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# Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## NEWSLETTER

*Volume 22 | Issue 1 | January 2021*

*Happy  
New  
Year*

*Wishing you health, wealth,  
and happiness in the  
New Year ahead.*

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.

Contact: [walcottchamber@gmail.com](mailto:walcottchamber@gmail.com)  
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P.O. Box 388  
Walcott, IA 52773

For Chamber information or meeting times and dates contact [walcottchamber@gmail.com](mailto:walcottchamber@gmail.com)

# Walcott Legion Flag Raising at City Hall

Submitted by Larry Koberg

The Walcott American Legion presented a flag and flag pole at the City of Walcott new parking lot on November 18.

Rich Golinghorst and Commander Brian Mengler are raising the flag. James Farmer is holding the American flag, Larry Kappeler is holding the Legion flag. Mike Boblit is holding the honor guard weapon. Reed Hagen is behind Mike Boblit saluting. Other Legion members present include Harlan Kundel, Kent Arp, Craig Housley, Allen Nylin and Myron Lensch.



# Walcott City Hall | www.cityofwalcott.com

Council Meetings — 6:00 p.m., January 4 and 18

*The City of Walcott wishes everyone a very Happy New Year!*

## Recycling Calendars

The 2021 recycling calendars for City of Walcott garbage & recycling customers were mailed with the December bills. Extra calendars are available at City Hall.

## Snow Removal

For safety purposes, residents are asked to help keep snow from piling around fire hydrants. This is an important safety measure in case a fire occurs and the Fire Department needs to access the hydrant. Also, if you have mail delivery, keep your mailbox cleared so that your mail can be delivered. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Pet Licenses

2021 Pet Licenses are now available at City Hall. The annual fee is \$3.00 per cat or dog and proof of a rabies vaccination is required. License fees become delinquent on April 1.

## Golf Carts

2021 Golf Carts, UTV and ATV applications and permits are available. As a reminder, these permits expire on December 31 each year, regardless of the date of issue. Application forms are available at City Hall and on the City's website at www.cityofwalcott.com. Owners of ATVs and UTVs are now required to provide proof of a State of Iowa registration with their application.

## Christmas Tree Pickup

The Walcott Public Works Department will be picking up live Christmas trees at the curb beginning on Monday, January 4. Please have trees at the curb by 7:00 a.m. and do not place bags around the trees.

## Walcott Volunteer Fire Department



*The Walcott Fire Department THANKS our entire community for all your support this year. It has been crazy! Hope everyone had a great holiday season. Cheers to the New Year!*

### November 2020 Calls

EMS.....	18
FIRE.....	3
MVC.....	1
OTHER.....	2
<b>MONTH .....</b>	<b>24</b>
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## From the Walcott Chamber

*Submitted by Linda Titus, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor*

I am sure you will agree that it is always tough to get back to business after the holidays. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend some time with your loved ones.

I sent out the dues renewal notices last week and the 2021 dues are trickling in. If you haven't sent in your dues yet please also consider advertising in the newsletter. We rely on the advertising to pay for producing the newsletter. At this time last year, it was a little uncertain if the newsletter was going to continue. But thanks to the support of members, we made it through 2020. If you choose not to advertise, please consider a donation towards the newsletter so we can keep it going in 2021.

We had 48 members in 2020 and we have two new member who just joined for the 2021 year. We are hoping that all our 2020 members will renew and that more businesses will step up and support the Chamber by joining this year. I will update the member list on the front cover in the February issue. Happy New Year from the Walcott Chamber of Commerce!

### Welcome New Members

**Dittmer Tree Service**

**Diamond P Ranch Meats, LLC**

## 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](mailto: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?**

Please email to:

[walcottchamber@gmail.com](mailto:walcottchamber@gmail.com)

or mail to

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

**PLEASE NOTE:  
THE DEADLINE FOR  
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**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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Burt Clinic of Chiropractic  
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CBI Bank & Trust  
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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 \$11.00 to cover the cost of the postage and envelope and we will send you the February through December 2021 issues. Please include your correct mailing address and phone number.

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*For further information,  
 call 284-6640*

**Walcott Legion  
 Avenue of the  
 Flags Program**

*Submitted by Brian Mengler*

Walcott American Legion Post 548 would like to thank everyone for participating in the 2020 Avenue of the Flags Program. With 2021 upon us,

we hope your participation will continue. It was brought to our attention that we should include Patriot Day on September 11 as another day for the flags to fly.

Previous years we charged \$7 a holiday or \$35 a year. With the addition of Patriot Day our new renewal fee will be \$42 a year. The holidays include Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot Day, Veterans Day, and we also include Walcott Day. Once again, we thank you for participating in the program.

If you have any questions you can contact Brian Mengler at 563-284-5187. There is a sign-up form on the inside back page of this newsletter and forms are also available at City Hall.



**Walcott Legion Presents Checks to  
 Police and Fire Departments**

Walcott American Legion Post 548 Commander Brian Mengler and Judge Advocate Mel Brus presented checks to Fire Chief Josh Geigle and Chief of Police Jeff Blake for use on equipment or as needed. Money raised through the Avenue of the Flags program was used for this donation. The Legion thanks the Walcott residents for participation in this project.



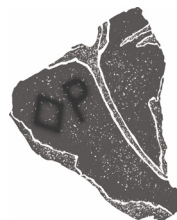
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# Calvary United Methodist Church

Submitted by Pastor Joy Mitchell



## 2021 — it's the year we have been waiting for. What will you make of it?

2020 was a very strange year for each of us. Whether you experienced the death of a loved one, the fear for a family member or dear friend in the hospital, or the impact of so many hours in your home, the loss of experiencing community in person, loss of your job—grief, sadness, and uncertainty loomed in the air all through 2020. In addition, we have dealt with struggles and fear and disagreements around racial inequality, rioting, and the safety of many. And, oh! Do you remember the Derecho, damage to homes, garages, parks, and so many trees? Yep. That happened too. It seems so long ago now. What about the election, and disagreements with family and friends over what is indeed the right thing to do and why? The list goes on! 2020 is certainly a year that many want to close the chapter on and never look at again.

However, even with all of that, the word *gratitude* keeps coming to mind. What are you grateful for in 2020? Did you have opportunities to spend more time with your family? Did you cook dinner and sit down at the table together more frequently? Did you have opportunities to connect with people on a new level? Did you see the community come together in unique ways? What about the birth of babies

and the weddings that took place? Have you become increasingly grateful for the people you surround yourself with? Have you been encouraged and blessed by re-connecting with a long-lost friend, or family member? Perhaps you spent a little extra time with Jesus. Perhaps your study of God's Word increased. Were you inspired, and drawn closer to the heart of God? Have you spent more time in prayer? Have you seen Jesus breathe hope and peace into difficult situations?

Have you listened to the still small voice of Jesus lately? God promises in the book of Joshua 1:5, "No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." This same promise is spoken clearly throughout the scriptures. In Matthew 28:20 Jesus says, "...And surely, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

So, no matter what struggles follow us into 2021, know that Jesus will continue to be with us always. Let us keep our eyes fixed upon him, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Where are you most looking forward to seeing Jesus in 2021? I can't wait to see what God has in store for you and me. My prayer for you for 2021 comes from Ephesians 3:14-19,

*"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family, in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."*

### Calvary Preschool

A special thank you to these organizations, businesses, and many others who have made donations of money or snack items to Calvary Preschool in lieu of the Family Fun Day fundraiser. We appreciate your support for our area kiddos!

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# A Blessing for the New Year

Submitted by Linda Titus

As we look back at 2020, many people will celebrate that it is over. However, just because we hang a new calendar does not mean the woes of 2020 are gone...the pandemic is still with us as we begin 2021. But we do have hope since the vaccine has been released. Hope is wonderful because it keeps us going. People of faith know hope. There are countless scriptures on hope. One scripture I love on faith and hope comes to my mind, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1).

On Christmas, my husband and I had a quiet dinner with his sister and her husband. They prepare a wonderful prime rib dinner. She also prepared a blessing for the dinner which she said was an old Irish prayer that she thought was fitting for the 2020 year. It goes like this:

**May God give you...**

**For every storm, a rainbow;  
For every tear, a smile;  
For every care, a promise;  
And a blessing in each trial.**

**For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share;  
For every sigh, a sweet song;  
And an answer for each prayer.**

At first, I thought it was one of those "cutesy" quotes found on Pinterest, however, I asked her to email me the prayer as I wanted to ponder it. As I thought about its content, I began to break it down phrase by phrase, researching each in biblical reference.

It is indeed a good way to think about the past year and a wonderful way to begin the new year. There are so many scriptures on each phrase but space limits what I can include herein. I urge you to take some time and do more research for yourself. It will bless you also, as it has blessed me.

1. **For every storm, a rainbow.** God gives us peace, hope, and the promise that we can trust in Him. In Genesis 9:14-15, "It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh."
2. **For every tear, a smile.** Psalm 126:5 tells us, "Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!"
3. **For every care, a promise.** 1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you." Also, Jesus says in John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled..."
4. **And a blessing in each trial.** 1 Peter 5:10 "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." James 1:2-4 tells us to "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

5. **For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share.** The bible is filled with scripture about friends and the blessings in a good friend. Here are just a couple. Proverbs 18:24 "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 tells us how two are better than one, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!"
6. **For every sigh, a sweet song.** This scripture I found is the perfect fit for this phrase! Isaiah 51:11 "So the redeemed of the LORD will return and enter Zion with singing, crowned with unending joy. Joy and gladness will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee."
7. **And an answer for each prayer.** Matthew 21:22, "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." Psalm 37:4-5 teaches us to "delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act."

My prayer for you in 2021 is that you make it your resolution to allow God's Word to be the road map of your life. It will fill you with hope and He will bestow you with the blessings found in this Irish prayer. Happy New Year!



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## Walcott American Legion Post 548 Avenue of Flags 2021

For \$42 per year, the Walcott American Legion members will place a 3'x5' American Flag in the front yard of your home or business on the following holidays and special events:

**Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day,  
Patriot Day and Veterans Day.**

Volunteers will deliver and place a flag in your yard before the holiday and take it down after. The Walcott American Legion Post will be responsible for any repairs or replacement if it were to become, soiled, damaged or stolen. **Anyone may sign up for this program** at any time and the cost will be pro-rated by \$7 per holiday. Your donation will help provide support to Veterans, the community, and several American Legion youth programs such as the Oratorical Contest, Cub Scouts and Boys State.

**Show your patriotism and support by signing up today!**

All you need to do is fill out the following information and return it at your convenience. Make checks payable to American Legion Post 548. Return to Walcott Legion Avenue of Flags, PO Box 685, Walcott, IA 52773. Any questions contact Brian at (563)284-5187. We will contact Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989 for location of utilities prior to installing flags.



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## Lions Food Drive a Success

Submitted by Loren Claussen

The Walcott Lions Club thanks the community for supporting our food drive held on December 5. The

Community turned out in amazing numbers to help the Buffalo Food Pantry, our area's resource for nutrition help.

Supporters drove through and stopped in our parking lot with cars, SUV's, trucks, and even bicycles to help. Cash donations helped to give over 8000 meals to area families in need. Non-perishable food items helped to provide about 500 meals.

This was the Walcott Lions first food drive event. Because of the success we had, plans are being made to schedule another food drive early next year. Thanks again Walcott and surrounding area supporters!



## Walcott Legion Auxiliary

Submitted by Mary Golinghorst

The Walcott Legion Auxiliary sends out a huge "THANK YOU" to the community of Walcott for supporting the Auxiliary this year. Because of your support by coming to our meals, supporting our raffles held at the meal nights, and/or for your monetary donations, we were able to do the following projects:

- Bridging the Gap for Homeless Veterans sponsored a coat giveaway. We donated hats, scarves and gloves.
- We made masks for all the Legion and Auxiliary members. We wanted to do our part to keep everyone safe during our last two meals the Legion sponsored in August and October.
- We donated wash clothes, towels, socks, hats, gloves and individually wrapped snacks to Stand Down. This is an event held twice a year for needy veterans.
- We donated to military youth at the Arsenal for special events.

- For every holiday this year, we sent 50 cards to the VA Hospital and 650 cards to Marshalltown Nursing Home.
- During the holidays, we sent a Christmas card and monetary gift to all local active military.
- On Veterans Day we made and donated 100 fleece blankets to the VA Hospital in Iowa City.

Our main goal as the Auxiliary is to do whatever we can for the veterans and those serving in the military. But we also are encouraged to do community and children/youth projects.

Due to the pandemic, we were limited on what we could do this year, but we look forward to doing much more in the coming year. I want to thank all the members who donated materials, their time, and talents to make all these projects happen. Happy New Year to all and stay well!



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