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# Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## NEWSLETTER

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### NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT - CUSTOM STORAGE

Name and Location of Business **Custom Storage (Chris and Sara Seberg), 628 West Mayne Street, Blue Grass, Iowa 52726, (West of the Public Safety Building)**

Year you started in Business **December 2014**

Products you provide **Indoor storage space / business suites (indoor spaces can be customized to fit needs of customer) Outdoor storage space Business hours and contact information 24 hour access 563-940-3135**

What sets you apart from your competition? **Large indoor storage spaces / business suites that can be customized RV dump station with water available for customer use**

Where and who is your customer base **Quad City Area**

What are you looking for in a customer/client? **Anyone with storage needs**

Why did you decide to get into this line of business? **Felt that there was a need in the area**

Why did you decide to join the Walcott Chamber? **Potential to meet other small business owners in the area and to increase customer base**

What is it about Walcott that you like? **Friendly small town**

Other organizations/groups you belong to **Walcott Community Club**



# Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Join us at 12:30 Monday,  
September 14th at City Hall.



## NEWS FROM WALCOTT LIBRARY

\* Winners of the Children's Summer Reading Program:  
Ashanti Kolwey, Aryanna Encaracion-Cox, Morgan Smith, Kaleb Adomat, Allie Burney.

\* September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Cards are free and give you access to 17 other libraries in the Quad Cities, including Muscatine, Clinton, LeClaire, and the Illinois libraries. We have DVDs, Books on Tape, magazines, children's and adult books, and a Best Seller Club to get the latest books reserved for you.

\* September Bookmobile Stops: Downtown on 9/3 and 9/17 from 3:45-4:15 p.m.; McDonald's on 9/3 and 9/17 from 4:25-4:55 p.m.; Courtyard Estates on 9/21 from 2:30-3:00 p.m. The Bookmobile will be stopping at Walcott School every other Tuesday. Remember that materials can be returned to any of these locations regardless of where they were checked out.

\* Receive the library newsletter to find out what's happening in the Scott County Library System at [scottcountylibrary.org](http://scottcountylibrary.org) and go to the Services page.

\* Preschool Story Times: Fridays from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Theme in September: Insects

\* Story Time for Children ages 4-12: Wednesday, September 16, 2:45-3:45. Theme: Insects

\* Walcott Book Club: Meets Sept. 14 from 7-8 p.m. to discuss *Can You Keep a Secret?* By Sophie Kinsella. Meets Oct. 5 to discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride.

\* Freebies in September: Magazines.

## THE WALCOTT POLICE DEPT.

would like to remind drivers that school is in session and to keep an extra watch out for children on their way to and from school.



## WALCOTT FARMER'S MARKET



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**CORRECTION:** sirens are testing on the first TUESDAY of every month at 10 a.m., not the first MONDAY of the month.



## Pancake Breakfast

Blue Grass Legion Hall  
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Saturday, September 5, 2015 6:30 to 10:00 AM  
All You Can Eat



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

Juice\*\*Milk\*\*Coffee

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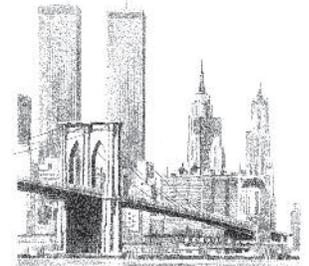


## WALCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

### July 2015 Calls

EMS	24
MVC	4
HazMat	1
False Fire Alarm	2
Fire	1
Month Total	32
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>217</b>

9-11-01



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## CALVARY NEWS

**Calvary Preschool:** Classes will be starting on Tuesday, September 8th. We still have openings 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 are making plans to start Calvary Kids Club sometime in September. Be watching for more information on start dates. Mailings will be sent to students and their families with information.

**You Are Invited: Monday, September 14th:** Calvary Church will be celebrating 40 years as a meal site for Milestones Senior Meals. We will be serving a special meal that day and representatives will be present from Milestones to present Calvary with a commemorative plaque. All are invited to join us for this celebration. (Please call the church at 284-6213 or Deb Greve at 284-5158 to make a reservation.)

The cost of the meal is \$3.50. Serving will begin at 11:30 AM

**The Rebekah Circle:** Is planning a salad luncheon Tuesday September 15th at noon, open to all. After the luncheon, they will have an informational meeting about the newly formed Walcott Historical Society. This group was started by Karen Puck to collect historical pictures, artifacts, etc. about our town. So much has been lost over the years and they are hoping to eventually have a place to store and display the items. If you have any old pictures and items from Walcott, please bring them for "Show and Tell". Other members of this group are Carol Snay, Donna Davison, Sandy Bramstedt and Carol Coe, among others. So please put this date on your calendars and plan to attend.

## WALCOTT SCHOOL NEWS

Didn't we have an incredible summer? The weather was GREAT! The crops look fantastic too. I can't believe summer's over already! Where did the time go?

We are excited to begin this new school year. We have a lot of changes in our staff at Walcott School, and with our new principal, Mike Lawler, and our new associate principal, Lorie Moyer we are excited to see what positive changes will be made throughout this school year.

Our athletes have been busy practicing for their upcoming cross country, volleyball and football season.

You may also look for events scheduled at Walcott School on our web site on the Davenport Community School District web page ([davenportschools.org](http://davenportschools.org)). Click on "Our Schools", then highlight "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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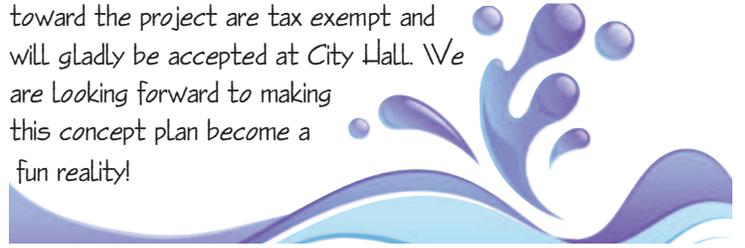
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Save the date:  
**NuZeta**  
 Chicago Woodfield Shopping Trip  
 is Saturday November 14.  
 More details to follow.

Committee is in the process of determining additional fundraising measures. City Hall has a concept board showing the proposed improvements - stop by and take a look! In addition, any donations toward the project are tax exempt and will gladly be accepted at City Hall. We are looking forward to making this concept plan become a fun reality!



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**GARAGE SALE**

Mark your calendars and start cleaning out the closets! The Walcott City Wide fall garage sale will be Saturday October 10, from 8-2 rain or shine. Registration forms will be at Casey's, City Hall and Burt Clinic of Chiropractic. Registrations are due Oct 2. Maps will be available Friday October 9th after 3pm on and Saturday morning.



**SPLASH PAD  
 FUN IN THE SUN!!**

The Splash Pad Project originated with the 2012 Downtown Assessment Program that was done by a

team of consultants with the Iowa Economic Development Department and hosted by the Walcott Vision Committee. After two days of interviews with people within the community and holding an open public meeting at the Walcott Coliseum, a splash pad was identified as a top recreational priority for both adults and youngsters. Following that meeting, the Walcott City Council and the Walcott Vision Committee met to determine priorities and possibilities regarding the results of the assessment program. It soon became clear that a splash pad would be a welcome addition to the community as it was ranked as the top recreational priority.

The next step for the City Council was to establish a Splash Pad Committee to spearhead the project. The members are: Bridget Geigle, Danielle Blake, Jackie Geigle, Lisa Holdorf, Leah Patton, Heidi Vulf, and Amy Leuenhagen. Property was purchased east of the tennis courts for the project. The Splash Pad Project is still in the planning phase, but an engineer has been hired and a concept drawing has been prepared. The project is planned to include benches, a shelter, and parking, in addition to the actual splash pad. The reconstruction of West Otis Street, adjacent to the splash pad area, is also under consideration.

The next step will be the fundraising stage. Some funds have already been donated for the Splash Pad Project, and the

**Fireman's steak fry**

Saturday, September 26th  
 with dinner being served from 4-8pm  
 and an auction and music to follow.

Tickets are available from all members and at City Hall.

"Fire themed" cake decorating contest  
 (bring cakes to Coliseum by 4pm)  
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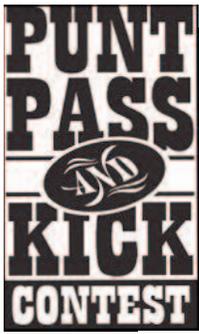
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Legion Post 548  
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 Competition September 19, 2015  
 for ages 6-15, boys and girls.  
 Competition will be at Victory Park  
 in Walcott at 9:00 AM.  
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 at the Coliseum.**

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 reservation today  
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Walcott PTA and  
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 Family Movie Night in the Park  
*Featuring*  
**"Charlie in the Chocolate Factory"**  
 Date: Friday, September 18th  
 Where: Victory Park  
 (If inclement weather,  
 will be at school cafeteria.)  
 Time: Movie begins  
 at 8p.m.

**FREE FOR THE  
 WHOLE FAMILY!**



*Our Rich Heritage*

*By Karen Puck*

The following article from the Davenport Daily Gazette, dated Tuesday, August 28, 1855 describes the excitement and activities surrounding the auction of lots and out-lots in the new Town of Walcott. It is the first excursion by passenger car on the newly laid track of the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad to their first depot west of the Mississippi River. The article speaks of the ladies and others paying their respects to Terpsichore. "Terpsichore" is the title of a large collection of dance tunes. Since a band was provided on the trip to Walcott, we can assume there was music and maybe even dancing after their noon meal. It was quite a festive occasion!

*The Daily Gazette*

Davenport, Iowa Tuesday, August 28, 1855  
**Trip to Walcott**

We were one of a party of about five hundred persons who left Davenport on Saturday last at 9 o'clock A.M. to visit the first station on the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad and on the first trip ever made by passenger cars on this road. The evening previous two passenger cars had been transferred to this side of the Mississippi and five open cars used for transporting iron, had been made to readiness for passengers by seating them with chairs and settees

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and surrounding them with a temporary railing. These, propelled by the good locomotives LeClaire and Iowa, with their accompanying tenders, constituted the first passenger train ever run over the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad. A band of music added to the interest of the occasion, which was heightened by the presence of some fifty or seventy-five ladies.

Very promptly at the specified time the cars started on their first mission across the prairies of Iowa. The ascent of 150 feet below town was accomplished on the temporary track with facility and the cars emerged on the open prairie, giving to some their first view of the open country back of Davenport. The most important fact connected with the construction of the Railroad that struck the minds of the passengers, was the ease with which the cars passed over the track. Customarily on new roads, until the road-bed gets settled by much traveling, the jostling of the cars is excessive, but so compactly had the superstructure been made and so firmly the iron been spiked to the ties, that the cars glided over the rails as smoothly as though the road had been in use many months.

Arriving at their destination about 10 o'clock, the passengers were welcomed by a number of persons, who either had preceded them or were residents of Walcott. Proceeding to the Walcott House, the ladies there found ample accommodations, while the gentlemen repaired to a convenient spot to engage in the mission that had brought them thither, which was to purchase at public auction the lots yet remaining unsold on the town plat of Walcott. Mr. H. Kilbourn, the popular auctioneer, mounted a rostrum and with that happy faculty he possesses of showing the good points of anything he wishes to dispose of to the highest bidder, soon had lots in Walcott selling at from \$200 to \$250 each. These were choice lots, however, and they soon depreciated in price until from \$100 to \$150 were the ruling rates and outlets even went so low as from \$50 to \$75.

Leaving the scene of the real estate operations, in company with a friend we ascended to the observatory of the Walcott House. From this elevated position we had an extended view of the prairies around for many miles. Away off in the distance could be seen groves of trees, some of which were in Muscatine and others were in Cedar county, while here and there were farms under cultivation, twenty-five of which could be enumerated. There are many thousands of acres of land within sight, as you stand on the summit of the Walcott House, that are yet in the same condition as when roamed by the Indians in pursuit of the buffalo; but ere many years roll away this land will all be brought in subjection to man and be made to yield prolifically of the rich fruits of the earth. At one time this season eight breaking plows could be seen at work from this site.

At noon those who were fortunate enough to have the company of ladies, or impudent enough to crowd themselves in to the exclusion of the gentler sex, seated themselves at the first diner table. So soon as they had all supplied themselves plentifully with the good things placed before them and made their egress from the dining room, there was a general move among the outsiders towards the door, but it was closed after the ladies, and the hungry expectants waited with much patience and many a good humored, if not witty remark, for its re-opening as a signal for their entrance. Carried along by the force of the outward pressure we found ourself in a large room with two tables its entire length well loaded with good

substantial provisions, before which we were not slow to seat ourself and prepare to do ample justice. But as eating is rather a commonplace affair anyhow, we shall barely allude to the circumstance, merely to say, that it seemed to be the united opinion, so far as we heard an expression, that Mr. Myers, the proprietor of the Walcott House, sustained the reputation he had already acquired of providing a good table.

Assuming the occasion to "earn an honest penny," several of our citizens had conveyed to the ground, melons, fruits, pies, etc. and erected booths where they disposed of their edibles to those who tired of waiting or concluding their chances slender for a dinner at the Walcott House, were constrained to satisfy their hunger in this primitive style.

After dinner, while some proceeded to the spot chosen for the continuance of the sale of five acre out-lots, others of the more juvenile remained to accompany the ladies in paying their respects to Terpsichore. These out-lots ranged in price from \$125 to \$200 each, low enough should Walcott never grow any larger, one would think, to justify the remark of Mr. Kilbourn, "Where is the man that ever purchased lands in Iowa who did not find them enhanced in value." Some twenty five of these out-lots having been disposed of the sale was finished and the passengers returned to the cars precisely at 4 o'clock and started homeward amid the cheers of those we left behind us.

In addition to the Walcott House, which was erected last year at an expense of \$6,000, there are some eight or ten frame houses in the town. The Railroad Company intend immediately erecting a large depot building while an extensive grain warehouse and a number of dwelling houses and shops will soon follow. Two individuals have it in contemplation to build a grist mill at this point, as no doubt from the quantity of wheat raised in the surrounding country it will be a very desirable location for such an establishment.

Returning we passed a house on the prairie that had been erected in our absence—a further proof of the progress with which our western prairies are settling. A few years hence and the many acres of land lying between this place and Walcott, now in a wild and uncultivated condition, will teem with all the varied productions of the rich and arable soil of Iowa. As one continuous farm it will present fields of wheat and corn, and pastures of tame grass browsed by the cattle from a thousand hills. Our party returned in the best of spirits, all well pleased with the recreation of a delightful day, and some gratified with the reflection of being proprietors, at a reasonable rate, of lots in the first depot town on the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad.



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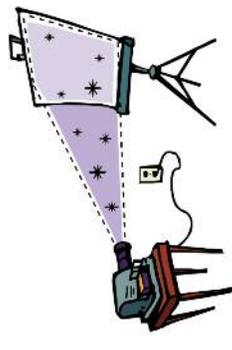
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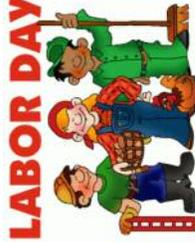
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# September 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9am Community Coffee @ Courtyard 6:30pm Sheepshead @ Courtyard	2 2pm Bingo @Courtyard 6pm Park Board	3 4:30-6pm Farmer's Market @ Victory	4 9am-School Picture Day 4pm C.C. Meet @ Crow Creek	5
6	7 No School <b>LABOR DAY</b> 	8 6pm City Council 7pm Dominoes @ Courtyard	9 1:15pm 500 @ Courtyard 4:30pm-7FB @ Brady St. Stadium 6pm-8FB @ Brady St. Stadium	10 4:30pm-7VB @ Wood, 8VB @ Walcott 4:30-6pm Farmer's Market @ Victory	11 7pm Lyle Beaver @ Walcott Coliseum	12
13	14 12:30pm Chamber Mt @ City Hall 4pm PTA @ IMC 4:30pm-7VB @ Williams, 8VB @ Walcott 5:30pm PCN @ IMC	15 4:30pm-C.C. Meet @ Crow Creek	16 2pm Bingo @Courtyard 4:30pm-7FB @ Brady St. Stadium	17 4:30pm-8FB @ Walcott Field, 7VB @ Walcott, 8VB @ Smart 4:30-6pm Farmer's Market @ Victory	18 7pm J. Beauchamp @ Walcott Coliseum 8pm Movie Night in Park @ Victory	19 9am Punt, Pass, & Kick @ Victory
20	21 4:30pm-7VB @ J.B. Young, 8VB @ Walcott 6pm City Council	22 4:30pm-7FB @ Walcott Field, C.C. Muscatine Invitational	23 1:15pm 500 @ Courtyard	24 4pm-8FB @ Muscatine, 7VB @ Pleasant Valley, 4:30pm 8VB @ Walcott 4:30-6pm Farmer's Market @ Victory	25 7pm Country Dancers @ Walcott Coliseum	26 4-8pm Fireman's Steak Fry @ Coliseum
27	28 4:30pm-7VB @ Walcott, 8VB @ Wood	29 4pm-7FB @ Bettendorf, 4:30pm 8FB @ Walcott Field	30			CC = Cross Country FB = Football VB = Volleyball

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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I will be working at the school beginning, August 25, 2015. My hours at the shop will be Monday- Friday, from 3:30- 5:30 PM. If there is no school (due to conferences, breaks, or weather) the shop will be open. If there is a late start, due to weather, I will be at the shop in the morning until I have to go to school. The school makes announcements of late starts via the local news channels and their Facebook page.

There will be times when the boys have sports activities and I will not have the shop open in order to make these events. The sign that you are used to seeing on the front door, will still be there, stating my hours for the week.

Please know just how much Tim and I appreciate all of your flexibility and loyalty. We are striving to find a way to make things as easy as possible for all of us while managing a hectic schedule, like we all do these days. Do not hesitate to text or call my cell phone with any questions or concerns. I will answer as soon as I can.

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