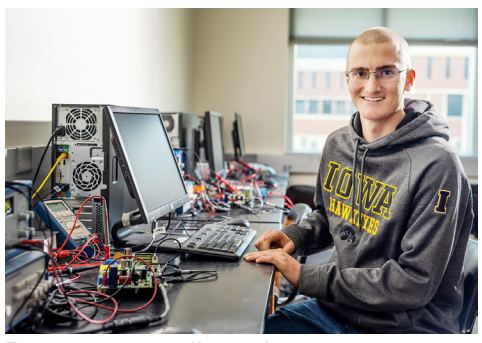
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After 40 years serving Wilton, Bob Barrett bids farewell

By Derek Sawvell
Managing Editor, Advocate News

He knew the time had been coming for months, and at the Dec. 13 Wilton city council meeting, Mayor Bob Barrett presided over his final in-person meeting. Barrett did not run for re-election in November. Longtime city council member and mayor pro tem Keith Stanley ran unopposed, and will begin Wilton mayoral duties in January.

Wilton City Council

Due to the holidays, the Dec. 13 meeting served as the final for the year in the Wilton city council chambers. A call-in meeting will be held Dec. 29 in order to approve city bills.

Mayor Barrett marked the occasion of his final meeting by reading a prepared statement. It said the following:

After nearly 40 years of participation in the governing of the City of Wilton, I felt it was long enough. In 1983, I was appointed to an unexpired council term by then Mayor Wil Stoekes and joined Max Lauser, Richard Garrison, Jerry Smith and Bob Gust on the council. Since 1980, Wilton's population increased from 2,502 in 1980 to 2,924 in 2020 — 422 more folks or a 17 percent increase.

Over the past 40 years, I have served as president of the Wilton Chamber of Commerce and Wilton development board, served on the Municipal light board, city council and finally, mayor. I consider the following some of the city's greatest accomplishments, but not in any certain order of importance: curb and gutter installation city wide, creation of Ayres Industrial Park, creation of phase one and two of the Meadows housing addition, City Hall renovations, upgrades in both the water and sewer utilities, construction of the community center and Library, the development of the health, pharmacy and physical therapy facility, construction of the nursing home and assisted living building, new grade school and middle school, downtown revitalization, construction under way of the new 35-unit senior housing project, and providing Wilton with their own ambulance service.

This is only a few of the 26 things I had listed. I must also say the city has been very blessed with good hard-working and long-term employees who care about the city. Also, the elected city leaders through the years really helped grow Wilton from a town to a city. Lastly, this city council has been great to work with, and you had no personal agendas; just doing repeatedly what you thought was the best for the citizens and the city.

There are still many things to accomplish, and here are a few things for that list I hope this and future councils address: complete a comprehensive citywide sidewalk program, hard surface Division Street, extend the city of Wilton to Interstate 80, reinstate the paving program and pave one or two city blocks a year, expand, promote and increase the city's commercial and industrial businesses,

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Wilton Mayor Bob Barrett presided over his final meeting Dec. 13, pictured above in the Wilton City Hall council chambers holding the gavel and a painting of City Hall presented to him during his final meeting as mayor of Wilton. Mayor Barrett decided not to run for re-election in November, opening the Wilton mayoral seat for incumbent city council member and mayor pro tem Keith Stanley, who ran unopposed for mayor. Stanley was elected Wilton's next mayor, and will take over in January.

Photo by Derek Sawvell

Area children get their chance to tell Santa a Christmas wish





Children in both Durant and Wilton were able to have their moments with the big guy in the red suit in recent weeks, where they were able to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. Above left, brothers Kohen, 3, and Noah, 10 months, Otto of Durant sat on Santa's lap during a breakfast with Santa event at the Durant Community Center Dec. 11. Kohen is shown telling Santa what he wants for Christmas while Noah was focused on Santa's hat. They are the sons of Taylor and Emily Otto of Durant. Above right, Mrs. Claus watches as Santa leans in to hear Christmas wishes from Everly Boorn, the daughter of Gabe and Kelsi Boorn, during the Wilton Window Walk Dec. 5.

Photos by Derek Sawvell

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Durant elementary holiday concert held Dec. 1—"This is our first live performance since December 2019," said Durant elementary music teacher Danette Kelting after hosting a holiday Pre-k through sixth grade concert in the high school gym Dec. 1. "Durant has a tradition of having an elementary holiday music concert that features our Pre-K-6th grade students. Due to our increased enrollment and faithful parents and community members attending, I have split the grades into two concerts on the same night," said Kelting. "As you could see, the gym was packed wall-to-wall with people, and they were even standing in the back. This year the Pre-K-3rd grade students performed the musical "The Reindeer Whisperer." "This story takes place on Dec. 23, when Santa is busy getting ready for Christmas with his elves and reindeer. The elves are stirring up some trouble and have convinced the reindeer that they are going to be replaced. The reindeer refuse to fly so Santa calls upon the 'Reindeer Whisperer' to help communicate and solve the problem," added Kelting. The 4th-6th grade students performed the musical "Holly Jolly Jukebox." "This story takes place at school, where the students are looking for holiday decorations for the concert and they discover an old jukebox. The jukebox spins records from the 1940s to 1990s, showcasing different styles of holiday music," Kelting noted. When asked about picking the music and planning the evening, Kelting said, "The elementary musicals are carefully selected to showcase our talented students by helping them with personal development skills like public speaking, choreography, costuming and creative arts for the set and props. The students love to entertain and the community shows great support for our fine arts program at Durant." Photo by Derek Sawvell

Rivera again to serve as Durant school board president

By Derek Sawvell
Managing Editor, Advocate News

When the 2021 city-school elections were held in November, incumbents Julie Rivera and Katy Oberlander were the only two names on the ballot for two open Durant school board seats. They were both re-elected to serve four more years, and the official results were read at the Dec. 13 meeting.

Oberlander received 456 votes, while Rivera received 426. Both had been serving in leadership positions, as Rivera is board president and Oberlander is vice president.

Durant school board

At an organizational meeting held at the conclusion of the Dec. 13 meeting, the duo was re-elected to their positions. Rivera has been school board president for six years, while Oberlander has been VP for three years.


Julie Rivera

The board adopted Robert's Rules of Order as the rules and procedures for board meetings. The meetings will also continue to be held on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m., and work sessions on the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Lesa Kephart was selected board secretary; Phil Keese of Liberty Trust & Savings Bank was chosen as board treasurer; the Advocate News was designated as the official publication for the district; and Lynch Dallas was selected as district legal counsel.

Board members were then assigned to committees as follows:

Goodwill: Carla Whitlock and Tara Lindsay
Maintenance: Travis Bullard and Rivera
Policy: Lindsay and Whitlock
Legislative: Bullard and Oberlander
Muscatine County Conference Board representative: Lindsay
Cedar County Conference Board representative: Oberlander

Miscellany

In other action, the board:

* Approved the minutes from the Nov. 8 meeting, Nov. 22 special meeting and work session, and district bills for the month of November.

* Approved the district employee retirement incentive for FY2022. Employees must be at least 55 years old and have been with the district a minimum of 15 years to qualify. There are 17 eligible employees.

* Held a hearing on the 2022-2023 district calendar, and later approved the calendar.

* Reviewed the district's ongoing Return to Learn plan, which includes needing a doctor's note from children in grades pre-K-12 whose parents would like to put them in the EdGenuity program. Students in grades K-6 were added due to the fact that children may now be vaccinated against COVID-19 via the Pfizer vaccine.

* Approved a bid of $27,440 for tear down of the house owned by the district at 310 Seventh Street. The bid was the only one submitted, and includes dumpster and landfill fees.

* Approved the purchase of a new school bus. The propane powered 2023 Blue Bird Vision bus will be purchased at a price of $120,397 from School Bus Sales. Superintendent Joe Burnett said that the district only had one propane bus in the fleet, and wanted to continue adding propane buses due to the savings in fuel costs.

* Approved the resignation of Susan Sterner, associate.

* Approved the job description for the position of custodian.

* Reviewed policies 606.1; 606.2; 606.3; 606.4; 606.5; 606.6; 606.7; 606.7E1; 606.7E2; 606.7E3; 606.8; 606.9; 606.10; 607.1; 607.2; 607.2R1; 607.3; 607.4; and 650.1.

* Held second readings of policies 605.1; 605.6; 605.6E1; 605.7; 605.7A; 605.7B; and 605.7C.

* Approved the following hirings: Bobbi Havill, elementary teacher; Dan Knipfel, junior high wrestling coach; Joel Diederichs, eighth grade boys' basketball coach; Michael Witt, bus driver; Kyle LaFrenz, volunteer wrestling coach; Mason Badtram, student custodian; Casterdale Green, student custodian; Ellie Dorris, student custodian.

* Reviewed the whole grade sharing agreement between Durant and the Bennett School District. The 3-year agreement expires at the end of the school year, and the districts are set to discuss extending it another three years.

* Maintenance Director Tom Wuestenberg told the board that new band room windows and epoxy floors would be installed during spring break.

Board members Lindsay, Rivera and Whitlock were present. Members Oberlander and Bullard were absent. All action taken was unanimous. The next regular meeting is Jan. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

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Iowa airports to receive $24.5 million via infrastructure bill

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will award an estimated $24.5 million to Iowa's 77 airports from funding made available by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The money can be invested in runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminal, airport-transit connections and roadway projects. This is the first of five annual rounds of funding Iowa airports will receive.

"The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has given us a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build safer and more sustainable airports that connect individuals to jobs and communities to the world," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "With this new funding, urban, regional and rural airports across the country now can get to work on projects that have waited for years, modernizing their infrastructure and building a better America."

Iowa airports can submit projects they wish to use the funds on for FAA review in the coming weeks. The FAA encourages airports to prioritize projects that increase airport safety, equity and sustainability. The agency also plans to conduct outreach with the minority business community on these opportunities at airports across the nation.

The following commercial airports in Iowa are estimated to receive funding during the first year of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:

* Cedar Rapids Municipal in Cedar Rapids: $4,208,379

* Des Moines International in Des Moines: $5,490,066

* Dubuque Regional in Dubuque: $1,024,664

* Sioux Gateway/Brig Gen Bud Day Field in Sioux City: $1,030,552

* Waterloo Regional in Waterloo: $1,015,240

An additional 72 reliever and general aviation airports across Iowa are also estimated to receive funding during the first year of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. For an interactive map and listing of funding for all Iowa airports, visit https://www.faa.gov/bil/airport-infrastructure.

The money comes from the Airport Infrastructure Grant program, one of three new aviation programs created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The law provides $15 billion over five years for this program. The FAA estimates the backlog of airport modernization and safety projects totals $43.6 billion.

Video featuring Wilton development shown to council

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and encourage, promote and support housing development.

You do and will provide great leadership for Wilton, and it has been fun working with all of you. For me, this winter I can spend a little more time in Florida without being concerned about missing a city council meeting, and I think my check stamp is nearly out of ink so it is time to go.

Barrett's remarks ended with an ovation from members of the council and those in attendance. He was also given a framed painting of City Hall, courtesy of artist Twyla Whitmer.

Wilton Development budget

Wilton Development Corporation (WDC) Director Becky Allgood presented the WDC operating budget for 2022, which included $40,000 in funding from the city, which Allgood noted is an increase of $5,000.

Allgood said she would like to "bring someone on board to see what I do." She said the WDC had around 50 members.

City Administrator Jeff Horne said funds for the WDC come from the city's TIF (tax increment financing) fund.

Allgood said plans were in place to use the Muscatine Community College classrooms at the library and community center for a Maker Space. She said the Townsend Foundation would be donating $50,000 to the library for the Maker Space. A Maker Space is a place for "hands on learning" with all the tools, equipment and technology needed for junior high and high school students, as well as people in the community, that would like to learn a new and/or different job skill, according to Allgood.

A video was presented, created by council member Ted Marolf and featuring accomplishments of the WDC and city in recent years, including: City Hall renovations, the Muscatine County Freedom Rock, downtown murals, downtown revitalization program, new library and community center, new Wilton Elementary School, new wastewater treatment plant, and more.

Miscellany

In other action, the council:

* Approved the minutes from the Nov. 22 meeting.

* Approved a letter of agreement with the Cedar County Board of Supervisors allowing Wilton residents residing in Cedar County to vote with the Farmington and Sugar Creek Township residents.

* Approved final construction draw requests for two of the homes being finished in the Marine addition in Wilton's south end. One was for the White House ($21,955.68) and the other was for the Oliver/Ault house ($22,064.59). The city was recently paid back for two of the three homes it financed, and the third should be closing soon

* Administrator Horne said he was planning on doing interviews for the city clerk position on or around Dec. 28.

* Wilton Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Brandy Marquez moved into an office in City Hall the week of Dec. 13.

* Horne said the community center roof repair was taking longer than expected due to waiting on materials.

* Approved a resolution adopting the Highway 38 corridor study.

* Approved a resolution for the following operating transfers:

Water to general $50,000
Sewer to general $50,000
Garbage to general $25,000
Insurance to general $64,000
Sewer improvement to debt service $80,007
General to police equipment $110,000
TIF to debt service $412,356
Local option sales tax to general $380,000

* Discussed an analysis of building codes and inspections by the city administrator. No decisions were made.

* Discussed the plan to put both new Ford Explorers recently purchased by the police department into service, and convert the oldest Chevy Tahoe into a vehicle to be used by the city administrator.

* Discussed progress being made with City Hall basement renovations, including paint work and a new egress window.

* Approved city bills in the amount of $142,621.29.

City council members Sheryl Lenker, Keith Stanley, Ted Marolf and Wayne Budding were present. Steve Owens was absent. All action taken was unanimous. The next meeting will be Jan. 10.

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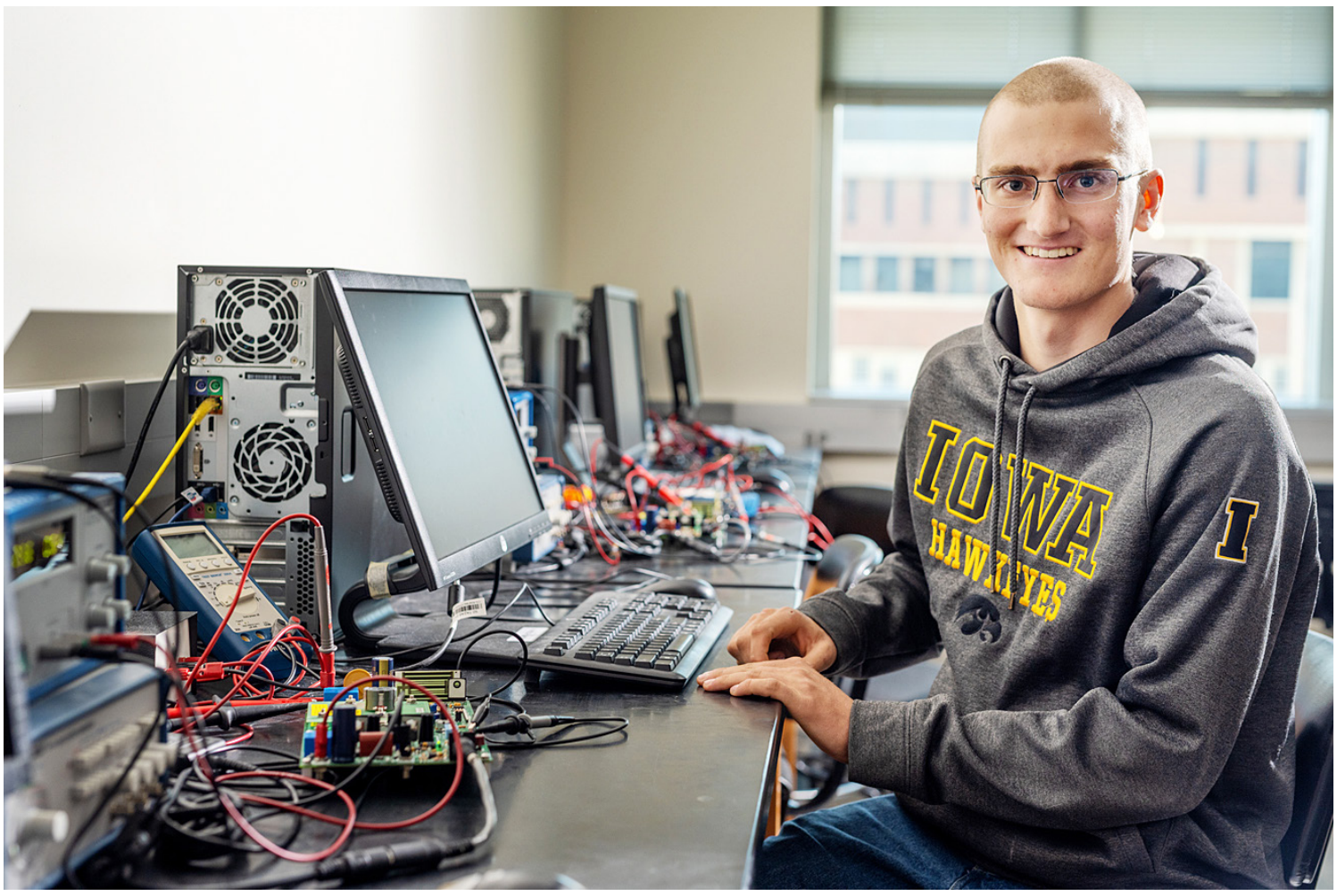
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Wilton's Noah Brown earns Iowa engineering degree at age 20

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By Richard C. Lewis
Senior Research Writer, University of Iowa



Noah Brown unwittingly found his career path in fifth grade.

Brown (pictured at right) who will graduate in December from the University of Iowa with a degree in electrical engineering, was an elementary school student in Wilton, Iowa, when his science teacher, Diane Moritz, told him about a special project led by her and her husband. Brown, along with a handful of classmates, was chosen to participate.

The youngsters — with Moritz and her husband as guides — built a hovercraft that could travel over both land and water.

"It was a great teamwork project," says Brown, who remembers it was the first time he used power tools. "We'd go to their house just a few blocks from school and work on it.

"I think it was the first thing that I started from nothing," Brown continues. "Whenever you start from nothing and get a finished product, you think, 'Wow, I know all the steps that led to this, and it actually works.'"

The science teacher's husband was David Moritz, electrical and communication associate at Stanley Consultants, a global engineering firm. Brown stood out enough that David Moritz asked him to continue helping with the club.

"In his later grades, I would get Noah to drive the newer hovers first, because I could trust him," Moritz says. "He listens and always wanted to know why the hovercrafts handled like they did and how to improve them."

Around that time, Brown frequently visited his grandfather, who enjoyed fixing antique radios.

"I suppose he got me into the hobby and guided me," Brown says. "I developed my own interest from that. I worked on a 1929 set — that's the earliest time period I worked on a radio. Any earlier than that, it's not more confusing necessarily but more primitive."

Brown especially liked fixing radios from the 1930s and 1940s, mainly due to the quality of the radios and the Art Deco cabinet design of the period. During high school, Brown showcased these and other period radios at 4-H competitions.

"Just about every year I went to the Iowa State Fair with my radio," he says.

Brown says the hobby deepened his interest in electrical mechanics.

"It's kind of relaxing and a nice, fun challenge too," he says. "I've had them where I can't figure them out. I do feel like I'm a decent troubleshooter because of my antique radio hobby."

Also during high school, Brown chose Moritz and Stanley Consultants for a one-day job shadow.

"He (Moritz) kind of showed me around and introduced me to people," Brown recalls. "One thing I noticed was how nice everyone was. No one was like, 'I don't have time to chat with this high schooler.'"

The impression would stick: Brown enrolled in the UI College of Engineering at Iowa at 17 — he skipped a grade in elementary school — and during winter break of his sophomore year, he began an internship at Stanley.

He continued as an intern at Stanley the remainder of his time at college, working part time during the school year and full time during summer and other breaks. As an intern, Brown designed communication systems for various projects. One involved conceptualizing a fiber-optic system to support multiple buildings, networks, and individual workstations.

He also designed a medium-voltage electrical system for an underground distribution network, and he participated in weekly meetings to brief team members on current projects and work responsibilities.

Moritz says Brown's work ethic stood out. "He has always been driven, and the company appreciated his desire to not just accept that something works, but that he wants to know exactly how it works," Moritz says. "He wanted to visually understand, not just accept theory. That is what makes Noah unique."

The company, with Moritz's encouragement, offered Brown a job when he graduates. He will begin working in the Muscatine office later this month.

"Noah coming on board at Stanley Consultants feels like the full circle has been completed, and I can retire knowing he can step right in," Moritz says. "To be able to be part of finding a replacement, and for it to be Noah … I could not be happier."

At Stanley, Brown will work with clients on their communications infrastructure, electrical transmission, power design and distribution, fiber optics, and other needs. He also plans to earn a professional engineering license, which will allow him to manage projects.

It's a happy set of circumstances stemming from a can-do attitude in grade school in Wilton.

"I would definitely say there's good fortune on my part," Brown says. "I had a science teacher whose husband worked for Stanley, he picked me, and a lot of things have fallen into place well."

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Rene Ruhlow

Rene Elmer Ruhlow, 74, of Moscow, Iowa, died surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, at Genesis East Medical Center, Davenport. A celebration of life was held Sunday, Dec. 19 in the community room at Community Bank & Trust in Wilton, Iowa.

Cards of condolence may be directed to Mary Ruhlow, PO Box 46, Moscow, Iowa, 52760. Online condolences may be left at www.bentleyfuneralhome.com.

Rene was born on April 12, 1947, the son of Elmer and Agnes Ruhlow, in Holstein, Iowa. He graduated from Holstein High School. Rene met the love of his life, Mary Henderson, on Nov. 24, 1983.

Rene was a draftsman for Stanley Consultants in Muscatine for many years. He continued his drafting career, drafting for various local companies until retiring. Rene was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association of America (NRA) and enjoyed shooting and collecting guns. He also enjoyed working in his garden and deer hunting with his family and friends. Most of all, Rene loved spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Rene Ruhlow



Rene will be dearly missed by his wife, Mary; four children, Tracey (Melissa) Ruhlow, Tim Ruhlow, Ivan (Heather) Rae and Brandy Rae; nine grandchildren, Kaleb, Jacob, Brooke, Spencer, Reagan, Cheyenne, Alexander, Hadley and Paisley; his niece, Samantha Young; and great-niece, Savannah Jones.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Kyle Ruhlow; one sister, Cookie Schubert; and two brothers, Francis and Leon Ruhlow.

Custom obituary

Lois Wulf

Lois Dunn Wulf, 84, of Eldridge, formerly of Camanche, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 at Grand Haven Assisted Living Center in Eldridge.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Camanche. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Adam Schmidt, Alex Schmidt, Justin Wulf, Travis Wulf, Dallas Wulf and John Harlson. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Ion, Dale Koppenhaver, Willard Larsen, Neil Wulf and Jeff Bloomfield. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Monday evening at the Camanche Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Online condolences may be expressed by visiting her obituary at www.snellzornig.com. The family would like to thank Grand Haven in Eldridge for the outstanding care she received while a resident in the memory care unit and Heartland Hospice. Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran-Camanche, Alzheimer's Association or family choice.

Lois Ann Kunze was born July 3, 1937 in Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of Merlin and Beatrice (Ion) Kunze. Lois graduated from Clinton High School in 1955. When she was able, she enjoyed keeping in touch and spending time with her classmates. 1957 was a big year for Lois. She graduated from Mount St. Clare junior college in Clinton, married William Dunn, and began her teaching career in Elvira, where she spent her first two years. She then took a pause from her career and stayed home to raise her daughter, Patricia. After a few years she decided it was time to return to teaching and sent a postcard to the Camanche school district inquiring of any openings. She was immediately hired and spent over 30 more years teaching primarily sixth grade social studies.

While working in Camanche, the state decided a four-year degree was needed to continue teaching. Lois and other teachers spent many nights and summers on the road to Davenport to continue their education. She graduated from Marycrest College in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Lois loved to travel, and her trips to Europe were shared with her students using her favorite slide projector. She retired from teaching in 1995.

Lois was confirmed and a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clinton in her youth. After marriage, she transferred to Immanuel Lutheran in Camanche, which was a new congregation at the time.

Lois married Bill Dunn on Aug. 7, 1957.

Lois Wulf





During her marriage to Bill, along with teaching, she was a farm wife. They also raised and sold quarter horses. Bill was an auctioneer, and Lois sometimes helped clerk auctions. Bill died in 1986.

After being a widow for several years, her sister-in-law, Mary Jeanne, suggested she attend Singles in Agriculture. Lois soon spent a lot of time with the group and particularly one special person, Dennis. She married Dennis Wulf in 1996. In the early years of their marriage, they lived on his farm in Durant, Iowa. Eventually, they moved to a condo in Eldridge, which was between their two homesteads. Lois and Dennis spent time traveling, dancing, and were members of a card club. Lois especially enjoyed attending the school activities of Adam, Alex, Justin, Travis and Dallas. It was a great joy for her to be part of their lives and watch them grow up.

Lois is survived by her husband Dennis Wulf of Eldridge; daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Scott Schmidt of Princeton, Illinois; grandsons Adam Schmidt of Camanche, and Alex (Lauren) Schmidt and their children, Elouise and Edmund of Sheffield, Illinois; sister-in-law Mary Jeanne (Dunn) Schawl Dodds of Florida; and her children, step-daughter Kathy (Jeff) Bloomfield; step-son Neil (Chris) Wulf; step-grandchildren Justin (Erika) Wulf and their children Arye and Remi; Travis (Angela) Wulf and their children, Wren and Grady — all of Durant; and Dallas Wulf, of Montreal, Canada.

She was preceded in death by William (her first husband), her parents, brothers-in-law, and several aunts and uncles.

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Can we control social media, or does it control us?

TikTok wins again, were the words from an understandably discouraged Superintendent Joe Burnett when we spoke Friday, Dec. 17 amid the most recent of obnoxious social media challenges.

It began Thursday evening, Dec. 16, when parents in the Wilton School District received an email with the subject: "Nationwide Social Media Threat."

The email said the following:

Our school districts recently learned of an anonymous, nationwide threat against schools that is being shared on social media outlets such as TikTok. The general threat toward all U.S. schools declares Friday, Dec. 17, as "American School Shooting Day." The posts warn about the possibility of nationwide shootings or bomb threats associated with this day.

We have partnered with local law enforcement to vigilantly investigate whether there are any local connections to these social media posts. At this time, law enforcement has not acquired any evidence that would deem these threats as credible in our area. Out of an abundance of caution, our schools will be in continual contact with law enforcement throughout the day on Friday.

Please take this opportunity to talk with your students about the appropriate use of social media, and the seriousness and resulting consequences of making any kind of threat. Encourage your students to speak with you or an adult at school if they see or hear something so immediate action can be taken. In addition, if anyone in our community sees something suspicious, please report it to the school immediately or call local law enforcement.

We appreciate your support and partnership.

Naturally, as one could imagine with not having kids in school, I didn't get this email, nor did I know anything about the next TikTok threat.

Yet sadly, was I surprised? No. It was not that long ago we wrote a front-page story about vandalism happening in Durant school bathrooms because TikTok told kids to.

This is the point when I'm going to climb up on my soapbox to scream, "When are we going to stop being sheep?"

We can't just blame our kids. They may have TikTok, where they make meaningless videos set to music. Us older folks have Facebook and Twitter, where we rant back and forth with each other while sharing (often times) disinformation.

Case in Point



By Derek Sawvell

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While on the subject of TikTok, let me just say that in the weeks and months since getting a little understanding of it due to the story we did, I have never visited the site or app myself. But I do get shown things. I suppose the best way I can describe my constant reaction is the shaking of my head.

If I had a dollar for every video I see of students — several of them prominent student-athletes — dancing and singing along to music that is full of cursing and racist language, I'd be a rich man. I thought we were better.

Back to school shooting day ... hang on while I process the fact that I actually had to write that.

I asked Burnett, the superintendent of both Wilton and Durant schools, to let me know how many students were absent last Friday. According to an email I received later that day, the numbers were 197 in Wilton and 163 in Durant.

As Burnett would go on to say in our conversation, "TikTok wins." Perhaps just another 3-day weekend.

Over the past handful of years, I've really begun feeling a large sense of appreciation for the secretaries at our local schools. The amount of emails and phone calls they must deal with on a day-to-day basis has to be astounding.

OK, back on my soapbox. I never thought I'd be old enough to say the phrase, "Back in my day," but here it goes. When I was in school, it was like a fortress or prison. You showed up before 8:15 a.m. and you didn't get out until after 3 p.m.

Period.

There were no visits. Parents didn't come to eat lunch with us or play at recess with us. They didn't attend our activities during the school day. A select few, my mother included at times, were "room mothers." These kind and gentle souls were often stay-at-home moms who would come in every once in awhile to ensure that a holiday party got off without a hitch or things like that.

We only got report cards sent home a couple times a year, and grades were not daily accessible online.

We didn't have cellphones, so we didn't have constant access to the outside world while in school. There were two phones — one in the school office, and one rotary phone located outside the office, that you could possibly use if there wasn't a long line waiting for it.

We survived. We all survived. And if we got in trouble, the majority of the time our parents told us to do what the school said, whether it be detention, extra work, etc.

Now, parents and guardians know about what's happening within the walls of the school before the administration. Wow, am I glad I'm out!

Burnett confirmed that both Durant and Wilton sent the emails home. The minute they pressed "send," it meant the number of absences were going to skyrocket. They had to do it. The schools had to be proactive.

If I had children, they would have been in school that day. Forget the 3-day weekend stuff. School still remains the most productive and safe place our kids can be. Both schools are now locked down all the time. Both schools have Student Resource Officers (members of local law enforcement who are armed).

Talk about a fortress. When I was in school, every entrance was wide open all the time. The dirty secret is that no one wanted to come in.

Being a journalist for 20 years, this isn't the first time I've written about tragedy or school shootings. I always say school shootings can occur in "Anytown, USA." And they do, at an alarming rate. We don't need threats to increase that risk — it's always present.

I began seeing a "meme" floating around social media that Friday — and yes I can't believe I'm writing the word "meme." It said,"Today, parents across the country will fear TikTok enough to not send their kids to school — but don't fear TikTok enough to take it off their kids' phones. Let's start there."

Wrong. You'll never get me to be an advocate for censorship. I get the idea, but I'd modify it to say, let's teach one another that the world doesn't revolve around us; that there are rules, consequences and authority figures among us to help keep things in order.

What happened to the "greater good?" Instead it's morphed into, "Me, me, me" mentalities. That can be seen all around us, we don't have to watch TikTok videos for that.

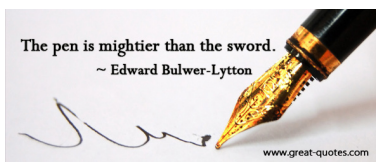
I like the "see something, say something" mentality as well. And both Wilton and Durant schools have the P3 app now, where anonymous tips can be made if you see things going on in and round school that are questionable. Don't see yourselves as "rats," see yourselves as students who care about each other and your communities.

Talk to your neighbors, in the classroom, on the job and in your neighborhood. You'll be happy you did. Take care of each other. Practice empathy. We can do this!

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Gruenhagen pledges tax relief in bid for state Senate

Former Muscatine County Farm Bureau president and farmer Kerry Gruenhagen has announced his candidacy for the Iowa Legislature in Senate District 41.

In Scott County, the district includes northwest Davenport, including portions of Sheridan Township, the cities of Blue Grass, Walcott, Maysville, New Liberty and Dixon, and the townships of Liberty, Hickory Grove, Cleona and Blue Grass.



Kerry Gruenhagen

The district also covers all of Cedar County, and the townships in Muscatine County with West Liberty, Moscow, Stockton and Montpelier.

"As a fifth-generation farmer and Walcott resident, I know how important it is to have policies to support agriculture and small, rural communities," said Gruenhagen. "Those polices are vital but the principal role of government is protecting its people. So, we must continue to support law enforcement in Iowa, while we combat increasing crime rates and work to keep our communities safe.

"In the Iowa Senate, I will work on tax relief for hard-working families, ensure our constitutional rights are protected against federal overreach, and support policies to help Iowa and Iowa agriculture grow. I look forward to meeting with voters in this district, hear their concerns, and share my vision on making Iowa the best state in the country."

Gruenhagen, a Republican, operates a grain farm with his father and son in rural Scott and Muscatine counties. He has one son, three stepdaughters and two grandchildren. He and his wife, Kali, have been married for eight years. They are members of Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Davenport.

The incumbent senator in District 41, state Sen. James Lykam (D-Davenport), has not announced his intentions.

State Sen. Roby Smith (R-Davenport) also resides in the district and has announced he will be a candidate for State Treasurer in 2022.

Wilton-Durant AN FAMILY NEWS

Frett to celebrate 80th birthday

Bonnie (Turkle) Frett of Bennett will celebrate her 80th birthday Jan. 3. No reception will be held, but cards may be sent to Bonnie at 2065 220th St., Bennett, IA 52721.

Bonnie was born Jan. 3, 1942 in West Liberty. She married Wayne Frett in 1962. She was employed by First Trust and Savings Bank of Wheatland. She is a member at the United Church of Christ in Wheatland, and volunteers at the Carol Assistance Center in Wheatland. She enjoys playing pool and cards, and watching her grandkids play football and volleyball.

Her children are David (Lynn) Frett, Douglas (Stephanie) Frett and Daryl (Dawn) Frett. She had five grandchildren.



Jipps to note 50th anniversary

Bruce and Barbara Jipp of rural Wilton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 30.

They were married on Dec. 30, 1971, at Zion Lutheran Church in Wilton.

They have three children, Jennifer of Dayton, Ohio, Alicia of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Brad, of rural Moscow. They also have five grandchildren, Grace, Jacob, Ella, Henry, and Bo.



Durant American Legion Boys State applications due Feb. 28

This year, Lt. J.L. Shryer American Legion Post 430 of Durant will be selecting Durant High School boys who have completed their junior year to attend the annual American Legion of Iowa Boys State scheduled for June 19-24, 2022 to be held at Camp Dodge (near Johnston, Iowa).

The American Legion of Iowa Boys State is a weeklong, hands-on, youth leadership experience in the operation of the democratic form of government. There are opportunities to win scholarships and earn college credit to applicable schools. Boys State delegates will hold party caucus meetings, conventions, conduct campaigns, and hold a primary and general election. Not everyone can be elected to an office, but there are many other activities available.

Delegates can participate in running a daily newspaper, be a part of a fully functioning Court System, General Assembly (House and Senate), and Law Enforcement System.

Boys State offers the opportunity to play and/or sing in The American Legion of Iowa Boys State band or chorus.

Selection of boys to attend Boys State serves as testimony to their character and leadership skills, and is an experience recognized by employers, service academies and university admissions boards as an indicator of strong leadership and character traits.

Post 430 covers the cost of the delegates to attend. There is no charge to the delegates. Applications may be obtained through the Durant High School counselor's office. Applications must be received by Feb. 28 and can be mailed to: Richard Stoltenberg, 21450 30th Ave, Stockton, IA, 52769.

Meet Sen. Lofgren Dec. 30 in Wilton

A public "meet and greet" event will be held in Wilton with state Senator Mark Lofgren of Muscatine. Lofgren will serve the newly drawn Senate District 48, which now includes the city of Wilton and portions of Durant.

The event will be held Thursday, Dec. 30 from 4-6 p.m. in downtown Wilton at 117 W. Fourth Street. The venue is owned by Muscatine County Republican Chair Fred Grunder.

Light appetizers and cocktails will be provided.



Thrivent Financial supported a community project at Durant Elementary School on Dec. 13. Age appropriate gifts were chosen by the preschooler. Volunteers then assisted the preschoolers in wrapping the items that were then gathered up and taken home to their family members. All gifts were free to the children. There were approximately 10 volunteers to assist the students. Preschool teachers Mindy Hoon and Allie Wolf-Cronbaugh assisted in coordinating the project. As a "Thank You" to Thrivent, the children colored patriotic pictures, which will be delivered to veterans at the VA Hospital. Pictured include (front row from left), Rose Meincke, Megan Smyser, Shanna Schneiter; Back row, Coni Daufeldt, Jay Semsch, Jan Fisher, Jean Semsch, Carol Schult, and Austin Williams. Not pictured: Nancy Bachus

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MCSA receives more than $130,000 in grant funding

DES MOINES — The Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors recently approved more than $4.8 million in grants to assist 47 agencies with homelessness assistance initiatives during the 2022 calendar year.

The Muscatine Center for Social Action in Muscatine County was awarded a $72,012 Emergency Solutions Grant Award, and a $62,363 Shelter Assistance Fund Grant Award.

"The homelessness assistance awards announced today will have a direct impact in helping thousands of Iowans in their time of need," said Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Debi Durham. "Iowa's homeless service professionals work tirelessly to help get Iowans back on their feet and into permanent housing and this funding will aid in those efforts."

Individuals in need of homelessness assistance should call the coordinated entry system: 833-739-0065.

The funding is made available through the federal Emergency Solutions Grant program and the state-funded Shelter Assistance Fund. The Iowa Finance Authority conducted a combined competition for the two programs and applications were scored in several categories, including project design, experience and capacity, community partnerships, performance, budget and grants management.

The primary purpose of the Federal Emergency Solutions Grant program is to help Iowans and their families quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. Examples of eligible services include rental and other emergency financial assistance, street outreach, case management and supportive services. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and by the Iowa Finance Authority in Iowa. Twenty-seven agencies were awarded a total of more than $2.7 million in 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant Program funds.

The State-funded Shelter Assistance Fund program provides assistance to help with the costs of operations of homeless and domestic violence shelters, essential services for the homeless and evaluation and reporting services. Thirty-five agencies were awarded a total of more than $2.1 million in 2022 Shelter Assistance Fund grants.

Agencies were eligible to apply for up to $150,000 in shelter assistance, depending on their available shelter beds and shelter bed nights provided in the past two years and up to $50,000 in street outreach assistance. Agencies were also eligible to apply for funding to provide rapid re-housing and/or homelessness prevention on a regional basis, through a network of 17 coordinated services/coordinated entry regions for homelessness services across the state. Eligible regional amounts were determined based on needs and historical predictors of homelessness in each county.

Audrey Seibel on Northland Dean's List

Audrey M. Seibel of Muscatine, a freshman at Northland College, has been named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the fall 2021 term.

To qualify for the Dean's List, full-time students must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale with no grade less than a "C."

Police Reports

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Wilton

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

Dec. 12—Assisted Wilton Ambulance with a medical call in the 100 block of W. Fourth Street.

Dec. 12—Report of a road hazard at E. Fifth and Spruce streets. Handled by officer.

Dec. 12—Report of a missing person in the 1200 block of W. Fifth Street. Person was located. Handled by officer.

Dec. 12—Follow-up in the 1200 block of W. Fifth Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 12—Traffic stop at Highway 38 and W. Wate Street. Verbal warning issued for an equipment violation.

Dec. 12—Information call in the 300 block of E. Sixth Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 13—Traffic stop at Highway 38 and W. Third Street. Verbal warning issued for speeding.

Dec. 13—Traffic stop at Cypress and Short streets. Verbal warning issued for speeding.

Dec. 13—Report of a road hazard at Highway 38 and W. Third Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 13—Called to a disturbance related to mental health in the 400 block of E. Sixth Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 14—Medical call in the 100 block of E. Jackson Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 14—Took a report of a theft in the 100 block of E. Fourth Street. Matter remains under investigation.

Dec. 14—Responded to an ordinance violation in the 300 block of Locust Street. Options given.

Dec. 14—Report of a parking problem in the 500 block of Chestnut Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 14—Traffic stop at E. Fifth and Maurer streets. Verbal warning issued for improper headlights.

Dec. 14—Report of a theft in the 100 block of Vine Street. Dakota Reichert was arrested for theft in the fourth degree, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana.

Dec. 15—Juvenile complaint in the 400 block of E. Sixth Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 15—Responded to an animal complaint in the 700 block of Parkview Drive. Unable to locate.

Dec. 15—Assisted another agency in Muscatine County in reference to a domestic assault.

Dec. 15—Parking problem at W. Fourth and Elm streets. Handled by officer.

Dec. 16—Medical call in the 100 block of E. Jackson St. Patient seen by medical crew at this time.

Dec. 17—Assisted the Wilton ambulance service with a medical call in the 1000 block of W. Third Street. Assignment complete.

Dec. 17—Property found in the 1400 block of Nicolaus Drive. Item was returned to owner in the 600 block of Oak Street.

Dec. 17—Medical call in the 700 block of E. First Street. Patient seen by medical team.

Dec. 17—Disturbance of harassing phone calls in the 700 block of Court Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 17—Traffic stop in the 1000 block of W. Fifth Street. Verbal warning issued for a headlight violation.

Dec. 17—Report of a suspicious vehicle in the 700 block of E. Third Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 18—Welfare check in the 300 block of Vine Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 18—Report of suspicious circumstances in the 300 block of Locust Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 18—Follow-up in the 600 block of W. Fifth Street. Handled by officer.

* Performed various checks and patrol on Fifth, Sixth, Cherry, Court, and Cypress streets, as well as Nicolaus Drive.

Durant

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

Dec. 12—Traffic stop at Third Street and Vail Avenue. Warning issued for a traffic violation.

Dec. 13—Vehicle inspection for IDOT licensing requirements completed at the police station.

Dec. 13—Durant Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Community Center.

Dec. 13—UTV registered at the police station. Permit issued.

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Dec. 13—Vehicle inspection for IDOT licensing requirements completed at the police station.

Dec. 13—Suspicious activity on 11th Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 13—Speak with officer call at Casey's regarding a person needing a ride to Davenport.

Dec. 13—Assisted Durant ambulance with a medical call on Eighth Street.

Dec. 14—Jasmine Myers, Durant, was arrested in the 900 block of Sixth Street for outstanding warrants out of Cedar, Scott, and Muscatine Counties. She was transported to Cedar County Jail.

Dec. 14—Assisted Durant Public Works providing traffic control while they did maintenance in the 200 block of Fifth Street.

Dec. 14—UTV registered at the police station. Permit issued.

Dec. 14—Business check on Fifth Street. Advised business owner of non-functioning security lights on building.

Dec. 15—Report of a suspicious person in the 700 block of Fifth Street. Handled by officer.

Dec. 15—Report of a smoke smell in rural Muscatine County. Handled by officer.

Dec. 16—Meeting at Durant Schools. Handled by school resource officer and chief.

Dec. 16—Assisted Durant Ambulance with a medical call on Third Street.

Dec. 16—Extra patrol at Durant Schools. Handled by officer.

Dec. 16—Animal complaint on Vail Avenue. Handled by officer.

Dec. 17—Extra patrol at Durant Schools. Handled by officer.

Dec. 17—Extra patrol at Durant Schools. Handled by officer and school resource officer.

Dec. 17—Juvenile complaint at Durant Schools. Handled by school resource officer.

Dec. 17—Welfare check on 10th Avenue. Handled by officer.

Dec. 17—Assistance provided on 10th Avenue. Handled by officer.

Beaver boys continue to front run, move to 6-1

By Derek Sawvell
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Beavers run away from West Branch

The Wilton boys' basketball team cruised past another River Valley Conference test at home Dec. 14, with a convincing 63-34 win over West Branch.

The teams went back-and-forth in the opening quarter, as Caden Kirkman was held to just two points while being visibly frustrated due to missing a couple inside shots near the rim.

Boys Basketball

The Bears finished the period on a 7-2 run, including a buzzer beater, to lead 13-11.

The run extended to 10-2 with a three to open the second quarter. West Branch led 16-11. From that point, Wilton took off, finishing the half on a 21-2 run, including two threes from Aidan Walker, to open a 32-18 lead at halftime.

The run flooded into the third quarter, as the Beavers blitzed the Bears for 17 more points, capping a 38-4 run that broke the game open 49-20 in favor of Wilton.

Wilton cruised from there, including calling off the starters midway through the fourth quarter of a 63-34 win.

Kirkman led the way with 25 points and 15 rebounds. Walker added 14 points and Jackson Hull added 10. Wilton shot 26-51 (51 percent) from the floor while holding a much smaller West Branch lineup to 25 percent (13-52) shooting.

Wilton picked up another win Dec. 17 on the road at North Cedar. The Beavers used a big first quarter to create a cushion, finishing the frame up nine 21-12, and taking a 36-28 lead to halftime.

Wilton was still up eight heading to the fourth quarter, where the Beavers distanced themselves from the Knights (0-6) with 19 points in the period to win by double digits.

Kirkman was 10-14 from the field, and finished with a double-double scoring 26 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. Landyn Putman had 15 points and Walker added 12.

Wilton moved its record to 6-1 on the season.



Wilton's **Jackson Hull** (left) and **Caden Kirkman** (right) are each shown getting to the basket for easy buckets at home against West Branch Dec. 14. The Beavers blitzed the Bears 63-34.
Photos by Derek Sawvell

Regina holds on, beats Cats

By Derek Sawvell
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Regina outlasts Durant

The Durant boys' basketball team traveled to Regina Dec. 14, giving up 20 points or more in both the first and last quarter of a 75-65 loss.

The game was close throughout, as each team scored at least 14 points in every frame. After a 20-point opening quarter, Durant won the second 16-14 to trail 34-30 at halftime.

Boys Basketball

The margin was still just four (52-48) entering the fourth quarter, but the Regals won the final period 23-17 to hold on for the 10-point win.

Carter Leick was 11-14 from the field with 25 points off the bench to lead Regina. Michael Martin added 17 points.

Garrett Hollenback had 23 points to lead Durant. Nolan DeLong added 19 and Drake Shelangoski had 13.

Both teams were efficient from the field. Regina shot 54 percent (30-55) while Durant was 50 percent from the floor (26-52).

The Wildcats were on the road in Camanche Dec. 17 for another River Valley Conference road tilt. The host Storm did all its damage in the first quarter of a 74-26 win.

Camanche (7-0) went on a 27-3 run to start the game, and cruised from there for the rest of the night.

Nolan DeLong finished with 16 points and six rebounds to lead the Cats. Garrett Hollenback was held scoreless.

Durant is now 1-5 on the season.



Durant's **Ben Orr** takes a shot over a Camanche defender in road River Valley Conference action.
Photo by Andrew Shelangoski

Durant girls earn RVC split

By Derek Sawvell
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Durant splits RVC contests

The Durant girls' basketball team had a hard time scoring on the road in Regina Dec. 14, where the host Regals used a big first half to dismiss the Wildcats 61-19 in a game that eventually saw the running clock.

Girls Basketball

A 21-4 run in the opening quarter set the tone for a Regina (5-1) lead that ballooned to 43-10 by halftime. Things only got worse in the second half, as the Cats were held scoreless in the fourth quarter of the 42-point loss.

Ally Happ had seven points in defeat for Durant.

The Wildcats got back on track Dec. 17, with a River Valley Conference road win at Camanche 37-32. Down 16-8 at halftime, after putting just four points on the board in each of the first two frames, Durant was able to have a big fourth quarter with 14 points, outscoring the Storm 14-5 down the stretch to come back and escape with the 5-point win.

Happ had 18 points and 11 rebounds for a double-double. She was 8-8 from the free-throw line. Isabelle DeLong also had a double-double with 11 points and 11 boards.

Durant moved to 2-5 on the season while Camanche fell to 3-4.



Durant's **Dayna Maiers** puts up a shot over a Camanche defender in a 37-32 road win Dec. 17.
Photo by Andrew Shelangoski

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Injuries continue to plague Wilton, West Branch takes advantage

By Derek Sawvell
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West Branch outlasts Wilton

Another chapter was written in the Wilton vs. West Branch girls' basketball rivalry Dec. 14, when the Bears traveled to Wilton. West Branch outlasted Wilton with a strong fourth quarter to win 44-31, yet the Beavers suffered an even larger loss than the one on the court.

Girls Basketball

Late in the third quarter of a tight game, Wilton guard Peyton Souhrada went down awkwardly on the court with a knee injury. She was helped off the court and would not return. The Beavers were down two at the time, and West Branch would outscore Wilton by 11 points the rest of the way to leave with the win.

The next day, Souhrada was given the news that she had torn her ACL, becoming the second girl on the team (Grace Madlock) to suffer an ACL tear. Both Madlock and Souhrada will have surgery at the end of 2021, and both are out for the rest of the basketball season.

On the court, the teams traded 5-point runs in the opening quarters, and went to halftime tied 17-17. The Bears defense was set on bottling up Kelsey Drake each time she'd handle the ball.

The teams continued to trade buckets in the third, and the Beavers were down 25-23 when Souhrada went down with the knee injury. After combining for 17 points in the second and third quarter, West Branch scored 17 in the fourth quarter alone en route to the double-digit win.

The undefeated Bears (6-0) then broke into the Class 2A rankings later in the week at No. 9.

August Palmer led West Branch with 13 points and 14 rebounds for a double-double. Kylie Pickett added 11 points.

Drake scored 14 to lead all scorers. Payton Ganzer had five points off the bench. No other Beaver had more than four. Wilton shot just 21 percent (10-48) from the field.

Wilton righted the ship Dec. 17 on the road at North Cedar, using a huge first half to defeat the winless Knights (0-7) 68-27.

The Beavers did their damage early and often, leading 21-9 before dropping 30 points in the second quarter to blow the game open 51-15 at halftime. Wilton benefitted from the continuous clock in the second half, moving its record to 5-2.

Drake had 27 points on 10-17 shooting, and was 7-8 from the free-throw line. Ella Caffery added 18 points and 11 boards for a double-double.



The West Branch defense spent most of the night smothering Wilton top scorer **Kelsey Drake**, who's shown above breaking for a contested shot in a 44-31 home loss Dec. 14.
Photo by Derek Sawvell

Durant's Ethan Gast wins 100th career match

By Derek Sawvell
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Both Wilton and Durant wrestling teams were on the road Dec. 14, as the Beavers and Wildcats took long road trips.

Wilton went to Lynnville-Sully for the first time, where the Beavers swept a quadrangular with wins over Lynnville-Sully 62-18, Collins-Maxwell 72-12 and Iowa Valley, Marengo 48-33.

In the tightest of the duals, against Iowa Valley, Marengo, Wilton had three straight pins at two different times to help secure the victory. Owen Adlfinger (106 pounds), Brody Brisker (113) and Jordan Dusenberry each recorded falls. Later, Lucas Dora (132), Owen Milder (138) and Garrett Burkle (145) each won with pins.

Tyrrell Hughes (220) and Gavin Schnepper (182) also recorded pins in the meet.

Durant traveled to English Valleys, where they went 0-3 in a quadrangular meet.

In a 42-33 loss to Colfax-Mingo, Carlie Jo Fusco (106 pounds) and Lainey Shelangoski (113) each picked up wins. Fusco won 13-6 over Lily Webster and Shelangoski won by fall over Riely Wright.

Gus Thoma won by fall at 120. Ethan Gast (132), Wyatt Cole (138) and Kenny Salemi (145) all won by fall. Through the lighter weights, Durant was up 33-6. It was the higher weights where Colfax-Mingo took control, winning six of the final seven. Four of the wins were by forfeit.

English Valleys defeated Durant 42-24. The Cats collected three forfeits and Kadyn Kraklio won by fall at 152.

Sigourney-Keota defeated Durant 69-11. Gast won by tech fall at 132 and Wyatt Cole won by fall at 138, representing the only two Wildcat wins.

Ethan Gast gets win No. 100

Durant senior Ethan Gast won his 100th match in a quadrangular at Wapello Dec. 16. He went 2-1 on the night, including a forfeit, loss by fall to Columbus' Lane Scorpil, and a 9-2 win over Wapello's Garret Dickey. He came into the night with 99 wins, and finished the evening at 101 and counting.

Gast is currently ranked fourth in Class 1A at 132 pounds according to IAwrestle.

Durant lost 63-15 to Columbus. Wyatt Cole and Kenny Salemi each got pins at 138 and 145. Nicholas Poston defeated Ethan Palmer 8-5 at 195 pounds.

The Wildcats lost 54-24 to West Burlington, Notre Dame. The 24 points came on four forfeits for the Cats.

Host Wapello defeated Durant 57-9. Gast got a 9-2 win at 126 pounds, and Poston got a pin at 195.



Durant senior **Ethan Gast** picked up career win No. 100 during a dual in Wapello last week.
Photo by Derek Sawvell

Cats wrestle in Starmont

Durant traveled to Starmont Dec. 18 for the Doug Guilford tournament, finishing eighth in the team standings with 67 points. Starmont won the tournament with 183 points.

The Wildcats took seven wrestlers. Gast won the championship at 132 pounds, winning two contested matches including an 8-2 win over MFL MarMac's Andrew Heins in the finals.

Wyatt Cole wrestled to third at 138 pounds, going 3-1 on the day in contested matches, including a win by fall over Anthony King of Starmont in the third place match.

Joshua Peel (106) and Nicholas Poston (195) each finished fifth in their weight classes.

Durant bowling teams travel to Camanche for coed meet

By Ben Huston
for the Advocate News

On Dec. 13, the Durant girls' bowling team was in action at Imperial Lanes in Camanche. Durant ran into a very seasoned and experienced Camanche team that shot a team total of 3,050. The Wildcats continue to get stronger, but were not able to put up much of a fight. Macyn Huston shot a season high 211 game to finish second high on the team (141+211=352). Top spot was Brooklyn Schlapkohl (174+179=353) followed by Lauren Huston (102+151=253), Alyssa Digney (110+112=222), Nadalie McKinley (90+110=200) and Harleigh Briggs (84+76=160). They did bowl much better in the five team baker games, averaging 145 for a team total of 2,109.

The Wildcat girls bounced back at Horizon

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Durant's boys' bowling team is pictured above and includes (from left) Blake Thoma, Mathew Jenkinson, Braden Barclay, Tevin Miller, Ethan Schlapkohl, Zach Pearlman, Kayden Johnson, Garrett Pearlman, Brady Meincke, Cooper Huston, Jaxson Saylor, Gavin Broussard, Jacob Imhoff, Dominic James, head coach Dan Sterner.
Photo by Ben Huston

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Varsity Boys' Basketball

Wilton 63, West Branch 34
Dec. 14 at Wilton

Player	FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	B
Aidan Walker	4-7	2-4	0-0	14	3	1	1	2
Clayton Guyer	2-2	0-0	0-0	4	1	4	1	0
Landyn Putman	0-1	2-6	0-0	6	5	1	1	0
Caden Kirkman	11-17	0-2	3-3	25	15	2	1	2
Jackson Hull	2-5	1-5	3-4	10	3	3	4	1
Mason Ormsby	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2	0
Casen Reid	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0
Robert Martin	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Abram Jirak	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Bowers	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Cade Nolte	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Nolan Townsend	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	1	0	0
Lucas DuRocher	2-2	0-0	0-0	4	2	2	1	0
Wilton	**21-34**	**5-17**	**6-7**	**63**	**33**	**16**	**11**	**5**

Score by Quarters

West Branch	13	5	2	14	—	34
Wilton	11	21	17	14	—	63

Iowa City Regina 75, Durant 65
Dec. 14 at Iowa City Regina

Player	FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	B
Nolan DeLong	7-10	1-4	2-2	19	5	3	1	0
Garrett Hollenback	4-10	5-9	0-0	23	3	3	2	0
D. Shelangoski	4-5	1-2	2-4	13	6	2	1	0
Nathan Voss	1-2	0-3	0-0	2	0	2	2	1
Ben Orr	0-1	2-4	0-0	6	1	0	0	0
Caden Meyer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	1
Charlie Huesmann	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	1	0
Michael Iossi	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0
Kyle DeWulf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Durant	**17-29**	**9-23**	**4-6**	**65**	**18**	**12**	**7**	**2**

Score by Quarters

Durant	14	16	18	17	—	65
IC Regina	20	14	18	23	—	75

Wilton 70, North Cedar 55
Dec. 17 at North Cedar

Player	FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	B
Aidan Walker	2-5	1-6	5-7	12	3	2	3	0
Clayton Guyer	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	3	6	1	0
Landyn Putman	2-3	3-7	2-6	15	4	2	0	0
Caden Kirkman	9-13	1-1	5-10	26	15	2	2	4
Jackson Hull	2-5	1-2	1-2	8	3	4	1	0
Casen Reid	1-1	0-4	0-0	2	2	0	0	0
Lucas DuRocher	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	11	2	1	1
Wilton	**19-34**	**6-20**	**14-27**	**70**	**41**	**18**	**8**	**5**

Score by Quarters

Wilton	21	15	15	19	—	70
North Cedar	12	16	15	12	—	55

Camanche 74, Durant 26
Dec. 17 at Camanche

Player	FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	B
Nolan DeLong	6-10	1-5	1-1	16	6	0	1	1
Garrett Hollenback	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0	2
D. Shelangoski	0-1	1-2	1-2	4	5	1	0	0
Nathan Voss	0-0	0-4	0-0	0	2	0	0	0
Bryce Czarnetzki	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	1	0	0	0
Caden Meyer	0-4	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0
Charlie Huesmann	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	2	0
Colyn Dean	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Robbie Olsen	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0
Michael Iossi	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Ben Orr	0-1	1-4	0-0	3	2	1	0	0
Lane Felske	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle DeWulf	1-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	1	0
Durant	**7-26**	**3-16**	**3-5**	**26**	**29**	**5**	**5**	**3**

Score by Quarters

Durant	3	10	8	5	—	26
Camanche	274	21	15	11	—	74

Cats compete in baker tourney

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Lanes in Bellevue on Dec. 16, to collect their second win of the year. The team was led by Macyn Huston (133+180=313) and Brooklyn Schlapkohl (128+159=287). Lauren Huston (153+94=247), Alyssa Digney (121+93=214), Harleigh Briggs (100+104=204), and Nadalie McKinley (69+96=165) rounded out the team individual scoring. The team took the lead into the bakers round, and grew the lead to finish with 1,987. Bellevue fell short with a 1,772 team total.

The Wildcat boys were in action for two dual meets and one invitational tournament. The first meet was on Dec. 13 at Camanche. The team started out hot, with Ethan Schlapkohl shooting 205. He finished the second game with 212 for a total of 417. Schlapkohl led the Wildcats for the night. The rest of the team came up a little short to Camanche. Brady Meincke (181+193=374), Kayden Johnson (190+182=372), Cooper Huston (180+168=348), Zach Pearlman (172+159=331), and Mathew Jenkinson (126+191=317) rounded out the team. In bakers, the boys averaged 190 and finished with 2,793.

The second meet of the week was in Bellevue on Dec. 16. Birthday boy Cooper Huston led the Cats with a team high 232 first game, followed with 189 for a total of 421. Brady Meincke (155+222=377) and Ethan Schlapkohl (195+180=375) were close behind. Kayden Johnson (150+170=320), Mathew Jenkinson (144+147=291) and Zach Pearlman (117+147=264) finished out the team. During the five baker games, the boys averaged 189 but could not make up the deficit to Camanche, losing the dual 3,068 to 2,729.

To round out the week, the boys' team traveled to Lancer Lanes in Cedar Rapids on Dec. 18 for the 22-team Bakers Invitational. This tournament is set up for each team to bowl head-to-head against teams for two games at a time. Each win earns the team two points, and the teams with the highest point total at the end of 14 baker games advance on to an 8-team bracket for the championship. The Wildcats started off splitting games with the first two teams and earned 4 points, and were tied for third place. They averaged 159 during those games. The boys dropped the next four games with an average of 167, and dropped to 20th place. They then caught fire for the last six games and averaged 187. During those games, they earned 8 points and jumped up to finish the invitational in 14th place. For the tournament Cooper Huston, Ethan Schlapkohl, Kayden Johnson, Brady Meincke, Zach Pearlman, and Mathew Jenkinson averaged 173 in the 14 baker games.

Both teams will have a couple weeks off during the holiday season, but will be back in action on Jan. 8 in Muscatine at Rose Bowl.



The Durant girls' bowling team is pictured and includes (front from left) Alyssa Digney, Nadalie McKinley, Macyn Huston; Back row, Alyssa Skriloff, Lauren Huston, Brooklyn Schlapkohl, Harleigh Briggs. Not pictured: head coach Mick Henderson.

Photo by Ben Huston

Varsity Girls' Basketball

West Branch 44, Wilton 31
Dec. 14 at Wilton

Player	FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	B
Mallory Lange	0-3	1-3	1-4	4	3	0	3	0
Ella Caffery	1-11	0-0	2-4	4	8	0	0	0
Peyton Souhrada	2-3	0-2	0-0	4	6	3	3	2
Charlotte Brown	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	5	1	1	0
Kelsey Drake	3-14	0-0	8-9	14	7	0	3	0
Payton Ganzer	2-8	0-0	1-3	5	4	0	1	1
Maddy Wade	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	0	0
Hayley Madlock	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Wilton	**9-43**	**1-5**	**12-20**	**33**	**41**	**4**	**11**	**3**

Score by Quarters

West Branch	10	7	10	17	—	44
Wilton	5	12	6	8	—	31

Iowa City Regina 61, Durant 19
Dec. 14 at Iowa City Regina

Player	FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	B
Kylie Schult	0-0	1-1	0-0	3	2	0	0	0
Ally Happ	2-3	1-3	0-0	7	0	1	2	0
Isabelle DeLong	1-2	0-0	1-1	3	3	1	1	0
Elizabeth Daufeldt	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	3	0	1	0
Peyton Buesing	2-6	0-1	0-0	4	2	0	1	1
Kiyah Daily	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Dayna Maiers	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0	3	1	0
Addison Schuett	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Avery Paper	0-2	0-0	0-00	1	1	0	0	0
Savannah Meinert	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison Weber	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Joslyn Entsminger	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Durant	**6-21**	**2-7**	**1-3**	**19**	**13**	**6**	**6**	**1**

Score by Quarters

Durant	4	6	9	0	—	19
IC Regina	21	22	8	10	—	61

Wilton 68, North Cedar 27
Dec. 17 at North Cedar

Player	FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	B
Mallory Lange	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	5	6	2	0
Maddy Wade	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	2	0
Ella Caffery	8-12	0-0	2-4	18	11	3	1	1
Charlotte Brown	1-3	1-1	0-0	5	3	3	5	0
Kelsey Drake	10-14	0-3	7-8	27	2	3	0	0
Catie Hook	0-3	0-0	0-1	0	0	2	2	0
Payton Ganzer	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	5	0	1	0
Lauren Thompson	2-6	0-0	2-4	6	3	4	2	0
Jozalynn Zaiser	1-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	2	0
Kiley Langley	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Hayley Madlock	4-6	0-0	0-0	8	4	0	0	0
Wilton	**27-56**	**1-6**	**11-19**	**68**	**40**	**21**	**18**	**1**

Score by Quarters

Wilton	21	30	13	4	—	68
North Cedar	9	6	4	8	—	27

Durant 37, Camanche 32
Dec. 17 at Camanche

Player	FG	3FG	FT	TP	R	A	S	B
Ally Happ	5-11	0-2	8-8	18	11	0	21	0
Dayna Maiers	0-1	1-4	0-0	3	1	0	0	0
Isabelle DeLong	3-12	0-5	5-7	11	11	1	1	0
Elizabeth Daufeldt	2-7	0-0	1-2	5	3	1	1	0
Peyton Buesing	0-5	0-0	0-2	0	2	2	0	1
Kylie Schult	0-0	0-5	0-0	0	4	0	3	0
Lauryn Tate	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Hannah Peel	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0
Kaylie Weber	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Durant	**10-38**	**1-16**	**14-19**	**37**	**33**	**4**	**8**	**1**

Score by Quarters

Durant	4	4	15	14	—	37
Camanche	5	11	11	5	—	32

Varsity Wrestling

Colfax-Mingo 42, Durant 33
Dec. 14 at English Valleys

106: Carlie Jo Fusco dec. Lily Webster (CM) 13-6. **113:** Lainey Shelangoski pinned Riely Wright (CM) 2:40. **120:** Gus Thoma pinned Danica Linn (CM) 5:37. **126:** Mariah Webster (CM) won by forfeit. **132:** Ethan Gast pinned JT Berner (CM) 1:50. **138:** Wyatt Cole pinned Kylie Doty (CM) 1:51. **145:** Kenny Salemi pinned Xavier Woods (CM) 1:47. **152:** John McGill (CM) pinned Kadyn Kraklio 3:31. **160:** Austin Lane (CM) won by forfeit. **170:** Maggie Schroeder (CM) won by forfeit. **182:** Katie Schlosser (CM) won by forfeit. **195:** Double forfeit. **220:** Shane Aikin (CM) pinned Nicholas Poston 1:01. **285:** Kenny Schlosser (CM) won by forfeit.

English Valleys 42, Durant 24
Dec. 14 at English Valleys

220: Luke Moore (EV) won by forfeit. **285:** Dillon Kapple (EV) won by forfeit. **106:** Carlie Jo Fusco won by forfeit. **113:** Lainey Shelangoski won by forfeit. **120:** Dominic Garringer (EV) pinned Gus Thoma 2:23. **126:** Double forfeit. **132:** Ethan Gast won by forfeit. **138:** Ty Moore (EV) pinned Wyatt Cole 0:23. **145:** Joshua Osborn (EV) pinned Kenny Salemi 2:56. **152:** Kadyn Kraklio pinned Keegan Walker (EV) 1:17. **160:** Omar Guillen (EV) won by forfeit. **170:** Double forfeit. **182:** Double forfeit. **195:** Ashton Moore (EV) pinned Nicholas Poston.

Sigourney-Keota 69, Durant 11
Dec. 14 at English Valleys

182: Aidan Schuster (SK) won by forfeit. **195:** Cade Streigle (SK) pinned Nicholas Poston 0:00. **220:** Conner Reed (SK) won by forfeit. **285:** Zachary Smithart (SK) won by forfeit. **106:** Reanah Utterback (SK) pinned Carlie Jo Fusco 0:00. **113:** Austin Gorsh (SK) pinned Gus Thoma 0:00. **120:** Brady Clark (SK) won by forfeit. **126:** Carter Wyatt (SK) won by forfeit. **132:** Ethan Gast tech. fall Dan McLaughlin (SK) 15-0 (0:00). **138:** Wyatt Cole pinned Reid Molyneaux (SK) 0:00. **145:** DJ Hammes (SK) pinned Kenny Salemi 0:00. **152:** Evan Dawson (SK) dec. Kadyn Kraklio 10-8. **160:** Cade Molyneaux (SK) won by forfeit. **170:** Jack Clarahan (SK) won by forfeit.

Wilton 72, Collins-Maxwell 12
Dec. 14 at Lynnville-Sully

170: Kaden Shirk pinned Lucas Ness (CM) 2:38. **182:** Brody Sampson (CM) pinned Gavin Schnepper 3:01. **195:** Marshall Day (CM) won by forfeit. **220:** Tyrrell Hughes won by forfeit. **285:** Aiden Hewitt won by forfeit. **106:** Kale McQuillen pinned Zach Haus (CM) 1:52. **113:** Brody Brisker won by forfeit. **120:** Jordan Dusenberry won by forfeit. **126:** Lucas Dora pinned Benjamin Connolly (CM) 0:19. **132:** Hannah Rogers pinned Gracie Leslie (CM) 2:00. **138:** Owen Milder won by forfeit. **145:** Garrett Burkle won by forfeit. **152:** Damian Pestle pinned Blake Huntrods (CM) 1:33. **160:** Maxwell Yohe pinned David Clark (CM) 1:25.

Wilton 48, Iowa Valley 33
Dec. 14 at Lynnville-Sully

195: Ronan Peach (IV) won by forfeit. **220:** Tyrrell Hughes pinned Taite Peach (IV) 2:00. **285:** Garrett Hoyt (IV) dec. Aiden Hewitt 11-8. **106:** Owen Adlfinger pinned Joshua Hocamp (IV) 0:40. **113:** Brody Brisker pinned Danny Rios (IV) 0:00. **120:** Jordan Dusenberry pinned Carter Hassebroek (IV) 2:30. **126:** Zane Keim (IV) pinned Blaine Dohrmann 0:37. **132:** Lucas Dora pinned Karter Thiessen (IV) 3:41. **138:** Owen Milder pinned Khain Thiessen (IV) 1:48. **145:** Garrett Burkle pinned Emma Peach (IV) 2:28. **152:** Pierce Kienitz (IV) pinned Damian Pestle 1:40. **160:** Colton Hudepohl (IV) won by forfeit. **170:** Brody Hoyt (IV) pinned Kaden Shirk 4:56. **182:** Gavin Schnepper pinned Nathaniel Miller (IV) 3:27. **Extra:** Hannah Rogers pinned Claire Smolik (IV) 1:38. **126 Extra:** Clay Ledger pinned Jeffery Crawford (IV) 3:16.

Columbus 63, Durant 15
Dec. 16 at Wapello

106: Jacob Nelson (C) dec. Joshua Peel 6-1. **113:** Ty Scorpil (C) pinned Gus Thoma 0:57. **120:** Preston Prior (C) won by forfeit. **126:** Lane Scorpil pinned Ethan Gast 1:36. **132:** Johnathan Miranda (C) won by forfeit. **138:** Wyatt Cole pinned Sheaden Adams (C) 0:34. **145:** Kenny Salemi pinned Dante Zuniga (C) 3:03. **152:** Cael Phillips (C) won by forfeit. **160:** Lane Genkinger (C) won by forfeit. **170:** Adan Martinez (C) won by forfeit. **182:** Jarit Tapia (C) won by forfeit. **195:** Nicholas Poston dec. Ethan Palmer (C) 8-5. **220:** Kai Malone (C) pinned Max Thoma 1:50. **285:** Russel Coil (C) won by forfeit.

Burlington Notre Dame 55, Durant 24
Dec. 16 at Wapello

106: Carter West (BND) pinned Joshua Peel 0:36. **113:** Gus Thoma won by forfeit. **120:** C.J. Davis (BND) won by forfeit. **126:** Ethan Gast won by forfeit. **132:** Blaine Frazier (BND) won by forfeit. **138:** Tate O'Shea (BND) pinned Wyatt Cole 1:01. **145:** River Belger (BND) pinned Kenny Salemi 1:15. **152:** Lyblie Christofferson (BND) won by forfeit. **160:** Isiah Fenton (BND) won by forfeit. **170:** Samuel West (BND) won by forfeit. **182:** CJ Walrath (BND) won by forfeit. **195:** Double forfeit. **220:** Nicholas Poston won by forfeit. **285:** Max Thoma won by forfeit.

Wapello 57, Durant 9
Dec. 16 at Wapello

106: Codder Malcolm (W) dec. Joshua Peel 10-8. **113:** Dawson Tipps (W) pinned Gus Thoma 2:20. **120:** Zach Harbison (W) won by forfeit. **126:** Ethan Gast dec. Garret Dickey (W) 9-2. **132:** Jacob Chamberlain (W) won by forfeit. **138:** Matthew Helscher (W) pinned Wyatt Cole 5:39. **145:** Elijah Belzer (W) pinned Kenny Salemi 0:53. **152:** Garen Wilkerson (W) won by forfeit. **160:** Double forfeit. **170:** Zaidan Davis (W) won by forfeit. **182:** Double forfeit. **195:** Nicholas Poston pinned Carter Ball (W) 1:34. **220:** Caleb Ealey (W) pinned Max Thoma 0:11. **285:** Dakota Boline (W) won by forfeit.

Doug Guilford Invitational
Dec. 18 at Starmont

Team Scoring: 1. Starmont 183.0; 2. Monticello 170.0; 3. MFL-Mar-Mac 168.0; 4. Waukon 146.0; 5. East Buchanan 128.0; 6. Jesup 118.5; 7. BGM 101.0; 8. Durant 67.0; 9. Central City 30.0.

106: Joshua Peel received a bye; Peel pinned Trevan Reinhart (CC) 3:57; Ethan Long (M) pinned Peel 0:52; Jaden Peyton (EB) pinned Peel 0:43; Peel pinned Reinhart (CC) 3:31. Peel finished 5th.

113: Gus Thoma received a bye; Ethan Gibbs (W) pinned Thoma 2:47.

132: Ethan Gast received a bye; Gast pinned Dawson Zobac (S) 3:04; Gast dec. Andrew Heins (MFL) 8-2. Gast finished 1st.

138: Wyatt Cole received a bye; Cole pinned Kaleb Zuck (J) 3:20; Bryce Radloff (MFL) pinned Cole 0:36; Cole pinned Ian Otdoefer (S) 3:30; Cole pinned Anthony King (S) 3:30. Cole finished 3rd.

145: Jarrett Ciesielski (J) pinned Kenny Salemi 1:28; Salemi pinned Elias Etzel (M) 1:15; Luke Burds (CC) pinned Salemi 3:05.

195: Nicholas Poston received a bye; Skyler Blad (J) pinned Poston 1:38; Poston received a bye; Poston pinned Owen Recker (EB) 3:09; Miles Hatchel (M) pinned Poston 0:51; Poston dec. Collin Henkles (MFL) 5-0. Poston finished 5th.

220: Austin Schaller (MFL) pinned Max Thoma 0:44; Thoma received a bye; Thoma pinned Bryce Cleeton (M) 3:07; Connor Cooling (BGM) 0:34; Schaller (MFL) pinned Thoma 0:29. Thoma finished 6th.

Bowling

Prairie Girls' Baker Tournament
Dec. 11 at Lancer Lanes

Team Averages: Keokuk 174.00; Iowa City High 175.93; Clinton 174.79; Louisa-Muscatine 169.50; Cedar Rapids Prairie 169.43; Waterloo West 167.79; Cedar Rapids Kennedy 165.86; Linn-Mar 164.93; Vinton-Shellsburg 173.57; Cedar Rapids Jefferson 168.36; Davenport North 160.71; West Delaware 155.71; Central DeWitt 153.86; Cedar Falls 169.00; Marion 133.07; Independence 136.21; Durant 134.64; Iowa City West 132.43; North Scott 117.00; Cedar Rapids Washington 125.79; Pleasant Valley 125.29; Cedar Rapids Xavier 124.79.

Total Pins: Keokuk 2436; Iowa City High 2463; Clinton 2447; Louisa-Muscatine 2373; Cedar Rapids Prairie 2372; Waterloo West 2349; Cedar Rapids Kennedy 2322; Linn-Mar 2309; Vinton-Shellsburg 2430; Cedar Rapids Jefferson 2357; Davenport North 2250; West Delaware 2180; Central DeWitt 2154; Cedar Falls 2366; Marion 1863; Independence 1907; Durant 1885; Iowa City West 1854; North Scott 1638; Cedar Rapids Washington 1761; Pleasant Valley 1754; Cedar Rapids Xavier 1747.



The Advocate News presented second grade students in Wilton, Durant and Bennett with a Christmas question again this holiday season. Students were asked:



What are Mrs. Claus and the elves up to while Santa and the Reindeer are out delivering packages?



Following are the students' answers, which were submitted Dec. 10.



Mrs. Deb Storjohann's Bennett second grade—Front row from left, Kahler Hicks, Amelia Costello, Walter Schmitt, Brooklynn Kraklio-Barker, Scotty Derby; Second row, Justice Bartunek, Keegan Klahn, Mrs. Storjohann, Max Harvey.

Bennett Elementary

Deb Storjohann's class

Amelia Costello—When santa is gone, Mrs. Claus and the elves are making cookies for when santa gets back. And they're making a treat for when the reindeer come back. They are also getting milk ready to go with the cookies for Santa. The reindeer get fresh hay for their stalls so that they can have a good night and sleep well after the busy night. I bet they're really tired after flying around the whole world.

Justice Bartunek—Mrs. Claus and the elves are building toys for next christmas. They also ride snowmobiles. When they get done, they eat cookies.

Walter Schmitt—Mrs. Claus is telling the elves what to do. They make hot chocolate for Santa when he gets back. Mrs. Claus will watch the bad or good kids and tell Santa who has been naughty or nice. Then when Santa arrives they get to do whatever they want.

Keegan Klahn—Mr. Claus is gone. Mrs. Claus is making cookies, and the elves are making more toys.

Kahler Hicks—When Santa's gone, the elves and Mrs. Claus are making gifts for next year. The elves on the shelf are going to get picked up by Santa. The reindeer in training are eating right now.

Scotty Derby—Mrs. Claus and the elves are waiting for Santa, and they are making a new list. They are making some cookies and milk.

Brooklynn Kraklio-Barker—When Santa is gone with the Reindeer, Mrs. Claus and the elves are making cookies and the elves are making gifts for next year. When Santa gets back from bringing gifts to the kids, they are tired.

Max Harvey—Mrs. Claus and the elves are making toys for Santa. They are bringing the presents to the sky.

Wilton Elementary

Laurie Sabers' class

Pyper Sivia—While Santa and the reindeer are delivering presents, Miss claus and the elves make cady canes. Then they eat some but they save some for santa.

Grayson Daniels—Santa and The reindeer are delivering. and Mrs. Claus and the elves are having a dance party in the tub. The reindeer came back. Santa didn't get involved. All of them were in the tub except Santa.

Keller Steffens—Mrs. Claus and the elves are having a taco dance party with snowmen and the snowmen break every thing in the house but all of the snowmen melt. When santa comes home he says no more parties.

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Westley Endris—mrs claus and the elves made cookies. They ate them. They were good.

Rylee Miller—First they ate all the Snacks. Then they would go Sledding, Then they would watch Christmas movies and have a party but then… Santa was coming so they had to pick up very fast. They turned off the lights and pretended to sleep.

Nic Dusenberry—mrs. claus and the elves are helping direct Santa to the places on earth with their goggles and computers. They talk to Santa with headsets. Then they tell mrs claus That they are almost done They are happy. They party.

Lydia Roush—While santa and reindeer are gone Mrs Claus is naughty. She hides all the toys every where. She eats all the cookies the elves made especially for him. She puts toys in the oven for a surprise for the elves. Santa gets back. AHH!!! No way. clean this mess.

Dara Proctor—Santa is delveing Christmas to kids. the elves are having a party. They are counting to 50. They stop Miss claus stop the music.

Sherrielyn Morgan—Mrs Claus is sleeping. The elves are making toy's. The naughty elf is breaking the toys. Santa is back. He told him stop. He stopped. All was happy!

Henry Jipp—The elves are eating tacos! The elves are setting off fireworks! The elves are dancing there butts off! The elves are eating the world! The elves are on their bed! Well miss claus is sleeping!



Miss Laurie Sabers' Wilton second grade—Front row from left, Garrett DeVore, Nolan Rose, Alivia Zaehringer, Colin Thornton, Henry Jipp, Pyper Sivia, Westley Endris, Arlo Hunt, Emersyn Webber, Sherrielyn Morgan, Lydia Roush, Keller Steffens, Dara Proctor; Back row, Grayson Daniels, Julian Valencia, Savannah Tucker, Rennan Axtell, Maverick Holladay, Trevor White, Rylee Miller, Nic Dusenberry, Emma Kelley, Emilie Maxwell, Avery Ramsey.

Emma Kelley—While Santas away mrs. claus went to bed. The elves have a dance party. The sound of it is at 100. The elves get carried away and break every thing. They fixed it up. So they all sing together and mrs. claus went back to sleep.

Savannah Tucker—Mrs. Claus and the elves are macking cookies. Mrs. Claus and the elves are having a hot tub party. While mrs. claus is sleeping the elves are eating All the candy canes mrs. claus woke up and froze in place. Clean this up now!

Emersyn Webber—The elves and mrs claus are cooking. They are making cakes in the oven until. Santa gets home and then they can have a dance party.

Alivia Zaehringer—They are putting the christmas tree up They put red and green ornaments then one fell off and when Santa got home he was very very mad. Then they went to bed.

Avery Ramsey—mrs claus and the elves are making cakes and cokies. mrs. claus and the elves are putting up the Christmas three and then Santa gets home. Santa did not feel good so they went to bed.

Rennan Axtell—Mrs claus and the elves are making toys. Mrs claus and the elves are having a dance party! Mrs claus and the elves are cooking but Mrs claus and the elves burnt the house. When Santa came home he said what did you guys doooooo!

Colin Thornton—Miss claus and the elves are making chocolate chip cookies and making cakes. They are having a blast at the shop and are directing santa where to go with the computer. santa came back to the shop.

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Arlo Hunt—First Mrs Claus was sleeping. Then the elves were having a dance party. They made a big mess. Then Santa got back and got mad at them!

Nolan J. Rose—While Santa and the reindeer are delivering presents to the children Mrs. Claus and half of the elves are having a taco party. The other half is having a taco/sub extravaganza.

But the fun had to Stop! Santa was in trouble! Santa has crashed and Says it will be fine in 5 hours.

Garrett DeVore—Mrs. Claus and elves are having a snowball fight. Santa joined the snowball fight.

Emilie—Mrs claus and the elves are making cakes while santa and the reindeer are away. Santa came back home. mrs. claus and the elves see Santa and then they have a dance party There was a naughthy elf.

Maverick Holladay—The elves are making toys in the hot tub. mrs claus is having a taco party

Trevor White—Mrs. claus and the elves are having a party. They had to quit because Santa came home to a mess. He woke the elves up to clean up the mess.

Julian Valencia—Santa is delivering Presents. The elves are having a taco party. Mrs. claus is taking a bath. Wild one! But Santa is back. Santa sent the elves to time out. Then Santa had to clean the mess up. Now Santa is taking a nap.

Melanie Drake's class

Charlotte Shuger—Mrs. Claus is baking cookies. Whilte Mrs Claus is baking cookies, the elves are eating candy canes. They sing Oh Christmas Tree. They play with cats and dogs. They can make hot cocoa. They will make sugar cookies and some milk for Santa.

They can make a ginger bread houses. They will make video games for the children. The elves will practice sitting still. Mrs. Claus will make potions. The elves will ice skate. The elves will make toys for the kids for next year.

John Cauwels—They are getting the Stalls ready for the Reindeer. Mrs. claus is cooking food for santa like his favorite white chocolate chip cookies. They are all watching christmas movies.

Kensington Boorn—Mrs. claus is making some cookies for santa when he comes back and the elves are making some toys for next year. They are playing some christmas music and the elves are making some stockings for children who don't have them.

Luke LaMar—Mrs. Claus is making cookies for Santa. She is making sugar cookies. The elves are making toys for the kids!

Coralynn Crawford—Mrs. Claus is making the elves snicker doodle cookies. The elves are watching a movie and eating cookies and drinking hot cocoa.

Alex Ford—They are all making presents. Mrs. claus is playing a game.

Tianna Kraklio—I think Mrs. Claus is making Santa's bed and making hot cocoa for Santa Claus. I think the elves are making presents for Santa Claus and cleaning the dishes. The elves are making supper for Santa and doing Santa's chores.

Bowen Chinander—The elves are making more presents and Mrs. Claus is making his bed for him to sleep when he returns to the North Pole.

Liam—Mrs. Claus is eating cake and building a snowman. The elves are having a snowball fight, playing tag, and drinking hot cocoa.

Auggie—They will bake sugar cookies. They will watch Christmas movies. They will decorate the Christmas tree for Santa.

William—The elves are playing tag. Mrs. claus is sleeping by the fireplace.

Adelyn Liebmann—I think the elves are doing some work for next year's Christmas. They are talking a lot and watching movies. Mrs. Claus is baking m&m cookies.

Jay Mason—I think they would make a runway for the sleigh or they're making more toys. Maybe they are cleaning his office (if he had one). I bet they answer phone calls that are important or fill papers he forgot to do. Or they call him in case of a storm is coming.

Jacob Greazel—Mrs. Claus is baking 400 cookies for Santa when he gets back from delivering his gifts. He eats all of them but he wants more. The elves are having a snowball fight.

Lillian Ellithorpe—Mrs. Claus might be sewing stockings and the elves might be coming back from their homes or getting ready for bed.

Nolan Scott—I think the elves are making a runway for when santa comes back with the sleigh. Mrs. claus is making oreo cookies for Mr. claus. They are making toys for next year.

Emmry Holladay—Mrs. Claus is making hot cocoa and making chocolate chip cookies and getting Santa's clothes for bed. The elves are making more toys for all the kids.

Harper Frank—They are making presents and chocolate chip cookies. They will eat the cookies and then Say Yummm!

Lane Hinkhouse—Mrs. claus is baking cookies and the elves are running away eating candy canes and playing tag. They are having a camp fire and drinking white milk.

Finley Billhorn—Mrs. Claus is making chocolate cookies and the elves are cleaning and making supper and dessert. The elves are also making more toys and Mrs. Claus is











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making hot chocolate for Santa. The elves are putting up the chrismas ornaments on the tree. The elves and Mrs. Claus will then go to bed.

Winter—Mrs. Claus is baking sugar cookies with sprinkles for the kids. The elves are making hats, scarves, earmuffs, and gloves. Some penguins come and Mrs. Claus let them in and She made them hot chocolate. It was a mess! They had fun making gingerbread houses and people.

Kelly Kirkman's class

Carter Denkman—Mrs. Claus and the elves are making cookies for Santa. When Santa gets home, he is surprised. Then he eats the cookies.

Audrey Septer—When Santa is gone, mrs Claus and the elves bake cookies and decorate the tree. When Santa gets back, they jump out and yell, "Merry Christmas!"

Zurey Bishop—Mrs. Claus and the elves make magic cookies.

Mrs. Claus Puts a lot of Christmas magic into the cookies. When Santa gets back they give him the cookies with milk. He likes them a lot. He goes to bed because the cookies made him extra sleepy, because they were so good.

Dylan Murdock—Mrs. Claus and the elves leave the shop to go caroling. when they get back they make hot chocolate. They take down christmas decorations that they put up. when santa comes back they put out milk and cookies and make a snowman.

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Mrs. Melanie Drake's Wilton second grade—Front row from left, Winter West-Nesbit, Nolan Scott, Jacob Greazel, Alex Ford, Lillian Ellithorpe, Tianna Kraklio, Emmry Holladay; Middle row, Charlotte Shuger, William Bothel, Bowen Chinander, Auggie Wagaman, Liam Montagna, Luke LaMar, John Cauwels; Back row, Mrs. Kim Brown, Kensington Boorn, Finley Billhorn, Jay Mason, Coralynn Crawford, Lane Hinkhouse, Harper Frank, Adelyn Liebmann, Mrs. Drake.

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Letters to SANTA! Merry Christmas!

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Miss Kelly Kirkman's Wilton second grade—Front row from left, Katie Elam, Zurey Bishop, Kimberly Anderson, Olivia Robles, Tillie Marolf, Audrey Septer; Second row, Adrien Gookin, Raelynn Howland, Carter Denkman, Juliana VanDusen, Allie Pulliam, Avery DeVore, Ciara Mosley; Back row, Maddux Oien, Bryson Maurer, Cameron Crawford, Miss Kirkman, Synister Blundy, Dylan Murdock, Dayne Miller, Whitley Sperstad, Blaedon Starkweather.

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Ciara Mosley—I think mrs. claus and the elves are baking a cake for Santa. They are giving him Cookies and milk when he gets back. I also think they give him Presents. They get him books to read. They also Play games.

Kimberly Anderson—Do you ever wonder what Mrs. Claus, the elves, and girl reindeer do while Santa and the boy reindeer are gone? They bake pies, wash clothes, and count the girl reindeer. Then it's time to eat pie.

Adrien Gookin—Mrs. claus and the elves are making potion. The potion helps heal people that find the North Pole and get hurt.

Blaedon Starkweather—Mrs. claus is cleaning up for next year. They are wrapping presents, making dinner and feeding the other reindeer. The elves are putting the tools away.

Synister Blundy—Mrs. Claus and the elves make cookies. Then, they play games. They watch some TV. They also take care of the base when santa is gone.

Whitley Sperstad—I think they make cookies with chocolate milk. They have slepovers with their buddies. When Santa gets back, they say "Surprise!" And hug him. Then say, "We have made cookies for you."

Katie Eloy—I think Mrs. Claus and the elves are Playing games outside. They are having a snowball fight. They are having a fun time when Santa is gone.

Cameron Crawford—One Christmas Eve… Santa and the Reindeer were heading out to

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go deliver presents. Mrs. Claus and the elves were wrapping more presents. Then the elves went ice skating. Mrs. Claus came too! Then, they were doing snow angels. Then they went to work for next year. Mrs. Claus made hot chocolate for all of the elves.

Raelynn Howland—Mrs. Claus and the elves are putting up a Christmas tree. They are making gingerbread cookies. First, they bake them. When they are cool, they decorate them with icing and candy. They eat them with santa.

Juliana Van Dusen—When Santa leaves, Mrs. Claus does something Fun with the elves. What do they do? I'll give you a hint. It starts with a "P." Do you give up? I'll tell you. They have a PARTY!

Dayne Miller—When Santa and the reindeer are gone, Mrs. claus and the elves watch them on a security monitor. They hid it in the bag of presents. After watching for an hour or two, they yell "BOO"! They scare him. Later he falls asleep and they wake him up. They can help tell Santa where to go. What do YOU think Mrs. claus does when Santa is gone?

Olivia Robles—Mrs. Claus is going to be an elf. She has elf pajamas. She can make cookies. She and the elves are going to make toys. They will have fun.

Tillie Marolf—mrs. Claus and the elves are having a Christmas Party! They are dancing to Christmas music. They are baking cookies. They are Playing hide and seek They are watching movies. When Santa comes back they are surprising him by screaming out "Merry Christmas" and "Hooray!"

Bryson Maurer—I think they are wrapping packages and putting them under the tree so when Santa get's home they can have their own Christmas. When they are done, they go outside and have a snowball fight!!!!!

Maddux Oien—Mrs. claus and the elves might be dancing. They are probably doing the boogie and dancing all night long!

Avery DeVore—Mrs. Claus and the elves probably play games. They play Twister. They play so many games. Then they wrap presents.



Mrs. Darcie Jehle's Durant second grade—Front row from left, Gannon Dierickx, Ryker Felsing, Cooper Smyser, Lila Bowling, Jake Young, Harold Schneiter; Second row, Colton Fuller, Amelia Ruiz, Lucas Price, Maggie Valenzuela, Tatum Castor, Carter Smyser, Kade Bass; Back row, Nolan Hawkins, Kate Randall, Claire Young, Carly Davis, Aubree Orcutt, Tucker Smyser, Paxton Scharfenberg. Missing: Logan Tracy.

Mrs. Claus makes food for Santa. The elves start to prepare for next year.

Allie Pulliam—Mrs. Claus is crocheting. The elves are playing games, but the elves are getting bored. They decide to scare Santa. The elves get Pans and Pots. When Santa gets back, the elves shouted "Boo!" Santa laughed and said "You scared me."

Durant Elementary

Darcie Jehle's class

Aubree Orcutt—I think the elves Play Video games like the ones with Mario in them. Mrs. Claus gets a peicure.

Carter Smyser—I think Mrs. Claus is going to be really tired. She will need to take a nap. I think the elves are playing games outside in the snow.

Tatum Castor—I think Mrs. Claus and the elves are setting up a movie for when santa gets home they are also getting popcorn out of the mickorwave and putting lot's of butter on it. After everything is ready for the movie. Mrs. claus is going to get a pedicre and then she will go home to relax.

Tucker Smyser—I thingk the Elves are watching a movie called Santa Buddies. I think Mrs. claus is relaxing in her recliner. then the Elves and Mrs. Claus bake cookies.

Lila Bowling—I think Mrs. Claus is taking a nap and I think the elves are playing video games. When Mrs. Claus wakes up. She starts waching a Christmas movie. The elves stop playing video games and join Mrs. Claus.

Nolan Hawkins—I think mrs claus is going to wach a movie the movie will be fast and fureaus. I Think the Elves are Playing Video Games!

Cooper Smyser—Mrs Claus is watching a christmas movie. When she returns Home she does a mud mask. The elves are putting decorations on the tree! When They are done the elves play video games. Now The elves are tired and take a nap.

Amelia Ruiz—I think Mrs. claus and the elves are eating popcorn at the movie. Mrs. claus and the elves will back some cookies. Mrs. claus and the elves are also getting ready for a new years party. When they are done Mrs claus and the elves are going to be taking a nap.

Colton Fuller—Mrs Claus is drinking Kofy and reading a newspaper, and the elves are raceing.

Harold Schneiter—I think Mrs. claus and the elves are watching the movie "Sonic the Hedghog." When the movie is done, they are

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What are Mrs. Claus and the elves up to while Santa and the Reindeer are out delivering packages?

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going to go sledding.

Maggie Valenzuela—I think They Make Christmas cookies and cupcakes and elves go to the movies. the movie is Santa Buddies Mrs claus makes popcorn and she Makes hot coco. Mrs Claus Reads a Book to the elves and then they take a nap.

Jake Young—I think the elves are Playing video games or Painting a Picture. I think mrs. Claus is watching a movie like Home Alone or making a snow man with lots of carrots for the reindeer.

Claire Young—I think the elves are sledding on the Mountins. Mrs. Claus is watching Elf the Movie with popcorn. Then the elves will start to make presents for next year. Then Mrs. Claus will Bake cookies for santa and the elves. The reindeer will get carrots.

Kate Randall—I think Mrs claus is getting her nails painted. The Elves are staying home Playing video games. when Mrs. claus gets home, the Elves and Mrs. claus paint picture and then eat a Big snack.

Carly Davis—mrs. Claus and elves will Wach the movie Home Alone with popcorn After the Movie they will all get a massage and then Take a nap.

Gannon Dierickx—I think Mrs. Claus and the Elfs are watching a movie. The movie they are watching is the Grinch. They are watching the movie in the movie theater. They are eating popcorn and drinking pop.

Ryker Felsing—I Think the elves are going to Play video games. mrs. Claus is going to have a spa night. after her spa mrs. Claus is going to watch a movie and have popcorn. The elves are going to play.

Lucas Price—I think Mrs. Claus and the elves are watching a movie. After the movie The elves are playing video games and mrs. Claus will take a nap. The End

Logan Tracy—I think they will watch the Grinch and have a snak. Then they Will draw and paint a picture from art hub. After that they will go to bed.

Paxton Scharfenberg—I thik Mrs. Claus and the elves are decorating the tree. The elves will Start making toys for next year. After they are done they will go sleding.

Kade Bass—I think mrs claus and the elves will Wacth a movie. Called christmas chronicles and order a pizza. Then they will play UNO. Then they will be tired and want to go to bed after playing cards.

Tricia Bullard's class

Adelyn Sickles—Mrs. Claus is making snow globes. The elves are taking care of the reindeer. Rudolph's nose is britr then his mom's. When Santa comes he will Say Ho Ho Ho merry Christmas.

Noah Lueth—Mrs. Claus and the elves are up to making cookies. They are chocklet chip cookies. And they are going to the move theter. With them and they are going to watch The night Before Christmas.

Braxton—Mrs. Claus and the elves are making hot coco and cookies, having a slumber party, and working in the workshop.

Tristan Hamerlinck—When they are delivering gifts to the people Mrs. Claus and the elves are bying a island for santa and for the summer so they can relax, can workout & when they are done they make a chookiolat cookie cake for them. I whish I could join them.

Natalie Meincke—When Santa is delivering gifts Mrs. Claus and the elves are shoping at Farm N' Fleet. They are geting toys for santa. They are geting a phone, Books, Pop its, and a iPad. They are eating at Micdonels. I hope santa injoys his gift!

Saige Collier—They are checking Santa's list and making ser that they get the rite home. Seing if kids are nice. They woch the Santa Claus movie and eat popcorn. The baby rane dere race. They decurate the tree. They groom the ranedere. I hope Santa likes the supise.

Kinley Hermiston—I think they make Santa hot cocoa & cookies. I think the elves are riding sleds, bilding a snow man, and when Mrs. Claus is done Mrs. Claus cals in the elvs to watch the Santa Claus movie.

Jax Streeter—They have made arts &

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crafts. Mrs. Claus is maken a Santa craft. & the elves are painting a santa. They are hoping that they are havaing a fun Christmas.

Waylon Cooper—Mrs. Claus is having a slumber party in her house and some elfs are at the house. They eat cookies while the elfs deckrate the trees. They Put a star on the trees.

Dezi Jurski—They are making cookies for Christmas, making toys for next year to give Shanta, checking the list for Shanto to mack mor toys, and watching a movie wif the baby elvss.

Nora Wagaman—When Santa is gone giving gifts to kids, Mrs. Claus and the elves are macking cookies and cheking the list. They are having fun macking cookies. I wish I was there!

Stella Durant—When Santa is delivering gifts, Mrs. Claus is having a slumber party. And they are puting on their sliprs. And bjamus on. And making popcorn and Hotchoklit. And wating for Santa to get back.

Jaxan Meye—When they are delivering gifts to people Mrs. Claus and the elves are having a slumber party. Mrs Claus and the elves are making cookies, hot cocoa, and popcorn for santa. They will watch a movie when santa is back. They will watch Home alone 2.

Morgan Toft—When they are delivering gifts to people, Mrs. Claus, the elves are taking care of the baby reindeer. They feed them, give them water and blankets. I hope they have a good christmas.

Jadien Mangels—When they are deling presents to people, Mrs. Claus and the elves Wanted to woch a christmas movie and Mrs. Claus made cookies. They were chocklet chip.

Karson Ellenberg—When Santa is delivering presents. To kids Mrs. Claus and the elves are haveing a slumber party. At the slumber party they are haveing hot cocoa, popcorn, brownies, donuts, apple friters, pies, cookies and cake and watching tv. I wish I could join them for the fun.

Frederick Swihart—When they are delivering gifts to people Mrs. claus and the elves are cooking cookies. They are making chocklit, oatmeal and rassinn and the cookies are for Santa. I hope he likes the cookies.

Ruby Blake—I think mrs. claus and the Elves are sleding and then they snuggle up in their Pajamas and have hot cocoa, popcorn, and watch a movie. I hope they have fun!!

Camdyn Warhurst—When they are delivering gifts to people, mrs. claus and the elves go to taco bell. They ordr hard-shell tacos. They woch a movie called The Grinch and Mrs. claus make christmas cookies!



Mrs. Tricia Bullard's Durant second grade—Front row from left, Frederick Swihart, Morgan Toft, Nora Wagaman, Camdyn Warhurst, Dezi Jurski; Second row, Noah Lueth, Jadien Mangels, Natalie Meincke, Jaxan Meye, Braxton Riley, Adelyn Sickels; Back row, Ruby Blake, Saige Collier, Waylon Cooper, Stella Durant, Karson Ellenberg, Tristan Hamerlinck, Jax Streeter, Kinley Hermiston.

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Public Notice

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
OF MUSCATINE COUNTY
EQUITY NO: EQCV026270
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION**

**Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
Unknown heirs, devisees, creditors, and other claimants with an interest in the property of Bryan Mink, a/k/a Bryan T. Mink, deceased; Taylor Mink; Kandise Williams; State of Iowa, Department of Revenue; Unknown spouse, if any, of Bryan Mink; Unknown spouse, if any, of Kandise Williams; Unknown spouse, if any, of Taylor Mink; Parties in Possession, et al.
Defendants.**

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of this court naming you as a defendant in this action. The petition was filed on October 14, 2021, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiffs Mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described in this notice and judgment for the unpaid principal amount of $115,826.56, with 4.375% per annum interest thereon from March 1, 2021, together with late charges, advances and the costs of the action including (but not limited to) title costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as well as a request that said sums be declared a lien upon the following described premises from September 30, 2015, located in Muscatine county, Iowa:

The West one-fourth of Lot 1 and the East one-half of Lot 2, all in Block 20, of First Addition to the City of West Liberty, in Muscatine County, Iowa, commonly known as 213 E 5th St, West Liberty, IA 52776 (the "Property")

The petition further prays that the Mortgage on the above described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court deems just and equitable. For further details, please review the petition on file in the clerk's office. The Plaintiffs attorney is Emily Bartekoske, of SouthLaw, P.C.; whose address is 1401 50th Street, Suite 100, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

NOTICE

The plaintiff has elected foreclosure without redemption. This means that the sale of the mortgaged property will occur promptly after entry of judgment unless you file a written demand with the court to delay the sale. If you file a written demand, the sale will be delayed until twelve months (or six months if the petition includes a waiver of deficiency judgment) from the entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is your residence and is a one-family or two-family dwelling or until two months from entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is not your residence or is your residence but not a one-family or two-family dwelling. You will have no right of redemption after the sale. The purchaser at the sale will be entitled to immediate possession of the mortgaged property. You may purchase at the sale.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before 26th day of January, 2022, and within a reasonable time thereafter, you must file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Muscatine County, at the county courthouse in Muscatine, Iowa. If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in a court action because of a disability, immediately call your District ADA Coordinator at 563-326-8783. If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.

This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You may find more information and general rules governing electronic filing in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16. You may find information concerning protection of personal information in court filings in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, Division VI.

**By:
CLERK OF THE ABOVE COURT
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Notice of Vacancy

MUSCATINE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors announces three vacancies on the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission, for terms ending January 1, 2025.

Appointees must be a resident of Muscatine County and able to attend night meetings and occasional training workshops or conferences.

Residents who meet the following qualifications or laypersons that have the time and interest in learning about historic preservation are encouraged to submit an application.

- Owner of a rehabilitated property
- Owner of a National Register listed property
- Developer who works with historic properties
- Historian specializing in Iowa, local or public history
- Architectural historian who specializes in American architecture
- Archaeologist (North American history)
- Preservation architect
- Attorney specializing in preservation law
- Planner with preservation experience

Application forms are available on the County website: www.co.muscatine.ia.us under Volunteer Opportunities or from the Muscatine County Administration Office, 414 E. Third Street, Suite 101, Muscatine, Iowa 52761.

Completed applications should be returned to the Muscatine County Administration Office or emailed to nschreiber@co.muscatine.ia.us by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 29, 2021.

Durant Community School District
Board of Education

**Regular Board Meeting
December 13, 2021
Unofficial Minutes**

President Julie Rivera brought the meeting to order at 5:34 pm with the reading of the district mission statement and roll call. Present for roll: Tara Lindsay, Carla Whitlock and Julie Rivera. Katy Oberlander and Travis Bullard were absent.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 3-0.

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2121 Regular Meeting and the November 22, 2021 Special Meeting and Work Sessions was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 3-0.

Ms. Kephart reviewed the financial reports and lists of bills. Motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 3-0.

Ms. Stineman reported on the Pre-K – 6th grade Holiday Concerts were on December 1st and staff are preparing for the upcoming winter break. Ms. Kelting will be taking 62 vocal students on a field trip to Circa 21 tomorrow.

Mr. Diederichs shared information about the HS Choir concert on December 8th and the field trip that he participated in with Mr. Rouse's 7th grade students to the John Deere plant in Mt. Joy. Mr. Diederichs shared that the 7th grade students asked a lot of good questions and felt the tour of the facility was worthwhile and informative. The HS band concert will be held on December 15th.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #1 as presented was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 3-0. Consent Agenda #1 included:

Resignations: Susan Sterner, Associate
Job Descriptions: Custodian

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #2 as presented was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0. Consent Agenda #2 included the review of the following policies:

606.1 Shared Students
606.2 Class Size – Class Grouping
606.3 Homework
606.4 School Ceremonies and Observances
606.5 Animal on School Grounds
606.6 Student Production of Materials and Services
606.7 Student Field Trips and Excursions
606.7E1 Student Field Trips and Excursions – Application **
606.7E2 Student Field Trip and Excursions – Health References **
606.7E3 Student Field Trips and Excursions – Permission/Agreement **
606.8 School Assembly **
606.9 Insufficient Classroom Space **
606.10 Early Release for Seniors **
607.1 Student Guidance and Counseling Program
607.2 Student Health Services **
607.2R1 Student Health Services Regulation
607.3 Musical Instrument Display Night **
607.4 Class Ring Display **
650.1 Iowa Sex Offender Registry

Motion to approve Consent Agenda #3 as presented was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 3-0. Consent Agenda #3 included:

-Second readings of the following board policies:
605.1 Instructional Materials Selection
605.6 Internet – Appropriate Use
605.6E1 Internet Access Permission Letter to Parents – DELETE
605.7 Web Page Policy
605.7A Parent Permission Form for Web Page Release of Information – DELETE
605.7B Extracurricular Activities Web Page Policy – DELETE
605.7C Parental Denial Form for Web Page Release of Information – DELETE
- Bid from Ellsworth Excavating Inc in the amount of $18,440 plus landfill fees of $600 per dumpsters (approximately 15) for the teardown of the school owned house located at 310 7th Street, Durant
-Employee Retirement Incentive at the end of the current fiscal year
-2022-2023 School Calendar
-Return to Learn Plan

Mr. Burnett reviewed the bus bids from Hogland Bus Company and School Bus Sales. Mr. Burnett recommended the purchase of the 2023 Blue Bird Vision propane powered bus for $120,397. Motion to approve the purchase of the 2023 Blue Bird Vision propane powered bus from School Bus Sales in the amount of $120,397 was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 3-0. School Bus Sales also included quotes for a 2023 gas powered bus at a cost of $109,484 and a diesel powered 2023 bus at a cost of $114,434. Hoglund submitted bids for a 2023 gas powered bus for $107,000, a 2023 diesel powered bus for $108,000 and a 2023 propane powered bus for $117,000.

Information/Discussion items include:
- Hirings:
Bobbi Havill, Elementary Teacher
Dan Knipfel, JH Wrestling Coach
Joel Diederichs, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Michael Witt, bus driver
Kyle LaFrenz, volunteer wrestling coach
Mason Badtram, student custodian
Casterdale Green, student custodian
Ellie Dorris, student custodian
-Miscellaneous:
- Discussion on the Three Year WGS Agreement and the annual 28E Agreement for SAVE dollars with Bennett CSD.
- Ms. Kephart reviewed the results of the Abstract of Votes for the November election. Ms. Rivera and Ms. Oberlander were re-elected to the school board.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

**Attest
Secretary, Board of Directors**

December 2021 General Fund List of Bills

3E Electrical Engineering, maintenance lights ..$271.20
Access Systems, monthly maintenance agreement 397.20
Advocate News, legal publication 202.71
Amazon, classroom/maintenance/transportation supplies 1,651.02
Apex Ink & Apparel, trades day workers' t-shirts .465.50
Arnold Motor Supply, bus parts 418.15
Barnes & Noble, books 59.80
Brown, Maria, conference lodging reimbursement 185.92
Camelot Therapeutic Schools, tuitioned out billing 11,561.80
Cedar County Auditor, school election costs 2,228.77
Cintas, weekly cleaning service 677.50
Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse, vocal class trip 527.00
City of Durant, water/sewer 1,414.18
City of Durant, sro reimbursement 5,153.69
Cronbaugh, Allie, mileage reimbursement 39.20
Cummins Sales and Service, bus supplies/parts .217.79
Dittmer, Jenny, fuel/parking/snacks reimbursement 112.00
Dorris, Mary, conference lodging reimbursement 195.92
Durant Municipal Electric, utilities 9,628.28
Durant School Nutrition Fund, springs transaction fees/work session meal 198.35
Employee Benefit Systems, dec health insurance premiums 57,727.34
Fulton, Taylor, physical reimbursement 15.00
Genesis Occupational Health, bus driver drug screening 25.00
Global Security Services, alarm system repairs/door entry system ring changes 548.50
Greenwood Cleaning Systems, custodial/scrubber rider supplies 2,367.55
Haigh, Brock, transportation supplies/mileage reimbursement 189.36
HyVee, fsc supplies 570.65
Idle Hour Lanes, pe bowling fees 720.00
Images in Ink, school signs/banners 728.00
Iowa Communications Network, long distance service 62.01
ISCA, counselor conference fees 120.00
Jeff's Market, fcs supplies 12.92
JP Glass & More, school vehicle rock chip repair ..70.00
JW Pepper, vocal/band music 300.20
Kephart, Lesa, conference meals/sbo certification renewal reimbursement 132.63
Learning Farm, subscription renewal 4,499.00
Link, Darlene, vocal supplies reimbursement 114.77
MidAmerican Energy, utilities 108.29
Millennium Waste, garbage pick-up 740.00
Milotte, Kristin, conference lodging/fuel reimbursement 216.89
Motivating Systems, software 4,074.80
Muscatine County Auditor, school election costs 991.23
Nebraska-Iowa Industrial Fasteners Corp, bus hardware supplies 442.52
OneSource, background checks 15.00
Open Up Resources, curriculum material 10,082.00
Paper's Lumber, maintenance supplies 138.63
Pitsco, robotics supplies 70.83
Potter, Charles, piano tuning 63.00
Price Oil, vehicle fuel 3,952.88
Really Good Stuff, classroom supplies 28.94
Rivera, Julie, convention mileage reimbursement 178.00
Sands, Steve, classroom supplies 5.00
Schmidt, Brent, conference lodging reimbursement 205.18
School Bus Sales, bus supplies 2,268.64
School Specialty, office supplies 137.36
Schumacher Elevator Co, elevator maintenance .156.12
Schumacher Elevator Co, service call 167.25
SEIBA, honor band registration 10.00
Stineman, Rebecca, conference lodging reimbursement 225.18
Stolley, Wendy, conference expenses reimbursement 236.18
Tappendorf, Tracy, bus driver physical/license addition reimbursement 109.50
Terra Products Co, solar salt 89.50
Top Youth Speakers, guest speaker deposit 2,500.00
Unity Healthcare-Trinity Muscatine, drug screening services 48.00
US Cellular, mifi-hotspot charges 393.46
Visa
Airport Holiday Inn-DM, itag conference lodging 228.48
Decoding Dyslexia, conference fees 675.00
MusicNotes.com, choral music 26.49
Sleep Inn & Suites, dyslexia conference lodging 358.40
Star Autism Support, classroom kit resources 404.80
Voelkers Plumbing, sink/toilet installation 1,436.30
Walt Lambach Fire, fire system inspection/parts .228.22
William H. Sadlier, Inc, books 108.05
Windstream, telephone service 1,021.76
Witt, Michael, busdriver background check 60.00
WoodRiver Energy, utilities 3,958.29
Total $139,969.08

Other Funds

OPN, pre-bond services $2,800.00
Sheets General Construction, concession stand project 5,948.00
Sherwin Williams Co, paint sprayer 2,599.99
SU Insurance Co, breakdown insurance 8,695.50
Total $160,012.57

December 2021 General Fund Additional List of Bills

Brown, Maria, professional development snacks reimbursement $129.07
Cummins Sales and Service, bus parts 205.94
Diederichs, Joel, field trip expenses reimbursement 24.47
Idle Hour Lanes, hs pe bowling 331.00
Kirkwood Community College, continuing education classes 350.00
Liberty Trust & Savings Ban, deposit box rental fee 12.00
Lighting Maintenance Inc, circuit installation/ceiling heater repair 883.50
Lynch Dallas, P.C., legal services 693.00
MidAmerican Energy, utilities 11.22
Quadient Finance, postage 300.00
Visa
Lab Aids, science supplies 143.14
Walmart, backpack program supplies 88.88
Wildwood Lodge, iasb convention lodging 288.96
Windstream, telephone service 1,021.76
Total $4,482.94

December 2021 Activity Fund List of Bills

Belz, Eugene, wrestling official 85.00
Bob Rogers Travel, band trip payment 5,250.00
Burke, Mike, wrestling official 85.00
Century Resources, music fundraiser payment 13,924.10
Cort, Scot, basketball official 140.00
Diederichs, Joel, jacket embroidery reimbursement 88.00
Dittmer, Jenny, jh student council supplies reimbursement 46.43
Durant School General Fund, event workers reimbursement 344.49
Fairfield by Marriott, opus choir event lodging 188.50
FCCLA, nationa/iowa student-chapter adviser dues 153.00
Glazier Clinics, 2022 memberships 399.00
IWCOA, wrestling membership fees/reserved parking passes 124.00
JW Pepper, sheet music 37.50
Leopard, Andrew, basketball official 70.00
Medco Sports Medicine, medical supplies 294.22
Miene, Tom, basketball official 265.00
Miller, Brad, fund raiser pizza party reimbursement 148.64
Mundt, Kevin, hb students pizza party reimbursement 46.69
Squires, Bob, 2021-22 varsity bb assigning fee ..150.00
Telsrow, Rod, basketball official 250.00
Treimer, Rod, 2021 graduation fireworks 500.00
US Awards, number patch awards 121.27
Visa
AmericInn, xc state meet lodging 504.00
Wapello CS, wrestling tournament fees 80.00
Total $23,294.84

December 2021 Activity Fund Additional List of Bills

Breedlove Sporting Goods, fb pullovers $300.00
Century Resources, music fundraiser payment 2.40
Inter-State Studio & Publishing, memory book 442.31
Riddell/All American Sports, fb masks/chinstraps 108.47
Total $853.18

Durant Community School District
Board of Education

**Organizational Meeting
December 13, 2021
Unofficial Minutes**

Superintendent Burnett brought the meeting to order with roll call at 6:18 pm. Present for roll: Tara Lindsay, Carla Whitlock and Julie Rivera. Katy Oberlander and Travis Bullard were absent.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Ms. River, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 3-0.

Ms. Kephart administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Rivera. Ms. Kephart had administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Oberlander prior to the meeting.

Mr. Burnett called for nominations for President of the Board. Ms. Whitlock nominated Julie Rivera as Board President. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken and passed 2-0. Ms. Rivera abstained.

Mr. Burnett called for nominations for Vice President of the Board. Ms. Lindsay nominated Katy Oberlander as Vice President. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken and passed 3-0.

Ms. Lindsay moved to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as the rules of procedures. Ms. Whitlock seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Motion to set the second and fourth Monday's at 5:30 pm as the meeting times for regular board meetings and work sessions was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 3-0.

Motion to appoint Lesa Kephart as the Board Secretary was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 3-0.

Motion to appoint Phil Keese as the Board Treasurer was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 3-0.

Motion to designate the Advocate News as the official publication was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 3-0.

Motion to designate Lynch Dallas P.C. as legal counsel was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 3-0.

Motion to appoint Ms. Whitlock and Ms. Lindsay to the Goodwill Committee, Ms. Bullard and Ms. Rivera to the Maintenance Committee, Ms. Whitlock and Ms. Lindsay to the Policy Committee and Ms. Oberlander and Mr. Bullard to the Legislative Committee was made by Ms. Lindsay, seconded by Ms. Whitlock and carried 3-0.

Motion to appoint Ms. Lindsay to the Muscatine County Board and Ms. Oberlander to the Cedar County Board was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm and the next regular board meeting will be January 10, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

**Attest
Secretary, Board of Directors**

Durant Community School District
Board of Education

**2022-2023 Calendar Hearing
December 13, 2021
Unofficial Minutes**

President Julie Rivera brought the hearing to order at 5:30 pm with roll call. Present: Julie Rivera, Tara Lindsay and Carla Whitlock. Katy Oberlander and Travis Bullard were absent.

Mr. Burnett reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

There being no public or board questions the hearing adjourned at 5:33 pm.

**Attest
Secretary, Board of Directors**

Public Notice

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
OF MUSCATINE COUNTY
EQUITY NO: EQCV026295
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION**

**Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust I
Plaintiff,
vs.
Tara Wookey; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Tara Wookey; Parties in Possession, et al.
Defendants.**

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of this court naming you as a defendant in this action. The petition was filed on November 2, 2021, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiffs Mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described in this notice and judgment for the unpaid principal amount of $65,263.96, with 4.875% per annum interest thereon from October 1, 2018, together with late charges, advances and the costs of the action including (but not limited to) title costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as well as a request that said sums be declared a lien upon the following described premises from May 13, 2011, located in Muscatine county, Iowa:

Lot 4, of Neidig's Second Subdivision of Out Lots 3 and 4 in a Subdivision of the East half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 34 Township 77 North Range 2 West of the 5th P.M. in the City of Muscatine, Muscatine County, Iowa, commonly known as 894 Climer St, Muscatine, IA 52761 (the "Property")

The petition further prays that the Mortgage on the above described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court deems just and equitable. For further details, please review the petition on file in the clerk's office. The Plaintiffs attorney is Andrea Dyar, of SouthLaw, P.C.; whose address is 1401 50th Street, Suite 100, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

NOTICE

The plaintiff has elected foreclosure without redemption. This means that the sale of the mortgaged property will occur promptly after entry of judgment unless you file a written demand with the court to delay the sale. If you file a written demand, the sale will be delayed until twelve months (or six months if the petition includes a waiver of deficiency judgment) from the entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is your residence and is a one-family or two-family dwelling or until two months from entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is not your residence or is your residence but not a one-family or two-family dwelling. You will have no right of redemption after the sale. The purchaser at the sale will be entitled to immediate possession of the mortgaged property. You may purchase at the sale.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before 26th day of January, 2022, and within a reasonable time thereafter, you must file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Muscatine County, at the county courthouse in Muscatine, Iowa. If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in a court action because of a disability, immediately call your District ADA Coordinator at 563-326-8783. If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.

This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You may find more information and general rules governing electronic filing in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16. You may find information concerning protection of personal information in court filings in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, Division VI.

**By:
CLERK OF THE ABOVE COURT
Muscatine County Courthouse
401 East 3rd Street,
Muscatine, IA 52761**

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City of Durant
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DURANT, IOWA, REGULATING GOLF CARTS CROSSING AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS ON 5TH STREET.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council of the City of Durant:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Chapter 78 Section 78.07 B & C.

7. In the City 5th Street is also Highway 927 (Historic Highway 6). For the purposes of this chapter, it shall be referred to as 5th Street and include all areas from the west corporate City line to the east corporate City line.

8. No golf carts shall operate or drive on railroad property.

9. No golf carts shall be operated upon 5th Street.

10. No golf carts shall be operated on 1st Avenue (Yankee Avenue).

11. No golf carts shall be operated on Vail Ave (14th Ave South of 5th Street).

12. The following intersections will be NOT be used for crossing 5th Street:

A. At 14th Ave (Vail Ave) south of 5th Street.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABIITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof no adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the 13th day of December, 2021, and approved this 13th day of December, 2021.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:
Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk
First Reading:11/08/2021
Second Reading:11/22/2021
Third Reading:12/13/2021

City of Durant
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DURANT, IOWA, REGULATING UTVs CROSSING AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS ON 5TH STREET.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council of the City of Durant:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Chapter 76 Section 76.08 (6) B & C

76.08 TRAFFIC CODE. Any person operating a UTV on any public street or alley for any purpose shall strictly adhere to all traffic signs and signals and other traffic rules and regulations, and shall obey the orders and direction of any law enforcement officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic. No person shall leave a UTV unattended on any public property while the motor is running or keys are in ignition switch.

1. No UTV shall be operated at a speed in excess of the legal speed limit, per Section 321.285 of the *Code of Iowa*, nor shall any UTV be operated at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper for the existing street conditions.

2. All UTVS must cross at an approximate 90 degree angle to the direction of the street.

3. In the City, 5th Street is also HWY 927 (Historic HWY 6). For the purposes of this chapter it shall be referred to as 5th Street and shall include all areas from the west corporate City line to the east corporate City line.

4. No UTVS shall operate or drive on railroad property.

5. No UTV shall be operated upon 5th Street.

6. The following intersections will not be used for crossing 5th Street:

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SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABIITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof no adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the 13th day of December, 2021, and approved this 13th day of December, 2021.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:
Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk
First Reading: 11/085/2021
Second Reading:11/22/2021
Third Reading: 12/13/2021

Durant City Council
City Council Meeting
December 13, 2021

Mayor Scott Spengler called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with roll call of members present: Quiram, Mundt, Schulz and Price. Member Sterner was absent.

City staff present: Public Works Director Jared Semsch, Police Chief Orville Randolph, and City Operations Officer/Clerk Deana Cavin.

The clerk swore in the newly elected Council Member Tom Daufeldt; re-elected Council Member Diane Quiram; and re-elected Mayor Scott Spengler.

Consent agenda: Approval of agenda, city bills and minutes from 11/22/2021 council meeting.

Clerk explained two bills were added to the claims list and a new list was prepared and at their desks. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Price, to approve the consent agenda items with noted changes. Ayes: Mundt, Schulz, Price, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None

Consider Ord. Amendment #2021-05 An ordinance of the City of Durant regulating Golf Cart crossing at certain intersections on 5th Street.-Third and final reading: Clerk inquired if all language was acceptable. There were no changes. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Schulz to pass the third and final reading for Amendment #2021-05 regulating Golf Carts at certain intersections on 5th Street. Ayes: Price, Schulz, Mundt Nays: Quiram Motion carried.

Consider Ord. Amendment #2021-06 An ordinance of the City of Durant regulating UTVs crossing at certain intersections on 5th Street. Third and final reading: With no additions or changes to the amendment, Member Price motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve Amendment #2021-06 regulating certain UTV crossings at certain intersections. Ayes: Mundt, Schulz, Price Nays: Quiram Motion carried.

Consider Res.2021-60 Appointing and renewing members of Durant Mun. Electric board: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve Resolution 2021-60 reappointing TJ Head to the Board of Directors, and appointing Ken Elshoff, to finish David Krohn's term. Ayes: Price, Schulz, Mundt, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res.2021-61 Approving Durant Municipal Electric 2022 budget: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Schulz, to approve the 2022 Budget for Durant Municipal Electric. Ayes: Quiram, Price, Schulz, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Works: PW Dir. Jared Semsch reported on the water main break on 5th Street two weeks ago. The concrete under the highway was fifteen to seventeen inches thick, and had to be cut out by River City Cutting in order to replace a section of pipe. All businesses affected were notified and the water was only off about an hour. This week public works employees will be patching two storm intakes to get through the winter on 5th Street. In the spring the contractor will be on site to mill out and relay.

Engineer's Report: Kevin Bailey was not present but did provide an update on the 12th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement project; Clerk informed council that two years ago the city was contacted by Scott County Engineering office concerning old Highway 6. Scott and Muscatine Counties would be overlaying the stretch from Walcott to Durant in 2023/2024 fiscal year. At that time the estimated cost to the city to pay for the overlay from the east corporate line to 14th Av and Vail Avenue was $165,000. With new infrastructure program options, Scott County Engineering recently informed the clerk they were able to swap the project out for federal dollars and thus the city would not have to match or pay for that area.

Police Dept. Report: Consider Monthly police report: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Price to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Schulz, Mundt, Price, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Member Price inquired of Chief Randolph who does the permitting for UTVS and Golf carts, and how are people who work 8 to 5 supposed to get their vehicles permitted. Chief Randolph stated they can work around the schedule. At this time only he and Sgt. Meier are the officers doing inspections and permits.

City Clerk: Consider approval of November Financial Statements: Clerk reported Treasurer Mitch Richman has reviewed the November statements. Member Price motioned, seconded by Member Quiram to approve the November Financial Statements. Ayes: Schulz, Mundt, Quiram, Price Nays: None Motion carried.

Discuss bond information from Northland Securities Financial Advisors and set project priorities for upcoming budget; Clerk provided council with updated information from Heidi Kuhl concerning the city's debt, bond capacity and upcoming projects. In summary the message from the financial advisor was 9th Avenue Storm Sewer project (from WWTF to 9th Avenue) should be a priority. This has to be upgraded and enlarged, before 5th Street reconstruction can be done. This should help alleviate street flooding and funded by a general obligation bond. The 2nd Street water main project would have to be a revenue bond. Paying for the bonds would be a mix from Local Option Sales Tax, water, sewer, and property taxes. It was recommended any park projects should be funded by the Joey Gehrls gift to the city, along with fundraising and grants. General consensus was for Heidi to attend a January council meeting to update council on the rate study, and answer any questions. Clerk requested setting a budget work session after council meeting on January 10th. She reported the natural gas prices are triple, almost quadruple the cost at the same time last year for all the departments. This will affect this current budget and 2023 budgets.

Mayor/Council Report: Consider Res. 2021-62 approval of Longevity pay for qualified employees: Clerk reported Treasurer Mitch Richman reviewed the longevity wages. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Price to approve Res. 2021-62 approving longevity pay. Ayes: Schulz, Mundt, Quiram, Price Nays: None, Motion carried.

Mayor Scott Spengler presented a plaque to outgoing Council Member Dave Schulz, thanking him for his years of service and dedication to city council.

With no other business before council, meeting was adjourned at 6:24p.m.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:
Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

Advocate News, ch publishing	$458.34
Alliant Energy*, scott co electric wa twr, st lights, lift station	262.99
American Industrial Door Co, cc front door repair	371.75
Arnold Supply Co, wwtp-wiper blade	5.55
Automatic Systems, wa-check & adjust pressure transducer	692.75
Badger Meter, monthly user fee november 21	59.76
Batteries Plus Bulbs, fire-battery	29.99
Becker Trucking, ¾" road stone & 1" clean stone-hwy 6 repair	1,864.26
Cedar County Auditor, cedar co election expenses	1,178.00
Central City Electric Inc, install wiring new jc park shelter	6,716.25
Central States H&W Funds*, health & life insurance	15,451.20
City of Durant, water	3,362.92
City of Durant Petty Cash, reimburse for ch certified mail	7.00
Crescent Electric Supply Co, shop-fluorescent bulbs & parks-photo control	87.28
Culligan Quad Cities, distilled water	47.90
Durant Municipal Electric, electric	5,629.01
Econo Signs, wwtp signs & park signs (4)	298.56
EFTPS*, fed/fica tax	14,324.80
Enaqua*, wwtp-dc upgrade & level transmitter	7,476.00
Farrier, Lori, cc deposit refund	250.00
Global Security Services, police station-camera system	5,000.00
Hoekstra Masonry, hwy 6 wa main rpr-labor & material to patch st	3,250.00
Hopkins & Huebner P.C., legal fees	247.50
IA Dept of Inspections & Appeals*, renew bar food license	151.50
Intoximeters Inc, police dept-dry gas tank	184.00
Iowa Finance Authority*, interest pymts water & sewer	25,837.17
Iowa Interstate RR Ltd, annual rr property pymt	1.00
Iowa One Call, october one calls	59.20
Iowa Prison Industries, roads-signs	165.00
IPERS*, ipers	7,859.98
Jeff's Market, misc supplies	113.21
Keese, Kathy, reimburse feldhahn cemetery flowers	11.64
Liberty Trust & Savings Bank*, ach fees, interest pymts wa twr & leaf machine	6,618.45
Lori's Cleaning Service, ch & police cleaning service	160.00
McMaster Carr Supply Co, shop-tarp	101.77
Mediacom, police-static ip	21.68
Menards, wwtp supplies	119.24
Municipal Emergency Services Inc, fire-6" leather fronts (2)	90.00
Muscatine County Auditor, Muscatine county election expenses	442.74
NCL of Wisconsin Inc*, wwtp supplies	221.73
Oveson Refuse & Recycling LLC, december gb service & stickers	13,906.50
Paper's Lumber & Supply Inc, misc supplies	22.84
Panther Uniforms, police uniform expense	205.80
Rajcevich, Amber, ch website maintenance	250.00
River City Cutting & Coring, saw cut street (2)-hwy 6 repair	800.00
Shaffer Automotive Inc, pol exp '13 rplc headlight & roads-trailer tires	377.00
Spengler Auto Repair, pol explorer '13 repairs	2,036.00
Staples Credit Plan*, office supplies, pol-vacuum, cc paper towels	610.32
State Hygienic Laboratory, wa testing	47.00
Straube, Matt, cc deposit refund	250.00
Town & Country Tires, roads-batteries (2)	339.90
Toyne Inc, fire-monitor handle & roll pin	131.95
Turkle Tree Service Inc, trim street trees (5)	800.00
Treasurer of Iowa-IA-WH*, state tax	2,059.00
Treasurer State of Iowa, sales & wet tax	2,016.00
Triple B Construction, 12th ave wa, sw manhole, hwy 6 water main rpr	11,206.65
Trophy Shoppe* council member plaque	53.80
UMB Bank N.A.*, interest pymts 2015 bond & 2016 go bond	27,447.50
Upbeat Inc, cc-beer garden furniture	4,843.68
UPS, parks-return pkg	2.09
USA Blue Book, wa chemicals & gloves	315.56
Utility Equipment Co, fire building supplies	508.10
Verizon Wireless*, telephones, internet, cellphones, gis, lift station	771.18
Visa*, wa dist cert-tapp, pdf xchange plans	246.66
Wex Bank*, fuel	1,166.75
Payroll	42,687.70
Total	$222,332.10

*Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

General	$94,549.08
Road Use Tax	10,261.78
Employee Benefits	205.80
American Rescue Act Funding	7,476.00
Fire Department	1,056.78
Memorial-Feldhahn Flowers	11.64
Debt Services	28,596.99
Water	28,553.14
Sewer	26,998.72
Sewer Rev Bond Sinking	24,622.17
Total	$222,332.10

November 2021 Revenues

General	$80,054.92
Road Use Tax	16,422.05
Durant LOSST (75% Share)	36,837.66
American Rescue Act	465.33
Special Levy (Emp Ins)	5,413.31
Urban Renewal Fund (TIF)	342.65
Debt Service	16,761.25
Water Utility	28,799.95
Water Rev Bond Sinking Fund	7,611.67
Sewer Utility	61,460.69
Sewer Rev Bond Sinking Fund	29,998.33
Total	$284,167.81

Wilton City Council
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2021

The Council for the City of Wilton, Iowa met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday December 13, 2021. Mayor Robert Barrett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members present at this meeting: Wayne Budding, Sheryl Lenker, Keith Stanley and Ted Marolf. Absent: Steve Owens

The agenda was presented for approval. It was moved by Member Lenker seconded by Member Stanley that the agenda be approved as presented. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes: Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf
Nays: None Motion Carried

The consent agenda was presented for approval. Items included were minutes from the 11-22-2021 meeting and Cedar County Board of Supervisors Agreement. It was moved by Member Budding seconded by Member Marolf that the consent agenda be approved as presented. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes: Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf
Nays: None Motion Carried

REPORTS:

WDC Director Becky Allgood reported that the paperwork and transactions for two of the homes has been completed. The City of Wilton received payment plus interest for these homes. The third house paperwork should be finalized by the start of the new year with the pending payment at that time. She also presented the Council with the final construction draw for the White House and Oliver/Ault House which combined totaled $44,020.27. After some discussion a motion was made by Member Lenker and seconded by Member Marolf that the construction draw request be granted and be approved as presented. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes: Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf
Nays: None Motion Carried

City Administrator Jeff Horne reported to the Mayor and Council that he received some resumes for the City clerk position. The City is accepting resumes until Friday the 17th. Interviews will be set up the 27th or the 28th. Jeff has been focusing on completing the city's annual financial report, TIF report to the State and the TIF report for the County Auditor for next year. He has also started on the budget process and plans on having budget discussions on the 24th of January and the 14th of February.

FORMAL MEETING:

RESOLUTION 12132021A

ADOPTING THE HIGHWAY 38 CORRIDOR STUDY

WHEREAS, the City of Wilton, in conjunction with the Cedar and Muscatine Counties, had a corridor study prepared by MSA Professional Services for the Highway 38 Corridor between Wilton and Interstate 80; and

WHEREAS, the study included taking current traffic, projecting future development, and modeling future land use; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting regarding the study was held on June 14th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the final study report was presented to the Wilton City Council at their meeting on November 22nd, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Wilton City Council that the Highway 38 Corridor (the Study) is approved and adopted.

After some discussion Member Budding made motion seconded by Member Stanley to approve the resolution as written. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes: Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf
Nays: None Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 12132021B

RESOLUTION FOR OPERATING TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, it is part of the annual budget process to authorize the transfer of money from the below designated funds to the appropriate funds; and

WHEREAS, said operating transfers are in accordance with section 331.429 and 331.432, 2019 Code of Iowa;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Wilton, Iowa that the transfers will be as follows:

Water (600) to General (001)	$50,000
Sewer (610) to General (001)	$50,000
Garbage (670) to General (001)	$25,000
Insurance (112) to General (001)	$64,000
Sewer Improvement (612) to Debt Service (200)	$80,007
General (001) to Police Equipment (850)	$110,000
TIF (125) to Debt Service (200)	$412,356
Local Options Sales Tax (120) to General (001)	$380,000

BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Wilton does hereby approve the RESOLUTION FOR OPERATING TRANSFERS.

After some discussion Member Budding made motion seconded by Member Stanley to approve the resolution as written. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes: Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf
Nays: None Motion Carried

INFORMAL MEETING:

City Administrator Jeff Horne gave an analysis of building codes and inspections. Durant, Walcott, and Muscatine have adopted the International Building Code. We would want to adopt the same codes to be consistent for contractors. Our plans would be to hire an inspector on a contract basis. Our budget cannot absorb the added cost to hire an inspector without increasing the cost of all our building permits. Jeff's recommendation was to wait a year before adding this additional cost to the budget until the City determines the subsidy amount that might be required for the new EMS service. The Council agreed that this is not the right time to make changes to the building permit process.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Barrett read a farewell speech he had prepared highlighting the progress that was made during his tenure as a council member and a mayor. The Council, WDC Director and City Staff thanked him for his many years of service. WDC Director Becky Allgood presented Mayor Barrett with a copy of a City Hall painting and played a presentation prepared by Member Ted Marolf showing how much the City has changed over the years.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Member Stanley reported on the water main break that occurred over the weekend. He said the repair was done very efficiently and felt that we are lucky to have such a dedicated group of employees. The leaf pickup is done for the year and several of the Council Members said they received some very positive comments on the service.

BILLS:

The Financial Statements were accepted and placed on file. It was moved by Member Stanley seconded by Member Lenker hat the total disbursements of $ 177,127.63, approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and instruct the City Clerk to pay the same. The roll was called and the vote recorded as follows:

Ayes: Budding, Stanley, Lenker and Marolf
Nays: None Motion Carried.

No further business the Mayor adjourned this meeting.

Mayor Robert L. Barrett

Attest:
City Clerk Kathryn Koele

Employee Benefit Systems, health ins payouts	$412.44
Employee Benefit Systems, pfs admin	227.00
Gade Motor Co, repairs on f350	250.00
QC Analytical Services LLC, waste water conference	300.00
Visa, tool box, tools, conference	4,057.28
Advocate News, legal notices	430.32
BI State Regional Commission, admin lunch	19.77
Durant Ambulance Service, contract	1,056.00
Images in Ink, business cards, deposit slips	260.33
Integrated Technology Partners, replace phone line backup	357.99
Iowa League of Cities, league of cities mayor dues	30.00
Kerry Clark, cleaning	595.00
Kirkwood Community College, ems training	1,166.00
Menards, paint, buckets, tools, heater	1,330.19
Muscatine County Auditor, wilton city election	958.29
Office Machine Consultants, firewall, it hardware	463.00
Wester Drug, flu shots	300.00
Wilton Municipal Light & Power, electric	12,416.72
City of Wilton, december finals	502.51
Municipal Emergency Services, pac iii style hood inultra c6	446.81
Refunds or Reimburse, final deposit refund	53.92
Refunds or Reimburse, final deposit refund	33.46
Refunds or Reimburse, final deposit refund	10.11
Ross Medical Supply Co, Inc, o2 cylinder rental	69.51
Wester Drug, o2 refill	113.55
Wilton Development Corporation, allocation	17,500.00
Ace Electric, city hall basement electric	4,440.59
Arnold Motor Supply, fuel hose, supplies, hydraulic	1,352.99
Cardmember Service, paints, gloves, battery	383.50
Cedar County Auditor, city/shool election	574.36
Cedar County Solid Waste, landfill	69,052.00
Eastern Iowa Light & Power, electric	671.10
Eastern Iowa Tire-Davenport, tires for garbage truck	1,409.92
Grell Custom Metal Works, mount toolboxes, vise and	1,765.50
HR Green Company, srf project well 3	22,588.89
Hawkins Inc, water chemicals	1,957.61
Iowa Prison Industries, golf cart/utv permits	197.45
Iowa Rural Water Association, annual water conf	690.00
Jeff's Market, lp tanks, bar supplies	48.88
Mid American Energy, gas	1,695.94
Municipal Code Corporation, online code hosting	295.00
Paper's Lumber & Supply, tarps, bolts, drill bits	147.44
Town & Country Tires, garbage truck & f550 tires	150.00
Tyler Technologies, software upgrade	105.00
USA Blue Book, chlorine, colorimeter	2,004.59
White Pigeon Inc, insurance premiums	4,167.00
WTC Communications, phone/internet	1,117.34
Total	$99,975.36

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 13, 2021

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Holliday, Sauer, Sorensen and Saucedo present. Mather electronically attended the meeting. Chairperson Saucedo presiding.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, claims dated December 13, 2021 were approved in the amount of $803,017.16. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #12-13-21-01 to Approve the Combined Preliminary Plat of G and M Subdivision. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #12-13-21-01

APPROVAL OF THE COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF G AND M SUBDIVISON

WHEREAS, there has been presented before the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, a dedication and plat of the proposed subdivision "G and M Subdivision"; and

WHEREAS, said plat has heretofore been approved by the Zoning Commission of Muscatine County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, said dedication and plat fully conform with all laws of the State of Iowa and all ordinances of Muscatine County, Iowa, applicable thereto; and

WHEREAS, the platting of said subdivision is conducive to orderly development within Muscatine County, Iowa, is not in conflict with any extensions of the established road systems of Muscatine County, Iowa, and is in harmony with the comprehensive plan of zoning now in effect within Muscatine County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the subdivision of said real estate and the

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Business Services

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Facility Rentals

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Employment

HIRING LABORER FOR FLOORING INSTALLATION: Full time, pay based on experience. No experience required, will train. Contact Dakota at Carstens Floor Covering. Call/text 563-320-5791. 50-3xf

PART-TIME WEEKEND NIGHTS: General service staff, dishwasher. Must have transportation and be 18. Must be able to be on feet and carry 25 lbs. Will train. Neat appearance, friendly, reliable a must. Send resume to info@atthestardust.com. 50-3xf

JOB OPENING: St. Ann Church is now hiring a part-time bookkeeper for 15-20 hours per week. Knowledge of accounting software and basic spreadsheet is required. Send resume to: St. Ann Church, 16650 290th St., Long Grove, IA 52756 or email to secretary@stannslonggrove.org. St. Ann Church is an equal opportunity employer. 50-3x

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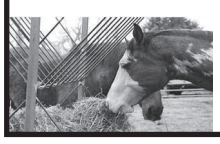
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plat thereof were accepted and approved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors following a public meeting on December 13, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1.The said subdivision is hereby designated as "G and M Subdivision", a subdivision in Muscatine County, Iowa, and that the descriptions of lots and parcels of land located therein shall be according to the number and designation thereof as set forth on said plat.

Section 2. The Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and the Auditor of Muscatine County, Iowa, are hereby authorized and directed to certify this Resolution in order that the same and all other matters material to said subdivision may be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Muscatine County, Iowa.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:
/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board moved to approve an ordinance rezoning approximately 3.44 acres in Wapsi Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the second of three readings. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Holliday, Sauer, Sorensen and Saucedo. Mather abstained from voting stating he was absent for the first reading.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution 12-13-21-02 vacating a portion of road right-of-way in the Northwest corner of the intersection of 196th Street and Bancroft Avenue. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION # 12-13-21-02
RESOLUTION TO VACATE UNUSED SECONDARY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 196TH STREET AND BANCROFT AVENUE PIKE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors recognizes that certain road right-of-way easements are no longer used for Secondary Roads purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 306.10 of the Code of Iowa provides that the agency which has control and jurisdiction over a highway system, shall have power, on its own motion, to alter or vacate and close any such highway: and

WHEREAS, Section 306.11 of the Code of Iowa provides that a hearing is not required if the proposed vacation is of part of a road right-of-way held by easement and will not change the existing traveled portion of the road or deny access to the road by adjoining landowners; and

WHEREAS, the following described section of road right-of-way is no longer used or needed:

A ROAD EASEMENT TO BE VACATED BEING PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 77 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA. COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89°47'40" WEST 373.90 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°12'20" WEST 33.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING ON THE PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF 196TH STREET AND THE BEGINNING OF A 349 FOOT RADIUS TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY WHOSE 488.24 FOOT CHORD BEARS NORTH 45°24'29" EAST; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 540.73 FEET TO THE PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED RIGHT OF WAY OF BANCROFT AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH 01°01'20" WEST 341.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°47'40" WEST 341.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.57 ACRES.

SEE ATTACHED RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT VACATION PLAT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, that the above described sections of road be ordered vacated and closed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:
/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved the following utility permit:

Century Link of Morris (Lumen) Illinois – to place FOC underground along Taylor Avenue between 325th Street and Cedar Muscatine Road and place FOC underground across 200th Street at the intersection of 20th Street. Section 5 & 6, T78N-R01W and Section 4-T78N-R01E. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects. White stated several bridges are designed and can be built within the next 18 months if approved by resolution. White recommends that local dollars, within the budget are considered instead of the SWAP program as a result of projects that are not being completed has allowed funds due to supply chain issues. White stated a pavement marking bid letting is in the process.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the December 6, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received updates from Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams with COVID updates.

All Supervisors received an email regarding furnace concerns at the Iowa Workforce Development Burlington office.

Saucedo received an email and a zoom call from Klingner & Associates in regards to the levee.

Saucedo received an email from West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) regarding the West Liberty Chamber of Commerce moving into a city building.

Saucedo received an email and call from Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams regarding state funding and mandates.

Saucedo received an email from Klingner & Associates regarding a possible plugged culvert on Ogilvie Avenue and drainage issues. Saucedo forwarded the email to County Engineer Keith White.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Holliday attended a Muscatine County Fair Board Volunteer meeting on December 8, 2021.

Holliday and Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission meeting on December 9, 2021.

Saucedo attended a virtual meeting with the Housing Council on December 6, 2021.

Sorensen attended an Emergency Management Association meeting on December 9, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the Certification Statement for the Muscatine County FY2021 Cost Allocation Plan. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding a request for the County to serve as Employer of Record for a possible third Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board employee. The Board agreed to serve as the Employer of Record for a third full-time employee as Assistant Executive Director for Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved a request from the Auditor's Office to hire Cathy Ribbink for an Elections/Real Estate Administrator at Grade 8, Step 8. Ayes: All.

Budget Administrator Sherry Seright presented a rough draft of the application for American Recovery Act (ARA) funding requests. Seright stated the application allows departments and organizations to make requests for funding, benefits of the projects, how many households it will serve and current funding. Mather recommended adding an indemnification clause making the applicant responsible for any misuse of funds. Sorensen recommended adding a certification statement that the applicant has made diligent inquiries to determine the purpose for which the application is made is an acceptable use of ARA funds. In consensus with the Board, Seright stated the request form will be revised to include an indemnification clause, a certification statement and a submission form deadline of January 6, 2022. Seright stated the revised form will be sent to the County Attorney and Board by email for review.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated a Public Hearing will be held by the Temporary Redistricting Commission on December 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors room to present proposed Muscatine County Supervisor Districts and Precincts and hear comments or objections. Administrative Services Director Schreiber stated the Board will then set three public hearing readings (provided there are no objections to the proposed maps and descriptions the Commission is proposing) to pass an Ordinance to rename the districts and precincts by the Secretary of State, January 15, 2022 deadline.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board went into closed session at 10:09 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5(c), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorsensen, second by Sauer, the Board returned to open session at 10:24 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #12-13-21-03 authorizing Muscatine County to Enter Into Settlement Agreements and the Iowa Opiod Allocation Memorandum of Understanding. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #12-13-21-03
AUTHORIZING MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA TO ENTER INTO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH MCKESSON CORPORATION, CARDINAL HEALTH, INC., AMERISOURCEBERGAN CORPORATION, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ORTHO-MCNEIL-JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICAL. INC., AND JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA, INC., AGREE TO TERMS OF THE IOWA OPIOID ALLOCATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AUTHORIZE ENTRY INTO THAT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

WHEREAS, in 2021, the County Board of Supervisors authorized Muscatine County (the "County") to enter into an engagement agreement with Crueger Dickinson LLC, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC and von Briesen & Roper, s.c. (the "Law Firms") to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the "Opioid Defendants") in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants financially responsible for the impact on of the Opioid Epidemic on the County and resources necessary to combat the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the County, the Law Firms filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants in 2018 and have been litigating against the Opioid Defendants since that time; and

WHEREAS, negotiations to settle claims against several of the Opioid Defendants, specifically McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceuitca, Inc. (the "Settling Defendants") have been ongoing for several years; and

WHEREAS, negotiations with the Settling Defendants have resulted in proposed nationwide settlements of state and local government claims involved in the Litigation; and

WHEREAS, copies of the proposed terms of those proposed nationwide settlements have been set forth in the Distributors Master Settlement Agreement and the J&J Master Settlement Agreement (collectively "Settlement Agreements");and

WHEREAS, copies of the Settlement Agreements as well as summary of the main terms of the Settlement Agreements, the deadlines for submitting the Participation Agreements to the Settlement Agreements and the MDL Court's Order setting deadlines for any Plaintiff who declines to enter into the Settlement Agreements have been provided to the County prior to the execution of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreements provide, among other things, for the payment of a certain sum to settling government entities in Iowa including to the State of Iowa and Participating Subdivisions, as that term is defined in the Settlement Agreements, upon occurrence of certain events as defined in the Settlement Agreements ("Iowa Opioid Funds"); and

WHEREAS, the Law Firms have engaged in extensive discussions with the State Attorney General's Office ("AGO") as to how the Iowa Opioid Funds will be allocated, which has resulted in the proposed Iowa Opioid Allocation Memorandum of Understanding ("Allocation MOU"), which is an agreement between all of the entities who are signatories to the Allocation MOU; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Allocation MOU and the Exhibits to that MOU have been provided with this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Allocation MOU divides Iowa Opioid Funds as follows: (i) 50% to the State ("the Iowa Abatement Share") and (ii) 50% to Participating Local Governments ("LG Share"), less fees and costs allocated to the Iowa Backstop Fund as set forth in Section D of the Allocation MOU and in this Resolution ("LG Abatement Share"); and

WHEREAS, the LG Abatement Share shall be distributed in direct payments to the Counties that are Participating Local Governments according to the allocation model developed in connection with the proposed negotiating class in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation (MDL No. 2804) in the amounts set forth on Exhibit 2 to the Allocation MOU ("Direct Distribution Percentage"). The Direct Distribution Percentage will be multiplied by the total LG Abatement Share to arrive at the total allocation to the Participating Local Government (the "Direct Distribution Amount"); and

WHEREAS, 100% of the Iowa Abatement Share and the LG Abatement Share, regardless of allocation, shall be utilized only for Opioid Related Expenditures incurred after the Effective Date of this MOU. The list of approved Opioid Related Expenditures are set forth in Exhibit 1 to this MOU; and

WHEREAS at least 75% of the Iowa Abatement Share and 75% of the LG Abatement Share shall be utilized only for the "Core Strategies" listed in Schedule A of Exhibit 1 to this MOU; and

WHEREAS, every Participating Local Government that receives a Direct Distribution Amount shall create a separate fund on its financial books and records that is designated for the receipt and expenditure of the entity's Direct Distribution Amount, called the "LG Abatement Fund." Funds in an LG Abatement Fund shall not be commingled with any other money or funds of the Participating Local Government. A Participating Local Government may invest LG Abatement Fund funds consistent with the investment of other funds of a Participating Local Government; and

WHEREAS, Funds in a LG Abatement Fund may be expended by a Participating Local Government only for Opioid Related Expenditures. For avoidance of doubt, funds in a LG Abatement Fund may not be expended for costs, disbursements or payments made or incurred prior to the Settlement; and

WHEREAS, each LG Abatement Fund shall be subject to audit in a manner consistent with Code of Iowa §§331.402(2)(i) and 11.6. Any such audit shall be a financial and performance audit to ensure that the LG Abatement Fund disbursements are consistent with the terms of this MOU. If any such audit reveals an expenditure inconsistent with the terms of this MOU, the Participating Local Government shall immediately redirect the funds associated with the inconsistent expenditure to an Opioid Related Expenditure; and

WHEREAS, County has contracted with the Law Firms for representation in the Litigation and the Law Firms have been representing those entities since 2018 and in consideration for the Law Firms' representation, the County entered into a contract with the Law Firms for a 25% contingency fee applied to County's total recovery from any settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreements provide for the payment of attorney's fees and legal expenses owed by States and Participating Local Governments to outside counsel retained for Opioid Litigation. To effectuate this, the Court in the MDL Litigation has established a fund to compensate attorneys representing plaintiffs in the Litigation (the "National Attorney Fee Fund"); and

WHEREAS, the Law Firms intend to make application to the National Attorney Fee Fund. However, because there is still uncertainty regarding what counsel for litigating local governments will recover as compensation for the large volume of work done and the large out of pocket expense of the Litigation, and whereas the Parties to the Allocation MOU desire to fairly compensate outside counsel for the work done on behalf of the Participating Local Governments in Iowa, the Allocation MOU provides that a fund be created from 15% of the LG Share attributable to the Litigating Local Governments, less any amounts a Litigating Local Government ("Iowa Backstop Fund"); and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Backstop Fund is meant to compensate outside counsel for participating local governments only for amounts not recovered at the National Fee Fund attributable to their Iowa clients; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for the Iowa Backstop Fund, the Law Firms must first seek payment from the National Attorneys' Fees Fund and may not recover amounts attributable to Counsel's representation of the County received at the National Attorneys' Fees Fund from the Iowa Backstop Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, agrees to the creation of the Iowa Backstop Fund in the amount of 15% of the LG Share attributable to the Litigating Local Governments in order to fund a state-level "backstop" for payment of the fees, costs, and disbursements of the Law Firms; and

WHEREAS, in no event shall the total of the amounts received by the Law Firms at the National Attorney's Fees Fund related to the County and the amount received at the Iowa Backstop Fund exceed the amount the Law Firms would have been entitled to pursuant their fee contract with the County; and

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, shall establish an account for the receipt of the LG Abatement Share consistent with the terms of this Resolution ("the LG Abatement Fund"); and

WHEREAS, the County's LG Abatement Fund shall be separate from the County's general fund, shall not be commingled with any other County funds, and shall be dedicated to funding opioid abatement measures as provided in the Settlement Agreements and the Allocation MOU; and

WHEREAS, the County must comply annually with the reporting requirements in the Allocation MOU; and

WHEREAS, the if the County elects to become a Participating Subdivision in the Settlement Agreements it will receive the benefits associated with the Settlement Agreement and the Allocation MOU, provided the County (a) approves the Settlement Agreements; (b) executes the Participation Agreements stating the County's intention to be bound by the Settlement Agreements; (3) approves the Allocation MOU; (4) executes the Acknowledgement and Agreement to be Bound to Memorandum of Understanding necessary to execute the Allocation MOU; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Resolution is to authorize the County to enter into the Settlement Agreements by executing the Participation Agreements and to enter into the Allocation MOU by executing the Acknowledgement and Agreement to be Bound to Memorandum of Understanding necessary to execute the Allocation MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and authorizes Santos Saucedo, Board Chair to settle and release the County's claims against the Settling Defendants in exchange for the consideration set forth in the Settlement Agreements, Allocation MOU and all exhibits thereto, including taking the following measures:

1. The execution of the Participation Agreement to the Distributors Settlement Agreement and any and all documents ancillary thereto.

2. The execution of the Participation Agreement to the Janssen Settlement Agreement and any and all documents ancillary thereto.

3. The execution of the Allocation MOU by executing the Acknowledgement and Agreement to be bound to Memorandum of Understanding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Muscatine County hereby establishes an account separate and distinct from the County's general fund which shall be titled "LG Abatement Fund" to receive the LG Abatement Share from the Settlement Agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the Board of Supervisors and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Passed and approved this 13nd day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:
/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 A.M.

ATTEST:
Tibe Vander Linden — **Santos Saucedo, Chairperson**
County Auditor — **Board of Supervisors**

Wilton Municipal Light & Power System

Regular Meeting
November 16, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Light & Power System of the City of Wilton, Iowa, met in regular session at the Light Plant Office at 7:00 p.m. on the 13th day of December 2021.

Chairman Janney called the meeting to order, and the following Trustees were present Hartman, Hunter, Said & Brown.

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

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

Manager Smith discussed and updated the Board regarding ongoing projects and items. Manager Smith advised they started pulling wire at Chandler Pointe. Transformers ordered for Cherrydale well #4 will take 18-20 weeks to arrive and the overhead wire is almost done. Manager Smith advised the Board they will need to drop a few lines for an upcoming house move. Manager Smith also advised the Board he will need to provide a purchase order # to be put on the list for a new digger truck, which is estimated to be completed by January 2024. Manager Smith advised the Board of open position, which the Board advised to advertise for.

The Board also discussed wages. After careful and thorough discussion and deliberation Trustee Jason Hunter made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chad Said, to raise the journeyman wage to $40.00 per hour, maintaining Foreman and Manager wage separation percentages. Vote: Ayes: All. Motion carried. Trustee Hartman made a motion to approve a 3% raise for Board Secretary. Trustee Brown seconded. Vote: Ayes: All. Motion carried. The Board agreed all wages will be reviewed in 1 year. Manager Smith presented the Board with foregoing the floating holiday and taking Veteran's Dav and New Year's Eve holidays to match City Hall's holidays.

The Board reviewed and agreed to donate $300.00 to Wilton High School Post Prom.

There being no other business, Trustee Hunter made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Said seconded.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Rick Janney

Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Sarah Grace

Advocate, publishing	$57.60
Altofer, replaced govenor unit 4	5,559.49
Cenex, truck fuel	185.24
City of Wilton, utilities, unapplied credits	1,697.95
Eastern Iowa Light & Power, purchased power, poles, enclosure, u-guard, termination	106,036.79
Ervins, bushings, plug & cap	8.87
Fletcher Reinhardt, labels, duct reels, wire & materials, transformer pad	13,774.34
GIS, benefits	178.98
HDC Printer Products, billing envelopes	1,563.88
Internal Revenue Service	9,601.66
IPERS	6,253.62
Jeff's, supplies	125.00
Midamerican Energy, gas service	777.81
Office Machine Consultants, monthly backup	143.38
Paper's Lumber, spray paint	55.45
Price Oil, fuel for lawn mower & chain saws	28.55
Quad City Door, warehouse addition door	3,579.11
Treasurer State of Iowa, withholding, bal oct & dep nov sales tax	6,941.00
United Power Services, power transformer & ltc oil testing	595.22
Valet's, new tires for f250	737.32
Van Meter, conduit & cement, 4" elbows, adapters & lube	1,634.21
Visa, shipping, tarp, clothing allowance, office supplies	813.32
Wellmark, insurance	10,566.52
Wilton Development Corp, annual dues	200.00
WTC, phone service	272.91
Total	165,771.13
Light Deposits Refunded	500.00
Total Bills	$166,271.13

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ADOPTING A REVISED COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS AND ELECTION PRECINCTS ORDINANCE

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on Monday, December 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Muscatine County Administration Building to take public comments on a proposal to repeal the current ordinance defining County Supervisor Districts and Elections Precincts for Muscatine County and adopt a new ordinance defining County Supervisor Districts and Elections Precincts for Muscatine County as a result of the 2020 Census. A draft copy of the proposed new ordinance is available for your review on the Muscatine County website under Muscatine County Code of Ordinances. (www.co.muscatine.ia.us)

You are invited to appear in person or send written comments to the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors, % Administration Office, Muscatine County Administration Building, 414 E. Third Street, Suite 101, Muscatine, Iowa 52761-4142.

Despite dry November, drought conditions improve and stabilize

DES MOINES — After a very wet October, November was drier than normal, but conditions improved over the month. As the state enters winter, conditions have stabilized, according to the most recent Water Summary Update.

Shallow groundwater conditions, as well as soil moisture, are showing improvement. Over meteorological autumn (September, October and November), precipitation was nearly normal.

"Although the state did not receive normal rainfall in November, the extra rain we did get in October, along with November's rainfall, is enough to continue the trend of improvement," said Tim Hall, Hydrology Resources Coordinator for the Iowa DNR. "There is still time for December rainfall to soak into the ground before widespread soil freezing, and anything we get will improve conditions for the start of the 2022 spring season."

Statewide average precipitation in November was 0.92 inches, or about half of what is normally expected. Statewide average snowfall was just 0.1 inches, well below the average of 2.6 inches.

Stream flow and soil moisture conditions to show improvement, which is a good indicator of potential conditions for the spring of 2022.

For a thorough review of Iowa's water resource trends, go to iowadnr.gov/WaterSummaryUpdate.

Attention All Area Businesses:

You are invited

to be part of the Advocate News'

'2021 Year in Review'

We invite you to be part of our annual 2021 Year-In-Review section in our Jan. 6 issue, with an ad like the one below.

The year your business originally opened will be in the top corner, and ads will be placed chronologically starting with the oldest, surrounding photos from events that happened in 2021.

We invite you to join us in this salute to the year gone by. Cost is only $40. The deadline is 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30.

If you would like to be included in this annual issue, please fill out the form below and send it to:

Wilton-Durant Advocate News,
P.O. Box 40, 410 Cedar St.,
Wilton, IA 52778

Or contact Amber at
563-732-2029 or
anads@netwtc.net



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Drop off or send this form with payment to: The Wilton-Durant Advocate News, P.O. Box 40, 410 Cedar St., Wilton, IA 52778. Cost is only $40. Call Amber at 563-732-2029 for additional information. Deadline is 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Company Name: _____

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Phone: _____

Year Established: _____

Any other information you'd like included (website, slogan, email, etc.):

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CC #_____ Exp. Date_____ 3 Digit Code_____

– ADVERTORIAL –

L&W Bedding Follows Time-Tested Recipe for Success

The factory-direct keeps the good old days of mattress making and personalized selling alive in the Quad Cities area



ABOVE: FOUNDATIONAL MATTERS John Wheatley started L&W Bedding in 1988 after learning how to make beds during a stint at another mattress producer in the area.





LEFT: TALE OF THE TAPE Jose Beltran, co-owner of L&W Bedding, operates the tape-edge machine at the factory in Moline. The company's three full-time employees make and sell all the beds.

FAR LEFT: SHOW AND TELL Vintage photographs and accessories lend a sense of history and interest to L&W Bedding's showroom in Bettendorf, Iowa.

By DAVID PERRY
Photography by TODD MIZENER/QUAD-CITY TIMES

L&W BEDDING, with it's factory that time forgot, could be in the running for the title of the nation's smallest retailer. And it's doing just fine, thank you. Some newer ways of producing and selling mattresses are overrated, according to this factory-direct operation.

A few qualifications are necessary as we relate the story of L&W Bedding, which has a 33-year history of serving customers as a manufacturer-retailer in the Midwest.

John Wheatley, the company's founder, doesn't know for certain but he thinks he just might be the nation's smallest mattress retailer. True, he does have two stores, which puts him ahead of the single-store owners out there, but his stores are open by appointment only Monday through Friday, and for just four hours — from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — on Saturdays. And Wheatley has a lean operation, with just three full-time employees, includ ing himself. The trio makes the beds, and sells them, too.

If L&W Bedding isn't the smallest mattress retailer in the nation, Wheatley allows, it's certainly one of the smallest. He also asserts he's the best mattress retailer in his area — the Quad Cities corner of Iowa and Illinois, where he has a factory and showroom in Moline, Illinois, and a store in Bettendorf, Iowa.

The L&W way

The way L&W Bedding builds mattresses, Wheatley proudly acknowledges, is rooted in the 1970s and 1980s, when most mattresses still were made with two functional sides.

Back then, typical box-spring foundations really were full of springs, and they worked with innerspring mattresses as shock absorbers to provide long-lasting comfort and support for sleepers.

Those were the good old days of the mattress business, Wheatley says, when he learned how to make mattresses, and those are the good modern days at L&W Bedding today.

"We haven't changed the way we've done business in more than 30 years," Wheatley says. "The quality of and education about our product is the same as it was when we started the business. We do things the old-fashioned way and that resonates with our customers."

"Our strategy," he continues, "has been to provide education on the craftsmanship and what's going inside the mattresses."

But don't think that Wheatley disdains other advancements in the industry. Far from it.

"We have adapted a digital marketing strategy to reach a targeted audience in-market for mattresses and we focus our messaging around key benefits for the customer," he says. "Also, I recently had our website (LWBeddingqca.com) redeveloped to be more user friendly and easy to navigate."

The internet plays a key role in educating L&W Bedding's customers about mattresses. "We receive inquiries and many consumers are doing their homework online before calling us for an appointment," Wheatley says. "I think having a strong brand presence and longevity in the market with a good reputation has helped our business be successful. Additionally,

I do tap into our existing customer base for testimonials and referrals to their friends and colleagues. I actually designed a Chiro's Choice product, which has been tested by a few chiropractor buddies of mine, and we've leveraged those relationships with messaging."

When it comes to mattress designs, the customer is king at L&W Bedding, which offers customized designs for humans and also their four-legged friends. "We're able to build any mattress to specs or whatever the customer needs," Wheatleysays. "We do RV, boat, pet, youth or any custom-size order. Basically, if you can sleep on it, we can build it."

While most of the beds made by L&W Bedding are for the residential consumer market, the company does have a few contract and wholesale accounts, including the Salvation Army, and offers wholesale pricing for those larger orders.

Two-sided mattresses are tops

What's selling at L&W Bedding these days? "Our two-sided, fl ippable pillow-top mattresses represent 85% of our mattress sales today," Wheatley says. "The price points range from $699 to $3,000. Also, half of our pillow-tops are sold with foundations and the other half with coiled box springs. The coiled box springs provide extra longevity with the mattress."

Those coiled box springs, a staple of bed designs decades ago when two-sided mattresses were the norm, are a point of particular pride for Wheatley. "I'm probably the only person in the Midwest who still sells box springs," he says. "You could drive from here to Chicago, here to St. Louis, here to Kansas City, and not find a traditional box spring."

Wheatley says his company's traditional box springs are designed to work in tandem with its mattresses to provide comfort and support.

A rigid foundation that doesn't offer any give to the mattress will cause the mattress to wear out more quickly, and single-sided mattresses don't have the springiness and resilience of two-sided models, he says. That combination of factors leads single-sided mattresses to break down faster and that leads to more mattress sales, which, Wheatley contends, is why many mattress producers no longer use those traditional box springs with two-sided mattresses.

In contrast, Wheatley says, he would rather sell fewer but better beds. "Why are we trying to make beds last for a long time?" he asks. "Because we can still do it. If other manufacturers wanted to, they could make a bed that would last for a long time without a problem, but they don't do that because they want to make more money that way, so that instead of buying two or three beds in a lifetime, you're going to buy possibly six or seven more.

Our beds are designed to last and keep their shape for a long time. They not only outdistance the competition on quality, but they also beat the competition on price and customer service."

L&W Bedding is able to offer excellent customer service, Wheatley says, because "we are a local mom-and-pop shop so we deal directly with any potential problems. We deal with the customers directly."

He recalls a time when a customer complained about a mattress breaking down. Wheatley made a house call and discovered the customer was regularly walking on the mattress to dust the ceiling fan that hung above it. Mattresses are not designed for that type of abuse, he says.

Wheatley's customer connections pay big dividends for the business. He has long-standing relationships with many of his customers, and even knows the families of others. Repeat customers are part of his business model, a strategy he recommends to other retailers. Consumers will pay for quality beds, he says.

"Start selling two-sided mattresses," he advises. "The consumer wants a bed that lasts longer than four to five years. They want a product that can be flipped, with a real box spring, and is built to last." Wheatley says L&W Bedding's premium two-sided mattresses with box springs can provide comfort and support for about 20 years.

Special attention, not special pricing

The sales process at L&W Bedding is highly interactive and often led by Wheatley.

"We ask lots of questions to understand what customers' needs are and we provide recommendations that align with what they are looking for," he says. "The fact that we're a manufacturer allows us to really customize products for them because there isn't a one-size-fits-all solution for mattresses."

Wheatley says his business has been able to navigate the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic by relying on the trust he's built up over decades with his customers.

"We have been fortunate to earn our customers' trust over the years," he says, "and we've kept their safety in mind during the pandemic by offering private in-store appointments, which has been mutually beneficial.

They have trusted us to provide a safe shopping environment and the appointments give us the ability to spend more time in a one-on-one setting getting to know their needs before recommending a product solution."

Promotional sales, a staple at most mattress retailers, are nonexistent at L&W Bedding.

"We often get asked if we have sales coming up or special pricing, and that's never been part of our business model," Wheatley says. "We try and price things right and build everything to order, which has given us a niche in our market."

A legacy

Wheatley is proud of the business that he's built, one bed at a time, over the years.

"I love my customers — the new ones and the ones I've been serving for decades," he says. "I guarantee they're happy with the product we make here because it's my life's work."

Ask him how many beds he's made during his career and he pauses, as if images of thousands upon thousands of mattresses are flashing through his mind. "A lot," he says finally, chuckling. That's his best answer.

At 59, Wheatley still loves what he's doing, especially making some of the higher-end mattresses that he calls "masterpieces." "We claim we make the best beds in the world," he says. They are filled with high-resilience foams, natural cotton batting, latex, and high quality springs and support systems, including extra support for the vital center portion of the bed, he says.

Wheatley still operates the quilt machines, preparing the panels that go on the tops and bottoms of his two-sided beds. Jose Beltran, who is co-owner, and his son, Owen Beltran, who serves as quality control manager, fill out the L&W Bedding staff. The three can make about five beds in a day.

"I enjoy working with my dad and with John, and I learn something new each day," Owen Beltran says.

Perhaps someday, Wheatley says, he could turn the business over to the Beltrans, but he has no immediate plans to step aside. "I don't know if I have a retirement bone in my body," he says. "I do enjoy this job."

Call for an appointment at L&W Bedding today and come home to comfort every night!
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