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Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEWSLETTER

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Business Spotlight *Images In Ink*

This month the Chamber is pleased to spotlight our member business Images In Ink, LLC. The business is located at 821 5th Street in Durant, Iowa. Owner Heather Wiskow touts 20 years of graphic design and printing experience with many more years of customer service experience. With a BA degree in Art from the University of Northern Iowa and additional education in Computer Graphic Design, she has a keen eye for harmonious design.

Heather acquired the business from previous owner and founder, Linda Titus, who launched the business in 1989. Heather began her career at Images In Ink in 2006, being hired as a Graphic Designer. In 2015 she bought the business and has been maintaining the personalized service, excellent value, and quality products. At one time, the "old-school" printing business employed five people, but with the ever-changing and evolving technology, Heather is now able to run a full-service quick print shop all by herself.

Images In Ink offers personalized professional service and is known for quick turn-around time with competitive pricing. Products include copy service, graphic design, black and color printing, large format printing, indoor and outdoor banners, yard signs, envelopes, carbonless forms, booklets, business cards, letterhead, newsletters, postcards, direct marketing pieces which includes direct mailings and bulk permit mailings and a full bindery with folding, cutting, numbering, laminating, and spiral

binding. The company also offers free delivery to Walcott, Durant, and Wilton.

With the mind-set that smaller communities need to support each other (now more than ever) to help small towns not only survive but to thrive, Images In Ink belongs to the Walcott, Durant, and Wilton Chamber of Commerce organizations. Heather has been President of the Durant Chamber and has served on the board for many years.

Images in Ink clients can be someone who knows exactly what they want, or someone who needs help with a major project. Customers served are mainly from Cedar, Muscatine, and Scott Counties, however the company prints and mails three international newsletters. With her love for art and design, Heather finds that everyday is an opportunity to create, use her skills and knowledge to serve *number one*—the customer. The quality of service you receive from someone who really enjoys what they do cannot be beat by a big box store.

Images In Ink business hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and Friday 8:30 am to 1:00 pm or by appointment. The phone number and email address are 563-785-4438 and imagesinink@iowatelecom.net. Like and follow the Images In Ink Facebook page at facebook.com/designprintcopy for updates on new services, equipment, or promotions.

Walcott City Hall | www.cityofwalcott.com

Council meetings – October 5 and 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Park Board meeting – October 7

Planning and Zoning meeting – October 12

Walcott Residents

Fall Leaf Collection – Tuesday and Friday

Brush Collection – Wednesday

October 2 – November 24

Fall leaf collection starts on October 2 for Walcott residents. Leaves should be curbside by 8:00 am in bags and tied shut. DO NOT include sticks, garden vegetation, or grass with the leaves.

Large brush from the August 10 storm is no longer being collected curbside but it may be disposed of at the City's compost area. Brush collection at the curb each Wednesday must not be larger than 6" diameter and 4' length. Smaller sticks must be tied or placed in a container to be emptied. Please have small brush and sticks at the curb by 8:00 am.

Leaves, garden vegetation, grass, and brush may also be disposed of at the compost area.

Please be considerate and follow the signs and do not leave bags at the compost area.

Hydrant Flushing

The Walcott Public Works Department will continue flushing hydrants during the month of October. Hydrant flushing is done to clear water main pipes of excess minerals and sediments and to make sure fire hydrants are working properly. Flushing will take place between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Residents may notice possible water discoloration, water on the streets and temporary disruption in water pressure. If the water appears discolored, run the cold water until it becomes clear before drinking, bathing or doing laundry. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this maintenance activity.

City Dumpster

The dumpster located behind the Public Works Building at 212 W. Lincoln Street will no longer be available for the public's use. Due to a large amount of trash being placed in and around the dumpster, the City Council has voted to close the dumpster to public use and monitor the area with cameras to watch for illegal dumping.

If you have bulky items or extra trash that will not fit in your regular garbage tote, you may contact City Hall at 563-284-6571 ext. 10 to arrange for curbside collection. The fee for collection will be added to your next City utility bill. Fees start at \$10 and vary, depending on items collected. You may also take those items to the Scott Area Landfill at 11555 110th Avenue, Davenport. For their hours and fees, you can visit their website at www.wastecom.com or call at 563-381-1300. There is no charge to dispose of residential electronic or household hazardous waste at Scott County's facility at 5650 Carey Avenue, Davenport.

Please remove all flowers and decorations from gravesites at the Walcott Cemetery by October 15. Any remaining will be removed.

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Walcott Hearts and Hands Foundation

Submitted by Austin Burt



Wescott Park Enhancement Project

Renovations to the ball field at Wescott Park are underway as volunteers spent the day removing the old chain link fencing from the field. The original fencing was installed by the Walcott Lions Club in 1973, and after 43 years of play, it is getting a much needed update. All new black-vinyl chain link fencing will be installed, complete with a widened backstop, larger dugouts, and sideline fencing. The existing limestone field surface will be regraded along with new field drainage, and all-new bases. In addition, the park's existing asphalt surface will be removed and an all-new concrete pad for the bleachers will be poured surrounding the infield. This will be a dramatic enhancement to Wescott Park, and would not be possible without the generous donations from various organizations and volunteer efforts. The project is slated for completion this Fall and will be ready for play this upcoming season.



Thank You!

We would like to thank the following organizations for their contributions: Walcott Day, Walcott Athletic Board, Walcott American Legion, Walcott Hearts & Hands Foundation, Walcott Community Club, Walcott Lions Club, Walcott Women, Legion Auxiliary, and Nu Zeta Sorority. A special thank you to those volunteers who helped with deconstruction of the old fencing, as well as County Line Excavating and Needham Excavating for the use of their equipment and services.



Walcott Halloween Trick or Treat

Saturday, October 31
4:30 until 7:00 pm

PARADE starts at
the fire station at
4 pm and ends at
Wescott Shack

HOT DOG DINNER
along with a bag of
chips will be served
out of the Wescott Shack

Residents wanting to participate in the
trick or treat should turn on a porch light



Community Club Bring a New Member Night - October 1

Our October meal is a little different.
We will be at the Lampliter again
starting at 7 pm, but October 1 is **Bring
a New Member Night**. All members
are asked to bring a friend to sign up
as a new member for next year. Each
new member and the existing member
who brings them will receive free wings
and drink tokens. The new member
who signs up that night will have free
membership for the remainder of this
year in addition to their paid 2021
membership. As always, anyone with
questions can call/text (284-2221) or
email walcottcommunityclub@gmail.com.

Auxiliary Mum Sale a Huge Success

Submitted by Elaine Arp

Our 3rd Annual Mum Sale was a huge
success! We started out with 150 mums,
and by 8:45, we were on our way to
pick up more mums. We sold a total of
212 mums by 11:00 am. It was such a
beautiful, perfect day for the sale.

Thank you to everyone who
supported us. We offer apologies to
anyone who wanted to purchase a mum
but were unable to due to the success of
the sale. We hope to see everyone again
next year and we pray that the weather
cooperates again!

Lions District 9EC Responds to Derecho

Submitted by Loren Claussen, Walcott Lions Club Secretary

The Lions District 9EC includes the
counties of Cedar, Clinton, Jones,
Jackson, Linn, Muscatine, and Scott
counties, several of which were hit hard
by the August 10 derecho.

The district responded quickly with
a \$10,000 Disaster Grant from Lions
Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).
In addition 9EC also tapped its Care &
Share funds in the amount of \$6,000.
Then lastly an additional Community
Impact Grant from Lions Clubs
International Foundation in the amount
of \$3,000.

The \$19,000 disaster relief was distributed as follows:

- The Cedar Rapids area received
\$10,000 in assistance, purchased
and distributed through Hawkeye
Area Community Action Program
(HACAP). Several pallets of food
were purchased and distributed this
past week in the Cedar Rapids/Marion
area by Cedar Rapids Noon Lions with
coordination of HACAP.
- Southeast Linn County received
\$2,000 in assistance and was sent
through the Mount Vernon Lions Club.
Additional assistance is expected from
individual Mount Vernon Lions. The
Lions club will purchase cleaning,
disinfecting and medical supplies

through an area grocery store, and
distribute them in the area.

- Clinton County received \$4,500 in
assistance through Information and
Referral of Clinton County. Food,
water, medical and cleaning supplies
were purchased through Hy-Vee,
Fairway and Jewel food stores in
Clinton. The distribution took place
Monday 8/24/20 by the Clinton Lions
Club.
- Cedar County and other areas received
\$2,500 in assistance of Wal-Mart
gift cards. PCC Jerry Inman of
Stanwood Lions, contacted local law
enforcement and government agencies
to get names of families in need. Jerry
was given referrals of 20 families that
needed help. He purchased 25 \$100
gift cards, interviewed and distributed
them to those area families.

The Walcott Lions Club has donated
funds raised from fundraisers here in
Walcott to Lions Clubs International
Foundation (LCIF) every year. Last year
2019-2020 we donated \$1,000 to LCIF
and \$250 to Lions District 9EC Care &
Share program within our district. These
donations were instrumental in the
derecho distribution.

Walcott American Legion

Catfish Fillet Supper • Friday, October 23, 2020

Donation of \$11.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door

Children's Chicken Nugget Meal - \$4.00

Meals available as follows: dining in, curbside service south door, or delivery - no
desserts. Advance tickets available from Walcott Legion & Auxiliary members. For
more information, call 284-6640.



Walcott Historical Society

Submitted by Karen Puck

Can you believe fall is already here? If that means closet cleaning and organizing
cabinets at your home, remember us as you come across those antique and vintage
items you no longer want.

We took a short break but are back posting the Walcott Community News on
our webpage again (walcotthistoricalsociety.org) and working on our country school
book. The window for submitting school pictures is coming to an end, so if you have
some photos, let one of our members know.

Calvary United Methodist Church

Submitted by Pastor Joy Mitchell



Moses said to the LORD, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

The LORD said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

*But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."
Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it." Exodus 4*

Have you ever felt that you were called to do something that you didn't feel fit for? Have you ever struggled to figure out how you are going to make your way in this world? Have you taken the time to talk to God about it?

In this story in Exodus God has called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt. He is giving him orders, and explaining to him what he should do, and how to go about it. Even with all of the mighty signs and wonders that God is preparing for Moses, he still doesn't feel comfortable speaking.

Although the scripture reads that God's anger burned against Moses, it also reads that he comes up with a plan to support Moses so that he doesn't have to speak alone. All throughout the story God is reminding Moses that he will lead them, he will teach them, and he will guide them. God says, "I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do."

Perhaps we aren't leading slaves out of Egypt. Perhaps God hasn't revealed

himself to us in a burning bush. We certainly are not Moses, or Aaron. However, God has a plan for each of our lives. God is always calling us to follow him faithfully in the areas of life that we have connection and influence. Are you listening to the call of God on your life? Are you responding?

If not, why not? God is the one who promises to lead us and guide us. All throughout the New Testament we are reminded that God will never leave us or forsake us. What a beautiful gift that is! He loves you deeply, and part of that love is to help you come to realize all of who you are, and all of the gifts you have, some which you are very aware of, and some of which may be laying dormant in your life.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may he strengthen you, and provide you courage and protection in the places he calls you, and may you walk faithfully as he invites you to participate in his awesome and beautiful work of loving him and loving one another.

Your Invitation to a Prayer Meeting

Who: All are welcome, whether you are comfortable praying out loud, or just want to listen and pray silently. If you have a 90 year old relationship with God, or you haven't yet met God yet, YOU are welcome.

What: Prayer Meeting

Where: Calvary UMC front lawn (inside with inclement weather)

Why: We are all in great need of God, and God invites us to come to him with our praises, our joys, and our struggles and concerns. God invites us to speak and God invites us to listen.

When: Tuesdays from Noon - 1:00 pm

Calvary's Invitation to Church and Children's Church

We have a new friend that has joined us here at Calvary United Methodist Church. His name is Otto T. Otter. He is from up North and has finally arrived in Walcott. He will be giving a children's chat each week online. Here a link to view the children's chat: <https://youtu.be/rnXtPQGB22s>

You certainly do not have to be a little one to follow all of Otto's antics. You will get a kick out of him and one day, you may be able to meet and greet him during our service. Otto is currently residing with some friends from our church as they have a wonderful pond for him to swim about. Also included in the program will be a simple craft each week from "Miss Robyn's Craft Corner."

You may also view our Sunday services online at: <https://youtu.be/9zXqdCNHI7g>

Or you can join us in person at 10 am! We would love to have you!



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Simple Kindness

Submitted by Linda Titus

We have all heard the phrases “in these times of uncertainty” and “unprecedented times” repeatedly this year; almost to the point of redundancy where they have become meaningless clichés. However, the uncertainty and the level of extreme behavior by some people in our country has given us reason to pause. Have we become desensitized by the actions of some? Has the pandemic that has gone on and on made us irritable and impatient? Has the supply chain (or lack of) caused inconveniences in our lives, making us short-tempered?

Lately, many of us have experienced being treated unkind and harshly by strangers while at the store or while driving. Maybe even at home we have heard or said cross words to our own family members. We have all been focusing on the hypothetical, treading in the uncertainty and the “what ifs” during these hard times. Most of what is going on is beyond our control and we are “acting out” because of the fear and uncertainty.

Why don't we shift our focus from the “what ifs” to the present time, the right-this-moment time. We could acknowledge that our fear is the base of our behavior and we could acknowledge that we have no control over what is going on in this world. Why not focus on the things we can control? Why don't we shift our focus to treating others with kindness and thoughtfulness? I have always thought that a smiling face can be contagious. A kind act can also be contagious. By being humble instead of being out for ourselves can be life changing. It is amazing how the simple act of giving or being kind can make you feel so good. The pandemic has made it difficult to show kindness with a smile to those you meet in the grocery store or to the cashier who scans your purchases. While wearing

a mask—they cannot see it. But the simple act of holding a door open for the next person or letting someone go ahead of you is showing kindness.

We all know someone who is struggling, juggling jobs with trying to take care of family. Or someone who is working extra hours just to try to make ends meet. Maybe you know someone who is lonely and needs a phone call. Maybe you know someone who fits all the above.

Could you spare a little time to help? How about fix an extra meal for someone who does not have the time to prepare dinner tonight? How about when running to the store, ask a friend if you could pick something up for them. Maybe you could rake a few leaves for an elderly friend. I am so sure we all know someone that could use our kindness. But the act of kindness should be out of love, not for the expectations of payment or even a return act of kindness.

When you were growing up maybe your mother told you to be nice to your siblings or to your friends. We should keep this in mind throughout these times—just be nice! Each act of kindness can become contagious and multiply. It can become the first step to changing our world, making it a better place to live.

*“A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another; as I have loved you,
that you also love one another.
By this all will know that you are My disciples,
if you have love for one another.” John 13: 34-35*

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” Eph. 4:32



Walcott Volunteer Fire Department

July 2020

EMS.....	20
Haz Mat.....	3
Elec Haz.....	1
Fire.....	2
MVA.....	2
Month.....	28
YTD.....	190

August 2020

EMS.....	21
MVA.....	5
Elec Haz.....	7
Fire.....	2
Vehicle Fire.....	1
Haz Mat.....	1
Other.....	3
Month.....	40
YTD.....	230

On August 10, we had 12 paged out calls and 15 non paged out calls (not in our totals).

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

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

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Financial Focus

How You Can Prepare for the “New Retirement”

Submitted by Trevor Fennelly, AAMS®, CRPS®, Financial Advisor

A generation or so ago, people didn't just retire from work – many of them also withdrew from a whole range of social and communal activities. But now, it's different: The large Baby Boom cohort, and no doubt future ones, are insisting on an active lifestyle and continued involvement in their communities and world. So, what should you know about this “new retirement”? And how can you prepare for it?

For starters, consider what it means to be a retiree today. The 2020 Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study has identified these four interrelated, key ingredients, along with the connected statistics, for living well in the new retirement:

- **Health** – While physical health may decline with age, emotional intelligence – the ability to use emotions in positive ways – actually improves, according to a well-known study from the University of California, among others. However, not surprisingly, retirees fear Alzheimer's and other types of dementia more than any physical ailment, including cancer or infectious diseases, according to the “Four Pillars” study.

- **Family** – Retirees get their greatest emotional nourishment from family relationships – and they'll do anything it takes to help support those family members, even

if it means sacrificing their own financial security. Conversely, retirees lacking close connections with family and friends are at risk for all the negative consequences resulting from physical and social isolation.

- **Purpose** – Nearly 90% of Americans feel that there should be more ways for retirees to use their talents and knowledge for the benefit of their communities and society at large. Retirees want to spend their time in useful, rewarding ways – and they're well capable of doing so, given their decades of life experience. Retirees with a strong sense of purpose have happier, healthier lives and report a higher quality of life.

- **Finances** – Retirees are less interested in accumulating more wealth than they are in having sufficient resources to achieve the freedom to live their lives as they choose. Yet, retirees frequently find that managing money in retirement can be even more challenging than saving for it. And the “unknowns” can be scary: Almost 70% of those who plan to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea what their healthcare and long-term care costs will be in retirement.

So, if you're getting close to retirement, and you're considering these factors, how can you best integrate them into a fulfilling, meaningful way of life? You'll want to take a “holistic” approach by asking yourself some key questions: *What do you want to be able to do with your time and money? Are you building the resources necessary to enjoy the lifestyle you've envisioned? Are you prepared for the increasing costs of health care as you age? Have you taken the steps to maintain your financial independence, and avoid burdening your family, in case you need some type of long-term care? Have you created the estate plans necessary to leave the type of legacy you desire?*

By addressing these and other issues, possibly with the help of a financial professional, you can set yourself on the path toward the type of retirement that's not really a retirement at all – but rather a new, invigorating chapter of your life. Contact Trevor Fennelly at 563-391-2094 to discuss what is important to you and your family, and how we can partner together to help you achieve your goals.

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Prevent House Fires

Submitted by Nancy Arp, Walcott Mutual Insurance Assn.

According to a 2019 research report on home structure fires by the National Fire Protection Association, home structure fires are more common in cooler months and occur in the five month span of November through March. As we approach this cooler season, it is time to think about fire prevention in the home. It is frightening to even imagine such a disaster as a house fire.

There are things that you can do to help prevent a devastating house fire. By taking a few simple steps, you can reduce the risk of fire, injury or even death. Pinpointing the items that pose a threat, performing the suggested inspections and practicing good safety habits can help to avoid a house fire. The following are some helpful tips to prevent a house fire.

- **Do not leave your kitchen when cooking** According to the report, cooking was the leading cause of home structure fires. It only takes a few seconds for a fire to break out. Never leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, turn off the stove. If you can't turn off the stove, have someone come into the kitchen to watch the food until you come back. Keep your stove clean of food particles that can catch fire. Also, keep other combustibles clear of the stove, such as curtains, hot pads, dish towels, etc.
- **Use smoke alarms and test them regularly** A smoke alarm is an easy way to avoid a house fire. Test them regularly. There is a button on it that you can press to test the alarm. If the beep is weak or it does not beep, change the battery right away.
- **Inspect your furnace or heating sources** Heating sources that are not working properly can cause a fire.

Have an annual furnace inspection done by a professional to be sure it is working properly. Make sure all air filters are clean. Keep space heaters clear and positioned away from flammables. Inspect fireplaces and chimneys before using them. Never leave the room when the fireplace is going. Be sure ashes have completely cooled before discarding them. Discard them in a metal container designed for ashes.

- **Use caution when burning candles** Never leave a burning candle unattended. Burn candles in a stable candleholder on heat-resistant surface. Never put a candle near anything that could catch fire. Keep wick trimmed to ¼". Keep candles away from children and pets. Consider using battery operated candles; they look real and some are even scented!
- **Inspect dryer vents** Dryer vents need to be inspected annually. Also, check behind the dryer for lint or small clothing items such as socks. Clean lint traps with each load of laundry.
- **Keep fire extinguishers handy** Rooms that can pose a fire threat such as a kitchen should have a fire extinguisher handy. Other rooms that may be a potential threat should also have a fire extinguisher available. Everyone in the family should be taught how to use a fire extinguisher. A fire extinguisher can be your best defensive weapon if a fire breaks out.

Ask your local fire department for more tips on preventing house fires. They will have valuable information for you and your family.



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