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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
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For Chamber information or meeting times and dates contact walcottchamber@gmail.com

Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

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Walcott Lions Invites you to join us for our 46th Annual Family Fish Fry



Tuesday, March 10 • 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Walcott Coliseum, 116 Bryant St, Walcott

Tickets are \$13 in advance, \$14 at the door
\$7 child's plate 10 years and under

All plates include: Fish, baked potato, cole-slaw and a roll
Carry Out available

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

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Loren at claussenagribiz@msn.com or 563-210-7832. *Proceeds support Walcott Lions' projects*

Walcott Lion's Club Now accepting 2020 Scholarship Applications

For application forms and more information contact Jacob Puck 940-4036 or puckjl@hotmail.com or Brenda Warner 284-6111/563-210-4112.

Application deadline is April 15.

Walcott Community to host Blood Drive Tuesday, March 17, 2:00 - 6:30 pm

Walcott American Legion, 121 Bryant St

To donate, please contact Georgia Cartee at 563-445-5200 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 051 to locate the drive.



Don't Get Penalized

Purchase your pet licenses before April 1 to avoid a delinquent fee. All cats and dogs over six months are required to have an annual city license. The regular fee is \$3.00 per animal and proof of rabies vaccination is required.

Ball Diamonds

Spring is near and that means the ball diamonds will be filling up. We are scheduling practices for baseball and softball teams at both Victory & Wescott Parks. Contact City Hall at 284-6571 x10 to reserve a diamond.

Golf Cart, ATV, and UTV Use on City Streets

Limited use of golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs are permitted in Walcott with the following regulations:

- Annual permits are required. Apply with the Walcott Police Department, pay a \$25 fee, and provide evidence that you are at least 18 years of age with a valid Iowa driver's license and have a minimum of \$300,000 in liability insurance coverage for this activity.
- 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 headlight and tail lights.



- Golf carts and UTVs require a rear view mirror.
- UTVs and ATV's must also have mufflers and an adequate exhaust system.
- All are permitted on city 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.
- ATV's and UTVs may be operated during prohibited hours to perform snow removal activities. Golf Carts may only be operated between March 1 and November 30.
- Permits expire annually on December 31, regardless of the date of issue. Application forms are available online at www.cityofwalcott.com.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 2** – Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- March 4** – Park Board Meeting at 5:15 p.m.
- March 16** – Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone Counts! United States Census 2020

The U.S. constitution requires a population count every 10 years. The information from the census will be used to distribute more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities

across the country to support public services and funding for schools, hospitals, and fire departments. Counting everyone in Walcott is vital to the City receiving its share of federal funds. The count of Iowa's population will also determine how many seats the state will be allocated in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. When completing the census, you



should count everyone who is living in your household on April 1, 2020. Your census responses will be kept confidential as required by federal law.

You will receive your census notice in mid-March. This notice will be an invitation to respond online or by phone. For those that don't respond, reminders will be sent to you. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that haven't responded to the census.

Please respond promptly to your census notice to help Walcott get a complete population count. The impact on our future depends on your participation!



Walcott Volunteer Fire Department

2019 Calls in Review

Motor Vehicle Accidents	39
Medical Emergency	208
Vehicle Fire	13
Structure Fire	14
Outside Fire	5
HazMat	11
Other	42
Total	332

January 2020 Calls

EMS	18
MVC	2
Alarm	2
Fire	1
HazMat	1
Other	4
Total	28

From the Walcott Chamber

Submitted by Linda Titus, Chamber Treasurer

As we move into the spring season, more and more activities will be competing for our attention. It is probably a good idea to clear those things off your desk that have been pushed aside. The warmer weather will be here soon and most of us will not want to be sitting at the desk staring at a computer as much as we have the last few months.

The Chamber membership notices went out last month, so if you haven't paid your dues yet, please send the application and your check. Be sure to pay your dues as soon as possible to be included on the chamber member list. This is one of the many benefits of being a member.

Surprisingly, of those that have sent their dues renewals, few have chosen any of the advertising options available. We have added the new option to run your ad and be billed monthly. Your advertising dollars are what keeps the newsletter alive and well, so please reconsider.

Spring Fever

Submitted by Linda Titus

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Spring Ahead

On March 8 we "spring ahead" for the daylight-saving season. Be sure to set your clock ahead when you hit the hay on Saturday night, March 7.

Separate bills have been introduced in both the Iowa House and the Senate to either make daylight saving time permanent or make Central Standard Time year-round, both doing away with the changing of the clocks.

Bordering states on differing time frames could be problematic. However, many other states also feel the need to do away with daylight saving time. Most of the states that want to do away with clock changing say it's time to bring it to the federal level. It has been discussed that the decision to move to a permanent time should be authorized by the Federal Government. *Time will tell...*

Spring is Near

The official first day of spring is March 19. Such a wonderful thought! Birds chirping, flowers poking through the ground, the sound of motorcycles whizzing by, and warm breezes blowing through partially opened windows are all so eagerly waited for as we still seem to be bracing for that last blast of winter.

Do you have an event coming up? Would you like to submit an article for the newsletter? Please send your ads and articles to me at walcottchamber@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.

Welcome New Chamber Members

Walcott Historical Society

Katherine Dittmer, Merrill Lynch

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Linda Titus Jewelry

The next combined meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and the Hearts and Hands Organization will be held at the Fire Station on March 19 at 6:00 pm.

Please join us.



The lifting of our moods from the winter blahs and the lengthening of days of spring are directly correlated.

For many people, spring is the time of year for new beginnings and renewed energy. Some become inspired to do some spring cleaning or start to eat healthy. Let's take advantage of these feelings at home and in our community. Get involved with one of the many community organizations with ongoing projects or bring your energy and your own ideas to enhance our community. Attend a meeting!

Signs of Spring

Throughout this newsletter you will find some signs of spring including the upcoming school spring concert of the band and choir. Also, spring break is fast approaching. Get your golf cart annual permit renewed and be sure to reserve the ball diamonds and city shelters for your upcoming events.

Have an article to submit to the Walcott Chamber of Commerce Newsletter?

Does your organization have an event to post in the newsletter? Want to Advertise your business?

Please email to: walcottchamber@gmail.com or mail to

Walcott Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 388, Walcott, IA 52773

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE IS MARCH 15 !



AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY



WALCOTT POST 548

Catfish Fillet Supper

Friday, March 27, 5 - 8 pm

Donation of \$11 in advance, \$12 at the door. Children's chicken nugget meal \$4, homemade desserts \$1.50. Tickets available from any Walcott Legion member. Raffles and 50/50.

BLUE GRASS POST 711

Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale

Saturday, March 7, 6:30-10 am

Adults \$7, Children Age 4-12 \$3.50, 3 and under eat free. All you can eat. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, potatoes, omelets, cinnamon rolls, toast, juice, milk, and coffee.

DURANT POST 430

World Famous Fish Fry

Saturday, March 28, 4:30 -7:30 pm

Fish or Chicken

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Observed March 29



Two years ago, President Trump signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, establishing a National Vietnam War Veterans Day that will be observed every March 29 in perpetuity.

The commemoration committee is coordination with governors of all U.S. states, commonwealths and territories, as well as the mayor of the District of Columbia, to conduct events on or around the day. All have already hosted events of some type for Vietnam War veteran and their families.

Source:

Jackson, James "Welcome Home." *American Legion Magazine*, Volume 188, No. 3, March 2020, pp. 38

Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale, Saturday, May 2 8am - 2pm Rain or Shine

Maps available at Walcott Casey's, Burt Clinic of Chiropractic and Walcott Community Wide Garage Sale Facebook page.

Sponsored by Nu Zeta Sorority, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, a community service organization.



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Scott County Library SWA Programs for March

March into the Walcott Branch and check out books, movies, music and more!
We have programs for all ages.

Book Club – March 2 | 7 pm - Discussing *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie.

Preschool Story Times – Fridays from 10:30-11:15 am
Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, movement activities and a simple craft. Upcoming themes: 3/13 Miss Iowa Visit; 3/13 Frog Fun; 3/20 Turtle Time; 3/27 Snap! Goes the Crocodile

March 6 – Miss Iowa Emily Tinsman will be visiting us for **Story Time** for a special musical session. Be sure to put this on your calendar and bring a camera for some great photo opportunities.

Thursday, March 12 | 6-7 pm
Exploring Scott County: Foraging for Wild Edibles
Join Wapsi River Center Director Dave Murcia to learn about exploring local natural areas and foraging for wild edibles. Depending on the season, there are many wild plants that can be identified, harvested, and prepared.

Saturday, March 14 | 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, March 16 | 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.

Let's Take a Spring Break (at the beach)

Monday, March 16 | 3-4 pm
Sand Sculpture Creations
Participants will use sandpaper to create their own sculptures. (Ages 3-10)

Tuesday, March 17 | 2-3:30 pm
Movie on the Beach
Bring your own beach towel and the library will provide snacks as we watch a fun, water-themed movie. Contact the library for the title. (All ages)

Wednesday, March 18 | 3-5 pm
Photo Booth Fun
Make a memory of your “vacation” by dropping by the photo booth. Supplies will be available for making a frame and props will be plentiful. (All ages)

Thursday, March 19 | 4-5 pm
A Whale of a Good Time!
If you're at the beach you might spot a whale. Kids can try a simple game and easy craft as well as a special Look and Find scavenger hunt. (Ages 3-10)

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Calvary Methodist Church

Submitted by Pastor Al Coffin



As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. (Matthew 4:18-20, NIV)

As Jesus found himself walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he was poised on the brink of something. He started this journey with baptism by his cousin John the Baptist. Then he disappeared into the wilderness for 40 days and nights where he was tempted by the Adversary to settle for less than God's purpose for him. Then he learned that his friend and cousin John had been thrown into prison by Herod. So, naturally, our Jesus would decide to step boldly into Herod's own yard, the seat of his power, Galilee. And he spoke words of prophecy, words of hope, not words of lament. He said, "... in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

Then, upon arriving in this land of darkness where the text says this new dawning of light was in progress, Jesus voiced his famous words to Simon and Andrew. Written text doesn't give any clues as to tone of voice, but I've always imagined Jesus speaking with a mischievous smile and a gleeful tone. To see an illustration of what I mean, go to Youtube and search "Come d'artagnan we're saving the king." On the first hit a scene from the 1993 film, "The Three Musketeers," appears. Porthos (Oliver Platt) calls out to his new friend D'artagnan (Chris O'Donnell) to join him and his friends on a joyous adventure. It's serious, they're in the middle of a battle, but there is real joy in Platt's voice. Jesus' call was a call to join him in an adventure!

The Lenten season is upon us and I'd like to extend an invitation. Come, join us! We're going with Jesus to save the World

See you on the road,
Pastor Al

Calvary Kids Club

Calvary Kids' Club will begin the spring semester. We meet on Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:30 pm. Kids' Club is for first through fifth grade kids. We have snacks, Bible study, crafts and games. All are invited!

Calvary Preschool Open House & Fall Registration 3-5

Tuesday, February 25, 5 - 7pm

Use the office/preschool sidewalk.

Walcott Historical Society Presents "A Salute to Our Veterans"



The Walcott Historical Society will present "A Salute to Our Veterans" exhibit opening in May.

We are looking for items to display such as uniforms, photos, letters or other items from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, and WWII. If you have items, please consider donating or placing them on loan for this exhibit. We would also love to document your memories and/or stories from any of those war eras.

It is the mission of the Walcott Historical Society 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 at 284-6438 or Carol Coe at 284-6089 for more information.



United States Postal Service

USPS PRICE CHANGES FOR 2020 COMPARED TO 2019

Mailing Services price changes include:

Product	2019	2020
Letters (1 oz.) <i>No change</i>	\$.55	\$.55
Letters additional ounces <i>No change</i>	.15	.15
Letters (metered 1 oz.) <i>No change</i>	.50	.50
Flats (1 oz.) <i>No change</i>	1.00	1.00
Outbound International Letters (1 oz.)	1.15	1.20
Domestic Postcards <i>No change</i>	.35	.35

Domestic Priority Mail Flat Rate Retail price changes are:

Product	2019	2020
Small Flat-Rate Box	\$ 7.90	\$ 8.30
Medium Flat-Rate Box	14.35	15.05
Large Flat-Rate Box	19.95	21.10
APO/FPO Large Flat-Rate Box	18.45	19.60
Regular Flat-Rate Envelope	7.35	7.75
Legal Flat-Rate Envelope	7.65	8.05
Padded Flat-Rate Envelope	8.00	8.40

Maysville Notes

The Maysville Community Center will be open for voting for the North Scott District Special Election on Tuesday, March 3. Hours of voting are from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The final detailed 2020 - 2021 Maysville budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 9 at 6:30 pm in the community center. Residents are welcome to attend.

Home Owner Tips - Item Storage Safety

Submitted by Nancy Arp of Walcott Mutual Insurance Assn.

With spring just around the corner, thoughts of last spring come to mind. Lots of rain, rain, rain, parts of downtown Davenport underwater for so long, and farmers unable to get crops planted come to mind.

Many basements can flood this time of year and the loss of personal items can be devastating. Basements and storage aren't always a happy combination. Some basements that are prone to flooding may not be the best place to keep your personal and seasonal belongings.

What shouldn't go below the ground

- Artwork, electronics, flammables, books and documents are prone to damage from humidity and poor ventilation. Take care to protect them.

What and how should I store items?

- If your basement gets damp, invest in mold-proof storage containers to store anything that might attract moisture or insects. If your basement is unfinished, install shelving units so you can keep items you are storing off the floor.
- Keep extra or seasonal clothing in sealed containers off the basement floor, if possible.
- Foldable tables or chairs should be stacked against a wall so they are accessible and retrievable. Fabric or foam pieces, like cushions, should be cleared and stored off the basement floor.
- Bulk household items, like toilet paper and paper towels, should be stored on shelving off the ground. If your basement floor gets damp, it won't damage these items.
- Non-perishable food, like cans and boxes, should be on shelving units off the basement floor.
- Most of us take yard accessories or gardening supplies to the basement for the winter if we don't have a shed or garage. However, heavier outdoor furniture can remain outside under all-weather covers.
- And finally -keep a small donation bin in the basement to collect items like toys, clothes and blankets that are ready to repurpose. When full, take it to a donation drop-off point and out of your basement!

Walcott Elementary and Intermediate School

Upcoming Events

March 8 | 12-5pm
PTA Dodgeball Tournament

March 10 | 6:30pm
Spring Concert
7th-8th Choir • 6th Band

March 16 – 20
No School Spring Break

March 26
Elementary Spring Pictures

March 27 2-Hour Early Out

March 30 & 31 Book Fair

For the most up-to-date information, please see the Walcott School calendar at www.davenportschools.org/walcott.

Kindergarten Roundup

Thursday, March 5, 9:30-10:30 am

Bring birth certificate, immunization record and a current utility bill with you. Meet our staff, enjoy a snack and have your questions answered. Please call the school at 445-5200 if you plan to attend.

Walcott PTA Dodgeball Tournament

Saturday, March 8

12:30 pm - Team check in

1 pm - Tournament begins

3 Divisions

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

Admission - \$1 for non-players

Registration due by March 6

No late registrations

Waivers, entries, and more information can be found on the school website and at the PTA Facebook page.

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Walcott Merchants 4th Annual Trivia Night

Saturday, March 14

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Questions, contact Kelli Brus at 563-320-5418 or
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