

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Walcott Day
2023

BREDENBEK
Bash!

This year was a special Walcott Day where we celebrated our sister city relationship with Bredenbek Germany which was formed over a quarter century ago! Our special guests, Hans-Werner Hamann, the former mayor of Bredenbek, and Thorsten Schwanebeck, the current mayor of Bredenbek, had nothing but glowing remarks for all the hospitality and warm greetings they received throughout the weekend. We were happy they made the journey and we hope they enjoyed their Walcott Day experience as much as we enjoyed having them here.

This year's Walcott Day was another for the record books. Our pie auction nearly surpassed our record sales from a few years ago with ten fewer pies! A special thank you to everyone who baked a pie and to all the generous bidders who made this year's auction another smashing success.

We had another great crowd for the Outhouse races and kid's tractor pulls. It is always great to see so many people staying at the park in the afternoon and having a great time. And the car show this year, all I can say is WOW! We had a great selection of vehicles for the show and it was awesome to see the streets, and infield, full of cars.



This year wasn't all sunshine and rainbows, no Walcott Day is, but we hope everyone had a great time at the events.

This year, in an effort to gather more feedback from everyone, we are putting out an online survey. We'd appreciate your honest feedback on what went well and what things we can improve for next year. We hope to see you all back for Walcott Day next year on July 20, 2024.



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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.

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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.

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Walcott Day Winners



Walcott Day Parade Winners

1st Place: Moses Family (Moses Gang)

2nd Place: Walcott Community Club (Walcott Community Club Sausage Fest). pictured above.

3rd Place: ASHHS (American Schleswig-Holstien Heritage Society)

Peach Pie Contest

31 pies were entered in the 41st annual Walcott Day Pie Contest. Evelyn August's pie was selected grand champion and purchased by Liberty Pattern for \$600. The total amount raised this year was \$18,550. This was the 2nd highest auction total in the contest's 41-year history.

Thank you to all of our bakers and buyers!

Additional Winners:

Senior Division

- 1st - Evelyn August
- 2nd - Joan Martz
- 3rd - Mary Lincoln
- 4th - Linda Holdorf
- 5th - Nicole Moritz

Junior Division

- 1st - Evelyn August
- 2nd - Rachel Ehlers
- 3rd - Ashlyn, Kendra & Evan Burt
- 4th - Lucy Lyon
- 5th - Daniel Advise



And a special thanks to our buyers this year:

Bernard & Ruth Brus
Liberty Pattern
Logan & Emily Lyon
Gary & Nancy Holdorf
Richard & Mary Golinghorst
Burt Clinic of Chiropractic
Walcott Community Club
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Tom & Sandy Brus
Jason Holdorf - IMEG
County Line Excavating
Walcott American Legion
Mosier Boys
Jim & Ann Kessler
Brian & Angie Ehlers

Outhouse Race Winners



Burt Clinic of Chiropractic



Walcott Day Princess



Kendra Burt

Walcott Day Continued



Walcott Day Car Show



City of Walcott Information

Are Your House Numbers Posted?

Property owners are reminded that address numbers must be displayed on the house. The numbers should be:

- At least four inches tall
- A contrasting color to that of their background
- Unobstructed by signs, light fixtures, or plants

House numbers are not only convenient for finding addresses but necessary for emergency responders to locate those in need. When responding to an emergency, minutes matters.

The Recreational Trail Advisory Committee

The City of Walcott is currently seeking residents who are interested in joining the Recreational Trail Advisory Committee.

The City Council will be appointing committee members during the September 5 City Council meeting. The Committee will be established to research design options and pursue funding opportunities for the extension of the Heritage Recreational Trail. Any resident interested in submitting their name for consideration should contact the City Clerk's office at (563) 284-6571, ext. 10 or email twright@cityofwalcott.com no later than Aug. 31, 2023.



Raffle Prize Winners

Jason Verschoore	June Reimers
Michelle Glunz	Jason Kengott
Cale Hermiston	Tenley Brockmann
Melissa Ware	Kelly Diercks
Jim Collier	Chad Till
Jason Verschoore	Brenda Thrapp
Missy Peeters	Mike McAfee



Button design winners

- 1st place:** Kendra Burt
2nd place: Ashlyn Burt
3rd place: Abbey Young

Public Notice

Nomination papers (Affidavit of Candidacy and Nomination Petition) are available at Walcott City Hall, 128 W. Lincoln Street, for any eligible elector in the City of Walcott desiring to become a candidate for the Walcott City election on Nov. 7, 2023. Three council member positions for four-year terms will be on the ballot. The forms are also available at the City's website at www.cityofwalcott.com.

The Affidavit of Candidacy must be notarized, and the Nomination Petition must have at least ten signatures. Nomination papers must be filed with the City Clerk at City Hall during the filing period, which begins on Monday, Aug. 28 and ends on Thursday, Sept. 21 by 5 p.m.

Illegal Dumping at Compost Area

Many items have been found at the compost area that are not allowed. There should only be two piles, one for composting which includes grass and leaves, and the other pile for brush and tree branches. No other materials, including plastic or paper bags, garbage, or construction materials are allowed at the compost area. Please be considerate and follow the signs to keep this area open to the residents of Walcott.

Unpack Your Backpack

Stop by Walcott K-8 on Monday, Aug. 21 from 4 – 5:30 p.m. for an open house. You can unpack your backpack and find your locker.



Walcott K-8 PTA Meet & Greet

Stop by the Lamplighter anytime on Wednesday, Aug. 16 between 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Kids welcome and pizza provided!

Traditional school year meetings will now be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Walcott School Library at 4:15 p.m., starting Sept. 14.

Sign-up to be a PTA member during the month of August and enter to win prizes from our Fall Fundraiser with Charleston Wrap!

Save Walcott Elementary School

It seems that Walcott Elementary School is still being considered for closure by the Davenport Community School District.

If you're interested in being part of a committee to help keep our elementary school in Walcott, please send an email sharing your interest to WalcottChamber@gmail.com. We'll meet soon to determine next steps.



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A message from Calvary Church of Walcott

Hello Walcott families,

It has been an exciting and crazy first month for me here, both at the church and in the community. I have met some absolutely amazing people with giving hearts and the love of community is evident everywhere you go. From the crowd at Walcott day with activities like bags, the parade, and outhouse races (there was truly something for everyone) to fast pitch softball games at night and VBS - I cannot thank you all enough for how welcome you have made me and my family feel. I can already see this is going to be an amazing place to raise our kids.

I wanted to give everyone an update on what we have been studying and will be studying here in the coming weeks. The last week of July we finished our sermon series on Starting Over Again. In this series we discussed how we can become the best example of God's Word and Kingdom in the world.

We are now into our next series, the Discipleship Pathway series. We will be talking about how we grow in our faith through the pathway as individuals. I am excited to get this underway. All are welcome to join us Sundays at 10 a.m. Hope to see you here and again thank you so much for being such a welcoming community. God Bless.

Mike Jones

Pastor of Calvary Church of Walcott

• **Church Service** starts at 10 a.m.



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FOOD TRUCKS

August

Aug. 16 - Chuckies Tenderloins – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Aug. 18 - Simba's Dog Palace – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Aug. 24 - Casserole Kitchen – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Scott County Regional Authority Grant

The Walcott Hearts & Hands Foundation would like to thank the Scott County Regional Authority for the \$10,000 grant that was received last year. This grant was used to purchase new food and beverage coolers, as well as stainless steel work surfaces for the Wescott Park concession stand. The new equipment has been a major upgrade to the concession stand and contributed towards a successful ball season.

We thank the Scott County Regional Authority for their generous donation and contribution towards improving our community!

Walcott American Legion smoked pork chop supper

Walcott American Legion Post #548 invites you to their Smoked Pork Chop supper on Friday, Aug. 25 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

A donation of \$13 for adults and \$4 for a children's chicken nugget meal will be accepted. Meals available for dining in or carry out. Desserts and a raffle will be available.

For more information call Commander Brian Mengler at (563) 529-5560.

ASHHS quarterly meeting

The American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) quarterly meeting will be held at noon on Sunday, Aug. 20, at the Durant City Park, Durant, Iowa.

ASHHS will host a picnic and provide drinks and the main dish. It is asked that potluck side dishes to share and place settings for families be brought.



I am proud to support 4-H families and their futures.

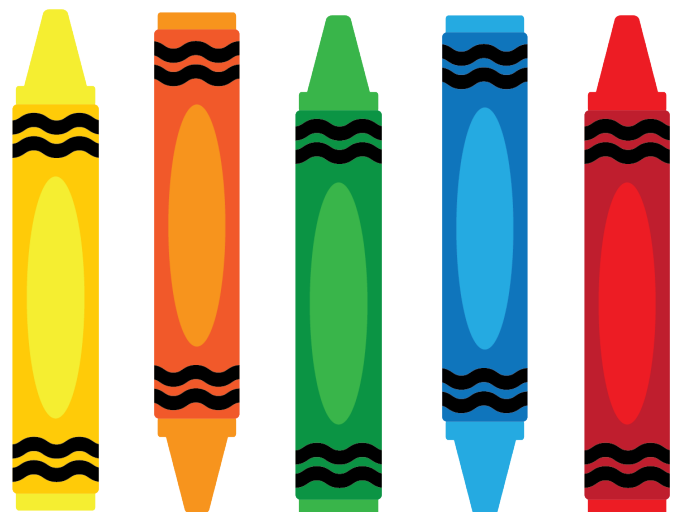


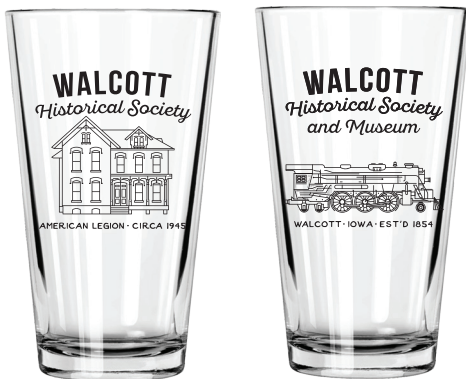
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Walcott Historical Society

Thank you, thank you, thank you to those who visited the Walcott Historical Museum on Walcott Day weekend and those who helped make the display honoring our German heritage. The members of the Society worked hard to research, display, and welcome present and past members of our community.

Our newest fundraiser is the sale of glass pint beer glasses depicting scenes from our community. We have two designs, one of the early locomotive that is our logo and the other of the Walcott Legion building built as a home and now the American Legion and Auxiliary Post 548. Each includes a historical note and costs only \$10 each. To acquire one or both, please contact Karen Puck (kpuck2015@gmail.com or (563) 284-6483) or Sherry Roberts (sherryhirlroberts@gmail.com or (563) 340-9653). If our sales are successful, we will add more glasses with designs from our history.

We still have copies of Walcott's history books and the one-room schoolhouses available for sale. To buy one or to visit the museum, please contact Karen Puck, Sherry Roberts or Karla Burt. We continue to accept donations and bequests towards our goal of expanding to display our many acquisitions. Remember, don't pitch historical stuff before you check to see if the museum can use it.

TRIVIA

Last month's trivia question: Who was Walcott's historian? Rudy Blueborn, who kept meticulous records and many items so the community could remember the past of Walcott.

New question: Who is entombed in the mausoleum in the Walcott Cemetery?



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Walcott Library

The Summer Reading Program has ended. You might notice we scaled back our program offerings in August as we plan for fall, but we invite you to these events:

Aug. 4 – Crafty Kid Friday -10 a.m. – 12 p.m. - Celebrate what makes you happy with rainbow affirmation bookmarks! Best for ages 6-11.

Aug. 7 – Adult Book Club -7 p.m. – Read and join in the discussion. Call the Walcott Library for more information and for the selected title at 285-4794 and press 5. This group meets monthly on the first Monday of the month.

Aug. 11 – Story Time – 10 a.m. – Join us for stories, songs, silliness, and more! Best for kids ages 0-6, with their grownups.

Aug. 25 – Story Time – 10 a.m. – Join us for stories, songs, silliness, and more! Best for kids ages 0-6, with their grownups.

The Scott County Library System is now subscribed to Bridges – the State Library of Iowa's Overdrive catalog! This will increase your options for eBook, eAudiobook, and eMagazine. All Scott County Library System card holders will now have access to over 100,000 additional items within the Libby app. Check out the tutorial video on our website or stop in at Walcott for more information.

If you're getting ready to return to school, don't forget to register for your library card! Your Scott County Library card gives you access to books, music, learning kits, online resources, and more! The Walcott Branch is open Monday – Thursday from 2 – 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. For more information about your library, please visit scottcountylibrary.org.



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AUGUST

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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Crafty Kid Friday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	5
6 Calvary Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.	7 Adult Book Club 7 p.m.	8	9	10	11 Story Time, 10 a.m.	12
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20 • Calvary Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. • ASHHS quarterly meeting, 12 p.m.	21 Unpack your backpack, 4 – 5:30 p.m.	22 Sour Candy Taste Testing, 3 – 6 p.m.	23 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	24 Casserole Kitchen, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	25 • Story Time, 10 a.m. • Smoked Pork Chop supper, 5 – 8 p.m.	26 Cavalry Bags Tournament, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
27 Calvary Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.	28	29	30	31		