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Senator Joni Ernst presents Wilton Candy Kitchen owners Lynn and Brenda Ochilree with her Small Business of the Week award.

Photo by Andrea Grubaugh

Some "sweet" recognition

By Andrea Grubaugh
Reporter

Lynn and Brenda Ochilree of the Wilton Candy Kitchen, 310 Cedar Street, received an early business anniversary gift last Thursday when Senator Joni Ernst stopped by to give them her Small Business of the Week award.

"Today is a really special day for me," Ernst, who serves as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, said.

During the presenting of the congressional record, Ernst recognized the Wilton Candy Kitchen as "a wonderful example of a small business that has been in the community, that has supported the community - not just by providing goods and services, which you do so well, but also the support you provide for your community members."

Having owned the Candy Kitchen for 10 years now, Lynn said he and Brenda were humbled by the award, saying "We don't need to say anything, we just do - and we do it for our community."

Anniversary celebration this week at the Candy Kitchen

This week on Friday, June 6, the staff at the Wilton Candy Kitchen is inviting residents to come celebrate the shop's

anniversary. This year is the 115th anniversary of the Wilton Candy Kitchen, as well as the 165th anniversary of the original confectionery first established at the location by R.A. McIntyre.

Starting at 4 p.m., guests can enjoy a free meal courtesy of the Candy Kitchen. The meal includes either a hamburger or a brat, chips, drink, dessert cupcakes and, of course, ice cream.

Following the meal, the Candy Kitchen will then be hosting a celebration program starting at 7 p.m. The program will include the unveiling of a portrait of Wilton founder Franklin Butterfield, the announcement of the Sharon School Project, and the dedication of the restored Candy Kitchen jukebox. Afterwards will be live music performed by the band, Chocolate Crackers.

Also include in this evening's fun will be face painting for the kids and a Wilton Fire Department equipment display for local history fans, which includes an 1880 Wilton Fire Dept. pushcart.

Though the event is free for all attendees, guests are welcome to donate to the Wilton Archives and the establishing of the future Wilton Heritage Center Museum, if they wish. Donations can be made virtually at the Wilton Candy Kitchen's website on the Wilton Archives page.

New security camera policies adopted by Durant City Council

By Tamara Browning
Correspondent

The Durant City Council adopted policy and procedures for the use of security cameras at the city's public buildings and parks. The council adopted the "Security Camera Policy and Procedures" during its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 27.

The adopted policy and procedures cover employees, volunteers, interns and visitors to city facilities.

"This was brought up at training and then also with insurance companies and legal that we have security cameras in place," Deana Cavin, city operations officer/clerk, said. "We had a minor policy, but this one kind of goes into the scope of why we're using cameras, what they can and cannot be used for. We just have to make sure that it's posted everywhere we have cameras."

The policy and procedures can be changed as cameras are added, Cavin said.

"We are looking at, after July 1, adding some cameras out at Feldhahn Park for the concession stand," Cavin said. "I talked to Sgt. (Brian) Utter that we might try to get one on the parking lot as well."

The policy and procedures don't ap-

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West Liberty American Legion holds 2023 Veterans Day ceremony.

Index file photo

West Liberty American Legion in need of new active members

By Andrea Grubaugh
Reporter

The West Liberty American Legion Post 509 has had a presence in the West Liberty community since the 1940s. With its members aging and not many new members joining, the legion is looking for ways to remain active.

"There's not very many active members," Commander Kevin Minor said. "Most of our membership right now is older - some of our youngest veterans are from the Vietnam War - so it's hard for us to actually do a lot of stuff."

Throughout each year, the legion provides services and support to veterans and the West Liberty com-

munity as a whole. This has included its loan-out program, which provides medical equipment such as walkers for those who needed, and community-wide events such as the Memorial Day and Veterans Day services. They have also helped host the funerals ceremonies of area veterans and awarded the Walt Lehman Memorial Scholarship each year to local students with military family backgrounds.

While the group has still been able to do these services and events despite only having a few active members at a time, Minor says the group has struggled to expand into other services, such as providing care packages and doing

things for local soldiers who are currently deployed.

"We don't know who from the community is deployed, and we don't have the connections needed for us to get those names and addresses very easily, so it makes it difficult for us to do those kinds of things," Minor said.

Because the Legion has no members under 50 years old, Minor feels the group also struggles to understand the wants and needs of the younger generation of veterans and military members. "We don't know what young veterans want out of the legion because we don't have any young veterans."

Another problem, Minor says, is although the legion has around 40 members, only an average of five are able to make it to monthly meetings, making it even harder for the group to start new initiatives or work on plans.

"You know the older members would be happy to be active, there's just no way they can," he said. "They're in nursing homes and stuff like that. We can muddle along for a while, but with just five members or so, it's just hard to get out and do anything in the community."

Making new recruitment attempts even harder, Minor said, is the fact that many West Liberty residents who join the military often leave and don't come back, instead choosing to live in a different part of the state. This has led to many other local and small town service clubs also seeing a drop in membership.

"There aren't that many young kids in this town that are military," he said. "They live in Iowa City or Muscatine, and the ones we do have, we don't know if they'll become active or not. Some of

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West Liberty Senior award winners recognized

By Andrea Grubaugh
Reporter

On Tuesday, May 13, students and families gathered at the West Liberty gymnasium for that evening’s Senior Awards Night ceremony. Students were recognized for their efforts in academic excellence, leadership, and resilience.

This year’s recipients were:

- Allison Toro Grove: West Liberty Fine Arts Boosters Scholarship, and the West Liberty LULAC Council #310 grant
- Angela Cobos Fernandez: West Liberty LULAC Council #310 grant, and the Emma May Pruitt Master Gardener Scholarship
- Ariana Aragon: The West Liberty Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, and Upward Bound
- Ava Morrison: St. Ambrose University Scholarship, American Legion Auxiliary Post 509 Scholarship, and West Liberty Lions Club Grant
- Balian Vachier Torres: Upward Bound, and West Liberty Youth Dream Catchers Scholarship
- Brady Laughlin, Hunter Kleier, Merrick Shield: West Liberty Volunteer Fire Department award
- Bayley Rivera: University of Northern Iowa Panther Achievement Award
- Cael Daufeldt: River Valley Cooperative Scholarship, and the Eastern Iowa Light and Power Scholarship
- Cameron Iske: MCC Connections Scholarship, and MCC Academy recognition
- Carolina Cantero: Helen Maurer Simmons Scholarship, St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Student Senior Grant, West Liberty LULAC Council #310 grant, Upward Bound, Alberta Kelly Scholarship, Simpson University 99 County Full Tu-

ition Scholarship, and Latinos Unidos of West Liberty Scholarship

- Celeste Vargas: AmeriCorps Education Award, the University of Iowa – John & Thelma V. McCollm Scholarship, and the West Liberty LULAC Council #310 grant
- Charli Gingerich: the Lawrence & Marjory Roth Scholarship, West Liberty State Bank Scholarship, MCC Connections Scholarship, and the Eastern Iowa Light and Power Scholarship
- Cole Daufeldt: River Valley Cooperative Scholarship, 3rd place in Junior Achievement’s JA Titan Competition, and the Eastern Iowa Light and Power Scholarship
- Daisy Kivi: Maynard Smith Masonic Trade School Scholarship
- David Hernandez: Upward Bound, and the Latinos Unidos of West Liberty Scholarship
- Eleden Jacobo: Tyson Fresh Meat Incorporated Scholarship, WL Fine Arts Tim Atkinson Memorial Scholarship, the Aquarius Club Scholarship, West Liberty LULAC Council #310 grant, Upward Bound, West Liberty Youth Dream Catchers Scholarship, and the American Citizenship Award
- Ella Womachka, Kaleena Macias: West Liberty Chapter T.T.T. Scholarship
- Eric Yao: Upward Bound, Rotary Club of West Liberty/LULAC Scholarship, and the Dell Scholars Program Scholarship
- Gabby Morales: MCC Academy recognition
- Grace Ortiz: West Liberty Lions Club Grant
- Isabella Gaona: West Liberty Fine Arts Boosters Scholarship, and the West Liberty LULAC Council #310 grant
- Jacob Zeman: Iowa Governor’s Award, and the University of Texas at Dallas – National Merit Winner
- Jada Maas: Proteus Inc. National

Farm Workers Job Program

- Jake Underbakke-Hennessy: Sukup Manufacturing Co. Scholarship, and United Auto Workers Scholarship
- Jan Diaz Ruiz: Upward Bound, West Liberty Fine Arts Boosters Scholarship, Alberta Kelly Scholarship, WL Lions Club/LULAC Council Scholarship, MCC Connections Scholarship, MCC Academy recognition, and Liberty Communications Scholarship, and the MCC President’s Scholarship
- Javier Andrade-Martinez: WL Lions Club/LULAC Council Scholarship, West Liberty Youth Dream Catchers Scholarship, and Upward Bound
- Jessica Madrigal: Mt Calvary #95 A.F & A.M. Scholarship, WL Lions Club/LULAC Council Scholarship, West Liberty Foods Scholarship, West Liberty State Bank Scholarship, Upward Bound, and the Dell Scholars Program Scholarship
- Jonathan Cardona, Leticia Carreno: West Liberty LULAC Council #310 grant
- Jose Angel Jacobo Benegas: Upward Bound, and the West Liberty Youth Dream Catchers Scholarship
- Kaden Hodge, Addison Beaver: MCC Connections Scholarship
- Marco Antonio Valencia: Upward Bound, and the Latinos Unidos of West Liberty Scholarship
- Marco Valencia Francisco: Aquarius Club Scholarship, JWJ Farms, Inc. gift, Mt. Mercy University Catherine McAuley Scholarship, and the Emma May Pruitt Master Gardener Scholarship
- Mia Gingerich: the Rob Black “Comet” Scholarship for Volleyball, and the Eastern Iowa Light and Power Scholarship
- Olivia Gillespie: West Liberty Lions Club grant, and Upward Bound
- Oscar Hernandez Flores: Marilyn Ireys Scholarship, the Joe Lawton Schol-

arship, Rotary Club of West Liberty/LULAC Scholarship, and Upward Bound

- Pearson Hall: American Legion Post 509’s Walt Lehman Memorial Scholarship, and the West Liberty Student Council Scholarship
- Romeo Lopez-Aragon: JWJ Farms, Inc. gift, Knights of Columbus Senior Student Grant, Upward Bound, Ralph & Jean Kirchner Scholarship, Rotary Club of West Liberty/LULAC Scholarship, West Liberty LULAC Council #310 grant, and Emma May Pruitt Master Gardener Scholarship
- Ryder Holderfield: Julie Mosher Scholarship, and the Grand River Welding Institute Scholarship
- Ryker Dengler: American Legion Auxiliary Post 509 Scholarship, and the West Liberty Education Association Scholarship
- Seth Axsom: Bernie Saggau Award, West Liberty Comet Baseball Club Scholarship, the Kennedy Brothers Memorial FFA Livestock Proficiency Scholarship, and the Martin & Ester Windus Memorial Scholarship
- Silvia Garcia-Vasquez: AmeriCorps Education Award, West Liberty Foods Scholarship, Upward Bound, West Liberty LULAC Council #310 grant, and the Bishop Educational Trust Scholarship
- Sophie Buysse: West Liberty Student Council Scholarship, and the University of Northern Iowa Panther Achievement Award
- Tytan Griffith: 2nd place in Junior Achievement’s JA Titan Competition, West Liberty Comet Baseball Club scholarship, Sons of the American Legion Scholarship, and the Rob Black “Comet” Scholarship for Football
- Xochitl Meraz: MCC Foundation Counselor’s Scholarship
- Zair Calderon, Leticia Carreno, Jamarahy Huesca: Upward Bound

DURANT COUNCIL: New incident report forms approved

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ply to cameras used for reasons unrelated to surveillance activity or video conferencing.

“Nor shall this policy apply to cameras used by law enforcement in the following manners: covert operations for the purpose of criminal surveillance; or mobile cameras used in, on, or about law enforcement vehicles; or body-worn or otherwise portable cameras used during the course of investigations or normal law enforcement functions,” the policy and procedures said.

Security cameras only can be installed at the request of a city department head with final approval from the city council. Departments can’t install cameras for security purposes on their own.

“Videoconference cameras may be installed by departments in coordination with IT,” the policy and procedures said.

Incident, emergency forms

The council approved new incident reports and emergency contact forms for employees, ambulance and fire personnel.

The new forms are the “Employee Emergency Contact Form,” “Employee Accident Incident Report Form,” and “Accident/Incident Investigation Report Form.”

The “Employee Accident Incident Report Form” and “Accident/Incident Investigation Report Form” will be used to report and investigate “accidents, injuries, medical situations, criminal activities, traffic incidents, or behavior incidents.”

The forms are to be completed within 24 hours of the events, if possible.

“With the new workers’ comp, we had to come up with new forms and procedures for work comp accidents. There’s an emergency contact form which I need to have in all the employee files,” Cavin said. “The first form is an ‘Employee Accident Incident Report.’ If the employee is injured or almost injured, they’re going to have to fill these out, turn them into their supervisor and then they’ll be turned into me. Then the supervisor will be responsible for doing an accident incident investigation, kind of going through the same questions, and then that gets turned over to the insurance company.”

Cavin suggested going to the ambulance service and fire department in the next couple of months to go over the forms with them to let them know what the insurance company expects out of the reports and “how important they are.”

“They’re going to be watching things pretty closely, so just make sure everybody’s got their PPEs (personal protective equipment), everybody’s using stuff and everybody’s being safe, and we’ll be OK,” Cavin said.

In other action, the council:

- Approved the first of three readings of an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Durant by amending Chapter 41 “Fireworks” per Iowa State law change Senate File 303.
- Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed Senate File 303 into law on May 19. The law states that a city council can’t prohibit

or limit the use of consumer fireworks or display fireworks on July 3 and 4 and Dec. 31.

The Durant City Council proposes to amend the city’s code by modifying the “Discharge of Fireworks” (10) (E) under section 41.14 “Fireworks” to read:

“No person shall discharge a consumer fireworks device outside the following dates and hours: (1) July 3rd thru July 4th from the hours of 9AM until 11:00 p.m. (2) December 31st thru January 1st from the hours of 9 AM until 12:30 AM 9 (on January 1st.)”

“We only have to change our times,” Cavin said. “We already had in place July 3rd and 4th and December 31st.”

- Approved payment in the amount of \$136,935.37 to Triple B Construction for the Feldhahn wetland project.
- Approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$12,477.80 to Triple B Construction for the Feldhahn wetland project. The change was needed because the method of mulching for the seed went from straw to hydromulching for the park area.
- Approved renewal of Mainstay Systems of Iowa information technology contract for \$8,688. The contract period is from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.



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Durant 4th graders enjoy hearing about their town's history from the Tri-County Heritage & Genealogy Museum. Photos Contributed

A brief trip into Durant history

By Andrea Grubaugh
Reporter

On Wednesday, May 21, Durant Elementary's 35 4th grade students visited the Tri-County Heritage & Genealogy Museum.

This is an annual field trip that the museum has done with Durant 4th graders for nearly five years now, according to Museum Board Secretary Mary Erickson. "We try to cram a lot into an

hour-long visit. We like them to learn about the history of the town."

During this year's trip, the visiting 4th graders did a scavenger hunt to find and learn about the various items in the museum. They also saw a grinding wheel demonstration, typed out their initials in Morse code, learned the chicken dance from the Polka Bear, and learned about Durant's history as a railroad town.



June

June is bustin' out all over-in rhyme. For instance June/moon, June/croon, June/spoon, "June/swoon, and that all leads to June/bride and groom, and June/honeymoon.

Also, maroon, and goon and loon and balloon and prune! Don't forget June/sunny afternoon, and June/roses in bloom.

The thing I like least about June

doesn't rhyme. June Bugs! Remember those big brown pests hanging on the screen door at night? Buzzing and buzzing at the light.

If one gets on your arm, its legs were so scratchy. And squishing them made a big mess.

And the thing I like best about June doesn't rhyme either-strawberries. How many more rhyming wor4ds can you think of?

Anita Hartley

The Candy Kitchen

Anniversary Celebration

Two Milestones, One Sweet Celebration!

In 2025, we proudly celebrate two milestones — **115 years** of the Wilton Candy Kitchen and **165 years** since the original confectionery was established in 1860 by R.A. McIntyre.

Friday, June 6th, 2025

4:00 - 9:00 PM

Enjoy a meal on us!

Includes choice of a hamburger or brat, chips, drink, cupcakes and of course... ICE CREAM!

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Program

Unveiling of the Franklin Butterfield Portrait, an update on the Wilton Archives Museum Project, and the dedication of the Candy Kitchen's beautifully restored jukebox.

6:00 PM

Live Music by

Chocolate Crackers

7:00 - 9:00 PM

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Wilton student poets to be recognized by county arts council

On May 27, the Muscatine County Arts Council announced its winners of the 10th annual Wandering Words Side-walk Poetry Competition. Among the winners was Kinley Boorn, a 7th grade student of Nicole Miller’s at Wilton Jr-Sr High School. Another Wilton 7th grader from Miller’s class, Lizzy Jones, was selected as an honorable mention.

Boorn, alongside the other four winners of this year’s competition - Jeremy J. Ferguson, Carol Hetzler, Barb Hyman, and Twyla Woodward, all of Muscatine – will be reading her poem to the public during the Second Sunday Summer Concert on June 8 at the Musser Public Library in Muscatine. She will also receive a prize of \$100, and her poem will be engraved into a Muscatine County sidewalk later this year. The engraving locations of each 2025 poem will be announced in June.

During the competition’s 10th year, the arts council received a record-breaking 223 entries from 176 individual poets, divided into adult and student categories. The poems were judged by Muscatine author Alan Arkema.

Kinley Boorn’s poem:

Forest green
Ocean blue
Pink splashes of flowers
Color of bird plumes
Write your name in the sky
With the feathers
Of the birds
That just flew by

Lizzy Jones’ poem:

The crack of the bat
It never gets old
The cheers, the screams
Feet beating on bleachers
Dust in the air
The orange sun setting
Shrieks of triumph
Winning the game

Coming together for one huge community sale

Bennett Yard Sale fundraiser this Saturday

By Andrea Grubaugh
Reporter

No matter what someone's looking for, the Bennett Yard Sale fundraiser will be the place to be! From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7, a community yard sale will be held at 201 Main Street inside the former fire station behind Bennett City Hall. Only cash will be accepted at the sale.

The idea for this event first came to Bennett City Council member JoAnn Schneekloth last September, she says, while she was talking to her friend, Di-ana Grau, during the Friends of the Bennett Library plant sale.

Both Schneekloth and Grau had been involved with the Bennett Food Pantry in the past, with Grau still volunteering at it, and agreed that a fundraiser benefitting the pantry would be a great idea. Despite their excitement, the two weren’t able to find the time to plan it, leading to Schneekloth bringing the idea up again later in February.

By that point, Schneekloth had noticed the issues involved in getting grants for Bennett’s park, so it was decided the fundraiser would benefit both the Ben-nett Food Pantry and its city park, with proceeds being used to buy food and any

support items the park needs. Later, the event was able to bring in the Friends of the Bennett Library to sell plants and books.

“We’re really excited about this event, and we hope to raise some money for everybody,” Schneekloth said.

Some of the items that have been donated for the sale include a foosball table, collections of glass birds and glass paperweights, children’s toys, and a small selection of clothes. “We have a little bit of everything. I’ve been saving things in my basement and marking things as I go since January,” Schneekloth said.

Though the event is meant to help groups within the community, Bennett residents have already stepped up to return the favor, Schneekloth says. Some residents will be donating baked goods to be sold, while another resident will be selling “pot people”, plant pots decorated to look like faces, alongside the Friends’ selection of outdoor plants.

“The donations that people have done have been wonderful,” Schneekloth said. “Everybody has been really helpful as far as donating stuff and offering to help on the day of the sale, so I hope it’s a real success for us.”

Any items not sold during the yard sale will be donated to Jessica’s Closet in Muscatine. “Even if it doesn’t help us, it’ll go on to help somebody else,” Schneekloth said.

Zion Lutheran Vacation Bible Camp June 16-20

It’s not too late to register for this year’s Vacation Bible Camp, held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. June 16-20 at Zion Lutheran Church in Wilton.

This year’s camp theme is Epic Australian Adventure, an unforgettable

journey with Jesus. The camp will include fun daily activities such as games, story time, crafts, music and snacks. The camp is open for all children ages 4 to 5th grade (4 year olds must have one year of preschool).

To register for this year’s camp, visit vbsmate.com/ZionWiltonIowa. For questions, email sperstad136@gmail.com

LEGION: Sons, Auxiliary rely on Legion's presence in community

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them just disappear and decide they don’t want to be part of it anymore, and I don’t know why they won’t.”

Though the Legion is able to get assistance from the Sons of the Legion, who have taken over running the local egg hunt and county fair bingo games, and the Auxiliary, these groups can only exist in the community so long as there is still an American Legion there too. Should the legion be forced to close, only some of its duties would be passed along to other local legions while others, like the Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, would end.

In terms of support that civilians can give, Minor says they can reach out to local veterans, former legion

members, or local members of the National Guard or the Reserve and let them know the legion is looking for new active members.

“We don’t ask a lot,” he said. “It’s one meeting a month, and we can schedule that whenever everybody’s available. It’s a flexible thing, we just need people to come to one so we can figure out what works and move forward with that. If (the legion) is something they want and are concerned about keeping in the community, we need assistance.”

The legion is also always accepting monetary donations, with all proceeds being put back towards its services and operations. For more information on how to join or support the legion, call Commander Minor at 319-530-7990. More information on the legion can also be found on the American Legion Family West Liberty post #509 Facebook page.

2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR WILTON WATER SUPPLY						
This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:						
CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance Type	Value & (Range)	Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) (TTHM)	80 (N/A)	LRAA	8.00 (8-8)	09/30/2024	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL= 1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.21 (0.04-0.29)	2023	No	
Lead (ppb)	AL = 15(0)	90th	6.00 (ND-22) 1 sample(s) exceeded AL	2023	No	
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL = 4.0 (MRDLG = 4.0)	RAA	1.0 (0.7-1.4)	06/30/2024	No	Water additive used to control microbes
02 - S/EP FRM WELLS #1, #2 & #4						
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	10	11/20/2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.8 (0.5-0.8)	2024	No	
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	0.23	2024	No	
Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.						
DEFINITIONS						
• Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.						
• Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.						
• ppb -- parts per billion.						
• ppm -- parts per million.						
• pCi/L – picocuries per liter						
• N/A – Not applicable						
• ND -- Not detected						
• RAA -- Running Annual Average						
• LRAA -- Locational Running Annual Average						
• Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.						
• Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.						
• Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.						
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the results.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the buried sand and gravel of the Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer. The Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer was determined to be slightly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide moderate protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Buried Sand and Gravel well will be slightly susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and is available from the Water Operator at 563-260-8439.

This water supply obtains its water from the dolomite of the Silurian aquifer. The Silurian aquifer was determined to be slightly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide moderate protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Silurian wells will be slightly susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 563-260-8439.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact WILTON WATER SUPPLY at 563-260-8439.



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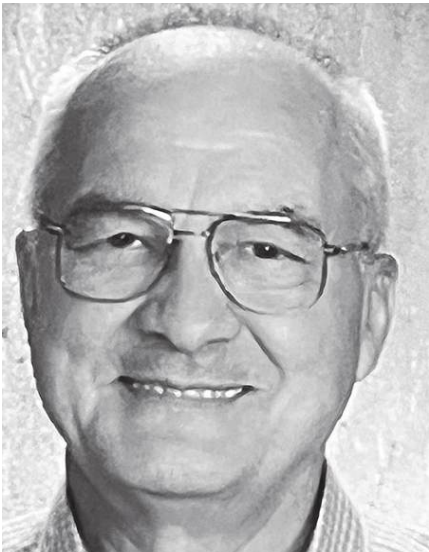
Raymond Kroeger

Raymond R. Kroeger, age 87, of Davenport, formerly of Bennett, passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Silvercrest Garner Senior Living, Davenport. A visitation was held from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, at Bentley Funeral Home, Durant. A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 4, at the funeral home. Burial took place in Durant Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.bentleyfuneralhome.com.

Raymond was born on Jan. 3, 1938, the son of Emil and Mabel (Meier) Kroeger in Durant. He married Joan Schaeffer on Aug. 24, 1957, at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, Davenport. Joan passed away on Sept. 25, 2022.

Raymond and his wife, Joan, began their life together farming in Cedar County for a few years before moving to town in 1967. He spent 21 years working as a tool grinder for Caterpillar in Mt. Joy until they closed in 1988. Not one to stay idle, Raymond later worked as a custodian at Bennett School and as a courtesy clerk at Hy-Vee in Davenport.

Raymond and Joan were avid square dancers and enjoyed traveling together on bus trips to places like Niagara Falls, Colorado, and Nashville. His vegetable garden was a source of pride, and weekends were often spent at garage sales or



enjoying a cold Sunday beer with his son, Al. He was also a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Wilton, but nothing brought him more joy than attending his grandchildren's sporting events and celebrating holidays surrounded by family. He also had a special fondness for the family's dogs, who always found a friend in Raymond.

Raymond will be lovingly remembered by his two children, Allen (Vicki) Kroeger of Wilton and Linda (Jim) Connell of Davenport; five grandchildren, Melissa (Craig) Johnson, Nathan (Amanda) Kroeger, Andrew (Liz) Kroeger, Zachary Connell, and Christopher Connell; and six great-grandchildren, Kellen, Calvin, Mila, Arya, Hattie, and Glenn.

Raymond was preceded in death by his wife, Joan; one daughter, Joni Kroeger; one great-granddaughter, Elsie Margaret Joan Kroeger; four brothers, Elmer, Leroy, Henry, and Alvin; and two sisters, Irene Schult and Henrietta Wenndt.

Custom obituary

Randy Cole

Randy Cole of Sahuarita, Ariz., formerly of Wilton, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at the age of 53.

A celebration of Randy's life will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 13, at the Grace United Church of Christ in Wilton. The family will greet friends following the service at a reception in the church fellowship hall until 8 p.m. A private burial will held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the family and will be used to support the education of Randy's children.

Randy Gene Cole was born July 12, 1971, in Muscatine, the son of William and Karen (Meier) Cole. He grew up in Wilton and graduated from the Wilton High School Class of 1989.

In high school, Randy was an active athlete, participating in baseball, cross country, and basketball. While he didn't play golf during those years, it later became one of his greatest passions and lifelong pursuits.

After high school, Randy earned an associate's degree from Muscatine Community College and later attended the University of Iowa. Though his time in college leaned more toward fun than formal studies, he never lost his curiosity or enthusiasm for life. Eventually, he moved to Arizona where he pursued a career in professional golf. He earned his PGA card and served as an assistant golf pro at Mt. View Country Club in Oro Valley, just north of Tucson. He found joy in teaching the game and connecting with players, but the seasonal nature of the job made it difficult to support a growing family.

Encouraged by his friend Jon Lillith, Randy transitioned into the insur-



ance industry and never looked back. He founded and operated a successful American Family Insurance agency in Green Valley, Ariz., for over 20 years. His storytelling ability, business savvy, and talent for building relationships helped his agency thrive. He was deeply involved in several business networking groups in the Tucson area and had a true gift for connecting people.

On Dec. 28, 2004, Randy married Elizabeth Montoya in Tucson, Ariz. They built a life full of love and purpose, raising their children and building their dreams together.

Randy never met a stranger. He had a warm, inviting personality and an infectious sense of humor that put people at ease. He was a devoted husband, father, and son who approached life with heart, passion, and a deep love for others. Whether in business, friendship, or family, Randy made an impact everywhere he went.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth Cole; and their three children: Alyssa of Oro Valley, Ariz., and Michelle and Michael at home in Sahuarita. He is also survived by his mother, Karen Cole Beatty, and stepfather, Robert Beatty of rural Wilton; as well as his stepsiblings: Matt (Wendy) Beatty, Shaun (Katie) Chaffee, Carl (Andee Sue) Beatty, and Nicole (Ray) Nebergall. He leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and countless friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Randy was preceded in death by his father, William Cole, who passed away in December 2003.

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If you have questions, please contact us at 563-732-2029.

Worship Directory

WILTON

First Presbyterian Church
213 W. 5th St., Wilton • fpcfwilton.org
Pastor Jennifer Jennings (563) 732-2258
fpcpastor@netwtc.net or fpcsec@netwtc.net
No Sunday School Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Book Study 5 p.m.

Grace United Church of Christ
Pastor Patrick Slessor
www.graceuccwilton.org
10:30 a.m. Church Services

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

United Methodist
1401 Maurer St • (563) 732-2084 Rev. Jill Mack
Website: www.UMCofWilton.org
email: UMCWilt@netwtc.net
Worship at 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m.
1st and 3rd Wednesday Family Fun Night
Live Streamed on Facebook, 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.

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

Zion Lutheran, Missouri Synod
1000 Maurer St., Wilton
Rev. Daniel Ognoskie • (563) 732-3651
9:00 a.m. Divine Service
Church services are available on Youtube
10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School

LIFEchurch
Rafael Crespo, Campus Pastor
315 W. Summit St., Wilton
Sunday Worship 10am
www.lifechurchnow.org/wilton
Kids programming 3mo. -6th grad Sunday 10 a.m.
Sun. Online Streaming: www.lifechurchnow.org/stream
8:30am, 10am, 11:30am

DURANT

St. David's Anglican Church
801 5th St., Durant; Greg Graybill, Pastor
www.st-davids.org
9:30 Sunday Worship, followed by refreshments
3rd Sunday outreach service at Better Living 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 2nd & 4th Sunday
of the month (during services)

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Sweetland Church, Muscatine
1709 Sweetland Rd (1 blk S. of Rt. 61)
Pastors Mary & Don Timmerman
(563) 320-0501, 9 a.m. Sunday Service
Children's Sunday School after Service
9 a.m. Mondays, adult study group
Wednesdays, adult study group-meal at
6 p.m. study & discussion at 6:30

Trinity United Church of Christ, Rural Moscow • Pastor Jon M. Merritt
8 a.m. Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sundays
9:00 a.m. Worship every Sunday

Christian Life Church, Muscatine
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.)

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

Calvary Church of Walcott
100 E James St., Walcott
Pastor Mike Jones • 563-284-6213
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Praise and Worship Service with
Coffee Fellowship to follow

Cedar Valley Church, West Liberty Area
1791 155th St. (South of West Liberty on F70)
Pastor Kyler Meyers
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 p.m. Sunday Worship Service

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

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
Services also take place in Stanwood
313 Ash St. Hwy 30 Stanwood
Check Facebook to see where services will be

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

Moscow Bible Fellowship
Fellowship meeting times: Bible Study, Praise
& Children's Ministry
Sunday's 8:00am - 8:45am
Pastor Brown and his wife Kim
1146 Moscow Rd. Moscow, Iowa
563-571-2063 pastorjbrown59@gmail.com

Sunday Services

LATINO CULTURE

Silvia Garcia Vasquez: a legacy in girl’s wrestling

Vanessa Espinoza
Latino Culture

As high school comes to an end, many seniors are looking back at their accomplishments and lessons learned throughout there time as a student. One student in particular has been weighing in on everything she cultivated. Silvia Garcia Vasquez became West Liberty’s first girls’ state champion and Free Style State Wrestling Champion. She has become a trailblazer and inspiration for many girls, especially in a male dominated sport.

She began wrestling in seventh grade when it was announced that girls could finally sign up for wrestling. Her only experience with athletics was soccer. She was looking for a fresh challenge and convinced her older sister Dionni to sign up with her. The journey to becoming the star wrestler was not easy for her. “One the hardest things was not having a strong wrestling team around me. You need people who push you to grow,” she says. Everything changed when she met Aileen Aragon, a fellow female wrestler with years of experience. “She was serious and passionate, and it was contagious.” A part from finding wrestlers who would challenge Silvia, she found guidance from club coach Samantha Sebolt. Coach Sebolt saw potential in Silvia and supported her through ever setback, including finding good warm-up partners. “Her mentorship made a difference in my life. She taught me resilience and confidence. Without her, my wrestling career would not be where it is at today”. At the core of her success lies a strong support system: Coach Sebolt, her sister Bricisia, and Aileen Aragon. “We trained together, we competed together, and we celebrated together. We were each other’s biggest fans.”

For Silvia, winning state championship meant more than just a title. It was a reminder of the skills she honed throughout middle school and high school. “It took everything... mental and physical discipline, late nights, early mornings, and a lot of small goals to get to the big ones,” she says. “I never gave up.” She hopes other girls remember that the path to success requires a certain type of discipline that must be reflected in every aspect of life, not just in the mat. Silvia trained several times a week and managed to maintain a summa cum laude GPA. She took MCC dual-credit and AP classes. She was in AmeriCorps and worked as a CNA/CMA. In order to become the best version of herself, she had to become uncommon in every aspect of her life: work, school, and in the sport. “You have to show up for yourself outside the mat, if not you are lying to yourself”. Silvia admits that her senior year was rough. She was busy with college visits, coursework, and working at the nursing home. Garcia Vasquez kept her eyes on the prize though. She took pride in maintaining a 4.0 GPA and doing well in wrestling. There was a personal satisfaction knowing she was doing her best work. Silvia credits her time management and focus to her goal-setting habits: “You take one step at a time, and you keep going.”

Being one of the most decorated female wrestlers in her school’s history comes with responsibility. Silvia admits that it pushes her to give it her all. When

she began, there were no other West Liberty graduates she could look up to. She felt that the better she did, the more girls would believe they too could do it. When the ones coming behind her ask her how she became so good, she responds “I never gave up”.

Garcia Vasquez is now preparing for college wrestling. She is headed off to William Penn and will be diving into freestyle wrestling, which is an Olympic style that’s different from the folkstyle used in high school. She is excited for the new techniques and competing at a higher level. Additionally, shes looking forward to bonding with her new team. Although she is still trying to figure out her career path, Silvia knows that she will go into a field where she can continue helping others. It is a part of her identity. She will also stay committed to wrestling. “I want to keep breaking barriers for girls like me,” she says. “If I can do it, others can too. I want the girls who come after me to aim even higher. Don’t settle. Be better than me.”

Silvia leaves the bar high for younger athletes, but knows they can achieve better than her. She leaves them with advice: “Always give it your best, no matter how painful it gets. Hard work does pay off.” For Silvia, the payoff is more than medals, it is knowing that even after the whistle ends, she accomplished her goals and proved to herself that everything is possible.

Silvia García Vásquez: un legado en la lucha libre femenina

Vanessa Espinoza
Cultura Latina

Al terminar la preparatoria, muchos estudiantes de último año rememoran sus logros y las lecciones aprendidas durante su etapa estudiantil. Una estudiante en particular ha estado opinando sobre todo lo que cultivó. Silvia García Vásquez se convirtió en la primera campeona estatal femenina de West Liberty y campeona estatal de lucha libre estilo libre. Se ha convertido en una pionera e inspiración para muchas chicas, especialmente en un deporte dominado por hombres.

Comenzó a luchar en séptimo grado cuando se anunció que las chicas finalmente podían inscribirse en la lucha libre. Su única experiencia con el atletismo era el fútbol. Buscaba un nuevo reto y convenció a su hermana mayor, Dionni, para que también se inscribiera. El camino para convertirse en la luchadora estrella no fue fácil para ella. “Una de las cosas más difíciles fue no tener un equipo de lucha fuerte a mi alrededor. Necesitas gente que te impulse a crecer”, dice. Todo cambió cuando conoció a Aileen Aragón, una compañera luchadora con años de experiencia. Era seria y apasionada, y eso era contagioso. Además de encontrar luchadoras que desafiaran a Silvia, recibió la guía de la entrenadora del club de luchadores, Samantha Sebolt. La entrenadora Sebolt vio potencial en Silvia y la apoyó en cada contratiempo, incluyendo ayudándola a encontrar buenas compañeras de calentamiento. “Su mentoría marcó la diferencia en mi vida. Me enseñó resiliencia y confianza. Sin ella, mi carrera de lucha libre no estaría donde está hoy”. La clave de su éxito reside en un sólido sistema de apoyo: la entrenadora



Sebolt, su hermana Bricisia y Aileen Aragón. “Entrenamos juntas, competimos juntas y celebramos juntas. Éramos las mayores fans la una de la otra”.

Para Silvia, ganar el campeonato estatal significó más que un simple título. Fue un recordatorio de las habilidades que perfeccionó durante la secundaria y la preparatoria. “Me costó todo: disciplina mental y física, trasnochar, madrugar y muchas pequeñas metas para alcanzar las grandes”, dice. “Nunca me rendí”. Espera que otras chicas recuerden que el camino al éxito requiere disciplina, que debe reflejarse en todos los aspectos de la vida, no solo en el torneo de luchas. Silvia entrenaba varias veces por semana y logró mantener un promedio de calificaciones de summa cum laude. Tomó clases de doble crédito en el colegio comunitario y clases avanzadas. Estuvo en AmeriCorps y trabajó como auxiliar de enfermería certificada. Para alcanzar su mejor versión, tuvo que destacarse en todos los aspectos de su vida: el trabajo, la escuela y el deporte. “Tienes que dar la talla fuera del juego; si no, te estás mintiendo a ti misma”. Silvia admite que su último año de secundaria fue difícil. Estuvo ocupada con visitas a universidades, cursos y trabajando en la residencia de ancianos. Sin embargo, García Vásquez no se desviaba del objetivo. Se enorgullecía de mantener un promedio de 4.0 y de tener un buen desempeño en la lucha libre. Sentía una satisfacción personal al saber que estaba dando lo mejor de sí. Silvia atribuye todo a poder manejar bien su tiempo y su enfoque en sus hábitos para fijarse metas: “Das un paso a la vez y sigues adelante”.

Ser una de las luchadoras más con-

decoradas en la historia de su escuela conlleva una responsabilidad. Silvia admite que eso la impulsa a darlo todo. Cuando empezó, no había otras graduadas de West Liberty a las que admirar. Sentía que cuanto mejor lo hiciera, más chicas creerían que también podían lograrlo. Cuando las que la siguen le preguntan cómo llegó a ser tan buena, responde: “Nunca me rendí”.

García Vásquez se prepara ahora para la lucha libre universitaria. Se marcha a la Universidad de William Penn y sera atleta en la universidad, estará en el equipo de lucha libre. Luchara un estilo olímpico diferente al estilo folclórico que se usa en la preparatoria. Está entusiasmada con las nuevas técnicas y con competir a un nivel superior. Además, está deseando conectar con su nuevo equipo. Aunque todavía está tratando de definir su trayectoria profesional, Silvia sabe que se dedicará a un campo donde podrá seguir ayudando a los demás. Es parte de su identidad. También seguirá comprometida con la lucha libre. “Quiero seguir rompiendo barreras para chicas como yo”, dice. “Si yo puedo, otras también. Quiero que las chicas que vengan después de mí aspiren aún más alto. No se conformen. Sean mejores que yo.”

Silvia deja la bara muy alta para las atletas más jóvenes, pero sabe que pueden superarla. Les da un consejo: «Siempre den lo mejor de sí, sin importar lo difícil que sea. El trabajo duro tiene recompensa». Para Silvia, la recompensa es más que las medallas; es saber que, incluso después del pitido final, logró sus objetivos y se demostró a sí misma que todo es posible.



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Wilton City Council approves FY25 budget amendment

Anne Lippincott
Reporter

A public hearing was held to amend the budget for fiscal year 2025. Because unforeseen projects come up during the year, the budget must be amended to include these projects. The projects included in this amendment are the fire station roof repair, the repair of the city hall basement drainage system, the city hall stairs replacement, the insulation for the police shop building, engineering for the splash pad, and the new city sign. The amendment requires adding \$195,000 to the budget. City Administrator Jeff Horne explained, “There is also increased interest revenue which is made possible by a better return on our accounts.” The hearing was closed, and the council approved the amendment. Council member Bill Voss commented, “Our city workers deserve kudos for their work.”

5th Street Widening Project payment and update

The council approved a resolution to make the first payment to Boomerang Corp. in the amount of \$498,158.72. This primarily covers the water main portion of the project. Several council members expressed some concerns about the apparent slowing down of the project.

Kimberly Park Pool opens this Thursday

After a brief delay, West Liberty’s Kimberly Park Pool will be opening to the public 4 p.m. Thursday, June 5. From June 6 through Aug. 18, the pool will be open for regular hours, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Daily admission rates are \$3 for ages 4 to 11, and \$5 for ages 12 and up. Free swim is 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lap swim (7 to 7:45 a.m. Monday and Thursday) is \$3, while Swim Nights (5-7 p.m. Sunday and Friday) are \$2. Tube Night (5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays) is regular admission. Water aerobics class is \$5 (or \$30 for a 10 class punch card), and will be held 7:45-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday in June, and 7-7:45 p.m. in July and August. For season passes, rates are \$60 for

Horne responded that the water main part is the most tedious, and the contractor uses a smaller crew.

Wilton Public Library update

Library Director Kristi Hager gave an update on the activities at the library. There has been an increase in the number of programs being offered for all ages. The average is 25 programs a month (two years ago it was about 12-15 programs). Children’s programs include Traveling Story Time, which is “super popular.” Approximately 200 children participate in school and at daycares in Wilton and Durant. Another popular children’s program is Celebrity Story Time. A local “celebrity” reads a book about their job/work and then answers questions. Mayor Stanley was a recent story time celebrity reader. In addition, there are monthly afterschool programs with the Muscatine County Conservation Board. Hager is working to have them back for the next school year. Adult programs include Bingo, Quilt Club, Yarn Club, and Movie Club. A recent addition was the opening of the Community Center three times a week for walking. The summer reading program for children, teens, and adults has started

city resident single passes, \$100 for city resident families (up to four members), \$90 for a non-city single pass, and \$150 for a non-city family pass. Each additional child or babysitter add-on is \$10. For punch cards (10 swims), an under 12 card is \$25 while an age 12+ card is \$30. Rental fees are \$100 for a pool party with 1-40 attendees, and \$140 for a party of 41-65 attendees. The pool will also be hosting swim lessons with a certified Red Cross instructor, with a 1-week session costing \$20 and a 2-week session costing \$50. Parent-tot lessons (for ages 6 months to 3 years) will be 7-7:45 p.m. June 9-12 and June 16-19. Preschool swim lessons (ages 4-5) will be 7 to 7:45 p.m. June 23-26. Learn to Swim (for ages 6+) will be held July 7-17 for session 1 and July 21-31 for session 2. Make-up classes will be held on Fridays.

and will conclude on July 25. It challenges readers to explore learning opportunities and meet certain reading milestones. Participants fill out a reading log to earn prizes. Other summer programs include Girls Who Code, Art Camp, Engineering Camp, three story times, two gardening programs, and Puppet Theater. Council members commended the director for doing a “great job.”

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Stanley reported that the Memorial Day Service was nice, and “the cemetery looked wonderful.” He also thought Smorgasbord did not have “as big a turnout as before, but it still went well.” He invited council members to the League of Cities in September. Jeff Horne will attend along with council members Wayne Budding and Bill Voss. Council member Stevie Whitehead stated that she has heard concerns regarding communication regarding the

4H group invites residents to run 5k for the county fair

By Andrea Grubaugh
Reporter

There’s only a little over a month left until this year’s Muscatine County Fair, but the one of county’s 4H groups, the Goshen Gladiators, are already eager to do what they can to help the fairgrounds raise some extra funds. On Sunday, July 13 at 8 a.m., the Goshen Gladiators will be hosting a “Goshen Gallop” 5K Fundraiser at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds. The group, led by President Alyssa Lenz, Vice President Jordyn Schmitt, and Secretary Katelyn Feldman, has participated in many different fundraisers and service activities in the past, such as bake sales, the Salvation Army’s Two Weeks of Love, and helping out with concessions at different West Liberty sports games. This is their first time putting together a fundraiser this size on their own. Lenz said the idea was inspired by one of their group member’s mothers. “She likes running 5Ks, and she thought it would be a good fundraiser and a good way to give back to the fair.” Participants in the fundraiser will have three options to choose from, these being the 5K run/walk (prizes will be given to the top finishers), the 1-mile run (for ages 6-18), and the 50-yard dash (for ages 1-4, with all dash participants receiving prizes). Entry fee is \$30 per person, and in-

cludes a guaranteed free t-shirt if participants register by June 10, as well as snacks and refreshments. The Gladiators hope to raise around \$5,000 through this fundraiser, and plan to give half these proceeds to the Muscatine County Fairgrounds to help fund its new activity center. “I’m excited about the event because I think it is a really good fundraiser for our group, and a good way for us to give back to our running community.” Lenz said. Since opening registration, the group has already seen some local schools with track and cross country teams sign up for the event. “I think it’ll just be fun for people who enjoy running.” To sign up online, residents can visit tinyurl.com/49vkvy3



From left, Katelyn Feldman, Alyssa Lenz and Jordyn Schmitt of the Goshen Gladiators 4H group. Contributed

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WEST LIBERTY STATE GOLF

Shining on the state's brightest stage

Comets take on 3A's best golfers and teams at state tournament in Cedar Falls

By Ross Shinberg
Regional Sports Editor

After 25 years of waiting, the West Liberty boys' golf team finally got their time in the spotlight.

As state tournament qualifiers, the Comets got to show the rest of Iowa what West Liberty golf is all about.

At Pheasant Ridge Golf Course in Cedar Falls, they did just that.

West Liberty played two of their best rounds of the season, shooting a 325 on Tuesday, May 27 and a 311 on Wednesday, May 28 at the Class 3A state tournament.

The Comets placed 10th in the 12-school field shooting a 60-over par two-day score. West Liberty's 311 on the second day of play was the seventh-best score on Wednesday.

What makes this Comet team unique is that no one star player is carrying the score. At any given meet, any Comet can be the low-scoring golfer.

This season, the six individual Comet golfers on the state qualifying team had a combined average score spread of only 4.8 strokes.

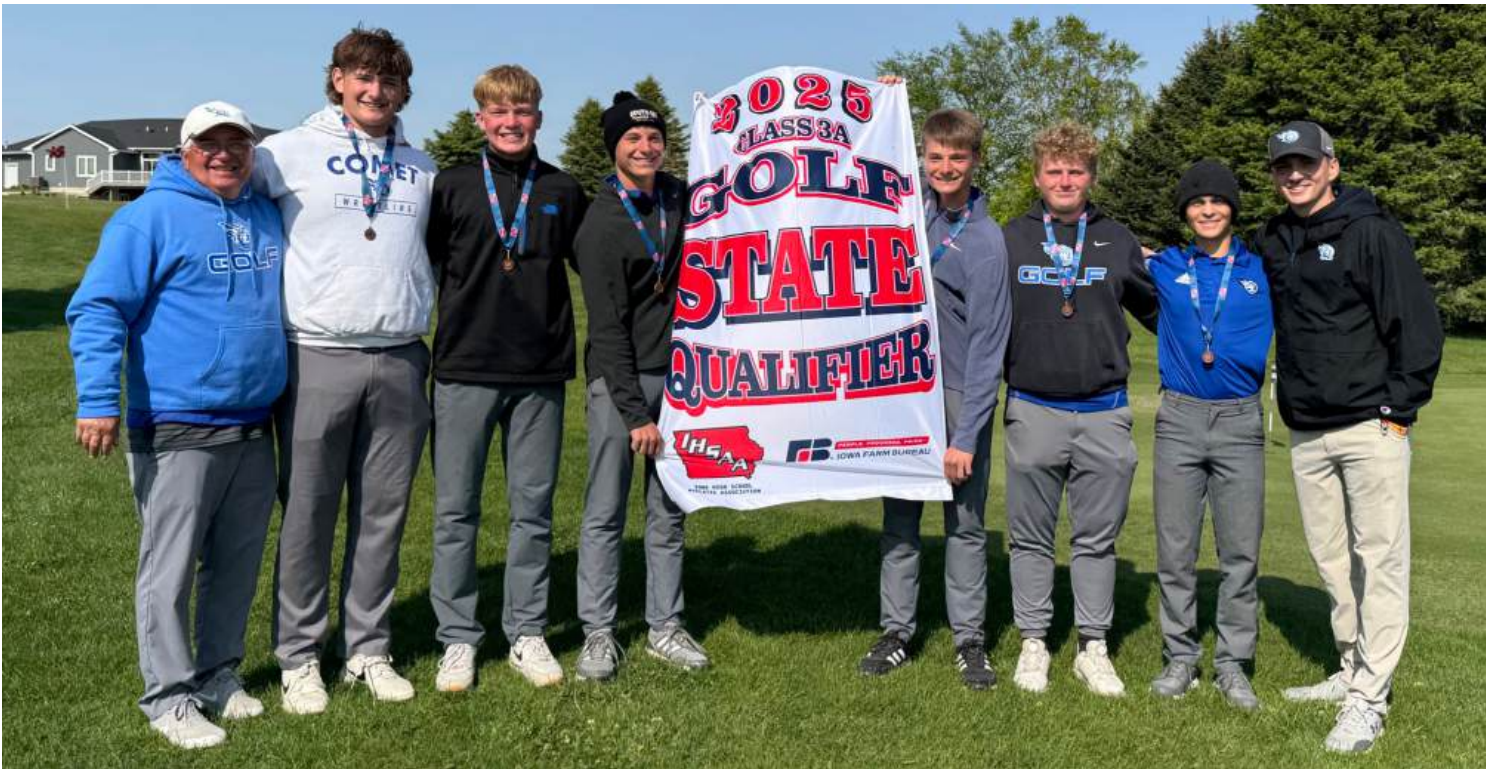
Between the top four combined averages, notable because the top four scores at any meet count towards the team score, the spread is a minuscule 1.5 strokes.

At the state meet, junior Cody Seiler found his best form. He carded a +10 and 154 two-day score with days of 81 and 73. He placed 27th overall at the meet out of 81 individual golfers.

During his Wednesday round, Seiler played one-over par golf, which was the 12th-best score in the field that day. He shot an even-par front nine with seven pars, one birdie and one bogey. His back nine was one-over but featured two birdies.

Brothers Cole and Cael Daufeldt were right behind Seiler. Cole had a +13 and 157 two-day score (81, 76) and Cael had a +15 and 159 two-day score (80, 79). Cole placed 35th overall and Cael placed 48th.

Cole's round of 76 on Wednesday came



West Liberty's boys' golf team holds up their first state qualifier banner in golf in 25 years. From left: Coach Dave Shield, junior Perry Lehman, sophomore LJ Wainwright, senior Cael Daufeldt, senior Cole Daufeldt, sophomore Ryan Laughlin, junior Cody Seiler and Coach Nick Frenz.

Courtesy Photo

courtesy of 12 pars and two birdies. He ended his Comet golf career by shooting a one-over par back nine. Cole added two more birdies to his ledger on Tuesday.

Cael played steady, consistent golf during both rounds. Throughout his 36 holes, he only posted one double bogey or worse score on a hole. Overall, he had 19 pars and two birdies. He finished both of his rounds well, carding a two-over par back nine on both days of play.

LJ Wainwright scored for West Liberty on Thursday with his round of 83, which was over seven strokes under his season average for 18-hole rounds.

Wainwright had nine pars and eight bogeys as he avoided big numbers on the first day of play. He shot an 88 on day two and finished his tournament with scores of +27 and 171.

On Friday, Perry Lehman's round of 83 scored for the Comets. He had eight pars and nine bogeys in his round which was slightly below his season-average 18-hole score. After shooting an 88 on

day one, Lehman finished his state tournament with scores of +25 and 169.

While Ryan Laughlin's score did not count for either day, he still shot well under his own season average on both days. On Tuesday, he caught fire with an 86, which is six strokes better than his average.

He shot a four-over par back nine on Tuesday with three pars and a birdie on the par-five 17th hole. Laughlin came back the next day and birdied that same hole again.

Laughlin finished with scores of +33 and a two-day score of 177 (86, 91).

In the team race, both MOC-Floyd Valley and Waverly-Shell Rock tied for first place with a team score of 588. Both team's fifth-scorers had the same exact score. It came down to the No. 6 golfer, and the Go-Hawks held the edge and won the state championship.

On the individual side, Nevada's Parker Rodgers won the state title after shooting a seven-under-par two-day

score of 137.

Gilbert's Ryan Lynch (-6 and 138) and Solon's Isaiah Zoske (-4 and 140) finished in second and third place.

COMET STATE GOLF SUMMARY

West Liberty Combined Score: 636 (Day One = 325 and Day 2 = 111; +60 overall)

- Top Individuals**
1. Cody Seiler: 81 + 73 (154, +10)
 2. Cole Daufeldt: 81 + 76 (157, +13)
 3. Cael Daufeldt: 80 + 79 (159, +15)
 4. Perry Lehman: 86 + 83 (169, +25)
 5. LJ Wainwright: 83 + 88 (171, +27)
 6. Ryan Laughlin: 86 + 91 (177, +33)

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DURANT STATE GOLF

Callison completes storied golf career

Durant senior Lauren Callison competes at state tournament for final high school meet

By Ross Shinberg
Regional Sports Editor

It's always a sad moment reaching the end of the road. But for Durant's Lauren Callison, she can say she teed it up against the very best.

The Wildcat senior competed in her final high school golf tournament last week at the Class 1A state golf tournament at American Legion Golf Course in Marshalltown.

Callison finished 23rd out of 77 golfers during the two-day competition last Thursday and Friday, posting an 88 on day one and an 82 on day two.

After a tough first two holes on Thursday, Callison found her groove. She shot a 73 over her final 16 holes on Thursday,

which was 11 strokes over par.

This stretch included five pars and a birdie on the 14th hole. Callison shot a 41 on the back nine which was her best nine-hole split of the tournament. She finished day one in 18th place.

Callison played more consistent golf on Friday, shooting nine-hole splits of 48 and 44 for a round of 92. She made three pars on holes three, 10 and 14.

Jaylee Shaffer of Mount Ayr won the state championship at 14-over par (79-77—156). Calista Joyce of Emmetsburg was the runner-up at 18-over par (77-83).

Easton Valley won the team competition by 39 strokes over second-place Nashua-Plainfield (690 to 719).

Callison qualified for the state tournament by finishing in sixth place at Durant's regional final on May 21.

Callison carded a 90 at this event at Little Bear Country Club, earning her an at-large spot in the state competition.

This was the final meet for the Wildcat girls' golf team as a collective. They finished in third place, one spot shy of a

state tournament berth.

Sophomore Bailey Scott placed ninth with a round of 93. Sophomore Kyleigh Barclay finished 15th overall with a score of 100.

Senior Leah Feuerbach had a 102, freshman Alaina Lawlor posted a 104 and junior Kila Wink turned in a 109 to complete the Durant lineup.

There is still plenty more golf in Callison's future having recently committed to continuing her athletic journey with St. Ambrose University.

She exits Durant as one of the most prolific golfers in school history. In addition to this state tournament appearance, Callison led the Wildcats in combined scoring average in each of the past three seasons.

Callison also owns the Durant school record for an 18-hole low score at 84, which she set last season at Durant's home invitational at Wakhonsa Country Club.



Wildcat senior Lauren Callison poses with her 'ticket punched' banner from the regional meet. Courtesy Photo

WILDCAT SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL

Durant athletes hit the diamond

Softball and baseball seasons off to fast, and winning, starts

By Ross Shinberg
Regional Sports Editor

After falling short in last year's regional final, Durant's softball team is ready to break down the state tournament door.

The girls are off to a great start in 2025, starting 4-1 in their first five games of the season.

Durant's lone loss was to defending Class 5A state champion Pleasant Valley. Otherwise, Durant took care of business against West Branch (9-1 and 7-1), East Marshall (3-1) and Wapello (5-1).

Individual statistics for these games were unavailable as of Tuesday morning.

The latter two games came at Williamsburg's Jim Turner Classic. Durant fell behind Wapello 2-0 by the end of the first inning, but the Wildcats stormed back to tie the game in the fourth inning

and take the lead in the fifth inning.

Against East Marshall, Durant drew first blood in the top of the third. The Mustangs tied it in the bottom of the fourth, but Durant retook the lead in the top of the fifth with two more runs.

In the season-opening game against West Branch, the Wildcats crossed the plate early and often. Durant scored in each of the first five innings, totaling nine runs.

In game two, the runs came in one big bunch. The Wildcats scored six runs in the top of the second, creating what ended up as an insurmountable lead.

Durant enters this season as the No. 10 ranked team in Class 2A. Having upset 2A No. 5 East Marshall this week, the Wildcats can expect their ranking to rise upon the next release.

Baseball's booming bats

Much like their friends on the softball diamond, Durant's baseball team has gotten their bats going too.

The Wildcats scored double-digit runs in two of their first three games and have opened their account in the 2025

season with four wins compared to one loss.

Durant started the season on a four-game winning streak, defeating Louisa-Muscatine (14-3) and sweeping West Branch in a three-game series (5-0, 11-1 and 4-2).

The streak was snapped on May 30 by Camanche which eked out a 5-4 win.

Sophomore Ben Feuerbach is off to a scorching start with six hits in 14 at-bats including one home run and six RBIs.

Senior Conner Schwarz is tied for the team lead with six RBIs along with junior Kaden Sickels. Schwarz has six hits, five singles and a double, and Sickels has five hits, all singles.

Junior Colby Gast has six hits, five RBIs and a team-best nine walks. Additionally, freshman Owen Collier is tied for the team-lead with six hits.

On the mound, Gast has thrown 13 innings and has not allowed an earned run. He has 23 strikeouts compared to five walks, and he has only allowed three hits so far this season.

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WILTON SOFTBALL

Beavers beat Bellevue Marquette for first win

Emersyn Guyer and Audra Coss lead the way with two RBIs each

By Ryan Stonebraker
Advocate Sports Writer

The end of a three-game week for the Wilton softball team produced their first victory.

After getting swept by RVC South favorite West Liberty on May 26, the Beavers hit the road for their first non-conference game at Bellevue Marquette.

There, the Beavers got win No. 1 on the year, beating the Defenders 7-5 to improve to 1-2.

Wilton softball coach Kortney Denkman said that it was good to get a win at Marquette and that she didn't want the two losses to the Comets to linger.

"I didn't want this week to define us as a team or a season after West Liberty," said Denkman.

"They (West Liberty) are a good team and beat the No. 1 team in 3A this past

weekend," she said.

Wilton scored two runs in the top of the first inning and led 5-1 after two innings.

The Beavers added a pair of runs in the top of the sixth to take a commanding 7-1 lead. The Defenders would rally, but it wasn't enough, with a pair of two-run innings in the bottom of the sixth and seventh innings.

Wilton sent seven batters to the plate in each of the first two innings. A two-run single by Audra Coss in the first scored Kinsey Drake and Emersyn Guyer for a 2-0 Wilton lead.

In the second, Wilton got singles from Natalie Hartman and Jessica Clark, and runners Clarke, Drake, and Ali Walker all would score on errors.

The final two runs to get to seven runs in the sixth were from a two-run single by Guyer, scoring Clark and Baylee Driscoll.

Clarke would reach base twice and score twice from the nine-hole in the lineup.

Wilton had seven hits in the game, led

by Emersyn Guyer, who was 2-for-4 with a pair of RBIs. Audra Coss had a single and 2 RBIs.

Other hits were from Lily Kraft, Baylee Driscoll, Natalie Hartman, and Jessica Clark.

Kennedi Tyler picked up her first win of the season after working four innings and striking out three.

She gave three runs on four hits and walked five. Sydnee Bliss pitched three innings in relief and struck out six.

"I think we started to find our hitting groove, too, at Marquette. We have some important games coming this week, and that is good to see," said Denkman.

"Softball is a game of momentum, and I hope that we have found ours now," she said.

The week started with a pair of losses to West Liberty. The Beavers lost 9-0 at West Liberty on May 26 and at home to the Comets, 13-3, on May 29.

At West Liberty, the Comets scored all nine runs in the first three innings of the game. The Comets led 3-0 after the first inning and 5-0 after the second in-

ning. The Comets put the game away with a 4-run bottom of the third to get the score to 9-0.

Wilton could not solve Comet starter Mallory Wulf, who pitched a no-hitter for the Comets. Wulf struck out six and walked one batter, otherwise, she would have had a perfect game.

In game two, West Liberty broke a scoreless game with a three-run third for a 3-0 lead.

The Comets added four runs in the fourth for a 7-0 lead and a single run in the top of the fifth for an 8-0 lead.

Needing runs to keep the game going, the Beavers scored all three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

West Liberty answered with a pair of runs in the top of the sixth to extend their lead to 10-3. The last three Comet runs came in the seventh.

This week, Wilton squares off against Class 2A No. 8 Iowa City Regina twice and hosts Calamus-Wheatland on June 6.

WILTON BASEBALL

Wilton sweeps West Liberty in three-game set

Beavers open conference play with undefeated RVC record

By Ryan Stonebraker
Advocate Sports Writer

The Wilton baseball team picked up three key River Valley Conference wins with a sweep over West Liberty last week.

The Beavers beat West Liberty in a varsity doubleheader on the road on Monday, May 26 by scores of 8-5 in game one and 5-4 in game two. The third win was a 3-2 win over the Comets at home on Thursday, May 29.

Wilton baseball coach Jake Souhrada said that getting off to a 3-0 start in conference play is big.

"West Liberty has everyone back, and they are going to win a lot of RVC games," he said. "To get those three wins is important. We had a couple of 1-run wins and a 3-run win could have gone either way, and we found a way to get it done.

"We pitched well and played good defense in the conference games, and that is going to have to keep up because the conference is going to be tough this year," said Souhrada.

In game one against the Comets, West Liberty broke a scoreless tie with two runs in the second inning.

Wilton took their first lead, 3-2, with a three-run top of the fourth inning. The

Comets tied the score at three in the bottom of the fourth, only to see Wilton take their second lead with another three-run inning in the top of the fifth to give Wilton a 6-3 lead.

West Liberty would add a pair of single runs in the fifth and sixth to trim Wilton's lead to 6-5.

Wilton put the game away with two runs in the top of the seventh.

Ben Garvin started and got the win after five innings of work and pitched into the sixth inning. He struck out six, walked six, and gave up five runs on five hits. Kaiden Sivia pitched the final two innings and gave up only one hit, struck out one batter, and got the save.

Wilton had seven hits in the game, led by Garvin, who was 3-for-4 with an RBI. Jacob Mills was 2-for-3 with a double and 2 RBIs.

In game two, Wilton scored the winning run in the top of the seventh inning. Wilton led 1-0 after the first, but West Liberty tied the game at 1-1 in the second inning.

Single runs by Wilton in the third and fourth innings gave Wilton a 3-1 lead. A run in the sixth extended the Beavers' lead to 4-1.

West Liberty pushed three runs home in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game. Wilton would take the game by scoring the winning run in the seventh.

Wilton had only four hits in the game, but were issued 11 walks in the game.

Briggs Oien was 2-for-3 with a double and 2 RBIs. Drew Keith and Carter Hull

were the other Beavers with hits in the game. Keith and Ben Garvin added 1 RBI in the game.

The Beavers were speedy on the bases, stealing 11 bases with Owen Hassell a perfect 4-for-4. Garvin and Noah Gray each had two steals while Hull, Oien, and Oliver Grunder each had one stolen base.

Bryer Putman worked five and a third innings. Owen Hassell pitched an inning in relief and got the save, and Briggs Oien also pitched in relief.

The last game of the three-game set with West Liberty saw Wilton hold off a late Comet comeback to get a 3-2 win.

Wilton scored first with single runs in the first and second innings to take a 2-0 lead.

A two-out double by Carter Hull led to him scoring on an error that allowed Cade Souhrada to reach base in the first inning.

In the second inning, a Briggs Oien two-out RBI single scored Ben Garvin, who led off the inning with a single.

West Liberty scored its first run in the third to cut the lead to 2-1. Wilton extended their lead to 3-1 with a run in the fifth on a Jacob Mills RBI single that scored Carter Hull, who walked to start the inning.

West Liberty made things interesting with a run in the top of the seventh to set the score at 3-2, but could get no closer.

Owen Hassell was the winning pitcher in the game after six and two-thirds innings. Hassell struck out five and

walked three while giving up two runs on eight hits.

Briggs Oien pitched the final two-thirds inning to get a save.

Wilton had seven hits in the game, led by Cade Souhrada, who was 2-for-3 with a double.

Wilton lost their non-conference game last week at home to Mediapolis, 13-0 in five innings.

The Bulldogs led 1-0 after two innings, but scored four runs in the top of the third and eight runs in the top of the fourth to get the victory.

Max Griffin stymied Wilton's bats as he gave up three hits and struck out six batters over five innings.

Mediapolis had 10 hits led by Will Juttenegger, who was 3-for-3 with 2 RBIs, and Payton Doty was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Braeden Oliver had 3 RBIs while Kyler Crow, Lance Ludens, and Max Griffin each had 2 RBIs.

Wilton's hit total came from Ben Garvin, Carter Hull, and Cade Souhrada with one each.

Souhrada and Mason Tyler each reached base via a walk. Wilton used three pitchers in Mason Tyler, Jaxson Drayfahl, and Kaiden Sivia.

Sievia started and took the loss after two and two-thirds innings. Wilton pitchers combined to strike out seven and walk nine batters.

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The West Liberty boys' soccer team dons new uniforms ahead of Monday's quarterfinal clash.

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WEST LIBERTY SOCCER

Six straight state soccer tips

Comet boys head to Des Moines as No. 2 seed in Class 1A state tournament bracket

By Kohlton Kober
Advocate Sports Writer

The West Liberty Comets boys' soccer team is headed back to the state soccer tournament after a dominant week of substate play, capped off by a gritty 1-0 win over Mediapolis in the substate final.

The Comets opened their postseason campaign with a commanding 10-0 semifinal victory over Danville.

West Liberty wasted no time setting the tone, racing out to a 6-0 lead by halftime. The offensive outburst continued after the break as the Comets overwhelmed the Bears and secured the shutout win.

Uriel Andrade-Martinez scored four goals and Javier Andrade-Martinez scored seven goals. Iker Garcia Rosas, Anwar Garcia and Oscar Mojica all added one goal to reach the mercy rule limit.

In the substate final, West Liberty faced a tougher challenge in Mediapolis. The Comets struck in the 21st minute and held firm defensively the rest of the way, preserving the 1-0 advantage to

claim the regional crown.

With back-to-back shutouts and a ticket to state secured, West Liberty will now look to carry its momentum into the next stage of the postseason. As the No. 2 seed, they will face No. 7 West Sioux in the quarterfinal round at Mediacom Stadium.

A full state tournament recap, with photos and team interviews, will be published in next week's sports section.

Girls' season ends in regionals

The West Liberty Comets' girls' soccer team saw its season come to a close in a hard-fought 1-0 loss to the Washington Demons in the opening round of regional play on Wednesday, May 21.

Despite holding the Demons scoreless through the first half, a second-half goal proved to be the difference in a tightly contested matchup.

The Comets entered the postseason aiming to build on a year marked by close finishes and steady defensive play. Wednesday's regional game followed a familiar script, with West Liberty keeping the match within reach until the final whistle.

The Comets' back line held strong in the opening 40 minutes, but Washington eventually broke through in the second half and held on to advance.

With the loss, West Liberty concludes its 2025 campaign with a record of four wins, seven losses, and five draws.



Junior Kiley Collins led the Comets with nine goals this season. Add on one assist and she also led the team with 19 total points.

Sophomore Bricisia Garcia-Vasquez was second with 16 total points, bolstered by eight assists and four goals.

Other leading offensive threats were senior Leticia Carreno (four goals, one assist), sophomore Madi Buysse (four goals) and junior Jacky Molina (two goals, three assists).

Freshman Emmee Wiele played every minute in net for the Comets this season. She recorded 180 saves while allowing just under two goals per game. Her save percentage stands at a spectacular 89.1 percent.

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Durant Summer Meal Kits program returns for a second year

The Durant Iowa Food Pantry is thrilled to announce its second annual Summer Meal Kits Program for Kids. Throughout the summer months, this pantry initiative will help provide nutritious meal kits to children in the Durant community.

“We are incredibly grateful to Wellpoint Iowa for their generous support of this program,” Justin L. Nelson of the Durant Food Pantry said.

Wellpoint Iowa, formerly known as Amerigroup Iowa, will be contributing \$5,000 toward the Summer Meal Kit Program for Kids, and is committing volunteer hours to help with the program’s operations.

“Wellpoint Iowa demonstrates a commitment to the well-being of Iowans by actively engaging with and supporting local communities and organizations,” Nelson said. “This dedication is evident in their partnerships with various Iowa organizations such as the Durant Iowa Food Pantry, with a particular focus on initiatives that benefit vulnerable populations, including children and seniors. Their partnership will allow us to continue this program and provide children with the nourishment they need to be energetic and thrive all summer long.”

The Durant Iowa Food Pantry will also be participating in the Healthy Kids Iowa pilot program this summer for qualifying Iowa families with children aged 4-18 during June, July, and August. The program allows families to choose

\$40 worth of fresh and nutritious food per eligible child each month by leveraging Iowa’s existing network of summer feeding programs and community providers. More information about the program can be found at hhs.iowa.gov/healthy-kids-iowa.

The pantry’s Community Produce Stand has also officially opened this month, with members of the Durant community being invited to come take what they need to keep their meals healthy, fresh and delicious. “Our Community Produce Stand operates with a take-some, leave-some approach, ensuring that everyone has access to fresh fruits and vegetables,” Nelson said.

Residents are also encouraged to donate any extra produce they may have from their gardens to local pantries, as this is another great way to ensure everyone in their community, especially seniors and kids, has access to produce all season long.

The Durant Iowa Food Pantry, 807 3rd Street, PO Box 895 in Durant, is open 4-7 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday. Visits are limited to once per week.

Those with additional questions can call or text (563) 260 5322, or email du-rantfoodpantry@gmail.com. Those looking to volunteer or donate can visit the pantry’s website at difp.org.

Budget amendment approved by supervisors

By Tamara Browning
Correspondent

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors approved amending the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget due to increased expenditures and increased revenues during the fiscal year.

The board approved the amendment after a public hearing held at the regular meeting of the board on June 2. The amendment doesn’t increase taxes to be collected in the fiscal year ending June 30.

“It’s always important to note that the amendments do not increase taxes. They’re just to get our budgets more in line with what we’re spending and receiving,” Kala Naber, budget administrator, said during the public hearing. “Overall, we’re going to be amending expenditures \$1,439,790 and increasing revenues \$150,000.”

Public Safety and Legal Services expenditures increased by \$97,500, due to jail contract expenses, some jail kitchen and juvenile detention expenses.

“On the revenue side of it, we’re increasing \$150,000, and that’s for inmate reimbursements, fine collections and court fees,” Naber said.

Roads and Transportation expenditures increased by \$1,322,290 because of possible vacating of roads.

Private burial sites

The board approved the third of three readings on a pending ordinance regarding private burial sites.

The adopted ordinance “Amending

the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance Relating to Private Burial Sites” separately defines “cemetery” and “private burial sites.” A private burial site would be a special permitted use in the A-1 Agricultural District and in the R-1 Residential District.

The ordinance changes the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances, Title III: Property/Land Use and Development, Chapter II Zoning Ordinance, by amending Article I on Title, Exemptions, Definitions, Section 3, Definitions, to add the following definitions:

“Cemetery – any area that is or was open to use by the public in general or any segment thereof and is used or is intended to be used to inter or scatter remains. Private Burial Site – any area used to inter or scatter human remains where use is restricted to members of a family and where the interment rights are conveyed without a monetary payment, fee, charge, or other valuable form of compensation or consideration.”

In addition, private burial sites must maintain a minimum 10-foot setback from all property lines and minimum 25-foot setback from all waterways. They can’t be placed in a regulated floodplain and a site plan must be recorded.

Amended construction code

The board of supervisors approved the third of three readings on the proposed ordinance amending the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances.

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Having a good time for a great Atalissa cause

Atalissa Days returns June 20, 21

By Andrea Grubaugh
Reporter

This month, Atalissa Days is returning with plenty of old favorites and new experiences courtesy of the Atalissa Volunteer Fire Department. This year’s event will be held from 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 20, and 9 a.m. until midnight Saturday, June 21.

Mike Smock, who serves as Atalissa’s fire chief, says the event first started in 1976 as a way to honor the country’s bicentennial. It continued until 2007 before then getting cancelled in 2008 due to flooding.

“We were landlocked pretty much and we couldn’t get anywhere, and nobody could get to us,” Smock said.

It would be a decade before the event could be held again, and since 2017, the fire department has been using Atalissa Days as one of its biggest fundraisers of each year.

“Our tax base is so small, so in order for us to survive we have to do these fundraisers,” Smock said. “That’s the bot-

tom line. Do we like doing it? No. Is it a lot of work? Yeah, but we have to.”

This year’s fundraiser will be especially important, Smock says. “We’ve been saving money for the last three years, and this past year we ended up spending a little over \$100,000 on equipment.”

This included a 2024 Polaris, a used brush truck from Wilton, and a 2004 E1 engine, as well as turnout gear and hoses. “It adds up quick, and anything having to do with the fire service is expensive.” Kicking things off with this year’s Atalissa Days, Smock and his team are hoping to begin raising money to replace one of their oldest engines from 1992, upgrading to a 2010 truck in two to three years.

Beyond the financial necessity of the event, Smock says he also appreciates the joy it often brings to Atalissa residents and visiting guests. “There are a number of people who enjoy coming, seeing old friends and making new friends. People you haven’t seen in a long time come back to town.”

The highlight of this year’s event will be the performances from three bands – Moonshine Run, Facecarver and, as the grand finale, Big Hair Mafia. “Anyone

who grew up in the 80s and listened to 80s big hair band music needs to come out here and see Big Hair Mafia,” Smock said. “They cut us a super price, they love making good shows for fundraisers, and they are an awesome group.”

Other big activities during the weekend will be Friday night music bingo, Saturday’s morning car show, a hotdog eating contest, a cornhole tournament, a silent auction, a live auction, and a rib-eye steak dinner.

The event’s parade will also be making a return, with longtime resident Betty Beinke serving as this year’s grand marshal. Betty is the mother of Atalissa firefighter Kyle Beinke.

Kids will also be included in the fun, with Atalissa Days with rope making by Steve Alt, and science experiments by Samantha Barr, among other fun activities. The only thing missing from this year’s event, Smock says, will be fireworks, as the person who previously donated his time each year is unavailable. “We’re hoping Big Hair Mafia compensates for that.”

For more information about this year’s Atalissa Days, residents can visit the Atalissa Volunteer Fire Department’s Facebook page. Anyone looking to donate money to the fire department outside of the event can contact Smock directly at 319-321-7101.



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POLICE REPORTS

Wilton Police Department 5/18/2025 thru 5/24/2025

May 18

- Respond to 800 block of W 5th Street to assist Wilton Ambulance with a medical call.
- Found property in the 100 block of E 4th Street.
- Medical call in the 800 block of w 5th Street Wilton EMS/AMB responded and treated patient.
- Two-vehicle accident at Liberty Street and W 3rd Street handled by officer and citations were issued.
- Fire involving a vehicle in the area of Division Street and Hwy 38. Wilton Fire Department responded and put out the fire.
- Traffic stop occurred at Hwy 38 and 104th Street for an equipment violation. Warning issued
- Traffic stop 1100 block of Hwy 38. Isabella Pena of Rock Island, Illinois, was issued a citation for speeding.
- Traffic stop occurred at Cypress Street and E 6th Street for a moving violation. Driver was given a verbal warning for the violation.
- Respond to the 500 block of W 3rd Street to assist Wilton Ambulance with a medical call. Patient was transported

to a local facility.

May 19

- Parking problem in the 200 block of E Wate Street.
- Vehicle inspection occurred in the 100 block of E 4th Street.
- City ordinance violation occurred in the 200 block of W Wate Street.
- Agency assist with language translation occurred in the 3900 block of Hwy 22.
- Report of harassment occurred in the 700 block of Cypress Street.

May 20

- Assisted the Wilton Ambulance with a medical call in the 1200 Block of Oak Street.
- Property damage accident was reported in the 300 block of Maurer Street. Report was taken
- Vehicle inspection in the 100 block of E 4th Street.
- Keep the peace call in the 600 block of W 6th Street.

May 21

- Traffic stop occurred at W Wate Street and Oak Street for an equipment violation. Driver was given a verbal warning for the violation.
- Parking complaint in the 200 block of W 3rd Street.

- Nuisances call in the 300 block of York Street.
- Suspicious activity 100 block of E 1st Street.
- Chase Grunder age 40 of Wilton was arrested for Muscatine County for contempt in the 300 block of E 4th Street.
- Parking complaint in the 400 block of Maurer Street.

May 22

- Met with subject in the 100 block of E 4th Street references a civil matter.
- Case follow up occurred in the 500 block of Walnut Street.
- Nuisances call in the 300 block of E 3rd Street.
- Salvage vehicle theft inspection at the PD.
- Nuisances call in the 300 block of E 3rd Street.
- Nuisances call in the 600 block of E 3rd Street.
- Nuisances call in the 400 block of W 4th Street.
- Nuisances call in the 200 block of Cherry Street.
- Harassment in the 400 block of East Rose Street. Report taken
- Nuisances call in the 600 block of E 2nd Street.

May 23

- Responded to medical emergency 200 block of W Wate Street. Transported

by Wilton Ambulance.

- See Subject at the PD
- Found property turned in at PD.
- Judge signed a search warrant referencing a harassment investigation at Muscatine County Courthouse.
- Nuisance in the 300 block of Vine Street.
- Nuisance in the 200 block of Locust Street.
- Attempt to locate on a warrant occurred in the 600 block of W 6th Street.
- Traffic stop W 3rd Street at Maple Street with warning given.
- Suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Cypress Street.
- Traffic stop 5th Street and Maurer Street for an equipment violation. Driver was provided a warning.

May 24

- Medical call and agency assist occurred in Muscatine County in Stockton.
- Assist MCSO on a Civil Paper call in the 600 block of W 6th Street.
- Traffic stop on a moped W 4th Street and Pine Street with two written warnings issued.
- Traffic stop in the 800 block of W 3rd Street for speed. Driver was given a verbal warning for speeding.
- Male cited for possession of alcohol under age at the Wilton Community Center.

Durant Police Department 5/11/25 thru 5/17/25

May 11

- MVA Property damage only 1300 Block 5th Street Single vehicle rollover accident at Durant Collision center. Turned over to the Iowa State Patrol for accident investigation and OWI processing.
- Theft Durant Assist Scott County Sheriff with a theft case.

May 12

- Attempt to Locate Durant unable to

locate

- Records check Durant Police Dept. Handled by Officer.
- Speak with officer 600 Block 3rd Street Handled by Officer.
- Extra patrol Durant School Handled by Officer.
- Nuisance/abatement 900 Block 8TH Street warning for mowing.
- Harassment/threats Durant Handled by Officer.
- Welfare Check 1000 Block 3rd Street Handled by Officer.
- Civil Dispute 300 Block 6th Street Handled by Officer.

May 13

- Extra Patrol Durant School Handled by Officer.
- Juvenile Complaint Durant School turned over to school administrator.
- Medical call 900 Block 12th Avenue Dustin Frymoyer was cited for Animal at Large, and also issued an order to remove two dogs after second dog bite.
- Extra patrol Durant School Handled by Officer.
- Intelligence Info/Data Durant Check on resident for 7th Judicial Correctional Services.
- Extra Patrol Durant School Handled by Officer.
- Dog at Large 1000 Block 6th Street Gone On Arrival

May 14

- Extra Patrol Durant School Handled by Officer.
- Records check Durant Police Dept. Records check for federal employment.
- Faulty Railroad Crossing Arms 14th Avenue and 5th Street Notified Iowa Interstate Railroad.
- Civil Dispute-Non-Family 200 Block 6th Street Handled by Officer.
- Vehicle Inspection Durant Police Dept. Handled by Officer.

- Traffic Survey 500 Block 5th Street Handled by Officer.
- Medical Call 3rd Street Assist Durant Ambulance with a medical call.

May 15

- Medical call 600 Block 5th Street Assist Durant Ambulance with a medical call.
- Faulty Railroad Crossing Arms 14th Avenue 5Th Street Notified Iowa Interstate Railroad.
- Finger Printing Durant Police Dept. Fingerprint for private employment.

May 16

- Nuisance/Abatement 1200 Block 8th Street Warning for mowing.
- Nuisance/Abatement 1200 Block 9th Street Warning for mowing.
- Extra Patrol Durant School Handled by Officer.
- Motor Vehicle Collision 7th Street 8th Avenue Report Initiated

May 17

- Medical call Rural Muscatine County Assist Durant Ambulance and Muscatine Sheriff with a medical call.
- Bar Check Idle Hour Lanes Routine Officer walk through.

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Wilton Community School District

**May 28, 2025
Special Meeting**
On May 28, 2025, at 5:00 P.M., the Wilton Community School Board of Directors met in the Jr/Sr Media Center for the purpose of a special meeting. President Tim Barrett called the meeting to order. The board members present were Tim Barrett, Tom Fitzer, Robert Metzger, Tara Oien, and Sam Wilson. Absent: None. Also present were Superintendent Joe Burnett, School Business Official/Board Treasurer Angela Voss, Human Resources Director Lonna Moeller, Piper Sandler Municipal Advisor Matt Gillespie, and Transportation Director Rich Creamer.
The meeting began with Piper Sandler Municipal Advisor Matt Gillespie reviewing the bid opening pro-

cess and recommendation for the sale of \$3,865,000 school infrastructure sales, services and use tax revenue bonds series 2025.
Considered under Consent Agenda:
Approval of the 2025-2026 Certified Staff Handbook with noted changes.
Approval of the 2025-2026 Classified Summary for Benefits.
Approval of the 2025-2026 administrative and classified staff salary & wages. After a long discussion, it was decided that the hourly rate for extra-curricular bus driving would be set at \$25.00 per hour (with a minimum of 4 hours).
Approval of the resignation of Rebecca Bruno, home school assistance program coordinator, effective with the 2025-2026 school year.
Approval of the resignation of Bob McNamara, regular route bus driver, effective with the 2025-206

school year.
Motion by Fitzer, seconded by Metzger to approve the above-mentioned items considered under consent agenda. All yes. Motion carried.
Board Member Tara Oien exited the meeting at 6:41 P.M.
For Individual Consent:
Board Member Robert Metzger introduced the resolution directing the sale of \$3,865,000 school infrastructure sales, services and use tax revenue bonds, series 2025, seconded by Board Member Sam Wilson. By roll call vote, voting yes: Barrett, Fitzer, Metzger and Wilson; voting no: None. Therefore, it is resolved by the board of directors of the Wilton Community School District that the bids for the bonds were determined by the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and the Municipal Advisor to be the best and most favorable bid received. Bonds

are awarded, based on the following bid: Bidder – Bernardi Securities of Northfield, IL with a purchase price of \$4,115,655.15 with a net interest cost of \$957,094.85 and true interest cost of 3.960545%.
Lastly, School Business Official Angela Voss presented information concerning the storm protection fund that will be considered for approval at the regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.
Motion by Metzger seconded by Fitzer to adjourn the meeting.
There being no other business, President Barrett adjourned the meeting at 6:53 P.M.
President, Board of Directors
Secretary, Board of Directors

Environmental Tri-County meeting June 17

The Tri-County Community Club will be hosting speaker Tammy Becker of Green Current Solutions 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 17 at the Durant Community Center.



Tammy Becker

Becker and her husband, Chad Pre-gracke, founder of Living Lands and Waters, have spent many years pulling docks, plastic barrels, and other large plastic items from rivers across the country. After seeing these items then end up in a landfill, Becker designed a new solution to recycle plastic waste into industrial pallets.

Prior to Becker's presentation on her recycling and environmental efforts, the Tri-County Community Club will be hosting a \$7 meal catered by Jeff's Market. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

Guests are asked to RSVP for either the meal or the presentation by June 10 through calling either Connie Fink (563-340-5196) or Hollie Swain (563-514-4022). Meals can be paid with through check or cash.

SUPERVISORS: Bid accepted for upcoming bridge project

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The adopted ordinance "Amending the Muscatine County Construction Code" adopts applicable State of Iowa codes. The Muscatine County Code of Ordinances, Title III, Chapter VI, is repealed entirely and replaced with the amendment that adopts "by reference uniform building and related codes within unincorporated Muscatine County in order to enhance the health, welfare and safety of inhabitants," the ordinance said.

In other action, the board:

- Accepted a bid in the amount of \$396,937 from Iowa Bridge & Culvert of Washington, Iowa, for a bridge project for a twin reinforced concrete box culvert on 160th Street in the SW ¼ of Section 34 - T78N - R03W.

- Authorized Muscatine County Sheriff Quinn Riess to execute a 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas sub award recipient agreement and related documents with the Iowa Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$73,305.

- Authorized Chairperson Nathan Mather to execute the fiscal year 2025-2026 Iowa Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program contract in the amount of \$33,915.

"This award is for grant funding that originates from the Unites States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and is administered by the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Office of Drug Control Policy," the grant document said.

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Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Monday, May 19, 2025

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved an Ordinance #05-19-25-01 Muscatine County Special Events on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board agenda item #6 was presented ahead of agenda items #4 and #5.

Brad Roeth of Watersmith Engineering gave an overview of proposed County Parking Lot and Sidewalk Replacement Projects. The Board reviewed the three projects: Jail Parking Lot/Sidewalk, Administration Building Parking lot and East 4th Street/Walnut Street sidewalks. Roeth presented a Construction Cost Opinion for each proposed project with a total cost for all projects at \$434,603.00. Budget and Administrative Services Director Kala Naber stated the Jail Parking Lot/Sidewalk project was bonded so the funds are available. Naber stated the other two projects are being estimated at a higher cost than previously budgeted for. Naber stated there is a possibility of left-over contingency funds from the Courthouse Roof Project, however the project has not been completed to determine if funds are available. The Board held discussion regarding the potential bidding process to occur in July 2025 in order for the projects to be completed in the next fiscal year. Sorensen thanked Roeth for his overview of the projects.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an Ordinance for amendments to the Muscatine County Construction Codes on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved an ordinance to amend Title III, Chapter II, of the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances relating to the Zoning Ordinance for Private Burial Sites on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board moved to enter into Agreement No. 2025-C-087, between Muscatine County and the Iowa DOT, to pave local road returns along Hwy 22 from the Johnson County line east to the east junction of Highway 70 (MM 60.14). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved to amend the Muscatine County DOT FY 2025 Secondary Roads Budget. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved renewal of a Class E Retail Alcohol License for Casey's Marketing Co., dba Casey's General Store #2472, 1334 Hwy 22, Nichols, IA 52766. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of the May 12, 2025 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:
Sorensen received an email from the Coalition Against Large Trucks. Sorensen forwarded the email to County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky.

All Supervisors received an email from Kory Hogan regarding an issue on Highway 38. Horesowsky contacted Hogan with contact information for Iowa DOT.

All Supervisors received an email from Iowa House Representative Taylor Collins, who thanked the Board members for feedback on the proposed property tax relief bill. Sorensen stated the proposed changes did not pass during the 2025 Iowa legislative session.

All Supervisors received an email from Lisbeth Klein with concerns of cell phone service at Salisbury Park. Conservation Director Katie Hammond contacted Klein with available options for cell phone service.

Mather received an email from Veteran's Affair Director Eric Sanders stating Sanders has assisted eight Vietnam Veterans to receive their high school diplomas. Mather commended Sanders on his outstanding service to veterans.

Kirchner received a call from a resident regarding a concern with a near accident at the modified T intersection at Eliason Avenue and 155th Street. Horesowsky is reviewing the intersection.

Committee Report:
Kirchner attended a Lower Cedar Watershed Management meeting on May 13, 2025.

Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on May 15, 2025. Kirchner stated the Fair Board received a Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant on May 17, 2025 for the Muscatine County Fair Event Center in the amount of \$422,000.00.

Chick attended an Economic Development Committee meeting on May 13, 2025.

Sorensen attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GMCCI) Advocacy meeting on May 13, 2025.

Sauer attended a Ports of Eastern Iowa meeting on May 14, 2025.

Discussion was held with the Board regarding an agreement between Eastern Iowa Community College District/Muscatine Community College and Muscatine County to provide video production services for the period 7/01/2025 through 6/30/2027. Chick stated he has been contacted from citizens with a concern that not all open meeting sessions are captured, such as when the Board readjourns after a closed session and also when the budget meetings occur. Naber stated the contract is based on a number of days, such as regular Monday Board meetings. Sorensen stated there is an "As Needed Contracted Fee" schedule within the agreement allowing the Board to request additional video services as needed or budgeted for.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved an agreement between Eastern Iowa Community College District/Muscatine Community College and Muscatine County to provide video production services for the period 7/01/2025 through 6/30/2027 with a base fee in the amount of \$12,605.00 for FY25/26 and \$12,983.00 for FY26/27. Ayes: All.

Budget and Administrative Services Director Kala Naber reminded the Board there is no meeting on Monday, May 26, 2025, due to the Memorial Holiday.

Katie Hammond, Conservation Director, updated the Board stating the Naturalists have been very busy with environmental educational school field trips. Hammond stated summer camp registrations are filling up with a few camp registration spots still available. The County Rangers have been busy with park patrol rotations and the Deep Lakes Park beach opened over the past weekend. Hammond stated the on-line reservation process has been successful. The Deep Lakes Campground project is progressing with the electrical portion expected to be completed this week. Hammond questioned the Board if they want to make a recommendation to the Conservation Board (scheduled to meet tonight) regarding scuba diving regulation and procedures as there have been concerns expressed in order to control the liability to the county. Hammond stated there are two different scuba groups scheduled and approved with a special event permit to perform lake bottom and shore clean up at Lake Jewel and Lake Violet and/or scuba training. County Attorney Jim Barry stated the individuals should provide a waiver certificate, as they will not have individual insurance, and then Barry would request to review the certificate. The Board consensus was to allow local search and rescue teams to train but to disallow other scuba diving groups, due to the possible risk to the county.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 AM.

ATTEST:
Shannon Steele
Administrative/Elections Clerk
Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

City of Durant

May 27, 2025

City Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Spengler at 6:00 p.m. Roll call of members: Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt, and Ostofi. Member Sterner was absent. Member Ostofi motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the agenda, city bills and meeting minutes. Ayes: Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None

Engineer's Report: Consider Pay application # 4 for Feldhahn Wetland project to Triple B Construction. MSA Engineer Scott Duckett reported seeding and plantings are in progress and recommends approval of the pay application. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve pay application #4 in the amount of \$136,935.37. Ayes: Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider change order #1 for Feldhahn Wetland/project: Mr. Duckett explained the reason for the change order is the method of mulching for the seed from straw to hydro-mulching for the park area. Straw would blow around more and the hydro-mulch would cover better. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$12,477.80. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried. Scott reported the project should be wrapping up within a couple weeks weather permitting.

Public Works Report: Dir. Semsch reported the crews will be spraying curb lines this week, and using the street sweeper on 2nd street. He explained after a street has been seal coated, they wait one year before sweeping so that they do not tear up the new seal coat and it allows the rocks to adhere to the surface. The crews have been resodding at the community center because the lack of moisture had ruined the grass south of the center.

Police Report: Chief Randolph reported the department is working on nuisances concerning junk vehicles, and lawn mowing.

Community/Economic Dev. Report: Dir. Smith reported she has been keeping tabs on the empty business fronts down town. One has a new occupant, opening soon, and there is interest in the second one. She will be working on the final grant report for Feldhahn when the punch list is available. Member Mundt inquired about the status of the land to the west of the city, if Durant Development now owns the land. Dir. Smith reported yes, they are in the process of a request for proposal for engineering firms so they can get an idea on costs for infrastructure. It has been recommended two council members meet with D.D.C. to discuss future plans and infrastructure design. Mayor Spengler explained the city will not allow the Yankee Ave Lift Station to be utilized. The land will need it's own lift station that will send the matter to the sewer plant. Dir. Semsch stated that will require upsizing the main on 3rd Street to the sewer plant. Semsch reported on conversation he had with D.D.C. Member Willey about the sewer; there also may need to be a pump station for water. Dir. Smith stated the decisions involve if it would be more economical for the land to develop in the county or connected to city infrastructure. Clerk clarified if the city were to annex more highway/streets; that does not increase road use tax revenue. That revenue is based on population only. Therefore, increased road maintenance must be considered as added expense. A meeting will be organized in the future with D.D.C.

City Clerk's report: Consider approval of April financial statements: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the financial statements. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval to renew Main Stay Systems IT contract.: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the renewal of the IT contract with Main Stay systems of Iowa in the amount of \$8,688.00 Ayes: Quiram, Daufeldt, Mundt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider new incident reports and emergency contact forms for employees, ambulance and fire personnel. Clerk introduced new forms for worker compensation claims required by the new underwriters. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the new forms to be used. Ayes: Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

Mayor/Council Report: Consider Ordinance Amendment #2025-01 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Durant Iowa Chapter 41 Fireworks per Iowa state law Change SF 303 F

Clerk explained the SF 303 law changed the times the fireworks can be set off in Iowa. Therefore, the city needs to amend the current ordinance to reflect the change. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the first reading of the ordinance amendment. SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 41.14 (10) (E):Discharge of Fireworks. No person shall discharge a consumer fireworks device outside the following dates and hours:(1) July 3rd thru July 4th from the hours of 9AM until 11:00 pm.(2) December 31st thru January 1st from the hours of 9AM until 12:30AM (on January 1st.) Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2025-2024 adopting security camera policy for the City of Durant in public places.: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve adopting the security camera policy for public places. Ayes: Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi. Nays: None Motion carried.

Clerk reported June 3rd at 2PM will be the bid opening for the sub-division RFPs at city hall. Current new software projected start dates are July 1 for new website; Aug. 1 for payroll and financial; Sept. 1 for utility billing, and Oct. 1st for permitting. Mayor reported there are some complaints of vehicles being scratched with rocks or something sharp at the Feldhahn parking lot during games. The public is asked to please report any issues to the police department.

With no other business before council, meeting adjourned at 6:26p.m.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk
Claims List 05-27-2025
Accident Fund Ins Co America*, Work comp insurance43578.27
Advanced Business Systems, Copier maint & copies 1 mth98.33
All American Concrete Inc*, JC Park pickleball pay app #1.....8355.96
Alliant Energy*, Scott Co electric-Feldhahn & street lights100.49
American Industrial Door Co, CH-repair rear door340.00
Bosch Pest Control Inc, Fire-pest control mice43.00
C.C.E. Services LLC, JC Park rplc LED women's rr409.90
City of Durant, Gehrls reimb parks for band shell expenses.....31129.00
Danko Emergency Equip Co*, Fire-air cleaner lids68.34
EFTPS*, Fed/FICA tax.....6788.60
Hilltop Greenhouses LTD, Tri Co Comm Club garden

flowers500.00
Iowa Downtown Resource Center, Downtown conference registration175.00
Iowa Interstate RR LLC, Norfolk Dr sign/maint/elec255.93
Iowa League of Cities, Grant finder subscription100.00
Iowa Prison Industries, Roads-rr cross warning sign68.90
John Deere Financial, Parks-mower blades (6) ..144.48
Liberty Insurance Agency*, Annual insurance with addition of CH cyber.....147497.42
LL Pelling Co Inc, Roads-cold patch (17.88 ton)2353.16
MacQueen, Road-rpr sonetics headset729.39
MES Service Company LLC, Fire-helmet lights & replacement batteries.....457.72
Postmaster, WA billing postage-stamps392.00
Price Oil Co Inc, Fuel896.77
Schneider Farms*, 2024 farmer's market entertainment560.00
Scott Co Library System*, Plant discovery bus on site200.00
Sprague Law PC, Legal fees Oct, Nov, Dec 20243246.50
Staples*, PD-supplies427.94
Sunbury Sod Inc, WA-600 sq ft sod198.00
T & W Grinding & Compost Service, Grind brush pile1950.00
Utility Equipment Co, WA-curb box rpr sleeves (4)154.38
VISA*, Misc supplies, hotels for conferences, PDF ex change, snag-it2422.43
Payroll.....21,336.81
TOTAL.....\$274,978.72
* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date
Fund Totals

General\$144,816.32
J Gehrls Gift31,129.00
Road UseTax24,047.98
Fire Department31,713.09
Water12,750.43
Sewer30,521.90
Total\$274,978.72

City of Nichols

Public Hearing Notice

Public Notice is given by the Nichols City Council that a Public Hearing will be held on June 5th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Nichols City Hall, 429 Ijem Ave., Nichols, IA, 52766. The Public Hearing will be to repeal and replace Chapter 19- Junked Motor Vehicles, within the Code of Ordinances for the City of Nichols. All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and to offer objections and/or comments. Any questions can be directed to the City Clerk at cityofnichols@gmail.com.

City of Wilton

May 27, 2025

Regular Council Meeting

The Council for the City of Wilton, Iowa met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday May 27, 2025. 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: Ted Marolf, Bill Voss, Wayne Budding, and Stevie Whitehead Absent: Steve Owens

The agenda was presented for approval. It was moved by Member Budding seconded by Member Whitehead 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: City Council Minutes 5/12/25, LAK LLC (DBA: Wilton Express) Alcohol Beverage license renewal, Wilton Public Library Minutes 4/15/25, Wilton Municipal Light & Power Minutes 4/21/25. It was moved by Member Whitehead seconded by Member Voss that the consent agenda be approved as presented.

The vote recorded as follows: Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

REPORTS
City Administrator Jeff Horne reported that the City Hall basement stayed dry during the recent heavy rain, showing that the waterproofing work was successful. A pre-construction meeting for the Splash Pad was held last week. Triple B will start work the week of June 23 and plans to finish by the end of November. The East entrance steps have been poured, and a new railing is on the way. The steps should be ready to use by mid-June. The new digital sign on the West side of town has been installed, and City Hall staff are learning how to program it.

FORMAL MEETING

The Mayor announced that this was the time (6:07 PM) and place set for the public hearing for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment. It was noted that the notice of such hearing was published in The Advocate News and the affidavit was on file at City Hall. There were no written or oral objections received. Whereupon the Mayor declared such hearing closed. (6:09 PM).

Resolution 05272025A Adopting the Budget Amendment for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 and Certifying to Muscatine County Auditor was presented. After some discussion it was moved by Member Voss seconded by Member Marolf that Resolution 05272025A be approved as presented.

The roll was called and vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Voss, Whitehead, Marolf, Budding Nays: None Motion Carried

Pay App No 1 from Boomerang Corp for the 5th St widening project was presented in the amount of \$483,213.96 was presented. This pay app covers work primarily for the water main portion of the project. After some discussion it was moved by Member Marolf and seconded by Member Voss to approve pay app #1 as presented.

The vote recorded as follows: Ayes: All. Nays: None Motion Carried

INFORMAL MEETING
Wilton Public Library Director Kristi Hagar provided an update on library programming. The Summer Reading Program is now underway and runs through July 25th. To celebrate, an ice cream social will be held on July 26th for all participants. Overall, the library has expanded its offerings, growing from about 12-15 programs a month to 25. One of the most popular is Traveling Storytime, which reaches around 200 children. The Yarn Club also continues to meet monthly and has recently been held at the local retirement home for those who cannot attend at the library. For a full schedule of summer events, visit the Wilton Public Library website at wilton.lib.ia.us.

MAYOR REPORT
Mayor Keith Stanley reported that the annual Wilton Freedom Rock Smorgasbord hosted by the Wilton Chamber and Development Alliance was a success on Memorial Day. The Blue Grass Fire Department won the annual water fight.

BILLS
The Financial Statements were accepted and placed on file. It was moved by Member Budding seconded by Member Voss that the total disbursements of \$764,196.29 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

ADJOURNMENT
No further business, Member Whitehead motioned

to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm seconded by Member Budding.

The vote recorded as follows: Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried Meeting adjourned

Keith Stanley, Mayor

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BAKER & TAYLOR, L-BOOKS.....809.33
FRED KNAPP, FINAL DEPOSIT77.00
WILTON PARKS & REC, CONCESSION STAND CASH200.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, TIF PAYMENT #13 ...4,795.90
C D C, TIF PAYMENT #14.....6,929.12
EASTERN IOWA REC, TIF PAYMENT #941,616.52
HY-LINE NORTH AMERICA LLC, TIF PAYMENT #1374,714.86
INDUSTRIAL PACKAGING CO, TIF PAYMENT #422,708.60
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FERGUSON WATERWORKS, METERS & FITTINGS5,224.12
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ISG, ENGINEERING4,630.00
JESSICA CLARK, CLEANING595.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SUPPLIES.....511.96
MENARDS, SUPPLIES2,006.85
PETERSEN PLUMBING & HTG, GARBAGE DISPOSAL REPAIR.....525.00
PITNEY BOWES, POSTAGE590.14
SPRAGUE LAW LLC, LEGAL FEES.....473.00
STOREY KENWORTHY, SUPPLIES.....351.76
TURFWERKS, 3 WHEELER PARTS520.27
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GALLS, JUCHTER CLOTHING.....47.56
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MEDIA QUEST SIGNS, INSTALLATION OF NEW SIGN2,200.00
QUAD CITY DOOR COMPANY, SPRINGS FOR ST. SHOP1,178.62
SPRAGUE LAW LLC, LEGAL FEES.....623.50
VISA, SUPPLIES.....3,619.78
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS, HEALTH & DENTAL26,661.33
WENDLING QUARRIES INC, ROCK936.81
WHITE PIGEON INC, ANNUAL INS. AUDIT12,005.00
COMMUNITY BANK, WITHHOLDINGS12,144.69
COLLECTION SERVICES, CASE # 889434.....275.53
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This tour — which is being arranged and hosted by the Iowa Barn Foundation—is being held in the picturesque countryside of Cedar County. The self-guided tours will be offered 9-5 both days.

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The Tour is free. It's being arranged and made possible via the generosity of the Barn Foundation's member donors. A lunch will be offered for \$15 on Saturday. Pre-orders are recommended to help with the planning. Limited quantities will be available for cash/check purchase on the day of the event for a

slightly higher price.

This catered lunch will be served Saturday from 11-2 at the at the Cedar County Historical Society and Prairie Village site, 1094 Hwy 38 N, Tipton. The lunch will include pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, fruit cup, homemade pie, and water. The meal will be served by the Tipton Ministerial Association, and proceeds will help fund the association's programs to help those in need in the local community.

Lunch pre-orders can be made by credit card until June 10 online at iowabarnfoundation.org/product/2025-spring-lunch. Or by mailing a check (made out to CCHS) to: CCHS, P.O. Box 254, Tipton, IA 52772.

Full tour details and a tour map can be found in the Iowa Barn Foundation Magazine (mailed to member donors) or online at iowabarnfoundation.org/barn-tours. For questions, email iowabarnfoundation@gmail.com.

The Iowa Barn Foundation is a volunteer-led non-profit committed to preserving Iowa's rural heritage, one barn at a time. The foundation gives out over \$100,000 in barn restoration grants annually, made possible by members do-

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- Koopmann Barns, 1951 205th St., Bennett
- Ballenger 1920 Barn, 2098 220th St., Bennett
- Ballenger 1891 Barn, 2353 220th St., Bennett
- Hillmann Barn, 2329 210th St., Wheatland
- Walton Barns, 2120 Old Muscatine Road, Wilton
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- Secrest 1883 Octagonal Barn, 5750 Osage St. SE, West Liberty



Kaufmann Barn



Robinson Barn

Wilton Light & Power audit completed

Roof, Gerdes, Erlbacher.PLC, Certified Public Accountants has completed an audit for Wilton Municipal Light &

Power. Total assets for June 30, 2024, were 7,382,364 and total municipal equity reported was 6,884,237. Operating revenue amounted to 2,803,746, a 2% decrease from the prior year. Operating expenses for the year ended June 30, 2024, totaled 2,480,704, a 6% decrease

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310B York St, Wilton--This 4 bed 3 bath home is beautiful and has so much to offer! The zero-lot line home has NO HOA! Located on a dead end street.



508 9th Ave, Durant--LARGE updated 3 bedroom 3 bathroom home with main level laundry and main level Master Bedroom with walk in closet. Corner lot.



3337 Spinning Wheel Ct, Muscatine-- Conveniently located just off of Houser Street in the Heritage Heights addition is a clean 1 owner 3 bedroom home.



149 Whitmer Rd, Moscow-- A fisherman's paradise--1 bedroom, 1 bathroom home has a partially finished basement with large family room and 2nd non-conforming bedroom.



1619 Lucas St, Muscatine--Fresh, updated, and move-in ready! This charming 3-bed non-conforming, 1-bath home is packed with upgrades.



502 4th St, Durant--Corner lot location close to schools, community center and Jeff's Market. This 4 bedroom 2 bathroom has an oversized 24' x 30' 2 1/2 stall garage.



1925 Vine St, Davenport--Come check out this 3 bed 1 bath home! This home has a large kitchen and very large living room area. The 2 car garage is accessed from the alley.



1908 Sampson St, Muscatine-- Check out this 2 bedroom home that is all main floor living. Features main floor laundry, 3/4 bath with shower separate from main bathroom/laundry.



620 Sycamore St, Muscatine--This property has 2) 1 bedroom apartments that were renting for \$800.00 per month each. The owner pays the heat, water, sewer and garbage. Tenant pays electric.



2312 1/2 W 1st St, Davenport--This 3 bed 1 bath home is quietly nestled between W. 1st St and W. 2nd St accessed through the alley. The home does have a 1 car detached garage with it.



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