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NEWSLETTER

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WALCOTT AMERICAN LEGION AND LEGION AUXILIARY POST #548



The Walcott American Legion and Legion Auxiliary Post #548 are located right next to the bank. Currently, Mel Brus serves as Legion Commander and Mary Golinghorst is the Legion Auxiliary President.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization, and is committed to helping support wholesome programs in our community, advocating patriotism and honor, and continuing devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

The Legion Auxiliary was also formed in 1919 to support the American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, military and their families. It is the largest patriotic women's service organization in the world.

We send boys and girls who are juniors in high school to Boys and Girls State each year. This is a terrific opportunity for these young adults to be exposed to the rights, privileges and duties of a responsible citizen. Legion members also provide the Honor Guard for fallen veterans; as well as maintain the Veterans Memorial at the Walcott Welcome Park. For a fundraiser, we hold six dinner meals a year – the fourth Friday in January, February, March, April, August and October. Everyone is welcome and it's a great way to support our veterans and veteran programs.

If you have a relative that is or has been in the military, please consider joining the Auxiliary. We support our Legion by helping them with their dinner meals, funeral luncheons, projects and donations for homeless veterans and the VA Hospital in Iowa City. The Auxiliary supports recovering wounded warriors and their families, providing them with "comfort items" and the kind of support that makes a hospital feel a little bit more like home. We also support community projects.

Legion Auxiliary members also hold a poppy campaign each May. The campaign began in 1920, and to this day, the poppy is nationally recognized and worn as a symbol of sacrifice made by the men and women who served and died for their country during a time of war. These red crepe paper poppies are hand-made every year by veterans and distributed across the country by Auxiliary and Legion members in exchange for donations.

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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
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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 Kris Burt at 284-9028.

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Each Memorial Day, members hold a service at the Walcott Cemetery. Everyone is encouraged to attend as it is the perfect time to support our local veteran group in remembering and honoring those that have gone before us in both war and peacetime.

We are always looking for new members to join the Walcott American Legion and Auxiliary. Please call 284-6133 for more information about joining. It's a great feeling to be able to help veterans and our community. It's a small way we can say thank you for being able to live in such a great country.

God Bless you all!

Mel Brus, Commander

Mary Golinghorst, Auxiliary President

GARAGE SALE

WALCOTT CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday May 7th from 8am to 2pm (rain or shine). 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

FREE SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 7th from 2 – 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 medal 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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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!



The Blue Grass Community Club

232 E. Orphed Street

is hosting Trivia Night

Saturday, May 14th

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.

May Theme is Bike Night

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



Shelly Bridgewater

Dreams Foundation

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.



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WALCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

March 2016 Calls

EMS	15
Fire Alarm	1
HazMat	1
Weather watch	2
Fire	2
Other	2
YTD	62

Weather is turning nice, please be cautious of the children going to and from the parks. Severe weather has already started. Please have a weather radio in your home. The outdoor siren is just that, it is to alert people that are outdoors.

GRASS CUTTING SEASON

Spring has finally sprung and we are headlong into warm weather that seemed like a mere dream only a few weeks ago. As a result, the grass is beginning to grow at an alarming rate as it tries to make up for lost time. Please remember that the City of Walcott requires all grass to be kept cut at or below 6" high on all properties within the city limits. The Building Inspections Department sends one notification per season before sending city contractors to cut it and bill the property owner. Grass cutting fees are collected in the same manner as property taxes and can result in a lien on your property so please keep up with Mother Nature!

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CALVARY NEWS

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 Jo's, hot dogs, nachos, etc. Stop by, take a break from shopping and join us for some refreshments.

Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Call 284-6122 for more information or stop by.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars! We have set Vacation Bible School this year for July 25th through July 29th. Keep an eye open for more information as the time gets closer. We have a great theme and are looking forward to having a week of fun and fellowship we would love to share with your children. Feel free to call the office at 284-6213 anytime for further information.

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IT'S CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TIME!

Time to get out the tools and start fixing up all that winter damage...

Many projects require a building permit and inspections to make sure the work is safe and done correctly to avoid further repairs in the future. Reroofing, residing, replacing air conditioners, water heaters and furnaces, as well as new accessory buildings and larger projects, require a permit from the Walcott Building Inspections Department. If you have any questions or need free help planning your project so it meets building and zoning codes, please call (563) 284-6571, Ext. 18.

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LIBRARY NEWS

AT LAST, WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: The Scott County Library System is working to bring a new expanded Library to the Walcott Community!

The Scott County Library System Foundation has purchased the building at 101 E. Durant Street and will be working on a fundraising campaign to bring this upgraded facility to Walcott. The new Library will offer more materials in a variety of formats, study space, and a Community Room for programs, meetings and events. Ten percent of the project costs have been secured, including a generous pledge from the Walcott Day Committee. Please visit our website at www.scottcountylibrary.org and click on the NEW Walcott Branch link for the latest updates and information on this exciting project.

The people of Walcott are so generous that this dream will undoubtedly come true. Doris Hamann and Linda Smith are examples of two people who have donated story time supplies and books to the Walcott Library. Many others have donated money and bought some of our donated books to help fund projects that the Friends of the Walcott Library sponsor like the Preschool Story Times on Fridays. Speaking of donated books, many new popular ones have come in and can be bought for 25 or 50 .

Preschool Story Times in April will feature the following themes on Fridays from 10:30-11:15:

- May 6: Mother's Day
- May 13: Music
- May 20: Shells
- May 27: Memorial Day

The Walcott Book Club will discuss *The Year of the Hare* by Arto Paasilinna on Monday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at the library. The next book will be *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. It is available for checking out at the library and will be discussed on June 6.

Adult coloring materials are now available for anyone to come in and use while listening to relaxing music any time the library is open. Legos and DUPLOs, games, puzzles, and activity books are available for anyone to use, too. We will happily accept any donations of these materials. When we move into a larger facility, we will have more space to accommodate tables for these activities. In the meantime, we'll make space for anyone wanting to use these materials.

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The Walcott Softball Organization will be hosting three men's fastpitch softball tournaments in Walcott this summer. Details are as follows:

May 27 through May 29

The tournament will be a 4-5 team open round robin and a 4-5 team B class round robin. This will be an excellent chance for teams to get an early start for their summer softball play. Watch for game schedules in the Quad City Times and North Scott Press.

June 17 through June 19

The Walcott Softball Organization will host the Iowa ISC, (International Softball Congress), men's fastpitch qualifier tournament. Twelve to sixteen teams are expected to enter. The tournament is a three game guarantee. Local teams, including the LampLiter Inn and Walcott Merchants are expected to enter, as well as teams from the Tri County League and other teams from across Iowa and Illinois. A team from Minnesota has also expressed interest. 2016 marks the 32nd consecutive year the Iowa ISC has been held in Walcott.

July 22 through July 24

Teams looking for a tournament as a tune up to the World Tournament in August are expected to enter. The highest finishing qualifying team will get their entry fee paid to the ISC World Tournament. Looking for eight teams to enter.

The winner of both the Memorial and Qualifier tournament advance to the World ISC tournament. This year the World is being held at the Greenvally Sports Complex, Moline, Illinois, August 8-16.

In addition to these tournaments, the Tri County Men's Fastpitch League will again be playing at Victory and Wescott Parks. Games begin May 2nd.

Plan to visit Wescott and Victory parks to see some exciting fastpitch softball. For further information, call 563-210-0935.



SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM

The City of Walcott will again be sponsoring a six-week summer recreation program from June 13th – July 22nd. The program will be held on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9 a.m. – Noon, for ages 5 – 14. Participants will meet at Victory Park and be transported to Camp Abe Lincoln for activities each Monday and Wednesday and field trips are scheduled for Fridays.

Through the City's sponsorship, the registration fee for 54 hours of fun-filled recreation is only \$70 for each child residing in the Walcott community. The Walcott community is defined as residential homes located within Walcott City limits or Fire District #6. Participants residing outside of the Walcott community are required to pay the full cost of \$196.45 per child.

Registration forms will be available at Walcott City Hall and online at www.cityofwalcott.com. Completed registration forms and fees must be returned to City Hall on or before June 10th. For questions, please contact Walcott City Hall at 284.6571 ext. 10.



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CITY OFFICES REFUSE COLLECTION

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. Garbage and recycling collection will be on Tuesday, May 31st. Enjoy the holiday but don't forget those that made it possible.

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2016 WELCOME PARK BRICK WALKWAY PROGRAM

If you would like to purchase an engraved brick to be placed in the walkway at Welcome Park, send a form and payment to City Hall by May 21st. Forms are available at City Hall and are available online at www.cityofwalcott.com. The cost is \$35 for a 4" x 8" brick engraved with two lines and \$55 for an 8" x 8" brick engraved with 4 lines (13 characters per line, including spaces).



WALCOTT SCHOOL NEWS

It's just about time to say goodbye to our 8th grade class. We wish them the very best of luck during their high school years. We hope that you come back for a visit now and then.

We are looking forward to meeting and welcoming our new 6th graders for the 2016-2017 school year.

Due to having no needed snow days this year, the NEW last day of school will be Wednesday, May 25, 2016 with a 1:35 p.m. early dismissal.

2016-17 school year registration will be held on Tuesday, August 9th from Noon - 6 p.m., Unpack Your Backpack Night is Monday, August 22nd from 4 - 6 p.m., and the first day of school is Tuesday, August 23rd. Kindergarten will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 24th.

Our track season is off to a great start with our Panthers in great standings once again this season.

Make sure to look at the calendar attached for our May events. You may also look for events scheduled at Walcott School on 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.

I would like to take this time to say farewell to the awesome staff, the great parents and fantastic students of Walcott School. You have made my 16 years at Walcott school a fantastic memory for me. After working 32 years for the Davenport Community School District, it is now time for me to retire. I look back and think how quickly time has flown by. My plans for retirement are to live life to its fullest measure, as it seems we're only on this earth for a few precious moments. So, you may see me out in my yard looking up at the sky just watching the clouds roll by or even taking the time to stop and finally smell the roses.

I also plan to pursue my musical passions. You never know, you just may find me involved in some community theatre productions, teaching piano, voice, drama, guitar or ukulele, and continuing to work with several music programs at my church. You will continue to see me around Walcott, as my husband Greg and I plan to live our lifetime in this wonderful communi-

ty. If you ever want to get out on the golf course, give me a call. Thanks for everything! You have truly enriched my life with many unforgettable memories and blessings.

Have a GREAT summer!!!!

Submitted by:

Rockin' Robyn Stender

Walcott School Secretary



ASHHS QUARTERLY MEETING

The American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) quarterly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at the Walcott American Legion, 121 W. Bryant St., Walcott, Iowa

The program will feature Liz Garst speaking on "Corn and Khrushchev". Liz Garst is the granddaughter of the famous Iowa farmers and citizen diplomats Roswell and Elizabeth Garst, and like her forefathers, she likes to tell a good story. She manages banking and farming interests for the Garst family, and has a BA in English Literature, a MS in Agricultural Economics and a MBA. She is a board member and volunteer for Whiterock Conservancy, a non-profit land trust near Coon Rapids, which is dedicated to finding balance between agriculture, the environment and people. Whiterock Conservancy stewards the Roswell and Elizabeth Garst Farmstead, which is listed as nationally significant on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Garst Family has deep roots in the history of Iowa. Using her family experience in Coon Rapids, Liz recounts the history of agricultural development in Iowa, from early settlement through the fabulous mid-century explosion of farm productivity, based on the hybrid seeds, machinery, fertilizers and livestock technologies promoted by her grandfather. Liz tells how it came to pass that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and his family visited the Garst family in 1959, and recalls fun stories from her personal memories as an 8-year-old participant. Imbedded in the entertaining story are history and economics lessons and a powerful message about the ability of an individual to make a difference.

Light refreshments will be provided. The public is invited. The American Legion Hall is handicap accessible. For more information call 284-6640, or e-mail leemarmul@aol.com.

WALCOTT DAY

This year's theme for Walcott Day is "Walcott Day Celebrates the Olympics".

Start planning now for your parade entry. Parade Categories: Business, Organization, Family, Shriners/Grotto, and Bands

GRAND PRIZE \$100 BEST OVERALL

The above categories will be judged and awarded as follows:

1st Place - \$50 & Ribbon

2nd Place - \$40 & Ribbon

3rd Place - \$30 & Ribbon

No Animals will be judged in the Parade

Contact Ian Chesnutt for more information: 563-505-0829



May 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11am State Meeting 1:30pm Dance @ Coliseum	2 5pm 8th Grade Track City Meet @ Brady St. Stadium 6pm City Council Mt 7pm Book Club @ Library	3 9am Community Coffee @ Courtyard 5pm 7th Grade Track City Meet @ Brady St. Stadium 6:30pm Sheephead @ Courtyard 7pm 5th Grade All City Orchestra @ The Adler Theatre	4 2pm Bingo @ Courtyard 5:30pm Park Board Mt @ City Hall	5	6 PTA Scrap Metal Drive behind School 10:30am Preschool Storytime @ Library 7pm 8th Grade Dance @ Walcott Coliseum (\$5.00 Tickets Sold @ Door)	7 PTA Scrap Metal Drive behind School 8am Shelly Bridgewater Dreams Walk @ Modern Woodman Park 8am-2pm City Wide Garage Sale 2-5 Clean Up Day @ Public Works
8 PTA Scrap Metal Drive behind School Mother's Day	9 PTA Scrap Metal Drive behind School 4pm PTA Meeting in the IMC	10 6:30pm Dominoes @ Courtyard	11 1:15pm 500 @ Courtyard	12 4:30pm 6th Grade Intramural City Meet @ Brady St. Stadium	13 10:30am Preschool Storytime @ Library 7pm J. Beauchamp @ Coliseum	14 Intermediate Vocal Music & Orchestra Trip to Chicago
15 1:30pm ASHHS @ Legion	16 7pm Grade 4-8 Orchestra Concert in the Large Gym 6pm City Council Mt	17 7pm Intermediate Vocal Music Concert in the Large Gym	18 1:15pm Bingo @ Courtyard	19 7pm Grade 5-8 Band Concert in the Large Gym	20 10:30am Preschool Storytime @ Library 7:30pm Lost County Dancers @ Coliseum	21 Armed Forces Day 
22	23	24 7pm Intermediate Academic Awards Program in the Large Gym 6pm Bingo @ Courtyard	25 1:15pm 500 @ Courtyard 1:35pm Early Dismissal—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	26	27 10:30am Preschool Storytime @ Library 7pm Lyle Beaver @ Coliseum Fastpitch Softball Tournament @ Parks	28 Fastpitch Softball Tournament @ Parks
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Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Support your Chamber by attending the meeting at City Hall.
Monday, May 9th @ 12:30

The Walcott Chamber thanks you for taking the time to read this publication and would like to let you know that it is the Chamber's decision what content is included in the newsletter, including the City Council minutes.

The Chamber staff retrieves the minutes they chose to publish from the City's website and usually does not have room to publish the minutes from both meetings every month. Minutes from all City Council meetings are published in the North Scott Press and on the City's website - www.cityofwalcott.com.



Pancake Breakfast

Blue Grass Legion Hall
106 South Juniata Street

Saturday, May 7, 2016 6:30 to 10:00 AM

All You Can Eat



Pancakes**Scrambled Eggs**Sausage
Homemade Syrup**Potatoes
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Juice**Milk**Coffee
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