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Durant boy battles MIS-C post COVID-19

■ 9-year old Nathan Paustian stable after developing rare condition related to COVID-19

By Derek Sawvell
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For Katy Paustian of Durant and her family, COVID-19 found its way into their household as it did for many others in early November. As it worked its way through several family members, they thought the worst was over, and all were out of quarantine, including their 9-year old son Nathan, a second grade student at Durant Elementary School.

Nathan was lucky, he tested positive for COVID-19, but had no symptoms. A couple weeks later, Nathan's luck turned bad.

Real bad.

After several doctor's visits, extremely high fever, and a bizarre rash, Nathan was finally diagnosed with MIS-C. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes or gastrointestinal organs. Children with MIS-C may have a fever and various symptoms, including abdominal (gut) pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, rash, bloodshot eyes, or feeling extra tired. We do not yet know what causes MIS-C. However, many children with MIS-C had the virus that causes COVID-19, or had been around someone with COVID-19."

In Nathan's case, he had a spiking fever, was tired and lethargic, had extremely red lips and tongue, and a bad rash. MIS-C was attacking his heart.

What follows is the Paustian family's

timeline with COVID-19, leading to Nathan's eventual diagnosis, as told by his mother Katy:

The day after Halloween, Nov. 1, I woke up with COVID symptoms and tested positive right away. The following day, my husband Nevin and son (Nathan) tested positive too. Our 16-year old tested negative and isolated away from us. She never tested positive.

My husband and I had symptoms for about a week. Nathan never showed symptoms, and

was asymptomatic the whole time. We did our quarantine and all seemed to recover and went back to our normal routine.

Fast-forward to Saturday, Dec. 12, Nathan spiked a fever and we took him to Urgent Care to be evaluated. They treated him for strep throat, and said to give the antibiotics 48 hours to kick in.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, he woke up with a rash and still had a fever, fatigue, loss of appetite,

etc. On Monday, I took him to the pediatrician, and they ran blood work and rechecked him and said to give it another day as we had not reached the 48 hours for antibiotics to work. In the middle of the night, his fever got up to 105.6 degrees, and we had to call his doctor.

We had to keep him on Tylenol and ibupro-

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Durant second grade student Nathan Paustian is shown above. After contracting COVID-19 in November and having no symptoms, he later developed severe complications from Multisystem inflammation syndrome in children (MIS-C), producing quite a health scare for he and his family.



A close-up of Durant 9-year old Nathan Paustian's chest after developing Multisystem inflammation syndrome in children (MIS-C). More and more children around the state, and nation, are getting MIS-C after contracting COVID-19. Many children, including Nathan, show no symptoms while battling COVID-19, but develop MIS-C later, as it attacks certain internal organs. In Nathan's case, it was his heart. One sign of MIS-C is a rash, as shown above all over Nathan's chest in December, after having had COVID-19 in November.

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Nathan Paustian is shown above while battling MIS-C, a rare syndrome that affects children who have had COVID-19. The syndrome caused Nathan to have a high fever, extremely red lips and tongue, rash, and spiking heart rate as it attacked his heart. After an eventual diagnosis and treatment at the University of Iowa, Nathan is doing much better.



State wrestling send-off—Members of the Wilton police and fire departments led a send-off for the six Wilton state qualifying wrestlers last week, as they made the trek to Wells Fargo Arena for the 2021 state wrestling tournament Feb. 18-20 in Des Moines. Two of the six wrestlers made the top eight in their weight classes, including senior Kael Brisker, who finished runner-up in Class 1A at 138 pounds, and younger brother Brody Brisker, who finished fourth at 106 pounds. For state wrestling coverage, turn to pages 10-12.

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SPECIAL SECTIONS:

Durant officials discuss implementing sidewalk program

By Layce DeLong
for the Advocate News

“Anytime we do a street project from now on, let’s just include the sidewalk,” said Durant Mayor Scott Spengler at the Feb. 22 council meeting. Officials discussed creating a sidewalk program to help improve existing sidewalks, and incentivize citizens to add new ones.

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Three studies, including the most recent community visioning project, have all addressed the need to improve sidewalks in Durant. City Clerk Deana Cavin said they can work on creating a plan, and presented ideas that have been implemented in neighboring communities.

“You’re not going to change it overnight, but you’re not going to change it by not making any changes,” said Spengler, who has been an advocate for sidewalks for years.

Cavin said a priority would be getting existing sidewalks that are in poor condition repaired for safety.

“I agree with you both that we need to do something,” said council member Kevin Mundt. Details of the program were briefly discussed, with consensus to have Cavin move forward with initial plans approved.

Water and sewer rates to increase

In November 2020, a representative from Northland Securities recommended the city increase its water and sewer rates 2 percent annually in order to keep the funds solvent and maintain a small reserve balance. Rate increases will be effective on the July 1, 2021 bills.

The base water rate will increase by 39 cents to \$19.30, and the base sewer rate will increase by 92 cents to \$46.92.

These rate increases will help keep up with inflation and maintain a reserve for unexpected expenses. Public works director Jared Semsch talked about some of these at the meeting, including a damaged sewage pipe coming from the lift station.

“We’ve got to start doing something because we can’t have that sewage,” said Semsch. He said he was seeking a bid to replace pipe in the area. “We’re looking to start doing this so this doesn’t keep happening.”

Community Center

Community Center director Dawn Smith was in attendance to let officials know that while things are slow due to COVID-19, the center is fully open and has some bookings. She said she was looking to ramp up social media to let people know about the facility.

Smith also said the return of some reoccurring events, including bingo, are still up in the air. Those interested in booking an event can call 563-785-6419.

She also let council know that assistant director Duane Bachus would retire next month. Smith recommended holding off on hiring a replacement until things pick up again, adding that the center’s bartenders are able to fill in if needed.

Engineer report

Council approved final completion of the ag land conversion project with Triple B Construction. Officials also approved the final pay application to Triple B in the amount of \$7,089.15. The contract for seeding is still being drafted per recommendations from IDALS and Iowa DNR.

Miscellany

In other action, council:

* Opened the meeting with the approval of the agenda, approval of city bills and approval of the minutes for the Feb. 8 council meeting.

* Held a public hearing for the maximum property tax dollars. Cavin said she received one call for clarity from a citizen. There being no other questions or concerns, the hearing was closed and resolution 2021-14 approving

the fiscal year 2022 maximum property tax dollars was passed.

* Approved resolution 2021-16, setting March 8 at 6 p.m. as the time and place for a public hearing on the fiscal year 2022 budget.

* Approved the hiring of Brian Mayberry as a full-time police officer, replacing Dustin Brooks. Mayberry has been part-time with the city since November.

* Semsch said he had been questioned about city workers using a large tractor in town. He told officials the tractor is borrowed in order to move sludge and is not city property.

* The city approved a zoning ordinance change to allow carports as the language in the previous ordinance was misleading. Carports will be allowed, but must be attached to a building and used for storage of vehicles with a motor.

* Cavin presented a tree inventory for the city that was performed prior to the derecho. She said she is working on revising the inventory after that storm.

Council members Diane Quiram, Noel Price, Dave Schulz, Dan Sterner, Mundt and Mayor Spengler were present. All action taken was unanimous unless otherwise noted. The next city council meeting will be held on Monday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Wilton exploring emergency text messaging software

By Derek Sawvell
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The city of Wilton is moving forward with exploring software that will help alert residents of emergency management via text messaging.

At the Feb. 22 city council meeting, members gave new City Administrator Jeff Horne the go-ahead to further looking into a contract with Nixle for providing the software platform for community engagement through emergency management for things like severe

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weather, boil orders, water main breaks, missing persons, traffic accidents, etc.

Horne said that in Lisbon, where he previously served as city administrator, the cost for the program was around \$2,600. He said it’s based on population, and that Wilton’s was larger than Lisbon. Therefore, he expected it to cost a bit more. Plus there would be a set-up fee and annual fee for the software. The company also provides training for city staff. Council approved Horne to begin getting quotes for the software.

Horne also asked about the different committees that council members are a part of. “I’m new and you’re all new to me. I just wanted to

look at our committees and see where I need to take things,” Horne said.

Mayor Pro Tem Keith Stanley was running the meeting, as Mayor Bob Barrett was absent. He suggested perhaps all committees meeting with Horne in the coming weeks, perhaps prior to council meetings, to get better acquainted.

Prior to the meeting, Horne held a budget meeting with council members to go over figures in the FY2022 budget. During the meeting, a public hearing was held on the max levy for affected property taxes, in the amount of \$1,122,709, which Horne said was less than 2 percent different from last year. The hearing was closed and a resolution was passed with that max levy rate.

The property tax levy rate for FY2022 will be roughly \$14.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value, according to Horne.

Miscellany

In other action, council:

* Approved the minutes from the Feb. 8 meeting, and approved the city bills, totaling \$125,940.95.

* Approved liquor license renewal for the Junction Grill & Bar.

* Approved a resolution designating the city administrator to countersign checks in the absence or disability of the mayor or city clerk.

* Talked about a letter to the city from Jeff Kaufmann, representing the Friends of the Oakdale Cemetery in Wilton. A group is working to restore some of the older headstones in the cemetery and is trying to raise around \$30,000 to do so, according to the letter, read in part by council member Ted Marolf, who mentioned that the letter asked the city to consider a \$2,500-\$5,000 donation to the project. Stanley advised Horne to look into the budget and see what kind of donation could possibly be made, and to report back at a future meeting. It was noted that the city already donates \$10,000 per year to the cemetery for annual maintenance.

* Council member Steve Owens asked about perhaps adding a handicap parking space near the Wilton Candy Kitchen. Horne said the amount of handicap spaces are designated by ordinance, and he would look into it with regard to Wilton’s downtown. He’ll then report back to council on the findings as they consider the idea.

* A public hearing on the upcoming FY2022 budget will occur at the March 8 meeting.

Council members Sheryl Lenker, Owens, Stanley, Marolf and Wayne Budding were present. All action taken was unanimous. The next meeting is March 8 at 7 p.m.

Innovative minds awarded



The Durant robotics team, the Mechanicats, received the Innovate Award at a recent League Tournament, and advanced to Super Qualifiers. The League Tournament is the first round of the postseason for robotics, 12 teams will move on from each location. Super Qualifiers are the second round, eight teams move on from there (each super qualifier will have 24 teams: 12 from each of two league tournaments). Those teams will compete at state, and four will move on from there. Finally, Worlds is at either Detroit (north) or Houston (south). This season has been remote (meaning teams set up a field and run the competition and then report scores). Super Qualifiers will be April 3. State will probably be mid to late May. Worlds will be mid-summer. Participating were (from left) coach Joey Kramer, Gannon Ryan, Blake Thoma, Timothy Junis, Brock Jones and Logan Wolf. According to coach Kramer, “The Innovate Award is given to teams who come up with an interesting way of solving the problem. The Mechanicats came up with both some interesting code solutions (a way to stabilize the voltage running to the flywheels) and 3D-printed parts (including a ramp/basket system to carry disks) to work through this year’s competition.” Photo courtesy of Durant CSD

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fen to keep it down. Even with both meds, his temp stayed 101-102 degrees. Tuesday, he was still lethargic with high fever, and now he was having abdominal pain. We went back in to the doctor, where they repeated labs, which again didn't show anything majorly concerning, but his doctor was definitely concerned because the antibiotics should have kicked in by now.

His rash was also a rash he had never seen before, and was definitely concerned. At that point, he mentioned MIS-C, which we didn't know much about and he did not either, so we decided to make the drive straight to Iowa City. The University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics did a CT scan to rule out any appendix or stomach issues, and admitted him to the children's hospital.

They did blood work specific to look for MIS-C and it was bad. His Inflammatory markers, cardiac markers, and blood clotting factors were through the roof. Blood pressure was low, and his resting heart rate overnight spiked up to 170, and his echocardiogram showed his heart wasn't functioning the way it should. Wednesday morning, he was sent to the PICU for heart failure.

His first night in PICU was the scariest. They mentioned having to incubate him if his blood pressure kept dropping. They put him on meds to help his heart pump, steroids, and did two rounds of IVIG, which is intravenous immunoglobulin that comes from plasma to help your immune system. After IVIG, he was able to come off the heart meds and his fever broke.

His blood pressure was showing improvement, and he was definitely starting to feel better. We were sent back to the pediatric floor eventually, where he stayed on steroids and anticoagulants for blood clots. We did repeat echocardiograms and EKGs to monitor his heart and after seven nights, he got to go home.

He had to go home on steroids, aspirin, and we had to give him blood clotting injections/ shots in his leg two times per day.

We have been following up with cardiology, rheumatoid and hematology for lab work and echocardiograms and EKGs. His last echocardiogram showed his heart functioning normally, and we will just keep monitoring with follow-up tests. They don't know long-term effects from all of this, which is scary.

He will have a MRI of his brain to check for a stroke, and they will also do one of his heart in a few weeks. We learned while in the hospital most kids with MIS-C are asymptomatic kids who never even know they had COVID-19, or had mild symptoms, but are presenting with MIS-C weeks later.

They told us just getting an exposure to COVID-19 can give your body the antibodies, which can cause the MIS-C. There were a few other kids in PICU with Nathan who all were having lung issues. It can damage any organ. Yes MIS-C is rare, but with Iowa's big spike, there is definitely a rise in MIS-C, and people still don't take COVID-19 seriously and think it is made up. Our son has never had a heart issue in his life, not even a murmur, and he got so sick.

According to the CDC, there have been 2,060 cases of MIS-C in the United States, and 30 deaths. In Iowa, the estimate is anywhere from 11-30 cases. Most were in children ages 1-14; 99 percent of cases also tested positive for COVID-19; and 58 percent of cases were male.

Katy said it's too early to tell, according to Nathan's doctors, whether or not this is something he could deal with again. He was the first patient his pediatrician ever had be diagnosed with MIS-C. While he was in the hospital, Katy said there were three other kids in with it, but all had lung issues. Nathan was the only patient at the time with it attacking his heart.

Once properly diagnosed, Nathan was able to receive appropriate care, and began to stabilize. "He's doing good. Every follow-up has shown stable book work," said mother Katy.

"His heart looks to be functioning normally. We're going to have it re-checked every three months since we just don't know. He was fine, it was like a late reaction. A lot of people don't take COVID-19 seriously. We just want people

to be aware. I know a lot of people don't test their kids. But knowing is power. The sooner you do treatment (for MIS-C) the sooner kids get better."



Nathan Paustian of Durant, shown in an Iowa City hospital bed while battling MIS-C, a rare syndrome that affects children who have had COVID-19. Nathan had COVID-19 in November, and MIS-C in December. After proper treatment, he is doing well.

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Wilton library offering 'Story Time in a Bag'

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the Wilton Public Library has begun offering "Story Time in a Bag."

Each bag will have 2-3 books, an activity or two, a craft, and a finger play.

Current hours at the Wilton library are Monday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Masks are still required to be worn while in the library.

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The Tri-County Eagles 4-H Club was looking for ways to give back to the community around the holidays, and decided as a club to make a monetary donation to the Durant-Wilton Food Pantry near Christmas time. Pictured include (from left) Jon Koppenhaver of the food pantry, Adison Daufeldt, Bryce Daufeldt, Elizabeth Daufeldt and Brady Daufeldt. The Tri-County Eagles donated \$150 to the food pantry. Photo by Carissa Hoekstra

Red Cross calls for healthy blood donors following severe weather

Record breaking cold and winter storms across much of the U.S. have had a significant impact on blood donations. The American Red Cross is urging healthy individuals, especially those with type O blood, to give now to ensure blood products are available for patient emergencies when help can't wait.

Extreme winter weather has forced the cancellation of hundreds of Red Cross blood drives in about 30 states, and caused more than 15,000 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected.

Every day thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant, even during snowstorms and the COVID-19 pandemic. To help ensure lifesaving patient care isn't impacted, individuals are urged to make appointments to donate in the coming days and weeks by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies, and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19 patients.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

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State Historical Society of Iowa invites Iowans to engage with history

■ Celebrate Iowa History Month beginning March 1

DES MOINES — As Iowa commemorates its 175th anniversary of statehood this year, the State Historical Society of Iowa is taking a deeper dive into the state's past during Iowa History Month, beginning March 1. Gov. Kim Reynolds kicked off the month with an official proclamation, noting key milestones dating back to Iowa's entry into the Union in 1846.

Highlights of the month-long celebration include a new museum exhibition, a statewide book club, at-home activities for children and families, and an array of online presentations all about Iowa history.

The new exhibition, "Iowa's People & Places," opens March 5 at the State Historical Museum of Iowa, and explores more than 13,000 years of history with artifacts that cover a broad range of experiences. American

Indian settlements, statehood, court rulings, legislation, immigration and elections set the course for Iowa and still affect Iowans today.

The exhibition's statewide mix of artifacts represents a mosaic of Iowa's cultural diversity, including stone tools made by some of the earliest inhabitants of the land that would become Iowa, handcrafted Meskwaki beadwork, an embroidered story cloth made by a Hmong immigrant, and several items from the life and high-flying career of astronaut Peggy Whitson.

The State Historical Society of Iowa also has organized a new Iowa History Book Club, which kicks off March 11 with a discussion about "Iowa: The Middle Land," authored by the legendary historian Dorothy Schwieder. Additional book club discussions are scheduled quarterly throughout the year.

Other ways Iowans and others can join the month-long celebration:

* Noon, March 2: Tune in online to preview

the "Iowa's People & Places" exhibition that opens March 5 at the State Historical Museum of Iowa. State Curator Leo Landis leads the presentation, which is part of the "Iowa History 101" series."

* Noon, each Tuesday and Thursday: Watch more "Iowa History 101" programs online to learn about notable names from the past, including Inpaduta, Emir Abd El-Kader and many others. Registration is free but required.

* Opening March 5: Visit a new exhibition called "Iowa's People & Places" at the State Historical Museum of Iowa and explore more than 13,000 years of history with artifacts from across the state.

* 7 p.m. March 11: Participate in the inaugural discussion of the online Iowa History Book Club, featuring legendary historian Dorothy Schwieder's "Iowa: The Middle Land."

* Noon, March 17: Tune in to an "Iowa

Stories" presentation from the State Historical Society's Research Center in Iowa City, featuring "The Cherry Sisters: The Best Worst Act in the World."

* Noon, March 25: Log in for "100 Years of Donna Reed," another "Iowa History 101" presentation, when Reed's daughter, Mary Owen of Iowa City, will share rarely seen family photos from her mother's early days in Denison. Reed's career includes her Academy Award-winning performance in "From Her to Eternity" (1953), "The Donna Reed Show" (1958-1966) and "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946), which marks its 75th anniversary this year.

The State Historical Society of Iowa is a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. More information is available at iowaculture.gov.

Third round of Iowa Energy Center Competitive Grant Program open

DES MOINES — The Iowa Energy Center (IEC) Board and the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) announced the opening of the third round of the IEC Grant Program at the IEC quarterly board meeting.

Designed to facilitate energy-related economic development in Iowa, the program will begin accepting pre-applications. Submissions must support projects and initiatives that align with the Iowa Energy Plan and IEC's activities and will be accepted through iowagrants.gov until March 19.

The IEC Grant Program is funded by gas and electric utilities across Iowa and open to Iowa businesses, colleges, universities and private nonprofit agencies and foundations. The program supports projects that provide a benefit to Iowa's residential and commercial customers. Projects must also aid in the implementation of at least one of the seven key focus areas of the

Iowa Energy Plan: technology-based research and development, energy workforce development, support for rural and underserved areas, biomass conversion, natural gas expansion in underserved areas, electric grid modernization and alternative fuel vehicles.

Grant awards will range from \$10,000 to \$1 million, however, most grants awarded will be in the \$150,000-\$300,000 range. The IEC Board makes at least one funding announcement per fiscal year, and the application process includes both a pre-application and application phase. The updated program policies and procedures handbook and pre-application guide are available online.

For additional program information, please contact Amber Buckingham at 515.348.6222 or iecgrants@iowaeda.com or visit iowaeda.com/iowa-energy-office/grants/.

Room for 125 more Freedom Rock pavers

Orders are being taken by the Muscatine County Freedom Rock committee for a second installation of engraved pavers that will take place in late spring or early summer.

"We have room for about 125 more engraved pavers," said Ted Marolf. "We'll be taking orders for pavers until April 1. At that point, we'll send the orders off for engraving with the installation taking place sometime in the May-June time frame. Go to our website to

print out a form, or give us a call at 563-554-4750 and we'll walk you through the ordering process."

Paver order forms can be printed from the Freedom Rock website at www.muscatine-countyfreedomrock.com or hard copies can be picked up at the Wilton Development Corporation office at Wilton City Hall. Information is also available at the Muscatine County Freedom Rock Facebook page.

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Wilton-Durant AN OBITUARIES

Robert Hogan, Jr.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, Robert George Hogan, Jr. peacefully passed away in his home at the age of 62.

Robert was born in 1959 in West Liberty, Iowa, the son of Robert George and Ann Rose (Elvin) Hogan, Sr. After graduating from West Liberty High School, he enlisted in the United States Army. He was stationed in San Francisco, the DMZ of the Republic of Korea, and was assigned to the "Enewetak Atoll Cleanup Project" in the Marshall Islands. He served in the Army from 1976 until his discharge as the rank of Sergeant, in 1981. Robert worked at North Star Steel/Gerdau Ameristeel, retiring after 38 years.

He was a talented mechanic, and enjoyed working on small motors and electronics. Extremely bright and well read, he held a special interest in world and U.S. history, and a penchant for remembering historic dates and details. Robert was a HAM Radio operator, and held an Amateur Radio License for decades. He loved to fish and appreciated animals and nature, and spent a great deal of time outdoors. Extremely private and modest, he was a



Robert Hogan, Jr.

true patriot and a "gentle giant" with a wicked sense of humor, who insisted on living his life on his own terms.

He will be missed by his friends, NSS/Gerdau steel workers, Amanda Nesbit of Wilton and his pets.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In line with his wishes and COVID-19, there will be no formal service. A celebration of his life will take place among friends post-COVID.

Custom obituary

Carolyn Bauer

Carolyn F. Bauer, 85 of Wheatland died at Genesis East Medical Center, Davenport on Monday Feb. 15, 2021. Family services will be held at a later date.

Chapman Funeral Home has Carolyn and her family in their care. Online condolences may be left at www.chapmanfh.com.

Cards may be sent to Kelly Mente at: 317 North Wright Street, Wheatland, IA 52777.

Carolyn was born July 18, 1935 in Wheatland to Allan and Norma Witte Hein. She married Jerry Bauer on Sept. 2, 1956 in Bennett, Iowa.

Carolyn loved to watch her Chicago Bears and Cubs, along with Iowa Hawkeye sports. She also enjoyed gardening, canning and sewing.

She is survived by her husband Jerry; sons Mark of Manchester and Chuck of Greeley, Colorado; daughters Sue (Steve) Henderson of Durant, Jana (Dan) Schneckloth of Eldridge, and Kelly (Scott) Mente of Wheatland; grandchildren Amie Jones, Matt Beatty,



Carolyn Bauer

Maggie and Katie Bauer, Amber Trenkamp, Chelsi Goetsch, Justine Maass, Stephanie Rohling, Jeff Mente, and Brittany Selby; step grandchildren Cait Brown, and Nick and Jake Schneckloth; 9 great-grandchildren; and her special friend Helen Parker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson Shane Bauer; and step grandson Dane Schneckloth.

Custom obituary

Lunch Menus

WILTON

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Monday, March 1

Breakfast: Bagel w/Cream Cheese and Sausage Patty
Lunch: Multi Cheese Bread w/Sauce Italian Pasta Salad, Buttered Peas and Carrots Kiwi or Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Tuesday, March 2

Breakfast: Long John and Ham Slice
Lunch: Cheese Cup w/Yellow Corn Chips Refried Beans, Tossed Salad w/Dressing Pineapple, Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Wednesday, March 3

Breakfast: Sausage biscuit
Lunch: Chicken Patty w/WG Bun Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Strawberries Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Thursday, March 4

Breakfast: Blueberry Bagel w/Cream Cheese
Lunch: Tenderloin w/WG Bun, Glazed Carrots Red Pepper Strips. Mandarin Orange Segments Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Friday, March 5

Breakfast: Egg Patty and Toast
Lunch: Sea Shaped Fish Nuggets w/Sauce Cheese Potatoes, Baked Beans, Apple Slices Ham & Cheese Sandwich

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DURANT

(A variety of milk and juices are served daily. Breakfast has a choice of cereal, Uncrustable PB&J, and a variety of bagels with cream cheese in addition to the daily menu choices.)

Monday, March 1

Breakfast: Bagel Mini w/ Cream Cheese Variety of Fruit Juices, 1% Milk
Lunch: Tator Tot Casserole with Bread/Butter Cat Pack- Hardboiled Egg/Wheat Thins Crackers & Sliced American Cheese. Sides: Carrots, Lettuce Salad, Cinnamon Apples Fresh Orange

Tuesday, March 2

Breakfast: Cheese Omelet w/ Tortilla Shell Variety of Fruit Juices, 1% Milk
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets CAT PACK- Cinnamon Bears/Amazin Chick-pea Chocolate Spread/Co-Jack Cheese Sides: Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Pear

Wednesday, March 3

Breakfast: Quaker Chocolate Chunk Granola Bar, Variety of Fruit Juices, 1% Milk
Lunch: FIESTA PIZZA Cat Pack-Smucker's Uncrustables Strawberry or Grape. Sides: Carrots, Shredded Lettuce, Salsa, Clementine, Applesauce Cup

Thursday, March 4

Breakfast: Apple Fudgel Variety of Fruit Juice, 1% Milk
Lunch: Walking Taco Cat Pack-ZeeZee Cocoa Cherry Bar String Cheese/Yogurt Sides: Carrots, Shredded Lettuce, Salsa, Blueberries, Fresh Apple-sliced

Friday, March 5

Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll Variety of Fruit Juices, 1% Milk
Lunch: Shrimp Poppers Cat Pack- Pizza Munchable Sides: Cottage Cheese, Carrots, Lettuce Salad Pineapple Tidbits, Kiwi-Strawberry Sidekicks

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TOWN CRIERS

Oliver Mitchell

Oliver Ron is the name selected for the son born Feb. 13, 2021 to Tyler and Kristin Mitchell of Muscatine.

Born at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, Oliver weighed 8 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces and measured 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Ron and Jodi McConnaha

of Moscow, Scott and Melanie Mitchell of Afton, and Rochelle and Monty Carver of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Great-grandparents are Mardell and the late Grant McConnaha of Muscatine, the late Rene and Joyce VanDeWalle of Stockton, Bruce and Anna Cameron of Ankeny, and James and Cheryl Mitchell of Creston.

Family news is free in the Advocate News! Forms available at wdadvocateneews.com

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

AREA

Calvary United Methodist, Walcott
Pastor Joy Mitchell • www.walcottchurch.org
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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 Mary • 563-320-0501
5:30 p.m. Sundays - Free Dinner, Worship & Discussion at Living Faith Service
8:30-9:30 a.m. every other Saturday Adult Confirmation Class

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

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

Peace Church of Christ United, UCC
www.peacechurchofchristunited.com
414 Maple St., Bennett
Pastor Scott Meyer • 563-893-2565
Secretary Hours: Mon 9-12:30; Tues 9-12:30; Thurs 9-12:30
Pastor's Hours: Monday by appt; Tuesday 9-12:30; Wednesday 9-12/2-5; Thursday by appt; Friday 9-12
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship-available in person, on our Facebook page or F&B channel 60

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

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 a.m. Worship every Sunday

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10:30 a.m. Worship

DURANT

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Sunday Worship-9:00 a.m.
Bible Study-Tuesday at noon
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St. Paul's Episcopal 206 6th St.
Rev. Dr. Alice Haugen, Pastor
website: stpaulsdurant.org
9 a.m. Sunday Worship w/Eucharist
Children's service, 2nd Sunday
Healing service, 3rd Sunday

St. David's Anglican Church
801 5th St., Durant
Greg Graybill, Pastor
www.stdavidsdurant.info
9:30 Sunday Worship, followed by refreshments
3rd Sunday outreach service at Courtyard Estates in Walcott at 11:30 a.m.
6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study led by Pastor Greg Graybill gregory.graybill@gmail.com
509-301-1760 Pastor Greg Graybill

WILTON

First Presbyterian Church
213 W. 5th St., Wilton • fpcfwilton.org
Pastor Jennifer Jennings 563-732-2258
email: fpcpastor@netwtc.net or fpcsec@netwtc.net
Hours change effective Sept. 13
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship & online

Grace United Church of Christ
Pastor Patrick Slessor
www.graceuccwilton.org
10:30 a.m. Church Services
Friday: 7 p.m. AA and AI-Anon.

Heartland Fellowship Church
http://www.myhfcwilton.org/
9:30 a.m. Children's Ministries
10:30 a.m. Adult Worship/Children's Church
Wed. 6 p.m. The Summit Youth Group
Small Group Meetings throughout the week

Peace United Methodist
Pastor Sandra Berryman
8:45 a.m. Sunday Worship.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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

St. Mary's Catholic
701 E. 3rd, Wilton • 563- 732-2271
Rev. David Steinfeld, Pastor
email: Steinfeld@diodav.org
https://www.stmarywilton.org
8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Tues-Fri Mass: 8 a.m.

United Methodist
1401 Maurer St., PO Box 57, Wilton
Pastor Steve Braudt • 563-732-2084
Website: www.umcofwilton.org
email: PastorSteveBraudt@gmail.com
Live Stream on YouTube at
http://www.youtube.com/c/UnitedMethodistChurchOfWiltonIowa
Worship Sunday 10:15 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube and 7 p.m. on YouTube
Online Devotional: Wed, Thurs at 3 p.m. on YouTube. Virtual Sunday School 1 pm Facebook

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

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



Bennett Pre-K registration open

The Bennett Community School District is now enrolling three and four year olds for preschool for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Bennett offers a half-day program, with extended day available for 4-year olds.

Transportation home is available within the district.

Call the school at 563-890-2228 for more information, or to request an enrollment form.

Manufacturing 4.0 roadmap for Iowa

DES MOINES — Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, along with the Iowa Economic Development Authority and the Iowa Innovation Council, announced the state's Manufacturing 4.0 plan, a roadmap to help Iowa manufacturers remain globally competitive through a fourth industrial revolution that emphasizes automation and smart technology.

"The state's Manufacturing 4.0 plan recognizes that Iowa's manufacturing sector supplies global markets with everything from food products to aerospace electronics," said Gov. Kim Reynolds. "To maintain our leadership role, Iowa businesses are already thinking outside the box to adapt to the ever-changing demands of the 21st century economy. This roadmap will outline new strategies to support their efforts and ensure Iowa's future prosperity is widespread, reaching all people in all parts of Iowa."

The fourth industrial revolution, or Industry 4.0, includes the Internet of Things, additive manufacturing, advanced robotics, augmented reality, cybersecurity and more. These digital technologies may not replace jobs, but they will transform how work is performed, including how products are designed, fabricated, consumed and serviced.

The IEDA formed an industry-led Manufacturing 4.0 initiative in 2020 with the goal of creating a strategic plan to take on the Industry 4.0 challenges of adopting technology, increasing productivity, competing for talent and ongoing globalization.

"Manufacturers are embracing industrial automation, and yet this transition represents a significant challenge, especially for small- to medium-sized manufacturers who must make expensive purchases, integrate technology into their operations and retrain workers," said Hank Norem, president and CEO of Ramco Innovations and co-chair of the IIC's Advanced Manufacturing Work Group. "The strategies outlined in the Manufacturing 4.0 plan will support manufacturers through this critical transition."

The IIC is an advisory group made up of state business leaders who work with representatives from Iowa's community colleges, universities and government to advise IEDA on programs to support commercialization and entrepreneurship. The IIC's Advanced Manufacturing Work Group led the Manufacturing 4.0 initiative with support from TEconomy Partners, manufacturing leaders across the state and IEDA.

"Iowa has honored its legacy in manufacturing by recognizing the need for state and industry leaders to work together to ensure our state remains competitive in this critical industry," said Kevin Gaul, director of operations for Pella Corp. and co-chair of the IIC's Advanced Manufacturing Work Group. "Public-private partnerships like the Manufacturing 4.0 initiative fuel innovation and ensure success for generations to come."

The Manufacturing 4.0 plan includes five strategic priorities, including adapting Iowa's economic development incentives to encourage the manufacturing industry's investment in emerging technologies.

To read the Manufacturing 4.0 executive summary and full report, visit www.iowaeda.com/our-agency/reports/.

		Budget FY 2022	Re-estimated FY 2021	Actual FY 2020
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	1,294,440	1,255,513	1,188,314
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	1,294,440	1,255,513	1,188,314
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	30,250	25,780	0
Other City Taxes	6	184,332	187,988	215,496
Licenses & Permits	7	20,000	18,600	21,316
Use of Money and Property	8	32,844	38,340	60,197
Intergovernmental	9	417,387	423,355	520,401
Charges for Fees & Service	10	1,246,358	1,204,876	1,248,670
Special Assessments	11	8,040	27,000	110,632
Miscellaneous	12	88,481	205,047	1,356,376
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	95,000
Transfers In	14	599,787	777,939	772,838
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	3,921,919	4,164,438	5,589,240
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	641,641	619,501	547,733
Public Works	17	506,908	656,018	717,784
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	417,278	550,788	340,257
Community and Economic Development	20	119,350	122,699	129,696
General Government	21	247,547	264,721	234,768
Debt Service	22	432,376	431,590	432,349
Capital Projects	23	88,666	56,003	122,079
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	2,453,766	2,701,320	2,524,666
Business Type / Enterprises	25	1,266,642	1,162,231	1,103,363
Total ALL Expenditures	26	3,720,408	3,863,551	3,628,029
Transfers Out	27	599,787	777,939	772,838
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	4,320,195	4,641,490	4,400,867
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-398,276	-477,052	1,188,373
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	3,100,152	3,577,204	2,388,831
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	2,701,876	3,100,152	3,577,204

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OPINION



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Backyard rivalry showed its true Blue & Gold colors last week

Like a politician, if I tried hard enough, I could probably argue that every month at the Advocate News is our busiest month — or more specifically, my busiest month. However, whether I'm being a bit of a prisoner of the moment or not, February is always brutal.

For me, this is due primarily to the winter sports season coming to a close, with final contests in basketball, wrestling and bowling all happening within about 7-10 days of each other. They all involve a ton of travel, statistical gathering, interviews, etc.

From a wrestling standpoint, it means that for three straight Saturdays in February, our area grapplers spend their Saturdays on a trek to, and competing in, the state tournament in Des Moines.

Thankfully from a geographical standpoint, the state bowling tournament has been held in Waterloo in recent years, which is closer to us than Des Moines. For the first time in a few years, we failed to get a Durant team there. Yet Kayden Johnson qualified with a hot Regional tournament in Muscatine over the weekend. We'll watch this week as he competes in Waterloo. (Note: This went to press prior to the state bowling tournament.)

Regional and District basketball typically

begins with Backyard Challenge rivalry matchups between our Wilton and Durant teams. This year, they didn't disappoint.

For anyone following our area basketball teams, the Wilton vs. Durant games were worth the price of admission all season long. From overtime games to last-second shots, the Wildcats and Beavers provided several unforgettable moments for fans this season.

Especially the "win or go home games" last week. If you look at it on paper, the Beaver basketball teams finished around 0.500, and the Durant teams struggled to find wins.

However, Durant was ready when it came to opening round District and Regional play. On back-to-back nights, Wilton fans got to see Durant take their Beavers to the wire. On Monday, Feb. 15 in Durant, the host Cats were up all second half on Wilton, before the Sawvell twins (Caleb and Colby) hit cold-blooded threes to bring Wilton back to win by one.

The next night in Wilton, Durant hung around all night, looking to pull the upset. Nicole Brown was hitting threes all game for the Wildcats,

something I had been waiting all year to see. She had a dual with Wilton's Peyton Souhrada, who hit five threes, plus two big free throws in the final seconds to help Wilton win by four.

The players, coaches and fans will remember those games/moments forever.

Back to the wrestling mats for a moment.

We saw a decorated career come to an end on the biggest stage in Wells Fargo Arena Saturday night (Feb. 20), when Wilton senior Kael Brisker fell in the state finals at 138 pounds in Class 1A.

Seemingly on the same trek as his brother Trey, who spent his entire career climbing the state podium until claiming a state title as a senior, I truly felt Saturday night was going to be Kael's night.

He's got one of the best motors I've seen in a Wilton wrestler. Often throughout his career, he took pleasure on technically dominating his opponents, collecting countless technical falls (beating an opponent by 15 or more points). That style and those memories made it that much harder to watch a finals match where

an opponent wrestled so defensive, it stymied Brisker's modus operandi.

One of the most difficult parts of the job is interviewing a young person who came up just short of a lifelong dream — one that he or she has worked so hard for. Kael's one of the good ones. As his coach Gabe Boorn would say, he's going to be just fine. Doesn't make the pill any harder to swallow. The moment wasn't too big for him. It wasn't a lack of preparedness. As Kael himself said, it was just tough wrestling the biggest match of your life against an opponent not taking shots back.

Extensive coverage of area basketball, bowling and wrestling can be found on pages 10-13.

We shift now to spring sports — golf and track. It was last spring when COVID-19 hit, and took school and sports away for months, starting with track and golf. I'm sure our athletes are itching to get back on the track/course.

Lastly, kudos to our local teams for navigating this virus while at the same time having kids prepared for games. Our Wilton and Durant winter teams rarely missed an event on the calendar. That perhaps was the biggest victory of these last few months.

Case in Point

By Derek Sawvell

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Explaining the election integrity bill

This week I will write about the election integrity bill. I first want to address the question of why we are doing an election bill. Two of the major responsibilities of the State Government Committee that I chair are protecting our pension system, and ensuring our election integrity is high. The 2020 elections here in Iowa went very well.

I strongly believe in treating government like a business. What do you do when you have a very successful year in business? You do not put it on autopilot and hope it replicates itself. You do a thorough review of what you did right and wrong and look for ways to improve, and that's exactly what we are doing with election law in Iowa. We are ensuring that the next election is just as, if not more successful than the last.

We have a track record of passing good election legislation here in Iowa. We have passed two major election bills in the past three years, and we have won all legal challenges in court in the end. Those bills

were law when the 2020 election took place and I argue those laws CONTRIBUTED to the success despite spin and attacks against them. I want to address the media coverage surrounding the bill. I am not anti-media. I think our small-town newspapers do a tremendous job of being fair and balanced. They are terrific. I generally have good relations with reporters from our larger newspapers in the larger urban areas. I share that with you so you know my extreme disappointment in how those large urban newspapers handled "educating" the public on this bill. I am the manager of the bill, but not ONE of them reached out to me for comment. Not one! They chose, instead, to write incredibly biased accounts full of inaccuracies.

This election bill ensures that all Iowans can have faith in our election system. The first thing the bill does is enact criminal and civil penalties for election officials who egregiously and knowingly commit election crimes. I want to be clear that I think 95 percent (plus) of our auditors did a tremendous job handling the 2020 election. There were, however, three rogue auditors from urban counties who knowingly

made decisions contrary to Iowa election law. One auditor even taunted the Secretary of State, acknowledging that he knew he was breaking the law but asked what he was going to do about it. If any private citizen knowingly commits election fraud there are strong penalties. There will now be similar strong penalties for those officials who knowingly set out to break the law.

What these auditors did is similar to your financial institution publishing a private financial record of a private citizen. It is unacceptable. Three separate court decisions ruled against these three auditors on this very issue.

The second thing the bill does is ensure absentee voting security. Absentee voting is a tool many Iowans of all political stripes support, INCLUDING ME. In fact, absentee voting was very good to me in the last election. The bill amends the absentee voting period to reflect the national average. Under the new proposal you will

still have three WEEKS to vote, which is 493 hours. I have yet to hear one legitimate reason why someone cannot vote in that time frame.

You will still be inundated with absentee ballot requests, you will still very easily be able to obtain an absentee ballot, and you will still be able to very easily cast that ballot. The measures in the bill simply add security to the process so you can have faith that every Iowan who casts a ballot trusts the system is secure. We will also protect the vote of our disabled Iowans, military men and women, and other unique cases.

I cannot explain the entire bill in one column, so I will dedicate another column to the amendment I am working on. I have heard some concerns from Democrats, auditors, and the public. I am working on an amendment to address many of those concerns that were suggested.

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Your Capitol Voice

By Rep. Bobby Kaufmann



From the Wahls of the Senate

By Sen. Zach Wahls



Iowa needs Essential Workers Bill of Rights

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased many Iowans' appreciation of "essential workers." These are folks who continue to punch the clock daily, spending long hours doing jobs that we couldn't do without and can't do from home — health care professionals, grocery store clerks, delivery people, utility workers and more.

We have a responsibility to make sure our public policies support the needs of those workers long after this crisis ends — including basic benefits like paid family and medical leave, living wages, proper compensation benefits for work-related injuries and diseases, and eliminating barriers to health care.

Unfortunately, instead of supporting essential workers, Iowa Republicans passed a law last year that gave blanket immunity to companies like Tyson that endangered the health and safety of Iowans. That measure should be reversed, and we should pass a bipartisan compromise to fairly balance the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers.

Instead of passing laws that treat essential workers as expendable workers, Iowa should implement an Essential Workers Bill of Rights that includes:

- Requiring employers to provide up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave for eligible employees to bond with a new child, care for a family member with a serious health condition or care for their own serious health condition. SF 137 would help by providing sick leave for workers who contract COVID-19 or must take care for a family member with the virus.
- Providing hazard pay for essential workers in harm's way. I support establishing a grant fund for hazard pay to essential workers in

environments that expose them to the risk of COVID-19 (SF 412).

- Making sure workers who contract COVID-19 on the job are eligible for worker's compensation. Workers who do their part to keep our communities going deserve that support while laid up due to work-related illness (SF 138).
- Requiring the Iowa Labor Commissioner to provide enforceable health and safety standards for workplaces and COVID-19. The pandemic has brought to light many the risks workers encounter in certain jobs. Workplace standards ought to be adjusted accordingly.
- Providing whistleblower protections

for employees who file a complaint due to risk of contracting COVID-19 in the workplace. Nobody should fear retribution for a good-faith effort to address workplace safety concerns.

- Requiring employers to report positive COVID-19

cases to all individuals directly or indirectly impacted at the workplace. This simple step would ensure all workers have they information they need to take care of their own health and that of their family.

Iowa Senate Democrats are ready to work with Republicans to support our essential workers. And if you have any additional ideas on what this Essential Workers Bill of Rights should include, I'd love to hear from you. Please send me an email at zach.wahls@legis.iowa.gov.

Contact information:

State Senator Zach Wahls represents Iowa Senate District 37, which includes Cedar County, portions of Johnson County, and Wilton in Muscatine County. Contact him at the Statehouse at 515-281-3901 or zach.wahls@legis.iowa.gov.

If it isn't broke, why fix it?

Editor:

After a record number of voters legally cast their ballots this past November, the state Legislature is considering a solution to a non-existent problem. It will make it more difficult for everyone to get an absentee ballot, to cast your ballot and more likely your name will be dropped from the list of registered voters.

All of this after only THREE individual violations were found to have taken place in all of Iowa in the most recent election.

The legislation will shorten the number of days you can request an absentee ballot, cast a ballot, and make you register all over again if you did not vote in the last couple of years.

This is not the way to help the elderly to

cast their vote, does not help single moms to cast their vote, and it certainly disadvantages our service men and women overseas from obtaining or casting their vote in time!

The proposed legislation also takes away powers from YOUR county election officials for administering the election. It goes so far as to create a felony charge against county auditors if they fail to clean up voter lists, or not fulfill their responsibilities. We used to have local elections for the purpose of getting rid of officials who were not doing their jobs!

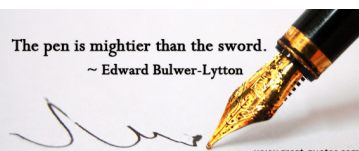
It makes me wonder why the Legislature is making it more difficult to vote?

Mark Patton
Wilton

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Frustrating finals match results in runner-up for Kael Brisker

By Derek Sawvell
Managing Editor, Advocate News

Wilton senior Kael Brisker has spent his decorated Beaver wrestling career being the aggressor on the mat. His aggressive nature resulted in dozens and dozens of technical falls throughout his career, as he spent four years climbing the state podium.

In his first trek to the state finals Feb. 20, Kael met an opponent who spent six minutes on defense, constantly keeping him at arm's length with a hand on the forehead. Logan Magnolia's Wyatt Reisz (47-2) kept Kael's offense at bay in the 138-pound Class 1A state finals, while netting three takedowns throughout the match to win 7-3 and claim a state championship.

Kael Brisker (51-2) finished runner-up in a career that included three podium stops along the way, and one finals appearance.

The match began with a Reisz takedown on an initial shot from Kael, who got out only to be taken down again later in the period. Another escape sent the match to the second with Reisz ahead 4-2.

The only point scored in the second was an escape to begin from Reisz. Kael's frustration showed as he was often pushed away from attempts at the midsection and/or legs of Reisz, who had length and reach.

Brisker started the final period down, and escaped, cutting the lead to 5-3, but a late takedown from Reisz with around 30 seconds to go sealed the title for the Logan Magnolia sophomore.

"It's hard to do things when the kid doesn't want to wrestle you back," said an emotional

Kael Brisker moments after the match. "It is what it is. I was pleased with my action but I can only do what I can do. If he doesn't open up it is what it is. He was blocking me off."

"We went into that match knowing what we needed to do and how that kid wrestles. We needed to push pace, but he only scored on our offense," said Wilton head coach Gabe Boorn. "Kael has a high pace and high-octane offense and that kid was stalling. It's hard to see when a kid doesn't open up. All he had to do was stop Kael's offense. It's heartbreaking for a kid who has dedicated numerous hours to this goal."

Kael finished as a 4-time state qualifier, placing sixth his sophomore year, fourth in junior year, and runner-up his senior year.

"It's different every year. This was a different step, getting to the finals. It's fun to get there, but it would have been better with the win," said Kael. "This will make me work harder."

"This will be fuel for the fire for the next level. He has everything he needs to be successful," said Boorn of Kael. "There's a lot to be proud of with what he's accomplished. But even 48 hours later, you still sit back and wonder what happened there (state finals). It will be a tough one to get over. Kael's a next-level athlete and he'll continue to prove it, go onto the next level and compete."

It wasn't the only time in the tournament when Brisker faced adversity. He began his trip to the finals with a convincing 22-6 tech fall over Lisbon's Indy Harbaugh, who he had



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

Photo by Derek Sawvell

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Wilton's **Tyrrell Hughes** (right) went 1-2 at the state tournament at 220 pounds in Class 1A, finishing a win away from the podium.

Photo by Jeff Yoder, The News



Wilton freshman **Garrett Burkle** (right) went 1-2 at the state tournament at 113 pounds in Class 1A, finishing a win away from the podium.

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Brody Brisker navigates consolation, finishes fourth

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beaten the week prior in Districts. In the quarterfinals, Kael found himself behind Underwood's Westin Allen (23-3) 2-1 heading to the second period. He was later behind 4-3 before a late takedown in the second to take the lead 5-4. Allen tied the match 5-5 in the third, but Brisker recorded four third period points to secure a 9-7 win.

In the semifinals, Brisker fought hard for a 4-3 lead in the first period over Hudson's Karter Krapfl (32-6) before making hay in the second, with an escape and a takedown to lead 7-3. He'd add two more in the third to eventually win 11-6, securing his first ever spot in the finals.

Kael made the switch to 138 midway through the season from 132, where his only defeat was to back-to-back state champ Aidan Noonan of Cascade. He quickly became No. 1 in the state in the rankings. Reisz came into the finals ranked No. 3.

Brody Brisker works to third place match

Kael's younger brother Brody Brisker saw a lot of mat time at the state tournament. The freshman competed at 106 pounds, and navigated his way through the consolation side of the bracket after falling in the Class 1A quarterfinals.

Two losses in the meet to Don Bosco's Caleb Coffin (26-5) meant a fourth place finish for

the Wilton freshman.

Brody finished the season ranked 10th in his weight class but fourth on the podium with an overall record of 51-6.

Brody began his first state tournament with an easy 19-4 tech fall win over Evan Boothroyd of West Hancock, Britt. In the quarterfinals, he got behind 6-0 to Coffin early in the third period before settling in with an escape and two takedowns down the stretch, falling just short 7-5.

He fell into consolation, where he picked up a 10-3 win over Cael Morrow of Akron-Westfield, followed by an 8-3 win over Kolton Munson of Ogden. He never trailed in either match.

In the consolation semifinals, Brody used a takedown and back points to build a 7-1 lead on Nashua-Plainfield's Kendrick Huck. He went onto win 9-2, setting up a rematch with Don Bosco's Coffin for third place.

Brody fell behind 4-1 in the first, and 7-2 through two periods. He scored two takedowns in the third but it was not enough in an 11-6 defeat that left him in fourth place.

"I let him in on my legs too much," said Brody of Coffin the first time they faced each other. "I bounced back (in consolation) to keep me pushing up the podium. Got the same kid in the third place match and couldn't stop his shot. It's tough, I wanted revenge but it didn't happen."

"He put together a heck of a tournament. He demonstrated what champions are made of," said Boom of Brody. "In the finals rematch

with the Bosco kid we knew what we needed to do. He gave it all he had, but unfortunately we came up short. But a fourth place finish is a lot to be proud of."

Five area wrestlers win matches, miss podium

Four remaining Wilton wrestlers, and one from Durant, made the trip to the state tourna-

ment. Garrett Burkle (113 pounds) and Tyrrell Hughes (220 pounds) each won a match before losing in the blood round. Durant's Ethan Gast (120 pounds), and Wilton's Colton Cruse (152 pounds) and Kaden Shirk (160 pounds) each went 0-2 in their first state tournament

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Wilton freshman **Brody Brisker** (top) wrestled his way to fourth place in Class 1A at 106 pounds. Photo by Jeff Yoder, The News



Durant junior **Ethan Gast** (right) went 0-2 at the state tournament at 120 pounds in Class 1A, in his first ever trip to state. Contributed photo



Wilton senior **Colton Cruse** (left) lost two close matches by two points each in the Class 1A state tournament at 152 pounds. Contributed photo

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Durant's Kayden Johnson punches ticket to state bowling

By Ben Huston
for the Advocate News

After missing a few tournaments due to injury, Kayden Johnson did not waste any-time jumping back in and leading the Durant Wildcats at their Regional state-qualifying tournament Feb. 18.

Johnson started his first game, at Rose Bowl in Muscatine, with 10 straight strikes. In the 11th frame, he left a 5-pin and covered that spare for a game of 289. Johnson followed it up with a 227 in his second game for a 2-game series of 516. He finished just six pins short of the top score for the tournament.

With his second place overall finish, Kayden qualified to bowl in Waterloo at the Iowa High School state bowling tournament Feb. 24.



Kayden Johnson

Ethan Schlapkohl (178+224=402) and Brady Meincke (199+188=387) were next in line for the Wildcats, followed by Cooper Huston (221+141=362), Tony Krebs (165+178=343) and Zack Pearlman (141+169=310).

The Wildcats bowled well but ran into

a very tough Regional group of teams. The No. 1 qualifying team in Class 1A, Louisa-Muscatine, and the lone 1A at-large qualifier, Monticello, were both in Durant's Regional. The Wildcats shot 2,923 and finished fourth place.

L-M was the top qualifying team in the state with a Muscatine Regional winning score of 3,251. Monticello qualified with a team score of 3,198.

Wildcat girls 3rd at Regionals

The Wildcat girls' bowling team also bowled its Regional state-qualifying tournament at Rose Bowl in Muscatine Feb. 16.

The Wildcats were led by a pair of seniors, Kayley Latham (180+175=355), who finished sixth place overall, and Emily Huston (201+151=352), who finished ninth overall.

Brooklyn Schlapkohl (163+162=325), Macyn Huston (141+140=281), Alyssa Digney (133+142=275) and Lauren Huston (104+104=208) were next on the team.

For the five baker games, the team averaged 141 and finished with a team total of 2,293. The girls finished in third place overall.

Both teams finished their season bowling well. The boys' team will be losing senior Tony Krebs, and the girls' team will lose seniors Kayley Latham and Emily Huston. Both teams will return a core of bowlers with varsity experience.



The Durant boys' bowling team includes (front from left) Tony Krebs, Zach Pearlman and AJ Loerzel; back row, coach Dan Sterner, Cooper Huston, Brady Meincke, Kayden Johnson and Ethan Schlapkohl. Johnson rolled a 516 series during state qualifying in Muscatine, securing a spot at the Class 1A state bowling tournament in Waterloo Feb. 24.

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The Durant girls' bowling team includes (front from left) Alyssa Digney, Macyn Huston and Kayley Latham; back row, coach Mick Henderson, Brooklyn Schlapkohl, Lauren Huston and Emily Huston.

Six of seven qualifiers return

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appearances.

Wilton senior Colton Cruse (45-12) had a tough draw in the opening round, but took Mount Ayr's Jaydon Knight (41-2) the distance in a tight 4-2 loss, which saw a 2-2 tie broken in the third with a Knight takedown with 1:22 to go. A takedown that wound up being the difference in the match. In the opening round of consolation, Cruse again lost by two 8-6 to Pekin's Cael Baker (32-11). Cruse was down 6-2 through two periods, but fought back to 8-6 with under 20 seconds left before running out of time.

"He put together a heck of a tournament. It was a tough draw to get the undefeated Mount Ayr kid, but there were 'coulda, woulda, shouldas' in that match. Just one mistake in the third, otherwise we were going overtime. On the backside we faced a kid who had already beaten us and gave him all we had. Cruse has a lot to be proud of and worked hard to get where he got. He finished on a high note," said Boorn.

At 113, Wilton's Burkle (38-11) lost by tech fall 19-3 to West Bend-Mallard's Donavon Hanson (41-3) in the first round. He fell into consolation, where he pinned Zach Williams of St. Albert in 4:48. In second round consolation, Burkle was defeated 11-3 by Dawson Bergan (44-8) of Edgewood-Colesburg, missing a chance at the podium in his first trek to state.

"Garrett had a good run, and heck of a freshman year. He and Brody had a great partnership this season. They'll push each other to climb that podium," said Boorn.

At 120 pounds, Durant's Ethan Gast was pinned in the first round by North Linn's Cade Cook (34-9) in 3:03, sending him to consolation, where he later lost to North Mahaska's Paul De Jong by fall in 4:48. A junior, it was Gast's first ever state tournament appearance.

At 160 pounds, Wilton sophomore Kaden Shirk (39-17) lost by fall (2:50) in the first round to Don Bosco's Cael Frost (33-6). In the opening round of consolation, Shirk was defeated 6-2 by Garrison Gettler (35-8) of AHSTW, Avoca. It was Shirk's first trip to the state tournament.

"I'm not sure if he believed he'd be there. But this will make him hungry," said Boorn of Shirk. "Now he knows he's a good wrestler, and if he puts in the work, he gets there. And he has two years left."

At 220 pounds, Wilton sophomore Tyrrell Hughes (31-10) lost in the first round by fall (1:09) to eventual state champion Cole Clark (38-0) of Lisbon in a rematch from Districts the week prior. In the opening round of consolation, Hughes bounced back with a 7-2 win over Sam Vonnahme of I-35, Truro. His first state trip ended a win away from the podium, with a loss by fall (5:47) to West Hancock, Britt's Cole Kelly (35-3).

"He stayed composed after the first round

and knew he had to win two to get on the podium. He finished his guy off (first round consolation) to get to Friday. The kid we drew was a tough kid with a bit more technique. We wrestled him well. For wrestling off feel and awareness, this will be a good stepping stone for Tyrrell," said Boorn.

Six of the seven state qualifiers will be back next season for the Wilton and Durant teams. Navigating through COVID-19 made

this season extra challenging.

"On paper, it looks like a normal year. In reality, it was the hardest year we've ever been through," said Wilton coach Boorn. "We only had five kids who had to quarantine for things outside our room. We really didn't miss anything. Our kids did a really good job following protocols. They did this because they wanted something more."



Wilton sophomore **Kaden Shirk** (left) went 0-2 at the state tournament at 160 pounds in Class 1A, in his first ever trip to state.

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Wilton's **Kael Brisker** is shown getting leverage in his semifinal match at 138 pounds, which he won to secure a spot in the state finals Feb. 20.

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Beavers win Backyard battle, fall short in Bellevue

By Derek Sawvell
Managing Editor, Advocate News

Class 2A Regional quarterfinal Wilton defeats Durant 47-43

It was another backyard battle Feb. 16, when the Wilton girls' basketball team hosted Durant in Class 2A Regional action. The visiting Wildcats put on their best defensive showing of the season, but fell short in a 47-43 loss.

Wilton's Peyton Souhrada led the way for the Beavers with 17 points on five threes, and two late free throws that iced the game and secured the victory.

Kelsey Drake added 13 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for Wilton.

Ally Happ led Durant with 17 points and 12 rebounds for a double-double. Nicole Brown was hot from the outside, scoring 12 points on four threes.

Brown and Souhrada each had threes early in the game. A late three from Wilton's Mallory Lange helped the Beavers lead 10-7 through a quarter of play.

Brown and Souhrada again started the second quarter off with a pair of threes. A later three from Souhrada helped Wilton to a 20-14 lead, but the cats cut it in half to trail 20-17 at the break. Both teams were playing zone defenses, which slowed play.

Four quick points from Happ in the third helped Durant to a 23-22 lead. A Brown three pushed the lead to 26-23, but a 7-0 run punctuated by a Souhrada three helped Wilton to regain a 30-26 advantage.

Happ made four free throws in the quarter's final moments to tie the game, but Grace Madlock made a bucket to give Wilton a 32-30 advantage heading to the fourth.

Souhrada's fifth three helped Wilton to a 35-31 lead. Brown hit an equalizer later, helping to cut the lead to 37-36. Isabelle DeLong also hit a three later in the period as Wilton led 43-41 with under a minute to play.

"Every time I made one, I felt like she'd get it back," said Peyton Souhrada of her dueling threes with Brown.

"She had a good week of practice. She's a senior who didn't want this to be her last game," said Durant coach Ross DeLong of Brown. "She was doing everything right tonight."

The Beavers missed five straight free throws before Ella Caffery made one of two to push the Wilton lead to four, 45-41. Happ then split two trips, making two of four free throws to cut the lead to 45-43 with 15 seconds to go.

Souhrada was sent to the line with five seconds left, and drained both foul shots to give Wilton a 4-point lead, putting it out of reach for Durant as the Beavers held on to win 47-43.

"I was nervous but excited because then we had it in the bag," said Peyton Souhrada of hitting the clutch free throws. "Everyone



Wilton's Lexi Walker drives to the hoop for a layup at Bellevue Feb. 19. The host Comets defeated Wilton 56-41 in the Regional semifinals.

gets after it in this rivalry. There are no easy plays or easy baskets. We were excited to get this game again."

"Peyton had a great showing tonight. She had more confidence after hitting a couple to start," said Wilton coach Jake Souhrada. "The free throws were big. She's come a long way with pressure to step up and hit those. These girls compete and go hard, and can adjust on the fly. Durant is going to give you their best effort in these games. And playing the third time, you're going to get an even better effort because they know you so well. Ross (DeLong) had them ready to go

"My girls couldn't play any harder. We always get to this point where we start doing everything right, then it's the end of our season," said Durant coach DeLong. "No matter who is the better team, these rivalry games come down to the wire. With our week of practice, I knew we had something for them."

Class 2A Regional semifinal Bellevue defeats Wilton 56-41

Wilton traveled to fellow River Valley Conference foe Bellevue Feb. 18, for a rematch with the 2A No. 6 ranked Comets, who came into the contest with just one loss on the season. However, Wilton had played them tough earlier in the season in the Beaver Den.

Bellevue was better in the rematch, using a strong first half to distance itself from Wilton in a 56-41 win that pushed the Comets' record



Durant's Ally Happ (middle) looks for a shot in traffic at Wilton Feb. 16. She scored 17 points and had 12 rebounds to lead Durant in a 47-43 loss to the Beavers.

Photos by Derek Sawvell

to 20-1. Wilton ended the season 12-11 overall.

It was a milestone night for Kelsey Drake, who scored her 1,000th career point and grabbed her 500th career rebound in the game.

Two separate early runs proved to be the difference for the Comets in the first quarter. It started with an early 11-2 run that pushed the lead to 11-4 to start the contest. Later in the opening frame, Bellevue had another 10-3 run to end the quarter with a 21-9 lead. Audrey Wedeking made four threes during the run, scoring all 12 of her points in the opening quarter.

A Souhrada three and bucket from Caffery cut the lead to 23-14, but Caffery was forced to exit moments later with her third foul. When she went to the bench, the Wilton offense went with it. Bellevue outscored the Beavers 9-1 the rest of the way, taking a 32-15 lead at halftime.

The Comet 1-3-1 defense kept Wilton out of the middle, and when the Beavers did get

inside, Bellevue's length contested and/or blocked several shots. The Comets had 11 blocks on the night.

Wilton began keeping pace in the second half. By early in the fourth quarter, a three from Souhrada and three points from Caffery cut the Bellevue advantage to 12 (43-31), but a 7-0 run pushed it to 20 (51-31) and the Comets cruised from there to the 56-41 win.

"Bellevue got off to a good start and it snowballed from there. I'm proud of how we competed and stayed in the game. They're 20-1 for a reason," said Wilton coach Souhrada. "Most of our losses were to ranked teams, and they're certainly one of those. Today wasn't our day."

Teresa Paulsen led Bellevue with 16 points and 11 boards. Julia Penniston had 13 points.

Caffery had 13 points and six rebounds for Wilton. Drake had nine points and eight rebounds. Souhrada also had nine points.

Hot Camanche fourth quarter ends Wilton's District run

By Derek Sawvell
Managing Editor, Advocate News

Class 2A District semifinal Camanche defeats Wilton 67-51

The final score was not indicative of the battle the Wilton boys' basketball team had for 3-plus quarters in Camanche Feb. 19.

In the end, the host Indians used an 18-3 run that spanned from the end of the third quarter through the early stages of the fourth to pull away from the Beavers 67-51.

Yet the score was tied at the half, and the Camanche (16-6) lead was just four in the latter part of the third quarter.

Wilton quickly built a 6-2 lead in the opening quarter, and kept pace with the Indians throughout, leading 15-13 with two made Clayton Guyer free throws to end the frame.

A 12-2 run to begin the second quarter gave Camanche a 25-17 lead. Caden Kirkman followed with a 3-point play that sparked a 10-2 run for the Beavers, capped off by a three from Caleb Sawvell. The game was tied 29-29 at the break thanks to a tip in from Kirkman near the buzzer.

Five points from Jackson Hull early in the third gave Wilton a 35-34 lead. With the game tied later 38-38, the Indians began their big run, scoring nine of the last 12 points of the quarter, and nine more to start the fourth. The 18-3 Camanche run gave the Indians a 56-41 lead.

"Our 2-3 zone frustrated them until the end of the third. I don't know if we got a bit tired, or they just got momentum, got hot and made shots. We don't have the mass they do. When that starts working for them, they're good," said Wilton coach Erik Grunder.

Aidan Walker answered with a three that cut the lead to 12 (56-44). Wilton cut it to 12 again later (61-49) on more Guyer free throws, but the Indians ran the whole fourth quarter, resulting in several fastbreak opportunities, including four dunks, en route to winning the quarter 20-10, and the game 67-51.

"They got hot and we couldn't find the answer. We couldn't keep up at the end," added Grunder. "Erwin is a good player. Some of his finishes were around our guys. That stresses the defense when those start falling."

Zach Erwin led the Indians with 26 points

and 12 rebounds.

Kirkman led Wilton with 19 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks. Hull added 10 points, Guyer had eight and Caleb Sawvell had seven.

Wilton finished the season 11-12 overall, winners of five of its last seven games.

"My hope was 10 wins by the end of the season, realistically it was maybe 7-8. To get 11 wins was outstanding," said Grunder of the Wilton squad. "I'm proud of our senior class. They are the ones who set the tone. They left the program better than when they started. This is only year three for me. I'm still figuring it out. We were in so many games early. Those experiences prepared us. Kids need to experience tough situations both ways to be successful. They need to lose and learn from their mistakes, and they need to be in them and win a couple to say 'next time we're going to win.' We had four or five guys hit game winner-type shots this season. All those are experiences in your memory bank. We have a lot of potential to challenge in this league next year. People are going to respect us, and we're going to challenge some teams."



Wilton senior Mason Nolte is shown putting up a shot in the lane at Camanche Feb. 19.

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SOPHOMORES

Charlotte Brown	Jenessa Ervin	Jacob Imhoff	Hayley Madlock	Kaden Shirk
Karlee Clark	Gavin Freeman	Caden Kirkman	Kaedon Maine	Lauren Thompson
Bryanna Cowles	Clayton Guyer	Samuel Koele	Mackenzie Marthaler	Paige Thompson
Alayna Dann	Raegan Hake	Karli Langley	Caleigh Miller	James Walton
Hunter Dickey	Emma Hartman	Kiley Langley	Cade Nolte	Maxwell Yohe
Ethan Drake	Cole Henning	Hallie Lilly	Olivia Oveson	Jozalynn Zaiser
Taylor Drayfahl	Aiden Hewitt	Chadwick Loveall	McKenna Rosenkild	
Halee Driscoll	Rachel Hunter	Grace Madlock	Hunter Runge	

JUNIORS

Jayden Anderson	Jacob Garcia	Tyler Mach	Mason Ormsby	Taylor Schult
Courtney Bishop	Alexa Garvin	Anna Marine	Tonanonasha Overstreet	Peyton Souhrada
Ella Caffery	Abram Jirak	Joann Martin	Jacob Paulsen	Brynna Speed
Daelyn Cooling	Mallory Lange	Kailee Martin	Carly Puffer	Nolan Townsend
Lucas DuRocher	Dylan Longlett	Gage Oien	Gavin Schnepfer	Madelyn Wade

SENIORS

Rori Allen	Mea Burkle	Izaiah Holladay	Mason Nolte	Keagan Stoelk
Ethan Bailey	Emily Coss	Meggan Hook	Marshall Ochiltree	Tucker Treimer
Zoe Barrett	Colton Cruse	Elizabeth Hugunin	Malea Parrott	Rreece Vela
Tessa Bartell	Elizabeth Delever	Joshua Hunter	Gage Rosenkild	Bess Vrchoticky
Ryan Boeding	Chase Garvin	Gracie Koele	Josie Said	Alexis Walker
Ansley Boom	Gage Hagen	Treyton Lenker	Caleb Sawwell	Chloe Wells
Kael Brisker	Makinzie Harker	Johnathan Lilly	Colby Sawwell	

ACADEMIC TOTE BOARD

1st Quarter: \$260	2nd Quarter: \$239	3rd Quarter:	4th Quarter:
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL \$122		JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL \$117	

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Wilton bands to perform March 1, 16

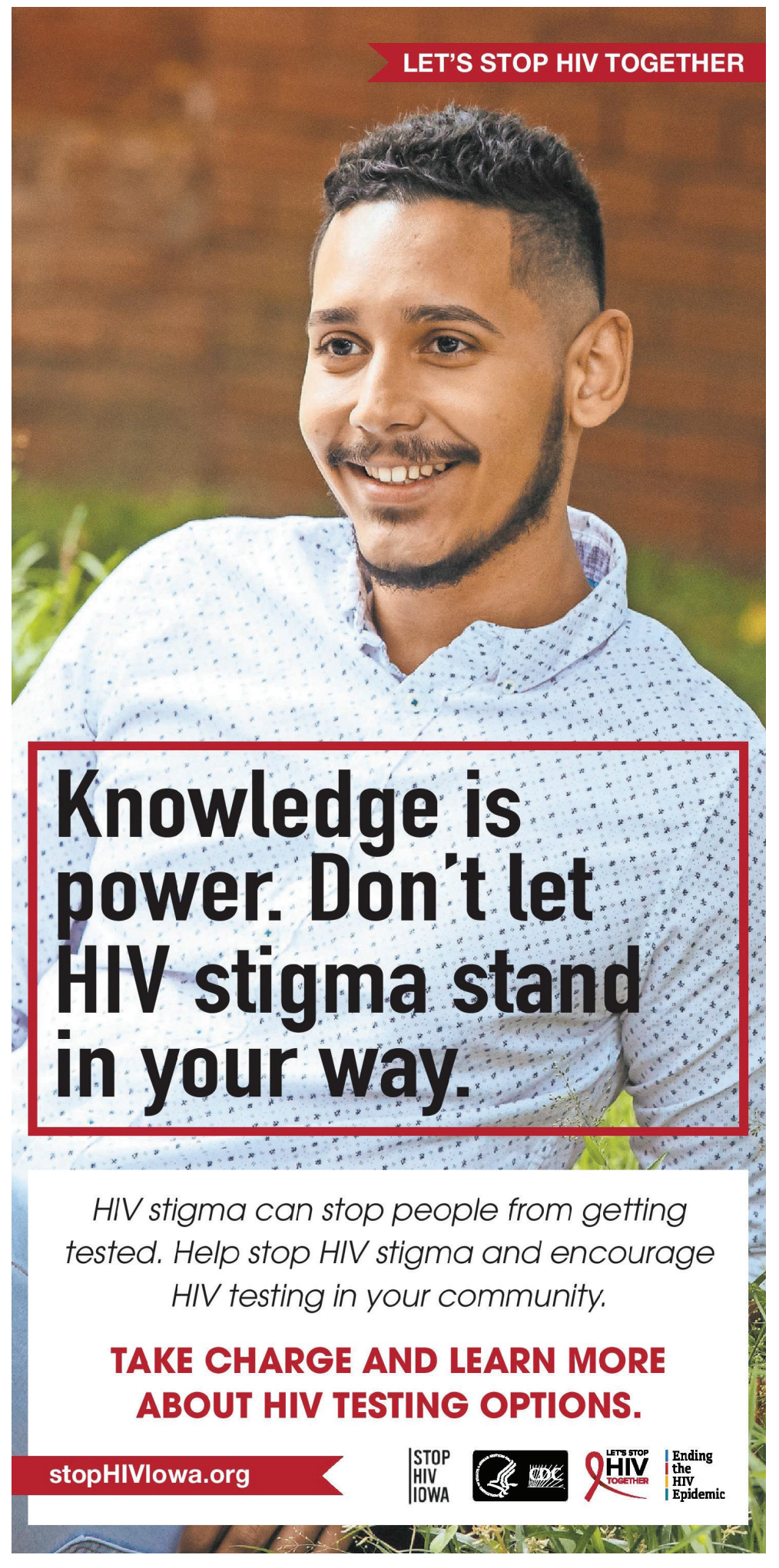
The Wilton 7-12 bands will be performing in-person concerts on Monday, March 1, and Tuesday, March 16 in the Wilton High School gym. The high school band will be performing at 7 p.m. March 1. The junior high band and jazz band will be performing on March 16 at 7 p.m. Masks will be required for visitors in attendance, and there will be an admission of \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

Durant bands to perform March 2

The Durant 7-12 bands will be performing an in-person concert on Tuesday, March 2, in the school auditorium. The junior high band will be performing at 6 p.m. The high school band will be performing at 7 p.m. Masks will be required; Audience should practice social distancing as much as possible; Audience members will need to exit the auditorium between performances to allow for disinfecting.

Wilton Legion looking for service member addresses

Wilton American Legion Post 584 would like to reach out to active service members who are currently serving (especially if that person is currently deployed) and either resides in, or is related to someone in the Wilton area. If the service member and family were willing, the Legion would like contact information/addresses. The intent is to send cards of encouragement and generally to help military families in their time of need. Please contact Allen Voss at 563-209-4530 or the Wilton Post 584 at 563-732-3941. Or mail information to: American Legion Post 584, P.O. Box 417, Wilton, IA 52778.




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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF DEFAULT

Notice of sale or disposition pursuant to 578A of Iowa Self Storage Lien Act. The deposition or sale of the following tenant's property located at R&R Self Storage, 1240 Hwy 70 West Liberty, IA 52776 on or about 9:30 am Saturday, March 13 2021 on www.bid13.com. Brief description: #102 - Emily Maynard - misc personal & household items.

Probate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR MUSCATINE COUNTY

Probate No. ESRP012261
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Anita A. Wyatt,

Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Anita A. Wyatt, Deceased, who died on or about November 30, 2020: You are hereby notified that on February 18, 2021, the last will and testament of Anita A. Wyatt, deceased, bearing date of May 29, 1981, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Michael J. Wyatt was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated February 3, 2021.

Michael J. Wyatt
Executor of Estate
5912 155th Avenue
Indianola, IA 50125

Julie A. Degen-Sprague, ICIS#: AT0008920

Attorney for Executor
Sprague Law, P.C.
603 W. 5th Street, Suite 1
PO Box 220
Wilton, Iowa 52778
Date of second publication
4th day of March, 2021

Wilton Municipal Light & Power System Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting
February 15, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Light & Power System of the City of Wilton, Iowa, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 15th day of February 2021.

Chairman Janney called the meeting to order, with the following Trustees present Jaspersen, Hunter & Hartman. Trustee Said was absent. Trustee Jaspersen made a motion to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting, Trustee Hunter seconded. Vote: Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

The following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR F/Y 2021-2022" was presented to the Board. It was moved by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Hunter that the same be adopted. The question being upon the adoption of Resolution No. 02152021, the roll was called, and the was: Ayes: all Nays: none, whereupon the Chairman declared the Resolution No. 02152021 duly adopted.

The Board was advised of the ongoing audit. Manager Smith discussed monthly reports and daily operations with the Board.

The Board was presented with offering a paperless option to customers. After discussion, the Board agreed to offering paperless billing, with the cost being split with the City of Wilton.

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

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Rick Janney

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Sarah Grace

American Test Center, dielectric & mech tests on trucks \$1,787.90
Anderson, Lower, Whitlow, P.C., audit 9,500.00
Arnold Motor Supply, oil & oil filter 22.31
Avesis, vision ins 120.85
City of Wilton, utilities, unapplied credits, magic fee, flag replacement 2,424.94
Eastern Iowa Light & Power, purchased power, elec tape 114,137.26
GIS, benefits 178.98
Internal Revenue Service 6,359.94
Iowa Assoc of Municipal Utilities, annual member dues 5,163.00
IPERS 4,152.29
Midamerican Energy, gas service 752.05
Office Machine Consultants, monthly backup & annual antivirus 295.00
Phelps Uniform Specialists, mat service 114.54

Power Line Supply, led street lights 4,384.59
Price Oil Co Inc., fuel 142.90
Rebates, harbit 100.00
Shermco, tap changer install 6,226.21
Treasurer, State of Iowa, withholding & bal dec & dep jan sales tax 5,309.00
US Cellular, cell phones 181.16
Van Meter, electrical wire & materials 407.52
Visa, operating supplies & snowblower part 747.19
Wellmark, insurance 9,908.03
WTC, phone service 363.81
Total 161,348.41
Light Deposits Refunded 4,200.00
Total Bills \$165,548.41

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Monday, February 15, 2021

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Holliday, Sauer, Mather and So-

rensen present. Chairperson Saucedo presiding. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.
On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 2.74 acres in Fruitland Township from R-1 Residential District to C-1 Commercial District on the second of three readings. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.
On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.
Correspondence:
Holliday and Saucedo received emails from Emergency Manager Brian Wright on severe weather updates.
Holliday and Saucedo received emails from Emergency Manager Brian Wright on Siren locations.
Holliday and Saucedo received COVID-19 updates from Unity Public Health Director Roby-Williams.
Saucedo attended a Levy Contract Update meeting. Saucedo was contacted about an Economic Development meeting on March 23, 2021 with the State Director Debi Durham with Iowa Economic Development Authority. The full Board has been requested to attend.
Saucedo received a call from Muscatine City Mayor Diane

Brodersen regarding a possible Joint meeting for March 2021 on the Community Development Housing Council proposal. No date has been set.
Committee Reports:
Mather attended the Seventh Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Board meeting on February 12, 2021. Saucedo attended a meeting on February 12, 2021 with West Liberty Foods, West Liberty City Council and West Liberty Economic Area Development to discuss upcoming projects. Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region meeting on February 12, 2021.
On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved increasing the credit limit by \$1500 on the Zoning Office's credit card. The limit is currently \$3000 and will increase to \$4500. Ayes: All.
County Engineer Keith White discussed a D.O.T. memo from February 10, 2021 regarding the CARES Act of 2021. White expressed concern for moisture on the gravel roads and anticipated local flooding in the spring.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 County Name: MUSCATINE COUNTY County Number: 70

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/8/2021 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: County Administration Building

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request.

County budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals

Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/ TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget" amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".

County Website (if available)
www.co.muscatine.ia.us

County Telephone Number
(563) 263-5317

	Budget 2021/2022	Re-Est 2020/2021	Actual 2019/2020	AVG Annual % CHG
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Taxes Levied on Property	1 18,656,711	18,186,163	18,165,663	1.34
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2 0	0	69,097	
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3 933,300	1,324,950	961,040	
Net Current Property Taxes	4 17,723,411	16,861,213	17,135,526	
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5 2,500	2,500	2,495	
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6 120,000	123,500	70,272	
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7 2,404,542	2,440,765	2,369,541	0.74
Intergovernmental	8 9,328,495	11,601,601	11,419,191	
Licenses & Permits	9 115,200	98,100	85,996	
Charges for Service	10 1,023,150	1,044,070	1,095,761	
Use of Money & Property	11 948,025	1,093,925	1,496,598	
Miscellaneous	12 223,600	983,600	413,811	
Subtotal Revenues	13 31,888,923	34,249,274	34,089,191	
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14 0	2,000,000	1,850,000	
Operating Transfers In	15 2,539,170	3,047,084	4,819,710	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16 16,000	11,000	6,800	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17 34,444,093	39,307,358	40,765,701	
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18 13,380,404	12,798,217	11,972,993	5.71
Physical Health and Social Services	19 1,462,506	1,445,469	1,300,403	6.05
Mental Health, ID & DD	20 1,270,637	1,070,608	1,320,205	-1.90
County Environment and Education	21 1,582,412	2,095,443	1,245,642	12.71
Roads & Transportation	22 7,842,000	7,495,000	7,786,804	0.35
Government Services to Residents	23 1,023,459	970,037	920,925	5.42
Administration	24 3,647,798	3,658,156	3,205,611	6.67
Nonprogram Current	25 0	0	0	
Debt Service	26 2,325,984	2,476,393	2,202,463	2.77
Capital Projects	27 4,276,550	6,019,093	3,533,593	10.01
Subtotal Expenditures	28 36,811,750	38,028,416	33,488,639	
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29 2,539,170	3,047,084	4,819,710	
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30 0	0	0	
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31 39,350,920	41,075,500	38,308,349	
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses				
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	32 22,275,000	24,043,142	21,585,790	
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34 0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35 0	0	398,579	
Fund Balance - Restricted	36 9,886,694	12,730,000	14,042,261	
Fund Balance - Committed	37 0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Assigned	38 3,370,000	3,545,000	3,545,000	
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39 4,111,479	6,000,000	6,057,302	
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	40 17,368,173	22,275,000	24,043,142	
Proposed property taxation by type: Proposed tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation:				
Countywide Levies*:		15,950,128		
Rural Only Levies*:		2,706,583		
Special District Levies*:		0		
TIF Tax Revenues:		115,000		
Utility Replacement Excise Tax:		360,642		
		Urban Areas:	7.58828	
		Rural Areas:	10.57828	
		Any special district tax rates not included.		

Explanation of any significant items in the budget:

COVID 19 expenses; CAT Grant expenditures; Conservation Reserve expenditures at Deep Lakes Park; Jail booking expansion; Roof replacement at County Attorney building. Virtual Meeting Information:

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/196552877 United States: +1 (571) 317-3112 - One-touch: tel:+15713173112,;196552877# Access Code: 196-552-877

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTENDS TO LEVY GENERAL BASIC PROPERTY TAX RATES WHICH EXCEED STATUTORY MAXIMUMS The accompanying budget summary requires a general basic property tax rate that exceeds the maximum rate as established by the general assembly. Comparison of the proposed general basic rate with the statutory maximum 3.50000 general basic tax rate and the dollar amount of the difference between the proposed rate and the maximum rate:

Proposed General Basic Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Value:	3.50000
Maximum General Basic Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Value:	3.50000
General Basic Tax Dollars to be Generated in Excess of Maximum:	0

Major reasons for the difference between the proposed general basic tax rate and the maximum basic tax rate:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTENDS TO LEVY RURAL BASIC PROPERTY TAX RATES WHICH EXCEED STATUTORY MAXIMUMS The accompanying budget summary requires a Rural Basic property tax rate that exceeds the maximum rate as established by the General Assembly. Comparison of the proposed general basic rate with the statutory maximum 3.95 Rural Basic tax rate and the dollar amount of the difference between the proposed rate and the maximum rate:

Proposed Rural Basic Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Value:	2.99000
Maximum Rural Basic Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Value:	3.95000
Rural Basic Tax Dollars to be Generated in Excess of Maximum:	-897,472

Major reasons for the difference between the proposed Rural Basic tax rate and the maximum basic tax rate:

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AN AREA SPORTS REPORT

Varsity Wrestling

Class 1A State Meet

Feb. 18-20 at Wells Fargo Arena

Wilton results

106: Brody Brisker tech. fall Evan Boothroyd (WHNC) 4:59 (19-4); Caleb Coffin (DOBO) dec. Brisker 7-5; Brisker dec. Cael Morrow (AKWE) 10-3; Brisker dec. Kolton Munson (OGDE) 8-3; Brisker dec. Kendrick Huck (NAPL) 9-2; Caleb Coffin (DOBO) dec. Brisker 11-6. Brisker places 4th.

113: Donavon Hanson (WBM) tech. fall Garrett Burkle 5:46 (19-3); Burkle pinned Zach Williams (STAL) 5:06; Dawson Bergan (EDCO) maj. dec. Burkle 11-3.

138: Kael Brisker tech. fall Indy Harbaugh (LISB) 2:39 (22-6); Brisker dec. Westin Allen (UNDE) 9-7; Brisker dec. Karter Krapfl (HUDS) 13-6; Wyatt Reisz (LOMA) dec. Brisker 7-3. Brisker places 2nd.

152: Jaydon Knight (MOAY) dec. Colton Cruse 4-2; Cael Baker (PEK) dec. Cruse 8-6.

160: Cael Frost (DOBO) pinned Kaden Shirk 2:50; Garrison Gettler (AHST) dec. Shirk 6-2.

220: Cole Clark (LISB) pinned Tyrrell Hughes 1:09; Hughes pinned Sam Vonahme (I35) 5:43; Cole Kelly (WHNC) pinned Hughes 5:47.

Durant results

120: Cade Cook (NOLI) pinned Ethan Gast 3:03; Paul De Jong (NOMA) pinned Gast 4:48.

Player	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	S	B	TP
Nolan DeLong	4-15	0-6	8-9	9	3	0	1	16
Koby Paulsen	3-8	3-6	2-2	4	1	1	0	11
Garrett Hollenback	4-7	0-0	1-3	7	1	1	1	9
D. Shelangoski	1-2	1-2	0-0	3	2	2	0	3
Keagen Head	2-6	0-2	1-2	6	1	3	0	5
Carter Wichelt	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0
Ben Orr	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Bryce Czarnetzki	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0
Durant	14-20	4-16	12-16	32	10	7	2	44

Score by Quarters

Wilton	13	6	12	14	—	45
Durant	9	12	16	7	—	44

Class 2A District Semifinal

Camanche 67, Wilton 51

Feb. 18 at Camanche

Player	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	S	B	TP
Clayton Guyer	2-3	0-1	4-4	2	0	1	0	8
Landy Putman	1-5	0-4	0-0	4	1	0	1	2
Jackson Hull	4-7	2-5	0-0	1	1	1	0	10
Caden Kirkman	8-16	1-5	2-3	16	2	0	4	19
Mason Nolte	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	2
Aidan Walker	1-5	1-3	0-0	0	1	0	0	3
Colby Sawvell	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
Gage Rosenkild	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Caleb Sawvell	3-4	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	7
Wilton	20-45	5-20	6-7	26	6	3	5	51

Score by Quarters

Camanche	15	14	18	20	—	67
Wilton	15	14	12	10	—	51

Varsity Girls' Basketball

Class 2A Regional Quarterfinal

Wilton 47, Durant 43

Feb. 16 at Wilton

Player	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	S	B	TP
Emi Coss	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	2
Mallory Lange	1-4	1-3	1-2	1	1	2	0	4

Ella Caffery	2-7	0-1	5-9	7	1	0	5	9
Peyton Souhrada	5-10	5-10	2-2	8	5	3	0	17
Kelsey Drake	5-11	0-0	3-4	7	7	1	0	13
Lexi Walker	0-4	0-4	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Peyton Ganzer	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0	0
Grace Madlock	1-3	0-0	0-2	4	0	0	3	2
Wilton	15-42	6-18	11-19	31	16	8	8	47

Player	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	S	B	TP
Nicole Brown	4-9	4-8	0-0	2	2	2	0	12
Abbey Rhoades	0-2	0-0	0-2	4	6	2	1	0
Ally Happ	5-17	0-3	7-10	12	1	2	0	17
Halle Collier	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	0	0
Elizabeth Daufeldt	2-7	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0	4
Lauryn Tate	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Isabelle DeLong	3-17	1-3	3-6	7	0	0	0	10
Peyton Buesing	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Durant	14-56	5-14	10-18	30	9	9	1	43

Score by Quarters

Durant	7	10	13	13	—	43
Wilton	10	10	12	15	—	47

Class 2A Regional Semifinal

Bellevue 56, Wilton 41

Feb. 19 at Bellevue

Player	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	S	B	TP
Emi Coss	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Mallory Lange	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	0	0
Ella Caffery	5-14	0-0	3-4	6	0	2	2	13
Peyton Souhrada	3-4	0-0	5-2	5	2	2	0	9
Kelsey Drake	3-11	0-0	3-5	8	3	1	1	9
Lexi Walker	1-6	0-3	0-0	1	1	2	0	2
Payton Ganzer	0-0	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	0	0
Lauren Thompson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Maddy Wade	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Ansley Boorn	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	4
Zoe Barrett	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Grace Madlock	0-2	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	0	0
Jozalynn Zaiser	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	0	2
Hayley Madlock	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	0	2
Wilton	14-45	3-11	10-13	35	8	10	3	41

Score by Quarters

Wilton	9	6	10	16	—	41
Bellevue	21	11	9	15	—	56

Varsity Boys' Basketball

Class 2A District First Round

Wilton 45, Durant 44

Feb. 15 at Durant

Player	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	S	B	TP
Clayton Guyer	0-3	0-2	0-1	2	1	1	0	0
Landy Putman	1-4	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	2
Jackson Hull	0-6	0-6	0-0	4	2	3	0	0
Caden Kirkman	8-14	0-2	4-4	8	2	3	5	20
Mason Nolte	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Aidan Walker	3-8	1-3	0-0	1	0	0	0	7
Colby Sawvell	1-1	1-1	0-1	0	0	1	0	3
Caleb Sawvell	4-7	1-2	2-2	3	0	0	0	11
Wilton	18-44	3-18	6-8	19	6	8	5	45

Score by Quarters

Camanche	15	14	18	20	—	67
Wilton	15	14	12	10	—	51

AN LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET

MUSCATINE COUNTY

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

The MUSCATINE COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

Meeting Date/Time: 3/8/2021 09:00 AM

Contact: SHERRY SERIGHT

Phone: (563) 263-5317

Meeting Location: County Administration Building

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	18,186,163	0	18,186,163
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	1,324,950	0	1,324,950
Net Current Property Tax	4	16,861,213	0	16,861,213
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	2,500	0	2,500
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	123,500	0	123,500
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	2,440,765	0	2,440,765
Intergovernmental	8	10,656,827	966,747	11,623,574
Licenses & Permits	9	98,100	9,000	107,100
Charges for Service	10	1,044,070	29,400	1,073,470
Use of Money & Property	11	1,093,925	-170,000	923,925
Miscellaneous	12	983,600	13,000	996,600
Subtotal Revenue	13	33,304,500	848,147	34,152,647
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Operating Transfers In	15	3,047,084	0	3,047,084
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	11,000	0	11,000
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	38,362,584	848,147	39,210,731
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	12,798,217	462,300	13,260,517
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,445,469	288,997	1,734,466
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	1,070,608	0	1,070,608
County Environment & Education	21	2,095,443	8,695	2,104,138
Roads & Transportation	22	7,495,000	0	7,495,000
Government Services to Residents	23	970,037	0	970,037
Administration	24	3,658,157	58,000	3,716,157
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0
Debt Service	26	2,476,393	0	2,476,393
Capital Projects	27	6,909,493	568,000	7,477,493
Subtotal Expenditures	28	38,918,817	1,385,992	40,304,809
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	3,047,084	0	3,047,084
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	41,965,901	1,385,992	43,351,893
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-3,603,317	-537,845	-4,141,162
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2020	33	19,533,000	4,510,142	24,043,142
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	6,943,942	188,919	7,132,861
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	1,425,000	2,120,000	3,545,000
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	7,560,741	1,663,378	9,224,119
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2021	40	15,929,683	3,972,297	19,901,980

Explanation of Changes: Covid 19 expenditures and revenues; increased jail expenditures and revenues; decrease in investment interest; capital project schedule adjustments.

State and local outstanding debt obligations increase 4.77 percent

DES MOINES — State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald reports the Iowa outstanding debt obligations for state and local governments totaled \$17.9 billion as of June 30, 2020, a 4.77 percent increase from fiscal year 2019.

“This is similar to the increase we saw last year,” said Fitzgerald. “With interest rates this low, public units are borrowing money to pay for capital projects that benefit Iowans, such as public buildings, schools and utility improvements.” The categories of public buildings/schools and utilities/sewers represent more than 60 percent of the total debt reported.

Cities recorded the largest share of outstanding debt (\$6.56 billion), accounting for 36.56 percent of the total outstanding debt — an increase of over \$259 million from 2019. Schools issued \$4.45 billion while state authorities issued \$2.84 billion. Counties, state authorities and community colleges had the highest percentage increases from 2019 levels, while the state of Iowa, Board of Regents and utilities decreased their total outstanding debt.

All political subdivisions, instrumentalities and agencies of the state are required annually to disclose outstanding long-term obligations to the state treasurer. Included in these obligations are bonds, notes, capital leases and loans. The treasurer’s office makes this information available to all Iowans by county so they can see the total debt and changes over the years in their own communities.

Visit the State Treasurer’s website at IowaTreasurer.gov and click ‘Outstanding Obligations Report’ under the ‘For Governments’ tab to view the report. Click on Report Detail by County to view additional information for all entities by county.

State Treasurer Fitzgerald announces increased College Savings Iowa deduction for 2021

DES MOINES — State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald announced the College Savings Iowa 529 Plan state tax deduction has increased for 2021.

“Iowa taxpayers who are College Savings Iowa account owners can now deduct the first \$3,474 they contribute per beneficiary account from their state taxable income in 2021,” Fitzgerald said. “This could mean a deduction of up to \$13,896 for a family of four when both parents have accounts for each of their children. It’s an ideal scenario for those who want to keep more money in their pocket while saving for future education.”

Since its creation over 20 years ago, College Savings Iowa has grown to more than \$5.7 billion in assets under Treasurer Fitzgerald’s administration. “I am extremely pleased to have been a part of the substantial growth of this program and the impact College Savings Iowa has had on families around the state,” Fitzgerald stated. “Saving for education and preparing our future generations for the adventures in front of them is one of the most rewarding things we can do. College Savings Iowa helps families achieve their goals with great investment and tax benefits, and more than \$3.2 billion has already been used to help students achieve their education dreams.”

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POLICE REPORTS



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Wilton

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

Feb. 14—Performed various business checks in the areas of West Fifth, East Wate, and Cypress streets as well as Oveson Drive.

Feb. 14—Dispatched to assist the Muscatine

Muscatine County 2020 audit report released

Auditor of State Rob Sand released an audit report on Muscatine County, Iowa.

Financial highlights

The county's revenues totaled \$37,890,155 for the year ended June 30, 2020, a 16 percent increase over the prior year. Expenses for county operations for the year ended June 30, 2020 totaled \$31,695,878, a 9.6 percent increase over the prior year.

The significant increase in the revenues and expenses is due primarily to increased property tax receipts and costs related to road projects.

Audit findings

Sand reported five findings related to the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds, three of which pertain to the county, and two which pertain to the 28E organizations audited with the county. They are found on pages 84 through 88 of the report. The findings address issues such as lack of segregation of duties and non-compliance with the publication requirements of Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa. Sand provided the county and the 28E organizations with recommendations to address each of these findings.

One finding for the county and for one of the 28E organizations are repeated from the prior year. The County Board of Supervisors, other elected officials and the governing bodies of the 28E organizations have a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the county's and the 28E Organization's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

CLUB NEWS

Cedar County Senior Dining

Normally meeting at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Durant each Thursday, senior dining meals will now only be pick-up or delivery due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

March Thursdays menu:

March 4 — Roast turkey, sweet potatoes, scalloped corn, cinnamon applesauce, ice cream cup, milk.

March 11 — Pepper steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit gelatin, fudge oatmeal bar, milk.

March 18 — Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed spinach, peach salad, lemon bar, milk.

March 25 — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, surprise salad, cookie, milk.

Reservations need to be made by Wednesday evenings. Call 563-785-4525 to reserve your meal or if you have any questions.

County Sheriff's Office on a call for a motorist assist at Highway 38 and 120th Street.

Feb. 14—Provided traffic control in the 300 block of East Fifth Street.

Feb. 14—Performed a traffic stop in the 1000 block of Maurer Street. Handled by officer.

Feb. 15—Performed various business checks in the areas of West Fifth, West Wate, Maple, and Cypress streets, as well as Nicolaus Drive and Wild Indigo Circle.

Feb. 15—Assisted the Wilton First Responders and the Durant Ambulance with a medical call in the 1100 block of Maurer Street. Subject was transported to an area hospital.

Feb. 16—Performed various business checks in the areas of West Fifth, East Fifth, and Maple streets as well as Wild Indigo Circle.

Feb. 16—Dispatched to a motor vehicle accident in the 1200 block of West Fifth Street. Mekenna Rosenkild of Muscatine was cited for failure to maintain control.

Feb. 16—Dispatched to a theft in the 100 block of West Fourth Street. Report Taken.

Feb. 16—Responded to a special assignment in the 1000 block of Cypress Street. Handled by officer.

Feb. 16—Dispatched to a fire investigation in the 100 block of East First Street. Turned over to Wilton Fire Department.

Feb. 17—Dispatched to a motor vehicle accident in the area of Maurer and East Wate streets. Report taken.

Feb. 17—Dispatched to assist Muscatine County Sheriff's Office with a burglary in progress in the 1300 block of Hinkeyville Drive. Handled by officer.

Feb. 17—Responded to a call of suspicious activity in the 600 block of West Fifth Street. Kassie Nichols of Wilton was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Feb. 17—Dispatched to assist the Muscatine Police Department with a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of McArthur Street in Muscatine. Handled by officer.

Feb. 17—Responded to the Wilton Fire Department in the 300 block of East Fifth Street for a special assignment. Handled by officer.

Feb. 17—Performed various business checks in the areas of Maple and Cypress streets, as well as Nicolaus Drive and Wild Indigo Circle.

Feb. 17—Dispatched to a juvenile problem in the 200 block of East Third Street. Handled by officer.

Feb. 18—Performed various business checks in the areas of West Fifth, West Sixth, Maple, and Cypress streets, as well as Wild Indigo Circle.

Feb. 18—Responded to a special assignment in the 1100 block of West Wate Street. Handled by officer.

Feb. 18—Responded to a special assignment in the 300 block of Maple Street. Handled by officer.

Feb. 18—Responded to the 100 block of York Street for a welfare check, subject found to be fine.

Feb. 18—Responded to the 700 block of Parkview Street for a property damage accident. Report taken.

Feb. 18—Performed a traffic stop in the 600 block of West Fifth Street. Kristopher Karwath was issued citations for operation without registration and no insurance.

Feb. 18—Performed a traffic stop at West Fifth Street and Nicolaus Drive. Kelsey Lenz was issued a citation for operation without registration.

Feb. 19—Performed various business checks in the areas of West Fifth, West Wate, Maple, Liberty, Maurer and Cypress streets, as well as Nicolaus Drive and Wild Indigo Circle.

Feb. 19—Assisted the Wilton SRO by retrieving a student's required meds from the student's residence.

Feb. 19—Performed a traffic stop in the 500 block of Walnut Street. Dakota Reichert of Wilton was arrested for driving while barred.

Feb. 19—Performed a traffic stop in the 300 block of West Third Street. Paul Murray of Stanwood was cited for expired registration.

Feb. 19— Provided extra attention in the 1000 block of Cypress Street for school dismissal.

Feb. 19—Performed a traffic stop at West Wate and Cypress streets. A verbal warning was given. Handled by officer.

Feb. 19—Responded to a parking complaint in the 100 block of West Sixth Street.

Feb. 19—Responded to a medical call in the 100 block of Spruce Street. Handled by officer.

Feb. 19—Received a call of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of Fifth Street. Handled by officer.

Feb. 19—Assisted the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office on a traffic stop in the area of West Fifth and Maple streets. Handled by officer.

Feb. 19—Dispatched to a call of suspicious activity in the 400 block of East Sixth Street. Unable to locate.

Feb. 20—Performed various business checks in the areas of West Fourth, West Sixth, Jackson and Maple streets, as well as Wild Indigo Circle.

Feb. 20—Dispatched to assist the Durant Police Department on a traffic stop.

Feb. 20—Performed a traffic stop at East Fifth and Locust streets. Handled by officer.

Feb. 20—Performed a traffic stop at Highway 38 and West Third Street. Earl Couch was issued a citation for operating without registration.

Feb. 20—Dispatched to an animal complaint in the 100 block of East Fourth Street.

Feb. 20—Performed a traffic stop at Fifth and Chestnut streets. A written warning was issued for equipment.

**Editor's note: A Durant police report was not submitted to the Advocate News by press time.*

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SEVENTH GRADE			
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A Honor Roll 3.5-4.0 GPA Broussard, Gavin Callison, Lauren	Cheney, Gwendolyn Paustian, Grace	B Honor Roll 3.0-3.49 GPA Daufeldt, Bryce Feuerbach, Leah	Jepsen, Cohen Starr, Race
DURANT SENIOR HIGH HONOR ROLL			
FRESHMEN			
A Honor Roll 3.5-4.0 GPA DeLong, Isabelle Hansell, Kaetlyn	Huesmann, Charles Huston, Macyn lossi, Michael Meinert, Savannah	Meyerermann, Kylie Schlapkohl, Brooklyn Schuett, Addison Schumacher, Kennedy	B Honor Roll 3.0-3.49 GPA Brown, Ryan Claussen, Grady
A Honor Roll 3.5-4.0 GPA Daily, Kiyah DeLong, Nolan Dorris, Ellie	Madison, Joseph Pearlman, Zachary Peel, Hannah	B Honor Roll 3.0-3.49 GPA Cooper, Bryce Elder, Evan Fusco, Carlie Jo	Hein, Grant Hollenback, Garrett Larion, Skylar Oberlander, Mackenzie Olsen, Robert Rockow, McKenna
JUNIORS			
A Honor Roll 3.5-4.0 GPA Clark, Addysen Daufeldt, Elizabeth Digney, Alyssa	Gast, Ethan Happ, Ally Head, Shannon Hoon, Karissa Jones, Brock	Maiers, Dayna McKinley, Tysen Moomey, Nathan Mundt, Ella Paustian, Rebecca	B Honor Roll 3.0-3.49 GPA Czarnetzki, Bryce DeWulf, Kyle Durham, Christian
A Honor Roll 3.5-4.0 GPA Abels, Luke Barker, Jordan	Brown, Nicole Fargo, Emily Graves, Brian Head, Keagen	Huston, Emily Junis, Timothy Krebs, Tony Paulsen, Koby	B Honor Roll 3.0-3.49 GPA Angotti, Jovannah Bennett, Ethan Collier, Halle
SENIORS			
A Honor Roll 3.5-4.0 GPA Abels, Luke Barker, Jordan	Brown, Nicole Fargo, Emily Graves, Brian Head, Keagen	Huston, Emily Junis, Timothy Krebs, Tony Paulsen, Koby	B Honor Roll 3.0-3.49 GPA Angotti, Jovannah Bennett, Ethan Collier, Halle
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Wilton honor roll lists on page 14!



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LWVJC to host virtual Legislative Forum Feb. 27

IOWA CITY — The League of Women Voters of Johnson County will host a Legislative Forum on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The focus is on the environment.

The forums provide opportunities for dialogue between the legislators and constituents in Johnson County. Legislators present information about issues they are working on, as well as summaries of critical matters before their respective chambers.

Sens. Joe Bolckom, Kevin Kinney and Zach Wahls, and Reps. Christina Bohannon, David Jacoby, Bobby Kaufmann, Mary Mascher and Amy Nielsen have been invited to participate.

Co-sponsors include 100 Grannies, CAFE (Clean Air for Everyone), Iowa City Area Group of the Sierra Club and Iowa City Climate Activists.

The forum will be moderated by LWVJC member Jean Donham; Polly Horton will serve as the timekeeper.

Registration is required to participate and is limited to the first 100 participants. The public may register for the Feb. 27 Legislative Forum at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/648102020202>.

The legislative forum will be live-streamed on the League's Facebook page and website, and on City Channel 4. The discussion will be videotaped and rebroadcasts will be offered on City Channel 4, Coralvision and North Liberty TV. Check the websites for program schedules.

COLLEGE NEWS

Students named to Dubuque Dean's List

The University of Dubuque announced its fall semester 2020 Academic Dean's List.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for that semester.

Local students on the Dean's List include Eliana Berry of Durant, and Mika Rangel of Wilton.



LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

The City of: WILTON

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget as follows:

Location: Wilton City Hall 104 East 4th Street Wilton, IA 52778 Meeting Date: 3/8/2021 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property	14.19969
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural land is	3.00375

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

Phone Number
(563) 732-2115

City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME
Jeffrey Horne

	Budget FY 2022	Re-estimated FY 2021	Actual FY 2020
Revenues & Other Financing Sources			
Taxes Levied on Property	1,481,689	1,487,274	1,530,924
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	1,481,689	1,487,274	1,530,924
Delinquent Property Taxes	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	0	614,793	592,997
Other City Taxes	627,665	790,000	372,687
Licenses & Permits	4,980	5,180	7,749
Use of Money and Property	20,500	27,200	193,756
Intergovernmental	285,843	535,137	663,483
Charges for Fees & Service	1,766,800	2,158,650	2,321,263
Special Assessments	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	394,394	496,500	111,750
Other Financing Sources	250,000	600,000	1,623,849
Transfers In	839,219	877,240	853,106
Total Revenues and Other Sources	5,671,090	7,591,974	8,271,564
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	650,350	740,950	621,577
Public Works	733,179	577,617	480,051
Health and Social Services	3,000	3,000	1,056
Culture and Recreation	565,405	421,480	440,710
Community and Economic Development	421,700	430,745	295,183
General Government	568,241	1,203,068	1,076,257
Debt Service	1,288,918	1,336,048	1,281,511
Capital Projects	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	4,230,793	4,712,908	4,196,345
Business Type / Enterprises	2,421,664	2,729,597	2,980,254
Total ALL Expenditures	6,652,457	7,442,505	7,176,599
Transfers Out	839,219	877,240	853,106
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	7,491,676	8,319,745	8,029,705
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	-1,820,586	-727,771	241,859
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	5,883,863	6,611,634	6,528,775
Ending Fund Balance June 30	4,063,277	5,883,863	6,770,634



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