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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.

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# Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## NEWSLETTER

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### SAVE THE DATE



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Walcott Day 2020 will be held on Saturday, July 18th. The theme this year is Mardi Gras, and when translated in French, Mardi Gras literally means Fat Tuesday, which represents the last day before the start of lent. The Walcott Day committee is still putting together the events for the day(s), but the usual events like the Friday night fireworks, Parade, Pie Auction, evening ceremony and live music will still be held. The committee will continue on its third year of the entertaining Outhouse Race. A craft show type of event as well as a new scavenger hunt for kids/teens, are being worked on, so stay tuned for more details. The committee is always in need of volunteers during the whole year, but also for the day of the event itself. If you would like to help, get in touch with one of the committee members, or you can contact Reed Hagen at 563-505-1165.

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## Pancake Breakfast Omelets & BAKE SALE

Blue Grass Legion Hall  
106 South Juniata Street

Saturday, **February 1, 2020**, 6:30 to 10:00 AM

### All You Can Eat

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

Juice\*\*Milk\*\*Coffee

Adults: \$7 Children 4-12: \$3.50 Under 4: FREE



**Open to the Public**  
American Legion Post 711  
Blue Grass, Iowa



## SHELTER RESERVATIONS

City Hall is now accepting shelter and gazebo reservations for 2020. 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](http://www.cityofwalcott.com)

*Reminder*

Please make sure your sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice and remember that it is not legal to shovel or blow snow onto city streets.



## ★WALCOTT COMMUNITY CLUB★

Thursday, February 6, 2020  
7pm @ Legion

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# Wild Game Feed

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**Blue Grass Legion Home  
106 South Juniata Street**



**Friday,  
February 14, 2020** *HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY ♡*  
**4:00 to 7:00 PM**

**Adults: \$12    Children: \$5 (12 and under)**

See any Legion member for tickets



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## Win this Quilt



\$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00

Drawing held on Friday February 14, 2020 during the Annual Legion's Wild Game Feed Supper (Need not be present)

4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Legion Home

(106 S. Juniata Street, Blue Grass, IA)

Proceeds will be used to support Veterans programs of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 711 Blue Grass, IA

## DOG & CAT LICENSES

It's time to stop by 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.

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## WALCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

### December 2019 Calls

HazMat	1
EMS	17
Fire	6
MVC	2
Other	2
<b>Month</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>314</b>

**DON'T FORGET  
TO ORDER YOUR  
SOLAR ADDRESS  
LIGHTS!**



Break the winter blues by stopping in at the Walcott Branch! During February, you can participate in the Winter Reading Program for your chance to win great prizes by reading books or by playing Library Bingo.

Check out our February events:

Book Club – February 3-7 pm - Discussing Mrs. Sherlock Holmes by Brad Ricca.

Preschool Story Times – Fridays from 10:30-11:15 am - Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, movement activities and a simple craft. Upcoming themes:

February 7 - Birds All Around

February 14 - Hugs and Kisses

February 21 - Mustaches and Beards, Oh, My!

February 28 – Where’s Your Hat?

February 11 – 3-4 pm - Getting to Know Your Backyard Birds

Staff from the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center will share tips for attracting and identifying backyard birds. Information will also be shared about the Great Backyard Bird Count scheduled for Saturday, February 15th at the Wapsi Center. Participants will have the opportunity to win a prize basket filled with bird-related items.

Wednesday, February 12 – 3:30-5:30 pm Spread a Little Love

This is a drop-in crafting time where anyone can make a Valentine to share. All supplies will be provided for making cards. For anyone interested, there will be a box for any extras that will be distributed to others who may need a kind word or two. All ages may participate.

Saturday, February 15 – 12:30-4:30 pm Social Gaming Gathering

Make plans to join in the fun with this new group playing Betrayal at House on the Hill. Novice and skilled players are welcome but you must be at least 18 to join the group. The game is a cross between

Dungeons and Dragons and Clue and has so many possibilities for adventures – with a twist!

Monday, February 17 – 5-6 pm – Reading with Rover

Members of the Quad Cities Canine Assistance Program will be at the Library with their service dogs. Kids can spend time reading to the dogs. No registration is required. All ages are welcome.

Thursday, February 20 – 6-7 pm – Exploring Scott County: Local Trails

Join Wapsi River Center Director Dave Murcia to learn about exploring local trails in our area. Getting outside can be as simple as finding a city biking/walking trail, or exploring water trails, cross country skiing and horse trails. This is the second of our 3 part series about exploring outdoor offerings in Scott County. The next program is scheduled for March 12th and will cover Foraging for Wild Edibles.

## AMERICAN/SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN HERITAGE SOCIETY (ASHHS) QUARTERLY MEETING



DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2020

TIME: 1:30 pm

LOCATION: Walcott American Legion, 121 Bryant St., Walcott Iowa

PROGRAM: The Quad City Ukulele Club will be playing a mixture of German songs, music of the 50's & 60's, Rock & Roll, Folk Songs and Country music.

Come and enjoy the fun!

Light refreshments will be provided.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information

call Mary Ann Muller 284-6640

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## WALCOTT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thank you for your continued contributions of donated or loaned artifacts, financial gifts and for visiting our exhibits this year. It has been another great year! The exceptional support of friends and donors allows us to fulfill our mission to collect, preserve and display the rich heritage of our communities. If you have an interest in our Scott County history, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Karen Puck, 563-284-6438 or Carol Coe, 563-284-6089 for information.

In February, we will start collecting items for our next exhibit, "A Salute to our Veterans." It will open in May. If you have clothing, photos, letters or other items from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, etc., please consider donating or placing them on loan for this exhibit. We'd also love to document your memories and any stories of those time periods.



## WHY ADD A LEAP DAY?

Leap days are needed to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the Sun.

It takes the Earth approximately 365.242189 days - or 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 45 seconds - to circle once around the Sun. Without an extra day on February 29 nearly every four years, we would lose almost six hours every year. After only 100 years, our calendar would be off by approximately 24 days.

Leap months in other countries: A whole leap month is added to the Chinese calendar every three years. The leap month's place in the Chinese calendar varies from year to year, and 2015 was a leap year in the Chinese calendar.

A leap year in the Ethiopian calendar occurs when an extra day is added to the last month of the year every four years.

Leap year traditions: It's acceptable for a woman to propose to a man on Feb. 29. The custom has been attributed to St. Bridget, who is said to have complained to St. Patrick about women having to wait for men to propose marriage. Patrick supposedly gave women one day to propose.

Leap year babies: People born on leap day are often called "leaplings" or "leapers." Most of them celebrate their birthday on Feb. 28 or March 1 on non-leap years.

Leap year capital: The twin cities of Anthony, Texas, and Anthony, New Mexico, are the self-proclaimed Leap Year Capital of the World. They hold a four-day leap year festival each leap year that includes a huge birthday party for all leap year babies.

There's a leap year club: The Honor Society of Leap Year Babies is a club for people born on Feb. 29. More than 10,000 people worldwide are members.

And a leap year movie: Amy Adams and Matthew Goode starred in the 2010 romcom "Leap Year." It's about a woman who travels to Ireland to ask her boyfriend to accept her wedding proposal on leap day, when tradition says that men cannot refuse a woman's marriage proposal.

Leap years in history: During leap years, George Armstrong Custer fought the Battle of the Little Bighorn (1876), the Titanic sank (1912), Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity (1752) and gold was discovered in California (1848).

Walcott PTA is sponsoring a  
**Dodgeball Tournament**

*(all proceeds go toward the playground replacement project)*

**Sunday March 8th, 2020**

**Walcott School Gyms**

**12:30 pm Team Check-in**

**1 pm Tournament begins (youngest to oldest)**



**3 Divisions:**

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

*Prizes awarded to the champions of each division*

**Admission \$1 for non-players**

**Rules:**

- ~Teams of 8 players (\$80/team, \$10/player) 3 game guarantee
- ~There must be a team name, team captain and email address or phone number so they can be contacted
- ~Teams with inappropriate names or uniforms will be disqualified
- ~Closed toe, rubber sole shoes must be worn
- ~All registrations, waivers and payment due by March 6th, 2020 (waivers and team entry forms can be found on the school website or the PTA facebook page)

Contact Amy Paustian with any questions at [mike.amy@gmail.com](mailto:mike.amy@gmail.com)

**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ALLOWED**

**Sign up your team today!**



**Friday, February 7, 2020**  
**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!**

**Snacks are allowed, but Here's a Better Idea: Nu Zeta will have a table of **Desserts & Goodies Available for Purchase! 100% Goes to the Walcott Legion! Beverages MUST Be Purchased at the Venue - to benefit our Veterans!****

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# February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00pm Daddy Daughter Dance @ Legion
2 	3 6pm City Council Meeting @ City Hall 7pm Book Group @ Library	4	5 5:15pm Park Board Meeting @ City Hall	6 7pm Community Club @ Coliseum	7 10:30-11:15am Story Time @ Library 7pm Rock 'n Roll Bingo @ Legion	8
9	10 4:15pm PTA Meeting @ School	11 3-4pm Getting to Know Your Backyard Birds @ Library	12 3:30-5:30pm Spread a Little Love @ Library	13	Valentine's Day 14 10:30-11:15am Story Time @ Library 4:15-5:25pm Intermediate Dance @ School	15 12:30-4:30pm Social Gaming Group @ Library
16 1:30pm Quarterly ASHHS Meeting @ Legion 5-7pm PTA Skate Party @ Eldridge	17 No School 5-6pm Reading with Rover @ Library 6pm City Council Meeting @ City Hall President's Day	18	19 4:15-7:15pm Conferences @ School	20	21 10:30-11:15am Story Time @ Library 6pm Movie Night @ School	22
23	24	25	26 6-8pm Alzheimer's Support Group @ Calvary Church	27	28 10:30-11:15am Story Time @ Library 5-8pm Ham Legion Dinner @ Legion	29



Walcott American Legion Post 548  
Walcott, Iowa

# HAM SUPPER

Friday, February 28, 2020

Serving 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Donation of \$11.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door  
Children's Chicken Nugget Meal - \$4.00  
Homemade desserts - \$1.50  
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