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# Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

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## Business Spotlight

### North Scott Press, Inc.

The North Scott Press is a community newspaper serving the towns and areas of Scott County outside of the metro areas and provides a family-oriented news outlet with information that is useful in our daily lives. The paper offers county-wide news, advertising, and legal notices with a mission of dependable, accurate information to help build and support our communities.

*The North Scott Press* was founded on January 31, 1968. After 52 years of operation, the paper has remained independently owned and operated. The founders believed it was important for the towns and areas of Scott County to have a paper they could call their own. *The North Scott Press* remains an asset to the communities it serves, but believes that it requires the continued support of readers, businesses, and organizations for its ongoing success.

Owners Bill and Linda Tubbs are graduates of Iowa State and UNI, respectively, and are parents of three adult daughters. Linda is past chair of the Scott County Library Trustees. The couple have been benefactors of the Scott County Library System, including a gift for the historical section of the Walcott Library, to which they donated the back issues of



the *Walcott News* and *Scott County Tribune* from the 1930s and 1940s.

Located at 214 N. 2nd Street in Eldridge, *The North Scott Press* also publishes the *Wilton-Durant Advocate News* and the *West Liberty Index*. Employing a total of 15 people, the staff is committed to providing the best coverage and greatest readership possible in the areas it serves. The Tubbses and the staff are involved with and are members of many of the local organizations including Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and Optimists. Bill is Past District Governor of Rotary. They are also involved with the churches, park board, the city, and the school committees. They are members of the Walcott Chamber of Commerce and feel that Walcott is an important part of their county-wide audience and marketplace. They have a high respect and regard for the people of Walcott.

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Chamber members may submit articles by the 20th 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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For Chamber information or meeting times and dates contact [walcottchamber@gmail.com](mailto:walcottchamber@gmail.com)

# Walcott City Hall | [www.cityofwalcott.com](http://www.cityofwalcott.com)

**Council meetings – November 2 and 16 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Park Board meeting – November 4 at 5:15 p.m.**

## **Fall Curbside Leaf and Brush Collection**

**Leaves: Tuesdays and Fridays through November 24**

**Brush collection on Wednesdays**

- Leaf and brush collection should be at the curb by 8:00 a.m.
- Leaves should be in bags and tied shut. Do not mix trash, branches or other yard waste with the leaves.
- Branches should not be larger than 4' length and smaller sticks must be tied or placed in a container to be emptied.

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.

## **Public Notice**

### **Citizens of Walcott**

Applications are being accepted for positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission and on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Both appointments will be for five-year terms, beginning January 1, 2021. The Planning and Zoning Commission usually meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Commission reviews and recommends plats, rezonings, site plans, and zoning ordinance changes to the City Council. The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets as needed to rule on variance requests.

Completed applications should be submitted to the City Clerk at 128 W. Lincoln Street by Dec. 1, 2020. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Walcott and be at least 18 years of age. Applications can be found at [www.cityofwalcott.com](http://www.cityofwalcott.com) or at Walcott City Hall. All applications are subject to the open record laws of the State of Iowa.



*(The North Scott Press continued from front page)*

Recently announced in the National Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contests, *The North Scott Press* has won more awards for excellence (21 total) than any newspaper in the country. This included First Place for Best Coverage of Local News, and seven other First Place Awards. Publisher Bill Tubbs, and editor, Scott Campbell, are Iowa Master Editor-Publishers. Assistant editor, Mark Ridolfi, won the prestigious Golden Quill Award for editorial writing from the International Society of Weekly Newspapers. In 2015,

publisher Bill Tubbs was the recipient of the James O. Amos Award for community leadership and service from the National Newspaper Association, the organization's most prestigious award.

Published 52 weeks a year, *The North Scott Press* is available to serve you Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays are available by appointment. The phone number is 563-285-8111. Visit their website at [www.northscottpress.com](http://www.northscottpress.com).



*Bill Tubbs, Publisher*



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# Walcott Legion Auxiliary Busy with Community Service Projects

*Submitted by Mary Golinghorst*

The Walcott Legion Auxiliary had their election of officers in August. They are also in full swing again with community service projects. Members sewed 200 facemasks and distributed them to students at Walcott School, Walcott Calvary Preschool, Courtyard Estates, and fellow auxiliary members.



*Sewing masks: Lois Kundel, Mary Golinghorst, Linda Garlock, Karen Harris, Lynn Farmer, Elaine Arp (front).*

The Auxiliary made and donated 486 rice bags to Fillmore Elementary School in Davenport for their “Challenge to Change, Inc.” program. This program brings the practices of Yoga and Mindfulness into the classrooms and is designed to increase social emotional skills in children. The Mindfulness Practices include, but are not limited to, deep breathing exercises, yoga poses and games, brain breaks, sensory tools and experiences, and guided relaxation practices. These practices are proven to assist in the regulation of emotions, aid in focus and attention, improve self-awareness, mitigate the effects of bullying, increase self-confidence, and create a calm learning space. Now, each student will have their own rice bag eye pillow to keep in the classroom and it will remain at school until they graduate from Fillmore.

Auxiliary members also donated hats, scarves, and gloves to the “Bridging the Gap for Homeless Veterans” coat giveaway.



*Officers: Front: Lynn Farmer, Nancy Koberg, Janice Dawson, Mary Golinghorst  
Back: Karen Harris, Shirly Arp, Kathy Kappeler.*



*Auxiliary members with Fillmore Elementary School staff.*



*Linda Garlock, Mary Golinghorst, Mike Malmstrom (President of Bridging the Gap for Homeless Veterans) and Lynn Farmer.*

## American/ Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) Annual Meeting Cancelled

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, ASHHS is cancelling the Annual Meeting scheduled for November 15.

We hope you are staying safe and we wish you good health. We miss your smiling faces. We are hope for a better year in 2021!

For more information call Mary Ann Muller 284-6640.

## Thank You!

I would like to thank the following people who worked tirelessly to help me clean up the Walcott Cemetery after the bad storm.

John Brockmann      Matt Zigenhorn  
Denny and Karen Puck   Brent Puck  
Lynn Farmer      Linda Garlock  
Mary Golinghorst

With much appreciation,  
Richard Golinghorst  
Walcott Cemetery Co.

## Walcott Volunteer Fire Department

### September 2020

EMS.....20  
MVC.....1  
OTHER.....2

MONTH.....23  
YTD.....252



Mark your 2021 Calendars for  
Walcott Fire Department Steak Fry!  
May 15, 2021

## Ladder Safety Don't Fall This Fall

*Submitted by Nancy Arp, Walcott Mutual Insurance Assn.*

If there were a "ladder season" it might very well be fall. The ladder is an invaluable workhorse in taking down, putting up, cleaning out, and preparing for winter.

But, BEWARE! Beneath a ladder's innocent exterior beats the heart of a potential safety hazard. The statistics are surprising. Each year, there are an estimated 164 thousand emergency room visits due to ladder falls with more than 350 deaths.

### Ladder safety suggestions include:

- Inspect the ladder carefully before each use.
- Place the ladder on a secure base prior to climbing.
- Do not "overreach" your ladder. Even a mild overreach can shift the operator's weight outside a ladder's center of gravity and cause a fall.
- Never try to walk or shift the ladder while on it. Get down and move it.
- Lock doors if you must position the ladder near one. Reroute traffic around the area while working.
- Ascend and descend facing the ladder.
- Don't leave a raised ladder unattended. Kids are quick and ladders are tempting.
- Do not use metal ladders around electrical wiring.
- Make sure you use this work companion safely.

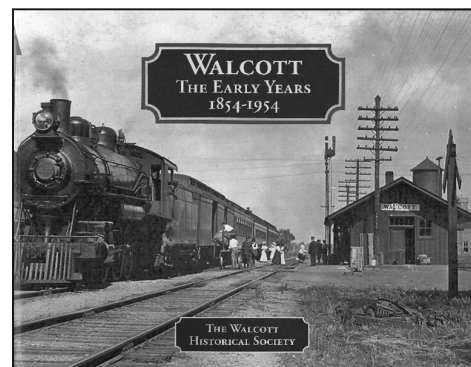
*This fall, don't fall.*



## Walcott Historical Society

*Submitted by Karen Puck*

Christmas will be here before you know it. The Walcott Historical Society has the perfect gift idea for everyone on your list. Get your copy of *Walcott, The Early Years 1854-1954* for just \$25.00 while they last. Email: [kpuck@gmail.com](mailto:kpuck@gmail.com) Phone 563-284-6438



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# Calvary United Methodist Church

Submitted by Pastor Joy Mitchell



*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Have you practiced the gift of gratitude lately? As we move into November, it is almost cliché to talk about the gift of thanks, and yet it is vital to our lives. God commands us throughout scripture not to grumble, and throughout scripture there is this constant call to thanksgiving.

Why do you think that is? My hunch is that God knows that as soon as we give into grumbling, we start down a windy road that takes us no place good. However, opposite of that, when we give thanks, God takes us down this beautiful road paved in Sunshine and rainbows, and we begin to have lightness in our step again. The thing about giving thanks is it can change our whole perspective. Instead of the bad, we begin to see where God has been at work in our lives.

I was given an assignment during a transition following a difficult season of my life. The assignment was to begin listing all the good that

came out of the difficult season. All of a sudden my perspective on that season changed. Suddenly, I was no longer angry or frustrated, or hurt. All of a sudden I was able to see clearly. This not only opened my perspective for the things of the past, but it prepared me to be open for the season of the future. It gave me an opportunity to look forward to the good that was yet to come, instead of being fearful of what difficult things may repeat themselves.

Here's the catch, if it's just a practice of self-help it only can go so far. When we invite Jesus to lead us into the process, he can truly set us free from the anger, frustration, and bitterness that eats us up on the inside. Are you willing to be set free today? Then, invite Jesus in, and begin by giving thanks for all the great things God has offered to you in 2020. Let's turn 2020 from the year of grumbling into a year of opportunity!



## An Eagle-eye View of the Cemetery

Submitted by Angie Ehlers

If you haven't seen the beautiful eagle at the Cemetery, you should go and check it out! Glen and Judy Swanson and the Fick family hired Gary Keenan to carve an eagle and an owl out of a tree that was blown down during the storm. The tree fell next to their cemetery plots. It is an amazing piece of art.



## 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

**PLEASE NOTE:  
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DECEMBER ISSUE IS  
NOVEMBER 20!**

### Tell your friends and neighbors

that the Walcott Chamber Newsletter is published monthly and can be found on the first of each month at the following locations:

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**Sandy's Hair Fair**  
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## Get Your Newsletter in the Mail

Some people find it risky to go out with COVID-19 cases rising and with winter weather. Would you like to receive your newsletter in the mail rather than going out to pick one up? If you would like to receive your newsletter by mail, send a check for \$13.00 to cover the cost of the postage and envelope and we will send you the December 2020 through the December 2021 issues. Please include your correct mailing address and phone number.

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**Walcott, IA 52773**

## Season of Thanksgiving *Submitted by Linda Titus*

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, I ask the question, “are our hearts prepared for being thankful to God for our many blessings and opportunities?”

With the pandemic hovering over us like a dark cloud, it may seem as though we have nothing to be thankful for. But there is nothing further from the truth. At a recent prayer meeting I attended, it was put before us to tell the group what we have to be thankful for and behold, the abundance shined through. Once we start to count our blessings, our eyes are opened to the truth that God has truly blessed us in so many ways.

**Our** plans are not necessarily what God has planned for us. So, when our plans fall through, it seems that our little world just falls apart. When my plan fails, I try to keep in mind that when God closes one door, He opens

another. Soon things start to make sense and if I would have acknowledged Him and sought Him first, I may have taken the right path. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Acknowledge Him in all your ways and He shall direct your paths.”* (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Thanking God, praising Him and giving Him the honor and glory He deserves, puts Him first in our lives. *“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”* (Psalm 37:4) A heart of gratitude is a heart full of praise and thanksgiving and it holds incredible power. Your heart’s desires are contingent upon developing a heart of gratitude. Creating a heart of gratitude means having an appreciation for life in this very moment regardless of our situation. It is counting our blessings, noticing simple pleasures,

and acknowledging the abundance already here. When we are truly **thankful** for what we already have and content with what is, then it is enough—His grace is sufficient. Grace is the unmerited favor He bestows on us because of what Jesus did on the cross. He gave His life for us so we can have life everlasting. He came that we may have life and life abundance. John 10:10 says, *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”*

So in this season of Thanksgiving, let us have an “attitude of gratitude” and count our blessings, notice those simple pleasures, and acknowledge the abundance we already have. I wish all a very Happy and Thankful Thanksgiving!



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# Financial Focus

## Ideas for Thanking Your Family

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

It's almost Thanksgiving. And although 2020 may have been a difficult year for you, as it has been for many people, you can probably still find things for which you can be thankful – such as your family. How can you show your appreciation for your loved ones?

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Invest in your children's future.** If you have young children – or even grandchildren – one of the greatest gifts you can give them is the gift of education. You may want to consider contributing to a higher education funding vehicle.

- **Be generous.** Do you have older children, just starting out in life? If so, they could well use a financial gift to help pay off student loans, buy a car or even make a down payment on a home. You can give up to \$15,000 per year, per recipient, without incurring gift taxes. Of course, you don't have to give cash – you might want to consider presenting your children with shares of stock in companies they like.

- **Review your insurance coverage.** If you weren't around, it would leave some gaping holes – financial and otherwise – in the lives of your family members. That's why it's essential you maintain adequate life insurance. Your employer might offer a group plan, but it may not be sufficient to meet your needs.

There's no magic formula for determining the right amount of coverage, so you'll have to consider a variety of factors: your age, spouse's income, number of children and so on. Also, you may want to consider disability insurance – if you were unable to work for a while, it could cause a real problem for your family's finances.

- **Preserve your financial independence.** When your children are young, you take care of them. But you certainly don't want them to have to do the same for you – so it's essential you maintain your financial independence throughout your life. You can do this in at least a couple of ways. First, consider investing regularly in your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts. The greater your resources during your retirement years, the less you may ever need to count on your family. And second, you may want to protect yourself from the devastating costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. A financial professional can suggest a strategy to help you cope with these expenses.

- **Create an estate plan.** To leave a legacy to your family, you don't have to be wealthy – but you do need a comprehensive estate plan. You'll have to think through a lot of questions, such as: Have I named beneficiaries for all my assets? How much do I want to leave to each person? Do I need to go beyond a simple will to establish an arrangement such as a living trust? For help in answering all these issues, you'll want to work with an attorney.

By making these moves, you can show your loved ones, in a tangible way, how much you value them – and that can help you keep the spirit of Thanksgiving alive all year long.

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**Teams of 4**

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11/2 – Elementary Conferences

11/4 – Elementary Conferences

11/5 – NO SCHOOL & Elementary Conferences

11/6 – NO SCHOOL

11/2 – 11/15 - Online Book Fair

11/11 – NO SCHOOL

11/13 – 2 Hour Early Out

11/16 – School Pictures Group A

11/19 – School Pictures Group B

Online Students School Pictures @ 3:45 -4:30pm

11/26 – NO SCHOOL

11/27 – NO SCHOOL

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