

# Timberwolves & Friends Newsletter

Volume 5 – FEBRUARY 2011



## Letter from the Leader of the Pack Jim Walker aka “Walkman”

It is hard to believe that 2010 has gone by so fast. It has been a year that we have had to stay close as a family to get through some rough times, but we did it. We saw some new members join our group, and we saw some pass on to the Great Rendezvous in the sky. We want to remember those that were a part of our lives, Gator, and Rob Strong. There might be others that I do not know about, but you do. There are things that they have done to touch our lives. From this Skinner to them, thank you for the tools that you have given me to pass on to those that I will meet on this trail of life. You will be missed.

We had to camp in a different location for Dog Hollow this year, due to flooding in our old camp sight. We were just outside of town, but the people still came out to see us. We had a great time, like we always do. This year was extra special personally for this skinner. Without me knowing it, my group planned a special time for my Grandson and I with a dinner and skinner birthday party. I know that party was one of the high lights in that young boy’s life. Even as I write this letter, Derek still talks about how he learned to shoot bow and arrow, throw a hawk and chase candy shot from a boom maker, (he calls it that). I want to thank each one of you for the love you have showed to him and to all of our young ones. They are the skimmers of tomorrow. This is what we should do- teach others and show love to one another. We are the ones that still allow this great nation to remember a history that is ever changing. We do not hear much about the things we do anymore because “it is just too old and no one cares”, some say.

This year I have been struck with one word that a great and dear friend has put into my heart. That word is Forgiveness. A definition for forgiveness could be -- giving up my right to hurt you, for hurting me.

It is impossible to live on this fallen planet without getting hurt, offended, misunderstood, lied to or rejected. Learning how to respond properly is one of the basics of the life. The word “forgive” means to wipe the slate clean, to pardon, to cancel a debt. When we wrong someone, we seek forgiveness in order for the relationship to be restored. It is important to remember that forgiveness is not granted because a person *deserves* to be forgiven. Instead, it is an act of love, mercy, and grace. How we act toward that person may change. It doesn't mean we will put ourselves back into a harmful situation or that we suddenly accept or approve of the person's continued wrong behavior. It simply means we release them from the wrong they committed against us. We forgive them because God forgave us (Ephesians 4:31-32 and Romans 5:8). I thank those that have been pushed to the limit this year, yet have shown the true person they are. You could have made a situation bad but you held strong.

Let's start 2011 out right. It is a clean slate and we can write whatever we want on it. To honor my friend Rob when we spoke for last the time, “What we have here is short so we should use it in love and fun not in hate.” So to those that may still be struggling please use this prayer and start your slate over. I know that your life will be much better and more enjoyable.

Dear God, I choose as an act of my will, regardless of my feelings, to forgive the person who has wronged me. I release them, and I set myself free to your healing. With Your help, I will no longer dwell on the situation or continue to talk about it. I thank you for forgiving me as I have forgiven them. I thank you for releasing me. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

It is a new year and there are many things that we have not seen or done. Let's have a great year and fill our slates with great new memories. This leader of the pack is so proud of his friends for what we do for each other and to others. Let's keep the spirit of the wolf strong in this world. God bless all of you.

Business message from the Leader of the Pack  
Jim Walker - Walkman

In the beginning when the Timberwolves were new, we did not have to worry about any type of problems from flatlanders. They would come out and see what we had to teach them and enjoyed themselves. As the years pass and this world falls apart, some people think they can get a free ride and have become sue happy. If we want to have events and protect ourselves from those that try to make a living off of other people, we need to act. We have to make sure we have insurance every year. The Timberwolves need to purchase a million dollar liability policy to hold events every year. The cost of this insurance is high and not very many companies carry it. The cost is over \$500. This is just one expense. Then there is a cost for the hooters. It is now over \$300 for (4) of them and it is getting higher. We must do something to keep the events going. The Timberwolves are being forced into the thing we do not like. This is the part of the news letter I hate.

Starting in 2011, we are asking every family that is a Timberwolf to help out. We need each family to give \$10 to help cover the costs. Our camp fees do cover some of these costs but it usually isn't enough for everything. We have those that go above and beyond the call and spend their own money to make the events happen. If everyone would help out, then we would have plenty to ensure the hooters and insurance are paid for. The insurance to cover Dog Hollow can be used for other Timberwolves events as well.

So Wolves here is what I need you to do: Please place a check or money order in an envelope and send to Jim Walker, 301 North L Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577. When I receive the money I will mark you off as paid. Please help us continue to play with nature and teach history to those that do not know. Thanks.

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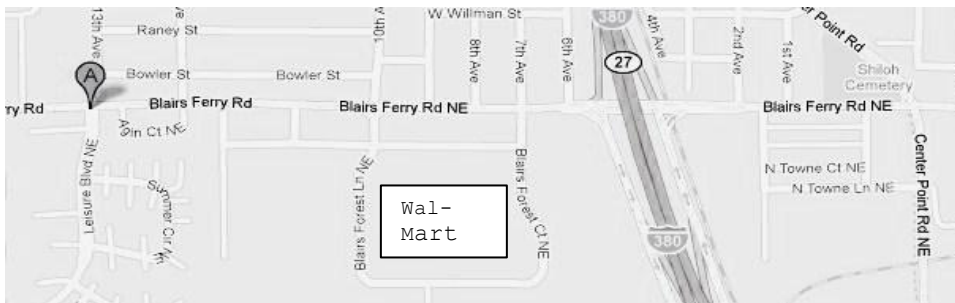
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**SKINNER DINNER**

WHEN: Saturday, March 26, 2011 1:00-6:00 PM

WHERE: Five Seasons Manufactured Home Park Meeting Hall , 3421 BlairsFerry Rd. Cedar Rapids, IA

Directions: From I-380, go west onto Blairs Ferry Rd. The park is on the left side about 2 blocks past Wal-Mart.



WHAT: Pot luck Bring a couple dishes to share (main dishes, salads, desserts, whatever you wish) and your own table service. (Plates and silverware) There is a kitchen on sight to heat up what you bring if needed. Drinks will be provided.

OTHER: We will be having our Timberwolves raffle again this year. If you would like to donate something to be raffled, please bring it with you to the dinner. All proceeds will go towards the Timberwolves Rendezvousers.

PLEASE R.S.V.P BY SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2011

Call Jane Gibbs @ 319-270-3948 or e-mail: [limping\\_bear@hotmail.com](mailto:limping_bear@hotmail.com)

Call Robin Wexell @ 319-394-3712 or e-mail: [rwexell@mepotelco.net](mailto:rwexell@mepotelco.net)

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## Pray For Brother Todd

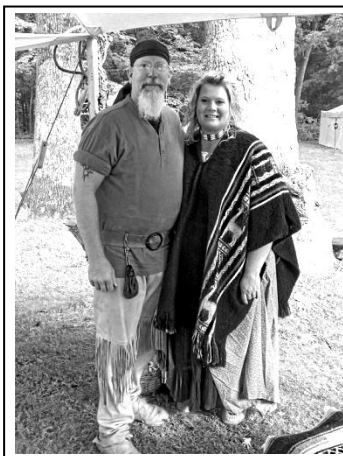
Todd Stammer is a friend, husband, father, brother and fellow Bucksinner. He is one of us, a Timberwolf. He is the booshway at the Wild Cat Den Rendezvous in Muscatine. He has been struck with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The cancer is in his lung, liver and bowel. It is treatable, so there is hope. He has been doing chemotherapy at Genesis Hospital in Davenport, Iowa. He has been fighting infections and pneumonia as complications of the chemotherapy. Taking every day one at a time is how he chooses to deal with this invasion as he knows his situation is ever changing. There will be days when all seems to be fine and well but then next day brings fever and sickness. If anyone has ever dealt with cancer and its treatments then you know this is inevitable. Todd is very strong and one of the toughest men I've ever met. There is no doubt that he will fight this and win. But, every good worrier needs a good support system and back up.

We can't do anything for him physically. If we could reach into his body and rip the cancer out of him, believe me, it would have been done by now. He would be healed and there wouldn't be a need for this request. What we can do, as friends, as his family and supporters is help out a little bit with some of the expenses that are not covered by the insurance. The fees of the parking garage, a cup of coffee or food for Stephanie while she sits with Todd, prescriptions, gas in the truck for those numerous trips to the doctors, there are so many things that I have not mentioned here. It all adds up and is a great strain to an already stretched budget.

For a minimum donation of \$5.00 (or more if you would like) you will get a little handmade flag with cross pin attached. Hang the little flag on your Timberwolves flag, on you medallion hanger or wherever you like. Wear the pin as a reminder to Pray for Brother Todd or for anyone else you know who may be fighting their own battles with cancer.

All (100%) of the money collected from the donations will be given to Todd and his family to use as they need to.

If you would like to call Todd or send him good thoughts and good wishes, you may. His home phone is 563-263-5511, cell number 563-260-2365. He has e-mail too: [toddstammer@machlink.com](mailto:toddstammer@machlink.com). His mailing address is: 2728 Brookview Rd. Muscatine, IA 52761 He also has Facebook.



Another one of our Wolf family members has been dealing with his own serious health problems. Back in November Grandpa Lonnie Henderson had a massive stroke that affected his right side and speech. He has made enormous strides in recovering. He is a bit unsteady on his feet, but he is getting around. His speech is returning also. This is a great thing, because Grandpa Lonnie had the gift of gab! Hopefully soon, with God's help he will be back to working in the woodshop and out on the rendezvous trail. If you would like to send cards and well wishes, he would very much like hearing from everyone. Lonnie Henderson P.O. Box 521 Cassville, WI 53806-0521 Grandma SunRays has Facebook. Look for Leih-Lonne Clare Henderson.



This year we've had to say good-bye to some of our dear rendezvous friends as they have taken their journey to the Big Rendezvous in the Sky. They will be missed by many and their memories will live on in our hearts. Though they are gone from us now, we will see each other again when we join them at our place around God's Big Campfire.

Glenn Drew Vallentine "GATOR" passed from this world on November 6, 2010, which also happened to be his birthday. He was from the Branson, Missouri area. During his life he was a licensed electrician. He was also a gunsmith. He owned Table Rock Traders in Branson Missouri. He was a member of the National Muzzle Loading Association and a member of the board of the South Western Regional Rendezvous.



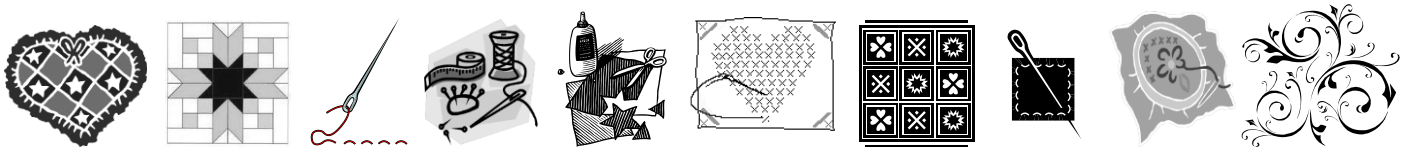
Rob Alan Strong left this world on November 9, 2010. He was from Muscatine, Iowa. Rob was a tattoo artist, carpenter, legal consultant and musician in his lifetime. He loved his Harley and riding it with his friends and family. He was a talented flintknapper and showed his craft at many rendezvous. Rob was the kind of person who became your friend upon the first meeting. He just had that certain way about him that put you at ease whenever you visited with him.



John E. Kissinger "Wishbone" made his journey to join God's Rendezvous and was reunited with his faithful companion, Askher on January 19, 2011. John was a peaceful man who loved his many animals. He will be remembered especially for his goats. He was a flute maker and played beautifully. I am truly sorry I cannot write more about him as I did not know him very well. I met him once or twice at rendezvous and had him on my Facebook friend list. I enjoyed his words of wisdom that he frequently wrote. So to those of you, who did know him well, fill in the memories and raise your cups to Wishbone.



**1 John 3:18**



### Chain Lakes Quilt Square Contest

A few years ago, at the Chain Lakes Rendezvous, an idea was formed for the Lady's Seneca. It was such a success. It has been continued ever since. The project was; each lady had to make a quilt square. We could make it anyway we wanted to. Some ladies made one with traditional pieced fabric, some did needlework on their square or painted on it, some appliquéd something like beads or fur to their square. It could be whatever they wanted to do. The only rules were, the square had to be durable enough to withstand laundering, it had to be 13x13 inch square and it had to be hand stitched. All of the squares were then entered and a panel of esteemed judges chose the winning square. The winner was awarded a finished quilt with all of the other entry squares included. Michelle Cain so graciously took on the giant responsibility to complete the quilt for the winner. As we all know, she does beautiful work! It was decided that the winner of the current year's contest would have her square in the center of the quilt that was destined to be the following year's prize. She then got to be part of the esteemed judge's panel of experts.

So this is where all of you come in, women and men too. If you would like a square to be included on the quilt that will be awarded at the 2011 Chain Lakes Rendezvous, all you need to do is make a square and get it to Michelle Cain by no later than May 2011. She needs time to assemble and complete the quilt by July. You can send your squares to her: Michelle Cain 415 E. Green St. Wyoming, IA 52362. You may make as many squares as you want for this year's quilt, the more the better. They have to be 13x13 inches and strong enough to withstand laundering. These squares do not need to be hand stitched.

If you would like the chance to be the winner of this year's quilt and go on to have your square as the center square for 2012 quilt, then bring a completed square with you to the Chain Lakes Rendezvous in July, 2011 to be judged. Besides being 13x13 inches, this square has to be hand stitched to be considered for entry. This contest is now not only open to just the women folk, but now the men may make a square for this year's quilt if they would like to. It might surprise you the talent that our men have. It could be interesting to see what they come up with!



We have recently added most of the Timberwolves information from our website: [www.timberwolvesnews.com](http://www.timberwolvesnews.com) to a page on Facebook. The Timberwolves website will still be maintained by Robin Wexell. New information will be updated regularly in both places. A lot of us seem to have Facebook accounts and log into them daily. The idea was to make it easier for messages and information to be farther circulated. Facebook is free and it allows anyone with a Facebook account access to our information. Anyone can post pictures or other things to our page. Our Timberwolves website will have links to Facebook.

On Facebook, in the "search" window, type in **Timberwolf Rendezvouchers Group** and the group page will come up. On the page you will find:

**Wall**- All activity, comments and postings are here.

**Info**-This is brief description about us and contact information.

**Discussions**-This is our message board.

**Photos**- Anyone is able to post photos here.

**Events**-This is a detailed list of the events that our people attend. Anyone is free to post information about an event they know about and would like to advertise it to others. If you have an event that is not here, please feel free to post it here.

Find the Timberwolves at: [www.timberwolvesnews.com](http://www.timberwolvesnews.com) or on Facebook: **Timberwolf Rendezvouchers Group**

## ***STU & GALE RUPE FIRE.....***

Stu and Gail Rupe from the Bloomfield, Iowa area lost everything to a house fire, Tuesday, February 1st, 2011, during the blizzard. He does have insurance, but as we all know you can't go to the local Wal-mart and buy Skinner clothes. If anyone has any extra clothes they would like to give Stu and Gail, that would be great. Stu wears a size 38 waist, 32 length pants, XL shirts and size 10 moccasins. Gail wears ladies size large dresses & size 8 moccasins. They lost all of their lanterns and small rendezvous gear like that. They have some cast iron, but not sure about dishes yet. The lodge, table & chairs were saved. The trailer was far enough away from the house so was not lost. Tim Fortney works with Stu so we can get stuff to them if we can get it gathered.....or maybe we could do something for them at the Skinner Dinner. We will try to make sure they come. If they can't make it however, Kathy and Tim Fortney will act as liaisons. If you have anything and want to help them out, bring it to the dinner or contact Tim and Kathy Fortney. Their address is: 511 W. Walnut, Eldon, Iowa 52554. Kathy is also on Facebook.

## ***WELCOME TO THE WORLD BABY CAIN!***

Guy and Michelle Cain's baby boy made his way into this world on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 during the biggest blizzard of the season. Due to the blizzard making travel almost impossible, there wasn't enough time to get Michelle to the hospital, so the baby had to be delivered at their house! Eventually both mother and baby were transferred to the hospital and both are doing well. Guy and Michelle are true Skinners anyway and this just emphasizes that fact! No word as of the printing of this newsletter on what the baby's name is. Storm sounds fitting... He joins his brothers; Owen, Samuel, and Spencer at home in Wyoming, Iowa. He also has an older brother, Aaron, who lives in Maine and an older sister, Tandilyn, who lives in Maryland.

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| MAR.<br>19    | <b>BOONE TRADE FAIR</b><br>Boone, IA<br>Joe and Kathy Lang<br><a href="mailto:wanderinglodge@aol.com">wanderinglodge@aol.com</a>  | •               |               |         |                |                 |             |               |                    |                     |         |                   |              |
| MAY<br>3-8    | <b>30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BLOODY LAKE RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Blackhawk Memorial Park – Woodford, WI<br>608-325-9890 <a href="mailto:djoostdik@tds.net">djoostdik@tds.net</a>   |                 |               |         | •              | •               | •           | •             | •                  | •                   |         | •                 | •            |
| MAY<br>14-15  | <b>EDINBURGH RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Edinburgh, IA<br>Sean Braden 319-632-6979  |                 |               |         | •              | •               |             | •             |                    | •                   | •       |                   |              |
| MAY<br>27-30  | <b>WAUBONSIE TRAIL RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Cantril, IA<br>Tim Fortney 641-652-3510 <a href="mailto:greatmagoo@hotmail.com">greatmagoo@hotmail.com</a>   |                 | •             | •       | •              | •               | •           | •             | •                  | •                   | •       |                   | •            |
| JUNE<br>16-19 | <b>PRAIRE VILLA RENDEZVOUS</b><br>St. Feriole Island – Priarie Du Chien, WI<br>608-822-6916<br><a href="http://www.prairieduchien.org">www.prairieduchien.org</a>   |                 | •             | •       | •              | •               | •           | •             | •                  |                     |         |                   | •            |
| JULY<br>1-4   | <b>WAPSIVOUS 2011</b><br>Wapsipinicon State Park – Anamosa, IA<br>Duke Snyder 563-488-3972 or 319-360-4233  |                 | •             | •       | •              | •               | •           | •             | •                  | •                   | •       |                   | •            |
| JULY<br>15-17 | <b>CHAIN LAKES RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Chain Lakes State Park – Palo, IA<br>Alan Stuefen 319-241-0643   |                 |               |         | •              | •               | •           | •             | •                  | •                   | •       |                   |              |
| AUG.<br>5-7   | <b>19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DOG HOLLOW RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Oskaloosa, IA<br>Jim Walker 641-673-6791 (H) or 641-295-0612 (C)<br><a href="mailto:walkman@mahaska.org">walkman@mahaska.org</a>   |                 |               |         | •              | •               | •           | •             | •                  | •                   | •       |                   | •<br>OS      |
| AUG.<br>12-14 | <b>MAQUOKETA RIVER RENDEZVOUS</b><br>2 miles N of Spragueville, IA<br>Guy Cain 319-821-0044<br><a href="http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=196225243726301&amp;index=1">www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=196225243726301&amp;index=1</a> |                 |               |         | •              | •               |             |               | •                  | •                   |         |                   |              |
| AUG.<br>6-14  | <b>MIDWEST PRIMITIVE RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Palatine, IL<br><a href="http://www.rendezvousohio.com/Midwest_home.html">www.rendezvousohio.com/Midwest_home.html</a><br>Larry Chowning <a href="mailto:chowning.d@sbcglobal">chowning.d@sbcglobal</a>  |                 |               |         | •              | •               | •           | •             | •                  | •                   |         |                   | •            |
| AUG.<br>19-21 | <b>17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HERITAGE DAYS</b><br>Lake Storey Park – Galesburg, IL<br>Dave Bernhart 309-342-6159<br><a href="http://www.heritagedays.com">www.heritagedays.com</a>   |                 | •             | •       | •              | •               | •           | •             | •<br>OS            | •                   |         | TBA               | •<br>OS      |

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| SEPT.<br>2-5   | <b>STEAMBOAT ROCK RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Steamboat Rock, IA<br>Chuck Harrison 319-239-5155 or Brian Tentmaker 641-425-4890  |                 |               |         | •              | •               | •           | •             | •                  |                     | •       |                    | •            |
| SEPT.<br>9-11  | <b>FT. MADISON RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Riverside Park – Ft. Madison, IA<br>Eugene Watkins 309-299-5010   |                 | •             | •       | •              | •               | •           | •             |                    | •                   | •       |                    | •<br>OS      |
| SEPT.<br>16-18 | <b>WILDCAT DEN RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Wildcat Den State Park – Muscatine, IA<br>Todd Stammer 563-263-5511<br><a href="mailto:toddstammer@machlink.com">toddstammer@machlink.com</a> |                 | •<br>OS       | •<br>OS | SOME           | •               | •           | •             |                    | •                   | •       | •                  | •<br>OS      |
| SEPT.<br>23-25 | <b>34TH ANNUAL FORT ATKINSON RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Ft. Atkinson, IA  |                 |               | •<br>OS | •              | •               | •           | •             | •                  |                     |         | •                  | •<br>OS      |
| OCT.<br>1-2    | <b>SEMINOLE VALLEY RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Seminole Valley Farm - Cedar Rapids, IA<br>Jason Hoover 319-378-9870 <a href="mailto:tk.hoover@mchsi.com">tk.hoover@mchsi.com</a>         |                 | •             | •       | •              | •               | •           |               |                    |                     |         |                    |              |
| OCT.<br>7-9    | <b>FOREST CRAFT FESTIVAL AND RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Lake Lacey State Park – Keosauqua, IA<br>Doc Stogdill 641-675-3220  |                 |               | •       | •              | •               | •           | •             |                    |                     |         |                    | •            |
| OCT.<br>15-16  | <b>GRAFTON RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Grafton, IL<br>Cindy Grizzle 618-372-8672<br><a href="http://www.mysticbuffalo.com">www.mysticbuffalo.com</a>                                     |                 |               |         | •              | •               | •           | •             | •                  |                     |         |                    | •<br>OS      |
| OCT.<br>28-30  | <b>1ST ANNUAL BENTONSPORT HALLOWEEN RENDEZVOUS</b><br>Bentonsport, IA<br>Doc Stogdill 641-675-3220   |                 | •             |         | •              | •               | •           | •             |                    | •                   | •       |                    | •            |

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