dunkerton - June 7
Dike - June 8
Baxter - June 9
Crossroads Mall (Waterloo) - June 11
LeClaire - June 14
Colona, IL - June 14
Independence - June 15
Readlyn - June 15
Ely - June 15
Aledo (IL) - June 16
Andalusia (IL) - June 16
New Harford - June 18
Ames - June 21
Traer - June 22
Atlantic - June 22
Clarinda - June 22
Hudson - June 23
Jewell - June 23
Nora Springs - June 25
Sturgis Falls (Cedar Falls) - June 25
Sturgis Falls (Cedar Falls) - June 26
Waverly - June 27
Denver - June 28
Marion - June 29
Grundy Center - June 29
Hiawatha - July 5
Victor - July 6
Ottumwa - July 7
Colfax - July 7
Clear Lake - July 8
LaPorte City - July 12
Manchester - July 13
Iowa City - July 17
Dyersville - July 23
Burlington - July 26
Bremer County Fair - July 27
Blairstown - July 28
Anamosa - Aug. 2

SUMMER PLANETARIUM SHOWS & SCIENCE DEMOS
Tuesday-Saturday at 11:00 AM, 1:30 & 3:00 PM



Sportsology

Through September 6, 2016

Sportsology explores the science of sports, health and nutrition through a series of hands-on challenges; the Pitching Cage, Vertical Leap, Hang Time, Reaction Wall and Wheelchair Racer. Test your athletic abilities, while learning how your body works. It's an exhibit for all ages!







SPORTSOLOGY SPONSORS:

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For more exhibition details please visit www.gmdistrict.org

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

JUNE - JULY 2016
MONDAY - FRIDAY
$55 TO $70 PER WEEK
REGISTER ONLINE: GMDISTRICT.ORG/CALENDAR

Day Camps at the Grout Museum District are an exciting way to immerse kids in all things history and science. Each week participants enjoy a wide range of STEM and history-related themes. From old favorites like Rocket Camp and new themes like *Harry Potter* and *Little House on the Prairie*, don't miss this unique opportunity for your children to learn, play and explore this summer!

June 20-24: Little Museum on the Prairie & Beginner Rocket Camp, **Ages 6-10**
June 27-July 1: Hogwarts Academy of Science, **Ages 6-12**
July 11-15: Sportsology, **Ages 6-12**
July 18-22: Advanced Rocket Camp, **Ages 10-14** & Space Camp, **Ages 6-12**

WEEKLY WONDERS

JUNE 14 - AUGUST 5, 2016
TUESDAY - FRIDAY
FREE WITH REGULAR MUSEUM ADMISSION

Weekly Wonders are themed activities held during the summer.

June 14-17: Magic School Bus
June 21-24: Historical Hollywood
June 28-July 31: Farewell Mythbusters
July 5-8: Sports Science
July 12-15: Modern Military Marvels
July 19-22: Across the Universe
July 26-29: Physics Olympics
August 2-5: An Iowan Olympics

DOWNTOWN WATERLOO SUMMER OLYMPICS PROMOTIONAL PASS

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 12, 2016
$15 CHILDREN'S SUMMER PASS

A Downtown Waterloo Summer Olympics Pass provides one child one time admission to each of the participating sites and $1 admission for the accompanying adult per site. Passes are available for purchase at each participating site. Children that collect a stamp at each venue can enter their completed pass for a chance to win prizes during a Olympics Awards Ceremony on Friday, August 12 in conjunction with Main Street Waterloo's Fridayloo.

Participating Sites: Grout Museum, Imaginarium, Dan Gable Wrestling Museum, Cedar Valley Sportsplex, YWCA, and the Phelps Youth Pavillion.

Sponsored by Waterloo Community Foundation with support from Main Street Waterloo.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

D-DAY PROGRAMMING

June 4, 2016
1:00 PM
Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum Lobby

The Saturday before D-Day, the Museum will honor WWII veterans and their service to our country. Featured guest, D-Day Veteran Glen McClain will receive the Knight of the Legion of Honor medal from Mark Schlenker, Honorary Consul of France which recognizes his contribution in liberating the French people.

SNOWDEN HOUSE TEA PARTY

Olaf's Summer Tea

June 11, 2016
10:00 AM - Noon
$10 Members, $12 Non-Members

Take part in fun, *Frozen* themed crafts and a British Low Tea.

AUGUST DOLLAR DAYS

Every Wednesday in August

Enjoy $1 admission at each Grout Museum District site every Wednesday in August.

STAR PARTIES

June 11 - Prairie Grove Park
July 2 - Hoover Middle School
July 9 - Prairie Grove Park
August 13 - Prairie Grove Park
August 27 - Hoover Middle School

Star Parties take place in Waterloo at the listed sites. Grout staff and the Black Hawk Astronomy Club will be on hand to teach participants about the current night sky. All Star Parties are free and open to the public.

RENTALS - FAMILY REUNIONS

The Grout Museum District is the perfect location for your summer Family Reunion! The District has a variety of facilities that can accomodate your gathering. Rent the ***Snowden House*** for something small and intimate, or consider the Grout Museum's ***Conference Room*** for your larger family gathering.

To learn more, tour the facilities, or book a showing, contact the Event & Sales Coordinator at 319.234.6357.









Top Left: Conference Room
Top Right: Buffet Set-Up at Snowden
Bottom Left & Right: Snowden House

GOING ORGANIC - *VOICES OF IOWA EXCERPTS*

An increasing number of farmers are moving into organic operations. But there are financial and regulatory considerations. Wendy Johnson moved back to Iowa in 2009 to become a partner with her father in the family farm. They are approaching change cautiously. Tom and Mary Cory are transforming a traditional family farm and want to respond to the needs of their customers, not the rules of a government agency.



"I think I always will be learning for the rest of my life. I will always be making mistakes, hopefully I'll have a few successes along the way. But I think that is the whole part of being a farmer, is learning and challenging yourself and trying new things to stay in business. What I see as the future of this farm is to be economically sustainable and that is really going to be the 'make it or break it'. Currently right now, how I believe we can be economically sustainable is to diversify, and diversity is increasing our livestock production and putting more livestock on our land, and moving into some organic land in combination with some conventional."

- Wendy Johnson - Charles City - Interview Excerpt



"We have been in farm programs ever since we have been farming, so we are reliant on an outside source, we report to an outside source. We've talked about going organic, that is something we are still in discussion about. But we're not organic, but we are as natural, we are close to organic. Somedays I almost feel we are beyond organic because we've gone one step further, we're customer certified and we're family certified. Our children speak for our product because we consume our products. If we would certify organic, then we have another government program that we need to answer to. And here we are trying to get out of the government program so we can let customers determine which direction we are going. So we hold a couple of open houses during the year where people can come in and pick our brains and see what's going on and snoop around and look at our feed tags and make sure we are telling them the truth. By being customer certified and customer verified, it does so much for us. That's why we like being in the metro area."

- Tom Cory - Elkhart - Interview Excerpt

If you or someone you know is intersted in being interviewed please contact Bob Neymeyer at 319.234.6357.

A RELIC FROM THE END OF AN EMPIRE

A donation recently processed by the Collections Department included this Japanese Army sword brought home by a U.S. service member after World War II. Its official designation was the Type 98 Shin Gunto (New Military Sword), made sometime between 1935 and 1940. If you're a fan of old Kurosawa samurai films, you might be forgiven for calling this a "katana." Bridging the gap between ancient and modern, the Shin Gunto was deliberately designed to resemble the sword of the Samurai, protectors of Japan. Despite its antiquated appearance, the Shin Gunto is a thoroughly 20th century piece of military technology. It was produced in vast numbers and issued to officers and NCO's as a symbol of rank and empire. The blade is simple steel, machined in a factory along with thousands of others. Another modern feature is a spring-loaded catch to keep the sword from falling out of its scabbard, which is released by a small button on side of the hilt. Secured to the hilt by tightly-wound silk is a cluster of cherry blossoms, the traditional symbol of the Imperial Japanese Army.

At the end of the war, the Japanese military was ordered to surrender all arms to the Allies, including swords. Many were destroyed, but others were taken home by American soldiers as souvenirs. When an unknown service member saved this example from the melting pot, he left the wire loop that originally affixed the sword's official surrender tag in place. It is now a tangible relic of the victory in the Pacific.



COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

- Typeset – small samples of several styles
- Melmac® dinnerware, 4 place setting
- Fiestaware dishes, 4 place setting
- City Directories:
  - Waterloo: 1998, 2000, 2003-2004, 2006 – present
  - Cedar Falls: 2000 – present
- Family Histories (Genealogy)
- Historical Photographs:
  - 1950s - 1960s downtown Waterloo
  - East Waterloo
  - West Waterloo
  - Waterloo Businesses
  - Waterloo Schools
  - Waterloo Churches
  - Waterloo Street Scenes and Stores
- Waterloo Business Histories
- Various Black Hawk County and Waterloo Maps:
  - Black Hawk County: 2000 – present
  - Waterloo: 2006 – present
  - Waterloo Sanborn: 2000 – present
  - Waterloo Plat: 1999 - present

If interested in donating any of the above items, please contact **Nicholas Erickson (Collections)**, nicholas.erickson@gmdistrict.org or **Catreva Manning (Archives)**, catreva.manning@gmdistrict.org or call 319.234.6357 to set up an appointment.

365 & COUNTING: IOWANS in the VIETNAM WAR

This one of a kind exhibit closes July 16, 2016!

This exhibit explores a more personal side of the Vietnam War by weaving together a timeline with individual stories of Iowans. All branches of the service - from the foot soldier to support groups whether on land, air or sea - are covered. Artifacts, photographs, video footage and audio recordings enhance the storyline through the 1960s and into the 70s.

A must see for everyone, this exhibit honors Vietnam Era Veterans and the sacrifices they made.

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HENRY GROUT: THE MAN. THE COLLECTION. THE LEGACY.

June 21 - November 5, 2016

Sixty years ago a very eclectic collection of geological and anthropological artifacts found a home in the brand new Grout Museum of History and Science. Reflecting on the original collection, museum staff were inspired by founder Henry Grout's curious nature. For example, what prompted a man to turn his boyhood collection of Native American arrowheads into a well thought out diverse sampling of the continent's history and geology?

Explore the history and significance of the founding collection. Learn how Henry began to assemble his collection during his time in the Dakota territories. Like other community developers John Hartman and Henry B. Allen, Grout left a philanthropic legacy to the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Area. Discover how these figures helped to build the thriving local community we know today.

HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE: 50 YEARS OF MAKING CONNECTIONS

August 23, 2016 - May 27, 2017

It all started 50 years ago with $500 and a proposal to prepare young adults for the workforce. Hawkeye Community College has been making an impact since its inception. The institution constantly evaluates and adapts to serve the adult educational needs of the community.

50 Years of Making Connections, examines the relationship between the community and the always evolving College. The exhibit commemorates the beginnings of the institution as a technical institute and its growth to a thriving community college.

Sponsor: Hawkeye Community College



EXPANDED PERMANENT VIETNAM EXHIBIT OPENING
July 16, 2016
Last chance to view 365 & Counting!

The Museum will be opening an expanded version of the permanent Vietnam exhibit. This update is a part of the Grout's continued participation in the nationwide 50 year commemoration of the Vietnam War.

The reimagined exhibit will feature three unique and engaging experiences with powerfully personal and interactive elements. An interactive timeline will chronicle the story of the Vietnam War by utilizing images and highlighting events that impacted Iowans who served. The iconic Huey helicopter in the museum will come alive in a user-friendly fashion. The updated space will remember the 866 Iowans who were killed during the war by telling their stories, providing a face for each name, and by offering users a chance to take home a digitally rendered rubbing in remembrance of those who were lost.

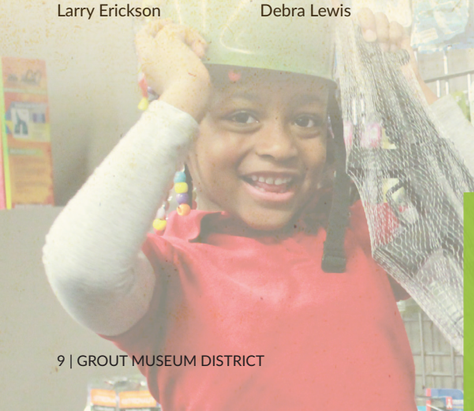


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