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NEWSLETTER

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Community Forum a Success!

Approximately 80 people turned out on January 25th for the City Wide Meeting. If you missed it, there was plenty of great discussion on where we would like to see Walcott head in the future. The city has made steady progress since the last meeting in 2008, but we now we need to look into the future and see what's next. A main topic of discussion pertained to selecting a preferred path towards addressing current limitations at City Hall, including the options of moving City Hall to the former Breezeway building on North Main Street, building a new structure to house City Hall, or renovating the current structure. The costs associated with those options, identifying needs, along with the pro's and con's of each option were all discussed. All city services- Clerk's Department, Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works- were discussed as to current location and future needs. Of the group in attendance, the majority has a desire to proceed towards moving City Hall to the former Breezeway property on North Main Street.

The Community Forum was a starting point to help build out the vision of the community, and determine a consensus of where the City Hall should be located. You can go to the city's website: www.cityofwalcott.com for a link to the presentation and all the handouts from January's meeting. What are the next steps? We need to get some accurate cost estimates and look at potential layout for renovating the building. More public forums will likely follow. Below is a survey of what other things you would like to see Walcott pursue. Please give us your input and mail the survey back to City Hall. Let's all continue to strive towards making our town great!

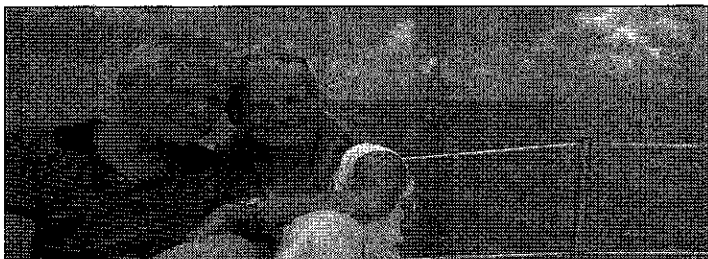
Which Way, Walcott?

VISIONING CHOICES FOR THE FUTURE SHORT/LONG TERM GOALS (1-10 YEARS)

(indicate your top five choices 1-5, with 1 being your top priority)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attract light industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery Store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community center | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continue Infrastructure improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical clinic |
| Suggestions: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> New/Refurbished City Hall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daycare Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment of downtown area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Develop working with other small communities (Chamber, PTO) | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diner located in Walcott Proper | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Spray Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancement of Main Street | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Signs on entrances into town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expanded railroad access for businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmer's Market | _____ |
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Residents are reminded that it is the property owner's responsibility to remove snow and ice accumulations promptly from sidewalks. Please make arrangements to have your sidewalks maintained and remember that is illegal to shovel or blow snow onto city streets. Your cooperation is appreciated!

WALCOTT ATHLETIC BOARD

Trivia night is February 4th. Call Kelley to reserve your table. Baseball/Softball Registration is still open by going to the website and printing off the registration form and mailing it in. We will be putting in one apparel order this year, so place it now! The registration form and apparel order form will be available to print off at ateteamz.com/walcottlittleleague

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Walcott Unified Fund is looking for volunteers to assist organizations working the park concession stands this summer. If interested, please contact Jenna Cooksey by text, email or phone. Jenna's email address is jennacooksey87@gmail.com. Her phone number is 563-508-2581. Thank you.



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UNSUSPECTING SENIORS

Although today's senior citizens may be mentally sharper than ever, they still make a prime target for con artists because they generally have more disposable income and because they're usually more trusting.

Senior scam victims in the United States handed over at least \$2.6 billion to crooks every year. Last year the Federal Trade Commission received more than 60,000 complaints nationwide.

The scam is as simple. Someone calls a senior citizen claiming to be a grandchild in desperate need of cash. It might involve an accident, an eviction or some other crisis.

Unlike in years past, where con artists relied primarily on cold calls to convince seniors to wire money, more sophisticated perpetrators are calling up Facebook to custom-tailor stories. Names, photos, phone numbers, family histories and up-to-the-minute accounts of daily movements are providing con artists with important tools that give their stories depth and believability. So now when an unsuspecting grandparent picks up the phone, their "grandchild" might know what they look like, who their parents are, where the family vacationed and other convincing details.

A component of the scam almost always involves a plea from the grandchild not to tell anyone what happened, especially parents. So the grandparents don't try to verify the information until long after the money has been sent.

The Division of Consumer Affairs offers these tips to prevent senior citizens and other from being victimized: If you receive an emergency call asking for money, always check with a family member to find out whether your loved one really needs help. Take the time now to talk with your family about this and consider creating a code word or phrase, one only the family would know, in case it becomes necessary to make an emergency call for help. Make it a personal policy, and a family policy, never to wire money without being sure the story you're being told is true.

Last, but not least if someone thinks they are being targeted by a scam; it's always good to report it. By doing this, it might prevent another person from a lot of pain and suffering.

Who to call, if you're a senior citizen who has been victimized by fraud, start by calling your local or state law enforcement agency.

Please pass this information along; public awareness is the key to protecting our loved ones!

Laura Spengler
Community Relations Coordinator,
Courtyard Estates



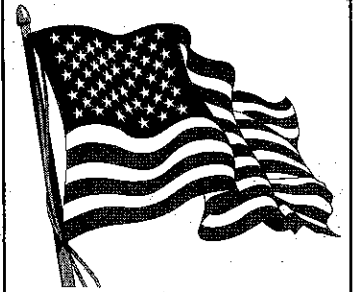


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December 2011 Calls

Emergency Medical Services	12
Auto Accidents	1
Fires (Grass/Vehicles/Structures)	0
Haz-Mat/Fuel Spills	0
Good Intent/Assist/Rescue	0
False Alarms	0
Other	0
TOTAL CALLS	276



PREECLAMPSIA foundation

TACO & TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday, March 10

Where: Walcott Coliseum

Time: Doors open at 5:30, Trivia begins at 7pm

Cost: \$10 per person, \$80 per table

(Maximum 8 people per table)

Walking Tacos \$3, Prize Money, Door Prizes,

Grand Prize raffle & 50/50 raffle

Guest MC: Mark Manual from KUUL FM

For reservations or more information, contact John Warner at (563) 284-6111, or by e-mail at walkforshelly@hotmail.com.

Or, contact the Walcott Coliseum at (563) 284-5165.

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Walcott Legion Post 548

Walcott, Iowa

STUFFED PORK CHOP SUPPER



Friday, February 24, 2012

Serving 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

\$9.00 in advance / \$10.00 at the door

Children's Hot Dog Meal \$4.00

Homemade desserts \$1.50

Advance tickets available from any Walcott Legion member

For further information, call 284-6640



COME PLAY BINGO AT THE LEGION SPONSORED BY WALCOTT WOMEN OF TODAY

When: February 10th & 17th

Doors open at 6:30 PM Games Start at 7:00 PM

Where: Walcott American Legion Post 548

121 W. Bryant Street • Walcott, IA

Why: To raise money for future events sponsored by Walcott Women

• Donations to Walcott, Blue Grass, Buffalo & Durant Schools

• Angel Tree • Santa's Breakfast • Easter Egg Hunt • Halloween Hot Dog Supper • Walcott Fire Dept.

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GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Service Unit 856 meeting on February 21 Buffalo Community Center at 6:30pm.

Leader's encouraged, parents welcome.

Girl Scout cookies are now for sale.

Please see any girl scout to get yours!

COMEDY SPORTZ "GUYS IN TIES"

One Night Only at the Blue Grass Community Club
Saturday, February 11

Doors open 7:00 p.m. • Show at 8:00 p.m.

All tickets are \$10 for general admission seating.

Come early to visit the concession stand and silent auction tables. Raffle prizes to be provided.

This event is a fundraiser for the Walcott 8th grade Washington DC trip. See your favorite 8th grade student for tickets or call Joan Baril at 381-3197.

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ASHHS QUARTERLY MEETING

The American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2012 1:30 p.m., at the Walcott American Legion, 121 W. Bryant St., Walcott, Iowa.

The program for February will be regarding Family History. While ASHHS assists its members in tracing their genealogical ancestry, the Society also encourages its members to document their family history. The February program will feature a presentation by Mary Kay Shanley, an author from West Des Moines IA, who will talk about "The Magic of our Memories".....

Iowans are a people with roots. We grow well in the black soil that blankets our state, in this land between two rivers. Here are our homes, our families, delighting in the commonality we share. Mary Kay Shanley is the author of 10 books including She Taught Me to Eat Artichokes and The Memory Box and an instructor at the University of Iowa's Summer Writing Festival. She welcomes audience questions and comments about how to pass those stories down from one generation to the next.

Light refreshments will be provided. The public is invited. The American Legion Hall is handicap accessible. For more information, call Mary Ann Muller 563-284-6640, or e-mail leemarmul@aol.com.

CALVARY PRESCHOOL

LIONS' FREE VISION TESTING will be held at Calvary Preschool on February 13th, 15th, and 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. ANY AREA CHILD BETWEEN THE AGES OF 6 MONTHS OF AGE TO KINDERGARTEN IS WELCOME TO COME FOR THE SCREENING. PLEASE COME UP THE SIDEWALK MARKED "OFFICE/PRESCHOOL".

CALVARY KIDS' CLUB

With pleasure we can announce our Wednesday after school program "Calvary Kids' Club" beginning January 25th, on every Wednesday afternoon through March 28th. This will begin on Wednesday, January 25th at 3:45 for snacks in Social Hall. This includes a Bible study, supervised music and crafts, and dinner. Sign up forms are available at the office. All programming will be over at 7:00 p.m. If interested, call the church office (284-6213) or come by on Wednesday, January 25th and register.



BLUE GRASS COMMUNITY CLUB

Trivia Night - Super Heroes Theme

Doors open at 6:00pm

Trivia starts at 7:00pm

Teams of 8, \$10 per person

Bring snacks, bar will be open

To reserve a table, call John
at (563) 343-7893

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WALCOTT SCHOOL NEWS

February finds our Panthers gearing up to take the Iowa Assessment tests. Our testing dates are the 7th and 9th. We wish you all the best of luck!

New this year, school will be held on Monday, February 20th for President's Day. Remember that we had Veteran's Day off in November as a traded holiday for the teaching contract.

Lifetouch photographers will be here to take spring pictures on Monday, February 20th. Spring pictures are not required for your students to have taken.

Stay warm, and remember to watch KWQC in the morning for weather updates and school closing/late start. Walcott School is a part of the Davenport Community School District.

Be sure to take a look at the following school district web site for our building and athletic events.

www.davenportschools.org/Walcott

You should be able to search for our Walcott school events and information there.

Don't forget - Every Wednesday is a one hour early dismissal at 2:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Rockin' Robyn Stender

Walcott School Secretary



A FUNDRAISER FOR JORDAN SIEBKE

Taco Supper, Bake Sale, 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes, & Music!
All Proceeds go to Jordan's Wish Fund a non for profit organization for special needs individuals in the area.

Raffle Tickets: 6 for \$5 or 1 for \$1

All you can eat taco dinner! \$5 per plate

Prizes will be handed out at 9pm sharp.

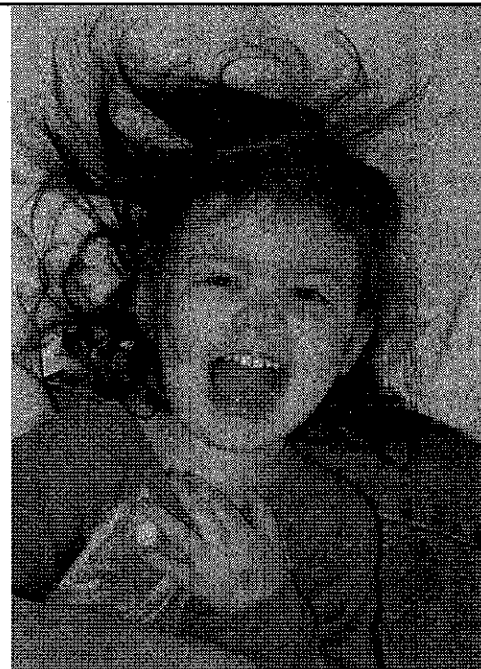
Come support Jordan's Wish and have a great time with Jordan!

Saturday February 11th, 2012

5:00 p.m. - ??

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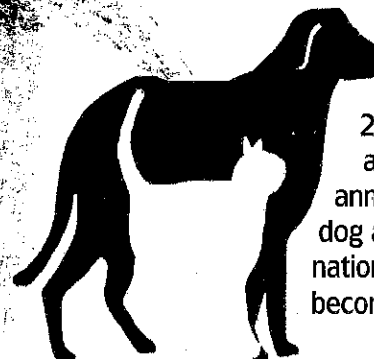
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PET LICENSES

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Sweetheart Steak Dinner/Dance
 February 11, 2012, Walcott Coliseum
 6:00pm Dinner
 8:00 pm Dance
 Music by "North of 40"
 \$15 per person in Advance
 \$18 per person at door
 Proceeds for Walcott Recreational Trail
 Sponsored by Nu Zeta Sorority
 Call 381-4645 for information or tickets
 Tickets also available at Burt Clinic of
 Chiropractic or Walcott Coliseum

SHELTER RESERVATIONS

City Hall is now accepting shelter reservations for Victory and Wescott Parks. Shelter reservations are effective when the reservation form is completed and remitted to City Hall with the nonrefundable fee of \$25. Forms are available at City Hall or <http://www.cityofwalcott.com/parksrec.php>. Unreserved shelters will still be available to be enjoyed by the general public on a first come, first served basis.



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GIRLS STATE

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- 2 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
- 1-1/4 cups sugar
- 1/3 cup HERSHEY'S Cocoa
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 eggs
- 1 container (8 oz.) dairy sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- SOUR CREAM TOPPING (recipe follows)
- canned cherry pie filling, chilled

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 325°F. Line muffin cups (2-1/2 inches in diameter) with foil bake cups. Place one vanilla wafer (flat-side down) in bottom of each cup.

2. Beat cream cheese in large bowl until smooth. Add sugar, cocoa and flour; blend well. Add eggs; beat well. Stir in sour cream and almond extract. Fill each muffin cup almost full with batter.

3. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until set. Remove from oven; cool 5 to 10 minutes. Spread heaping teaspoon SOUR CREAM TOPPING on each cup. Cool completely in pan on wire rack; refrigerate. Just before serving, garnish with cherry pie filling. Cover; refrigerate leftover cheesecakes. 1-1/2 to 2 dozen cheesecakes.

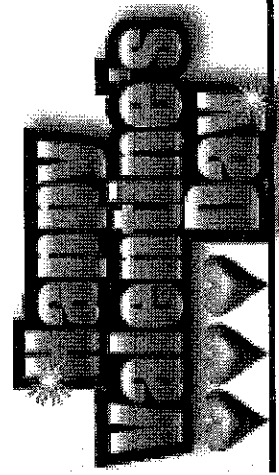
SOUR CREAM TOPPING: Stir together 1 container (8 oz.) dairy sour cream, 2 tablespoons sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract in small bowl until sugar is dissolved.

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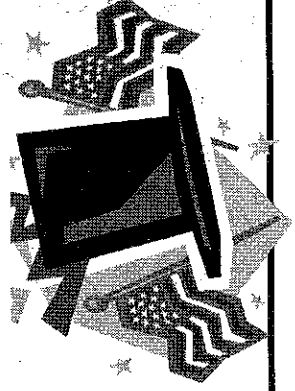
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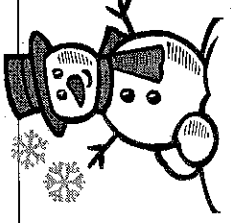
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Please join us on Monday, February 13th
 starting at 12:30 at the Coliseum.



February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY Calvary Church: 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	First Baptist Church: 9:00 Courtyard Est. 11:00 Blue Grass			2 4:30 pm-7BBB @ Walcott	3 7 pm- J. Beauchamp @ Coliseum	4 6pm- Trivia Night (Walcott Athletic Board)- Coliseum
5	6 4 pm-Grade 4-6 Wrestling Club in Cafeteria 6 pm-City Council	7 Iowa Assessment Tests, 4:30 pm-8BBB @ Walcott	8	9 Iowa Assessment Tests, 4:30 pm-7BBB @ Walcott	10 6:30-Bing@ Legion	11 5pm-Jordan's Wish@ Legion 6:00 pm NuZeta Sweetheart Dinner/ Dance-Coliseum
12 1 pm- J. Beauchamp @ Coliseum	13 4 pm-Grade 4-6 Wrestling Club in Cafeteria 6 pm-P & Z Mt	14 4:30 pm-8BBB @ Walcott  Happy Valentine's Day	15	16 4:00 pm-8BBB @ Walcott	17 6:30-Bing@ Legion 7 pm- Tony Hamil- ton @ Coliseum	18 7 pm-Country Dancers @ Coliseum
19 1 pm- German Dance @ Coliseum 1:30- ASSHS @ Legion	20. 4 pm-Grade 4-6 Wrestling Club in Cafeteria 6 pm-City Council PRESIDENT'S DAY	21 4:30 pm-7BBB @ Walcott	22	23 4:30pm-8BBB @ Walcott	24 5-8pm- Pork Chop Dinner- Legion 7 pm- Ken Paulsen @ Coliseum	25
26	27 4 pm-Grade 4-6 Wrestling Club in Cafeteria	28 4:30 pm 8BBB @ Walcott	29	BBB = Boys Basketball		

Chamber members may submit articles by the 15th of each month to be included in the next chamber newsletter. Articles written may be edited or reduced as space provides. Contact Kris Burt at 284-9028 or email at cwkkburt@msn.com.

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