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# Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## NEWSLETTER

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### WALCOTT DAISY AND BROWNIE TROOP# 8441

Happy Birthday Girl Scouts! On March 12th, Girl Scouts will be celebrating its 103rd anniversary. Girl Scouts focuses on building leadership skills by providing girls with opportunities to discover their interests, connect with others, and take action to change the world for the better. We are fortunate to have active troops right here in our town!

Walcott Girl Scout Troop #8441 is a group of seven Daisies (Kindergarten and 1st graders), and five Brownies (2nd and 3rd graders). Led by Jenn Schaeffer, troop members work to earn badges from September through May during regular meeting dates. Members can also work individually earning extra badges by taking part in events offered through the Girl Scout Council of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois. We are also looking forward to having the opportunity to do service projects throughout our community. Besides our Daisy/Brownie troop, there is also a Junior troop led by Deborah Argenta and Cadet troop led by Nancy Engler.

Right now all Girl Scouts are in the heart of cookie sales! If you haven't had the chance yet and want to buy cookies, please email Jenn Schaeffer at [schaefferx4@gmail.com](mailto:schaefferx4@gmail.com) and we will be sure to get your order filled. As in the past, this year we are selling: Thanks A Lots, Lemonades, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel deLites, and Peanut Butter Sandwiches. Look for us in March (hopefully when the weather warms up!) at Casey's in Walcott.



Troop #8441 kicked off Girl Scout cookie selling campaign with a trip to the Build-A-Bear Workshop.

Pictured are:

Front: Allison Toft, Amira Coffin, Myli Geigle, Lucy Bernick, Emma Chesnutt and Malayna Sanders.  
Back: Allie Burney, Lily Knapper, Rachel Ehlers, Katelynn Toft, Lila Schaeffer, and Madyson Sanders.



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BLUE GRASS

Easter is early this year, after a hard cold winter we now look forward to spring and the resurrection of all life, it is our hope that you feel this time of resurrection and new life in your homes. We at FBC want to be a place where you can be renewed, a place of hope, a place where Jesus love is given to all.

We want to invite you to all our Easter Activities, an activity that will be returning to our church is our Easter Egg hunt on Palm Sunday.

We hope to see you at one of our activities this Easter Sunday, March 29th 10:00 AM Palm Sunday Service  
1:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt for all ages  
Thursday, April 2nd: 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service with Passover Meal

Please RSVP to the church (381-4649) by March 27th if you would like to attend this meal, we will be serving lamb and will also be ending this with communion. Come and experience Passover as Jesus and the early disciples did.

Friday, April 3rd: 7:00 PM Good Friday Service  
Sunday, April 5th Easter Sunday  
8:00 AM Breakfast  
9:30 AM Easter Worship with communion

We hope to worship with you this Easter and if you have a struggle in your life and need a helping hand check out the services of our Enrichment Center. We are located at 14542 61st Ave. Make sure to call church office (381-4649) by March 27th and eat a Passover Meal with us.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Blue Grass Legion Home  
106 South Juniata Street

Saturday, **March 7, 2015**, 6:30 to 10:00 AM

### All You Can Eat

Pancakes\*\*Scrambled Eggs\*\*Sausage Homemade Syrup\*\*Potatoes Cinnamon Rolls\*\*Biscuits & Gravy Juice\*\*Milk\*\*Coffee

Adults: \$7 Children 4-12: \$3.50 Under 4: FREE

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## WALCOTT SCHOOL NEWS

Our spring break will take place March 16 – 20. Classes will resume on Monday, March 23rd.

A very important date to mark on your March calendar will be our Kindergarten Round-Up scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 5th. Your child must be 5 years old by September 15, 2015 to be eligible to attend Kindergarten in the fall. Please phone the school (284-6253) if you and your child will be attending the March Kindergarten Round-Up.

Please join us to cheer on our co-ed swim team this month. They have been working very hard.

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



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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. Contact City Hall at 284.6571 x10 to reserve a diamond.



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## WALCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

### January 2015 Calls

False Alarm	2
EMS	17
MVC	1
Other	3
Month	23
<b>YTD</b>	<b>23</b>



Walcott Fire Department's new mainline engine is now in service! A HUGE thank you to Scott County Regional Authority for their grant, in the amount of \$50,000, towards the truck purchase and to Alliant Energy for their \$2,500 Community Grant award to purchase new equipment for the truck. The new pumper has a 1,000 gallon water tank and a 20 gallon built in foam cell. All the seats, except the driver's seat, are equipped with air packs, which will help expedite on-scene emergency services.

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## 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 regular fee is \$3.00 per animal and proof of rabies vaccination is required.

## NEWS FROM CALVARY

**Calvary Trivia Night** will be held at the church on Saturday, March 14th from 7-10 p.m. Door prizes and silent auction will be held. Fees are \$8/person or \$80/table (Table of 8). You can contact Patricia Sexton at 563-343-9987 or email at CALVARYUNITED-METHODISTRIVIA @GMAIL.COM to make a reservation.

**Calvary Kids Club** will be ending this session with a banquet on Wednesday, March 11th. All parents, siblings, grand-parents are invited to attend. Just call the church to make a reservation.

**Calvary Church** will be holding Palm Sunday services on Sunday, March 29th at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Palm fronds will be distributed.

**Calvary Preschool** will hold their Open House and Fall Registration on Thursday, March 12th from 5 to 7 p.m. for classes for 3-5 year olds. Register now and secure your child's place for next fall. Classes limited to 18 children.

The preschool would like to express their sincere appreciation to the Walcott Lions Club for providing vision screening for the children again this year. Your dedication to this worthy cause is appreciated.



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Walcott Lions

## 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FISH FRY

Tuesday March 10th 2015

4-8pm at the Walcott Coliseum

\$12 in Advance and \$13 at the Door

All proceeds go to Walcott Lions projects.

## WALCOTT LIONS CLUB

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Find the Walcott Lions at  
<http://walcottia.lionwap.org>



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## CATFISH FILET

Friday, March 27, 2015

Serving 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Catfish Filet - \$11.00

Children's Chicken Nugget Meal - \$4.00

Homemade Desserts - \$1.50

Tickets available from any Walcott Legion member  
For further information, call 563-284-6640

## 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 2015 Walcott Day Queen or Princess!! Contestants also earn 10% of their sales.

(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.

Please contact: Kelly Quick 563-505-9072 or Jenn Schaeffer 563 570 0582

*Interested in joining Walcott Day? Come help us plan this awesome day. Meetings are the third Thursday of every month at the fire station. It takes a lot of work and a lot of people to help plan this wonderful event. If you have any questions please call Joe quick 563-343-8996 or Kelly Quick 563505 9072*

## Corned Beef and Cabbage

[allrecipes.com](http://allrecipes.com)

### INGREDIENTS

- 3 pounds corned beef brisket with spice packet
- 10 small red potatoes
- 5 carrots, peeled and cut into 3-inch pieces
- 1 large head cabbage, cut into small wedges



**PREP**  
10 mins

**COOK**  
2 hrs 25 mins

**READY IN**  
2 hrs 35 mins

### DIRECTIONS

Place corned beef in large pot or Dutch oven and cover with water. Add the spice packet that came with the corned beef. Cover pot and bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer approximately 50 minutes per pound or until tender.

Add whole potatoes and carrots, and cook until the vegetables are almost tender. Add cabbage and cook for 15 more minutes. Remove meat and let rest 15 minutes.

Place vegetables in a bowl and cover. Add as much broth (cooking liquid reserved in the Dutch oven or large pot) as you want. Slice meat across the grain.



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 Not So Great Depression, by Amy Goldman Koss  
 Blue Lily, Lily Blue, by Maggie Stiefvater  
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 Graveyard Book, by Neil Gaiman  
 Steampunk Chronicles Series, by Kady Cross  
 Antigoddess, by Kendare Blake  
 Man Made Boy, by Jon Skovron  
 Graceling, by Kristin Cashore



## LIBRARY NEWS

The Walcott Library and its parent, Scott County Library, wishes to thank those generous people who drop off donated books to sell to raise funds for our children's programs.

Instead of throwing them away or letting them gather dust on book shelves, they give them a chance to inform or entertain others. We always welcome more! At this time our shelves are overflowing so we will display them for sale in the month of March. There are many hardcover and paperback books for adults and children, magazines, and 2015 wall calendars. The prices are 50¢ for hardcover, 25¢ for paperbacks, and 10¢ for magazines. The calendars are free. You can always donate them back to the library to be sold again so they don't clutter up your bookshelves.

The library will be open during spring break, and kids are invited to come in to make things with Legos or Duplos, to color and create crafts, to read, and to play board games. Our hours are 2-7 on Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-5 on Tuesdays, 9-1 on Friday, and 9-12 on Saturday.

Come to the Eldridge Branch on Thursday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of craft fun based on popular Dr. Seuss characters. Books and other related materials will be available for check out after the program. This program will continue to be held one evening each month through May and will celebrate a variety of esteemed children's books and authors.

The featured authors for March are Irish, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Their books are on the cart next to the copy machine. Story time for children, ages 3-10, will be on Saturday, March 14, from 10-11 a.m. and will feature St. Patrick's Day books, crafts, and treats.

Staff Picks of 2014 included the following books for young adults, which are enjoyed by mature adults, too.

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**GARAGE SALE**

The Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday May 2nd 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 Friday April 24th.

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!!

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## FEBRUARY 16, 2015 MINUTES

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 16th day of February, 2015, 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, Lisa Rickertsen, and Tom Schirman.

Latimer moved and Jacob Puck seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. Koehler moved and Jacob Puck seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, minutes from February 2, 2015, minutes from February 12, 2015, January 2015 Financial reports, and Resolution 2015-10, Adopting the 2014 Supplement to the Walcott Code of Ordinances. Roll call ayes: Koehler, Jacob Puck, Jackie Puck, Latimer, and Mengler. Motion carried.

Introduction of Audience. Michael Hart, Bernard Brus, Jill Hernandez, Gene Meyer, Donna Housley, and Joe & Kelly Quick.

Bond Financing/Northland Securities. Michael Hart discussed the City's current outstanding debt, debt capacity, procedures for using TIF (tax increment financing), and General Obligation Bonds versus TIF Revenue Bonds. Future financing options were discussed for the Main Street Enhancement project and the proposed Municipal Building project. Mayor Kostichek thanked Hart for the presentation.

RAGBRAI Pass-Through Agreement. Rickertsen stated a chairperson is needed for this year's RAGBRAI events. Joe Quick volunteered to co-chair the event. Koehler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to approve the RAGBRAI XLIII Pass-Through Town Agreement for July 25th. Motion carried. The agreement states that the City agrees to shut down outdoor activities by 2:30 p.m.

101 S. Main Street Lot. A letter expected from Central Petroleum Company regarding their concerns with the City constructing a municipal building on the city-owned lot (101 S. Main Street), west of Cen-Pe-Co, had not been received yet. City Hall neighbor, Jill Hernandez, was present and stated she doesn't have the same attachment to her house as she had in the past and had plans to put her home for sale.

Full-Time Grade III WW Operator Position. Discussion was held on hiring a full-time certified Grade III Wastewater Operator. Currently the City has a part-time certified operator that is only at the plant on a limited basis. Brockmann stated our certified operator and full-time wastewater employee have been discussing issues and Brockmann will report on options at the next meeting. Council asked that an updated job description be prepared for the next meeting.

Call Service for Code Enforcement. Discussion was held on the information presented by the Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer at the last meeting regarding utilizing a call service for code enforcement violations. Following discussion, Mengler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to not proceed with utilizing a call service as presented. Motion carried.

2015 Summer Youth Program. Rickertsen reported the rate for a six-week summer youth program with Scott County YMCA will remain the same this year. Mengler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to approve the 2015 Summer Youth Program with Scott County YMCA, same fees as last year. Motion carried. Fees will be \$70 per participant for children residing in city limits or Fire District #6 and the full cost of \$196.45 for non-residents.

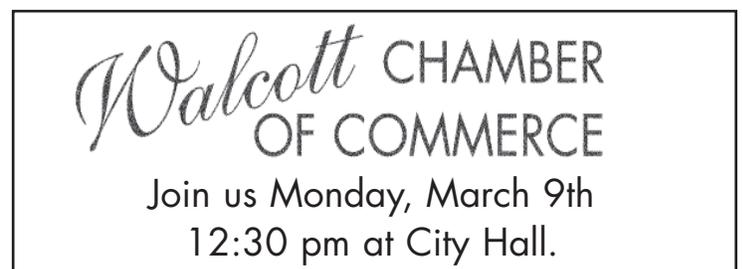
Police Department Report. Chief Blake reported he will present a proposed weapons policy at the next meeting. Mayor Kostichek stated he had citizen inquiries pertaining to the police dog, Titan. Chief Blake reported he isn't doing much with Titan this time of year and there have not been any large seizures. He stated the policies for prosecuting have changed since he had a police dog in another community several years ago.

Public Work's Report. Brockmann presented a project worksheet for a used 2006 International Dump Truck with an underbody plow. He stated the new truck will replace the 1992 International dump truck, which will move to the sewer plant and replace the 1983 Ford K7000 dump truck. Discussion was held on options of either advertising for sealed bids or trade-in for the 1983 truck. Following further discussion, Koehler moved and Jacob Puck seconded to proceed with purchasing a 2006 International dump truck with an underbody plow. Motion carried. The cost of the truck and sandblasting and painting is expected to be \$42,800. The 1983 Ford K700 dump truck will be advertised for sale. Brockmann stated he is also researching costs of a new dump truck/snow plow, or another used one if available. Brockmann also reported on a recent water main break, snow plowing issues, and hauling of snow piles (due to safety concerns).

City Clerk's Report. Jacob Puck moved and Mengler seconded to request the State Auditor's Office perform the annual examination for FYE 2015. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the building at 1113 N. Main Street and the high heating bill.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Kostichek stated the municipal building project is going to take time as it needs to be something that will last 70 – 80 years and he wants to do it properly and hopes the public is patient through the process.

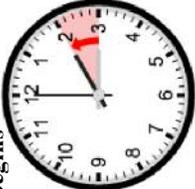
Mengler moved and Latimer seconded to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.





# March 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6pm City Council Meeting	3 Spring School Picture Day 9am Community Coffee @ Courtyard 6:30pm Sheepshead @ Courtyard	4 2pm Bingo @ Courtyard 5:30pm Park Board Mt	5 9:30 am- Kindergarten Round-Up 5 pm Swim Meet @ West 7pm Community Club@ Legion	6 6:30 pm Pantherpalooza Talent Show in Large Gym	7
8 Daylight Savings Begins 	9 12:30 Chamber Meeting @ City Hall 4 pm PTA Meeting in the IMC	10 4-8pm Lion's Fish Fry @ Coliseum 5 pm Swim Meet @ West High School 7 pm Grade 5-8 Band Concert in Large Gym 7pm Dominoes @Courtyard	11 1:15pm 500 @ Courtyard 6pm Bingo @ Courtyard	12 5 pm Swim Meet @ West High School 5-7pm Preschool Open House @ Calvary	13 1:35 pm Early Dismissal	14 10-11am Story Time @ Library 7pm Trivia Night @ Calvary Church
15	16 Spring Break 6pm City Council Meeting	17 Spring Break  St Patrick's Day	18 Spring Break 2pm Bingo @ Courtyard	19 Spring Break	20 Spring Break	21
22	23 Classes Resume	24	25 3 pm-Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:15pm 500 @ Courtyard	26	27 5-8pm Catfish Dinner @ Legion 6 pm-Intermediate Fun Night	28
29 10am Palm Sunday Service @ Calvary and First Baptist 1pm Easter Egg Hunt First Baptist	30	31				

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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