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Shown cutting the ribbon to officially dedicate the new Walcott Branch library are Walcott Mayor John Kostichek, left, and Scott County Library System (SCLS) Board of Trustees president Joe Ragona. Looking on, from left to right, are Sherry Roberts, Walcott Branch librarian; Walcott City Council members Jacob Puck, Lisa Mengler and Tim Koehler; Kristal Koberg Schaefer, SCLS Board vice president; Chuck Thompson, SCLS Board member; Angie Ehlers, SCLS Board secretary; Linda Tuftee, SCLS Board member; Tricia Kane, SCLS director; and Brent Herman, SCLS Board member. NSP Photo by Phil Roberts

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About 50 people, including donors, city and county officials and Scott County Library System (SCLS) Board of Trustees members, dedicated the Walcott Branch library's new location Dec. 12. The dedication ceremony was held to thank everyone who donated to the library campaign.

The Walcott Branch moved in October from 207 S. Main St. to a renovated, one-story brick building that once housed Niebuhr's Meat Market at 101 E. Durant St. The vision for a larger Walcott library began in 2014, and the SCLS Foundation bought the building for \$102,000 in March of 2016 and soon began renovations.

The new Walcott Branch opened to the public on Oct. 13. An official grand opening took place on Nov. 18.

"Although we knew that there was a need for a larger space to serve the community, this project would not have been possible without the support and generosity of people who believed in this new library," said Tricia Kane, SCLS director.

"Although the old space was far too small and inadequate, usage was increasing because of the hard work of (branch librarian) Sherry Roberts, but there was a limit to the services that we could provide. With our new expanded facility that offers a community room, we can do so much more."

Roberts, a retired Davenport Schools teacher-librarian, began substituting at the Walcott Branch in December 2012 and became the permanent librarian in early 2013.

Although the new facility has been open only two months, Kane said it is seeing large increases in traffic and circulation, and she looks forward to more growth.

"We are now a true community resource to the residents of Walcott and the surrounding areas," she said.

Also recognized at the dedication ceremony were members of the fundraising committee who worked behind the scenes to raise enough money to pay for renovations. The project was completed in less than a year and a half.

The fundraising committee was led by professional fundraiser Ray German, of BMG Associates and made up of Kane; Sue Daley, CEO of Walcott Trust and Savings Bank; Cal Werner, president of Walcott Trust and Savings Bank; and Kristal Koberg Schaefer, SCLS Board vice president.

"Because of the efforts of this committee, we have received enough grants and multiple-year pledges to pay for this upgraded library," Kane said, "and we just wanted to stress how sincerely appreciative we are and that the gifts of all sizes made a difference."

Werner told those who attended the dedication that there are four considerations families have when choosing the town in which to live:

- Does it have a school?
- Does it have a locally owned bank?
- Does it have amenities for families, such as parks and recreational trails?
- Does it have a library?

"Walcott is now, with this new branch library and community room, in a better position to retain families and acquire new citizens," Werner exclaimed.

He added: "Special kudos to Tricia Kane for leading the effort both in reference to the library building design and overseeing the fundraising committee and effort. She did an exceptional job."

Schaefer said the library board had not yet started its full fundraising campaign and it was "amazed of the strong support and generosity, not only from the city of Walcott, businesses and citizens, but the surrounding Quad Cities foundations and boards we requested grants from."

"Because our fundraising campaign went so smoothly, we were able to change the plan of the building from a flat roof to a pitch roof and add other items to only improve and enhance the library, all at no cost to the Scott County taxpayer."

She adds that during a meeting she was once told that libraries are going extinct, and Kindles are taking over. "I am here to tell you our community has proved that statement wrong and only hope this library branch of the Scott County Library System will help in a better quality of life for the citizens of Walcott."



Walcott PTA recently purchased and installed a Gaga ball pit to add to the Walcott School playground. We would like to thank our anonymous donor for generously paying for half of this project! Also, thank you to those who helped install the Gaga ball pit: Mike Lawler, Dave & Trey Huntley, Kathryn Hale, Lauren Vasicek, Scott Bernick, Joe Golinghorst, Jason & Lisa Holdorf, Brian Phillips, Kelli Butcher. and Brian & Angie Ehlers.

The students have really enjoyed this new addition – even the snow and cold weather haven't stopped them from using it! Walcott PTA members work hard to raise funds to help the school provide extra resources for all our students. Thank you to all of those who help support our fundraising efforts – it is much appreciated.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Children starting kindergarten in the 2018-2019 school year:

Kindergarten Round-Up

Thursday March 1, 2018

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Call the school at 445-5200 to register and get more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Walcott Historical Society celebrates its third birthday in March

The 17 members, who have been meeting and storing their historical items rent-free in a building at 102 E. Vernon St., are looking for a permanent home.

In the meantime, they have two projects:

- 4) They plan to set up a temporary display of Walcott artifacts in the Vernon Street building for viewing during Walcott Day weekend in July.
- 2) They are gathering photographs and information for their second publication, a pictorial history of one-room schoolhouses and their classes in the Walcott area.

The group's first publication was a 2016 pictorial history of Walcott titled "Walcott: The Early Years, 1854-1954." Some copies, at \$25 each, are still available from society president Karen Puck, B & D Automotive, Burt Clinic of Chiropractic and Walcott Trust and Savings Bank.

Society members have also compiled this wish list

- · Additional members.
- · Monetary donations toward a permanent home
- · Photographs of one-room school classes and/or buildings.
- · One-room school artifacts.
- · Cabinets, glass display cases or curio cabinets, a bookcase and a small wooden teacher's desk,
- · A volunteer to undertake archival matting and framing.
- · Walcott-related stories.
- · Walcott and surrounding area-related artifacts.
- · 1800s to mid 1900s artifacts that illustrate life as it was in a small Iowa farming community.
- · An old interior flagpole to hold an antique flag that's already on hand.
- · Old Walcott-related photographs to be scanned and returned.

For more information about the Walcott Historical Society, contact Karen by phone at (563) 284-6438 or by email at kpuck2015@gmail.com



IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY MINUTEMAN PRESS WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH





It's time to stop by at City Hall to obtain a dog or cat license for your pets over the age of six (6) months. License fees are \$3.00 per animal with a delinquent fee of \$1.00 added after April 1st. Proof of rabies vaccination is required. Residents are reminded it is

unlawful for any person to harbor or house on the same premises more than a total of 4 of the following animals: dogs and cats over the age of 6 months, unless such animals are in a licensed kennel or pet shop, veterinary clinic, or animal grooming shop.

Walcott PTA is sponsoring it's 1st ever

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday March 3rd, 2018 at the Walcott School Gyms team check in at 10:30 am • Concessions open at 11 am tournament play begins at 11 am (youngest to oldest)

All proceeds from this event goes to the phase 3 playground replacement project



Jr. Youth: 3rd-5th grade • Intermediate: 6th-8th grade • High School/Adult Rules:

- -All registrations, waiver and payment due by March 1st
- -NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ALLOWED
- -Teams of 8 players (\$120/team)
- -There must be a team name
- -Teams with inappropriate names or uniforms will be disqualified
- -There must be a team captain so they can be contacted if necessary
- -Closed toe, rubber sole shoes must be worn

To Register:

- -include the following in an envelope: team entry fee, entry form, and 8 waivers -make checks payable to Walcott PTA
- -Mail to: Amy Paustian 22225 70th Ave. Walcott IA 52773

Prizes awarded to the champions of each division. Registrations and waivers can be found on the Walcott PTA facebook page or the school website. Any questions or if you would be willing to volunteer to help at the event please contact Amy Paustian at mike.amy@gmail.com



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WALCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. December 2017 Calls

EMS	27
MVC	5
Fire	5
HazMat	2
Other	1
Month	40
Year	368

- *Drive according to weather conditions
- *Keep clear space around fire places and space heaters
- *Reminder to keep a Safety Kit in your vehicle

Total Calls: 2015 -354

2015 -354 2016 -361 2017 -368

2017 in Review:

*27 Fires *242 EMS

- *21 Haz Mat
- *15 Service Calls *11 False Alarms
 - *2 Weather
- *50 Good Intent

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★ MARCH MEAL ★

March 1st at Walcott Legion



SHELTER & GAZEBO RESERVATIONS

City Hall is now accepting shelter and gazebo reservations for 2018. Shelter reservations will become

effective when the completed reservation form and the nonrefundable fee of \$35 are remitted to the City Clerk's office. Unreserved shelters will still be available to be enjoyed by the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the City Clerk's office at 284-6571 x10 for availability.

Forms are available at City Hall or online at www.cityofwalcott.com



GOLF CART, ATV, AND UTV USE ON CITY STREETS

Limited use of golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs are permitted on Walcott city streets with the following restrictions. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age, hold a valid Iowa driver's license and obtain a permit from the Walcott Police Chief. Drivers must obey all traffic laws and equip their vehicles with the following safety equipment: a slow-moving vehicle sign, a safety flag, adequate brakes, and head lights and tail lights. Golf carts and UTVs require a rear view mirror and UTVs and ATV's must also have mufflers and an adequate exhaust system.

All are permitted on the streets from ½ hour after sunrise until ½ hour before sunset but they are prohibited from using Y-40/Blue Grass Road and Walcott Road/Hwy 6/F58. ATVs and UTVs may be operated during prohibited hours to perform snow removal activities. Golf Carts may only be operated between March 1st and November 30th.

Permits must be renewed annually as they expire on December 31st, regardless of the date of issue. To obtain a permit you must apply with the Walcott Police Department, pay a fee of \$25, and provide the following: evidence that you are at least 18 years of age, that you possess a valid Iowa driver's license, and have a minimum of \$300,000 in liability insurance coverage for this activity. Application forms are available online at www.cityofwalcott.com.



Friday, February 2nd 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:00 PM)

Walcott American Legion Post 548 121 W. Bryant Street

This isn't your grandma's bingo! Bring the entire family to party with us. We spin the music, you mark your cards and shout BINGO!!!

Cost is \$10 for a bag of bingo chips, \$5 for each additional bag. Each bag of chips comes with a FREE bingo card. Prizes are given out after each game.

Here's how it works: Instead of boring old numbers being called out in a normal game of bingo, we've replaced them with 20-30 seconds of the most toe-tappin', chair dancin' sing-along songs from the past and present!

Happy Joe's Walking Tacos will be available for \$5.00 each. Desserts will also be available for purchase.

Snacks may be brought in, but drinks must be purchased at the venue.

Presented by Nu Zeta Sorority
Contact Trudy at (563) 340-9881 to reserve your table today!



WINTER READING PROGRAM: In the month of February, there will be a Blizzard of Books at the Walcott Library. All you have to do is come to the Walcott Library and check something out. There are three baskets you can win just for coming into the library, checking out something and getting an entry. The drawing for the Kindles for checking out books is extended through February. Those who enter either contest and don't win will receive a free book.

WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES: This is the place to be on Wednesdays from 2:45-4:45 P.M. Sheri Sanders donated many new games, including Battleship, Bananagrams, Apples to Apples, Sorry, Junior Monopoly, Monopoly, Mille Bournes, Wizard and Name 5. Other games are available for all ages. Kids can learn the old games of Pick Up Stix and jacks, too. These can be played anytime the library is open.

VOLUNTEERS: We would love to have volunteers sign up to help with cleaning, preparing and conducting story times on Fridays from 10:30-11:15 and teaching kids skills or games during Wednesday After School Adventures. If you are interested, please call 284-6612 or come in and sign up for a day and time or skill you want to share.

ELECTRONIC GAMES: We have 5 Bloxel sets for kids to use to design their own video games to play. We also have six pre-loaded Launch Pads (tablets) with educational games that can be used at the library or checked out.

FRIENDS OF THE WALCOTT LIBRARY: We invite you to join this group to support our library. The dues are \$10 per year and provide funds for story times and contests. The Kindles that are being given away and Battle of the Books awards for Walcott students have been funded with book sales and donations. Now it's time to replenish the coffers. Donations are always appreciated. The Friends only meet if

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PRESCHOOL AND HOME SCHOOL STORY TIMES: Fridays from 10:30-11:15 A.M. Themes in February: 2/2—Groundhog Day & Shadows; 2/9— Valentine's Day & Hearts; 2/16—Chinese New Year; 2/23—Making music.

WALCOTT BOOK CLUB: Discussing The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick on Monday, February 5, at 7 P.M. The next book is The State of Wonder by Ann Patchett.

PRESIDENTS' DAY: The Library will be open on Presidents' Day, February 19.

COMMUNITY ROOM: Available by reservation for meetings from 8 A.M.-8:00 P.M. Monday – Thursday, and 9:00 A.M – 5:30 P.M. on Friday – Sunday, with the exception of holidays observed by the Library. There is no charge for clubs, community groups and educational presentations. Parties are charged \$25 per hour. A key for after normal library hours can be checked out with a \$20 deposit until it is returned.



ASHHS QUARTERLY MEETING

The American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) quarterly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, February 18, 2018, at the Walcott American Legion, 121 W. Bryant St.

The speaker will be Janet Schlapkohl who lives in lowa City and has written a play depicting the immigration experience of a young man from Schleswig Holstein to lowa.

The play entitled "Here I'm Hank", is based on family stories passed down in her family about members of her family who immigrated from Schleswig-Holstein to lowa. The play has been performed throughout lowa, including at our recent Low German Friendship Conference in Manning, lowa. She will be performing several excerpts from the play

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.





WALCOTT LIONS ANNUAL FISH FRY Tuesday, March 13 4:00 - 8:00 PM

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Walcott Coliseum

Ticket \$13 in advance \$14 at the door.

Tickets available at Burt's Chiropractic
Clinic, B&D Automotive, the Lampliter and
Walcott Lions members.

CALVARY NEWS

End of January. Beginning of February. Winter has become O-O-O-O-O-O-L-D. That's right, that was SEVEN capital Os, and I meant every one of them. The problem with winter being so O-O-O-O-O-O-D-D is that here in lowa, where I was born and where I have spent most of my life, spring is still very far away.

I used to feel all alone this time of year, but I was wrong. These feelings of dissatisfaction/anxiety/unhappiness, OK I'll say it, depression affect lots of people. All sorts of folks get like this, this time of year. Did you know that January is known as Divorce Month? Makes me wonder what February is called. Let's give February a name, call it Waiting Until Spring Before Making Desperate Decisions Month.

Since I'm not alone, I thought there might be some scriptures that address these feelings. This time I was right. Here are some of my favorites: Psalm 34:17 Is anyone crying for help? God is listening, ready to rescue you. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.

Here is my challenge for everyone (because someone out there must be in a good mood): come up with an activity, something we can all do together that involves fun, community, movement, fun, some natural daylight, laughter, and fun (that's right, lots of fun). I'll start us off. January 21st after church we'll play a game in honor of the upcoming Olympics. Come to church, or ask someone who came that day. They'll tell you all about it. Let's

all come alongside one another, because some of us are going through hard times. Psalm 126:2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

PASTOR AL

CALVARY KIDS' CLUB: WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL NOT be HOSTING A CALVARY KIDS' Club session this year. Due to the low number of registrations, it is not feasible for us to have one this semester. We hope we will be able to look forward to a possible session this next fall. Thank you for your past support of this ministry.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday and we will be hold a service that evening at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we start the Lenten season.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: On Sunday, February 4th, Sunday School will return to its original time of 9:00 a.m. All children are welcome! In addition, if the parents would like to remain at the church during this time, a quiet place in social hall is available with free coffee and conversation!

Calvary Preschool
Open House & Fall Registration
3-5 year olds
Thursday, March 1
5:30 - 7:00

WALCOTT YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Sign-ups will be on February 6th and February 15th @ the Legion from 5 to 7 PM on both nights.

- We'll be ordering new jerseys for both girls and boys this year. They'll be different from past years. Jerseys will be available for sizing purposes.
- You'll have the ability to opt-out / pay-out of getting bothered for shack duty. If you don't pay, you will have to "do your time" in the shacks.
- Girls will NOT be wearing shorts. Please get black pants for your daughter.
- -Date for age cutoff is 5/1/2018 for boys and 1/1/2017 for girls. A 13 year old girl can play, but cannot pitch. A 13 year old boy cannot play.
- -Coach pitch 7-8, Minors 9-10, Majors 11-12 (13 for girls).







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	6pm Council Mt	3:35-5:30pm Lego Robotics	Library		6pm 3-5 PTA gym night	
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at Blue Grass Legion Hall

Walcott Women Presents...
The 3RD Annual
DADDY daughter DANCE
Saturday February 3, 2018
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Girls of all ages are cordially invited to enjoy a magical evening!
Girls may be escorted by Dad, Grandpa,
Uncle or any other adult Male.

Walcott American Legion

Cost: \$25.00 (Daddy + 1) \$5.00 (Each Additional Daughter)

Your magical evening includes:
Ice Cream Bar * Fun with Friends
Cash Bar * Dancing Music

2018 Community Hunger Drive



Please help Walcott Trust and Savings Bank reach their community hunger drive goal by donating nonperishable and monetary items.

Items may be dropped off at both Davenport and Walcott WTSB locations. All contributions are greatly appreciated and must be turned in no later than Wednesday, February 28th.

Please make checks payable to River Bend Foodbank

Contact Devona White or Samntha Barber at (563) 284-6202 for more information







