



Craig Carlson

Walcott packs Saturday with parade, art 'n' fun

Walcott is celebrating its annual summer festival Saturday, with lots of food, checking out the arts and crafts, a sand volleyball tournament . . .

And then, ping pong balls will fall from the sky — valuable ping pong balls, with coupons attached to be traded at local businesses for food and other prizes. Organizers aren't saying what time the low-flying airplane will drop the ping pong balls. You have to show up to find out.

You won't be bored while

you're waiting for them. Walcott Day also offers an arts and crafts fair from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. featuring more than 100 exhibitors from five states, and there's a parade at 10 a.m.

You can listen to live entertainment all afternoon and evening.

Organizers are keeping their fingers crossed for a sunny day,

but the rain date is Sunday.

Most of the activities will be in Victory Park, with the art fair at Wescott Park.

Here are other events:

11:30 a.m.: Flag-raising ceremony.

Noon: Toy tractor pull.

After the parade: Music by the Shrine Concert Band.

12:30 p.m.: Pie baking contest.

12:30 p.m.: Sand volleyball tournament.

12:30 to 6 p.m.: Kids' games.

1 to 4 p.m.: Games.

1:30 to 4 p.m.: Horseshoe pitching contest.

1:30 to 5:30 p.m.: Music by "Country Illusions."

4 p.m.: Turtle race. Race organizers will auction the turtles and some of the money from the auction will be used as prizes.

4:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Grilled pork chop dinner, sponsored by the Scott County Pork Producers. \$4.50, with baked potato, cole slaw, roll and beverage.

4:45 to 5:30 p.m.: Ronald McDonald visit.

6 p.m.: Crowning of Miss Walcott.

7 p.m.: Lip synch contest.

8 p.m. to midnight: Music by "Keepin' Tyme."

One of the featured artists at Walcott Day Arts and Crafts Fair is Craig Carlson, a wildlife artist from Davenport, with an interest in art as early as grade school.