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NEWSLETTER

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RAGBRAI RECAP

Walcott again rose to the challenge and rolled out the red carpet for the RAGBRAI riders coming through. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and made this day a great success. The addition of the coach pitch all-star games at the park was a huge hit with the riders- they loved it. There was also human foosball and Buddy Olsen playing to keep them entertained and enjoying their brief stay in Walcott. Thanks to all the Chamber members who donated towards t-shirts for the volunteers- the riders commented on how easy it was to identify us.

It is too early to report on the number of people we served, but we can say the park was full from 9am until 4pm. Due to the hot day- our biggest seller was water and Gatorade. We sold out of over 72 cases of Gatorade, over 400 cans of pop, 120 cases of water. Due to some changes in the FDA rules, we were unable to return any of the food that we hadn't cooked. A special thank you to Slaby's and Walcott Coliseum who bought much of the product from us so we didn't have to take a loss. We offered the leftovers to the community and had an overwhelming response. If you missed out on getting any of the tenderloins or steaks- make a trip to the Coliseum or Slaby's! Thanks also to I-80 Kitchen and Jeff Peel who loaned us much of our serving equipment for the event and provided great guidance and expertise.

In the next few months we will have all the bills in and be able to give out the profit checks to the organizations. Once again, it was a great day and Walcott really shined!

The 2015 Walcott RAGBRAI Co-Chairs-

Larry Koberg, Joe Quick, Kelly Quick, and Kris Burt



Walcott Farmer's Market

Thursdays from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
South side of Victory Park
Fresh Produce & Eggs
Fresh Fruit Pies And More!
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WALCOTT SIREN SIGNALS

FIRE ALERT — —

A distinctive wavering high-low tone from the siren located at the Fire Station serves as a backup system—supplementing firemen’s pagers. Residents walking or driving should be prepared to yield to firefighters in their personal cars or emergency vehicles.

WEATHER ALERT — —

A steady tone for three minutes indicates:

- The confirmed sighting of a funnel cloud or tornado in the area. Take shelter immediately and listen to radio and television stations for further updates and advice.
- A severe thunderstorm warning with winds in excess of 70 mph or golf ball sized hail.

THERE IS NO ALL-CLEAR SIGNAL. If you hear additional alerting sirens that means that sightings of funnel clouds or tornadoes have been confirmed.

The weather alert sirens will be tested on the first Monday of every month at 10 a.m.

When severe weather is threatening, Walcott firefighters may be stationed in their apparatus at various locations around the community to watch for funnel clouds or tornadoes.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TORNADO WATCH AND WARNING

A tornado **WATCH** is issued by the National Weather Service when tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. This is the time to remind family members where the safest places within your home are located, and listen to the radio or television for further developments.

A tornado **WARNING** is issued when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. When the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for Walcott, the weather alert siren tone—a steady tone for three minutes—will be activated.

This is your signal to move to a place of safety at once and to monitor a radio or television for further weather information.

TORNADO DANGER SIGNS

Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that advance warning is not possible.

Look out for:

- Dark, often greenish sky
- Large hail
- Wall Cloud
- Loud roar, similar to a freight train

Caution:

- Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while rain or near-

by low-hanging clouds obscure others.

- Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still.
- A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible.
- Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

SAFETY RULES DURING TORNADO WARNINGS

In homes or small buildings:

- Go at once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building.
- If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room such as a bathroom or closet.
- Get away from the windows and go to the center of the room. Stay away from corners because they tend to attract debris.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.
- Use arms to protect head and neck.
- If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere. A mobile home can overturn very easily even if precautions have been taken to tie down the unit. If shelter is not available, lie in a ditch or low-lying area a safe distance away from the unit.

In schools, churches, factories or shopping centers:

- Go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor. Stay away from glass enclosed places or areas with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums and warehouses.
- Crouch down and cover your head.

In automobiles:

- Never try to outride a tornado in a car or truck. Tornadoes can change direction quickly and can lift up a car or truck and toss it through the air.
- Get out of automobiles immediately and seek shelter in a nearby building.
- If a building is unavailable or there is no time, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the car and use your hands to cover your head. Be aware of potential for flooding.

If outdoors:

- If possible, get inside a building.
- If shelter is not available or there is not time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential for flooding.
- Use arms to protect head and neck.

Remember to help your neighbors who may require special assistance—infants, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR SAFETY



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June 2015 Calls

EMS	21
False Alarm	7
Fire	3
MVC	3
Month	34
YTD	185



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days, expectant teachers could not teach! When their children became older, Ruby returned to teaching after taking classes at Marycrest and St. Ambrose colleges in Davenport. She then began teaching in Blue Grass from 1964 to 1967. Ruby is now retired, but still very active in historical pursuits. She is a member of the Questers and has done significant research about the Maysville area. We look forward to her presentation.

If you happened to go to one of the one room school houses in Scott County, and have some pictures of the students, please share them at our meeting. Be sure to label your pictures so you get them home again.

Light refreshments will be provided. The program is free and open to the public. The American Legion Hall is handicap accessible. For more information, call Mary Ann Muller 563-284-6640, or e-mail leemarmul@aol.com



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ASHHS QUARTERLY MEETING

The American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) quarterly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, August 16, 2015, at the Walcott American Legion, 121 W. Bryant St., Walcott, Iowa.

Ruby Ferris of Eldridge, IA will present a program on ONE ROOM RURAL SCHOOLS. Ruby has done extensive research on the locations of one room school houses in rural Scott County and was a former teacher in a one-room school herself. After attending Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls, IA, Ruby began teaching in 1947 at the Bunker Hill rural school in Cedar County (adjacent to Scott County). After a few years in that school, Ruby married, moved to Maysville and began teaching in the East Maysville School. Ruby and her husband, Carl ("Tuffy") Ferris began their family in 1951 which ended Ruby's teaching career for a while. In those

Walcott Legion Post 548 SMOKED PORK CHOP SUPPER

Friday, August 28, 2015

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Cost - \$11.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door

Children's Chicken Nugget Meal - \$4.00

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Cherry Pie Winners

Thirty one cherry pies were entered in this year's Walcott Day Pie Contest. Patty Herkelman was named Grand Champion. The highest selling pie was baked by Rachel Ehlers and bought by Brian and Angie Ehlers for \$625. Contest dollars: \$13,100. Other finalists were:

Senior Division

- 1st Patty Herkelman
- 2nd Rhonda Brockmann
- 3rd Ruth Schroeder
- 4th Mary Lincoln
- 5th Janet Brockmann

Junior Division

- 1st Sarah Bernick
- 2nd Abigaile Paper
- 3rd Ellie Holdorf
- 4th Brianna Blake
- 5th Rachel Ehlers

next book to be discussed on September 14 will be *Can You Keep a Secret?*, a humorous book by Sophie Kinsella. Copies of these books can be checked out at the library, and we'd love to have you join us for an hour of discussion.

Children's story hours will resume in September. The preschool story time on Wednesdays wasn't very popular, so we'll try Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m, starting September 4. Please let me know what day and time works best for regular story hours for children ages 5-12. Saturday mornings have had a lot of conflicts; maybe Wednesdays after early dismissal would be better.

If you are thinking of getting rid of your family's Legos, Duplos, or K-Nex, please consider donating them to the library. We have a few that are always available for children to use, and we'd like to have more. Your gently used books, games, and puzzles are also welcomed.

Remember that we have a Bestseller Club which puts you on an automatic list to receive your favorite authors' new books as soon as they become available. All you have to do is fill out a form indicating your favorite authors and we'll put their latest books on the Hold lists for you to receive. How easy is that!

During the month of September, free books will be available for the taking. Any not taken by the end of September will go to the main branch at Eldridge for sale or disposal. Please come in to see what's available!

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LIBRARY NEWS

The Scott County Library Summer Reading Program is over! Many prizes were given out to those who finished or reached the halfway point. The winners of the raffle prizes will be announced in the September newsletter because they won't be drawn until August 1. One of the most fascinating programs we had in July was a visit from Walcott Police Chief Jeff Blake. Those who attended got to see the interior of his squad car, hear about the gear that he carries in the car and on his body, and received some really nice gifts. Unfortunately, it was too hot for his police dog to accompany him. Kids also learned what to do when something happens when they're home alone, how to administer first aid, and how donating blood helps our community.

Our Walcott Book Club is growing! We had nine participants at our July meeting to discuss *My Name is Mary Sutter*, the 2015 Iowa Reads choice. It was an interesting and informative fiction book about a woman who wanted to be surgeon during the Civil War when women were not admitted into the medical profession. She found herself administering to the wounded from the battlefields in deplorable conditions and learning surgery with the aid of two physicians who had previously refused to mentor her. The book that we are discussing on August 3 is *Brick Lane* by Monica Ali. The

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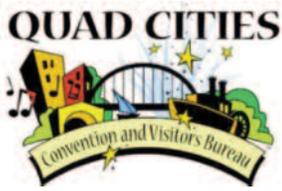
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ATTENTION WALCOTT RESIDENTS

Candidate guides and nomination papers are available at City Hall, 128 W. Lincoln Street, for any eligible elector in the city desiring to become a candidate for the Walcott Municipal election on November 3, 2015. The following offices will be on the ballot:

- * Three council positions for four-year terms

Due to changes in the state law that occurred in 2014, candidates **MUST** file nomination petitions and affidavit of candidacy papers with the Scott County Auditor. Nomination papers can only be filed with the Scott County Auditor during the filing period, which begins on Monday, August 24th and ends on Thursday, September 17th by 5:00 p.m.



NEED TO ADVERTISE AN EVENT?

The Quad City Convention Bureau has a website, www.visitquadcities.com, which lists

upcoming community events. Walcott organizations are able to go to the website and submit their community events. Also, please submit updated contact information to City Hall so the organization contacts on the City website can be updated.

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CALVARY NEWS

CALVARY PRESCHOOL: CLASSES will be starting on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th.** WE ARE TAKING RESERVATIONS for 3-5 year olds. CALL THE PRESCHOOL AT 284-6122 OR THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 284-6213 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

CALVARY Kids Club: WE will be starting CALVARY Kids Club again this fall. BE WATCHING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON START DATES. MAILINGS will be sent to students and their families with information.

...Along the Way....

WHERE HAS THE SUMMER GONE? IT SEEMED WE WERE JUST CELEBRATING GRADUATIONS AND HERE IT IS, TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. I REMEMBER SUMMERS AS LONGER AS AND LAZIER THAN I'VE BEEN EXPERIENCING LATELY. I SUSPECT I'VE JUST BEEN LIVING TOO FAST, NOT TAKING THE TIME TO SAVOR THE MOMENTS, AND SO THE DAYS AND WEEKS SEEM TO RUSH BY. AND THEN IT'S OVER.

ONE OF THE GREAT BLESSINGS of my childhood school years was the opportunity each fall presented for a FRESH START. I COULD BE THE STUDENT I'D ALWAYS WANTED TO BE THIS NEXT YEAR. ALL I HAD TO DO WAS TAKE THE LESSONS I HAD LEARNED LAST YEAR AND APPLY THEM. AND SO, FOR ME, fall HAS ALWAYS BEEN A TIME OF RESOLVING TO MAKE SOME CHANGE: A CHANGE IN FOCUS, OR PRACTICE OR DIRECTION.

IT'S OFTEN THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE THE BIGGEST dif-

ferences in our experience. If I may make a couple suggestions for the coming year: MAKE A LITTLE MORE TIME FOR SLEEP, DEDICATE SOME OF YOUR WEEK FOR JUST ONE MORE FAMILY MEAL, SPEND A LITTLE MORE TIME WITH PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU, AND TAKE A KNEE NOW AND THEN AND THANK GOD FOR LITTLE BLESSINGS THAT MAKE BIG DIFFERENCES.

~~PASTOR Al Coffin~~



LION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Ellen Friede
U-W Platteville
Mechanical Engineering



Leah Ratterman
ESL and English
University of Dubuque



Jared Crow
University of Dubuque
Criminal Justice



Evan Dietz
Illinois Central College
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Jordan VanderHart
Shepards College
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WALCOTT SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to welcome our new Principal, Mr. Mike Lawler, and our new Associate Principal, Ms. Lorie Moyer to Walcott School. Make sure to stop in to welcome them and introduce yourself, as I'm sure they would love to meet you.

This summer has certainly gone by fast and we are looking forward to starting another year at Walcott School. Registration will take place on August 11th - noon - 6 p.m. Our first full day of class will begin on Monday, August 24th with Kindergarten students testing that day. Kindergarten students will begin their first full day on Tuesday, August 25th.

Our athletes will be very busy practicing hard for their upcoming cross country, volleyball and football season. Make sure you take a look at our web site for our building and athletic events.

The web site for Walcott School can be found on the Davenport Community School District web page (davenport-schools.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.

Thank you to the many residents of Walcott who purchased school supplies during the U.S. Post Office collection. Our students have "GREATLY" benefited by your very generous donations.

Submitted by:

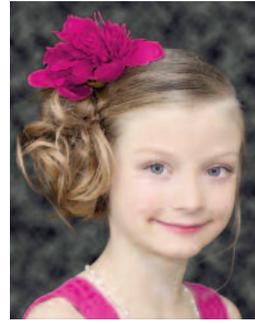
Rockin' Robyn Stender
Walcott School Secretary



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**No June, July or August Meetings
- have a great summer!**

WALCOTT DAY PRINCESS



Emma Chesnutt:

2015 Walcott Day Princess,
1st Place Highest Ticket &
Button Sales, 1st Place
Picture Drawing, 1st Place
Most Photogenic

Makenna Burt: 2015 Walcott Day Princess
Runner-Up, 1st Place Interview, 1st Place
Talent, 2nd Place Most Photogenic (tie)

Lauren Schwarz: 3rd Place Overall, 2nd Place
Picture Drawing

Jaliyah Hardy: 2nd Place Talent, 2nd Place
Interview, 2nd Place Most Photogenic (tie)

Jenna Krause: Miss Congeniality Award, Most
Outgoing

Amira Coffin: Positive Princess Award

Pancake Breakfast

Blue Grass Legion Home
106 South Juniata Street

Saturday, **August 1, 2015**, 6:30 to 10:00 AM

All You Can Eat

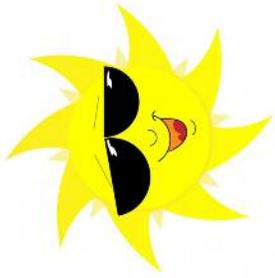
Pancakes**Scrambled Eggs**Sausage
Homemade Syrup**Potatoes
Cinnamon Rolls** Biscuits & Gravy

Juice**Milk**Coffee

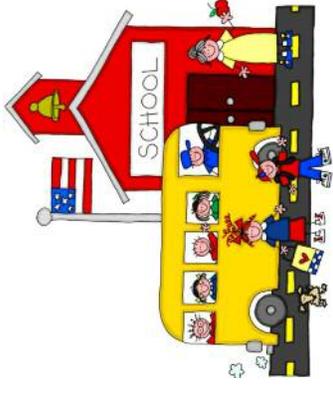
Adults: \$7 Children 4-12: \$3.50 Under 4:
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American Legion Post 711
Blue Grass, Iowa



August 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 6PM Council Meeting	4 9AM Community Coffee @ Courtyard 10AM Siren Testing 6:30PM Sheepshead @ Courtyard	5 2PM Bingo @Courtyard 6PM Park Board Mt	6 4:30-6pm Farmer's Market @ Victory	7 7:30 Bandera Boys @ Coliseum	8
9	10	11 Noon- 6 pm School Registration 7PM Dominoes @ Courtyard	12 1:15PM 500 @ Courtyard	13 4:30-6pm Farmer's Market @ Victory	14 7PM Lyle Beaver @ Coliseum	15 Community Club Golf Outing
16 1:30 ASHHS Meeting @ Legion	17 6PM Council Meeting	18	19 2PM Bingo@ Courtyard	20 4:30-6pm Farmer's Market @ Victory	21 7PM Jerry Beau-champ @ Coliseum	22
23 1pm Polka @ Coliseum	24 8:45AM- 1st Day of School—Kindergarten Testing Athletic Practice Begins	25 8:45AM- 1st Day of School for Kindergarten	26 1:15PM 500 @ Courtyard	27 4:30-6pm Farmer's Market @ Victory	28 5pm-8pm Legion Dinner 7PM Lost Country Dancers @ Coliseum	29
30 7PM Country Traditions @ Coliseum	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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Ads for members cost: business card - \$20, 1/4 page - \$35, and 1/2 page - \$70. Ads for non-members cost: business card - \$40, 1/4 page - \$70 and 1/2 page - \$140. Please contact Wendy Minnick at 386-4566.

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