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NEWSLETTER

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Business Spotlight - Johnson Eyecare

This month, the Walcott Chamber of Commerce welcomes and spotlights our newest member, Johnson Eyecare. Johnson Eyecare has been a leading provider of optometry services and vision care products since 2005. They have 2 locations with 9 employees to serve the Quad Cities and surrounding areas. The office at 4622 Progress Drive is close to Trinity Hospital near the intersection of Utica Ridge and Crow Creek roads. The recently opened office at 2828 West Locust Street (just across from the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds) is only a 17-minute drive from the city of Walcott.

Johnson Eyecare welcomes all patients and specializes in eye exams for glasses and contacts, medical eye exams, diabetic eye exams and glaucoma and cataract management. The doctors and staff focus on quality not quantity and take the extra time to review their patients' eye health and specific visual needs. Using advanced diagnostic technology, they proudly provide patients with the most specialized care and are committed to improving quality of life.

Dr. Johnson graduated from high school in the small town of Aurelia, Iowa between Cherokee and Storm Lake, Iowa. After receiving a bachelor's degree from Simpson College near Des Moines, he went on to receive his Doctor of Optometry from New England College of Optometry in Boston. He graduated with clinical honors and has been awarded the Warren G. Coleman award from the Lions Club for his contributions to eyecare. He belongs to the American Optometric Association and the Iowa Optometric Association (Board of Trustees and current President). Dr. Johnson enjoys outdoor projects, golf, fishing, Hawkeyes, Steelers, and spending time with his wife, daughter (18), and his son (14).

Dr. Duplak was born and raised in Philadelphia and received her bachelor's degree in Biology and Spanish from Villanova University. She also received her Doctor of Optometry from New England College of Optometry in Boston. She too, graduated with clinical honors and is a member of both the Iowa Optometric Association and the American Optometric Association. In her free time, Dr. Duplak enjoys watching football, fishing, and spending time with family. She lives with her fiancé in Bettendorf.

The team is happy to join and support the Walcott Chamber of Commerce as they enjoy the small-town atmosphere and spirit of community. They are looking to expand the reaches of their professional care and are looking forward to being of service to the community for vision and eye health needs.

Johnson Eyecare invites you to experience modern eyecare! For quality eyecare, call for an appointment today. Please see Johnson Eyecare ad on page 5 of this newsletter.

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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.
Contact: walcottchamber@gmail.com
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Walcott Volunteer Fire Department

March 2021 Calls

EMS.....	22
MVC.....	6
HAZ MAT.....	2
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MONTH.....	30
YTD.....	100

Walcott Fire Dept. will host the



Saturday, May 15
at the American Legion
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Steak Dinner

\$18 Steak Dinner • \$5 Hot dog meal

7:00 p.m.

Live Auction

Silent Auction

Raffle Drawing

Cake Decorating Contest

Delivery and Carry Out will be available contact Bridget at 563-340-2373.

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Council Meetings - May 3 and 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting - May 10 at 6:00 p.m.

In Observance of Memorial Day

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 31

Garbage collection will be on Tuesday, June 1

Thank you to the men and women who serve/have served our country and those who gave their lives to preserve our freedom!

Yard Waste & Brush – Walcott Residents

The Public Works Department will continue to pick up brush at your curb each Wednesday. Branches should not be larger than 6” in diameter and 4’ in length. Smaller sticks must be tied or placed in a container to be emptied. Please place it at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Summer Youth Recreation Program

The six-week summer recreation program, sponsored by the City of Walcott, is scheduled to begin on June 21. The program is planned to be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. – Noon, for ages 5 – 14. Participants will meet at Wescott Park, south shelter, and be transported to Camp Abe Lincoln for activities each Monday and Wednesday and field trips are scheduled for Fridays.

Through the City’s sponsorship, the registration fee for 54 hours of fun-filled recreation is only \$70 for each child residing in the Walcott community. The Walcott community is defined as residential homes located within Walcott city limits or Fire District #6. Participants residing outside of the Walcott community are required to pay the full cost of \$196.45 per child.

Forms should be available by mid-May. Watch for updated information on the City’s website or contact Walcott City Hall at 284-6571 ext.10.

Thank You Volunteers!

The City of Walcott would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to the many individuals, organizations, and/or businesses that either donated towards or volunteered their time to help improve our parks!



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

— Elizabeth Andrew

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House Numbering

Submitted by Scott Bengfort, Building and Code Official

With the many house siding projects going on, it is a good time to remind everyone about building numbering. To assist emergency responders and as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 150, houses and commercial buildings should be numbered to indicate the property address. These numbers should be in an easy to see location and of a size that is readable from the street, not less than 4" high letters, and of a contrasting color with the background. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Bengfort at City Hall, 284-6571 ext. 18.

Food Pantry

The Buffalo Food Pantry serves Walcott, Blue Grass, Buffalo and southwest Davenport. The Food Pantry is open every Tuesday morning 9 a.m. - noon and beginning April 15 have added an evening pickup on Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m. The Buffalo Food Pantry is located in the same building as the city hall at the north side of the building at 329 Dodge Street in Buffalo. You will need to bring your ID and proof of residency. Masks are required. You will shop with a volunteer with a list of what you can choose.

Food Trucks Coming to Walcott

S&V Fence announces that there will be food truck services coming to Walcott this month. The food trucks will be parked in the S&V lot located at 1101 N. Main Street, just south of the Dollar General.

Here is the schedule for May:

Chuckies

Famous Breaded Tenderloin

Monday, May 10

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Capriotti's Food Truck

Extraordinary Subs

Thursday, May 20

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Simba's Dog Palace

Hotdogs, Hamburgers, French Fries

Friday, May 28

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Walcott Elementary and Intermediate School

May 5

Track Meet at Brady St. Stadium

May 10

Track Meet at Brady St. Stadium

May 12

JH Conferences 4:15 – 7:15 p.m.

May 19

City Meet at Brady St. Stadium

May 27

7th and 8th grades Concert, Band/Choir/Orchestra

May 31 NO SCHOOL

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

Calvary Preschool

Calvary Preschool is now accepting applications for this coming fall for 4-year-olds. They must be four by September 15. Please call 284-6122 for additional information.



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PO Box 388, Walcott, IA 52773

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE IS MAY 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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Would you like to receive your newsletter in the mail. If so, send a check for \$7.00 to cover the cost of the postage and envelope and we will send you the June 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, IA 52773



Walcott American Legion Auxiliary 2021 Girls State

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary sends girls that have completed their junior year in high school to Girls State. Girls State is an inspirational, educational, fun, and life-changing experience for young women. The objective of Girls State is to develop leadership skills, confidence, and action-based understanding of the governmental process.

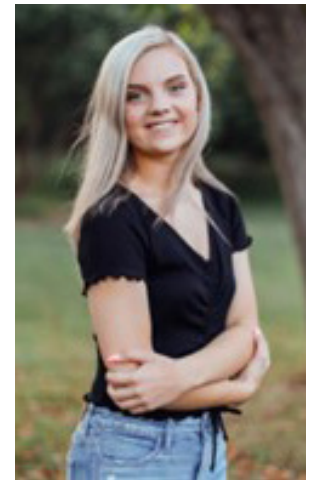
The American Legion Auxiliary believes that educating our youth about the basic ideals and principles of government will help ensure our democracy's survival. This year the Walcott American Legion Auxiliary is proud to be sending two very strong young women.



Sarah Bernick

Sarah Bernick, the daughter of Jeannie and Scott Bernick of Walcott, is a junior at West High School in Davenport. She is active in multiple sports, including volleyball, tennis, and dance team. Sarah is Editor-in-Chief of the West High School newspaper, The Beak 'n' Eye. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is on the high school blood drive committee. Outside of school, Sarah works part-time at the Chocolate Manor in downtown Davenport. After high school, Sarah hopes to pursue a career in business design with a minor in Spanish.

Peyton Flynn is the daughter of Jon and Anne Flynn of Davenport. She is a junior at West High School in Davenport. Peyton is active in multiple school activities, including dance team, cheer team, band, choir, drumline, show choir, golf, and drama club. Peyton is also a member of the National Honor Society and has served as the West drumline captain during the 2020-21 school year. Outside of school, Peyton works part-time at Whitey's Ice Cream in Davenport. After high school, Peyton plans to major in education.



Peyton Flynn



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Calvary United Methodist Church

Submitted by Pastor Joy Mitchell



God, please lead and empower me to make a difference for your kingdom today. Where and how can I share your light and love today?

This is a prayer I prayed today as I was getting ready for the day and wondering what would unfold on this particular day. I recently read a quote that has stuck with me. It reminded me of the kind of Christian I desire to be, and the leader that I want to live into. It is a Christian who allows Christ to lead me each moment of each day, empowered by the Holy Spirit, led by the love of God.

"Were the spirit to be withdrawn suddenly from the earth today, most of the church's work would continue unabated." Craig S. Keener, Gift and Giver: The Holy Spirit for Today

The church is meant to be led and empowered by the Spirit, but if the church would continue unchanged without the Spirit, then where are we getting our direction and authority? If we are simply following methods, outlines, step by step procedures, and programs, then we are

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26

missing out. The Holy Spirit is present and available for you and me, each and every day. The Holy Spirit is our guide, our power, and our teacher, reminding us of the teachings of Jesus. If we don't go where led, we are just following our own whims. James talks about being blown and tossed by the wind and every form of teaching. This is not what we want.

From Mother's Day, to Graduation, from Ascension Sunday to Pentecost – from decisions made at a micro level to a macro level, we don't want to live on our own whims. We want to follow the leading of the Spirit. Empowered and blessed. From spring planting to the harvest. Will you join me in this prayer today?

Lord, you promised your children the power and authority of the Holy Spirit and to be led, taught, and guided by you. Please do just that. I'm here as your servant. In Jesus Mighty Name, Amen.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Joy



JOHNSON EYECARE

Dr. Samantha Duplak, OD

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May is National Bike Month

Bike Safely and Enjoy Your Ride

Submitted by Nancy Arp, Walcott Mutual Insurance Assoc.

May is National Bike Month. Bicycling is a wonderful way to get exercise, see the sights and reduce your carbon footprint. However, bicyclists can be up against a host of hazards. Often sharing the road with motorists, injuries can happen—even on designated paths. According to Injury Facts[®], the number of deaths from bicycle incidents increased 29% over an eight-



year period, from 793 in 2010 to 1,024 in 2017. Of the 1,024 bicyclist deaths in 2017, 679 involved motor vehicles.

There are approximately 80 million bicyclists sharing the road with motorized vehicles. It is imperative that bicyclists and motorists take safety precautions. To help you enjoy National Bike Month, the **National Safety Council** offers these tips to keep you safe.

Cyclists, Check Your Equipment

- Always inspect your bike prior to riding.
- The seat should be adjusted to the proper height and locked in place.
- Make certain all parts are secure and working properly.
- Check that the tires are inflated properly.
- Make sure the bike is equipped with reflectors on the rear, front, pedals and spokes.
- A horn or bell, a rear-view mirror and a bright headlight also are recommended.

Plan to Be Seen

- Make certain drivers can see you.
- Wear neon, fluorescent or other bright clothing.
- Whenever possible, ride during the day.
- If you must ride at night, wear reflective clothing, and use flashing lights.

Wear a Helmet

Helmets appropriate for bicycling should be worn by everyone – adults and children – on every bike ride regardless of length of the ride. Make certain the helmet is certified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Follow these guidelines to properly fit the helmet:

- Adjust sizing pads or fit ring until the helmet is snug.
- Position the helmet level on your head, covering the forehead and not tipped backward or forward; this will be about one to two finger widths above the eyebrow.
- Adjust the side straps so they form a “V” shape under and slightly in front of your ears.
- Center the buckle on the chin strap under your chin.
- Buckle and tighten the chin strap until it is snug; no more than one to two fingers should be able to fit between the chin and strap.
- When fitted, the helmet should not rock more than 1 inch side to side or front to back on your head.

Stay safe by following these rules:

- Get acquainted with traffic laws; bicyclists must follow the same rules as motorists.
- Ride single file in the direction of traffic.
- Remain alert, keep your head up and look around; watch for opening car doors and other hazards.
- Use hand signals when turning and use extra care at intersections.
- Never hitch onto cars.
- Before entering traffic, stop and look left, right, left again and over your shoulder.

Source: National Safety Council

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2021 Walcott Community Club Schedule

<u>May 6</u>	Meal (Ham) – Walcott Coliseum
<u>June 3</u>	Meal (Fish Fry) – Lampliter
<u>July 1</u>	Meal & Dance (Special) – Couples, Walcott Coliseum
<u>August TBD</u>	Golf Outing
<u>September 2</u>	Meal (Fried Pork Chop), Lampliter
<u>October 7</u>	Bring a Brand New Member Night (Wings), Lampliter
<u>November 4</u>	Meal (Turkey) – Walcott Legion
<u>December 2</u>	Meal (Roast Beef) – Walcott Coliseum
<u>December 4</u>	Christmas Dance 7 p.m. – Walcott Coliseum

All Meals start at 7:00 P.M. — Membership Card Must Be Shown

Up the Street

Submitted by Linda Titus

I am in the process of redecorating our bedroom...paint, curtains, wall décor, bedding, rug, plus I have a floor model jewelry box that I am going to paint. I bought this chalky paint that seems to be in style in the HGTV and DIY worlds and thought I would try it out. I have an old jewelry box that I bought for my mother years ago as a Christmas gift and I planned on transferring the jewelry to that box while the other is being painted. I opened her jewelry box and it played that “*somewhere my love*” song from the movie “*Dr. Zhivago*”—I believed it is called “*Lara’s Theme*.”

My mother loved that tune and she would whistle to it when it came on the radio. I shed a few tears and left the room with the thought that I would return to the transfer task later. I came back later and opened one of the drawers to the tall jewelry cabinet and right there was a hand crocheted dish cloth that mom made. She used to make hundreds of them and give them to me and my sisters. I saved this one because it was the last one I had as the others had long since wore out. I held it to my face and breathed in to see if it still had her scent on it. I cried and said, “I love you mom, and I miss you so much!” If only I could talk to her again!

With Mother’s Day coming up soon, I felt this was not a coincidence. My mother was by no means perfect... she was flawed in many ways. But one thing for sure is she wanted her six daughters to be brought up as Christians and to be taught the Gospel of Christ. On Sunday, she sent us up the street to our neighborhood Lutheran church to attend Sunday School. Though she did not attend, she waited for us to come home with her hair in rollers and coffee cup in hand while snuggled up in her chenille robe. The well-known scripture that comes to my mind here is Proverbs 22:6: “*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*” Although I have strayed from the church many times while growing up and as an

adult, I still remember the things I learned way back in my Sunday School and Confirmation classes. I have many fond memories of the Sunday School teachers and the other kids. And yes, I am old now, but I will not depart from those things I learned!

If only all mothers could send their children up the street to learn the story of Jesus. What a different world we would live in today. If my mom would not have sent me up that street, I probably would not be writing this column every month! Most mothers and even some grandmothers today did not get sent to church to learn about Jesus. My prayers are for mothers to know Jesus, to become Godly women and to raise their children to know Jesus. I pray that mothers would have the character of the “Virtuous Woman” described in Proverbs 31:10-31. Here are just a few of the verses in Proverbs 31:

- “*She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.*” Proverbs 31:20
- “*Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.*” Proverbs 31:25
- “*She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*” Proverbs 31:26
- “*Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”* Proverbs 31:28-29
- “*Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*” Proverbs 31:30

Wishing all mothers a Happy Mother’s Day with a prayer that they would consider sending their children up the street to the Sunday School to learn about Jesus.



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3 Divisions:

- Kids under 16 • Amateur • Professional

All cakes must have a "fire" theme.

Cash prizes for the top 3 places in each division.

Cakes will be auctioned off with all proceeds going to the Walcott Fire Department.

Cakes need to be delivered to the Walcott Legion by 4 p.m. on May 15.

Any questions contact Bridget Geigle at 340-2373.



Legion Breakfast

Open to the public

Blue Grass Legion Home
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Pancakes**Biscuits & Gravy**Scrambled Eggs
Sausage**Potatoes**Cinnamon Rolls

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