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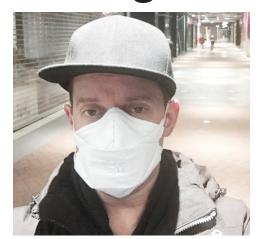
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## Living in a COVID-19 quarantined world



Andrew Crooks describes living near Wuhan, China

By Derek Sawvell Managing Editor, Advocate News

With the novel coronavirus COVID-19 continuing to spread nationwide, information on what the public, cities, schools and businesses are to do is ever changing.

It is spreading within Iowa as well. Gov. Kim Reynolds has held several press conferences within the last week, keeping Iowans informed of recommendations while working with information from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As of March 16, courtesy of the CDC, there are 3,487 cases in the U.S. and 68 deaths, with the virus present in 49 of 50 states, including Washington, D.C. Of the 3,487 cases at the time, 205 are travel related, 214 are from close contact and 3,068 are under investigation.

According to IDPH, 156 people in Iowa are being monitored for COVID-19 through March 16. There are 22 cases of COVID-19 statewide, with 15 being in Johnson County.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds recommended March 15 that schools close for four weeks. The Wilton and Durant school districts complied, closing their doors March 16. They will remain closed until April 13.

The spread of COVID-19 originated in Wuhan, China. Former Wilton High School graduate Andrew Crooks lives closer to ground zero of the COVID-19 pandemic than perhaps anyone with local ties to the Wilton-Durant

Crooks (pictured at left wearing a mask while in public in China), a 2000 WHS grad, went onto the University of Northern Iowa, where he received a BFA in fine art and photography. He received a MFA in photography from the University of New Mexico in 2008.

From 2008-13 he was teaching in Japan and working on art. He moved to Beijing in 2013 and started teaching at Central Academy of fine Arts. "In 2018 I moved to Suzhou, China to start a brewery with my friend, Brad Kuhl, from Miami. We opened last summer and have  $been \, running \, the \, business \, since, "said \, Crooks.$ 

The brewery is called Twin Tails Brewing Co. in Suzhou, China. The website is www. twintailsbrewing.com.

The Advocate News asked Crooks to tell of his experience with COVID-19. What follows is an excerpt from an email he sent to AN Editor Derek Sawvell:

I don't live in Wuhan. I live in Suzhou city in Jiangsu prefecture. Near Wuhan, but not hit nearly so bad. We got in the partial quarantine, not a full lockdown, though it basically completely shut down. All restaurants, shops, non-essential businesses were forced to shut down. Some places still did delivery-only service and Yum brand fast food places adopted a 'contactless delivery' service. On the sales receipt it has the worker's name and body temp along with the delivery driver's name and temp. Pretty cool, and made it safer to get food deliveries.

For me personally, our brewery has been affected significantly. As it's a brewpub, we haven't been allowed to open up again, but are currently doing take-out beer and food orders with some success. We shut the brewpub down on Jan. 20 and planned on opening on Jan 30. However, that's when we learned of the outbreak. Everyone here freaked out, as all Chinese people remember the SARS epidemic, which has a higher case fatality rate than this one, but COVID-19 far surpassed SARS in terms of contagiousness, spread, infected patients, serious cases and total deaths by quite a lot. It's a pretty horrible virus because the RO (amount of people a host spreads to) is so high, 4-plus in most instances. The only



In what will certainly be the last performance for quite some time in the Wilton High School gym, the Wilton Stepperettes hosted their annual Spring Show March 14, featuring several group and individual performances. Members of the Stepperettes are pictured above during one of their many kick routines. The Durant Dance Team (below) was also invited to perform and hosted its own spring show in the Durant High School gym March 13. More photos will be available to view at wdadvocatenews.com. Photos by Derek Sawvell



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## Area schools to close four weeks as COVID-19 spreads

By Derek Sawvell

Managing Editor, Advocate News

As the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic spread last week nationwide, including in Iowa, Gov. Kim Reynolds held several press conferences, with perhaps the most significant being Sunday, March 15, when she recommended that schools around the state close for four weeks in order to decrease the spreading of the virus.

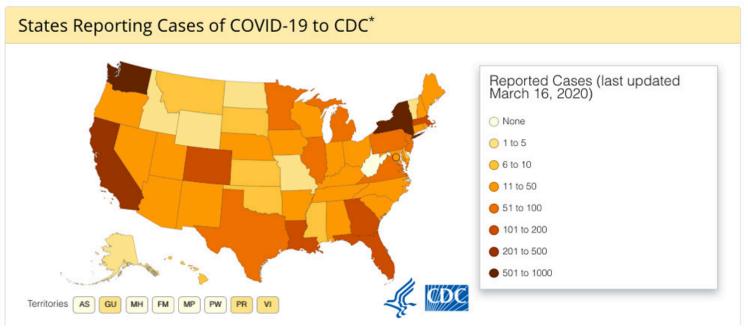
Wilton, Durant and Bennett schools complied, shutting down immediately starting March 16. School will not restart until April 13. Joe Burnett, who serves as superintendent at both Wilton and Durant, said he met with administrative staff March 16, "trying to put together an operational plan to meet the needs of students and staff as best we can. If you would have told me a month ago we wouldn't be having school for a month, I wouldn't have believed it.'

Administrative offices within Wilton and Durant schools remain open. A meeting was held with school staffs March 17. There will also be no athletic practices, contests or extracurricular activities held at the schools during the 4-week shutdown.

"We can only prepare for what we know today," added Burnett. "We're doing a deep clean of our facilities. I always tell people we'll do two things: 1. Follow the guidelines of the Iowa Department of Public Health and the governor; 2. Use common sense for the well being of our students."

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds said the Iowa Legislature is working on a bill to waive the time missed at K-12 due to the 4-week shutdown, hopefully allowing schools to still finish on time. She said it will include a waiver also giving her the authority to extend the period if needed.

Reynolds also announced March 16 that one more case of COVID-19 had been found in Dallas County. The state will soon be able to process 108 tests per day and it takes around 24 hours to get results. She said for now, stores in Iowa will remain open and stressed for shoppers to only buy weekly essentials "so



The map above, courtesy of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows states with confirmed coronavirus COVID-19 cases. Iowa had 22 confirmed cases as of March 16. (Note that numbers likely changed after press time.)

that all Iowans can be served."

She stressed all Iowans practicing social distancing during the shutdown of schools and some services. "It takes all of us to work together to protect your own health," she said.

#### Cities taking precautions

City offices and services in the towns of Wilton and Durant are also reacting to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wilton City Administrator Chris Ball submitted the following:

The community center is closed until further notice. City Hall will be closing to foot traffic. Cash payments should be made in the exact amount and put in an envelope to be set on the counter. Call city hall if you don't have your bill stub. City services will continue as normal as possible. The library is still open, but they are limiting the number of people using the computers. (Editor's note: It was later noted that the library is now closed.)

The city of Wilton park bathrooms will not

be opened until April 15. We will keep our Facebook page updated.

Durant City Clerk Deana Cavin said the following:

Most city facilities will operate as normal until further notice. The community center can be reached by phone; there are no office hours at this time. We do encourage people to use the drop boxes for paying bills at City Hall and Durant Municipal Electric. City park restrooms do not open until mid-April and council has decided to stick with that schedule. Parents need to plan accordingly.

Local extracurricular ball leagues will not be practicing until further notice. The city will continue to monitor not only supplies but recommendations, reports, and/or mandates. We recommend elderly and children are kept home and away from large gatherings.

The library is also closed as the Scott County Library System has closed all of its libraries through April 1.

Since the number of Iowa cases is expected

to continue to rise, it is recommended Iowans take certain precautions, similar as with the

\* Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

\* Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

\*Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

\* Cover your cough or sneeze.

\* Stay home if you are sick or becoming sick.

If you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with symptoms, call ahead to your doctor's office to let them know.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus or https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html.

## CDC to award Iowa \$6,347,828 in support of COVID-19 response

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced another upcoming action by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide \$6,347,828 in funding to Iowa in support of their response efforts to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

"State and local health departments are on the frontlines of responding to the COVID-19 outbreak, and we are deeply grateful for their work," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "CDC is distributing this new funding extremely rapidly, as called for by Congress. President Trump, and his entire administration will continue working to ensure state and local jurisdictions have the resources they need to keep Americans safe and healthy."

"Our state, local, tribal and territorial public health partners are on the front lines of the COVID-19 response. The action we are taking today will continue to support their efforts to increase public health capacity where it's needed most," said CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, M.D. "These funds will allow pub-

lic health leaders to implement critical steps necessary to contain and mitigate spread of the virus in communities across the country."

On Friday, March 6, the president signed the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020. The supplemental contains \$8.3 billion government-wide, with resources directed for grants or cooperative agreements to states, localities, territories and tribes to accelerate planning and operational readiness for COVID-19 preparedness and response, as well as develop tools and strategies, provide

technical assistance and program support, as well as ensure ongoing communication and coordination among public health agencies and partners throughout the response.

CDC is contacting state health officers to move forward with awarding over \$560 million to states, localities, territories and tribes. CDC will use existing networks to reach out to state and local jurisdictions to access this initial funding.

For more information about this virus, please visit CDC's website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

# Cedar County website launched to provide COVID-19 information

Cedar County Emergency Management, in conjunction with Cedar County Public Health, has launched an informational webpage regarding the county's response to the COVID-19 pandemic: www.cedarcountycovid19.org

Jodi Freet, Director of Cedar County Emergency Management, said, "We know that the amount of incorrect information regarding COVID-19 being shared through social media and other avenues is very overwhelming to our Cedar County residents. After consulting with our partners at Cedar County Public Health, this website was launched to provide a 'onestop location' for local information sharing and guidance throughout the duration of the COVID-19 event."

The website, available at www.cedar-countycovid19.org, provides links to official sources and information about the COVID-19 virus and will also include information received from Cedar County businesses regarding reduced hours, reduced staffing and any

other changes in business operations in attempt to stop the community spread of this illness. Businesses, churches, community groups and other organizations serving Cedar County are encouraged to email Freet at jfreet@cedar-county.org with changes to typical operations so that this information can be shared on the www.cedarcountycovid19.org website as well. Freet also urged the public to remain calm, and not to panic about COVID-19.

"The most important thing to keep in mind is that residents can make a difference in the community spread of this illness. Practicing good hand washing, covering your cough, and observing social distancing will make a difference," emphasized Bonnie Butler, interim Director, Cedar County Public Health. "For those without access to the Internet, residents can call the Iowa Department of Public Health Information line at 211 or Cedar County Public Health at 563-886-2226 with questions about this changing situation."

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Karli Langley received a Superior I Rating and placed in the top 10 in Class III at the Iowa State Dance & Drill Team Association Solo Competition held in Newton in November. Karli is a freshman at Wilton High School and a member of the Wilton Stepperettes dance team. Karli has participated in competitive dance for the past six years with River City All-Stars Dance & Tumbling. This year she is competing in jazz solo, tap trio and lyrical, hip hop, tap and jazz large groups. Contributed photo

## Assistance for those affected by COVID-19 layoffs

DES MOINES – Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced assistance for workers and employers impacted by layoffs related to COVID-19. The guidance includes information for employees filing for unemployment insurance claims, as well as information on programs available for employers.

"Iowa has incredible employers accommodating the needs of Iowans during the disruption caused by COVID-19," said Gov. Reynolds. "The state of Iowa is doing everything we can to ease the process and shorten the time it will take for Iowans to receive unemployment benefits. All of our state agencies continue to work as one team to lessen the impact COVID-19 will have on our economy and our people."

"Iowa Workforce Development is taking steps to reduce the impact of these claims on employers who have had to temporarily lay off staff due to closures or slowdowns," said IWD Director Beth Townsend. "IWD encourages all employers to utilize paid leave and telework options for employees before utilizing temporary layoffs. Iowa Workforce Development will continue to monitor the situation, working with our stakeholders and updates will be released on our webpage."

#### **Unemployment insurance claims**

If you are laid off due to COVID-19 or have to stay home to self isolate, care for family members or due to illness related to COVID-19, you can receive unemployment benefits, provided you meet all other eligibility requirements. Those requirements essentially include working for wages from an employer who claims you as an employee in six of the last 18 months and have earned at least \$2,500 in the same time period. More specific explanation of benefit eligibility can be found at: https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/2019-unemployment-insurance-claimant-handbook.

Claimants can expect to receive payment within 7-10 days after the date the claim is

filed.

Claims that are filed and identified as a direct or indirect result of COVID-19, will not be charged to employers. Fact-finding interviews for these claims will be waived and not be held although employers will be notified of claims received.

IWD will process unemployment insurance payments to ensure payment will continue to be paid in a timely manner.

"The Iowa Workforce Development team is dedicated to providing assistance to employees and employers affected by COVID-19. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or our team for assistance at 1-866-239-0843," said Director Townsend.

For more information, visit www. IowaWorkforceDevelopment.gov. Updates will be released as they become available.

## Wilton Easter Egg Hunt April 11 canceled

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Wilton City Park is canceled due to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and the recommendations made by Governor Reynolds, which include refraining from events with crowds of more than 10 people during the COVID-19 crisis



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610 W. 6th St., Wilton

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118 E. 5th St., Wilton
Very large 4 bedroom 2 bathroom home with single stall garage and alley access on a corner lot in Wilton. The second level of the home was completely remodeled from the studs out, vinyl windows, newer steel roof, new front porch and vinyl siding. New Tankless water heater and softener in 2017, new kitchen flooring in 2018, spacious pantry, formal dining room, whirlpool tub and complete appliance package seal the deal. Call today, homes are not lasting long in this market.

1133 Rallie Lane, Moscow

Come take a look at this 3 bedroom, 4

bathroom home with attached 2 stall ga-

rage, 24'x36' workshop, wood boiler heat option, 24' pool and large deck and patio.

Quiet rural subdivision on a paved road

between Wilton and Moscow. Main level Master suite with vaulted ceilings, open

living room and kitchen concept with

gas fireplace, main level laundry, newer

stainless steel appliances, finished walk out lower level including a game room



612 W. Wate St., Wilton

eat north end location just across the eet from The Meadows Sub Division in Iton sits this 3 bedroom 3 bathroom home Wilton sits this 3 bedroom 3 bathroom home with partially finished walk out lower level home with fenced yard and 12 x 15 patio. Main level has a large living room, dining room, oak kitchen, 3 bedrooms with master bathroom and main bathroom all with new interior doors. The finished lower level has newer carpeting in the spacious family room and the other half of the basement is currently unfinished, but is large enough for a game room, wet bar, etc. Fresh clean interior paint with modern color choices. Come take a look.

706 9th St., Durant

Located just a few blocks from the school in an established neighborhood on the north side of Durant awaits this 3 bedroom 2 bathroom ranch. No need

to worry about updates on the exterior of this home

to worly about updates on the externion of this holders new roof, Anderson Casement Windows, vinyl siding exterior doors and concrete driveway are all new in 2018. The interior features 3 bedrooms on the main floor and a 4th non conforming bedroom in the base-ment. The partially finished basement also includes a construction and conforming the control of the conformation of conformation of the conformation of conformation of the conformation of c

ec room, bathroom and even another kitchen. And HOW could I forget an attached 4 stall garage that is completely dry walled, insulated and heated! All appliances stay as well. You have got to check this out!



1101 6th St., Durant Wow, this is a flip house by Paper's Construction Co that you must check out! This is a 3 bdrm, 2 story house located on a corner lot across from the city park in Durant. The existing house was torn down to the studs. From there it has been totally remodeled to include all new plumbing, heating, electrical, roof, soffit, siding, windows, drywall, doors and trim, cabinets and flooring. Sounds like a new house doesn't at Inisneu passing with the impressive staircase. Make this a complete appliance package, com room walls, and the impressive staircase. Make this nouse a must see! Listing agent is the owner. This property qualifies for Durant's 7 year tax abatement



600 15th Ave., Durant

Well kept 4 bedroom, 4 bathroom 2 story home located on the East end of Durant nome located on the Last end of Durant. It is located on a large lot with nice sized trees and mature landscaping on a dead end street. The outside is maintenance free and has a 2 year old roof. The inside features 4 bedrooms, master bathroom with whirlpool tub, 4 seasons room and a finished basement with 4th bedroom. This home is ready to move into with



108 W 5th St., Wilton

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used as storage, but has endless possi-

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58 Walnut St., Tipton

Check out this cozy 2 bedroom home on a quiet street in Tipton offering a large

kitchen with lovely custom counter tops fresh flooring and paint throughout, full

basement, and a detached 2 car garage

215 W. 6th St,. Wilton

Come take a look at this 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home on half a block in Wilton. Very spacious 70' x 234' lot with screened front porch, storage shed and a large barn with heat that has beer converted into a 2 stall garage. Quality craftsmanship from 1878 the home still has most of the original doors and trim. New carpet throughout most of the home and fresh interior paint with modern colors will also give you the feel of a new home. Very large main level with an island kitchen, sitting room, dining room, living room 1/2 bathroom and formal living room. The second level has 3 bedrooms, full bathroom and a walk up partially finished attic that is great for storage



615 Crestview, Tipton corner lot and walk out lower level in

Tipton! 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home with partially finished lower level. Recent updates include New Steel Roof, rear entry door and vinyl windows in 2017. Well maintained vard with small back deck and storage shed as well. Nice quiet location.



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## Gov. Reynolds issues a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency

DES MOINES—Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency activating the public health response and recovery aspects of the State Disaster Emergency Plan effective at noon March 17.

It takes significant steps to require social distancing and limit community spread of the virus by implementing temporary measures including moving restaurants to drive-through, carryout and delivery only and closures of certain entities such as bars and recreational facilities. The proclamation also allows state agencies additional flexibility in responding to the unprecedented COVID-19 situation, and supports the critical work of public health.

These are unprecedented times and the state of Iowa will do whatever is necessary to address this public health disaster. I have authorized all available state resources, supplies, equipment and materials to combat the spread of COVID-19," said Gov. Reynolds. "The actions taken today are necessary to protect the health and safety of all Iowans and are critical to mitigating the spread of the

Read the full text of the proclamation

\* The World Health Organization has reported an outbreak of thousands of cases of Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in multiple countries, causing illness and deaths;

\* On Jan. 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency;

\* On March 9, a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency was issued to coordinate the state of Iowa's response to this outbreak and such disaster continues to exist; and

\* On March 11, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; and

\* On March 13, President Donald Trump issued a proclamation declaring that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

\* Multiple cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Iowa, and the Iowa Department of Public Health has determined that community spread of COVID-19 is occurring within our state; and

\* Reports forwarded by local public health officials and state public health officials indicate that local resources and capacities are being exhausted and state assistance and resources are necessary to respond to and recover from the effects of this public health disaster: and

\*Local jurisdictions may not have sufficient personnel and other resources to effectively conduct epidemiologic investigations of infectious disease outbreaks, provide medical care, and respond to health threats; and

\* COVID-19 can spread person-to-person and poses a possibility of causing severe ill-

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ness in certain populations and disability and/ or death to certain Iowans. Likewise, reports forwarded by federal, state, and local officials indicate that state assistance is needed to manage and contain this outbreak; and

- \* The risk of transmission of COVID-19 may be substantially reduced by separating and restricting the movement of persons known or suspected to have the disease, or who have been exposed to those known or suspected to have the disease; and
- \* The risk of transmission of COVID-19 may be substantially reduced by community containment strategies that may include temporarily closing schools in affected communities and other public venues; and
- \* Strict compliance with the provision of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code requiring a certificate of need prior to an institutional health facility operating additional

bed capacity will also prevent or hinder efforts to contain this public health disaster.

\* Strict compliance with the provisions of Iowa law which establish preconditions or which would otherwise limit or restrict the provision of telehealth or telemedicine services and those which require face-to-face interactions with health care providers and requirements for residential and outpatient treatment and face-to-face visitations, would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster in all counties of our state.

Restaurants and Bars: All restaurants and bars are hereby closed to the general public except that to the extent permitted by applicable law, and in accordance with any recommendations of the Iowa Department of Public Health, food and beverages may be sold if such food or beverages are promptly taken from the premises, such as on a carry-out or drive-through basis, or if the food or beverage is delivered to customers off the premises.

**Fitness Center:** All fitness centers, health clubs, health spas, gyms, aquatic centers are hereby closed.

**Theaters:** All theaters or other performance venues at which live performances or motion pictures are shown are hereby closed.

Casinos and Gaming Facilities: All casinos and other facilities conducting pari-mutuel wagering or gaming operations are hereby closed.

Mass Gathering: Social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people are hereby prohibited at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers. Planned large gatherings and events must be canceled or postponed until after termination of this disaster.

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- All flowers or decor must be removed by March 31st.
  - All items can be returned **April 6th**



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# March 23-27 is severe weather awareness week in Iowa

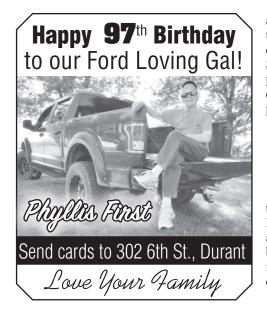
DES MOINES – The Cedar County Emergency Management Agency, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), National Weather Service (NWS), and Iowa Emergency Management Association (IEMA) have joined together to promote Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa. The Iowa Insurance Division (IID) is joining Severe Weather Awareness Week sponsors to highlight the importance of flood insurance and to encourage Iowans to learn what is and is not covered by their property insurance policies.

Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 23-27, is an opportunity to highlight the importance of being aware of, and prepared for, severe weather.

"Being prepared for, and having an awareness of, the variety of severe weather events in Iowa just makes sense," commented Jodi Freet, Cedar County Emergency Management Director. "Through a mindset of preparedness, we can all help to mitigate and minimize the effects of severe weather on our families and our communities."

For each day during Severe Weather Awareness Week, a different subject will be featured:

- Monday Severe thunderstorms
- Tuesday Weather warnings
- Wednesday Tornadoes



#### • Thursday – Family preparedness

• Friday – Flash floods

The annual tornado drill will take place on Wed., March 25, at approximately 10 a.m. Businesses, government agencies, the military, and individuals are strongly encouraged to participate in the drill.

For more information on severe weather preparedness, visit www.beready.iowa.gov, https://ema.cedar-county.org/ or visit Cedar County Emergency Management Agency on Facebook. Information on flood insurance is available through the Iowa Insurance Division's website at https://iid.iowa.gov/other-types-of-insurance.

Additional information about severe weather preparedness and links to local NWS websites are available at www.beready.iowa. gov. Follow HSEMD and NWS on social media using the hashtag #IAwx and #ReadyIowa.

# FAMILY NEWS

## Happy first birthday Hannah!

Hannah Grace Hora celebrated her first birthday recently with family and friends. The daughter of Marcus and Andrea Hora of Marion, Hannah was born Jan. 7, 2019.

Helping Hannah celebrate were her grandparents, Phil and Laura White of Marion, and Doug and Deanna Hora of Wilton, along with great-grandparents Joe and Monyeen Hora of Wilton, Mary Ann Maurer of Wilton, and Marian White of Indianapolis, Indiana.



## Democrats postpone upcoming county conventions

DES MOINES – Regarding the upcoming county conventions on March 21, Iowa Democratic Party Chair Mark Smith released the following statement:

"Today, the Iowa Democratic Party is announcing it will postpone county conventions to a future date to be determined. After extensive consultation with county chairs, the State Central Committee, party leaders, and public health officials, we have come to the determination that the spreading coronavirus poses a risk that outweighs a temporary delay

in moving the caucus-to-convention process forward.

"This is not an easy decision, but we believe it is the right decision. By their design, caucuses are gatherings built around a sense of community, and throughout every step, we have worked to ensure the process is safe and accessible for every Iowan. However, Iowa Democrats should not have to choose between democratic participation and remaining in good health, and concerns for the wellbeing of our delegates, thousands of volunteers,

workers at convention venues, and the public come first.

"It is in Democratic spirit that we will work together to find solutions. We are committed to being as transparent as possible going forward, and rest assured: Iowa will be heard at the DNC Convention."

As of this time, district and state convention planning will proceed as scheduled. For more information on COVID-19 in Iowa, please visit the Iowa Department of Public Health website for the latest updates and safety precautions.

## Regent Universities recall faculty, staff and students overseas

With the continued spread of COVID-19, the Board of Regents has directed each of our Regent Universities to recall all faculty, staff and students that are out of the country. The board is giving each university president the flexibility to make exceptions on a case-bycase basis.

Previously, the board had the universities

recall faculty, staff and students from any country that the CDC designated with a Level 3 travel health notice. This now applies to all countries.

We recognize this decision may cause frustration and hardship, but the COVID-19 pandemic continues to expand worldwide. The Board is taking this action in the interest of the health and safety of everyone.

Governor Reynolds canceled all non-

essential business travel for state agencies, which includes the Regent Universities. The board's rolling 30-day university-sponsored international travel ban remains in effect, and we continue to recommend avoiding travel to any area with high numbers of infection.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation, the board will continue to evaluate this on a daily basis and provide additional guidance if needed.

## **Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak,**

# Public Celebration of the Mass is Temporarily Suspended.

Therefore, until further notice there are to be no public Masses at Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Davenport.

This includes **St. Mary's in Wilton**.

All faith formation classes and activities are cancelled including Wednesday night Lenten devotions.

Baptisims, weddings and funerals may be celebrated with immediate family members only.

If you have any questions or are in need of a priest, please contact **Father David Steinle** at **319-572-6550** or **steinled@diodav.org** 





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## **O**BITUARIES

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Kathy Regennitter

Kathy E. Regennitter, 71, of Cedar Rapids died March 6, 2020. A visitation was held March 10 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with a funeral following. Memorials may be given in Kathy's name to St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Online Condolences may be left at www.cedarmemorial.com under obituaries.

Kathy was born on April 16, 1948 in Clarkston, Washington to Edgar and Ruth Heath. She graduated from Lewis Clark Normal School with a degree in Elementary Education. She married Lysle Regennitter on Feb. 6, 1971 and they started their life together in Cedar Rapids.

Kathy stayed home to care for her sons and also was a daycare provider for many other children throughout the years before she transitioned into the role of a para-educator.

Kathy was very passionate about reading and shared that love with her grandchildren. Kathy and Lysle enjoyed the past five years of their retirement by traveling to many places





around the world. Kathy was an active member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Kathy is survived by her husband Lysle; children, Heath of Marion, Chad (Stacey) of Marion, and George (Stacy) of Le Mars; and eight grandchildren Noelle, Jakob, Jarred, Rebeckah, Andrew, Clairre, Benjamin and Cash.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Neal Heath and sister Mary Beth (Heath) Lopez.

#### Veronna Sorgenfrey

Veronna M. "Tootie" Sorgenfrey, 83, of Durant died Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Courtyard Estates of Walcott. Visitation was held March 17 at the Bentley Funeral Home in Durant. Funeral service was held on March 18 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Durant. Interment will take place at Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church or Courtyard Estates in her memory.

Tootie was born in Scott County on July 8, 1936 to Richard and Verna (Illian) Puck. Tootie married Kenneth W. Sorgenfrey on Sept. 14, 1957 in Davenport. He preceded her in death on Feb. 20, 2010.

She was an active member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, attending Bible studies and a member of the ladies group. She and Kenny were members of the American Guernsey Cattle Club and the Scott County Farm Bureau. Tootie was well known for her baking skills, especially her pies, dinner rolls and tea rings.

She is survived by her daughters Sandra (Jeff) Anderson of Aurora, Colorado, Marilyn

Veronna Sorgenfrey



(Tim) Reimers of Durant, Carol (Bob) Evans of Coralville, Linda (Devon) Miller of Waukee, and Susan Sorgenfrey of Durant; her sons Glenn (Shelly) Sorgenfrey of Durant and Myron (Lis) of Graham, Washington; 20 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, her sisters Leila Dittmer of Wheatland and Jean (Wally) Kelding of Davenport.

She was preceded in death by her husband, sisters Eileen Peterson, Marlene Harmsen and Eunice Puck, and her great-grandson Tanner Reimers.

#### Janet Ketelsen

Janet E. Ketelsen, 83 of Durant died Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Cedar Manor Nursing Home in Tipton. Visitation was held on March 15 at Bentley Funeral Home in Durant. Funeral services were held on March 16 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Durant. Burial will take place next to her husband in the Durant Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church or Camp Courageous in her memory. Online condolences may be left for the family at www. bentleyfuneralhome.com.

Janet was born in Cedar County on March 24, 1936 to Gerhardt and Eleanor (Hein) Kruckenberg. Janet graduated from Lowden High School in 1953. She married William W. Ketelsen on March 12, 1955 in Lowden. Bill preceded her in death on Aug. 23, 2018.

She was a secretary at various businesses and retired from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, where she was a longtime member. She enjoyed





flower gardening, butterflies and reading.

Janet is survived by her two children, Mike (Diane) Ketelsen and Julie (Leo) Chase both of Durant, 6 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 2 step-granddaughters, 3 step-great grandchildren and her sister-in-law Sharon Kruckenberg of Lowden.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill; and her brothers James and Jeffrey Kruckenberg.

## Town Criers

#### Lincoln Bockenstedt

Lincoln Thomas is the name selected for the son born March 2, 2020 to Travis and Allison Bockenstedt of Wilton.

Born at Genesis East in Davenport, Lincoln weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

He is welcomed home by sister, Emery, 4 and brother, Tucker, 2.

Grandparents are Lue Bockenstedt of Dyersville, the late Larry Bockenstedt of Dyersville and Jeff and Paula Grings of Wilton.

Great-grandfather is Jerry Grings of Moscow.

#### **Wesley Janney-Quick**

Wesley Barrett is the name selected for the son born March 9, 2020 to Morgan Janney and Andrew Quick of Waukee.

Born at Methodist West in West Des Moines, Wesley weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long.

He is welcomed home by sister Danica, 5. Grandparents are Lisa Burr of Muscatine, Rick Janney of Wilton, and Marie Ori of Minot, North Dakota.

Great-grandparents are Sue Weeks of Aledo, Illinois and Mario Salazar of Iowa City.

## Bentley COVID-19 message Editor's note: The following was submitted by

Bentley Funeral Home:

Bentley Funeral Home has operated with values that put the families we serve, and the public, first. The safety and well being of everyone is our highest concern.

We are following the CDC guidelines for the prevention of COVID-19 community spread. Our facilities are being disinfected before and after any scheduled service or visitation.

For public visitations, in conjunction with the CDC and family requests, we will do our

best in limiting the number of people in our facilities at any given time. We will discuss options with each family regarding visitations and funeral services.

Your safety is most important to us. If you do not wish to attend due to health concerns, you may leave a condolence message on our

website for the family. We are taking steps to live-stream many of our services with the family's permission.

When making funeral arrangements, we are able to work online and by phone if preferred. If you have any questions, just give us a call at (563) 785-6152.

## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

## **AREA**

Calvary United Methodist, Walcott Rev. Allen Coffin • www.walcottchurch.org 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Praise and Worship Service with Coffee Fellowship to follow

Cedar Valley Church, West Liberty Area Pastor Mary • 563-320-0501 1791 155th St. (South of West Liberty on F70) 5:30 p.m. Sundays - Free Dinner, Worship & Discussion at Living Faith Service 8:30-9:30 a.m. every other Saturday Adult Confirmation Class

Church of Christ, Atalissa Pastor Karl Roberts • (563) 649-2220 8:30-9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30-10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service 10:15-10:45 a.m. Junior Church

Moscow United Methodist Church Jon Gimmy, Pastor • (319) 351-1877 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship

Peace Church of Christ United, UCC www.peacechurchofchristunited.com 414 Maple St., Bennett Pastor Scott Meyer • 563-893-2565 Office hours: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wed-Fri 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Fellowship

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bennett 260 E. 4th St. • 563-890-6619 Pastor Bill Traphagan 7:15 a.m. Bible Class 8:30 a.m. Church Service, followed by Sunday School **Trinity United Church of Christ,** Rural Moscow • Pastor Jon M. Merritt 8 a.m. Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sundays 9 a.m. Worship every Sunday

Zion Lutheran, ELCA, Atalissa (563) 649-3343 10:30 a.m. Worship

#### **DURANT**

Gloria Dei Lutheran, ELCA John Grebner, Interim Pastor 606 4th Ave., Durant • 785-4936 9 a.m. Worship Confirmation Wednesday 8 a.m. Bible Study Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome

St. David's Anglican Church

Fr. Peter Vaughn, Pastor peterrvaughn@gmail.com • 309-798-8376 801 5th St., Durant • 563-785-4916 www.stdavidsdurant.info 9:30 Sunday Worship, followed by refreshments 3rd Sunday outreach service at Courtyard Estates in Walcott at 11:30 a.m. 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study led by Pastor Greg Graybill gregory.graybill@gmail.com 509-301-1760 Pastor Greg Graybill Youth interested in taking part in WyldLife or Young Life should call 563-785-4916.

St. Paul's Episcopal
Rev. Dr. Alice Haugen, Pastor
206 6th St.
website: stpaulsdurant.org
9 a.m. Sunday Worship w/Eucharist
Children's service, 2nd Sunday
Healing service, 3rd Sunday

### **WILTON**

First Presbyterian Church
563-732-2258
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email: fpcpastor@netwtc.net or
fpcsec@netwtc.net
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

Grace United Church of Christ Pastor Patrick Slessor

Pastor Patrick Slessor www.graceuccwilton.org 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service Friday: 7 p.m. AA and Al-Anon.

Heartland Fellowship Church

http://www.myhfcwilton.org/ 9:30 a.m. Children's Ministries 10:30 a.m. Adult Worship/Children's Church Wed. 6 p.m. The Summit Youth Group Small Group Meetings throughout the week

Peace United Methodist Jon Gimmy, Pastor 8:45 a.m. Sunday Worship.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Sugar Creek Presbyterian 563-732-3199 1900 Rose Ave., Wilton 9 a.m. Sunday Worship

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701 E. 3rd, Wilton • 563- 732-2271
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https://www.stmarywilton.org
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Tues-Fri Mass: 8 a.m.

#### United Methodist

Pastor Steve Braudt • 563-732-2084
1401 Maurer St., PO Box 57, Wilton
www.umcofwilton.org
email: umcwiltn@netwtc.net
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry (2nd, 3rd & 4th Sun.)
7:00 p.m. Worship Experience
Tues. 9 a.m. Sewing Group
Wed. 6:30 p.m. Praise Band Practice
Wed. 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

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203 East Railroad St., Wilton
10 a.m. Worship

Zion Lutheran, Missouri Synod Rev. Daniel Ognoskie • 563-732-3651 1000 Maurer St., Wilton 9 a.m. Divine Service 10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School Lenten Supper Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Lenten Service Wednesday at 7 p.m.



Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:7

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## **OPINION**

## OVID-19, what a difference a week makes

This week I was supposed to bring my favorite column of the year to our readers. This week I was supposed to print my NCAA tournament bracket for all to see - and mock!

Yet in this COVID-19 world in which we now live, normal is gone. For now.

The NCAA tourna-- both men's and women's, along with all other conclusions to collegiate winter sports, are just a few of the things being canceled or postponed right in front of our eyes.

By Derek Sawvell The NBA and NHL are gone. MLB baseball has

been postponed. The Masters golf tournament — the biggest major of the year — has been postponed.

From a sports standpoint — and I'm a sports guy — everything has been taken away. If you had told me a month ago that this would happen, at any point, I'd have called you crazy.

Yet that's where we live. Crazy times with very serious consequences.

Sports are just the tip of a large iceberg. It's trickled down to our own backyards. Schools are closed for four weeks around us. Activities and sports K-12 have also been canceled—all through April 12.

We have been trying to keep up all we can with a very small staff here with regard to the novel coronavirus. Last week, we provided readers with more than two full pages on COVID-19 reporting. It continues this week with the story of Andrew Crooks, a Wilton

man I went to school with who has traveled the world and lives in China very near where this virus started infecting humans.

Please read his account (page 1) of living within a COVID-19 quarantined world. When I got his email last week and read it carefully, I immediately thought there'd be no way I could fathom it happening here.

What a difference a week makes. Things change so rapidly, it's impossible to keep up.

It started last week when I attended the Wilton school board meeting March 11. That was the day our March 12 issue hit newsstands and on the front page was a map courtesy of the CDC showing which states had reported COVID-19 cases. By the morning the paper hit the stands, the map was very out of date. Superintendent Joe Burnett called it "uncharted territory" in an interview with me.

Call him Captain Obvious but he couldn't have been more right.

He made the warning then that parents should start thinking about what to do with their children if schools were to shut down. We didn't even have time to get that in the paper before it happened.

That's where we now live until we can see this new virus sort of run its course a bit. The scariest thing of all to me is the testing portion.

I sat in several meetings last week with elected officials, plus talked to school and city officials. Each time I would ask a very rudimentary question — If I want or need to be tested, where do I go?

I was almost laughed at literally when I brought it up at the Wilton political forum March 14, yet interestingly I was never given an answer.

Call my doctor, they all say. Duh ... That's not the point. The point is the lack of testing available in this country. The urging from the World Health Organization this week to countries around the world—"Test, test, test."

If I went to my local clinic right now could I get a test? If I went to my nearest hospital in Muscatine, could I get a test? We know the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics have test kits and a special quarantined area to do

What I'm finding in my own research is that if I haven't traveled outside the country, especially to other places that have it worse than us, it's harder to get tested. If I haven't been in contact with someone who has it, it's harder to get tested.

To me that just sounds like a better breeding ground for this thing to spread. And it will, rapidly. I next worry about the amount of hospital beds and medical staff to take care of those that will need that kind of care.

We are living in very unexplainable and interesting times. Take these four weeks seriously folks. It's not a month-long spring break. I say go out and live your life, but with precaution. We do need to avoid crowds. We do need to practice social distancing.

We're taking those steps here at our office. We're cleaning high traffic areas much more and are urging customers to stay away and visit their health care provider if they feel ill. We also urge customers to use our mail slot to drop off information/payments more frequently.

Our small towns will rally together as much as they are able when it comes to area businesses. I'm already seeing it via social media posts. Stay tuned and stay informed!

## Progress on two important bills

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First, I want to let all of you know that your safety and security through this pandemic is my first and foremost priority. I receive briefings every day on COVID-19 and will continue to do so throughout the month-long shutdown of the legislature. Whatever I know that is not a security risk to share, I will make sure that you

all know through the press and the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Last week we made major progress on two very important bills: combating prescription drug costs and expanding our medical

the legislature.

By Rep. Bobby Kaufmann cannabis program. Medical Cannabis – Several years ago we established a team of medical experts to be the board in charge of making recommendations to the legislature about our medical cannabis program. I am staunch supporter of expanding this program, as I believe it is a medicine that helps people. I was happy to support a robust expansion in the House last week. The recommendations propose capping the THC level at 4.5g per 90 days. Here is the important part — 4.5g might not work for people with some conditions so the bill we passed allows a health care provider to recommend a patient for a higher THC level. These are decisions

best made by a patient and their doctor - not

Another key expansion is the definition of healthcare provider. The first step for patients to qualify for the program is finding a healthcare provider to make the recommendation for you. Originally, only doctors could make the recommendation. We expand that to allow physician assistants (PAs), advanced registered nurse practitioners, advanced practice registered nurses and licensed podiatrists. This is a critical part of the bill when it comes to access. Current law prohibits a person convicted of a felony from having access to the medical cannabidiol program. The bill removes that language. Finally, the bill requires medical cannabidiol dispensaries to employ a pharmacist or pharmacy technician to make dosing recommendations. I think this makes sense with the expansion of a program. I believe we should never stop working on this program and we should always be open to more expansions but for now this is a great first step in allowing Iowans to access a medicine that can greatly improve their lives.

Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) - I have written in the past about PBMs and my staunch belief that they are a key reason for the rise of prescription drug costs. I have also written about my investigation into them that ex-

> posed startling wrongdoing. Last week in the Iowa House we unanimously passed a piece of legislation that will finally begin to hold them accountable. The bill finally puts regulations around PBMs to reign in their nefarious practices.

The bill does the following:

\* Protects rural pharmacies by preventing a PBM from limiting access to drugs through national or regional wholesalers.

\* Prevents a PBM from reimbursing a pharmacy for a prescription in an amount less than the amount that the PBM reimburses a PBM affiliate for providing the same prescription

\* Requires PBMs to have an appeal procedure for pharmacies.

\* Prohibits a PBM from conducting spread pricing. Spread pricing is a model drug pricing in which a PBM charges a health insurer a contracted price for a prescription drug, and the contracted price differs from the amount the PBM directly or indirectly pays a pharmacy for the drug.

\* Prevents a PBM from retroactively reducing payment on a claim to a pharmacy after the date of payment for a clean claim.

These common-sense regulations are long overdue for an industry that has been driving up your prescription drug costs and bankrupting our small-town pharmacies

Capitol visitors: Brandon Pflanzer – Iowa

My listening posts are canceled until the IDPH gives the recommendation that it is safe for these types of public gatherings to occur. I am going to err on the side of caution. This also includes the meeting for the Super Two/ Highway 30 discussion. All will be rescheduled.

Contact Representative Kaufmann: E-mail: Bobby.Kaufmann@legis.iowa.gov Phone: 563-260-3355

Mail: 1527 330th Street, Wilton IA 52778

## We have finally sprung forward

Keeping

A couple weeks ago, I received a call at the Advocate News from a gal regarding a resale shop in Wilton. Apparently she saw something on Facebook. I said I was not aware of one but I would see what I could find out and get back

to her. As it turns out there is a resale shop in Wilton. I called her back and let her know she was correct. She asked what else there was in Wilton to do because she would be coming from Lisbon to visit the resale shop. I told her there is an

antique store, an old fashioned soda shop, a café for lunch, and a little retail shop to name

The following Monday, she called to let me know that she made the trip to Wilton and had a great time. She and her friend spent more than two hours here. Had lunch at the café and said the food was wonderful. They also really liked the little retail shop and all the fun things they had in their store. I thought it was pretty cool of her to call and let us know that she enjoyed her time in Wilton and that the Advocate News is being used as a source of information for the community. The weather was nice during their visit, and here's to hoping the warm weather will become less sporadic!

Well folks we have sprung forward, let the warm weather begin. Hopefully it will stay warm for more than just a couple days in a row. While summer is my favorite time of the year, spring is a precursor to it. You know, getting me all primed up for the really warm days. Can't

Spring refers to love, hope, youth and growth. The seasonal symbolism for this period may also allude to religious celebrations such

as Passover or Easter. In 2020, the spring equinox (also called the March equinox or vernal equinox) falls on Thursday, March 19, which is earlier than it's been in more than a century. For much of the last century, the spring equinox

has occurred on March 20 or 21. This year, however, the equinox happens on the 19th in all U.S. time zones, making it the earliest spring we'll have seen in our lives (so far). The last time spring arrived this early was in 1896 — a whopping 124

By Teresa Benischek years ago!

To me one of the best things about spring is that everyone starts coming out of their houses and doing things outside. When I'm walking I love hearing kids outside playing and laughing, the smells of people cooking out on their grills, and the sounds of birds chirping.

Not only is March 19 the first day of spring, it is also National Let's Laugh Day. We have all heard the saying, "laughter is the best medicine." When you and a friend have those long bouts of uncontrolled laughter that end in tears and aching stomach muscles that last a good 10 minutes or longer, you burn between 10-40 calories per 10 minutes. So, keep giving each other those "don't look at me or I'll start laughing again" looks and you'll keep right on burning more laugh-healthy calories and you'll enjoy a good memory, too!

So here is a little something to make you laugh — "Spring - when you realize you're allergic to all the things you love."

"Spring is here. I'm so excited I wet my plants.'

Have a great week!

## Wilton High School Alumni Banquet canceled

For the first time in the 122-year history of the WHS Alumni Banquet, we are compelled to cancel the event due to the COVID-19 virus lockdown. The event will not be rescheduled for this year. We will resume in April 2021. We appreciate your support and enthusiasm for the alumni banquet but as you can see from news reports, etc., we're in for a bit of a rough ride as a nation. The scholarships and Most Valuable Teacher award will be presented at the senior awards event in May.

In the meantime, if you've purchased

tickets, please email us with your request for refund and we'll send it out just as soon as we can. If you'd like to have us transfer your ticket money to the scholarship fund or the Alumni General Fund instead of a refund, please let us know in your email.

Small consolation, but we will be uploading the milestone videos to our Facebook pages in the next few weeks. Stay well.

Ted Marolf, Wilton Alumni Association president

## **Advocate News letter to the editor policy**

The Advocate News welcomes letters to the editor. Letters have a 400word limit and will run at the editor's discretion. The author's name and address must be included, along with a phone number for verification. Writers are limited to one letter per month. Letters and/or questions may be directed to AN Editor Derek Sawvell, dsawvell@netwtc.net or 563-732-2029. Email is preferred. They may also be mailed to:

Letters to the editor Advocate News PO Box 40 Wilton, IA 52778



## Bids for new Wilton commons addition come in high

By Derek Sawvell

Managing Editor, Advocate News

Members of the Wilton school board were notified that bids for the upcoming high school gym commons addition came in over budget. Tim Anderson of Point Builders, the company chosen to serve as general contractor for the

Wilton

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project, was on hand and said there were four bidders for the upcoming project and all came in with bids over budget.

As previously reported, original cost estimate for

the project was \$2.654 million, with funding coming from the Townsend Foundation and interest payments on revenue bonds to come from the school district. When asked how far over budget the bids submitted at the end of February were, Anderson said "give or take" around 15 percent.

Anderson said meetings have been held with the district facilities team and the four bidders were asked to update bids in order to meet original budget parameters. The target is to have new updated bids to present at the April 8 board meeting.

"We're still on track to start this project in the summer," added Superintendent Joe Burnett

#### **Negotiations ongoing**

Joe Hewitt and Tammy Place were present for a special meeting with the school district on behalf of the Wilton Education Association. Representing the teacher's union. Hewitt and Place presented the board with its opening proposal and interests, which focused on insurance, leave, wages and salaries, days of service and holidays, etc.

The district also provided a handout with its interests. Hewitt noted that several of the interests mirrored each other. Both entities will meet again soon to further negotiations. Burnett also noted that the Iowa Legislature recently set allowable growth at 2.3 percent, which will help when it came to talking numbers.

#### **Administrative reports**

During the regular portion of the meeting, elementary school Principal Denise Austin said that new kindergarten day will be March 20 and that there were 67 students currently signed up for kindergarten next year. "That number should go up on new kindergarten day," Austin said.

She said the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) was working with the Iowa Bike Coalition to sponsor a Bike Rodeo for 4-6 grade students April 14 in the south part of the high school parking lot from 3:30-6:30 p.m. UnityPoint will help provide helmets and the Wilton Police Department will also be involved in the event.

Leader in Me leadership day will be held April 1 at Wilton elementary. The event is

totally student led and will feature an assembly, classroom tours, Q&A with the student leadership panel and a reception.

Junior-Senior High Principal Marc Snavely said the district has been active with hiring staff for next school year. Several positions have been offered and accepted. All that's left is finding a high school math

teacher. He said he'd be making calls to set up interviews after the meeting. "Hopefully we'll go into spring break with all positions hired," he said.

A group of Wilton staff members were going to attend a conference in Los Angeles but it has been canceled due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. A vocal music trip to Florida and an eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. are also planned in March and April, yet Burnett noted that each are being evaluated due to COVID-19.

The Wilton athletics report noted that the indoor multipurpose facility is complete and an open house was held Feb. 23. High school baseball, softball and golf teams have been using the building on a regular basis and multiple area youth teams have been using it as well.

Editor's note: The meeting occurred March 11. Area schools are now shut down for four weeks and several of the trips and events mentioned above have been canceled or postponed.

Later in the meeting, the board approved the following hirings:

\* Julie Diemer, high school language arts. \* Corrie Johnson, Jr./ Sr. high spe-

> \* Jackson Cole, Jr./Sr. high band. Salaries on positions above to be determined after negotiations.

cial education.

\* Kate Weekly, 7-12 model teacher, \$2,000

\* Nicole Miller, 7-12 model teacher, \$2,000.

Angela Dann,

assistant girls' track coach, \$2,591.

\* Ryan Hetzler, junior high boys' track

coach, \$2,389.

\* Kevin Brisker, junior high football coach, salary to be determined.

#### Miscellany

In other action, the board:

\*Approved the transfer of Jr./Sr. high math teacher Tim Bean to TAG/home school liaison. He will remain on the same salary schedule.

\*Approved the Title One Reading teacher job description.

\* Reviewed policies 710.1; 710.2; 710.3; 710.4; 711.1; 711.2; 711.2R1; 711.2R2; 711.3; 711.4; 711.5; 711.6; 711.7; 711.8; 711.9 with some slight modifications.

\* Approved 28E sharing agreements with Durant for bowling, and Muscatine for swimming, tennis and soccer.

\* Approved the FY19 audit report.

\* Approved the estimated budget for the FY21 juvenile court liaison position, currently held by Pete Duytschaever, which includes the district being responsible for half of the \$61,520 salary (\$30,761).

\*Approved a 2020-2021 student teaching agreement with the University of Northern Iowa

\* Received a budget presentation from school business official Staci Owens-Kirkman and set the FY21 budget hearing for April 8 at 5:15 p.m. prior to the next regular meeting.

\*Approved the purchase of a new livestock trailer for the Wilton ag and FFA program. The lowest of five bids was approved, courtesy of N & N in Monticello at a price of \$23,145. The Townsend Foundation donated \$20,000 toward the new trailer and Burnett noted that the program sold it's old trailer for \$8,700, leaving it with money left over.

\* Heard a presentation from technology staff members Justin Marston and Beau Huber with regard to purchasing upgrade equipment for the district network switch infrastructure. A bid of \$73,569.80 was approved and the district will only have to pay \$29,463.92 of it with the remaining balance being paid by E-Rate funds.

All action taken was unanimous. Board members Tara Oien, Rob Metzger, Tim Barrett and Jeremy Lies were present. Linda Duncan was absent, therefore Oien ran the meeting. A budget hearing will be held at 5:15 p.m. April 8 prior to the next regular meeting, which will start at 5:30 that same date.



The regular school board meeting at Wilton was held just four days prior to shutting down the school for four weeks on the recommendation of Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds. The main hallway of Wilton High School is shown above on March 16, the first day of the 4-week shutdown.

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## Kaufmann, Wahls attend Wilton downtown political forum

By Derek Sawvell

Managing Editor, Advocate News

Snow was falling as the Wilton Chamber of Commerce held its annual political forum downtown in the Wilton Community Room March 14. State Rep. Bobby Kaufmann (R-Wilton) and Sen. Zach Wahls (D-Coralville) were on hand and the new novel coronavirus COVID-19 was on their minds.

Wahls said the public should be concerned with COVID-19 and that he was impressed with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and its continued information during the crisis, which was recently labeled a global pandemic. President Trump also declared a national state of emergency with regard to the virus, which will free up more federal funding in or to help combat the epidemic.

Kaufmann concurred, saying state government was following the lead of IDPH. He said he was working a lot on getting legislation passed to make EMS services an essential service, in order to secure funding. He is also advancing an animal torture bill which would increase severity of charges to offenders.

Wahls said he continues to work on legislation to curtail companies from drastically raising affordable housing rent, primarily in mobile home parks.

Moderated by Mike Shuger, the nearly 90-minute forum operated on a Q&A format. The first question dealt with Gov. Kim Reynolds' plan of using sales tax (raising it one cent) to help fund mental health services. Kaufmann said the plan "is on life support" and that he didn't expect that proposal to be final. Wahls said a potential sales tax increase should only be in addition to any other funding, not a sole source.

Wilton and Durant shared Superintendent Joe Burnett was in attendance. He asked about particular school districts that have diversity plans, namely in Davenport, which prohibits students living in the western edge of the district from open enrolling to smaller surrounding districts like Durant or Wilton.

Wahls said he understood the frustration but that several districts that have diversity plans evolve from original desegregation plans. "I support open enrollment but understand situations where that's a bit harder," he said.

Kaufmann pledged to look into the issue. Burnett noted that only seven of 326 districts in Iowa have diversity plans and joked, why wouldn't they all adopt them if it meant keeping kids from leaving their districts?

Burnett also said he'd like to see a funding plan for providing student resource officers (SRO) in schools. Durant began providing a SRO this year. "With the issues we face today, it's good to have them in school," said Burnett.

Kaufmann said SRO funding was "on the radar" of the legislature.

Next there was a comment on infrastructure, mainly how several area highways were in poor shape. Kaufmann said a lot of the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) focus seems to be on Intestate 80 lane expansion yet agreed "there are roads deteriorating." He said there's a new DOT director, "so maybe there's a new way forward ... With all this gridlock in D.C., if they wanted to do one thing, pass an infrastructure bill."

Next there was a comment from someone in attendance on the proposed Iowa constitutional amendment that would note the state's constitution does not protect abortion rights. Kaufmann and Wahls both noted that any amendment language would have to pass two separate legislatures before eventually being voted on by the public, which would be 2022 at the earliest. Wahls said he voted "No" on it in the Senate, saying he felt it would give legislative ability to severely limit abortions.

Kaufmann said he voted "Yes" for it within his judiciary committee. "It does not stop one abortion, about one thing. It's about letting



From left, moderator Mike Shuger, state Rep. Bobby Kaufmann (R-Wilton) and Sen. Zach Wahls (D-Coralville) are shown during a political forum held in downtown Wilton March 14 at the Community Room. The event was hosted by the Wilton Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by Derek Sawvell

Iowans have their voice heard on the abortion issue," he said. Kaufmann also noted he felt Iowans are split 50/50 on the abortion issue, but, he felt, many "are not on board with Roe vs. Wade extremes."

Conversation switched to daylight savings time, and a bill to make it permanent in Iowa. "The fact we have to set our clocks back is stupid," said Kaufmann. He said the federal government makes it difficult to proceed but that in passing a committee in the House and Senate, it would make 34 states in the U.S. that have done it.

"When I ran for the Senate, I didn't think this would be on my radar," said Wahls.

They both mentioned that any kind of future legislation would only be enacted when surrounding states would do the same, in order

that Iowa wouldn't become an island.

One of the last questions dealt with stopping the use of traffic cameras, which Kaufmann called a dead issue. "They are unconstitutional. You have a right to face your accuser. And they don't involve an investigation," said Kaufmann. "Plus someone can drive my car and then I get the ticket."

He said the problem was that it was a very partisan issue, with support seeming to only come from Republicans.

As questions from the crowd began to die down, both Kaufmann and Wahls stressed that work is being done on reducing prescription drug costs, namely putting a cap on insulin prices

## Virus threat shuts down school until April 13

By Timothy Junis

Obviously, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has taken the media by storm in recent months. The Durant School District is now feeling the effects of it too.

On Sunday night, Mr. Joe Burnett, the superintendent of both the Durant and Wilton schools, shut down the districts until April 13. He made the call after the Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds recommended that all schools in Iowa be closed for four weeks.

Following the recommendation, Mr. Burnett and his administrative team worked to make sure all their bases would be covered.

"If you would have told me a month

ago that on March 16th we would shut down for four weeks, I could not have seen that coming," he said.

As for delivering classes online in the meantime, Mr. Burnett said it would be tough because high school classes would be more easily adaptable to an online environment than an elementary classroom.

Currently, he is mainly working with the elementary principals to find a way that the younger students can stay sharp academically.

After a punishing winter last year where the district had ten snow days, it looked like the Durant district might come away relatively unscathed with just two snow days so far this year.

"I was thinking about last winter was a record-breaking winter with the number of snow days," he said. "Who can foresee a virus that is taking over the world like it has?"

Mr. Burnett is very hopeful that this is just a once-in-a-lifetime event and that Durant can resume school soon.

Durant's prom is also set to occur on April 25th, but Mr. Burnett doesn't know what could happen during this break.

"I'd hate to see our kids miss out on these crucial high school activities," he said. Even though graduation isn't for a while, it too is up in the air depending on what happens.

One school activity had already been cancelled before Sunday's announcement.

Over spring break, 13 Spanish 3 and 4 students were set to go on a trip to Costa Rica. A week before they were set to leave, the participants got unfortunate news.

Their trip had been postponed to next year's spring break. The seniors this

year will be receiving travel vouchers that are good for a trip of equal value.

In an interview last week, Justine Badtram, a junior who was set to go on the trip, was upset that she had prepared for this trip for months only to have it postponed a week before.

The trip to Costa Rica isn't the only thing affected by the coronavirus. Students' lives are being affected as well.

In interviews last week, a senior, Nathan Hultquist, said he was scared of the coronavirus threat. He said that he started watching the news after the outbreak started. Hultquist even knew some statistics off the top of his head.

Although he was scared, his girlfriend Kayley Latham had an opposing view on the coronavirus. She said she is just ignoring it. Latham does ride alongs with the Durant EMT services, and she goes on about one or two ride alongs a week.

"The flu scares me more than the coronavirus," she said.

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## Athletes fear spring sports season in jeopardy

By Ally Happ and Keagen Head

As the season approaches for spring sports in Durant, they have been abruptly stalled due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic. All school functions, events, and sports practices have been cancelled, including all in-season sports, from March 16 to April 13.

The Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) released a statement on Monday, and it said, "All IHSAA and Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) sports are now in a prohibited period for practice, competition, and sanctioned activity until the closure is lifted. This prohibition means no in-person contact between coaches/administrators and student-athletes for the duration of the period."

The IHSAA will inform the state with the most recent news relating to spring sports by posting updates on their website.

For Durant seniors like Allie Poston, Kira Schult, Jake Willkomm, Logan Callison, and Marcus Engstler, this break could affect their last seasons as a Wildcat if it hasn't already.

"I'm definitely scared that my senior season will be cancelled or postponed," says Poston, a softball player. "This is what I've been working towards for the last eight years."

Her plan is to work out and practice on her own once the weather clears up, but until then, she's stuck inside wishing school

"I would rather not have this break. It feels like I'm missing the most important part of my senior year. I wish we would have just continued, so I could spend more time with my friends," said Poston.

Same goes for Schult, who is also a softball player.

"I'm spending my last few months as a high schooler at home," said Schult. "I'm missing out on the memories a senior is supposed to make because of the virus."

She plans to stay as safe as she can during the shutdown by staying home and working out in her gym at home.

Willkomm finished fourth in the 200-meter dash at the state track meet last year and is hoping to make a return trip to Des Moines in his final season.

He is very upset about the fourweek cancellation, but he and some teammates plan on working out together to stay in shape.

He believes having these extra four weeks may boost his chances at state.

"If anything it will help with an extra four weeks to get in shape and work to get

better," said Willkomm.

Just like Willkomm, Callison plans on putting in the extra work at the golf course everyday. He is confident that his team members will do the same as well by putting in extra work over the break.

"I think it is probably necessary for us to not have any activities going on right now. But that being said, it sucks that we will be missing some of our season due to this virus," said Callison.

Engstler understands the reasoning for the cancellation, but it saddens him knowing some of his senior track season will be taken away from him.

That won't stop him from doing

workouts and lifting, though. He plans on using his time off to improve and stay in shape for when his season resumes.

"This time off really sucks because the seniors are running out of time and having this time away from school may be fun to most, but it is taking away part of the best year of high school away from us," said Engstler.

One Durant underclassman affected by the crisis is sophomore baseball player Benjamin Orr. He believes that the fourweek break can serve as test for his team.

"If we want to be a successful program, we have to have kids who are willing to put their own work in," he said.

## Students plan for extended school closure

By Koby Paulsen

With COVID-19 becoming a major threat in our country, Iowa has joined the list of states cancelling classes. At Durant, students will not be returning until April 13th, four weeks after school was postponed on March 15th.

Some Durant students said that this break was much needed, and they will find things to do, while others are frustrated with the four-week postponement. Still others are worried that their spring break plans and school activities after the break could be cancelled.

According to an informal social media poll conducted on Monday, those who do not have any plans say they will stay inside and play video games or stay active on social media. Those who did have plans will be going out of town.

A few students at Durant plan to go on vacation during the time off. Some are going to places such as Florida or Mexico and are not worried that their trips will be cancelled. Others see themselves going on

spontaneous trips out of town for a day or two.

One DHS student hopes that the break even extends a planned vacation.
"We were planning on going for a

week, but now that we don't have school for an extra two weeks coming back from spring break, we might stay a few more days," the student said.

As for other students, they are frus-

trated with what this pandemic could entail for school- sponsored activities coming back from break, including prom and graduation.

With prom being just 12 days after students are scheduled to return to school, junior Braden Wagner is worried that prom might be either postponed or cancelled.

Senior Maddy Semsch thought the same about graduation.

If it doesn't get any better, I'm worried that we might not graduate on time," Semsch said. "It would be a huge disappointment to our class because we've waited for this"

The virus also may affect students

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Photo by Koby Paulsen Video games will serve to pass the time for some students during the closure. at their workplace.

"I'm not scared of going to work.
I'm scared that it's going to get shut down.
I have bills to pay," said junior Kaylee Behrensmeyer.

## Senior laments her last high school moments 'being cut in half'

By Danielle Paulsen

If you've been out to any grocery stores this past week, you may have noticed how empty many shelves are. People are stocking up on things like toilet paper, frozen foods, and canned foods to prepare for the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many people are frightened by this outbreak, which is causing panic all over the world. This may not have really hit some

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students and families in our community until Sunday night when we were informed that

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school would be closed for the next four weeks.

There are many unanswered questions at this time, especially for students. Will we have to make this time up in the summer? Will sports be cancelled for good? Will prom be cancelled? Will graduation be rescheduled?

All are valid questions, but it is really impossible for anyone to know the answers at this time because there is no way to tell how bad this will get.

I know for me and many other seniors, this news hit hard.

With four weeks off of school, we will only have about a month until graduation. The last moments for us seniors feel as though they're being taken away from us. Of course, this is nobody's fault; it is just a very unfortunate situation.

Many seniors may not experience their last senior night for a sport they've been playing for years. There's a worry that our senior prom may be cancelled, and our last moments with the people we've grown up with are being cut in half.

I think I can speak for many students when I say that we really aren't scared at this time. We just feel extremely ripped off. It is important for us especially to remember that this time off will hopefully help us stay away from an even worse situation.

As a student, I am very appreciative of what the school is doing to promote our safety, and although this is a very strange situation, there is light at the end of the tunnel, even though it's not clear right now.

Many people think students would love a month off of school, but seniors especially are in shock because of this news. As a senior, I urge my classmates and peers to try to find the good in this situation and remember that the school is making a huge effort to keep us all safe. The administration did not want this to happen either, but this is the smartest thing to do in this period of uncertainty.

# Apply for Century & Heritage Farm recognition at Iowa State Fair

DES MOINES, — Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig encouraged eligible farm owners to apply for the 2020 Century and Heritage Farm Program. The program was created by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation to recognize families that have owned their farm for 100 years and 150 years, respectively.

"I look forward to the Century and Heritage Farm day at the Iowa State Fair each year. Recognizing and hearing the stories of each of these farm families is a great way to celebrate the history and impact that agriculture has on the state," said Secretary Naig. "It was an honor for my family to be on the stage a few years ago and I look forward to recognizing other farm families who are receiving this honor in 2020."

To apply, download the application on the department's website at https://iowaagriculture.gov/century-and-heritage-farm-program.

Applications may also be requested from Kelley Reece, Coordinator of the Century and Heritage Farm Program via phone at 515-281-3645, email at Kelley.Reece@ IowaAgriculture.gov or by writing to Century

or Heritage Farms Program, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Henry A. Wallace Building, 502 E. 9th St., Des Moines, LA 50319

Farm families seeking to qualify for the Century or Heritage Farms Program must submit an application to the Department no later than June 1, 2020.

The Century Farm program was started in 1976 as part of the Nation's Bicentennial Celebration. To date, more than 20,000 farms from across the state have received this recognition. The Heritage Farm program was started in 2006, on the 30th anniversary of the Century Farm program, and more than 1,000 farms have been recognized. Last year 332 Century Farms and 153 Heritage Farms were recognized.

Past awardees and photos can be accessed on the Department's website. To search the applications of past recipients, visit https://centuryfarms.iowaagriculture.gov/.

The ceremony to recognize the 2020 Century and Heritage Farm award winners is scheduled to be held at the Iowa State Fair on Thursday, Aug. 20 in the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion.



NIE top designers—Area sixth graders recently designed advertising for area businesses as part of Newspaper in Education Week. Each participating business selected its favorite ad, which was then featured in the March 5 edition of the Wilton-Durant Advocate News. Staff members from the newspaper also selected its top three overall ad designs. Two winners from Wilton are shown above (from left) Sami Endris, won for Best Ad Artwork; Hadley Rae, won for Best Creative Message. Royce Richman of Durant also won for Best Ad Layout, yet was unable to be reached prior to school closures due to COVID-19. Each overall winner received a blue ribbon and an Advocate News cup full of goodies.



## Police Reports

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#### Wilton

The following information was received from the office of the Wilton Police Department:

March 8—Police assisted the Durant Ambulance with a medical call at a residence within the 1000 block of West Wate Street. The subject was transported by ambulance to an area hospital.

March 8—Police responded to the 500 block of Pine Street for a stop sign that had been knocked over. City crews were notified and a temporary sign was put up.

March 8—Police responded to a call in the 300 block of West Fourth Street for a disturbance. The subject voluntarily left.

March 8—Police took a report of found property in the 700 block of Maurer Street. The property was retained at the police department.

March 8—Police were dispatched to a building alarm in the 1200 block of West Third Street. The building was cleared and appeared to be in normal order.

March 9—Police performed vacation watches for various residents within Wilton.

March 10—Police responded to the 700 block of East First Street for an unsecured

March 10—Police assisted with a medical call in the area of 200 East Wate Street.

March 10—Police attempted to locate a subject in the 100 block of East Fourth Street. Andrew Hilton of Wilton was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

March 10—Police followed up with prior property that was found in the 700 block of Maurer Street. The owner was located and the property was returned to the owner.

March 11—Police performed a business check in the 600 block of West Fifth Street.

March 11—Police received a report of children playing in the roadway. Police were unable to locate.

March 11—Police saw a suspicious vehicle in Westview Park. The subject was OK and just enjoying the weather and listening to the radio.

March 11—Police served a civil paper in the 300 block of East Second Street.

March 11—Police performed a traffic stop because of a stop sign violation at Third and Vine streets. A verbal warning was given.

March 11—Police performed a traffic stop for a brake light and rear light. A verbal warning was given.

March 12—Police responded to a parking problem in the 800 block of Maurer Street.

March 12—Police performed an area check in the 1000 block of Cypress Street.

March 12—Police responded to a business alarm in the 600 block of West Fifth Street. The company canceled the alarm prior to the

officer's arrival.

March 12—Police performed a business check in the 600 block of West Fifth Street.

March 13—Police responded to an alarm call on West Wate Street. Police made contact with the homeowner and was advised that everything was OK.

March 13—Police assisted the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office with a call in the county.

March 13—Police assisted the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office and the Iowa State Patrol with a two-car accident at Highway 6 and Moscow Road.

March 13—Police performed a traffic stop in the 600 block of Third Street. Police issued a citation to Michael Sperry, of Wilton, for no valid driver's license and failure to provide proof of financial liability.

March 13—Police performed a vehicle unlock in the 400 block of East Fourth Street.

March 13—Police performed a traffic stop in the 200 block of West Summit Street. A citation was issued to Alicia Dusenberry for expired registration.

March 13—Police were dispatched to assist the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office with a reckless driver complaint in the 1100 block of Noble Avenue in Atalissa.

March 14—Police were requested for a public assist at a residence within the 700 block of East First Street. The Muscatine County Deputy assisted the Wilton Police Department.

March 14—Police responded to a residence within the 400 block of East Fifth Street due to a family dispute between sisters. The parties were separated for the night.

March 14—Police responded to a residence within the 300 block of Cedar Street for a subject removal.

March 14—Police responded to a residence within the 300 block of Cedar Street and served a no trespass order.

March 14—Police were called to the intersection of Cedar and West Rose streets for a public assist to block the roadway for a tree dropping.

March 14—A resident came to the police department with concerns about an earlier call. It was referred to the chief for follow up.

March 14—Police performed a traffic stop in the area of West Third Street and Nicolaus Drive for a vehicle with no plates. The vehicle was found to be recently purchased.

March 14—Police responded to a parking problem in the 800 block of West Third Street.

March 14—Police found property in the 100 block of East Fourth Street. The owner was located and the property was returned.

March 14—Police performed a business check in the 100 block of East Fourth Street.

March 14—Police performed a business check in the 300 block of Cedar Street.

#### Durant

The following information was received from the office of the Durant Police Department:

March 8—Police responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 200 block of Ninth Avenue. Minor damaged occurred and information was exchanged.

March 8—Police responded to a dog at large and dog bites in Jaycee Park. A report was initiated.

March 9—Police performed a vehicle inspection at the Durant Police Department for IDOT licensing requirements.

March 9—Police were called for assistance

at the community center. Police notified Durant
Public Works with a maintenance issue.

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March 9—Police responded to harassment threats in the 500 block of 14th Avenue. An officer handled it.

March 10—Police responded to a suspicious person/activity in the 1100 block of Sixth Street.

March 10—Police responded to a parking violation between Fifth Street and Ninth Avenue.

March 10—Police assisted the Durant Ambulance with a medical call. Curfew warnings were issued to juveniles who were out after hours.

March 10—Police responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1100 block of Fifth Street. A 2013 Honda Pilot being operated by Allison Cameron, of Durant, was traveling east on Fifth Street when she struck the back of a 2011 Freightliner garbage truck owned by Oveson Refuse, of Wilton, being operated by Kory Kaufmann, of Wilton. An accident report was completed. Cameron was cited for failure to maintain control of her vehicle.

March 10—Police assisted the Bennett Ambulance with a medical call in the 500 block of West Third Avenue.

March 10—Police performed a traffic stop between Fifth Street and Ninth Avenue. Iletha Parker-Tatum, of Davenport, was cited for no seatbelts and no insurance.

March 10—Speak with officer call in the 600 block of Eighth Street.

March 10—Police performed a traffic stop between 13th Avenue and Fifth Street. Gregory Gottsche, of Walcott, was cited for not having a valid driver's license.

March 11—Police responded to reports of theft at the Durant School. The School Resource Officer handled the reports.

March 11—Police performed a traffic stop at the Durant School. A warning to a student driver on driving habits was given by the School Resource Officer.

March 11—Police responded to a nuisance/ abatement call in the 700 block of Fourth Street. A warning for loud music was given. March 11—Police performed a routine walk through while kids were at Jaycee Park.

March 11—Police performed a traffic stop between West First Avenue and Fifth Street. Frank Eckhardt, of Durant, was cited for expired registration.

March 11—Police conducted a traffic stop between West First Avenue and Fifth Street. A warning for a traffic violation was given.

March 11—Police performed a traffic stop between 13th Avenue and Fifth Street. A warning for a traffic violation was given.

March 12—The School Resource Officer handled a truant student in Stockton.

March 12—Police responded to a domestic

disturbance in the Durant and rural Cedar County area. An officer handled it.

March 12—Police responded to a suspicious person/activity in the 1000 block of Eighth Street.

March 12—Speak with officer call at the Durant Police Station.

March 12—Police responded to a trespassing subject at Subway. A no trespass notice was served to the resident.

March 12—Police conducted a traffic stop between First Avenue and Fifth Street. April Wells, of Rock Island, was cited for speed and no insurance.

March 13—Police performed a vehicle inspection at the Durant Police Department for IDOT licensing requirements.

March 13—Police conducted a traffic stop between 14th Avenue and Third Street. A warning for a traffic violation was given. March 13—Police responded to an ani-

March 13—Police responded to an animal complaint between Second Avenue and Seventh Street. The animal was unable to be located.

March 13—Speak with officer call at the police department.

March 13—Police performed a welfare check in the 800 block of Ninth Street.

March 13—Police followed up for a curfew warning notice previously served in the 900 block of 12th Avenue.

March 13—Police followed up for a curfew warning notice previously served in the 200 block of Ninth Avenue.

March 13—Police conducted a traffic stop in the 1300 block of Third Street. A warning for a traffic violation was given.

March 13—Police performed a traffic stop

between Fifth Street and Ninth Avenue. A warning for a traffic violation was given.

March 14—Police performed a bar check

at Idle Hour Lanes.

March 14—Police performed a bar check at Idle Hour Lanes.

March 14—Police conducted a traffic stop

in the 200 block of Fifth Avenue. A warning for a traffic violation was given.

March 14—Police gave extra patrol throughout the community.



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# Iowa athletics prohibited for four weeks

Following the March 15 announcements from Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, all spring activities of Iowa's high school Unified Activities partners — the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, the Iowa High School Athletic Association, the Iowa High School Music Association, and the Iowa High School Speech Association — will be prohibited through the state's K-12 school recommended closure of four weeks.

Gov. Revnolds announced the recommended closure in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Public Health, in response to community spread of novel coronavirus COVID-19 in Iowa.

This recommended closure date currently extends through Friday, April 10 and would mean a school return of April 13. Prior to April 10, the schedule will be assessed as necessary with information from the governor, Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Department of Education, and activity partners at the IGHSAU, IHSAA, IHSMA, and IHSSA.

"Based on new information today from the Iowa Department of Public Health, now is the time to move to the next level of response," Gov. Reynolds said in Sunday's release. "I am now recommending that all Iowa schools close for a period of four weeks to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

Per CDC guidelines recommending the cancelation of gatherings of more than 50 individuals for at least eight weeks, events following the planned four-week school closure in Iowa will be updated as the situation develops.

#### **Activities**

The first practice date for three IHSAA (boys) spring sports was set for Monday, March 16: golf, soccer, and tennis. Baseball was scheduled to begin limited practice time on April 1.

The first practice dates for IGHSAU (girls) tennis and golf was set for Monday, March 16. The first practice dates for girls' soccer was set for March 23.

The first practice date for boys' baseball and girls' softball, May 4, remains the same until further information is provided.

The first practice and competition date for boys/girls track and field was Feb. 17.

All IHSAA and IGHSAU sports are now in a prohibited period for practice, competition, and sanctioned activity until the closure is lifted. This prohibition means no in-person contact between coaches/administrators and student-athletes for the duration of the period.

Guidance on future IGHSAU and IHSAA activity schedule adjustments and their effects on season lengths, as well as postseason events, will be announced through www.iahsaa.org and www.ighsau.org.

IHSMA has canceled Class 4A and 1A Solo/Small Ensemble Festival set for April 18, and the state Large Group Festival series set for May 8-9.

There should be no in-person contact between teachers/administrators and participants for the duration of the prohibited period. Any effort to provide IHSMA participants with a make-up experience should take place only via digital media through the duration of the

prohibited period.

Future updates and guidance on IHSMA events will be available through www.ihsma.

All IHSSA (speech) events will be prohibited to practice or make up their individual state local contest until the closure is lifted. All contact between coaches, judges, and students for the duration of the period is prohibited. The All-State Festival scheduled for March 30 has been canceled.

Guidance on future IHSSA activity will be announced through www.ihssa.org

#### Services

The IHSAA is canceling mass gatherings planned for April, including the Governor's Scholar Ceremony and the annual Officials' Banquet. Students and officials will still be

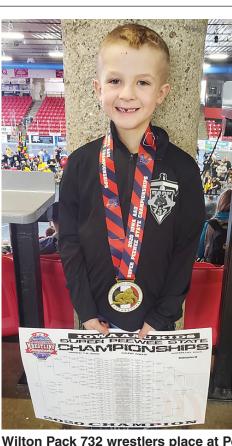
honored with updates to be provided for award recipients.

Officials' clinics for both boys and girls spring and summer activities that were previously scheduled for dates during the recommended closure will be postponed and made up when possible.

IHSAA administrators will remain available during this time: www.iahsaa.org/about/

IGHSAU administrators will remain available during this time: www.ighsau.org/about/

As this situation is rapidly changing, any of the above guidelines may need to be adjusted. Notifications will go out immediately to member schools should updates be necessary.







Wilton Pack 732 wrestlers place at Pee Wee State—Karson Ellenberg (left) wrestled in the 48-pound kindergarten class at Iowa AAU Super Pee Wee State held in Waterloo March 7. He went 6-0 on the day and won a state championship in his weight class. Jensen Weaver (middle) wrestled 68-pound second grade on March 8 and went 4-1 on the day and got second place. Kellan Chaffee (right) got fourth at 70 pounds second grade on March 8. Noah Lueth, Thomas Derksen, and Koy Miller also competed at Pee Wee State for Pack 732. Contributed photos

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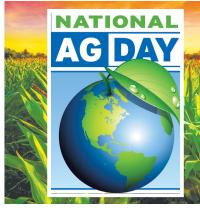
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## Celebrating the Abundance of American Agriculture

March 24, 2020 is National Ag Day, a time when producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America gather to recognize and celebrate the abundance

provided by American agriculture.

As the world population soars, there is even greater demand for the food, fiber and renewable resources produced in the United

The National Ag Day program believes that every American should:

\* Understand how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced.

\* Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.

Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food, fiber and renewable resource industries.

Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis, and is increasingly contributing to fuel and other bio-products. Each year, members of the agricultural industry gather together to promote American agriculture. This effort helps educate millions of consumers.

By far, the most effective part of this program is the role you play in helping spread the word. A few generations ago, most Americans were directly involved in—or had relatives or friends involved in-agricultural-related endeavors. Today, that is no longer the case. That is why it is so important that we join together at the community level...our voices, in concert, become a shout that carries our message a great deal further than any one of us can do alone! We are pleased that you have joined this effort to promote American agriculture.

Americans need to understand the value of agriculture in their daily lives. Here are just some of the key reasons why it's important to recognize—and celebrate—Ag Day each year:

\* Increased knowledge of agriculture and nutrition allows individuals to make informed personal choices about diet and health.

\* Informed citizens will be able to participate in establishing the policies that will support a competitive agricultural industry in this country and abroad.

\* Employment opportunities exist across the board in agriculture. Career choices in-

• farm production

- agribusiness management and marketing
- agricultural research and engineering food science
- processing and retailing banking
- education
- landscape architecture
- urban planning
- energy
- and other fields.

\*Beginning in kindergarten and continuing through 12th grade, all students should receive some systematic instruction about agriculture.

\* Agriculture is too important a topic to be taught only to the small percentage of students considering careers in agriculture and pursuing vocational agricultural studies.

\* Agricultural literacy includes an understanding of agriculture's history and current economic, social and environmental significance to all Americans. This understanding includes some knowledge of food, fiber and renewable resource production, processing and domestic and international marketing.

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## Agriculture and the economy

Though it's easy to look at the tech industry and think this increasingly influential sector is what makes the world go round, something closer to the very core of the Earth may be what's driving your economy.

The agricultural sector plays a strategic role in a nation's economic development and prosperity. From the earliest days, agriculture has been heralded as playing a crucial role in North American culture. Farmers who grow produce and raise livestock for meats and other products have long exemplified what it means to work hard and take initiatives to be self-sufficient.

The symbiotic nature of agriculture and the economy is noticeable when examining the ups and downs of each. This is because food production and the potential of agri-

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culture extends beyond the fields and local food stands. These resources impact supply chains and other markets. A strong agriculture base influences other employment sectors like food manufacturing, biotechnology, hospitality, machinery building, and much more, while a weak agriculture can adversely affect those sectors.

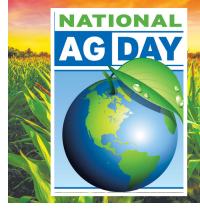
While it can be difficult for residents of developed nations to visualize agriculture's effect, one only needs to turn to impoverished and developing nations to see just how big an impact agriculture can have on an economy. Agriculture provides food and raw materials, eventually creating demand for goods produced in non-agricultural sectors. Also, food provides nutrition that can serve as the foundation of a healthy nation. Earning a living in agriculture strengthens purchasing power, which fuels other markets. Eventually, farming can pave the way for development, including roads, markets, shipping services, exporting, and many other



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Agriculture is an important economic building block. An especially important sector, the agricultural industry, when supported, can contribute greatly to sustained economic growth.



## Humane housing for safe and comfortable livestock

Consumers depend on various agricultural producers to provide the fruits, vegetables and meat and dairy products they rely on for sustenance. The conditions in which livestock are sometimes housed and cared for is a cause of concern for many such consumers. However, farmers who understand that their livelihoods depend on the health of their animals often do their best to keep their livestock healthy and comfortable.

Animal agriculture is evolving as animal scientists, veterinarians and farmers seek ways to provide for animal health and welfare. At the same time, farmers are seeking ways to minimize the negative impact these changes can have on employees and the environment.

**Indoor housing** 

Data published in 2016 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture found that indoor

housing protects livestock from harsh external environments and serves to decrease exposure to parasites and diseases spread by insects, wildlife and other vectors.

Although some are quick to say that outdoor living is better and indoor conditions can be unsanitary, many studies have proven the opposite. Increased prevalence of infectious disease and parasites are well-known risks associated with outdoor housing of livestock, says the USDA. This has been proven by studying both indoor and outdoor chickens, as well as swine.

**Battery cages** 

Many people are concerned about the welfare of hens spending time in battery cages. These cages prevent hens from fighting with one another, but they also put the birds in very tight quarters. Battery cages were often coveted because their sloped floors allowed clean eggs to roll away into collection areas, making the process less labor-intensive.

Farmers are trying to find a balance between keeping eggs clean and birds safe while providing humane living conditions without affecting the cost of eggs. In some areas, such as the European Union, battery cages are no longer in use. Egg-laying hens in Canada also may find battery cages a thing of the past thanks to the a new NFACC code for the care and handling of Canada's hens. In addition, Publix, Wal-Mart, Costco, Denny's, and more than 20 other major com-

panies have stopped buying eggs from producers who use battery cages.

Group housing

Veal production has long been a point of contention among animal welfare activists. The traditional option has been keep calves alone in "veal crates," which are small and provide limited movement. Many veal farmers have slowly transitioned away from veal crates, says the organization Animal Smart. Group pens and indoor barns are climatecontrolled and allow calves to stay together. Some farms even afford the calves some outdoor time for fresh air.

Group housing is more social and less restrictive for the calves. According to the American Veal Association, veal farmers spent more than \$50 million over 10 years to transition to these group housing systems. Calves can stand, stretch, lie down, groom themselves, and benefit from year-round ventilation to thrive

Furthermore, milk-fed calves raised for veal are raised until age 22 weeks, and marketed at 500 pounds, which is much older and larger than many people likely know, according to

## Signs your soil might be compacted

Compacted soil can result from any number of activities, including walking on a lawn. When soil on a lawn is compacted, grass roots might not receive the water, oxygen and nutrients they need to grow in strong. The can lead to weak lawns that are vulnerable to various issues. However, homeowners need not avoid their lawns to prevent soil compaction. Rather, learning to recognize signs of soil compaction and paying special attention to heavily trafficked areas of the yard can help homeowners identify the problem early and address it before

grass begins to suffer. Cooperative Extension, which is supported by the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, notes that the following are some sign potential indicators of compacted soil.

• Hard soil: Soil that is difficult, if not impossible, to penetrate with a shovel is likely compacted. Even healthy soil is some-times resistant to penetration, but if homeowners put some muscle into their efforts to penetrate the soil and still can't do so, then the soil is compacted.

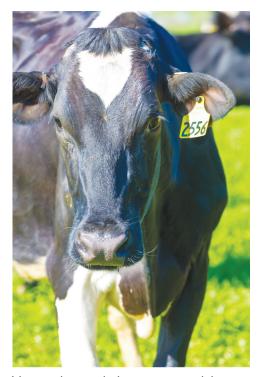
• Standing water: Water standing on top of soil for a long time is doing so because the soil is likely so compacted that the water, which roots need to thrive, cannot get through.

• Excessive water runoff: Runoff occurs when watering lawns. But if nearly all of the water intended for the lawn and the soil beneath it is seemingly being diverted away from the grass, then that means the water cannot get through to the soil or that so little is getting through that the lawn's health is in jeopardy.

Loss of vegetation or poor plant growth: Compacted soil prevents water, nutrients and oxygen from accessing the root zone. As a result, plants, including trees, are vulnerable to disease and even death.

• Surface crust: Surface crust, which blocks oxygen and water from penetrating the soil and tends to inflict areas like footpaths and playgrounds due to heavy foot traffic, contributes to runoff and soil erosion.

Compacted soil is relatively simple to fix. But when untreated, compacted soil can threaten lawns, plants and other vegetation.



Livestock regulations are evolving to make conditions more humane and comfortable for animals.

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## The basics of raising pigs The various benefits of farm-to-table

Many people subscribe to the notion that large, they do not need to live on an expan-"everything is better with bacon." Imagine being able to control the quality and flavor of pork products, and knowing just what went into producing delicious bacon?

In an era of growing uncertainty about commercially produced food, many agriculturally inclined people are raising livestock right on their properties, and small-scale pig farms can be a successful venture.

Despite pigs' reputation as dirty animals, the animal resource PetHelpful indicates they are actually one of the cleanest farm animals. Pigs tend to wallow in mud only if they do not have proper shade and a clean, steady water supply to regulate their body temperature. Furthermore, giving pigs plenty of space to roam will enable them to keep

dry, clean and cool.

Pens should be large enough so pigs can sleep and eat on one end and use the other end for soiling. Pigs also are intelligent animals that will adapt to routine. This means it may be easier to care for pigs than some other farm animals.

Even though pigs can grow to be quite

sive farm. Many pigs can live quite well on an acre if their pen and foraging areas are rotated periodically. Data from the past 50 years shows that today's pig farms use less land and other resources to produce one pound of pork, according to the National Pork Board. Therefore, raising pigs can be a sustainable undertaking.

According to Mother Earth News, when selecting pig breeds for a pig farm startup, these are popular as lean-meat producers and shouldn't be hard to find: Yorkshire, Duroc-Jersey, Berkshire, Hampshire, Poland-China, Chester White and Tamworth. Choose sows (females) or barrows (castrated males) for the best-tasting meat. Also, keep in mind that pigs are social animals, and even though the average family will do just fine with one pig's worth of meat, pigs do better if raised in pairs or more.

Pigs need a varied diet to thrive. Diets should include grain, milk, fruits, vegetables, and greens from pasture. Experts suggest novices ask a veterinarian or another pig farmer about feeding. A family garden

or bartering with other families nearby for food materials can keep feeding costs minimal.

Many pigs an be can butchered by the age of six or seven months. After reach that age, they begin to grow Targe quite and become a much larginvestment of time and money.



Pig farming can be a worthwhile venture. More in-depth information on raising pigs is available at http://porkgateway.org/resource/introduction-to-raising-pigs/.

## and more are relying on locally sourced products in their kitchens. The farm-to-table movement is not new,

but it has gained momentum as consumers become increasingly enamored with the flavor and environmental impact of locally sourced foods. The National Restaurant Association found that farm-to-table food was one of its top 10 trends for 2015. Furthermore, the group says that one in five consumers are willing to pay more for local food, and 41 percent admit that locally sourced ingredients influence their decisions when choosing where to dine.

Few things are more satisfying than bit-

ing into a fresh tomato right from the garden

or seasoning a meal with herbs picked from

a windowsill greenhouse. Restaurants recog-

nize the value of such experiences, and more

Newcomers to the farm-to-table dining experience may not understand all the fuss surrounding this popular trend. The following are some of the key benefits of farm-to-

- Peak freshness and ripeness: Local produce ripens on the plant and can be harvested at the last possible minute before it turns up on a plate. This helps ensure that it contains the highest amount of nutrients and flavor, according to the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Food that has to travel further is often picked well before it is ready, ripening on the way to stores or other ven-
  - · Better for the environment: Food that

needn't travel far before reaching diners' plates saves roughly 500 gallons of diesel fuel to haul produce a distance of 1,500 miles. This conserves fossil fuels and prevents harmful emissions from entering the atmosphere.

• Supports neighboring farms: Supporting farm-to-table restaurants and other eateries keeps business local in two different ways. It not only benefits local restaurants, but it also directly supports neighboring farms, fisheries and other suppliers.

 Accessibility to seasonal choices: Farmto-table eating provides a wide variety of in-season foods. This can translate into tastier foods because they are grown and harvested during their optimal growing season.

• Reduces factory farming: According to O.info, the informational resource powered by Overstock.com, farm-to-table and local farming can reduce reliance on large, profitdriven corporations that may focus on maximum production over animal health and welfare. Local farms may be more inclined to treat their animals well and institute sustainable practices.

• Learn about the community: A person might live in an area and never know that a local vineyard is in the vicinity or that a producer of straight-from-the-hive honey is nearby. Exploring farm-to-table resources can open people's eyes to local businesses doing great work in and around their communities.



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## How farmers are using drones

The farmers of yesteryear might not be too familiar with their surroundings if they were to visit a modern farm. While the men and women who made their livings as farmers decades ago would no doubt still recognize certain farm features that have withstood the test of time, they might not understand the inner workings of the modern farm,

particularly in regard to the role technology now plays within the agricultural sector.

Technology has changed agriculture in myriad ways. The methods farmers employ to produce food and improve the efficiency of their operations has changed as technology has evolved. One of the more noticeable changes that's hard to miss on modern farms

is the use of agricultural drones.

Drones have been around for decades. Sometimes referred to as "unmanned aerial vehicles," or "UAVs," drones can be utilized in ways that can save farmers money and protect the planet.

• Monitor crops: According to senseFly, the commercial drone sub-sidiary of Parrot Group, drones can help farmers effectively monitor their crops. With a drone flying overhead, farmers can spot and quickly identify issues affecting their crops before those issues escalate into something larger.

• Soil analysis: Another potential benefit of agricultural drones highlights their role in analyzing soil. Agricultural drones utilize complex mapping functions to gather data about the soil, including areas where it might be stressed. That enables farmers to develop accurate soil samples that can be used to guide decisions in regard to irrigation and fertilization.

• Reduce waste: SenseFly notes that data gathered by drones can help farmers determine the vigor of their crops at various stages of growth. Such information can prevent overfertilization and overwatering, thereby reducing waste and runoff, benefitting the planet as a result.

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• Planning: Drones can be used to collect data on crop growth and health at various times throughout the growing season. That can help farmers develop accurate predictions regarding harvest quality and crop yield, making it easier for them to plan



Agricultural drones are one of the many examples that illustrate how technology has changed modern farm business.

## **Explore a career in agriculture**

The agricultural industry provides a variety of opportunities to professionals interested in this often misunderstood field.

According to the employment resource AGCareers.com, more than 250 career profiles are available to people interested in a career in agriculture. And while jobs in agriculture may not be as prevalent as they were a few centuries ago, when 72 percent of the workforce was employed in farm occupations in the United States, agriculture remains a booming industry that greatly affects the nation's economy. Today, one in 12 American jobs are depended on agriculture, according to the career resource Payscale.

The following are some potential professions for those considering careers in agri-

• Agricultural business manager: This person oversees the business operations of a farm by providing organization and leadership during the production process. He or she contacts creditors, selects seeds, buys new equipment, and ensures the distribution of product.

Agricultural lawyer: Attorneys who specialize in agriculture deal with water and environmental issues, represent agricultural labor in disputes, ensure proper marketing techniques are followed, handle real estate and land use issues, and much more.

• Animal control officer: These officers enforce local and regional laws that pertain to the treatment and care of animals. They patrol for distressed animals and ensure cruelty-free practices are adhered to.

• Grain buyer: Grain buyers build relationships with producers so they can purchase grain for their particular companies. They negotiate purchase agreements, source grain supplies and issue purchase orders.

• Poultry hatchery manager: Hatchery managers oversee all of the aspects involved in poultry hatching. These can include management of personnel, handling and sorting of eggs, maintenance of equipment, coordination of pick-ups and deliveries, and overseeing quality control.

• Soil scientist: Among the many tasks they might perform, scientists in the field of agriculture test soil samples for minerals and contaminants. By studying the soil, scientists can recommend which crops the land can support, how much livestock can feed in an area and the implications of agriculture on the area as it pertains to managing natu-

A career in agriculture presents many exciting opportunities in a number of different applications. It's a vast industry that utilizes professionals with an array of skillsets.







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does not comply with the Zoning Ordinance of The City of
Wilton. Applicant is asking to construct a pergola in the front
of said building which does not meet set back requirements
according to ordinance (19.60.030). All persons interested
are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Board of Adjustments
Wilton, lowa

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 542** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.36 OF THE WILTON MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING SECTION .070 REGARDING NOTICE OF SNOW EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF WILTON, IOWA

Be It Enacted by the Council of the City of Wilton, Iowa

Section 1. Purpose The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 10.36 of the Wilton Municipal Code by changing the Notice of snow emergency section

Section 2. Amendment The Wilton Municipal Code section 10.36.070 is hereby amended as follows: Snow emergencies go into effect automatically when there is a predicted snow accumulation of three or more inches of snowfall in the City, or if new snow accumulation has reached three inches or more as measured in the City, or if one is declared by the City Administrator by way of social media. The snow emergency shall continue as long as snow accumulation continues and for an additional forty-eight hours after snowfall has ended. During a snow emergency, on street parking is not allowed. No vehicle shall be parked in or on any part of a public street or right of way of a public street during snow removal operations. Drivers are encouraged to find alternate parking spots before the first snow event. Violators will be ticketed first, and towed if not moved with 24 hours from the time of the ticket. If resident has a driveway or garage apron on which to park, it is strongly suggested that the areas be used. Furthermore the City Administrator can and shall declare downtown emergency snow removal by placing a sign in the intersection of Fourth Street and Maurer Street and in the intersection of Fourth Street and Cedar Street. Such signs shall state the time when the emergency snow removal shall go into effect. In any event a emergency snow removal declared by the city administrator shall not go into effect less than ten hours after the signs have been posted as provided in this section and signs shall be posted by twelve noon. The administrator shall keep a record of the time and date when each emergency snow removal is first announced to the public.
Section 3. Repealer All ordinances or parts of ordinances

in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby

Section 4. Severability If any section, subsection, provision or part of this ordnance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any section, subsection, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional

Section 5. Effective Date This Ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publications as provided by law

Passed and approved this 9th day of March 2020 Mayor Robert L Barrett

City Clerk Lori A Brown

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 543 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14** OF THE WILTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "WATER" REGARDING SECONDARY WATER METERS IN THE CITY OF WILTON, IOWA

BE IT Enacted by the City Council of the City of Wilton,

lowa as follows: SECTION 1. PURPOSE The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Wilton Municipal Code to allow City of Wilton water customers to rent secondary water meters to not be billed for sewage usage on that meter. SECTION 2. AMENDMENT Chapter 14.12 of the Wilton

Municipal Code entitled "Meters" is hereby amended by

adding the following new subsection as:
Section 14.12 SECONDARY METERS:
Forwater not being returned to the City's sanitary sewer water meter. The City of Wilton shall charge a rental fee of \$30.00 per year for the maintenance of this separate water meter. Such secondary meter shall only be rented from the City of Wilton. The property owner shall pay the current rate for the water consumed through this separate meter as outlined in Chapter 14.16, but shall not be billed for the sewer usage rentals as outlined in Chapter 15.28. The property owner shall sign a written agreement for the rental of this meter. A backflow preventer (approved by the City) to protect against contamination of the water system. must be installed on the outlet of the irrigation meter. The outside watering meter shall be installed on an outside faucet and will be inspected by the City of Wilton. A determination will be made that the separate line will not discharge into the sanitary sewer system of the City. If at any time it is brought to the attention of the City that the outside water meter is being used to provide water for use in a building or such outside water enters the sanitary sewer system, the outside water meter shall be removed and the customer shall no longer be eligible for outside water service.

Once the meter is returned an adjustment for the sewer charge shall be given on the customer's utility bill

The customer will also have the option to install a permanent radio read meter with a back flow preventer (at the customer's expense) Such meter shall be inspected by the City of Wilton.

If at any time there is a determination made by the City that it is necessary to conserve water, all outside water meter services shall be disconnected immediately. Reconnection shall occur when the water conservation period is over as determined by the City. If the rented meter is returned in an unfit or damaged condition, the total cost of a new meter (per meter charges at that time) will be charged to the customer. If there are signs of meter tampering, as determined by the City of Wilton Water Superintendent, it will result in the immediate termination of the outside meter service, such customer will not be eligible for the sewer charge discount and the customer will be subject the penalties of Chapter 14.08.065

SECTION 3. REPEALER All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance

are hereby repealed SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY If any Section, Subsec-

tion, Provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any Section, Subsection, Provision or part thereof nor adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. PENALTY Any person violating any of

the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to imprisonment not exceeding thirty days or a fine not exceeding \$100.00 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall

be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication

provided by law.
Passed and Approved this 9th day of March, 2020. Mayor Robert L Barrett

City Clerk Lori A Brown

City of Wilton Regular Meeting Minutes March 9, 2020

The Council for the City of Wilton, lowa met in regular session in the Community Room at City Hall on Monday February 24, 2020. Mayor Robert L Barrett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and then led the group in the Pledge

of Allegiance.
Council Members present at this meeting: Steve Owens, Wayne Budding, Keith Stanley, Sheryl Lenker and Ted Marolf. Absent: none.

Marolf. Absent: none.

The agenda was presented for approval. It was moved by Member Budding seconded by Member Owens that the agenda be approved with update. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The consent agenda presented for approval. Items included were: Minutes from 2-24-20, JA Proclamation, Widde Checks and Sidowalk reimburgment Ituse moved.

Voided Checks and Sidewalk reimbursement. It was moved by Member Budding seconded by Member Marolf that the consent agenda be approved as presented. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays: None. Motion

The Mayor Pro Tem announced that this was the time and place set for the public hearing on the GO Loan Agreement and Debt Service Levy. Mayor Barrett opened such hearing at 7:02PM. Notice of the time and place of the hearing had been published on February 27, 2020 in The Advocate News and the affidavit of publication is on file. This hearing is to approve the intention to institute proceedings to enter into a loan agreement in an amount not exceeding \$700,000. The Mayor asked for any written or oral objections; none

The Mayor asked for any written or oral objections; none were received. At this time (7:05PM) the Mayor Pro Tem closed the hearing.

A Resolution entitled "Expressing Intent to Enter Into a General Obligation Urban Renewal City Hall Renovation Loan Agreement and Authorizing Debt Service Tax Levy" was presented to the Council for discussion. After due consideration, it was moved by Member Marolf seconded by Member Lenker that the same be adopted. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Budding. Stanley Lenker and Marolf Nays: None Motion Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays: None. Motion

Thereupon the Mayor Pro Tem declared said Resolution

Thereupon the Mayor Pro Tem declared said Resolution No. 03092020 duly adopted.

CONSULTANTS:

Wilton Development Director Becky Allgood reported that the HRDP grant for City Hall is due in April. The results would be known by June. She will be gathering information regarding the upgrading of the exterior of the building. Members suggested that after the entire building has been renovated; an open house should be scheduled. Becky said that an open house is included in the HRDP grant rules. Becky shared that the BWP sales business has repened and has been busy. She has had requests from a few businesses in the downtown area about another facade program. She will talk to her Board about this and

façade program. She will talk to her Board about this and see if there is interest and funds for starting a phase II of the program. If there is interest she will present it to this

Healthy Hometown meetings are being held and a bike rodeo is being planned for April 14th. Students from grades 4-6 will be invited and it is scheduled to be held at the Wilton High School parking lot. If anyone wishes to volunteer for that day they should contact Becky.

The Corridor 38 study is on the agenda for the Cedar County Supervisors tomorrow.

The Job Fair was held last Thursday at the Community Center. There were a lot of high school students in attendance and they were asking a lot of questions at the different stations. different stations.

The model house on Cypress Street has been sold and there has been a lot of interest in the program and lots that are still for sale. They are hoping that by next year all of the lots will be sold. If that happens, Becky said that we need to be looking areas around the City for more lots. LEGAL ITEMS:

Aproposed Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.36 of the Wilton Municipal Code by Changing Section 070 Regarding Notice of Snow Emergency for the City of Wilton, Iowa" was presented before the Council for discussion. Chief Clark said that he has looked around the City of the Council for the Council fo City and he feels the majority of residents have access to off street parking. The new ordinance states that if there is a predicted snow of over three inches, there will be no vehicle parking allowed on the streets as long as the snow accumulates. After due consideration, it was moved by Member Lenker seconded by Member Budding that said Ordinance be passed on third consideration. The question being upon the motion, the roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Upon the question of fully adopting said Ordinance, the roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays: None. Motion Carried

Thereupon the Mayor approved said Ordinance declared said Ordinance fully adopted, assigned number 542 to said Ordinance and ordered said Ordinance be added to the City Ordinance book.

A proposed Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amend-

ing Title 14 of the Wilton Municipal Code Entitled "Water" Regarding Secondary Water Meters in the City of Wilton, Iowa" was presented before the Council for discussion. Chris explained that we have had some trouble with the citizens that rent the meters not getting them back by the assigned date or the meters are not returned in the correct fashion as rented. This ordinance will enforce a penalty and forfeit of the credit if not returned by the specified date. After other discussion, it was moved by Member Stanley seconded by Member Owens that said Ordinance be passed on second consideration. The question being upon the motion, the roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays: None. Motion

It was then moved by Member Stanley seconded by Member Lenker that the requirement that said Ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which time it is finally passed be suspended and that said Ordinance be fully adopted. Upon the question of suspending said requirement, the roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Natidae Challay, Lenkers and Marie Marie. Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays: None. Motion

Upon the question of fully adopting said Ordinance, the roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Thereupon the Mayor approved said Ordinance declared said Ordinance fully adopted, assigned number 543 to said Ordinance and ordered said Ordinance be added to the City Ordinance book

Ordinance book.
CORRESPONDENCE:
Wilton Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Legislative
Forum Saturday March 14th. It will be held in the Community
Center from 9-10:30AM. Representative Bobby Kaufmann
and Senator Zach Wahls will be present.

Ajoint city/school meeting is scheduled Monday March 23rd. We will meet in the Community Room at 6:00 PM before our regular meeting and pizza will be provided. A thank you was read from the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine. They were appreciative of the donation for the preservation of the County jail. MAYOR ITEMS:

There are some rough and uneven edges in the 600 block of W 5th Street. Mayor Barrett asked if Chris could have the public works department attend to the edge of the

A letter of support for the Woda Cooper housing project, signed by the Mayor, was sent last week. Member Stanley and the City Administrator visited Cedar Rapids last week where some of these units were being built. They talked with the supervisor of the job and took a tour of the construc-tion site. The units were of good construction and they felt it would be a good fit for Wilton. The project has not been completed as of this date, as the land purchase has not

It has been discovered that there is a broken water line at the wastewater treatment plant. A proposal was presented from Triple B for the repair of this line. For pavement removal & replacement, parts and connection price is \$8,460. Discussion was held on this repair and it was then moved by Member Stanley seconded by Member Marolf that this proposal be accepted. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays: None. Motion Carried.

During a recent Board of Adjustment meeting, property owners that live along the 300 block of W Division and York Street voiced concerns about standing water behind their Street voiced concerns about standing water behind their homes. Chris checked the area and spoke with Triple B about a fix for the water. A proposal was presented that included connecting dual wall tile, excavation ad grading to the existing storm sewer. Chris explained that if we proceed with this work, it will not eliminate the water in the back yards, but will assist in the drainage. He does not believe that the entire standing water problem can be removed due to the area being a hard to drain section of land. Chris noted that if a project like this is sponsored by the City: (since the standing water is not due to the fault of the City; (since the standing water is not due to the fault of the City) some of the costs are usually split between the owners. He would need direction from the Council as to what those costs would be. A meeting would be held with the property owners and Chris would inform them that all of the owners would have to agree to the terms before the work was done. After further discussion, it was moved by Work was done. After further discussion, it was moved by Member Marolf seconded by Member Owens to have the City pay half of the cost of the proposal and the balance split among the property owners. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays: None. Motion Carried.

It was discovered at wastewater plant that the ventilation part of the screening and pump room was not included in the original project plans. A proposal from Jetco Electric Inc of Altoona was presented for this equipment install. Work will be done in the control and screen rooms for the system programming and testing of SCADA system with alarm notifications. It will also include complete electrical installing of all required enablishments. installation of all required conduit, wire and replacement of concrete. Such work has been recommended by HR Green; total cost being \$33,217. Members evaluated the proposal improvement. It was then moved by Member Budding seconded by Member Owens that we accept the proposal of Jetoo. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays None. Motion Carried.

At this time a resignation letter was read from Lori Brown; stating that she will be leaving her position as City Clerk. Her last day in the office will be April 17, 2020 and then she will be taking her vacation leave. Mayor and Members thanked Lori for her past years of service. It was then moved by Member Lenker seconded by Member Marolf that this resignation be accepted with regret. The roll was called resignation be accepted with regret. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Owens, Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Member Lenker said that she has noticed a lot of gravel in the yards near the curbs. She wanted to make sure that it was appropriate that the gravel be raked back into the streets. Some of the members felt that there was more

streets. Some of the members felt that there was more gravel put on the streets during the seal coating. Chris will check with Pelling about this concern.

Member Budding feels that are a lot of leaves left over from the summer. He inquired if there will be any spring leaf pickup. Chris said that having a spring leaf pickup is not feasible, taking time and salary into consideration. The open drop area is open, the center is available and leaf bags can be purchased.

Member Marolf presented a diagram of the projected Freedom Rock landscape/paver area. He met with the landscaper last week and they walked over the site to get a plan in place. They are still planning to have the painting done this summer. They have not reached their selling goal of the pavers and anyone wishing to purchase one can contact Member Marolf through the month of August. Member Stanley said that a community center committee will be held this week. They will be discussing the community center director position. After this meeting recommendations will be made to the Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

VisuSewer will be doing some grouting and inspections this week. The street encepers will be in against this week.

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No further business, this me ı was adiourned

Mayor Robert Barrett

City Clerk Lori A. Brown

#### Wilton Community School District Special Meeting Minutes March 11, 2020 On March 11, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., The Wilton Community

School Board of Directors met at the Jr. /Sr. High Media Center for the purpose of a special meeting. Vice President Tara Oien called the meeting to order and roll was taken. Present were: Tim Barrett, Jeremy Lies, Rob Metzger, and Tara Oien. Absent: Linda Duncan

WEA representatives Joe Hewitt and Tammy Place were present to exchange their opening proposal with the WCSD Board. An IBB meeting with the WEA and WCSD Board will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 to begin negotiations

Motion by Metzger, second by Barrett to adjourn the meeting.

There being no other business, Vice President Tara
Oien adjourned the hearing at 5:34 P.M.
Vice President, Board of Directors
Secretary, Board of Directors

## Wilton Community School District Public Hearing Minutes March 11, 2020

On March 11, 2020 at 5:24 P.M., The Wilton Community School Board of Directors met at the Jr. /Sr. High Media Center for the purpose of a hearing for the proposed drawing, specifications, budget, and form of contract for the high school lobby addition. Vice President Tara Oien called the hearing to order and roll was taken. Present were: Tim Barrett, Jeremy Lies, Rob Metzger, and Tara Oien. Absent:

Linda Duncan

Point Builders Representative Tim Anderson informed the Board that several bid packages came in over budget when filed on February 27, 2020. Tim Anderson and Architect Mark Moine then met with Superintendent Burnett, SBO/ Board Treasurer Staci Owens-Kirkman, and the facilities team to make recommended cuts. As a result. Anderson is reaching out to the low bidders to revise the original bids submitted.

At this time. Vice President Tara Oien asked for communications from the public. No one from the public com-

There being no other business, Vice President Tara
Oien adjourned the hearing at 5:29 P.M.
Vice President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors

## Wilton Community School District Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 11, 2020

On March 11, 2020 at 5:35 P.M., the Wilton Community School Board of Directors met in regular session in the Jr/Sr Media Center. Vice President Tara Oien called the meeting to order. Present were: Tim Barrett, Jeremy Lies, Rob Metzger, and Tara Oien. Absent: Linda Duncan.

Motion by Barrett, second by Metzger to approve the agenda as presented. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger, second by Barrett to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020 public hearing. All yes. Motion carried. Motion by Metzger, second by Barrett to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020 regular meeting. All yes. Motion carried. Motion by Barrett, second by Lies to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020 work session. All yes. Motion carried. Public Forum: None.

School Business Official/Board Treasurer Staci Owens-Kirkman reviewed the current budget and bills along with the Self-Insurance, Transportation, Child Nutrition, Latchkey

and Activity reports were included in the packet for review

Motion by Metzger, second by Barrett to approve the payment of bills. All yes. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports: Elementary Principal Denise Austin shared information concerning Project Jack (finding your voice with Leader in Me), new kindergarten day, Leader in Me Day, the Bike Rodeo, and ISASP testing. Jr/Sr High School Principal Marc Snavely shared information concerning the concerning the capital state. concerning the senior etiquette dinner, the band trip to House on the Rock, cancellation of the ASCD conference, and status of the scheduled student trips. The Activities Director report was included in the packet for review.

Considered under Consent Agenda #1: Approval of the transfer for Tim Bean, from jr/sr high school math teacher to TAG teacher/home school liaison. Approval of the job description for Title I reading teacher.

Motion by Lies, second by Barrett to approve the above-mentioned items considered under consent agenda #1. Considered under Consent Agenda #2: Review of Policy Code No. 710.1–School Food Program; Policy Code No. 710.2–Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibil-

Policy Code No. 710.2—Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligiblity; Policy Code No. 710.3—Vending Machines; Policy Code No. 710.4—Meal Charges; Policy Code No. 710.5—Records and Reports; Policy Code No. 711.1—Student School Transportation Eligibility; Policy Code No. 711.2—Student Conduct on School Transportation; Policy Code No. 711.2R1–Student Conduct on School Transportation Regulation; Policy Code No. 711.3—Student Transportation for Extracurricular Activities; Policy Code No. 711.4—Transportation Equipment; Policy Code No. 711.5—School Vehicle Routes; Policy Code No. 711.6—Discretionary Stops by School Vehicles; Policy Code No. 711.7—Transportation of Nonschool Groups; and

Policy Code No. 711.8—School Bus Safety Instruction.

1st reading for Policy Code No. 711.2R2–Use of Video
Cameras on School Buses Regulation–striking the paragraph under Notice (incorporate this paragraph in to student

1st reading for Policy Code No. 711.9-Transportation in Inclement Weather–striking paragraph #3 and then in paragraph #4 striking the verbiage "by commercial radio".

1st reading for the deletion of Policy Code No. 711.10–District Vehicle Idling.

Motion by Barrett, second by Metzger to approve the review of the above-mentioned policies and the 1st reading for some of the above-mentioned policies (as noted) considered under consent agenda #2. All yes. Motion carried.

Considered under Consent Agenda #3:

Approval of the 28E agreement with the Durant Community School District for bowling.

Approval of the 28E agreement with the Muscatine Community School District for swimming, tennis, and soccer.

Approval of the EXIA audit Approval of the FY19 audit.
Approval of the JCL FY21 estimated budget

Approval of the 2020-2021 agreement with the University of Northern Iowa for student teaching.

Motion by Barrett, second by Lies to approve the abovementioned items considered under consent agenda #3. All yes. Motion carried.
Considered for Individual Consent:

Following presentation of the proposed FY21 budget, motion by Metzger, second by Lies to set the budget hearing date for Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. in the jr/sr media center. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barrett, second by Metzger to table item #2-the receiving and consideration of bids for the high school lobby addition. All yes. Motion carried.

lobby addition. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barrett, second by Lies to approve the bid of \$23,145 from N & N Trailer Sales, Monticello, Iowa for the purchase of a new livestock trailer for the FFA farm. All yes. Motion carried.

yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Metzger, second by Lies to approve the bid of \$73,659.80 from Communication Innovators (Extreme Networks) for the upgrade of the District network switch interactive Allace Metics persided. infrastructure. All yes. Motion carried. Informational Items:
Employee contract issued to Julia Diemer, high school

language arts teacher, BA-2, salary to be determined at conclusion of negotiations; NHS/Silver Cord advisor, S1, salary to be determined at conclusion of negotiations. Employee contract issued to Corrie Johnson, junior

high/high school special education teacher, MA-15, salary to be determined at conclusion of negotiations. Employee contract issued to Jakson Cole, junior high/

high school band teacher, BA-1, salary to be determined at conclusion of negotiations.

Employee contract issued to Kate Weekly, 7-12 model

teacher (2020-2021), \$2,000.
Employee contract issued to Nicole Miller, 7-12 model teacher (2020-2021), \$2,000.

Employee contract issued to Angela Dann, assistant high school girls track coach, S1, \$2,591.
Employee contract issued to Ryan Hetzler, junior high boys track coach, S5, \$2,389. Employee contract issued to Kevin Brisker, junior high

football coach, S5, salary to be determined at conclusion of negotiations. Superintendent Burnett informed the Board that a hu-

man resources position to be shared by Wilton CSD and Durant CSD is being added. Start date for this position will be July 1, 2020. A joint meeting with Wilton City Council is scheduled

for Monday, March 23, 2020. Motion by Lies, second Barrett by to adjourn the meet-

ing.
There being no other business, Vice President Oien adjourned the meeting at 6:52 P.M.
Vice President, Board of Directors
Secretary, Board of Directors

## Crooks: 'It will quickly overrun any country's hospital system'

#### **CROOKS**

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way to control the virus was to bring the RO to less than 1. Since it spreads asymptomatically and lingers on many surfaces (stainless steel, plastics etc.) for up to 9 days (based on SARS research). SARS only spread in symptomatic patients. There is suspected that coronavirus can aerosolize and spread for longer distances, as research found it in air ducts, as well as door handles etc. Pretty crazy stuff.

I have NEVER experienced something like this in my life, nor have you. It's really bad. It will quickly overrun any country's hospital system if you can't get the RO below 1. In late January, that's when everyone here realized it was dire. They blocked off almost every road into communities with makeshift barricades, closed off every apartment complex, shopping mall and public areas. Traffic stopped, and everyone was scared to go out. No one trusted the government's numbers or knew how deadly it would come to be.

Shortly after all the barricades went up, they started doing temp checks everywhere. If you had a fever, you were forcibly taken into a quarantine facility. They literally welded entire apartment buildings shut. It was crazy, but it's not like they were just left there to die. People were taken food through windows during their 14-day quarantines. Now, I assume they are lifting many of those. They closed a huge new mall by my place, only keeping the grocery store open. The first time I went in there, I was really nervous because I had to get my temp check and sign in my name at the entrance. I was quite worried what would happen if I had a temp. But I have never had any symptoms or fever. Never had to get tested, and rarely left my apartment for almost a month. But I basically sat at home, paranoid that I would show symptoms.

When I go out, I have a routine. Put on my N95 mask, wear clear glasses to protect my eyes and keep away from people. The mask

helps me not touch my face and the glasses help me from touching my eyes. Everyone who goes out is required to wear a mask, so it makes shopping more safe. Cashiers and workers at the grocery store wear full ppe masks and face shields/gloves. All public places are sanitized with bleach several times a day. As for things running out in stores, masks ran out quickly. Fake masks come into the market and price gouging. Now there are strict prison sentences for those people. China forced factories to start outputting millions of masks. You can see full hazmat suits worn by any government worker stationed at every entrance taking temps of those entering. Hand sanitizer ran out, initially. After a week or so, that was stocked up again.

Toilet paper never ran out. But people were panic buying that in Hong Kong and Japan, as much was made in china. Of course, in China, it never ran out. Food never ran out, though instant noodles and frozen foods were running low after a few weeks, as shipments stopped. But now, basically, everything is getting back to normal. Restaurants are still mostly limited to take-away only. Airports have intensive screening. Temp checks still exist. Barricades are still up. But as far as the economy is concerned, it appears that factories are back in production, but probably not fully. I'd imagine the Chinese supply chain will get cranking again soon. China is going to be monitoring people pretty closely from here out, Id imagine. Temp checks will continue. I'm definitely hoping things don't get as bad around the world, but I fear the U.S. is going to get pretty bad pretty quickly. I'd imagine if the lack of testing continues, hospitals will start being overrun in a couple of weeks and the situation gets dire after that. China had to convert sports arenas into quarantine rooms and Wuhan built that 2,000-bed hospital in 10 days to deal with it. When 15 percent of patients require hospitalization and many intensive care, you can imagine how even a few hundred cases in a city can create a really bad situation.



Former Wilton graduate Andrew Crooks (right) is shown with business partner Brad Kuhl of Miami, Florida. The duo started a brewery in China called Twin Tails Brewing Co. www.twintailsbrewing.com which was forced to shut down amid COVID-19 quarantines. Crooks is a class of 2000 Wilton High School graduate. Contributed photo

## Spring/Summer Iowa travel guide available

DES MOINES — The spring/summer edition of the Iowa Travel Guide is now available. The free 148-page guide can be ordered online at traveliowa.com, by phone at 800-345-IOWA or picked up at any of Iowa's 16 welcome centers. An online version is also available.

The guide includes 148 pages showcasing Iowa's authentic and unexpected destinations, minor league ballparks, outdoor adventures, loop bike trails, souvenir ideas, farm-to-table dining experiences, music festivals and the state parks centennial. campgrounds and cabin listings are also included.

The cover of the guide features Backbone

State Park near Dundee. Dedicated in 1920, it's Iowa's oldest state park.

"This is the first year we're producing both spring/summer and fall/winter guides," said Jessica O'Riley, tourism communications manager for the Iowa Tourism Office.

Tourism in Iowa generates nearly \$9 billion in expenditures, employs 70,200 people statewide and generates \$517.5 million in state taxes. The Iowa Tourism Office is part of the Iowa Economic Development Authority. For more information, visit traveliowa.com, call 800-345-IOWA, or stop at any Iowa Welcome Center.



### www.wdadvocatenews.com NOVEL **CORONAVIRUS** (COVID-19) WHERE IS IT? COVID-19 is an expanding global outbreak. The virus has been detected in almost 70 international locations, including the U.S. **HOW IS IT SPREAD?** The virus is spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes and tiny droplets land on people nearby - just like colds and the flu. WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS? · Shortness of breath **HOW DO I PREVENT IT?** There is no vaccine for novel coronavirus. Prevention is the same as for colds and flu: Clean your hands frequently: Cover coughs and sneezes; Contain germs - stay home when ill. Risk is associated with travel to affected areas. For most lowans, who are unlikely to be exposed to this virus at this time, the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is considered low.

## **USDA** working with Private Sector in response to COVID-19

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced new contacts to encourage communication with USDA to help feed kids and ensure the United States food supply chain remains strong in response to the COVID-19 outbreak:

"Food is essential all year round, but in the face of a pandemic it is critical the shelves remain stocked and supplies remain plentiful. America's farmers and ranchers, and those on the front lines in the food service industry are doing their part," said Secretary Perdue. "President Trump is encouraging a whole of America approach to the challenges we currently face. At USDA we know when we work together to solve the problems facing us, we can overcome this time of uncertainty and fear. If you have ideas or solutions for USDA, I urge you to reach out - we want to hear from the experts in the field."

For solutions to feeding children impacted by COVID-19, email Feeding Kids@usda.gov. For solutions impacting America's food supply chain and other logistical complications, email FoodSupplyChain@usda.gov.

#### **Feeding Kids**

Secretary Perdue announced a collaboration with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver nearly 1 million meals per week to students in a limited number of rural schools closed due to COVID-19. These boxes will contain five days worth of shelf-stable, nutritious, individually packaged foods that meet USDA's summer food requirements. The use of this innovative delivery system will ensure rural children receive nutritious food while limiting exposure to COVID-19.

Last week, Secretary Perdue announced proactive flexibilities to allow meal service during school closures to minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus. During an unexpected school closure, schools can leverage their participation in one of USDA's meal programs to provide meals to students. Under normal circumstances, those meals must be served in a group setting. However, in a public health emergency, the law allows USDA the authority to waive the group setting meal requirement, which is vital during a social distancing situation.

# Community Corona Corner

#### Postponed or Canceled Events

- YoungLife Celebration & Fundraising Banquet on April 1 postponed to a future date
- Masonic Lodge Taco & Ice Cream Dinner on March 28 postponed to a future date
- Sip, Shop & Support on March 29 is postponed
- The Addams Family Musical March 20-21 is
- Grace United Church of Christ Services are canceled until March 31
- Catholic Masses in the Diocese of Davenport are canceled until further notice
- Wilton Alumni Banquet is canceled
- All athletic & extra-curricular activities through the Wilton, Durant & Bennett School Districts are canceled
- Wilton Chorus & Wilton D.C. Trips are canceled

#### Closed Businesses

- · Wilton Public Library is closed until further notice
- · Durant Public Library is closed until further notice
- Durant & Wilton City Halls closed to foot traffic - use drop box only
- Wilton & Durant Community Centers are closed
- Today's Dentistry is closed until further notice
- Wilton, Durant & Bennett

Schools are closed For the most current list of closings and postponments, check our facebook page at Wilton-Durant Advocate News by scanning

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the QR code with an iPhone or visiting the site.

#### Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, the Cause of COVID-19

Antimicrobial Products for Use Against

Peroxide Multi-Surface Cleaner & Disinfectant

Clorox Commercial Solutions, Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

Bleach Disinfectant Cleaner

Purel Professional Surface Disinfectant Wipes

Lysol Disinfectant Max Cover Mist

For a complete list of disinfectants ...

scan the QR code

with an iPhone camera or visit https://www.epa.gov/sites



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03/documents/sars-cov-2-list\_03-03-2020.pdf

#### **Food Supply Chain**

President Trump's whole of government approach is ensuring food and essentials are constantly available. USDA has been in communication with food and grocery stakeholders and executives and has hosted stakeholder calls with President Trump at the White House to discuss the impact COVID-19 has on America's food supply chain.

While it is important to have shelf-stable foods on hand, there is no need to hoard items. Supply chains remain strong, so please do your part to ensure we stay calm and act responsibly.

## Wilton Clothes Closet open March 21

The Wilton Clothes Closet will be open on Saturday, Mar. 21 from 9 a.m. until noon at the former Eastern Iowa Light and Power offices in the 600 block of East Fifth Street. The Clothes Closet now has summer clothing

available. The Clothes Closet is open the first Tuesday and third Saturday of each month.

Donations of clean, gently used clothing items may be made at the First Presbyterian Church, 213 West Fifth Street in Wilton.

Watch our website and social media channels for continued COVID-19 updates. wdadvocatenews.com



#### **TRUST**

## The lurid legacy of coronavirus

o you remember thriving downtowns, even in rural areas, with cafes, diners, restaurants and maybe even lunch wagons; hardware, clothes, book and department stores



**Guest Opinion** by Michael Bugeja

(some with lunch counters); TV-, carand shoe-repair shacks; smoke, pet, barber, beauty, music and antique shops?

Then the mall opened. Maybe a Walmart superstore, and slowly several of those hometown landmarks went bust

For more than a quarter century, megamalls had served as the main gathering place. Then came Internet and online shopping with eBay and Amazon, sparking a retail apocalypse.

In 2016, J.C. Penney, RadioShack, Macy's and Sears each closed more than 100 outlets. Every year, one after the other, major chains filed bankruptcy. In 2019 alone, more than 9.300 popular stores shut their doors, the biggest year ever for closings, according to Yahoo

The exodus from physical place affected houses of worship. By 2018, Gallup found at an all-time low the percentage of Americans who belonged to a church, synagogue or mosque. Only 50 percent of respondents attended services, down from about 70 percent between 1937 through 1999. The drop-off intensified in the ensuing 20 years.

People were disappearing altogether. Parks and libraries often were empty. Children played video games, patrons checked out eBooks. Teens texted into the wee hours in locked bedrooms. Adults ran apps on androids instead of laps in recreation centers.

#### Focused on screens, not each other

By 2018, Americans were spending 11 hours per day looking at screens instead of each other. Factor in six hours sleep, and that's 75 percent of waking hours.

The great outdoors used to mean nature — hiking, gardening, birdwatching, swimming, fishing and hunting. It still means that for some of us. But for many, the outdoors came to mean simply leaving houses and offices, navigating physical space in cars the way a submarine navigates the sea.

And yet, some downtown stores managed to survive. Some malls stayed open. Churches, synagogues and mosques welcomed the faithful. Parks and libraries were maintained, and community centers provided meeting

When we needed a break from social media, we could stow smartphones and wander the half-closed Main Streets and malls. We soul-searched on occasion with congregations. We relaxed in parks, exercised in gyms and patronized Ticketmaster for large gatherings at concerts and sporting events.

In this election year, political rallies were attended by hundreds of

Then came the coronavirus, and everything stopped, closed, or was banned or canceled.

The coronavirus has demon-like characteristics. You can have it with no apparent symptoms and spread it within close proximity of a neighbor. It takes a while to activate within a carrier, so you can test negative on a Tuesday and still spread it on a Thursday.

There are many fears in this life. Top ones are known by the suffix "phobia," as in acrophobia, fear of heights; claustrophobia, fear of enclosed spaces; The real challenge for the multitudes who will survive this scare is learning to trust each other again, in person, with a handshake sans sanitizer. The alternative continued, deeper, damaging self-isolation — may be the lurid legacy of this crisis.

entomophobia, fear of insects; ophidiophobia, fear of snakes; astraphobia, fear of storms; and trypanophobia, fear of needles.

But of all the terrors, one in particular is the most intense in all of us: fear of the unknown.

The coronavirus taps into this, triggering panic behaviors.

Handshakes, a symbol of peace tracing back to the 5th century B.C., are forbidden. Yes, for good reason, because the virus is apt to be there. Even President Trump has found it hard not to extend a hand. At a news conference about the coronavirus, the Washington Post reported that the president continued "to shake hands with other speakers, many of whom are members of the White House Task Force charged with trying to stem the disease.'

#### **Hoarding hand sanitizers**

Because of the emphasis on hands, sanitizers quickly vanished from store shelves. Hoarders bought crates of them. According to the *New York* Times, one Tennessee man bought 17,700 bottles to sell at exorbitant prices on eBay and Amazon before those online companies prohibited him and others for price gouging.

Nevertheless, I checked Amazon on March 15 and found one seller "discounting" a one-ounce bottle of Purell sanitizer for \$342.80.

Things are going to get worse before they get better. But they will get better. Sooner or later, a vaccine will be developed, and we can all go about living our digital, cloistered

For almost two decades, I have documented the erosion of community because of technology, noting how it would change culture and, ultimately, ethical values established in time, place and society: truth-telling, fairness, responsibility and civility. I am not optimistic.

The coronavirus has set a dangerous precedent — that everyday human contact can be deadly. As such, social distancing will continue as long as we can be distantly social on Facebook and Instagram.

The real challenge for the multitudes who will survive this scare is learning to trust each other again, in person, with a handshake sans sanitizer. The alternative continued, deeper, damaging selfisolation — may be the lurid legacy of this crisis.

We will need leadership at all levels of government as well as in our schools, churches, homes and work places to avoid that viral scenario.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

City of Durant
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020 Mayor Scott Spengler called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call of members present: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Schulz, and Price. City Staff present: Police Chief Orville Randolph, Public Works Director Jared Semsch, and City Operations Officer/Clerk Deana Cavin.

Consent agenda: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the agenda, city bills and prior council meeting minutes. Ayes: Price, Schulz, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.
Public Input: None

Consider Request for reduced rental for Community Center: Glenda Dobbins and Troy Dobbins, of Durant, requested council consideration for reduced rent for a fundraiser for Bryan Dobbins in May. Bryan was diagnosed and has been battling cancer. The fundraiser will help offset medical bill costs. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Price, to approve the rental rate to the same as non-profit which would be \$250 for rent. Ayes: Mundt, Schulz, Price, Quiram, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried. Open Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget:

Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to open the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried. Clerk reported no comments were received. Member Schulz motioned seconded by Member Price, to close the public hearing

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of Res. 2020-13 FY 2021 Budget: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Sterner to approve Res. 2020-13 Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. Ayes Sterner, Price, Schulz, Mundt, Quiram Nays: None Motion

Engineer Report: Consider Res. 2020-14 awarding contract for the 4th Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Kevin Bailey reported this project will be for sanitary sewer replacement from 5ht Ave to 4th Ave on 4th Street-including manholes. The recommended low bid was Triple B Construction for \$83,600. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Price to approve the awarding of the contract to Triple B Construction in the amount for \$83,600. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Schulz, Price Nays: None Motion carried. Kevin explained the contractor will have to produce the bond and insurance information, and the IDNR permit shall be forthcoming, before project can proceed.
Police Dept.: Consider monthly police report: After review

of report, Member Price inquired if the P3App was working as it should. Chief Randolph explained this is a program whereby tips can be reported unanimously by anyone at the school. The app has been working well. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt to approve the police report. Ayes: Price, Schulz, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Chief Randolph reported Muscom has provided a radio for the SRO vehicles and portable radio. The school also has provided an extra handheld for their UHF system to the department.

Public Works Dept.: Dir. Semsch reported the street

sweeping has started, per weather conditions, it will continue. As weather conditions allow, alleys will be scarified first, left to dry out, and then graded. This will take time. The UV system at the waste water facility has been repaired.

Clerk Report: Consider February Financial Statements: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Schulz, to approve the February financial statements. Ayes: Mundt, Schulz, Price, Quiram, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of Clerk's travel & attendance to lowa Municipal Finance Officers Association April 16th and 17th. Clerk reported she will stay one night instead of two for the conference in Des Moines. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve travel and attendance for clerk to IMFOAApril 16th and 17th. Ayes: Mundt, Schulz, Price, Quiram, Sterner Nays: None Motion

Consider approval for staff training by Iowa State Extension Service April 21, 2020 for Police, Public Works, and City Hall staff: Inclusive Team Building and Stereo Type: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Schulz to approve training for April 21, 2020 for Police Department, Public Works and City Hall staff, at city hall. Ayes: Price, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Schulz Nays: None Motion carried.

Mayor/Council Report: Consider Approval of Res. 2020-12 proclamation recognizing Junior Achievement of the Heartland April 2, 2020: Member Stecher motioned, sec-onded by Member Quiram, to pass Res. 2020-12 to support roclamation for Junior Achievement, Aves: Mundt, Sterner, Quiram, Schulz, Price Nays: None Motioned carried.

With no other business before council, meeting adjourned at 6:24p.m.	
Scott Spengler, Mayor	1
Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk CLAIMS LIST 03/09/2020	
Advocate News CH-publishing771.31	
Alliant Energy * Scott Co electric-wa tower 186.53	1
CDW Government City email licenses (19)928.53	
Central City Electric Inc Fire-install LED retro	
kits (16)2454.58	
Central States H & W Funds * Health & life	
insurance	
City of Durant Water	
Culligan-Quad Cities Distilled water	
Durant Chamber of Commerce * Chamber dinner	,
registration-Mayor	
Durant Municipal Electric Electric	
EFTPS Fed/FICA tax5771.84 Friends of The Animals Vet bill-cat from arrest72.73	
Gworks * Permit module-down pymt	1
IMFOA Renewal clerk certification	
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Jeff's Market Misc supplies	
Kirkwood Comm College Basic wa dist class	
Ryan480.00	
Liberty Trust & Savings Bank ACH fees54.96	
Mediacom Police-static IP19.44	
Menards Police supplies24.03	
Municipal Emergency Services Fire-turnout pants (2)	
coats (2)3439.00	
NWTF CC deposit refund250.00	
Oveson Refuse & Recycling LLC March GB service &	
stickers	
Paper's Lumber & Supply Inc Misc supplies 232.01	
Postmaster Annual box fee94.00	
Price's Heating & AC Shop-repair furnace 563.45	
Rajcevich, Amber CH-website maintenance 250.00	
Ron Alpen Ford Inc Pol Explorer-oil change 41.78	
Schumacher Company LLC TIF rebate yr 1	
pymt 2	
Scott County Library System Library cart & books (6)	
memorial	
Sprague Law PC Legal fees 1-16-20 to 2-15-20.2430.00	
State Hygienic Laboratory WA testing	,
Superb Service & Supply Roads-salt rinse 118.79	
Treasurer State of Iowa Sales tax & WET tax 1832.00	
UPS Web request pickup6.90	
Verizon Wireless Telephones, cellphones, hotspot,	
GIS	į
Voelkers Plumbing Inc CC-re-set toilet142.71	

WEX \* Fuel.

Windstream CH-DSL & SW-telephone	
Total	119.781.83
* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date	-,
Fund Totals	
General	50,178.19
Memorial-Library	299.94
Road Use Tax	
Tax Increment Financing	
Fire Department	
Water	6,999.05
Sewer	12,647.35
Total	. 119,781.83
February 2020 Revenues	
General	35152.86
Road Use Tax	22601.59
Durant LOSST (75% share)	8358.81
Special Levy (Emp Ins)	68.03
Urban Renewal Fund (TIF)	554.95
Fire Fund	1869.85
Debt Service	1266.58
Water Utility	29209.13
Water Rev Bond Sinking Fund	6757.33
Sewer Utility	61960.93
Sewer Rev Bond Sinking Fund	30001.67
TOTAL	197801.73

## Durant Community School District Special Board Meeting Minutes March 16, 2020

The special meeting began at 4:00 with the exchange of initial proposals from the DEA, Durant Education Association, and the Durant CSD. Present: Julie Rivera, Katy

ciation, and the Durant CSD. Present: Julie Rivera, Katy Oberlander, Tara Lindsay, Carla Whitlock, Joe Burnett, Lesa Kephart, Tonya Wiese, Danette Kelting, Tim Rouse, Monica Wulf and Lynette Claeys, Uni-Serve Director.

The board recessed until 7:46 pm for Interest Based Problem Solving which is exempt from open meetings. The board reconvened at 7:46 and roll call was taken. Present: Julie Rivera, Katy Oberlander, Tara Lindsey and Carla Whitlock. Travis Bullard was not in attendance. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 4-0.

Motion to approve the parking lot bids from Affordable Parking Lot Services Inc. in the amount of \$37,250 total was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Lindsay

was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 4-0. Bids were also received from Seven Hills Paving LLC in the amount of \$34,267. Affordable Parking Lot Services bid included additional crack fill that Seven

Lot Services bid included additional crack fill that Seven Hills was not able to provide.

Motion to approve the bids from Ron Alpen Ford for three vans in White, Blue and Magnetic Gray was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 4-0. The cost of the three vans is \$99,787. A bid from Krieger's

was also received in the amount of \$96,465 for three vans.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Secretary, Board of Directors

## Durant Community School District Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 9, 2020

President Julie Rivera brought the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the reading of the district mission statement and roll call. Present for roll: Katy Oberlander, Tara Lindsay, Travis Bullard, Carla Whitlock and Julie Rivera. Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of bus

bids and speaker Dwight Houseal was made by Mr. Bullard, seconded by Ms. Oberlander and carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 and February 24, 2020 meetings was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0. Dave, Beth and Rebecca Paustian spoke to the board

about Rebecca's request for a Minor School License. The request is on the agenda for approval later in the meeting. Dwight Houseal, Blue Bird representative, spoke to the board about the advantages and long-term savings of

purchasing a propane bus -vs- a gas or diesel bus. According to Mr. Houseal, many school districts are transitioning to propane buses for the cost savings, maintenance and anti-gelling advantages. The board asked about fueling concerns and Mr. Houseal explained that anyone fueling buses would need to attend training. There are many safety features on the buses that alleviate potential problems when using propane. There is currently a program that would allow districts to request a \$.36 per gallon rebate on purchased propane for transportation.

Ms. Kephart reviewed the financial statements and lists

of bills. Motion to approve the bills as presented was made b Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried

Ms. Stineman reported on February 28th there was a World Drumming performance and Scott Wolf announced and recognized the Legion essay winners. Rachel Howard, MBAEA, gave a presentation of Multi Tiered System of Support (MTSS). Teachers in grades 3-6 are preparing for ISASP during grade level meetings and some of Durant's special education teachers have been attending training of standards based IEP's. Ms. Dohrmann is hosting a book fair and the band concert was last Tuesday.

Mr. Diederichs shared that 7-12 ISASP testing is com-

ing up from April 6 – 9th and parent teacher conferences will be held this Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Diederichs also provided a handout and shared information regarding the new Transfer Majors program that will allow students to transfer all credits earned at Eastern lowa Community Colleges to a four-year institution for certain majors and the potential for reduced tuition after High School graduation if certain requirements are met.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #1 was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0. The agenda consists of job description for the Athletic Director. The district office will determine full -vs- part time.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #2 was made by Mr. Bullard, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0. The agenda consists of:

402.4 Gifts to Employees 402.5 Public Complaints About Employees

402.6 Employee Relations to The Public 402.7 Employee Outside Employment

402.8 Employee Telephone Calls 402.9 Solicitations from Outside

403.1 Employee Physical Examinations 403.2 Employee Injury on The Job Motion to approve Consent Agenda #3 as presented was made by Mr. Bullard, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0. Consent agenda #3 consists of:

a. Special Education Contracts for Durant Students Receiving Services at Wilton

b. First Reading of Board Wellness Policy 507.9
c. Set Time and Date for Public Hearing for FY21

.829.97

Budget for April 13th at 5:30 pm Set Time and Date for Public Hearing on a Resolution to Expend Funds from the District's Flexibility Account for April 13th at 5:30 pm. Motion to approve the Durant School District, Iowa Resolution approving application for the purpose of receiving benefits from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation was made by Mr. Bullard, seconded by Ms. Oberlander and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Motion to approve the request for Minor School License #1 for medical reasons was made by Mr. Bullard, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0.

There was no motion to approve the request for Minor

Laurie Botkins, Technology Director, explained the scope of the proposed wireless upgrade project. Motion to approve E-Rate Wireless Upgrade Bid Option #2 as presented was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Oberlander and carried 5-0. Option #2 includes wireless and cabling bids from RTI in the amount of \$43,913.04 of which the estimated district cost will be \$17,565.21 due to E-Rate rebate. Option #1 included wireless and cabling bids from Tri-City in the amount of \$23,460.01 of which the estimated district cost would be \$9,384.01. The difference being the bids from Tri-City would probably need upgraded in three years -vs- upgrades need in 5-7 years with RTI. Bids were also received from Communication Innovators in the amount of \$61,575.16 and ITP in the amount of \$38,654.89 (quote was not a total upgrade).

Motion to approve High School Gym Bleacher Bid from Townsend in the amount of \$88,878 contingent on a start date of August 1st was made by Mr. Bullard. After board discussion Mr. Bullard rescinded his motion. Motion to approve High School Gym Bleacher Bid from Townsend in the amount of \$88,878 with a projected start date in August was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Whitlock

was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0. A bid was also received from lowa Direct in the amount of \$106,375.

Motion to approve the Blue Bird Bus Bid of \$105,879 for a 2021 Blue Bird Vision Propane 71 Passenger Bus was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0. A bid was also received from Thomas Built Buses in the amount of \$107,349.

The Maintenance Committee met and discussed summer projects and several bids will be coming before the board including flooring and van bids. Discussion included tiling around the football field, continued progress on the bus barn improvements and a concession stand slated for the summer of 2021.

There will be a special meeting on Monday March 16th at 4:00 pm for initial exchange of interests with the Durant Education Association

Public hearings for the 2021 Budget and Resolution to spend from the district flexibility account will be on Monday April 13th at 5:30 pm with the regular meeting following. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned

Secretary, Board of Directors MARCH 2020 GENERAL FUND LIST OF BILLS

Adventure Lighting lightbulbs	\$630.96
Advocate News legal publication	\$369.66
Amazon classroom/nurse/office supplies	\$270.56
Arnold Motor Supply bus headlights/oil filter .	\$61.27
Auditor of State FY19 audit filing fee	
Cambium Assessment testing	\$21.00
Camelot Education-Quad Cities Jan tuitioned	
billing	\$9,845.23
Cavin, Anna physical reimbursement	
CenterPoint Energy utilities	\$5,722.88
City of Durant SRO reimbursement	\$4,759.57
City of Durant water/sewer	
Department of Education vehicle inspection .	
Doors Inc door repair	
Durant Municipal Electric Plant utilities	. \$11,237.42
Durant School Nutrition Fund PD/school imp	rovement
site visit lunches	\$235.13
Global Security Services door access cards.	\$89.60
Iowa HS Music Association festival registration	on \$52.00
Iowa HS Press Association spring journalism	
contest	\$87.00
Lane & Waterman LLP legal services	\$506.00
MidAmerican Energy utilities	\$103.31
Millennium Waste garbage service	\$653.00
Mississippi Bend AEA office forms	
North Scott CSD 1st semester open	
enrollment	\$5,453.82
One Source background checks	
Pitsco Education robotics supplies	\$170.50
PS3 Enterprises port-a-potty rental	
Puls Co irrigation services	
Quad City Youth Conference fees	
Quadient Finance USA postage	
Ralfs Jr, Gerald physical reimbursement/coa	
Ron Alpen Ford bus oil	
School Bus Sales supplies	
School Health nurse supplies	
School Specialty office supplies	
Shaffer Automotive oil change	\$41.00

School Specialty office supplies	\$57.19
Shaffer Automotive oil change	\$41.00
State of Iowa - Elevator Safety annual insp	ection
fee	\$175.00
Thoma Enterprises fcs supplies	\$186.27
TMI boiler repair	\$155.50
Voelkers Plumbing leak repair	\$145.73
West Music xylophone	\$1,548.15
Wilton CSD 2019-20 est sped billing	\$24,179.72
Windstream telephone service	\$1,005.32
SUB -TOTAL	\$76,259.92
OTHER FUNDS:	
Business Radio Sales & Service hand held	l
radios	\$1,125.00
Custom Builders bus barn project	\$2,720.00
Energy Control of Iowa cafeteria window	
tinting	\$7,526.00
Frontline Education time & attendance	
software	\$5,338.66
JMC licensure renewal	\$11,932.86
Lighting Maintenance Inc shop wiring	\$2,201.00
SU Insurance Co breakdown insurance	\$10,430.25
TOTAL	\$117,533.69

BILLS
Carolina Biological Supply Co science supplies\$159.35
Durant Chamber of Commerce 2020 annual dues \$75.00
H & H Small Engine Repair yearly maintenance

MARCH 2020 GENERAL FUND ADDITIONAL LIST OF

tractors	\$399.50
Iowa Communications Network long distance	
service	\$66.63
ITP wifi repair	\$62.50
J. Robert Hopson actuarial valuation and	
report	\$1,600.00
Midwest Wheel bus parts	\$19.20
Mississippi Bend AEA driver training fees	\$100.00
Plank Road Publishing music supplies	\$50.40
Price Oil vehicle fuel	\$3,588.50
Schumacher Elevator Co scheduled	
maintenance	\$151.58

.....\$6,272.66

SUB-TOTAL.....

#### OTHER FUNDS:

Iowa Communications Network networking

Iowa Communications Network networking
services\$764.40
TOTAL\$7,037.06
MARCH 2020 ACTIVITY FUND BILLS
Annon, Dave Boys Basketball Official\$65.00
Apex Ink Boys/Girls Golf Polo's Embroidery \$99.00
Breedloves Softball Uniforms\$4,027.50
Bob Rogers Travel 8th Grade DC Trip
Payment\$10,500.00
Butler, Steve Boys Basketball Official\$130.00
Clark, Alec JH Basketball Official\$65.00
Clinton Comm. School Boys Bowling Invitational
Fee\$100.00
Cort, Scott Boys Basketball Official\$65.00
Dierickx, Shawn Softball Bats Reimbursement \$861.05
Durant Comm. Center Jr. Class Prom\$187.50
Durant School General Fund Athletic Event Workers
Reimbursement\$487.51
Durant School General Fund Employee Boys
Basketball Official Reimbursement
Henning, Ralph Boys Basketball Official\$65.00
Images In Ink Jr. Class Prom Tickets\$60.00
Images In Ink Drama Play Posters\$40.00
lowa Donor Network HS St. Council Fundraiser
Donation\$1,505.60
lowa Girls HS Athletic Assoc. Girls Basketball
Tournament Gate\$1,116.00
lowa HS Athletic Assoc. Boys Basketball Tournament
Gate\$2,118.00
J.W. Pepper Band Music\$365.99
John J. Bermel Golf Shop Girls Golf Supply\$50.00
Kleeman, Cinnamon Vocal Supply Reimbursement \$9.87
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Knobbe, Patrick Boys Basketball Official\$160.18
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## Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, March 9, 2020

Wyndham Wrestling Cheer State Lodging ......

Comfort Inn Bowling State Lodging..... SleepInn Wrestling State Lodging .....

New Rule Drama Play Supply .....

Music Notes Vocal Music.....

Dances.

TOTAL.

\$798.00

.\$99.03

.\$3,846.42

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Sauer, Sorensen, Mather and Saucedo present. Holliday was absent. Chairperson

Sorensen presiding.
On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the agenda

was approved as presented. Ayes: All. Edward Askew, 2952 155th St, Muscatine, expressed Edward Askew, 2902 130 St, Mussaanie, expressed concern that he did not receive all of the information he requested from the County regarding correspondence between South East lowa Link and Muscatine County. Askew also suggested the Board of Supervisors apply for readmission to the Eastern lowa Mental Health Region.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, claims dated March 9, 2020 were approved in the amount of \$789,366.57

Discussion was held with Jenna Wagner, Prevent Violence Coalition, regarding their request to place blue pinwheels and signs in the Muscatine County Courthouse flower planters, along the sidewalk at the Muscatine County Jail and in front of the Community Services Building for April's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved a request from Mississippi Valley Child Protection to place blue pinwheels and signs in the Muscatine County Courthouse flower planters, along the sidewalk at the Muscatine County Jail and in front of the Community Services Building for April's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Ayes

Corev Leonard Muscatine addressed the Board stating he has been a participant in Special Olympics for over 37 years. Leonard stated the Special Olympics means a lot to him and wants young athletes to have the same opportunity

Discussion was held with Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding a proposed Muscatine County Acquisition Administrative Plan for FEMA funded acquisition projects. On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the Muscatine County Property Acquisition Plan for FEMA funded acquisition projects. Ayes: All.

Furnas informed the Board some legislative bills discussed last week regarding removal of the agricultural exemption from Zoning passed the legislature.

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met as a

Board of Canvassers for the West Liberty School Revenue Purpose Statement Special Election Public Measure A held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The Board certified the following results to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the election: Yes Votes: 70; No Votes: 10; Total Votes: 80. Muscatine County is the Control County for this election

## Wellmark to waive cost-share for virtual health care visits

DES MOINES — Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield announced that all Wellmark members will have access to virtual health care visits with no cost-share. To avoid the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), Wellmark is encouraging its members to take advantage of virtual visits with their primary care physician, if they have this capability. For those who don't currently have a primary care physician, please use an in-network provider or Doctor on Demand®. The cost-share for such visits, including those for mental health reasons, will be waived effective March 16, and reassessed after 90 days. This update applies to all fully insured and self-funded plans.

Additional health plan updates commu-

nicated last week still apply to Wellmark's fully insured members. Health care plans self-funded by an employer or other entity. may have some variation from these changes:

Waiving prior authorization processes. Wellmark will waive prior authorization processes for covered services related to COVID-19 to ensure patients receive the right care at the right time and location.

Covering diagnostic tests for COVID-19. Members will have no cost-share for appropriate testing to establish the diagnosis of

Increasing access to prescription medications. Wellmark prescription drug benefit plans allow for early refill (up to 30 days of medication) and we encourage the use of your 90-day retail and mail order benefits for maintenance drugs. We also will ensure formulary flexibility if there are medication shortages or other access issues. Members will not be liable for any additional charges if they receive a non-formulary medication as a result of a shortage of their current medication.

**24/7 support.** Members also have access to Wellmark's Be Well 24/7SM service that connects them to real people who can help with a variety of health-related concerns 24/7.

"As we see additional confirmed cases of COVID-19, we want to ensure our members have easy access to appropriate consultation, testing and care," said Dr. Tim Gutshall, Wellmark's vice president and chief medical officer. "With these changes in place, our members can rest assured their Wellmark coverage will continue without disruption."

Steps you can take to minimize exposure

While there is currently no vaccine or medicines to protect against COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend you take the same preventive measures as you would with the flu - frequent hand washing or use of an alcohol-based sanitizer, cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow, and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Members can find additional information at Wellmark.com/coronavirus.

## Spring community trout stocking scheduled to start March 27

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources fisheries staff will release between 1,000 to 2,000 rainbow trout in 11 lakes across Iowa in March and April as part of its cool weather trout program.

Spring community trout stockings are a great place to take kids to catch their first fish. A small hook with a night crawler or corn under a small bobber to casting small simple spinners such as a panther martin or mepps is all you need to get in on the fun.

Bringing trout to cities and towns offers a "close to home" option for Iowans who might not travel to northeast Iowa to experience trout fishing. Most locations also host a familyfriendly event to help anglers have success and fun while fishing.

The popular program is supported by the sales of the trout fee. Anglers need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. The daily limit is five trout per licensed angler with a possession limit of

Children age 15 or younger can fish for trout with a properly licensed adult, but they must limit their catch to one daily limit. The child can buy a trout fee which will allow them to catch their own limit.

Find trout fishing tips on the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/trout.

2020 Spring Community Trout Stocking Schedule:

\* March 27, Discovery Park, Muscatine,

\* March 27, Wilson Lake, Fort Madison, Noon \* March 28, Jefferson County Park Pond,

Fairfield, 10:30 a.m. \* March 28, Ottumwa Park Pond, Ottumwa,

\*April 4, Banner Lake (South), Summerset

State Park, Indianola, Noon

Liberty, 11 a.m. \* April 11, Terra Lake, Johnston, Noon

\* April 4, Liberty Centre Pond, North

\*April 18, North Prairie Lake, Cedar Falls, \*April 18, Prairie Park (Cedar Bend), Cedar

Rapids, 10 a.m. \* April 25, Heritage Pond, Dubuque, 10

\* April 25, Sand Lake, Marshalltown, 11

## Submit to 2020 Wandering Words Sidewalk Poetry Competition

To celebrate National Poetry Month, the Muscatine County Arts Council has announced the 2020 Wandering Words Sidewalk Poetry Competition in partnership with the city of Muscatine. All residents of Muscatine County, young and old, amateur or professional, are eligible to submit one or two poems. There is no charge for submissions and authors of the winning poems will receive a \$50 award.

Up to five poems will be selected from the entries to be stamped into new concrete sidewalks and may be used for other purposes including publication and readings. Entries will be accepted Wednesday, April 1 through Thursday, April 30.

· Each person may submit one or two poems. The text and subject matter must be appropriate for the general public. Poems that are explicitly religious, political, graphically violent or overtly sexual will not be considered.

 Poems may be composed of up to eight lines — having no more than 25 characters per line including spaces and punctuation. If a title is included it will count as two lines.

• Poems can be previously published, as long as they are original work of the writer.

• Poems must be submitted in typewritten form on 8.5-by-11 paper with one poem per page. Poem pages must not include the poet's name or other identifying text.

• Each submission must include a cover sheet with the poet's name, home address, phone number, email and the first line of each

poem submitted.

Poets retain full copyright of their poems. By entering, the poets agree that the Muscatine County Arts Council and the city of Muscatine may freely use and/or print the poems as many times as they wish in whole or in part for promotional, documentary or celebratory purposes. Entries must be postmarked by April 30 and mailed to Muscatine County Arts Council, P.O. Box 815, Muscatine, IA 52761.

## 2020 Robert D. Blue scholarship application available online

DES MOINES — State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald wants to remind Iowans to apply for the 2020 Robert D. Blue Scholarship at rdblue.org. Graduates of any Iowa high school who plan to attend a college or university in the state of Iowa for the 2020-2021 school year are eligible to apply.

Awards are based on financial need, an original essay, academic achievement and written recommendations. "Awarding this scholarship to an Iowa student allows us to reward those who have created a lasting impression on their communities," Fitzgerald stated. "It is my honor to be part of this process and provide students the tools they need to achieve great-

Established by the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation, the Robert D. Blue Scholarship is awarded to an Iowan who will be attending one of Iowa's exemplary institutions of higher education. Since its creation in 1949 by Governor Robert D. Blue, the scholarship has helped hundreds of Iowa students fulfill their higher education dreams. Last year, eight students were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. All recipients went to various colleges and universities across the state.

Robert D. Blue Scholarship applications are only accepted online through May 10 at rdblue.org. Applicants must complete each

step of the application to be considered for the scholarship and winners will be announced during the summer. Those who would like more information on the Robert D. Blue Scholarship should visit the website or call the treasurer's office at (515) 281-7003.

View Online: http://readme.readmedia. com/2020-Robert-D-Blue-Scholarship-Application-Available-Online/16983315.

## For the safety of Iowans, Loebsack to change office operations

IOWA CITY — U.S. Congressman Dave Loebsack (D-Iowa City) announced that in the interest of public safety and to help slow the spread of COVID-19, he will be closing his physical offices in Iowa City, Davenport and Washington, D.C. effective March 17. All staff will continue to serve Iowans via teleworking.

and all emails will continued to be monitored on a regular basis. Additionally, office hours held by Loebsack's district representatives in all 24 counties will be canceled until further

"During these times, we must follow the idance of medical professionals, put the Iowans will be able to reach our office during health of Iowans first and take preventative normal business hours (8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. CT) action to ensure folks can get they assistance

they need without putting the health of others at risk," said Loebsack. "My office and staff will remain available to assist Iowans with issues that may arise. We will continue to actively monitor the situation and will provide additional updates as information becomes available. It is imperative that everyone continues to follow the advice of local, state and federal officials and take the appropriate steps

to remain healthy and well."

Iowans living in the Second Congressional District are encouraged to continue to contact any of Dave's offices.

For the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding COVID-19, Iowans may learn more from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Iowa Department of Public Health.



## LEGAL NOTICES

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and totals from Cedar County will be added at a second canvass on March 16th to determine the official results for Public Measure A.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved the following utility permit: Eastern lowa Light and Power – boring under Hwy 927 near 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue to relocate overhead cable to underground cable. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #03-09-20-01 Authorizing Weight Embargoes on Secondary Roads in Muscatine County.
Roll call vote: Ayes: All.
RESOLUTION #03-09-20-01

**AUTHORIZING WEIGHT EMBARGOES ON SECOND-**ARY ROADS
IN MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA
WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

recognizes that recent weather conditions have caused soft subgrade and surface conditions to develop on some

Secondary Roads; and WHEREAS, Sections 321.236(8), 321.255, 321.471 and 321.473 of the Code of Iowa provide the authority for local authorities to impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated on any highway under their jurisdiction and Section 321.463 establishes the penalty for violating said restrictions:

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, that an embargo be authorized where necessary on the Secondary Roads System for Muscatine County. The County Engineer is directed to restrict all traffic to an 11-ton gross load where deemed necessary on certain sections of the road system and to erect signs to advise the traveling public of these limits, in accordance with Section 321.472. If conditions warrant, the embargo is rescinded by the removal of signs by direction of the County Engineer.

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved the FY2020 Muscatine County DOT Secondary Roads Budget and Secondary Roads Five - Year Construc-tion Program as amended to correspond with changes made during the FY2020 Muscatine County Budget process. Ayes:

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on

secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board apor a renewal application for a Class BB Beer (includes wine coolers), Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for the City of Muscatine, DBA Muscatine Municipal Golf Course, 1820 Hwy. 38, Muscatine, IA. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer second by Saucedo, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer, Liquor, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for West Liberty Golf & Country Club, 1248 Country Heights Lane, West Liberty, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, minutes of the March 2, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo reported calls regarding the Special Olympics. Saucedo and Mather reported a follow up call and email regarding a joint meeting with the City of Muscatine. Saucedo received a budget report from the Community

Saucedo reported an email regarding possible spring flooding.
Mather reported an email from a citizen regarding a flat

Mather reported an inquiry from a citizen regarding

nuisance laws Sorensen met with John Beckey and Cheryl Plank regarding Vision 2020 March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Committee Reports: Mather attended a Muscatine County Health Association meeting March 5th Mather attended a Veteran's Appreciation Dinner at the

Armory March 8th

Matther attended a MAGIC Orientation March 6th.
Discussion was held regarding a revised class specification and grade placement for an Eligibility Support Specialist. Schreiber stated Community Services Director Felicia Toppert requested two positions be combined resulting in a new grade and step placement for a current employee in the combined position. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board approved a class specification for an Eligibility Support Specialist, Grade 8 and placement of the current employee at Grade 8, Step 7. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved the hiring of Ashley Curtis as Receptionist at \$36,242 (Grade 7, Step 6) for Community Services. Ayes:

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Chairperson was authorized to sign a Local Workforce Develop-ment Area Chief Elected Official Liability Agreement for a new region being formed by combining Region 9 (Muscatin Clinton, Scott and Jackson Counties) and Region 16 (Des Moines, Lee, Henry and Louisa Counties). A The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 A.M.

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