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Durant American Legion: Two buildings to become one

By Derek Sawvell Managing Editor, Advocate News

By the fall of this year, two buildings along Fifth Street in Durant will become one as renovations are set to begin courtesy of the Lt. J.L. Shryer American Legion Post 430.

Renovations include removing the older of the two structures, the west building, filling in the basement underneath it, and replacing it with a new building to feature a bar, bathrooms and kitchen area. The east building will be attached to the new building with direct access to the new bar and kitchen. A new roof and front facing will then be added so that the two former structures will each be under one roof.

The Durant Legion is looking to raise \$175,000 for the project. According to former commander Dick Stoltenberg and the rest of the building committee including Jim Walker, Ken Huesmann and Dennis Juchter, more than \$40,000 has been raised as of early May, with most donations coming from the 264 Legion members, 72 Sons of the America Legion and more than 80 Auxiliary members.

The Legion has also been setting aside funds to help with the project. "We'll

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Both buildings along Fifth Street owned by the Durant American Legion Post 430 in Durant (pictured right) will be renovated this summer. The result will be one large Legion hall offering amenities on the main floor. Photo by Derek Sawvell



From Emerald Ash Borer to Wilton work of art









Sarne Moore and Eileen Sullivan of Wilton have an Ash tree that was taken due to Emerald Ash Borer. They decided not to have it completely removed and took the opportunity to save the base by having it carved. Moore originally wanted it to be carved into a totem pole but the couple decided to go with Sullivan's idea of a stand of flowers. Finding a chainsaw artist was their next task. Sullivan explained her idea of carving the tree to a friend, who pointed them to Clint Henik, owner of CarveRWay in Mt. Vernon. They contacted Henik and discussed their idea of flowers and leaves. Henik sent back a preliminary sketch and a quote. Moore said, "Some might say it has to be a Midwest thing, because their first purchase of art is chainsaw art, but it is totally worth it, and I would not have it any other way. What Clint did is truly amazing, and the tree came out beautifully. Eileen and I could not be happier with our decision and Clint's work on this amazing piece of art. If you have the opportunity do not hesitate." The tree can be seen on Fifth Street, near the home west of Bentley Funeral Home. Contributed photos

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Iowa continues to reopen. School sports set to begin June 1

DES MOINES - On May 20, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the Public Health Disaster Emergency. The proclamation permits summer school activities, including baseball and softball, to resume on June 1. And effective Friday, May 22, movie theaters, zoos, aquariums,

museums and wedding reception venues will be permitted to reopen with appropriate public health measures in place. Swimming pools will also be permitted to reopen for lap swimming and swimming lessons.





Kim Reynolds

establishments that have been limited to carryout and delivery will be permitted to reopen for indoor or outdoor seating. These establishments will follow the same public health measures that restaurants have been implementing for the past several weeks.

The proclamation also provides additional regulatory relief to those affected by this disaster and continues to strongly encourages all vulnerable Iowans, including those with preexisting medical conditions and those older than 65, in all counties of the state to continue to limit their activities outside of their home, including their visits to businesses and other establishments and their participation in gatherings of any size and any purpose.

Reopening of businesses

A. Movie Theaters: Any theater at which motion pictures are shown may reopen, but only to the extent that the theater complies with the following requirements:

(1) Capacity limited: The theater must limit the number of patrons present in any individual theater to 50 percent of its normal operating capacity to ensure adequate spacing of groups.

(2) Social distancing: The theater must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual attending alone when seated in the theater.

(3) Self-service prohibited: The theater must not have any self-service of food or beverages.

(4) Other social distancing, hygiene, and public health measures: The theater shall also implement reasonable measures under the circumstances of each theater 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 and, for any food service, the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals.

All other theaters and performance venues at which live performances are held shall continue to be closed.

B. Museums, aquariums, and zoos: A museum, aquarium or zoo may reopen, but only to the extent that the establishment takes reasonable measures under the circumstances of each establishment 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. Swimming pools: A swimming pool, as defined in Iowa Code § 135I.1 may reopen for the limited purpose of lap swimming and conducting swimming lessons, but only to the extent that the establishment operating the pool takes reasonable measures under the circumstances of each establishment 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. Except for these limited purposes, all swimming pools and spas, wading pools, water slides, wave pools, spray pads and bath houses, as defined in Iowa Code § 135I.1, shall continue to be closed.

Summer school activities

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 135.144(13), and in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Education, unless otherwise modified by subsequent proclamation, a public school or nonpublic school, as defined in Iowa Code § 280.2, may reopen for school-sponsored activities and learning effective June 1, 2020, but only to the extent that such activities and learning are consistent with guidance of the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa High School Athletic Association, and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, as applicable. Any such school-sponsored activity that is conducted consistent with this guidance shall not be a violation of the prohibition on social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people under section 5 of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on May 13, 2020.

Wedding receptions

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 135.144(3), and in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Public Health, unless otherwise modified by subsequent proclamation or order of the Iowa Department of Public Health, effective 5 a.m.

on May 22, and until 11:59 p.m. on May 27, a wedding reception may be held provided that the establishment hosting the wedding reception complies with all the requirements of a restaurant under section 2, paragraph A, of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on May 13, 2020. Such a reception that is hosted in compliance with those requirements shall not be a violation of the prohibition on social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people under section 5 of that Proclamation of Disaster of Emergency.

Auctions

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 135.144(3), and in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Public Health, unless otherwise modified by subsequent proclamation or order of the Iowa Department of Public Health, effective at 5 a.m. on May 22, any auctions may operate, so long as there are no more than 25 people present in person. Auctions with more than 25 people present in person may operate only if they are conducted outdoors and the auction organizer takes measures to ensure that each group or individual attending alone maintains at least six feet of physical distance. All other auctions continue to be prohibited until 11:59 p.m. on May 27, at all locations and venues.

Governor says anyone in Iowa can get a COVID-19 test

DES MOINES - On May 22, the office of Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced new Test Iowa locations will open next week in Marshalltown, Sioux Center and Council

A schedule of sites, locations and times can be found here.

Test Iowa is a statewide initiative to expand COVID-19 testing. Testing criteria now allows any Iowan to be tested, regardless of symptoms or potential exposure to the virus. To be tested, Iowans must first complete an assessment at www.testiowa.com and schedule an appointment at a test site.

Test Iowa's mobile testing model makes it

possible to quickly operationalize a temporary test site in a community where virus activity is increasing or access to testing is limited. Testing is rapidly scaled up to identify positive cases, conduct contact tracing, and determine scope of the virus in the community. Over time when test volume decreases, sites are moved to other communities where there is a need.

The Test Iowa site in Sioux City closed when testing concluded on Friday, May 22. The site opened on May 4. Testing remains in Sioux City through local health care providers as well as the new Test Iowa Site in Sioux

Durant prepping students for trades

By Derek Sawvell Managing Editor, Advocate News

Thanks to generosity from several area businesses and organizations, coupled with a vision of expanding the ACE mentoring program, Durant High School now has a skid steer as part of its industrial arts arsenal.

Durant industrial arts teacher and ACE adviser Tim Rouse has partnered with several entities in recent years to provide home building opportunities for students at Durant, and it has become popular among those taking industrial arts classes.

There are anywhere from 140-160 students at Durant taking industrial arts courses, with around 20 students belonging to the ACE

"In previous years, we added to the ACE program by building a house with ICHBA and REACH for your Potential in Iowa City," said Rouse. "Every year we try to expand the

program, and this year we have added building mock rooms in the classroom, as well as some basic framing, basic plumbing and electrical to instruct on some fundamentals of home repair."

With the grant writing help of Maria Brown, Durant's director of instruction and innovation, coupled with grants and donations, the school was able to purchase a skid steer. Rouse says it's the first of three pieces of equipment to teach a residential construction class.

To date, more than \$27,000 has been raised. The skid steer is a 1650 Mustang purchased from Star Equipment. "I purchased the skid steer and a trailer to haul it on. The total cost was \$26,775. That was phase one in our 3-phase plan," said Rouse. "Stewardship Grant CHS/River Valley was \$5,000, Leland Smith Foundation \$10,000, Durant Education

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The Durant industrial arts program has its own skid steer thanks to multiple grants and donations from several area entities. The piece of machinery will be useful in the ACE Mentoring program, where students help build houses. It will also be part of a residential construction class. Contributed photo

Wilton seniors organizing grad parade

On Sunday, May 31 at 2 p.m., members of the Wilton class of 2020 will partake in a vehicle parade in celebration of graduating from Wilton High School.

The parade route will be the same as the annual Founders Day parade route. It will begin at the high school parking lot, with cars gathering at 1:40 p.m.

 $Students\,will\,travel\,past\,Wilton\,Retirement$ Community, west on Summit Street, south on

Maurer, east through downtown on Fourth Street, and back north past City Park to the parking lot on Cypress Street.

Student council president Taylor Garvin began organizing the event and nearly all of the seniors are making plans to participate. She got approval from Principal Marc Snavely before talking with the city of Wilton and its fire and police departments.

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More businesses allowed to reopen June 1, including bars, casinos, skate parks

DES MOINES – On May 26, Iowa Governor complies with the following requirements: Kim Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the Public Health Disaster Emergency until June 25, 2020.

As previously announced, the proclamation permits bars, wineries, breweries, distilleries, and social and fraternal clubs may reopen on May 28 with the same public health measures as restaurants in place.

The proclamation also permits the reopening on June 1 of additional establishments. including outdoor performance venues, casinos, bowling alleys, amusement parks, skating rinks, skate parks, outdoor playgrounds.

The proclamation again permits social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people if public health measures are implemented, including limiting attendance to 50% of the venue capacity and maintaining six feet of distance between those attending. This also allows practices, games and competitions for youth and adult baseball, softball and individual sports such as running, biking, swimming, tennis and golf to resume with appropriate public health measures in place.

And the proclamation extends regulatory relief to those affected by this public health emergency until June 25.

Effective at 12:01 a.m. on May 28 and until 11:59 p.m. on June 17:

A. Restaurants and bars: A restaurant or bar, including a wedding reception venue, winery, brewery, distillery, country club or other social or fraternal club, may reopen or remain open to serve food and beverages on its premises, but only to the extent that it

College News

Kirkwood Community College Skylar Warner of Durant graduated from Kirkwood Community College on May 16 with an Associate Degree in Nursing. Skylar

is the daughter of Devin and Chris Warner.

The following student received recognition

Nearly 30 awards were given during the

ceremony, recognizing students for excelling

in academics and extra-curricular activities

while demonstrating leadership and personal

for outstanding achievement at Mount Mercy

University's Honors Convocation on May 15: Matthew Pelzer, of Bennett, Outstanding

Pelzer named outstanding

accounting student

Accounting Student Award.

Warner graduates from

(1) Capacity limited: The establishment must limit the number of customers present at indoor or outdoor spaces to 50 percent of its normal operating seating capacity to ensure adequate spacing of groups. An establishment that ordinarily has a larger operating capacity for patrons standing is not prohibited from adding additional tables and chairs, provided that doing so complies with all other provisions of this Proclamation and any other applicable

(2) Groups limited: The establishment must limit party size seated together to no more than ten people.

(3) Social distancing: The establishment must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual dining or drinking alone. Seating at booths closer than six feet may satisfy this requirement if the booths are separated by a barrier of a sufficient height to fully separate seated customers. All patrons must have a seat at a table or bar, and an establishment must limit patrons from congregating together closer than six feet.

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

(5) Live performances: An establishment may have live music performances, provided that any performer remains at least six feet away from patrons and other performers, and the establishment does not permit patrons from congregating together closer than six feet.

(6) Other social distancing, hygiene, and public health measures: The restaurant 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.

Reopening of businesses June 1

Effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 1 and until 11:59 p.m. on June 17:

A. Outdoor Performance Venues: An outdoor theater or performance venue where live performances are held may open or reopen to patrons, but only to the extent that it complies with the following requirements:

(1) Capacity limited: The establishment must limit the number of patrons present in any grandstands or other permanent seating to 50 percent of its normal operating capacity to ensure adequate spacing of groups.

(2) Social distancing: The establishment must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual attending alone when seated.

(3) Other social distancing, hygiene, and public health measures: The establishment shall also implement 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 and, for any food or beverage service, the Iowa Department of Inspections

and Appeals.

* Until June 1, all outdoor theaters and performance venues where live performances are held shall continue to be closed.

B. Casinos and gaming facilities: A casino or other facility conducting pari-mutuel wagering or gaming operations may reopen, but only to the extent that it complies with the following requirements:

(1) Capacity limited: The establishment must limit the number of patrons present on the gaming floor and waging area to 50 percent of its gaming or wagering positions as determined by the Racing and Gaming Commission.

(2) Social distancing: The establishment must ensure that all wagering and gaming positions are spaced at least six feet apart or take other appropriate measures to ensure that more closely spaced positions are not used. Positions closer than six feet may satisfy this requirement if the positions are separated by a barrier of a sufficient height to fully separate patrons at each position.

(3) Food and Beverage Service: The establishment shall comply with all the requirements of bars and restaurants in this Proclamation for any food and beverage service and shall not have any self-service of food, including buffets or salad bars.

(4) Other social distancing, hygiene, and public health measures: The establishment shall also implement reasonable measures under the circumstances of each establishment

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to Trinity Muscatine team members

Trinity Muscatine team members received a very special "thank you" from the Trinity Muscatine Foundation.

John Beckey, chairman of the Trinity Muscatine Foundation board of directors, reported the board felt very strongly about thanking the Muscatine-based health care team for their service, dedication and commitment to its community over these past months.

Beckey emphasized, "The foundation board felt passionately about acknowledging that



commitment and perseverance through these unpredictable and extremely difficult times we have faced due to the COVID-19 crisis. As a board, it was also very important for us to find a way to express our appreciation to every one of our team members.'

After careful consideration, the Trinity Muscatine foundation board chose chamber dollars, which best demonstrated their desire to provide a gift of universal value to all team members. Foundation board members are also hopeful that the influx of over \$39,000 in chamber dollars will add a boost to the local economy as many area businesses have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis as well.

The Trinity Muscatine foundation board of directors also recognizes the Greater Muscatine Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry staff for helping make it happen. Theresa Fix, Trinity Muscatine Foundation coordinator, added, "This was no small feat for them and they were gracious and accommodating through the entire process. They were a pleasure to work with."



Trinity Muscatine Foundation awards gifts Hy-Vee distributes 75,000 masks

WEST DES MOINES—The Iowa Department of Public Health provided Hy-Vee with 75,000 cloth masks to distribute to customers at its more than 125 Iowa grocery stores and drug stores. Hy-Vee distributed the free masks in Iowa on Tuesday, May 26.

Every Hy-Vee grocery store and Hy-Vee Drugstore in Iowa had approximately 500 Hanes Defender cloth masks to distribute to customers on a first-come, first-served basis. The masks are intended for those who have not been able to obtain a mask to help protect themselves from the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The masks were donated to Hy-Vee by the Iowa Department of Public Health, in partnership with Hanes Brands Inc., the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Durant eying more equipment

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Foundation \$1,500, Cedar County Community Foundation \$7,500. The rest was cash donations from Liberty Trust & Savings Bank in Durant, Hills Bank & Trust Company, Corteva - Pioneer, and Star Equipment. The balance of funds we have placed toward phase two. We have about \$7,000 raised for phase two which will be a mini excavator."

Aside from the mini excavator, Rouse is also raising funds to purchase a (scissor style) lift.

"This equipment will not only make several projects on-site easier and expand student skills, it will make the work safer for the students," said Rouse. "The goal of the school is to teach students how to operate and use the skid steer safely. Students working on

the summer job site will be prepared to use the equipment instead of learning about it during their pre-apprenticeship class through Kirkwood.'

"In the coming year, we will continue to search for additional funding to purchase phase two equipment. For now, I have been working with Tim Ruth of McCreedy and Ruth Construction on the use of a mini excavator until we can purchase our own," said Rouse. "Star Equipment has also offered to work with us on use of some additional equipment to keep the training process moving in a positive direction."

Rouse is also planning a fall event where community members can visit the school and see some of the equipment, plus some heavy machinery from other local companies, on display.



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HHS delivers \$100,843,972 to expand Iowa COVID-19 testing

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is delivering \$100,843,972 in new funding to Iowa to support testing for COVID-19. In total, \$10.25 billion in funding is being provided by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to states, territories and local jurisdictions through CDC's existing Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) cooperative agreement.

This funding from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act will provide critical support to develop, purchase, administer, process and analyze COVID-19 tests, conduct surveillance, trace contacts and related activities. These funds, along with the previous funding support CDC provided, will help states, territories and localities with their efforts to re-open America.

"As the Nation cautiously begins the phased approach to reopening, this considerable investment in expanding both testing and contact tracing capacity for states, localities, territories and tribal communities is essential," said CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, MD. "Readily accessible testing is a critical component of a four-pronged public health

strategy—including rigorous contact tracing, isolation of confirmed cases and quarantine. As communities move toward a blended mitigation and containment strategy, I encourage all Americans to continue to embrace powerful public health measures — social distancing, hand washing and face coverings. We are not defenseless in the battle against this pandemic."

Each governor or designee of each state, locality or territory receiving funds shall submit to HHS its plan for COVID-19 testing, including goals for the remainder of calendar year 2020, to include:

* Number of tests needed, month-by-month

to include diagnostic, serological, and other tests, as appropriate.

* Month-by-month estimates of laboratory and testing capacity, including related to workforce, equipment and supplies and available tests.

* Description of how the resources will be used for testing, including easing any COVID-19 community mitigation policies.

Jurisdictions will use the funding they receive to meet the testing goals laid out in their COVID-19 testing plans, including purchasing supplies (such as test kits and other testing supplies, as necessary).

Iowa Insurance Division adopts final 'Best Interest' rule

DES MOINES – The Iowa Insurance Division filed an adopted regulation to require annuity agents to act in the best interest of their customers. Iowa's annuity standards follow efforts by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) to develop a model Suitability in Annuity Transactions Model Regulation that is harmonized with rulemaking by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as well as a public comment period and hearing by the Iowa Insurance

Division

Iowa Insurance Commissioner Doug Ommen, who is also the state's securities regulator, offered the following comments.

"Iowans expect their financial professional to act in the consumer's best interest when recommending an annuity. Iowa not only expects it, but we will require it. We are very pleased that the NAIC has approved a best interest

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standard. I hope to also work with other U.S. insurance regulators to require the same of any Iowa insurer writing annuity business in those states.

"I am thankful for the many thoughtful industry comments during this process. When regulatory changes are made, it's important to make sure implementation timelines work for all parties. We received several comments

requesting that due to COVID-19 we delay the proposed best interest standard in our securities regulations. We have decided that is the appropriate course. I anticipate proposing best interest securities standards again later this summer."

CLUB NEWS

Senior dining at Gloria Dei

Normally meeting at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Durant each Thursday, senior dining meals will now only be pick-up or delivery due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 60 meals were delivered to homes in the last four weeks.

Senior dining is for everyone 60 years or older and to their spouse regardless of his/her age. It is available to anyone, without regard to income, race, color, sex or national origin. Senior dining is a benefit for senior citizens, the United States' way of saying that you are important to the nation.

May birthdays included Billie Defenbaugh, Ila Mae Feuerbach, Donna Jehle and Kathleen

June Thursdays menu:

June 4 — Roast turkey, sweet potatoes, escalloped corn, cinnamon apple sauce, ice cream cup, milk, bread.

June 11 — Beef sirloin steak, cheesy potatoes, roasted butternut squash, tropical fruit salad, cookie, milk, dinner roll.

June 18 — Roast pork/gravy, sweet potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bananas and peaches, applesauce cake, milk.

June 25 — Meatloaf, party potatoes, Brussels sprouts, tropical fruit, vanilla pudding, milk.

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Four Democrats battling to challenge Joni Ernst

Editor's note: What follows are candidate profiles of the four Democrats running in the June 2 primary to oppose Republican U.S. Senator Joni Ernst in November.

By Mark Ridolfi

NSP Assistant Editor

Four Democrats are running to challenge incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst.

These profiles are intended to discern among candidates who all support a woman's right to choose, more workers' protections, and restoring America's leadership role in combating climate change.

A fifth candidate, Cal Woods, a fencing contractor from Des Moines, is on the ballot, but withdrew earlier this month.

These profiles are culled from the candidates' campaigns, and interviews across the state, especially in-depth Q&A videos provided by the Story County Democratic party.

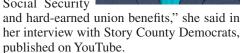
Theresa Greenfield

Greenfield: "Unions built the middle class in this country, and they've certainly been under attack and need a stronger voice."

Theresa Greenfield offers her career experience in real estate development and planning, a childhood growing up in a Minnesota family crop dusting business, and strong support for unions.

She relied on union-negotiated benefits when her first husband died in a workplace accident at age 24. She was left a widow with a 13-month old child and another on the way.

"We wouldn't be here without Social Security



Greenfield has been president of Colby Interests, a Des Moines real estate and land planning firm since 2012. That 50-year-old family-owned company developed Windsor Heights on Des Moines area farm fields.

She lives with her husband, Steve, in Des Moines. The have four grown children, including a son in the Army.

Greenfield said she was a teenager flagging and mapping fields for her dad's business, "and at 16, negotiating with our neighboring farmers. One farmer even refused to deal with me because I was a girl. My dad wouldn't stand for it. He said there are no boy jobs or girl jobs, just jobs that need to get done."

Greenfield ended her 2018 Iowa Third Congressional District campaign after state election officials determined a campaign worker falsified nomination petition signa-

She launched her Senate campaign in 2019 after hearing incumbent Sen. Joni Ernst raise possible Social Security limits. She said economic, and now, pandemic, relief should be aimed at citizens' needs, not sustaining corporate profits.

"Unions built the middle class in this country, and they've certainly been under attack and need a stronger voice," she said in a May 14 Iowa Public Radio profile.

She calls climate change, "a man-made global ... crisis," affecting Iowans and their economy. "Those three-inch rains that come, that's what climate change looks like in our state"

She joins her Democratic competitors who support a woman's right to choose abortion and earned the NARAL and Emily's List endorsement in this race.

Iowa Second District Rep. Dave Loebsack endorsed her as well.

Greenfield cherishes skeet-shooting memories with her dad, "maybe because I was better at it than my brothers."

She believes most Iowa gun owners agree with her support of "bipartisan legislation to close gun show loopholes and require universal background checks."

She regards health care as a "right," and favors "enhancing the Affordable Care Act, and creating a public option," for health care coverage.

She also supports Medicaid expansion as an extension of that right, and to help sustain Iowa hospitals. "Medicaid expansion has kept lights on in our rural hospitals."

Eddie Mauro

Mauro: "The depth and breadth of my diversity. I've spent a lot of time in rural communities growing up. Today, I run a small business

that touches all of our communities. You have a champion embedded in our rural and urban communities."

Eddie Mauro is a lifelong Iowan who worked as a teacher, founded a small business insurance firm,



and is co-founder of Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy, a community lobbying group.

The married father of two lives in Des Moines and highlights his experiences in Seymour, Iowa, classrooms, and organizing in Iowa's small towns.

"The depth and breadth of my diversity. I spent a lot of time in rural communities growing up. Today, I run a small business that touches all of our communities. You have a champion embedded in our rural and urban communities," he said in his interview with Story County Democrats.

Mauro lost his 2018 primary bid for Iowa's Third Congressional District seat to Cindy Axne, who also won the general election.

He favors cap-and-trade solutions to climate change, which he says can make Iowans a part of carbon reduction solutions.

"Cap-and-trade is a good strategy for the country," he said. "Using our soils to draw down emissions and pay farmers to buy those emissions from those who can't do it as easily or readily."

He favors a "World War II" intensity to attack climate change.

Mauro is a gun owner, who has "no problem with background checks." He has no problem with recording gun sales with the county recorder, "just like when I sell my car."

He sees the Iowa U.S. Senator's role as breaking down "purposeful division between rural and urban centers," on gun control.

Both gun control and climate change legislation can't be resolved "until we address power and money in our government" he said

power and money in our government," he said. For Mauro, that begins with limits on campaign spending and duration.

"We don't need to hear from people like me all year around," he said. He called public campaign financing "an interesting concept as well."

Mauro was inspired by Iowa retired

Catholic leader Monsignor Bonanno to work with Project Purify, a mission bringing water treatment to Tanzania. Those visits influenced his belief in front line assistance to those in need

For this COVID-19 crisis, that means more support for workers, not corporations. That could include a temporary universal basic income, an idea he initially opposed when touted by Andrew Yang's presidential campaign in Iowa.

"I am not a fan of continuing that beyond COVID," he said in the Story County Democrats interview. But now, laid off workers need more support than the one-time federal payment issued so far.

He supports more earned income tax credits to assist minimum wage workers.

"A \$15-per-hour wage is not enough. That's \$30,000 a year. My goal is to get people to \$45,000 to \$50,000."

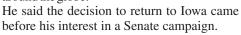
Michael Franken

Franken: "Having lived worldwide, and spent many years in combat theaters, ... we shouldn't be armed up like we're in a combat environment. That is an entirely nonsensical picture of what America is. That's not my America."

Thirty-seven-year Navy veteran Michael

Franken retired as a U.S. Navy vice admiral and returned to Iowa to make his first try at elected office.

He was raised in Lebanon, Iowa, and moved to Sioux City after a career of deployments around the globe.



"Where else would I go? We go back four generations in northwest Iowa."

Franken commissioned the USS Winston S. Churchill in 1999 with 32 officers and 348 enlisted men and women. He later commanded an international task force of ships. His military service led to briefing the Secretary of Defense, and advising the late U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy.

"As a finance person, a budgeter, I'm the guy to fix the budget," he said in his interview with Story County Democrats.

He views America as a "broad-minded, broad-shouldered, altruistic nation."

That includes restoring climate agreements and a carbon tax dismissed under the Trump administration. The U.S. role is "being the standard bearer of progressive environmental solutions."

He supports restoration of the Affordable Care Act, and "putting Medicare on the exchange and lowering age restrictions."

He said more work can be done to control prescription drug prices.

"I don't buy the fact drug companies lose in R&D because we curtail their outrageous profits in the United States. That's nonsensical."

He also encouraged federal support for more rural clinics, and expanded tele-medicine. He would support block grants to encourage businesses to move to rural America, and incentives for schools, cities and states to steer federal funds to local businesses, including organic farm producers.

As a lifelong gun owner who commanded armed men and women, Franken said he would ban "large magazines of assault weapons."

"Having lived worldwide, and spent many years in combat theaters ... we shouldn't be armed up like we're in a combat environment. That is an entirely nonsensical picture of what America is. That's not my America."

He favors a shorter campaign cycle to reduce

campaign spending. "If we can't do that, let's go ahead and put term limits on our elected officials."

He supports more oversight of pandemic relief funds that he says have benefited more

corporate bottom lines than hurting Iowans.

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"We need a Senate made up of individuals who hold the president accountable and call him out when his leadership is inappropriate for what America needs.

"We have a ridiculous number of overly wealthy people in the United States. I'm all about earning a good living; I've done that myself. But when a CEO earns 350 times the mean of the workers in an organization, that's shameful."

Kimberly Graham

Graham: "We have to get more regular people into positions of power to advocate for the majority of us."

Des Moines attorney Kimberly Graham

says her campaign reflects her service as a court advocate for abused and neglected children, and long-time support of Bernie Sanders' presidential campaigns.

She distinguishes herself as fully commit-



ted to universal health care that goes beyond the Affordable Care Act.

She believes her family court work, including 17 years as a divorce mediator, taught her the skills to bring consensus in Congress. "If anyone can use a mediator, it's the United States Senate. You learn to avoid labels and buzzwords," that make people resist change.

Graham credits her upbringing by a teenage mom, a union phone company worker, and a Marine veteran father who was a lifelong union construction worker. Their divorce when Graham was 13 altered her life.

"If I wanted anything more than food or a roof over my head, I had to go out and work for it myself, and I did."

She put herself through law school working as a waitress and house cleaner, and became a mom before she took the bar exam. "I think it's valuable I had a lot of student loan debt," she said

She also was an American Airlines flight attendant 13 years and volunteer union organizer.

Those experiences, along with her role as mom to an adult son, fuel her campaign.

"I would do anything to save my son, including running for Senate. I believe we have to get more regular people into positions of power to advocate for the majority of us.

"The mistake the GOP makes when they try to skimp on investment in people is that is going to create a downward spiral," she said. Reducing food assistance does not "inspire them to go out and get a better paying job. That's not how it works ... We need to get more people in the U.S. Senate who believe and know those investments pay off, and then we'll be able to pay off the debt."

She said the \$1,200 congressional relief offered during the pandemic, "frankly is a joke. Even in Iowa ... that gets you two, three, four weeks." She proposes a stimulus payment of \$2,000 a month for next three months, per adult," more for those with dependent children, plus a moratorium on rents, utilities and mortgage payments."

She regards the Green New Deal as a "roadmap" to addressing climate change, not chapter-and-verse legislation.

"Why don't all of our federal and state buildings have solar panels on the roof?" she asks rhetorically.

On gun control, she quotes her Marine veteran father, who she said is a Golden Eagle NRA member with 50 years of membership.

"He told me, 'Look Kimmy, if you need an assault weapon to hunt you have no business hunting ...'

"It's a complete myth that the majority of law-abiding, sensible gun owners are against responsible gun ownership," she said.

Schilling announces cancer battle

LE CLAIRE – Bobby Schilling, Republican candidate for Congress in Iowa's Second District, released the following statement:

"My family and I received some tough news this week. I went in for a checkup with my doctor. They noticed some irregularities and performed some tests. Today we got the results we were told to expect cancer. But there's good news: this is operable. We're going to fight and we're going to win. I will be undergoing surgery tomorrow. Please keep me and my family in your prayers during that time

"As my family and supporters know, I'm a fighter. I've been through many challenges in my life, and to be frank, this will be my biggest challenge yet. But I know, with my wife, 10 children and 13 grandkids behind me, I will be able to overcome this setback. I couldn't be more prepared.

"I want to assure the voters of the Iowa Second District: I'm not quitting. I am confident that we will beat this thing and be back at the campaign in very short order!"

Don't forget to vote! Primary June 2

Kenneth Paper

Kenneth W. Paper, 77, of Durant died Sunday, May 24, 2020 at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City after a lengthy battle with Farmer's Lung.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 30 at Bentley Funeral Home in Durant from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Respecting social distancing guidelines, only some of the family will be present. Public graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Durant Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wilton Baptist Church, Durant Firefighters Inc. or Durant Ambulance. Online condolences at www.bentleyfuneralhome.com.

Ken was born South of Stockton on June 5, 1942 to Alfred and Edna (Illian) Paper.

He graduated from Durant High School in 1960. He enjoyed farming, especially with his brothers, for 25 years in Muscatine and Scott counties. He was currently an Accredited Land Consultant and realtor with Ruhl & Ruhl for the last 36 years, earning numerous awards and honors.

Ken married Dimple "Cookie" D. (Smith) Bruffey on Nov. 16, 2013 in Wilton.

In early years, Ken was a 4-H leader. He was a member of the Wilton Baptist Church, Quad City Board of Realtors and was past president of the Realtors Land Institute. He

Kenneth Paper



enjoyed bowling, traveling, gardening and reading the paper.

Ken is survived and lovingly remembered by his wife, Cookie of Durant; children, Kevin (Lanette) Paper of Walcott, Greg (Sheri) Paper and Beth (Brian) Beverlin both of Davenport; 7 grandchildren, Garvin, Abigaile, Austin (Stacy), Reece and Jena Paper and Madelyn and Parker Beverlin; 3 great-grandchildren; step-children: Patricia Bruffey Thoene of West Branch and Phyllis (Dal) Morris of Ellington, Missouri; step-grandson Michael (Christa) Peterson; as well as numerous other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers Elmer (Loretta) and Virgil (Marilyn) Paper.

Custom Obituary

Michael Stoelk

Michael Stoelk, 66, died on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. A memorial service was held on May 22, 2020 at Hamilton's Altoona Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Animal Rescue League in memory of Michael. Online condolences may be expressed at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com.

He was born in Muscatine on Oct. 14, 1953, to Harold and Kathryn (Weber) Stoelk. Michael grew up in Wilton, and graduated from Wilton High School in 1971. He attended Muscatine Community College, graduating with an Associate Degree in 1973. In 1984, Michael married the love of his life, Phyliss Bonjour. She brought in her two children, Tammi and Craig, who filled his life with joy and made his world complete.

Michael drove semi-truck for Wendling Quarries for six years. In 1980, he joined the Davenport Fire Department, where he worked for 26 years. He retired as a District Chief in 2006

Michael enjoyed many hobbies including fishing, hunting, golf, softball and boating. He lent a helping hand on many construction projects from roofing to building decks for his friends and family. Michael was diagnosed Michael Stoelk



with MS in 2001 and CHF in 2014. He was eternally grateful for the assistance they returned to him, as he needed it.

Michael is survived by his wife, Phyliss Stoelk; son, Craig (Kerri) Perry; daughter, Tammi (Tom) Brown; grandchildren, Eryn Perry, Evan Perry, Sophia (Ryan) Engleman, Riley Brown, Noah Brown, and Archer Brown; great-granddaughter, Bergen Engleman; siblings Tim (Janet) Stoelk, Sue (John) Severs, and Beth (John) Sperstad; uncle Wilber (Bessie) Stoelk; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and beloved friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents. *Custom obituary*

HHS announces \$83.7 million to nursing facilities in Iowa

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced it has begun distributing 289 payments totaling \$83,700,000 to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) in Iowa to help them combat the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nursing homes play a pivotal role in providing skilled care to our nation's vulnerable seniors. During this pandemic, nursing homes have faced unique challenges as their population of high-risk seniors is more vulnerable to respiratory pathogens like COVID-19. This funding, which supplements previously announced provider relief funds, will be used to support nursing homes suffering from significant expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19.

Support to healthcare providers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic is being provided through the bipartisan CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act that provide \$175 billion in relief funds to hospitals and other healthcare providers on the front lines of the coronavirus

response

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the viability of SNFs in a variety of ways. Since the beginning of 2020, SNFs have experienced up to a 6 percent decline in their patient population as current and potential residents choose other care settings, or as current residents pass away. In addition to nursing home residents, many SNF employees have also been diagnosed with COVID-19. These additional funds may help nursing homes address critical needs such as labor, scaling up their testing capacity, acquiring personal protective equipment and a range of other expenses directly linked to this pandemic.

Distribution methodology

HHS will make relief fund distributions to SNFs based on both a fixed basis and variable basis. Each SNF will receive a fixed distribution of \$50,000, plus a distribution of \$2,500 per bed. All certified SNFs with six or more certified beds are eligible for this targeted

distribution

Nursing home recipients must attest that they will only use Provider Relief Fund payments for permissible purposes, as set forth in the terms and conditions, and agree to comply with future government audit and reporting requirements.

Visit hhs.gov/providerrelief for additional information.

USDA ethanol grant program

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Stephen Censky announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture launched an online portal to begin accepting applications for Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) grants. USDA plans to make available up to \$100 million in competitive grants for activities designed to expand the sale and availability of ethanol and biodiesel fuels.

"As the coronavirus response continues, America's energy independence has proven critical to our economic security now more than ever," Deputy Secretary Censky said. "The Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program will help rural communities build stronger economies and will give consumers more choices when they fill up at the pump."

USDA plans to make funds directly available to help transportation fueling and biodiesel distribution facilities convert to higher ethanol and biodiesel blends by sharing the costs related to the installation of fuel pumps, related equipment and infrastructure.

Electronic applications must be submitted by Aug. 13 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Paper applications will not be accepted.

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

AREA

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

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

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

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

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bennett 260 E. 4th St. • 563-890-6619 Pastor Bill Traphagan 7:15 a.m. Bible Class 8:30 a.m. Church Service, followed by Sunday School

Trinity United Church of Christ, Rural Moscow • Pastor Jon M. Merritt 8 a.m. Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sundays 9 a.m. Worship every Sunday

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

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

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www.stdavidsdurant.info
9:30 Sunday Worship, followed by refreshments
3rd Sunday outreach service at Courtyard Estates in Walcott at 11:30 a.m.
6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study led by Pastor
Greg Graybill gregory.graybill@gmail.com
509-301-1760 Pastor Greg Graybill
Youth interested in taking part in WyldLife
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St. Paul's Episcopal
Rev. Dr. Alice Haugen, Pastor
206 6th St.
website: stpaulsdurant.org
9 a.m. Sunday Worship w/Eucharist
Children's service, 2nd Sunday
Healing service, 3rd Sunday

<u>WILTON</u>

First Presbyterian Church
Pastor Jennifer Jennings 563-732-2258
213 W. 5th St., Wilton • fpcofwilton.org
email: fpcpastor@netwtc.net or
fpcsec@netwtc.net
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship & online

Grace United Church of Christ Pastor Patrick Slessor 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 https://www.stmarywilton.org 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Tues-Fri Mass: 8 a.m.

United Methodist

Pastor Steve Braudt • 563-732-2084
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Live Stream on Facebook Live
Worship Sunday 10:15 and 7 p.m.
Daily Devotional Mon-Sat 3 p.m.
Links can be found at www.UMCofWilton.org

Wilton Baptist Church Pastor Bob Danielson • 563-732-2458 203 East Railroad St., Wilton 10 a.m. Worship

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

Those who walk with God, always reach their destination

Wilton & Durant host abbreviated Memorial Day ceremonies amid pandemic





Wilton American Legion members raise the American flag (right) at the soldier's monument in Oakdale Cemetery during an abbreviated Memorial Day ceremony May 25. They also fired ceremonial shots (left) during a brief ceremony modified due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic rules and regulations.

Photos by Derek Sawvell





Area Boy Scouts helped raise the American flag (left) in the Durant Cemetery May 25 during an abbreviated Memorial Day ceremony due to COVID-19 restrictions. Above, members of the Durant American Legion color guard fire ceremonial shots during the brief ceremony. More photos from local ceremonies available at wdadvocatenews.com.

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Baseball and softball are back. Start June 1, games June 15

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds announced May 20 that summer athletic seasons may be conducted for high school baseball and softball following a two-month activities suspension due to COVID-19.

The announcement approved the reopening of school facilities and the start of practices for Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union and Iowa High School Athletic Association sanctioned summer sports starting on Monday, June 1. Per the Iowa Department of Education, first contests may occur as early as Monday, June 15 and fans will be permitted at games.

The IGHSAU board of directors and IHSAA board of control met after the announcement and both groups voted to approve resuming the 2020 summer seasons under Iowa Department of Education guidelines.

Member schools are to follow reopening guidance entitled "Summer Sports" and "Use of School Facilities" as supplied by the Iowa Department of Education, with recommendations based on conversations with the IGHSAU, IHSAA, Iowa Department of Public Health, and the governor's office. Dr. Ann Lebo, executive director of the Iowa Department of Education and member of the IHSAA board of control, is expected to join Gov. Reynolds at the daily briefing on Thursday.

"The IHSAA thanks Dr. Lebo, Governor Reynolds, Dr. Pedati, the IDPH and all who have worked diligently to develop these guidelines to help us conduct a baseball season for the young people in Iowa," IHSAA executive director Tom Keating said. "We trust that our administrators, coaches, umpires and fans will responsibly follow the guidelines in place to keep themselves and each other safe. This is terrific news and is a step toward getting our student-athletes reconnected to the activities that mean so much to them."

Spring sports seasons never began and were ultimately canceled on April 17 following the cancellation of in-person K-12 schooling for Iowa's 2019-20 academic year.

The original first practice date was May 4 for baseball and softball.

"The guidelines laid out by the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health will enable us to safely move forward with a softball season this summer," IGHSAU executive director Jean Berger said. "We are grateful for their leadership and support. We know the games will have different circumstances and that we will all have to work together to keep everyone safe, but we are confident that we are up to this challenge."

The IGHSAU and IHSAA plan to issue further sport-

specific guidance and FAQ lists early next week. Both orga-

nizations currently plan to conduct their



state tournaments at their previously announced venues, with IGHSAU softball at Harlan Rogers Sports Complex in Fort Dodge and IHSAA baseball at Principal Park in Des Moines.

Per guidance from the Iowa Department of Education, coach-athlete contact for all in-person, out-of-season sports are suspended until July 1.

Wilton and Durant to field teams

Wilton and Durant high schools will each begin baseball and softball practices June 1, with games to begin June 15. While schedules are still being made, area coaches have indicated that teams are targeting schedules of around 20 games, roughly 12 of which will be River Valley Conference contests.

Conference games will occur Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and all will feature JV/Varsity games — no doubleheaders.

Wilton baseball coach Jake Souhrada and Durant baseball coach Shawn Dierickx will each return to lead the Beavers and Wildcats.

Kortney Denkman will once again coach the Wilton softball team. In Durant, former Wildcat Aubrey Bland will take over the storied Durant softball program after a one-year stint by Kevin Kaalberg.

After 2-year runs of being ranked either No. 1 or 2 in the state for much of the year, the Durant softball program and Wilton baseball program will each be fielding fresh faces as both teams lost numerous seniors with several years of valuable playing experience.

All of Wilton's 10 starters from a year ago were seniors. The Beavers spent the year ranked No. 1 in the state and saw a successful campaign stop one game short of a return state trip. "It's exciting. We have a whole new group and a lot haven't been in the varsity position," said Souhrada. "But they've played well at the JV level. That's where they develop and we expect them to play like they learned. It

> may take a few games to get their feet wet but it'll be fun and hopefully they rise to the challenge."

> > Durant baseball returns sev-

eral key pieces from last year's squad and will look to make a statement in this year's RVC. "The team and myself are very happy that it was announced we will be playing. With everyone returning the thought of not playing was very sad," said Dierickx.

The Durant softball team lost a core group of seniors with state tournament experience. The Cats' new head coach was on a state championship Durant team in 2013. Bland will have a mixture of new faces and starters from last season's team that finished a game from the state tournament. Bland was contacted for an interview but did not respond by press

After a surprise state run the previous season, last year's Wilton softball team dealt with its share of key injuries, including losing both starting pitchers — Chloe Wells and Mila Johnson — midway through the season. Both are on the mend and coach Denkman says the team is 100 percent healthy. The Beavers should have a chance at a postseason run. "Losing Kortney Drake from last year's team is huge but we have a ton of returning starters," said Denkman.

The Iowa Department of Public Health has released several guidelines to follow when holding baseball and softball games amid the COVID-19 pandemic. To read about some of the rules, plus get coaches' and administrative reaction, see Advocate News Editor Derek Sawvell's "Case in Point" on page 8.

Majority of Iowa Games canceled

Although the state of Iowa is beginning to reopen, Iowa Games has made the difficult decision to cancel the majority of the sports for the 2020 Summer Iowa Games presented by Grinnell Mutual in Ames and surrounding communities due to COVID-19.

Considering the group gathering nature of this large-scale sports festival and socialdistancing guidelines set forth by the governor, the Iowa Games staff, with support of the city of Ames and Iowa State University, feels it is not safe to continue to host the event this summer

'The Summer Iowa Games takes months of coordination and a tremendous amount of effort from our staff," commented Chuck Long, Iowa Games CEO/Executive Director. "There are still many unknowns about COVID-19 and the reopening process so we cannot justify holding the games as it puts our athletes, coaches, volunteers, and staff at risk.'

At this time, there are a few events that will still take place or that have been rescheduled. This list is subject to change as restrictions continue to change. Please check a specific sport page for details at www.iowagames.org.

Due to the nature of some events, a small number of sports may continue to be held as scheduled. These sports/events include: 3D Archery, July 25-26; Big Fish Classic, Aug. 9; Black Powder (Pistol), July 31-Aug. 2; Black Powder (Rifle), Aug. 7-9; Bocce, July 11; Bowling Districts, June 27-28 & July 11/12 (rescheduled from June); Bowling Finals, Aug. 8 (rescheduled from July 18); Bowling High School Team, Aug. 7 (rescheduled from July 17); Cycling Road Race, Aug. 2; Cycling Time Trial, Aug. 1; Disc Golf, July 18-19; Foot Golf, July 11; Golf, 4-Person Best Shot, July 19; Golf, Juniors/Pee Wee (IPGA), July 16; Golf, Juniors/Pee Wee (non-IPGA), July 15; Hoover Ball, Aug. 8; Light Saber, July 18-19; Sand Volleyball (Cedar Rapids), Aug. 15 (rescheduled from June 13); Sand Volleyball (Des Moines), July 18; Trapshooting, Aug. 15; Triathlon/Duathlon, July 12; Water Skiing, July 18-19; Whitewater Slalom, June 20.

The Iowa Games will continue to monitor the situation, and any changes to the above sports will be announced as needed.

Athletes and participants are encouraged to follow the Iowa Games on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, as virtual events may be offered this summer for some of the canceled sports.

If currently registered for an event that has been canceled, Iowa Games staff will be contacting participants regarding entry fee(s).

For more information regarding this cancellation, please visit www.iowagames.org, or email info@iowagames.org.

New website tracks COVID-19 economic impact

AMES - Tracking COVID-19's economic impacts, especially in the state of Iowa, is now possible thanks to resources on a new web hub.

The webpage "COVID-19 Pandemic: Research and Resources" developed by the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) and the Department of Economics at Iowa State University, examines the pandemic's impacts on the economy, agriculture and business across local, regional and global

"Right now, you can track unemployment. ou can see changes in Iowans' mobility by county since the lockdown began and track changes in their movement patterns as the lockdown lifts. You can see economists answering questions from Iowans who have real concerns about their businesses, and more," said CARD Director John Crespi, who led the creation of the web hub with Department of Economics Chair Joshua Rosenbloom, as well as both units' staff and researchers.

The hub includes graphs, tables and maps visually representing the scale and extent of the pandemic's impact and features related press releases and publications, such as "The Impact of COVID-19 on Iowa's Corn, Soybean, Ethanol, Pork, and Beef Sector" released

in April. It also offers an interactive tool to estimate total losses to Iowa's corn, soybean and ethanol markets due to COVID-19.

"I think it is a very good start to an important project," Rosenbloom said. "It offers resources that can help producers, businesses and policymakers make informed decisions now and plan for the future during this unprecedented time in our history."

The web hub's hot topics include Wendong Zhang and Nick Paulsen's presentation on COVID-19's impact on US-China trade. Zhang is an Iowa State assistant professor and Extension economist, and Paulsen is a University of Illinois associate professor of agricultural and consumer economics.

The site also shares relevant queries from Iowans who contact the Department of Economics' Ask an Economist service. Current questions examine beef prices, the potential devaluation of the dollar, and how to start a pandemic-related business.

"Keep checking back to see what's new," Crespi said. "We plan to continue adding resources in upcoming weeks and expect weekly updates to corn, soybean, ethanol, pork and beef markets that will automatically adjust as new data become available."

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Peace Church of Christ to host benefit

Peace Church of Christ in Bennett is having a garage/bake sale to benefit Pastor Scott Meyer with medical expenses. Pastor Meyer at the church located at 414 Maple Street. is being treated for lymphoma.

The garage/bake sale is Friday, June 5, from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, June 6, from 8-1 p.m.,

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By Derek Sawvell

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Typically, "Editorial writing 101" says to think about an important issue in your community, take a position or stance on that issue, then persuade your reader. You'll have to come along with me as I think out loud this week, as the No. 1 thing on all our minds is Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds' decision to open the state for scholastic activities June 1.

This means there will be baseball and softball games across Iowa this summer. Games start June 15. Was this the right move?

Ask that question to a few people and you'll get a wide array of answers. That's what I've done the past few days. With the help of area coaches and administrators, we'll try to think through some of this together.

Let's rewind back to mid March, when the governor advised schools to close for a couple weeks due to the onset of COVID-19. Those recommendations became orders and it was extended another month, closing schools through April. Later still, the rest of the school vear was canceled. Given the numbers, fear and unknowns, this was the right move — not just in Iowa, but nationwide.

At that point, in my opinion, the end of the school year bought us all another three months of refraining from scholastic activities. We could have tried to continue slowing the spread of COVID-19, which is still moving through the state, through August.

Viruses tend to really slow in the summer months as they don't like the heat and humidity. By the start of the 2020-2021 school year, we could have gotten back to normal, whatever that may look like.

My heart breaks for high school athletes. It's a big part of my job watching kids win and lose, succeed and fail, on the state's biggest of stages. My heart often pounds along with them as we do our best to cover as many area sporting events as we can.

And to think of seniors who lost out on their senior golf, track and soccer seasons, whether it's a 3-time state qualifying team or

individual, that's a tough pill to swallow.

That's the world we're living in.

Yet on May 20 that all changed when the governor sent the ball to the court of the athletic unions. I'm an outsider looking in, but my feeling is that the unions were as surprised as I was to get that ruling prior to June 1. On

one hand it's good to know earlier, but based on the press releases I got from both the governor's office and the unions, it seemed not everyone was on the same page.

They were backed into a corner. The governor says we can play. What were they going to do? Say no? I don't think so!

Let me stop right there and add something very important. I'm not of the belief that we should be a shelter-in-place state. I leave my house. I go to stores if/when needed. I don't wear a mask, unless it's an order from a certain

And when games begin June 15, I'll be there, for our kids and communities.

I immediately began thinking — our teams and coaches ride the bus, congregate in dugouts, use the same balls, helmets, bats, etc. Community members will also congregate on the same bleachers, in the same restrooms,

On the other hand, baseball and softball are outdoor sports. Aside from an umpire, batter and catcher in the batter's box, everyone else is already "social distanced" for the majority of time in an open field of play.

If it sounds like I don't have the answers, you're right. And I'm not the only one.

"As more and more things got canceled, it looked bleak," said Wilton baseball coach Jake Souhrada. "The longer we went without hearing anything, you think the worst. Then (Reynolds) opens it up and we all go into scramble mode. It's been a roller coaster. Excitement for the people who want and get to play, but unknowns as we head cautiously into this ... I'm neutral on this. I see both sides. People around here have suffered from (COVID-19). I don't know what's right. I've said all along I'd support whatever the associations do. There are so many questions,

hopefully they'll find the

answers.

According to my reporting, it sounds like there will be some very important meetings and guidelines coming out this week, after we go to print of course.

"If we were an inside sport, I don't think we

would do it," said Wilton head softball coach Kortney Denkman. "But it's a chance at normalcy. But if you're at risk, don't come out."

Area schools have a lot on their plates. Can we expect people to properly social distance? Can we expect the schools to police it? I'd say no. And to be CLEAR, I'll be a big part of the problem as well. I'll be there, and likely not wearing a mask.

It's been hard to get those in leadership roles to talk on the record, but Wilton Athletic Director Ryan Hetzler was willing. He said that while he supports opening it up, he was surprised given that Major League Baseball (the pros) were not going to start before July - and with NO fans.

"My personal belief is yes it should open up," Hetzler said. "But I don't want people to think we are going to police who stands with who and if they're six feet apart. If people want to come, we know there's a risk.'

That's where I am on this. It's an "enter at your own risk" kind of endeavor now. I do know that in Wilton, there are plans to not put up the windscreens in the outfield of the baseball diamond, in hopes that people will park around the outfield like at the softball diamond. It's unknown yet what other changes could be coming.

I'm even thinking about how to cover games from a media standpoint. It's a fluid situation.

I'll give the Iowa Department of Education credit, as it came out right away May 20 with some rules for both practices and games. They can be found online through our athletic unions, but some of the highlights include:

June 1 practice

* Post signage prominently indicating no one should attend or participate in practice if they currently have symptoms or have been in contact with anyone with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 14 days.

* No dugouts may be used. Players' items should be lined up against the fence at least six feet apart.

* Players should use their own gloves, helmets, and bats as much as possible.

* Players must bring their own water/beverage to consume during and after practice. No shared drinking fountains, portable hydration stations, or coolers may be used.

* Coaches must sanitize shared equipment before and after each practice.

* Players and coaches should check their temperatures before attending practices.

* Players should be encouraged to provide their own hand sanitizer. *Coaches must ban the spitting of sunflower

seed shells.

* Contact public health if a positive case of COVID-19 is reported.

June 15 (games)

* Use of dugouts is permitted during games

* Players and coaches should check their temperatures before attending practices or games.

* Anyone with symptoms of illness is not allowed to participate.

* Schools must limit the use of bleachers for fans. Encourage fans to bring their own chairs or stand. Fans should practice social distancing between different household units and accept personal responsibility for public health guidelines.

* Fans must not attend if they have symptoms of illness.

* No concession stands are permitted.

* Contact public health if a positive case of COVID-19 is reported.

Quite a list there, and I applaud all of it. Let's look at that last point on both lists. The glaring "what if" here is, what if someone gets COVID-19 — a player, a coach, an umpire, a

There are two things keeping me up at night. First, until we get a vaccine, there's no way to know whether or not anyone at a game has the virus. Anyone could be patient zero. It could be me. Which leads to No. 2. What if someone gets it? Does the team forfeit the rest of the season? Do the team and any team it has played in two weeks have to shut down for two weeks? Hard to do in a month-long season. This will happen, and it will be in 'Anytown" Iowa. I hope it won't be here.

"We are going to be pioneers. Iowa puts our name out there to try sports. And we'll be the laughing stock of the U.S. if this goes down," said Hetzler. "This will be a trial run. A first step in getting back to school next fall. If it's a flop, it may tell the tale of how to handle having students in our buildings (in the fall)."

There you have it. Sadly, there are no right answers. No concrete position I want to take. There are far more questions than answers. To the players, especially the seniors, I'm extremely happy and excited for you. You're young, strong and resilient. I don't worry about you. I worry more about your parents. And I worry a lot about your grandparents.

If you think I, coach Souhrada, coach Denkman or coach Hetzler are worrying too much, please remember: when we're sitting at the Wilton softball diamond for game one June 15, we'll only be 200 yards east of Wilton Retirement Community, where COVID-19 has been all too real. Please enter at your own risk. Please be responsible. Please be safe. Please stay home if you are ill or vulnerable.

Teachers inspire, make a difference in students' lives

The 2019-20 school year has come to a close. I'm sure it's not how anyone envisioned it ending, with empty classrooms, students learning from home and parents stepping in as impromptu teachers.

No doubt the Class of 2020 is reflecting on what had become of their senior year. Prom, spring sports and graduation all canceled or changed due to coronavirus.

During the last two months I've spent reporting on all these changes, I've also taken some time to reflect. I feel for those graduating seniors and can't imagine what it's been like

It's been 20 years since I walked across

that stage at Durant High School with the Class of 2000. But I still remember that day. What also stays with me are the teachers who inspired me along the way.

Yes, their senior year may have been cut short, but the coronavirus doesn't take away those



Leeanna Ellis

memories that linger from kindergarten on. The experiences during elementary, junior high and high school can leave a lasting impression, provide inspiration and even give direction to their future plans.

While there were others who guided me later in life, my career as a newspaper editor - or specifically a writer — can be traced to one experience.

As a kindergartner, I was chosen to attend a writing workshop. The requirements included writing a short story, which I fondly recall was about a rabbit named Clarence. I wrote the story, complete with pictures, and it was stapled together with a cover to make a nice little book. Somewhere in my parents' house, that book still exists.

After a daylong workshop, I returned to my kindergarten classroom just in time to be interviewed by a Wilton-Durant Advocate News reporter asking every student in the Class of 2000 what they wanted to be when they grew up. My answer was easy: a writer.

Until that point, I hadn't really thought about what I wanted to be when I grew up. But then, what 6-year-old has? However, the seed was planted.

Along the way, my career choice evolved from wanting to author books to becoming a journalist, but I never outgrew the notion that I would be a writer someday.

If I had not attended that workshop, who knows what career path I might have taken. I



Leeanna Ellis is pictured with her kindergarten teacher Sandy Trede while attending elementary school in Durant

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give credit for this choice to my kindergarten teacher Mrs. Sandy Trede, who must have seen some potential in me to consider choosing me for this special event.

Other teachers encouraged me throughout my high school years, whether it was Mrs. Corinne Ibeling, who taught me the basics for a good news or feature story as my journalism teacher; or Mr. Robert Smith, who taught me to appreciate history, which I love to write about.

While the Class of 2020 looks toward the future and what career path they might take, I encourage them to look back, too. Think about all of the experiences they've had throughout their school years and those who have inspired them. Thank those teachers who have made a difference in their life.

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Pets have become 'new colleagues'

By Teresa Benischek

Keeping

We all know the old adage "A dog is a man's best friend." This common phrase is referring to the history of close relations, loyalty, and companionship with humans. Science shows that this symbiotic relationship has been as beneficial for humans as their canine companions. Research also suggests dog ownership may improve heart health, decrease depression, and even help you live

longer. Growing up I think all kids want a dog. I was no different. I had a couple in my younger years. Fast-forward to becoming a parent and my boys wanting a dog. I was adamant that we were not getting one. I

knew I would be the one having to take care of it and I already had two children, a husband and a full-time job. I wasn't about to add anything else. Well, like most parents, I gave in. As you might expect, things didn't work out.

Fast-forward a few more years. My youngest son and his girlfriend are in college and they decided getting a dog would help them when they are stressing out about school. Of course, I tried to convince them it wasn't a good idea knowing that I would be sharing in the responsibilities of the dog on the weekends and during summer when they are home.

Well, if you live in Durant, I'm sure you have seen me walking my grand puppy Jax on many occasions. I have to admit, I have

grown very fond of this shaggy guy (don't tell Jake and Emilee). And just like a kid, I spoil him rotten. I can't help myself. They get on me all the time about giving him treats and other things. So I just wait till their not home to give him treats.

While quarantined, I know some families have acquired pets. They are furry, happy and

> oblivious to the stress going on around us all. For many who are working from home, their pets have become "new colleagues." Social media is full of postings people with their pets during this time. You can't help but smile.

A word of advice if

you are considering getting a pet, they are a lot of work especially if you get a puppy. It is like having another kid in the house. Maybe consider rescuing a dog or getting one that is older and already trained.

For all you cat lovers out there, I know your cats are your best friends and give the same warm fuzzy that a dog can.

How about a little humor on this topic? The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs

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Closures extended through June 17

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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 and, for any food or beverage service, the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals.

* Until June 1, all such facilities shall continue to be closed, except that a race track conducting pari-mutuel wagering may reopen provided that it does not permit any spectators to attend its events in person.

C. Amusements: A bingo hall, bowling alley, pool hall, arcade or amusement park may reopen, but only to the extent that the establishment limits the number of customers present to 50 percent of its maximum legal occupancy capacity and takes reasonable measures under the circumstances of each establishment 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. Until June 1, all bingo halls, bowling alleys, pool halls, arcades and amusement parks shall continue to be closed.

D. Skating rinks and skate parks: An indoor or outdoor roller or ice skating rink or skate parks may reopen, but only to the extent that the establishment limits the number of customers present to 50% of its maximum legal occupancy capacity and takes reasonable measures under the circumstances of each establishment 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. Until June 1, 2020, all indoor or outdoor roller or ice skating rinks and skate parks shall continue to be

E. Outdoor playgrounds: An outdoor playground may reopen. Until June 1, 2020, all outdoor playgrounds shall continue to be

Extensions of closures

Until 11:59 p.m. on June 17:

A. Theaters: All indoor theaters and other indoor performance venues at which live performances are held shall continue to be

B. Senior citizen centers and adult daycare facilities: All facilities that conduct adult day services or other senior citizen centers shall continue to be closed.

C. Indoor playgrounds: All indoor playgrounds or children's play centers shall continue to be closed. This order does not apply to playgrounds in private residences or childcare facilities.

Mass gatherings

Effective 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on June 17:

A. A social, community, recreational, leisure, or sporting gathering or event, including but not limited to a parade, festival, convention, or fundraiser, of more than ten people may be held, but only if the gathering complies with all other relevant provisions in this proclamation and the following require-

(1) Capacity limited: The gathering organizer must limit the number of participants present in any indoor venue to 50 percent of its normal operating capacity to ensure adequate spacing of groups. The gathering organizer must limit the number of participants present in any outdoor venue with grandstands or other permanent seating to 50 percent of its normal operating capacity and the number of participants in other outdoor settings to a number that permits the social distancing required by paragraph 2.

(2) Social distancing: The gathering organizer must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual

(3) Other social distancing, hygiene, and public health measures: The gathering organizer shall also implement reasonable measures under the circumstances of each gathering to ensure social distancing of gathering participants, 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 and, for any food service, the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals.

* Any social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people that does not comply with these requirements shall continue to be prohibited at all locations and venues.

B. Non-school sporting and recreational events: Practices, games and competitions for baseball, softball, and individual sports, such as running, biking, swimming, tennis, and golf, are not prohibited by this section even where athletes may have some contact within six feet, provided that the organizer of such activities and events implements reasonable measures under the circumstances of each gathering to ensure reasonable 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.

C. Spiritual and religious gatherings: Spiritual and religious gatherings, including any funerals or weddings, are not prohibited by this section. But a church, synagogue, or other host of a spiritual or religious gathering shall implement reasonable measures under the circumstances of each gathering to ensure social distancing of employees, volunteers, and other participants, 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.

Bowers would 'improve services countywide'

I have been in law enforcement in my military and civilian career for the past 36 years. For the past 31 years, I have spent my civilian law enforcement career in Cedar County and Durant and I'm one of the most tenured officers. I've come to know most of the public safety personnel countywide and established many friendships and great working relation-

The Cedar County Sheriff's Office is an excellent organization that has great employees. I applaud the work the deputies, dispatchers and correctional staff do to make our communities safe. I spent 26 years of my career there and have seen many events and changes in that time since.

The purpose of this letter is to share my support for Matt Bowers to be the next Cedar County Sheriff. I have known Matt Bowers and have worked with him since the beginning of his law enforcement career. Matt has grown as a person, and also as an officer. Matt has much experience as an officer with being in a supervisory position at the Muscatine County

Sheriff's Office, Muscatine Special Operations Team, Muscatine K9 handler, and as Atalissa Police Chief. He is also married with three wonderful children. Matt farms his family farm north of Wilton.

Some of the goals Matt Bowers would like are to improve services countywide. Make sure all residents are getting law enforcement coverage that they pay taxes for. Strengthen relationships and communications in a professional manner with all agencies. Matt will show up for work instead of delegating all responsibilities to subordinates. Be watchful of taxpayer dollars and watch for misuse or misappropriation. Getting the agency involved in crime prevention programs that will strengthen the community.

With COVID-19 precautions in place, it has been difficult for Matt to get his message out. If you have questions about Matt, give him a call or send him a message on social media and he can share with you what he is all about.

> **Orville Randolph** Durant

Support Schilling, not 'a 3-time loser'

Editor:

Mariannette Miller-Meeks has gone negative in her campaigning against Bobby Schilling. Miller-Meeks who has lost the last three elections for the Second Congressional seat against a liberal opponent thinks the fourth time is the charm.

Miller-Meeks attacks Bobby Schilling simply because he used to live in Illinois. Here are some facts that she may not understand since she isn't from eastern Iowa.

- 1. The people of the Quad Cities are united, not divided by the river.
- $2.\,Much of \,what \,is \,good \,for \,western \,Illinois$ is also good for eastern Iowa.
- 3. When Bobby Schilling, a former Congressman from the Illinois side of the Quad Cities, fought for the Rock Island Arsenal, he was also fighting for Iowans.
- 4. Many Iowans cross that river every day for jobs and return home each night.

This election is very important to Iowans. We have a chance to turn this blue congressional seat back to red. You have tried three times and failed each time. Rather than argue positions with Bobby Schilling, your whole campaign is to label him "from Illinois." Well you are from liberal California, but you moved here and now call Iowa home. I call you an Iowan, just like I call Bobby Schilling an Iowan. By your position, people that move here from the other side of the river can never become an Iowan.

I guess I need to remind you that President Ronald Reagan moved from across that river into Davenport to start his career. If we took your position, Reagan would not have been electable in Iowa because he came from Illinois. Thank God eastern Iowans know better. They also know better than to support a 3-time loser of a seat she should have won.

I encourage people to vote for Bobby Schilling, a successful business person and a person that got things done when he was in

Brian Hammer Durant

June 2 poll workers will be provided PPE

DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of State Paul possible by federal grants. rtnered with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Iowa National Guard to deliver masks, gloves and hand sanitizer for use at polling places on

The Secretary of State's Office is also shipping social distancing markers and face shields to all 99 counties for use at the polls. More than \$500,000 in additional funding is being provided to the counties to cover the costs of other safety materials. The funds were made

be open on June 2, many counties are consolidating polling locations. Voters are encouraged to check with their county auditor or visit the Secretary of State's website for more information. Iowans can also vote absentee from home or at a location designated by their county auditor. The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is Friday, May 22. For more information about your voting options, visit VoterReady.Iowa.



Pulkrabek 'is the person lowans need'

I supported Lonny Pulkrabek when he first ran for Johnson County Sheriff. I support Lonny Pulkrabek as a candidate for Iowa House District 73.

Sheriff Pulkrabek has served our community well. In addition, he has served as

the president of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association in 2017.

He is the person Iowans need in the statehouse. I encourage you to consider voting for him in the upcoming election.

Bruce Walker Iowa City

Official Sample Ballots and Notice of Primary Election, Cedar County, Iowa, June 2, 2020

Legal Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF CEDAR 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.

Please read this notice carefully to determine your correct voting location.

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Cass/Center/Iowa/Rochester Tipton 1/Tipton 2/Tipton 3

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DURANT COMMUNITY CENTER

606 5th Ave., Durant

Farmington/Sugar Creek

WEST BRANCH TOWN HALL 113 North1st St., West Branch

Gower/Springdale West Branch 1

For further information or if you are unsure of your voting location for this election, please contact the Cedar County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections at 563-886-3168 or by email: cdauber@ cedarcounty.org

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, 2) prove identity and residence using **Election Day Registration documents.** or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the County Auditor's Office by 12 p.m., Thursday, June 4, 2020. Election Day Registrant attesters 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) 886-3168.



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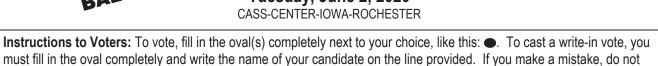
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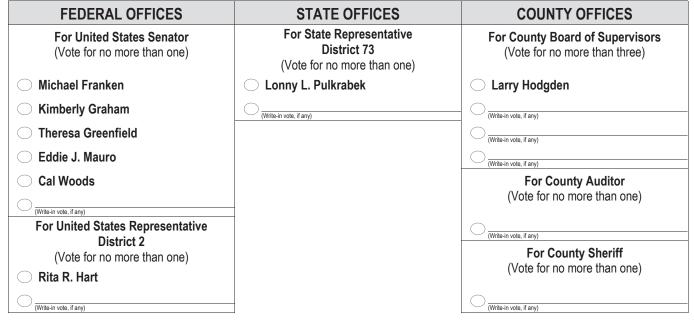
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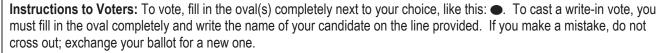
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Republican Party

Primary Election - Cedar County, Iowa Tuesday, June 2, 2020

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○ Joni Ernst	Bobby Kaufmann	○ Steve Agne
(Write-in vote, if any)	(Write-in vote, if any)	◯ Jon Bell
For United States Representative		
District 2 (Vote for no more than one)		○ Jeff Kaufmann
○ Tim Borchardt		(Write-in vote, if any)
Steven Everly		(Write-in vote, if any)
Mariannette Miller-Meeks		(Write-in vote, if any)
Rick Phillips		For County Auditor
Bobby Schilling		(Vote for no more than one)
(Write-in vote, if any)		○ Cari Dauber
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Iowa turkey season sees record numbers

Iowa hunters reported harvesting more than 14,600 turkeys during the spring season, which is the highest spring turkey harvest since mandatory harvest reporting began in 2007. The previous high was 12,173 in 2016.

Wild turkeys were harvested in all of Iowa's 99 counties. Iowa's spring turkey season ended May 17.

Hunters respond to call for turkey legs

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Iowa State University set a goal of collecting 500 turkey legs from successful hunters to test for the presence of Lymphoproliferative Disease (LPDV) that may be impacting Iowa's turkey population.

Iowa's current turkey population trend is mostly flat or slightly declining across much

of the state. It's a trend occurring not only in

"We are not sure what impact LPDV may have on wild turkey populations but it is one aspect we are considering when looking at the decline of turkey populations in Iowa and across the country," said Jim Coffey, forest wildlife research biologist for the Iowa DNR. "Hunters really stepped up by providing these samples that may help us better understand what's going on with the turkey population in Iowa."

Coffey encouraged hunters who still have a lower turkey leg and want to participate in the study to go online to www.iowadnr.gov/ turkey and request a packet.

"We encourage samples from all counties but can really use additional samples from the northwest part of the state," Coffey said.

Iowa DNR concerned over new rabbit virus strain

State wildlife experts are on the lookout for a new virus impacting the native rabbit and hare populations in Texas, Arizona, Colorado, California and New Mexico.

Rabbit hemorrhagic disease can persist in the environment and can be spread from rabbit to rabbit, by predators, insects and even by vehicle traffic, impacting populations in new areas. While the virus is not currently in Iowa, it is as close as eastern Colorado and northern Texas

The disease could have a significant impact on native populations that have not experienced a virus like this before. Feral and domestic rabbits are also susceptible. Iowa State wildlife veterinarian Dr. Rachel Ruden said getting this virus on Iowans' radar is key to minimizing its impact should it show up here.

"Eastern cottontails are fairly common and seeing a single dead rabbit should not be a cause for alarm — common rule-outs include vehicular collision, cat attack, or other predator attack. However, if you see any unusual mortality, like clusters of dead rabbits with no obvious sign of external trauma, we'd like you to contact the DNR,"Dr. Ruden said. "Infected animals die quickly, sometimes with blood visible around the nose, but often with no signs of illness. If you see something that doesn't look right, give us a call. Early detection can help prevent a larger outbreak in Iowa."

The recently emerged strain of rabbit hemorrhagic disease, RHDV2, was first detected in Europe in 2010. It is not related to epizootic hemorrhagic disease that can cause mortality in deer or COVID-19, the current cause of the human pandemic. It does not pose a risk to people and is not known to affect other animals.

More information is available online at https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/fs-rhdv2.pdf

Going to the dentist during pandemic



Going to the dentist in the COVID-19 world has become a new experience for patients around the state of Iowa. Wilton Dental reopened its doors last week, with a myriad of new rules and regulations in order to keep both staff and patients safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured above (from left) are Bailey Countryman, Liz Neff, Stephanie Telsrow, Remy Duncan, Dr. Laura Meincke and Dr. Keith Stanley. According to Dr. Meincke, some of the new rules include taking temperatures of all employees upon arrival; pre-screening patients with COVID-19 questions; locking the office, letting patients in and out; taking temperatures of patients upon arrival; no patients in the waiting area; lab jacket, face mask and shields for team members taking temperatures; PPE during treatment includes a N95 mask, a cover mask over the N95, full face shield and a clean lab coat for each patient, hand hygiene and put on gloves in the patient room just before treatment begins; patients must wear a mask or face covering when entering the office; "After leaving a patient's room we go to the designated areas and remove our face shield, discard the used cover mask and lab coat into the designated bins, disinfect the face shield, cleanse hands, put on a new clean lab coat, put on a clean cover mask, put on the clean face shield and see the next patient. Rinse and repeat," said Meincke. For a complete list, contact your dental provider.



POLICE REPORTS

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Wilton

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

May 17—Police responded to a report of theft and vandalism in the 100 block of Spruce Street.

May 17—Police responded to a medical call in the 500 block of Second Street.

May 17—Police found a black backpack in the 300 block of Cedar Street. The backpack was taken to the police department.

May 18—Police responded to a medical call in the 100 block of Spruce Street. Patient was transported to Genesis Muscatine.

May 18—Police responded to a medical call at Wilton Precision Steel, 320 W. First Street. Patient was transported to Trinity Muscatine.

May 19—Police responded to a civil dispute call in the 100 block of S. Vine Street. Options were given.

May 19—Police responded to an ordinance violation in the 500 block of Elm Street. Follow-up is needed.

May 19—Police responded to report of threats in the 1000 block of Maurer Street.

May 19—Police spoke with a subject in the 300 block of Cedar Street referencing a served no trespass notice.

May 20—Police assisted the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office with a pick-up order. Police were unable to locate subject.

May 20—Police responded to a call of sexual assault in the area of Railroad and Cherry streets. Micca Wooster, 26, was arrested and charged with third degree sexual abuse.

May 20—Police responded to a harassment call in the 900 block of W. Fifth Street. Information was taken and options were given.

May 21—Police conducted a traffic stop in the 1100 block of Highway 38. A verbal warning was issued.

May 21—Police served notice to mow the yard in the 300 block of E. Third Street.

May 21—Police responded to a call in the 1300 block of Nicolaus Drive for a disoriented subject, resulting in Mable Pestka, 71, being arrested for operating while intoxicated (OWI) first offense. She was cited and released to a sober family member.

May 21—Police responded to a juvenile

complaint in the 200 block of E. Fourth Street.

May 22—Police left a city ordinance violation/nuisance door hanger on a door in the 500 block of E. Third Street for owner to clean up grass in the roadway.

May 22—Police responded to a suspicious vehicle parked at Wilton Express. Subject got lost looking for Davenport and ended up in Wilton.

May 22—Police conducted a follow-up to a previous call in the 1300 block of Nicolaus Drive.

Drive.
May 22—Police responded to a call in the

100 block of York Street for a civil dispute.

May 22—Police responded to a burning complaint in 300 block of W. Sixth Street.

May 22—Police conducted a follow-up to a civil complaint in the 500 block of W. Third Street.

May 22—Police responded to the 300 block of E. Sixth Street in reference to a city ordinance violation. Notice was placed on the

May 22—Police responded to a city ordinance violation in the 800 block of East Street.

May 22—Police responded to a city ordinance violation in the 100 block of E. Prairie Street. Notice was placed on the door.

May 22—Police responded to a city ordinance violation in the 100 block of W. York Street.

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May 22—Police responded to a city ordinance violation in the 100 block of W. Jackson Street.

May 22—Police responded to a city ordinal city ordinal

nance violation in the 100 block of W. Second Street.

May 22—Police responded to a call for a

suicidal subject in the 300 block of E. Summit.

Durant Ambulance transported to an emergency room for evaluation.

May 23—Police assisted Cedar County

with an alarm in the 1800 block of Cedar-Muscatine Road. It was a false alarm.

May 23—Police conducted a vehicle unlock at Oakdale Cemetery.

May 23—Police responded to a city ordinance violation in the 1100 block of Maurer Street. Notice was placed on the door.

May 23—Police responded to an animal

call in the 400 block of W. Wate Street.

May 23—Police received a call from an owner to claim a found dog.

Durant

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

May 17—Police responded to a minor damage motor vehicle collision at Casey's. Information was exchanged.

May 17—Police provided extra patrol for Durant school parade for graduating Durant High School seniors.

May 17—Police responded to an abandoned 911 call in the 500 block of Sixth Street.

May 17—Police responded to speak with

May 17—Police responded to speak with officer call at the Durant Police Department.

May 17—Police conducted a traffic stop at First Avenue and Sixth Street. A warning for traffic violation was given.

May 17—Police provided extra patrol at Idle Hour Lanes.

May 18—Police conducted a traffic stop at 11th Street and 14th Avenue. A warning for traffic violation was given.

May 18—Police conducted a traffic stop at 14th Avenue and Seventh Street. A warning for traffic violation was given.

May 18—Police conducted a traffic stop at 14th Avenue and Fifth Street. A warning for traffic violation was given.

May 18—Police conducted a follow-up on pending nuisance violation in the 200 block of Eighth Lane Avenue.

May 18—Police responded to a Publisher's Clearing House phone scam in the 1300 block of Third Street.

May 18—Police assisted Durant Ambulance with a medical call on Sixth Street.

May 18—Police responded to speak with

May 18—Police responded to speak with officer call at the Durant Police Department.

May 19—Police provided extra patrol at

the community center.

May 19—Police responded to a nuisance/
abatement call in the 600 block of Eighth
Street. A warning for nuisance violation was

May 19—Police assisted a child who fell while riding her scooter at Third Avenue and Seventh Street.

May 19—Police responded to a Publisher's Clearing House phone scam in rural Durant.

May 19—Police conducted a traffic stop in the 600 block of Ninth Avenue. A warning for traffic violation was given.

May 19—Police assisted Durant Ambulance with a medical call on Sixth Street.

May 20—Police performed a vehicle inspection at the Durant Police Department for IDOT licensing requirements.

May 20—Police provided extra patrol at Jeff's Market.

May 20—Police responded to a speak with officer call. A report was initiated.

May 21—Police responded to a non-family

civil dispute in the 700 block of Third Street.

May 21—Police responded to a false residential alarm in Durant.

May 21—Police responded to a family dispute in the 1200 block of Sixth Street.

May 21—Police responded to a parking violation in the 1000 block of Fourth Street. A warning for camper parking was given.

May 21—Police assisted a Muscatine

County Deputy with an operating while intoxicated (OWI) arrest in Stockton.

May 22—Police provided extra patrol at

the community center.

May 22—Police provided extra patrol at

the Durant School.

May 22—Police responded to speak with

May 22—Police responded to speak with officer call regarding the Durant Cemetery. Complaint was referred to the Durant Cemetery board.

May 22—Police conducted a traffic stop at 11th Street and 14th Avenue. A warning for traffic violation was given.

May 22—Police conducted a traffic stop at 11th Street and 14th Avenue. A warning for traffic violation was given.

May 22—Police responded to a nuisance/ abatement call in the 200 block of Eighth Lane Avenue

May 22—Police conducted a traffic stop at Fifth Street and Fifth Avenue. Dakota Hayden of Wilton was cited for speed and no insurance.

May 23—Police conducted a traffic stop at 14th Avenue and Fifth Street. A warning for traffic violation was given.

May 23—Police assisted a Muscatine County Deputy with an operating while intoxicated (OWI) arrest in Stockton.



EGAL NOTICES

Durant Municipal Electric Plant Regular Meeting May 13, 2020

May 13, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Durant Municipal Electric Plant met in regular session at the Durant Municipal Electric Plant Building. Chairperson, David Krohn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Krohn, Paustian & Head. Trustees Absent: None. DMEP employees: Joel Meincke, Superintendent &, Tami Allison General Manager

Public Comments: There were no public comments. Superintendent's Report: Joel updated the board members on the daily operations of the month with several items being discussed.

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting Minutes held April 8, 2020: A motion was made by Trustee Krohn, seconded by Trustee Head, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on April 8,2020 as written. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Discuss/Consider Norfolk Power Contract: After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Paustian, seconded to the trust of the seconder of the Regular Meeting Norfolk Power Contract: After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Paustian, seconded to the Regular Meeting Norfolk Power Contract: After Meeting Norfolk Power Co

cussion, a motion was made by Trustee Paustian, seconded by Trustee Head to not lower Norfolk's demand and energy costs at this time. Motion carried by a 3-0

Discuss/Consider Penalties/Disconnects: After discussion, the board agreed to start putting penalties on delinquent starting May 21, 2020 and postings and disconnects will resume in June.

Discuss Durant American Legion Building Updates:

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Krohn, seconded by Trustee Paustian, to approve contributing \$2500.00 toward the electric updates to the Legion. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Update on New Building: Discussion was held on the new pole building.

Review Energy Cost Adjustment: After review of the documents prepared, a motion was made by Trustee Krohn, seconded by Trustee Head, to not add an energy cost adjustment to the June 1 bills. Motion carried by a

Approval of Disbursements: On a motion by Trustee

Paustian, seconded by Trustee Head, warrants numbered 17126 through and to include number 17164 were approved. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Trustee Krohn, seconded by Trustee Head, to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried

David Krohn, Chairman of the Board

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REPORT TOTAL

COUNTY NAME:	NOTICE	CO NO:	
Muscatine	AMENDMENT OF	CURRENT COUNTY BUDGET	70
The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the current			
County budget as follows:			
Meeting Date:	Meeting Time:	Meeting Location:	
6/8/20	9:00 AM	County Administration Building	

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, the proposed amendment. An approved budget amendment is required in order to permit increases in any class of expenditures as last certified or last amended.

County Telephone No.: 563-263-5317	For Fiscal Year Ending: 6/30/202			6/30/2020
Iowa Department of Management		Total Budget	Proposed	Total Budget
Form 653 A-R Sheet 1 of 2 (Publish) (revised 05/01/14)		as Certified	Current	After Current
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REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Amended	7 tillollalliont	, anieriamieria
Taxes Levied on Property	1	18,215,116		18,215,116
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	10,210,110		0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	1,324,950		1,324,950
Net Current Property Taxes	4	16,890,166	0	16,890,166
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	2,500		2,500
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	123,500		123,500
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	2,417,180		2,417,180
Intergovernmental	8	9,823,580	677,864	10,501,444
Licenses & Permits	9	96,600	(20,500)	76,100
Charges for Service	10	1,049,950	33,000	1,082,950
Use of Money & Property	11	1,252,461	85,000	1,337,461
Miscellaneous	12	1,021,658	50,000	1,071,658
Subtotal Revenues	13	32,677,595	825,364	33,502,959
Other Financing Sources:	10	02,077,000	020,001	00,002,000
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	1,850,000		1,850,000
Operating Transfers In	15	2,544,710		2,544,710
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	19,000		19,000
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	37,091,305	825,364	37,916,669
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	 '' 	07,001,000	020,004	07,010,000
Operating:	ı			
Public Safety & Legal Services	18	12,697,981	17,564	12,715,545
Physical Health & Social Services	19	1,416,867	197,000	1,613,867
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	1,547,850	107,000	1,547,850
County Environment & Education	21	1,597,635	11,000	1,608,635
Roads & Transportation	22	8,356,000	,	8,356,000
Government Services to Residents	23	945,638	16,200	961,838
Administration	24	3,420,359	25,000	3,445,359
Nonprogram Current	25	-,,		0
Debt Service	26	2,228,386		2,228,386
Capital Projects	27	7,890,549		7,890,549
Subtotal Expenditures	28	40,101,265	266,764	40,368,029
Other Financing Uses:		,,		,,
Operating Transfers Out	29	2,544,710		2,544,710
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	,,.		0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	42,645,975	266,764	42,912,739
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources		, ,	,	, ,
over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	(5,554,670)	558,600	(4,996,070)
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	33	21,585,788	,	21,585,788
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	,,		0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35			0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	6,069,849		6,069,849
Fund Balance - Committed	37	-,,-		0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	3,545,000		3,545,000
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	6,416,269	558,600	6,974,869
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	40	16,031,118	558,600	16,589,718

Increased inmate reimbursement and commissary revenue.

Medical examiner autopsy fees and building maintenance costs Increased Public Health costs due to COVID 19.

Administration Building repair costs.



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HHS provides \$9,496,593 for rural lowa COVID-19 testing

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provided \$9,496,593 to 192 Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) in Iowa for COVID-19 testing. Nationally, \$225 million was awarded to more than 4,500 RHCs across the country to support COVID-19 testing efforts and expand access to testing in rural communities. Rural Health Clinics are a special designation given to health care practices in underserved rural areas by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that help ensure access to care for rural residents.

This funding is through the Paycheck

Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act that President Trump signed into law on Friday, April 24, 2020 which specifically directed these monies to be allocated to RHCs. HRSA funded RHC organizations based on the number of certified clinic sites they operate, providing nearly \$50,000 per

"Today's funding provides rural health clinics with resources and flexibility to boost their testing capabilities to fight COVID-19," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "Further expanding testing capacity, including at RHCs, is a crucial element of safely reopening our country and helping Americans return to work and school. A safe reopening is vital for Americans' health and well-being, and especially so for those living in rural areas, who may have struggled with access to healthcare long before COVID-19 and found care even harder to access during this crisis."

'The funding may be used for a wide range COVID-19 testing and related expenses including planning for implementation of a COVID-19 testing program, procuring supplies to provide testing, training providers and staff on COVID-19 testing procedures, and reporting data to HHS on COVID-19 testing activities," said HRSA Administrator Tom Engels. "Funds may also be used for building

or construction of temporary structures, leasing of properties, and retrofitting facilities as necessary to support COVID-19 response."

HRSA is also awarding \$500,000 to support technical assistance efforts to the RHCs as they expand testing capabilities. This includes activities such as conducting webinars, providing resources and guidance for implementation and management of testing programs.

To view a comprehensive state-by-state breakdown of this funding, visit: https:// www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/coronavirus/ruralhealth-clinics-covid-19-testing-fy20-awards



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Wilton Municipal Light and Power Regular Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes May 18, 2020
The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Light & Power System of the City of Wilton, Iowa, met in regular session via Zoom, at 7:00 p.m. on the 18th day of May 2020.
Chairman Janney called the meeting to order, and the following Trustees were present Hunter, Jasperson, Hartman & Said.

Trustee Jasperson made a motion to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting, Trustee Hunter seconded. Vote: Ayes: All. Motion carried.

After a review of the April disbursements, Trustee Hartman made a motion to approve, Trustee Hunter seconded. Vote: Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Vote: Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Manager Smith discussed several items with the Board.

First, Resolution No. 20200518, which would temporarily suspend late fees & disconnections on customer electric services from March 1-June 1. Trustee Hartman made

a motion to approve Resolution No. 20200518, Trustee Jasperson seconded. Vote: Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Manager Smith then discussed Permanent Drainage

Easement for the City of Wilton. Trustee Hunter made a motion to approve, Trustee Jasperson seconded. Vote: Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Also, discussed with the Board was changing the office hours from 8-4:30 to 7:30-4pm for the summer to better accommodate customer traffic. Effective May 25, 2020.

There being no other business, Trustee Said made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Hartman seconded. Vote: Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Sarah Grace

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Aetna, employees health	\$11,824.59
American Public Power Assoc, dues	\$1,575.95

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Phelps Uniform Specialists, mat service	\$114.54
Price Oil Co Inc., fuel	\$94.25
Skarshaug Testing Lab, glove testing	\$1,824.71
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April sales tax	\$5,373.00
US Cellular, cell phone serv	\$178.88
US Post Office, stamps	\$110.00
Visa, cleaning supplies & plant maint	\$490.63
Wellmark, dental ins	\$367.86
WTC, phone service	\$352.84
TOTAL	\$140,455.86
SALARIES	\$17,462.71
TRANSFER	\$25,000.00
LIGHT DEPOSITS REFUNDED	\$400.00
TOTAL BILLS	\$183,318.57



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Durant Legion renovations to allow events on main level

DURANT LEGION

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go to the bank for the rest if needed, just like anyone else," said Stoltenberg.

Tri County Builders of Tipton is the contractor on the project and demolition of the original post building is set to start soon.

The west (original) building was originally Farmers Savings Bank, built in 1904. The bank closed in 1935 and the Legion purchased the structure in 1946 and did some remodeling in order to meet its needs. The bank had a basement but an addition was added to the back for a basement kitchen and first-floor storage and fish fry room.

The current Legion building to the east was built in the early 1970s and was rented to the state of Iowa for use as a liquor store, which helped it pay for itself. After the state ceased its liquor sales, the Legion began using it as a post, with a bar and meeting room downstairs, with connection to the kitchen in the west building.

Having gatherings and the annual fish fry in the downstairs of the east building presents a challenge for many members and community members, which can limit attendance. The renovations will allow for events to happen on the main level once the buildings are joined with doorways allowing access to both main

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\$175,000 \$160,000 \$145,000 \$130,000 \$115,000 \$100,000 \$85,000 \$60,000 \$45,000 floor areas at all times during events. The current basement bar and room will remain for community gatherings

"We wanted to move our events upstairs," said Stoltenberg. "We want to be accessible to the community. And nothing had been done to that old building for years. We're trying to be good citizens of the town. We'll make it look nicer and maybe some of our younger veterans will see that we're a post that's doing something."

Now is the time, according to the committee, as both facilities, especially the former bank, are in need of repair. The roofs of both are in need of replacement, as water leakage has damaged portions of both structures. The mortar on the south and west side of the west building is also crumbling and in need of repair or replacement.

The building began its fundraising campaign in January and the drive is ongoing, as presented by a meter on the front door of the east building (pictured).

The Legion "has been a place for all to come for meetings, dances, food, fun and more ... Post 430 wants to ensure that your building continues the vital role it offers Durant and the surrounding community," said Commander Ken Rochholz in a letter to members sent in December 2019.



Donations for the Durant American Legion renovation project stood at more than

\$15,000

\$40,000 as of early May, as indicated on the goal chart hanging in the window of one of the Legion's buildings along Fifth Street. The renovation calls for tearing down the original Legion location, the former Farmers Savings Bank. Legion members have been doing a lot of demolition to the old bank in recent weeks. The bank's vault door is shown (above right). It will be torn down and rebuilt to feature a new bar, kitchen area and restrooms in order to accommodate events, like the annual fish fry, on the main level.

Photos by Derek Sawvell



Roofs on both of the Legion buildings along Fifth Street in Durant are in a state of disrepair, resulting in water damage to the interior ceilings of both structures, as shown in the photo above. After planned renovations, the two structures will be mated into one large frontage under one roof. More photos and the building plans are available online at wdadvocatenews.com.

Photo by Derek Sawvell



An inside look at the former Farmers Savings Bank, which was later purchased and converted into the Durant American Legion. The building will be torn down soon to make way for a new addition to be built in its place, and later connected to the current Legion building.

USDA, FDA strengthen US food supply chain protections

As the COVID-19 pandemic response continues, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have been working on many fronts to support the U.S. food and agriculture sector so

that Americans continue to have access to a safe and robust food supply. As a next step in carrying out Executive Order 13917, the USDA and FDA announced a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to help prevent interruptions at FDA-regulated food facilities, including fruit and vegetable processing.

This is an important preparedness effort as peak harvesting seasons approach, when many fruits and vegetables grown across the U.S. are sent to be frozen or canned. The MOU creates a process for the two agencies to make determinations about circumstances in which the USDA could exercise its authority under the Defense Production Act (DPA) with regard to certain domestic food resource facilities that manufacture, process, pack, or hold foods, as well as to those that grow or harvest food that fall within the FDA's jurisdiction.

While the FDA will continue to work with state and local regulators in a collaborative manner, further action under the DPA may be taken, should it be needed, to ensure the continuity of our food supply. As needed, the FDA will work in consultation with state, local, tribal and territorial regulatory and public health partners; industry or commodity sector; and other relevant stakeholders (e.g. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration) to chart a path toward resuming and/or maintaining operations while keeping employees safe.

All of the food and agriculture sector — whether it is regulated by the USDA or FDA — are considered critical infrastructure, and it is vital for the public health that they continue to operate in accordance with guidelines from the CDC and OSHA regarding worker health and safety.

