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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.

WALCOTT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 388 • Walcott, IA 52773

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 Kris Burt at 284-9028.

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Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEWSLETTER

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SPLASH PAD



COMING TO WALCOTT

Fundraising is well underway for the new Walcott Splash Pad and the City of Walcott Park Board's Splash Pad Committee is hoping to get the entire community behind making it a reality! In a recent interview, committee co-chair, Bridget Geigle, shared their vision for the completion of the project and let us know how fundraising efforts were going.



Projects that are completely funded through grants and donations often take years to bring to fruition and this one is no different. Land near the tennis courts on West Otis Street was obtained for the project from neighboring property owners in November of 2013. The project committee was then formed and plans were drawn up by architects in 2015. Included in the attraction are several water features, bench seating, picnic tables and a shelter, as well as a parking area. To make it extra special, a large "W" design with wave accents will be worked into the concrete basin area to show Walcott's community pride. Total cost of the project is estimated to be about \$175,000.

Geigle also shared that the committee plans to seek grants to cover half of the anticipated cost, approximately \$90,000, during the next two grant cycles. "We're hoping it will only take two years to raise the rest of the needed funds so we can be up and running by the summer of 2018..." The recent Bingo fundraiser, held in February, was a huge success with about 175 people in attendance and over \$3,000 raised. To date, the total collected through donations and fundraising comes to just over \$30,000.

Geigle said the remaining \$60,000 needed to complete the project will need to come in the form of straight donations and fundraising event support. There are plans to hold more events in the near future, including a pig roast this summer at one of the City's parks and another Bingo night this fall. For those who would like to donate directly, Geigle shared that anyone can drop off cash or checks at City Hall and just let them know it's for the Splash Pad!



URGENT HELP NEEDED



We need someone (or more than one) person(s) to help with the Walcott's Farmer's Market, putting up the signs. The vendors are able to exhibit for free, but we need help with advertising and set-up. If no one steps forward, we are unable to host the Walcott Farmer's Market. Please call Angie at (563) 284-5009 if you are interested and able to help.

FREE SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 7th from 2 to 5 p.m.

212 W. Lincoln St. (Public Works Building)

The City of Walcott will be hosting a Spring Clean-up Day for all residents of Walcott. Dumpsters will be available at the Public Works Department from 2 – 5 p.m. All household waste will be accepted except NO electronic waste or household hazardous waste. Business waste will not be accepted. Take this opportunity to get rid of all that useless stuff that seems to pile up. Tires, appliances, and bulky items will also be accepted at no charge. If you have any questions regarding acceptable items, please contact the Public Works Department at 284.6571 x11.

Any metal items, please take up to the school for the Walcott PTA Scrap Metal Drive. Dumpsters will be available May 6-9 on the south side (back) of the school.

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WALCOTT COMPOST AREA

The compost area will be open to Walcott residents on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and during the week from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Residents can drop off leaves, grass clippings, and garden vegetation during these hours. Brush pick up will continue to be collected at your curb each Wednesday. Branches should not be larger than 6" in diameter and 4' in length. Smaller sticks must be tied or placed in a container to be emptied. Please place your brush at the curb by 8:00 a.m. If you have questions, call the Public Works Department at 584-6571 x11.

PARK RESERVATIONS

Spring is here and that means the ball diamonds, shelters, and gazebos will be filling up fast! City Hall is now taking reservations for 2016. Reservation forms for park shelters and gazebos must be completed and remitted to the City Clerk's office with a nonrefundable fee of \$35. If you have questions or would like to reserve a ball diamond, please contact City Hall at 284.6571 x10. Unreserved facilities will still be available to be enjoyed by the general public on a first come, first served basis.



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“SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE A SIGN”

Residents are reminded that signs - rummage sales, garage sales, advertising, etc. – cannot be posted on public or utility right-of-ways (including utility poles), or on the property of another without the property owner's permission. Illegal signs removed by city staff can be picked up at City Hall.





WALCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

February 2016 Calls

EMS	13
Fire	0
Fire Alarm	0
Hazmat	1
MVA	2
Total for month	15
YTD	39

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BETTER VALUE



Mark your calendars! Shelly Bridgewater Dreams Foundation, Walk will be Saturday, May 7th at Modern Woodman Park, Davenport, IA. Registration at 8am, opening comments at 9am. To register and for more information, visit www.shellydreams.com.

SCHWAN'S FUNDRAISER FOR WALCOTT PTA

The Walcott PTA will be participating in Schwan's Cares campaign in beginning on April 15th. For the first 30 days, Walcott PTA will earn up to 40% on any orders for home delivery you make and 5% for the next 90 days. You can be an existing or new customer, just mention you want your order to count towards our campaign. For further information, go to www.schwans-cares.com and click on "find a campaign" at the top of the page. Then in the search menu, type in "Walcott PTA" - this will show you additional information. Our campaign is #26767 which you have to enter when placing your order. Or use the url: www.schwans-cares.com/c/26767 Thanks for all of your support!



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ADULT COLORING CLASS TO BEGIN!

Do you miss the smell of a fresh box of crayons? Are you stressed out by the daily humdrum of life? Is the "little kid" in you still alive? If you've answered yes to any of the questions above, please come and join us for an adult coloring class on Monday, April 25th from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Calvary United Methodist Church. This will be an evening of quiet conversation and fellowship. No artistic level is required. Bring your own adult color book, colored pencils, crayons, paints or markers if you have them. If not, we have plenty of supplies. Remember, this is an "ADULTS ONLY" coloring class. This evening is a night for you to get away from it all. Besides, there is nothing good on television anyway on Monday nights!!!! We are hoping to hold these coloring classes once a month. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 284- 6213. Come join us!



The Walcott PTA is hosting Fun Night at the Walcott School on April 15th from 6-8 pm for elementary students and families. Fun Night is a night of "fun" games, jumpys, and snacks! Parents can buy 10 punches for \$10 or 20 punches for \$20. There are multiple games to play in both gyms this year, including two jumpys, a professional face painter, a balloon artist and a book walk. Some games will award children with fun bucks that they can then use to "buy" a prize from the prize table. Snacks available for purchase include nachos, pretzels, popcorn and make your own sundaes! Invite your friends and come enjoy a safe and fun environment for the entire family! Anyone interested in helping at Fun Night please contact Jenn Schaeffer at schaefferx4@gmail.com

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CALVARY PRESCHOOL

Will be SERVING food in the Social Hall at CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH for the WALCOTT City-Wide GARAGE SALE ON SATURDAY, MAY 7TH BEGINNING AT 8 A.M. THEY WILL BE SERVING Sloppy JOES, HOT DOGS, NACHOS, ETC. STOP BY, TAKE A BREAK FROM SHOPPING AND JOIN US FOR SOME REFRESHMENTS.



WALCOTT DAY QUEEN AND PRINCESS CONTEST!!!

Girls in grades 2nd-12th grade who are interested in having fun, helping their community, and earning 10% of their ticket sales this summer!

Deadline to sign up for the fun is April 15th
Please contact Kelly, 505-9072 or Jenn, 570-0582

GARAGE SALE

The Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday May 7th 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 25th.

The maps will be available to pick up on Friday May 6th after 3:00pm at Walcott Casey's and Walcott City Hall.

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

Walcott Legion Post 548 PORK MEDALLION

Friday, April 22, 2016

Serving 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Cost - \$11.00 in advance, and also at the door

Children's Chicken Nugget Meal - \$4.00

Homemade desserts - \$1.50

Advance tickets available from any
Walcott Legion member

For further information, call 284-6640



Thank you to all of the patrons who participated in our Winter Reading Program. The winners of the gift baskets were Ted Stimach, Carolyn Augustine, Sarah VanDeWalle, Rachel Ehlers, Janice Dawson, and Aleiha Cerda. Thank you, too, to The Lampliter and Geno's for the gift certificates they donated to put in the baskets.

Thank, also, to all of those who took free magazines and saved them from our recycle bin. In April, we'll have free music CDs and VHS tapes available for the taking. The music includes big band and easy listening selections, and the videos are popular titles from the past 20 years. We appreciate the people who donate these items to the library to recycle or to sell. These donations keep a few items out of the landfill and contribute to the funds for the story times.

Did you know that the library gets the Quad City Times daily and the North Scott Press weekly? We also receive all of the military newspapers, Family Focus, Book Page, Radish, and 50 Lifestyles, which you are always welcome to come in to read or to take home.

Our preschool story times continue to be popular on Fridays from 10:30-11:00 a.m. On April 1, we'll read about and plant Seeds; on April 8, Trees; on April 15, Authors for American Library Week; on April 22, Earth Day—Recycling; and on April 29, Flowers. We have stories, crafts, and refreshments, and we hope you'll come for fun and learning.

The Walcott Book Club will be discussing Plainsong, by Kent Haruf, on Monday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at the library. Our next title is The Year of the Hare, by Arto Paasilinna, which we'll read in April and discuss on May 2. It is about a funny man who goes to Finland with his pet rabbit.

When you're out for a walk or bike ride, stop in to see what's available, for free, at the Walcott Library. Our library is small in size but huge in scope of what's available from other libraries within 50 miles!

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Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Support your Chamber by attending the meeting at City Hall.
Monday, April 11th @ 12:30

WALCOTT SCHOOL NEWS

It's GREAT to see that sun shine and to have warmer temperatures!!!! I don't know about you, but I'm glad to see beautiful April finally arrive.

The dates for the Iowa Assessment Testing for grades 3 - 8 will take place the week of April 12- 14. Please plan to try and re-schedule any appointments that you may have that week for your students. The office staff will be unable to call students out of testing sites and if your student should come in late during testing, they must sit in the office area until there is a break in the testing time. If your student is ill, please use your best judgment and do not send them to school ill. However, all missed tests are required to be made up. We had excellent attendance for last year's testing, so we appreciate everything you can do to re-schedule appointments and get students to school on time.

Please join us to cheer on our track team this month. The athletic schedule can be found on the school calendar and you may also check out all of our events on our new 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.

Don't forget - Every Wednesday is a one hour early dismissal at 2:35 p.m

Submitted by:

Rockin' Robyn Stender
Walcott School Secretary



WOW!!



What a display of our city slogan "Hearts and Hands Working Together" at our Fish Fry on March 8th. We would like to thank our community residents for the support, because we could not have done it without you. We had the help of many non-member volunteers frying fish, waiting tables, being advance ticket agents, and many businesses donating prizes for our raffle. Your actions should fill your hearts with pride and leave your hands still serving as the less fortunate people benefit from what you have done for us.

THANKS AGAIN!!

Walcott Lions Club



Pancake Breakfast AND BAKE SALE

Blue Grass Legion Hall
106 South Juniata Street

Saturday, April 2, 2016 6:30 to 10:00 AM
All You Can Eat



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

Juice**Milk**Coffee
Adults: \$7 Children 4-12: \$3.50 Under 4:
FREE



Open TO Public
American Legion Post 711
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Greater Quad Cities I Club Trivia Night Saturday, April 9, 2016

Walcott Coliseum, 116 E. Bryant Street, Walcott, Iowa
Doors Open at 6:00 PM & Games Begin at 7:00 PM

- \$10 per person, teams of 6-8 players
- Cash bar
- Bring your own snacks/food
- Door Prizes
- Cash prizes awarded to the top 3 scoring tables

To reserve a table, register at www.jointheclub.com/greaterqc, call Kelley at the Coliseum, 563-349-1805 or call Larry Koberg at 563-210-0935. **Payment in advance is requested** and should be mailed to Larry at PO Box 163, Walcott, Ia 52773. Check should be payable to Greater Quad Cities I Club. Arrange for your table of eight. We can accommodate table assignment if you don't have eight players.

Proceeds from Trivia Night go to support University of Iowa athletics.

**GO
HAWKS!!**



Walcott American Legion Post 548 Avenue of Flags 2016

For \$35 per year, the Walcott American Legion members will place a 3'x5' American Flag in the front yard of your home or business on the following holidays and special events:

Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

Volunteers will deliver and place a flag in your yard before the holiday and take it down after. The Walcott American Legion Post will be responsible for any repairs or replacement if it were to become, soiled, damaged or stolen. **Anyone may sign up for this program** at any time and the cost will be pro-rated by \$7 per holiday. Your donation will help provide support to Veterans, the community, and several American Legion youth programs such as the Oratorical Contest, Cub Scouts and Boys State.

Show your patriotism and support by signing up today!

All you need to do is fill out the following information and return it at your convenience.

Make checks payable to American Legion Post 548. Return to Brian Mengler 351 E. Memorial Rd, Walcott, IA 52773. Any questions contact Brian at (563) 284-5187

We will contact Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989 for location of utilities prior to installing flags.



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Renewal _____ New _____



April 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 6pm City Council Mt 7pm Book Club- Walcott Library	5 9am Community Coffee @ Courtyard 6:30pm Sheepshead @ Courtyard	6 2pm Bingo @ Courtyard 4pm-Parent/Teacher Spring Conferences 5:30pm Park Board Meeting	7	8 10:30am Preschool Storytime@ Library	2 Large Group 7/8 Grade Orchestra Festival @ West High School
10	11 12:30 Chamber Meeting @ City Hall 4pm-PTA Meeting in IMC 5pm Grade 7/8 Track Meet @ Brady Street Stadium	12 Elementary Students Begin the Iowa Assessment Testing 6:30pm Dominoes @Courtyard	13 Intermediate Students Begin the Iowa Assessment Testing 1:15pm 500 @Courtyard	14	15 6-8pm PTA Fun Night for Elementary Students Schwan's Fundraiser Begins 10:30am Preschool Storytime@ Library	16
17	18 6pm City Council Mt	19	20 2pm Bingo@ Courtyard	21 5pm-Grade 7/8 Track Meet @ Brady Street Stadium	22 10:30am Preschool Storytime@ Library 5pm Legion Dinner	23
24	25 5pm-Grade 7/8 Track Meet @ Brady Street Stadium	26 6pm Bingo@ Courtyard	27 1:15pm 500 @Courtyard	28 7pm West Fest Concert for Grade 6-8 Orchestra	29 10:30am Preschool Storytime@ Library	30



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To learn more about our community in Davenport, call (563) 326-7500.



All faiths or beliefs are welcome.



The Blue Grass Community Club

232 E. Orphed Street
is hosting Trivia Night

Saturday, April 16th

doors open 6pm with Trivia at 7pm.

This is a great way to bring food, fun and friends together with a chance to win cash and prizes.

April Theme is Carnival Night

Call Tami Garsh at 563-210-6195 for more information.

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