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Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

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MINUTEMAN PRESS HAS MOVED



You gotta stop and see our new shop - it's so big & so bright! Our address is 3523 Eastern Avenue, Suite 4. We are located at Eastern & Kimberly on the backside of the Camera Corner building facing McDonalds.

Along with the 1 and 2 color printing of business cards, letter-head, envelopes, carbonless forms and newsletters; we also offer full color printing of all previous mentioned items at a very reasonable price. We still make b&w copies, color copies, do faxing and scanning.

We have expanded our offerings of advertising specialites and in our new location we can actually display them. It includes plastic and canvas bags, mouse pads, pens and pencils, cups, water bottles, name tags/badges, hand sanitizers, and lip balm, just to name a few.

With parade season and trade shows just around the corner - contact us for fun ideas for giveaways to promote your business.

We also have a large selection of wedding invitations - from the budget conscious send & seals to the pocket style with coordinating inserts. Not to mention the destination weddings and an entire coordinated ensemble. In our new space we were able to add a table with seating area so you can look at the catalogs and pick out save-the-date magnets, invites, napkins, guest books, pens, unity candles, cake tops, serving sets, toasting flutes, favor boxes & bags, fans, signs and banners that are all customized for your special day. The options are unlimited!

Our hours are the same we're open Monday thru Friday from 8 to 5:30. Please stop in for the tour. We are still planning an Open House if the weather ever improves - stay tuned for details!

WE MAKE BANNERS ➔



DON'T GET PENALIZED

Purchase your pet licenses before April 1st to avoid a delinquent fee. All cats and dogs over six months are required to have an annual license. The license fee is \$3.00 per animal and proof of rabies vaccination is required. A delinquent fee of \$1.00 is added after April 1st.



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BASEBALL DIAMONDS

Spring is near and that means the baseball diamonds will be filling up. We are scheduling practices for baseball and softball teams at both Victory & Wescott Parks. To reserve a diamond, contact City Hall at 284.6571 x10.

BLUE GRASS COMMUNITY CLUB

March 8th

St. Patrick's Theme

Doors open at 6:00pm

Trivia starts at 7:00pm

Teams of 8 - \$10 per person

Bring snacks - bar will be open

To reserve a table call John at
(563) 343-7893



SPLASH PAD COMMITTEE

A committee is being established to assist in planning and funding opportunities for a splash pad project. Please contact City Hall at 284-6571 x10 if you are interested in participating in this exciting new project!



SCOTT
COUNTY
LIBRARY
SYSTEM

LIBRARY NEWS:

It's that time again—tax time! Do you need tax forms or booklets? We have them at the Walcott Library; stop in and pick them up if you need them. You can also print out any online documentation that you need to file and make copies. Copies are 10¢ each and the first five printouts from a computer are free. Our hours are Monday & Wednesday, 2-7 P.M.; Tuesday, 1-5; Friday, 9-1, and Saturday, 9-12.

An open house for Debbie Jacobs, our former librarian, will be Saturday, March 15, from 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. at the Walcott Library. Come in and wish her a happy retirement. Refreshments will be served.

St. Patrick's Day is the theme of the March story time for children, ages 3-10, on Saturday, March 1. There will be a craft and stories. Preschool story times will be on Wednesdays from 2:10-2:40 P.M.

The adult genre for the month is Popular Mystery and Detective fiction.

The Newbery and Caldecott Awards, top awards for writing and illustrating children's books, have been announced. The Newbery went to Kate DiCamillo for *Flora & Ulysses*. In the past, she won the Newbery for *The Tale of Despereaux*, and received an honor award for *Because of Winn-Dixie*, both of which were made into films. The Caldecott award in 2014 for illustrations went to *Locomotive* by Brian Floca. The National Education Association has a list of the top 100 books for children as determined by teachers. Ten are listed below; how many have you read or do you own?

1. *Charlotte's Web* (White)
2. *Where the Wild Things Are* (Sendak)
3. *The Giving Tree* (Silverstein)
4. *Green Eggs and Ham* (Seuss)
5. *Good Night, Moon* (Brown)
6. *I Love You Forever* (Munsch)
7. *Because of Winn-Dixie* (DiCamillo)
8. *Oh, the Places You'll Go* (Seuss)
9. *The Little House* (Burton)
10. *The Polar Express* (Van Allsburg)



WALCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

December 2013 Calls

EMS	24
Auto Accidents	7
Fires (Grass/Vehicles/Structures)	4
Fire Alarm	1

YEAR TO DATE 303

New record for yearly total!

The fire department is in need of volunteers - as of January 19th we are already 24 calls in!

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BLUE GRASS

We have come through a hard winter, one of record coldness, highest propane prices and snow, now we come to the time of spring and daylight savings. The church comes to a time of renewal and repentance in March as we think about Lent. Lent is not a new concept in Baptist Life for every Sunday we do a call of repentance. Just as this winter has not been an easy life to live with subzero temperatures, repentance sometimes is not an easy path to walk. It means looking inside ourselves and acknowledging that we have chosen to live a path that separates us from God, but just like the weather will warm when reconciliation comes in our soul is renewed.

Come and walk this time of Lent with us, a time of repentance and reconciliation.

Times of Worship:

Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 6:00 PM

Sunday's 9:00 Coffee and Fellowship

9:30 Prayer and Praise

10:00 Morning Worship

Monday's 6:00 PM Bible Study

Beginning on Monday March 10th, a special Lenten Bible Study, The Road to Reconciliation.

Check out our ad this month for our Enrichment Center that offers faith based counseling with holistic services to help you transform your life. For more information or spiritual help call us at (563) 381-4649, email us at fbcb.bluegrass@gmail.com or find us on facebook at [facebook/1stbaptistbg](https://www.facebook.com/1stbaptistbg).

By Pastor Edith Little

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WALCOTT CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday May 3rd from 8am to 2pm (rain or shine). Registration forms will be available in April 1st available at Walcott Casey's and Walcott City Hall. The cost to register is \$10 and the deadline to register is Monday April 27th.

The garage sale is a community service project that the Nu Zeta Sorority does as a fund raiser. The money is donated to organizations and schools in the Walcott area. Please call Kayla Sweeney (284-4068) or Kris Burt (284-9028) with any questions. Thank you for your support!!

Submitted by NuZeta Sorority

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First Baptist Church

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WALCOTT SCHOOL NEWS

I can hardly wait to welcome spring. This has certainly been a long and cold winter! Our spring break will take place March 13 - 21. Classes will resume on Monday, March 24th.

A very important date to mark on your April calendar will be our Kindergarten Round-Up scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 17th. Your child must be 5 years old by September 15, 2014 to be eligible to attend Kindergarten in the fall. Please phone the school (284-6253) if you and your child will be attending the April Kindergarten Round-Up.

Please join us to cheer on our co-ed swim team this month.

Be sure to take a look at our web site on the Davenport Community School District web page (davenportschools.org). Click on "Our Schools", then hi-light "School Web Sites" and then click on Walcott Elementary or Intermediate. You will be able to see our calendar of events there.

Submitted by:

Rockin' Robyn Stender

Walcott School Secretary

If your child is interested in playing softball or baseball, please contact Jen Schaeffer, Ian Chestnut, or Denise Dawson.



Keep Up With the Walcott Lions

40th ANNUAL
WALCOTT LIONS CLUB
FISH FRY
TUESDAY MARCH 11th
WALCOTT COLISEUM
SERVING 4:00 - 8:00 PM
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Keep Up With the Walcott Lions

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AND MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jacob Puck

Leon Downing

940-4036

284-6808

puckjl@hotmail.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

Find the Walcott Lions at

<http://walcottia.lionwap.org>



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Friday, March 28, 2014

Serving 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Cost - \$10.00 in advance

\$11.00 at the door

Children's Chicken Nugget Meal - \$4.00

Homemade Desserts - \$1.50

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AS WE BEGIN THE LENTEN SEASON, CALVARY UNITED METHODIST will HAVE AN ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH AT 7 p.m. THE CALVARY KIDS' CLUB will HOST A SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER PRIOR TO THE SERVICE IN THE SOCIAL HALL. SERVING will BEGIN AT 6 p.m. ALL ARE INVITED. THERE IS NO CHARGE, BUT THERE WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A FREE-WILL OFFERING.

OUR CALVARY KIDS CLUB will be winding down with THEIR ANNUAL END OF THE SEASON BANQUET ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY THIS YEAR WITH MUSICAL PERFORMANCES AT SEVERAL OF OUR CHURCH SERVICES. IT HAS BEEN A FUN SEASON AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK BY THE VOLUNTEERS AND THANK THE PARENTS FOR SHARING THEIR CHILDREN WITH US.

CALVARY PRESCHOOL is NOW ACCEPTING ENROLLMENTS FOR 3-5 YEAR olds for fall session. PLEASE CALL THE PRESCHOOL AT 284-6122 OR STOP BY THE OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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LOOKING FOR A GREAT EXPERIENCE TO START OUT YOUR SUMMER????

Walcott Day is looking for contestants for the annual Walcott Day Queen and Princess Contest.

Join your friends for a memorable experience. You will enjoy various small town parades, glamorous pictures, newspaper article all about you, cash prizes for the top three places, and most of all the chance to be crowned the 2014 Walcott Day Queen or Princess!!

Queen contestants age 13-16 (There may be exceptions).
Princess contestants age 8-10.

So don't delay, make sure and call us today!! This is on a first come first serve basis as we are limited to how many contestants may run each year.

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February 17, 2014 MINUTES

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 17th day of February, 2014, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were: Tim Koehler, Virgil Wayne Latimer, Lisa Mengler, Jackie Puck, and Jacob Puck. Absent: None. City employees present: Jeff Blake, John Brockmann, Jackie Huston, Linda Rivers, and Tom Schirman.

Jake Puck moved and Mengler seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. Mengler moved and Koehler seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, minutes from 2/3/14, January 2014 Financial Reports, Resolution 2014-6, Approving Wage increase for Building Official, and Resolution 2014-7, Adopting the 2013 Supplement to the Walcott Code of Ordinances. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Audience. Joe & Jessie Latsch and Joe Hahn.

Contract approval for Sanitary Sewer Inflow & Infiltration Study. Brockmann recommended waiting to approve the contract due to the concerns Attorney Schirman has with the contract. Koehler moved and Mengler seconded to table the contract until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Iowa U.S. Route 6 Renewal. Following discussion on the renewal, Koehler moved and Jake Puck seconded to approve the 2 year renewal for \$150.00. Motion carried.

Ordinance 469-14, Amending Chapter 125, Pertaining to Mobile Home Park Regulations. Koehler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 469-14. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Splash Pad Advisory Committee. Mayor Kostichek requested approval to appoint the following committee members: Bridget Geigle, Danielle Blake, Lisa Holdorf, Leah Patton, Jackie Geigle, Heidi Wulf, and Amy Leuenhagen. Jackie Puck moved and Mengler seconded to approve the appointments. Motion carried.

Potential Parking Code Changes. The following parking restrictions were discussed for possible code changes-

- Ø **Right-of-way parking.** Parking is currently prohibited on the street ROW that lies between the curb and the property line that is not covered by driveway. The recommendation would be to change it to curblines for areas that do not have an actual curb. Some areas may need to be exempted. Council consensus was to make the change.
- Ø **Front yard parking.** This change would be to prohibit parking in front yards except on driveways. Corner lots have two front yards. Council consensus was to make this change.
- Ø **Side & rear yard parking.** Possible restrictions could include: limiting the number of motor vehicles and/or towables to 2 or 3 in the rear yard or allowing a certain percentage of the rear yard to be hard-surfaced for parking. Due to the complicated nature of this issue and a lack of Council consensus, this topic will be put on a future agenda for dis-

ussion.

- Ø **Motor vehicles on jacks.** The Council consensus was to limit vehicles being allowed outside on jacks. Approved jack stands versus other more dangerous materials was discussed. Length of time allowed for jack stand use was reviewed. Schirman and Rivers will return to a future meeting with recommendations.

Planning & Zoning Commission Concerns. Huston presented the following issues that were discussed at the P&Z meeting and are being brought to the Council for direction-

- Ø **Accessory buildings on larger lots.** Current code allows lots that are larger than 20,000 sq. ft. to construct a second accessory building up to 3,000 sq. ft. Huston questioned if the accessory building would be considered too large if the house was only 800-900 sq. ft. P&Z did not have a recommendation to lower the square footage, so Koehler recommended leaving it as is and the rest of the Council did not disagree.
- Ø **Special Uses Permitted.** Attorney Schirman recommended allowing residential use in conjunction with commercial use in C-1 and C-2 zoning. P&Z also would recommend this change. Council consensus was to proceed with the change.
- Ø **Car Ports.** P&Z is recommending language that would consider approved car ports as part of the allowed square footage of an attached or detached garage and that the car port must be attached to the garage or primary structure. Council consensus was to add the language.
- Ø **Snow fences.** P&Z had a request to allow snow fences to be placed in front yards as that is where they are likely needed. Currently, snow fences are not allowed in front yards. Following discussion, the Council determined that front yard snow fences could allow snow to drift on neighboring properties and did not consider them appropriate for front yards.

The recommended code changes will be prepared for a P&Z meeting.

Building Department – Resolution Awarding Contract for Demolition of Building. Rivers reported that the bids had been opened and some had been very reasonable. Tom has approved the contract and lawful disposal of the material is included. Following discussion, Koehler moved and Jake Puck seconded to approve Resolution 2014-8, awarding the contract for demolition to Holst Trucking in the amount of \$3,488.00. Motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Police Department Report. Chief Blake gave the January 2014 call reports to the Council. He also reported on staffing in his department and that the damaged squad is still not repaired.

Public Works Department Report. Brockmann reported on winter related difficulties including another water main break and snow removal. He is still attempting to get an asbestos removal estimate for the recently purchased building on Main Street. Delays on the Bryant Street project were discussed. Council requested that Schirman contact the City Engineer to attempt to get the engineering on the project completed.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Kostichek reported that the Municipal Building Committee had been meeting and was making progress. The next meeting is February 18th.

Jackie Puck moved and Koehler seconded to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.



March 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday Calvary Church: 10am Worship</p>	<p>First Baptist: 9am Church School 9:30 Fellowship 10am Worship in Blue Grass</p>	<p>4 Spring Pictures 9am Community Coffee @ Courtyard 5 pm-Swim vs: Clin- ton @ West 6:30pm Sheep- head@Courtyard</p>	<p>5 2 pm Bingo@ Courtyard 5:30 pm Park Board Meeting @ City Hall Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>6 5 pm-Swim City Meet @ West High School Pool 7pm Community Club @ Legion</p>	<p>7 7 pmPantherpa- loozza Talent Show in Gym</p>	<p>1 3pm Irish Dancers @ Courtyard</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>3 6 pm-Band & Or- chestra Party @ Q.C. Family Center for 5th & 6th Graders 6pm City Council Meet- ing @ City Hall</p>	<p>11 4-8pm Lions Fish Fry@ Coliseum 6:30 pmDominoes@ Courtyard</p>	<p>12 1:40 pm-Early Dismissal 1:15pm 500 @ Court- yard 6pm Bingo @ Court- yard</p>	<p>13 No School Spring Break</p>	<p>14 No School Spring Break 7pm J. Beauchamp @ Coliseum</p>	<p>15 11am-1pm Retirement party for Debbie Jacobs</p>
<p>9 Daylight Savings Time ends</p>	<p>10 12:30pm Chamber @ Coliseum 6 pm-PTA Meeting in the IMC</p>	<p>18 No School Spring Break 6pm City Council Meet- ing @ City Hall St Patrick's Day</p>	<p>19 No School Spring Break 2pm Bingo @ Court- yard</p>	<p>20 No School Spring Break</p>	<p>21 No School Spring Break 7pm Lost Country Dancers</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 No School Spring Break 6pm City Council Meet- ing @ City Hall St Patrick's Day</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 1:15PM 500 @ Courtyard</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 PCN Fun Night for Grades 6-8</p>	<p>29 Large Group Fes- tival @ West High School 7/8 Grade Band</p>
<p>23 1:30pm Polka Club @ Coliseum</p>	<p>24 Classes Resume Track Season Begins</p>	<p>31</p>				
<p>30</p>						

Chamber members may submit articles by the 15th of each month to be included in the next chamber newsletter. Articles written may be edited or reduced as space provides. Contact Kris Burt at 284-9028 or email at cwkkburt@msn.com.

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BEEF AND GUINNESS STEW

Ingredients

2 lbs stewing beef
3 tablespoons oil
2 tablespoons flour
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Pinch of cayenne
2 large onions, coarsely chopped
1 garlic clove, crushed
2 tablespoons tomato puree,
dissolved in 4 tablespoons water
1 1/4 cups Guinness
2 cups largely diced carrots
Sprig of fresh thyme
Chopped parsley, for garnish

Directions

Trim the meat of any fat or gristle, and cut into 2-inch cubes. Toss beef with 1 tablespoon of the oil. In a small bowl, season the flour with salt, pepper and cayenne. Toss meat with seasoned flour. Heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over high heat. Brown the meat on all sides. Reduce the heat, add the onions, crushed garlic and tomato puree to the skillet, cover, and cook gently for 5 minutes. Transfer the contents of the skillet to a casserole and pour half of the Guinness into the skillet. Bring Guinness to a boil and stir to dissolve the caramelized meat juices on the pan. Pour over the meat, along with the remaining Guinness. Add the carrots and thyme. Stir and adjust seasonings. Cover the casserole and simmer over low heat, or in a 300 degree F oven until the meat is tender, 2 to 3 hours. Garnish the beef with parsley and serve.

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