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2021 Looking back



Looking back at 2020 (clockwise from bottom left)—In August, the Wilton Fire Department, in conjunction with the Iowa Interstate Railroad, held **steam engine train rides**. There were 1,400 tickets sold for the event; In December, **the new reading garden** at the Wilton Public Library was featured. New library director Molly Garrett is pictured in front of the outdoor structure; In August, **five new murals** were installed on the north side of Jeff's Market in Durant, along Fifth Street — a result of Durant's Community Visioning project; In August, **the new Townsend Commons**, built on the south end of the gymnasium at Wilton High School, was ready for visitors; In March, Durant and Wilton Superintendent Joe Burnett is shown **getting a COVID-19 vaccine shot** administered by Durant school nurse Mary Dorris. The COVID-19 pandemic was ongoing, with vaccine clinics being held at local schools throughout the year; In September, **a memorial 9/11 procession** (noting the 20th anniversary) was planned and coordinated by members of Scott County fire and EMS departments, and the processional made a stop in Durant at the Durant Fire Department Sept. 11. A special section of one of the World Trade Center buildings was featured.

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Wilton Cafe: Alimoski ownership onto next chapter

By Derek Sawvell
Managing Editor, Advocate News

For the Alimoski family, the 2021 holiday season represented yet another chapter in a decades long love affair with the Wilton Café. That love had spread to the community through multiple generations.

On Friday, Dec. 24, Wilton Café owner Sakir "Chili" Alimoski served his last day on the job before turning over the reins to his older brother Mendim Alimoski, who purchased the family business from his little brother after months of planning.

It began in 2003, when Andy and Rosie Alimoski, parents of Chili and Mendim, purchased the Café from Bob and Sandy Lief. According to Chili, Andy Alimoski owned a restaurant in Pontiac, Illinois prior to coming to Wilton. "One of our relatives owned a restaurant in Lowden, and told my dad the Café was for sale. He came up and watched it for a week, then decided to buy it," Chili said.

Andy and his wife Rosie made the Wilton Café their own, cooking and serving comfort food in downtown Wilton for 12 years, before selling to their son Chili, who purchased the business in 2015. "It's been a family affair. My little brother Boni and I were most involved. I went to college, then came back and helped my dad with catering. I got my degree, but always knew in the back of my mind that I'd take over the family restaurant," Chili said.

Chili said he took ownership around the time that social media was taking off, and he used it to the Café's advantage, with a very active Facebook page. "I've taken that to help it become more popular in town, and statewide," he noted.

He's also a man among the patrons while in the restaurant. Pick a day on the calendar, and when customers enter the Wilton Café, they often find Chili sitting amongst the diners, chatting with the regulars, or presenting special birthday pancakes to area youngsters. "We're always there, always working. You

form relationships with the customers; that goes hand-in-hand," said Chili.

In the years since relinquishing ownership, Andy and Rosie took over the Family Restaurant in Muscatine, where they are still able to serve home cooked meals to area customers. And brother Boni owns a waffle and pancake restaurant in downtown Muscatine.

Through the years, the restaurant has built quite a base of regulars, which Chili attributes to a menu that works. "We don't tweak the menu much; it's worked for 20 years. We're not fancy. We make simple, 'what your mom would make on a Saturday morning' food," Chili said.

The loyalty of his customer base was shown in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, when the dining room was forced to close. The business converted to take-out only, and it even offered reduced price meals to students. "If I was new, I don't think I could have stayed open. If we didn't have our regulars, we'd be out of luck. We could only make it out together. You're in it to take care of the people who take care of you," Chili said.

Arty's changes everything

In 2019, Chili had a vision — to buy the former Dairy Queen on Fifth Street in Wilton, a business that had changed hands several times over the years. He had just had his first child with wife Alex, and purchased the business in July, naming it Arty's Ice Cream & Grill after his son.

They spent four months renovating the business and getting the menu ready, featuring big burgers, sides and of course ice cream, a staple of the location for decades.

It caught on, and Chili has used Facebook to promote the business, which has taken on a life of its own. "It really caught on. Then we added 'burgers of the week,' and got creative with our ideas," he said.

It's a different crowd than that of the Café. "When we caught fire, it ramped up the fire in me. We continued adding more," Chili added.

People took notice, as the business has been swamped with customers, even through the pandemic. The burgers were named top 10 in Iowa by the Iowa Beef Industry Council and the Iowa Cattlemen's Association. Chili purchased a food truck, and now takes Arty's on the road, and he's looking to convert the garage behind the business into a party room.

The business has boomed, and so has the amount of staff, which provides great opportunities to local high school students. For Chili, it meant starting his day at 5:15 in order to meet the needs of the Café, which is open for breakfast and lunch. Then it was off to Arty's until around 9:30 each evening. "I was never home. And even when I'm not here, my mind couldn't shut down," Chili added. "Arty's is a huge beast, I was so focused on it, and we were losing out at the Café."

Mendim takes ownership

"I told him he should buy it. We worked on

it for a year, and now it's here," said Chili of Mendim's decision to buy the Café business.

For a few weeks prior to Chili's final day on Dec. 24, Mendim took the wheel at the Café, operating "as if Chili didn't exist."

Mendim, 37, had worked at the Café off and on over the years during Chili's ownership. "Even when I've tried to get away from this kind of work I can't; it's in our blood. We learned from our dad," Mendim said. "We love this town; it will be great for my family and I."

Mendim lives in Durant with his wife Dita and children Albi, Dorian and Nikko.

"I'm not scared, more nervous and excited. I've done it day in and day out. There will be nothing really different. The majority of things will stay the same," Mendim said. "I'm older. I'm looking for this to be the final chapter. The employees are staying, and we'll have the same great food."



Brothers Mendim and Sakir "Chili" Alimoski are pictured in front of the Wilton Cafe on Christmas Eve, Chili's last official day of ownership. The brothers worked out a deal in 2021 for Mendim to purchase the family business, which was owned by their father Andy from 2003 to 2015, when Chili became sole owner. Mendim Alimoski is open for business in 2022 as the Cafe's new owner, and said, "the majority of things will stay the same."

Photo by Derek Sawvell

Huff receives national award

Editor's note: The following story is being reprinted with permission of the Adair County Free Press. Dave Huff is a former athletic director at Wilton High School.

Caleb Nelson

Adair County Free Press (Greenfield)
DENVER, COLORADO—Former Nodaway Valley Activities Director Dave Huff was humbled to receive the Bruce D. Whitehead Distinguished Service Award from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) at their annual national convention recently.

Huff said he knew he was nominated for the award because each state selects a nominee.

"You have paperwork you fill out [once you're nominated] and I thought that was as far as it'd go," Huff said. "They give about 10 to 12 every year, and in no way did I think I would be one of those 10 to 12 people who would receive that award, so it was very humbling."

Before arriving at Nodaway Valley as the new school district's first athletic director in

2000, Huff spent time at East Union, and before that, he had stops at Wilton and Fremont-Mills. He first started as an athletic director in 1989.

Huff retired from Nodaway Valley at the end of the 2014-15 school year, but he remains active on the state board for the Iowa High School Athletic Association as its Historian and a national committee that helps select Hall of Fame inductees for the NIAAA.

"It's a neat experience," Huff said. "I've met a lot of people from a lot of different places and it's been kind of fun."

Huff said his continued involvement in retirement from athletic administration is a way to give back to the organizations he's been a part of.

"I also think it's a part of me giving back to help support activities programs, which I feel are fantastic for kids, giving them an opportunity to succeed and be able to reach the levels they want to reach," Huff said. "Receiving this award was a very humbling experience. It was a fun time and it's nice to be given an award by your peers."



Dave Huff, middle, receives the NIAAA's Bruce D. Whitehead Distinguished Service Award from NIAAA President Dr. Lisa Langston, left, and Executive Director Dr. Mike Blackburn, right.
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Shotgun season deer toll drops six percent

By Jared Strong
Iowa Capital Dispatch

The number of deer felled by hunters in recent months in Iowa totaled more than 89,000 at the conclusion of the state's shotgun seasons and was about 6 percent shy of last year's total after those seasons, according to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

"We've harvested between 100,000-110,000 (deer) every year since 2013, and I suspect we'll be close to 100,000 again this year," said Tyler Harms, a DNR wildlife research biometrician.

Bow and muzzleloader seasons conclude Jan. 10. A non-resident holiday season ended Jan. 2.

Harms said that range of annual harvests has held the state's deer population about stable. Final counts are expected in January.

The DNR monitors the state's deer numbers with deer counts along about 4,750 miles of roadways, reports from bow hunters who sit for hours in tree stands, deer killed on rural highways and reports of deer-related crashes to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Special season set in five counties

The DNR recently announced a special two-week hunting season in January in five counties with larger deer populations and known cases of chronic wasting disease, a fatal neurological disease that mostly affects deer and elk. The department made available nearly 5,000 antlerless deer licenses for the counties of Allamakee, Appanoose, Decatur, Wayne and Winneshiek. The season is open Jan. 11 to 23.

The disease was first detected in the far northeast part of the state in 2013. Since then, infected deer have been found in a total of 11 counties, according to a DNR report in September.

The state's deer population declined significantly in the first decade of this century when hunters killed deer at about double the current rate. The estimated deer harvest in 2005, for example, was more than 211,000, the DNR report said.

Those numbers were bolstered by a special January season in the southern two tiers of counties that allowed the

	Doe Does	Doe fawn	Antlered bucks	Button bucks	Shed antler bucks	Total deer	Fall turkey	Spring turkey
Cedar	453	20	450	73	10	1,006	6	62
Clinton	415	36	474	122	6	1,053	3	82
Dubuque	924	58	714	204	13	1,913	9	176
Jackson	967	53	849	250	11	2,130	9	265
Louisa	498	29	471	112	11	1,121	3	66
Muscatine	498	22	480	131	7	1,138	15	104
Scott	308	16	243	58	6	631	0	18
Statewide	41,029	2,211	42,528	7,544	548	93,860	547	11,697

use of high-power rifles to target antlerless deer. The special season ended in 2014, Harms said.

The state's deer population was mostly stable from 2013 to 2017 and has been slightly increasing in recent years, the report said.

Deer were all but eradicated from Iowa in the 1800s when they were killed for food and fur. In 1898, hunting deer was outlawed. About 50 years later,

there were an estimated 10,000 deer in Iowa, and the first modern hunting season opened in December 1953.

Last year, hunters killed about 109,500 deer. About 52 percent of those deer were harvested during the two December shotgun seasons. Bow hunters accounted for about 22 percent of the total. Deer killed by muzzleloader hunters were about 12 percent.

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GREEN Garden Forum to feature Friends of Vander Veer Botanical Park director

IOWA CITY — Project GREEN and the Iowa City Public Library will offer a series of Garden Forums in 2022. The first will be held Jan. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St.

Natasha Sottos, Director of The Friends of Vander Veer Botanical Park, will share the history and highlights of Vander Veer Botanical Park (pictured, right) in Davenport. Ms. Sottos works successfully with the City of Davenport in support of this public-private partnership to provide the Vander Veer Botanical Park's horticultural and education initiatives.

This 33-acre Iowa park features a conservatory, outdoor gardens, decorative fountains, a nationally recognized rose garden and hosta glade and an extensive collection of trees, some dating to the 1890s. Vander Veer includes The Grand Allee leading to the Stone Fountain. The conservatory is famous for its tradition of providing gardens under glass and seasonal displays.

The Vander Veer Botanical Park was built on the old Scott County Fairgrounds land and modeled after New York City's Central Park. In 1912, the park was renamed for the first secretary of the Davenport Park Board of Commissioners, A.W. Vander Veer. The park is maintained by the city of Davenport Parks and Recreation Department, with floral displays and other initiatives funded by The Friends of Vander Veer.

Additional Garden Forums will be held Sunday, Feb. 13, with author and garden designer Dr. Benjamin Vogt (virtual); and Sunday, March 13, with University of Iowa Urban Forestry Supervisor and campus arborist Andy Dahl (in-person).



Project GREEN (Grow to Reach Environmental Excellence Now) and ICPL have partnered to offer the Garden Forums for many years. The forums are free and open to the public. Attendance at forums qualifies Iowa State University Extension Master Gardeners for education CEUs.

Oakdale board members to be elected Jan. 10

The Oakdale Cemetery Association of Wilton will hold its annual meeting Monday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. in the Wilton Community Room at City Hall in downtown Wilton.

Two members will be elected to the Oakdale Cemetery Association Board of Trustees for

a 3-year term. Nomination papers for this position were filed by Dec. 10 by Terri Becker, Carla Thurston, Jill Akers and Mary Bollinger.

All lot owners and first generation heirs of lot owners are eligible to attend the meeting and to vote.

Mediacom offers \$60,000 in scholarships

MOLINE, IL — Mediacom Communications is offering \$60,000 in scholarship support for high school seniors who plan to obtain further education. The scholarship program is in its 21st consecutive year and Mediacom's investment will award \$1,000 World Class Scholarships to 60 high school seniors.

Scholarship recipients are given the flexibility to use the financial awards to support post-secondary college costs or vocational training from an accredited institution starting in the fall of 2022. Award selection is based on academic achievement and leadership.

Applications for Mediacom's World Class Scholarships are available online: mediacom-worldclass.com. Information recently was sent

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County board debates employee raises, makes appointments

By **Kathy Kuhl**
for the Advocate News

In its first meeting of 2022 on Jan. 3, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors debated how much to offer county employees for cost-of-living adjustments, and also approved appointments to county boards and commissions, including its own chair and vice chair positions.

Discussion on raises for county employees centered on the possibility of a 3 percent cost-of-living increase. The creation of the county's 2022 budget begins Jan. 10, said Nancy Schreiber, Muscatine County Director of Administrative Services. She told the supervisors, "I need to know what to put in the budget. You always have the ability to change that."

Supervisor Jeff Sorensen promoted a 3 percent raise. "Three percent's a decent number. In past years, we've given raises above that. I look at the Producer Price Indexes (PPI), and it looks to be in the 3 percent range."

The PPI is a measurement created by the Bureau of Labor Statistics that tracks the average change over time in the selling prices received by domestic producers for their output.

Supervisor Santos Saucedo asked his colleagues to consider higher raises for county employees.

"My challenge is you see surrounding

counties and cities offering more," he said. "I don't want to lose our staff. We're only as good as our team."

Supervisor Scott Sauer listed mitigating factors, such as the medical benefits and job security of county positions.

Sorensen reminded his colleagues, "This (increase) impacts property taxes, which hits fixed-income people the most."

Supervisor Nathan Mather noted that it's early in the process of making this decision. "Everything's on the table at this point," he said.

The board of supervisors also approved its start-of-year slate of reappointments and new appointments to boards and commissions. But first, in 5-0 votes, the board named its own chair and vice chair for 2022: Scott Sauer and Nathan Mather, respectively.

The sole new appointment to a county board was optometrist Chris Scholz, who was voted in as a new member of the Muscatine County Board of Health, replacing William Koellner, who also applied for the position.

Schreiber explained that new people are invited to apply to join boards and commissions, and after Scholz applied, Koellner reapplied for the position.

Supervisor Jeff Sorensen noted the practice described by Schreiber was adopted to encourage term limits, so he moved to name Scholz to the position. Supervisor Scott Sauer seconded the motion, and he and Sorensen made a point

of thanking Koellner for his service. The board passed the new appointment 5-0.

Reappointments included Matt Shutt as the Muscatine County Weed Commissioner (one-year term); Jodi Hansen as the Eastern Iowa Tourism Association representative (one-year term); Mike Schulte to the Muscatine County Conservation Board (five-year term); Nate Orvis and Andrea Ryan to the Muscatine County Building Board of Appeals (three-year terms); Lynn Pruit and Becky Allgood to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission (three-year terms); and Brandy Olson to the Muscatine County Board of Health (three-year term).

The board also named Marsha Gerot to a three-year term on the Conesville Benefited

Fire District, but her appointment is subject to approval by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors.

A vacancy remains on the Historic Preservation Commission.

In other business, the supervisors approved second readings of resolutions to adopt new floodplain management regulations, and the revision of county supervisor districts and election precincts for Muscatine County.

The next county board meeting will be at 9 a.m., Monday, Jan. 10, as the board voted to keep its usual meeting time and day. Meetings are in the Muscatine County Administration Building, 414 E. 3rd St., Suite 101, Muscatine, every Monday. These meetings are also live-streamed and posted on YouTube.

Iowa PBS to present 2022 legislative preview

JOHNSTON — Explore the key issues state lawmakers may address in the 2022 Iowa legislative session. Iowa Press will utilize new field reporting to provide an in-depth view of broadband expansion, the long-time battle over Iowa's bottle bill, and the status of medical marijuana laws in Iowa.

"Iowa Press: Legislative Preview Special" premieres Friday, Jan. 7 at 8:30 p.m. on statewide Iowa PBS, with an encore broadcast on Sunday, Jan. 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Along with looking at broadband and the bottle bill, the program will also examine the

state's limited medical marijuana program developed in recent legislative sessions. Neighboring states are expanding access to both medical and recreational programs, while private sector investors and intrigued citizens in Iowa question whether the 2022 legislative session could bring clarity to the future of marijuana in the state.

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Cedar County Senior Dining has begun providing in-person meals again. Meals are served at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Durant, and are available for delivery to those with disabilities or who are homebound. Call Fay Wulf at 563-785-4525 or 563-320-4570 to make reservations for meals.

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


January Thursdays menu:

Jan. 6 — Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, fruit gelatin, cookie, milk.

Jan. 13 — Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed spinach, pears, lemon bar, milk.

Jan. 20 — Ham loaf, roasted red potatoes, mixed vegetables, raisin rice pudding, milk.

Jan. 27 — Swiss steak, baked potatoes, California blend, fresh fruit, chocolate pudding, milk.



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OBITUARIES



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James Hillman

James "Jim" D. Hillman, 61, of Letts, Iowa died on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 at his home. Visitation was held on Dec. 29 at the Snyder & Hollenbaugh Funeral and Cremation Services of Muscatine. Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

A memorial fund has been established at the funeral home in Jim's name. Sympathy notes may be left for the family at www.sandhfuneralservice.com.

James Dewayne Hillman was born on Aug.

8, 1960 in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of Lonnie and Dorothy (Carter) Hillman. On July 5, 2010, Jim was united in marriage to Mary Lou Baker at Wildcat Den.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Hillman of Letts; sons, Michael (Shiloe) Hillman of Muscatine and Curtis (Ruth) Hillman of Washington; four grandchildren; brother Greg (Jan) Hillman of Fruitland; sisters Paula Wheeler of Phoenix, Arizona and Debra (David) Kerr of Muscatine.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Russell Deihl

Russell E. Deihl, 69, of Rochelle Park, New Jersey died on Dec. 23, 2021.

A celebration of life will be held in Maywood, New Jersey on Jan. 6 and he will be buried in a ceremony later this year at the Bethel Cemetery in Wapello, Iowa alongside his parents and brother — date to be announced.

Donations in memory of Russell may be sent to: <https://www.peacecorps.gov/donate/funds/ethiopia-country-fund-663-cfd/>.

Born in Iowa City, Iowa on Feb. 29, 1952 to parents Irving and Ann, Russ was a leap-year baby. Along with siblings Ron and Rose, Russ grew up in Durant, Iowa, where he excelled as an athlete and developed many life-long friendships through sports and school. He went on to study at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and the University of Northern Iowa.

One of his proudest life journeys was joining the Peace Corps, where he traveled to Ethiopia and lived with the Daasanach tribe. Pulling from his biology degree, he introduced new types of sustainable bean crops designed to thrive in the Ethiopian climate. When armed conflict forced foreigners from the country, Russ continued traveling to other parts of Africa, India and Europe before returning home. He published a memoir of his journeys on the Facebook page, "Russ Saves and Sees the World."

Russ moved east to New York/New Jersey, where started a computer programming business, First Byte Corp., married and had



Russell Deihl

a daughter, Jessica. He remarried, gaining a stepson Billy and granddaughters Bella and Olivia to whom he was "Pee-Paw." Russ loved traveling, running, basketball, golf, playing guitar and working out with pals from Mr. Bill's Fitness.

In 2017 he suffered a spinal cord injury, becoming permanently quadriplegic. He stayed close with his family and friends, learned to play the harmonica and wrote song lyrics, and never lost his love of life, sense of humor, or optimism. The "Big Deihl's" time with us may have been cut short, but he was the embodiment of living fully for all the time he was given.

He is survived by his daughter, Jessica Deihl of Washington, D.C., stepson Billy Paladino and family of New Market, Maryland, sister Rose Lyle and family of Des Moines, Iowa, niece Diandra Lyle and family of Los Angeles, California, as well as many wonderful friends, loving aides, and extended family members.

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GovConnectIowa online portal now available

DES MOINES — GovConnectIowa is now available for Iowa business owners and business tax filers. The Iowa Department of Revenue and other state agencies are modernizing technology and processes to better serve Iowa taxpayers, resulting in this new and secure online portal.

In this initial rollout, the Iowa Department of Revenue, the Iowa Lottery Authority, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, and the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division partnered to provide enhanced user-friendly tools that are accessible from anywhere, at any time.

Business owners now have access to streamlined options to:

- * Register or renew certain business licenses and permits.
- * Pay certain license and permit fees.
- * File sales, use, withholding, and fuel tax returns and reports.
- * Submit deposits or payments for sales, use, withholding, and fuel taxes.

* Communicate with state agencies.

The Department is mailing letters to existing tax permit holders with instructions on how to access their tax accounts in GovConnectIowa. Before receiving the letter, business owners with existing tax permits can begin using GovConnectIowa's Quick File and Quick Pay features today. Visit govconnect.iowa.gov to access these features.

For more information about GovConnectIowa, including important dates, how-to information, and other educational resources, visit tax.iowa.gov/modernization.

Later rollouts in this multi-year project will simplify processes for corporate income taxpayers, individual income taxpayers, local government tax equalization and distributions, and more.

thank you!

Thanks to all the people who came up to Moline to celebrate my 60th birthday:

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Doug and Sheryl Lenker
Jeff and Traci Harper
Steve and Jane Owens
Matt and Angie Stranberg
Paul and Cheryl Stranberg

Happy 60th birthday to Doug Lenker!
Many thanks from Randy and Tracy Johannsen



Courtney P. Ralfs graduated from the University of Iowa on December 21, 2021 with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy. Congratulations! We are so proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom, Lauren, Hannah & Devin

The family of Wanda Symmonds would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the support of our community at the loss of our wife, mother and grandma. She was a very special lady to all of us, and we appreciate the kindness shown at the time of our loss.

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Wilton Baptist Church

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Peace United Methodist

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In January, Isabelle "Zuzu" Hartman of Muscatine completed her Eagle Scout review. Hartman, a then senior at Muscatine High School, was the first ever female Eagle Scout in the Illowa Council, which includes Cedar and Muscatine County. She's the daughter of former Wilton grad and Eagle Scout Mike Hartman.



Wilton Postmaster Cindy Gavin called it a career in January, retiring after 35 years with the Postal Service. Gavin had served as Wilton's Postmaster since 2016.



After four years with the Wilton School District, 7-12 Principal Marc Snavely said goodbye. After fulfilling his contract in June, he became the next superintendent and elementary principal of the Colo-NESCO School District.



New Wilton 7-12 Principal Sue O'Donnell is pictured next to the new entrance to the Wilton High School Townsend Commons, opened the first day of school Aug. 25.



Durant Elementary School held its first ever Kindergarten Signing Day April 30. Incoming kindergarten students had a chance to meet other students and their teachers, Kris Daufeldt and Tonya Wiese, who have a combined 33 years teaching in Durant.



Wilton School District School Business Official Staci Owens-Kirkman took part in her final school board meeting March 10, retiring 35 years from her first day with the school district.



The Wilton Fire Department began a new Wilton ambulance service July 1. Wilton Fire Chief Ray Sterner is shown operating the ambulance's power lift system, which helps get patients in and out of the rig mechanically.

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Arty's Ice Cream & Grill owner Sakir "Chili" Alimoski is shown with two of the many available burgers at Arty's, as the restaurant was named as one of the top 10 burgers in Iowa by the Iowa Beef Industry Council and the Iowa Cattlemen's Association.



The Durant School District approved a bid in March to repair all remaining district roofs that were leaking, including the high school gymnasium, which began seeing significant leaking in the spring due to heavy snow melting. Buckets are shown in the gym, used to collect water.



Tim Howell of Wilton was named the new manager of Wahkonsa Country Club in 2021. A lifelong golfer, Howell had been a member at Wahkonsa for 20 years.



Wilton Police Sgt. Todd Johnson became Wilton School District's School Resource Officer in February. He spends the school year as the district's resource officer and continues his police work with the city of Wilton in the summers.



The original wooden bleachers were removed from the Durant High School gymnasium, making way for new, blue resin plastic bleachers installed in the summer. Materials for the new bleachers are shown (left), encompassing the gym floor June 4. The wood from the old bleachers (above) was auctioned off.



The new blue Durant bleachers were installed in July, replacing the original wooden bleachers in use since the 1970s. Above, the south-end storage room was converted into a new concession stand. Shown are the two openings and storage area in the new concession stand

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Lexi Henning and Cole Henning of Wilton are pictured in June with championship medals won at the Scholastic Clay Target Program's International Bunker Trap Championship.



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Pictured are some of the Lions and Lioness members in Durant, who came together to form the new Tri County Community Club in 2021. The group is holding a check from the Durant Lions Club for \$4,000 made out to the new club, which will continue the mission of the original clubs while looking for more projects.

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Mark Knouse of Wilton, president and treasurer of White Pigeon Mutual, was 2021 Wilton Founders Day grand marshal. He has devoted much of his life to volunteering at numerous Wilton events over the past 40-plus years, including helping organize all 40 Eager Beaver races as part of Wilton's annual Founders Day activities.



U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds and U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst are shown modeling special bread bags gifted to them courtesy of Muscatine County Republican Chair Fred Grunder during an event in Wilton in July.

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On Sunday, Aug. 15, Boy Scout Troop 153 of Durant celebrated five of its Scouts (left) receiving their Eagle Scout rank: Cameron Hoon, Terry Esbaum, Braden Wagner, Luke Abels and Tony Krebs. The Eagle Rank is the highest level a Boy Scout can receive.

In October, Woda Cooper Companies held a groundbreaking ceremony for the upcoming Chandler Pointe senior living apartment complex being built on Fifth Street in Wilton. Construction of the 35-unit complex is currently underway.



Durant's Wildcat Chronicles staff (left) from last school year includes (front row from left) Luke Abels, Nicole Brown, Keagen Head, Timothy Junis and Koby Paulsen; (back row) Zachary Pearlman, Carlie Jo Fusco, Sofia Reyna, Brock Jones, Kiley Stineman, Shannon Head, Ally Happ, Madison Weber and adviser Steve Sands. The group was named a top 5 Iowa student journalism program in November.



Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand (right) is pictured at Wilton City Hall with City Administrator Jeff Horne (middle) and city council member Sheryl Lenker Nov. 12. He visited the city offices to present Wilton with a Public Innovations and Efficiencies (PIE) award for most improved city in the state of Iowa in 2020 (tied with Dysart).




The Rev. Richard Anderson, kneeling, is pictured being ordained an Episcopal priest Dec. 21, 1961. St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Durant celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Rev. Richard J. Anderson's ordination in December.



The sanctuary at LIFEchurch Wilton, 315 W. Summit Street, is pictured (left), where Sunday services were first held Nov. 14. Most spaces of the building have been remodeled, and lights have been added to the worship space.

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December 2020
14— Theodore “Teddy” Lee Wallace son of Steve and Jessica (Phillips) Wallace of Grimes.

January 2021
15-Bristol Gruenhagen daughter of Craig and Brooke Gruenhagen of Walcott; 22-Kynlie Joann daughter of Aaron and Katelyn Ellenberg of Stockton; 23—Nellie Rivera daughter of Anna Radcliff and Payton Rivera of Durant; 30—Brisby Maurer daughter of Brad and Baili Maurer of Edgewood.

February 2021
13- Oliver Ron son of Tyler and Kristin Mitchell of Muscatine.

March 2021
4- Archie Joel son of Adam and Katie Belitz of Durant.

April 2021
2- Sydney Joy daughter of Alex and Ashleigh Taylor of Wilton.

May 2021
28- Orion Christopher David Rogers son of Nathan and Caitlin Rogers.

July 2021
29- Colby Lee Neff son of Curtis and Liz Neff of Durant.

August 2021
17- Ryder Lyle son of Taylor Rinnert and Jared Stecher of Muscatine; 27- Ellie Kate daughter of Andrew and Kaela Dieckman;

September 2021
4- Sloane Joy daughter of Adam and Brittany Brown of Cedar Rapids; 16-Brooks Oliver son of Michael and Erin (Bohnsack) DeLong of Wilton;

November 2021
11- Eloise Scott daughter of Daniel and Stefanie Latimer of Donahue;

Obituaries
December 2020
7-Lt. Col. Russel Edward Hain (USAF, Retired), 94, of Austin, Texas; 22-Shirley Cook, 79, of Waterloo, Illinois; 27-Betty Clark, 83, of Durant; 31-Betty J. Fink, 90, of Durant;

January 2021
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5— Jessica Lee Hannes, 50, of Wilton; 10-Velma Welch Ring, 90, of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; 12- Terrill C. “Terry” Uhr, 74, of Bettendorf, Iowa; Pamela May Lundgren, 69, of Denver, Colo.; 13-Allan “Al” Eugene Lacock, 85, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Robert George Hogan, Jr., 62, of West Liberty; 15- Frances Darlene Thumma, 96, of Tipton; Carolyn F. Bauer, 85 of Wheatland; 20- Richard Lane Grage, 69, formally of Durant; 24-Michael Alan Hamann, 67, of Eldridge; 25- Treye Jason Beinke, 39, of Chicago, Illinois; 27- Marilyn Ann Long, 82, of Wilton; 28- Gladys Eleanor Wendhausen, 85, of Davenport;

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2-Nicklas Robert “Nick” Rostenbach, 27, of Wilton; Sheryl Anne (Walker) Denny, 30, formerly of Wilton; 3-Douglas John Griffin, 51, of Muscatine; 5- Rita F. Sterner, 80, of Moscow; 6-Wally G. Kelding, 76, of Davenport; 16- Gerald D. Bauer, 84, of Wheatland; 19- Violet Carrie Proctor, 94, of Moscow; Christophe Kees Josef Asselbergs, 80, of Durant; 20-Randal Rae (Pacer) Claussen, 68, of Scottsdale, Arizona; 23- Judy E. Morton, 79, of Blue Grass; Edwin “Eddie” Frederick Huesmann, 101, of Walcott; Judy Eileen Morton, 79, of Blue Grass; 28- Carol Clark, 58, of Kahoka Missouri;

April 2021

5-Richard “Dick” Lynn Cram, 78, of Wilton; 11- Charles “Chuck” William Schiele, 83, of Kansas City, Missouri, formerly of Durant, Iowa and Iowa City, Iowa; 14- Venita E. Rorick, 96, of Tipton, Iowa, formerly of Bennett; Nadine J. Lafrenz, 91, of Tipton Iowa, formerly of Bennett; 18- Hazel Faye Ervin, 95, of Wilton; Beverly Jean Norton, 94, of Wilton; 20- Evelyn E. Kleppe, age 96, of Walcott, formerly of Bennett; 21-Darlene Ann Bohnsack, 83, of Wilton, Iowa; 23-Joyce L. Van Den Berghe, 70, of Stockton, Iowa; 25-Mona Alloway, 82, of Wapello; 30- Ralph George Duffe, 93, of Moscow;

May 2021
3- Robert Joe (B.J.) Lange, 73; 6- Mary June Hein, 77, of Stockton, Iowa; 7- Ken Bonice, 57, formerly of Wilton; 8-Lura Lee Kappeler, 88, of Walcott, formerly of Durant; 9- Christie M. Thoma, 68, of Durant; 11- Mary Estelle Bender, 78, of Wilton; 13- Arlene K. Keith, 89, of West Liberty; 15- Janet M. Carstens, 86, of Wilton; 19- Freeman Frederick Harry Kaufmann, 96, of Wilton; 26-Jeffrey A. Hoffmann, 58, of Durant; Betty Jean Fischer, 94, of Durant;

June 2021
2- Marjorie L. Martin, 97, of Camdenton, Missouri, formerly of Moscow; 3- Rebecca McCaw, 72; 5-Sharon C. Bowers, 68, of Wilton; 7- Gary Duane Richard, Sr., 74, of Stockton; Ralph Everett Butler Jr., 63, of Iowa City; 12- Jack Robert VanDeusen, Sr., 80, of Stockton; 13- Ivan LeRoy Tompkins, 82, of Tipton, formerly of Wilton; 16- Colleen Fay Petersen, 69, of Wilton; Orville Leonard Elmshaeuser, 87, of Eldridge, formerly of Wilton; Maralee Dotson, 83, of Atalissa; 17- Donald “Don” D. Sturms, 88, of Muscatine; 18- Paul E. Stewart, 81, of Wilton, formerly of Muscatine; 20- Robert Louis Ellsworth, 84, of Durant; 24- Darrell Dean Hinden, 53, of Milan, Illinois; 26- Ryan Matthew “Nelly” Nelson, 40, of Wilton; 27- Curtis Glen Norby, 71, of Durant; Donald E. Schroeder, 86, of West Liberty, formerly of Durant; 29- Dennis H. Schuett, 78, of St. Petersburg, Florida, formerly of Durant and Davenport;

July 2021
7- Michael Alan Beuter, 64, of Tipton; 13- Betty Mae Klima, 87, of Coggon, Iowa; 25- Vernon O. Voss, 97, of Bennett;



More than 80 teams flooded Wilton's City Park for a bags tournament in honor of the late Chantz Stevens July 17. Chantz's parents, Tiffany and Andy, are shown above next to photos of their late son, one of which was signed by several former classmates and visitors to the first ever bags tournament in honor of Chantz. Tiffany said they plan to hold the event every year as close to July 19 as possible. Funds raised will be used to fund scholarships for Wilton students.



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August 2021

5- Reverend Thomas L. Zeleny, 77, of Wilton; Laurel Ann Clark, 77, of Stockton ; Jerald "Jerry" Waack Sr., 84, of Muscatine; Evelyn Stills Norris, 92, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 6- Phyllis Ann Hopkins, 70, of Moscow; 11- Mark D. Sheese, 53, of Muscatine ; 12- Edwin Carl Lett, 88, of Tipton; Nancy Niefeldt, 74, of Wheatland; 22- Dennis (Denny) Hugo Dietz, 81, of Walcott; 19- Shannon (Shane) Robert VanHouten, Stacyville, Maine, 44; 25- Elizabeth "Liz" A. Martz, 92, of Davenport; 27- Edwon G. Yedlik, 76, of Vinton; 28- Marjorie Elvera "Dolly" Neipert, 88, of Wilton; 31- Mary Margret Hauck, 95, of Wilton; Kathryn L. (Kate) Marks, 86, of Wilton;

September 2021

7- Sandra Kay (Sogn) McCoy Larson, 79, Durant; 10- Deanna Harmsen, Davenport; 14- Donna J. Carlson, 85, of Muscatine; 20- Vikki L. Beinke, 71, of

Wilton; 22- Nancy C. Allmandinger, 84, of Wilton 24- Blaine F. Charlton, 74, of Wilton; 25- Arlene Lucille Darnell, 89, of Durant; 26- Nelda Lorraine Lauser, 95, of Durant; Edwin G. "Ed" Behnke, 83, of Durant; 27- Becky Marine, 42, of West Branch; Randy "Turk" Steffens, 72, of Fayetteville, North Carolina; 29- Thomas Workman, 73, of Muscatine;

October 2021

8- Morris Alan "Morrie" Noble, 62, of Moscow; Lynne Yvonne Benton, 54, of Durant; Janice Clara Schneekloth, 83, of Bloomfield, Iowa; 11- Levering Lavern Babcock, 83, of Wilton; 13- Jerry Eugene Oakley, 66, of Tipton; 14- Donna Jean Ramirez, 77, of Wilton; Christopher Lee Hoekstra, 64, of Wilton; 15- Robert J. Andera, 77, of Wilton; 17- Elwood Proctor, 88, of Moscow; 26- James "Jim" Grunder, 81 of Wilton; 28- Charlene M. Paper, 68, of Bettendorf; 31- Julie Kay Young, 59, of Wilton;

November 2021

2- Dwayne Elroy Rogers, 81, of Wilton; 3- Sandra Joan Paulsen, 81, of Durant; 5- William "Willy" F. Meyer, 89,

of New Liberty; 9- Betty Wava (Sterner) Dollar, 90, formerly of Muscatine; 12- Marjorie "Dottie" (Sheetz) Traver, 98, of Wilton; 13- Cammi Alice Williams, 54, of Wilton; 14- Anna Mae (Lane) Young of Aurora, Illinois, formerly of Durant; 15- Wanda J. Symmonds, 87, of Wilton; 16- Miles H. Kahl, 94, of Elizabeth, Illinois; 20- Dene Allison Dierdorff, 86, of Moscow; 23- Cynthia K. Crain, 46, of Park View; 25- Jacob "Jake" Danielson, 20, of Waverly; 29- Nicole K. Mall, 42, of Wilton; 30- Vivian Loraine Chapman, 91, of Wilton;

December 2021

4- Vera Marie Pagel, 99, of Red Wing, Minnesota, formerly of Wilton; 8- Michael S. Franzen, 56, of Durant; Steven P. Swift, 71, of Moscow; 11- Lois Dunn Wulf, 84, of Eldridge; Judith "Jud" Vee (Hoalton) Dittmer, 79, of Tipton; Helen Vera Sims, 58, of Durant; Ethel E. Proctor, 76, of Moscow; 14- Rene Elmer Ruhlow, 74, of Moscow; 23- James Hillman, 61, of Letts; Russell Deihl, 69, of Rochelle Park, New Jersey; 25- Ruby Edna Rathjen, 94, of Lisbon; 27- Nancy Andrea (Smith) Pugh, 75, Viborg, South Dakota.

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The Muscatine County Freedom Rock Committee revived Wilton's Smorgasbord event in September. In the tradition of the Smorgasbord that was started by Jake Davies back in the 1960s, a meal of a pulled pork sandwich, baked beans and a bag of chips was sold for 25 cents to the first 500 people that attended the event held on Labor Day on Maurer Street in downtown Wilton.



Durant High School's ACE Mentoring program was fortunate to have some grants and donations in order to purchase a mini excavator (pictured) from Star Equipment.



Wilton senior Gage Oien is shown above, posing for one of his senior pictures with one of the planes he's been using for flying lessons. Oien has aspirations of becoming a commercial pilot.



Doug Hora (middle) of Wilton was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame in August at the Iowa State Fair.



Wilton Mayor Bob Barrett presided over his final meeting Dec. 13, pictured above in the Wilton City Hall council chambers. He decided not to run for re-election in November.

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The Durant girls' golf team finished ninth at the Class 2A state golf tournament held at the Ames Golf & Country Club in June. The Wildcats finished with a 2-day total of 816 (414, 402). Bishop Garrigan won the state title with a score of 671. Durant team members include (from left) Makenna Buesing, Emily Huston, Rebecca Paustian, Karissa Hoon, Kiley Stineman and Belle Rockow.



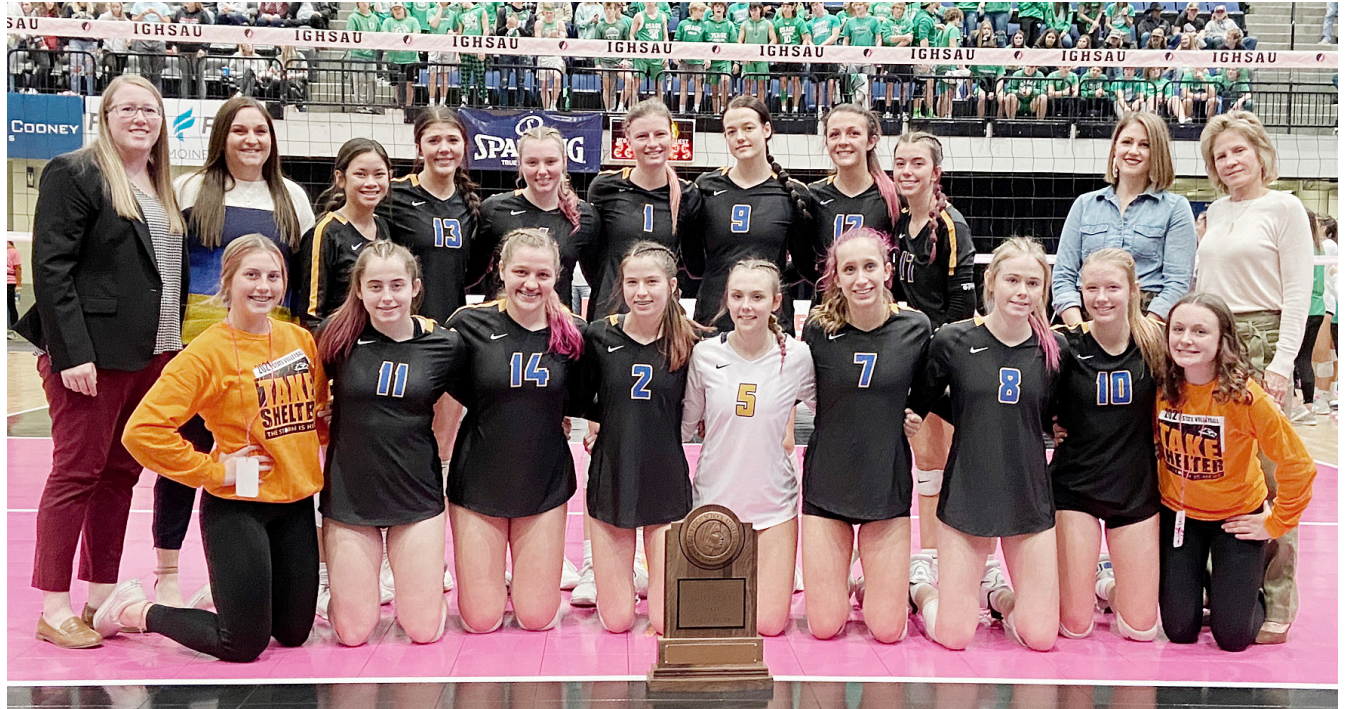
Wilton's Kael Brisker (left) was kept at arm's length much of the night in the state wrestling finals at 138 pounds in Class 1A in February. Logan Magnolia's Wyatt Reisz (47-2) wrestled defensively, warding off shots from Brisker in a 7-3 win in the finals. Brisker finished the season ranked No. 1 and 51-2 overall.



The Wilton softball team finished fourth at the Class 2A state softball tournament in July. The Beavers went 1-2 in action at Fort Dodge. The fourth place finish was the highest softball finish in school history. Wilton finished the season ranked No. 1, and was the top seed in the state tournament. Team members include (front from left) Emi Coss, Tessa Bartell, Maddy Wade, Lexi Walker; second row, assistant coach Allison Bosten, head coach Kortney Denkman, Peyton Souhrada, Catie Hook, Taylor Drayfahl, Kaylee Coss, Ansley Boorn, assistant coaches Kelly Jo Jannings and Kara Anderson; back row, assistant coach Tom Austin, Chloe Wells, Payton Ganzer, Hayley Madlock, Mila Johnson, Charlotte Brown, Joann Martin, Grace Madlock, assistant coach Kamryn Meyer.



Durant's Kayden Johnson is shown with his medal after placing fifth at the Class 1A state bowling tournament in Waterloo Feb. 24. He rolled a 479 series (266, 213).



The Class 2A No. 2 ranked, and No. 2 seeded, Wilton volleyball team competed in their fourth straight state tournament Nov. 2 in Cedar Rapids, getting upset in the first round. The Beavers ended 2021 with a 36-3 record, and the senior class left with an overall record of 140-16 (a school record for wins in a 4-year time span). Pictured on-court at state include (front row from left) Kaydence Boorn, Lauren Thompson, Olivia Oveson, Kaylee Coss, Taylor Drayfahl, Kiley Langley, Jozalynn Zaiser, Kinsey Drake and Calli Langley; back row, assistant coaches Dakota Hargrave-LaMaack and Kelly Jo Jannings, Kailee Martin, Alexa Garvin, Peyton Souhrada, Kelsey Drake, Carly Puffer, Ella Caffery, Mallory Lange, assistant coach Kayla Byington and head coach Brenda Grunder.



Wilton's Cole Henning was named High All-Around Male and state champion at the Iowa Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) State Championship held in June in Cedar Falls. Henning's perfect 100/100 score in the doubles competition helped him claim the state championship while competing for the Wilton trap team.

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Durant wins annual Backyard Challenge

In its 13th year of existence, the annual Wilton-Durant Advocate News Backyard Challenge ended with Durant winning annual bragging rights during the 2020-2021 school year.

The Wildcat win ended a streak of four straight years for Wilton. In its 13 years of existence, the Backyard Challenge has provided parity. The Durant win leaves the overall series at 6-4-3 with Wilton holding the overall lead.

Each boys' and girls' sport receives two annual points with a total of 26 possible. A short breakdown of the 2020-2021 scoring is as follows:

Fall (2020) sports—Wilton and Durant split the first four points as the Wildcats won the annual football game 35-28, and Wilton won in a volleyball sweep 25-6, 25-6, 25-14. In a down cross country year for both schools, neither fielded a full team in either the boys' or girls' River Valley Conference meet. Therefore, no other fall points were awarded. The Challenge was tied 2-2.

Winter (2020-2021) sports—The Wilton girls' basketball team swept Durant with a 67-46 win at home, and 52-43 win on the road, earning two points. The boys' basketball teams split the two points with Wilton winning at home in overtime 69-59, and the Wildcats getting revenge at home 69-66. The River Valley Conference wrestling meet was canceled due to weather, and multiple teams pulling out due to COVID-19 concerns. Wilton has always won the wrestling points, yet none were awarded due to no RVC meet. Wilton led the Challenge 5-3.

Spring (2021) sports—Durant took control of the Backyard Challenge in the spring. The Wildcats swept the four golf points, with both

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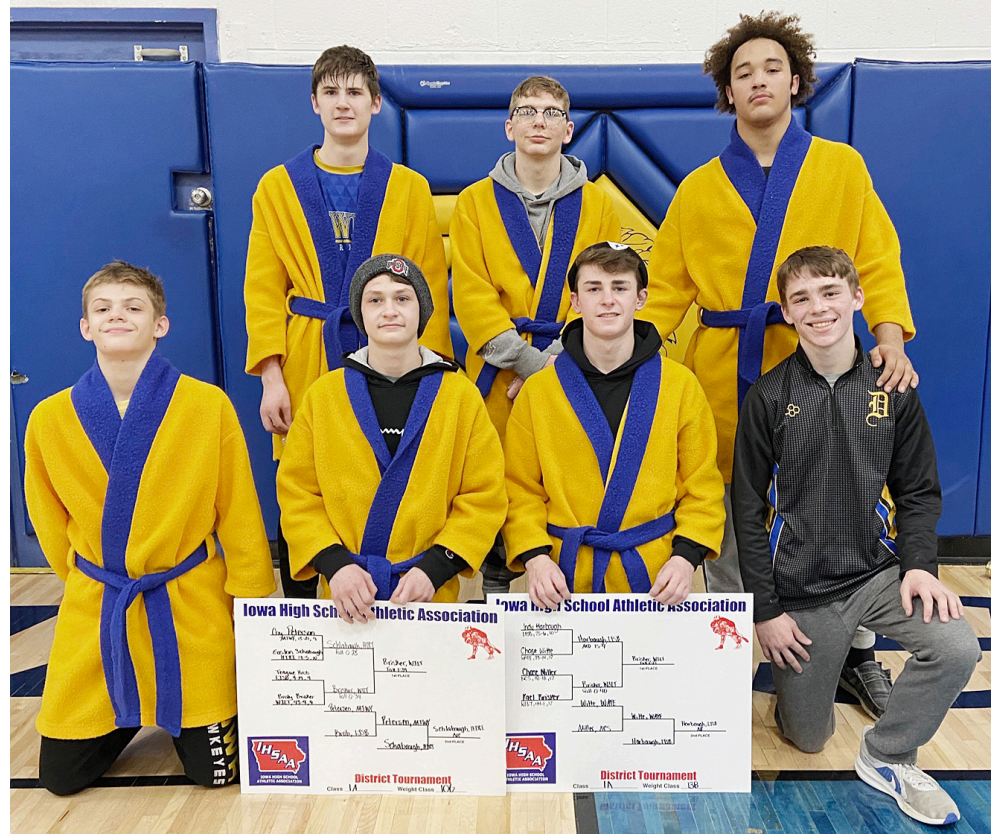


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the boys and girls finishing higher than Wilton at the annual RVC meets. In boys' track, Durant won the points, as a very limited Wilton team failed to score a point in the RVC meet. The Wilton girls' track team finished ahead of Durant, winning the only points of the spring for the Beavers. Durant won six of eight possible points to take a 9-7 lead.

Summer (2021) sports—The baseball and softball teams split the Backyard Challenge points in the summer. Wilton worked its way to a No. 1 ranking in the state, defeating Durant twice along the way 5-4 and 7-4. The Durant boys, coming off a state appearance the year prior, defeated Wilton 10-0 and 4-3, as all four teams played doubleheaders during the opening week of the season. Durant won the Backyard Challenge 11-9 in a year where six points were left on the table. Wilton currently has a commanding 10-0 lead in this year's Backyard Challenge.



Seven Wilton and Durant wrestlers qualified for the 2021 state wrestling tournament in Des Moines in February. State qualifiers included (front from left) Garrett Burkle of Wilton at 113 pounds, Brody Brisker of Wilton at 106 pounds, Kael Brisker of Wilton at 138 pounds and Ethan Gast of Durant at 120 pounds; back row, Kaden Shirk of Wilton at 160 pounds, Colton Cruse of Wilton at 152 pounds, and Tyrrell Hughes of Wilton at 220 pounds.



Members of the Wilton baseball team crowd around head coach Jake Souhrada in July, who collected his 600th career win when the Beavers defeated Durant 2-1 in District play. The Beavers celebrated with their head coach on the field moments after the game.



Durant's Nolan DeLong (left) competed in both the 200-meter dash and the 100-meter dash at the state track meet in May. He finished 10th in the 200 in 23.12, and 12th in the 100 in 11.49. Durant's Aydin Flockart (above) takes a handoff from Garrett Hollenback in Class 2A 4x400 action in the state meet at Drake University. The Wildcats made the finals in the event, where they finished fifth in a time of 3:29.08. Other runners were DeLong and Keagen Head.



Wilton's Charlotte Brown and Durant's Carlie Jo Fusco qualified for the state cross country meet in October. Qualifying in Class 2A was Brown, who ran to 81st overall in the Class 2A field in a time of 21:32. Qualifying in Class 1A was Fusco, who ran to 123rd overall in the Class 1A field in a time of 23:51. Brown and Fusco also competed in events at the state track meet in May.



Wilton senior setter Ella Caffery broke the school record for assists, with her 2,190th early in the 2021 season. She was honored before Wilton's home match with Regina in September, and presented with a plaque by head coach Brenda Grunder.



Wilton grad Evan Reifert is pictured in the bullpen at Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport, home of the Quad Cities River Bandits. Reifert spent last summer playing for the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers in the Milwaukee Brewers organization. He was recently traded from the Brewers to the Tampa Bay Rays organization.

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OPINION

Soak in our Year in Review section

If there's one thing we can't stop in this life, it's time. And as the world turns, we come to you this week with another installment of our annual Year in Review section, where we take our readers down memory lane, with the stories of the past year.

See pages 1, and 8-15 for our Year in Review section. I've said it before and I'll say it again — it never ceases to amaze me what occurs in a year's time within our small towns. There are countless extraordinary people doing extraordinary things in these communities, and while I'm just one man and we're just one product, we do our best to be around for a lot of it.

In my 13 years at the helm here, I've seen much growth and change within our cities. In the field of play, we've lived vicariously through our student-athletes as they experience the highest of highs and lowest of lows. Yet as we know, it's our blue and gold pride through

our Wildcats and Beavers that provide us with the joy and heartbreak that helps prepare our young people for life beyond the court.

I've kept pages of notes while combing our archives in recent weeks. Several of the remarkable events we covered are presented again to you in this edition.

Also, there were some that didn't make the page this week, yet I'm going to keep my notes. Perhaps we can revisit some of the highlights we didn't have room for this week when I have more space to devote to more of your stories from 2021.

Call me Captain Obvious, but 2021 represented the reopening of our cities and schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic. While the health scare is still ongoing, we are back together attending events. That has been represented week after week in this publication. On to 2022!

Case in Point

By Derek Sawvell

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A voice for democracy

Editor:

The Great American Experiment with Democracy began in 1776 with Jefferson's Declaration of Independence when he declared, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness — That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..." We are currently engaged in a great struggle to determine if our 245-year experiment with democracy will succeed, if the consent of the governed will prevail.

The rise of America to become a great nation, the envy of the world, runs parallel with the expansion of democracy in our first 200-plus years. Following the Civil War, when there were only six democratic nations, we, the U.S. with the 15th amendment, gave blacks the vote, the 19th amendment gave women the vote, in 1924 we gave Native Americans citizenship and the vote, the 1965 Civil Rights Act protected voting rights, the 26th amendment extended the vote to 18 year-olds. Today there are 123 democracies in the world, primarily due to the success of the democratic experiment in America.

Our experiment with democracy is be-

ing threatened today by forces who would deny the right to vote, would make voting more difficult, would gerrymander districts to disenfranchise voters and most alarming of all, would pass laws which would discard legitimate votes. In recent years, we have seen open disregard for democratic norms, not to mention democratic ideals and Constitutional provisions, the culmination of which resulted in an insurrection against our government in an attempt to subvert the will of the people. The effect of this and continued support for false claims of voter fraud are damaging voters' faith in elections, the foundation of our democracy.

We narrowly escaped the collapse of our experiment with democracy on Jan. 6, 2021, but the struggle to defend democracy continues while there are attacks on election officials and voting rights. We hold it within ourselves the power to keep democracy alive and make America represent the best in us. I leave you with this quote by John Dewey, an influential philosopher, psychologist, and educational reformer in the early 20th century: "Democracy has to be born anew in every generation, and education is its midwife".

Larry Hodgden
Tipton

Miller-Meeks impedes COVID progress

Editor:

I've documented four times that Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks conducted a misinformation campaign about the deadly COVID virus.

During her recent interview on Iowa Press, she falsely stated the reinfection rate is 47 percent among those fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The reinfection rate is only 0.08 or eight tenths of one percent.

She appeared on the Fox channel criticizing the COVID rapid home test, claiming it's not 100 percent accurate. All of the rapid tests are not as accurate as the PCR test, a.k.a. the "definitive test" (nasal swab). As a physician, she should know that.

But, the home test is beneficial because we can self-quarantine if we get a positive result until we can get the definitive test, as per my doctor.

Undoubtedly, President Biden is receiving sound medical advice directly from the CDC.

My point is, Miller-Meeks is manipulating the facts. If she's attempting to interfere with the Biden agenda she's instead hurting Iowans.

Additionally, Miller-Meeks recklessly recommended taking hydroxychloroquine after former President Trump recommended it. Trump knows nothing about hydroxychloroquine. Miller-Meeks, who knows the risks, ignored them at our expense.

Miller-Meeks falsely claimed that children don't transmit the COVID virus. The Gazette fact checker team verified that children can in fact transmit the virus.

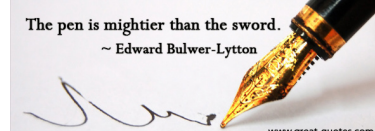
Our Representative isn't trustworthy in many things, especially COVID.

Dave Bradley
West Liberty

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Wilton

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

- Dec. 26—Criminal mischief by phone call in the 500 block of Maple Street. Handled by officer.
- Dec. 27—Report of a suspicious subject in the 300 block of Cherry Street. Subject not located.
- Dec. 27—Traffic stop at W. Fifth and Elm streets. Verbal warning issued for a lane violation.
- Dec. 28—Welfare check in the 100 block of E. Sixth Street. Handled by officer.
- Dec. 28—Traffic stop in the 1000 block of W. Fifth Street. Warning issued for no headlights.
- Dec. 29—Medical call in the 300 block of E. Third Street. Assignment complete.
- Dec. 29—Medical call in the 100 block of W. Fourth Street. Wilton EMS responded and handled the scene.
- Dec. 30—Medical call in the 100 block of W. Sixth Street. Handled by officer.
- Dec. 30—Dispatched to an alarm in the 1200 block of W. Third Street. Handled by officer.
- Dec. 30—Medical call in the 1000 block of W. Third Street. Patient seen by Wilton Ambulance at this time.

- Dec. 30—Traffic stop at W. Fifth and Liberty streets. Verbal warning issued for an equipment violation.
- Dec. 31—Disturbance in the 1000 block of Cedar Street. Handled by officer.
- Dec. 31—Public assist in the 400 block of W. Sixth Street. Handled by officer.
- Dec. 31—Dog found in the 500 block of W. First Street. Handled by officer. Dog was left at the city maintenance building and picked up by its owners.
- Jan. 1—Assisted another agency with an attempt to locate. Handled by officer.
- Jan. 1—Dispatched to a 911 hang-up in the 200 block of E. Fifth Street. Handled by officer.
- Jan. 1—Medical call in the 500 block of Sycamore Street. Handled by officer.
- Jan. 1—City code ordinance violation in the 100 block of E. Fourth Street. Handled by officer.
- Jan. 1—Welfare check in the 200 block of E. First Street. Handled by officer.
- Jan. 1—City ordinance violation in the 100 block of E. First Street. Handled by officer.
- Jan. 1—Transported an individual from the 1300 block of Nicolaus Drive to residence. Handled by officer.
- * Performed various checks and patrol on Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Cedar, Cypress, and East streets, as well as Nicolaus Drive.

Durant

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

- Dec. 19—Welfare Check on 14th Avenue. Handled by officer.
- Dec. 20—Records check at the police station. Handled by officer.
- Dec. 20—Provided assistance in the 700 block of 10th Avenue. Handled by officer.
- Dec. 20—UTV registered at the police station. Permit issued.

Derek Johnson appointed District Court Judge

DES MOINES — Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds announced her appointment of Derek Johnson as a district court judge in Judicial Election District 2B.

Johnson, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, currently serves as a district associate judge in Judicial Election District 2B. He previously worked in private practice, and has served as the Humboldt County Attorney.

Johnson fills the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Gina Badding to the Iowa Court of Appeals. Judicial Election District 2B includes Boone, Calhoun, Carroll, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Humboldt, Marshall, Pocahontas, Sac, Story, Webster and Wright counties.

- Dec. 21—Juvenile complaint at Durant Schools. Handled by school resource officer.
- Dec. 21—UTV registered at the police station. Permit issued.
- Dec. 21—UTV registered at the police station. Permit issued.
- Dec. 21—Assisted the Walcott Police Department with a mental health call in Walcott.
- Dec. 21—Fingerprinting for private employment at the police station.
- Dec. 21—La Ku, Conesville, put his vehicle in the ditch at Fifth Street and 13th Avenue. He was arrested and transported to Cedar County Jail for OWI, third offense.
- Dec. 22—Assisted Durant Fire Department with a vehicle fire at a local business in the 600 block of Fifth Street.
- Dec. 22—Fingerprinting for private employment at the police station.
- Dec. 22—Traffic stop in the 1000 block of Vail Avenue. Warning issued for a traffic violation.
- Dec. 22—Vehicle inspection for IDOT licensing requirements completed at the police station.

- Dec. 22—Traffic stop at Yankee Avenue and 325th Street. Warning issued for a traffic violation.
- Dec. 22—UTV registered at the police station. Permit issued.
- Dec. 22—UTV registered at the police station. Permit issued.
- Dec. 25—Assisted Muscatine County Sheriff with a domestic call in Stockton.
- Dec. 25—Referred a child custody case to another agency in the 200 block of Sixth Street.
- Dec. 25—Traffic stop in the 700 block of Fifth Street. Warning issued for a traffic violation.
- Dec. 26—Assisted Durant Ambulance with a medical call on Third Avenue.
- Dec. 26—Traffic stop at Fifth Street and Sixth Avenue. Warning issued for a traffic violation.
- Dec. 28—Vandalism in the 500 block of Fifth Avenue. Report taken.
- Dec. 29—Unlocked a vehicle in the 500 block of Fifth Street. Handled by officer.

- Dec. 30—Traffic stop in the 100 block of Fifth Street. Warning issued for a traffic violation.
- Dec. 30—Traffic stop at Third Street and 11th Avenue. Warning issued for a traffic violation.
- Dec. 30—Suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of W. First Avenue. Handled by officer.
- Dec. 30—Assisted a motorist at Highway 927 and Verde Avenue. Handled by officer.
- Dec. 30—Child custody issue in the 700 block of 10th Avenue. Handled by officer. Options given.
- Dec. 30—Traffic stop at Fifth Street and W. First Avenue. Warning issued for a traffic violation.
- Dec. 31—Assisted Durant Fire Department and Muscatine County Sheriff with traffic control for a brush fire in the 1200 block of Vail Avenue.
- Dec. 31—Traffic stop at Fifth Street and Fifth Avenue. Warning issued for a traffic violation.



LEGAL NOTICES

Wilton City Council

Regular Meeting
December 29, 2021

The City Council of the City of Wilton, Iowa met via-email at 12:00 PM. This telephone/internet conference meeting was held due to the Christmas holiday.

Those Members were: Steve Owens, Keith Stanley, Ted Marolf and Sheryl Lenker.

The Financial Statements were accepted and placed on file. It was moved by Member Lenker seconded by Member Owens that the total disbursements of \$291,858.59, 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: Owens, Marolf, Stanley and Lenker
Nays: None Motion Carried.
No further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Robert Barrett

Attest: City Clerk Kathryn Koele

Employee Benefit, health ins payouts	\$1,284.39
City of Wilton, flex payouts	582.81
Iowa Finance Authority, srf loan c0922r-wrr	27,747.97
7G Distributing, bar supplies	250.75
Treasurer State of Iowa, sales tax	4,307.00
Iowa Beverage, bar supplies	150.00
Ace Electric, comm room & pd remodel	5,370.247
Bi State Regional Commission, admin meeting	19.09
Ervin's Incorporated, plumbing fitting	73.95
Ion Environmental Solutions, water/ww labs	1,003.50
Kirkwood College, ems training	1,910.00
Mastercard, hotel, cleaning gun	820.07
Mid American Research Chemical, chain lubricant	164.38
Office Machine Consultants, software in new laptops	518.00
Pitney Bowes, postage	478.49
Price Oil Company, off road diesel	653.39
Refunds or Reimburse, reimbursements	100.00
UMB, 2017a & 2020 admin fee	850.00
Wilton Development Corporation, final draw white home	44,020.37
Wilton Swimming Pool, allocation	15,000.00
Baker & Taylor, I-books	738.02
Center Point Large Print Books, I-books	575.28
Mastercard, I-books, supplies	402.52
Office Machine Consultants, I-networking, security, copier	692.58
Panther Uniforms, Inc, name plates, badges, uniform	1,034.50
Plumbing AC Price's Htg, office heater repair	94.50
Sanders Automotive, side by side service	227.63
Taste of Home Books, I-book	37.72
Wester Drug, o2 refill	10.00
WTC Communications, I-phone	603.29
Advance Business Systems, copier contract	70.73
Affordable Metal Mfg, steel for lean-to	73.94
Avesis Third Party Admin, vision ins	446.99
Cardmember Service, supplies	139.85
DMDR Painting, painting/epoxy in basement	4,252.60
GIS Benefits, life/short term disability	1,317.78
Johnson County Ambulance, als tier 10/10/2021	200.00
Martin's Flag Co Inc, flag cable and clips	858.75
Menards, egress window, blower bld	4,867.62
Pitney Bowes, postage	126.99
Ross Medical Supply Co, Inc, o2 cylinder rental	31.53
Speed Tech Lights, Inc, lights for 2020 ford intercept	3,359.05
Stivers Ford, 2-2021 interceptors	72,409.00
Stryker, 1 yr maint agreement	2,554.00
Utility Equipment Co, 4" restraint for pvc	85.32
Visa, wash totes, ladder rack w2s	1,031.91
Webb & Company PC, tax prep services	100.00
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shiel, health/dental ins	31,356.94
Ferguson Waterworks #2516, water meters	2,451.33
Grell Custom Metal Works, repair leaf vac	813.20
Iowa One Call, locates	251.10
Office Machine Consultants, storagecraft license incode	395.00
Omni-Site, service agreement for lift sta	1,656.00
Sprague Law LLC, legal fees	1,206.00
Tyler Business Forms, software upgrade	1,995.00
Wending Quarries, sand for water main repairs	2,254.75
Total	\$249,983.61

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Monday, December 27, 2021

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the agenda

was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, claims dated December 27, 2021 were approved in the amount of \$351,400.97. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Saucedo at 9:01 A.M. on a proposed ordinance adopting revised Muscatine County Supervisor Districts and Election Precincts, as recommended by the Muscatine County Temporary Redistricting Commission, and as a result of data collected during the 2020 Census. In discussion, Temporary Redistricting Commission Chairperson Jeff Chown of rural Nichols stated the commission members, including Fred Grunder, Amy Hering, Lynne Sasmazer, Nick Salazar, Auditor Tibe Vander Linden as well as auditor staff with major assistance on mapping from MAGIC staff Justin Thomas, have all worked in a compressed timeline to act on the redistricting changes and meet the fast-approaching completion deadline. Saucedo expressed his appreciation for all the work to meet the timelines and the attention paid to fairness during the process.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the public hearing on redistricting was closed at 9:03A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance revising Muscatine County Supervisor Districts and Election Precincts on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sorensen, Saucedo, Sauer and Holliday. Abstain: Mather.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Saucedo at 9:05 A.M. on a proposed ordinance adopting revised floodplain management regulations for Muscatine County. Muscatine County Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated in a memo to the Board, the County is required to update the ordinance to reference the most recent FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps which become effective on January 28, 2022. In discussion, Furnas stated since it was recommended to include some additional updates to the entire ordinance, he recommended to repeal the current floodplain management ordinance and adopt the new proposed ordinance in its place. Furnas stated the new ordinance includes the minimum standard language which complies with FEMA floodplain management regulations and better clarifies floodplain development standards, includes some additional defined terms and re-structures the ordinance as a whole to make it more efficient and easier to understand. Furnas stated he would like Board direction for some added language which stipulates additional new construction requirements which would also allow applicants to qualify for a lower flood insurance premium. Sorensen stated concern for additional requirements which might discourage development. Furnas stated there is a variance section to address any requirements which may present a hardship and the new requirements would not affect existing structures.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the public hearing on floodplain management was closed at 9:16 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance adopting new floodplain management regulations on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #12-27-21-01 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Muscatine Highway 61 South Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #12-27-21-01 APPROVAL OF THE COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF MUSCATINE HIGHWAY 61 SOUTH SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, there has been presented before the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, a dedication and plat of the proposed subdivision "Muscatine Highway 61 South 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 plat thereof were accepted and approved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors following a public meeting on December 21, 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 "Muscatine Highway 61 South 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 27th day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Susan J. O'Donnell

Second Deputy Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Change Order #3 for the Muscatine County Attorney's Office Remodel Project to replace carpet and vinyl wall base in the amount of \$8,848.00. Ayes: All. County Attorney Jim Barry stated once the new flooring in the entry was installed, the wear patterns in the existing carpet in the center of the office provided a dramatic difference to the appearance of the update. Barry stated the office update called for some adjustments in the center office configuration which eliminated constructed of a front office desk, but added a third desk location, requiring the purchase of new office furniture at three locations.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a quote from Storey Kenworthy of Des Moines, Iowa, in the amount of \$19,153.49 for new furniture for the clerical areas, as part of the Muscatine County Attorney's Office Remodel Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a quote from FSS Inc. for the installation of security cameras and added video recording storage in the amount of \$45,000.00, as part of the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project. Ayes: All. Furnas stated FSS, Inc. is a local company and has worked on security at other Muscatine County buildings and has been the vendor of choice providing consistency and cost efficiency for the County.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved quotes from Lucas Communications and Nelson Electric, both of Muscatine, for additional power outlets and data cabling in the booking area in the amount of \$8,369.31, as part of the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project. Ayes: All. Furnas stated there was a significantly substantial need for more power outlets and data cabling than the original plan required and fell short of Information Technology Services Director Bill Riley's original suggested specifications. Furnas stated the cost to add additional power and cabling through local companies, Nelson Electric and Lucas Communications, came in at a quoted lower rate than that provided by Swanson Construction.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the December 20, 2021 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:
All Board members received an email regarding COVID-19 updates from Unity Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams.

Holliday reported an email from a resident on Kelly Avenue regarding a neighboring nuisance property.

Saucedo received an email from Mississippi Valley Workforce Development regarding a director position opening.

Saucedo received an email from Erik Reader of GMCCI stating Muscatine County unemployment is at three percent. Saucedo received a letter from Clean Air Muscatine.

Saucedo received an email from County Engineer Keith White with photos of a culvert on Box Car Road.

Committee Reports and Meetings:
Holliday attended a Fair Board meeting on sponsorship on December 14, 2021.

Holliday attended the Annual Meeting of the Wilton Development Commission on December 15, 2021.

Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Regional Governing Board meeting on December 17, 2021.

Action on a request to increase the limit of the County's cyber breach insurance coverage was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding budgeting personnel costs for the FY22/23 proposed budget. Schreiber requested direction from the Board regarding a proposed maximum personnel budget amount, stating recent indicators of increasing Muscatine County property values and the Cost of Living Index may indicate a higher than historical budget planning cost for personnel expenses. The Board directed Schreiber to provide additional estimated personnel budget figures for several different percentage increase scenarios.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber asked the Board for direction regarding OSHA's COVID vaccine/testing mandate. The Board directed Schreiber to send a county-wide employee communication outlining the OSHA requirements and the projected timeline for anticipated implementation of the mandate and that the County is currently awaiting the Supreme Court decision set for January 7.

County Attorney Jim Barry updated the Board on the Attorney's Office's monthly payment of Sheriff's fees. Barry stated the budget line item will show an increase of about \$40,000 in the upcoming proposed budget.

County Treasurer Amy Zybarth updated the Board on two Treasurer's Office issues, including changes in the Elderly Tax Credit application form, now three-pages, and contiguous titling which she expects to increase the workload for the Muscatine County Treasurer's Office staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01A.M.

ATTEST:
Susan J. O'Donnell

2nd Deputy Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

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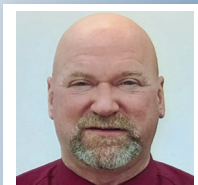
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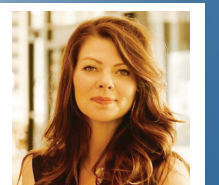
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205 Washington Ave., Lowdeen

Very large turn key facility built in 2010. This property is in immaculate shape with indoor seating for 60 and more can be added, outdoor bar, volleyball court, fenced in area for outdoor activities. The kitchen is all cleaned up and ready to go with walk in cooler and freezer, 2 large beer coolers, large flat top, grill, 2 fryers, pizza oven, Ansul System and a 300 amp 3 phase service. This property is very efficient with geo thermal heating and cooling, kitchen appliances run off the owned 1,000 gallon LP tank. This is a great lunch spot for the town of Lowden and surrounding communities as well as a night time destination. Make your dreams come true and own your own business.



112 & 116 Main, Bennett

Well established bar & grill AND Event Hall in Bennett, IA. Bomber's Top & Butler's Barn have been renovated & a great location for outdoor entertainment & live music. The hall can be used for class reunions, weddings, shows, birthdays, etc. It is heated & has new bathrooms, concrete bar, 28' x 40' canopy & seating for 60 inside the 32' x 60' Building. Recent updates to since 2014: Roof, water heater, HVAC, Stainless kitchen equipment w/Ansell fire system in the hood, refrigerated prep table, flat top grill, 2 beer coolers, 5 deep freezers, walk in cooler, 3 TVs & seating for 38 people. New walk in cooler compressor & storage shed in 2019. Financials available to qualified parties. Listing price includes all equipment and inventory. This is a great investment opportunity for the owner/operator or investor



306 US 61, Wapello

Remodeled and updated turn key car wash for sale in Wapello, IA with great traffic counts and high visibility. This car wash has had extensive updates since 2016. New Automatic Car Wash, 2 Automotive Hand Bays with 10' x 10' overhead doors and Semi Hand Bay with 14' x 14' overhead doors. In floor heating system, 3 vacuums, 16 security cameras, coin changer and black top parking lot. Financials available after viewing and signed confidentiality agreement.



1248 Halstead, Muscatine

Come take a look at this nice 4 bed. (one non-conforming), one bathroom raised ranch home sitting on a large lot, conveniently located right off Park Ave. on a no through road. Home features two fireplaces, one wood burning and one electric. Newer roof replaced in 2017. Water heater replaced in 2019. Schedule your showing today!



3012 IA-22, Muscatine

Turn Key Riverfront Paradise! This property sits right on the Mississippi and is on leased land from the Corps of Engineers with an annual lease of \$1,475. Large open kitchen and living room area with plenty of windows with great views, large wrap around deck that is great for entertaining. Spacious bedroom with corner whirlpool tub and laundry area. Furnace and central air are elevated and the property did not sustain any damage in the 2008 Flood. This could be a great weekend retreat or Semi-permanent residence. Personal property in the home are included in the sale. New holding tank to be installed as soon as it is approved by the Corps of Engineers.



163 Colorado St., Muscatine

OWNER WANTS TO RETIRE, RESTAURANT IS STILL OPEN. Turn key restaurant in a great up and coming location in Muscatine. Modern facility with Geo Thermal HVAC, stamped concrete floors, banquet room, indoor seating for 92 people, outdoor covered patio seating for 24, spacious greeting area for your customers and 2 large restrooms. The building is a no step entry and parking lot has 45 spaces. 400 Amp electrical service, sprinkler system and a Rinnai on demand gas water heater. Everything is here to run this business or start any type of restaurant. Financials will be provided with a signed confidentiality agreement.



5900 US 61, Muscatine

48' x 105' commercial building with 12' ceilings, 400 amp service, 12' x 177' wrap around canopy, 4' 8' x 18' doors, 10' x 18' gable door, 2 customer entrances, 2 employee entrances, 32 paved customer parking spaces, circle driveway and much more! This property has a fully equipped kitchen, 11' x 21' walk in cooler, 1,250 square foot seating area with tables and chairs, 31' x 35' storage loft, 3 heating and cooling units and a 40' x 46' shop area. This is a great multi tenant facility that could be used for many uses including social gatherings like graduations, weddings, etc. Come take a look, the possibilities are endless. The home at 2152 Hwy 61 can also be available for purchase in conjunction with the commercial property. Owner has also installed city sewer, no more septic to maintain.



303 N Columbus, West Liberty

Great location right in the center of West Liberty! This 3 bay car wash has a newer automatic wash, 2 hand bays, 2 vacuums and various vending machines. The property is well maintained and has been updated and upgraded since 2018.



2231 Forest Parkway, Muscatine

Quiet corner lot location on a cul-de-sac road with 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a 2 stall garage. Lower level is partially finished with a 3rd non conforming bedroom, bathroom and family room with wet bar. The main level has a screened deck, new patio, spacious living room and kitchen area. 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Recent updates include: 2020: Water Heater, Refrigerator, Range and Dishwasher. 2021: Furnace, Central Air, Fenced in Patio, Exterior Paint, Property Line Fence, Garage door openers, Sliding door, deck and Storage Shed. Great location with expensive repairs completed.



1001 5th St., Durant

One Large 2 story home with vinyl siding, 2 bedrooms, 3rd Non Conforming bedroom, 1 bathroom and mid century dated 'card club' basement. This home has several newer vinyl windows, roof in 2020, plenty of room to build a large garage and a 3rd non conforming bedroom. Boiler heat, open front porch, storage shed and large patio. This is a lot of home for the money in Durant where homes are hard to find. TWO PARCELS are included in the sale.



208 & 210 Clinton, Muscatine

Currently the 208 property is a shell and will need to be finished to rent out. It does have a new electrical service. 210 is a 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom all electric home that has rented for \$550 per month. Double the income after finishing the other home at 208 Clinton. Vacant can be shown any time.



1963 N Tipton, Muscatine

This property was built as a golf course club house and reception hall. Currently the property is being used as a church. The addition is not completed, but there are some materials that will be left to finish the project. This property had the roof replaced in 2021, has 2 geo thermal heating and cooling units, wide open reception area, entry area has a serving bar, kitchen with hood, private office and a room off the entry that could be used for a variety of uses. This large venue has plenty of parking and could be used for several different business ideas.



201 W Rose, Wilton

Amazingly well cared for 1 owner 4 bedroom 2 bathroom home w/insulated 2 stall garage, fully finished walk out lower level, granite counters, ceramic tile, large deck and patio, stamped concrete patio with built in fire pit, manicured lawn and landscaping all built by Paper's Construction Company on a corner lot in Wilton. No corners were cut when building this home with over 2,400 finished square feet. The heating and cooling system was replaced in 2015 and new vinyl windows installed in 2020. The garage comes with a floor drain, hot and cold water, entrance to the basement and a gas line that is close if you decide to heat it. Huge family room in the lower level has a sliding door to your patio and fire pit, deck is just off the kitchen. Take a look, you will not be disappointed



224 W Mayne, Blue Grass

Updated 3 bay car wash with 1 automatic wash and 1 hand bay. The second had bay is used for storage but could be put back into operation. Newer Automatic Wash and equipment updates since 2016.



309 W 4th, Wilton

Inviting 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home with bonus finished attic space. This vinyl sided home has original hardwood flooring and a claw foot tub. Recent updates include: 2009: 200 Amp Service. 2012: Siding and Roof. 2014: West Wall and South wall of the basement replaced, furnace and water heater. 2019: Central air. Nice location close to downtown and plenty of parking off the back alley.



426 Cherry, Atalissa

Move in ready 2 bedroom 1 bathroom home has just been updated with all new kitchen, bathroom, floor coverings, central air and water heater all done in 2021. Newer vinyl windows and siding, storage shed and small front deck. This is the perfect starter, retirement or investment property with everything on the main level. Great location with quick commute to West Liberty, Iowa City, Cedar Rapids or Muscatine. Annual Home Owner Insurance: \$776.30. Annual Flood Insurance: \$1,283. Home Inspection, Radon Inspection, Pest Inspection all done 10/2020, copies available.



202 Clinton, Muscatine

Up and down duplex property. Main level apartment is 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom all electric unit that rents for \$400 per month. The 2nd Level apartment is a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom all electric unit that rents for \$450 per month. Stove and refrigerator are owned by the current owner. and stay with the property. Annual gross income: \$10,200 less taxes and insurance nets: \$7,902. Current asking price provides the investor with a 10.5% cap rate. Current owner uses the garage for his storage. TENANT OCCUPIED, NO INTERIOR PHOTOS, 24 HOUR NOTICE TO SHOW.



1989 Union Ave., Wilton

LIVESTOCK FARM AVAILABLE! This 6.14 Acre property has a 44' x 66' cattle barn, 3 fenced in areas, 20' x 36' show barn with AC, 24' x 60' building for hay/machine storage and a 19' x 20' garage. The home consists of 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom with plenty of recent updates: 2002: Water Heater and Softener. 2004: Vinyl Windows (north side) 2009: Vinyl Siding, remaining Vinyl Windows. 2012: Roof, Furnace and central air. 2018: well pump and pressure tank. Livestock equipment can be purchased for an additional \$21,187 and is listed with the disclosures. New septic to be installed at seller expense by Triple B.



603 W 5th, Wilton

3 income property with all occupants wanting to stay! This 10,300 Square foot property has a lawyer's office (3,010 Sq. Ft.) Retail facility (4,900 Sq. Ft.) and a pet grooming location that used to be an apartment. (2,390 Sq. Ft.) Current annual income is \$23,160. Lawyer's Office has a First Right of Refusal on the property. Large facility with a variety of uses and investment potential.



1200 N Columbus, West Liberty

Extensively remodeled and updated car wash on the north end of West Liberty. Newer Automatic wash, hand bay and single vacuum. A lot of work has went into this facility to bring it up to date with new equipment and new concrete.



111 E South, Tipton

13 room Motel, Spacious living quarters and a 1 bedroom apartment. 3 garages: ' 26x 38', 16' x 38' and 30' x 38'



205 Cedar, Wilton

2 bedroom 2 bathroom home with full basement, deck and 18' x 36' garage. Great investment or starter home. Complete with stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. This home was built and connected to the grain elevator. It had the same owners for several years until it was purchased by the grain elevator in 1999. This property is to be split off into approximately a 40' x 60' Lot pending a new legal description, parcel number and tax assessment. 201 Cedar will grant an easement to access the garage. All of these items to be determined by the seller's attorney.

LOTS
Durant \$25,000
Muscatine \$38,000
Muscatine Commercial
\$275,000