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# Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## NEWSLETTER

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## WALCOTT DAY CELEBRATES DISNEY

### EVENTS ON FRIDAY, JULY 16

Events at Prairie View Park, West Parkview Drive

6:00 - 7:30 pm Pork Chop Sandwich Dinner (Proceeds to Lions Scholarship Fund)  
7:30 - 8:30 pm Kid's Fun Run  
DUSK Fireworks!

### EVENTS ON SATURDAY, JULY 17

Events at Victory Park, 202 East Otis Street

8:00 - 9:00 am 5K Run/Walk  
10:30 am Parade (Registration at Liqui-Grow 8:30 - 10:00 am)  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Car Show  
• 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Registration  
• 1:00 - 2:00 pm Judging  
• 3:00 pm Awards  
After Parade - 4:30 pm Kids Games  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Apple Pie Contest and Auction  
• 9:00 - 11:00 am Pie Drop-Off  
• 11:30 am Judging  
• 2:30 pm Auction  
Noon Flag Raising Ceremony  
Afternoon Tractor Show  
12:15 pm Bags Tournament (Registration 11:00 AM)  
12:15 - 5:00 pm Bounce House ♦ Big Slide ♦ Kiddy Playground  
12:30 - 5:30 pm Gamez2Go Video Gaming Bus  
1:00 pm Outhouse Races  
1:00 - 3:00 pm Bingo  
1:00 - 4:00 pm Walcott Historical Society Museum Open House  
2:00 pm Pedal Tractor Pull (Registration 12:15 - 12:45 PM)  
2:30 pm Scavenger Hunt - Teams of 4 ages 10 - 18  
(Registration 12:15 - 1:00 PM at the Communications Tent)  
2:00 - 4:00 pm Kid's Water Fights  
3:00 - 6:00 pm Entertainment by Buddy Olson  
4:30 - 8:00 pm Evening Meal  
6:00 pm Evening Ceremony and Crowning of Princess & Queen  
6:00 pm Prize Drawing (During Evening Ceremony)  
7:30 - 11:30 pm Dance to "Pocket Change"

## FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

For Further Information, Call 563-505-1165 • Events Subject to Change

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)  
WALCOTT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
P.O. Box 388  
Walcott, IA 52773

**Council meetings July 6 and 19 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Planning & Zoning Meeting July 12 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Notice:**

During the pandemic, the City absorbed the customer’s service fees relating to online electronic checks paid at the City’s website and all credit and debit card payments.

Effective July 1, 2021, those fees will be reinstated. There is a service fee of \$1.50 + 2.35% of the transaction amount for all credit and debit payments and \$1.50 for all electronic checks. This service fee is charged by a third-party company to cover the cost of the secure and convenient payment service.

Alternate payment options (without fees) will remain in place and include automatic withdraw (ACH) from your checking or savings account on the 20th of the month which ensures no late fees. Forms to sign up for EZ-Pay are available at City Hall and at the City’s website, www.cityofwalcott.com.

**County Culvert Replacement Projects**

The Scott County Engineer’s Office has notified the City of the following projects near Walcott:


- **Culvert replacement project on the gravel road, 60th Avenue, ½ mile south of W. Memorial Road.** 60th Avenue will be closed to through traffic between W. Memorial Road and 165th Street during

construction of the project. The contractor has indicated that construction may start in late July or early August and could last up to three months.

- **Culvert replacement project on 200th Street/Walcott Road.** This street will be closed to through traffic between Main Street and 70th Avenue/Blue Grass Road during the construction of the project. However, the intersection at 200th Street/Walcott Road and 70th Avenue/Blue Grass Road, located just east of the project, will remain open. A detour route will be signed along 70th Avenue/Blue Grass Road, Memorial Road, and Main Street. The contractor has indicated that construction may start in August and could last up to three months.

**Reminders**

- If you need to contact the Police Department, please call 911 for emergencies or the Scott County Sheriff’s non-emergency number at 388-3904 to have an officer dispatched.
- The Walcott City Code requires that all grass and weeds be kept shorter than six inches.
- The Splash Pad is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The water can be activated when you step on the sensor, located on the north side of concrete (on the right side when you approach the pad). After a set period of time, the splash pad will automatically shut off and remain off unless it is activated again by another tap on the sensor.
- The Walcott City Code prohibits the use of fireworks, except for fireworks displays, by a competent operator that has obtained a permit by the City. If you have any complaints regarding illegal fireworks use, please contact the Scott County Sheriff’s non-emergency number at 388-3904 to have an officer dispatched.



**Walcott Volunteer Fire Department**

**May 2021 Calls**

EMS.....	33
FIRE.....	3
OTHER.....	4
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<b>MONTH .....</b>	<b>40</b>
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## Business Spotlight

### Walcott Mutual Insurance Association

Welcome Leslie Hildebrant, President WMIA

Congratulations to Nancy Arp

This month, the Walcott Chamber spotlights one of our oldest member businesses, Walcott Mutual Insurance Association. With a humble beginning in 1856, a group of farmers joined together to form Mutual Fire Insurance. In 1919 the name was changed to Farmers Mutual of Scott County and in 1972 it merged with Walcott Mutual Insurance Association. The mutual is 165 years old this year, Iowa's oldest county mutual. Affiliated with Grinnell Mutual, Walcott Mutual is represented by several agencies including Arp Insurance (Walcott), Doty Insurance (Durant) and Associated Insurance Counselors of LeClaire, all offering a full line of insurance for farm and home.

Walcott Mutual provides insurance in four counties: Scott, Cedar, Muscatine and Clinton. Current board members include Dave Madden, Tyler Esbaum, Gene Westphal, Mike Paustian, Sandy Liebbe, Randy Spies, Rick Sorgenfrey, Terry Ralfs, and Brent Arp. There are four employees at the mutual. Nancy Arp, who has been an indispensable icon in the office, started in September of 1986 and became the president in March of 1996. After 35 years she is ready to step down as the President and Treasurer and hand the torch over to Leslie Hildebrant. Leslie began working at the mutual in February of 2021 and was named President and Treasurer in April of 2021. Nancy will remain at the office part-time while she trains Leslie until she fully retires. In the meantime, on her days off, she plans to spend time with her grandchildren and enjoy the summer. Other employees at the mutual are Steph Claussen, Asst. Manager and Larry Schlapkohl, Inspector.



Leslie Hildebrant has always had insurance as a part of her life. Her parents, Robin and Trudy Beert, were insurance agents and owned an insurance agency (Beert-McCoy Insurance) when she was growing up.

Leslie is a very personable addition to Walcott Mutual. She is a local gal who lives in Davenport but grew up in Long Grove. She graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in 2011. She is married to her husband Billy, has an 8-month-old son named Fletcher, and loves to spend time with family and friends.

Be sure to check out Walcott Mutual Insurance Association for your insurance needs. Or, just stop in to meet Leslie and congratulate Nancy on a long and successful career and wish her a wonderful retirement. Walcott Mutual is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can reach the office at 563-284-6243 or email [wmia@mchsi.com](mailto:wmia@mchsi.com). The website is [walcottmutual.com](http://walcottmutual.com).



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## Walcott Historical Society

The many flags we have seen in Walcott recently to honor our veterans have been so impressive. We are continuing to receive donations of items you wish to share for the display "A Salute to our Veterans" which will be ready for Walcott Day 2021. Military items from the Civil War forward, or a photo of your veteran and any items you wish to loan would be appreciated.



We also will be exhibiting school items for a "School Reunions" display. So, check to see if you have any items from your school years to share. We are looking forward to a great Walcott Day after a year of isolation and staying safe at home. It will be great to be out and see everyone again.

If you are interested in the great history of our area, we would love to have you join us as we preserve memories from the past. Please contact Karla Burt 284-6839, or Karen Puck, 284-6438.

## Walcott Lions Club Get the Goods Giveaway

The Walcott Lions Club is sponsoring a "Get the Goods Giveaway" raffle. Prizes include HyVee and Fairway grocery gift cards. Proceeds will be split 50/50. Drawing will be held on August 10, 2021. Need not be present to win. Cost of the tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any Lions Club member. The more you buy the more you win!

## Walcott American Legion



American Legion Post 548 members Harlan Kundel (left) and Dick Newcomb (standing far right) presented a check for \$1000 to Band of Brothers Motorcycle Club, Chapter Yankee Company of Moline, Illinois.

## Walcott Legion Auxiliary

Walcott Legion Auxiliary members will be hosting a Membership Drive on Sunday, July 11, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Walcott Legion Post Home, 121 W. Bryant Street. Current members are welcome to come (wear your shirt if you have one) and meet with people who are interested in joining our organization. We want to let you know who we are, what we do and why we matter!

People who would like to join are eligible by being related to a veteran. If you are a spouse of someone who served, or a mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, great granddaughter, adopted or stepdaughter you are eligible.

If you value patriotism, responsible citizenship, volunteerism and advocacy of veterans, the military and their families, you will feel right at home in the Walcott American Legion Auxiliary. Patriotism and veterans advocacy are so important to the American Legion Auxiliary that for nearly a century we've been serving, educating, and giving to America's finest - our service men and women.

Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend who would be eligible to join. If you have any questions about this event, please call Elaine Arp at 284-5090 or Mary Golinghorst at 284-6556.



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# The 2021 Walcott Day Queen and Princess Contestants

## For Queen:



**Ella Heggen**

Sponsor: BSA Girls Troop 670

Parents: Amber Heggen and Jason Heggen Sr.

Attends: Walcott and going into 6th grade



**McKenna Ware**

Sponsor: R&R Recovery

Parents: Robert and Melissa Ware

Attends: Walcott and going into 6th grade

## For Princess:



**Ashlyn Ann Burt**

Sponsor:

Burt Clinic of Chiropractic

Parents:

Dr. Austin and Kari Burt

Attends:

Hopewell Elementary and going into 3rd grade.



**Cora Jean Matzen**

Sponsor: Merry Manes's Lesson Barn Durant

Parents:

Lucas and Haley Matzen

Attends:

Walcott Elementary and going into 3rd grade.



**Cheyenne Kinlee Orcutt**

Sponsor: BWP Sales

Parents: Rachael Miedema and Jordan Orcutt

Attends:

Durant Elementary and going into 3rd grade.



**Olivia Paz Upegui**

Sponsor:

Walcott Veterinary Clinic

Parents: Jose Upegui and Kayla Maynard (Stepdad Louie Allers)

Attends:

Walcott Elementary school and going into 3rd grade.



**Mia Ware**

Sponsor: Beach Pub

Parents:

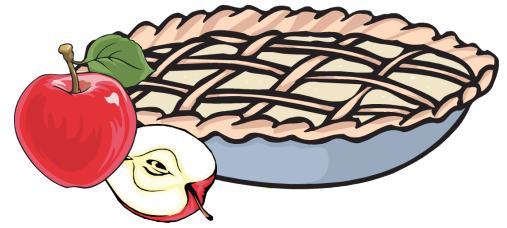
Robert and Melissa Ware

Attends:

Walcott Elementary and going into 3rd grade.

## Walcott Day Pie Baking Contest

*The flavor this year is Apple!*



### Prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> \$100 | 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75 | 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50

4<sup>th</sup> \$25 | 5<sup>th</sup> \$15

Grand prize winner receives a ceramic pie dish!

### Rules:

- Pies must be DOUBLE-CRUST (can use lattice crust but no crumb toppings allowed).
- Pie crust must be made with LARD.
- Pies must be made with APPLES.
- Pies must be baked in either an 8" or 9" non-returnable aluminum foil pan. Please make sure your name, address, and phone number are on the bottom of the pie pan.
- One entry per person.
- Pies must be entered at Victory Park (under tent in SE corner) on July 17 between 9:00-11:00 a.m. Pies received after 11 a.m. will not be judged, but will be available for auction only.
- Judging begins at 11:30 a.m.
- Pie auction will begin at approximately 2:30 p.m. Winners will be announced starting with juniors, seniors, then grand prize.
- Grand prize is chosen between the 1st place senior and junior winners.
- All pies entered become property of the Walcott Day Committee.

If you have any questions please contact Angie Ehlers at 563-529-0325.



# Welcome New Chamber Member

Rock Valley Physical Therapy

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## 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 AUGUST ISSUE IS JULY 20!**  
**Tell your friends & neighbors**

that the Walcott Chamber Newsletter

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**Walcott City Hall**  
**Walcott Mutual Insurance**  
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### Get Your Newsletter in the Mail

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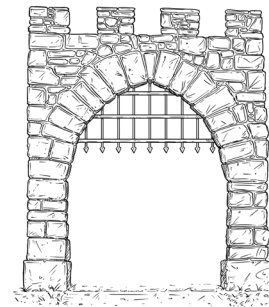
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## Lean on Me

Submitted by Linda Titus

*“The Gothic arch was a very popular structure in medieval architecture. The primary advantage of the arch was its strength and stability, which it derived from the fact that each stone in the arch leaned on the one beside it. This system of mutual support enabled the construction of much larger structures than might otherwise have been built. The Gothic arch could be a symbol of the church. The very fact that we need one another gives the church its strength. And the minute we decide to stop leaning on one another, we fall.”* (source: *Why is edification important in the life of a Christian?*, Got Questions Ministries, [www.gotquestions.com/Christian-edification.html](http://www.gotquestions.com/Christian-edification.html))



Such a tough and strange world we are living in. People treat people with anger, with contempt, and they can be so mean. Even those we love, our family members, and our friends can tear us down and their words leave us wounded.

The above quote seemed so appropriate with what the spirit was leading me to write about this month—the term *edify*. Edify means to uplift, to enlighten, to support, and to build up. The apostle Paul states that his goal, his reason for his apostolic ministry was to *build-up* the church. We as believers are the church, the body of Christ. In Ephesians 4:16, Paul states, *“from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”*

It is Christ’s love that we need to emulate and by showing and demonstrating this love to one another, it makes each of us stronger. It helps to give us the ability to cope with the fiery arrows coming at us to shoot us down and weaken us. The support it lends is comparable to the stone in the arches that lean on one another.

When I was growing up, I remember my grandmother telling us that if we do not have anything nice to say about someone, we shouldn’t say anything at all. This is really not easy, but she actually did live by this. I never heard her say anything bad about anyone! Her mother died when she was a young woman and her father sent her and one of her sisters to live with their aunt. The other two children stayed with her father. The aunt, who really didn’t want the responsibility, used the girls to do all the cooking, cleaning, and laundry, treating them like her personal servants. Grandma never said anything bad about this very mean and spiteful women, although she said it was very hard living with her. My grandma was so loving to her grandchildren. She was always a source of comfort and safety. She built us up, made us feel special, important and gave us self-esteem. She taught us so much, most of which I still incorporate into my life every day.

There are opportunities all around us. People are hurting and need a good word. When someone in your life lets you know that they are troubled or hurting, why not listen for a change. God may be prompting you to give this person support—a stone to lean on. Give them encouragement for strength to go on. Ephesians 4:29 tells us, *“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”* A hit song from 1972 by Bill Withers called “Lean on Me” has a refrain that is a great example to follow:

Lean on me  
When you’re not strong  
And I’ll be your friend  
I’ll help you carry on...  
For it won’t be long  
‘Til I’m gonna need somebody to lean on

Let’s be more of a part of a mutual support system like the Gothic arch for when we stop leaning on one another, we fall.

# Calvary United Methodist Church

Submitted by Pastor Joy Mitchell



## Temporary vs. Eternal

“So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is **eternal**.” 2 Corinthians 4:18

Perhaps when we get a grasp on the temporary verses the eternal our expectations here on earth wouldn't be destroyed so often. Perhaps grief would be less and joy would be more.

In the last few months this word temporary has rolled through my mind often. As a foster parent, we agree to temporary placements. Our first commitment is to work toward reunification of the child and birth family, which means temporary. (Even if we fall in love, and selfishly desire more time.) We are given and agree to this arrangement, desiring the very best for the child, with no knowledge of how long our time together may be. It may be one month, or six, it may be 9 months or a year and a half. But whether we know the duration or not, what we do know is that it is temporary.

Even with our own kids that are birthed and raised in the same family, this arrangement is temporary. At some point, usually around the age of 18, kids fly the coop. You hope to have raised them well and given them all they need to succeed in the world. You hope they will call and come home for visits, but the time raising them under your roof is temporary.

Expectations are powerful things. Usually they are quite invisible, and often we don't realize we have them until they are not met. We may have expectations of our children, parents, or families and even our own health and bodies that we don't realize until they are not met. We may have expectations of eternal, when all parts of life outside of the kingdom of God are truly temporary. Our homes, our farms, our buildings, our jobs, schools, even our good health... it's all just temporary. We can restore and refurbish and keep things going for years upon years, but none of it is truly eternal. Eventually these too will wither away.

There is one thing that is eternal. And that is our God and Savior. Because of the ways that God has worked in the world and the ways he broke the curse of sin and death, we can also live eternally. Truly my spirit and yours can go on. In new bodies—Heavenly bodies. We will worship and enjoy the Lord forever in heaven.

What do you expect today? Where do you need to re-align your thinking from the temporary to the eternal? Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.



## Food Trucks at S&V Fence 1101 N Main St, Walcott Schedule for July

### Here's the Scoop

#### Ice Cream

Thursday, July 8, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Simba's

#### Hamburgers and hotdogs

Friday, July 16, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### La Flama

#### Mexican Food

Wednesday, July 21, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Calvary United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School

School may have come to an end, but there is still summer Vacation Bible School at Walcott Calvary United Methodist Church. Vacation Bible School will be held July 26, 27 and 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

You may register by calling 284-6213 or e-mailing to [seccalvary@mchsi.com](mailto:seccalvary@mchsi.com). There is a \$5 fee. Children who will be entering kindergarten through children entering the 6th grade in the fall are eligible. Put VBS on your calendar and plan to have your children join us!

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