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CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

Newsletter

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Walcott Athletics

Spring is here and that means it's time to hit the fields! This year Walcott has four t-ball teams, three coach-pitch teams, and two minors' teams. Walcott Athletics is thrilled that we have more teams this year and working to fully add majors back to the program next year.

You'll start hearing the crack of the bat at the ball parks in the beginning of April and games will start on April 24. Please show your Walcott pride by cheering on our players, coaches, and umpires this summer. We'll share the schedule as soon as it's ready.

Thank you to our 2023 sponsors! We would like to thank our generous sponsors. It is only with the support of our generous sponsors that we can offer the town ball program, invest in our town's ball fields, replace worn out equipment, and more.

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If you'd like to learn more about our coaches and teams, please join us for our first Meet your Coach event on Sunday, April 2 at 5 p.m. at the Walcott American Legion.

Join the 100 Club

Do you Walcott?

Donate to the Hearts and Hands 100 Club and join its mission to improve the quality of life for its citizens by promoting projects that will further enhance, develop, and beautify our community.

Your donations will help fund important projects to build a better Walcott and make a difference in our community for generation to come.

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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:
walcottchamber@gmail.com
**WALCOTT CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**
P.O. Box 388
Walcott, IA 52773

Free spring clean-up day

City of Walcott residents only

Saturday, May 6, 2 - 5 p.m.



The City of Walcott will be hosting a Free Spring Clean-up Day for residents of Walcott on May 6. Dumpsters will be available at the city's compost area, located at the west end of Cedar Lane Drive, from 2 - 5 p.m. Only household waste will be accepted, which includes tires, appliances, and bulky items. No business, electronic, or hazardous waste will be accepted. The compost area will be closed from Friday, May 5 until Monday, May 8, except during the clean-up day hours.

City compost area

This area is located at the west end of Cedar Lane Drive. It is available to City of Walcott residents only. You may deposit the following items in the appropriate piles: leaves, grass, brush, and garden vegetation only. Do not leave construction or landscaping materials, appliances, bulky waste, plastic bags, or other unacceptable material at this area.

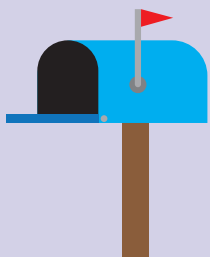
Yard waste and brush – Walcott residents

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 7 a.m.

Hydrant flushing

The Walcott Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants during the month of April. Residents may notice water discoloration and temporary decreased water pressure. This is a temporary situation resulting from flushing sediment out of the pipes. Should you experience cloudy or discolored water, run the cold water until it becomes clear before drinking, bathing, or doing laundry. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this maintenance activity. Call Public Works at (563) 284-6571, ext. 11, if you have any questions.

Get your Walcott Chamber news delivered directly to you!



Don't miss another event or story! You can sign-up to have the Walcott Chamber newsletter delivered directly to you – either mail or email!

If you want to receive the newsletter via email, send your email address to walcottchamber@gmail.com with a note asking to be added to the email distribution list.

If you want to receive the newsletter via mail, please send \$12 to the Walcott Chamber, P.O. Box 388, Walcott, IA 52773.



Walcott siren signals

FIRE/EMS ALERT: A distinctive wavering high-low tone from the siren located at the Fire Station serves as a backup system, supplementing fire department member's pagers. Residents walking or driving should be prepared to yield to fire department members in their personal cars or emergency vehicles.

WEATHER ALERT: A steady tone for three minutes is used to alert citizens who are outdoors of an imminent hazard and prompt them to go indoors, take shelter, and seek further information. Weather alert sirens will be sounded for:

- Tornadoes
- Thunderstorms with winds 70 mph or greater (potential for whole trees to snap or uproot)
- Golf ball sized hail or larger (potential for windows to break)

Weather alert sirens may be sounded multiple times during the threat. There will be no all-clear signal from sirens. The weather alert siren is tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

No YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln in 2023

We regret to announce that YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln is unable to administer the City of Walcott's Summer Youth Recreation Program in 2023. We are disappointed with the news but are hopeful the program will be reinstated in 2024.

Park reservations

Spring is here and that means the parks will be filling up fast! Reservation forms for park shelters and gazebos must be completed and remitted to the City Clerk's office with a nonrefundable fee of \$35. If you have questions or would like to reserve a park facility please contact City Hall at (563) 284-6571, ext. 10. Unreserved facilities are available to be enjoyed by the public on a first-come, first-served basis.



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April Food Trucks

April 3 - Unimpaired Coffee, 6:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 April 6 - Arty's Food Truck, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 April 10 - Unimpaired Coffee, 6:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 April 14 - Simba's Dog Palace, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 April 17 - Unimpaired Coffee, 6:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 April 19 - Chuckies Tenderloins 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 April 24 - Unimpaired Coffee, 6:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

2023 Walcott Day is fast approaching!

The Walcott Day theme for 2023 is Bredenbek Bash, in honor of the cities of Walcott and Bredenbek, Germany, establishing our sister city relationship in 1997. Since then, several residents of Walcott have visited Bredenbek and vice-versa.

Bredenbek has a lot of similarities to Walcott. The residents are friendly, the town is surrounded by beautiful fields, but is not far from a larger city, and there are lots of families. Both Walcott and Bredenbek feel like a great place to call home.

Walcott Day events are July 14-15. The evening events for Friday, July 14th at Prairie View Park include the kid's fun run, a dinner, and fireworks at dusk and an ice cream social will be held at Courtyard Estates.

Saturday, July 15, will be filled with fun events for the whole family. As always, Victory Park will be the place to be! The 5K run/walk will start the morning off followed by the Walcott Day parade. After the parade, there will be plenty of kid's games and activities, car show, pie auction, flag raising ceremony, bags tournament, outhouse racing, pedal tractor pulls, and LOTS of socializing.

While you're there, make sure to buy buttons and raffle tickets if you haven't already had the chance. There will be some great prizes to win!

You can also visit the Walcott Historical Society Museum on Vernon St to learn more about the history of our great town and our relationship with Bredenbek as we celebrate! The museum will be open on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Shuttle service to and from Victory Park and the museum will be available.

Make sure to stick around to watch the crowning of the Walcott Day Princess and Queen and stay for the evening meal and entertainment. Then dance the night away to live music!

This year we are honored to have some of our friends from Bredenbek join the celebration. Make sure to tell them "Moin, moin", a common greeting in Bredenbek.



Help us recognize Walcott's 2023 high school graduates

We would like to recognize and celebrate Walcott's 2023 high school seniors. If you have a senior who is graduating from high school in 2023, please send the following items to WalcottChamber@gmail.com on or before April 20, 2023.

- Full name of graduate
- Full names of graduate's parents
- Hi-resolution photo of the graduate
- Short description of plans after graduation

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A message from Calvary Church

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9

As you pick this letter up on this Spring Day, I wonder what your thoughts are? Are you excited about the day? Are you living in anticipation of what is to come? Are you expectant for God to show up? Are you rejoicing in the Lord? Or ... are you stuck in the grind, checking one thing off the list, and then another, grumbling in thought about the tasks before you, or the circumstances or choices of others around you?

This passage of scripture has always been important to me, but as we travel together through this text "Everything can change in 40 days", I find myself trying to re-orient my thinking repeatedly. When I'm not rejoicing, I need to rejoice. Playing worship music always helps to get me on the right track. When I become anxious, or worried, or nervous, I need to remember to lay it at the foot of the cross. Rest in the arms of Jesus. Oh, and don't forget to lay it at the foot of the cross with Thanksgiving. Jesus models thanksgiving at the feeding of the 5,000 when he gives thanks to God the Father before he even serves the multitudes. Have Faith that God will pull the pieces all together even when you can't see the answers. I need to remember to think about good things, uplifting things, true things, pure, admirable things. Think about the things that are excellent and praiseworthy.

Think about the things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable. Think about the things that are excellent and praiseworthy. Think about Jesus. Praise and worship the King. Remember that he can use all things for his good and glory. Remember to rest in his arms, and rest in his grace. The Lord is good. Will you join me?

There is a lot going on in April. We will have the Seder meal as our Maundy Thursday service, the next day, Friday is a Good Friday service, and then of course we get to celebrate the risen Christ on Easter Sunday. In addition – I'm leading a group of parents through a book entitled Grow at Home, this will begin in April. Check the calendar for details, and let's press in and worship our Saviour day after day.

With Great Love,
Pastor Joy

Sunday School: 9 a.m. **Church Service:** 10 a.m.



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HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Wednesday April 19, 2023 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Walcott American Legion:

121 West Bryant Street Walcott, IA 52773

Our health symposium will include:

- A panel discussion
- Q & A
- Delicious appetizers and drinks
- A chance to win some fun raffle items

It is FREE to the public! Anyone and everyone is welcome!



Dr. Mickey Burt, DC



Dr. Chad Burt, DC



Dr. Brad Burt, DC



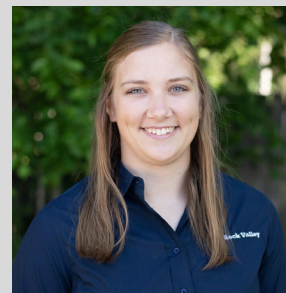
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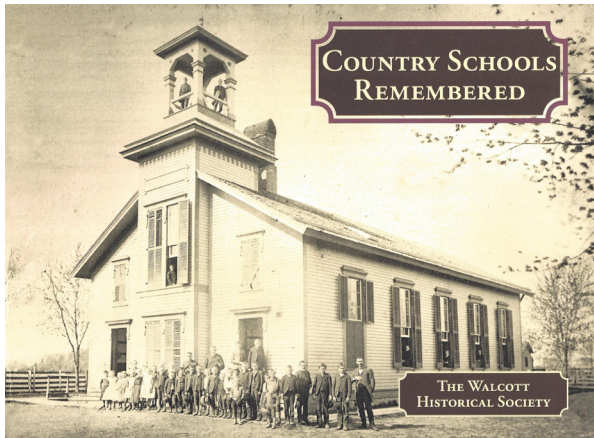
Jennifer Jasper PT,
DPT, CCVR



Alison Warnecke PT,
DPT, LSVT



Dr. Andrew Mulka, DDS



Walcott Historical Society

The Walcott Historical Society wants to thank those who have purchased our newest book, *Country Schools Remembered*. There will soon be a second printing with corrections and additions submitted by people who could identify some of the people whose names we didn't have. Copies of the book are available at CBI Bank in Walcott, Burt Clinic, and B & D Automotive for \$30 each.

We are working on our next displays to honor our German heritage in keeping with this year's Walcott Day celebration. We would love to have any German artifacts, letters, or photographs to borrow for display. Please contact Karen Puck ((563) 284-6438 or kpuck2015@gmail.com) or Sherry Roberts ((563) 340-9653 or sherryhirroberts@gmail.com) if you have items to loan us or corrections to our book.



TRIVIA

Last month's trivia question: Where was Shenpolk Oil Co. located in the 1930's? At the intersection of Main Street and Highway 6 at the southeast corner. There was a lunchroom and cottages for travelers.

New question: When was the Walcott Coliseum built?



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Easter Egg Hunt

Hosted by Walcott Women and Calvary Preschool

Bring the kids to the 2023 Walcott Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2. The event starts at Noon. Plan to arrive early to find right age group for your kids. The hunt will be located at Water Tower Park (the corner of S. Main St and Memorial Rd.) in Walcott. There will be sections designated for kids from ages 0 – 6th grade.

Chuckie's food truck will be set-up across the street from the park to the west this year for lunch!

Community Club April couple's feed

Hosted by Walcott Community Club

The Walcott Community Club invites its members to a couple's meal of turkey and mashed potatoes on Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Walcott American Legion. This feed is sponsored by Burt's Clinic of Chiropractic and Walcott Animal Family Veterinary Care Clinic.

Walcott American Legion Auxiliary Taco Bar

The Walcott American Legion Auxiliary invites you to join them Friday, April 28, for an all-you-can-eat taco bar. Supper will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.

This meal will be a serve yourself with the following options: hard shells, soft shells, taco salad, burritos, nacho supreme, refried beans, Mexican rice, and more!

The bar will be offering a margarita special and there will be a raffle and a 50/50 drawing. Proceeds will benefit veterans, military, and their families.

Donation of \$13

Children's meal - \$6



Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. (rain or shine)



Maps & Registration forms available at:

Walcott Casey's, Walcott City Hall, Burt Clinic of Chiropractic and "Walcott Community Wide Garage Sale" Facebook page. Sponsored by Nu Zeta Sorority, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, a non-profit community service organization.



Celebrate National Library Week in April by visiting the Walcott Branch of the Scott County Library System! Stop in and get a library card or enjoy one of these great programs:

April 3 – Book Club -7 p.m. for adults– Join us for a discussion of The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman

April 4 – Protect Your Peeps – 4-6 p.m. for all ages - Keep your Peeps from sinking by building a raft to keep them afloat! All ages are welcome to join in this STEM challenge!

April 5 - Special Evening Story Time – 6 p.m. – best for kids ages 0-6, with their grownup – Join us for a special Easter-themed evening story time with stories, songs, silliness, and more!

April 7, 14, 21, and 28 - Story time- 10 a.m.- best for kids ages 0-6, with their grownup – Join us for stories, songs, silliness, and more!

April 13 – Bat Crafts –4-6 p.m. for all ages- Go batty for some themed-crafts at the library!

April 17 – Train Time – 4-6 p.m. for all ages - Calling train enthusiasts of every age: head over to the library to spend an afternoon playing with trains and train tracks!

April 19 – Earth Day Craft - 2-7 p.m. for all ages - Celebrate Earth day with a crafty afternoon at the library. All ages are welcome to drop in!

April 20 – 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.

April 25 – DIY Dog – 4-6 p.m. for all ages - All ages are welcome to drop in on this crafty evening at the library!

April 27 - Hot Wheels Club – 4-6 p.m. for all ages - Meet up with other Hot Wheels fans. Some tracks and cars will be available for use or bring your own to play and race.

The next Social Gaming Gathering will be on Saturday, April 15th from 10:00 a.m.-4 p.m. The start time is FLEXIBLE and could start as late as 1:30 p.m. 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 9am – 1pm. We have digital collections of eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines and movies available from our website 24/7. Check us out at scottcountylibrary.org!

April upcoming events
Blue Grass Community Center
232 E Orphed Street

8 7:00 **SCW PRO WRESTLING**
This event is going to be HUGE!
Doors open @ 6:30, \$10 pp, \$1 shot specials, kitchen open

TRIVIA: The Oscars
50/50 and Progressive BINGO **15 7:00**

16 Noon 5:00 **FARMERS MARKET**
Looking for something special to fill your Easter Baskets?
Don't forget to buy your Golf Cart Raffle tickets

TACO DINNER
Join us for a Taco Bar
Donations- Senior \$9 / Adults \$10 / kids \$8 **23 Noon 5:00**

29 8:00am **CRAFT SHOW INSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER**
Hosting a indoor craft show, kitchen and bar will be open on Saturday during Garage Sale weekend

NO BREAKFAST on Easter Sunday
We are planning a special Mother's Day breakfast





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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. 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.						1
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