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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.

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Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEWSLETTER

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Saturday, June 6



Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale

8am - 2pm
Rain or Shine

Registration form on page 3.

Maps available after 1pm Friday, June 5 at Casey's, Burt Clinic of Chiropractic and on the Walcott Community Wide Garage Sale Facebook page.

Sponsored by Nu Zeta Sorority, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

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City of Walcott Clean-Up Day

See details on page 2.

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The Walcott American Legion Auxiliary Vendor Sale and Scott County Library Book Sale have been cancelled.

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MEMORIAL DAY

CELEBRATE ★ HONOR ★ REMEMBER

In Observance of Memorial Day

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 25. Garbage collection will be on Tuesday, May 26. Thank you to the men and women who serve and have served our country and for those who gave their lives to preserve our freedom!

Yard Waste & 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 7:00 am.

Summer Youth Recreation Program

The six-week summer recreation program, sponsored by the City of Walcott, is scheduled to begin on June 15th. The program is planned to be held on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9 am to noon, for ages 5 to 14. Participants will meet at Victory Park and be transported to Camp Abe Lincoln for activities each Monday and Wednesday and field trips are scheduled for Fridays.

Through the City’s sponsorship, the registration fee for 54 hours of fun-filled recreation is only \$70 for each child residing in the Walcott community. The Walcott community is defined as residential homes located within Walcott City limits or Fire District #6. Participants residing outside of the Walcott community are required to pay the full cost of \$196.45 per child. Watch for updated information on the City’s website or contact City Hall at 284-6571 ext. 10.

Convenient Ways to Pay Your City Utility Bill

- A drop box is located outside of City Hall, near the door.
- Pay online at www.cityofwalcott.com. Click on Online Utility Payments from the home page.
- EZ-Pay allows payment of your monthly utility bill to be automatically deducted from your checking account. EZ-Pay forms are available at the City’s website on the forms and documents page under the FAQ section.
- Mail to the City of Walcott, PO Box 247, Walcott, IA 52773

Covid-19 Information

The state recently launched an informative and resourceful website about COVID-19. Go to coronavirus.iowa.gov/

Walcott Spring Clean-Up Day Date Change

Saturday, June 6 • 2 to 5 pm

212 W. Lincoln St. (Public Works Building)

The City of Walcott will be hosting a Spring Clean-Up Day for all residents of Walcott on June 6. Dumpsters will be available at the Public Works Department.

All household waste will be accepted. Tires, appliances, and bulky items will also be accepted at no charge. **NO ELECTRONIC WASTE, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE OR BUSINESS WASTE** will be accepted. If you have any questions regarding acceptable items, please contact the Public Works Department at 284.6571 x11.



Walcott Volunteer Fire Department

March 2020 Calls

EMS.....	23
MVC.....	2
MUTUAL AID.....	1
ASSIST.....	1
FIRE.....	5
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MONTHLY TOTAL.....	33
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From the Walcott Chamber

Submitted by Linda Titus, Chamber Treasurer and Newsletter Coordinator

As you can see by the front page of the newsletter, the Garage Sale has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 6. There is a registration form included in this issue. The City has also rescheduled the Clean Up Day for June 6 to coincide with the garage sale. The American Legion Auxiliary Vendor Show has been cancelled. They are planning to do the Vendor Show in 2021. The Scott County Library has cancelled the book sale which had also been planned to coincide with the garage sale.

As we all function in what I call "Virus Mode" we have learned to accept daily (sometimes hourly) changes in our routines and schedules. I have learned some new tricks, like going to church and attending meetings with **Zoom** on my computer. **Zoom** is the cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to virtually meet with others. It will suffice while we are in virus mode, but there is still nothing better than being there in person.

I have also learned that (like most of us) I am spoiled. None of us like to be inconvenienced, nor do we embrace change easily. It is also difficult to go without things that we have always taken for granted. Don't we all have a new appreciation for a 4-roll pack? Another thing worth mentioning, we love our freedom. Our freedoms are foremost. Freedom is not free, so especially this month, let's not forget those who fought for our freedom and keep those who are still serving in your prayers.

The newsletter is important to our community and thanks to the support of our Chamber members we have the funds to keep it going. We have picked up 2 new members since last issue, so now we have a total of 46 paid members. To me, it is so exciting to have new members become part of the Chamber. Also, thanks to Trevor Fennelly for his donation to the Chamber to help support the newsletter.

I have sent out notices to those members who have not yet paid dues. If you have not paid your dues, your business name has not been included in the listing on the cover of this newsletter. We do not want to lose any of our valuable members, so please if you have not yet paid, send your dues and get back on the listing. Dues are \$45 for non-profit or one-person business and \$75 for all others. Mail dues to Walcott Chamber, PO Box 388, Walcott, IA 52773.

We welcome your articles! Do you have an article you would like published in the newsletter? Would you like to run an ad for your business? Please send your articles and ads to walcottchamber@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.

Welcome New Chamber Members

Atlantic Bottling/Coca Cola
Pilot Travel Center #043 (North)

Have an article to submit to the Walcott Chamber of Commerce Newsletter?

Does your organization have an event to post in the newsletter? Want to Advertise your business?

Please email to: walcottchamber@gmail.com or mail to

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PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR JUNE ISSUE IS MAY 15!



Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale Registration Form

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS OF SALE _____ #OF FAMILIES _____

MAIN ITEMS TO BE LISTED ON FLYER: (Example: furniture, girls' clothes 6X-14, tools) _____

To be included on the flyers and the map, please mail this form with **\$10** by **SATURDAY, MAY 30** to:

Nu Zeta Sorority, c/o Kayla Sweeney, 440 E. Memorial Road, Walcott, IA 52773

Please call Kayla (563-343-4781) with any questions. Thank you for your participation and support.

Walcott Historical Society

Due to coronavirus restrictions, the Walcott Historical Society has cancelled the “A Salute to Our Veterans” Memorial Day exhibit. When the restrictions are over and the virus is “history” we hope to include it with another exhibit.

While the museum is closed, we thought you might enjoy taking a journey with us into the beginnings of Walcott and the surrounding community. We have developed a website where you can virtually visit our history with articles, photos and documents dating back to the 1850s to the 1950s.

Each week we will add another article to the website. There are already three articles uploaded for you to start your journey. Go to the website listed below and once there click on the heading, Our Beginning. Check back each week to read the latest article posted. The Historical Society website is walcotthistoricalsociety.org

Maysville Notes

The Maysville Spring 2020 Cleanup date is scheduled for Monday, May 4. As a reminder, tires will not be picked up. Also, electronic waste, appliances and household hazardous materials will not be accepted.

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AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY



The American Legion's Response to Coronavirus Crisis



With the United States under siege from COVID-19, The American Legion is prioritizing the safety of its members, employees and those who participate in the programs that benefit veterans, servicemembers, their families, the nation's youth and more. At the same time, the “social distancing” policy has affected the legion's ability to conduct business as usual. The Legion has developed a special web page that delivers timely updates, resources, and more information about how the coronavirus is shifting plans.

The page includes:

- News about how American Legion posts are serving their communities during the crisis.
- Information about how the pandemic is affecting American Legion programs.
- Regular updates from National Commander Bill Oxford.
- A link to Buddy Check kits that posts can use to do wellness checks on veterans through phone calls and emails.

legion.org/coronavirus

Source: Media, *American Legion Magazine*, Volume 188, No. 5, May 2020, pp. 52

American Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) has canceled the May 17, 2020 quarterly meeting. We are tentatively rescheduling that meeting for June 21, 2020. We will continue to assess the situation and will reschedule our meetings as needed. We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

7 Keys to Getting Through a Prolonged Stock Market Downturn

Submitted by Catherine Dittmer, Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor

IT'S QUITE NATURAL TO GROW UNEASY when a market downturn begins to look like it is here to stay. "Is this what a bear market looks like?" you may ask yourself. "And what should I consider doing now?"

"The standard definition of a bear market is when major U.S. stock indices, such as the S&P 500, drop by 20% or more from their peak," says Nick Giorgi, an investment strategist in the Chief Investment Office (CIO) for Merrill and Bank of America Private Bank. By that criterion, there have been 11 bear markets in the S&P 500 since 1926 and they've tended to last an average of a year-and-a-half, compared with the multi-year span of a typical bull market.

"Sustained declines are bound to make investors uncomfortable while they're happening," Giorgi notes. "But there are steps you can take to put times like this in perspective — and potentially even benefit." Below, Giorgi and other experts in our Chief Investment Office offer seven tips that can help you weather a prolonged market downturn.

- 1. Avoid knee-jerk reactions.** When the market drops, it can be tempting to jump out until asset values begin climbing up again. But that can lead to costly mistakes. By selling when the market has fallen steeply, you're at risk of locking in a permanent loss of capital.
- 2. Revisit your goals and tolerance for risk.**
- 3. Keep contributing consistently to your retirement plans.**



- 4. Rebalance your portfolio.**
- 5. Maintain perspective.** No matter how deep or long the downturn ends up being, in the past markets have come back 100% of the time.
- 6. If you have not done so, consult a financial advisor to check on the progress towards your goals.**

For more information, contact The Hanser –Scott Group in Davenport, Iowa at 563-388-2328 or catherine.dittmer@ml.com.

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Walcott Trust and Savings Bank

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Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Walcott:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Lobby access will continue to be accessible by appointment only



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Submitted by Pastor Al Coffin



¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. (John 20:19-20)

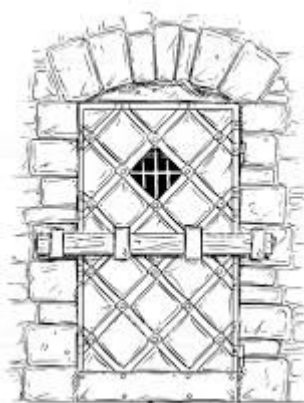
As of the writing of this article, Easter Sunday was just two days ago, fresh in my mind.

Though hopefully, by the time this is published, all of us will be facing forward for next things. This is a trait that people who make it through hard times tend to have in common, facing forward, but the ones who do the best during hard times also keep current truths in mind, as they face the future.

The scripture verses above are a portion of the reading for this coming Sunday, the 19th of April. The evening of the first day of the week - THAT first day of the week - was the FIRST day, the SAME day, that they'd all been told that the two Mary's had seen Jesus at the tomb, alive!

They had all been with Jesus every day for years. Walked with him, talked with him, learned from him, eaten with him, LIVED with him. The women who brought to them this most joyous of news were with them all, too. Every step of the way. They were also trusted companions, but until the EVENING of that first day, the Disciples had only HEARD that Jesus was alive. The text says they were "overjoyed when they SAW the Lord." What an understatement. On this third day after three sleepless nights of grief and FEAR of the authorities they'd heard that their friend was alive. And then, there he was, standing right in front of them, with the wounds they'd all seen him receive. Overjoyed? I guess they had to choose a word; I can't think of a better one, though I can recognize that this one doesn't begin to describe what they must have been feeling.

And yet, if we read the rest of the passage that we will cover on Sunday, a full week after Easter, itself ending one full week after the resurrection, we find that no one ran shouting the blessed news in the streets. In fact, a week later, with the



missing Disciple, Thomas, also in the house, the doors were STILL locked. The authorities were still out there, still trying to kill them, still actively seeking to crush their movement, and while our all-knowing, all-powerful God could have simply overpowered them with a miraculous display of power, he chose to overpower them with a miraculous display of faith, the power of the Body of Christ, that would soon be set loose on the World.

So, they locked the door. They sat at Jesus' feet for a while longer, learning from him,

waiting for the tools that he promised would carry them through the valley that still loomed before them, beyond this fear of worldly dangers. Does any dare to claim they lacked faith? Can anyone make a case that they were wrong to do as Jesus told them to do? Was there a wiser course that Jesus did not tell them to take?

I am finding my understanding of the dangers that we face in our own time to be informed by every bit of scripture that comes before my eyes. I have faith that we will vanquish this Covid 19 virus. There will be enough tests available soon. Wise scientists are working on a vaccine even as we speak. The tools are on their way. And while I also believe that God could simply wipe the virus from our lives, for whatever reason, God seems to be choosing to do so by using us, godly people doing the work of God in the world: doctors, nurses, first responders, truck drivers, grocery workers, and all the thousands of people working from home, men, women, children, all of us doing our best, working for a time when the tools we need will be there. Pentecost is coming. Work, listen, learn, love one another, and wash your hands.

See you on the road, Pastor Al

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In God We Trust

Submitted by Linda Titus

This month the subject of TRUSTING GOD is weighing heavy on my heart. One of my many favorite Proverbs is chapter 3 verses 5-6 *“Trust in the Lord your God with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Acknowledge him in all your ways and He shall direct your paths.”* I have recited this over and over to friends and family as we wait out the hours and the days in virus mode. But after deep reflection, I had to seriously asked myself, “do I really place all my trust in God?” If I do, then why did I just push a cartful of groceries through Sam’s Club that I swear weighed a ton? And why am I worried if the remaining rolls of toilet paper will last? Why am I worried since the governor announced there will be meat shortages? And what about our finances—will the economy crash and burn?

Phil. 4:19 tells us, *“And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”* Doesn’t that say enough? I honestly thought I was trusting Him, but am I *really* putting my trust in Him and if so, why am I worried and living in fear.

I know that most people are going through this same thing, so isn’t it time to trust God, I mean *really* trust God. But, just exactly how does one *really* trust God. This led me to an intense prayer—a crying out to God to teach me how to trust Him. How do we learn to trust Him without fear and worry?

First how many times have we heard the expression that trust is earned? We have learned to depend on ourselves because most of us have had to face numerous disappointments. We have trusted others and we have discovered that some people and some things cannot be trusted. So, we make our own plans and set our own paths. But a life of *really* trusting God requires us to unlearn the lessons of trusting only in ourselves.

Trusting God and completely surrendering to Him can be hard, whether you are a new believer, or you are a lifelong believer. It is an ongoing learning process. Each day we must make a conscious effort to lay aside our plans and surrender to His plans. I mentioned in the previous paragraph about my prayer being more like a crying out to God, this is one way we can start to learn to trust him. Crying out to Him is a show of dependence, a “letting go” of our ways and leaving our troubles and burdens in His hands. Psalms 102:1-2 *“Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you! Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!”*



Did you know that God speaks to us through His Word? Therefore, we must be in His Word so we can discover what He has for us and what He desires from us. Obeying His Word is part of the trust. He will give us direction through His Word, but we must put Him first in every aspect of our lives.

Can we really put God first in our lives? This is difficult indeed. However, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide us. We do not have to go it alone because the Holy Spirit dwells in us. 1 Cor. 3:16 *“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”* With the help and encouragement of other believers, we can also be lifted up. Praying together, studying God’s Word together, and networking together can bring about a strong trust. Jesus said in Matthew 18:20, *“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”*

If we know that God can be trusted we must remember that He is with us even in the midst of turmoil, in the middle of a Corona Virus, or in our failures and disappointments. He cares for us because He loves us so much. In fact, He loves us so much that He sent His only Son to die for us so that we may have life eternal.

In His Word, God gives us what we need to hear to help us learn to trust. Here are just a few verses from a book full of Words to give us reasons to *really* trust Him.

- “Casting all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV)
- “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” Deut. 31:6 (NIV)
- “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)
- Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:6-7 (NKJV)

My hope and prayer for you is that these Words are an encouragement and will help you get through the tough times that the Corona Virus has brought and through the other difficult and disappointing times that life can bring about.

Dog Ownership: Keeping Liability on a Short Leash

Submitted by Nancy Arp of Walcott Mutual Insurance Assn.

A dog can really be man's and (woman's) best friend. Yet, many owners do not understand the laws and the risk that come with a canine. When you own a dog, the messes you have to clean up can extend beyond unwelcome carpet deposits; you also own your dog's behavior.

According to Centers for Disease control and prevention (CDC), 4.5 million Americans sustained dog bites annually, with nearly 800,000 victims (around 50% of them children) requiring medical attention. In 2018 nearly 27,000 people underwent reconstructive surgery as a result of being bitten by dogs.

Beyond human suffering, the average cost per dog bite claim has risen more than 103% from 2003 to 2018 due to increased medical costs as well as the size of settlements,



judgments and jury awards given to plaintiffs.

Homeowner insurers paid out \$675 million in liability claims related to dog bites and other dog-related injuries in 2018.

Make sure your children know how to be a friend to "man's best friend". Young children don't understand that eye poking, ear pulling, and tail grabbing are not well received. Make sure young children are supervised around dogs, particularly unfamiliar ones. To get the facts about how to deal with dogs, contact your local veterinarian.

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