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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:
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**WALCOTT CHAMBER
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P.O. Box 388
Walcott, IA 52773

WALCOTT ATHLETICS TOWNBALL REGISTRATION

JAN 23 - FEB 29, 2024

Walcott townball registration is open!

Practices will start in April.
Games will be played April 22 - June 30, 2024.

Please register as soon as possible. Early registration helps ensure we have the right number of teams and coaches for each division.



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Walcott Athletics is looking for volunteers!

We are planning to add additional sports and activities for future Panthers! We are hoping to add camps, clinics, and more for Cheerleading, Soccer, Flag Football, Bowling, E-Sports, Golf, and Pickleball over the next year. If you are interested in helping with any of those sports, or would like us to consider an additional sport, please let us know so we can include you in the planning. The best way to contact us is via email at WalcottAthleticBoard@gmail.com.



Be sure to follow
Walcott Athletics
on Facebook.

SOUPER Bowl food drive

SUPER BOWL Sunday will be on Sunday, Feb. 11 between the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers. Calvary Church is collecting donations for the Buffalo Food pantry during their SOUPERbowl celebration! You can bring your donations to Calvary Church between now and Feb. 11. We will try to beat last year's collection of 721 cans. There will be a table set up in the social hall for your cans of soup. If you are unable to shop, the church is happy to purchase soup for you. There will be a can donation set up on the table. Thanks in advance for your donations.

Sign-up today spots are LIMITED!

Walcott Athletics Pickleball

Walcott Athletics is providing pickleball for 3-6 graders from the Walcott, Blue Grass, and Buffalo communities. Pickleball will meet March 4 - April 15 at Walcott school. The \$30 registration fee will get your child a paddle, bag, and t-shirt!

MONDAY
WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM

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2024 recycling calendars for Walcott garbage and recycling customers are available at City Hall and at the City's website, www.cityofwalcott.com.

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. 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 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 2024. 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, ext. 10 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.

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

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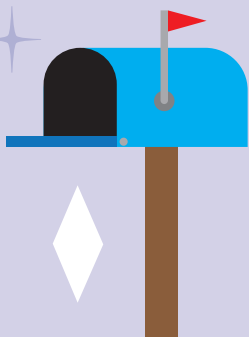


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Don't miss another event or story! You can sign-up to have the Walcott Chamber newsletter delivered directly to you – either mail or email!

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.



Important School Dates:

Feb. 5 – No School
Feb. 9 – Paint Night at the Walcott American Legion
Feb 16 – 2 p.m. dismissal
Feb. 19 – No school
Feb. 20 – 6 - 8 p.m. K-8 Skate Night at Eldridge Skate Park
Feb. 26 – Westravaganza @ West High School 7 p.m.

Join us for PTA Skate Night

Who: Students in grades K - 8
Date: Tuesday February 20, 2024
Time: 6-8 PM
Where: Eldridge Skate Park
400 S. 16th Ave. Eldridge, IA
Cost: Admission \$ 3.50
Skate Rental \$1.50
Cash Only

Concession stand will be open for purchase of snacks and beverages.

outside food may NOT be brought into the facility

Socks must be worn with rented skates.



Mark your calendars:

April 5, 6 - 8 p.m. Elementary Fun Night at Walcott school

The PTA meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the school library. Upcoming meetings will be held on Feb 8, March 21 (delayed for break), April 11, and May 9.

For more information you can email
Walcottpantherspta@gmail.com.

Student artwork on display

Walcott has more than 25 students in 7th and 8th grade who have artwork on display at NorthPark Mall. Go check it out!

Check the school website for all the sports schedules <https://www.davenportschools.org/walcott/explore/school-calendar/>

Walcott American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

The Walcott American Legion Auxiliary is looking for girls who are in their junior year in high school to send to Girls State. Girls State is an inspirational, educational, fun, and life-changing experience for young women.

The programs' objective is to develop leadership skills, confidence, and action-based understanding of the governmental process. The American Legion Auxiliary believes that educating youth about the basic ideals and principles of government will help ensure our democracy's survival. Please call Lisa Mengler at (563) 529-5559 with any questions.



Walcott American Legion Boys State

The Walcott American Legion is looking for boys who are in their junior year in high school to send to Boys State.

The American Legion of Iowa Boys State is a week-long, hands-on youth civics leadership experience in the operation of the democratic form of government. Students learn more in one week than they would in a semester of high school civics. In addition, there are opportunities to win scholarships and earn college credit to applicable schools.

If interested, please contact Reed Hagen at (563) 505-1165.





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A message from Calvary Church of Walcott

Hello Calvary and Walcott families,

Hope you all are enjoying the warm-up we have had over the past few weeks. It is definitely a welcome break after all the snow and extreme cold. But even with all of that, we had an amazing Christmas at the church and some amazing people from the community helping our family get our driveway done with me on the mend after surgery. It is just another testament to how much this community supports one another. I feel so blessed to get to be a part of it.

Although it is hard to believe, since Christmas seems like it was just a couple of weeks ago, Lent and Easter are just around the corner. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14, on Valentine's Day, and we will be having our service at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary and everyone in the community is welcome to join. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be discussing plans for Easter Sunday, as well.

As we approach the Lenten season, I want us to be thinking about our Lenten goals. So often many of us give up sweets or caffeine or something we believe is a sacrifice to remember Jesus' 40 days in the desert. However, after those 40 days we typically return to our previous sweets, caffeine, or other sacrifices. We go back to the way things were. What if, instead of trying to remove something we enjoy for 40 days, we try and start something to become a better version of ourselves. Maybe we find a new way to volunteer within the community for the next 40 days, maybe for the next 40 days we read a chapter of

the Bible, maybe for the next 40 days we look for ways to raise money for some type of local charity or kids in hunger, what if these 40 days were spent trying to make the world a better place rather than just not drinking Starbucks. I think developing a healthy habit to make us a better person, something that Jesus would celebrate more than us not eating a Twix, would be a great alternative to consider. My prayer is that you will consider joining me in this during this Lenten season, and that we come together and celebrate our risen Lord on Easter. God bless and hope to see you all soon.

Pastor of Calvary Church of Walcott
Mike Jones

- **Sunday School** starts at 9 a.m.
- **Church Service** starts at 10 a.m.

Ash Wednesday service

To celebrate the beginning of Lent, Calvary will be holding an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.



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Soup and bake sale fundraiser

On Sunday, Feb 11, Family Ministries will be holding a soup luncheon fundraiser following church with proceeds going to the church. At the same time, the Missions team will be having a bake sale with proceeds going to QC Kids Against Hunger. Please mark your calendars.

Family Fun on Friday

Are your kids full of energy after a long week of school work? Bring the whole family and join us for a night of family fun on Friday, Feb. 16 from 5-7 p.m. at Calvary Church. Please bring a snack to share and a game to play. We'll gather in the Social Hall. Please contact Lynnette Tarchinski at (563) 340-7419 if you have any questions.

Walcott American Legion Post 548 Ham Supper

The Walcott American Legion Post 548 invites you to join them Friday, Feb. 23, for a ham supper. Supper will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.

Donation of \$13
Children's Chicken Nugget Meal - \$4

Desserts and raffle are available. Dine-in or Carry-out available. For more information, call Commander Brian Mengler (563) 529-5560.

American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) quarterly meeting

Join ASHHS on Sunday, Feb. 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Walcott American Legion for their quarterly meeting featuring Carol Schaefer.

Carol will present the history of the Amana Colonies. He was raised in the Amana Colonies and his family helped to found the Colonies in the 1800s.

Light refreshments will be provided. The Legion is handicap accessible. The program is free and open to the public.

Come on Barbie, let's go party!

Join the Walcott Women's for their annual Daddy Daughter Dance on February 10, 6 - 9 p.m. at the Walcott American Legion.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$25 per couple and \$5 for additional girls. (Cash/check only)

Highlights to look forward to: DJ, photo booth, cookie decorating, balloon drop, photo ops, party favors, and cash bar.

Community Club February feed

Join us on Thursday, Feb. 1 for a pork chop meal at the Legion. Bring a friend and enjoy a great meal. Be sure to purchase your 2024 membership card at the event if you haven't already. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We would like to extend a special thank you to our sponsors for this month: Wyffels Hybrids – Wayne Ovesen and Gerald Boldt Trucking.

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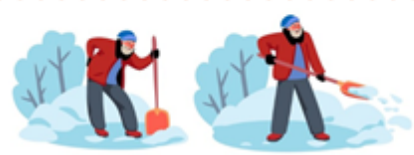
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Walcott Library

Looking for something to break up the winter blahs? Join our Winter Reading Challenge! It will run from Jan. 27 – March 2, and it's for all ages! We've made it so easy to participate. All you have to do is cross off each day that you complete either 20 minutes of reading or an activity. Each day counts as an entry into the raffle, and there will be winners from each branch, plus one grand prize winner. Paper logs are available at our branch, from our website or you can track online with Beanstack. For more information, stop in at the Walcott Library. We have programs for all ages in February:

Feb. 2: Story Time, 10 a.m. Join us for a morning of stories, songs, silliness, and crafts! Best for kids ages 0-6, with their grownups.

Feb. 5: Adult Book Club, 7 p.m. Read the monthly book and join the discussion with fellow book lovers. The January book club was canceled due to the weather, so we will discuss *The Last Chinese Chef* by Nicole Mones. No registration is required! New members are always welcome, and you don't have to attend every month. This event is for adults.

Feb. 8: Lego Club, 4 – 6 p.m. 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. All ages are welcome.

Feb. 9: Story Time, 10 a.m. Join us for a morning of stories, songs, silliness, and crafts! Best for kids ages 0-6, with their grownups.

Feb.13: Valentine's STEM, 4 – 6 p.m. Science, tech, engineering, and math come together for a fun Valentine's Day twist. Best for ages 6-11.

Feb. 15: PJ Story Time, 6 p.m. Put on your jammies, bring your favorite stuffed animal friend, and join us for bedtime stories and activities. Best for ages 0-6 with a grownup.

Feb. 16: Story Time, 10 a.m. Join us for a morning of stories, songs, silliness, and crafts! Best for kids ages 0-6, with their grownups.

Feb. 19: Train Time, 4 – 6 p.m. Calling train enthusiasts of every age: head over to the library to spend an afternoon playing with trains and train tracks! All ages are welcome.

Feb. 23: Story Time, 10 a.m. Join us for a morning of stories, songs, silliness, and crafts! Best for kids ages 0-6, with their grownups.

Feb. 27: Bracelet Making, 4 – 6 p.m. Create a bracelet to keep or to share! Best for ages 6-11.

Feb. 29: Craf-TEA Time, 4 – 6 p.m. Crafts and tea, what could be better? Best for ages 12 – 18.

Don't forget that we offer digital collections of eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines, music, and movies from our website, and those are available even when the library is closed! Check it out at: www.scottcountylibrary.org. Regular hours for the Walcott Branch are Monday – Thursday 2 – 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



The Iowa80.Com Distribution Center

If you've driven north on Y-40 near the Iowa 80 Truckstop in the last year, you've probably seen the red and tan building in various stages of construction. This building is poised to be Scott County's newest industrial park, with 251,000 total square feet of warehousing space. For Iowa 80, 117,180 square feet will be used to house trucking accessories for the online trucking accessories superstore, Iowa80.Com. The remaining 128,959 square feet is available for lease or open for third party fulfillment. The warehouse shipped their first order from the new distribution center on January 16, 2024.

The Iowa80.Com Distribution Center features 10 state-of-the-art loading docks, 33,371 linear feet of racking, 32' high ceilings, and a fireproof room of 9,400 square feet. It is also fully air conditioned. The building also features two Vertical Lift Modules from Kardex, that are designed to increase capacity with an enclosed shelf-based storage system. This new distribution center for Iowa80.com will fulfill orders for online trucking accessory orders, as well as ship product to the brick-and-mortar stores operated by Iowa 80 Group, including Iowa 80 Truckstop, Kenly 95 Petro in Kenly, North Carolina, and Joplin 44 Petro, in Joplin, Missouri.

Iowa80.com will host a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of the new distribution center on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024. Join us at 510 Sterling Drive, Suite A, Walcott, Iowa at 1:30 PM for the festivities. Reception to follow.



Warehouse racking

Automatic Pickers

Thoughts From the Belly

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By: Dan Mays – Ironbelly1@aol.com

As a Master Gardener, I believe in practicing what I preach. In many of my gardening presentations, I am known to say, "The main problems with gardening are that: 1.) Gardeners tend to overcomplicate things. And 2.) Gardeners tend to make things too much work. Yes, I know that snow is on the ground and most gardeners have limited their activities to pouring over garden catalogs and reveling in dreams of warm weather grandeur. On the other hand, many fair-weather gardeners also have indoor plants. These need our attention during the winter. Nothing makes indoor gardening easier than bigger pots. Watering is usually limited to only once per week or less.

Rather than establishing an indoor "intensive care facility for plants" requiring almost daily watering for small pots, I like my containers to be at least 16-inches (or more) in diameter. A side benefit of large pots is that they can make an interior design statement; especially if you have several of them. Of course, with those large pots, weight becomes a problem. Roll-around plant trivets are your salvation – or source of aggravation. They have been both for me.

Over the years, I have bought many plant trivets, knowing that my lovely wife, Cyndia, needed an easy way to shuffle her large Amaryllis pots around. The more trivets that I bought, the more expensive they became. I kept searching for a roll-round trivet that actually rolled. Much to our dismay, they all rolled poorly, in spite of my attempts to lubricate the wheel assemblies. The darn things would often catch on the tile floor and tip over – NOT GOOD!

Years ago, I decided to put all of the machinery in my workshop on wheels – good, 4-inch casters. That has been one of the best decisions I have ever made; albeit, not cheap – but certainly worth it. One day (after a large pot had tipped over) I decided that I could make better plant trivets than I could buy. And that

is exactly what I did. I made the 16" circular base out of high-quality ¾" plywood. I sealed the circle with polyurethane and attached high-quality, 2" casters. As an additional precaution, Cyndia always places a 16" plastic tray beneath the pot as well. What a pleasure it is to use these trivets. They actually roll! Now she can easily reposition her pots without ever lifting one.

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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.