

Walcott

MARCH 2024

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

HEARTS
AND
HANDS

Rec Trail Update

The Rec Trail Phase II Advisory Committee has been working with city officials to prepare to submit the first grant application for the project this summer. The group is currently preparing to kick-off their capital campaign with a community meeting in the next couple months. Showing community support for the project will be an important factor in the grant application. Keep an eye out for more information regarding the date & location of this meeting. For more information about the project or to make a donation please contact city hall.

Easter Egg Hunt

Come join Walcott Women and jCalvary Preschool for their annual Easter Egg hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny!

This free event is for children, ages 0-6th grade, on Sunday, March 24 at Noon at Water Tower park in Walcott, IA.

New this year: Coffee Oasis and Pit Crew BBQ food trucks will be set-up across the street from the park to the West this year for your beverage and lunch needs.

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Alison Wernicke
PT, DPT, LMT

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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.

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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
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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 license fee is \$3 per animal and proof of rabies vaccination is required.

Golf cart use on city streets

- The Permit Registration must be with the golf cart whenever said golf cart is in operation.
- To be operated on city streets only between sunrise and sunset from March 1- Nov. 30.
- Golf carts that are operated on city streets shall be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle (SMV) sign and a safety flag.
- Golf carts shall not be operated at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour.
- Operators must have a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years of age.
- The driver's license must be in the operator's possession. Permits are valid March 1 – Nov. 30, regardless of the date of issue, and must be renewed annually. Application forms are available online at www.cityofwalcott.com or at City Hall and should be returned to City Hall when completed.

Park reservations

Spring is here and that means the parks will be filling up fast! Reservation forms for park shelters and gazebos (available at City Hall and at www.cityofwalcott.com) 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 will still be available to be enjoyed by the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Current shelter availability may be viewed on the Calendar at www.cityofwalcott.com.

Signs, signs, everywhere a sign

Residents are reminded that signs - rummage sales, garage sales, advertising, etc. – cannot be posted on public or utility right-of-ways (including utility poles), or on the property of another without the property owner's permission. Right-of-way includes the area between the sidewalk and street. Illegal signs removed by city staff can be picked up at City Hall.

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Important School Dates:

March 6 - KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP
March 6 - Junior High Conferences 4:15 - 7:15
March 11 - 15th - NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
March 22 - Spring Picture Day (Elementary Only)
March 27 - 2 p.m. Dismissal End of 3rd Quarter

PTA Movie Night Showing "Migration"

Movie starts 6 pm

Cost \$5 with parent (parents free) or
\$10 student only.
Includes a drink and popcorn.

Wild West Walcott PTA Elementary Fun Night



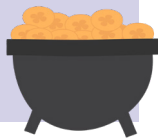
Friday, April 5, 6 – 8 p.m.
Walcott School

\$10 per student and includes games,
prizes, raffles, inflatables, and so much fun!
Yee Haw!! Cash only, food available for
purchase.

7th grade-Adults are encouraged to
volunteer, sign up here:

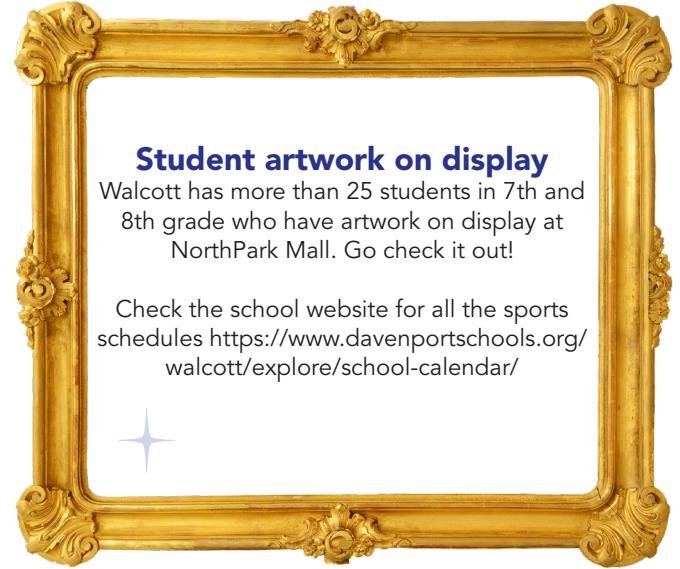
The PTA meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m.
in the school library. Upcoming meetings will be held on
March 21 (delayed for break), April 11, and May 9.

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



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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/](https://www.davenportschools.org/walcott/explore/school-calendar/)

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. We
will share a lot of information
through this group



Walcott Lions area scholarships available

The Walcott Lions Club is accepting scholarship applications
from high school seniors, and older (college or trade school
attending students), from the Walcott area. Two \$1,000
scholarships can be awarded.

If you live in one of the four townships surrounding Walcott,
including the city of Walcott; Blue Grass, Cleona, Fulton, or
Hickory Grove Townships, you are eligible to apply.

Applications are available either through your school guidance
counselors' office in Durant, Davenport (Central, North, and
West), and North Scott, or by calling Walcott Lions Scholarship
Chairman Lion Lucas Matzen (563) 370-3611 It is very important
that you live in one of the four surrounding townships.
Application deadline is 11:59 p.m. April 15, 2024.



A message from Calvary Church of Walcott

Hello Walcott and Calvary Church families,

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful weather that is hopefully here to stay. I definitely don't remember a time when it was this warm, this early but I don't think anyone is complaining. In last month's newsletter, we talked about the Lenten season that is now upon us, not just looking at it as a time to give something up, but maybe as a time to become the best version of ourselves, or to give more of ourselves. Whether that means volunteering more in your church or your community or finding a way to help feed the hungry or clothe the naked, my challenge to us is to make a difference in these 40 days.

At church we are working through the Lenten study called "On the Way to the Cross". We are talking about different miracles and different lessons Jesus was preaching on his way to the Cross on Good Friday, and ultimately his resurrection on Easter Sunday. We are making it a goal to do more than just read the stories, but to truly dive into them and understand the background of the time period they are in and the significance of the events going on in and around them.

We have talked about the idea that reading scripture and trying to memorize. It can be a good thing but studying it can transform you. As we look at the different challenges that await Jesus, I want us to remember a saying that my wife repeats to me when times get tough. "If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you." What a short but powerful statement. What if we looked at every challenge in our life as

something that can make us a better person? Every class that we may struggle with, every hard project at work, every family disagreement, every plateau in a workout, what if - rather than grumbling and complaining about the challenge ahead - we use it as an opportunity to grow?

I can't help but think that it would make our days a little bit brighter and give us a much more positive outlook on whatever situation we are in. When your smile is a little bigger and you carry more hope, it is infectious and people feel it. Accepting our challenges can help others grow as well.

What an impact a positive outlook could have on our community, on our church and on our world! Amen.

Mike Jones, Pastor of Calvary Church of Walcott

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

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, April 26 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.



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Community Club April feed

Join us Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m. for a turkey meal at the Legion. This is our first couples' meal of the year. All members are invited to bring their significant other along. Widows of former members are also invited to attend.

If you still haven't purchased your annual membership, it can be purchased at the event. You're not going to find a better meal deal for \$65!

We would like to extend a special thank you to our sponsors for this April:

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Donation to Helmets of Hope

Walcott American Legion Post#548, S.A.L., and Legion Auxiliary made a donation to Helmets of Hope.

Presenting donations to Pastor Bill from Helmets of Hope is Mary Golinghorst (president of Auxiliary) and Dick Newcomb (member of Post 548). Helmets of Hope helps local Quad City homeless veterans. Thank you to all who donate.



Walcott American Legion Post 548 Catfish Supper

The Walcott American Legion Post 548 invites you to join them Friday, March 22, for a catfish fillet 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.



Walcott Lions



Invite you to join us for our

49th Annual Family



Tuesday March 12th @ the Walcott Coliseum

116 Bryant St, Walcott

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tickets are \$17 in advance, \$18 at the door

Child's plate 10 years and under \$9

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Bridging the Gap – Stand Down

Walcott Legion Post # 548 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron #548, participated in the event Bridging the Gap - Stand down, held Feb. 15, 2024.

Donating items of clothing, hand/foot warmers, and protein snacks to our Homeless Veterans'.

Pictured Dick Newcomb with Mike Malmstrom - Director of the event and volunteers making up take home a sack for the Vets. and items of clothing. Thank you to all who donate to the Tip Jar at our events, these monies sponsor our Veterans in need.



Walcott Historical Society

The members of the Walcott Historical Society are planning the next exhibit and would appreciate your help. The theme will be Family Games from years past and would love to display any old games you might have—board games, outdoor games, toys, etc. If you loan them to us, we will display and protect them in our glass cases or with personal vigilance. They will be returned to you when we take down the exhibit. If you can help us, please contact Karen Puck at 563-284-6438 or kpuck2015@gmail.com.

We would also love to have new members who are interested in preserving Walcott's history. The annual dues are \$10, and we meet several times a year to plan and maintain the museum. Our next meeting is March 20 at 7 P.M. at the Walcott Fire Station or you can contact Karen.

Those who wish to visit the museum may contact Karen for a personal tour.

Trivia question from past article: Did you know that Walcott once had a jewelry store? Emil Giese, a watchmaker, had a store where the Walcott Post Office is now. The building was moved to W. Otis St., next to the Splash Pad and a second story was added to provide two additional bedrooms. It became the Lamp home for their family of six and Carol Snay lives there now.

What games did students play when they went to the one-room schools?



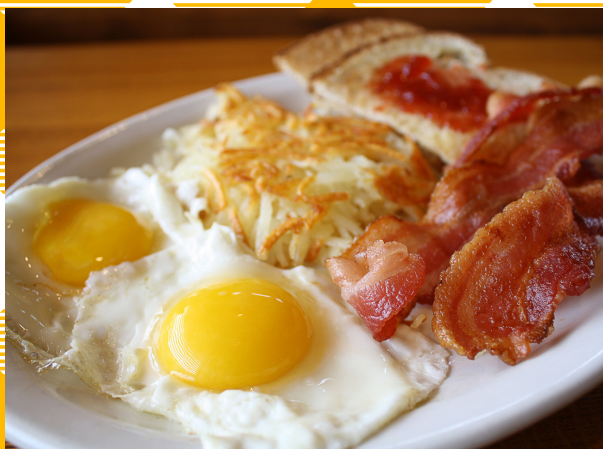
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March 1: Story Time, 10 a.m. Join us for a morning of stories, songs, silliness, and crafts! Best for kids ages 0-5, with their grownups.

March 4: Adult Book Club, 7 p.m. Read the monthly book and join the discussion with fellow book lovers. This month, we will discuss *The God of Animals* by Aryn Kyle. No registration is required! New members are always welcome, and you don't have to attend every month. This event is for adults.

March 7: 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 0-5 with a grownup.

March 8: Story Time, 10 a.m. Join us for a morning of stories, songs, silliness, and crafts! Best for kids ages 0-5, with their grownups.

March 11: 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.

March 12: Leprechaun Trap Building, 4 - 6 p.m. Can you trap the leprechaun? Test your skills at this drop-in event. All ages are welcome.

March 15: Story Time, 10 a.m. Join us for a morning of stories, songs, silliness, and crafts! Best for kids ages 0-5, with their grownups.

March 21: Mushroom Craft, 4 - 6 p.m. Let's get crafty! All ages are welcome to drop by and make a cute mushroom craft.

March 22: Story Time, 10 a.m. Join us for a morning of stories, songs, silliness, and crafts! Best for kids ages 0-5, with their grownups.

March 25: 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!

March 26: Chalk Pastel Art, 4 - 6 p.m. Create a masterpiece with chalk pastels! Best for ages 6-11.

March 28: Monstera Leaf Dish Craft, 4 - 6 p.m. Celebrate warming weather and spring's beginning with a monstera leaf shaped dish! Teens ages 12-18 are welcome to drop in!

Don't forget that your Scott County Library card gives you access to online resources! If you're looking to learn a language or brush up on one - try Transparent Languages! This resource is available from our website 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.

Thoughts From the Belly

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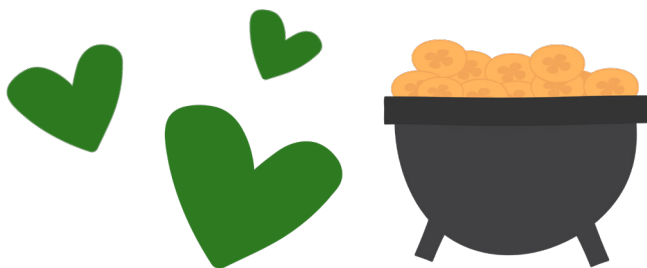
By: Dan Mays - Ironbelly1@aol.com

Many of you have heard me say in the past that: 'You gotta circulate to percolate.' For at least the past twenty years, I have unsuccessfully been searching for the elusive native, Climbing Prairie Rose (*Rosa setigera*). The genus name, *Rosa*, is the Latin name for rose. The species name, *setigera*, means "bearing bristles". It is a combination of two Latin words. *Seti* is translated as "bristle," and *gero* means "bearing."

Of course, the state of Iowa has chosen the wild rose as its state flower. However, Iowa boasts about seven native roses (and a number of mixed hybrids). So, the question is always: Which one is it? The answer is simply, all of them, because the Iowa legislature never declared a specific species. However, generally speaking, three species: *Rosa Arkansana*, *Rosa blanda*, and *Rosa Carolina* are given top consideration. Climbing Prairie Rose (*Rosa setigera*) qualifies, but is harder to find.

When I finally saw this beauty in bloom last summer (2023), I was gob-smacked! What a stunning beauty! After years of searching, my quest had finally been achieved. I found it while on a native plant hike with the Quad Cities Native Plant Society - technically, a division of the Illinois Native Plant Society. This local group is under new leadership and constantly seeks out opportunities to visit high quality sites on both sides of the Mississippi River. (Feel like percolating, anyone?)

Linked below is an informative website from North Carolina Extension. Curiously, the information (and YouTube video) they provide is from Iowa State University: Climbing Prairie Rose. Additionally, I am including a few photos from our field trip to an Illinois City farm site, just up-river from Muscatine: Dan's Photos



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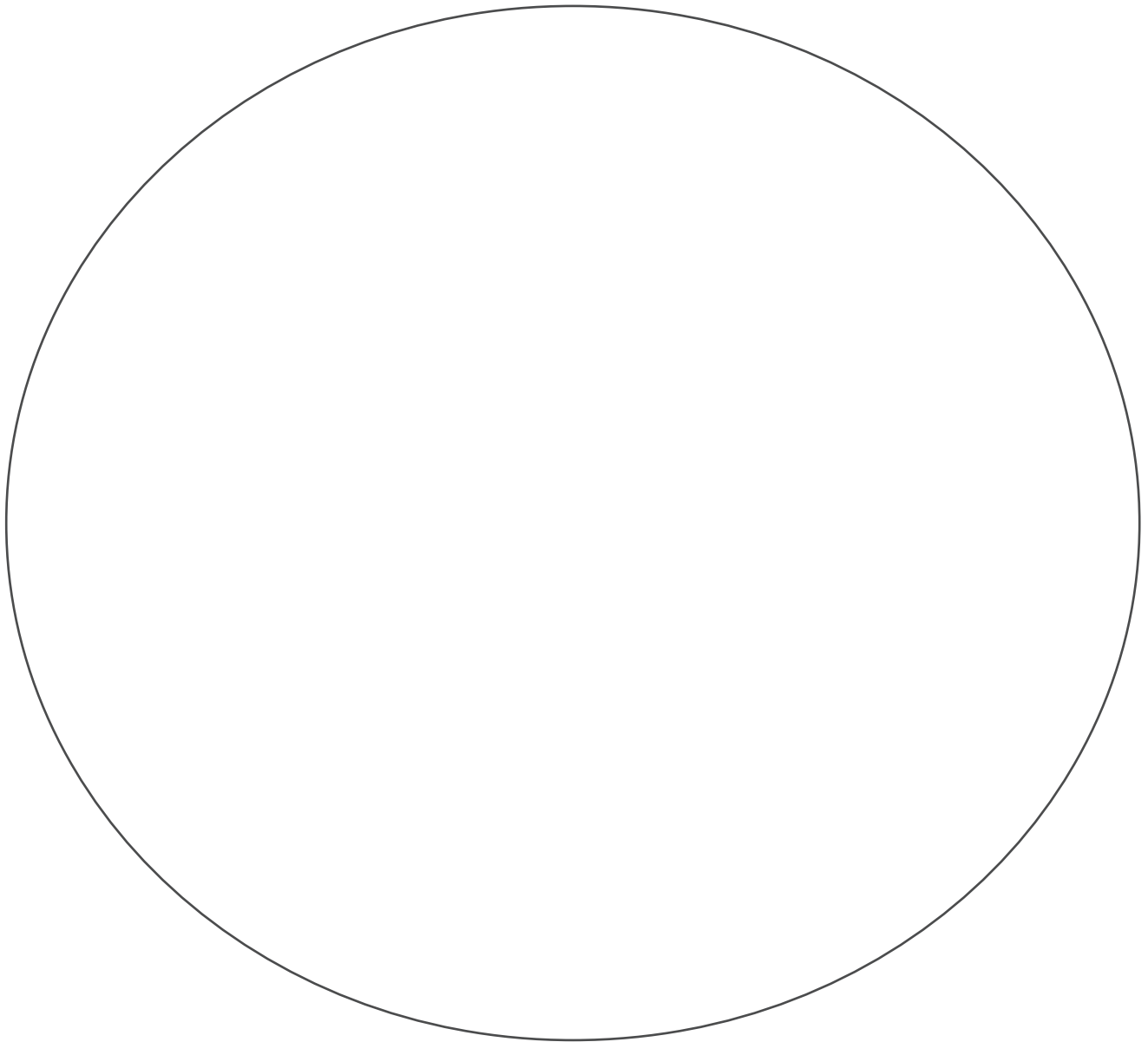
Join the Walcott Book Club

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.

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| 3 Calvary Sunday School 9 a.m. and Worship Service 10 a.m. | 4 • Park Board, 5 p.m. • City Council Meeting – 6 p.m. • Adult Book Club, 7 p.m. | 5 | 6 • Kindergarten Round-up • Junior High Conferences 4:15 - 7:15 | 7 PJ Story Time, 6 p.m. | 8 Story Time, 10 a.m. | 9 |
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5. The winner receives \$100, second place receives \$50, and third place receives \$25.
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