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Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEWSLETTER

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Business Spotlight

S&V Fence and Deck Co.

This month, the Walcott Chamber of Commerce welcomes and spotlights one of our newest members, S&V Fence and Deck Company. The business will be relocating to Walcott in March to their newly constructed building at 1101 N. Main Street, just south of the Dollar General. Owners Scott and Amy Shimp are excited to open the doors and call Walcott home to their business, formally located in Eldridge. Scott and Amy both grew up in the country. Scott is from rural Eldridge and Amy is from rural Maysville. They look forward to being a part of the business community in Walcott.

The family owned and operated local business employs 10 people including their son Jason, foreman, who lives outside of Walcott. Their daughter Kelli and son-in-law Scotty Burke live in DeWitt. They have two daughters, a 2-year-old and a newborn.

Since 1967, S&V Fence and Deck Co. has provided property owners in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois with professional design and installation services. The company, which has been in business longer than any other fence company in the QC area, is proud to maintain a well-established reputation for quality service and for providing the absolute best in wood fences, vinyl chain link,



aluminum, ornamental iron, chain link and polyvinyl fences, and decks. From fences to decks, every S&V construction project represents a joint effort between the property owner and the professional project managers, resulting in an enormous list of satisfied customers.

Recognizing that the addition of a fence or outdoor structure represents both a permanent change to the appearance of your property and a long-term financial investment, the company offers quality, versatility and handsome, sturdy structures that are built to last. S&V Fence and Deck Co. strives to make your options virtually unlimited by customizing projects to suit your needs and offering perhaps the widest range of choices anywhere. You can choose from a wide range of fencing styles, configurations, sizes, post tops, and materials, including many different fencing selections for residential and commercial use.

To request a free quote, contact S&V by email at svfence@svfence.com or by phone at 563-285-4271.

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
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Walcott Volunteer Fire Department

January 2021 Calls

EMS.....	20
MVC.....	4
OTHER.....	4
MONTH.....	28
YTD.....	28

Walcott Fire Dept. will host the



Saturday, May 15

at the
American Legion
Serving 4 – 8 pm
Delivery and
Carry Out will
be available.

Raffle, Silent Auction
Cake Decorating Contest

\$18 Steak Dinner
\$5 Hot dog meal

Walcott City Hall | www.cityofwalcott.com

Council Meetings - March 1 and 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Park Board Meetings - March 3 at 5:15 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting – March 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Don't Get Penalized

Pet Licenses due before April 1

Purchase your pet licenses before April 1 to avoid a delinquent fee. All cats and dogs over six months are required to have an annual city license. The license fee is \$3.00 per animal and proof of rabies vaccination is required.

Golf Cart, ATV, and UTV Use on City Streets

Limited use of golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs are permitted in Walcott with the following regulations:

- Annual permits are required. Apply with the Walcott Police Department, pay a \$25 fee, and provide evidence that you are at least 18 years of age with a valid Iowa driver's license and have a minimum of \$300,000 in liability insurance coverage for this activity.
- Drivers must obey all traffic laws and equip their vehicles with the following safety equipment: a slow-moving vehicle sign, a safety flag, adequate brakes, and headlight and tail lights.
- Golf carts and UTVs require a rear view mirror.
- UTVs and ATV's must also have mufflers and an adequate exhaust system.
- All are permitted on city streets from ½ hour after sunrise until ½ hour before sunset but they are prohibited from using Y-40/Blue Grass Road and Walcott Road/Hwy 6/F58.
- ATV's and UTVs may be operated during prohibited hours to perform snow removal activities. Golf Carts may only be operated between March 1st and November 30th.
- ATV's and UTV's are required to provide proof of registration with the State of Iowa prior to applying with the City.

Permits expire annually on December 31, regardless of the date of issue. Application forms are available online at www.cityofwalcott.com.

Keep Sidewalks Cleared of Snow and Ice

Reminder – Please make sure your sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice and remember that it is illegal to shovel or blow snow onto city streets. If a fire hydrant is adjacent to your property, clearing around the hydrant and ensuring that your sidewalks are cleared will help reduce response time if emergency services are needed.

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City of Walcott FREE TREE Program Deadline April 9, 2021

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 563-284-6571 ext. 10 if you have any questions. Estimated pick-up date is the week of April 19.

Walcott City-Wide Garage Sale Saturday, May 1 8am - 2pm Rain or Shine

Maps will be available April 30 at Walcott Casey's,
Burt Clinic of Chiropractic and Walcott
Community Wide Garage Sale Facebook page.
Sponsored by Nu Zeta Sorority, Chapter of Beta
Sigma Phi, a community service organization.



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The Walcott Chamber
received a donation of \$100
from the
Walcott American Legion Auxiliary.
Thanks for your generous support!

Walcott Elementary and Intermediate School

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

- 3/1 7th Grade Boys Basketball Game @ 4:30 Walcott
8th Grade Boys Basketball Game @ 4:00 Pleasant Valley
- 3/4 Kindergarten Round Up (Virtual)
Call the school to let us know your kindergartner is coming next year!
- 3/15 – 3/19
Spring Break NO SCHOOL
- 3/24 Elementary & Intermediate Conferences 4:15 – 7:15



New Members

- S&V Fence Co.
- Blue Grass BP & Car Wash
- Blue Grass Subway

Calvary United Methodist Church

Submitted by Pastor Joy Mitchell



“Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” Psalm 90:1-2

Grace and Peace to you from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ! We are in the heart of the Lenten season, a season to pause and reflect and examine our lives, remembering the Lord as our dwelling place. It is a great opportunity to draw closer to our God of incredible love, and a season of reflection and examination as we move toward Easter and the great celebration of Christ’s resurrection. This year I am preaching through a sermon series entitled, “Songs of the Heart.” We are taking a closer look at the Psalms, originally written as songs. It is a series I have collaborated with other UM pastors to create. If you have not joined us yet, I sure hope you will. I continue to invite you on the journey with us. We meet in person at 10 am, livestream, and post our services after they have concluded.

Speaking of which, it is delightful to be able to meet together in person again in worship, committees, and other church activities. Thank you for respecting one another by taking appropriate precautions. What a wonderful gift it is to see those of you who come to worship in person. We bless those of you who are staying home safe and sound, and we are certainly looking forward to the day when we will see you again. I keep hearing from folks who have received their Covid-19 vaccination, either first or second shot, and I celebrate with you who are feeling freer to move out and about. I look forward to the opportunity to meet those who I have not yet seen in person. I trust the day is drawing closer and closer. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday! Blessings to you and yours.

Legislative Forum - March 27

State Representative Ross Paustian and State Senator Mark Lofgren will host a legislative forum on Saturday, March 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Walcott American Legion. Please join us and find out what is going on in Des Moines.



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Walcott Lion's Club Now accepting 2021 Scholarship Applications

The Walcott Lion's Club is now accepting 2021 Scholarship applications. For application forms and more information contact Lucas Matzen by email lucasmatzen@aol.com or by phone at 563-370-3611. The deadline for application submissions is April 15.

Walcott Lions Postpone Annual Fish Fry

The Walcott Lions Club would like to announce to the community that our annual Fish Fry normally held in early March is postponed. Due to the Covid19 virus, and a slow virus vaccination program by the Scott County Health Department we have been led to this action. We do intend to reschedule the event for later this year, either early or late summer. We will notify everyone when that happens.

We are currently circulating in the community talking to supporters to again fill our placemat project. February 9 was our 48th year of service since chartering. We want to thank the community and supporters for their participation, now and in past years, with the Walcott Lions Club.

Walcott Legion Auxiliary Delivers Blankets to Veterans



In honor of Veteran's Day, the Walcott Legion Auxiliary donated 101 fleece blankets to the VA Hospital in Iowa City in November. The hospital gives a blanket to each patient. Pictured delivering the blankets are Lynn Farmer, Mary Golinghorst, Linda Garlock, and Karen Harris

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:

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or mail to

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**PLEASE NOTE:
THE DEADLINE FOR
THE APRIL ISSUE IS
MARCH 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:

**B & D Automotive
Burt Clinic of Chiropractic
Casey's General Store
CBI Bank & Trust
Dollar General
Sandy's Hair Fair
Scott County Library
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 inclement 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 \$9.00 to cover the cost of the postage and envelope and we will send you the April through December 2021 issues. Please include your correct mailing address and phone number.

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Pleasing God

Submitted by Linda Titus

There are countless scriptures in the Bible that tell of God's tremendous love for us. I am sure that most everyone reading this has heard at least one of them more than once, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) However, my subject this month is not how much God loves us, but the many ways we can please God for loving us so much.

Our culture today teaches living a life that pleases us. In reality, we can never find a life that pleases us until we find the life that pleases God. My journey to this point in my life has been one of bad choices and plenty of errors, all of my own doing, but God has been so good to me. He has rescued this lost sheep more than once. I also want to mention that I am not a graduate or scholar of seminary. I am a student—a student of God's Word and what I write are lessons for me that I desire to share with you. It is one of the things I do to please God.

Pleasing God is not difficult. Pleasing God brings us great joy. 1John 3:22 tells us, "22 and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His

sight." The take-away here is, "and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." Pleasing God does not involve works. It is a genuine desire to please Him. It is not the drudgery of doing a systematic or robotic checklist of good deeds. "8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast."

God wants us—spirit, soul, and body. Being filled with the Holy Spirit gives us the pure desire to acknowledge Him in all our ways. This wisdom is found in Proverbs 3: 5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." Acknowledging God in all our ways is very pleasing to Him.

Reading God's Word pleases Him. Isaiah 55:11 tells what God said about His Word when we read it, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Many times in conversations, I have applied a verse I have read but have not intentionally memorized. I must say that it surprises me when this happens, but what God tells us in this

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him..." Hebrews 11:6

verse, His Word does not return void but prospers in the thing for which He sent it. He writes His Word on our hearts!

It also pleases God by praising, singing, and worshipping. The Psalmist writes, "30 I will praise the name of God with a song and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. 31 This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull, which has horns and hooves." (Psalm 69:30-31) God created us to worship Him. He gives us pleasure, joy, and a feeling of release when we worship Him with songs of praise in spirit and truth. Jesus said to the woman at the well in John 4:23-24, "23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

My prayer for you in your faithful journey is for you to please God. May you seek all the many ways to please Him, "For the Lord takes pleasure in His people, He adorns His people with salvation." (Ps. 149:4)



Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 14.
Be sure to set your clock one hour ahead.

Spring Begins March 20!

U.S. Postal Service New Prices for 2021 No Increase in Forever Stamp

The new prices will include no increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, which would remain at 55 cents. The single-piece letter additional ounce price would increase to 20 cents, the metered mail one-ounce price would increase to 51 cents and the prices of postcard stamps would increase to 36 cents. Single-piece one-ounce flat prices will remain unchanged at one dollar.



The Domestic Mailing Services price changes include:

Product	2020 Prices	2021 Prices
Letters (1 oz.)	55 cents	55 cents (no change)
Letters additional ounce(s)	15 cents	20 cents
Letters (metered 1 oz.)	50 cents	51 cents
Domestic Postcards	35 cents	36 cents
Flats (1 oz.)	\$1	\$1 (no change)

Domestic Shipping Summary:

Priority Mail Express will see an overall rate increase of 2.5% in 2021. Commercial Base (online postage) rates will start at \$22.75 (no change from 2020). Priority Mail will see an average rate increase of 3.6% in 2021. Commercial Base (online postage) rates will start at \$7.16 (previously \$7.02). First Class Package Service will see an average rate increase of 6.5% in 2021.

Commercial Base (online postage) rates will start at \$3.01 (previously at \$2.74). Parcel Select Ground will see an average rate increase of 1.3% in 2021. Commercial Base (online postage) rates will start at \$7.01 (previously \$6.92). Media Mail rates will increase by 3.57% in 2021. Rates will start at \$2.89 (previously \$2.80).

NEW: An overweight/oversize surcharge of \$100 will be added for packages that exceed the 70 lb. maximum weight limitation or the 130-inch length plus girth maximum dimensional size limit.

Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Submitted by Nancy Arp,
Walcott Mutual Insurance Assoc.



Smoke alarms really do save lives. Following the introduction of residential smoke alarms, fire fatalities declined by 50%. A clear majority of fatal residential fires (60%)

occur in homes without smoke alarms. Dead or missing batteries are culprits in a majority of smoke fires where a smoke alarm is present. Prevention can make the difference. Install smoke alarms outside sleeping areas and on every level of the residence. Test smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries at least annually.

The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

ALSO:

- Conduct a fire safety walk-through in your home.
- Develop and practice a fire escape plan with all family members.
- Designate a meeting place outside the home.
- Teach children what the smoke alarm means and how to respond.

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Children's Chicken Nugget Meal - \$4.00
Raffles - No desserts

MEALS AVAILABLE AS FOLLOWS:

Dining in

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or for delivery (call 284-6556)*

Advance tickets available from Walcott Legion
& Auxiliary members

For further information, call 284-6640



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Legion Breakfast

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Blue Grass Legion Home
106 South Juniata Street
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Saturday, March 6, 2021, 7 to 10 AM

Pancakes**Biscuits & Gravy**Scrambled Eggs
Sausage**Potatoes**Cinnamon Rolls

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\$7 per person

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