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Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEWSLETTER

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WALCOTT AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY POST #548



Brian Mengler, PostCommander, and Mary Golinghorst, Auxiliary President, stand next to the POW/MIA table that was recently added at the Legion. It is a single table set for a meal but is never used. This special scene honors those who cannot join us at our post – prisoners of war or those missing in action. Please reflect when you pass this table knowing that our POW/MIA would give anything to join their family and friends for a meal.

The Walcott American Legion supports the local Cub Scout Pack and Boys' 4-H Club and hosts the annual Punt, Pass & Kick event. They sponsor the Walcott Athletics Board, the Boys' State attendees, Citizenship Awards, and an annual flag essay contest for the 5th graders. They conduct community blood drives and partner with Walcott Community Club and the Walcott Women to support the community. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meals are held in the Legion Hall from January – April, August, and October. The facility is also available for rent for social events (big hall - \$150; small hall - \$50). Come and see the improvements the Legionnaires continue to make on the facility.

The Legion Honor Guard supports ceremonies and funerals in the local area as requested. Members also started a new program last year called the "Avenue of the Flags," in which they put up American flags in the front yards of homes and businesses around Walcott on the five major patriotic holidays throughout the year and also on Walcott Day. Please remember to renew your subscription or sign up today to show your patriotism and support to veterans, the community, and several youth programs.

An upcoming event will be a Wine Tasting night on Friday, May 5th, at 6:30 p.m. Come join the fun! Memorial Day services will be on Monday, May 29th at the Walcott Cemetery. It is important to remember the reason for the holiday weekend. Memorial Day is the day Americans set aside to honor those brave men and women who met tragic ends while defending our freedom. It is our duty to honor their sacrifices, to pray for their families, and to bow our heads in recognition of their service.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, with nearly three-quarters of a million members and more than 8,000 units in communities across the nation. Our small unit has been busy supporting veterans and our community. A few of the organizations we have donated to are the Quad City Honor Flight, VA Hospital in Iowa City, VA Community Resource Center and StandDown for Veterans.

Auxiliary members will hold their poppy campaign in May. This tradition began in
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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 handmade every year by veterans and distributed across the country by auxiliary and legion members in exchange for donations.

To raise funds for legion improvements, the auxiliary is sponsoring a Taco Bar/Ice Cream Social on Friday, May 19th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Please come and support the legion and auxiliary!

We are also looking for new members to join us. Please call 284-6133 for more information. 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!

Brian Mengler, Legion Commander

Mary Golinghorst, Auxiliary President



YARD WASTE & BRUSH WALCOTT RESIDENTS

Residents are reminded that yard waste does not belong in the garbage totes. The City's garbage hauler has stated they will not be picking up totes that contain yard waste. Walcott residents can dispose of yard waste at the compost facility.

The Public Works Department will continue to pick up brush 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 it at the curb by 8:00 a.m.



TACO BAR/ICE CREAM SOCIAL FAMILY NIGHT

WHERE: Walcott American Legion

WHEN: Friday, May 19, 2017

TIME: 5 PM – 8 PM

COST: Adults \$7.00 / Door \$8.00

3 Tacos, Taco Salad, or Nacho Supreme
Includes Refried beans & Spanish Rice
Children 10 and Under \$4.00

(or optional \$4.00 Maidrite meal for children)

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SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM

The six-week summer recreation program, sponsored by the City of Walcott, starts on June 13th. 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 are 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 9th. For questions, please contact Walcott City Hall at 284.6571 ext. 10.

CITY OFFICES GARBAGE COLLECTION

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. Garbage collection will be on Tuesday, May 30th. Thank you to the men and women who serve our country and those who gave their lives to preserve our freedom!



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NEWS FROM CALVARY

Calvary Preschool will be serving food and having a bake sale during the Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 6th. Starting at 8 AM, they will be serving sloppy jo's, hot dogs, nachos, chips and beverages. Stop by and have some nourishment and visit our Bake Sale!

Calvary Preschool is still accepting applications for this fall for 3-5 year olds. Give us a call at 284-6122 for more information.

Vacation Bible School: Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School. This will be held the week of July 24-28th. Mark your calendars and watch for further information.

FROM PASTOR AL:

IN EVERY GENERATION, THE TRUTH MUST BE OPENED.

This week my wife sent me this quote as I am attending a week of classes for my continuing education through the United Methodist. We are, as I write this, studying the Psalms. While I am studying near Lake Rathbun, my wife is attending the National Catholic Educators Association Conference in St. Louis. We were both spending the morning getting educated within an inch of our lives. And then ... she sent me that quote. As I was reading it on my cellphone, our class was reading the following from Psalm 32.

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. ...

11 Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

As we were texting about how awesome the Holy Spirit is to be speaking in both places at once, my class began reading Psalm 98.

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

2 The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

3 He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

I am inspired and I'd like to say a couple things. First, we have been missing you. And second, we need you to come and help us to sing a new song for this new generation. Perhaps the song in your heart is the melody our hearts are longing to hear. Let's lift a new song together, because in every generation, the truth must be opened.

PASTOR AL



Work on the new location for the Walcott Library has begun and it's fun to watch its progress. You can still contribute to the fund for renovating the old meat market and be part of the Scott County Library System's and Walcott's histories. There are forms to fill out at the Walcott Library and no amount is too small. All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a form to file with your taxes.

Speaking of donations, the Walcott American Legion Auxiliary Post #548 gave the library a \$50 donation towards the weekly story time for supplies and refreshments. Thank you, dear Auxiliary Friends. Donations are always welcome to the Friends of the Walcott Library for expenses related to story times and contests.

Story times in May will be from 10:30-11:15 on Fridays with stories, crafts and refreshments. The topic for May 5 will be frogs. On May 12, we will learn about snakes but none will be present. Turtles are being featured on May 19 and attendees are welcome to bring their turtles, real or fake. **THERE WILL BE NO STORY TIME ON FRIDAY, MAY 26.**

The Walcott Book Club will be discussing the book *Bossypants* by Tina Fey, a humorous autobiography of the popular comedienne, on Monday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the library. We always have interesting discussions whether the participants have read the featured book or not. We share recommendations of other books we've read, too. In May we will be reading *Bottomland*, the 2017 Iowa Reads selection by Michelle Hoover. Copies will be available at the library for anyone to check out and read, even if you don't come to the book club meeting.

The library will be closed on Monday, May 29, to observe Memorial Day.

WALCOTT AMERICAN LEGION POST 548 AVENUE OF FLAGS 2017

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.

Contact Brian Mengler @ 563-284-5187



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WALCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. March 2017 Calls

EMS	20
Haz-Mat	2
MVC	2
Fire	5
Other	7
(8 of these calls were from the night of the tornado)	
Month total	36
YTD	107

**** NEW 2017 ****

Steak Fry

Sept 30th @ Legion

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

• NOTICE •

There will be a lot owners meeting of the Walcott Cemetery Company on Thursday, May 11th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Walcott American Legion.

FREE SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 7th 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 metal items, please take up to the school for the Walcott PTA Scrap Metal Drive. Dumpsters will be available May 5-7 on the south side (back) of the school.



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GARAGE SALE

WALCOTT CITY-WIDE
GARAGE SALE

The Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday May 6th from 8am to 2pm (rain or shine). The maps will be available to pick up on Friday May 5th 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

ASHHS QUARTERLY MEETING

The American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) quarterly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at the Walcott American Legion, 121 W. Bryant St., Walcott, Iowa

The May 21st meeting will be a dedication ceremony for Merle Arp. A bench has been made in his honor with the memorial money received by ASHHS. The bench will be placed along the sidewalk near the ASHHS office. Also, if anyone has stories about Merle they would like to share at the meeting, we would be happy to hear them. After the dedication ceremony, a short meeting will be held, after which Franz Neff will be playing his accordion and we will sing a few German songs, followed by light refreshments and time to socialize.

The public is invited. 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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WALCOTT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE

The American Legion Auxiliary sends girls that have completed their junior year in high school every year to Girls State. Girls State is an inspirational, educational, fun and life-changing experience for young women. The program's objective is to develop leadership skills, confidence, & action-based understanding of the governmental process. The American Legion Auxiliary believes that educating youth about the basic ideals & principles of government will help ensure our democracy's survival. This year the Walcott American Legion Auxiliary is proud to be sending two very strong young women.



The first young woman is Courtney Schaeffer the daughter of Don and Michelle Schaeffer. She attends Davenport West High School as a junior. She is the captain of my high school swim team and swim for the Davenport Metro Swim Team as well.

Courtney is also a member of the National Honor Society at West High School and the Energy Conservation Committee for the Davenport Community School District. She is a member of the St. Andrew's parish youth group, and on the Faith Formation Committee at her church as well. Courtney said she wants to attend girls state "because embracing patriotism and serving our country is important to my family and I. In my ancestry, four consecutive generations have served our country in the form of military. Besides this, it will be a great learning opportunity for me. It will allow me to gain valuable leadership skills, obtain a better understanding of our political system, and become a knowledgeable, well-rounded citizen of our community."



Our second young woman is Aunna Maria Romero who also attends Davenport West High School. She lives with the Mother and Stepfather, Kali and Kerry Gruenhagen. Aunna enjoys reading and participates in National Honors Society and Varsity Show Choir at her school. She is excited to go to girls state because she has been considering a future in politics and hopes that girls state will be a great kick start to getting there.

WALCOTT SCHOOL NEWS

Spring has sprung! Summer is around the corner and this means the last day of school will be Wednesday, May 31st, with Walcott School dismissal at 1:35 p.m. Please remind your students to read over the summer break.

Calendar of Walcott School Events

Monday, May 1 - 7/8 Grade Track Meet @ Brady Street Stadium @ 5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2 - All City Elementary Band and Orchestra Concert @ Alder Theater @ 7 p.m.

Friday, May 5 - Walcott 8th Grade Dance 8 - 11 p.m. at the Walcott Coliseum

Monday, May 8 - 8th Grade City Track Meet @ Brady Street Stadium @ 5 p.m.

Monday, May 8th - Walcott School PTA meeting @ 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 11 - All day IBA 8th Grade Honor Band @ Des Moines

Thursday, May 11 - 7th Grade City Track Meet @ Brady Street Stadium @ 5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16 - 6th Grade Intramural Track Meet @ Brady Street Stadium @ 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 18 - 6, 7, 8th Grade Vocal Music Concert, Walcott School's Large Gym @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 20 - Walcott School Choir Trip to Chicago for Blue Man Group

Wednesday, May 24 - Welcome incoming 6th Graders for Visit Night @ 6 -7 p.m.

Thursday, May 25 - 6:30 p.m. Orchestra Concert @ Walcott School

7:30 p.m. Band Concert @ Walcott School

Monday, May 29 - No school - Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30 - 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Honors Program, Walcott School's Large gym @ 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31 - Last day of school - Walcott School two hour early dismissal at 1:35 p.m.

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FASTPITCH SOFTBALL IN WALCOTT

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

May 27 and May 28 - The tournament will be a 5 team round robin. This will be an excellent chance for teams to get an early start for their summer softball play. Teams entered include the Walcott Merchants, the LampLiter Inn, Palazzo's of Des Moines, Hustle Hogs from DeKalb, Illinois and Dolan and Murphy from Aurora, Illinois. Watch for game schedules in the Quad City Times and North Scott Press.

June 16 through June 18 - The Walcott Softball Organization will host the Iowa ISC, (International Softball Congress), men's fastpitch qualifier tournament. Eight to ten 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 other teams from the Tri County League and teams from across Iowa and Illinois. 2017 marks the 33rd consecutive year the Iowa ISC has been held in Walcott.

July 22 and July 23 - 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 4 - 6 teams to enter.

The winner of both the Memorial and Qualifier tournament advance to the World ISC tournament. The World is being held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 12-19.

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.

BLUE GRASS LEGION POST 711

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 6th 6:30am-10am

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Walcott Legion Home

106 S Juniata Street, Blue Grass

WINE TASTING EVENT



Where: Walcott American Legion

When: Friday, May 5th @ 6:30PM

What: Wine tasting featuring

Wide River Winery

\$12 includes 5 wine

samples, 1 glass of

wine, and appetizers. Raffles, 50/50, and cash bar will also be available



Supervisory Program Specialists~ sitting (front): Martine Rivera, Lindsey Deloe sitting (back): Andrea Flannery, Shannon Flagel standing: Chris Chambers Marketing Specialist, President Mary Golinghorst, and Linda Garlock with a few of the military children

On April 7, 2017, the Rock Island Arsenal Child Development Center celebrated "The Month of the Military Child" by holding the first Spring Festival. A variety of activities were planned for which the kids and adults could participate. Each participant also received a raffle ticket for a chance to win a variety of prizes.

The Walcott American Legion Auxiliary Post #548 presented a check to the organization to help cover the cost of the raffle prizes at the event. Approximately 200 military children attended the Spring Festival this year.





May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 5pm 7/8 Grade Track City Meet @ Brady St. Stadium</p> <p>6pm Council Meeting @ City Hall</p> <p>7pm Book Club @ Library</p>	<p>2 7pm 5th Grade All City Band & Orchestra Concert @ Adler Theatre</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 PTA Scrap Metal Drive behind School</p> <p>10:30am Story Time @ Library</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo Party @ Courtyard</p> <p>6:30pm Wine Tasting @ American Legion</p> <p>8pm 8th Grade Dance @ Walcott Coliseum</p>	<p>6 PTA Scrap Metal Drive behind School</p> <p>8am-2pm City Wide Garage Sale</p> <p>2-5 Clean Up Day @ Public Works</p>
<p>7 PTA Scrap Metal Drive behind School</p>	<p>8 PTA Scrap Metal Drive behind School</p> <p>4pm PTA Meeting in the IMC</p> <p>5pm 8th Grade Track City Meet @ Brady St.</p>	<p>9 6:30pm Dominoes @ Courtyard</p>	<p>10 1:15pm 500@ Courtyard</p>	<p>11 1pm Walcott Cemetery Meeting @ Legion</p> <p>5pm 7th Grade Track City Meet @ Brady St. Stadium</p>	<p>12 10:30am Story Time @ Library</p> <p>Live Music @ Courtyard</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Mother's Day</p>	<p>15 6pm Council Meeting @ City Hall</p>	<p>16 5pm 6th Grade Track City Meet @ Brady St. Stadium</p>	<p>17 6:30pm Dominoes @ Courtyard</p>	<p>18 7pm Intermediate Vocal Music Concert in the Large Gym</p>	<p>19 10:30am Story Time @ Library</p> <p>5-8pm Taco Bar/Ice Cream Social @ Le-</p>	<p>20 Intermediate Trip to Chicago</p> <p>Armed Forces Day </p>
<p>21 1:30pm ASHHS @ Legion</p>	<p>22 6-7:30pm Adult Coloring Class @</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 5:30pm Park Board Meeting @</p>	<p>25 6:30pm Orchestra & Band Concert</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Men's Fastpitch @ Parks</p>
<p>28 Men's Fastpitch @ Parks</p>	<p>29 No School</p> <p>10am Memorial Day Service @ Walcott Cemetery</p>	<p>30 Intermediate Academic Awards Program @ Large Gym</p>	<p>31 Last day of School</p> <p>6:30pm Dominoes @ Courtyard</p>			

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