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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. Contact: walcottchamber@gmail.com WALCOTT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Business Spotlight for August

J.W. Koehler Electric, Inc.

This month the Chamber is proud to spotlight our member business J.W. Koehler Electric, Inc. In operation for over 50 years (since 1969), this secondgeneration family owned business is currently located in Davenport at 2716 West Central Park Avenue.

Serving the entire Quad Cities and surrounding communities, Koehler Electric offers electrical services for residential, commercial, and industrial customers. The multi-faceted business operation also offers sales and service of generators, data cabling and fiber optics, telephone, security camera and access control systems, plus managing network and WiFi service.

Koehler Electric has an experienced and highly trained management team with Tim Koehler as President, Robin Rollins as CEO and Lesley Wolfe as Secretary/ Treasurer. The company employs 100 qualified people to serve your needs, and is proud to advertise their friendly, on-time service with no-surprise billing.

Company president Tim Koehler was an active Walcott resident for 18 years. He continues to support programs and activities in Walcott.

Koehler Electric is a Certified WBENC -Women's Business Enterprise (Woman Owned Business) and has a Certified Iowa OSHA Voluntary Protection Program - VPP (a partnership direct with OSHA to promote safety program excellence). The company is also active in and supports the following organizations and groups:

- Pregnancy Resources
- Kwik Star Criterium Koehler Kids Race
- Skip-A-Long Day Care
- German American Heritage Center
- Mississippi Valley Fair
- YMCA Camp
- Emeis Little League, Major & Minor, 40+ years
- Walcott Baseball
- Member of QC Homebuilders Association

Koehler Electric enjoys helping people solve their electrical or technology needs, no job is too big or too small. To reach Koehler Electric, call 563-386-1800. The hours of business operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm with a 24-hour service line (563-386-1800).

See page 2 of this newsletter for a special offer that Koehler Electric is offering Walcott residents until December 1, 2020.

Walcott City Hall | www.cityofwalcott.com

City Councils Meetings
August 3 and 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Park Board Meeting August 5 at 5:15 p.m.

Grass Clippings

It is illegal to blow or place grass clippings on streets. This can create hazardous road conditions for cyclists and can block storm water intakes.

Dogs

When a dog is off the owner's premises, it must be leashed if not confined within a vehicle or crate. The owner is also responsible for cleaning up and properly disposing of the dog's waste.



Building permits

Building permits are required when any activity occurs that includes construction, repair, alteration, remodeling, conversion, moving, or demolition of a structure. This includes roofing, siding, fences, pools, and other accessory structures.

Electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permits are required for installation, repair, or alteration of any plumbing, electrical, heating, or air conditioning system. If you hire a contractor, please make sure that a permit is obtained. Call the Building Official, Scott Bengfort at 284-6571 ext.18 for information on the permit process and fee schedule.

Lambda Phi Fundraiser for Fire and Police Departments Continues

The Walcott Sorority, Lambda Phi, has successfully raised over \$2,000 to date, for the Fire and Police Departments by selling solar lighted address signs. Many can be seen displayed around our town and surrounding communities.

These lighted address signs can be extremely helpful to both the police and fire departments. In case of emergency, these signs are easy to see with bright illuminated LED lighting. They are solar powered, so there is no upkeep or maintenance. The lighted signs have an easy two minute set up and are very visible from a distance.

We now have a supply back in stock and await your order. All of the proceeds (100% of the profits) on these lights are being donated to both the fire and police departments to be used at their discretion. The cost remains \$30.00 each, and you can place your order with any Lambda Phi member, or by calling Elaine Arp at 563-284-5090 or Brenda Arp at 563-210-3386.



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Keeping Your Home Safe from Burglary

Submitted by Nancy Arp, Walcott Mutual Insurance Assn.

You will never know if your home is the target of a burglary until after it happens. Using common sense and some simple steps can help protect your home.

Take a walk around the outside of your home. Think like a burglar and look for weak spots. Knowledge is power; the more aware you are of your surroundings, the better prepared you are to prevent an invasion. Look around the inside of your home as well. Most people keep valuables in their bedrooms, so burglars make that their first stop. There is that irresistible jewelry box on the dresser, the closet where guns and cash are stashed, or that handy suitcase to store the loot!

Most burglaries occur between 10 am and 3 pm, since that is a prime timeframe when many homes are not occupied, but some common sense steps can help protect your home in the evening as well.

Here are some tips that you can put to work to help decrease the size of the bullseye on your home, reducing the risk of becoming a target of a burglary.

- Get someone to mow your lawn in summer or shovel snow in winter.
 Overgrown lawns or piled up snow can be an indication that you are not home.
- Bring your trash receptacles back in from the curb — another sign you are gone.
- Get to know your neighbors. Let them know if you are going to be out of town and ask them to keep an eye on things while you are gone.

- Don't advertised that you will be gone! Don't tell people you will be gone and do not post photos on social media until you are back home!
- Give your home a lived-in look. Inexpensive timers set to turn on lights in different rooms at different times can deter burglars.
- Leave a radio or TV on to signal that someone is home.
- Lock your doors —even if you are at home during the day and most certainly lock the doors at night.

 Lock the windows as well.
- Shrubs and bushes can become potential hiding spots. Keep them trimmed and low to the ground.
- If you notice someone unfamiliar walking around your neighborhood wearing a uniform, overalls, or a clipboard, do not hesitate to ask for identification. Many burglars use this method to "case the joint" or research your home making you their next victim.
- Close the drapes and shades making it difficult to detect interior motion from the outside, especially in hightraffic areas of your home.
- Safely store grills, bicycles, mowers and other machinery in the garage or a locked shed.
- Join your Neighborhood Watch.
- Lastly, investing in home security equipment helps give you both peace of mind and control over the safety of your home and family.
 It may even save you money on homeowners' insurance.



June Calls 2020

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Steak Fry Cancelled

The Walcott Fire Dept. has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Steak Fry. Due to concerns regarding Covid-19, the Department has determined that cancelling would be appropriate. Several factors were taken into consideration in making the decision. Our primary concern is for the health and safety of all our citizens, families, and friends. We also realize that the economic impact on our business partners and individuals has been a strain during this health emergency and we do not want to further burden anyone during this difficult time.

The Walcott Fire Dept. sends out a huge "Thank You" for your consistent support during our past Steak Fry fundraisers. Our Steak Fry fundraisers have enjoyed great success through the generosity of the Walcott Community and surrounding area. We hope to plan a smaller event at the Fire Station at a later date. Please stay safe and healthy and we look forward to seeing everyone for a big celebration at the Fire Department 2021 Steak Fry!





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 Walcott Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 388, Walcott, IA 52773

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Friday, August 28, 2020

Serving 5:00 to 8:00 PM

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Iowa Permit to Carry Training Held at the Walcott Legion

Submitted by Linda Titus

The Walcott American Legion drew a large crowd with nearly 200 people attendance for an Iowa Handgun Permit to Carry Training Class. USCCA and NRA certified instructor Aaron Kelly of Iowa Carry Safe, Moravia, Iowa ran the 2+ hour class on June 25. Those in attendance were introduced to the Iowa laws concerning carrying a handgun. Mr. Kelly also gave a brief rundown of other states laws and discussed the states with reciprocity with Iowa. He gave resources found on the internet to use when traveling outside of Iowa. The group was told of the places where it is unlawful to carry a gun in Iowa at any time. Also, there was a review of the justifiable deadly force law, and liability when using such force. Lastly, instructions were given to attendees on the steps needed to get an Iowa permit to carry.

It was strongly recommended to get professional training in the operation and the safety of handguns. Also, recommendations were made to practice using a handgun and learn the different types of handguns and ammunition. All who attended the training received an Iowa Handgun Safety Training Certificate of Completion, which is necessary in obtaining a permit to carry in Iowa.

Walcott Historical Society

Submitted by Karen Puck

We would like to thank the family of Helen Muhs and everyone who contributed to the Walcott Historical Society in her memory. Helen was a special person who loved history and antiques and willingly shared her knowledge and photos of the Walcott area with us. She was the daughter of Riley Dietz, who served in the Iowa House of Representatives and the granddaughter of Ferdinand Dietz. It is only through the generous support of others that we are able to fulfil our mission to collect and preserve Walcott's rich heritage.

We missed seeing everyone for Walcott Day, but we have been busy posting historical articles on our website. A few weeks ago, we decided to change course and started posting the weekly issues of the Walcott Community News beginning with the first issue which was October 18, 1933. Each weekly issue has many familiar names, articles of interest, ads for local businesses and gossip. We think you will enjoy reading the newspapers as much as we enjoy posting them for you. The webpage address is: http://walcotthistoricalsociety.org/

Once there, under the picture of the train is the heading "Walcott News." The weekly papers are listed there. Just click on a date to see that week's article and then click the highlighted link for the paper. The history of the Walcott area is under the heading "Our Beginning." We hope you enjoy reading the Walcott Community News and visiting our website.



American/ Schleswig-Holstein **Heritage Society** (ASHHS) **Quarterly Meeting** Planned for August 16, 2020 has been **CANCELLED**

Please stay safe. See you in November.

Wescott Park Dedication

Below is an article which was published in the Davenport paper, The Daily Times. The article appeared in the Mon, August 13, 1945 (page 14) edition of the paper.

Dedicate Park at Walcott in Honor Of Men in Service

WALCOTT, Ia. — (Special) — Dedication of the Walcott park to the boys who are serving with the armed forces of the United States from that community highlighted the community picnic held at Walcott Sunday afternoon. The dedication was made by Mayor Adolph Moeller, who also gave a history of the park. Moeller also announced the winners in a contest to name the park. First place in the contest went to Donna Mordhorst and Sandra Schroeder, both of whom submitted the name of "Victory park," which was selected by the judges. Third place went to Jeanne Mordhorst.

In addition to the dedication, the program for the afternoon included baseball games, horseshoe pitching contest, other sports and card games. A movie, which followed the serving of a picnic supper, concluded the day's program which attracted a crown of several hundred people.

Improvement of the Walcott park is being sponsored by the Walcott Community club, and the project included installation of the horseshoe courts, tennis courts, baseball diamond, fireplaces and other entertainment features.

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The Scott County Library System Has Reopened with Limited Services



The Scott County Library System has reopened with limited grab and go services. Scott County Library cardholders are encouraged to place items on reserve for pickup or browse quickly, check items out and go. If you need assistance placing a hold or want help finding materials, please call us at 285-4794 ext. 0 or contact us by email at information@scottcountylibrary.org.

- Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian
- All programs will continue to be virtual.
- Limited computers are available for one-hour sessions.
- Seating provided only for computer use.
- Notary and proctoring services and the usage of study and meeting rooms are suspended until further notice.
- We encourage patrons to wear masks and use sanitizer upon entry.
- You can return library items, but we cannot accept donations of materials.
- Since we have reopened, we can no longer provide curbside pickup.

We look forward to a time when we can add additional services, but we are currently limited with the number of people that can be in our libraries at one time and what we can provide. We will continue to evaluate the situation, follow state guidance and make changes only when it is safe to do so for staff and patrons.



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Calvary United Methodist Church

Submitted by Pastor Joy Mitchell

"Every Sunday is a special occasion for someone." - Dr. Ellsworth Kalas

In Seminary I took a class entitled *Preaching Special Occasions*. Dr. Ellsworth Kalas, who is a superhero in the Asbury world was my professor. He was a pastor, preacher, author, and radio voice who happened to be 90 at the time of my class. He was an amazing man, and one who walked in the righteousness of God. He was honest, upfront, and the love of Jesus spilled out of him. I learned a great deal from him, but the line that always sticks with me as I prepare for worship on Sunday mornings is, "Every Sunday is a special occasion for someone." It's true, isn't it?

What if everyday is a special occasion for someone? When we meet someone in the grocery store, or on the street, we don't know what that person's day has been like. Remember that driver who cut you off the other day? I wonder what was happening in their world that they were in such a hurry for? Is there a new baby in the family? Is it their birthday? Anniversary? What if they just had a death in the family? Or a diagnosis of Cancer or Covid-19? We don't know by a simple encounter what kind of special occasion: joyous or heartbreaking that the person might be thinking about.

When God calls us to love one another, God is not asking us to just choose to be good to them when they are their best selves. God is telling us to choose love even in the most difficult of moments. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13 that

"love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Christ-like love isn't easy, but it's beautiful. It is a choice, and it means that we have to sacrifice for the good of the other, for the glory and praise of God. Are you ready to love your neighbor today? You just don't know what special occasion they have before them. Jesus chose to love us on our best of days, and worst of days.

May you experience God's love on this day, Pastor Joy

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The Importance of Water

Submitted by Linda Titus

The many functions of water are so important to a healthy body. Water washes cells and lubricates internal and external body surfaces. Water lubricates eyes, joints, and the mouth with saliva. Water prevents constipation, helps dissolves minerals and other nutrients, making them accessible to the body, and carries nutrients and oxygen to cells. Water is the body's thermostat; it regulates and maintains body temperature.

Water is continuously being lost from the body; it cannot be stored for later use. Water is lost through urine, which is regulated by the kidneys. Unregulated water losses occur through evaporation, sweat, and in feces. The body requires fluid intake daily to function and because of this constant water loss, it is important to maintain a balance of intake to loss. About 80% of water intake comes from fluids, including water, juices, soda, and other beverages. The other 20% comes from solid foods including fruits, vegetables, and even meat. The amount of water the body needs is affected by activity level, diet, caloric and fiber intake, and the environment (temperature and humidity levels). Dietary Reference Intake (DRIs) for women are 2.7 liters (91 ounces) and for men 3.7 liters (125 ounces) of total intake of water from all foods and beverages daily.

Since body functions rely on water, inadequate intake of water can cause serious consequences. When the intake to loss becomes imbalanced, dehydration can occur. Dehydration can be caused by inadequate water intake in hot weather and from not drinking enough water when busy, sick, or during prolonged physical activity. Dehydration can also occur in bouts of diarrhea, vomiting, fever, or excessive sweating. Dehydration can be mild or severe; severe dehydration is life-threatening. Some symptoms of mild dehydration are thirst, dry mouth, sleepiness, decreased urine output, muscle weakness, headache, and dizziness. Some symptoms of severe dehydrations are extreme thirst, confusion or irritability, dry mouth, little or no urination and sweating, fever, low blood pressure, and rapid heartbeat. Immediate medical attention is necessary in cases of severe dehydration.

During periods of prolonged exercise or activity, the body loses water and electrolytes. They are also lost with diarrhea and vomiting. Electrolytes are minerals (sodium, potassium, and chloride) which regulate fluid balance and are important for maintaining acid-base balance throughout the body

Just drinking water alone, without replenishing the electrolytes, can cause water toxicity. Replenishment of electrolytes is as important as water replenishment, so it is necessary to drink fluids containing these important electrolytes (such as sports drinks) during prolonged periods of exercise and with illness.

Caffeine and alcohol also affect hydration levels in the body. Both are considered diuretics, causing water to leave the body. The functions of the kidneys are to filter out water and small molecules; some being reabsorbed, and some being passed as urine. A hormone called antidiuretic hormone (ADH) signals the kidneys to reabsorb water, reducing the amount lost to urine. Alcohol and caffeine prohibit the activity of ADH, causing the fluids to be lost in urine. Hangover effects are caused by the dehydration from consuming excessive alcohol.

Letting thirst be the only indicator of hydration levels of the body is not a good idea. Often the body is already dehydrated by the time thirst kicks in. Here are a few tips to avoid dehydration:

- ✓ Drink plenty of water and eat fruits and vegetables which are high in water.
- ✓ Follow the recommended DRIs for water intake.
- ✓ Drink plenty of water in hot weather and when involved in activities which can deplete the body of water.
- ✓ When exercising for longer than thirty minutes, replenish electrolytes as well as water.
- ✓ During illness, drink extra water or rehydration solutions to replenish fluid and electrolyte loss.

Water is life; life cannot be sustained without water. Without food, a human can survive for weeks, but cannot survive without water for more than a few days. While I have written about the importance

of water to our *Physical Being* and without it we cannot survive, I must mention the importance of water to our *Spiritual Being*. Water is frequently is mentioned in the Bible (722 times). Biblically, water is extremely critical physically and spiritually, but to give full account to the mention of it would take up more room than my allotted space in this newsletter. Jesus speaks of living water in **John 7:37-38**:

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

Jesus speaks of water to the Samarian women at the well revealing the importance of it to salvation and everlasting life in **John 4:13-14**:

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Jesus tells us that whoever thirsts and whoever desires, the water is freely given.

Revelation 22:17 says

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

As I mentioned in paragraph 2, when water intake to loss becomes imbalanced, we suffer. The same is true spiritually. When we get caught up in the world, become independent, and trust in ourselves instead of trusting God, our intake to loss spiritually also becomes imbalanced. We need seek Jesus and feely take the water of life he offers! May you never thirst for the physical water or the spiritual water freely given by Jesus Christ.

