

## Voters to decide councils and bond referendum

#### By Tim Evans

Reporter Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7, when local voters will decide on school and city council candidates, but Durant voters have a bigger issue to tackle – a second chance to approve a bond referendum to improve school buildings in the community.

After a \$15.6 million referendum proposal in 2022 lost a 60 percent majority vote by just a couple dozen votes, the district cut out a \$2.715 million auditorium remodeling project, split funding options for property owners in the district and are asking voters to consider a \$13.241 million tax referendum on Tuesday.

The district has done just about everything they could to tone down the burden for taxpayers including splitting the referendum into two portions – first, an \$11.06 million bond referendum as well as a \$2.191 million PPPL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy) that will be paid for by income surtax and property tax, proposed to cost taxpayers an estimated total of \$2.81 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

Superintendent Joe Burnett says construction costs aren't going down anytime in the future and will continue to rise annually, pointing out things like a \$3.68 million gym replacement pro-

posed two years ago is now over \$4.048 million.Board members feel the time is ripe for local voters to improve the Durant schools, set up by a 50-member "Step Up Committee. Durant hasn't had a major refereundum to finance their schools in about 50 years. The monies will be used for basic improvements in the school, the largest portion going toward a new gym project to replace an aging secondary gym in the schools. Upgrades in lighting, HVAC, ceiling and flooring, a sprinkler system and more are included in the plan.Burnett encouraged Durant School District citizens to get out in vote and cautioned voters that there has been some inaccurate social media presentations about the referendum in recent weeks, noting citizens need to check the facts, much of which is on a special link on the school district web site.

#### Where to vote

Wilton voters can cast ballots at the Wilton Community Center while Durant voters should cast ballots at the Durant Community Center. City of Bennett votes in Bennett Community Building, 242 Main St., Bennett. Depending on where residents live, Bennett School District voters will vote in Bennett,

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Durant school board members Tara Lindsay, Carla Whitlock and Julie Rivera discuss issues after the bond referendum public informational meeting at the Durant High School Auditorium on Monday night, Oct. 23. AN photo by Tim Evans

## Fair profits and fundraiser fuel construction at county fairgrounds

#### By Tim Evans

A-N and Index Reporter

The Muscatine County Fair Board updated guests at their annual meeting Tuesday evening, Oct. 24, on an amphitheatre stage-remodeling project that is already 75 percent complete as well as a future Activity Center capital improvement.

Tim Nichols, the board's treasurer and building committee chairman from Nichols, made the capital improvement announcements, pointing out the Muscatine County Fairgrounds in West Liberty is one of the largest fairgrounds in the state, making it an even more difficult task to keep upgraded.



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According to the fair board annual

Nichols said, with the aid of a lot of

#### New fair president Steve Alt takes over as Muscatine County Fair board president. PAGE 4

board members and local construction firms, the concrete stage at the amphitheatre is being reconstructed, nearly doubling in size from a 30 x 50-foot platform to 60 x 80-foot, providing more room for acts and equipment – something he said has been needed for some

time in replacing the decades old stage that had cracks in the cement and was uneven. "It just wasn't big enough for some acts," Nichols said.

He said many grandstands have aluminum seating and, personally, he likes the character that the present amphitheater offers with its wood seating. "It has a feel. It has a history," he said,



Options for a new, 12,000 square foot fairgrounds activity center.

although pointing out there could be a demand for better seating at the front of the complex. The present complex holds about 3,000 in the main amphitheater, but can hold as many as 7,500 with expanded seating.

The project was funded largely by profits from last year's fair.

Nichols went on to talk about a campaign to launch a fundraising campaign for a new Activity Center building, planning to replace the 7,500 foot structure with a 12,0000 square foot building on the northwest edge of the campus. He said the former facility would be razed.

He said the board did their research and looked at a number of other activity centers in the state including going to Anamosa, Maquoketa, Davenport and Lynn County to try to figure out a plan.

Nichols said the board has been working with a local team of advisors to put together the fundraising effort and said, depending on how that develops the new activity center would open in 2025 or 2026. "It will be a big task," he said. report, the activity center presently is used for about 20 activities a year outside of fair week while it's also used for auctions and other activities.

"We have quite the facilities here," Nichols said, pointing out there is a lot of classic buildings that make the fairgrounds a special place. He said many things couldn't be done without the help of so many volunteers, including fair board members who sometimes put in countless hours to repair structures, paint or help maintain a number of projects on the grounds. "It's amazing all the talent that's on this fair board," he said. "It's an honor to work with them."

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Activity Center fundraising campaign or learning more about fair funding or activities should contact fair manager Kelsey Meyers at the fair board office.

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## WILTON CITY COUNCIL Stafford chosen to lead parks and rec department

Kelsie Stafford has joined Wilton city staff as the new parks and recreation director.

City administrator Jeff Horne reported that Stafford, who is already a resident of Wilton, has been a program director for the Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department for the last five years. Horne said she is "ready to hit the ground running."

Stafford was hired at a salary of \$51,000 per year.

The council approved her employment at its Oct. 23 meeting.

#### **Foliage concerns**

Wilton resident Katie Paul addressed the council over concerns about leaf burning, which is allowed within city limits from Oct. 20 - Nov. 20. Paul said she is not able to enjoy fall weather when her neighbors are burning leaves and added that it is harmful to breathe in smoke from the burn piles.

An ordinance amendment to remove leaf burning from city code will be presented at the next council meeting.

Mayor Keith Stanley presented a proposal for the city to purchase a Titan leaf vacuum, as the current leaf vacuum is showing a lot of wear and frequently needs maintenance. A formal proposal



#### **Kelsie Stafford**

on purchasing a new vacuum will be presented at the next council meeting.

#### Swimming pool

Horne also reported that the Aquatic Facility Committee would hold its kickoff meeting on Oct. 26. He planned to attend the meeting, as well as representatives from Burbach Aquatics.



**Angie Dickey** 



**Kandice Blick** 

Blick and Dickey square off

in Atalissa mayoral race

## **DURANT CITY COUNCIL City needs help with** lead inventory survey

help the city complete its lead inventory on the water supply system. At the Oct. 23 city council meeting,

Tara Walters with MSA Professional Services presented the council with online tools to help complete a lead inventory survey that will be turned in to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The results of the survey from towns across the state will help the IDNR plan for lead abatement in water systems, including applications for state and federal grant money for lead service line replacement.

Letters and surveys were to be mailed out to residents on Nov. 1, and a link to the survey will also be online at the city's website. Tools within the survey will help property owners identify the type of pipe in their homes, including lead, galvanized, and plastic. Surveys may either bill filled out manually and returned to City Hall or be completed online.

Homeowners requiring assistance may contact the public works department at 563-785-6371 to set up an appointment to identify the piping.

The city should have the inventory completed by June 30, 2024, so all the data can be reviewed before the statemandated deadline of Oct. 16, 2024.

#### **Golf cart changes**

Council members carried out the first reading of proposed changes to the city's golf cart ordinance.

The new language added a requirement of two headlights, turn signals and no straddle seats. Hand signals will only be allowed during daylight

Durant residents are being asked to hours. The hours for driving golf carts will be set from one hour before sunrise until 11 p.m. The language on permit fees was also amended and states that the fee will set by resolution by the council.

> Council member Dan Sterner requested that the language in the or-dinance be changed from "two headlights" to simply "headlights required."

#### Speed signs

Sgt. Brian Utter, filling in for police chief Orville Randolph, updated the council on a request to get pricing on three solar powered speed signs. Utter said he was still waiting on two companies to give him an estimate. He also asked the council if he could price a trailer for the signs.

The speed signs will have no ticketing aspect; they will merely reported the speed, and the trailer can collect data similar to a speed study.

Council member Noel Price said she was not in favor of another trailer in town, but other council members agreed to find out more about pricing to compare costs.

#### Food pantry

Mayor Scott Spengler congratulated the Food Pantry committee on its dedication and hard work in getting the food pantry established. Members of the council attended the food pantry's open house.

The food pantry is located in the basement of Hein Manor on Third Street

## Cedar County ambulance request goes to the voters on Tuesday

#### **By Tim Evans**

**AN** Reporter

The Durant Community School District bond referendum isn't the only major issue on the ballot this Nov. 7 for Cedar County voters, as Cedar County Emergency Services is proposing property tax funding for countywide ambulance services.

The proposal, which would cost property owners 75-cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for a period not to exceed 15 years, would "enhance and strengthen our essential community ambulance service through the provision of professional, paramedic level emergency care, reduction of response times and improvement of patient care outcomes," according to the public notice ballot.

Officials say routine staffing and scheduling of ambulance crews have

costs. It was pointed out third party billing agencies retain a "significant portion" of charged fees, leading to potential savings if handled efficiently.

Officials also said the number of available personnel in each agency is inadequate to provide 24/7 coverage, noting the recruitment and retention of staff has become a major concern.

The plan, as proposed by MCM Consulting Group, Inc., aims to address challenges and create a sustainable and efficient EMS system. The plan includes consolidating EMS administrative services, improving resource management by installing GPS-based system status, optimizing ambulance staffing by creating two round-theclock ambulance support units, significantly reducing response times.

The plan also includes establishing agreements, plans and governance policies with enhanced communication and coordination between EMS agencies and the communications center. Volunteers or county staff during peak call volumes could staff a third ambulance. The plan also will include developing public education programs to raise awareness about emergencies and when to call 911. Citizens are encouraged to get involved in the EMS improvement initia-

#### By Tim Evans Index Reporter

Angie Dickey wants to complete her goals as mayor of Atalissa, the 30-year resident told the Index this week as she prepares for the Tuesday, Nov. 7 election. But she won't be the only mayoral candidate on the ballot next week. Newcomer Kandice Blick is also seeking the top post in the city. Dickey, who is running for a third nonconsecutive term as an incumbent, said there is more work to be done. "I had several projects I wanted to get accomplished by the end of this term, but all have not been completed," said Dickey, an office manager at the University of Iowa in Iowa City and a florist at Hy-Vee in Iowa City. She said a top priority is making sure the water and sewage systems in the community operate properly and said maintaining streets is also a top objective along with keeping taxes low and city utilities affordable. Blick says she's running for mayor because she's like to see projects and obstacles that come up "get done" instead of pushing them off to the next meetings. A 30-plus year member of the community, Block works for the West Liberty School District and says Atalissa needs a mayor that will follow through on that

the council decides "for the best interest of the town and its residents."

Dickey called Atalissa "a nice place to live" because of its residents and said "everyone helps support their neigh-

bors

Dickey began her city council role in the early 1990s when Don Passmore was mayor. "Now, in 2023, I am finishing up my third term as mayor," she said.

Blick said she likes the fact people are very close in the community. pointing out "everyone knows each other and will let you know when something is being done right or wrong or a concern they may have.'

She's aided the Atalissa Fire Department on numerous occasions and has helped "so people don't take advantage of what donations are given to the fire department."

<sup>•</sup>I lived in this town for quite few years," said Blick. "I've been married for 28 years and raised two children in this town. I've seen quite a few mayors be mayor in this town including my husband. I know what being a mayor pertains too and know what doesn't work for this town," Blick said, encouraging people to vote Nov. 7.

There is just one candidate running for three city council seats as Annie Gerst**brein** is seeking one of the posts.

been inconsistent, leading to delayed responses to emergency calls. It was also pointed out that Cedar County first responders to not have access to consistent training and certification programs, noting current sessions are "poorly coordinated" among EMS agencies.

It was also noted there are duplicated efforts among multiple agencies with shared personnel, resulting in higher

#### Veteran's events

The Durant American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 430, will host its annual Veteran's Appreciation Pancake Breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov 18, at the Durant Legion. Pancakes, sausage and homemade egg casserole will be served and all veterans attending eat for free. Free will donations will be accepted from others partaking in the breakfast, with proceeds going to veteran's causes. The Legion Auxiliary says they are "proud" to be able to host this one-time-a-year event. Anyone is welcome to attend.

A special Veteran's Day lunch will be held at the Wilton American Legion post at 1000 Maurer Street on Saturday, Nov. 4, hosted by the Zion Lutheran Church. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and is free to Legion members while others are asked to provide a free-will donation.

The First District Iowa American Legion Auxiliary will be hosting a special "Soup Sampler Supper" on Friday, Nov. 3, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Muscatine Legion at 110 South Houser St. Anyone is welcome to attend.



## **ELECTION:** Durant, Wilton, Bennett contests

Lowden or Durant. Lowden is at City Hall, 501 Main St., Lowden.

#### Wilton School Board

Three candidates will run unopposed for the Wilton Community School Board of Education. Those seeking seats include incumbents Tom Barrett of 806 Cypress and Tom Fitzer of 512 Wild Indigo Circle as well as newcomer Sam Wilson of 1757 290th St.

#### Durant School Board

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Three candidates will run unopposed for the Durant Community School Director positions on the board of education. Seeking seats are Tara Lindsay of 3285 110th St., Marie Richman, listed as PO Box 734, and Carla Whitlock of 501 Fourth Street. Lindsay and Whitlock are both incumbents while Richman is a new candidate seeing the seat.

#### City of Wilton

Incumbent mayor Keith Stanley will run unopposed in the November election as he seeks to lead the city for a second two-year term while four candidates are seeking three positions on the city council including newcomers Michael Rohwer of 510 East First St. and Stevie Whitehead of 813 Court St., as well as incumbents Ted Marolf of 117 West Sixth St. and Wayne Budding of 1003 East St. The council seats are four-year terms.

#### **Bennett School Board**

A pair of candidates are seeking seats as directors on the Bennett School Dis-

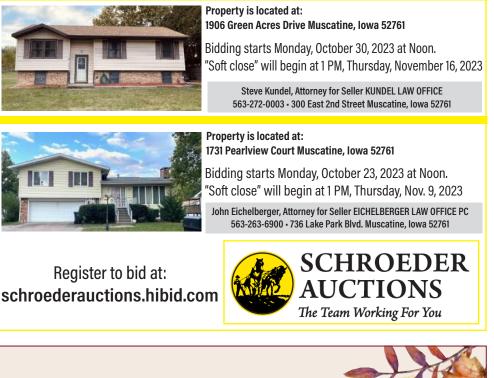
trict Board of Education including Danielle Pratt of New Liberty and Nichole Wulf of Bennett.

#### **City of Bennett**

There will be a battle for the mayor of Bennett as newcomer Chad Giebelstein will challenge incumbent Joe Sparks in the November election. There is only one candidate vying for two seats in the city council race as incumbent Steven Boedeker is on the ballot.



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# Collecting food items in Durant

Members of the Durant High School Student Council were collecting food donations this week for local food pantries serving Durant including, from left, junior Maliya Berry, sophomore Royce Richman, senior Madeline Utter and junior Lauren Callison. A new Durant lowa Food Pantry just opened and the Durant-Wilton Food Pantry, located at 408 Cedar St., in Wilton, is also providing food and household needs to local families. The students were in a competition with Wilton High School to see who could collect the most pounds of items. AN photo by Tim Evans

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Former Muscatine County Fair Board President Troy Schlapkohl of Durant, on left, welcomes Steve Alt of West Liberty as the new president for the next two years, shadowed by Kelsey Meyers, fair manager.



Muscatine County Fair Princess Raylee Hazen of Muscatine presents one of the silent auction baskets to Jeda Smith of West Liberty, who bought the basket as part of a fundraiser at the Muscatine County Fair Board's annual meeting.

Index photos by Tim Evans

## Steve Alt takes over as Muscatine County Fair board president



Fair board members Adam Feldman and Donovan Yoder help cook steaks and burgers for those attending the annual meeting of the Muscatine /County Fair Board Oct. 24.

#### By Tim Evans

A-N and Index Reporter "We have a bright future ahead of us."

That's what Kelsey Meyers, Muscatine County Fair Manager had to say as she praised the support of local youths showing FFA and 4-H projects at the annual fair that produced record attendance and record profits.

While Meyers said the task of running the fair and it's grounds is a "huge challenge" because of rising inflation, the Muscatine County Fair is growing and was "extremely memorable" with record attendance daily, calling it "exciting and humbling" after producing record figures in 2022 only to be topped in 2023.

With attendance over the five days in mid-July up 27 percent at the front gate, pre-fair fun pass sales up 38 percent over the previous year and amphitheater sales up 47 percent, Meyers called the fair a huge success, It's hard to say exactly why we saw such fantastic numbers this year, but our big contributing factor was the weather," Meyers said, calling it "perfect all week."

She said although the stock car races opened the fair with a large grandstand crowd, Thursday's donkey races pulled fairgoers from all over the county "excited to see something new." The sixclass tractor pull drew an extremely strong crowd Friday night, but it was the Josh turner concert that brought in the crowds Saturday night followed by more record numbers on Sunday with a demolition derby and the always-popular trailer races.

Meyers reported that outside the fair

there were a number of summer activities including seven nights of races put together by Bud Kile of Kile Racing, who ended the meeting with a \$10,000 donation to the board. Meyers said a "new crowd" rodeo drew 1,600 to town and all the buildings on the grounds saw increased usage – in particularly the floral hall that had nearly doubled in usage in the past two years.

The fair manager said she's open to any new ideas and suggestions on improving the fair, along with answering financial concerns. She pointed out \$40,000 in funding by the Muscatine County Boar of Supervisors was not included in the annual report financial figures because it was paid directly toward a fair debt, not getting into the fair books.

The fair had 2023 capital expenses of nearly \$14,500, including nearly \$8,800 in campground improvements and over \$3,500 in electrical enhancements.

Ticket sales were bigger than ever with nearly 1,000 pre-sale passes sold and nearly 2,100 overall. There were nearly 7,500 fair gate tickets sold to adults and another 1,365 for children.

Open, 4-H and FFA exhibitors also saw an increase at the fair, as there were over 600 FFA students participating and 284 4-H club members, 63 more than a year ago.

#### **New leadership**

President Troy Schlapkohl of Durant thanked everyone for his support while leading the group the past two years, from the board to his family, pointing out he has been proud to see the transition of his own daughters showing livestock to now his granddaughters.

"Thanks to all who make this fair go," he said.

In taking over as the new president, Steve Alt of West Liberty said he got involved in the fair because of his love for history and antique equipment, joining the board in 2001. He called the progress since then by the board has been "amazing" and said he's looking forward to working with the fair board and all involved. "This is our fair," he said, noting he's always looking for suggestions on improvement the event and the fairgrounds. "If you have any comments, please come talk to us," he said.

The fair elected new officers and directors, reelecting directors Nolan Kirkman of Muscatine, Mark Chalupa of Muscatine, Kelsie Lampe of Nichols, Jason Wertzbaugher of West Liberty and Nick Snider of West Branch to two-year terms along with newcomer Brian Nollman of Atalissa.

Other directors include Gene Wilkerson of West Liberty, Heath Snider of West Liberty, Jennifer Gandia of Muscatine, Matt Dayfeldt of West Liberty, Ed Heath of Muscatine, Brian McKillip of Muscatine, Donovan Yoder of Atalissa and Kurt Kirchner of West Liberty

Past president Andy Carter of Nichols was moved to the advisory board and Adam Mauer of Wilton was named the first vice-president of the group while Troy Schlapkohl of Durant was given duties as a past president. Tim Nichols will retain the role of treasurer.

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Beaver offers muscial sermon available at the door.

available at the door. In addition to the Variety Show, a fundraiser soup supper will be held from 5-6 p.m. Saturday in the cafeteria. Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Please RSVP to the supper by emailing vocal music teacher Jeanine Link at jeanine.link@durant.k12.ia.us. sented several quilts for many years and **Durant staff vs. student** 

### at Nichols Christian Church

Lyle Beaver will be bringing a Musical Sermon to the Nichols Christian Church this Sunday, November 5th at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

We are now back in the Sanctuary. Thank you for your patience.

#### Curtain set to go up for Durant Variety Show

Durant junior high and high school students will present the annual Variety Show this weekend in the high school auditorium.

Performances are Saturday, Nov. 4, at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m.

The high school choir and students will perform on Saturday, along with some of the junior high students. The junior high choir and students will perform Sunday, with a few high school students as well.

Tickets to the show are \$5 and are

#### Veterans to be honored at Zion Lutheran on Saturday

On Saturday, Nov. 4, Wilton's Zion Lutheran Church's Eventide woman's group will be observing Veterans Day and honoring all area veterans by serving a free lunch in the church basement.

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 1000 Maurer St., Wilton. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a donation basket for spouses, family members and civilians who are attending.

Jeff Kaufmann will be addressing the veterans at noon. Also attending will be Sherri Atkinson of Wilton, who will be making a presentation of her handmade quilts to two veterans. Sherri has prethey are free of charge.

#### Support Durant athletics at Friday night Feather Party

The Durant Athletic Boosters will hold their Feather Party on Friday, Nov. 3, at the Durant Legion.

Tickets are \$15, which includes a catered meal by Pit Crew BBQ and two raffle tickets. The meal will be served from 6-7:30 p.m.

The games begin at 7 p.m., with prizes donated by local businesses. The highlight will be the meat raffles, with turkeys, ribeye steaks, pork chops and more available to win.

Other fun events include a 50/50 raffle, blackjack and other raffle prizes.

For more information on donating or about the party, contact athletic director Matt Straube at matt.straube@durant.k12.ia.us.

### benefit basketball Nov. 3

A staff vs students benefit basketball game for the Durant-Wilton area food pantries will be held Friday, Nov. 3, beginning at 2:40 p.m. at the Durant High School gym. Durant high school students can participate by bringing in food items as they will get a ticket for every item donated, a chance to play in the game.

Elementary and pre-school students and their families are welcome to attend the event to cheer on their favorite players.

## Reimers running unopposed in Nichols mayoral race

Linsey Reimers will run unopposed for mayor of Nichols seeking a third term while five incumbents vie for seats on the city council including Kelsie Lampe, Russell E. Grim, Cynthia Massey, Jay Hora and John J. Hudson. All are twoyear seats.

## New food pantry opens for all in Durant

#### Nelson and Heuer find deep community support

#### **By Tim Evans AN Reporter**

Seeing a need for a food pantry in Du-

rant, Justin Nelson and Grant Heuer couldn't keep a small Boy Scout "Blessing Box" located in Pythian Sisters Park supplied. So they decided to form an organization and create the Durant Iowa Food Pantry.

"We quickly realized we couldn't keep up," Nelson said of trying to supply the Blessing Box, noting it took about six weeks before they gathered other residents wanting to meet the hunger and household needs of the community.

"We met at Jaycee Park in mid-July and we all realized there was a great need, despite the fact Durant is already part of a pantry together with Wilton. He said mobility to get to the Wiltonbased pantry was a problem for some people and the group also wanted to be able to help supply food to youths who couldn't drive.

The whole idea became reality in just about four and a half months, with local businesses putting together drives and Hein Manor at 807 Third Street allowing lower level space for the pantry, which actually opened Oct. 7.

On Monday, the pantry held a "Grand Opening" that was more than welcomed by the community, dozens of residents of all ages stopping by to check out the facility that also includes a clothes closet, where donations of good used clothing are made available to families.

Nelson, who is president of the organization, said the institution is an equal

opportunity provider, noting there are no requirements to obtain food from the pantry which will be open four days a month including the first Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., the second Wednesday from 3-7 p.m., third Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. Anyone needing assistance at other times can call 563-260-5322. Deliveries are also available within seven miles of Durant.

Nelson said the "next big step" for the pantry is obtaining more funding, not only looking for donations but writing grants as well. He said a dollar is stretched greatly at area food banks.

Nelson, who said he moved to Durant in 2004, said he doesn't want the pantry to deny anyone of food, noting the United Way reports about one-third of the population lives paycheck to paycheck. "If something happens, some of those families may have to do without food," he said, pointing out the pantry will serve the entire tri-county area to include residents in Blue Grass and Walcott.

Other members of the board, besides Nelson and Heuer, include Barb Reasner, Mary Strohpehn and Austin Strohpehn.

Nelson said a number of local businesses and industries, as well as churches, are holding drives for the pantry and noted Jeff's Market in Durant will also be a drop-off point for donating items that include household products, personal hygiene supplies and non-perishable foods.

He said the goal was to try to get the pantry open before the holidays and was surprised to have met that goal.

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Talking with officials from the state, Durant Iowa Food Pantry President Justin Nelson (center) along with Teresa Ryan (on right) talk with a representative of U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley, Penny Vacek (on far right) and John Kauffman of Rep. Marianette Miller-Meeks office (on far left) as well as Kim Guardado of the HACAP Food Reserve. AN photos by Tim Evans



Guarding the "goodies" at the open house Monday was Doug Strohpehn.

## Tiebreaker makes Griff Norton winner of Advocate News Football Contest

This week's \$25 first prize in the Advocate News Football Contest went to Griff Norton. His tiebreaker of 48 (closest to the total number of points in Iowa State's 30-18 win over Baylor) was right on target.

Second place and \$15 will go to Ed Van Zandt, who missed two, with a tiebreaker of 47. Steve Kuehn topped three others who missed three with a tiebreaker of 52 and earned the \$10 third prize.

Four missed four and five missed five. There were 21 entries.

Games missed the most frequently were Dike-New Hartford's 28-18 win over Sigourney-Keota, Northwestern's 33-27 win over Maryland, and Oregon's 35-6 win over Utah.

Other games included Iowa City Re-

gina's 33-18 win over Wilton, MFL-Mar-Mac's 21-0 win over West Branch, Wapsie Valley's 36-0 win over Maquoketa Valley, Iowa State's 30-18 win over Baylor, UNI's 24-21 win over Illinois State, Minnesota's 27-12 win over Michigan State, Tennessee's 33-27 win over Kentucky, Louisville's 23-0 win over Duke, Oklahoma State's 45-13 win over Cincinnati, and Ohio State's 24-10 win over Wisconsin.

A new slate of games appears in this week's Advocate.

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## ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **Cedar County supervisors** urge 'yes' vote for ambulance

The Board of Supervisors of Cedar County has an obligation to ensure that prompt and efficient emergency medical services are provided for the residents, businesses, and visitors of Cedar County. Unfortunately, that is not always occurring today.

Simply put, when you call 911 for medical assistance, an ambulance response is not guaranteed because EMS is not considered an essential service in the county.

In the fall of 2022, we commissioned a study to fully assess the status of EMS services in Cedar County. This study found many items that are extremely concerning, including a lack of volunteers, a limited number of advanced life support personnel (paramedics), a high rate of calls for an ambulance that go unanswered for too long, and response times by ambulances that are too long when someone in our county needs an ambulance. Most importantly, the study indicated that we will likely see the eventual collapse of our current EMS system if we do nothing to remedy these concerns. We contracted with an experienced consulting firm with a background in public safety, who provided the Board of Supervisors with many recommendations including making EMS an essential service in Cedar County. One of these recommendations was for the establishment of a countywide ambulance service, which will provide our residents, businesses, and visitors with a minimum of two ambulances, both staffed with paramedics, around the clock and ready to respond to your emergency. An additional "volunteer" based ambulance will also be part of this program, allowing those who wish to be part of the county-wide system to do so. The proposed countywide ambulance will be operated as partnership to our current, existing EMS services, and will make EMS a guaranteed, essential service in Cedar County

We ask that you vote on the ballot referendum this Nov. 7. We intend that, if you or a loved one need an ambulance in Cedar County, one will respond quickly and provide the care that you need. Thank you.

Bruce Barnhart, Jon Bell, Mike Bixler, Brad Gaul, Jeff Kaufmann Cedar County Board of Supervisors

#### EMS director seeks support for countywide service

As the director of emergency management for Cedar County, two of my core duties are to plan for any disaster that might affect Cedar County, and to work to reduce the effects of those disasters upon the residents of Cedar County. Many of the disaster plans for our county include some facet of medical response. Knowing that "... the state of emergency medical services in Cedar County, in the present state, does not appear to be sustainable, long-term, under the current model" deeply concerns me. (MCM Consulting Group - Full report available at cedarcounty.iowa. gov/files/board\_of\_supervisors).

The collapse of emergency medical services in Cedar County would be greatly catastrophic to all of us. Further, if you call 911 in Cedar County today, you are not guaranteed an ambulance for your emergency, as emergency medical service is not considered an essential service. The only two essential services that you are guaranteed when calling 911 is a law enforcement/ police response and a fire department response.

Emergencies happen every day across Cedar County. Our best method to help reduce the impact of those emergencies is being prepared to quickly respond. A Cedar County ambulance service will provide rapid emergency medical care throughout the county, and would work in conjunction with our existing emergency medical service providers. This partnership will lead to better patient care through decreased response times, consistent staffing, and improved training for emergency medical personnel.

The referendum that is on the ballot on Nov. 7 contains the language needed to establish a county-wide ambulance service, and it also establishes emergency medical services as an essential service in Cedar County. If this referendum passes, emergency medical services (ambulances) will be added to the list of essential (guaranteed) services in Cedar County.

Please vote on the referendum on Nov. 7.

> Jodi Freet Director, Cedar County **Emergency Management**

#### Illinois resident questions value of Durant school tax vote

On Nov. 7, those of you that live within the Durant School District have the opportunity to vote on a bond referendum and VPPEL (Voter approved PPEL) funding additions. Even though I am a resident of Illinois, I and many others are impacted by your vote.

I have supported the Durant School District through Iowa property taxes on farmland that I own in both Scott and Muscatine counties for more than 30 years. I also pay Iowa income taxes due to the income I receive from within Iowa. I am a strong believer in providing educational and cultural opportunities to kids.

I have been curious as to how this would impact me financially. I do want to see my alma mater succeed and prosper. I also realize that Iowa's income tax landscape is changing from a progressive tax structure to a flat tax. It's the primary reason I have held off on moving from Illinois back to Iowa.

The financing of the bond referendum is straightforward since it is based on accessed value of your property. The financing of the VPPEL is not as straightforward since it is primarily based on revenues received from Iowa taxpayers that live within the school district boundaries. Please pay attention to line 53 & line 54 of Iowa's 1040 form and instructions Line 53 is what Iowa income tax you would normally pay each year. Line 54 includes a school district surtax or additional tax that you are obligated to pay. The 1040 instructions state that should multiply

#### Makes countywide EMS an essential service

Did you know that according to the Centers for Disease Control, the leading causes of death across the United States in 2022 included heart disease, unintentional injury, and stroke? When an emergency occurs to you or a loved one, time is a critical factor in receiving early emergency care. On Nov. 7, you have an opportunity to help reduce the time it takes to receive emergency care.

EMS is not considered an essential service in Cedar County, which could mean that receiving critical emergency care is delayed. If the referendum passes, Cedar County will establish an ambulance service that includes

line 53 by the surtax rate based on the tax rate identified in "tax-mapper.iowa. gov."

Currently, for the Durant School District this value is 8%. Residents in the Wilton School District pay an additional 1%. Residents in the Davenport, Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley and North Scott school districts pay an additional 0%.

I perceive the current 8% was based on a regular PPEL that the Durant School Board implemented by its own action. What is alarming to me is that the PPEL plus VPPEL cannot exceed 20% per documentation on "IowaEducate.gov.'

It could also change from year to year as normal tax revenue collected fluctuates. Since I am not a resident that lives within the Durant School District, I am not impacted by the Iowa surtax. However, I have considered building a home within the boundaries of.

First in summary, all I ask of you is to review your own personal and business finances to understand the impact of your vote as compared to your perceptions of the value of the proposed improvements to the Durant Community School District. Second, please don't tell anvone in Illinois about the PPEL/ VPPEL method of acquiring additional funding for schools. Every liberal will be updating their "Christmas Wish List", and the Illinois Democratic controlled Legislature will have a field day!

> **Cindy Telsrow** Brimfield, Ill.

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The life you save may be your own. Please vote on Nov. 7.

**Stefanie Wagaman** Director, Cedar County Public Health

## Worship Directory

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**First Presbyterian Church** 213 W. 5th St., Wilton • fpcofwilton.org Pastor Jennifer Jennings (563) 732-2258 email: fpcpastor@netwtc.net or fpcsec@netwtc.net Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday school 9:00 a.m. Every Tuesday 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. J.A.M. K-6th

Grace United Church of Christ

Sugar Creek Presbyterian (563) 732-3199 1900 Rose Ave., Wilton 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

#### Zion Lutheran, Missouri Synod 1000 Maurer St., Wilton

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

#### Church of Christ, Atalissa Pastor Randall Payne • (563) 649-2220 9:00-9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00-11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Pastor Patrick Slessor www.graceuccwilton.org 10:30 a.m. Church Services Friday: 7 p.m. AA and Al-Anon.

St. Mary's Catholic 701 E. 3rd, Wilton • (563) 732-2271 Deacon Dan Freeman Parish Life Coordinator email: freemand@diodav.org https://www.stmarywilton.org 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

#### **United Methodist**

Pastor Steve Braudt • (563) 732-2084 Website: www.UMCofWilton.org email: PastorSteveBraudt@gmail.com Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship at 10:15 a.m. Sunday Live Streamed on Facebook, YouTube and Vimeo

#### Wilton Baptist Church

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

#### Peace United Methodist

1321 Hwy 38 Wilton. Pastor Cindy Axtell 8:45 a.m. Sunday Worship.

Rafael Crespo, Campus Pastor 315 W. Summit St., Wilton Sunday Worship 10am www.lifechurchnow.org/wilton Sunday Online Streaming: www.lifechurchnow.org/stream 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am



#### St. David's Anglican Church

801 5th St., Durant; Greg Graybill, Pastor www.stdavidsdurant.info 9:30 Sunday Worship, followed by refreshments 3rd Sunday outreach service at Courtyard Estates in Walcott at 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study led by Pastor Greg Graybill gregory.graybill@gmail.com.(509) 301-1760

**St. Paul's Episcopal** 206 6th Ave., Rev. Dr. Alice Haugen, Pastor website: stpaulsdurant.org 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship w/Eucharist Healing service, 3rd Sunday

#### Gloria Dei Lutheran, ELCA

606 4th Ave., Durant • (563) 785-4936 Sunday Worship-9:00 a.m. Sunday School last Sunday of the month (during services)

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2921 Hwy. 22 E., Muscatine (563) 607-4788 10:00 A.M. Sunday School for all ages 11:00 A.M. Worship Service (Pre-service prayer at 10:45 a.m.)

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(563) 649-3343 10:30 a.m. Worship

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#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bennett 260 E. 4th St. • (563) 890-6619 Rev. Dr. Andrew Watkins 9:00 a.m. Worship Service, followed by Sunday School

#### **Fruitland Baptist Church**

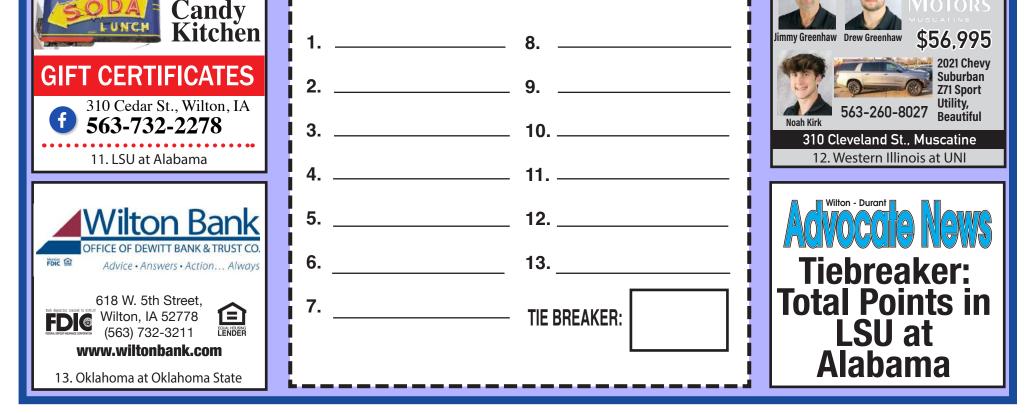
5712 67th Ave. W. Muscatine, IA 52761 563-263-1855 Pastor John H. Brown http://fruitland.church/ Sunday School: 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship: 10:40 AM Sunday Eve.: 6PM Wed. Prayer & Bible Study: 7PM







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## Wilton-Durant **N**SPORTS

#### **PLAYOFF FOOTBALL**

# **Regals are Beavers' kryptonite**

Big Regina first quarter is too much for Wilton to overcome in secondround playoff loss.

#### By Ryan Stonebraker

Advocate Sports Writer A frigid Friday night last week made for true football weather for the second

round of the Class 1A playoffs. The Beavers traveled to Iowa City for a rematch of the regular season finale, which Regina won to claim the district title. Unfortunately for Wilton, the result was the same last week.

The Regals used a 19-point outburst in the first quarter to take control of the game en route to a 33-18 victory.

Wilton advanced to the game with a 49-21 win at Woodward-Granger in the first round. Iowa City Regina advanced with a 48-20 win over Eddyville-Blakesburg in the first round.

Both teams played in rough conditions as the air temperature was 36 degrees, but felt like 26 with the wind factored in.

Regina took control of the football game in the first quarter, scoring three touchdowns. Two William Aitchison touchdown runs of seven and two yards sandwiched a 56-yard scoring pass from Gentray Dumont to Andrew Greve.

Two of the three PAT's failed for the Regals, but Iowa City Regina would hold a 19-0 lead after the first quarter.

The Regals extended their lead to 26-0 in the second quarter after a Jackson Naeve 15-yard touchdown run.

Wilton would score the first of their three touchdowns before halftime on a three-yard touchdown run by Owen Hassell to get the score to 26-6 at halftime.

After getting shutout by Regina in

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Junior guarterback Drew Keith reads Regina linebacker Drew Streb on the read option with running back Owen Hassell.

Advocate Photo by Kohlton Kober.

#### **STATE CROSS-COUNTRY**

# Coss completes second state race

Despite frigid temperatures, Wilton sophomore places inside top 100 in 21:36.0.

#### in 20:37 to qualify for state.

At state, Coss braved chilly conditions and light wind to compete as one of 140 runners at the 2023 state meet. Coss would place 94th overall in a time of 21:36.0

ing meet with 29 points.

Fourth-ranked Van Meter scored 110 points at state, nine away from winning the 2A state title. Mid-Prairie came into the meet ranked No. 1, but placed fourth with 112 points behind fellow River Valley Conference foe Monticello who was ranked 5th and placed third with 119 points, three in front of the top-ranked Golden Hawks. The Tipton Tigers were the third team to score in the 15-team field with an 11thplace finish with 231 points. The Tigers were ranked No. 9. Second-ranked Des Moines Christian won the Class 2A state title with 101 points.

the individual 2A state champion. Sumner-Fredericksburg senior Hillary Trainor won the state meet in a time of 18:09. Trainor was the top-ranked individual runner heading into state.

Albia sophomore and third-ranked

#### By Ryan Stonebraker

Advocate Sports Writer

Wilton sophomore Audra Coss ended her cross-country season on the grandest stage at the Iowa High School crosscountry state meet in Fort Dodge last Saturday.

Coss qualified as one of the top individuals out of the Williamsburg state qualifying meet. There, Coss placed 8th

Coss ran a first-mile split of 6:15.7, which put her in 40th place. Her second mile split was 7:16.6, and her third mile split was 8:03.7.

The two teams out of the state qualifying meet that Wilton ran at each placed in the top-5 team scores at the meet. Van Meter was the 2A runner-up after placing second at the Williamsburg state qualifying meet with a score of 43 points and Mid-Prairie was 4th at the state after winning the Williamsburg state qualify-

Four of the top-15 runners were not attached to a scoring team including McKenna Montgomery was the runnerup in 18:35. Jesup had a pair of runners place third and fourth to lead them to a 7th place-team finish.

Mackenzie Wilson was third in 18:38 and Clare Wright fourth in 18:46. Wilson is a junior and Wright a senior.

The first RVC runner to finish was Mid-Prairie's Danielle Hostetler who placed fifth in 18:55. Hostetler came into the state meet ranked No. 2.

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# **FOOTBALL:** Wilton builds second half momentum

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week eight 35-0, getting points was important for Wilton and to do so in the first half was a much-needed boost.

And in the second half, Wilton would actually outscore the Regals. Unfortulately, it wasn't enough.

After a second scoring run by William Aitchison gave the Regals their biggest lead of the game in the third quarter 33-6. Wilton would score twice before the final horn.

A Drew Keith two-yard touchdown run in the early stages of the fourth quarter and Owen Hassell's second touchdown run later got the Beavers 12 points closer, setting the final score at 33-18.

Junior Drew Keith passed for 190 yards on 17-of-32 pass attempts. He also rushed for 16 yards on eleven carries and a touchdown.

Owen Hassell rushed for 107 yards on 19 carries and scored two touchdowns. Those yards, helped Hassell's season total top the 1,000-yard rushing mark.

Kale McQuillen led Wilton receivers with eight receptions for 69 yards.

Defensively, Wilton was led by Owen Milder and Chaz Allison with five tackles each. Kane Willey had two sacks and Blaine Dohrmann had an interception.

Gentry Dumont and running back William Aitchison.

Dumont passed for 229 yards on 14-of-26 attempts with a touchdown and an interception. Dumont also rushed for 49 yards with nine rushes and a 5.4-yard average.

Five Regals caught passes in the game led by freshman Tate Wallace who caught five passes for 74 yards.

Defensively, Iowa City Regina was led in tackles by Andrew Greve with six, Ian Udell with 5.5, and Noah Clark, Jack Clark, and Ty Joss with five each.

Iowa City Regina advances to play MFL-Mar-Mac in the quarterfinal round.

MFL beat West Branch 21-0 in the other Pod D game. The Regals improved to 9-1 as did MFL-Mar-Mac with their wins.

Wilton ends its season at 8-2. The Beavers played in their tenth game for the first time since the 2018 season. That 2018 season is also the last time a Wilton team has won eight games in a season.

The Beavers will say goodbye to a stellar senior class of Chaz Allison, John Clelland, Landyn Putman, Cael Wagaman, and Ben Marine.

With such a small senior class, Wilton will be able to nearly fully reload in 2024 and make another push for a first-ever



## trip to the UNI-Dome.





Drew Keith looks to take a shot down the field during Wilton's playoff game against Iowa City Regina. Advocate Photos by Kohlton Kober

#### **1A FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS SUMMARY**

#### **First Round Results**

Wilton def. Woodward-Granger (49-21)

Emmetsburg def. Ridge View (20-8)

Grundy Center def. Cascade (50-14)

MFL MarMac def. Hudson (55-3)

OABCIG def. Shenandoah (49-14)

Regina Catholic def. Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont (48-20)

Sigourney Keota def. West Central Valley (52-7)

South Hamilton def. Denver (24-8)

Underwood def. East Sac County (44-6)

Columbus Catholic def. Pocahontas Area (47-6)

AHSTW def. Hinton (21-0)

Dike-New Hartford def. Manson-NW

#### **Second Round Results**

Regina Catholic def. Wilton (33-18)

Grundy Center def. Pella Christian (35-12)

Underwood def. AHSTW (42-0)

Sumner-Fredericksburg def. Emmetsburg (9-7)

MFL MarMac def. West Branch (21-0)

Dike-New Hartford def. Sigourney Keota (28-18)

OABCIG def. Treynor (35-14)

Columbus Catholic def. South Hamilton (35-24

#### **Quarterfinal Matchups**

Dike-New Hartford at Grundy Center

Underwood at OABCIG

Sumner-Fredericksburg at Columbus Catholic

Webster (51-6)

Pella Christian def. Ogden (43-0)

Sumner-Fredericksburg def. South Hardin (31-26)

Treynor def. West Sioux (31-13)

West Branch def. Pleasantville (35-20)

Regina Catholic at MFL MarMAC

\*All quarterfinal matchups take place Friday, November 3 at 7 p.m. The Class 1A state semifinals at the UNI-Dome are slated for Friday, November 10 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The state championship match is scheduled for Friday, November 16 at 4 p.m.



Jordan Dusenberry returns a kickoff on Friday.

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This two-point conversion attempt goes in and out of the hands of Beaver junior Kale McQuillen.

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## WILTON POSTSEASON SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### State Cross Country

2023 Class 2A Girls' State Cross-Country Meet Saturday, October 28 at Lakeside Golf and Country Club GIRLS' TEAM SCORING

1. Des Moines Christian (101); 2. Van Meter (110); 3. Monticello (119); 4. Mid-Prairie Wellman (122); 5. Forest (125); 6. Unity Christian Orange City (176); 7. Jesup (186); 8. Denver (202); 9. Albia (211); 10. Williamsburg (225); 11. Tipton (231); 12. Okoboji Milford (261); 13. Hudson (324); 14. Clarinda (324); 15. GLR-CL (345). **TOP 15 FINISHERS (ALL-STATE)** 

1. Hillary Trainor (S-F) 18:09; 2. McKenna Montgomery (ALB) 18:35; 3. Mackenzie Wilson (JES) 18:38; 4. Clare Wright (JES) 18:46; 5. Danielle Hostetler (MPW) 18:55; 6. Lauren Krogmann (STR) 18:57; 7. Raenna Henke (CLA) 19:00; 8. Hailey Egbert (SHN) 19:05; 9. Kinze Shea (CRE) 19:08; 10. Scarlett Byrnes (OSA) 19:08; 11. Amilia Condon (ULP) 19:19; 12. Katie Young (UC) 19:24; 13. Laura Streck (VM) 19:31; 14. Bethany Warren (FC) 19:35; 15. Mary Schriever (GLR) 19:39. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (WILTON + RIVER VALLEY **CONFERENCE**) WILTON:

#### 94. Audra Coss (21:36) VAN METER (110)

13. Laura Streck (19:31); 18. Emma McCoy (19:45); 22. Brooklyn Fryar (19:55); 30. Olivia Halfpap (20:11); 85. Lizzy McCann (21:27); 117. Macy Hyer (22:34); 129. Laynie Madden (23:13).

#### **MONTICELLO (119)**

16. Marisa Kehoe (19:43); 27. Peyton Ries (20:08); 34. Leah Koehler (20:20); 42. Ava Capron (20:30); 61. Halle Recker (20:51); 114. Kaitlin Kunde (22:24); 123. Emma Verhagen (22:49).

#### **MID-PRARIE WELLMAN (122)**

5. Danielle Hostetler (18:55); 37. Brooklyn Stutzman (20:25); 43. Abby Fleming (20:31); 45. Greta Sieren (20:32); 51. Kendal Landstrum (20:37); 53. Phoebe Shelter (20:39); 93. Annika Poll (21:34).

#### **TIPTON (231)**

44. Laura Owen (20:31); 67. Alivia Edens (21:02); 77. Karli Hines (21:14); 80. Ella Hein (21:20); 88. Addie Nerem (21:31); 97. Chloe Klabo (21:44); 106. Alexa Fitzgerald

lowa City Regina 33, Wilton 18
Friday, October 27 at Regina High School

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SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Wilton	0	6	0	12 —	18

Iowa City Regina	19	7	7	0 —	33
STATISTICS					
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First Downs				16	20
Rushes/Yards				30-121	31-211
Passing Yards				186	232
Comp/Att/Int				15-31-1	15-27-1
Total Offense				307	443
Fumbles/Lost				0-0	1-0
Penalties/Yards				6-40	7-58
Punts/Average				3-29	0
Total Tackles				38.0	48.0

#### SCORING

ICR - William Aitchison 7-yard rush (Emiliano Herrera-Sinnwell kick failed), 1Q (6-0)

2Q (26-0)

WIL – Owen Hassell 3-yard rush (Gatlin Rogers kick failed), 2Q (26-6) ICR – William Aitchison 6-yard rush (Hatfield kick), 3Q (33-6)

WIL - Drew Keith 2-yard rush (Rogers kick failed), 4Q

WIL – Owen Hassell 1-yard rush (Rogers kick failed), 4Q (33-18)

#### WILTON INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Drew Keith 11-16-1; Owen Hassell 19-107-2. Passing: Keith 17-32, 190 yards, 1 interception. Receiving: Kale McQuillen 8-69; Hassell 2-32; Landyn Putman 3-16; Cade Souhrada 4-73.

Total Tackles: Chaz Allison 5.0; Blaine Dohrmann 3.5; Gabe Brisker 1.0; Jordan Dusenberry 3.5; John Clelland 2.0; Putman 3.5; Gatlin Rogers 0.5; Souhrada 2.5; Damian Pestle 2.0; Parker Carpenter 2.0; Austin Etzel 0.5; Kane Willey 4.0; Owen Milder 5.0; Carter Drake-Metzger 3.0. Tackles for loss: Carpenter 0.5; Willey 2.0; Drake-Metzger 0.5. Sacks: Carpenter 0.5; Willey 2.0; Drake-Metzger 0.5. nc. )ohrmann

(21:58).

Wilton Playoff Football

ICR - Andrew Greve 56-yard pass from Gentry Dumont (Herrera-Sinnwell kick), 1Q (13-0) ICR – William Aitchison 2-yard rush (Herrera-Sinnwell

kick failed), 10 (19-0)

ICR - Jackson Naeve 15-yard rush (Cash Hatfield kick),

Kickoffs: Rogers 4-105. Punts: Dusenberry 3-87. Kick Returns: McQuillen 2-95; Hassell 1-15; Dusenberry 1-21; Carpenter 1-0. PAT's: Rogers 0-3.

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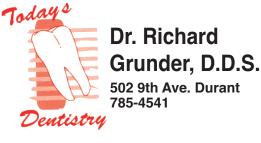












#### **Muscatine County Board of** Supervisors

Monday, October 23, 2023 The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Chick, Kirchner, Mather, Sauer and Sorensen present. Chairperson Sauer presiding.

Sauer presiding. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved to waive the requirement for three readings and to approve Ordinance #10-23-23-01 Re-zoning Certain Real Property in Sweetland Township from A-1 Agricultural District Zoning Classification to R-1 Residential District Zoning Classification on the second and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. Jail Administrator Matt McCleary reviewed the Cer-tasite Jail System Replacement Project with the Board. McCleary stated the additional equipment and services listed on the change order are due to existing ground faults being inaccessible and additional dampers in-stalled.

stalled.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick the Board approved Change Order Request Number 1 in the amount of \$14,700.00 for the Certasite Jail Fire Sys-

the amount of \$14,700.00 for the Certasite Jail Fire Sys-tem Replacement Project. Ayes: All. Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, reviewed Service Order 23-004 - Muscatine County Jail Mechanical Pent-house Access Panels and Platform Modification Project. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated this project is not part of the current Capital Projects Plan; however, funds were borrowed and budgeted for another project Judie Detherom Periodet, budgeted for another project (Jail Bathroom Project), which the Sher-iff has indicated is less pressing and could be delayed to a later date. Schreiber stated Budget Administrator Kala Naber has contacted bond counsel and deter-mined there is a process for reallocating funds to other project(s) such as the two service orders on today's agenda.

agenda. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Service Order 23-004 – Muscatine County Jail Mechanical Penthouse Access Panels and Platform Modification Project, in the amount of \$9,500.00, and authorize staff to proceed with the proj-ect. Ayes: All.

ect. Ayes: All. Nolan held discussion with the Board regarding the Muscatine County Exterior Insulated Metal Panel Installation Project, which is included in the current Capital Projects Plan. On a motion by Sorensen, sec-ond by Chick, the Board approved Service Order 23-005 – Muscatine County Jail Exterior Insulated Metal Panel Installation, in the amount of \$27,500. Ayes: All. County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed the quote request to purchase two 2025 Dump Truck Cab and Chassis stating the total price for two 2025 Mack Granite 64 BR Dump Trucks is \$303,878.00 with potential dump truck trades which will reduce the total price at the time of delivery and trades.

dump truck trades which will reduce the total price at the time of delivery and trades. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the purchase of two 2025 Dump Truck Cab and Chassis at a total price of \$303,878.00 from H & L Mack, Mediapolis, Iowa. Ayes: All. Horesowsky reviewed the equipment delivery of a motor grader received last week and stated the delivery took twelve months to receive. Horesowsky stated prior metor grader deliveries uper taking 12 methors on it an

took twelve months to receive. Horesowsky stated prior motor grader deliveries were taking 17 months, so it ap-pears equipment availability is improving. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved the minutes of the October 16, 2023, regular meeting. Ayes: All. Correspondence: All Supervisors received an invitation to an Open House for the Stanley Conter for Poace and Security to

All Supervisors received an invitation to an Open House for the Stanley Center for Peace and Security to be held October 26, 2023. Mather received a question from a resident regard-ing the Muscatine County Clean Energy District and county government and if there is any affiliation be-tween the two. Mather stated to the resident there is no affiliation. Chick received a call from Rebecca Paulsen from Grapter Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Indus-

Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Indus-try regarding a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) request for the possibility for residential lot development. Af-ter further discussion with the board, the consensus was to research the subject and when further inforwas to research the subject and when further infor-mation is available to present as an agenda item at a future meeting. Committee & Meeting Reports: Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting on October 16, 2023. Mather attended a Wilton Chamber and Develop-ment Alliance meeting on October 18, 2023. Mather attended a Muscatine County Veterans Af-fairs meeting on October 18, 2023. Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on October 16, 2023

Board meeting on October 16, 2023 Sauer attended a River Bend Transit Board of Direc-

Sauer attended a River Bend Transit Board of Direc-tors meeting on October 18, 2023. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #10-23-23-01 Transferring Funds from the GIS Fund to the General Basic Fund in the amount of \$1,333. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. **RESOLUTION # 10-23-23-01 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GIS FUND TO THE GENERAL BASIC FUND** WHEPEAS it is desired to authorize the Auditor to

THE GENERAL BASIC FUND WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor to transfer from the GIS Fund to the General Basic Fund, due to the Auditor's Office absorbing the Parcel Build-er portion of the GIS budget; and WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance

with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Musca-tine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$1,333 from the GIS Fund to the General Basic Fund. PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of October,

Sheriff Quinn Riess updated the Board on the Accurate Controls Project stating the completion of the project is expected within the week.

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project is expected within the week. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas held discussion with the Board regarding the Muscatine County Wind Energy Ordinance. Furnas has received concerns from one citizen regarding the current word-ing of the ordinance (which was passed in 2016). Fur-nas stated a State Director for Center for Infrastructure and Economic Development has offered a free analysis of the current ordinance. The Board consensus was to contact the director to conduct a free analysis

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board went into closed session at 9:36 A.M. pursu-ant to Chapter 21.5.1 (j), Code of lowa, to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for the property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for the property. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board returned to open session at 10:09 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 A.M. ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden Scott Sauer, Chairperson County Auditor Board of Supervisors **County Auditor** 

#### Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in a special meeting at 7:00 P.M. with Chick, Kirchner, Mather, Sauer and Sorensen present. Chairperson

On a motion by Sorensen, presente on an person agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All. County Attorney Jim Barry stated the 245<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Committee has assembled information to pres-Bridge Committee has assembled information to pres-ent. Barry stated the information has not been pre-sented to the Board or the public prior to this meeting, other than the analysis reports found on the county website. Barry stated the Committee has spent time working on property valuations; however, that infor-mation is not part of the meeting agenda. Barry stated the purpose of this meeting is for County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky to present the analysis report and for the Board and public to ask questions and share ideas. The public attendees will be allowed to make a presentation. Barry stated the intent of the Com-mittee was to not have any other steps to take after tonight's meeting, however the Board may decide ad-ditional investigation is necessary. County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed the Calhoun-Burns, Inc. Feasibility Analysis Bridge No. 319 over Pike Creek and Supplement to Original Report regarding feasibility of bridge replacement and other impacts report. Horesowsky stated the bridge is lo-cated on 245th Street Conserville Jowa approximately

regarding feasibility of bridge replacement and other impacts report. Horesowsky stated the bridge is lo-cated on 245<sup>th</sup> Street, Conesville, Iowa, approximately one mile east of Conesville over Pike Creek in Section 16, T-76N, R-04 W. The existing bridge was built in the 1950's and reconstructed in 1981, but is unclear what work was completed in 1981. The bridge is seven spans, six timber stringer approach spans, one steel beam contor conta and sits on timber piling with high I-beam center span and sits on timber piling with high timber abutments. The bridge is 132 feet long and 16 feet wide with a drainage area of approximately nine square miles during normal conditions. The size of the bridge and the significant channel size has wather from abutment to abutment because of the flows from the Cedar River during flooding. The bridge has gone underwater during flood events and 245<sup>th</sup> Street east of the bridge experiences flooding during smaller flood events and was underwater for approximately four weeks this year. The bridge is posted at five ton due to the condition of the timber pile and has an esti-mated remaining life of one year due to the condition of structural elements. Horesowsky stated he will re-view the four alternate designs for this site presented by Cellbarg Durate the wind results are been 2000. by Calhoun-Burns, Inc, who work with roughly 70% of lowa counties. In all the alternates presented, the bridge and road will be maintained at a similar elevabridge and road Will be maintained at a similar eleva-tion as the existing bridge. Alternate Number 1 is to not replace the bridge and find an alternate access: Alternate Number 2 is to replace the bridge with a rail-road flatcar structure with two lengths of flatcars; Al-ternate Number 3 is to replace the bridge with a 150' X 24' three span box beam bridge and Alternate Number 4 is to replace the bridge with a 150' X 24' continuous concrete slab bridge

Concrete slab bridge. Horesowsky reviewed the alternate report stat-ing Alternate Number 1 would require vacating 245<sup>th</sup> Street from east of the bridge and Edgewater Road. The vacation process would involve a decision by the Decode the order to be shown and the service detaced the service Board to vacate and then a public hearing date would be set. Any landowners with butting parcels to the right-of-way would have the option to claim damages at or before the public hearing date. Alternate Number 2; replacement with a railroad

flatcar structure with using decommissioned flatcars which are not watertight and with flooding the struc-tural elements will fill with water/sediment creating tural elements will fill with water/sediment creating deterioration and there are no accessible areas for routine inspections. The opinion of probable cost for Alternate Number 2 is \$1,100,000 with an additional pier to be constructed, which is expected to be a cost-ly additional process. Horesowsky stated he follows the analysis report stating Alternate 2 is not recom-mended for this site.

Alternate Number 3; replacement with a 150' X 24' Alternate Number 3; replacement with a 150 X 24 three span box beam bridge which would use the De-partment of Transportation (DOT) standard details. Horesowsky stated this type of bridge has been re-viewed and suggested as a Louisa County has built this type, however they did not follow DOT standards. Horesowsky stated this bridge type is a fairly new pro-cess of construction, however box beams may accu-mulate moisture and the design is costly. The opinion of probable cost at for Alternate 3 is \$2,995,000. Alternate Number 4; replacement with a 150' X 24' continuous concrete slab bridge with uses the DOT standard details. Alternate Number 4 consists of 24-inch-thick concrete slab and does not have voids within the concrete elements. Alternate is a tried and true design and is a 75 plus year design life is realis-tic with a large majority of Muscatine County bridges being this design and the opinion of probable cost is \$1,190,000. Horesowsky stated the analysis report states typical bridge replacement funds used for bridge projects likely will not be available for Alternates 1 and 2. Al-ternate 3 and 4 use typical Iowa DOT details and meet ternate 3 and 4 use typical lowa DOT details and meet current AASHTO requirements for loading rails, there-fore the use of the county's Federal Aid HBP funding could be utilized. The cost figures in the summary of costs for each alternate do not include costs for en-vironmental and wetland mitigation, permitting cost, potential wetland credits, stream bed credits, envi-ronmental protection measures, survey, construction inspection, additional engineering services. inspection, additional engineering services, right-ofinspection, additional engineering services, right-of-way accusation, potential legal issues, utility reloca-tions and potential landscaping. Horesowsky stated Alternate Number 4 is the pre-ferred choice by Calhoun-Burns and Associates, Inc. Horesowsky stated the annual federal funding for Muscatine County is currently \$700,000 and next year the amount will be lowered to approximately \$600,000. Mathor asked if that is an annual overall funding Mather asked if that is an annual overall funding amount or per bridge project. Horesowsky stated it is not funding per bridge but the counties overall annual funding amount for all bridge projects. Jerry Carson, 2440 Edgewater Road, Conesville,

Iowa, stated the 245th Street bridge has been underwater due to floods four times since 1986, as he has lived there since then. Carson stated the original bridge there since then. Carson stated the original bridge was built in 1900 and was completely taken down and reconstructed in 1981. Carson stated his sister lived by the bridge and watched the reconstruction. Car-son stated since the 2008 flood, the road and bridge maintenance has nearly been forgotten. Carson stat-ed approximately two years following the 2008 flood, FEMA allocated funds and the road was repaired at that time. Carson stated there has been no gravel or yearly bridge repairs since approximately 2010, until last year when the road was graveled and is in better shape now. Carson stated his concerns with a road and bridge that has been used for 123 years and im-pacts multiple people. Carson stated in his research he determined Muscatine County has not vacated a road that impacts as many people as this one. Carson stated he has not been able to locate any records on the cost of maintenance for the road. Carson stated from 2010 until he recently attended board meetings, he feels the residents have paid tax dollars and re-neived ne road or bridge. Carson carbon control control and rehe feels the residents have paid tax dollars and re-ceived no road or bridge maintenance. Carson asked

the Board to do the right thing and put in a new bridge. Joseph Carson, 2403 Philadelphia Street, Columbus City, Iowa stated for years countless memories have been made along the Cedar River with the 245<sup>th</sup> Street bridge being a lifeline for recreation opportunity. Car-con implement the Peard to experide the condecement of son implored the Board to consider the replacement of the bridge with the decision to replace the bridge im-pacting current citizens and generations to come. Car-son stated he wants to be the first to inherit a home located on Edgewater Road and to have a safe access with a roliable bridge.

located on Edgewater Road and to have a safe access with a reliable bridge. Austin Conaway, 502 Burlington Street, Conesville, Iowa stated he is the Assistant Fire Chief for Cones-ville, Iowa and has spent his entire life in the Edge-water Road area with hunting and fishing. Conaway expressed his concerns with the five-ton limit bridge stating he reviewed the weight of their firetruck fleet to determine only one of their fire trucks with only one operator and a 250-gallon tank of water, would be al-lowed to travel over the five-ton weight limit bridge and commented that a 250-gallon water tank would and commented that a 250-gallon water tank would only extinguish a dumpster fire. Conaway stated resi-dents and anyone on the river is at risk if there is an dents and anyone on the river is at risk if there is an emergency call as only one ambulance with a driver (no EMT's) would be able to cross the bridge. Con-away noted at this time the river is too low to prime and pump water from the river if a fire truck were to respond to an emergency. Conaway stated replacing the bridge would make a safer situation. Sharon Phillips, 2470 Edgewater Road, Conesville, lowa stated the road and the bridge has been inpored

Sharon Phillips, 2470 Edgewater Road, Conesville, lowa stated the road and the bridge has been ignored for several years. Phillips stated she has had the same LP gas company for the 32 years of living in her home. Phillips stated a couple years ago the company would no longer travel over the bridge to deliver LP gas. Phil-lips stated for two LP gas deliveries thereafter they brought down two trucks; an empty truck and a full truck to pipe the gas into the empty truck on the other side of the bridge. Phillips stated the company will no longer deliver LP gas. Phillips stated for over 15 years the Board has known the bridge needed work. Phillips stated the area has nice homes and not just fishing cabins. fishing cabins.

fishing cabins. Dale Maxson, 224 East Orange Street, Letts, Iowa, of the Nature Conservancy since 2013 stated his job involves caring for the ground in the 245<sup>th</sup> Street area which involves conservation grazing, prescribed fires and evasive species management. Maxson stated for the past couple years they have had to scale back on their work because they are unable to take equipment across the bridge and have cancelled proceribed fired across the bridge and have cancelled prescribed fires because of emergency response concerns. Maxson stated a main access point for the preserve is on 245<sup>th</sup> Street and if there was a medical emergency calling an ambulance would be a concern if they could cross the bridge. Maxson questioned why he did not receive a notice of this meeting. Schreiber stated the notices were mailed on Friday, October 20, 2023 and the Nature

Conservancy notice was mailed to the home office in Des Moines, Iowa. Andy White, cabin owner at 2466 Edgewater Road, resides on farm northwest of Columbus Junction, Iowa. White stated due to the deterioration of the Edgewater bridge they no longer run livestock in the area as was done in the year's past. White has discussed with Dale Maxson of the Nature Conservancy about rotational grazing but he is unable to get the equipment over the bridge. White stated the Hartsock's have cattle but do bridge. White stated the Hartsock's have cattle but do not use their property (in the bridge area) for grazing. White supports Alternate Number 4 bridge as a tax-payer, land owner and a livestock owner. White stated in 1995 the county vacated the north road with land-owners signing off that the county would maintain the road and the bridge. White stated the county is obli-gated to take care of the bridge. Chick asked County Attorney Jim Barry and County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden if there is documentation of this agreement. They stated there is no documentation or mention of it in the Board minutes. Kim Carson, 2440 Edgewater it in the Board minutes. Kim Carson, 2440 Edgewater Road, Conesville, Iowa stated they have had the signed

document; however, it was destroyed in the 2008 flood. Rod Staats, 2422 Edgewater Road, Conesville, Iowa, cottage owner since 2022 stated at the time of mak-ing an offer on the property he asked the prior owner about the 2008 flood and was told the cottage had 54 inches of water in it in 2008. Staats was recently contacted by an outside consultant (appraise hired by contacted by an outside consultant/appraiser hired by the county and was asked several questions about the purchase price. Staats stated he told the consultant he has invested more than the purchase price in the propbuilding permits. Staats questioned why the county issued would issue building permits if there was a possibility of the road being shut down. Staats stated he has his property insured but questioned if his insurance comproperty insured but questioned if his insurance com-pany would come after the county if a fire occurred and fire trucks couldn't travel over the bridge. Staats stated he is a taxpayer who recently received notice of a 6% valuation increase and feels his property is not protected for emergency. Staats stated he was not told at time of purchase that the road may be vacated and stated he would not have made the property in-vestment on Edgewater Road if he had been notified of the possibility of the road vacation the possibility of the road vacation. Dusty Buffington, cabin owner at 2484 Edgewater Road, Conesville, Iowa, stated nothing was said to him when he purchased the property or was issued per-mits to make improvements. Buffington stated for 22 years the bridge reports have shown poor condition. Buffington stated to the Board to do the right thing and Dave White, 16327 County Road G40, Columbus Junction, family cabin owner on Edgewater Road. White stated he has served as County Sheriff and had a reputation for being thrifty. White stated the Fox River runs through a large galvanized culvert under Highway 2 between Centerfield and Bloomfield, Iowa. White asked the Board if they have viewed the south end of Cone Lake to see the road with eight twenty-four-inch tubes to allow the water to flow underneath, out of the lake, which is basically a continuation of Pike Creek. White stated if a new bridge is constructed on  $245^{th}$  Street the construction will likely take a full season to complete. White stated the abutments to the bridge are probably not bad so if the bridge is removed with big culverts placed and then place the service on top of them, the weight limits would not be an issue and culverts can be replaced when they rot in 50 years. White questioned why there is a big bridge on  $245^{th}$  Street when at the south end area there are culverts. White stated a study will be required for environmental permitting for a new bridge so urged the Board to consider economical culverts as he has seen near Bloomfield, Iowa.

board to consider economical curverts as he has seen near Bloomfield, Iowa. Jerry Murphy, owner of property on the north side of the 245<sup>th</sup> Street bridge and owns another property on Edgewater Road, Conesville, Iowa stated placing box culverts would be a cheaper solution and would allow john boats for hunting and fishing to travel to the river. Murphy stated he would allow the county to go through his property to complete work as he lives next to the bridge. Horesowsky stated due to environ-mental issues with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) it would not be allowed as the U.S. Environ-mental Protection Agency (EPA) oversees the Corps so federal funds would not be approved. Mather asked Horesowsky if the report gave an analysis of environ-mental permitting. Horesowsky stated the report did include information with regards to wetland habitat to call for extra studies and to mitigate which could involve purchasing additional wooded wetland cred-its. Sorensen questioned how woodland credits are

to call for extra studies and to mitigate which could involve purchasing additional wooded wetland read-its. Sorensen questioned how woodland credits are determined and purchased. Horesowsky there is little experience with woodland credits and challenging to find information on the credit process as it is new and not an established process, plus the laws change with each federal administration. Sorensen stated a pre-sentation he recently attended stated woodland cred-its are being sold at \$70,000 per credit and they are purchased through a bank. Murphy stated \$1,007,000 was spent to pretty up Mulberry Avenue in Muscatine, so let's spend some money to build a bridge. Pam Green, cabin owner at 2490 Edgewater Road, Conesville, lowa stated her family bought a cabin on the lowa River but lost the cabin as it was on leased ground as the property owner wanted to do some-thing different with the ground. Green stated she was thrilled to purchase and own her own property on Edgewater Road and has invested \$70,000+ in mate-rials, not labor included, as little improvements were made after the 2008 flood by the prior owner. Green stated her family is a four-generation family who has been active with hunting and fishing and she in-tends to pass down the cabin to the next generation. Green stated she owns timber near the cabin that is used for hunting, so her cabin is used nearly all year. Green stated there is no longer livestock grazing or tree removal which has impacted income for some land owners. Green stated her concern with emergen-cy response for land owners and also people on the river in kayaks or boats who may need medical atten-tion. Green stated there is no longer livestock grazing or tree removal which has impacted income for some land owners. Green stated her concern with emergen-cy response for land owners and also people on the river in kayaks or boats who may need medical atten-tion. Green stated in her opinion, the most reasonable option would be one that could be paid over several years. Green st

tion. Green stated in her opinion, the most reasonable option would be one that could be paid over several years. Green stated maybe 30 years ago this bridge was a want, 20 years ago it was a need and now it is a need that hasn't been met by using FEMA money the county received and tax payer money we have paid. John Weikert, 2075 290<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, Iowa, part of the Green family, stated he is the road super-intendent for 29 years with Washington County. Weik-ert questioned if the elevation of the bridge could be raised up and use the railroad flatcar bridge option. Weikert stated the deterioration mentioned would not Weikert stated the deterioration mentioned would not be an issue if no flood water was able to get in the rail-car bridge. Weikert stated in Washington County there are two railroad flatcar bridges that are elevated with no maintenance on the bridge and the county engineer chose this option because of the lower cost. Weikert stated one of the bridges serves only two people and is a one lane bridge, although standards have changed and two-lane bridges are required. Weikert stated the other railcar bridge is a two-lane bridge over Cricket other railcar bridge is a two-lane bridge over Cricket Creek, near the Fox River and both bridges are inspect-ed by Calhoun-Burns with no weight limit changes made during bridge inspections. Weikert stated speci-fication were used when purchasing the railcars so that damaged cars were not selected. Weikert stated the engineers from Calhoun-Burns hate the railcar bridge option. Weikert stated the engineer from Bu-channan County has 32 railcar bridges in the county. Sauer questioned what the length of life of a railcar bridge would be if it is not submerged in flood water but is still in the weather elements of hard rain, snow but is still in the weather elements of hard rain, snow and dust. Weikert recommended to raise the bridge above the 500-year flood mark. Horesowsky stated raising the elevation of the bridge increases the cost as the span is increased, dirt approaches to the bridge are longer lengths which creates possible right-of-way issues and environmental issues. Sorensen stated the cost difference between Alternate 2 and 4 is \$90,000,

cost difference between Alternate 2 and 4 is \$90,000, so the construction costs are not what is driving the cost but other ancillary costs. Matt Storm, 507 Burlington Street, Conesville, Iowa, property owner on Cedar River bottom, stated Alter-nate 1 cost on the report at \$133,000 and property val-ue of parcel owners who would have damage came to \$869,501.00 so together the amounts are pretty close to \$1,000,000. Storm stated other costs that may occur if the bridge is shut down would be litigation, demolish cabins and the demolition material would need to be hauled away but there will be no bridge to travel over. Storm stated he is a tax payer and doesn't want things taken away from other tax payers. Storm stated the bridge has not been taken care of years and the Board should consider the tax payer funds that were not spent on bridge maintenance.

should consider the tax payer funds that were not spent on bridge maintenance. Bob Muller, property owner on the northwest cor-ner of 245<sup>th</sup> Street and Edgewater Road, Conesville, Iowa and resides in North Liberty, Iowa stated he uses his property for recreation. Muller asked the Board where and when the meeting will be held when discus-sion is held regarding a decision. Sauer stated a meet-ing date has not heap set Muller asked how the group Muller will be notified. Barry stated impacted parties will be notified in accordance with the statute to everyone afnotified in accordance with the statute to everyone af-fected by a decision, required by law. Barry stated the term impacted parties may be something to investi-gate on who it covers and the lowa Code makes provi-sions on who can file a claim. Muller questioned the process if the road is vacated and if a dollar amount is needed to be filed at the public hearing. Barry stated a claim would need to be filed and anticipates to list a dollar amount Schreiber stated by law, the county a dollar amount. Schreiber stated by law, the county will publish notice of public hearing in the Muscatine Journal, West Liberty Index and Wilton-Durant Advo-cate no more than 20 days and no less than four days before a public hearing and the agenda will be posted in the county building and on the county website. Sta-ats asked where a notice will be mailed as he resides in Florida six months of the year. Barry stated the no-tice will be sent to the registered owner of the land and the designated address on file. Barry stated he cannot advise what claim to submit and in what form. Cannot advise what claim to submit and in what form. Barry stated if he was advising the county it would be to submit a written monetary claim with justification for damages. Muller asked Sauer how the property values will be established. Barry stated the county has engaged an appraiser to appraise the properties and impacted properties so that we have a baseline for re-view of damage claims and negotiate damage claims. Muller asked if the appraisal will be made available and Barry stated no. Chick stated he has spent time in the Edgewater Road area and he thinks negligence has led to the de-terioration of the bridge that should never have happened. Chick stated there are 10 cabins and some are full-time residents, access to the conservatory, Cone Lake and the river serves more purpose than just for the residents. Chick stated he tried to do research on-line regarding road vacations in Iowa and most of

#### ATTEST:

#### /s/Tibe Vander Linden Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #10-23-23-02 Transferring Funds from the GIS Fund to the Rural Services Fund in

Funds from the GIS Fund to the Rural Services Fund in the amount of \$1,333. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. **RESOLUTION # 10-23-23-02 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GIS FUND TO THE RURAL SERVICES FUND** WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor to transfer from the GIS Fund to the Rural Services Fund, due to the Auditor's Office absorbing the Parcel Build-er portion of the GIS budget; and WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa. NOW THEREFORE BE IT DESOLVED by the Musca-

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Musca-tine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$1,333 from the GIS Fund to the Rural Services Fund. PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of October, Rural

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#### ATTEST:

#### /s/Tibe Vander Linden **Muscatine County Auditor**

#### /s/Scott Sauer. Chairperson

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the Board has two appointments to fill for the Compensation Board as the seats are currently vacant. The appointees should be gender balanced meaning one male appointee and one female appointee is recom-manded mended.

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his findings were road vacations are at the direction of property owners requesting a private lane with no public access and to maintain on their own. Chick stated his road vacation research shows there is typi-cally an alternate route established for property own-ers, even if it is driving several miles. Chick stated in this case, if this road is shut down, all access will be shut down to the properties. Chick stated in his opin-ica he incomparison durates and the heiden he ion, he is recommending Alternate 4 and the bridge be added to the Five-Year Plan and placed on the front of the list.

the list. Sharon Phillips stated the county has not spent money on the road or the bridge and questioned where the tax dollars have been spent. Sorensen stated 8% of property tax dollars each year is spent on road maintenance and for 22 years the Board has tried to find funding for the bridge. Mather stated the current annual property tax dollars from the area residents is approximately (\$ 900 with the prior year collection tax approximately \$8,800 with the prior year collective tax dollars at \$6,800. Mather stated over the past 20-22 years, the tax taxes paid (assuming a generous \$6,000 per year), calculates to \$120,000-\$130,000 collected

overall with 8% for roads equaling \$10,000. Sorensen stated the county cost for maintaining one mile of road is \$6,300 therefore \$10,000 would maintain 1.5 miles of road over one year. Mather stated the Board is called upon to balance and if the Board decides to

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approve Alternate 4, the question is now what now has to come off the list of projects. Kim Carson, 2440 Edgewater Road, Conesville, Iowa, stated the bridge has been in service for 120 years with the 1981 bridge project as a complete tear down with photos they have to prove the tear down and re-construction. Carson stated in 1995 Edgewater Road was vacated and property owners signed a document that the county would maintain 245<sup>th</sup> road and bridge, which they are trying to locate from another resident, which they are trying to locate from another resident, as their document was lost in the 2008 flood. Carson stated since the 2008 flood, maintenance to the road stopped. Carson thanked Horesowsky for improving the road with gravel and mowing the sides this past year. Carson stated dereliction of duty, negligence of taking care of road, modified services or fire and ambulance, LP gas delivery withheld, REC trucks will not travel over the bridge, building permits have been issued within the past year, loss of income because of no livestock grazing, no timber logging and the Nature Conservancy's work reduced. Carson stated if the bridge is put on the Five-Year Plan, the 245<sup>th</sup> Street bridge should be at the top of the list. Carson stated most of the residents own legacy property and the land should be their legacy to pass down to their children and grandchildren. Carson thanked the Board for listening to them and stated she is looking forward to being notified of the public hearing. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the machine was adjusted at 846 DM

meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden County Auditor Scott Sauer, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

#### **Durant City Council City Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 23, 2023** The regular city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Spengler at 6:00p.m. Roll call of city council members: Quiram, Sterner, Price, and Daufeldt. Member Mundt arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member



Quiram, to approve agenda, city bills and minutes from 10/09/2023 council meeting. Ayes: Daufeldt, Price, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

from 10/09/2023 council meeting. Ayes: Dauteldt, Price, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None. Tara Walters with MSA Professional Services pre-sented council with the online tools for Lead Inventory Procedures and website access. All cities must have a lead inventory completed and turned into Iowa DNR by October 2024. Letters and surveys will be mailed out to Durant citizens and businesses November 1, 2023. Surveys can either be filled out manually and returned to city hall or can be accessed on the link that will be on the City website. The City should have the inven-tory completed by June 30, 2024, so everything can be reviewed before the deadline of October 16, 2024. The tools on line and on the survey will help property own-ers identify the type of pipe, whether lead, galvanized, plastic or other. If anyone needs assistance, Public Works crews can schedule a time to assist with the identification of the pipes coming into the property before the meter and after the meter. Consider approval for first reading of Ord. Amend-ment 2023-04 changes to Golf Cart ordinance: Member Sterner requested minor change to equipment that in-stead of two head light language, it would be head-lights required. Member Price motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve the first reading, of Or-dinance amendment 2023-04 Aves: Daufeldt Ouiram

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## **LEGAL NOTICES**

2.200.00 \$534,446.49

Utility Equipment Co, wa supplies	
Wendling Quarries Inc, roads-1"-clean	ed screened
rock (20.76 ton)	
Payroll	
Total	\$534,446.49
*Denotes paid early due to invoice due	e date
Fund Totals	
General	\$187,180.48
Road Use Tax	
Tax Increment Financing	
Fire Department	
Capital Project Fund	
Water	
Sewer	

#### **Durant Community School District Board of Directors** Special Board Meeting October 23, 2023

Storm Water .....

**Unofficial Minutes** President Julie Rivera brought the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with roll call. Present for roll: Tara Lindsay, Travis Bullard, Carla Whitlock, Julie Rivera and Katy

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Ms. Whitlock, seconded by Ms. Lindsay and carried 5-0.

Carried 5-0. Motion to approve the portable radio bids from Ra-com in the amount of \$42,790 was made by Mr. Bullard, seconded by Ms. Ms. Whitlock and carried 5-0. Bids were also received from Business Radio Sales & Ser-vices, Inc \$41,790 and Motorola Solutions \$48,375.20.

The Racom bid was most compatible with Cedar Coun-ty Emergency Management's system. Mr. Burnett reviewed the enrollment summary sheet with historical enrollment data. The enrollment numbers from the October 1<sup>st</sup> date shows an increase of 6 students overall. Also reviewed from the spread-sheet were Open Enrollment and Whole Grade Sharing

numbers by district. Ms. Kephart reviewed the final counts for certified enrollment which shows a loss of 13.2 resident stu-dents but an increase of 26.1 in non-resident students attending Durant. The 4-year old Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program enrollment dropped from 18 to 15.5 FTF's

TTE's. There being no further business, the meeting ad-journed at 5:58 pm.

Attest Secretary, Board of Directors

#### Wilton City Council **Regular Meeting**

October 23, 2023 The Council for the City of Wilton, Iowa met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday October 23, 2023. Mayor Keith Stanley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members present: Sheryl Lenker, Bill Voss, Steve Owens, Wayne Budding and Ted Marolf Absent: None

The agenda was presented for approval. It was moved by Member Marolf seconded by Member Lenker that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote recorded as follows: Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

The consent agenda was presented for approval. Items included: Minutes from 10/9/2023 meeting, Resolution 10232023A Hiring Park and Recreation Di-rector Kelsie Stafford, Resolution 10232023B WLMC, LLC TIF payment. It was moved by Member Budding seconded by Member Owens that the consent agenda be approved as presented. The vote recorded as fol-lows: Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried CITIZEN APPEARANCE

Citizen Katie Paul was present to discuss concerns over the leaf burning. Leaf burning is currently allowed from October 20 to November 20<sup>th</sup>. She is wanting to have this removed from City Ordinance. She stated that it is harmful to breathe in the smoke from leaf piles and she is not able to enjoy the nice fall days when neighbors are burning. An ordinance amend-ment to remove leaf burning will be presented at the next council meeting. REPORTS

> Tom 563-260-3341

Wilton Chamber and Development Alliance Director Becky Allgood reported that they will host a Halloween party on Tuesday, October 31, 3:30-5:30 for all kids, it will be downtown on Cedar and Maurer Streets. This is right before citywide Trick-or-Treating at 5:30-7 pm. We

protecting your right to know.

Public Notices are democracy insurance,

will have a Haunted House in the Young Life building, a hot dog roast at Elder Park, and lots of candy! Administrator Jeff Horne reported that the Comwill be held 10/25/23 and a Planning and Zoning Com-mission meeting will be scheduled soon for approval before the new Comprehensive plan goes to the coun-cil. Horne also reported that the first Aquatic Facility Committee meeting is this Thursday 10/26/23 at 6 pm at City Hall. The kickoff meeting will be hosted with Burbach Aquatics and is open to the public. FORMAL MEETING Pay app #3 from Heuer construction for the 1<sup>st</sup>

Street Water Main Project was presented. The project is on track and nearing completion. After some discus-sion it was moved by Member Marolf and seconded by Member Budding to approve the pay app as presented. The vote was recorded as follows: Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Stanley presented a proposal for a Titan Leaf Vacuum. The current leaf vacuum is showing a lot of wear and is frequently needing maintenance done on it. The new proposed leaf vacuum has a lot more fea-tures and would make it much easier to collect leaves in the fall. A formal proposal will be brought to the next council meeting. COUNCIL REPORT

Member Marolf reported that the new curtain is be-ing installed at the Community Center. It will be com-pleted by the end of November. BILLS The Einancial Statements were accented and

The Financial Statements were accepted and placed on file. It was moved by Member Budding sec-onded by Member Marolf that the total disbursements of \$190,774.20 approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and instruct the City Clerk to pay the same. The vote recorded as follows: Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion Carried No further business, Mayor Stanley adjourned the

meeting at 6:46 p.m. **Mayor Keith Stanley** 

#### Attest:

City Clerk Lizabeth Maurer Treasurer State of Iowa, sales tax ......\$5,399.52 City of Wilton, city of wilton ......2,310.00 City of Wilton, city of wilton ......2,210.00 Employee Benefit Systems, employee benefit

Linployee benefit Systems, employee benefit	
systems	
Adam Bailey, ems stipend july-sept 2023	
Advocate News, advertising	
Amber Williams, ems stipend july-sept 2023 105.00	
Brad Devore, ems stipend july-sept 2023	
Bryce Lawson, ems stipend july-sept 20231,155.00	
Casey Gephart, ems stipend july-sept 202360.00	
Cenex Fleetcard, fuel	
David Ramsey, ems stipend july-sept 202380.00	
Eastern Iowa Light & Power, electric bill711.74	
Harold Brown, ems stipend july-sept 2023 405.00	
Hayley Heinrich, ems stipend july-sept 202320.00	
Ion Environmental Solutions, september labs 2,476.00	
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, evaluation of	
mmpi-brian meyer150.00	

	190.00
Iowa Prison Industries, street signs	295.02
Jeff's Market, 1st street water main	58.00
Jennifer Stahl, ems stipend july-sept 2023	265.00
Jennifer Tyler, ems stipend july-sept 2023	1,525.00
Jennifer Wilson, ems stipend july-sept 2023	210.00
Jordyn Frommelt, ems stipend july-sept 2023 .	210.00
Karsyn Garrison, ems stipend july-sept 2023	675.00
Kesler Police Supply, ammo	
Lizabeth Maurer, downtown trun	114.10
MSA Professional Services, comp plan update	july 30-
sept 30	3,960.00

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UnityPoint At Work, new employee physical	238.00
Mastercard, I-supplies	
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Automatic Systems Company, wwtp repairs	2,815.00
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urban eats 15.23 Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP, final bill for audit 2023

removal	2,5/3.25
HR Green Company, engineering	3,822.00
Hawkins Inc, water chemicals	
Hoekstra Masonry, street patch	4,560.00
Iowa Prison Industries, street signs	294.36
Jessica Clark, cleaning	595.00
John Deere Financial, moto mix/swivel	144.67
Maguire Iron Inc, water tower inspection	2,639.25
Mastercard, fuel	197.04
Media Quest Signs, sign repairs	330.00
Muscatine Fire Department, als service charg	e 450.00
Secretary of State, b meyer notary application	n30.00
Uniform Den Inc., new employee uniforms	583.70
US Cellular, cell phone charges	870.35
Utility Equipment Co, stock/1st street water m	ain
	4,139.69

Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shiel, health & denta .29.982.49

4 <sup>th</sup> St Clothing Co, embroidery	
Community Bank, withholdings	
IPERS EFT, ipers eft	8,523.46
IPERS Police EFT, ipers police	5,352.83
Treasurer State of Iowa, state w/holding	2,883.00
City of Wilton, flex plan	
City of Wilton, health dental vision	3,000.64
Collection Services Center, case #889434 .	
Green State Credit Union, green state cred	it union
Manhattanlife Assurance, sup life insurance	
Payroll	46,888.82
Total Bills	

Public Notice NOTICE OF VACANCY MUSCATINE COUNTY ZONING COMMISSION The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors an-

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors an-nounces a vacancy on the Muscatine County Zoning Commission. The vacancy is to fill a 5-year term end-ing November 7, 2028. Duties include: making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to requests for rezoning and subdivision platting of property in the unincorporated area of Muscatine County; mak-ing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for undating the Zoning Ordinances: and making personal updating the Zoning Ordinances; and making personal tours and inspections of sites for which rezoning or platting has been requested. By law, the successful candidate must live in the unincorporated area of Mus-

Candidate must invern the unincorporated at a 2 mar-catine County. Application forms are available in the Zoning Of-fice, 3610 Park Avenue West, the Muscatine County Administration Office, 414 E. Third Street, Suite 101, Muscatine, Iowa 52761-4142 and on the County web-site, www.muscatinecountyiowa.gov under Volunteer Opportunities. In order to achieve gender balance in accordance

with Section 69.16A, Code of Iowa, Muscatine County



AN Obituaries: Families are invited and encouraged to 2 ask the funeral home to submit a full, descriptive custom obituary for publication in the Wilton-Durant Advocate News at a cost as low as \$95. In lieu of a custom obituary, a Death Notice can be published at no cost. You can also submit an obituary online: wdadvocatenews.com email: adnews@netwtc.net If you have questions, please contact us at 563-732-2029. ask the funeral home to submit a full, descriptive custom



is seeking and will give preferential consideration to male applicants who meet the necessary qualifications.

Completed applications should be returned to the Administration Office, Muscatine County Administra-tion Building by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023

For more information, please call (563) 263-0482

#### Trust Notice Notice of successor trustee and notice to CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE STEVE R. WULF LIVING

**TRUST:** To all persons regarding Steve R. Wulf, deceased, who died on or about August 18, 2023. You are hereby notified that the trustee listed below is the successor trustee of the Steve R. Wulf Living Trust dated June 5, 2002, and any amendments thereto. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Cedar County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred. Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication TRUST:

occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mail-ing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied. Dated: October 27, 2023.

Dick Lee Wulf 3533 140<sup>th</sup> St. Stockton, IA 52769

Curt A. Oppel, Attorney for Successor Trustee Stanley, Lande, Hunter, P.C. 201 West Second Street, Suite 1000 Davenport, IA 52801 Date of second publication 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023

Public Notice Notice of sale or disposition pursuant to 578A of Iowa Self Storage Lien Act. The deposition or sale of the following tenant's property located at R&R Self Storage, 1211 West 5th St, Wilton, Iowa 52778 on or about 9:30 a.m. November 16, 2023, on www.bid13. com. Brief description: #224 ANGIE FOOR - misc per-sonal and household items. #315 MELISSA PARKER-mics prosonal and household items. misc personal and household items.



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## lowa corn yields defy early drought worries

#### **By Jared Strong**

Iowa Capital Dispatch

Farmers in Iowa are routinely harvesting more than 200 bushels of corn per acre this year despite widespread drought as crop harvest reaches its conclusion, according to field agronomists for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

'Our corn hybrids are much better adapted to dry conditions now than they were 20 years ago," said agronomist Angela Rieck-Hinz, who monitors part of north-central Iowa. "Most people were extremely fortunate that they caught a rain or two at the end of June and then they caught some more in August.

About 77% of the state's corn has been harvested for grain, according to a Monday report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. About 93% of soybeans have been harvested.

That is eight days ahead of the fiveyear average. Crops matured more quickly this year amid the drought and hot temperatures in late August and early September.

The vast majority of the state is suffering from some measure of drought, and those conditions are expected to continue at least through January, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Nearly a quarter of the state has extreme drought — the second-to-worst dryness classification — in eastern Iowa.

Still, farmers are poised to post one of their best years for crop yields. The USDA predicted this month that corn yields would average about 199 bushels per acre. The actual figure won't be finalized for months.

"Yields are really just ridiculously good," said Meaghan Anderson, an agronomist who monitors central Iowa. "It's not amazing across the board but, for the most part, people are super pleas-antly surprised."

She advises farmers to avoid tilling fields right now, unless necessary, to



A combine clears corn in Muscatine County last week.

A-N photo by Tim Evans

keep moisture in the soil. About 53% of the state's topsoil has adequate or surplus soil moisture for growing crops, which is an increase from last week and nearly double what it was a year ago.

The state averaged about an inch of precipitation last week, according to State Climatologist Justin Glisan. That is more than double what is typically expected this time of year.



## Scouting celebration

2023 marks the 45th anniversary of Cub Scouts Pack 153. Pictured are (front row, I-r) Beckett Henke, JJ Wright, Randy Carpenter, Gibson Oberlander, Kenzie Kearley-Pierce; (back row, I-r) Mark Comer, John Strodtman, George Comer, Dale Bird. Contributed photo

"Widespread rain fell across Iowa over several days last week and a cold blast brought the first measurable snow to northern Iowa," said Mike Naig, the state's secretary of agriculture. "The weather forecast looks drier over the next week with temperatures slowly climbing to near seasonal, offering farmers an excellent window to harvest or complete other field work.'

Despite the recent frigid temperatures, last week averaged about 7 degrees above normal.

Livestock pasture conditions slightly improved this past week, the USDA said. About 20% of pastures are rated good or excellent, "but getting water to pastured cattle continued to be an issue for some producers," according to the USDA.

#### Muscatine Legion dinner Nov. 3

The First District Iowa American Legion Auxiliary will be hosting a special 'Soup Sampler Supper" on Friday, Nov. 3, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Muscatine Legion at 110 South Houser St. Anvone is welcome to attend.

#### Wilton Legion Nov. 4 lunch

A special Veteran's Day lunch will be held at the Wilton American Legion post at 1000 Maurer Street on Saturday, Nov. 4, hosted by the Zion Lutheran Church. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and is free to Legion members while others are asked to provide a freewill donation.

#### **Durant Legion hosts Veterans** breakfast Nov. 18

The Durant American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 430, will host its annual Veteran's Appreciation Pancake Breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov 18, at the Durant Legion. Pancakes, sausage and homemade egg casserole will be served and all veterans attending eat for free. Free will donations will be accepted with proceeds going to veteran's causes.



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## OBITUARIES

#### Sharon Mockmore

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Phone (563) 732-2029 Fax (563) 732-3144	manner which reflects the uniqueness and similarities of the communities it serves.	Sharon Kay Mockmore, age 70, of Wil- ton, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 24,	garden, canning and baking. Most of all, Sharon loved her family
News e-mail: adnews@netwtc.net Office e-mail: adnews@netwtc.net Advertising e-mail: anads@netwtc.net Official Newspaper for Cities of Durant, Wilton and Stockton School Districts of Wilton and Durant and County of Muscatine	Published by Eastern Iowa Publications, LLC. Eldridge, Iowa (563) 285-8111 Joshua Byers: Publisher Garrett Ammesmaki: Editor Heather Thompson: Office Manager Theresa Blackledge: Advertising Sales Tim Evans: Advertising Sales Consulting & Technical support by North Scott Press: Scott Campbell, Mark Ridolfi and Erin Gentz	2023, at UnityPoint Health- Trinity, Rock Island, Ill. A visitation was held from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at Bentley Funeral Home, Wilton. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m., Satur- day, Oct. 28, at the funeral home. Burial took place in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilton. Sharon was born on Jan.	and cherished hosting holi- day meals at her home. Sharon will be dearly missed by her husband, Don; seven children, Duane Mockmore, David Mock- more, Colleen (Mark) Lukemyres, Ben Mock- more, Raymond (Marcinda) Mockmore, Alex (Maleah)

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26, 1953, the daughter of Raymond and Vivian (Gottschalk) Adams in Muscatine. She graduated from Durant High School with the Class of 1971. Sharon married Donald Mockmore on March 23, 1974.

Sharon was a homemaker who cherished taking care of her family. She also worked at Clarence Senior Living for many years. Sharon enjoyed crocheting, creating crafts and sewing, es-

Wright, and Kyle (Emma) Wright; eight grandchil-dren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Darold (Karen) Adams and Jeff (Carol) Adams; one sister, Lisa Adams; her friends: and her extended family. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents; and one great-nephew.

Custom obituary

## WILTON POLICE REPORTS

#### **Oct. 22**

Vehicle inspection in the 100 block of E 4th Street.

Traffic stop Occurred at 5th Street and Maurer Street for an equipment violation. A verbal warning was given to the driver.

Assisted the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office on a traffic stop at W 5th Street and Liberty Street. An arrest was made at this traffic stop.

#### Oct. 23

Assisted on a medical call in Moscow. Patient transported to ER by Ambulance.

Traffic stop 155th and Taylor Avenue for no working tail lights. Driver given an equipment repair warning. A written warning was given to the driver.

Traffic stop E Wate Street Maurer Street for Tinted Window and Driving while Barred. Jesse Swailes of Muscatine was arrested for driving while barred and interference with official acts.

Called to the 100 block of E 4th Street for a call in burglary alarm. Found to be a maintenance worker.

Assisted the Durant Ambulance Service with a medical all in the 900 block of Locust Street.

Called to the 100 block of Walnut Street for a welfare check. Subject found to be fine.

Found property in the 100 block of Vine Street. Was handled by the officer.

Civil dispute in the 100 block of Sycamore Street. Was handled by the officer.

#### **Oct 24**

Nuisance in the 300 block of E Jackson Street.

Salvage vehicle inspection in the 100 block of E 4th Street. Assignment complete.

A medical call off occerred in the 100 block of sycamore street. Wilton Ambulance responded.

Vehicle inspection in the 100 block of E 1st Street. Handled by the officer.

Salvage Vehicle inspection in the 100 block of E 4th Street.

Theft call in the 100 block of W 4th Street. Was handled by the officer and was unfounded.

Motor vehicle collision at Hwy 38 and W 5th Street.

#### Oct. 25

City ordinance violation occurred in the 200 block of 3 4th Street. Was handled by the officer.

Traffic stop at Hwy 38 and W 5th Street. A verbal warning was given.

Salvage inspection in the 100 block of E 4th Street.

Property found at Jeff's Market.

Property returned to its owner.

Traffic stop at Maple Street and W Wate Street. Driver was given a verbal warning.

#### **Oct. 26**

Traffic stop in the 700 block of Cypress Street. A Written warning was issued for a seat belt violation.

#### Oct. 27

Assisted the Wilton Ambulance with a medical call in the 300 block of E 3rd Street.

Salvage vehicle inspection in the 100 block of E 4th Street.

Assisted the Wilton Ambulance with a medical call in the 100 block of W 4th Street.

Traffic stop at Cypress Street and E 5th Street. Verbal warning was issued.

Salvage vehicle inspection in the 100 block of E 4th Street. Traffic stop at Cypress Street and Rose

Street. A verbal warning was issued. Traffic stop at 3rd Street and Cypress

Street. A verbal warning was issued.

Traffic stop at W 6th Street and Maurer Street. A verbal warning was issued. Citizen flagged officer down reporting suspicious persons/activity that occurred pm 10/24 at 02:42am. Officers are going to have extra patrol in the area.

Request from citizen for traffic control while they load a pickup on to a trailer.

Traffic stop 1100 block Oak Street or an equipment violation. The Driver was given a verbal warning.

#### **Oct. 28**

Traffic stop 200 block of Chestnut Street for multiple violations. Driver warned and passenger was cited for open container.

Alarm in the 600 Block of W 5th Street. Handled by the officer.

Vehicle inspection in the 100 block of E 4th Street.

Dispatched to residence in the 100 block of Cypress Street for a noise complaint. A verbal warning was given.

Barking dog complaint at W 6th and Oak Street. Handled by the officer.

Traffic stop Hwy 927 and Taylor Avenue for an equipment violation, Driver was given a verbal warning.

Traffic stop 1100 block Hwy 38 for speeding. Driver was given a verbal warning.

#### **Durant police reports**

Durant polilce reports will resume when chief Orville Randolph returns to duty.

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The City of WILTON will conduct a public he	0	Contact: Jeffrev Horne	,	<b>o</b> ,
Meeting Date/Time: 11/13/2023 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Wilton City Hall 104 E 4th Street Wilton, IA 52778		Comact: Jenrey Home	Filone: (	563) 732-2115
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxp detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget ame hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https	on hand at ndments ar	the close of the preceding fiscal e subject to protest. If protest peti	year, and proposed disburser	ments, both past and
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	1,629,480	0	1,629,480
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	C
Net Current Property Tax	3	1,629,480	0	1,629,480
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	(
TIF Revenues	5	552,006	0	552,006
Other City Taxes	6	398,624	0	398,624
Licenses & Permits	7	33,980	0	33,980
Use of Money & Property	8	17,200	0	17,200
Intergovernmental	9	849,309	0	849,309
Charges for Service	10	2,286,000	0	2,286,000
Special Assessments	11	0	0	(
Miscellaneous	12	97,200	0	97,200
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	(
Transfers In	14	1,497,776	0	1,497,776
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	7,361,575	0	7,361,575
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	913,801	0	913,801
Public Works	17	476,789	0	476,789
Health and Social Services	18	3,000	0	3,000
Culture and Recreation	19	420,657	68,732	489,389
Community and Economic Development	20	180,100	0	180,100
General Government	21	424,101	0	424,101
Debt Service	22	1,167,900	0	1,167,900
Capital Projects	23	0	0	(
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	3,586,348	68,732	3,655,080
Business Type/Enterprise	25	2,349,331	0	2,349,331
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Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	30	2,334,806	0	2,334,806
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024	31	2,262,926	-68,732	2,194,194

Vehicle unlock in the 1500 block of W 3rd Street .

Salvage vehicle inspection in the 100 block of W 4th street.

Dispatched to a reported possible domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Maurer Street. The anonymous report was deemed unfounded by responding officers

Traffic stop in the 1400 block of Nicholaus Drive. A verbal warning was issued for the expired plates.

Traffic stop E 5th Street and Maurer Street for expired registration. The driver was given a verbal warning.

Traffic stop W 3rd Street and Cedar Street for Window Tint. Passenger cited for open container.

Traffic stop 800 block W 5th Street for driving while revoked and window tint. Helen Arndt of Wilton was arrested and charged with driving while revoked. OWI test failure, No insurance as required and window tint.

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**502 Ayres Progress Drive, Wilton, IA** Commercial/Industrial steel framed structure w/100x120 warehouse w/18' sidewalls & radiant heat, loading dock, overhead door,2 electrical services:400 amp 3 phase & 250 amp single phase. new 42' x 47' Mezzanine, 2,240 sq. ft. office is tastefully done w/private offices, conference room, break room & 2 restrooms. Concrete Parking Lot. Plenty of room on this lot for expansion. Office furniture to be included with the building all shelving and nallet racking are the building, all shelving and pallet racking are negotiable. All Showings to be done M-F 8am to 4:30 PM.



**109 W 6th Street, Wilton, IA** Firs grand Victorian home is loaded with charac-the deartiful original woodwork and hardwood cept kitchen has all the counter space you could ver want, along with a bar and large dining room. The storybook wraparound front porch and pation with pergola are perfect places to relax and enter and closets, master bedroom with huge walk-in. Home features include 4 spacious bedrooms and closets, master bedroom with huge walk-in dosets, master bedroom with huge walk-ing storybook wraparound front porch and pation closet, 3 baths, central air, well-insulated, updat-hung windows, modern stainless appliances, water softener, high ceilings, stunning open stair-throughout and 2 stall garage with large work area.



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2793 180th Street, Muscatine, IA Gorgeous 5 bdrm,4 batrm home with:open kitchen w/breakfast bar,formal dining rm,living rm w/gas fireplace,main level master bedrm w/2 walk in closets & spacious bathrm w/separate tub & shower & main level laundry. The second level of the home is entered through an elegant open staircase from the foyer & houses 4 bdrms (each w/walk in closet) & large bathrm w/dual vanity,shower & private tub/ shower.Finished walk out lower level is great for entertaining w/kitchen, full bath, game rm & huge family rm.Features panoramic views of the pond, spacious deck & patio, 24' above ground pool w/ deck, 3 stall att./finished garage & a post&beam barn w/workshop, hay mow and room for horses, cattle, etc.VERY close to town on a hard surfaced road, concrete driveway, front porch on 5.76 acres.



1826 130th Street, Atalissa, IA New Construction home on 3.60 acres with 1,622 finished Square Feet, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open floor plan, tile shower, main level laundry, oversized garage and large back patio perfect for an above ground pool. Quality built in by Tulup Construction with 2" x 6" exterior walls, water proof vinyl plank flooring, steel roof and fiber in-ternet from West Liberty Communications. Enjoy the country lifestyle in a NEW Home.



Sheila Budelier

Broker Associate

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Gary Paper

Realtor

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403 Fejevary Street, Sotckton, IA 23.45 Acre property with an older barn, small grain bin and a 40' x 63' Machine Shed. This could make a great hobby farm with an old livestock lot that is currently not being utilized, 22 tillable acres with 82 CSR that is currently cash rented for the 2024 crop season. The home has 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, main level laundry, 2 year old boiler and a 3 year old steel roof. Very large rooms on both levels. This is the acreage you have been waiting for in the Durant School District, come take a loak Beiler Denland 2021. Deck Denland 2020 look. Boiler Replaced 2021, Roof Replaced 2020.



**416 E 1st Street, Wilton, IA** NEW CONSTRUCTION! Check out this new build on a corner lot with 3 bedrooms, 2 bath-rooms, open floor plan with vinyl plank flooring in the main areas and carpet in the bedrooms. Kitchen features: easy close doors and drawers. Quartz counter tops, undermount Stainless Steel Sink, under and over cabinet lighting and stain-less steel appliances. Master bedroom has a low step shower; main bathroom has a full tub show-er. Main level laundry with new washer and dryer included. Finished and Insulated 24' x 24' garage, 8' x 10' patio and burried down spouts. High ef-ficiency Bryant HVAC System and well insulated: Walls R-13, Attic in the house: R44, Attic in the garage: R30. Owner is a Licensed Real Estate Walls R-13, Attic in the house: R44, Attic in the garage: R30. Owner is a Licensed Real Estate Broker in the State of Iowa.







2059 220th Street, Bennett, IA

9.59 acres with a pond just north of Bennett is the setting for this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with an operating dog boarding/training kennel. The home is 3,040 square feet with vinyl siding, some vinyl windows, roof in 2010, new septic in 2015 and new electrical service in 2017. The Kennel is name Starlite Academy and has a large client list and 1 part time employee. The business is included in the sale of the home as a turn key operation. There are 36 kennels, 10 outdoor play pen areas. website: https://starliteacademy.net/



**311 E 3rd Street, Wilton, IA** A Quality Renovation was just completed on this 4-bed, 3-bath ranch home with 2 stall garage and finished basement! The home sits on a double lot and the exterior features a NEW roof in 2023, low maintenance vinyl siding, a large 16x24 deck, and a newly poured 3-car driveway. The interior of the home was completely updated including new paint and flooring! The main floor features an eat-in kitchen with all new stainless appliance package, main floor laundry, living room, master bedrooms, and a full bathroom in the hall. The finished basement has a large 4th bedroom with an egress window, a spacious family room, a full bathroom in addition to two storage areas, and a utility sink. This home is 100% move-in ready! Agent and seller are related.



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210 6th Street, Durant, IA

4 bedroom 1 bathroom home on a corner lot close to the Durant Schools. This home has a fenced backyard, 2 stall attached garage, main level master bedroom and an amazing sunroom with great natural light. Complete roof tear off and shingle replacement, and new gutters have been scheduled. Maintenance free vinyl siding, radon mitigation system, brick patio and wonderful perennial landscaping.



2212 W Central Park Ave, Davenport, IA Well kept 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home with a finished lower level with nice sized family room, 2 stall garage and a 12' x 20' storage small loft. Great outdoor spaces with fenced yard, garden area and 2 patios, one in front to watch the world go by and one private in the rear of the home. Kitchen has had cabinets updated with new veneer, door/drawer fronts and resurfaced counter tops. Complete Appliance Package stays with the home



**215 E 2nd, Muscatine, IA** 3 Story building in downtown Muscatine: Main Level 2,800 sq. ft. retail or office space currently leased to a long term tenant. (Business is not for sale or included in the listing price.) The next 2 levels include: 1 bedroom/ Ibathroom apart-ment, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment and a 2 bedroom 1 bathroom apartment all with good rental history and current leases. Current Gross Annual Income: \$34,740. Annual Insurance: \$2,500. Annual Taxes: \$3,252. Annual Net In-come: \$28,988. (10.3% cap rate on asking price.) 24 hour notice to show, no interior photos of apartments.be used as a bedroom making this a 4 bedroom home with a few minor upgrades.



3376 Water Street, Muscatine, IA Your river haven awaits! Come take a look at this 2



404 W 6th Street, Wilton, IA A great location on the north end of Wilton complete with original woodwork, refinished hardwood flooring on the 2nd level, vinyl siding and a corner lot. Recent updates include: new water heater, main level floor coverings, interior paint, central air and a new kitchen. Wonderful craftsmanship with built ins and ornate wood work. This 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home also has a large 3 stall heated garage. Come take a look.



106 E 2nd Street, Wilton, IA Exterior Paint to be completed in 30 days\*\* This 3 bedroom split foyer home is offering a new kitchen and bathroom, 2 new decks, privacy fenced



Step back in time with mid century masterpiece! Original Steel Youngstown Kitchen Cabinets, Original hardwood flooring and pristine woodwork, floored attic for storage or you could add more bed-rooms, dry lower level ready to be finished, 3 spacious bedrooms, 1 bathroom on the main level, one in the basement, formal dining room, living room and formal sitting room. Wide open front porch, stone exterior and 22' x 26' 2 stall garage with a 10' front overhang. This home has only had one family live in it since it was built in 1954. Great location right in the center or Wilton. Current owner is selling in AS IS Condition and has never lived in the home



328 W Fulliam Ave, Muscatine IA Completely renovated in 2023. This 3 bedroom 2 ome has a partially finished nom

bedroom 2 bathroom year round home with a 2 stall attached garage and 3 separate sets of stairs go-ing to the river! This is OWNED ground on the Misand it has plenty of room for a dock! This could be a great year round home, weekend retreat or could even be used for a vacation rental like VRBO. This home has a newer septic system, vinyl siding, screened deck and steel roof that was installed in 2008. OWNED river properties are not available very often, so call today to check this one out.



214 W 7th Tipton, IA All new interior paint and floor coverings inside this 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home in Tipton. Classic 2 story appeal with open front porch, 1 main level bedroom and main level laundry make this a great choice for any age buyer. Steel roof and vinyl windows add to the value and the alley access gives you plenty of room to build a nice garage.

en and bathroom, 2 new decks, privacy fenced yard, 2 stall garage with alley access and a fin-ished lower level. New HVAC system installed ap-proximately 6 years ago by the previous owner, washer and dryer in 2018, refrigerator, bathroom remodel, cedar privacy fence in 2021, garage soffit, facia, gutters, garage doors, deck off the kitchen, stove and dishwasher, exterior house doors, and sump pump 2022. Exterior paint, deck off the garage and new kitchen in 2023 deck off the garage and new kitchen in 2023

with 4th non conforming bedroom. Updates include: All new paint inside and out, floor coverings, bathrooms, kitchen and some windows. This property comes with all new stainless steel kitchen appliances and is move in ready! Oversized garage and private back yard in a great neighborhood



125 W Otis Street, Walcott, IA 125 W Otts Street, Walcott, IA Come take a look at this great 2 bedroom 1 bath-room home with single stall garage on a quiet street in Walcott. This home has all newer floor coverings in 2015, new deck in 2017, new kitchen with new appliances in 2020 and new roof, siding, gutters and downspouts in 2023 Repairs complet-ed by previous owner: furnace and air replaced in 2005, new electrical panel and rewire 2003. All appliances stay with the home including stainless appliances stay with the home including stainless steel kitchen appliances. This is a great 1 level home with a walk up attic that has plenty of stor-age. Must see in Walcott, just minutes from the Ouad Cites L80 or L280 age. Must see in vvaicou Quad Cites, I-80 or I-280.



**511 Fairview Ave, Muscatine, IA** An amazing river view from your back deck and 2nd level bedroom with this 2 bedroom 2 bathroom home on Fariview Avenue. Recent Updates: 2018: Roof 2020: Water Heater and Furnace. The main level has a large kitchen, dining room, living room, bedroom and bathroom. The second level has one bedroom with some plaster damage from past roof leak. The basement is partially finished with a non conforming bedroom, nice sized storage or work-shop space and laundry room. Driveway is shared with 509 Fairview Avenue. 2nd bathroom is in an open room in the basement. Cash or Conventional Financing Only. 511 Fairview Ave, Muscatine, IA



**219 E 6th Street, Wilton, IA** Prime location on the north end of Wilton, close to City Park and School. Major repairs and updates in 2003 include: Windows .Roof, Siding, Central Air and Kitchen Remodel. Extra deep 2 car ga-rage, partially fenced yard. 2013: Sewer line re-placed. 2015: Furnace, Water Heater, Insulation. 2023: New roof with complete tear off on the house and garage. Floor plan could have 4 total bedrooms for a larger family. (2 on the main, 2 on the 2nd level, front room was used as a bedroom when this owner purchased the home.) Cash or Conventional Financing ONLY.

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From left: Robert Mollenbeck, Mel Brus, Judy Mumm and Ila Mae Feuerbach.

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**COUNTRY CONNECTION** 

Barb Male and her mom, Ila Mae Feuerbach page through their Heritage Farm's 102-year-old abstract. NSP photos by Mark Ridolfi



## Ila Mae lives in the house where she was born

Ila Mae Feuerbach prizes the last rose blooms of the season brightening the autumn collage surrounding her Cedar County farmhouse just north of Durant.

She was born in the home, raised two children, and helped secure a future for the Feuerbach family Heritage farm.

Ila's grandfather, William Moler, bought the place in 1871, according to a pristine 1921 abstract that charts property ownership from Iowa's territorial days. Ila and her daughter, Barb Male, paged through the documents while discussing their family's legacy. Ila was William and Lena Moeller's only granddaughter. She met Wilton farmer Duane Feuerbach at a dance in Walcott and married in 1948.

She and husband Duane immersed themselves in the farm, and their community.

Retirement years with husband Duane included nearly 30 winters snowbirding in Texas. He passed away in 2001.

Ila Mae's late son Keith farmed the grounds until he died in 2022.

Feuerbach Acres Inc. Farmington Township Cedar County 80 acres bought Jan. 28, 1871

Owner: Feuerbach Acres, Inc, Ila Mae Feuerbach, Barbara K. Male and Tona O. Feuerbach

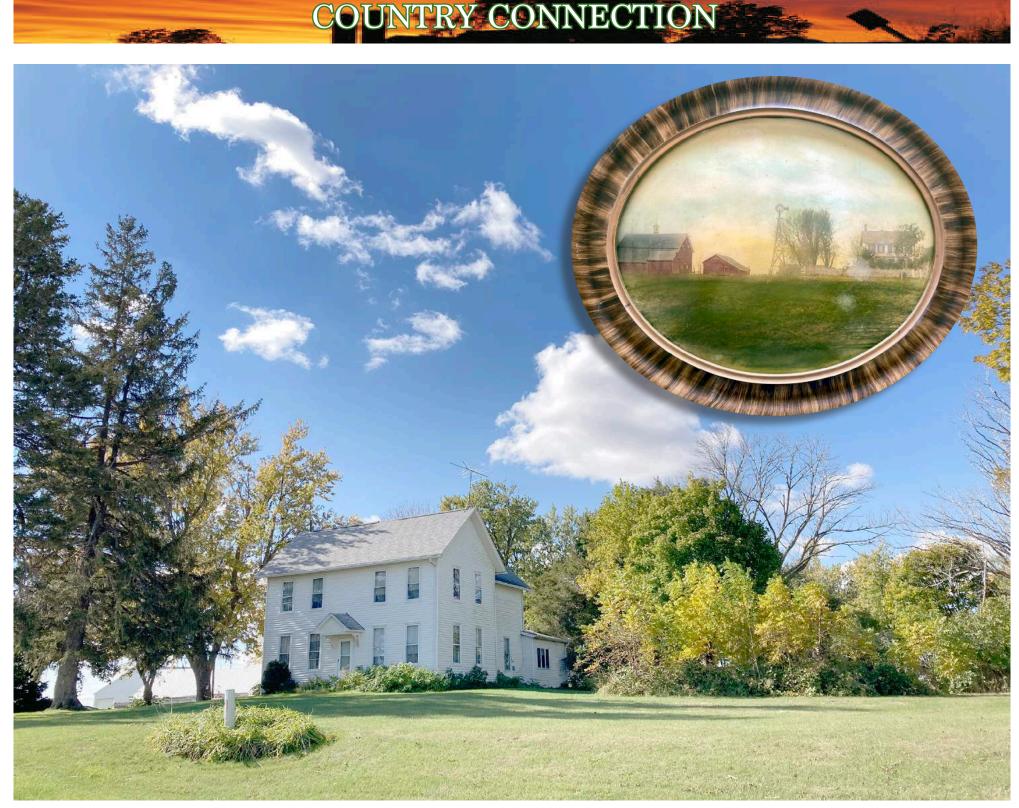
Stories and photos by Mark Ridolfi

Now, tenants work the farm ground. Ila Mae had a painting crew sprucing

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**Prior owners** William and Lena Moeller, grandparents Walter Miller, father





The Feuerbach farm house, Oct. 25, in Cedar County. INSET: A framed image of the farm from 1895.

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up the sheds that have surrounded the home most of her life.

She remembers tending ducks, chickens, pigs and milk cows.

"I even drove the tractor and did field work. I certainly enjoyed it. And never felt I was working hard," she said.

Barb notes it was long before multihead combines.

"My mom picked ears by hand and put them in horse-drawn wagons," she said. Ila turned 95 this year. "It was just part of life. It was fun."

Trips to town were rare.

"We'd go to Sunbury, especially Charlie Meyers' store," Ila Mae said. "I remember jumping in an old Model T to go get nickel ice cream."

As a kid, she recalled looking for every reason to explore beyond the farm.

"I remember running out of the house any time I heard an airplane," she said.

These days, she treasures the quiet, country life she described while sitting around the family table at Barb's nearby home.

She birdwatches from her back porch overlooking a tree-filled sanctuary created just for that hobby. This year's visitors included a pair of orioles.

The family celebrated the century farm 100-year designation in 1993.

Barb Male prepared the 150-year Heri-

tage farm recognition at this year's Iowa State Fair. She filled out the application, then booked a long weekend for the extended family that included a day at the fair, the Heritage Farm ceremony, then a family dinner at the Amanas the next day on the way home.

"It's a blessing. I'm extremely proud it's been in our family 152 years," Barb Male said. "My children have told me it will always stay in the bloodline."

Male's nine-year-old grandson, Michael asked, "what comes after the Heritage designation?"

"I told him, I don't know, but in 50 years, you'll be responsible, and Michael said, 'I will.""



Barb Male and the farm's old outhouse.



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## **Cedar County**

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Feuerbach Acres, Inc	Wilton	1871	
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Jeffrey A. Kaufmann Robert & Janet Niermeyer	Wilton Clarence	1866 1872	
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Dahlberg Family Partnership Richard Fawcett	West Branch West Branch	1853 1869	
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Franklin N. Townsend Karl Borkenhagen	Wilton Mechanicsville	1850 1851	
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Roland McNee Dotson Farm, LLC	Mechanicsville Atalissa	1841 1867	
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Kenneth & Helen Fawcett Mike Lodge Betty Norton	West Branch West Branch Bennett	1853 1853 1854	
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## Feuerbach Acres

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Left to right front row, Michael Male, Riley Male, Ila Mae Feuerbach, Barbara Male. Back row, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Brandon Male, Kate Male, Kimberly Feuerbach, Kristine Olsen, Mike Olsen, Mike Male and Iowa Farm Bureau president Brent Johnson.

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Roland & Mildred Mingst
Richard Schluter
Ronald & Daisy Wingert
Diane Grau
Richard & Marcia Kleppe
Erwin Wenndt
Marlene Wiedenhoff

#### 2007

Michael & Brenda Herring
Donna Meier
John J. Witmer
Lillian Schroeder
Herman & Margaret Helmold
John J. Witmer
James Vitense
John Moffit
Robert & Eloise Sessler
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William & Sharon Elijah
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Nancy Hipple

#### 2005

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Robert James Brennan

Lavern & Rosalyn Bergmann	Clarence
Alden & Marilyn Klahn	Clarence
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Ron & Rhonda Jensen	West Liberty	1904 1904
Joan Louise Robinson	Mechanicsville	1904

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Jean Davidson	Mechanicsville	1895
Dorothea and Virgil Kruckenberg	Lowden	1901
Glen E. and Susan J. Nebergall	Tipton	1903
Samuel E. and Mary F. Schneider	West Liberty	1903
Doug and Glenda Schroeder	Clarence	1903

#### 2002

Albert V. and Carole J. Walton	Moscow
Bricen and Arlene Rix Krafock	Lowden
Lance A. and Jeni L. Schiele	West Liberty
Donavon C. and Linda K. Freese	Clarence
Rebecca Bohde	Tipton
Edwin R. and Irene Decker	Clarence
Monte H. Gaul	Tipton
James K. and Mary Ann Mente	Tipton
Albert V. and Carole J. Walton	Moscow

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Donald Overbaugh	Mechanicsville	1870
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Eloise and Marjorie Laubscher	Tipton	1845
Hilbert Stoll	Wilton	1854
Kenneth Wright	Tipton	1875 1877
Eloise and Marjorie Laubscher LeRoy, Esther and Renate Boettge	Tipton r Lowden	1877
Beverly Ann Brink Hancock	Clarence	1879
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Allen Whitlatch Edwin and Veneta Kroemer	Stanwood Clarence	1857 1878
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M. Adria Ralston	Mechanicsville	1871
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William J. Mason Estate	Lisbon	1853
Charles Alton Sisler	Stanwood	1855
Mary P. Wright Edna Eilers	West Branch Tipton	1855 1865
G.E.M. Real Estate Company	npton	1873
Dorothy and Edna Henderson	Tipton	1875
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Francis Soper Gilliland	Mechanicsville	1836
Hazel Safley Hughes	Tipton	1837
Earl & Helen Stine Ackenback James R. & Arlene Ross	Lisbon Mechanicsville	1839 1839
Russell Emrich	Tipton	1840
Fay E. Wagner	Tipton	1840
Gorda Evelyn Safley Albaugh Mr & Mrs. Roland McNee	Stanwood Mechanicsville	1841 1841

Clarence	1879	Ursula May Palmer	Tinton	1841
Lowden	1884	5	Tipton	
Lowden	1004	Ralph & Sarah Stout	Tipton	1841
		Alberta Clifton Svoboda	Mechanicsville	1841
		Mr. & Mrs. Archibold Safley	Tipton	1843
Lowden	1888	Everett & Gladys Ferguson	Mechanicsville	1848
Clarence	1889	Evelyn B. Larkin	Tipton	1848
Tipton	1841	Ralph G. & Jeanette L. King	Lowden	1850
		Irwin E. Langley	Wilton	1850
		Anders V. Mather, Jr.	West Liberty	1851
Tipton	1849	Carl R. Agne	Tipton	1852
Wilton	1850	Malissa R. Fawcett	West Branch	1852
Wilton	1862	Harold White	West Branch	1852
Wilton	1866	Keith Conner	Mechanicsville	1853
Wilton	1879	Robert H. Decker	Clarence	1853
		Mary H. Dorcas	Tipton	1853
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		Lloyd I. & Ardith Henderson	West Branch	1853
West Branch	1853	J. Elmer & Louise M. Kline	Atalissa	1853
Tipton	1882	Mary L. Lodge	West Branch	1853
		Edward F. & Louise Poduska	Mechanicsville	1853
		Puffers, Inc.	Mechanicsville	1853
Mechanicsville	1882	Henry Smith Estate	Stanwood	1853
Clarence	1885	Charles K. Alexander	Lisbon	1854
Clarence	1886	Vearl, Dwight & Mary Lois Ayres	Wilton	1854
		Edna Gardner	Mechanicsville	1854
		W. D. Glasgow	Mechanicsville	1854
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Clarence	1871	Wayne Robinson	Clarence	1854
Bennett	1881	Edward L. Jack	Lisbon	1855
Clarence	1883	Charles Edward Rigby	Stanwood	1855
		William W. & Virginia P. Woods	Mechanicsville	1856
Mechanicsville	1884	Robert V. & Lois L. Yack		
Lowden	1885		Clarence	1859
West Liberty	1885	Dale H. & Jean E. Johnston	Lisbon	1860
		Myrtle Farrington	Olin	1861
		Glenn S. & Mildred C. Iney	West Liberty	1862
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		William E. Shrope	Mechanicsville	1864
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West Branch	1882	Warren Claney	Clarence	1865
Mechanicsville	1882	Edwin B. Davidson	Stanwood	1865
		Howard J. Lenker	Wilton	1865
		Merlyn K. Bixler	Clarence	1866
		Esther A. & Paula Reinking	Springfield	1866
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		Mary Katherine Stanley Scott	Tipton	1866
		Pauline M. Achenbach	Mechanicsville	1867
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		Kenneth L. Lage	Wilton	1868
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		Minnie Deke		
			Lowden	1869
Stanwood	1857	Harold G. & Ella S. Cromer	Moscow	1870
Clarence	1878	Robert E. Stuhr	Bennett	1870
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		Raymond, Roscoe & Helen Millett		1871
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		LeRoy Louis & Lorna Helene Thede	Wilton	1871
		Edwin Wemdt	Lowden	1871
		Erhard & Alberta Kroemer	Lowden	1872
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West Branch	1855	Roscoe C. Nash	Tipton	1872
		Robert Erwin Niermeyer	Clarence	1872
Tipton	1865	Warren Henry Dietrich Rixe	Bennett	1872
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Tipton	1875	Robert W. Butterbradt	Clarence	1873
		Mr. & Mrs. Roland McNee	Mechanicsville	1873
Machanicovilla	1826	Catharine King Herr	Wilton	1874
Mechanicsville	1836	Ralph W. King	Wilton	1874
Tipton	1837	Leonard C. & Joanne L. Kroemer	Lowden	1874
Lisbon	1839	Howard M. & Eva Lee Murrison		1874
Mechanicsville	1839		Tipton	
Tipton	1840	Erwin G. Peterson	Wilton	1874
		Max E. & Lorraine Taylor	Mechanicsville	1875
Tipton	1840	Leo & Minnie Weih	Wilton	1875
Stanwood	1841	Mr. & Mrs. William H. Davidson, Sr.		1876
Mechanicsville	1841			
		Henry & Marilyn Niermeyer	Lowden	1876



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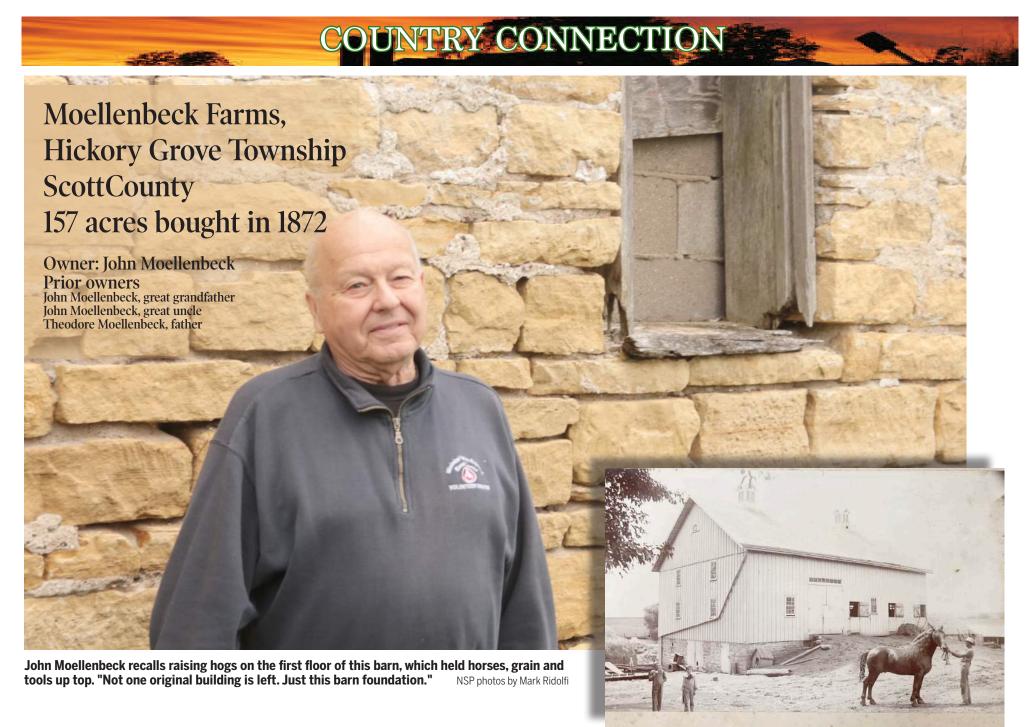


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## **COUNTRY CONNECTION** Bob Moellenbeck plans last harvest this year

All 157 acres go to conservation program after 151 years

Bob Moellenbeck wants readers to know he's no farmer.

But the retired electrician did farm work for almost all of his 83 years as part of a Heritage farm family that owned a Hickory Grove township farm in Scott County since 1872. Like many Iowa Heritage farm families, Moellenbeck moved back to the farm in the 1970s. "Dad decided to retire, so I took over.'

He farms the family's 157 acres, plus another 80 near Walcott. He's midway

through this year's harvest and expects this interview to be cut short.

"You'll probably hear some cattle bellowing for me," he said, about 30 minutes before feeding time.

He'll be back at it one last time this year.

The family decided to put all 157 acres in the Conservation Reserve Program to keep the land together, in the family, and serving a purpose other than corn and beans.

"I'm not going to miss it. Electrician was my work," he said.

Moellenbeck retired from electrical work in 2002 at age 61. He just turned 83 in October.

'Not one original building is left. Just the barn foundation," he said.

The stone foundation supported a two-story barn that held horses, grain, tools, and for a time, a small hog herd that young Bob tended. "We had 14-18 pigs in the bottom, and horses up top." He lives in the family home built in

1965.His wife, Sandy, passed away in Octo-

ber. Their children are Mike (Dawn) Moellenbeck of Blue Grass, Joe (Vicki) Moellenbeck of Port Byron, Ill., Dan (Cathy) Moellenbeck of Granger, Iowa, and Jim (Lisa) Moellenbeck of Davenport.

They count 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

"Next year, all goes in the conservation reserve program," Bob Moellenbeck said. "I just can't do it. The machinery can't do it any more, either."

"Everybody was pretty agreeable. I ran it by all the kids. Sure, someone would be interested in buying it, I guess. I never had any person ask about renting.'

The federal conservation reserve program pays landowners to forgo crop cultivation, and tend the land to encourage prairie grasses and other native plants.

"It still entails some work. It has to be seeded properly. We have to keep the invasives out," he said. "It was a tough decision, but the government makes it easy. I'm not giving it away."



Bob Moellenbeck's great Uncle John and Aunt Maggie are in the center of this family portrait outside the old farm house. Bob believes this photo is from the early 1930s.



Bob Moellenbeck's father, center, and Uncle Art, are in this photo he believes is from 1915.



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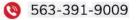






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### **TRY CONNECTION**



Judy Mumm with grandson Emmett.

## Mumm Heritage farm family discovers its past

Darla Fay credits Iowa's Heritage farm program for nudging her to explore her own family's history. Research for this year's Heritage farm application revealed the Dixon Cemetery gravesite of the ancestors who bought the Scott County farm Dec. 28, 1872, that remains in her family today.

"So we hopped in the truck and went down to find them," Fay recalled. She found great-great-great grandparents Henry and Wiebke Petersen, who brought five children from Schleswig-Holstein Germany.

She also discovered other markers in German revealing first- and secondgeneration ancestors she never knew of.

Fay's mom, Judy Mumm, is the fourth-generation descendent, who still lives in the New Liberty farmhouse built in 1921. Family records show the home cost \$10,000, including 44 Prairiestyle windows, and a custom oak buffet that added \$1,000 to the home's cost.

Fay will pull dishes from that buffet when her family gathers for Christmas next month.

She is the sixth generation to own the 240 acres Henry and Wiebke bought near New Liberty in Liberty township where her husband Scott, and her brother Brad raise livestock.

Fay's grandmother, Phyllis Petersen married Melvin Mumm. They created North Hill Angus in 1936, launching a family cattle business that would show at the Mississippi Valley Fair for another 40 years. Their son, Jerry, is Darla's dad.

"Three generations showed cattle at



Darla Fay's research for the Mumm family farm led her to the Dixon Cemetery gravesites of the farm's first owner.

the fair," Darla said. "Until we ran out of kids."

She and Scott bought and moved to the acreage in 1998 to raise their kids, Michael and Lauren.

"We wanted our children to grow up on a farm to help foster work ethic and responsibility," Fay said. "Scott and I are committed to being

good stewards of our family's land. We've planted dozens and dozens of trees over the years. Maybe a future generation will tap all the maples and make a living selling syrup," Fay said. That may include grandson, Emmett,

who turned two, last Saturday.

He'll be back when the whole family returns at Christmas to the Heritage farm that anchors the family.



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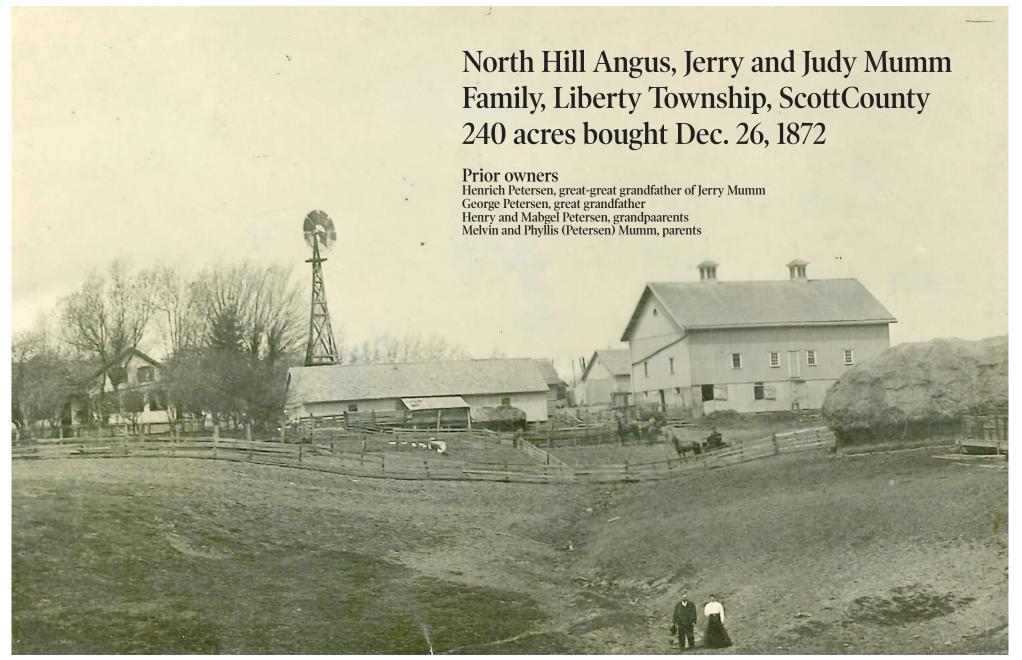


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George and Lena Petersen pose in front of the of the farm circa 1900. Look closely and find their sons Harry and Henry.

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2023		
4D Brus Family Farms Robert Moellenbeck Judith Mumm	Walcott Walcott New Liberty	1870 1872 1872
2022		
Alvin and Jeanette Korthaus Elneta Randolph Hull	Walcott Long Grove	1872 1872
2021		
Arp Family Farm Peggy L. (Brown) Claussen	Davenport LeClaire	1866 1868
2020		
Ron and Joann Wilson	Bettendorf	1870
2019		
Mike & Kay Hein	Walcott	1866
2018		
Curtis & Mary Bernice Koberg Family Trust	Frick Walcott Walcott	1868 1864
2017		
CCH Land, L.L.C. Hein Farming Corp.	Eldridge Stockton	1866 1866
2016		
Larry Edward Stoltenberg	Eldridge	1866
2015		
Michael W. Barnes William F. & Beverly M. Meyer Stede Well Farms, Inc.	Blue Grass Dixon Davenport	1864 1864 1865
2014		
Joyce Ann McDonald Matt Tobin	Davenport Long Grove	1862 1852
2012		
Sunny Dawn (Frye) Armstrong Melody (Frye) Ash Davenport Margo (Frye) Effland Frye Farms LLC Schnekloth Farms, Inc.	Davenport 1857 Davenport Davenport Eldridge	1857 1857 1857 1860
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Donald C. Nebergall	Davenport	1853

Donald O. Nebergan	Davenport
2010	
Kent V. Gillmor	Donahue
Ronald Ralfs	Walcott
Susan Schwarz	Eldridge
2008	
William Lillis	Long Grove
Helen Madden	Long Grove
Merlyn & Wava Madden	Long Grove
William & Marilyn Puck	Davenport

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1853

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Phyllis Martz Darlene & Eugene Wuestenberg	Blue Grass Walcott	1848 1848
2006		
Gary & Karen Bein	Davenport	1854
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4D Brus Farm

From left: Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Riley Plymale, Nancy Plymale, Mel Brus, current owners David Brus, Denise Westendorf and Dennis Brus, Brody Westendorf, Lee Westendorf, and Iowa Farm Bureau President Brent Johnson.



Mumm Farm

From left: Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Brad Mumm, Janaye Clifford, Judy Mumm, Darla Fay, Scott Fay, Lauren Fay and Iowa Farm Bureau President Brent Johnson



Moellenbeck Farm

From left: Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Dan, Jim, Bob, Joe and Mike Moellenbeck, and Iowa Farm Bureau President Brent Johnson



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				2004			-	Walcott	1000	Harry P. Hahn	Davenport
Ila Jean (Engler) Pete			1899	Kyle Claussen	Eldridge	1875	1987			Merlyn L. Hamann	Walcott
Barbara Jean Spicker	mann New Lib	berty	1920	Lloyd & Janalee Keppy	Eldridge	1899	Janet E. Kluever	Walcott	1886	Steven B. Hamilton	LeClaire
2021				Dorothy & Leroy Kroeger	Stockton	1903	Alvin G. Mohr	Eldridge	1883	Leo Hein	Stockton Walcott
Carl & Carolyn Carste	ens LeClaire		1920	Jerome & Connie Noel	Long Grove	1855	Arnold & Viola Rock	Dixon	1886	Lyle C. Heuer Herbert H. Holst	LeClaire
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Dennis & Pam Goling	0		1915	Ralph Telsrow	Stockton	1884				Amanda E. Illian	Blue Grass
C				2003			Allen W. Oltmanns	Bettendorf	1886	Walter E. Jahn, Jr.	Davenport
2018				Helen C. and Robert L. Miller	Dixon	1902	William H. Stoltenberg, Jr. Arthur E. Wiese	Durant Dixon	1885 1881	H.A. & Lucille Kardel	Walcott
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2017				2001			Lester & Blanche Baughman	Eldridge	1885	Alvin & Jeanette Korthaus	Walcott
Mel & Cindi Bates	Long Gr	OVe	1910	2001			Leon L. & Dorothy A. Dietz	Walcott	1883	Richard H. Kraft	Dixon
Ronald & Debbie Clau	-		1912	Gerald L. and Shirley Greve	Dixon	1898	Carol M. Freund	Blue Grass	1840	Walter L. Kruse	Eldridge
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2015				2000			1984			Mrs. Cecil Leamer	LeClaire
				Kay and Allen Friederichs	Dixon	1882	James Mohr	Eldridge	1883	John L. Lensch	Eldridge
Larry Little Trust	Princet		1915	Carole Farber and Jimmy A. Larsser		1900	Leroy & Linda Paustian	Walcott	1882	James E. Lillis Helen & James Madden	Long Grove
Mrs. Gerald (Carol) M			1915	Joanne Puck	Dixon	1899	Eugene W. Rohlf	New Liberty	1883	James E & Helen J. Madden	Long Grove Long Grove
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Michael Bartscher	Walcott		1886	Melva Lafrenz Berkland	Eldridge	1894	Delbert E. & Jeannette L. Blunk	Bettendorf	1881	Marjorie Meyer	Durant
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Matt Tobin	Long Gr	ove	1852	1007			Wesley & Edith Schmalz	Princeton	1880	John F. Moore	Donahue
2013				1997			1981			Helen J. Muhs	Eldridge
John & Lolita Dierickx	c Long Gr	ove	1901	Henry Carl John Hamann, Jr.	Davenport	1875			1000	Jerry D. Mumm	New Liberty
Donna R. Glover Trust			1912	1996			William L. Murphy	Long Grove	1882	Clay, Clyde, & Charles E. Murray	Davenport
Alan Ray Schroder	Blue Gr	ass	1910	Arline Burkamper	LeClaire	1892	1980			Nancy, Robert, & Donald Nebergall	Davenport
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Richard and Jane Mur	mm Long Gr		1910	Donald & Lenora Schlapkohl	Durant	1864	Mrs. Louis Kahl	Blue Grass	1867	Mr & Mrs William E. Puck	Davenport
Ronald J. & Carole S.	Oliver Long Gr	ove	1910	1994			John C. & Laura S. Moffit	LeClaire	1878	Alice G. Quinn	Walcott
Kurt Steward	Dixon		1910	Larry & Burdell Arp	New Liberty	1892	1977			Raymond & Hazel B. Quinn	Eldridge
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						Mr. & Mrs. John Erickson	New Liberty	1851	Richard E. & Jeanne M. Wilson	Davenport	1872
						Alice R. Feuerbach Walcott	1858		Arlyss & Vernona Zabel	Davenport	1868
						Norman V. Frye	Davenport	1857			



## **COUNTRY CONNECTION**

## Brus family farm sparks interest in new generation

Brus family history fills their Heritage farm in Blue Grass Township, where siblings Dennis, Denise, Debbie and David own the same 240 acres held by the family since March 21, 1870.

Their Uncle Mel Brus pitches in on harvest and some chores.

"I've got 120 acres of corn to get out yet," he said. For 50 years, he's held a succession of jobs at the site of the I-80 truck stop, where he is its longest serving employee. Mel, 83, had just wrapped up a two-hour early morning

shift doing paperwork before his 9 a.m. NSP interview at the farm. "He goes to bed before the sun goes down," his niece,

"He goes to bed before the sun goes down," his niece, Denise Westendorf, quipped.

Mel Brus, and his brothers Delmar and Vernon, were born in the farm house. Vernon died in 2015, and Delmar passed in January 2022.

The home is rented to tenants, and cousins farm and raise livestock on the property.

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Mel Brus pauses during morning chores.

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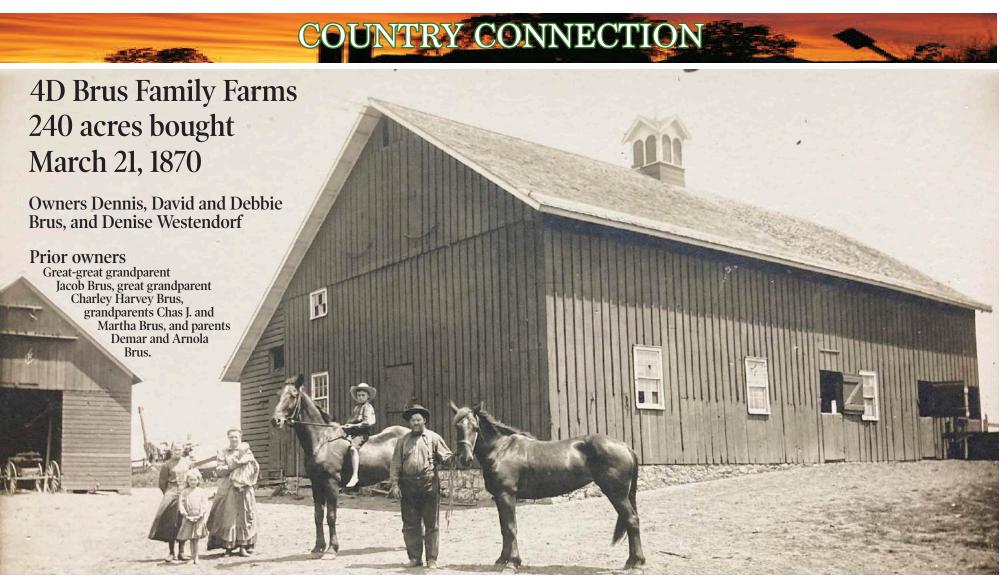
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"This picture I believe was taken in 1910 and is of my grandfather's family. My grandfather would have been the 10-year-old boy on horseback. The barn is the original barn on the farm and when my dad was a boy, they raised it and put the cinder block foundation under it. It was referred to as the dairy barn as it was equipped with the first milking machines. When I grew up, I remember it being the area where my brothers had their 4-H heifers and steers. I also remember a time when we had hogs in that barn with an outdoor pen. It has been unused for several years until my son just this last spring started raising chickens."

Denise Westendorf

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Mel can recall his days at Blue Grass No. 7 school house, and the day in 1948 when a Walcott crew raised the old stone barn. "The blocked up all around, and lifted it a quarter turn at a time," he said, drawing from his memory as an eight-year-old darting around the work site.

Mel Brus shuffled through old photos and shared memories in the machine shed where he pursues his lifelong passion: Restoring tractors.

The family has 13 big Minneapolis Moline tractors, including a 1939 U tractor Mel's grandfather bought new.

Mel's driven it plenty, including laps around the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds pulling wagons full of fairgoers.

He and the family are committed to preserving this farmland in a growing county.

"It's crazy how things changed. I'm an old-time farmer and that's some prime ground they're burying under concrete," he said, literally pointing northeast to the Amazon warehouse to the farm.

Brody is a North Scott senior, who "resisted 4-H," activities his mom, and grandparents embraced.

But when Brody discovered that farm family kids can get licensed to drive at 15, he pestered his folks. "He told us we own a farm, or we're going to," Denise said.

These days, Brody has chickens out at the barn and helps cousins with chores. Denise believes it's genetic.

"He's just like his grandpa, don't you think?" she asks Mel.



Mel Bruce, and niece Denise Westendorf, pose with the Century Farm plaque the family got in 1976. He keeps it in the shed.





11 miles away. "That's farmland right where those cars are sitting."

The Brus' Century Farm marker hangs in the shop. The family was among hundreds honored in 1976, when Iowa launched the program recognizing 100-year-old farms.

Denise said the family delayed its Heritage farm application while her father was ill. He passed last year, and she and her siblings completed the application, and rounded up the family for the state fair ceremony.

Mel joined them in the long line of farm families.

"We knew them all," Mel said: The Moellenbecks, Feuerbachs and Mumms.

Today, his great nephew Brody – Denise's son – helps out and seems drawn FOR CHOOSING PIONEER® BRAND PRODUCTS FOR YOUR OPERATION We appr

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## **COUNTRY CONNECTION**

### **Muscatine County Heritage Farms**

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Adams-Brown Farm	West Liberty	1845	Eugene & Bethany Brus	Blue Grass	1866
Gruenhagen Farms	Walcott	1871	2014		
2020			Amy S. (Hoffbauer) Petersen	Blue Grass	1864
Brown Family Farms	Moscow	1865	2012		
2019			Richard C. Brand	West Liberty	1852
Mark F. & Marsha L. Elder	Nichols	1856	Jim Merideth	Muscatine	1857
Corinne Hargrafen William Idle Family Farm Trust	Letts Nichols	1869 1867	2009		
Phillip & Peggy McIntire	West Liberty	1868	Mike Furlong	Letts	1855
2018			2006		
Robert Bancks Norman R. Maurer Trust Patricia Noll	Blue Grass Wilton Muscatine	1868 1851 1866	Marie Baker Agnes Digney Dean & Norma Eichelberger Skip Hitchcock	Muscatine Letts Letts Muscatine	1847 1853 1850 1847





Imhoff Farm, Lake Township, 110 acres \bought Dec. 13, 1873. From left, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Andy and Shawna (Imhoff) Trosen, who own the farm with Joan Imhoff. Joan's husband, Joe, passed earlier this year; and Iowa Farm Bureau President Brent Johnson.



## Eichelberger Farm

Eichelberger farm, Muscatine. Randall Eichelberger and Theresa Eichelberger. 200 acres bought in 1869. From left: Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Annabelle Uthe, Theresa Eichelberger, Whitley Windhorst, Randall Eichelberger, Lillian Windhorst, Sarah Windhorst and Iowa Farm Bureau President Brent Johnson. Back row from left: Hudson Windhorst, Nick Windhorst, Benjamin Eichelberger.



Paul Family Farms, Muscatine. 20 acres acquired in 1854. From left, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Liz and Sean Miller with kids Henry, August, and Paul; farm owner Martin Paul, Sam, Kara, Kaylin, Lisa and Kensley Paul, and Iowa Farm Bureau president Brent Johnson.



### **COUNTRY CONNECTION**

#### **Muscatine County Century Farms**

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John W. Reesink Trust	Muscatine	1922	2004	
2021			Gayle F. & Carol A. Kaalberg Timothy & Konnie Pace	West Liberty Muscatine
Bloom Family Farm	Blue Grass	1919	Paul and Verna Satterthwaite	Muscatine
2020			Paul F. and Verna Satterthwaite	Muscatine
Ronald & Marilyn Ballenger	Moscow	1920	2003	
Brown Family Farms John W. Reesink Trust	Wilton Muscatine	1894 1919	Joseph E. Furlong	Letts
	WIUSCALINE	1919	Daniel F., William A. Petersen	Muscatine
2019			2002	
John A. & Jacqueline J. Walker E. Jane Shepard Wood	West Liberty Muscatine	1913 1894	Agnes C. Digney Joseph W. and C. Rose E. Harper	Letts Muscatine
2017			Eleanor Hoffmeyer Hearst	Letts
John R. Bermel Ronnie L. Gruenhagen	Muscatine Walcott	1894 1871	<b>2001</b> Clifford and Marie Fitchner	Muscatine
2016			Loretta E. MacKenzie Kenneth Ruess	Nichols West Liberty
Priscilla Richards	West Liberty	1911	Reverend David A. Young	Muscatine
2015			2000 Noel F. and Emily B. Townsley	Letts
David A. Petersen	Stockton	1888 1915	1999	
Barry W. Sauer <b>2014</b>	Muscatine	1912	Agnes Digney	Letts
America March Farm, LLC	Atalissa	1914	1998	
Lyle & Janet Marolf	Moscow	1914	Agnes C. Digney	Letts
MG Farmland, LLC	Durant	1887	Thomas J. & Mildred Grings	Moscow
Margaret (Fox) Oostendorp Kenneth D. Wright	West Liberty West Liberty	1909 1914	Reva K. Hetzler Leland W. Spilger 1997	Muscatine Atalissa
2013			John C. Fishburn Estate	Muscatine
Francis Craig Henderson Earl R. & Phyllis A. Martz	Wilton Blue Grass	1906 1913	Julius and Jean Lambert	Durant
Gary & Kay Moeller	Wilton	1913	Charles J. Sabbath Jack T. Salemink	Muscatine Nichols
<b>,</b>	Stockton	1908	Richard A. & Winifred D. Weiss	Atalissa
Joyleen M. Grummer Lett Sherwood	Wilton	1911	1996	
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2010			Chester A. & Pat M. Hafner Roger J. Hargrafen	Letts Letts
Albert E. Bermel	Muscatine	1909	John T. & Helene Salemink	Bay Circle
Darlene and Melvin Bohnsack Sheryl Brown	Wilton Atalissa	1904 1909	1995	
David and Barbara Chown	Nichols	1891	Irma E. Barber	Stockton
Joe Dodder	Letts	1910 1909	Connie Harvey Bellinger	Letts
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Robert & Kathryn Burkle Mike Furlong	West Liberty Letts	1909	Adolph G. Martz Lyle & Joanne Stecher	Muscatine Muscatine
Vicki MacLeod	West Liberty	1909	James Thomas Birkett	West Liberty
Deanna Timm	Durant	1892	1992	
2008			Lester K. & Shirley M. Samuelson	Durant
Imogene Paulsen Harold & Mary Ann Stange	Muscatine Muscatine	1902 1907	Joan L. and Kurt Sissel	Stockton
2007			1991	
Wayne & Patricia Corriell	Atalissa	1907	James H. & Marjorie Van Camp	Muscatine
Dan & Darla Storjohann	Wilton	1907	1990	
			Joe W. & Janet M. Rauch Ralph C. & Beverly M. Sywassink	Muscatine Muscatine
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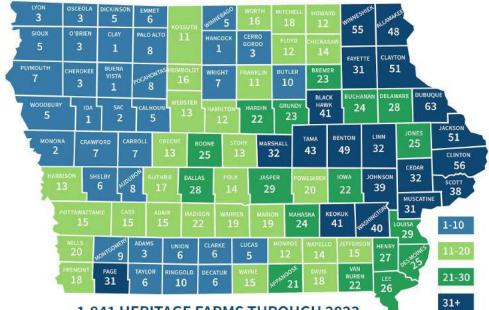
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## How to enroll your century or heritage farm

#### Applications due June 1 for 2024 recognitions

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#### **Eligibility for programs**

Must have at least 40 acres of the original holding of Iowa farmland

Consecutive ownership within the same family for 100 or 150 years by the end of year applying

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Certificates and markers will be presented at a ceremony at the Iowa State Fair in August.

#### 2024 program

The ceremonies recognizing the 2024 Century and Heritage Farm families will be held at the Iowa State Fair on Thursday, August 15, in the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion at the Iowa State Fair.

#### Applications

Find applications online at iowaagriculture.gov/century-and-heritagefarm-program

Applications may be submitted online

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Applications must be notarized and postmarked by June 1st of the year applying.

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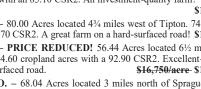
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# STAY SAFE. Be aware of financial fraud scams.

Fraud scams have become more widespread and more elaborate than ever before. Here are some of the most common types of scams that criminals use to target their victims.

### Robocalls and phone scams

Robocalls use automated technology to dial mass numbers of households from anywhere in the world. Some robocalls may claim that a warranty is expiring on the victim's car, and payment is needed to renew it. One common robocall is the "Can you hear me?" call. When a person answers with "yes", the scammer records their voice and hangs up. The criminal then has a voice signature to authorize unwanted charges. Imposters may also call and pretend to be someone you know or trust, such as a sheriff or government employee.

### Ransomware scams

Ransomware is a form of malware used by cyber criminals to freeze your computer or mobile device, steal your data and demand that a "ransom" - typically anywhere from a couple of hundreds to thousands of dollars - be paid. Visiting unsafe, suspicious or fake websites can lead to malware. It is best to be cautious when opening e-mails or attachments you don't recognize, even if the message comes from someone in your contact list.

## Sweepstakes and lottery scams

In the sweepstakes scam, scammers call people to tell them they've won a lottery or prize of some kind, when of course there is no real prize. If they want to claim their winnings, the person must send money or gift cards up front to cover supposed taxes and processing fees.

### Romance scams

Romance scammers create fake profiles on dating sites and apps or make contact through popular social media sites like Instagram or Facebook. The scammers strike up a relationship with the victim to build trust, sometimes talking or chatting several times a day. Then, they make up a story and ask for money. They'll tell the victim to wire money, put money on gift cards and give them the PIN codes, send money through a money transfer app, or transfer cryptocurrency.

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