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## Governor Reynolds permits more services to open

### ■ May 15 date looming

DES MOINES – On May 6, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the Public Health Disaster Emergency.

The proclamation permits dental services to resume in compliance with guidelines adopted by the Iowa Dental Board, permits some additional businesses and establishments to reopen throughout Iowa in a limited fashion with appropriate public health measures in place, and provides additional regulatory relief to assist Iowans affected by this disaster.

The state of public health disaster emer-

gency shall continue to expire on May 27, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., unless sooner terminated or extended in writing by the governor.

Newly permitted services include the following:

#### Dental services

Effective at 5 a.m. on May 8, and continuing until this disaster proclamation expires:

A. A dentist and his or her dental staff may resume providing any dental services if the dentist complies with the following requirements:

(1) All dental services are provided in

compliance with the guidelines for the Safe Transition Back to Practice adopted by the Iowa Dental Board on May 5.

(2) The dentist has adequate inventories of personal protective equipment (PPE) and access to a reliable supply chain without relying on state or local PPE stockpiles to comply with the guidance for Returning to Work During COVID-19.

(3) The dentist has a plan to conserve PPE consistent with guidance from the CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health.

B. The performance of any dental procedures except in compliance with paragraph A

continues to be prohibited.

#### Reopening of additional businesses statewide

Effective at 5 a.m. on May 8, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on May 15:

A. Campgrounds: Any public or private campground may reopen, provided that the campground implements reasonable measures under the circumstances of each campground to ensure social distancing, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

B. Drive-in movie theaters: The closure of theaters where motion pictures are shown shall not apply to a drive-in movie theater. A drive-in movie theater may reopen, but only to the extent that the theater ensures that all cars are parked at least six feet apart and takes other reasonable measures under the circumstances of each theater to ensure social distancing of employees and patrons, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with Guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

C. Tanning facilities: A tanning facility, as defined by Iowa Code § 136D.2(5), may reopen, but only to the extent that the facility takes other reasonable measures under the circumstances of each theater to ensure social distancing of employees and patrons, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with Guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

D. Medical spas: Medical spas, as defined in Iowa Admin Code § 653-13.8(1), may reopen to provide medical aesthetic services, but only if the medical spa complies with the requirements for performing outpatient procedures that utilize PPE in section 10, paragraph A, of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued or April 27, 2020.

#### Social and fraternal clubs

Effective at 5 a.m. on May 8, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on May 15:

\* All counties except Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Dallas, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fayette, Henry, Iowa, Jasper, Johnson, Linn, Louisa, Marshall, Muscatine,

#### IOWA DIRECTIVES

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Kim Reynolds

## Wilton commons project begins



Triple B Construction has been on-site this week at Wilton High School to begin excavation work for the upcoming \$2.65 million Townsend commons project. The new commons, shown in an artist's rendition below, will be complete by the start of the 2021-2022 school year and will include a new commons area, concession stand, restrooms, office space and storage area attached to the south end of the high school gymnasium. The gym will also receive air conditioning as part of the project.

Photos by Derek Sawvell and contributed



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# Dean Naylor out as Muscatine County jailer

*Editor's note: The following story was posted online at iowacapitaldispatch.com May 6, written by Deputy Editor Clark Kaufmann. This is a follow-up to the report from Iowa Capital Dispatch in articles published previously in the Wilton-Durant Advocate News and West Liberty Index. The Advocate News and Index received a letter (pictured) dated May 1 noting that Administrator Dean Naylor had been terminated from the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office.*

**By Clark Kaufmann**  
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Muscatine County Jail Administrator Dean Naylor, under fire and placed on leave for anti-Muslim comments he published online, reportedly no longer works for the county.

The Quad-City Times reported Wednesday that Muscatine County Supervisor Doug Holliday received an email Monday from Sheriff C.J. Ryan, Naylor's boss, stating that Naylor "no longer works for Muscatine County." Ryan and the county's five supervisors could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

On April 10, the Iowa Capital Dispatch reported that Naylor, a captain with the sheriff's department, had published online a lengthy treatise in which he called Muslims "pawns of the devil" and that he had created and posted seven related YouTube videos. All of the content was produced five to six years ago but it remains publicly accessible online.

In his written treatise, Naylor describes "the gay lifestyle" as an abomination and denounces court rulings that have led to the removal of the Ten Commandments from courthouses and government buildings. He also predicts a global conflict that will pit Muslims, led by Satan, against Christians and result in the death of 2 billion people.

At the time, Sheriff Ryan said his only concern was "the actions of my employees, not their personal beliefs. I have no comment

on the personal beliefs of Mr. Naylor or any of my other employees."

The Capital Dispatch later reported that officials in Johnson County — which uses the Muscatine County Jail to house some of its inmates — were threatening to cancel their contract with the jail over Naylor's "hateful" commentary. That contract provides Muscatine County with \$657,000 in annual revenue.

The letter from the Johnson County Board of Supervisors states that "Captain Naylor's reprehensible comments about Muslims and members of the LGBTQ+ community have caused us to fear for the civil liberties of the inmates housed at your jail. We find Captain Naylor's hateful speech to be unacceptable, particularly considering the high standard we hold for sworn law enforcement officers. We denounce his comments and actions."

The letter goes on to suggest that if Muscatine County takes no steps to address the matter and "concerns remain, we may have no choice but to terminate our contract with Muscatine County and seek housing for our county's overflow inmates elsewhere."

Muscatine County expanded its jail years ago with the intent of having it generate revenue through fees paid other Iowa counties, including Johnson and Clinton, and by the federal government for housing some of their inmates.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations, the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, has publicly urged Muscatine County to fire Naylor. The organization's director of government affairs, Robert McCaw, said, "Naylor's hostility and twisted apocalyptic end-times beliefs directly impacts his ability to impartially ensure the safety, security and religious rights of Muslim inmates."

Teamsters Local 238, which represents the Muscatine County jailers, also condemned



Naylor's statements and issued a vote of no confidence in his leadership.

For the past 10 years, Naylor has run the Muscatine County Jail, which has roughly 250 beds and houses inmates for other eastern Iowa counties and the federal government. The jail frequently houses Muslim inmates, some of whom have complained of discrimination.

In the 11,500-word treatise entitled "End Times — We Are Here!!," Naylor characterizes Muslims as "the beast" that will set out to kill all Christians and Jews just before the rapture occurs. He writes that "people following the Muslim faith are nothing more than pawns to the devil ... Islam has 2 billion followers, they hate Jews and Christians (and) they can have a 200-million-man army ... Our fellow servants will turn on us and rat us out to the

Satanically led Muslims."

Naylor also warns that "very soon Christians will be faced with a world that is hunting them worldwide and they will not be able to participate in the economy."

In one of his videos, Naylor urges viewers to "buckle up" and prepare for a war that will take place between 2016 and 2023 and will kill one-third of mankind.

"The beast is coming, all right? Whether you want to wake up to it or not, he's coming. Our time is nearing the end," Naylor says in the video. "Wake up. We need to start preparing for war — spiritual war and physical war."

When asked in April by the Capital Dispatch whether his videos and written statements reflect his current way of thinking, Naylor declined to comment.

# Durant district eyes pre-K changes in wake of funding shortfall

**By Derek Sawvell**  
Managing Editor, Advocate News

The Durant school board once again held an entirely virtual meeting May 11, as the state is still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, the elementary wing of the school district has been closed to staff recently due to asbestos removal.

The bulk of the discussion Monday night dealt with planning and funding for the district preschool program. Elementary Principal Rebecca Stineman said funding for the pre-K program was tied to kindergarten

**Durant school board**

numbers. Due to the fact that they've been low, funding is down.

She went on to say that while it's unknown exactly how many preschool students will enroll in the fall, early projections suggest around 38 coming into the 4-year old program and a total of roughly 50 when also considering 3-year olds and those needing special education.

For years, Durant has offered full-day preschool. Stineman said, along with guidance from Superintendent Joe Burnett, that the district is considering possibly going to half days and/or raising the tuition portion charged to parents. Burnett added that the district only receives half the funding of K-12 students via the state. That, coupled with low kindergarten numbers, leaves the district with a \$75,000-\$80,000 shortfall.

He also said that the district has two full-time preschool teachers, Mindy Hoon and Allie Cronbaugh. Wilton also has two full-time teachers but with twice the number of students, according to Burnett, who also serves as superintendent of the Wilton district.

Burnett said the district might have to look at only servicing 4-year olds in the future to remain viable. After several questions from board members, Stineman and Burnett noted that the district was still weighing several options as no decisions had been made yet.

Continuing with administrative reports, High School Principal Joel Diederichs said plans were ongoing for the upcoming parade of cars for graduation May 17. He said all 40 DHS grads are set to participate and will begin lining up at the school in their cars at 12:30 p.m. with a 1 p.m. start time Sunday.

Diederichs is also working with his Building Leadership Team to prepare for what school will look like in the post COVID-19 era until a vaccine is in place, with an emphasis on social distancing once school returns in the fall.

## Miscellany

In other action, the board:  
\* Held a FY2020 budget amendment hearing prior to the regular meeting and later approved the following amendments to the budget: an increase from \$2.81 million to \$3.09 million in support services for increased tech

hardware/software and custodial equipment costs; an increase from \$335,332 to \$345,332 for increased property/liability insurance and personnel costs; and an increase in other expenditures from \$1.08 million to \$1.536 million for various capital project improvements including lighting, boiler upgrades, bleachers, flooring, bus barn upgrades, parking lot resurfacing, etc.

\* Approved the resignation of Tiffany Martin, wrestling cheer coach.

\* Reviewed policies 406.1; 406.2; 406.3; 406.4; 406.5; 406.6; 407.1; 407.2; 407.3; 407.4; and 407.5.

\* Approved the classified staff handbook.

\* Approved the transfer of \$30,440 from the PPEL fund to the debt service fund to cover the district's final bond payment on

a 20-year bond that helped Durant build its current cafeteria, convert the old one to classrooms and add classrooms to the east end of the elementary, including the superintendent's wing plus business offices.

\* Approved the list of 2020 graduates. Durant will graduate 40 seniors this year.

\* The district will continue serving curbside meals through June 30.

\* Burnett noted it was school board appreciation week.

All action taken was unanimous. Board members Travis Bullard, Carla Whitlock, Katy Oberlander, Tara Lindsay and Julie Rivera were present. The next regular meeting is June 8 at 5:30 p.m.



**Wilton Poppy Day May 22**—Wilton Mayor Bob Barrett (right) receives a memorial poppy from Wilton Auxiliary member Becky Hansen (left). Poppies will be distributed, in exchange for donations, to area businesses by members of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #584. Money collected will go to assist veterans and their families. Veterans hand-make each 9-piece poppy. National Poppy Day is May 22.

AN file photo

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# West Liberty Foods planning to furlough 300 employees

**By Tim Evans**  
Editor, West Liberty Index

A lack of demand for turkey products has created a major change for West Liberty Foods, the community's largest industry, announcing Monday the company will not only be putting an estimated 300 employees on furlough, but are asking turkey farmers who supply their production lines to take an 18-week break.

business has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Dan Waters, vice president and general counsel for the national company that grew out of West Liberty.

"With restaurants closing and Americans sheltering in place, demand for many of our meat products dropped dramatically," he said. "As a result, we have accumulated millions of excess pounds of turkey breast meat in cold storage, and we need to work through that inventory."

Waters said the company's plan to work through what he called a "glut" is to process live turkeys currently on our affiliated growers' farms. "However, effective sometime around Friday, June 22, the growers will quit placing poults (baby turkeys) for 18 weeks.

He said that change in the production schedule means West Liberty Foods will not have live turkeys to process during a period running from "about November through February," allowing the company to work through an

inventory of excess meat.

During that time, team members who work in evisceration, cut-up and raw pack at the West Liberty facility would be placed on temporary furlough.

"We don't know the exact number of workers who will be affected, but we estimate that number to be around 300," Waters said, pointing out the remainder of the plant "will continue to fabricate, cook and slice products from the meat in our inventory."

Furloughed employees will receive unemployment benefits, and West Liberty Foods will pay those employees an additional 25 percent to supplement those benefits. In addition, the company plans to pay the premiums for employees to remain on the company's health insurance plan for the duration of the furlough.

Waters said depending on how fast the industry recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, the furlough may last for less than 18 weeks.

# Iowa Farm Bureau donates to food banks

WEST DES MOINES – The COVID-19 global pandemic has resulted in an increase in food insecure Iowans across the state. To help feed the growing need, the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF) donated \$100,000 to the Iowa Food Bank Association (IFBA) on April 9 and announced a contribution match of up to \$500 to each of Iowa's county Farm Bureaus through April 24. A total of 203 donations were made to food pantries across the state, with county Farm Bureaus contributing more than \$60,000. With matching funds from IFBF, more than one million meals were provided to Iowans in need.

The IFBA says they are seeing four times the number of new requests for food due to COVID-19-related temporary business closures leaving people without work. IFBA is 99 percent funded through private and public donations and is completely reliant upon the generosity of Iowans to provide meals to all

areas of the state. The six regional nonprofit food banks serving Iowa include River Bend Foodbank, Food Bank of Iowa, Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Food Bank for the Heartland, Food Bank of Siouxland and HACPFood Reservoir.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to Iowans across the state who continue to be impacted by this ongoing challenge. Despite the crisis facing agriculture today, Iowa farmers have always pulled together to help their communities out during difficult times," said IFBF President Craig Hill. "I am inspired by the contributions of our county Farm Bureaus in supporting our Feed the Need effort."

"The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the need of food resources for children, families and seniors across the state. The Feeding America food banks serving Iowa and their

partners continue to work tirelessly to serve Iowa," said Linda Gorkow, executive director of the Iowa Food Bank Association. "This substantial gift from the Iowa Farm Bureau supports our vital work across the state to ensure Iowans receive much needed food."

In addition to the need for monetary donations, the food banks serving Iowa are facing a significant decline in volunteers to pack boxes and assist at mobile food pantries. The majority of food bank volunteers are seniors who are in the "at-risk" category for COVID-19 and have not been able to assist. Volunteers are now needed to help package food for seniors and families.

For more information about how you can feed the need in Iowa, please visit <https://www.iowafba.org/>.

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# Iowa Health Care Foundation Scholarships application deadline May 31

WEST DES MOINES — The application deadline for the Iowa Health Care Association (IHCA) Foundation’s scholarship program is fast approaching. Applications are due May 31 to be considered for one of these scholarships. Approximately 36 scholarships totaling \$54,000 will be awarded this year. In addition, the IHCA Foundation is offering \$9,000 in sign-on and retention bonuses for eligible scholarship recipients.

The need for health care workers has never been greater, and the IHCA Foundation has expanded its health care scholarship program to include new scholarships for high school students and veterans interested in joining the long-term care profession, in addition to scholarships for current long-term care employees interested in advancing their health care education.

“We need more skilled health care professionals in long-term care now more than ever before. During these extraordinary times, this is truly a once-in-a-lifetime chance to make a profound and meaningful difference in the lives of those who need care the most,” said Lori Ristau, executive director, IHCA Foundation. “Thanks to our generous Foundation donors, we now also have the chance to provide additional support to those seeking a career in long-term care with our expanded scholarship program, providing new opportunities for current long-term care employees and to those

who want to join the profession for the first time.”

### Scholarship offerings

The IHCA Foundation is now accepting applications for the following scholarships:

\* High School Student Scholarship (NEW) — This \$1,000 scholarship is for Iowa high school seniors enrolling in a certified nursing assistant (CNA), licensed practical nurse (LPN), registered nurse (RN) or bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program and interested in a career in long-term care. It also includes a potential additional \$500 sign-on bonus for scholarship recipients who complete their certification/degree program, receive and accept an offer of employment from an IHCA member organization and remain employed with that organization for one year. Ten of these scholarships will be offered this year.

\* Juckette Family Veteran Scholarship (NEW) — This \$2,000 scholarship, sponsored

by the Linda Juckette Family Gift Fund, is for those who have served in the U.S. military, National Guard or Reserves and are pursuing CNA, LPN, RN or Certified Dietary Manager programs in Iowa, with the goal of working in long-term care. Four of these scholarships will be offered this year.

\* John W. & Kimberly D. Grubb RN Scholarship (NEW) — This \$3,000 scholarship, sponsored by the John R. and Zelda Z. Grubb Charitable Foundation, is for employees of IHCA member organizations pursuing a RN degree. It also includes a potential additional \$2,000 retention bonus for scholarship recipients who receive their RN degree and remain employed at an IHCA member organization for one year following their degree completion. Two of these scholarships will be offered this year.

\* Member Employee Scholarship — This scholarship is for employees of IHCA member organizations looking to advance their health care education. Twenty scholarships will be offered, at \$1,500 each, for employees interested in pursuing nursing, health care administration, or physical or occupational therapy programs.

Scholarships are for the 2020-2021 academic year.

### How to apply

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# IRS: Three new credits available to many businesses hit by COVID-19

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds employers affected by COVID-19 about three important new credits available to them.

### Employee Retention Credit

The employee retention credit is designed to encourage businesses to keep employees on their payroll. The refundable tax credit is 50 percent of up to \$10,000 in wages paid by an eligible employer whose business has been financially impacted by COVID-19.

The credit is available to all employers regardless of size, including tax-exempt organizations. There are only two exceptions: State and local governments and their instrumentalities and small businesses who take small business loans.

Qualifying employers must fall into one of two categories:

The employer's business is fully or partially suspended by government order due to COVID-19 during the calendar quarter.

The employer's gross receipts are below 50 percent of the comparable quarter in 2019. Once the employer's gross receipts go above 80 percent of a comparable quarter in 2019, they no longer qualify after the end of that quarter.

Employers will calculate these measures each calendar quarter.

### Paid Sick Leave Credit and Family Leave Credit

The paid sick leave credit is designed to allow business to get a credit for an employee

who is unable to work (including telework) because of coronavirus quarantine or self-quarantine or has coronavirus symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis. Those employees are entitled to paid sick leave for up to 10 days (up to 80 hours) at the employee's regular rate of pay up to \$511 per day and \$5,110 in total.

The employer can also receive the credit for employees who are unable to work due to caring for someone with coronavirus or caring for a child because the child's school or place of care is closed, or the paid childcare provider is unavailable due to the coronavirus. Those employees are entitled to paid sick leave for up to two weeks (up to 80 hours) at 2/3 the employee's regular rate of pay or, up to \$200 per day and \$2,000 in total.

Employees are also entitled to paid family and medical leave equal to 2/3 of the employee's regular pay, up to \$200 per day and \$10,000 in total. Up to 10 weeks of qualifying leave can be counted towards the family leave credit.

Employers can be immediately reimbursed for the credit by reducing their required deposits of payroll taxes that have been withheld from employees' wages by the amount of the credit.

Eligible employers are entitled to immediately receive a credit in the full amount of the required sick leave and family leave, plus

related health plan expenses and the employer's share of Medicare tax on the leave, for the period of April 1, 2020, through Dec. 31, 2020. The refundable credit is applied against certain employment taxes on wages paid to all employees.

### How will employers receive the credit?

Employers can be immediately reimbursed for the credit by reducing their required deposits of payroll taxes that have been withheld from employees' wages by the amount of the credit.

Eligible employers will report their total qualified wages and the related health insurance costs for each quarter on their quarterly employment tax returns or Form 941 beginning with the second quarter. If the employer's employment tax deposits are not sufficient to cover the credit, the employer may receive an advance payment from the IRS by submitting Form 7200, Advance Payment of Employer Credits Due to COVID-19.

Eligible employers can also request an advance of the Employee Retention Credit by submitting Form 7200.

Updates on the implementation of the Employee Retention Credit and other information can be found on the Coronavirus page of IRS.gov.

## Senior Farmers' Market checks available

As part of a national initiative, Milestones Area Agency on Aging will again issue Senior Farmers' Market checks starting June 1, continuing through August 31 — or until depleted — to low and moderate income seniors age 60-plus for use at approved local farmers' markets.

Recipients are awarded 10 \$3 checks valued at \$30. The checks can be used June through October for fresh, unprepared, locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey at participating farmers market vendors. Checks cannot be used for eggs, nuts, baked goods, jelly, meat, plants, flowers, crafts, etc. Each person receives only one set of checks per year.

Annual income requirements are \$23,606 (\$1,967.17 per month) or below for a single person and \$31,894 (\$2,657.83 per month) or below for a married couple. Both spouses may receive checks if each person is age 60-plus.

Milestones is the distribution agency for seniors living in Appanoose, Clinton, Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Lucas, Mahaska, Monroe, Muscatine,

Scott, Van Buren, Wapello and Wayne counties.

Due to COVID-19, all distribution will be conducted by mail only. Anyone eligible who received checks last year will be mailed an application automatically. They will not need to call Milestones unless their address changed from last year.

Anyone who did not receive checks last year but meets the eligibility requirements above, can call 855-410-6222 to request an application be mailed to them. All recipients must complete the application form which includes signing a statement of eligibility. The senior must sign the application form before sending it back to Milestones in Davenport.

Married couples need only complete one form. Proxies are allowed, meaning a person age 18 or older who can act on behalf of the senior applying for checks. However, checks will be mailed to the senior's address.

Once reviewed and processed, checks will be mailed to qualified applicants. Please allow at least 2 - 3 weeks for processing and delivery.

## Siegfried Petersen Scholarship winners

The Siegfried Petersen Scholarship Committee has announced its scholarship selections for 2020. One individual will receive \$10,000, two will receive \$8,000 each, two will receive \$6,000 each, and one will receive \$2,000 from the trust account that was established by Mr. Petersen, a life-long farmer in the Bennett area.

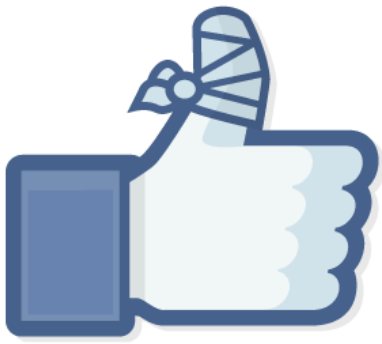
This year's winners were selected from a list of 22 applicants and include Grace Morningstar, Lisbon (Lisbon High School) who will receive \$10,000; Madalyn Timmerman, Tipton (Tipton High School) and

Trent Pelzer, Bennett (Tipton High School) will each receive \$8,000; Jaylin Pearson, Lowden (North Cedar High School) and Hannah Frisch, Durant (Durant High School) will each receive \$6,000; and Madison Conrad, Bennett (Tipton High School) who will receive \$2,000.

The committee would like to recognize all of the students throughout the Cedar County area who applied and encourage anyone who will be enrolled in a post-secondary program in 2021-2022 to apply again in the spring of 2021.

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# Memorial Day May 25, 2020

Our communities proudly salute our military men and women who have served our country as peacekeepers and during times of war. Your dedication to our country is appreciated. Please attend a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 25.

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**We miss you!**  
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**Grandma & Grandpa Dierickx**

### Freedom is not Free!

The Advocate News invites readers to submit pictures for a special Memorial Day Salute that will be published on **Thursday, May, 21 2020. The deadline for photos is May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## Tribute to a loved one!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal Message (optional, up to 8-10 words): \_\_\_\_\_

Living or  Deceased

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**Cost \$15**

For more information call 563-732-2029 or email [adnews@netwtc.net](mailto:adnews@netwtc.net)

Special tribute will be published in the May 21 Advocate News. **Deadline for photos is Friday, May 15**



# Wilton and Durant emergency services managing PPE use

By Ashley Darnold  
of the Advocate News

Local Wilton and Durant emergency services are in dire need of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to keep themselves and others safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Personal Protective Equipment can include protective clothing, helmets, masks, gloves, goggles, etc. Wearing these items helps prevent or limit the transmission of bacteria or germs.

## Wilton Emergency Medical Service

Wilton EMS is in need of PPE due to the national shortage. EMS personnel use N95 masks (preferred), face shields, disposable gowns and disposable gloves — surgical and homemade masks are used when needed.

Depending on the number of calls per day and its details, PPE use can be used extremely fast. For example, Wilton EMS Coordinator Wanetta Dykema-Sterner gave the following example: “If we have two calls and four people show up, that is four pairs of gloves and four masks — unless the masks have been coughed, sneezed or bled on, we have been reusing those. Four gowns and face shields per call. Then we get back to the station — we would use another four pairs of gloves to clean the EMS vehicle and equipment. Total for the day could be 16 pairs of gloves, eight masks, eight gowns and eight face shields being used.”

Normally the department would purchase PPE from *Boundtree*, but with the shortage — locals can donate PPE by contacting Dykema-Sterner at 563-732-2124. If making homemade masks, volunteers can visit the following website for guidelines: <https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/7/Homemade%20Mask%20Guidance%20for%20health%20care%20workers.pdf>.

A few donations have been made to Wilton EMS so far. Heather Rae donated lab coats and boxes of gloves for the volunteers. Steve Kraklio of Moscow donated masks and a box of gloves. Elaine Caldbeck, from St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Bettendorf, donated homemade masks and a box of gloves. Mark Stoskoff donated gloves. Chuck W. Clark, from JMEagle, donated facemasks. Unanimous donations have been made of homemade masks, as well as a box of face shields. Muscatine County Emergency Management also donated some supplies to Wilton EMS.

Wilton EMS is taking all precautions to keep its volunteers and patients safe during this pandemic. Along with volunteers wearing N95 masks, face shields, disposable gowns and gloves, sometimes a mask is placed on the patient when it doesn’t interfere with their ability to breathe.

After PPE has been used, it is placed in a biohazard bag. Responders are encouraged to use hand sanitizer throughout the calls and wash their hands when they get back to the station. When volunteers arrive home, they take their shoes off before entering and disinfect to help prevent the spread. Many responders change clothes and take a shower before interacting with family members.

“We are dedicated to providing fire and EMS services to Wilton and the surrounding area and know in doing so we have to take extra precautions. There is some uneasiness about safety, of having enough equipment to keep everyone safe and being exposed and taking it home to our families or exposing others at our place of work. We want to be able to keep our responders safe and to keep the members of the community that we serve safe,” said Dykema-Sterner.

## Durant Volunteer Ambulance Service

The Durant Volunteer Ambulance Service is currently not in need of PPE. Depending on the length of the pandemic, however, they will need more PPE in the future.

According to Dennis Frisch, President of the Volunteer Ambulance Service, the department has 40 N95 masks, 320 face and surgical masks, 50 face shields, 40 safety glasses, 12 goggles, 50 gowns, 40 Tyvek coveralls, 5,000 gloves and 275 hand sanitizer sheets.

The following is an approximate amount of PPE that is used per call: gloves - five per person, masks - four, shields - two (may be disinfected and reused), glasses/goggles - three per person (may be disinfected and reused), and gowns - two to three disposable.

If anyone wants to donate PPE, they can contact Jodi Free of the Cedar County EMA at 563-886-3355. Free is in charge of distributing PPE to those in need within Cedar County.

The Durant Ambulance Service has received a few donations of PPE: Corteva (250 pairs of glasses/goggles, gloves and masks), Cedar County EMA (gloves, glasses/goggles, N-95 masks), and community individuals (masks and face shields).

Other precautions are being taken to protect the volunteers and patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. Inside the ambulance, all equipment is disinfected after each call. Two volunteers are in the high-risk category for contracting the COVID-19 virus, so they have taken time off until the threat is much less.

“There have been times when it has been physically difficult due to the lack of personnel with only a few members handling all of the calls even though the call volume has decreased. It is great to have some of our

members become more active as we have five members that are unable to go on calls due to age, injury, or other issues. When we are unable to respond with our crew, we are able to rely upon another service to cover our area,” said Frisch. “We are thankful to be told many times by community members that they deeply appreciate the time and effort we give to caring for our community and the surrounding communities we serve.”

## Wilton Fire Department

“We have a really good stock of PPE right now,” said Wilton’s Assistant Fire Chief Raymond Sterner. For fire calls, the volunteers wear bunker gear, bunker boots, helmet, fire gloves, Nomex hood and a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Depending on the call, volunteers can use up to four sets of gloves, four gowns and four masks. If homemade masks are donated, the volunteers still have to wear a N95 mask underneath or place a filter in it. If anyone is interested in donating to the Wilton Fire Department, they can contact Sterner at the station (563-732-2124).

“As far as precautions, we’re doing a lot of social distancing. We have suspended meetings and trainings until further notice. I think everybody in that department is handling the pandemic very well. We have a lot of good camaraderie, and we just want to get back out there, do our training and meetings, and socially interact with each other. We are a family down at the station. We look out for one another,” Sterner stated.

## Durant Fire Department

The Advocate News reached out to the Durant Fire Department but was not responded to prior to press time.

# New Muscatine County Attorney 'had some hiccups on his past'

*Editor’s note: The following story was posted online at [iowacapitaldispatch.com](http://iowacapitaldispatch.com) May 11, written by Deputy Editor Clark Kaufmann. By Clark Kaufmann  
Iowa Capital Dispatch*

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Monday (May 11) to appoint as its new county attorney James Barry, the former Cass County prosecutor who was forced from office over a ticket-fixing scandal.

Barry will fill out the remaining six months in the term of former Muscatine County Attorney Alan Ostergren, who resigned effective May 1. With his appointment taking effect today, Barry is now Muscatine County’s top law enforcement officer.

In 2009, the Iowa Supreme Court suspended Barry’s law license for numerous violations of the Iowa Code of Professional Responsibility for Lawyers.

At Monday’s meeting, Muscatine County Supervisor Scott Sauer said Barry “has had some hiccups on his past,” but added, “I certainly don’t have a problem with the gentle-

man.”

Supervisor Santos Saucedo noted that Barry “passionately wants” the position. “He’s made his mistakes and obviously he’s reformed,” he said.

Supervisor Nathan Mather said he has talked to people who know Barry and who say “the man is completely changed” and is the most honest person they know. Mather said he feels Barry’s hiring is justified in that “we have a desperate need for experience in the county attorney’s office and he was the only one who applied for the position.”

Prior to the board’s vote, Elizabeth Araguás, an attorney speaking on behalf of the Muscatine County Bar Association, questioned how much effort had been put into finding applicants for the job and urged the board to reject Barry’s appointment.

“The malfeasance committed by Mr. Barry is not a hiccup, and it is not an accident,” she said. “It was years of deliberate fraud. Six months with him as your county attorney is very dangerous and it’s not your only option

... This is a very, very dangerous choice to make and on behalf of the bar association, we urge the board to proceed with caution ... It is truly dangerous to the people of Muscatine County to let someone like this serve as county attorney for six months.”

Araguás noted the county’s former jail administrator, Dean Naylor, left the county’s employ only a week ago after the Iowa Capital Dispatch reported he had authored an anti-Muslim treatise that was posted online several years ago.

“Muscatine County is in the process of cleaning up some messes, including relieving Mr. Naylor from his post as the jail chief,” she said. “That was good news to hear — that the county was taking that seriously.”

Barry was forced from the Cass County Attorney’s Office in 2004 after the Des Moines Register published a series of stories about his office fabricating tickets for equipment violations to generate revenue for the county.

As Cass County attorney, Barry had a practice of dismissing speeding tickets in return for the drivers’ written agreement to plead guilty to numerous, fictitious vehicle-equipment violations. Those “violations” didn’t count against the motorists’ driving record, but generated revenue for the county, which was then routed to a safe in the sheriff’s office.

Barry also was found to have traded property seized from criminal defendants for “donations” to the sheriff’s office. In one case, he held a drug defendant’s truck until the individual agreed to make a \$500 donation to

the sheriff’s office.

At the time, Barry admitted he knew that the money derived from the fictitious tickets and the property seizures should not have been retained by the county.

“I’m aware of where the funds are supposed to go,” he said. “I’m aware of a lot of laws that whether we like it or not aren’t enforced by the letter.”

After the stories were published, a group of Cass County citizens banded together and presented the court with a petition asking that Barry be removed from office. After a trial, a judge forced both Barry and Cass County Sheriff Larry Jones from office.

The Iowa Supreme Court subsequently suspended Barry’s license for a minimum of one year.

“Even persons who were receiving favorable treatment questioned Barry’s sense of justice,” the court stated in its ruling. “Ultimately, this conduct led to Barry’s removal from office for knowingly breaching his duties as county attorney with a purpose to do wrong. Instead of serving the people honorably, he chose to engage in conduct involving questionable practices.”

The court stated Barry’s actions had brought the entire state’s system of justice into disrepute: “As one person who made a plea agreement with Barry stated: ‘I thought this was a pretty sweet way to do justice. I mean, it was quick and efficient and more in my world of business than what I think of as, you know, the court system.’”

## \$100,000 in non-profit grant funding available

Additional grants are now open. Non-profit organizations delivering programs and services to our neighbors in Muscatine County are encouraged to apply.

The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine provides critical funding to the community’s most immediate needs and promising opportunities and \$100,000 of grant funding is available.

Grants are available up to \$10,000 per program, and focus areas include arts, education, human service, culture, environment, heritage and health. Due to the current circumstances, priority will be given to applicants demonstrating a need for funding related to COVID-19.

Additional grants are also available:

- Hilda E. Collitz for the Homeless – up to \$7,300 available. This bequest provides grants to prevent homelessness in Muscatine County.
- Hilda E. Collitz for Housing – up to \$7,300 available. This bequest provides grants in the Greater Muscatine area for the acquisition of land and/or construction of living spaces to prevent homelessness.

- George Millett Memorial – up to \$6,000 available. A gift from the estate of George Millett is used to benefit those with mental disabilities in Muscatine County.

- Ray Hockersmith Memorial – up to \$4,600 available. This fund provides grants for the benefit of the blind, vision impaired or disabled children under the age of 15 to experience special recreational activities.

- Pat and Jim Powers Endowment – up to \$600 available. This fund provides grants aimed at providing mental health programs and services.

- Joe W. and Betty L. Rauch Memorial Endowment – up to \$1,500 available. This fund provides grants focused on youth-based community priorities.

- West Liberty Community Fund Grants - The grant is aimed at high impact charitable activities for West Liberty, with a priority given to youth. Up to \$3,000 is available.

- Community Continuity Grants - This fund was opened March 17, to assist nonprofits and support the immediate and emerging needs of vulnerable individuals and families in Muscatine County caused by coronavirus containment efforts. Decisions are made on a rolling basis.

Applications for the grants listed above are available on-line at [www.muscatinecommunityfoundation.org/county-endowment-granting-program/](http://www.muscatinecommunityfoundation.org/county-endowment-granting-program/)

# Iowa GOP State Convention will be conducted via mail-in ballot

DES MOINES — The Republican Party of Iowa announced that the 2020 State Convention, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, will not be convening in-person due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, the State Central Committee voted unanimously to mail paper ballots to all state convention delegates.

“The GOP State Convention would require over 1,500 Iowans from every county to convene at a central location in Polk County, and then return home to their respective counties. It’s simply not feasible to plan an event that large at this time. A mail-in ballot process

will still allow us to conduct essential party business, including electing delegates to the national convention and approving the Iowa GOP platform,” said Aaron Britt, Spokesman for the Republican Party of Iowa.

Using paper ballots for the district convention process proved to be an overwhelming success. RPI reports that over 80 percent of delegates participated in the mail-in process, which is higher participation than in-person district conventions.

More updates will be posted to [www.iowagop.org/conventions](http://www.iowagop.org/conventions) as they become available.





# OBITUARIES



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## Stacie Harris

Stacie Jo Harris, 61, of Wilton passed away unexpectedly on Monday, May 4, 2020 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. There will be no funeral at this time.

Condolences may be left at [www.bentleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentleyfuneralhome.com).

Stacie was born Feb. 10, 1959, the daughter of Robert and Sandra (McGill) Bennett in Washington, Iowa. She graduated from American Institute of Commerce in 1989. Stacie married Randy Harris on Nov. 25, 1978 in Muscatine.

Stacie was a valued employee and CFO of WTC Communications, where she worked since 1993.

She was an active member and past president of the Wilton Chamber of Commerce, as well as an active member and treasurer of the Wilton Daycare board of directors. Stacie enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She cherished them spending the night at her home and taking them on fun day trips. She loved to travel with her husband, Randy. In their retirement they had



Stacie Harris

plans to buy an Airstream and travel across the country.

Stacie is survived by her husband, Randy; two children, Matthew (Ginny) Harris of Wilton and Traci (Anthony) Mills of Wilton; five grandchildren, Dean and Drew Harris and Cooper, Camden and Gracie Mills; two brothers, Steve Royer of Muscatine and Butch Bennett of Conesville; and one sister, Susan Cole of Letts.

Stacie was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Denny and Ronnie Bennett.

## Carol Baker

Carol J. Baker, 86, of Wilton died Saturday, May 9, 2020 at Simpson Memorial Home, West Liberty. A private family funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at Bentley Funeral Home in Wilton. Interment will take place in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the family, which will be used to assist front-line employees. Condolences may be left at [www.bentleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentleyfuneralhome.com).

Carol was born on Jan. 14, 1934, the daughter of Clarence and Jeanette (Thurston) Blank in Wilton. She married Donald R. Baker on Feb. 11, 1950 in Iowa City. He preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 2014.

Carol was a homemaker, who cherished taking care of her family. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilton. Carol enjoyed traveling across the United States with her family. She enjoyed the outdoors, especially bicycling. Carol and her husband Don also bowled in their younger years. Most of all, Carol treasured spending time with her family and friends.

Carol is survived and lovingly remembered by her daughter, Cindy (Terry) Hayes of Wilton and her son, Steven "Hooker" (Deirdre) Baker of Eldridge; grandchildren, Jill (Kevin) Hansen of Walcott, Jesse (Jen) Owen of Muscatine, Jason (Sara) Owen of Muscatine, Teiah (Mike) Baker of Davenport, Brandi (Chauncey) Montagna of Wilton and Kirstin (Gage) Rodewald of Ankeny, Iowa; great-grandchildren, Bryant, Jordan, Mick,



Carol Baker



Nathan, Bryce, Chase, Hailey, Tyler, Collin, Brady, Teegan, Chloe, Liam, Tom and Myla; and her brother, DeWayne (Shirley) Blank of Long Grove, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don; great-granddaughter, Allie E. Owen; a sister, Gayle and her brother, Fredrick Blank.

*Custom obituary*

## FEMA awards \$78 million to Iowa for COVID-19 response

KANSAS CITY, MO—The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has obligated \$78 million to the state of Iowa to help reimburse eligible expenses for emergency protective measures that the state has incurred as a result of its response to COVID-19.

The grant funds, awarded by FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program, were made available Thursday, May 6, and are authorized under a major disaster declaration approved by President Donald Trump on March 29 for the entire state. In total, FEMA has provided nearly \$150 million to date in support of the state's COVID-19 efforts.

The money reimburses 75 percent of projected eligible costs associated with buying essential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and medical supplies and equipment during the months of May and June 2020. The supplies include medical gowns, surgical masks, face shields, safety glasses and gloves, disinfectant, respirators and viral swab collection kits.

This obligation also includes: \$19.5 million in contract services for Test Iowa, \$35,000 in contract services associated with overseas PPE purchases and \$13.7 million for additional

medical supplies and equipment for the month of April. All figures represent the 75 percent federal share. The other 25 percent is paid by the grant recipient.

"We are pleased to provide this significant grant to the State of Iowa to help them manage the financial demands that they're experiencing as a result of COVID-19," said Paul Taylor, FEMA Region VII Administrator. "We will continue to work closely with them as our shared efforts to respond to this pandemic continue."

In addition to the \$78 million, FEMA has obligated the following money for Iowa (75 percent federal share):

- \* \$44 million to reimburse eligible costs for buying essential PPE, medical supplies and equipment for March and April;

- \* \$4 million to reimburse state administrative costs associated with COVID-19 response;

- \* \$17 million to pay costs associated with the deployment of Iowa National Guard members deployed under Title 32 authorities;

- \* \$4.2 million to the Veterans Health Administration to pay for use of up to 20 beds at VA facilities and to pay for extra nursing

care at state veteran's facility.

The Public Assistance program provides grants at a 75/25 cost share to state and local governments, tribal nations and certain non-profit entities to assist with eligible costs associated with responding to and recovering from disasters.

For COVID-19, FEMA has simplified the Public Assistance application and funding process to address the magnitude of this event and to allow local officials to receive eligible funding more quickly. These reimbursements can play a critical role in helping local, state and tribal officials assist their communities during this response.

The current disaster declaration for Iowa authorizes help with Emergency Protective Measures, which includes the purchase of PPE, durable medical equipment, and consumable medical supplies necessary to respond to COVID-19 cases.

The disaster declaration also authorizes

Direct Federal Assistance to help governmental entities and tribal nations with certain COVID-related actions that the states, localities and tribes themselves cannot undertake at this time for some reason, such as the inability to use their own personnel to perform a function or an inability to contract with someone else to do the work.

### LOCAL PRAYER GROUP

**We meet every Wednesday afternoon to pray for members in our community.**

*If you have a prayer request, we would be happy to pray for you. Your requests will be held confidential and can be anonymous if you prefer. Please feel free to call one of the phone numbers below:*



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## WORSHIP DIRECTORY AREA

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Rev. Allen Coffin • [www.walcottchurch.org](http://www.walcottchurch.org)  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
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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

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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  
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9 a.m. Worship every Sunday

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### DURANT

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John Grebner, Interim Pastor  
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Bible Study Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome

**St. David's Anglican Church**  
Fr. Peter Vaughn, Pastor  
[peterrvaughn@gmail.com](mailto:peterrvaughn@gmail.com) • 309-798-8376  
801 5th St., Durant • 563-785-4916  
[www.stdavidsdurant.info](http://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](mailto: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.  
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9 a.m. Sunday Worship w/Eucharist  
Children's service, 2nd Sunday  
Healing service, 3rd Sunday

### WILTON

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email: [fpcpastor@netwtc.net](mailto:fpcpastor@netwtc.net) or [fpcsec@netwtc.net](mailto:fpcsec@netwtc.net)  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship

**Grace United Church of Christ**  
Pastor Patrick Slessor  
[www.graceuccwilton.org](http://www.graceuccwilton.org)  
**No church activities until April 30**  
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

**St. Mary's Catholic**  
Rev. David Steinle, Pastor  
701 E. 3rd, Wilton • 563-732-2271  
email: [Steinled@diodav.org](mailto:Steinled@diodav.org)  
<https://www.stmarywilton.org>  
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Tues-Fri Mass: 8 a.m.

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Rev. Daniel Ognoskie • 563-732-3651  
1000 Maurer St., Wilton  
9 a.m. Divine Service  
**Church services are available on Youtube**  
10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School



Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

*Romans 15:7*





# OPINION



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## Janice Meincke's contributions to Wilton will forever be felt

It's very important this week to revisit last week and note the significant impact that the late Janice Meincke had on the community of Wilton.

When preparing our obituaries in last week's May 7 edition, upon seeing the top two obits on page 7, I think it would be safe to say that never has two more prominent women been atop that page. Alongside the obit of Thelma Nopoulos, who we dubbed the matriarch of Wilton, was Janice Meincke of Walcott — who was as close to a Wilton resident as you'll ever find.

Meincke passed away April 28 at the age of 95, but she'll be forever remembered for her wonderful financial gifts to several projects in the city of Wilton.

Anyone who visits the Wilton Public Library & Community Center will see her name in several prominent places. She donated

more than \$300,000 to the library and community center project over the years.

In the beginning of the project, Janice put forth an initial contribution that helped provide funds needed to produce the original literature on the project. It was her donation that gave the library an electronic sign (in 2015). With the entire K-12 Wilton campus now located across the street from the library, hundreds of people per day drive past that sign with Janice's name on it.

She would always ask how fundraising was going with the project and, in the end, made the final sizeable donation to help get the project over the hump. In fact, it was reported, coincidentally in the same issue of the Advocate News containing her obit last

week, that due to her huge contribution, the library and community center project will be paid in full in June when bonds are eligible for early payback.

The library wing of the city's beautiful building also prominently exhibits her name. It

was dedicated in December 2015 when a reception was held in her honor. The wing was then named the Janice Meincke Library. "She's not from this community but she chose to donate here out of the goodness of her heart," said Betty Cram at the time, who was on the

library board and helped with fundraising for the project.

She may not have been from Wilton, but in July of 2016 she was named an honorary citizen of Wilton, when she received an in-home visit from Wilton mayor Bob Barrett, who presented her with a plaque noting her honorary citizenship.

She also made donations to allow the library to pay for the genealogical research package it provides for people to use while researching on computers during library visits.

Reading and education was very important to Janice. The Janice Meincke Scholarship Fund was created in her honor, and it awards two scholarships per year to Wilton students.

She's also made donations and memorials to Wilton's nursing home facility over the

years.

If that wasn't enough, she's the one who made the very large contribution (more than half a million dollars) to kick off the Wilton rec center initiative — a project of which I'm on the committee.

Following the library naming, Janice requested ideas for additional donations for Wilton. Submitted for her consideration included a dog park and/or concession stand. Janice said, "I want to do something bigger." The idea of a rec center was proposed and she then made the lead donation.

Perhaps this only scratches the surface of her many gifts to our town. Again, I never knew her personally, yet I've heard and read her name countless times over the years as her philanthropy is all around us.

Her name and legacy will forever be felt in Wilton. I always heard through the years that it was the gratitude and friendliness of community leaders working on projects which she donated to that kept her coming back for more. As a lifelong Wilton resident, I'm sure I am not alone in feeling forever grateful she found our city so deserving of her philanthropic gifts. She'll never be forgotten.

And, given my position, I'm sure I will revisit page 7 of the May 7, 2020 Advocate News several times in the coming years to re-read and reminisce about two of the most prominent "givers" and believers in Wilton we've ever known.

## Bowers: 'I lead by example'

**Editor:**

I wanted to take some time and describe my character to the readers, with three weeks until the primary election. First, I wanted make sure everyone understands why I have been talking about myself, about what I've done and the experience that I've gained in my career. It's not because I'm bragging or arrogant, it's because I'm trying to show my experience and career goals to you the people. This is like a job interview for me. I want everyone to know why I am qualified to be your next Cedar County Sheriff.

I am a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilton, Cedar County Farm Bureau, Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Practical Farmers of Iowa, and the National Rifle Association.

I've learned a lot over the years, some things the hard way. One of the most important lessons I've learned over the years is the value of being there when people needed you, and the importance of helping neighbors. This is

a daily goal in my career, making sure I am there when people depend on me, and I've strived to do everything with the betterment of the community and the department in mind. I lead by example, and with integrity. At home, helping each other is the definition of a good neighbor. I value talking with folks, and work to raise my children with values and respect towards others.

I believe in a service-oriented mindset, we should be doing everything we can for the betterment of the community. I believe in cooperation with our neighbor agencies and community leaders. I believe in doing what's right even when no one is looking. I think fairness is the cornerstone of the relationship between citizens and those sworn to protect and serve them. Service. Cooperation. Integrity. Fairness. If elected your next sheriff, I know we can make a difference.

**Matt Bowers, Wilton  
Republican candidate  
for Cedar County Sheriff**

## House candidate Pulkrabek 'is trusted'

**Editor:**

Have you heard the great news? Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek is running this fall for Iowa House District 73. Lonny is not just a sheriff and elected official. He is the kind of normal guy you can sit around and just chat with or have a social beer with. He is no stranger to public service.

While spending the last 15-plus years as sheriff, he has also served as the president of the Iowa State Association of Counties. He continues to serve that organization as a past

president.

He has integrity, strength of character, and is trusted. As a sheriff he has constantly been under the spotlight, yet consistently has made honest decisions in tough situations. He is held in high esteem by colleagues and the general public, as is reflected in his open and honest dialog with whomever he has contact. Lonny is the kind of person we need serving us in Des Moines in these uncertain times.

**Joel E. Wells  
Iowa City**

## 'Educate yourself then vote June 2'

**Editor:**

VOTE411 provides candidate information for June 2 Primary Election

VOTE411 provides voters with information about the candidates on the ballot in the June 2 Primary Election. The League of Women Voters created the election-related website as a one-stop location for nonpartisan information for the public.

Each candidate was invited to respond to a set of questions. You can see their responses online at VOTE411.org. If you don't see responses from every candidate running in your

house district or senate, please contact them asking that they participate in VOTE411.

For this Primary Election, we are asked to vote absentee if possible. Input your address in the VOTE411.org website and get about how to get your absentee ballot, register to vote, and who will be on your ballot.

The League of Women Voters of Iowa wants you to educate yourself and then vote in the June 2 Primary Election.

**Cathy Eisenhofer, President LWVJC  
(League of Women  
Voters of Johnson County)**



**Honorary Wilton citizen**—Janice Meincke of Walcott received a visit from Wilton mayor Bob Barrett June 29, 2016, where she was presented with a wooden plaque naming her an honorary citizen of the city of Wilton. Meincke made numerous charitable donations to city projects in recent years

AN file photo

## Many 'maybes' this May

May comes with some "maybes." Maybe summer sports will be able to start so that graduating seniors can participate in their last sporting events. Maybe couples can proceed with their wedding plans that were put on hold. Maybe people can get back to work and support their families. And just maybe we can begin to get back to our "new normal" whatever that may look like.

Mother's Day was last Sunday. During these crazy times, moms have had to wear many hats. They are mom, teacher, nurse and care provider.

Being a mom is hard work, and adding in all these extra responsibilities can be overwhelming. To me, moms are also superheroes. I found this poem (by Joanna Fuchs) that brings home all the things moms have been going through lately.

*How did you find the energy, mom, to do all the things you did, to be a teacher, nurse and counselor to me, when I was a kid?*

*How did you do it all, mom, be a chauffeur, cook and friend, yet find time to be a playmate, I just can't comprehend.*

*I see now it was love, mom, that made you come whenever I'd call, your inexhaustible love, mom and I thank you for it all.*

Did you realize that the 2020 graduates were born when the world experienced the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and they are graduating as the world is going through a pandemic? Here's a little tribute to the 2020 graduates.

Although your two biggest launches into freedom (birth and graduation) have taken

place in the midst of tragedies, just know that the world is an amazing, loving, beautiful place and it is waiting for you with open arms. We grieve with you that your senior year is ending this way, but we can't wait to see

how you overcome and soar. Go forward and do great things.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize nurses during the month of May. Every day nurses provide quality, compassionate and critical care to patients. Over the past weeks and months, nurses have worked heroically on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response, their contributions have been exponentially magnified. Nursing is not merely a vocation; it is a special calling to serve others selflessly. Thank you for all that you do.

Finally, can we all agree that for the next apocalypse that hair stylists are an essential service? #INTHISTOGETHER

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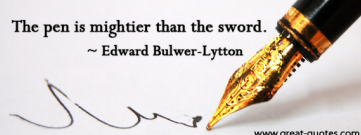


**By Teresa Benischek**

### Advocate News letter to the editor policy

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# Certain businesses allowed to open through May 15 with restrictions

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A. Social and fraternal clubs: All social and fraternal clubs, including but not limited to American Legion or VFW posts, Elks Clubs, country clubs, and golf course clubhouses shall be closed, except that a golf course clubhouse may also be open to the minimal extent necessary to facilitate use of the golf course provided appropriate social distancing practices are implemented and any such social or fraternal

club may reopen to serve food and beverages on its premises, but only to the extent that it complies with the following requirements:

(1) Capacity limited: The club must limit the number of customers present at indoor or outdoor spaces to 50 percent of its normal operating capacity to ensure adequate spacing of groups.

(2) Groups limited: The club must ensure that no group of customers seated together in the restaurant is larger than six people.

(3) Social distancing: The club must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual dining alone.

(4) Self-service prohibited: The club must not have any self-service of food or beverages, including buffets or salad bars.

(5) Social distancing, hygiene, and public health measures: The club shall also implement reasonable measures under the circumstances of each restaurant to ensure social distancing of employees and customers, increased hygiene practices and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals and the Iowa Department of Public Health.

(6) Food Service Required: If the club serves alcoholic beverages and the service of food is merely incidental to the consumption of beverages and is limited to the service of ice, snack foods and the reheating of commercially prepared foods such as frozen pizza, pre-packaged sandwiches, or other prepackaged, ready-to-serve products, the club shall continue to be closed to the public except that to the extent permitted by applicable law as modified by the suspensions in this proclamation, 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.

that the facility permits only a single patron at one time and takes reasonable measures under the circumstances of each facility to ensure social distancing of employees and patrons, increased hygiene practices, an other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with Guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

B. Malls: An enclosed mall may reopen, but only to the extent that it complies with the following requirements:

(1) Capacity limited: The mall must limit the number of customers present to 50 percent of its maximum legal occupancy capacity.

1. Common seating areas: All common seating areas, such as food courts, shall remain closed. Restaurants in food courts may operate on a carryout basis.

2. Play areas: Any play area or playground must remain closed.

3. Social distancing, hygiene and public health measures: The mall shall also implement reasonable measures under the circumstances of each mall to ensure social distancing of employees and customers, increased hygiene practices and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

C. Other retail establishments: A retail establishments that was previously ordered to be closed under section 5, paragraph I, of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on April 27, 2020, may reopen, but only to the extent that it limits the number of customers present to 50 percent of its maximum legal occupancy capacity and implements reasonable measures under the circumstances of each establishment to ensure social distancing of employees and customers, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

## AN OPINION

### Learning telemedicine during COVID-19

“Welcome to the 21st Century,” the voice said with a laugh. It was one of my doctors, calling me over the Internet at a pre-arranged time on a pre-arranged day, using a computer application called Facetime.

It was a way for him to honor my routine office appointment without my having to actually travel to his office.

It's called telemedicine, something that's become more popular as a result of the COVID-19 virus scare.

With (Apple®) Facetime, both parties, using computers or smartphones, can see and hear one another.

(If you don't understand exactly how that works, join the club. I suggest you ask your children or grandchildren to demonstrate Facetime for you.)

Anyway, Flip Phone Phil, as I'm known by “techies,” was using my wife Sherry's iPhone. And being generally unfamiliar with it, I accidentally hung up on the good doctor the first time he attempted to contact me. Hence, the 21st-Century comment.

I was, however, able to successfully answer his second call thanks to some quick coaching from Sherry.

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My wife and I appreciate art, including both

paintings and signs with words of inspiration and encouragement. Artwork covers the walls of our condo.

There are a few signs we have that I could do without. Like the one Sherry bought that says, “We've been through a lot together and most of it was your fault.”

Others I like. Particularly meaningful in these difficult times is a board we have that's painted black with words of encouragement painted in white.

Here is what they say:

\* Life is not a race but indeed a journey.

- \* Be honest.
- \* Work hard.
- \* Be choosy.
- \* Say thank you, I love you and great job to someone each day.
- \* Let your handshake mean more than pen and paper.
- \* Dreaming does matter. It allows you to become that which you aspire to.
- \* Appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them.
- \* Some of the best things really are free.
- \* Do not worry.
- \* Take time for yourself — plan for longevity.

### Everyday People

By Phil Roberts



### Containing COVID-19: 'We aren't there yet'

As the weeks and months pass, waiting for the COVID-19 outbreak to run its course can feel painfully slow.

It is a stressful time for thousands of Iowa families. We read each day about higher and higher numbers of documented infections and deaths. And we still may be weeks away from hitting a peak.

While some folks are eager to return to their routines, re-open their shops and get life back to normal, there is also concern. Will re-opening large parts of our state too soon prolong the spread of the virus or even worsen the outbreak as people begin to gather again?

After all, Iowa is nowhere close to hitting the benchmarks that the federal coronavirus task force says states should meet before beginning the three-phase process of re-opening. These benchmarks include:

- \* A 14-day drop in the number of cases.
- \* A 14-day drop in the percentage of positive tests.
- \* Robust testing, contact tracing and treat-

ment.

On the contrary, the virus is spreading faster in Iowa than almost anywhere else. Long-term care residents, Iowans in state-run facilities and communities with meatpacking plants continue to be hard hit by the pandemic.

Iowa has drawn nationwide attention, as thousands of meatpacking employees who work in close quarters test positive for COVID-19. Inadequate worker protections are causing sickness and death, a tragedy for families and communities with ripple effects that impact us all — our food

supply, our farmers, our mental health, our economy.

All of Iowa can safely and successfully re-open once we contain the virus, but we aren't there yet. We'll get there by continuing to follow the advice of our public health experts: staying home except for essential errands, washing our hands, wearing a mask and gloves while running errands, and keeping our distance from those we don't live with.

### 'Looking at problems with new perspective'

Editor:

Iowans are grappling with the problems brought on by terrible leadership at both the state and national level. Bad economic decisions at the national level have put Iowa's farm community and small cities in a world of hurt. A real lack of leadership at the state level during the coronavirus pandemic is adding greatly to the problem.

At a time like this Iowa needs some fresh faces in the legislature and leadership ex-

perience to bring to the office. With Lonny Pulkrabek, Iowans in House District 73 will get both. Voters will have a chance to send a person to Des Moines who will be looking at problems with a new perspective while at the same time bringing a lifetime of experience on how actions in Des Moines really influence the citizens in the district.

Jim Glasson  
West Branch

### Reopening of additional businesses

Effective at 5 a.m. on May 8, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on May 15:

\*This section shall apply only to businesses and establishments located in Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Dallas, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fayette, Henry, Iowa, Jasper, Johnson, Linn, Louisa, Marshall, Muscatine, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Tama, Washington, and Woodbury counties.

A. Fitness centers: All fitness centers, health clubs, health spas, gyms, aquatic centers shall continue to be closed, except that such a facility may open on an appointment basis, provided

## 2020 Iowa State Fair Way We Live award entries now open

DES MOINES — The Iowa State Fair, Pioneer and media sponsors Iowa Farmer Today and the WHO radio BIG SHOW are seeking entries for the 2020 Way We Live Award. The Way We Live Award, in its 12th year of recognizing outstanding farm families, will award six Iowa families who exemplify hard working farm values and a love for the occupation of farming. So far, the Way We Live Award has been given to 69 Iowa families.

To enter your family or someone you know, submit an entry form that describes how living on a farm and choosing the occupation of farming has shaped the family's life. All entries must include a family picture that illustrates the family's commitment to their farming operation. Entry forms can be printed or filled out on the Iowa State Fair website: <http://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/way-we-live-award/>. All entries must be postmarked or submitted by June 1.

Winners will receive a prize package including \$250 cash, fair admission, a parking pass, food vouchers, a one-night stay courtesy of the Holiday Inn Downtown Mercy Campus and recognition in the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center during the Iowa State Fair, Aug. 13-23.

Eligible families must be residents of Iowa and the farming operation can be centered around any agricultural commodity. Families may be entered by a member of the family or by others.

Applications must be submitted online ([www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org)) or postmarked by June 1, and sent to: Iowa State Fair, Emily Wynn, PO Box 57130, Des Moines, Iowa 50317-0003. Or e-mail all materials to [ewynn@iowastatefair.org](mailto:ewynn@iowastatefair.org).

For a listing of previous winners, visit <http://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/way-we-live-award/>.

## Business Horizons program canceled

The Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) Foundation's Business Horizons 2020 program to be held July 19-23 at Central College in Pella is canceled.

With more than 75 high school students and 100 volunteers from across the state who come together for this action-packed week, it is in the best interest of the health and safety of all and their respective communities to cancel. This decision is simultaneous with the school closure announcement made by Governor Kim Reynolds and other summer program and event cancellations in Iowa.

Unfortunately, what makes Business Horizons the “best week of the summer” cannot be recreated online, so the ABI Foundation now looks ahead to the summer of 2021. Applicants accepted this year will be refunded participation fees in full.

“While it wasn't the outcome we had hoped

for, we look forward to using this time wisely,” said Jessi McQuerrey, director of programs at the ABI Foundation. “We'll be considering opportunities to exemplify the mission and goals of Business Horizons in creative ways that engage our audiences, strengthen our statewide partnerships and add value to students and families.”

The staff, board and additional partners responsible for the program will also be using the extended planning timeline to expand upon Business Horizons' nearly 40 years of success by applying proactive strategies to increase student engagement and implementing programming components to further address Iowa workforce and community needs.

More updates and information will be available through Business Horizons' social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.



# The Wildcat Chronicles

Durant High School

May 14, 2020

## Pandemic leaves senior class in turmoil

By Ellie Olsen

Seniors are always anxious as graduation approaches, but this year's pandemic has the class of 2020 in a state of turmoil.

In the immediate future, seniors are still hoping to have a formal graduation July 12 and even a parade to mark the actual day graduation was supposed to have taken place, May 17.

## Chronicles staff honored

By Timothy Junis

Four *Chronicles* reporters were honored in the Iowa High School Press Association (IHSPA) Spring Journalism Contest last month.

The contest is divided into three classes based on school enrollment. *The Wildcat Chronicles* was put into the Class A competition, the smallest school size. The contest received over 1,100 entries and also had 27 judges.

Nicole Brown, a junior, received first and second place in the News Story category for her articles "Majority of students for new smoking age" and "Sexting photos: disturbing local trend." She also received second place in the Feature Story category with her article "Green Out tradition continues to impact local community."

Brown thought the awards were cool because as an athlete, she said that usually she is recognized for having a good performance on the court or the field.

"People often forget about my performance in the classroom," she said, adding that she and Mr. Steve Sands, journalism adviser, worked hard to inform the student body and community on "hot-topic" issues.

But in the long term, the possibility of college classes being online next year may alter where some seniors choose to go this upcoming fall.

According to an article written by Shawn Langlois on *MarketWatch*, it is a real possibility that some colleges may not offer "face-to-face instruction" next fall. In a survey of 210 colleges, more than half are

Junior Keagen Head also received second-place honors in the Staff Editorial category with his opinion piece, "Failed bond linked to falling enrollment."

"It felt good to get the reward, but honestly, the real reward was having the ability to write in a school newspaper and be able to talk to the student body in a unique way," he said.

He believed that this year improved his writing and believes he will have a better chance of finishing first in a category next year.

Sophomore Kiley Stineman finished third in the Personality Profile category with her story, "Pain-related illness strikes Wildcat sophomore."

Koby Paulsen received an honorable mention in the same category for his article, "Cards pitcher invites sophomore to meet team."

Mr. Sands was ecstatic about these honors given to his students.

"I am very proud of my first *Chronicles* staff. They are dedicated to reporting and giving the students at Durant High School a voice. They have set a high bar for others to follow," he said.

considering going with online instruction instead, according to the article.

A future Hawkeye, senior Marcus

Engstler would not be excited if Iowa stayed

See PANDEMIC, page 2



Photo contributed by Kira Schult

Brendan Paper and Kira Schult attend the Mississippi Valley Fair last August. They can trace the roots of their relationship back to fourth grade.

## 4th-grade romance blossoms

By Danielle Paulsen

If you were to ask members of the senior class, quite a few of them would admit to having a relationship in elementary school.

Although many of these relationships were not meant to be, one of them was the beginning of a love story for two Durant seniors, Kira Schult and Brendan

Paper.

"We were actually super serious, and he gave me a ring to promise his love for me," said Schult about their relationship that started in fourth grade. "He also wrote me poems." This love story wasn't all sunshine and happiness, however.

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## Law gives students discretion on sharing college grades

By Nicole Brown

Select Durant students are taking concurrent college courses through Muscatine Community College (MCC) while still being 18 or younger and enrolled in high school.

However, legally, they are treated as though they were college students. As a result, their grades are not disclosed to their parents — unless students sign a form allowing their parents access.

Junior Braden Wagner said when he starts taking college courses next year through MCC, he will not allow his parents to see his grades.

"You don't get many privacies while you are in high school with anything," said Wagner.

Wagner says that he would not sign this form because he believes if someone is responsible enough to take college classes, then they are responsible enough to take care of their grades.

"I would tell them [parents] that they can entrust in me that I can get good grades and keep them up," Wagner said.

Sophomore Ella Mundt said that she was not aware that this policy was even in place.

"I think that it gives you a sense of what it's going to be like when you are in college, and I'm pretty sure he [her father] would understand that I wouldn't want to

sign it," said Mundt.

When it comes to college, parents cannot simply contact professors or view their child's grades under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) unless the student signs a form that allows approved people to do both.

High school students enrolled in a college class are protected under the same FERPA laws.

Despite them being 18 or under, their parents cannot view their college grades until they come out on their high school report card, which is sent from the high school.

In addition to online courses offered through MCC, Durant and Wilton students can now go to the Wilton community center to take public speaking with Professor Zachary Campbell.

In a series of written responses to questions from the *Chronicles*, Professor Campbell said that the FERPA laws get tricky when teaching concurrent college classes because there are different expectations from high schools.

"I have been in schools where asked/strongly advised to take attendance and post grades into the high school's system as well as the college's," wrote Professor Campbell.

"For that reason, parents had access to the grades, and this creates a weird grey loophole of whether something is 'technically' or 'not technically' violating FERPA."

Professor Campbell recalled three instances dealing with parents and FERPA; however, one stands out beyond the others.

In this instance, one of his high school student's grades had been on a steady decline for a while. This student's mother had been continuously trying to get in contact with Professor Campbell.

Because of FERPA, Professor Campbell could not discuss his student's situation with the parent. The mother continued to call and email and threatened to come to the school. The high school principal even told him that he needed to meet with the mother to discuss the student.

Of course, Professor Campbell did not do this. One day he had had enough, so he told the student that he could not enter his classroom until he called his mother in front of him. This student called his mother taking ownership of his failing grades because he had not been applying himself. He ended up passing the class in the end.

Durant senior Kyrnan Liske said that her peers taking concurrent courses are trusted to maintain their grades without parental involvement.

"I think if you're taking college classes, then you are usually in the upper part of the grades wise, so your parents usually trust you," she said.

A high school student taking a concurrent course also must accept more responsibility.

"If a high school student is taking a college level course at any location (at the high school, at the college, at a satellite location, or some form of online), there is a higher expectation placed on them by their high school," Professor Campbell wrote.

"They have been selected as 'great' or 'outstanding' or 'advanced' students, so they are provided opportunities to jump start their college careers. Furthermore, the student should also be placing a higher expectation on themselves."

Professor Campbell says he understands how hard the transition can be into college.

"From personal experience, I know those adjustments can be difficult. My freshman year of college, I lived at home, so I had both sides of it," he wrote.

"While my parents did ask about my school work, they were pretty hands off when it came to making sure I was completing it on time. The only reminder(s) I received were when my grades dropped due to my combined negligence and lack of understanding. Those reminders were in the form of 'we won't help with loans if your grade drops any lower.'

"That can be considered parental oversight, but I viewed that more as tough love rather than having them looking over my shoulder and contacting my teachers like they could have done when I was in high school."



## Graduates travel 3 hallways for diplomas

### Class of 2020 forms 'lifelong' friendships

By Rylee Page

One building. Three hallways. Thirteen years.

To some, moving from kindergarten to high school in one building could seem like living under a microscope.

But senior Chelsea Alderman said she never minded it.

"With Durant being so small, I never felt like a number," said Alderman. "The teachers were always there to mentor me outside and inside of the classroom."

In a larger school district, students in the same elementary school might end up going to different junior highs. But Alderman said her class always stayed together

when they had to make the transition to a new hallway.

"The transition was easier because many of my classmates made the same transition as me to the same grade level," she said.

However, senior Maddy Semsch said that remaining in tight knit setting may have its drawbacks when some of the 41 seniors move onto college.

"I think it's hard because when we go to college we have to get used to moving buildings, and we don't have the opportunity to in high school since we're just in one big building," she said.

"I'd also like the experience of a big school, so we could meet more people."

Yet senior Jordyn Ostrand said that she would not trade her experience at a small school district.

"[I would] stay with the same people because the experiences I have had I don't think I would have ever done at a bigger school," said Ostrand, "and I would probably not be as outgoing or involved in as many things."

Not all members of the class of 2020 started kindergarten in the same build-

ing. Some students came from Bennett while Allie Poston transferred from Davenport West and felt very welcomed.

"I feel like everyone was open to being friends with me, and everyone was really nice about my transfer."

After experiencing both sizes of schools, Poston said she's come to appreciate the atmosphere of the smaller school.

"I think I liked it more because it feels like everyone cares about each other, and it's like everyone is friends," she said.

Because of the small school size, senior Kody Koberg said that the class of 2020 will remain close.

"You get to bond and make lifelong friends with people," he said.



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Seniors begin their journey at Durant in the elementary hallway.

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### Pandemic

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online to open classes next fall and would consider switching to a community college because of it.

"I would hate every single bit of it," said Engstler. "I would probably transfer to Kirkwood or MCC just to save money."

Senior Kody Koberg said he will still move to Ames next fall if his choice of schools, Iowa State University, continued with online classes next fall.

"I think if they moved to online, I would still move into my college (Iowa State) if I had the chance. Then at least I would be able to experience some of the college life," said Koberg. "In all honesty, it would be very upsetting, but I would try making it as fun as possible."

College next year is not the only thing up in the air for the class of 2020. Principal Joel Diederichs decided to move the actual graduation ceremony to July 12th in the high school gym. Hopefully by then, everything will be back to normal, and the class of 2020 can have a ceremony to celebrate the seniors.

"Please mark your calendars and if the social distancing is not lifted at this time, then we will be doing an alternative activity to commence graduation," he told seniors in a letter.

The original date for graduation was supposed to be on May 17, but instead of having graduation on this day, Mr. Diederichs decided to throw a "car parade" in honor of the seniors.

The class will get to decorate their cars "like they would their graduation cap," said Mr. Diederichs in a video conference with the senior class.

The parade starts at 1 p.m. and will be streamed live on Durant High School's Facebook page. The parade will be the same route as the Fireman's Festival parade.

With graduation comes graduation parties. Many seniors have decided to move them to a later date or even cancel their parties.

A lot is up in the air for the seniors of 2020, leaving a wave of uncertainty and doubt. Through it all, senior Jake Willkomm, who plans to run track at Loras College in Dubuque, is still staying hopeful and optimistic.

"Even though the future is uncertain, I am still excited for the next chapter in my life," said Willkomm.

Ethan,  
We are so proud of you!  
"Remember... the force will be with you ... always."  
Obi-Wan Kenobi, *Star Wars*  
We love you.

Dear Laura,  
Congratulations on your graduation! We know it hasn't been easy, but if you can make it through a morning like the one in this photo, then we know you will have no problems making it after high school.  
Love, Mom and Dad

Chelsea,  
I am so proud of the person you are today and look forward to all your future accomplishments! Stay sweet, stay fierce, and most importantly, stay you.  
Love, Mom

Kyrnan,  
We are so proud of the woman you have become!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Ian

Congrats on your graduation!  
You've come so far and have had so many accomplishments along the way. We're so proud of you and can't wait to see what the future holds for you.  
We love you, Addisyn Page Skinner!

Rylee,  
We are so proud of how you have grown into a beautiful, kind, thoughtful, funny and old soul kind of person. You will do great things in your future!  
We love you!  
Mom and Dad

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Relationship

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That same year, they felt that they wanted to date other people, so Schult ended things by throwing the symbolic ring back at Paper during recess.

Although their elementary relationship was short, they both admitted to secretly always having feelings for one another. However, it wasn't until the end of freshman year that they decided to start their relationship again.

"We've always been really close, like best friends," said Schult.

They agreed that being at a small school has helped them stay close over the past nine years, but they are positive they still would have made it together at a larger school.

"Because we were at a small school, we were always friends," said Paper.

Sports even topped their list of best memories together. Both Schult and Paper have enjoyed playing sports in the same season, especially during basketball season because the boys' game would immediately follow the girls' game, allowing them to see each other play.

During the softball and baseball

season, Schult said she loves being able to walk down the hill to the baseball field to watch the rest of Paper's games after her softball games are finished.

Both of their parents are very supportive of the couple. Paper's parents make the effort to come early for Schult's games, while her parents stay later to watch him play.

Another benefit for the couple is that they are able to have classes together, including sharing the same seminar class all four years of high school.



"I think the biggest benefit [of having classes together] is probably just the fact

that we already hang out, so we are able to work on projects together, which makes it really easy," said Paper.



They also admitted to purposely scheduling their classes together, which was really easy during their junior year but a little more difficult senior year.

It is clear that this relationship has a future. This fall, both of them will be attending the University of Iowa and see a long future together.



"I think we are the 'person' for each other, and we both see ourselves getting married someday," said Schult.

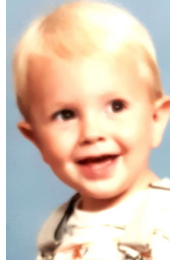

Heidi,  
You have an unlimited future ahead of you, and we know you will live it to the fullest and make the most of it!  
Love you,  
Mom and Dad

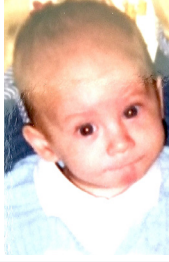

Kira,  
Congratulation on all your accomplishments so far. We know how hard you have worked to get to where you are and also how hard you will continue to work next year at The University of Iowa! Watching you play sports and grow into the woman you are has been a great pleasure. You have filled our hearts with more joy and pride than you will ever know! We know you will succeed at whatever path you choose in life.  
Love, Mom and Dad



We are so proud of you,  
T. Congratulations!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad



Preston,  
Hoping that your future is just as bright as you are.  
Congratulations!



Tyler,  
Start each day believing in yourself. Know without a doubt that you were made for great things. We're proud of you!  
Love, your family

Congratulations, Allie.  
We are proud of everything you have accomplished. We know that you will continue to do great things at Briar Cliff in the classroom and on the softball field.  
We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Zach, Bailey and Nic.



Ellie,  
Your future is bright, and we are so proud of you. You light up our lives. Now go light up the world and achieve those dreams. Congratulations!  
Much love,  
Your Family



Congratulations, Hannah.  
I'm so proud of you and love you very much.  
Dad






"KID, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!  
...you're off to Great Places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting,  
So...*get on your way!*"  
*Oh, the Places You'll Go!* by Dr. Seuss  
We Love You, Drew!

Cheyann,  
Even with all the adversity you've faced the last 10 years, you have flourished and come out on top. We are so very proud of you and all you've accomplished. We have absolute faith that you will go far in life and do great things.  
Love you bunches,  
Dad and Mama Julia.

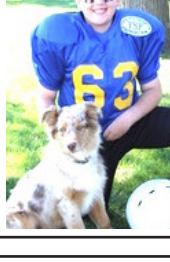

"For the little girl you were,  
For the special woman you are,  
For the precious daughter you will always be."  
Author unknown  
Danielle,  
YOU ARE LOVED!  
Mom and Brian



Brendan,  
We're so proud of the nice, young man you've turned out to be, and we've enjoyed watching you play all of your sports over the years. Best of luck at Iowa next year!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad






Lucas and Logan,  
We are so proud of you! Go Hawks!  
Love you,  
Mom and Dad

Joe,  
And so the adventure begins! We are so proud of all you have accomplished and all that is before you. May you continue to push your limits and become the best version of you as you begin the next chapter. Go Cyclones!  
All our Love,  
Mom & Dad

Drew,  
Keep on believing. Your journey is just beginning, and Journey sang it best: "Don't stop believin'."  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

Dear Marcus,  
We are so proud of your hard work and dedication in and out of the classroom. We have loved watching you compete since you were a little boy in that first t-ball game to the last seconds of your last basketball game. You have worked so hard to accomplish all the goals you have set for yourself. We are excited to see what the future holds.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Emma



## Rivalry victory tops class of 2020 ranking

By Logan Callison

The class of 2020 has had its share of athletic highlights in the past four years. Here are the top five.

In fifth place, the softball team was

RVC champs for three straight years, and the senior girls made it to the state tournament in their freshmen year.

The Wildcats have consistently been one of the top-ranked teams in the state

in each of the last three years.

At the number four spot is the bowling team, which has made it to state three straight years.

This past year, the team was led by seniors Drew Henderson, Cameron Hoon, and Sean Odegard. All three of them had been members of the previous state teams as well.

The football team captured two of the top three rankings. For number three, this year's seniors were on the football team that made it to the playoffs in their junior season, including five players who started that year.

The Wildcats had a record of 7-3, which was one of the best records in school history. The team also went 5-0 in district play.

The Wildcats would eventually lose to Highland in a nail-biter, 14-13. This game was narrowly decided by a few key plays, including Highland blocking an extra point at the end of the game that would have likely sent the game into overtime.

At number two, Jake Willkomm finished in fourth place in the 200-meter dash at the state track meet in 2019 with a time of 23.21 seconds. Willkomm also competed in the long jump where he jumped 20 feet 2 inches, which put him in sixth place overall.

Willkomm would have been considered a favorite for this year's 200-meter dash at the state meet. Unfortunately, the spring sports season was canceled due to the school shutdown statewide.

The Wildcats' defeat of the Wilton Beavers in the first game of the 2019 football season tops the list at number one. It started the seniors' last year off with a bang, and it was also something that had not been done in 20 years by a Durant team. In this game, the Wildcats dominated from start to finish and beat the Beavers 24-0.

"I think beating Wilton in football will be something we all remember for a long time. I am just grateful that I was able to be a part of it," said senior Drew DeLong.



Photo by Timothy Junis

Senior lineman Joe Lilienthal walks off the field after a series of plays against Wilton in the first game of the 2019 season.

## Canceled spring season leaves regrets for golfer

By Lucas Callison

The last time a Durant golfer made it to the state tournament was in 2017, and I was there to watch because it happened to be my older brother Leo Callison. For three years, he has not let me forget that I have yet to make it to the state tournament.

I came into this spring season with one goal in mind: making it to state. However, when the spring sports season was cancelled April 17 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, my senior golf season was over before it could even start.

Leo and I have always had a competitive rivalry in golf with a lot of smack talk about who is better than the other. Recently, he has lightened up on me, but I am sure I have not heard the end of it.

Not having this last golf season will forever allow him to say I never made it to state in high school. As hard as it is to accept what feels like failure on my part, I can always tell him that I beat him at sectionals my freshman year, or how I made Elite All-Conference sophomore year, something he never accomplished.

The sibling rivalry will always be there, but I will be left wondering how my senior season could have gone if not for this pandemic.

It is also hard for me to not think about what could have been if I did not have to sit out of the first quarter of my junior golf season. During my football season junior year, I had actually torn some collateral ligaments in my right middle finger, which also caused a small fracture where a piece of bone chipped off.

By the time golf season came around, I figured that it would be plenty healed, but I was mistaken. There was a lot of scar tissue built up, which made it very difficult for me to swing.

I missed a quarter of the season and started going to physical therapy to heal it. I do not usually focus on "what if?" scenarios, but now it makes me wonder if I could have made it to state without my injury, or if I had healed it before golf season began.

Looking back, I now feel quite emotional at the fact that all my time spent in



Photo by Lucas Callison

Senior Drew DeLong plays catch to get his arm ready for the baseball season.

golf is done. It is even harder to process the fact that the last time I would ever be playing this sport competitively was in my junior year.

It makes me want to go back and train harder so that I could have qualified for state at least one time, but it is all in the past now.


For my fellow seniors, this is by all means an emotional and unprecedented circumstance that we are all going through. Baseball and softball players are still hoping for a summer sports season, and an announcement is expected by June 1 on whether it will be held. Most athletes at Durant see the importance in this last opportunity of the school year that was shortened by the school shutdown.

"It's pretty important, especially since most of my friends are out for it anyways, and baseball is also a good way to catch up with each other," said sophomore Ben Orr.

For the senior class at Durant, the summer season is even more important.

"Many kids are friends from school that are also on the baseball team, which also really helps to make up for some lost memories," said senior Jason Arp.


All I can say to other seniors is that it is okay to be emotional in this instance, but this pandemic is bigger than sports and requires a necessary action to cancel all activities so that we can all get back to normal sooner than later.




**Arty's Ice Cream and Grill's softball player of the month**

Kylie Schult, a Durant High School sophomore, looks to begin her season as the starting varsity pitcher for the Wildcats, filling the void left by two graduates. Last season, Schult's on base percentage was .458 from her 71 at bats. She had the fourth highest batting average at .380. While in the field, she only had four errors out of her 31 games played.

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**Schult**



**Peels Inc. golfer of the month**

Senior Lucas Callison led the team his sophomore year with a 42.71 average for nine holes and was hoping to recapture that magic in his last season as a Wildcat until the spring sports season was cancelled. "I believe I can speak for all athletes that the news was devastating to hear," Callison said.



**Callison**




**Wilton Cafe's baseball player of the month**

Sophomore Ben Orr is a returning starting player for the Durant baseball team. During his freshman season last year, Orr sparked the offense. He only had two strikeouts in 74 at bats. He led the team with a batting average of .473 and a slugging percentage of .676. He also led the team in RBI with 19, hits with 35 and doubles with 13.

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**Orr**



**Today's Dentistry sports volunteer of the month**

Ben Gast and his wife, Kristina, have two sons, Ethan, a sophomore, and Colby, a sixth-grader. Mr. Gast has been involved with the Wrestling Association and Booster Club for several years and helps paint the football field for games. "I enjoy volunteering my time to make sure that the student athletes have what is necessary to be the best they can be," he said.

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# Weekly pork production down 44 percent, cattle down 38 percent

WEST DES MOINES – Iowa farmers and rural communities face mounting challenges and uncertainty as disruptions to meat processing plants impacted by COVID-19 have created a bottleneck in the supply chain with major negative impacts for both farmers and consumers.

While some meat processing plants have partially reopened, the impacts to the nation's leading pork producing state amidst the supply chain disruption are significant. The week ending May 2 saw the lowest weekly hog slaughter in the past decade (2011-2020), and cattle slaughter also faced a decade low for a non-holiday week. Prior to the COVID-19 global pandemic, consumer demand and pork and beef production levels were at all-time highs, with Iowa farmers responsible for nearly

one-third of U.S. pork production and a top-10 beef producing state.

"Looking back just two months ago to March 1, market hog inventories were at their record high for that time," said Sam Funk, IFBF director of ag analytics and senior economist. "U.S. and Iowa pork farmers went into this pandemic producing at record levels to meet consumer needs, but the shortened capacity to harvest pigs due to COVID-19 resulted in an excess supply of pigs, despite a very strong demand for pork protein from U.S. and global consumers."

The IFBF analysis shows that from the week ending March 21 to the week ending May 2, the weekly hog slaughter decreased by more than 44 percent or nearly 1.3 million head. The bottleneck in the supply chain coupled

with a growing number of market ready hogs has depressed prices to the point where many pork farmers face significant losses in 2020 and beyond continuing an 8-year economic downturn for Iowa farmers.

"The plight facing pork farmers today is shared by cattle farmers, another industry producing at decade-high levels in March 2020 before the pandemic disrupted the supply chain," said Funk. "Just as we observed with pork, the COVID-19 induced slow-downs and suspensions of processing facilities dropped decade-high cattle production to a weekly low for all non-holiday weeks during the past decade."

Looking back to the week ending May 2, 2020, harvesting of cattle had decreased by 260,000 head from the week ending March

28. Scale back in meat processing has forced some grocers, retailers and fast-food chains to restrict or limit consumers' purchases given the supply chain disruptions.

"While consumers may see short-term impacts at the grocery store when it comes to the meat selection and quantities available for purchase, it's important to note the challenges Iowa farmers face are immense and likely to extend throughout this year and into the next. The data in the study clearly underscore the need to get the supply chain moving again in a way that protects workers and provides a lifeline to farmers," Funk said.

"With each passing day, tens of thousands of animals are unable to be processed due to the bottleneck in the supply chain caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, impacting consumers and devastating farmers. Farmers are doing a great job filling the animal protein needs of consumers in the U.S. and around the world. The reduced capacity to process market animals is now forcing extremely difficult and heart-wrenching decisions for farmers. The public health pandemic that is COVID-19 is hurting most of the world's population – and significantly impacting farmers who are providing the food, fuel and fiber we all depend on the deepest in terms of economic costs and livelihoods. Some people are out of work. Farmers are working and investing more every day to feed their livestock and plant crops, and the market prices they face threaten their ability to continue to produce the products on which we depend."

## DNR orders Vitalix to pay \$8,000 fine

DES MOINES – Iowa DNR staff work with individuals, businesses and communities to help them protect natural resources by complying with state and federal laws. This approach is very effective. In the few cases where compliance cannot be achieved, the DNR issues enforcement actions. The following list summarizes recent enforcement actions.

For copies of the orders below, contact Kelli Book at [Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov). Older actions can be found at [www.iowadnr.gov/EnforcementActions](http://www.iowadnr.gov/EnforcementActions).

Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the order or 60 days to pay the penalty.

### Muscatine County

Vitalix, Inc. of Wilton — Cease illegal discharges to waters of the state, develop a plan to prevent future releases of wastewater, and pay a \$8,000 administrative penalty.

## Fareway donates gift cards to local chambers

Fareway Stores, Inc. recently announced a \$200,000 donation to the Iowa Chamber of Commerce Executives (ICCE). The donation provided for \$1,000 or more in gift cards to ICCE chamber of commerce members in the communities Fareway serves.

ICCE distributed the Fareway gift cards to its chamber of commerce members. Wilton Chamber of Commerce received \$3,000 in gift cards, which were distributed to local small businesses and their employees.

"Local chambers have the pulse in each community and how best to serve its small business members during this time of need," said Fareway President and CEO Reynolds W. Cramer. "We hope this relief reduces some of the stress our community business partners are facing."

"The Wilton Chamber of Commerce is so grateful to have this opportunity to help our small businesses during this time of uncertainty. It is so important, now more than ever, to support local business," said Wilton Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Brandy Marquez.

"Our members work diligently every day to strengthen communities throughout Iowa," said ICCE Executive Director Lane Till. "Through this generous donation from Fareway, our members will have the ability to help support the small businesses that create the heart of each of their communities."

Follow the movement on Facebook with #FarewayShopsLocal, #SupportLocal and #IACHamberStrong.



## POLICE REPORTS

### Wilton

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

May 3—Police responded to a report of an open door in the 300 block of S. Cherry Street.

May 4—Police were dispatched to a pursuit at Highway 6 and Isett Avenue. The pursuit went into the county and was turned over to the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office.

May 5—Police were called to the 300 block of Cedar Street in reference to a civil matter. Options were given.

May 5—Police responded to a juvenile runaway. The juvenile was found and brought back to parents.

May 7—Police spoke with a subject in reference to a civil matter from another county. Options were given.

May 8—Police responded to the 700 block of Oak Street for an animal call.

May 8—Police responded to a call of phone threats in the 100 block of E. Fourth Street. No answer on call back.

May 8—Police performed a traffic stop in the 400 block of Cypress Street. Issued a citation to Corey Byrd of Muscatine for driving while barred, no insurance, and fraudulent use of registration plates.

May 9—Police received a complaint about harassing phone calls. Options were given.

May 9—Police responded to a parking complaint in the 300 block of Chestnut Street. Vehicle tagged.

May 9—Police responded to a call for found property in the area of Cedar Street and W. Wate Street. Item was collected and taken to the Wilton Police Department.

May 9—Police responded to an animal call in the 400 block of W. Summit Street.

May 9—Police responded to an animal call in the area of Elm Street and Fourth Street. Unable to locate.

May 9—Police responded to an animal call at Elm and Fourth streets. Dog was collected and sent to the city pound.

May 9—Police released a dog from the city pound. The animal had been at large and captured earlier in the day by police.

May 9—Police responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 400 block of E. Jackson Street. Report taken.

May 9—Police responded to a trespass in the 100 block of S. Vine Street.

### Durant

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

May 3—Police responded to juvenile curfew violation at Fifth Street and Sixth Avenue. Parents were notified and warnings given.

May 3—Police spoke with an individual in the 500 block of 14th Avenue. A report was initiated.

May 3—Police provided extra patrol at Eighth Avenue.

May 4—Police performed a traffic stop on Highway 6. Warning for traffic violation was given.

May 4—Police performed a vehicle inspection at the Durant Police Department for IDOT licensing requirements.

May 4—Police responded to a 911 call in

the 1200 block of Seventh Street. It was an accidental call by a young resident. Parent was notified.

May 4—Police performed a follow-up at the Durant Police Department.

May 4—Police performed a vehicle inspection at the Durant Police Department for IDOT licensing requirements.

May 4—Police performed a business check at Jeff's Market.

May 4—Police provided extra patrol at Eighth Avenue.

May 4—Police performed a traffic stop at 14th Avenue and Fifth Street. Warning for traffic violation was given.

May 4—Police responded to a parking violation in the 700 block of Seventh Street. Parking citation was issued.

May 5—Police performed a traffic stop at 14th Avenue and Fifth Street. Warning for traffic violation was given.

May 5—Police performed a traffic stop at Highway 927 and Western Avenue. Warning for traffic violation was given.

May 5—Police performed a traffic stop at 14th Avenue and Fifth Street. Elizabeth Wurzer of Durant was cited for speed.

May 5—Police performed a traffic stop at 14th Avenue and Fifth Street. Warning for traffic violation was given.

May 5—Police assisted a motorist at First Avenue and Fifth Street.

May 5—Police performed a business check at the community center.

May 5—Police performed a vehicle inspection at the Durant Police Department for IDOT licensing requirements.

May 5—Police provided extra patrol at Jeff's Market.

May 5—Police provided extra patrol at Eighth Avenue.

May 5—Police provided extra patrol at Casey's.

May 5—Police provided extra patrol at the Durant school.

May 6—Police performed a traffic stop at Fourth Avenue and Fifth Street. April Ewoldt of Durant was cited for driving under suspension and arrested for violation of no contact order.

Thaddeus Foster of Durant was arrested for violation of no contact order and was a passenger of a vehicle that Ewoldt was driving. Both were transported to the Scott County Jail.

May 6—Police performed a vehicle inspection at the Durant Police Department for IDOT requirements.

May 6—Police responded to a nuisance/abatement call in the 700 block of Fourth Street. Call was referred to another agency.

May 6—Police responded to a speak with officer call at the Durant Police Department.

May 6—Police performed a follow-up on a nuisance in the 700 block of 10th Avenue.

May 6—Police performed a traffic stop at 14th Avenue and Eighth Street. Warning for traffic violation was given.

May 6—Police provided extra patrol at Eighth Avenue.

May 6—Police responded to a child custody call at Casey's. Parties were referred to private attorneys.

May 6—Police performed a business check at Casey's.

May 6—Police performed a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and Fifth Street. Timothy Ostrander of Muscatine was cited for disobeying a traffic control device.





# Wilton shoe tree taken down, new one selected

By Derek Sawvell  
Managing Editor, Advocate News

A Wilton High School tradition alive and well for 13 years has been forced to move elsewhere on campus due to the upcoming commons project planned at the south end of the gymnasium.

Located just outside the southeast entrance to the high school, where students enter and exit each day from the parking lot, was the "shoe tree," where cross country runners would throw their used track shoes, tied together by the laces.

Thanks to an upcoming \$2.6 million project that includes building a new commons area, restrooms, concession stand and other office/storage space, all the trees located south of the school's gym had to be taken down.

The sneakers from the shoe tree were collected and redistributed into a new tree on the west side of the gym, designated as the new shoe tree. There's a blue and gold ribbon tied around the tree's trunk to signify it as the new shoe tree.

"It was important to find a new tree which we did last spring," said WHS principal Marc Snavely. "It is a neat tradition, and we want to be sure that it continued even though the original tree had to be cut down to make way for the commons. I think they are also planning to put a rock beside it to label it accordingly."

According to a story printed in the Advocate News Nov. 2, 2017:

Former Wilton cross country coach Dave Cook started the tradition (in 2007) after seeing

a tree on a popular running route in Louisville, Kentucky that was loaded with running shoes tossed in by runners when they were finished with them.

"This tree literally had probably a thousand pairs of shoes in it, said Cook. "I just thought it would be cool to have a tradition where people could leave a little legacy that would be seen by others."

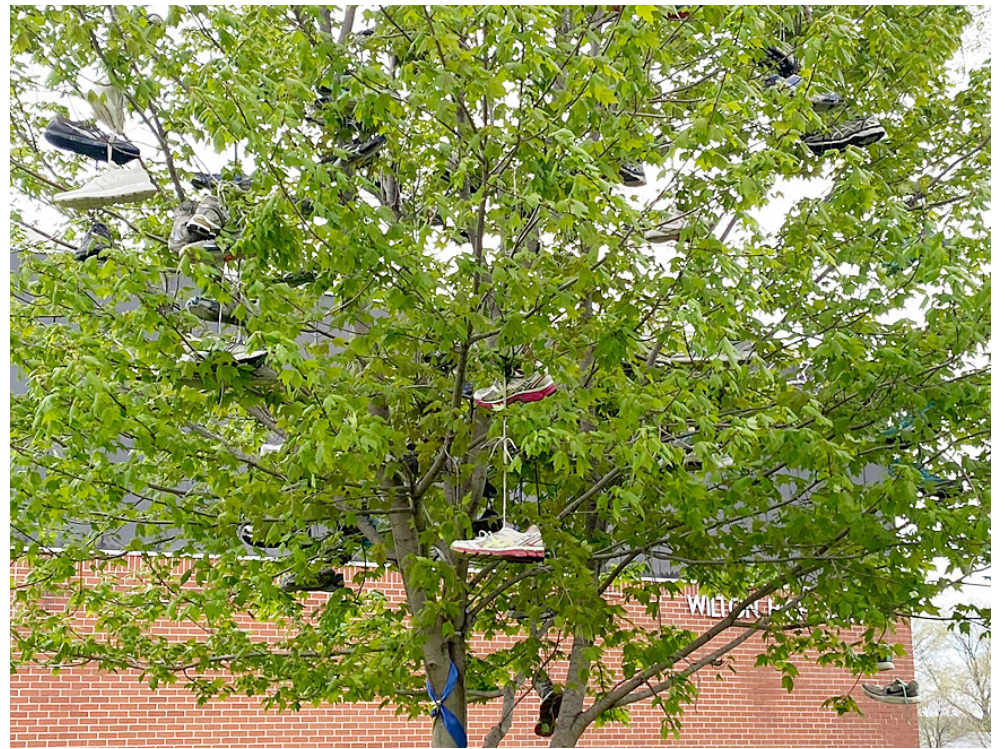
The tradition goes; any cross country senior or team member who qualifies for state gets to throw their shoes into the tree before the state meet...

Cook shared some of his favorite shoe tree memories: "When Marshall Beal was a senior he had his shoes all tied together ready to toss up in the tree. Like most attempts he gave them a good toss high up into the branches but they failed to attach to anything and came down with a thud. Marshall walked over and picked them

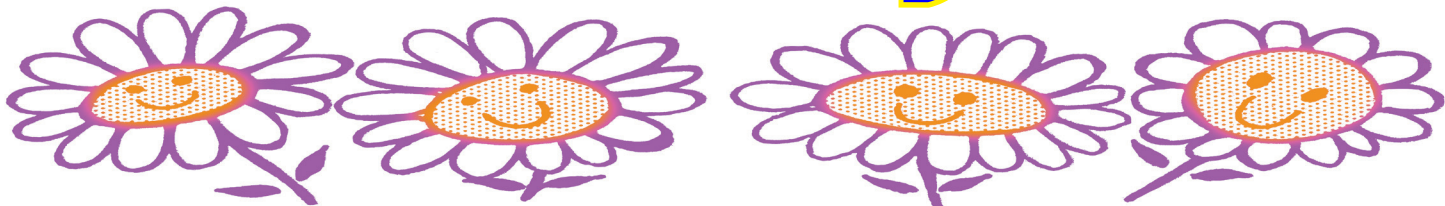
up and realized he had forgotten that he had his car keys inside one of the shoes. It's not as easy as it looks and the majority of the time it takes several attempts to get them to stay."

Wilton High School has a new shoe tree for cross country runners to carry on a 13-year tradition of throwing their used running shoes into the tree. The new tree (pictured above right) is located west of the high school gym. The old tree was cut down (bottom right) in the early stages of the commons addition being built on the south end of the high school gym.

Photos by Derek Sawvell



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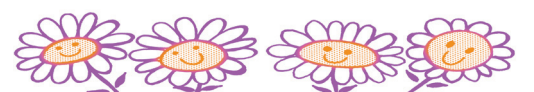


Grace Milotte celebrated her fifth birthday recently with a parade of cars driving past her house honking to wish her a happy birthday. Participating in the parade were members of the Durant Fire Department, along with family and friends. Grace's mother Kristin Milotte arranged the surprise parade with the help of Paul Tady and Kyle Olderog of the Durant Fire Department. Grace also received a surprise drive-by visit from Officer Mike Meier, the school Student Resource Officer. Contributed photos



On April 28, Durant kindergarten teacher Jill Gerdts (far left), was surprised with a parade in honor of her birthday and recent retirement from Durant Elementary School. There were about 20 cars that drove to her house, honked, made signs and dropped off gifts

Contributed photos







# Spring HOME IMPROVEMENT

## DIY projects that can conserve energy around the house

Home renovation projects can pay numerous dividends. Renovations can have a positive effect on resale value, make homes more livable for residents and, in some ways, make homes more affordable.

Renovation projects that aim to conserve energy can save homeowners substantial amounts of money. Such projects don't often require considerable effort or even sizable financial investments, which can make homeowners skeptical as to just how much they can save after completing the project. But the scale of a project may have little to do with how much homeowners will save. For example, the U.S. Department of Energy

notes that a relatively effortless task like turning back a thermostat between 7° and 10° F for eight hours per day can save homeowners as much as \$83 per year. A more labor-intensive task like planting shade trees saves homeowners an average of between \$35 and \$119 per year.

When looking for ways to conserve energy around the house and save money, homeowners need not necessarily commit to expensive projects. The DOE notes that the following are some energy-saving projects and details what homeowners can expect to save after completing them. While each individual project may not result in jaw-drop-

ping savings, homeowners who follow many of these recommendations may end up saving more than \$1,000 per year.

**Project: Install exterior low-e storm windows**

What is it? Low-e windows reflect infrared heat back into a home. Such windows are coated with an ultra-thin layer of metal that improves the window's insulation ability.

How much can I save? Homeowners who install low-e windows can save between 12 and 33 percent on their annual heating and cooling costs.

**Project: Seal uncontrolled air leaks**

What is it? Air leaks let cool air in during winter and warm air in during summer. Caulking, sealing and weather stripping all cracks and large openings can cut back on air leaks that are costing you money. The DOE recommends hiring a contractor to seal any leaks on heating and cooling ducts.

How much can I save? Homeowners who seal uncontrolled air leaks can save between 10 and 20 percent on their annual heating and cooling bills.

**Project: Plant shade trees**

What is it? If you plant a deciduous tree between six and eight feet tall near your home, it will begin to shade your windows within a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the tree and the home, the shade tree will begin shading the roof within five to 10 years. The DOE notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce air



Even the smallest DIY projects can produce big savings. More information about energy-saving home improvement projects can be found at [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov).



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How much can I save? Properly planted shade trees can reduce air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent.

**Project: Insulate the water heater tank**

What is it? New water tanks are likely already insulated. But homeowners with older hot water tanks can insulate their tanks with a water heater insulating blanket kit.

How much can I save? Insulating a water heater tank can save homeowners as much as 16 percent on their annual water heating bills.

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# Spring HOME IMPROVEMENT

## A healthy lawn is the best defense against crabgrass

Few things can give a home exterior that sought after wow factor as well as a nicely maintained lawn. A lush green landscape is a great way to show pride in home ownership and improve curb appeal.

As many homeowners know, lawns are under constant attack. The elements are rarely easy on lawns, and watchful eyes must always be kept open for other problems that can plague a lawn, including crabgrass.

Crabgrass can be a formidable adversary in the summer months. According to the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, crabgrass begins as seeds. These seeds germinate in spring or early summer. While crabgrass dies after the first hard frost in fall, crabgrass seeds remain dormant in winter, and the seeds then grow again in the following spring when ground temperature warms up. Without action to prevent crabgrass seeds

from germinating, homeowners will likely end up with patches of crabgrass throughout their lawns every summer.

The home improvement retailer Lowes® notes that a healthy lawn is the best defense against crabgrass. The healthier a lawn is, the harder it is for unwanted grasses like crabgrass to thrive.

The following are a handful of strategies that can promote a healthy lawn and make it more difficult for unsightly crabgrass to establish itself in the months ahead.

- Keep grass at a consistent length, and don't cut too low. Maintaining a consistent length of grass by mowing at regular intervals can make it hard for crabgrass to thrive. Crabgrass requires ample sunlight to germinate, so grass that is not cut too short may keep crabgrass from growing in. Of course, grass should not be allowed to grow knee-length, either. By raising blades to the mowing height appropriate for their type of grass,

and mowing at regular intervals so the grass remains at that height through the summer, homeowners can promote healthy lawns and make it harder for crabgrass to germinate.

- Never cut too much of the blade off of the grass. When mowing, don't cut too much of the blade off the grass with each cut, even if the grass seems especially long. As noted, cutting too low allows sunlight to reach crabgrass seeds. But cutting too much off the blade, even if the grass is still high after a mow, can injure the grass. Injured grass can make lawns more vulnerable to weeds and crabgrass.

- Apply a pre-emergence herbicide. Pre-emergence herbicides kill germinating grass seedlings before they emerge from the soil. Follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding when and how much herbicide to apply. If crabgrass has already started to grow, it's likely too late to apply a pre-emergence herbicide.



Crabgrass is an unwelcome invader in many lawns. Spring can be a great time to prevent this unwanted guest from returning this summer.



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# Spring HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Improve and create more storage throughout your home

Homes are getting bigger, but it seems like people are still lamenting a lack of storage space.

National Public Radio says the average American home has nearly tripled in size during the last 50 years. Despite that, 10 percent of Americans still need to rent off-site storage, according to a report in the New York Times Magazine. Self-storage facilities are one of the fastest-growing commercial real estate segments, and the Self Storage Association says there are more than 50,000 storage facilities in the U.S. alone. The commercial real estate company CBRE, Ltd., says there are roughly 3,000 self-storage facilities across Canada, and 65 to 85 percent of self-storage tenants are residential users. Improving storage at home can be a cost-effective alternative to renting storage space. With these easy tips, homeowners can maximize space immediately.

### Utilize track storage systems

Closets may be plentiful, but if not efficiently utilized, space may still seem lacking. Track closet storage systems often make greater use of closet space than traditional shelf and hanging rod systems. Customizing closets using track systems or other modifications can improve utility of all closets in the house.

### Invest in storage beds

Storage beds typically feature cubbies or drawers within a platform-style bed frame. It's a practical home storage solution, and does not require any building.

### Think vertically

Maximize spaces by looking up and down for storage possibilities. Items that are not used frequently, such as seasonal decorations or travel suitcases, can be stored in high spaces. Shelving on walls can go as high as necessary and be put to use in awkward wall areas, such as in corners or under eaves.

### Invest in storage benches/ottomans

A stopping area inside the front door replete with a storage bench can house shoes, umbrellas, hats, backpacks, and other items, keeping them tidy and out of sight. In living rooms, look for chests or ottomans that are decorative and functional. Store throw blankets or board games inside.

### Recess drawers or shelves

Gain more storage by recessing a chest of drawers into what is called the "knee wall" of homes that have sloped ceilings in attics and upstairs bedrooms. Utilize these short walls in an efficient manner by sinking drawers or shelves into them, without taking up floor space.

### Rafter shelving

While in the attic (or a garage), add hanging shelves to rafters or exposed beams to create off-the-floor storage as well. These are just a few of the handy ways to improve the interior storage space in a home.



Using these tips can really transform any space and create more storage.

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# Spring HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Tips for waterproofing a basement or crawl space

Water can be a homeowner's worst nightmare. Few things have the potential to damage a home as much as water. From leaks to flooding to moisture problems like mold, water can wreak havoc on a home.

Basements or crawl spaces are areas of a home where water can do the most damage. Basements and crawl spaces tend to be the lowest-lying spots in a home, and therefore prime spots for water to enter. Water problems in these areas can contribute to the demise of the structural integrity of the foundation.

According to Olshan, a foundation solutions company, water can enter homes in numerous ways. Many building materials, including concrete, that seem solid at first glance actually are quite porous. As ground water collects around these materials, the weight of the accumulated water, called hydrostatic pressure, can weaken the materials, causing cracks where water can seep through. Water also can enter subterranean spaces through basement windows and gaps between footings and concrete slabs, or push up through foundation floors when homes are in areas with high water tables.

Remediating water issues in a home generally breaks down into two methodologies: exterior waterproofing and interior waterproofing. Depending on the cause and severity of the water issue, one or the other, or even both, may be recommended.

### Interior waterproofing

When water in a basement or crawl space needs to be remediated indoors, a system to collect, drain and remove water may be necessary. This can include sump pumps, drains, gravity discharge systems, and more. Moisture barriers, which can include special paints or products applied to the foundation walls and floor, also can help keep water from entering the space.

### Moisture solutions

Keeping water out is only one part of the equation. Homeowners also need to manage moisture, like excessive humidity. A marriage of HVAC and waterproofing techniques may be necessary to improve air flow and remove humidity in the air.

While many homeowners have attempted to address water issues on their own, many times it is a job best left to the professionals. Because water penetration can have multifaceted causes, a professional can best assess the situation and create solutions that fit with homeowners' budgets and needs. The review and advice site Angie's List suggests finding at least three waterproofing companies that offer both interior and exterior waterproofing services that can provide the best ideas for fixing the issue.




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### Exterior waterproofing

Exterior waterproofing aims to keep water away from and out of the home. The home improvement information resource DoItYourself.com says that exterior waterproofing generally includes the application of a waterproofing agent to the concrete foundation. In addition, exterior waterproofing also could include excavation so a drainage system can be installed around the entire footing of the home. Regrading a property and properly relocating gutters and downspouts can help with many water issues.

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# Spring HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Valuable tips to turn your new house into a home

Historically low mortgage interest rates are helping to drive a new wave of home sales. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates roughly 14 percent of the population, or around 40 million people, move every year for various reasons. Statistics Canada's Canadian Housing Survey found about half of Canadian households have either moved within the past five years or intend to do so within the next five.

While people may be inclined to move far from their current residences, the moving resource Move.org notes that some U.S. states are seeing an influx in people leaving while others are absorbing new residents. Illinois, Alaska, New Jersey, New York, and West

Virginia are the top five states Americans are leaving, while Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, and Montana are gaining residents. People relocate for various reasons. After moving into a new house, it can take some effort to turn that house into a true home and feel comfortable in your new environs. These steps can help that process along.

- Create at least one complete and serene space. Focus on setting up the bedroom so you can retreat at the end of the day. Invest in new furniture or get new bedding to give the room this comforting feeling.

- Create an organizational plan. It can be tempting to want to throw everything in closets and unpack quickly, but give yourself



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time to fully analyze where you want to store items, where you may need to paint or reconfigure spaces, as well as any home improvements you want to make before taking out all

of your stuff. When you fully unpack, you can immediately enjoy your hard work.

- Hang artwork. Hang a few select pieces of artwork or family photos shortly after moving in. Surround yourself with things that make you feel good.

- Bring mementos. Your first home may bring about warm feelings. While you can't recreate it entirely, you can use a piece of furniture or a few family heirlooms to make your new space feel homey.

- Rely on familiar scents. Break in the new space with familiar aromas, whether it's preferential air fresheners, scented candles or baking your favorite chocolate chip cookie recipe.

Moving into a new home can be exciting. Certain touches can help make the new space feel more like home.



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**Chris Ball**  
City Administrator

## NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS WILTON, IOWA

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the City of Wilton, Muscatine County, Iowa that a public hearing will be held on Thursday May 21, 2020 at the hour of 6:00 PM at the Wilton City Hall. Relative to a proposal to vary the terms of the Wilton Zoning Ordinance as to the R-1 Single Family Residential, on the following described real estate:

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This permit was filed by Barbara Bliue of 513 Sycamore St Wilton, Iowa. Proposed car port does not meet the zoning requirements in this district and such permit does not comply with the Zoning Ordinance of The City of Wilton. All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

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BREAKDOWN INS.....	12,496.75
Total:.....	12,496.75
<b>LOST CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE HS GYM LOBBY/ CONC ARCHITECT FEES.....	13,527.73
Total:.....	13,527.73
<b>LOCAL OPTION SALES/SERVICE TAX</b>	
BMOMC 0045-GEN PURCH 4 MULTIPURPOSE BLDG.. SUPPLIES/MO INTERNET.....	4,014.15
SPORT CONSTRUCTION MIDWEST MULTIPURPOSE .. BLDG NETTING/CURTAIN.....	22,750.00
WTC COMMUNICATIONS BUS BARN INTERNET.....	
SVC.....	49.95
Total:.....	26,814.10

## Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, May 4, 2020

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. via Go To Meeting with Holliday, Sauer, Sorensen, Mather and Saucedo present. Chairperson Sorensen presiding.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the agenda was approved as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, claims dated May 4, 2020 were approved in the amount of \$380,449.95. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White presented a bid for L-(M20-1)-73-70 Pavement Markings from Iowa Plains Signing, Inc. in the amount of \$189,008.29. White stated only one bid was received and he recommended accepting the bid from Iowa Plains Signing, Inc. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board accepted a bid and approved contract documents for the L-(M20-1)-73-70, Pavement Markings at various locations throughout the County with Iowa Plains Signing, Inc. in the amount of \$189,008.29. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved an application for a Class B Wine, Class C (Carryout Beer), Class E (LE) Liquor License and Sunday Sales Permit for Casey's Marketing Co. dba Casey's General Store #2472, 1334 Hwy 22, Nichols, Iowa 52766. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board approved renewal of an Iowa Retail Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit for Casey's Marketing Company, dba Casey's General Store #2472, 1334 Hwy 22, Nichols, IA 52766. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, minutes of the April 27, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Saucedo reported a call from a business for small business loan information.

Saucedo reported a call from a resident regarding drainage issues.

Saucedo reported an email from Tim Stevens regarding efforts to reduce and clean up seep water in the Kilpeck community.

Saucedo reported he met electronically with ISAC and the DHS Director April 24th.

Holliday reported an email from Ed Askew regarding racing funds for the Muscatine County Fair.

Holliday reported an email from Henry Marquard expressing concerns about a possible agreement with Alan Ostergren for consulting services.

Committee Reports:  
Sorensen attended a Mississippi Valley Authority electronic meeting April 27th.

Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting April 27th.

Discussion was held regarding requested modifications to various County offices due to COVID-19. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated there is a significant expense for the modifications requested and suggested temporary plexiglass on the counters and possibly masks be provided. Saucedo stated he is worried about the height of the counter in the Treasurer's Office putting an employee at risk who is sitting behind the counter. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated the pass through on the plexiglass is not at a level that a cough would pass through it and she is working on what type of masks to purchase. Sorensen stated the County needs to be prepared when it reopens. Seright stated she thinks a temporary plexiglass solution and masks is the best option for now. Board consensus was to move forward with temporary solutions for the counters. Emergency Manager Brian Wright stated he will look for vendors selling masks. Holliday stated he would recommend the public wear a mask even though it cannot be enforced.

County Auditor Leslie Soule reminded the Board that in-person absentee voting has begun, but that voters can only access the Auditor's Office through the handicapped door off the back parking lot. Soule encouraged voters to vote absentee by mail stating they have already had an enormous turnout by mail.

On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Board approved a contract between Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission and Tallgrass Archeology for consulting services in conjunction with the Muscatine County Survey of Country Schools and Churches in an amount not to exceed \$14,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding a possible agreement with Alan Ostergren for consulting services.

Sorensen stated the First Assistant County Attorney is now Acting County Attorney until the County works through the appointment process. Sorensen stated the agreement would allow Ostergren to handle some old case paperwork and general day-to-day guidance to the County Attorney's

Office. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated Ostergren indicated it would be appropriate to pay the fees out of fine collection funds. Sorensen stated a new County Attorney could terminate the contract at their discretion. Sauer stated he felt this was a good idea. Mather expressed some concerns with the agreement stating his primary concern is about paying a flat fee and he would like there to be a probationary amount for the first month and then allow the new County Attorney to be able to negotiate fees for future months. Sorensen stated he personally sends several questions to the County Attorney every week so he thinks this is a fair offer. Mather stated he would like the agreement to be revisited each month in terms of the fee amount and offered to help with drafting the wording. Schreiber stated the Acting County Attorney may need help this week and asked the Board to agree with the first month since the revised agreement will not come before the Board until next week. Mather suggested the Board give permission for the Acting County Attorney to sign an agreement through May 15th until the Board can revise this agreement. Edward Askew, 2952 155th Street, Muscatine stated he feels the First Assistant Attorney (Acting County Attorney) should come back to the Board with what deficiencies she has that she cannot handle before this is approved. Henry Marquard, 108 Eagle Watch Road, Muscatine, asked if the County had reached out to the Bar for assistance with the appointment process. Mather stated he has spoken to many members of the Bar. Marquard stated he feels the agreement has a number of issues as written and the interim County Attorney should make the decision whether or not they need Ostergren's assistance. Marquard stated the Attorney General's Office is available to assist the Interim County Attorney. On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Board authorized the Acting County Attorney to retain the services of Mr. Ostergren under the terms of this agreement on a prorated basis through May 11, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. Mather stated he will work on slight redrafting of the terms of the agreement for consideration next week.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #05-04-20-01 Transferring \$1,060,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

## RESOLUTION # 05-04-20-01 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE RURAL SERVICES FUND TO THE SECONDARY ROADS FUND

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor periodically to transfer sums from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$1,060,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of May, 2020.

/s/ Leslie A. Soule, Muscatine County Auditor  
/s/ Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright reviewed estimated fund balances for the current fiscal year. Seright stated there is a \$2,000,000 excess in General Basic over the normal 30% carryover which is where public health is funded so the County has dollars available to provide more funding to Unity Public Health. Seright suggested public health should bill the County for actual overages due to overtime hours, excess staffing or equipment due to COVID-19 as they happen and the County would pay the payments. Mather suggested considering a not to exceed amount. Sorensen stated Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams previously provided a \$150,000 estimate and he would like her to come back to the Board if she is going to exceed that estimate. The Board by consensus directed Seright to reimburse Unity Public Health for overtime hours, excess staffing and equipment due to COVID-19 and to return to the Board for further action beyond the \$150,000.

Seright stated the other funds are in good shape at this time as the Mental Health trust and guardianship funds will probably not be spent. Sorensen confirmed the estimates are based on cash on hand and do not include any more revenue coming in between now and the end of the fiscal year. Seright stated General Assistance may increase, but there is sufficient funding in the General Basic Fund to cover those shortages which probably will not happen until after June 30th. Sorensen stated Community Services Director Felicia Toppert just needs to communicate with the Board so they can take whatever steps are necessary if she incurs a shortage.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber updated the Board on Wellmark third party administration documents for FY20/21. Schreiber stated upon review of the documents, the \$75,000 individual stop loss premium was increasing by 18% so she requested other options from Wellmark. Schreiber explained the other options as follows: Option 1 - Increase the individual stop loss to \$85,000 or \$95,000; and Option 2 - keep the \$75,000 individual stop loss, but set an aggregate individual stop loss of \$63,750 or \$93,750. Schreiber stated the individual aggregate stop loss would mean that the County would pay the first \$63,750 or \$93,750 of the amount over the \$75,000 on an individual. Schreiber stated Option 2 saves the County \$50,000 to \$75,000 initially, but could be taking a gamble if the County has a lot of claims that go over \$75,000. Schreiber recommended keeping the \$75,000 individual stop loss, but set an aggregate individual stop loss of \$93,750. In response to a question from Sauer, Schreiber stated under the scenario she is recommending, there have been no cases over \$75,000 in FY20/21, two cases in FY19/20 which would have cost the County about \$54,000 of the \$93,750 individual aggregate stop loss, three cases

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT OF FY2019-2020 CITY BUDGET			
Form 653.C1	The City Council of	Wilton	in MUSCATINE & CEDAR
	will meet at		County, Iowa
	at	7pm	on 8/26/20
		(hour)	(Date)
	, for the purpose of amending the current budget of the city for the fiscal year ending June 30,		2020
			(year)
by changing estimates of revenue and expenditure appropriations in the following programs for the reasons given. Additional detail is available at the city clerk's office showing revenues and expenditures by fund type and by activity.			
	Total Budget as certified or last amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget after Current Amendment
<b>Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>			
Taxes Levied on Property	1 1,478,726	0	1,478,726
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2 0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3 1,478,726	0	1,478,726
Delinquent Property Taxes	4 0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5 584,250	0	584,250
Other City Taxes	6 375,473	0	375,473
Licenses & Permits	7 34,324	0	34,324
Use of Money and Property	8 48,500	0	48,500
Intergovernmental	9 518,996	0	518,996
Charges for Services	10 1,922,650	0	1,922,650
Special Assessments	11 0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12 117,300	0	117,300
Other Financing Sources	13 500,000	700,000	1,200,000
Transfers In	14 561,000	0	561,000
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	<b>15 6,141,219</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>6,841,219</b>
<b>Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>			
Public Safety	16 566,502	0	566,502
Public Works	17 461,031	50,000	511,031
Health and Social Services	18 3,000	0	3,000
Culture and Recreation	19 490,541	0	490,541
Community and Economic Development	20 551,599	50,000	601,599
General Government	21 893,806	0	893,806
Debt Service	22 419,079	420,000	839,079
Capital Projects	23 0	600,000	600,000
<b>Total Government Activities Expenditures</b>	<b>24 3,385,558</b>	<b>1,120,000</b>	<b>4,505,558</b>
Business Type / Enterprises	25 2,417,115	440,000	2,857,115
<b>Total Gov Activities &amp; Business Expenditures</b>	<b>26 5,802,673</b>	<b>1,560,000</b>	<b>7,362,673</b>
Transfers Out	27 561,000	0	561,000
<b>Total Expenditures/Transfers Out</b>	<b>28 6,363,673</b>	<b>1,560,000</b>	<b>7,923,673</b>
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out for Fiscal Year	29 222,454	-860,000	-1,082,454
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30 6,122,793	0	6,122,793
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31 5,900,339	-860,000	5,040,339
Explanation of increases or decreases in revenue estimates, appropriations, or available cash: City Hall Remodel- \$700,000 loan and \$700,000 remodel council chambers and Façade. PW-Additional Street repairs for Seal Coating. DS- Interest payments on SRF loan for sewer plant and payoff of Comm Ctr. Debt (380k). Com/Econ Dev-WDC for purchase of lots. Bus. activities- Additional work on New sewer plant and Debt Svc payment \$300,000. New Garbage Truck			
There will be no increase in tax levies to be paid in the current fiscal year named above. Any increase in expenditures set out above will be met from the increased non-property tax revenues and cash balances not budgeted or considered in this current budget. This will provide for a balanced budget.			
			Kathryn Koele
			City Clerk/Finance Officer



# Durant High School



# Seniors

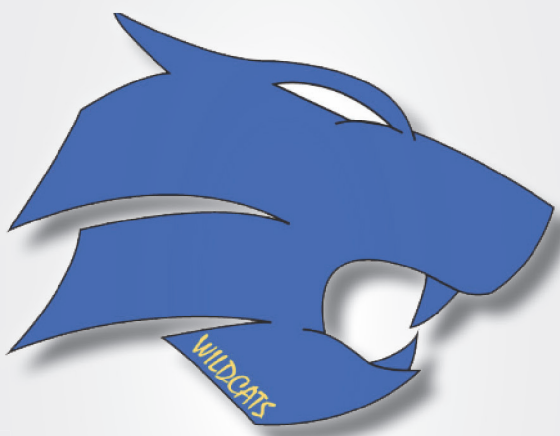
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## Class Colors

**Blue and Gold**



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**Chelsea Alderman**



**Jason Arp**



**Tessa Brandenburg-Paxton**



**Logan Callison**



**Lucas Callison**



**Drew DeLong**

**Chelsea Alderman**

Chelsea Alderman is the daughter of Teri Castor and Ryan Alderman. Chelsea's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: softball, track, dance team, wrestling cheer, yearbook and student council. Chelsea is planning to attend Kirkwood Community College to study apparel merchandising then transfer to Iowa State University to study fashion design.

**Jason Arp**

Jason Arp is the son of Michelle Arp and Brent Arp. Jason's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: baseball, bowling, football, ACE and FFA. Jason is planning to attend college to study business and return home to work on the family farm with his father and grandfather.

**Tessa Brandenburg-Paxton**

Tessa Brandenburg is the daughter of Stacy Van Den Berghe and Steve Van Den Berghe. Tessa's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: 4-H, golf, FCCLA and New Liberty Fire Department. Tessa is planning to attend Black Hawk College to study criminal justice.

**Logan Callison**

Logan Callison is the son of Leslie Callison and Bret Callison. Logan's activities, mem-

berships and special honors while in high school: football, basketball, golf, baseball, choir, National Honor Society, student council, school newspaper, National Council on Youth Leadership, Academic All-State, Second Team All-District in football, First Team All-Conference in golf, member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and volunteer for the Youth Sports Foundation. While in school he worked for Paper's Lumber. Logan is planning to attend the University of Iowa to study environmental engineering.

**Lucas Callison**

Lucas Callison is the son of Leslie Callison and Bret Callison. His activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: football, basketball, golf, baseball, concert choir, National Honor Society, student council member, sports editor/reporter for the Wildcat Chronicles, Governor's Scholar Award winner. While in school he worked at Paper's Lumber. Lucas is planning to attend the University of Iowa to study psychology.

**Drew DeLong**

Drew DeLong is the son of Rebecca DeLong and Ross DeLong. Drew's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: football, 4 years; basketball, 4 years; golf, 4 years; baseball, 5 years; track, 1 year; band, 1 year; choir, 2 years. Drew is planning to attend the University of Iowa to study sports

and recreation management.

**Marcus Engstler**

Marcus Engstler is the son of Sara Engstler and Russ Engstler. His activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: football, 4 years; basketball, 4 years; track, 3 years; baseball, 2 years; National Honor Society; Academic All-Conference All-Sports every season for football junior year; IHSAA All-District Academic Team; IHSAA First Team All-District in football senior year; IHSAA All-District First Team; IHSAA Distinguished Academic Achievement; Quad City Times All-Eastern Iowa First Team Defense; Muscatine Journal 2019 All-Area Team and selected as a participant in the River Battle Bowl for Team Iowa. Marcus is planning to attend the University of Iowa to study business.

**Kayla Erbst**

Kayla Erbst is the daughter of Julie Charlier and Justin Jewl. Kayla's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: dance, wrestling cheer, theater and track. While in high school she worked at Casey's and Wendy's. Kayla is planning to attend Clarke University with an undecided major and be on the dance team.

**Terry Esbaum**

Terry Esbaum is the son of Melissa Esbaum and Chad Esbaum. Terry's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: Boy Scouts, 12 years – currently pursuing Eagle Scout rank; football, 1 year; FFA, 2 years; bowling, 2 years; ACE, 2 years; ICHBA Student Built Housing, 2 years. While in




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**Kayla Erbst**



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**Cameron Hoon**



**Nathan Hultquist**

high school he worked at Schwarz Grain and Fence and at the Iowa 80 Truck Stop. Terry is planning to continue into the workforce to support small businesses in trade.

**Hannah Frisch**

Hannah Frisch is the daughter of Lori Gruman and Todd Frisch. Hannah's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: bowling, yearbook, FCCLA, student council, National Honor Society, theatre, National Council on Youth Leadership, Honor Roll and Silver Cord. While in high school she worked as an Emergency Department Technician at UnityPoint Health – Trinity. Hannah is planning on attending St. Ambrose University to study nursing.

**Allyson Heinrich**

Allyson Heinrich is the daughter of Lori Heinrich and Scott Heinrich. Allyson's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: soccer, track, cross country, dance team, band, manager for football and wrestling, play crew member and anime club member. While in high school she worked at Wendy's and Jeff's Market. Allyson has joined the United States Navy.

**Andrew Henderson**

Andrew Henderson is the son of Ruth Henderson and Mick Henderson. Andrew's activities, memberships and special honors while

in high school: band, 4 years; RVC Honor Band 2019; 4-H, 9 years; Youth Bowling, 9 years; High School Bowling, varsity 4 years; RVC Conference Captain 2020; State Team 2018, 2019 and 2020, where he placed third for individual score; track, 4 years; Youth Group. While in high school he worked for the Durant Community School District. Andrew is planning to attend St. Ambrose University to study pre-chiropractic and transfer to Palmer College of Chiropractic to finish his chiropractic degree.

**Cheyann Hilbert**

Cheyann Hilbert is the daughter of Julia Hilbert and James Hilbert. Cheyann's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: football cheer, 1 year; wrestling cheer, 4 years; track, 2 years; choir, 3 years. While in high school she worked for Campus for Kids. Cheyann is planning to attend St. Ambrose University to study elementary education.

**Cameron Hoon**

Cameron Hoon is the son of Mindy Hoon and Bryan Hoon. Cameron's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: bowling, state three years; track; cross country; baseball; Boy Scouts; Eagle Scout. While in high school he worked at Durant High School as a janitor/maintenance worker. Cameron is planning to attend Iowa Central Community College and study turf grass management.

**Nathan Hultquist**

Nathan Hultquist is the son of David Hultquist. Nathan's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: baseball, 4 years. Nathan is planning to attend Muscatine Community College to study biology and environmental sciences to become a pisciculturist.

**Ethan Johns**

Ethan Johns is the son of Denise McGhee. Ethan's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: choir and drama club. While in high school he worked at Taco Bell. Ethan is planning to attend Muscatine Community College.

**Kylie Kay**

Kylie Kay is the daughter of Kimberly Wilson

and Aaron Fitzgibbon. Kylie's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: basketball, softball, choir and Honor Roll. While in high school she worked at Neumann Farms. Kylie is planning to attend Scott Community College to study nursing.

**Kody Koberg**

Kody Koberg is the son of Jennifer Koberg and Corey Koberg. Kody's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: football, basketball, student council, National Honor Society, 4-H, FFA, 4-H County Council, Boys' State, NCYL and TMOT. While in high school he worked at Koberg Brothers Farms. Kody is planning to attend Iowa State University to study agricultural business and join the AGR fraternity.



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**Kylie Kay**



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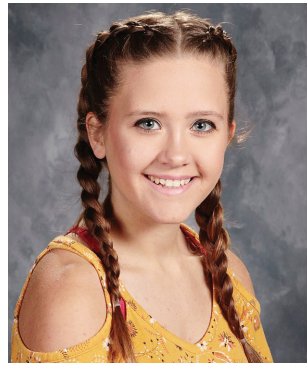
**Meg Koenig**



**Spenser Kraklio**



**Joe Lilienthal**



**Kyrnan Liske**



**Mariah Miller**



**Gabrielle Olsen**

**Meg Koenig**

Meg Koenig is the daughter of Melissa Koenig and Michael Koenig. Meg's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: track, 1 year – qualifying for state; varsity volleyball, 4 years; Muscatine Journal All-Area Volleyball Team and All-Conference Team; Student Council, 2 years; FCCLA, 1 year. Meg is planning to attend the University of Iowa.

**Spenser Kraklio**

Spenser Kraklio is the son of Jennifer Kraklio and Mack Barker. Spenser is planning to become a physical therapist.

**Joe Lilienthal**

Joe Lilienthal is the son of Stephanie Lilienthal and Mike Lilienthal. Joe's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: football, 4 years – letter winner; football team captain; 2019 Second Team Class A All-State Team in football; 2018 Second Team Class A All-State Team in football; two-time Class A District 6 OL MVP in football; played in 2020 Iowa Shrine Bowl; Iowa-Nebraska River Battle All-Star Bowl; Blue-Grey All-American Bowl; basketball, 4 years – letter winner; basketball team captain; Iowa Basketball Coaches Association Substate Team; 2020 Muscatine Journal Area Player of the Year; First Team River Valley Conference South; Academic All-Conference; 2020 Wildcat Offensive Player

of the Year Award; Blue Grass Farmers 4-H Club, 9 years. Joe is planning to attend Iowa State University to study agricultural studies and play football.

**Kyrnan Liske**

Kyrnan Liske is the daughter of Jennifer Rochholz and Kevin Rochholz. Kyrnan's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: cross country, wrestling cheer, track, band, choir, drama and FFA. Kyrnan is planning to attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville to study elementary education with a minor in music.

**Mariah Miller**

Mariah Miller is the daughter of Jacque Cavins and Phillip Miller. Mariah's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: basketball cheer, football cheer, bowling, dance, drama club, 4-H and chamber choir. While in high school she worked at the Durant Children's Group. Mariah is planning to attend Scott Community College to study EMS and social work.

**Gabrielle Olsen**

Gabrielle "Ellie" Olsen is the daughter of Dorian Maag and Jeremy Olsen. Ellie's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: Gold Honor Roll, 4 years; 2019 Homecoming Queen; HOBY Leadership Conference; Wildcat Award, senior year in

varsity volleyball; Academic All-Conference Team in basketball; Academic All-Conference Team in volleyball; Academic All-Conference Team in golf; National Honor Society Student of the Month; student council, president junior year, vice president senior year; golf; volleyball; basketball; theater/drama; newspaper staff; yearbook; band; softball. While in high school she worked at Jeff's Market. Ellie is planning to attend Drake University to study marketing and health sciences.

**Tyler Ostofi**

Tyler Ostofi is the son of Carol Marolf and Michael Ostofi. Tyler's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: drama, 3 years; ACE, 3 years; Reach House, 2 years. While in high school he worked at Schwarz Grain and Fence. Tyler is planning to

continue into the workforce after high school.

**Jordyn Ostrand**

Jordyn Ostrand is the daughter of Janelle Entsminger and the late Paul Ostrand. Jordyn's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: volleyball, softball, basketball, track, band, choir and student council. While in high school she worked at Grandma's Kitchen. Jordyn is planning to attend North Area Iowa Community College and participate in track and field.

**Tyler Ott**

Tyler Ott is the son of Mary Tigrett and Eric Ott. Tyler's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: Muscatine County Stamping Clovers 4-H Club, 3 years showing dogs, rabbits and horses; Senior Bowling



**Tyler Ostofi**



**Jordyn Ostrand**



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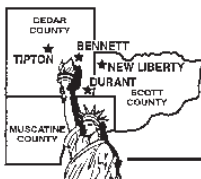
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Brendan Paper



Danielle Paulsen



Allie Poston



Kira Schult



Trace Seligman

Team. While in high school he worked at the school delivering mail. Tyler's future plans are undecided.

**Rylee Page**

Rylee Page is the daughter of Christina Page and Kelly Page. Rylee's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: National Honor Society, student council, drama club, yearbook, FCCLA, bowling and National Council on Youth Leadership. Rylee is planning to attend Iowa State University to study public relations.

**Brendan Paper**

Brendan Paper is the son of Jenny Paper and Gary Paper. Brendan's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: member of the Durant 2019 Homecoming Court; football, 3 years; baseball, 4 years; basketball, 4 years; choir, 1 year; Muscatine Journal All-Area Second Team in basketball; RVC South Honorable Mention in basketball; All-Academic All-Conference in basketball; QC Times All- Eastern Iowa Baseball Team; Muscatine Journal All-Area Baseball Team; All District Second Team Pitcher; All RVC South Pitcher and All District Honorable Mention in football. While in high school he has worked at Paper's Lumber & Supply as a delivery driver and yardman, and The Barn at Bunker Hill as a server and lawn mowing.

Brendan is planning to attend the University of Iowa to study business enterprise leadership.

**Danielle Paulsen**

Danielle Paulsen is the daughter of Robin Grunder and Fred Paulsen. Danielle's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: National Honor Society, student council, volleyball, basketball, theater, band and youth group. While in high school she worked at Campus for Kids Daycare. Danielle is planning on attending Iowa State University to study communications and event management.

**Allie Poston**

Allie Poston is the daughter of Leslie Poston and Raymond Poston. Allie's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: softball, All-Area Softball Team 2019; Academic All-Conference 2019; Academic All-Conference 2019 in basketball and 2020 NYLCASA in softball. Allie is planning to attend Briar Cliff University to study physical therapy and play softball.

**Kira Schult**

Kira Schult is the daughter of Jessica Schult and Brett Schult. Kira's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: volleyball; basketball; softball; 4 years; 4-H, 7 years; Academic All-Conference and

Honorable Mention for basketball. Kira is planning to attend the University of Iowa to study business.

**Trace Seligman**

Trace Seligman is the son of Andrea Seligman and Scott Seligman. Trace's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: band, drama, ACE student construction program, Shaffer's Student of the Month and HBA student built home. While in high school he worked at Schwarz Gran and Fence. Trace is planning on becoming part of the carpenters' union.

**Madison Semsch**

Madison Semsch is the daughter of Julie Semsch and Jared Semsch. Madison's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: track manager, 4 years; softball, 2 years and a one-gallon blood donor. While in high school she has worked at Courtyard Estates in Walcott. Madison is planning to attend Scott Community College to study nursing.

**Addisyn Skinner**

Addisyn Skinner is the daughter of Jami Skinner and Chad Skinner. Addisyn's activities,

memberships and special honors while in high school: track, drama, football and basketball cheer. While in high school she worked at the Creamery in Durant. Addisyn is planning to attend Scott Community College and then transfer to a 4-year college.

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Preston Wiese



Jake Willkomm



Heidi Wolf



**Laura Stineman**

Laura Stineman is the daughter of Rebecca Stineman and Brian Stineman. Laura's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: dance team, football cheer, basketball cheer, band, choir, student council and yearbook. While in high school she worked as a dance instructor at Dance Works in Davenport and a piano teacher for elementary students. Laura is planning to attend Iowa State University to study linguistics and psychology.

**Dalton Tegtmeier**

Dalton Tegtmeier is the son of Michelle (Jess) Samuels and Jason (Leslie) Tegtmeier. While in high school he worked for Zogg Associates. Dalton

wants become a professional Motocross racer.

**Preston Wiese**

Preston Wiese is the son of Tonya Wiese and Allen Wiese. Preston's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: basketball, ACE mentoring program and FFA. While in high school he worked on his family farm and other local farms. Preston is planning to attend Muscatine Community College to study agricultural business.

**Jake Willkomm**

Jake Willkomm is the son of Emily Willkomm and Christopher Willkomm. Jake's activities,

memberships and special honors while in high school: football, basketball, track, baseball, ACE, student council and class president. Jake is planning to attend Loras College and run track.

**Heidi Wolf**

Heidi Wolf is the daughter of Christine Wolf and Scott Wolf. Heidi's activities, memberships and special honors while in high school: cross country, basketball, track, softball, choir and band. While in high school she worked at the Iowa 80 Truck Stop. Heidi is planning to attend Scott Community College to study pre-veterinarian and business. Afterward, she plans to transfer to Iowa State University to finish her degree and minor in business.

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# Official Sample Ballots and Notice of Primary Election, Muscatine County

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA, THE PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020.**

The polls for said election will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Voters must vote in their county of residence. All voters wishing to pre-register must do so by no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020. Election Day Registration will require photo ID and proof of residence.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information or if you are unsure of your voting location for this election, please contact the Muscatine County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections at 563-263-5821 or by email: auditor@co.muscatine.ia.us.

Due to COVID-19, polling places have been temporarily combined for this election. For your safety, you are strongly encouraged to consider voting an absentee ballot by mail. The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is May 22, 2020. If you choose to vote in person on election day, polling sites will be open as shown below:

**Location 1:** Muscatine Community School Administration Building Muskie Room East, 2900 Mulberry Ave, Muscatine (for voters in Muscatine Precincts First, Second, Third and Fourth).

**Location 2:** Muscatine Community School Administration Building Muskie Room West, 2900 Mulberry Ave, Muscatine (for voters in Muscatine Precincts Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth).

**Location 3:** MCC McAvoy Center, 1403 Park Ave, Muscatine (for voters in Muscatine Precincts Ninth and Tenth, Bloomington and Sweetland).

**Location 4:** Fruitland Community Center, 104 Sand Run Rd., Fruitland (for voters in Fruitland One, Fruitland Two/Lake and 76/Cedar).

**Location 5:** West Liberty Community Center, 1204 N. Calhoun St, West Liberty (for voters in \*West Liberty 1/Wapsi, \*West Liberty 2, Goshen [including Atalissa], Orono [including Conesville] and Pike [including Nichols]).


**Location 6** Wilton Community Center, 1215 Cypress St, Wilton (for voters in Wilton City, Wilton/Moscow [including Durant] and Fulton/Montpelier [including Stockton and Blue Grass]).

**NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE CHANGES:** \*West Liberty1/Wapsi and West Liberty 2 Polling Places have been permanently moved to the West Liberty Community Center.

A Public Test of the electronic voting system to be used in this election will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditor's Office on the second floor of the Muscatine County Administration Building, 414 E. Third St., Suite 201,

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## DEMOCRATIC PARTY

<p>Muscatine County, State of Iowa</p> <p><b>Official Ballot Primary Election June 2, 2020</b></p> 	<p><b>COUNTY OFFICES</b></p> <p><b>FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 3</b> Vote for no more than one</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Edward F. Askew</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in vote, if any)</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 48pt; transform: rotate(-45deg); opacity: 0.5;">SAMPLE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wilton City</p>
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER</b></p> <p><b>1. Voting Mark.</b> To vote, fill in the oval next to your choice.  <input type="radio"/> Candidate Name  <input checked="" type="radio"/> Candidate Name</p> <p><b>2. Write-in Votes.</b> To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the name on the write-in line below the list of candidates and fill in the oval next to it.</p> <p><b>3. Use only the pen or pencil provided.</b></p> <p><b>4. Do not cross out.</b> If you change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.</p>	<p><b>FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 4</b> Vote for no more than one</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Michelle Servadio Elias</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Henry F. Marquard</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in vote, if any)</p>	
<p><b>FEDERAL OFFICES</b></p> <p><b>FOR U. S. SENATOR</b> Vote for no more than one</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kimberly Graham</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Theresa Greenfield</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Eddie J. Mauro</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Cal Woods</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Michael Franken</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in vote, if any)</p>	<p><b>FOR COUNTY AUDITOR</b> Vote for no more than one</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brandy Harfst</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in vote, if any)</p>	
<p><b>FOR U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2</b> Vote for no more than one</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rita R. Hart</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in vote, if any)</p>	<p><b>FOR COUNTY SHERIFF</b> Vote for no more than one</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Michael Channon</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in vote, if any)</p>	
<p><b>STATE OFFICES</b></p> <p><b>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 73</b> Vote for no more than one</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lonny L. Pulkrabek</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in vote, if any)</p>	<p>Wilton City</p>	
<p>Wilton City</p>	<p>____Precinct Official's Initials</p>	

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# Official Sample Ballots and Notice of Primary Election, Muscatine County

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Muscatine, IA.

Absentee ballots are available by submitting an official application to the Auditor's Office, or you may vote in person at the Auditor's Office weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 P.M. through Monday, June 1, 2020. The Auditor's Office will also be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday May 30, 2020.

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered – such as voters registering to vote on Election Day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required): 1) may have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct; or 2) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the County Auditor's office by 1 p.m., Thursday, June 4, 2020. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone (563) 263-5821.



Leslie A. Soule  
Muscatine County Auditor and  
Commissioner of Elections

**Notice to voters:** These are SAMPLE BALLOTS only. The ballots shown with this notice are a true and correct facsimile of Official Ballots to be voted at this Election. Not all state offices will be on the ballot in every precinct. The candidates for the various state district offices, and for each party are as follows:

*Muscatine Precincts First through Tenth, Bloomington, Fruitland One, Fulton/Montpelier and Sweetland:*

**State Senator District 46:** Chris Brase (DEM), Mark S. Lofgren (REP).

**State Representative District 91:** Kelcey Brackett (DEM), Mark Cisneros (REP).

*Fruitland Two/Lake, Goshen, Orono, Pike, 76/Cedar, West Liberty One/Wapsi, West Liberty Two and Wilton/Moscow:*

**State Senator District 44:** Thomas Courtney (DEM), Rex Troute (DEM) and Kevin Warth (DEM), Tim Goodwin (REP) and Matthew Rinker (REP).

**State Representative District 88:** Sandy Dockendorff (DEM), David L. Kerr (REP)

*Wilton City:*

**State Representative District 73:** Lonny L. Pulkrabek (DEM), Bobby Kaufmann (REP).

## REPUBLICAN PARTY

Muscatine County, State of Iowa

Official Ballot  
Primary Election  
June 2, 2020



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### FEDERAL OFFICES

**FOR U. S. SENATOR**  
Vote for no more than one

- Joni Ernst  
○ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in vote, if any)

**FOR U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2**  
Vote for no more than one

- Steven Everly  
○ Mariannette Miller-Meeks  
○ Rick Phillips  
○ Bobby Schilling  
○ Tim Borchardt  
○ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in vote, if any)

### STATE OFFICES

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 73**  
Vote for no more than one

- Bobby Kaufmann  
○ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in vote, if any)

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### COUNTY OFFICES

**FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 3**  
Vote for no more than one

- Scott Sauer  
○ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in vote, if any)

**FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 4**  
Vote for no more than one

- Nathan Mather  
○ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in vote, if any)

**FOR COUNTY AUDITOR**  
Vote for no more than one

- Tibe Vander Linden  
○ Mary Mason-Wheeler  
○ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in vote, if any)

**FOR COUNTY SHERIFF**  
Vote for no more than one

- Quinn Riess  
○ Kenny Hora  
○ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write-in vote, if any)

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in FY18/19 that would have cost the entire \$93,750 and one case in FY17/18 that would have cost \$72,000. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute paperwork necessary to renew health and dental Third Party Administrator services with Wellmark, Inc. effective July 1, 2020 with the stop loss changes as recommended by Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reviewed proposed health and dental premiums stating the health insurance premium includes an increase of \$25 to the employer, a \$15 increase to the employee for single coverage and a \$30 increase to the employee for family coverage with no proposed changes to the dental premium. On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the proposed health and dental premiums effective July 1, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board set an annual enrollment period for health insurance and

an open enrollment for dental insurance for May 11, 2020 through May 27, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the FY 20/21 Salary Schedule (3% adjustment to the FY19/20 schedule). Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright stated the sirens will be tested today at 11:00 A.M. Wright stated last week a strike team came to Muscatine to test long term care facility staff and there was also testing conducted at West Liberty Foods.

Edward Askew, 2952 155th Street, Muscatine, stated he is going to make a request of the County Engineer for the quality manual for swamp tests and air tests. Askew asked if the Sheriff indicated when he is going to finish the investigation of the jailer on paid administrative leave. Sorensen stated they have had no further communication from the Sheriff.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

**Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor**  
**Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson**  
**Board of Supervisors**

## Workforce Housing Tax Credits deadline June 8

DES MOINES – The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) announced April 29 it has opened a new application round for the Workforce Housing Tax Credit program. Approximately \$10 million in tax credits is available for this application round and is only open for the Small Cities' Set Aside component.

IEDA's Workforce Housing Tax Credit program provides tax benefits to developers to provide housing in Iowa communities, focusing especially on those projects using abandoned, empty or dilapidated properties. To be eligible for funding, projects must:

- \* Meet one of four criteria: housing development on a brownfield or grayfield or upper story housing or rehabilitation of dilapidated housing stock or new construction in greenfield space.

- \* Include construction or rehab of at least four single-family homes or at least one multi-family building containing three or more units

or at least two upper story units.

- \* Total project costs for projects under the Small Cities set aside may not exceed \$215,000 per unit or \$250,000 for historic rehabilitation.

- \* Be completed within three years of award.
- \* Be located in the 88 least populous Iowa counties.

Applications can be submitted via [iowaeda.gov](http://iowaeda.gov) and will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. on June 8. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible and not wait until deadline to facilitate a timelier review of applications.

Applications for credits will be reviewed and scored on a competitive basis. Program information and evaluation and scoring criteria will be available at: [iowaeda.com/WHTC](http://iowaeda.com/WHTC).

IEDA expects to announce awards in mid-July. Please contact Dan Hansen at 515.348.6212 or [daniel.hansen@iowaeda.com](mailto:daniel.hansen@iowaeda.com) with questions regarding this opportunity.

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# Governor's proclamation opened state campgrounds May 8

DES MOINES — On May 6, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a new proclamation opening campgrounds in the state of Iowa, effective Friday, May 8.

The Iowa DNR will open state campgrounds at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 8 to campers with self-contained restrooms only. Self-contained is defined as a tent or pop-up camper with a portable toilet or an RV with a functioning, self-contained bathroom. Walk-in campers may begin registering at 8 a.m.

\* Friday, May 8 to Sunday, May 10: walk-in only, first come, first served basis

\* Monday, May, 11: reservations will go into effect

\* The DNR's campground reservation sys-

tem will begin accepting reservations starting Friday, May 8 at 9 a.m.

All other reservations will continue as reserved beginning May 15, unless otherwise notified directly by the DNR. The DNR extends an apology to those that had reservations scheduled during the May 8 to May 14 time period. Those reservations will not be honored because refunds have already been issued and the transactions are complete.

While state parks have seen a great influx of visitors, it is expected to see the same at the campgrounds. Parks staff will be closely monitoring these areas to avoid gatherings of groups larger than 10. Staff presence throughout the parks and campgrounds will remind and

educate visitors to continue physical distancing while enjoying some of Iowa's most beautiful public places. Campers should also abide by the following guidelines:

\* Visitors will not be allowed in the campgrounds, only those occupying the campsites

\* Campfires at the individual campsites will be limited to campers occupying that campsite

\* Six occupants per campsite, unless immediate family contains more than six

\* Some pit latrines are now open in busier day use areas

\* All modern restrooms and shower buildings, including water fountains, remain closed

\* Communal picnic tables and grills are open for use at your own risk

\* Playgrounds, day-use rental lodges and shelter houses will remain closed

\* Cabins, yurts and shelter houses will remain closed

\* Visitor centers, nature centers and museums within state parks will remain closed

\* Beaches remain open, but will be monitored closely

\* Some campgrounds may be closed due to construction or maintenance issues, so please check the specific closure information below for each park before planning a camping trip.

For the latest closure information for state parks, campgrounds and trails, visit: [www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Alerts-and-Closures](http://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Alerts-and-Closures)

# State treasurer giving away five \$529 College Savings Iowa contributions

DES MOINES — During the month of May, State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald is celebrating 529 Day by giving away five \$529 College Savings Iowa contributions. "529 Day is another chance for me to encourage Iowa families to look into saving for higher education with College Savings Iowa," said Fitzgerald. "It takes a lot of teamwork to help a child achieve their dreams, and saving with a 529 plan is something easy the whole family can do."

"This 529 Day, I'm hoping to spread some cheer to five different Iowa families by giving away five \$529 College Savings Iowa contri-

butions," Fitzgerald added. "These kinds of giveaways allow me to help some families get started while getting important information about 529 plans in front of more Iowans." The giveaway is open May 1 through May 31, and any Iowa family with a child or grandchild under the age of 18 is eligible to register. Those interested can visit [Iowa529Contest.com](http://Iowa529Contest.com) to watch a short video, read the official rules and sign up for the giveaway before the deadline.

More than \$3 billion has been withdrawn for qualified expenses using College Savings Iowa funds. Investors can withdraw their

investments federally tax-free to pay for qualified higher education expenses including tuition, books, computers, supplies and certain room and board costs at any eligible college, university, community college or accredited technical training school in the United States or abroad.

Treasurer Fitzgerald launched College Savings Iowa in 1998 as a way to offer families a tax advantaged way to save money for their children's higher education. It only takes \$25 to open an account, and anyone — parents, grandparents, friends and relatives — can invest in College Savings Iowa on behalf of

a child. Iowa taxpayers have the additional benefit of being able to deduct contributions up to \$3,439 per beneficiary account from their 2020 Iowa income taxes.

Those interested in learning more about College Savings Iowa or wanting to help spread awareness about the program can visit [CollegeSavingsIowa.com](http://CollegeSavingsIowa.com) or call (888) 672-9116. To keep up-to-date with the plan for information and future giveaways, follow College Savings Iowa on Facebook and Twitter.

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# State Historical Society of Iowa to document COVID-19 pandemic

DES MOINES – Iowa history offers countless examples of Iowans who rose to the challenges of their times, but few of us have experienced anything like the current COVID-19 pandemic. To capture the stories of this extraordinary time, the State Historical Society of Iowa invites Iowans to submit materials that can help future generations understand the pandemic

and its widespread impact across the state. “Iowans are resolute. Throughout our history, every generation has faced difficulties with courage and innovation,” said Susan Kloewer, the administrator of the State Historical Society of Iowa, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. “Today, we encourage Iowans of all ages to help future

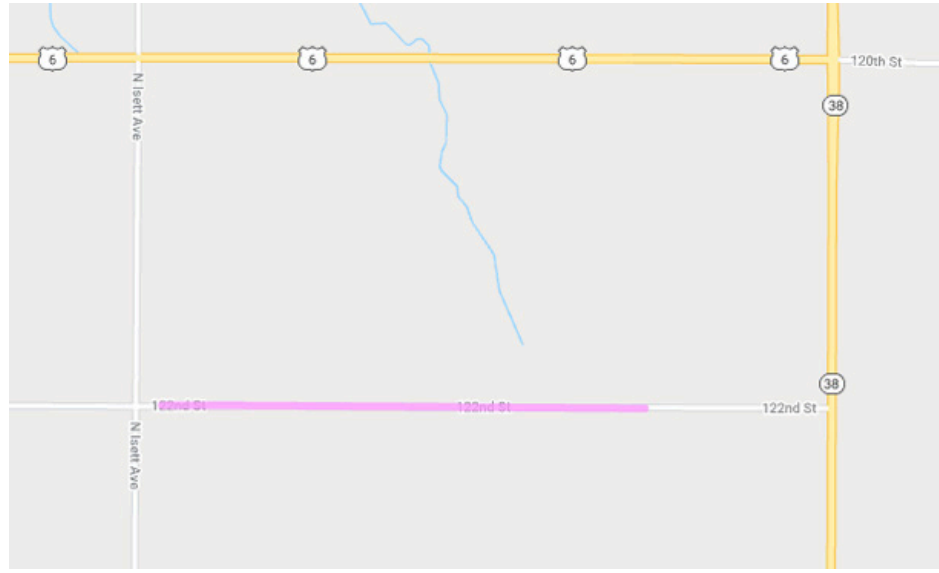
historians understand how our state responded in 2020.” The society is accepting digital submissions — photos, emails, videos, blogs and more — as well as suggestions about physical artifacts that could be donated at a later time, when the society’s facilities re-open to the public. As stewards of Iowa history since 1857, the society is particularly interested in stories and materials that reflect the pandemic’s ripple effects on health care, education and labor. Iowans are encouraged to submit accounts about how the pandemic has affected their everyday lives, including social distancing, working from home, and shifting school and

other activities to virtual formats. Submitters must be at least 18 years old and may submit only materials they have created themselves, although the online submission form includes a place to make suggestions and referrals. A sampling of submitted materials may be featured on the society’s social media platforms and, ultimately, added to the society’s permanent collection, which encompasses more than 200 million pieces of Iowa’s historical and cultural legacy. For more information, including the online submission form, please visit [iowaculture.gov](http://iowaculture.gov).

## Portion of 122nd Street to close

Beginning May 7, 122nd Street in Muscatine County will be closed to traffic for a reinforced concrete box culvert replacement and grading project. The closure will be from North Isett

Avenue east to house number 2683 122nd St. Construction is anticipated to take about one month, weather dependent, according to Muscatine County. The posted closure time is from May 7 to June 25.



## COLLEGE NEWS

### Meyer, Hagen graduate from Iowa State University

Iowa State University announces students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences who will receive bachelor of sciences degrees upon completion of the spring 2020 semester. The following local students are set to graduate:

Gavin Meyer of Wilton, majoring in Animal Science; Chloe Hagen of Stockton, majoring in Animal Science

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and the university’s commitment to prioritize health and safety, spring commencement has moved to a virtual format.

On May 8, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will host a virtual convocation at 9 a.m. CST. This event provides individual recognition for graduating seniors and will feature a series of videos hosted on the college Facebook page or at [www.cals.iastate.edu/convocation](http://www.cals.iastate.edu/convocation) where the virtual celebration will be archived for future viewing.

### Brisker graduates from Purdue University Global

Jennifer L. Brisker of Wilton graduated from Purdue University Global on March 17 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in Addictions.

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