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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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Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEWSLETTER

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Business Spotlight

Dittmer Tree Service

This month, the Walcott Chamber welcomes and spotlights one of our newest members, Dittmer Tree Service. Owned and operated by Sean and Catherine Dittmer of Walcott, the husband and wife team just recently started the business in December of 2020. The business provides tree trimming, tree removal, and hedge removal in the Walcott area as well as the greater Quad City area.

Both Sean and Catherine have strong entrepreneurial natures. Their business talents currently include a successful aviation catering service. After much thought and discussion the team decided that there was a need in the area for a service-focused tree care company and made the move to undertake a new venture. Included in their discussions to start the business was the fact that there are few providers in the immediate area. After the Derecho, family members told them of their frustrations of long wait times to get tree service. Also, of the few companies that responded to their calls, the follow-up was poor, pricing was not straight forward, and the professionalism was sub-standard. The Dittmers' commitment is not to be the biggest tree service, just the best! They strive to have the

best service-focused and the most professional tree service in the area.

The Dittmers have 3 daughters and have lived in Walcott for over ten years. Sean graduated from UNLV in Structural Engineering and Catherine graduated from St. Ambrose in Finance and Economics. Catherine is a member of the Hearts and Hands Foundation and she also belongs to the Walcott Women. They believe that Walcott is filled with dedicated people that work towards making the community a better place for all local families and children. The annual events and festivities that celebrate the community are some of the highlights of the year. They feel that Walcott represents the best of small town America. Sean and Catherine are excited to participate in the commerce and economic development of Walcott.

Dittmer Tree Service is open M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will respond to clients for emergency services on the weekends. For service please call 563-396-3894 or email dittmertreeservice@yahoo.com. You can also find them on Facebook. Dittmer Tree Service has included a 10% off coupon with their ad on page 5 for all seniors (65+) and veterans living in the Walcott and Blue Grass area (expires on May 1, 2021).

Walcott Day Planning

Looking for Interested People

Walcott Day is a town celebration that is always held on the 3rd Saturday of July. The Walcott Day Committee would like to invite anyone that would be interested in helping plan the day to come to our next meeting. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month. The committee donates the proceeds of the day back to the community. We would love to have you join us and share your ideas to make this day even better. Our next meeting will be on February 18 and will be in the large hall, back side, of the Walcott Legion, 121 W. Bryant Street. We look forward to seeing you.



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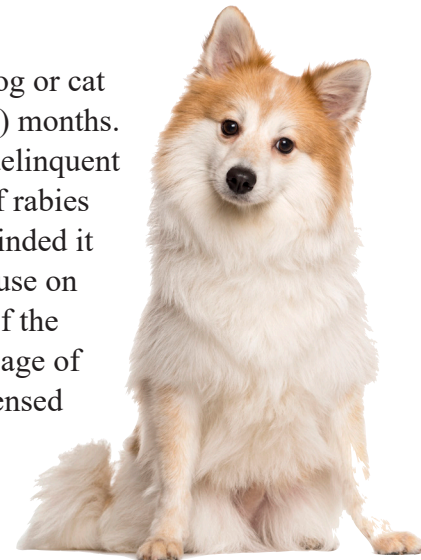
Council Meetings — February 1 and 15 at 6:00 p.m.
Park Board meeting – February 3 at 5:15 p.m.

Reminder

Please make sure your sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice and remember that it is not legal to shovel or blow snow onto city streets.

Dog & Cat Licenses

It's time to stop by City Hall to obtain a dog or cat license for your pets over the age of six (6) months. License fees are \$3.00 per animal with a delinquent fee of \$1.00 added after April 1st. Proof of rabies vaccination is required. Residents are reminded it is unlawful for any person to harbor or house on the same premises more than a total of 4 of the following animals: dogs and cats over the age of 6 months, unless such animals are in a licensed kennel or pet shop, veterinary clinic, or animal grooming shop.



Shelter & Gazebo Reservations

City Hall is now accepting shelter and gazebo reservations for 2021. Shelter reservations will become effective when the completed reservation form and the nonrefundable fee of \$35 are remitted to the City Clerk's office. Unreserved shelters will still be available to be enjoyed by the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the City Clerk's office at 284-6571 ext. 10 for availability.

Forms are available at City Hall or online at www.cityofwalcott.com.

Walcott Volunteer Fire Department



The Walcott Fire Department hopes that everyone stayed safe with this crazy weather. Also, we want the community to know that we hope to get the call siren fixed soon. We know you will all be excited about that! Don't forget to mark May 15 on the calendar for the Steak Fry.

December 2020 Calls

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| EMS..... | 23 |
| FIRE..... | 3 |
| MVC..... | 5 |
| OTHER..... | 3 |
| MONTH | 34 |
| YTD | 329 |



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The City of Walcott is offering free tiny trees (seedlings) to Walcott residents this spring. This program is from a grant through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources/U.S. Forest Service. If interested, please complete this form and drop it off at City Hall or mail to: City of Walcott, PO Box 247, Walcott, IA 52773. Seedlings will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents may be able to receive more than one tree, depending on availability.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Choices: Mark 1 – 3 with one being your first choice

_____ Red Oak (21-30") _____ White Oak (4-10")

_____ Hackberry (11-20") _____ Hybrid Poplar (12")

☐ Check here if you are interested in receiving more than one tree.

You will be contacted regarding your selection and date of pick-up. Trees will need to be planted and maintained by the homeowner following pick-up. Residents must contact Iowa One Call (811 from a cell phone or 1-800-292-8989) prior to digging the hole for planting. City approval is required if you intend to place the tree on the boulevard (right-of-way) in the front of your home. Contact City Hall at 284-6571 x10 if you have any questions.

A Sweetheart of a Meal from Nu Zeta!

Submitted by Jeanne Bernick for Nu Zeta Sorority

Looking for a meal idea for Valentine's Day? Order homemade enchiladas from Nu Zeta Sorority! The sorority will be making and selling beef and chicken enchiladas for pickup at the Walcott American Legion on Saturday, February 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., just in time for Valentine's Day!

Pre-order a dozen or more fresh enchiladas to bake for your sweetheart or freeze for later! Funds raised from this food order event will be used to support Walcott School and other local community needs.

Nu Zeta Enchilada Order

What: Pre-Ordered homemade Enchiladas

* 6 Enchiladas (specify beef or chicken) = \$10.00

* 12 Enchiladas (specify beef or chicken) = \$20.00

When: Pick up Feb 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: American Legion (south side of the building)

Please place your order ahead and pay online at this website created for the fundraiser: <https://form.jotform.com/203537408186054>

For more information, email Jeanne Bernick at jkbernick@aol.com



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?

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**PLEASE NOTE:
THE DEADLINE FOR
THE MARCH ISSUE IS
FEBRUARY 19!**

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

B & D Automotive
Burt Clinic of Chiropractic
Casey's General Store
CBI Bank & Trust
Dollar General
Sandy's Hair Fair
Walcott Mutual Insurance
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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 \$10.00 to cover the cost of the postage and envelope and we will send you the March through December 2021 issues. Please include your correct mailing address and phone number.

Make checks payable to and mail to:

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Walcott Elementary and Intermediate School

For the most up-to-date information, please see the Walcott School calendar at www.davenportschools.org/walcott.

- 2/1 Boys basketball games –
7th Grade @ Bettendorf 4:00
8th Grade @ Walcott 4:30
- 2/3 Hybrid Group A Day
- 2/8 Boys basketball games –
7th Grade @ North Scott 4:00
8th Grade @ Walcott 4:30
- 2/10 Hybrid Group B Day
- 2/12 Two Hour Early Out
(1:35 dismissal)
- 2/17 Hybrid Group A Day
- 2/18 Boys basketball games –
7th Grade @ Dewitt 4:30
8th Grade @ Walcott 4:30
- 2/22 Boys basketball games –
7th Grade @ Walcott 4:30
8th Grade @ Muscatine 4:00
- 2/23 School Pictures Group A
- 2/24 Hybrid Group B
School Pictures Group B

Calvary United Methodist Church

Submitted by Pastor Joy Mitchell



Psalms 119:105, "Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

What is guiding your decisions these days? What is lighting your path forward? Is it the news? Is it your routine, your family, or your friends? Or is it the Word? The Word of Jesus Christ, and the Word of scripture? This verse is so powerful to me, because as much as I'd like to know the next 10 steps of the journey, it seems the Lord only offers the next one or two, that's as far as a lamp shines. And yet, the Lord gives us the next one or two if we will listen, if we will still ourselves, if we will pay attention. The Lord is constantly showing us the way forward. We must learn to be still and know that he is God.

So often I get sidetracked, I get worried as I watch the news, or as I listen to the reports of family or friends. I forget that the Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Then when I go back to what I know to be true, when I go back to the one who brings me all hope and life, the Word of God, I am reminded not to worry. I am reminded to follow each step as they are laid out, to walk in the light of the Lord, and the Holy Spirit will empower me with all strength, courage, hope and joy to not just make it through the next steps, but to walk through the next steps with and hope and courage, and filled with joy.

We have arrived in February of 2021, and Covid-19 is still around. Some places are opening, some are closing. We miss being together. Families missed the gatherings of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we long for the fellowship we know from future days. How is the Lord guiding you through his Word and through himself in these days? Will you trust him? Will you look to him? Will you listen?

February is the month of love. Valentine's day lands in February. A beautiful time to pay special attention to or offer a little extra love to those we hold dear. February is also the beginning of Lent. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday as we remember that we are but dust, and to dust we shall return. Lent is a season of reflection, as we lean and live into all of the gifts that God has given to us! What a wonderful gift! What if we truly looked to the Word as our guiding light during this month and season to come?

Can you imagine with me what our world would look like if each person truly believed, and lived into this verse? *"Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path."*



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Special Personal Property Coverage

Submitted by Nancy Arp, Walcott Mutual Insurance Assoc.

Homeowner insurance policies are intended to cover a person's home and contents. Typically, a policy will cover the personal property for a percentage of the dwelling amount (usually ranging from 50-75%). If your home is insured for \$300,000 and your personal property coverage is 50%, you will have up to \$150,000 coverage for your contents. In order to keep policies affordable to the average person, special policy limits apply to certain items. If you own high value items, you may find your coverage is not sufficient.

What types of personal property may require special coverage?

One common item that you should be aware of includes expensive jewelry, and wedding rings. Firearms, musical instruments, coin collections, silver, gold and furs are other items to consider. If you have an extensive art or an antique collection including certain rare collectibles, these also may require special coverage. Remember too, the value of these items may increase over time and your policy should be adjusted accordingly.

How do I properly protect my high-value property?

The best way to increase coverage for high value personal property is to use a scheduled personal property "rider." This is a separate endorsement that lists the item and maximum amount insured. An advantage to the rider is that all risk coverage is provided and not just limited to the covered peril such as wind, fire or theft, which is provided by your regular personal property policy. Usually, riders are subject to lower or no deductibles.

Communicate with your agent about the things you have to protect, and together you can tailor a policy to make sure you have the coverages you need. The time to do this is now, before you have a loss.



Walcott American Legion Post 548

HAM SUPPER

Friday, February 26

Serving 5 to 8 p.m.

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

Children's Chicken
Nugget Meal - \$4.00

Raffles & 50/50

Meals Available as Follows:

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The Greatest of These is Love

Submitted by Linda Titus

Here we are, already in the month of February, the month of love. The flower shops experience their busiest time of the year, lovers exchange romantic cards and gifts, couples plan cruises, and some even get married on Valentine's day.

The 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians is very popular in the month of February and is used frequently in wedding ceremonies. It is pegged the "love chapter." If we only read verses 4 through 7, it certainly sounds like good lessons for newlyweds. It points out two things that love is and eight things love is not. The NIV version reads this way:

"⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

The King James version uses the word *longsuffering* instead of the word patient, which means that we are patient, *put up with* all those things we do not like, plus all the annoying and hurtful things for a long time because of love—love endures the test of time.

Shortly after my husband and I got married, I asked him to make of list of what he expected from me in our marriage. I also asked him to tell me what he loved about me. I guess at that time I was very insecure, being divorced and coming out of an abusive marriage, I needed to know these things. To see it in writing, I could review it again and again if I needed to. It is not in his nature to tackle such a task, but he reluctantly wrote the lists and gave them to me. It was 28 years ago on Valentine's Day that we were married—yes, we were one of those couples married on Valentine's Day.

I have looked at those lists many times over the years, and it is amazing that he unknowingly wrote the lists with some of the very principles that Paul wrote about in this letter. We both have succeeded and we both have failed in some ways, but we certainly have been longsuffering with each other over the 28 years. I was searching for a file on my external hard drive and I came across those very lists just before I started writing this article. I strongly believe that the Lord wanted me to read them once again! A very timely find indeed!

However, as we explore further in Chapter 13, is Paul writing about what love is between couples or is it a message about love between all of us, a *brotherly love* so to

speak? Is it discussing the status or condition of our hearts? Let us look at what verses 1-3 say:

"¹Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ²And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing."

Paul makes it clear that without love as the motive, these gifts and acts are meaningless. Even the most dramatic actions of self-denial or selflessness, are profitless, pointless, useless, and to no purpose without the motivation of love. Love is selflessness—self-denial for the sake of another.

Verse 13 ends the chapter with, "*And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*" These **three** are more precious than the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives us. We are to pursue faith, hope and love, but the **greatest** of the three is love.

Are we patient? Are we kind? Are we envious? Are we boastful? Are we proud? Are we rude? Are we selfless? Are we easily angered? Do we keep records of wrongs? Do we rejoice in truth or do we delight in evil? Do we protect, trust, hope and persevere? Looking back, verses 4-7 paint a picture of the actions of love; they clearly define Christ's love for us. We are to pursue the examples of Christ and live a Christ-like life. This is not an easy list. Jesus commands us all in John 13:34-35,

"³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

We should carry this list with us and look at it daily. Are we up for the challenge? My prayer for all of us is to pursue the life of love that Christ has shown us. May God bless you in this quest.



2020 Walcott Day Christmas Lighting Contest

The Walcott Day Christmas Lighting Contest had three categories in which the judging was done.

Here are the 2020 Christmas light winners:

Overall light display - **Tim and Kara Hamman**

White light display - **Scott and Jeanne Bernick**

Color light display - **Kari and Korry Kraft**

Congratulations to the Winners!



**Blue Grass American Legion
Post 711**

BREAKFAST
Saturday, February 6
Serving 7 to 10 p.m.

\$7.00 per person

Pancakes, biscuits & gravy,
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cinnamon rolls, milk, juice, coffee

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event. Very limited seating will be
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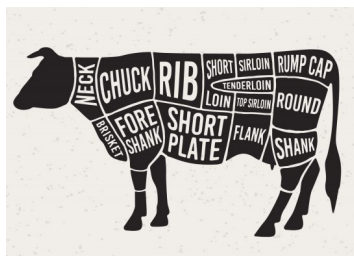
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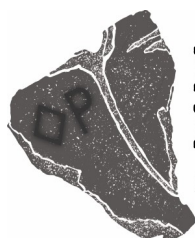


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Were you impacted by the 2020 Midwest Derecho?

Individuals impacted by the 2020 Midwest derecho are being recruited to participate in a research study on social networks and support. It is being carried out through the University of South Florida Anthropology Department. This project is exploring how people used their social networks to access social support after the storm.

To be eligible you must be 18 years of age or older and were impacted by the 2020 derecho in anyway (examples: electricity loss, financially impacted, property damage, emotional/mental distress, etc.).

Participation includes a 15-minute online survey and/or an optional telephone interview. Participation is voluntary and you will not receive any direct benefit or compensation. All personal information will be kept confidential.

This study is exempt under USF IRB STUDY00185. If you have any question, please contact the principal investigator, Kayla Jones, at kaylajones4@usf.edu. The study is supervised by Dr. Heidi Castañeda.



The survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code with the camera on your smartphone or at the following link: https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1yJJTvp3GIB5w9. The link can be emailed to you if you contact Kayla at the email list above.



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Editor's Note: Kayla Jones is a former Blue Grass resident and a graduate student at the University of South Florida. Kayla is doing her thesis research on the derecho and is looking for ways to inform people about the research. She contacted me about including the article in this issue of the newsletter.



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