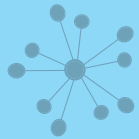




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Chamber Spotlight

Gramma's Kitchen and The Checkered Flag Restaurants

Gramma's Kitchen and The Checkered Flag are two great restaurants at one convenient location. The two adjoining restaurants, located at 3408 N. Planview Rd (I-80, Exit 284) in Walcott opened on June 1, 1984. Whether you are looking for the downhome feel of Gramma's Kitchen with all the fixins or the cold beer, good food, and familiar faces at Checkered Flag, you will not be disappointed with either choice. They were rated #1 on Trip Advisor in Walcott and continue to strive to meet and exceed all expectations of their guests.

Gramma's Kitchen offers a taste of home with a warm welcome in a cozy atmosphere. Gramma's Kitchen is a unique restaurant that creates lasting memories for families and friends. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Gramma's was voted "Best Tenderloin in Iowa" by the Iowa Pork producers. Gramma's Famous Pork tenderloin and made from scratch meatloaf were also featured on the Travel Channel.

The Checkered Flag is your hometown bar and grille serving Happy Joe's Pizza, burgers, sandwiches, tacos, and plenty of munchies. Their nachos are piled high enough to last until halftime, creating the ultimate fan experience. You can follow all your favorite sports teams playing on all their tvs. Checkered Flag also has a selection of local craft beers to complement their menu.

Walcott is a small town with lots of character. Gramma's Kitchen and Checkered Flag have been part of the community for almost 40 years and their staff and guests invoke the local down-home feeling that Walcott represents. Gramma's and Checkered Flag's food quality and attention to detail, along with their commitment to their guests, is what sets them apart from others. Many of their guests are from the local area, but being located right off the interstate, they welcome many national and international travelers to their restaurants. This creates a welcoming experience that exemplifies the true feeling of home. You can enjoy the home away from home feeling while still having the opportunity to meet others who are just stopping by for a visit. Our new chief operating executive, Nichole Sorgenfrey, is home grown and lives in the local community. Nichole and the staff at Gramma's and Checkered Flag would like to welcome you for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Stop by to say hello, enjoy a cup of coffee and be sure to try their Sunday brunch from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. with all your favorites.

Gramma's Kitchen Hours:

Monday - Thursday
6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday
6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday Brunch Buffet
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Checkered Flag Hours:

BAR HOURS
Sunday - Thursday
11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday & Saturday
11 a.m. - 12 a.m.

KITCHEN HOURS
Sunday - Thursday
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Submit articles by the 20th of each month to be included in the next chamber newsletter.

Articles may be edited or reduced as space provides.

Contact:
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Dog and 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 per animal with a delinquent fee of \$1 added after April 1, 2023. 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 four (4) of the following animals: dogs and cats over the age of six months, unless such animals are in a licensed kennel or pet shop, veterinary clinic, or animal grooming shop.

Shelter and gazebo reservations

City Hall is now accepting shelter and gazebo reservations for 2023. 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 (563) 284-6571 x10 for availability. Forms are available at City Hall or online at www.cityofwalcott.com.

Reminder – Please make sure your sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice and remember that it is illegal to shovel or blow snow onto city streets.



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Play Ball!

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We are trying to add Minors and Major's options this year – but this will only be possible if we get enough ball players signed-up. Share this with your friends and encourage them to sign-up for town ball!

- **Feb. 28** - Registration closes
- **March** – Coaches, teams, and schedules will be determined.
- **April 1** – Practices start
- **April 26** – Games start
- **June 19** – League tournament
- **June 26** – All-star games



The Walcott Athletics group is always looking for volunteers. If you're interested in being a coach, umpire, working in the shacks, organizing a league, or joining the board please reach out to Lynnette Tarchinski at Lynnette.Tarchinski@gmail.com. We love our volunteers!



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A message from Calvary Church

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer. - Psalm 18:2

February is here! We have arrived. The days are getting longer, and soon it will be Spring.

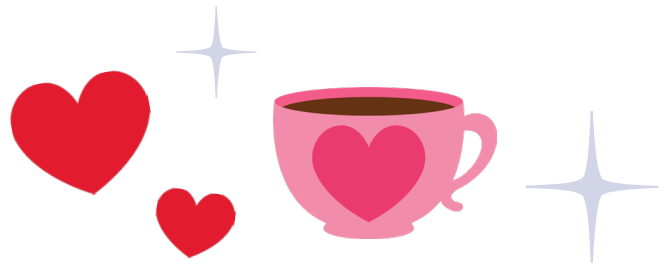
Can you believe it? Here at Calvary UMC we are doing a fun sermon series using the Disney movie Encanto as the illustration within the sermons. We started this fun venture on Jan. 22. We will be using this to discuss the different gifts God gives us, and the ways we can interact with one another seeing the fullness of God in all that we do.

Then, soon and very soon we have Ash Wednesday to take us into the season of lent. It's a great season, full of reflection and spiritual growth. I hope you'll join us. We would love to have you with us as we dive into this season with one another in all that we do.

In other news, a new name has been chosen for our church. It will become official July 1, when our disaffiliation with the UMC is complete. The name is Calvary Church of Walcott. It is very fitting for this congregation. Calvary is the place Christ was Crucified for our sins. Calvary is a place we come to join with our Christian family and be rescued from the sins of many. What a wonderful gift we have in this Savior of ours, and this place we call Calvary Church. We are the only church in Walcott. We are passionate about our town, our preschool, and our school. This is a community church in that we serve folks in Blue Grass, Buffalo, Durant, Muscatine, and Davenport as well, however Walcott is the center of our community. So, Calvary Church of Walcott will be a great name!

As we work through all of this we hold onto our Lord who is indeed our rock, the strong one on which we stand, he is our fortress who protects us, in ways we are aware of and ways we never do see, and he is our deliverer. He rescues us from our sin, and from things seen and unseen. What a wonderful gift we have in this God. As we walk through this month, and enter Lent, I hope and pray that you will hold onto the Lord as your rock, fortress, and deliverer in whatever you are facing today, tomorrow, and next week.

Bless you my dear friends,
Pastor Joy



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A message of gratitude

Our family would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to all of the wonderful people of Walcott who so generously provided food, essentials, money, and prayers to our daughter, Kelly Valenzuela, her husband Michael, and their children during her hospital stay. By the grace of God, she is now back home and looking forward to thanking everyone in person. Walcott is a wonderful community to live and raise a family and it's during times like this that it really shines forth. Again, on behalf of our entire family, God bless you and yours, and we will never forget your kindness!

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Kelly and Michael Valenzuela and family



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Walcott Lions 48th annual Fish Fry

The Walcott Lions are hosting their 48th Annual Family Fish Fry on Tuesday, March 14 at the Walcott Coliseum. The meal, including Fish, baked potato, coleslaw and a roll, will be served from 4 – 8 p.m. Carry-out is available.

Tickets are \$16 in advance or \$18 at the door. A children's plate (10 years and younger) is \$8. You can purchase tickets at B&D Automotive, Burt's Chiropractic, The Lampliter, or from a Walcott Lions member.

Boots and Bling

Hosted by Walcott Women

Walcott Women would like to thank everyone who brought their little dates to the daddy daughter dance. We had record breaking attendance this year and enjoyed seeing so many attendees wearing their boots and bling.

The photobooth and cookie decorating tables stayed busy all night. Special thanks to those that donated, volunteered, and helped to make this event another success!

 Save the date for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 2 at 12 p.m. at Water Tower Park.



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Walcott Historical Society

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Thanks to the contributions of many people, it features photos, anecdotes, and historical documents from many of the former school districts in Scott County and beyond. Some of the districts included are Allen's Grove, Blue Grass, Butler, Cleona, Farmington, Fulton, Hickory Grove, Liberty, and Winfield.

Trivia

The trivia question for November was "When was a charter granted for the Knights of Pythias in Walcott? The answer is "October 9, 1902". The Castle on E. Bryant Street was built as a meeting place for the Knights by Carl Schreiber for Dr. Henry Schumacher.

New Question: Where was the Long Bar Tavern, the longest bar in Scott County, located?

Contact Karen Puck (563) 284-6438 or kpuck2015@gmail.com or Sherry Roberts (563) 340-9653 or sherryhirroberts@gmail.com if you have can identify any of the people for whom we don't have names in our book, have questions, or wish to visit the museum.



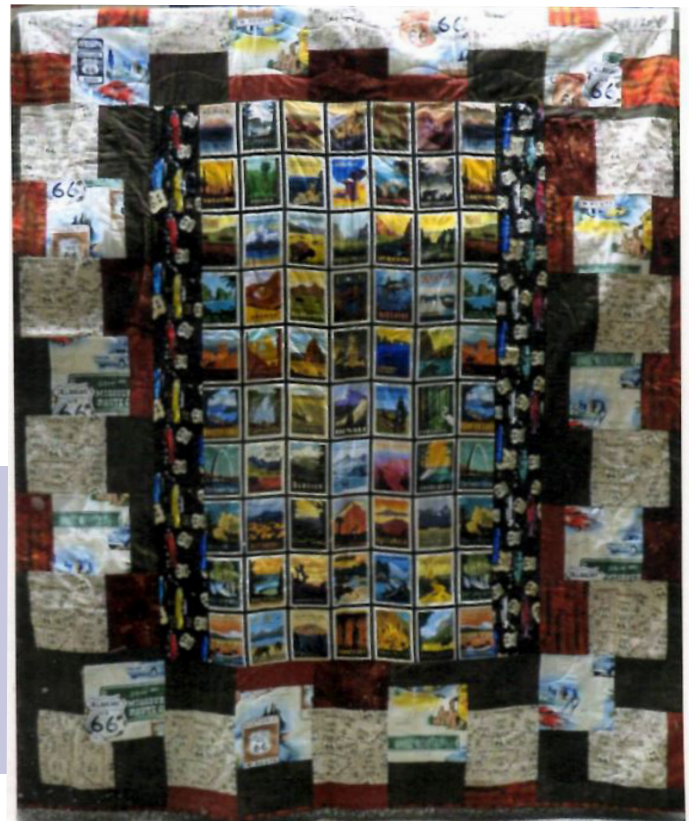
Blue Grass American Legion Post 711 Wild Game Feed

Join the Blue Grass American Legion Post 711 for their Wild Game Feed on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023. The feed featuring buffalo, goose, coon, beaver, deer, and ham will be served from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Blue Grass Legion Home located at 106 South Juniata Street, Blue Grass, IA.

Adults: \$13, Children (12 and under): \$5

See any Legion member for tickets.

Additionally, there will be a quilt raffle during the feed. The quilt (featured in this photo) is 52" x 62" Tickets are \$1 per ticket or six tickets for \$5. Proceeds are used to support Veteran's programs of the Blue Grass American Legion Post #711.



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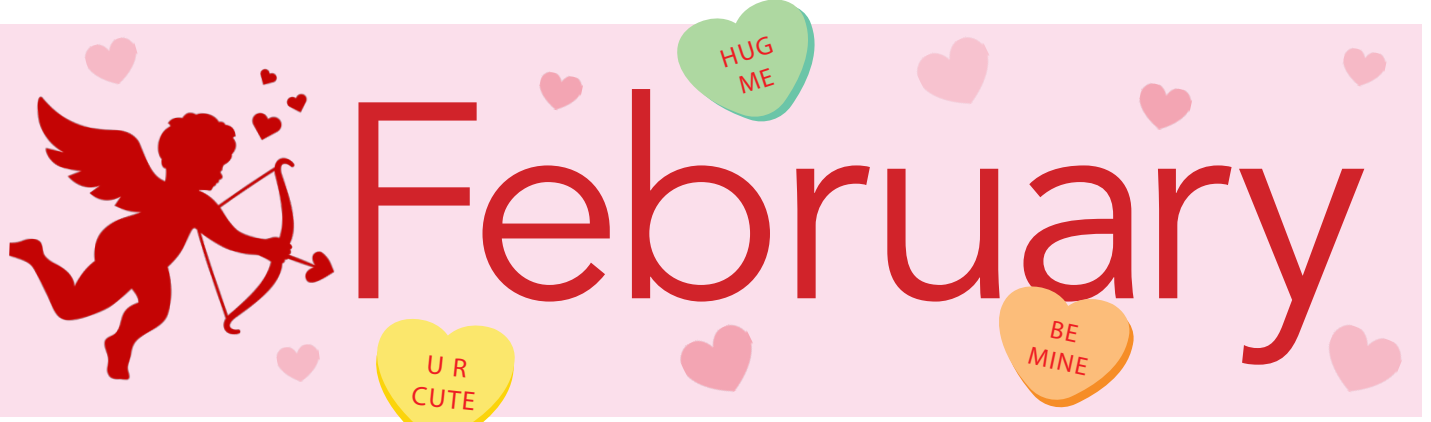
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26 • Calvary UMC Sunday School 9 a.m. and Worship Service 10 a.m.	27	28 • 7 p.m. – 7th /8th Choir Westravaganza Concert @ WHS • Walcott Town Ball registration closes 	<p>Save the date: Join the Walcott Book Club Join the Walcott Book Club on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Walcott Library (except in September when it is on the second Monday). Featured Books are available at the library for checkout.</p> <p>Community Coffee at Courtyard Estates Residents at Courtyard Estates would like to invite the community for “Community Coffee” the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. Please consider a good-will donation (\$1.00) to help cover costs.</p>			

Walcott Library

Love your Library in February! Did you know that with your library card you have access to books, magazines, music, hotspots, and museum passes? You can use our online resources to learn a language from Transparent, research a topic from the World Book, or explore our local history! Stop in at the Walcott Library to learn more. Mark your calendar for these entertaining programs:

- **Feb. 3, 10, 17, and 24** - Story time – 10 a.m. (best for kids ages 0-6, with their grownup) – Join us for stories, songs, silliness, and more!
- **Feb. 6** – Book Club – 7 p.m. (for adults) – Please contact the library for title information.
- **Feb. 8** - Valentine’s Day Celebration – 6 p.m. (for all ages) - Stop by the library for some fun Valentine’s crafts, stories, and treats.
- **Feb. 9** – Lego Block Party – 4 – 6 p.m. (for all ages) – If you can imagine it, you can build it! Join other kids to engineer some fun. Use our LEGOs to unleash your inner designer, architect, or engineer.
- **Feb. 23** – Playdoh Party – 4 – 6 p.m. (for all ages) - Stop by the library for some playdoh crafts during this fun, themed event!

The next Social Gaming Gathering will be on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The start time is FLEXIBLE and could start as late as 1:30 pm. This group plays Social Gaming: Betrayal of House on the Hill. It’s a cross between Dungeons & Dragons and Clue and has so many possibilities for adventures – with a twist! Must be at least 18 to join this group. Stop in for a friendly game.

The Walcott Branch is open Monday – Thursday from 2 – 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Our digital collections of eBooks, eAudio, downloadable magazines, streaming music, and movies are always available from our website at www.scottcountylibrary.org.

The Walcott American Legion

Post #548 is hosting a ham supper on Friday, Feb. 24 from 5 - 8 p.m.

Adults - \$13

Children’s chicken nugget meal - \$4

Desserts and raffle are available.

Call Brian Mengler at (563) 529-5560 for more details.

Walcott Women install new officers

Walcott Women installed their 2023 new officers in January.

Lisa Hagen was elected as president. Laura Martin was elected to vice president, Liz Bruns was elected as secretary, and Jennifer Carstens was elected as treasurer.

