



# OBITUARIES



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## Edwin Behnke

Edwin G. "Ed" Behnke, 83, of Durant, Iowa, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 at UnityPoint Health Trinity Rock Island. Visitation will be held on Friday, Oct. 1 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Durant. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the church. Interment will be in the Durant Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Durant Firefighters Inc. or Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in his memory. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.bentleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentleyfuneralhome.com).

Ed was born in Oelwein, Iowa on Sept. 15, 1938 to Edwin and Anna (Vaudt) Behnke. He

graduated from Whittemore High School in 1956, and attended Railroad Education Bureau in Omaha. Ed married Merna S. Gimm on Oct. 10, 1959 in Durant. She preceded him in death on Aug. 23, 2011.

Ed retired from Pioneer Hybrid in 2003, and continued working part time until his 80th birthday. In early years, he worked for the Rock Island Railroad.

Ed was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council. He was a retired Durant firefighter, where he served as secretary/treasurer for 22 years. He volunteered with the Durant Ambulance service as a driver, the Durant Community Center Board, and the Durant Farmer's Market.

He was an avid Hawkeye and Cubs fan. He loved to spoil the neighborhood pets and children.

Ed is survived and lovingly remembered by his daughters, Cheryl Behnke of West Burlington and Marsha (Tim) Sterner of Durant; grandsons Dan (Audra) Sterner and Adam (Autum) Sterner, both of Durant; great-granddaughter Ellie and one due in November; companion Glenda Sorgenfrey of Durant, and his cat Jake.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his sister Elaine Schmeling.

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Edwin Behnke

## Nelda Lauser

Nelda Lorraine Lauser, 95, of Wilton, Iowa, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 at Wilton Retirement Community. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 30 at Wilton United Methodist Church. Burial will take place in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilton. Online condolences may be left at [www.bentleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentleyfuneralhome.com).

Nelda was born on Feb. 21, 1926, the daughter of Roy and Minnie (Paul) Egel. She graduated from Muscatine High School with the class of 1943. Nelda married Max Lauser on March 20, 1949. Max died on Aug. 31, 1997.

Nelda and Max owned and operated Lauser Variety Store in Wilton for many years. She was a member of the Wilton United Methodist Church, and a former member of the Wakhonsa Country Club. Nelda and Max enjoyed golfing



Nelda Lauser

and wintering in Texas.

She will be dearly missed by several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Max; two brothers, Duane and Kenneth Egel; and three sisters, Janice Egel, Farene Harmsen and Norma Grimm.

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The family of Marjorie "Dolly" Neipert would like to thank everyone who sent prayers, cards, flowers, memorials and brought food after her passing.

We would also like to thank Pastor Daniel Ognoskie, Zion Lutheran Church, Compassus Hospice and Bentley Funeral Home.

A special thank you to Wilton Retirement Community for their wonderful care.

*Debbie, Susan, Sandy, Patty and Pam, and families*

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## Blaine Charlton

Blaine F. Charlton, 74, of Wilton, Iowa, died suddenly on Friday, Sept. 24, 2021 at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Visitation was held Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Bentley Funeral Home, Wilton. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021 at Zion Lutheran Church, Wilton. Burial with military rites will take place in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family that will be used to establish a scholarship fund in his memory. Online condolences may be left at [www.bentleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentleyfuneralhome.com).

Blaine was born in Faribault, Minnesota on Nov. 7, 1946, the son of Frank and Joyce (Cornwell) Charlton. He graduated from West Concord High School with the class of 1964. Blaine earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Winona State University. He was drafted into the United States Army, and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. Blaine married Victoria "Vicki" Guertin on Aug. 3, 1968 in Rochester, Minnesota.

Blaine began teaching math and chemistry in Turkey Valley School District, until he was drafted during the Vietnam War. After he was honorably discharged, Blaine taught in Schaller, Iowa, before moving to Wilton in 1977. He taught and coached at Wilton High School, before retiring in 2002. Blaine also taught at Muscatine Community College.

He was a member and former Elder of Zion Lutheran Church. Blaine was also a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Blaine enjoyed the outdoors, especially

Blaine Charlton



gardening and fishing. He also enjoyed playing basketball, and could often be seen walking around town. He would say, "Why drive when you can walk?" Blaine loved spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandkids.

Blaine will be dearly missed by his wife, Vicki; two daughters, Valeri (Jayoma McGowan) Charlton of Pleasant Hill, Iowa and Melanie (Tom) Wozniak of Naperville, Illinois; 11 grandchildren, Yory, Magda, Zakia, Savona, Navad, Damacio and Via McGowan and Lydia, Brynn, Alayna and Brody Wozniak; and two brothers, Ralph (Bev) Charlton of Kenyon, Minnesota and Leon (Joanne) Charlton of Rochester, Minnesota; two sisters-in-law, Marge Charlton of Medford, Minnesota and MaryAnn Charlton of Faribault, Minnesota; one brother-in-law, Gary (Janelle) Guertin of Riceville, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Richard and Melvin Charlton.

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## Nancy Allmandinger

Nancy C. Allmandinger, 84, of Wilton, Iowa, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021 at her home.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Wilton. Burial will be in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be left at [www.bentleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentleyfuneralhome.com).

Nancy was born in Washington, Iowa on March 16, 1937, the daughter of Roy and Ina (Morgan) Glider. Her father died in World War II and she was raised by her father Ellis Negus.

She graduated from Wilton High School in 1955 and attended AIC in Davenport. She married Ronald C. Allmandinger on Sept. 18, 1955 in Wilton.

In early years, Nancy worked at Carver Pump in Muscatine, and later at CDS in Wilton.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Wilton, and was a former 4-H leader. Nancy was an avid seamstress and quilter. She enjoyed cross-stitch, and made many greeting cards. She and Ron enjoyed camping, wintering in Arizona, and attending their grandchildren's

Nancy Allmandinger



events.

Nancy is survived by her husband Ron of Wilton; her children Teresa Mrstik of Clinton, Robert (Betty) Allmandinger of Clinton, JoAnn (Steve) Butters of Chicago and Sheri (Richard) Giese of Wilton; grandchildren Staci (Adam) Bliss, Brandon Guy, Brett Guy, Adam (Megan) Guy, Rachel Guy, Trent Allmandinger, Amy (Jared) Weber, Zachary Butters, Jacob Giese, Katie Giese, Kara Giese and Andrew Giese; 9 great-grandchildren; her sister Judy Murrison of Downers Grove, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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## Vikki Beinke

Vikki L. Beinke, 71, of Wilton, Iowa, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, at UnityPoint Health - Trinity Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois.

Cremation will take place at Trimble Crematory, Moline, Illinois, under the direction of Cremation Society of the Quad Cities. Condolences may be shared at [CremationQC.com](http://CremationQC.com).

The former Vikki Lee Wilken was born Dec. 18, 1949, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the daughter of Herman "Sonny" and Phyllis Wilson Wilken. She married Dennis Beinke on July 12, 1975 at the Methodist church in Wilton.

She taught seventh grade language arts at Wilton Junior High School for more than 30 years. Vikki was an avid reader, and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Vikki is survived by her husband Dennis;

Vikki Beinke



children Joshua Beinke of Edmond, Oklahoma and Jessica Moore of Wilton; granddaughter Taylor Simons of Wilton; and sister Chlea Rafdal of Everly, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Reatha DeGroot.

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## Arlene Darnell

Arlene Lucille Darnell, 89, of Durant, Iowa, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 at High Shoals Health & Rehabilitation Center in Bishop, Georgia. Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Bentley Funeral Home, Durant. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30 at Bentley Funeral Home, with a visitation held from noon until 2 p.m., prior to the service. Burial will take place in Durant Cemetery.

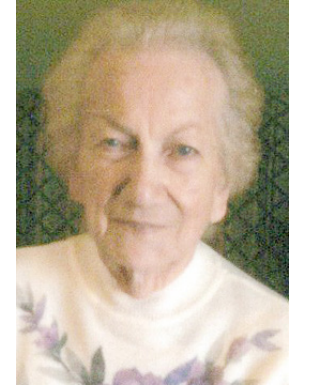
A memorial fund has been established. Online condolences may be left at [www.bentleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentleyfuneralhome.com).

Arlene was born in rural Durant on Aug. 28, 1932, the daughter of Willhelm and Clara (Wendel) Heinrich. She married Omer "Butch" Darnell on May 27, 1956 in New Era, Iowa. He died on Aug. 23, 1997.

Arlene worked at AT&T as a supervisor and instructor of operations for 28 years. She also worked at J.C. Penney, retiring after 15 years. Arlene was known for her constant smile and positive attitude, even in the face of adversity. She was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived and lovingly remembered by her son, John (Joyce) Darnell of Monroe,

Arlene Darnell



Georgia; three grandsons, Warren Darnell, John Darnell and Justin Lee (Alison) Darnell; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Lois Heinrich and Ramah Heinrich; and several nieces and nephews.

Arlene was preceded in death by her husband; her daughter, Dawn, in 1994; her son, Dale, in 1981; step-son, Robert Darnell; six brothers, Gus, Willie, Carl, Donald, John and Dick Heinrich; and one sister, Dorothy Garrison, and one sister-in-law, Marilyn Heinrich.

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10:00-11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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Rev. Dr. Andrew Watkins  
9 a.m. Worship Service, followed by Sunday School



# The Wildcat Chronicles

Durant High School

September 30, 2021

## Masks optional, but some still wear them

By Kiyah Daily

As the first month of school is wrapping up, some staff and students continue to wear a mask even though the Durant School District has made wearing a mask an optional preference.

Back in May, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds signed a law stating that school districts could not require anyone on school grounds to wear a mask.

A recent court ruling struck down that mandate, leaving the decision to require masks up to the individual school districts.

Durant Superintendent Joe Burnett said that he will be leaving the decision to wear masks up to parents because “everyone’s situation is a little different.”

“If there were families that were uncomfortable sending their kids to school, that’s why we offered the Edgenuity route,” Mr. Burnett said.

“We’ll just take it a day at a time, and if we have a severe outbreak, or something along those lines,” Mr. Burnett stated, “we have that ability to put masks on if we have to.”

Randy Carpenter’s parents, Ronda and Mel Carpenter of Durant, have struggled with the decision to send their son to school with a mask or not.

Randy is a five-year-old in kindergarten, and Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter left the decision up to Randy on the first day of school.

“As he was lining up to enter the school, he stated, ‘Oh, I forgot my mask!’” Mrs. Carpenter explained. “I asked him if he wanted to wear it, and he said, ‘Yes, Mom, I need it, so I don’t get sick.’”

Randy’s mom fully supports his decision to wear a mask and encourages him to do so.

This is so that he can stay in school and get his education while still being safe and healthy about it.

“Last year, Randy missed school twice both due to quarantine for exposure to COVID-19,” Mrs. Carpenter said. “The beginning years of school are the most fundamental and allow for a strong foundation for future success.”

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## Girls’ weights class back by popular demand

By Zachary Pearlman

With the 2021-22 school year, Durant High School reintroduced the girls’-only weights class after not having it for three years.

Girls-only weights is taught by Mr. Casey Strub, one of two high school fitness instructors at Durant. Mr. Strub said he has a total of 29 girls signed up for the class this school year.

“I think some of the girls were kind of pushing for a girls-only weights class,” said Mr. Strub because they felt more comfortable than they would in the co-ed classes.

Mr. Strub is seeing the girls try harder in the girls-only weight class as well.

“I think they are pushing them-



Photo by Zachary Pearlman

Members of the girls’ weights class taught by Mr. Casey Strub stretch before lifting. Almost 30 girls are signed up for the class.

selves more than they would,” said Mr.

Strub. “Just because they aren’t really as scared to fail in this class because there is no one really in their mind watching them or judging them.” The students in the girls-only weight class are also more on task.

“For the majority of the girls here, I would say it’s a lot more productive,” said Mr. Strub. “We get a lot more done with just girls in the class than with a mixed class.”

Mr. Strub said the students are satisfied with being in the girls-only class.

“They are more comfortable and

more themselves,” said Mr. Strub.

“It makes it pretty fun for me because I get to know them better if they are not worried about the other guys in their class really.”

Senior Addysen Clark, like most of the students in girls-only weights, is there because the class fits into her schedule.

“It just worked with my schedule, and it seemed better than regular weights,” said Clark.

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## Out-of-district family of 5 children chooses Durant

By Kennedy Schumacher

A family who lives in the Muscatine School District has chosen Durant as the district to educate its children.

Mrs. Noelle Hahn, mother of five, believes Durant is the best option for her family and said she likes the small-town feel.

A few years after moving to Iowa in 2008, the Hahns decided to homeschool the oldest three children before enrolling the siblings into Blue Grass Elementary School in the Davenport School District.

However in 2017, the Hahns transferred their children to Durant. Even though they don’t live in town, they fell in love with Durant and the school.

Sophomore Kierra Hahn, oldest of five, said she feels a small school like Durant provides a better environment for her family.

“I like being at a small school because everybody knows everybody,” said Kierra.

As a parent, one of Mrs. Hahn’s biggest concerns is her children’s safety. However she is “worry-free” about sending her children to school in Durant.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hahn grew up going to smaller schools, which made Durant even more appealing to them for their own family. They knew the teachers and staff at Durant would actually care about their children.

The family’s home is located on the Muscatine county line, making it in the Muscatine School District.

Mr. and Mrs. Hahn decided to open enroll their children to Durant after finding

out Durant is closer to their home than either Muscatine or West High School.

Davenport’s diversity plan was struck down by the Iowa Legislature earlier this year, and as a result, the district has lost 163 students so far, according to Davenport Superintendent TJ Schneckloth.

As of September 8, 22 students have open-enrolled to Durant.

Mrs. Hahn has recommended Durant to other families because her family has had a “good and welcoming experience.”

Kierra feels that possibly transferring to Durant earlier would have been nice, but she feels that “God set it up where it was the perfect time to come [to Durant].”

Krynn Hahn, the youngest of the five children, will be starting preschool next year, and the family isn’t sure she’ll be able to come to Durant because she has Down Syndrome.

“Because she has special needs, it’ll be a tougher fight to get her out of Muscatine schools to go to Durant,” said Mrs. Hahn.

The Muscatine School District would get additional funding because Krynn has special needs, according to Mrs. Hahn. Muscatine has to release her out of its district in order for her to be accepted by Durant.

Mrs. Hahn said she is hoping that because her other children are already at Durant, the fight to get Krynn enrolled will be lessened.

Mr. and Mrs. Hahn want Krynn to be as involved as possible with her class, and they know that is more achievable at Durant because it’s a smaller school.

## Couples teach in married wing

By Madison Weber

The high school now has two married couples, Mr. Matt Straube and Mrs. Abigail Straube, and Mr. David Houk and Mrs. Hailey Houk.

Both couples work in the same downstairs hallway, and both work right next to their spouse.

The Straubes have been married for six years and have been working together for seven years. Mr. Straube, a social studies teacher, had been working at Durant for two years before Mrs. Straube, a math teacher, was hired.

The Houks have been married for four years, and this is their first year working together. Mr. Houk, an art teacher, previously taught at Monroe Elementary in Davenport for 17 years. Mrs. Houk, a science teacher, is currently in her third year teaching at Durant.

“With moving to a new district, I am thankful she’s right next door. If I need any help, I don’t have to go far!” said Mr. Houk.

“It couldn’t have been a better next chapter in our life story than for Dave to also get to leave the Davenport district and come to one just minutes away from home!” said Mrs. Houk.

They are excited to finally have the same work schedule, especially since their oldest is currently enrolled in preschool at Durant.

“It will be nice to have the same holidays and breaks off,” said Mr. Houk.

The Straubes also experience many benefits working together.

“I love working with my wife,” said Mr. Straube. “With my busy hours of coaching and being the athletic director, it’s really nice to be able to eat with my wife and see her throughout the day.”

Another benefit is that they get to save money on gas by driving together when they can.

Both of them said that a challenge they face is the occasional inappropriate comments from students, but they have learned to brush it off.

The Straubes are excited to have another married couple in the same hallway.

“It’s definitely going to start a Jets vs. Sharks style turf war,” joked Mr. Straube.

“We are excited for them,” said Mrs. Straube. “They are like us and have a young family, so I’m sure they appreciate being together, so they can spend more time with their family.”

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## Durant community holds tree planting day

By Sofia Reyna

On August 10, 2020, Durant and parts of the Midwest suffered a severe derecho.

In town, we saw a lot of damage including over 25 fallen trees and blocked roads. Even after a year, Durant is still facing challenges because of existing damage received during the derecho. As a result, the city of Durant has decided to plant trees across the town on October 2.

Volunteers and the Durant Tree Board will meet up at 8 a.m. and be divided into four teams that will plant, mulch, and water trees until an estimated finish time of 11 a.m. The Durant Tree Board has received a \$2,000 dollar grant from Trees Forever, a nonprofit charitable organization that cares for the environment, for a five-year plan to

replace the lost trees.

The first place to receive new trees will be our city parks, with 14 new trees being distributed in both parks. These trees will include a variety of different species.

Some Durant students who have volunteered to help in planting trees include Carlie Jo Fusco, Alyssa Skriloff, and Kaetlyn Hansell. Students from Mr. Tim Rouse's shop class will also be helping by digging holes for the trees.

Skriloff remembers when the derecho took place, and how it had personally affected her.

"I remember my parents called us and told us to stay inside because the weather was gonna get bad," said Skriloff. "We used to have a trampoline, and it went two houses down into our neighbor's backyard.

Our neighbors next to us had a trampoline too, and it flipped over into our neighbor's pool behind them."

Skriloff said her desire to help plant the trees is due to her wish to help the environment and community, as well as earn some community service hours as mentioned in school announcements promoting the tree planting.

"With global warming and all that, we should try to help the environment as much as we can," she said.

Skriloff also believes that the planting of these trees can lead to greater changes in aiding our environment.

"It would be nice to have more community service days, planting more trees and plants, and picking up more trash," she stated.

Senior Alyssa Digney also believes that this is a great opportunity for the community to care more about the environment and try to help it.

"We're killing the Earth, and most people don't even care," she said.

Along with this, Digney hopes that she will see more of these changes in the future.

"This is a really good cause, and I hope it continues for a lot longer than just five years," stated Digney.

However, planting trees is just the start in saving the environment.

"I would also like to see recycling being more enforced," said Digney. "We also picked up trash in some areas a few years ago, and I think we should be doing that again."

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She advises the Houks to "enjoy it" and feels that they all are pretty lucky to have their significant others work right across the hall from them.

Since the beginning of the school year, the Houks have been asked many times how it's going to be working with each other.

"We're not sick of each other, and we don't think it will ever get that way," said Mr. Houk.

They always talked about their school days when they worked apart, so they are excited that they now share the same school day and can see each other throughout the day.

"We talk through what improvements or ideas we could try out in our classrooms. It's better now because we are on the same page of what is happening at work," said Mr. Houk.

The Houks moved out to Durant three years ago from Davenport and when the art position came open this summer, the couple moved quickly.

"We immediately jumped on getting everything together in order to apply for this position," said Mrs. Houk, and they both were relieved when they found out that he had gotten the job.

The Houks are also happy to have another married couple who have been working together for years to relate to.



Photo by Dayna Maiers

Mrs. Hailey Houk and Mr. David Houk hold their wedding photo along with Mrs. Abigail Straube and Mr. Matt Straube.

"Knowing that they also have small children like us, it's nice to have the thought in our heads of they know what we're going through too," said Mrs. Houk.


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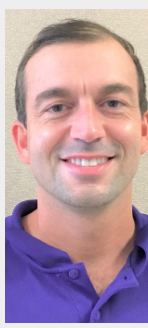
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**Durant Hub's mixologist of the month**  
 Sophomore Maddie Utter started working at the Durant Hub in June. Her favorite beverage to make is the Spring Break. The best part about working at the Hub "is learning how to make and try new drinks." Owner Britney Ingles works with her employees to create school-friendly schedules.  
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**Liberty Trust & Savings Bank's teacher of the month**  
 Mr. Andy Strunk has been teaching for nine years and feels the students at Durant are hardworking and everyone is friendly. Mr. Strunk said, "I got into teaching and coaching because I like building confidence in students and players and seeing them become successful in whatever they choose to do in their lives."  
 **Strunk**  
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## Masks From page 1

The school is also no longer tracing positive cases based on directions from the Iowa Department of Public Health.

"The only concern I have is if another student in Randy's class tests positive, and we are not made aware of it," said Mrs. Carpenter.

"It is hard to watch for symptoms, if you are not aware of any exposure and with heading into cold/flu season, it is going to be challenging."

Mrs. Carpenter also said that their household has chosen to get vaccinated and is taking the precautions recommended by the CDC.

Pfizer and Moderna are currently in clinical trials to develop a vaccine that is safe for children to receive.

"I am not concerned that children cannot get vaccinated," Mrs. Carpenter said. "This will become available when the FDA feels it is safe to administer to our littles."

It's not just in the elementary where students are still choosing to wear masks. Sophomore Cayden Eckhardt said that he is choosing to wear the mask although he is vaccinated because he wants to minimize his chances of getting the virus.

"I think my dad had some influence in my decision, but it was mostly my own," he said.

It's not just with students and their families that mask wearing is a hot-button issue. It is also with the teachers and faculty.

One Durant High School teaching couple is facing the uncertainty of raising three children and two foster children in the midst of a pandemic where vaccines are still unavailable for students 12 and under.

Math teacher Mrs. Abigail Straube says she and her husband Mr. Matt Straube, social studies teacher, understand the risks of sending their children to school without masks.

"It's kind of like a faith thing," Mrs. Straube said.

"I'm just hoping and putting my faith in God that if we get it again, or if we get it, hopefully we'll be okay."

Mrs. Straube said that because her children are in so many different activities and are not required to wear masks at those places, that it doesn't make sense to wear them at school.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Straube said that if the school district would have to go back to wearing masks, they would "wear it in a heartbeat."

Spanish teacher Mr. Jeff Trask also made the decision to wear a mask.

"I have two 16-month-olds at home, so it's really to protect my family but also to protect my students," Mr. Trask said.

"You know there are days that I see 80 students a day, and one person can transmit it pretty easily."

# Beavers sweep Wildcats in Backyard Challenge action



At left, Wilton's **Olivia Oveson** hits over the block of Durant's Katelynn Toft. At right, Durant's **Peyton Buesing** sets the ball for the Wildcats.

Wilton's **Alexa Garvin** dives for a dig in road play at Durant Sept. 23. The Beavers swept the Wildcats 25-7, 25-9, 25-20. Photos by Derek Sawvell

**By Derek Sawvell**  
Managing Editor, Advocate News

## Mid-Prairie sweeps Durant

The Durant volleyball team began the week in Mid-Prairie Sept. 21 for River Valley Conference South action. Despite improving each set, the Wildcats were swept by the host Golden Hawks 25-14, 25-18, 25-21.

Kylie Schult was back in the lineup for the Wildcats. She had six kills and seven digs. Shannon Head led with seven kills and six assists. Peyton Buesing had eight assists. Isabelle DeLong and Avery Paper each had five digs.

## Backyard Challenge Wilton sweeps Durant

The Wilton volleyball team traveled to Durant Sept. 23 for annual Backyard Challenge

action fresh off moving to No. 2 in the Class 2A rankings.

The Beavers entered the contest with just one loss on the season, and Durant entered with only one win. For the first two sets, the match was playing out that way. Yet the Cats fought back in the third, giving the Beavers a bit of a push before being swept 25-7, 25-9, 25-20.

Wilton's serving was strong most of the night, starting with Ella Caffery and Taylor Drayfahl early in set one, as the duo helped serve Wilton to a fast 9-1 lead. The advantage only grew, as Durant didn't earn its first point until a Layla Streeter kill at 17-4 Wilton. The previous three Durant points came on service errors from the Beavers.

Wilton continued cruising to a 25-7 set win. Set two started the same way, with Caffery serving strong to start, helping Wilton to an

8-1 lead. Up later in the set 17-6, Wilton began working other girls into the lineup, including Kailee Martin, who helped serve the Beavers on a 6-0 run late in the game en route to a 25-9 win to grab a quick 2-0 lead in the match.

The third set began with a kill from Durant's Katelynn Toft. Two Wilton errors gave Durant its first true lead at 3-0. The Cats kept hanging around as Wilton continued to make errors. At 7-6, Wilton coach Brenda Grunder took a timeout to an "Overrated" chant coming from the Durant student section.

Down 12-8, Wilton responded again with Caffery on serve. She helped Wilton to seven straight points as the Beavers turned the tables and led 15-12. Wilton built a 22-17 lead on a kill from Carly Puffer, and put the match away on a kill from Kelsey Drake to dismiss Durant 25-20 in game three to complete the sweep.

"We got the sweep, it was a conference opponent on the road, all good things. But we saw an opportunity to try some different people in different situations and we did that. If that causes us to lose focus then that's a problem," said Wilton coach Brenda Grunder. "There's no excuse for 10 missed serves. In the third set, our serve-receive was off. That's a lack of focus, and we have to do better."

"We told the girls to have fun and just enjoy themselves in that third set," said Durant co-coach Peyton Miedema. "At this point we

want them to try and put the pieces together as best they can and have fun. We knew Wilton was tough, we knew they were smart. We needed to be on our feet and be scrappy. Our team is young. We're trying to figure out team chemistry. These are hard working girls. We have the pieces and skills, we just need to put it together."

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Wilton had 11 aces, with three each from Drake and Caffery. Drake had 10 kills and Alexa Garvin had six. Caffery had 27 assists. Drake had seven digs and Caffery had six.

Kylie Schult was again in the lineup for Durant, and had four kills. Shannon Head had three kills and four assists. Peyton Buesing had five assists. Kennedy Jehle had five digs. Collectively, Durant had just four aces.

## Durant goes 2-3 at North Cedar

The Wildcats notched their second and third wins of the season at the North Cedar tournament Sept. 25. Durant went 2-3 on the day, with sweeps of Calamus-Wheatland 21-17, 21-19 and Midland 25-11, 25-4.

Losses were to Regina (21-8, 17-21, 15-4), North Cedar (24-22, 22-20) and Edgewood-Colesburg (26-24, 25-23).

Head had 43 assists on the day while Buesing had 28. Isabelle DeLong had 23 kills, Buesing had 16 and Toft had 14.

Durant is now 3-14 on the season. Wilton is 21-1.

# Wildcats get first win

**By Derek Sawvell**  
Managing Editor, Advocate News

## Durant defeats L-M 43-6

In a battle of winless teams, Durant got its first victory of the 2021 season Sept. 24, scoring early and often in a 43-6 win on the road at Louisa-Muscatine.

Durant moved to 1-4 on the season while L-M fell to 0-5. The Wildcats scored 37 of their 43 points in the first half, gaining a continuous clock throughout a much faster second half of action.



Durant set the tone early with 24 first quarter points, and added 13 more in the second quarter to lead 37-0 at the half. The teams then traded scores in the second half, with the Wildcats scoring another touchdown in the third to push the lead to 43-0, and L-M answering with a fourth quarter score to get on the board and cut the advantage to 43-6 — the score that would become the game's final.

Durant only had to throw six passes on the night. Quarterback Charlie Huesmann was 3-5 for 88 yards and one touchdown. Ben Orr caught the touchdown pass, a 38-yard strike. Drake Shelangoski also had a 43-yard catch.

The night belonged to running back Nolan DeLong, who rushed for 188 yards on just 15 carries, an average of 12.5 yards per attempt. He scored five touchdowns, with a long of 64 yards.

Durant will travel to West Branch (4-1)



The Durant Wildcats defeated L-M 43-6 Sept. 24 on the road for their first win of the season. **Tysen McKinley** is shown above, dragging a defender in previous game action for the Wildcats.

Photo by Derek Sawvell

Oct. 1 to play the Bears on their homecoming weekend.

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**Durant varsity sports**  
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Cross Country:



# Regina uses big plays to win battle of unbeatens

**By Derek Sawvell**  
Managing Editor, Advocate News

## Regina defeats Wilton 35-7

The Regina football team continues to have Wilton's number, moving its win streak over the Beavers to 10 since 2008 with a 35-7 win at Wilton Sept. 24.

Both teams came into the game undefeated and atop Class 1A District 5. The Regals moved to 5-0 while Wilton fell to 4-1.

Regina won the total yardage battle 371-131 and held Wilton to just 54 yards rushing on the night. The tandem of Levi Daniel and Carson Jensen combined for all five of Regina's touchdowns.



It started on the game's opening drive, as the Regals went six plays in three minutes to take a 6-0 lead on a touchdown run from Daniel, who ran for 132 yards and three touchdowns on 15 carries.

The teams then settled in defensively, as five collective drives stalled throughout the first quarter, until Jensen took a sweep to the right 73 yards virtually untouched for a touchdown, increasing the Regal lead to 14-0 with a minute left in the opening quarter.

Wilton put a drive together in the second quarter, but was called for a false start at the Regina 16-yard line, followed by a sack of quarterback Aidan Walker. Forced with a third-and-24 at the 30-yard line, Walker threw a ball to the goal line that was picked off by Regina's Qiming Liu. The Regals then answered with a touchdown drive on another scoring run from Daniel to increase the lead to 21-0.

Two minutes later, after forcing a Wilton punt, Regina quarterback Jack Tierney connected with Jensen on a 43-yard pass toward the end zone for a score just 25 seconds before halftime. The Regals took a 28-0 lead to the break.

"You can't give opportunities to good teams and that is what we did. We couldn't get anything going. We could have been down

21-7 at half, which is a different approach than down 28-0," said Wilton coach Ryan Hetzler.

Jensen ran for 73 yards on one carry for a touchdown. He caught five passes for 75 yards and a touchdown. "He's a good route runner and speedy athlete. He exposed us a bit but we haven't seen a team that can pass yet," said Hetzler.

Walker was pulled from the game due to what Wilton head coach Ryan Hetzler called dizziness. Mason Ormsby played the final two series of the first half, and finished the game at quarterback for the Beavers.

"Walker was not feeling well. He was light headed but didn't take a hard hit. But he was sick to his stomach. After last week, we're not going to take that chance," said Hetzler of his decision to pull Walker.

The teams battled to a scoreless third. Early in the fourth, Daniel had his third touchdown run of the night, 45 yards, to push the advantage to 35-0 and start the continuous clock.

The Beavers put together a late ground-and-pound drive culminating with a Jackson Hull touchdown run from one yard out, cutting the lead to 35-7 with less than two minutes to play. The score became the game's final.

Walker and Ormsby combined for 9-14 passing for 77 yards and an interception. Ormsby ran for 32 yards and Hull ran for 33 yards on 20 carries. Caden Kirkman sat out with a concussion. Clayton Guyer led the Beavers with four receptions for 26 yards. Tyrrell Hughes had nine tackles while Karson Willey and Alex Kaufmann each had eight.

"Caden is on the mend but it's a slow process. This is not something you speed through," said Hetzler. "You want him on the field but the main concern is his health. He's got a bright future ahead. Walker vs. Ormsby is two different offenses. Ground and pound versus looking around and taking chances. I don't like the idea of two quarterbacks, but maybe that's what we go to if it's beneficial."

Ronan Poynton led Regina with 16 tackles, while Chris Waikel had 12.

The Beavers travel to Mediapolis (3-2) Oct. 1.



Wilton's Tyrrell Hughes grabs onto a Regina runner in home action against the Regals Sept. 24. Hughes led the Beavers with nine tackles in a 35-7 loss to the Regals.

Photo by Derek Sawvell

# Brown paces Wilton cross country

**By Derek Sawvell**  
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## Durant runs in Bellevue

The Durant cross country teams traveled to Bellevue for a coed meet Sept. 20. In the varsity boys' race, Bellevue's Payton Griebel won the individual crown in a time of 17:07. The host Comets also won the team title with 40 points.

Race Starr led Durant with a 28th place finish in 22:06. William Richardson ran to 47th place in 25:16.

Northeast won the girls' meet with 22 points. Cal-Wheat's Noelle Steines won the individual title in a time of 19:05. No Durant runners participated in the girls' race.



Wilton's Charlotte Brown

## Beavers run in Mount Pleasant

The Wilton cross country teams competed in Mount Pleasant Sept. 21. Separated into large school and small school races, the Wilton teams competed in the small schools events.

Charlotte Brown of Wilton won the small schools JV/varsity event, in a winning time of 21:31.

Wilton finished third with 42 points. Other finishes included SeAnn Houghton (3rd, 23:18), Ava Barrett (14th, 26:25), Alayna Dann (16th, 26:38) and Olivia Fagner (26th, 29:52).

In the varsity boys' small school race, Solomon Zaugg of Mediapolis won the individual title in a time of 17:29. Columbus Junction won the team title with 37 points.

Lucas Gerst led Wilton with a 35th place finish in 22:14. Other finishes included Gabriel Breed (36th, 22:44), Grayson Hartung (39th, 22:46) and Cael Wagaman (54th, 26:13).

Avery Paper 2-3; Isabelle DeLong 7-8, 2 aces; Shannon Head 6-6; Layla Streeter 3-3; Kennedy Jehle 4-5, 1 ace, Peyton Buesing 2-3.

Durant def. Calamus-Wheatland 21-17, 21-19

**Attacks:** Avery Paper 1-1; Isabelle DeLong 8-11, 4 kills; Shannon Head 5-6, 2 kills; Layla Streeter 8-9, 3 kills; Rylie Rock 9-10, 4 kills; Peyton Buesing 10-11, 5 kills; Katelyn Toft 6-8, 3 kills. **Assists:** Isabelle DeLong 1; Shannon Head 12; Peyton Buesing 5. **Digs:** Avery Paper 5; Isabelle DeLong 7; Shannon Head 6; Rylie Rock 1; Kennedy Jehle 5. **Serves:** Avery Paper 10-10, 2 aces; Shannon Head 6-6; Layla Streeter 1-2; Kennedy Jehle 2-5; Peyton Buesing 5-6.

North Cedar def. Durant 24-22, 22-20

**Attacks:** Isabelle DeLong 13-15, 6 kills; Shannon Head 10-10, 5 kills; Layla Streeter 6-6; Rylie Rock 11-11, 5 kills; Peyton Buesing 17-20, 4 kills; Katelyn Toft 4-6, 1 kill. **Assists:** Shannon Head 11; Peyton Buesing 9. **Digs:** Avery Paper 2; Isabelle DeLong 2; Shannon Head 5; Layla Streeter 1; Kennedy Jehle 2; Peyton Buesing 1; Katelyn Toft 1. **Blocks:** Layla Streeter 1 assist; Peyton Buesing 1 assist. **Serves:** Avery Paper 5-6, 1 ace; Isabelle DeLong 8-8, 3 aces; Shannon Head 8-8; Layla Streeter 6-6, 1 ace; Kennedy Jehle 6-6; Peyton Buesing 7-8.

Durant def. Midland 25-11, 25-4

**Attacks:** Isabelle DeLong 9-9, 7 kills; Shannon Head 4-4, 2 kills;

# AREA SPORTS REPORT

## Varsity Football

### Iowa City Regina 35, Wilton 7

Sept. 24 at Wilton

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Iowa City Regina	14	14	0	7	35
Wilton	0	0	0	7	7

Statistics	ICR	WIL
First Downs	14	9
Rushing Yards	264	54
Passing Yards	107	77
Total Offense	371	131
Comp/Att/Int	7-17-0	9-14-1
Penalties/Yards	5-40	4-33
Time of Possession	18:55	29:05

#### Wilton Statistics

**Rushing** — Drew Keith 2-8; Aidan Walker 3- (-19); Mason Ormsby 10-32; Jackson Hull 20-33, 1 TD.  
**Passing** — Aidan Walker 6-9-67; Mason Ormsby 3-5-10.  
**Receiving** — Drew Keith 2-9; Gavin Schnepfer 1-6; Clayton Guyer 4-26; Landyn Putman 1-1; Jackson Hull 1-35.  
**Tackles** — Chaz Allison 0.5; Drew Keith 2.0; Gavin Schnepfer 2.0; Clayton Guyer 3.0; Mason Ormsby 2.5; Landyn Putman 3.0; Cade Nolte 0.5; Robert Martin 1.0; Jackson Hull 1.5; Karson Willey 4.0; LeSane Bitterman 0.5; Tyrrell Hughes 5.0; Christian Kleppe 0.5; Alex Kaufmann 5.5; Briggs Hartley 2.5; Cade Souhrada 0.5.

### Durant 43, Louisa-Muscatine 6

Sept. 24 at Louisa-Muscatine

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Durant	24	13	6	0	43
Louisa-Muscatine	0	0	0	6	6

Statistics	DUR	LM
First Downs	X	X
Rushing Yards	235	X
Passing Yards	88	X
Total Offense	323	X
Comp/Att/Int	3-6-1	X
Penalties	X	X
Time of Possession	X	X

#### Durant Statistics

**Rushing** — Charlie Huesmann 3-16; Ryan Wulf 2- (-5); Nolan DeLong 15-188, 5 TD; Tevin Miller 1-(-7); Ben Orr 4-35; Isaac Nielsen 4-8.  
**Passing** — Charlie Huesmann 3-5-88, 1 TD; Tysen McKinley 0-1-0.  
**Receiving** — Carter Wichelt 1-7; Drake Shelangoski 1-43; Ben Orr 1-38, 1 TD.  
**Tackles** — Charlie Huesmann 0.5; Brady Meincke 2.0; Carter Wichelt 1.5; Elliott Fortin 4.5; Ryan Wulf 0.5; Nolan DeLong 3.0;

Ethan Gast 1.5; Tysen McKinley 6.0; Drake Shelangoski 2.0; Nathan Moomey 1.5; Tevin Miller 2.5; Michael Iossi 0.5; Lane Felske 1.5; Hunter Bacorn 2.0; Rylan Perry 1.0.

## Varsity Volleyball

### Durant vs. Mid-Prairie

Sept. 21 at Mid-Prairie  
Mid-Prairie def. Durant 25-14, 25-18, 25-21

**Attacks:** Kylie Schult 20-22, 6 kills; Isabelle DeLong 9-20; Shannon Head 9-10, 7 kills; Layla Streeter 3-6, 2 kills; Rylie Rock 2-2; Kennedy Jehle 3-3; Peyton Buesing 6-12, 3 kills; Katelyn Toft 5-11, 2 kills. **Assists:** Kylie Schult 2; Shannon Head 6; Kennedy Jehle 3; Peyton Buesing 8. **Digs:** Kylie Schult 7; Avery Paper 5; Isabelle DeLong 5; Shannon Head 2; Kennedy Jehle 2. **Blocks:** Shannon Head 1 assist; Layla Streeter 1 assist; Rylie Rock 1 solo; Peyton Buesing 1 solo. **Serves:** Kylie Schult 8-8; Avery Paper 5-5; Isabelle DeLong 14-14, 5 aces; Shannon Head 8-8; Kennedy Jehle 1-2; Peyton Buesing 9-9, 2 aces; Katelyn Toft 7-7, 1 ace.

### Wilton vs. Durant

Sept. 23 at Durant  
Wilton def. Durant 25-7, 25-9, 25-20

**Attacks:** Kelsey Drake 14-14, 10 kills; Jozalynn Zaiser 5-5, 4 kills; Carly Puffer 14-16, 5 kills; Ella Caffery 5-7, 3 kills; Alexa Garvin 13-16, 6 kills; Olivia Oveson 5-6, 3 kills. **Assists:** Ella Caffery 27; Alexa Garvin 1. **Digs:** Kelsey Drake 7; Peyton Souhrada 1; Taylor Drayfahl 2; Carly Puffer 4; Ella Caffery 6; Alexa Garvin 2; Olivia Oveson 1; Mallory Lange 3. **Blocks:** Kelsey Drake 1 solo; Carly Puffer 1 solo, 2 assist; Ella Caffery 2 assist. **Serves:** Kelsey Drake 7-9, 3 aces; Peyton Souhrada 11-12, 1 ace; Taylor Drayfahl 7-10, 1 ace; Kailee Martin 4-4; Carly Puffer 6-8, 2 aces; Ella Caffery 16-19, 3 aces; Alexa Garvin 7-7, 1 ace.

#### Wilton stats

**Attacks:** Kylie Schult 10-16, 4 kills; Isabelle DeLong 6-9, 2 kills; Shannon Head 9-12, 3 kills; Layla Streeter 4-7, 1 kill; Rylie Rock 1-1; Peyton Buesing 4-6; Katelyn Toft 3-7, 1 kill. **Assists:** Shannon Head 4; Kennedy Jehle 1; Peyton Buesing 5. **Digs:** Kylie Schult 3; Avery Paper 3; Isabelle DeLong 3; Shannon Head 2; Layla Streeter 1; Kennedy Jehle 5. **Serves:** Kylie Schult 3-6; Avery Paper 4-4, 1 ace; Isabelle DeLong 4-5; Shannon Head 12-12, 2 aces; Layla Streeter 0-1; Kennedy Jehle 2-2; Peyton Buesing 4-5, 1 ace; Katelyn Toft 1-3.

### North Cedar Invitational

Sept. 25 at North Cedar  
Iowa City Regina def. Durant 21-8, 17-21, 15-4  
**Attacks:** Isabelle DeLong 8-13, 3 kills; Shannon Head 7-9, 1 kills; Layla Streeter 11-11, 2 kills; Rylie Rock 6-9, 2 kills; Peyton Buesing 8-13, 3 kills; Katelyn Toft 5-9, 3 kills. **Assists:** Shannon Head 7; Peyton Buesing 3. **Digs:** Avery Paper 4; Isabelle DeLong 4; Shannon Head 2; Kennedy Jehle 8. **Blocks:** Shannon Head 1 assist; Layla Streeter 1 solo, 2 assist; Rylie Rock 1 assist. **Serves:**

Layla Streeter 4-4, 2 kills; Rylie Rock 5-5, 1 kill; Peyton Buesing 4-4; Katelyn Toft 10-10, 5 kills. **Assists:** Shannon Head 6; Kennedy Jehle 1; Peyton Buesing 7. **Digs:** Avery Paper 2; Shannon Head 1; Layla Streeter 1; Kennedy Jehle 7. **Blocks:** Shannon Head 1 assist; Layla Streeter 1 assist. **Serves:** Avery Paper 7-9, 1 ace; Isabelle DeLong 2-2, 1 ace; Shannon Head 13-15, 3 aces; Layla Streeter 0-1; Kennedy Jehle 12-13, 4 aces; Peyton Buesing 6-7, 1 ace.

Edgewood-Colesburg def. Durant 26-24, 25-23  
**Attacks:** Isabelle DeLong 12-13, 3 kills; Shannon Head 7-9, 3 kills; Layla Streeter 5-5, 1 kill; Rylie Rock 5-5, 1 kill; Peyton Buesing 9-9, 4 kills; Katelyn Toft 4-5, 2 kills. **Assists:** Shannon Head 7; Peyton Buesing 4. **Digs:** Avery Paper 3; Isabelle DeLong 3; Shannon Head 8; Rylie Rock 1; Kennedy Jehle 5. **Serves:** Avery Paper 8-8; Isabelle DeLong 4-4; Shannon Head 9-10; Layla Streeter 7-7; Kennedy Jehle 10-10; Peyton Buesing 5-6, 1 assist; Katelyn Toft 1-1.

**Cross Country**  
**Comet Invitational**  
Sept. 20 at Bellevue Golf Course  
**Boys' Team Scoring**

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# OPINION



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## Communities grieve loss of several teachers/volunteers

Our collective hearts grew heavier and heavier this week as obituaries came into our newspaper. I've tasked myself with preparing obituaries in our paper for quite sometime. Call me a prisoner of the moment, but I can't remember a week with such a "who's who" of folks who really made their mark on both Wilton and Durant.

It began with hearing of the passing of Nancy Allmandinger early last week. I had a special connection to Nancy, as I was best friends with her grandson Trent Allmandinger growing up. From the time we were in kindergarten until around junior high school, Trent and I could be found together, often staying at each other's houses on the weekends. When I would stay with Trent at his dad's house north of Wilton on Y14, we'd often ride our bikes to his grandparents house, as they lived just down the same road. Nancy was always

inviting and treated all of Trent's friends like her own grandkids.

Later in the week, we received back-to-back shocks in losing former Wilton teachers Vikki Beinke and Blaine Charlton.

Beinke taught at Wilton for more than 30 years. I had her as a seventh grade language arts teacher. Find a more difficult grade to work with than junior high kids. Oh the changes we all go through at those times. Yet she made English and reading fun, and always kept command of her classroom. She may have been small in stature, but her many years of experience showed. She had a bubbly and fun personality that allowed every person to feel like they belonged — again very difficult to do with that age group.

Charlton was "Mr. Math" in Wilton High School when I was there in the late 1990s. He taught all the hard stuff. In fact, I never actually

had the pleasure of being in his classroom, as I took all my math classes with Mr. Ron Hedrick. I had the impression that Mr. Charlton was always well liked by students. As much as a math teacher could be liked. He also coached several sports, from cross country to track, basketball and perhaps more I'm forgetting. He was a big man, but soft spoken.

In fact, I never heard him speak much. When you don't have him for a teacher, the only interaction you'd get is in the halls or if you were out for sports he coached. I wasn't. However, I got to know him better in later years, when I got asked to be on a few trivia teams in which he was a part. It was fun to finally interact with a former teacher more like equals or "adults." I'll forever remember those times, and I can't count how many times I'd see him walking around Wilton. Every time he'd give a wave and shoot a bright smile as I'd drive by him.

Wilton also lost Nelda Lauser, the widow of Max Lauser. The Lauser's owned a store in downtown Wilton. Find anyone my parents' age and they can tell you countless stories of

going to Lauser's store growing up. I just narrowly missed the opportunity but have been told several of those stories over the years.

Lastly, the town of Durant lost one of its best volunteers recently with the passing of Ed Behnke. He was a fixture with the Durant Fire Department and Ambulance Service. While I didn't really know him personally, I thought it appropriate to share a portion of what the Durant Fire Department posted to social media this week:

"Ed was an active member of our fire department in November 1973, retiring on Jan. 19, 1999. Although he was retired, he was still an active part of our fire department, along with being active in the Durant Ambulance service as well. He guided his son-in-law Tim Sterner along the way. And later his two grandsons Dan and Adam Sterner, who he loved dearly. Ed would be seen attending county meetings just to keep up with the latest info, and talking to the friends he had made along the way..."

The obituaries for these fine people (and more) can be viewed on pages 5-6. May they rest in peace.

### Case in Point

By Derek Sawvell



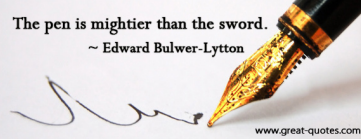
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## Library 'the heart of the community'

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Programming Librarian.

The position in Cedar Rapids, Garrett said, was exactly what she had wanted upon graduation. At Cedar Rapids, she was one of a staff of 80, where there was the luxury of having one person able to focus on a specific role.

Garrett had been working and living with her husband, Brad Cerny, in Cedar Rapids for around seven years when she was compelled by the COVID-19 pandemic to work remotely. She and her husband were making plans to return to Wilton and build a house on her parents' property when the derecho hit.

The couple had to fix their Cedar Rapids house before they could sell it, so they ended up staying longer than planned, both working virtually. At this time, the director position opened in Wilton, and Garrett knew she wanted to apply.

Garrett said her long-term vision was always to return to Wilton and become the next director. The ideal, she said, would have been "Come back, work with Sharon, have her be my mentor again, and eventually apply to be director when she retired."

Sadly, Bowers' sudden and unexpected death this spring made only a small part of Garrett's goal able to be realized. While Garrett celebrates being in her "dream job" here at Wilton, "Sharon not being here is not what I

ever, ever wanted. It breaks my heart."

### Current goals

The future of the library is exciting, Garrett said. Her focus as director will be to "Make sure our library is the heart of the community." It's not just for books, not just a quiet place where you go to sit and read quietly.

"The future of libraries," Garrett said, is integrated into the town through outreach, programs, and an updated collection, as well as partnerships and collaborations in the community. She looks forward to the library being the fulfillment of people's needs and a solution to their problems.

On Saturday, Aug. 28, the library held a game party to, among other things, mark their return to in-person programming. Garrett pointed out that 77 people attended, and around 10 new library cards were issued. Participants included children, parents, and older volunteers, so it was truly an intergenerational event and a great example of the library as the heart of the community.

An escape room is planned for October for "tweens" to adults. Based on the Mr. Lemoncello's Library books, it should be as fun as it is challenging.

Other programming in the works, Garrett said, includes a "Bad Art Night." Adults use leftover craft supplies to make art projects, which are then judged. The winner, "like golf," is the piece of art with the "lowest score."

## Difficult to find volunteers for events

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high teams don't play North teams. (Wilton is in the RVC South).

Hetzler said "super meets" will be held in sports like cross country and track, where all (coed) schools will be invited for one large conference meet.

Wilton will be hosting RVC Honor Band this year on Nov. 12.

He said the Townsend Commons have been working well thus far with athletic events, and would like that to be the only entrance used. There is no night custodian currently, and there is a shortage of officials, which Hetzler

said has been difficult at times to navigate through. He said it's also getting difficult to find volunteers to help with athletic events.

The last thing he spoke about was the constant use that the new indoor practice facility gets in the winter months of January through March. He said there would be no open spots during those months. After talking with board member Jeremy Lies prior to the meeting, Hetzler said that a scheduling meeting will be held prior to the winter with area coaches to explain scheduling and rules of the facility. "It's a high school facility first, not a public facility," said Lies. "We need to have a scheduling meeting, and everyone needs to understand the hierarchy."

## Advocate News Football Contest Ken Ostofi wins week three

By Derek Sawvell  
Managing Editor, Advocate News

Week 3 of the *Advocate News* Football Contest proved again that the tie-breaker score is very important in weekly picks. It was the decider between this week's top contestants.

The tie-breaker score was 42, the total number of points in Regina's 35-7 win over Wilton.

Ken Ostofi of Durant won the \$25 top prize this week, missing three games and guessing 46 for the tie-breaker.

Cindy Austin of Wilton took second place and \$15 this week, missing three games and guessing 35 for the tie-breaker.

Shane Webb and Dixie Hannes tied for third place and will split \$10 this week, missing four games each and having tie-breaker predictions of 50.

This week's scores included: Durant 43, Louisa-Muscatine 6; West Branch 24, Mediapolis 21; Regina 35, Wilton 7; Wake Forest 37, Virginia 17; Notre Dame 41, Wisconsin 13; Iowa 24, Colorado State 14; Arkansas 20, Texas A&M 10; Baylor 31, Iowa State 29; UCLA 35, Stanford 24;

Oklahoma State 31, Kansas State 20; LSU 28, Mississippi State 25; Boston College 41, Missouri 34; SMU 42, TCU 34.

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Also a tradition since 2010, the Football Contest will have a "12 weeks, 12 winners" theme. Participants are limited to one first place finish over the 12-week period of the contest. (All winners can continue to play week-to-week, but each entrant is limited to one first place finish.)

## AREA SPORTS REPORT

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1. Bellevue 40; Northeast 50; 3. Camanche 77; 4. Marquette Catholic 111; 5. Prince of Peace 112; 6. Maquoketa 114; 7. Midland 184. Incomplete teams: Calamus-Wheatland, Durant, Easton Valley, North Cedar, Wapello.

### Top 5 Finishers

1. Payton Griebel (BEL) 17:07; 2. Marcus Blount (POP) 17:53; 3. Aiden Onken (BEL) 18:11; 4. Andrew Butt (CAM) 18:18; 5. Ben Steinbeck (BEL) 18:24.

### Durant results

28. Race Starr 22:06; 47. William Richardson 25:16.

### Mount Pleasant Invitational

Sept. 21 at Mount Pleasant

### Girls Team Scoring

1. Mediapolis 37; 2. Columbus 41; 3. Wilton 42. Incomplete teams: Central Lee, WACO, Lone Tree, Louisa-Muscatine, Winfield-

Mt. Union.

### Top 5 Finishers

1. Charlotte Brown (WIL) 21:31.17; 2. Brooklyn Moehle (MED) 22:11.50; 3. SeAnn Houghton (WIL) 23:18.06; 4. Ariana Vergara (COL) 23:40.91; 5. Quinn Yotter (COL) 24:24.84.

### Wilton results

1. C. Brown 21:31.17; 3. S. Houghton 23:18.06; 14. Ava Barrett 26:25.46; 16. Alayna Dann 26:38.50; 26. Olivia Fagner 29:52.93.

### Boys' Team Scoring

1. Columbus 37; 2. Mediapolis 84; 3. Central Lee 97; 4. Holy Trinity 100; 5. Louisa-Muscatine 109; 6. Winfield-Mt. Union 110; 7. WACO 130. Incomplete teams: Central Lee, Wilton, Lone Tree.

### Top 5 Finishers

1. Solomon Zaugg (MED) 17:29.62; 2. Freddy Vergara (COL) 17:31.09; 3. Jeff Campbell (MED) 18:30.47; 4. Isaac Acosta (COL) 18:33.75; 5. Owen Schmigdall (MED) 18:35.38.

### Wilton results

35. Lucas Gerts 22:14.41; 36. Gabriel Breed 22:44.97; 39. Grayson Hartung 22:46.34; 54. Cael Wagaman 26:13.91.



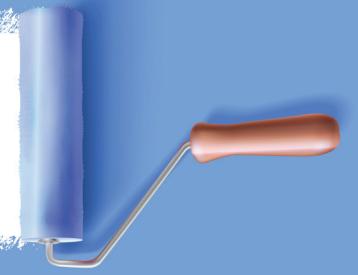
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# Fall 2021 Home Improvement



## Budget-friendly dining room renovation ideas

If the kitchen is the heart of the home, then the dining room may be akin to one of its arteries. The mood created in the kitchen spreads to the dining space where family and friends gather to eat and enjoy one another's company.

Dining rooms can get lost in the home renovation shuffle, as many homeowners tend to focus on renovating kitchens and bathrooms instead. Homeowners do not have to invest a lot of money in renovations to give their dining spaces awe-inspiring makeovers. Here's how to do so on a budget.

• **Lighten and brighten.** Dining rooms were once very formal spaces. Dark woods, large pieces of furniture, over-the-top chandeliers, and other details could be found in many homes. But now that houses are being built with open floor plans, din-

ing rooms can blend with other spaces, which have moved to lighter colored walls, flooring and furniture. A fresh coat of vibrant paint can work wonders and it doesn't cost much. If you can't remove a floor, cover it with a brightly colored area rug.

• **Switch things up with slipcovers.** Slipcovers can be changed each season to dramatically alter the look of a dining room for little investment. Slip covers also protect chairs and can be easily laundered after spills.

• **Add floating shelving.** Floating shelves provide much-needed storage or display space without the need to invest in another piece of furniture. Depending on the shelving, they can work in modern design schemes or even farmhouse dining spaces.

• **Clear out the clutter.** It might be time to say "so long" to that large curio cabinet and the knickknacks within it. Curio and china cabinets used to be de rigueur, but plenty of people now prefer more open and airy dining rooms. For those who want to keep the cabinet, try decluttering inside to only include the very best display pieces and see if the cabinet can be refinished with paint or a lightly colored stain.

• **Improve lighting.** Make the chandelier the statement piece of the space. Go for a bold color or an innovative design. Then add accessories throughout the space that coordinate with the chandelier.

• **Add bench seating.** Those who need

additional seating may not have to get entirely new furniture. Swap out some chairs for benches, which can fit a couple more guests than chairs.

• **Create depth with color.** HGTV says that using various shades of the same color in a space can add depth. Coordinate drapes, walls, seat fabrics, and accessories for a cohesive design.

Renovating a dining room doesn't require a large investment of time and money. A few simple steps can give dining spaces a whole new feel without busting homeowners' budgets.



## Plant right and enjoy vegetables even as temperatures drop

Spring and summer may be the seasons most often associated with gardening. But people who love to grow their own vegetables can do so even when the weather outside is frightful.

Various vegetables thrive in cool temperatures. The home and garden experts at HGTV note that some winter vegetables are hardy. That means they can handle frosts in temperatures as low as 25 F without being damaged. Others are even sturdier in the face of all that winter can throw at them, capable of tolerating temperatures that dip into the high teens.

Growing vegetables in winter requires a different approach than growing in spring and summer, as gardeners must be ready to prevent damage from frost if temperatures get especially chilly. For example, the experts at Michigan State University Extension note that gardeners may need to

utilize floating row covers to protect sensitive crops from frost. Gardeners interested in planting winter vegetables can speak with a local garden center professional about which crops to plant and what to do if temperatures push winter vegetable gardeners to the brink.

Though it's up to gardeners what they want to plant, the following are some popular winter vegetables that can make for wonderful, fresh additions to any dinner table even after the traditional gardening season has come and gone.

- Arugula
- Broccoli
- Brussel sprouts
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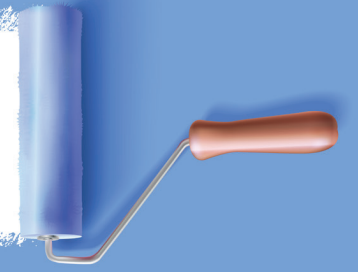


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## What is a Sheriff's Sale?

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during sheriff's sales go to the highest bidder, who typically must provide certified proof of their funding prior to making a bid. Properties up for auction may include single- and multi-family homes, mixed-use properties, large complexes, and commercial buildings. Prospective bidders should do a little homework prior to participating in a sheriff's sale so they can be certain what they're getting into before bidding on a property. For example, some properties may have tax liens on them, and if such liens were not wiped out during foreclosure proceedings, winning bidders may be responsible for paying them. Bidders also should be prepared to close quickly on a property should their bid prevail, as many sheriff's sales require closing within 30 days of submitting a successful bid.

## Did you know?

Debris from home improvement projects can often be recycled. According to Waste Management, the largest residential recycler and renewable energy provider in North America, common construction materials such as concrete, porcelain, tile, lumber, metals, masonry, plastic, carpet, and insulation can potentially be recycled. When recycled, debris from construction projects may ultimately be used in various ways to benefit the planet.

For example, such debris may be used as inerts that become road base, while clear wood may be transformed into mulch or biomass fuel. Crushed concrete can go on to live a second life as gravel or become dry aggregate for new concrete. Homeowners who want to recycle as much of their home improvement project debris as possible can work with Waste Management and/or their contractors to ensure the materials they no longer need continue to be put to good use.

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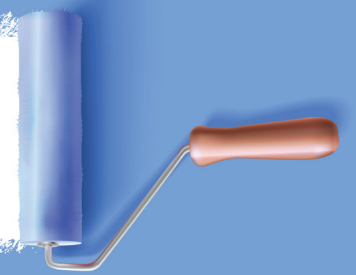
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# Home Improvement



## How to care for your lawn in the upcoming months

Many tasks can be done in Iowa during late summer and early fall that help lawns grow well. Most lawns in Iowa are composed of Kentucky bluegrass and other cool-season grasses.

Proper mowing, overseeding, aeration, weed control and fertilization late in the growing season can promote lush, green, good-looking, cool-season lawns.

In this month's "Yard and Garden," Aaron Steil, consumer horticulture specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, offers late-summer lawn care advice.

### What are best mowing practices for the fall?

During the stressful, hot summer months, lawns are mowed at 3.0 to 3.5 inches tall. The cooler temperatures of fall promote better growth. In September, lower the mowing height to 2.5 to 3 inches. Continue to mow the lawn until the grass stops growing in late October/early November. When mowing the lawn, never remove more than one-third of the total leaf area at any one time.

### How do I overseed my thin and

### sparse lawn?

Mid-August through mid-September is the best time to renovate a thin lawn. Sowing grass seed in late summer has several advantages over spring seeding. Cool-season grass seeds germinate quickly in warm soils of late summer.

Once the grass germinates, the warm days and cool nights of fall promote rapid turf growth. Also, there will be less competition from weeds, as few weed seeds germinate in late summer and fall.

To reduce the competition from the established turfgrass, mow the lawn at a height of 2.0 to 2.5 inches before seeding. Successful overseeding requires good seed-to-soil contact. Core aerators, vertical mowers and slit seeders can be used to ensure good seed-to-soil contact.

After seeding, keep the upper 1 inch of soil moist with frequent, light applications of water. The seeds of most turfgrasses should germinate in two to three weeks if the seedbed is uniformly moist.

Gradually reduce the frequency of watering, but water more deeply, when the grass seedlings reach a height of 1 to 2 inches.

### Why and how should I aerate my lawn?

Early September is the best time to aerate lawns in Iowa. Aeration relieves soil compaction, improves water and nutrient movement in the soil, and prevents thatch accumulation.

Aerate lawns with a core aerator. Core aerators have hollow metal tubes or tines that remove plugs of soil. Avoid spike-type devices that simply punch holes (compacting the soil) in the

ground.

Core aerators can be rented from hardware or machine rental stores or the service can be done by a professional lawn care company.

Remove soil cores that are approximately three-fourths of an inch in diameter and 3 inches long. For best results, aerate lawns when the soil is moist. Avoid aeration when soils are dry or wet. The tubes or tines will not be able to penetrate deeply when the soil is dry and may get plugged with soil when the soil is wet.

Lawns that are properly aerated should have 20 to 40 holes per square foot. Since most core aerators won't remove the proper number of holes with a single pass, several passes are often necessary. After aeration, pull a drag mat or weighted piece of fencing material across the lawn to break up the soil cores on the soil surface. If the lawn is smaller, use a stiff rake to break up the soil cores.

### When and how should I apply herbicides for weed control in my lawn?

In small areas, some weeds can be controlled by pulling and digging. This method is best accomplished after a soaking rain or deep watering. Unfortunately, pulling and digging is often ineffective on deep-rooted weeds.

In many situations, herbicides are the only practical method of weed control. Perennial broadleaf weeds, like dandelion, clover, thistle and plantain, are best controlled with a herbicide application September to early November in Iowa.

Effective broadleaf herbicides include 2,4-D, MCPP, MCPA, dicamba,

triclopyr and others. The most effective broadleaf herbicide products contain a mixture of two or three herbicides as no single compound will control all broadleaf weeds.

Broadleaf herbicides can be applied as liquids or granules. Do not apply herbicides to newly seeded lawns until the new grass has been mowed at least twice. Herbicides must be used according to label instructions on the package.

Perennial grassy weeds, like quackgrass and tall fescue, have few options for selective control. If hand digging or pulling is not practical, the most effective herbicide option is the nonselective herbicide glyphosate (Roundup).

Nonselective herbicides kill virtually all plants (both desirable and weedy) to which the material is applied. Spot treat the weedy perennial grasses. More than one application may be necessary to kill difficult-to-control weeds. Always apply herbicides when winds are calm and temperatures are cool to prevent drift and damage to desirable plants.

While perennial weeds are best controlled in the fall, the control of annual broadleaf and grassy weeds like crabgrass and prostrate knotweed is best done in spring with a pre-emergent herbicide.

### When should I apply fertilizer on my lawn?

Fertilizer applications can be made in mid-September and again in late October/early November. Mid-September fertilization promotes a moderate rate of shoot growth and helps to thicken the turf.

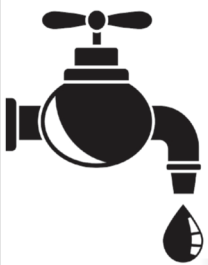
An application of fertilizer in late October/early November (at the time of the last mowing) promotes root growth and early green-up next spring. With each application apply one pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet utilizing a slow-release fertilizer.

For low maintenance lawns, a single application in late October/early November is all that is needed. High maintenance lawns can utilize a third application at the same rate in spring (April or May).

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# Fall 2021 Home Improvement



## Popular Pandemic Renovations increased home values in 2020

Spending so much time at home during the pandemic led many homeowners to spruce up their homes. According to HomeAdvisor's 2021 State of Home Spending report, spending on home improvements increased by an average of \$745 per household in 2020.

In the face of travel restrictions and social distancing guidelines, many homeowners pivoted in 2020 and spent money they initially intended to use for vacations on home improvements. Though many such projects required the services of a professional contractor, others, including the most popular project among the 5,000 homeowners who participated in the HomeAdvisor report, were do-it-yourself endeavors. That not only gave homeowners' homes a new look, but also gave them something to do during quarantine. The following are the five most popular home improvement projects of 2020 according to the HomeAdvisor report.

1. Interior painting: Just under 35 percent of participants reported taking on an interior painting project in

2020. Interior painting projects can be perfect for DIYers, but homeowners also can trust this task to skilled professionals.

2. Bathroom renovations: Real estate professionals routinely report how much prospective buyers love updated bathrooms, so it's no surprise roughly 31 percent of homeowners who took part in the HomeAdvisor report indicated they renovated their bathrooms in 2020.

3. Flooring: Floors took on a lot of extra traffic during the pandemic, so it shouldn't be too surprising that flooring projects were popular in 2020. More than one-fourth of participants told HomeAdvisor their homes were updated with a new floor during the pandemic.

4. Landscaping: With nowhere else to go to escape the daily grind in 2020, many homeowners took to their yards. Twenty-four percent of those homeowners reported making their backyard retreats more appealing by repairing or upgrading the landscaping outside their homes. In fact, the average homeowner reported com-

pleting 3.4 landscaping projects in 2020.

5. Kitchen: Another project that makes sense given the circumstances, kitchen renovations were the fifth most popular home improvement project in 2020. Restaurant closures and social distancing guidelines led many people to dine in more often than they otherwise would, and just

under 23 percent of homeowners reported renovating their kitchens in 2020.

As the world gradually emerges from the pandemic, many homeowners who caught the renovation bug while in quarantine also will be emerging with what feels like an entirely new home.



## Did you know?

According to KidsHealth.org, more than one-third of child injuries and deaths happen at home. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that most incidents at home occur where there is water, such as in the bathroom or kitchen; heat or flame, like in the kitchen or around the grill; toxic substances, like those found in medicine cabinets or beneath kitchen sinks; and in places where kids can fall, such as on staircases.

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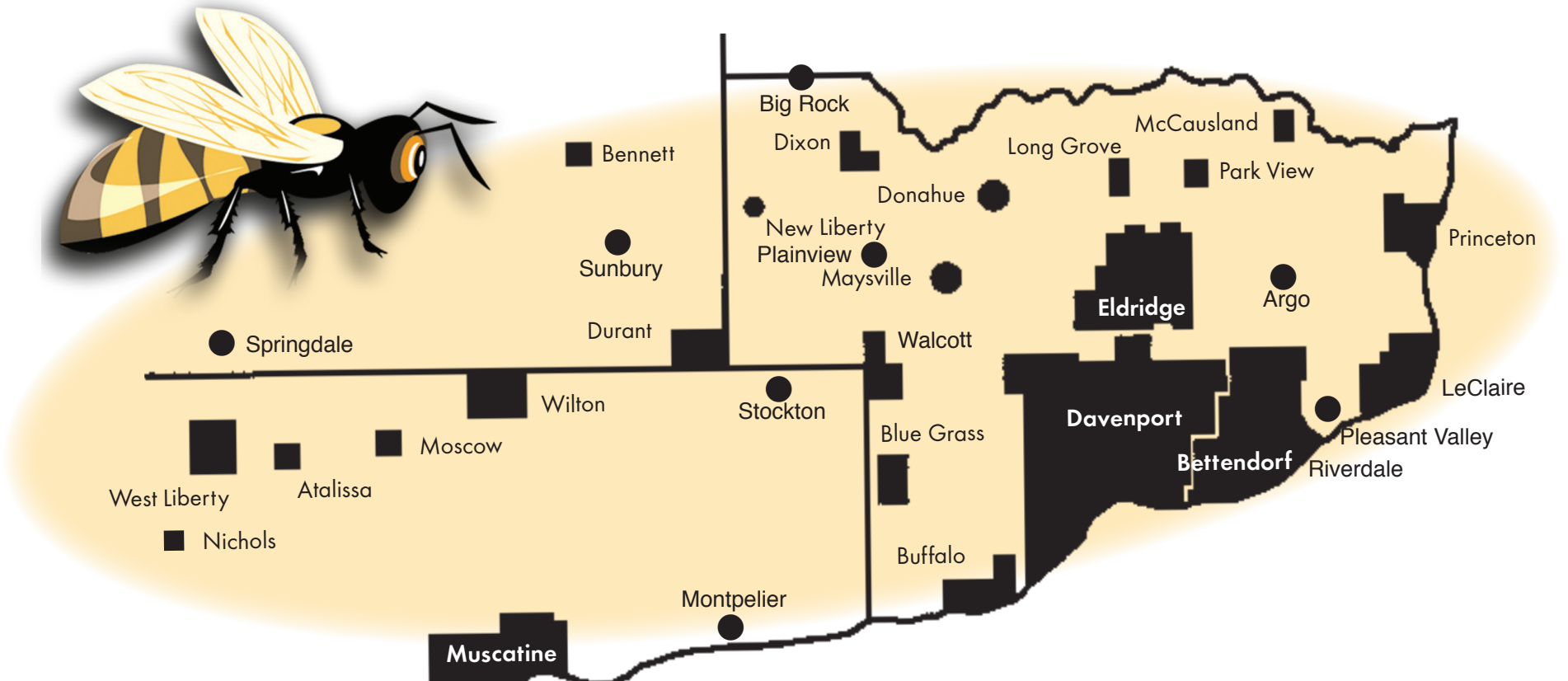


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# Middle school adopts new phone policy

By Shannon Head

Durant middle schoolers now have a new policy that requires the students to put their phones in phone holders during their classes to help them stay focused during the school day.

The official policy states that the students either keep their cell phones in their lockers or put them in the classrooms' phone hangers.

The new policy is in response to last year where the phones seemed to be used for playing games or worrying about personal situations during instruction times, according to Mrs. Stephanie Frett, a middle school science teacher.

She said the "main objective of the policy is to get students to focus on the teacher and their school work."

"Some students do not like the new policy, but most have been very respectful of

it," said Mrs. Frett.

Paige Happ, an eighth grader, has adapted to the new policy so far.

She feels that it was put in place due to "some kids hiding their phones instead of listening," she said.

In every classroom, there is a phone hanger on each wall. The students are in charge of making sure they put their phones in the hangers before they sit down and begin class.

Luckily, some teachers allow a five-minute phone break during class time. Unfortunately, some students don't put their phones back even after their breaks.

In fact, further actions have been taken if students decide to refuse the policy.

The administration is called, then the students can decide to put their phone in the holder or have their phone in the office the rest of the day.

Due to the middle schoolers who choose to not focus in class, the rest of the students have to face the repercussions.

For eighth grader Colby Gast, he understands the policy and is able to manage not having his phone.

"I don't really like it that much, but I can deal with it," he said.

With how much technology has taken over nowadays, this policy seems like it would take a huge toll on these teenagers. For Happ, her readjustment time to this protocol hasn't been difficult.

"I don't even get my phone during free time sometimes," Happ said.

Kyle DeWulf, a senior, believes this policy could potentially help certain students focus better.

He also believes that the policy might help students open their eyes when it comes to technology overall.

For example, while students are out of class, there might be a higher chance they won't feel the need to be connected or attached to their device as much.

Ben Orr, another senior, thinks the policy should not be in high school, though. The high school and the middle school students have a different maturity level.

"We are more disciplined and have more self-control than the middle school students," he said.

Another factor that has seemed to take a toll on some kids, including Gast, is not being able to listen to music while they do their work.

Nowadays, it's found that some students are more focused when they are listening to music.

"I don't like it because when we're done with all our work and we have nothing to do, we can't use our phones," Gast said.

## Weights From page 1

She also said she is more comfortable in the girls-only class than in the co-ed weights classes.

"I feel like I can talk more freely than what it would be with boys," said Clark.

Senior Ella Mundt said she is happier being in the girls-only weights class.

"I'm just more comfortable in a class full of girls than opposed to other guys," said Mundt. "I don't feel judged by guys being there."

Freshman Emma Meincke, however, wishes to be in the co-ed weights classes, saying she feels she "would like to show the boys that I'm better than them."

Durant High School may be ahead of the curve when it comes to women-only fitness. During the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a renewed fad for women-only gyms, according to the website Shape.com.



Photos by Zachary Pearlman

Several members of the girls' weights class learn different lifting techniques.

# Freshman writer publishes first book on Amazon

By Karissa Hoon

Cadey Richman, a freshman at Durant High School, recently published her own book through Amazon.

Since COVID-19 shut down the majority of her summer activities in 2020, Richman decided to sign up for a virtual writing class. This class required her to write a story in the horror/gothic genre, which led her to write the now published novel, *Tomorrow Death Will Come to Stay*.



Photo by Karissa Hoon

Freshman Cadey Richman holds a copy of her published book.

"I would not have been inspired to write the story that I did without that," said Richman.

She said it took up most of her summer to write the story and be able to revise it.

With the help from her siblings and parents, she is able to get her work just right.

"They read what I have written and make suggestions on what to change and point out grammatical errors," said Richman.

This is her first and only novel written. She stated that she has many unpublished poems and is also in the process of writing another book.

The story, *Tomorrow Death Will Come to Stay*, has won the Golden Key Award in a writing contest through the Belin-Blank Center at The University of Iowa.

"The Golden Key Award is given to the top ten percent of writers participating. I won the award at the state contest. My work was also entered in Nationals; however, I did not win any awards there," Richman explained.

Being able to get your own book published sounds very difficult, but for Richman, she was able to figure it out "pretty easily."

The process started by signing up online through Amazon. Then she was able to choose her own book cover and was able to edit her original draft fonts and paragraphs to be able to fit the paperback.

"We ran into some editing errors, but they were solved quickly," said Richman.

When a book is purchased, she will receive 35 percent of the book's profit leaving the rest to pay Amazon for the cost of making the paperbacks.

Amazon also allows her story to be sold in both Kindle and ebook along with paperbacks. She plans to continue writing for a long time.

"My hope is to get my next book and my poetry published as well when they are finished," Richman said.

Though most of her work has been

in the gothic genre, she wants to try other writing styles.

Richman also takes part in the high school band playing the flute and has also been involved in choir for a few years.

In her free time, she really enjoys reading, listening to music and spending time with her pet rabbit.

# Durant senior starts up her own Etsy business

By Kiley Stineman

Durant senior Isabelle Mathis is her own boss at 17.

Mathis created her own Etsy shop as a side job in the winter of 2020. It started off with only selling paintings or foam mushrooms that she created, but it evolved over time into jewelry as well.

"I first decided I wanted to sell my stuff when everyone was telling me I should sell my paintings, and I did," said Mathis.

Now, she makes and sells bracelets, rings, necklaces, and earrings that she makes from crystals/gemstones.

"I basically self taught myself how to make them," said Mathis.

The jewelry that she makes takes about 20 minutes, but the art may take anywhere from one to five hours.

"It really all depends on what it is that I am painting," she said.

Etsy was founded in 2005 as an outlet for people to sell handmade items or craft supplies. According to the Etsy website, the items sold can range from small items like jewelry, to furniture or home de-

cor.

Mathis offers custom options for her clients where they can show her what they want whether it be for a painting or for jewelry.

"For my paintings, they can just show or tell me what they would like, and I will do it to the best of my ability," she said. "For my jewelry, I will show the customers previous pieces and show them all the different crystals/gemstones I have and let them pick them out."

The gemstones come from shops dedicated to selling crystals, and even from stores online.

Because the pieces are easy to make without using a lot of labor, her prices are very affordable: \$5 for rings, bracelets for \$10, and earrings for \$8.

Mathis has had six sales recently with three being paintings and the other three as wire crystal rings.

Her Etsy shop also has three admirers, who make sure they get updates when Mathis adds anything new to her shop.

## Underclassmen fill up varsity volleyball lineup

By Carlie Jo Fusco

After losing eight seniors last season, the Wildcat volleyball program is starting four of six underclassmen in this year's varsity lineup.

They include freshman Katelynn Toft, sophomore Avery Paper, sophomore Isabelle DeLong, and sophomore Layla Street-er.

The starting libero, Paper, finished the first 11 matches of the season with 69 digs as of the Mid-Prairie game on September 21.

Starting in the front row, Toft shares a rotation spot with Paper, two young teammates with a lot of potential.

"We both agree that we were meant for these spots and that it will work well throughout the season," said Toft.

With the varsity team being fairly young, it could bring the Wildcat program an advantage in future seasons. Getting more experience earlier lets the underclassmen understand how aggressive the varsity level plays.

Paper and Toft both agree that start-

ing varsity early is better now than later.

"It's a lot more competitive for varsity. It's a good learning experience and even more seasons in the future," said Toft.

Toft finished her first 11 matches of the season with 33 kills and 16 blocks as of the Mid-Prairie game on September 21.

Her being six foot two inches is a gift the Wildcat volleyball program has never had before, and Paper is nothing but excited to see Toft excel.

"It's out of the ordinary, and her being a freshman is a lot better for us since she's young, and it can help us in the future of our volleyball team," said Paper.

Toft has had her focus on starting varsity as a freshman for a while now.

"I play club [volleyball], I get a lot of reps, so I play a lot. I also try to be friendly with everyone, and I worked on my skills a lot," said Toft.

Her personal goals for this season are to help her team earn a winning record and to earn a high percentage of kills and blocks.

Paper said she also put in work



Photo by Dayna Maiers

Katelynn Toft celebrates a scored point with her team during the Northeast Goose Lake game.

during the off-season to get better.

"I felt like I put in the work towards it, and I earned my spot," said Paper. "I went to all the open gyms that I could make it to, and I put in all the effort I had."

Both players expressed that they're excited about being teammates this season.

"I feel like we've gotten closer throughout the year as it's started, and I've gotten to know her a lot better," said Paper.

## Summer renovations make sporting events more accessible

By Isabelle DeLong

Over the summer of 2021, the school renovated the gym and concession stand, which includes new disability-friendly bleachers and a new concession stand on the south side of the gym.

The district should be commended for making our athletic events more accessible and enjoyable for all of our fans.

The total price tag for the renovations came to almost \$169,000. That included \$80,000 for the concession stand and al-

most \$89,000 for the bleachers.

The concession stand was constructed by Sheets Design Build. The bleachers were installed by TownsEnd Co.

Sheets Design Build is out of Maquoketa and TownsEnd Co. is out of Urbandale.

The gym looks very nice with the new bleachers, year-old mats, and a new paint job.

Staff member Bobbi Regan painted a yellow stripe around the whole gym and blue bordering around the doors and on the balcony.

"The bleachers needed to be brought up to code with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliances," said Athletic Director Matt Straube.

"The bleachers had to have handicap accessible seating, which includes having handrails. On top of that, the old bleachers were falling apart in many places. It was just time for new bleachers."

The new bleachers include bigger walkways, handrails, and cutouts for people to sit with wheelchairs and scooters.

With the installment of those things, the bleachers will not have as much seating capacity.

"With the ADA Compliance Act, there is an extra row of walkway area on each side that takes away some seating, along with a couple of cutouts for wheelchairs and scooters," said Mr. Straube.

"Also on the away side, the bleachers have two less rows of seating. So there are definitely a couple hundred less spots for people to sit in the bleachers."

The new concession stand is on the south side of the gym in the high school commons.

"As far as the concession stand was concerned, the boosters had been looking at doing something with it, and with the bleachers getting fixed, it brought the perfect opportunity to do the concessions as well," said Mr. Straube.

The old concession stand was on the north side of the gym, but the new concession stand is very convenient because it keeps tickets sales and concessions on one side of the gym, which allows the middle school commons to be blocked off so just coaches and players can be there.

This will also help fix the problem with kids running around during sporting events.

"It will be interesting to see as we get going how traffic ends up being handled, when people are coming into games and in between games with people at the concessions. It might get crowded, so we'll have to figure out the logistics as we go," said Mr. Straube.

Seating a couple of hundred less people is a small sacrifice for getting our facilities updated, which makes our school more accessible, safe, and appealing.



Photo by Kylie Meyermann

New gym bleachers that were part of a renovation project over the summer cost almost \$89,000 and are rolled out ready for volleyball fans to take a seat.

### Wilton Cafe's football player of the month

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Sophomore Charlie Huesmann plays cornerback and quarterback for the Wildcats this year. He said, "Knowing that one day I could have my college paid for with an athletic scholarship and eventually being recognized as kind of a hometown hero helps me to stay motivated."

**Huesmann**

### Today's Dentistry play of the month

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Senior Drake Shelangoski takes the play of the month for the fall sports with his interception in the first game of the season against Sigourney-Keota at home. During the third quarter, he had an acrobatic catch on top of two Sigourney-Keota receivers. He said, "I saw the pass go up, and I knew that it was short thanks to a hit on the quarterback."

**Shelangoski**

### Apex Ink and Apparel's volleyball player of the month

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Freshman Katelynn Toft is playing middle hitter for the Wildcats this year. She wants to help her team achieve a winning season. She said, "I love the thrill of playing volleyball. There is nothing like the feeling of a great kill or a huge block."

**Toft**

### Iowa 80 Kitchen's cross country runner of the month

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Freshman Race Starr is one of two boys running varsity for the Wildcats this year. At his first meet, at the Schoolhouse Open in Clinton, he ran the 5K course in 24:20. He then ran 24:55 at the Tipton Cross Country Invitational.

**Starr**



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## Wilton Municipal Light & Power System Regular Meeting September 20, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Light & Power System of the City of Wilton, Iowa, met in regular session at the Light Plant Office at 7:00 p.m. on the 20th day of September 2021.

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

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

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

Manager Smith discussed and updated the Board on the status of the large bucket truck, circuit 9 project, and the new Chandler Pointe apartments. Also presented sending Secretary Grace for a Municipal Law workshop thru IAMU. After discussing the Board approved sending Secretary Grace to the workshop.

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

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IA Law Enforcement Academy, avail of m.m.p.i.	150.00
IA State Assoc of Counties, fy2022 membership dues	1,114.65
J&J Locks; Sales & Alarms Inc, replaced all locks-1300 wshnt st	93.36
Jack's Brake & Alignment, alignment i-22	233.28
Jackson National Life, dc-jackson nat'l	200.00
Jacobs, Jeanne L, prof svcs	119.00
Jasper Co Sheriff, svcs of subpoena	40.60
John Deere Financial, hyd line repairs	1,432.20
Johnson Cntrl Fire Protection LP, svcs call: extinguishers/portable sys	1,590.00
Johnson Co Sheriff, prof svcs	196.60
Johnson Distributing Inc, water	171.00
Johnson, Lisa Leota, va commissioner comp/mileage	28.40
Johnston, Douglas E, legal services	252.00
Kiesler's Police Supply Inc, purchased firearms	1,293.00
KnowB4 Inc, security awareness trng	2,997.00
Krieger's, repairs to 2014 charger; gen serv	6,641.16
L&M Waste Sys Inc, monthly svcs	184.80
Language Line Solutions, over the phone interpretation	60.42
Leads Online LLC, power plus review sys svcs pkg	589.00
Leland Lamp Machine Shop Inc, head rest printer mounts for tahoe	234.00
Lewis Industrial Svcs Inc, weld box	198.00
Lexis Nexis, subscription	209.00
Liberty Comms, monthly svcs/911 charges wl	45.00
Linn Co Sheriff Office, svcs of subpoena	32.24
Linwood Mining/Minerals Corp, rock	9,970.04
Long, Nancy, case study course-lodging	706.19
Louisa Co Sheriff, serve papers	319.06
Lucas Comms Inc, phone charges	337.50
Lupton & Toyne Printers, envelopes	410.00
Lynch Dallas PC, prof svcs	82.50
Magic, 3rd qtr magic op co expense	31,775.00
Mail Svcs LLC, renewal notices	1,673.05
McClary, Allen, refund/cancel ach	224.00
McCullough, Dennis or Pam, refund/cancel ach	1,673.00
McKesson Med-Surg Govt Sltm LLC, med supplies	502.98
Medline Industries Inc, toilet paper	1,145.70
Menards, kennel for new k9	1,654.42
Mid Country Machinery Co, yoke, coupling	607.65
Midamerican Energy Cmpny, utilities	169.26
Midtown Towing & Repair, squad maint	1,668.11
Midwest Spray Team, method, tahoe, escort chem surf	1,451.90
Midwest Wheel Co, fender kit, install kit	838.37
Miller, Coltin, flex ben unclaimed checks	25.80
Mills Marine, outboard motor oil (5 gal)	468.31
Molo Petroleum LLC, def, washer fluid	312.24
Moroe Truck Equip Inc, breathers	808.08
Motorola Solutions Inc, mobile radio	4,549.79
Motorola Solutions-Starcom21, wave devices [aug'21-oct'21]	405.00
Musc Co Treas (Flex), flex benefit-medical	6,558.74
Musc Co Treas (Health/Dental), health-pretax	243,099.59
Musc Co Treas (Purchases), handgun purchase	255.62
Muscatine Board of Realtors, flex svcs	50.00
Muscatine Cntr Social Action, mcasa shelter svcs, rent/case mgmnt	17,025.31
Muscatine Community Y, july 2021 special olympics	374.44
Muscatine Co Community Svcs, comm serv/true link fees	126.00
Muscatine Co Engineer, fuel	8,265.11
Muscatine Co Joint Comm, 50% july 2021 grant reimb	3,000.00
Muscatine Co Sheriff-Papers, deliver papers	653.50
Muscatine Co Treasurer, magic-assessor share f/y 2021-2022	71,406.00
Muscatine Fire Dept/Amb Serv, ccp refresher wrkshp reg 02/19/21	1,400.00
Muscatine Humane Society, fees for housing seized animals	6,085.00
Muscatine Legal Svcs, mh/sa legal rep	2,248.30
Muscatine Power & Water, utilities	29,890.13
Napa of Muscatine, oil, filters	146.22
National Test Sys, drug sure w/ adulterants	249.50
Nearly Law Office, legal services	501.10
Nelson, Marion, refund/cancel	746.00
Neutron Industries Inc, auto aerosol dispenser	168.42
New York Life Ins & Annuity, dc-ny life	400.00
Nichols First Responders, 2021 se iemsa conf (ems grant 2021)	80.00
Northwestern Mutual Life, dc-nw mutual	1,250.00
Nupp, John, refund/cancel ach	1,572.00
O'Donnell, Susan, reimb mileage-election equip	69.47
Office Express Office Prods, paper	461.71
Office Machine Consultants Inc, usage charges [7/3/21-8/2/21]	109.06
Ogden Rprng, Cert Court, prof svcs	88.00
Pepsi Cola Brlg Co Davenport, pepsi prods for commissary	140.80
Petty Cash, certified conviction request fee	10.00
Phelps Custom Image Wear, screen printing	30.90
Phelps The Uniform Specialists, towel svcs	39.70
Pitney Bowes Inc, contract charges	422.22
Plumb Supply Co, fuel jugs sw tool	338.08
Polk Co Sheriff Office, svcs of subpoena	67.48
Polk Co Treasurer, medical examiner fees	287.77

Principal Funds, dc-principal	1,100.00
Priority Dispatch Corp, emd maintenance & svcs	4,800.00
QC Chamber of Commerce, busn/economic growth invstnmt fy22	5,000.00
QC TAS Inc, on call svcs	80.98
Quad City Times, june 2021 claims	1,709.57
Quest Diagnostics, pre-emplmt drug testing	182.70
Rahn Equip Cmpny, tractor/mower rental	7,500.00
Ralph J Wittich-Riley-Freers, prof svcs	940.72
RBC Capital Markets LLC, dc-state farm	2,400.00
Reliance Standard Ins Cmpny, ltd ins	5,754.77
Republic Svcs of IA LLC, recycling containers	1,981.97
Ricoh USA Inc, additional images	61.76
Rieke Jr, Gerald L, twp trustee mtgs; wilt amb, annl rpt	48.00
River Products Cmpny Inc, rock	36,900.84
River Rehabilitation Inc, pre-employment drug screen	229.00
Roger's Mobile Wash Inc, vehicle/equip washing	1,912.50
Roto-Rooter Sewer Cleaning, pump grease pit	925.00
SJ Smith Welding, monthly btl rental	160.61
Sadler Power Train Inc, hyd pump	2,026.46
Schneider Geospatial LLC, hstp/mil tax credit-beacon-annl serv	720.00
Scott Co Community Svcs, mental health advocate	4,099.81
Scott Co Health Dept, me fees; autopsy	2,416.00
Scott Co Sheriff, sheriff's papers	50.86
Security Benefit, dc-security benefit	400.00
Shred-It USA LLC, on-site shredding svcs	116.82
Southern Computer Warehouse, replacement monitors	2,454.88
Spectra Build, attorney building remodel	8,835.00
Spenner, Susan, repairs/materials	319.87
Spies, Randy, reimb exp ica summer conf	131.00
Spratt Oil Sales Inc, diesel dist 5	6,901.18
Stanard & Assoc Inc, post law enf tests; certificates; s/h	131.50
Star Equip Ltd, bearing sets	143.28
Summit, Thomas, me mileage	153.70
Super Wash of Muscatine, squad car washes	123.00
Swanson Construction Co, jail booking expansion	147,763.95
Sycamore Printing, ch notice signs	151.08
Syn-Tech Sys Inc, tag	99.00
Tallgrass Busn Resources, office supplies	565.90
Temp Assoc, temp fsw	1,453.02
Terminal Supply Co, shrink tubing	315.81
Tessco Technologies Inc, antenna/mount	196.95
The CTK Group, evidence based class oct 2021	900.00
The Ohio National Life Ins, dc-ohio nat'l	400.00
The Pride Group Inc, residential care facility	2,398.16
Thoms Proestler Co, food and non-food	30,183.33
Timm, Jerry L, twp mtg; prep annl rpt; prep rpt	52.00
Titan Machinery, engine svcs	1,410.43
TKC Telecom LLC, phone card sales-july 2021	16,841.21
TMB Tools LLC, impact swivel, filter wrench	98.00
Trinity Muscatine, covid 19 phev covid pod response	23,202.00
Trugreen Limited Partnership, lawn svcs-historic jail/ch/lot	420.00
TSS, screening svcs	320.00
Turnkey Corrections, commissary item for resale	16,548.45
Twin Bridge Truck City Inc, hose, fittings, coolant pipe	2,474.95
US Cellular Corp, monthly svcs	829.26
US Postal Svcs, busn reply postage	500.00
UIDL, forensic autopsies	9,189.00
Uniform Den Inc, county uniform	123.65
United Way of Muscatine, united way	205.40
US Bank of Equip Finance, copy machine lease	575.63
Valet's Svcs Inc, squad maint	60.00
Van Meter Inc, led light sensors	1,548.66
Vander Linden, Tibe, reimb mileage-seat level ii trng	166.00
Vera French Comm Mental Health, non-medical eval	724.00
Verizon, monthly svcs	1,519.09
Verschoore, Jason P, chevy tahoe 70-23 labor	4,069.40
Visa, misc dept exps	6,909.37
Voya Institutional Trust Co, dc-ing	5,060.00
Watkins-Schoenig, Jennifer, reimb mileage-va commission	43.50
Wendling Quarries Inc, rock	30,972.08
West Liberty Index, notice & publications	938.38
West Liberty Vol Ambulance, jan'21 emt initial trng	1,600.00
Weston Rptng, depositions	703.00
Wheeler, Tashia, me mileage	43.50
Wilton Fire and EMS, january 2021 initial emt trng	3,695.00
Wilton Telephone Comm, monthly svcs-aug 2021	332.58
Wilton-Durant Advocate News, notice & publications	925.28
Windstream, monthly svcs	380.90
Windstream Comms, toll-free access	8.03
Wright, Brian, 2021 se ems conference	20.00
Total	\$1,109,172.84

## Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Monday, September 20, 2021

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, claims dated September 20, 2021 were approved in the amount of \$433,111.74. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved the FY2021 Muscatine County Urban Renewal Report. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the September 13, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:  
All Supervisors received a COVID update from Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams.

Saucedo received an email regarding excessive muffler noise on Highway G-28 and the email was forwarded to Sheriff Quinn Riess.

Saucedo received a call and emails regarding the resignations of Atalissa Iowa Mayor, Council Member, City Attorney and City Clerk.

Saucedo received an email from Conservation Director Curt Weiss regarding the material costs for estimates regarding a sewer project for Deep Lakes Park for FY2022.

Saucedo received an email from a citizen with issues regarding an adoption and the email was forwarded to Community Services Director Felicia Toppert.

Committee & Meeting Reports:  
Holliday attended the Wilton Development Corporation meeting on September 15, 2021.

Holliday attended the Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on September 16, 2021.

Holliday stated the Fair Board will be holding the Super Late Model races on Friday, September 24, 2021 with hot laps starting at 6:00 p.m.

Sauer and Sorensen attended the Region 9 Transportation Policy Board virtual meeting on September 15, 2021. Sauer attended the Riverbend Transit Board meeting on September 15, 2021.

Saucedo attended a meeting regarding the levee updates on September 13, 2021.

Saucedo attended a meeting regarding the new Director for West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD). Saucedo stated the WELEAD Director position has been offered and accepted by Ken Brooks.

Saucedo attended the Muscatine Food Truck Challenge on September 11, 2021.

Sorensen attended the Iowa State Mental Health and Disabilities Services Commission virtual meeting on September 18, 2021.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project and the Muscatine County Attorney Office Remodel Project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 A.M.

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

## Wilton Community School District Board of Directors

### Work Session September 22, 2021

On September 22, 2021 at 5:08 P.M., the Wilton Community School Board of Directors met in the Jr/Sr Media Center for the purpose of a work session. Board members present were: Tim Barrett, Jeremy Lies, and Rob Metzger. Also present was Elementary School Principal Denise Austin, Jr/Sr High Principal Sue O'Donnell, Maintenance Director Andy Crawford, and Superintendent Joe Burnett.

The work session began with Maintenance Director Andy Crawford sharing information concerning a maintenance "wishlist" for projects to be considered in the future. Some of the projects include football field lights, hallway emergency lights, fire system updates in the junior/senior high additions, football pressbox upgrades, poured floors in some remaining classrooms, door locks, and an air handling system in the junior/senior high classrooms.

Board Member Tara Oien entered the meeting at 5:13 P.M.

Board Member Linda Duncan entered the meeting at 5:32 P.M.

Superintendent Burnett shared information concerning the FY22 enrollment summary as of September 22, 2021 and the Iowa Association of School Boards convention in November 2021. Burnett also asked the Board what type of information they would like SBO/Board Treasurer Angela Dann to share at the monthly board meetings.

Jr/Sr High Principal O'Donnell shared information concerning college application day scheduled for September 29 & 30, 2021, math classes visits, parent/teacher conferences (in person), and standards based grading being discontinued.

Elementary Principal Denise Austin shared information concerning LIM (Leader In Me) Lighthouse status and parent/teacher conferences (online and in person options).

Lastly, Activities Director Ryan Hetzler (entered the meeting at 6:12 P.M.) shared information concerning season records for volleyball and football, \$5 admission prices for adult and students (conference wide decision), admission of additional schools into the conference and it's affect on games/meets schedules, and the opening of the Townsend Commons for entrance to inside activities and concessions. Hetzler also addressed some concerns - receipts being down last year due to COVID restrictions, no custodian for events, and the shortage of game officials. A discussion with the Board concerning facility rental and a scheduling hierarchy completed the work session.

There being no other business, the board work session was adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

President, Board of Directors  
Secretary, Board of Directors

# CLUB NEWS

## Cedar County Senior Dining

Normally meeting at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Durant each Thursday, Cedar County Senior Dining is still navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of the COVID restrictions have been lifted, and group dining can be started again. However, help is needed as the group is looking for someone to travel to Tipton (mileage paid) to pick up food and deliver 12 meals in Durant. Call Durant 563-785-4525, Tipton 563-886-3293, or Fay Wulf 563-320-4570. It involves just a couple hours on Thursday mornings.

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## Wilton

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

Sept. 19—Called to a parking violation in the 600 block of W. Third Street.

Sept. 19—Called to a disturbance in the 500 block of Cypress Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 19—Animal call in the 300 block of Cypress Street. Assignment completed.

Sept. 20—Called to a city ordinance violation in the 300 block of Locust Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 20—Took a report of attempted sex abuse at a local business. The matter is under investigation. In follow-up to a pending investigation, a juvenile male was charged with assault with intent to commit sex abuse.

Sept. 20—Provided information regarding private property laws by phone. Handled by officer.

Sept. 21—Traffic stop at W. Fifth and Liberty streets. Verbal warning issued.

Sept. 21—Special assignment at Wilton High School for the elementary bicycle rodeo workshop. Taught students regarding bicycle safety and the importance of wearing helmets. Thank you to the Healthy Hometown committee, the PTA, the Wilton Fire Department and all who volunteered.

Sept. 21—Public assist in the 1200 block of W. Fifth Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 22—Called to a city ordinance violation in the 200 block of W. Iowa Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 22—Conducted follow-up on a city ordinance violation in the 200 block of Prairie Street.

Sept. 22—Traffic stop in the 800 block of Maurer Street. Written warning issued for failure to obey a stop sign.

Sept. 22—Animal call at Highway 38 and 104th Street. Assignment completed.

Sept. 23—Public assist in the 400 block of Liberty Street.

Sept. 23—Theft reported in the 1000 block of Cypress Street. Report taken. The matter is under investigation.

Sept. 23—Called to a parking problem in the 700 block of E. First Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 23—Called to a report of harassment in the 500 block of E. Sixth Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 23—Traffic stop in the 500 block of E. Fifth Street. Verbal warning issued for equipment.

Sept. 23—Special assignment in the 800 block of W. Third Street. Assignment completed.

Sept. 23—Traffic stop in the 500 block of Maurer Street. Verbal warning issued for equipment.

Sept. 23—Traffic stop at Cedar and W. Wate streets for missing license plate. Driver had paper tag in vehicle. No warnings or citations issued.

Sept. 23—Traffic stop in the 1000 block of W. Fifth Street. Verbal warning issued for license plate light out.

Sept. 24—Traffic stop at Highway 38 and 102nd Street. Citation issued for failure to obey a stop sign.

Sept. 24—Follow-up in the 200 block of W. Wate Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 24—Called to a city ordinance violation in the 200 block of W. Prairie Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 24—Called to a city ordinance violation in the 2000 block of Rose Avenue. Handled by officer.

Sept. 24—Medical call in the 500 block of Wild Indigo Circle. Patient transferred to

a local hospital.

Sept. 24—Traffic stop at Third and Cypress streets. Verbal warning issued for not having headlights on.

Sept. 25—Called to a disturbance in the 400 block of Cypress Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 25—Called to an intoxicated driver in the 100 block of E. Fourth Street. Victor Hanson was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Sept. 25—Called to a structural fire in the 1400 block of 330th Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 25—Called to suspicious activity at Cherrydale Park. Handled by officer.

\* Performed various checks and patrol on Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Cedar, Cherry, Cypress, Maple, Maurer, and Wate streets, as well as Nicolaus Drive.

## Durant

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

Sept. 19—Assisted Scott County with mental health call in rural Scott County.

Sept. 19—Vehicle inspection for Iowa DOT licensing requirements completed at the police station.

Sept. 20—Called to illegal dumping or littering in rural Muscatine County. Turned over to Muscatine County Sheriff.

Sept. 20—Called to reports of a fraud or scam in the 300 block of Fourth Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 20—Assisted a parent with a juvenile problem in the 100 block of Fifth Street.

Sept. 20—Assisted Durant Ambulance with a medical call on Norfolk Drive.

Sept. 21—Called to reports of a fraud or scam in the 500 block of 14th Avenue. Handled by officer.

Sept. 21—Called to an assault in the 1200 block of Fifth Street. Report initiated.

Sept. 21—Assisted Muscatine County in attempting to locate a subject.

Sept. 21—Found a car door open in the 600 block of Eighth Street. Notified owner.

Sept. 22—Called to a report of truancy at Durant Schools. Handled by School Resource Officer.

Sept. 22—Verbal warning issued for a nuisance in the 1300 block of Third Street.

Sept. 22—Debris found on roadway in the 1000 block of Third Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 23—Traffic stop at Fifth Street and Eighth Avenue. Warning issued for a traffic violation.

Sept. 23—School bus violation at Highway 927 and Golfview Drive. Turned over to Iowa State Patrol

Sept. 23—Called to a juvenile complaint at Durant Schools. Handled by School Resource Officer.

Sept. 23—Traffic stop in the 500 block of Fifth Street. Warning issued for equipment.

Sept. 24—Assisted Durant Ambulance with a medical call on Third Avenue.

Sept. 25—Called to suspicious activity in the 900 block of Fourth Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 25—Called to a report of harassment in the 1200 block of Fifth Street. Handled by officer.

Sept. 25—Assisted Durant Ambulance with a medical call in rural Scott County.

Sept. 25—Assisted the Walcott Police Department with a disorderly person in Walcott.

Sept. 25—Assisted Scott County with a disabled motorist in rural Scott County.

Sept. 25—Assisted Muscatine County with an accident in rural Muscatine County. A car had hit a deer.

## Durant tree planting event Oct. 2

The Durant Tree Board will be hosting a tree planting event for city parks on Saturday, Oct. 2. The Tree Board received \$2,000 in grant funding from Trees Forever to replace trees in parks that had been taken out by the 2020 derecho and Emerald Ash Bore.

This is the first phase of a five-year plan to bring trees back to the community by way of parks and boulevards. If anyone would like

to help, please call City Hall 563-785-4451.

The Tree Board and volunteers will meet at City Hall to team up. Each team will be assigned a park to plant, mulch and water three-to-four trees. There are already volunteers to prep the areas and dig the holes, but help is needed to plant the trees. Please consider helping to improve the community tree canopy.

# Walton elected treasurer of Iowa Soybean Association

ANKENY — The Iowa Soybean Association (ISA) board of directors this week elected Randy Miller of Lacona (Warren County) as president-elect of the association.

Miller has represented soybean farmers at the district and state level, most recently as ISA board secretary. He grows soybeans and corn and raises pigs and cattle with his wife Sheila, daughter Kaylee and son Kaleb.

“It’s a privilege to advance issues that matter to soybean farmers, particularly in the areas of market development and international trade,” Miller said. “Building and maintaining relationships while providing a reliable and quality product will enhance the success of soybean farmers in this ever-changing business.”

Also elected as ISA executive officers were: Dave Walton, of Wilton (Muscatine County), treasurer; Suzanne Shirbroun, of Farmersburg (Clayton County), secretary; and Jeff Frank, of Auburn (Sac County), at-large. All will serve one-year terms.

Robb Ewoldt of Davenport officially took the helm as ISA president, accepting the gavel from immediate past president Jeff Jorgenson of Sidney.

“It’s an exciting time for the soybean industry as we rise to meet growing global demand for protein and domestic demand for biofuels,” said Ewoldt, a long-time environmental steward and agricultural advocate.

“Members of the executive committee are experienced, dedicated and passionate about the soybean industry and driven to deliver for the association,” he added. “The new year offers new opportunities to serve in the best interest of soybean farmers throughout the state.”

ISA directors also re-elected Wayne Fredericks of Osage (Mitchell County) as a director on the board of the American Soybean Association (ASA).



The 2021-2022 Iowa Soybean Association executive directors: (left to right) Jeff Frank, of Auburn, at-large director; Dave Walton, of Wilton, treasurer; Robb Ewoldt, of Davenport, ISA president; Randy Miller, of Lacona, president-elect; Suzanne Shirbroun, of Farmersburg, secretary. Contributed photo



Durant class of 1970 holds reunion—After a year’s delay due to COVID-19, the Durant High School Class of 1970 held its 50th class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the American Legion in Durant. Activities included a tour of the school, and a meal provided by Jeff’s Market. Classmates included (front row from left) Rex Berkhoff, Steve Arp, Mike Schreck, Teresa Clark, Ken Bland, Gary McAllister; (back row) Mark Heuer, Ron Boisen, Tom Daufeldt, Don Mockmore, Wayne Holst, Joel Smyers, and Ken Schlapkohl. Contributed photo

## LEGAL NOTICE

### City of Durant (Form of Notice to Bidders) ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS DURANT 12TH AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT CITY OF DURANT CEDAR COUNTY, IA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Sealed proposals will be received at City Hall, located at 402 6th Street, Durant, IA 52747, until 2:00p.m October 19, 2021 for the Durant 12th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement project. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time and place. Bids received for the Project will be considered by the City Council at such City Hall, on October 25, 2021.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: The City Council of the CITY OF DURANT will conduct a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the construction of the above-described improvements on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 6:00 P.M., at the City Hall, Durant, IA. Any interested person may appear and file objections to the proposed plans, specifications or contract. After hearing objections, the CITY OF DURANT, shall by resolution, enter its decision on the plans, specifications and contract.

Parties interested in bidding on said project and that have questions may submit questions in the form of a request for information (RFI) to Christian R. Cooper, P.E., CPESC, at MSA Professional Services. If responses to questions provide a change to the project of bidding process, they will be issued in writing as an addendum. Any written responses to the questions will be issued as an addendum to this project to all plan holders. No responses to RFI’s dated on or later than October 13, 2021 will be provided.

The work for which bids are asked includes the installation of sewer main beneath the existing pavement and the transfer of sewer services.

The Work under the contract shall commence upon receipt of the signed contract, performance and payment bonds, insurance certificate, and issuance of the NOTICE TO PROCEED by the OWNER. It is anticipated that the start of construction will be no later than November 29, 2021. BIDDER agrees that the Work will be substantially completed on or before May 13, 2022, and will be completed and ready for final payment on or before June 15, 2022. Work must begin no later than January 1, 2022.

The BIDDING DOCUMENTS may be examined at the offices of MSA Professional Services, Inc., Bettendorf, Iowa; the City of Durant; A plan holders list will be updated interactively on our web address at <http://www.msa-ps.com> under Bids.

Effective July 1, 2010, per Senate File 2389 Iowa Code Chapter 26.3, paper copies of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of MSA Professional Services, 2117 State Street, Suite 200, Bettendorf, IA 52722 upon receipt of a refundable handling fee of \$50.00 for half size (11" x 17") sets of plans. Any plan holder upon returning the BIDDING DOCUMENTS within 14 days after award of the project and in good condition will be refunded their handling fee.

Additionally, copies of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). You may download the digital plan documents for a non-refundable fee of \$0.00 by inputting Quest eBidDoc #XXXXXXX on the website’s Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information.

Each BIDDER shall accompany its bid with a bid security as security that the successful BIDDER will enter into a contract for the work bid upon and will furnish after the award of CONTRACT a corporate surety bond, acceptable to the OWNER, for the faithful performance of the CONTRACT, in an amount equal to 5 percent of the amount of the CONTRACT. The bid security shall be in an amount

fixed by the OWNER and shall be in the form of a cashier’s check, or certified check drawn on a state chartered or federally chartered bank, or a certified share draft drawn on a state-chartered or federally chartered credit union, or a Bid Bond. The Bid Bond shall contain no exceptions.

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BIDDER shall satisfy themselves of the accuracy of the estimated quantities in the BID schedule by examination of the site and review of the contract documents; including ADDENDA. After BIDS have been submitted, the BIDDER shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the quantities of WORK or nature of the WORK to be done.

The OWNER will receive bids and open bids in accordance with the date and time established above. The bid results will only be announced as apparent low bidder with no formal approval of the bids nor awarding the project to the apparent low bidder by the OWNER.

The successful BIDDER shall be required to furnish a performance BOND and a payment BOND, each in the amount of 100 percent of the CONTRACT PRICE, with a corporate surety approved by the OWNER, within ten (10) calendar days of the date when the NOTICE OF AWARD is delivered to the BIDDER. The NOTICE OF AWARD shall be accompanied by the necessary AGREEMENT and BOND forms. In case of failure of the BIDDER to execute the AGREEMENT, the OWNER may at his option consider the BIDDER in default, in which case the BID BOND shall become property of the OWNER.

BIDDERS must indicate on the BID form the proposed equipment and subcontractors who will be performing the major portions of the work.

No BID submitted by any BIDDER which contains a condition or qualification shall be recognized or accepted by the OWNER and any letter or communication accompanying the BID which contains a condition or qualification upon the BID which has the effect of qualifying or modifying any provision of the contract documents in any manner will be construed as a qualifying BID and will be rejected by the OWNER as non-responsive.

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## CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS

### Inland Cemetery

The Inland Cemetery Association received notice of a \$15,000 grant from the Leland R. Smith Foundation. This grant will bring the cemetery association’s project to resurface the lanes and driveway at Inland Cemetery to within its goal.

The Leland R. Smith Foundation was established in 2005. Leland R. Smith was a lifelong resident of the Wilton, Durant and Bennett communities. The purpose of the foundation was to continue giving to these communities after his death.

The foundation supports and promotes charitable organizations in the Tipton, Wilton, Durant and Bennett communities, such as

retirement centers, municipal organizations, civic organizations, churches, community centers, libraries and educational programs.

More than \$28,000 in donations from the families associated with Inland, and \$10,000 from the association’s trust fund will allow the trustees to complete a contract for the resurfacing yet this fall. All donations will be used to improve accessibility at Inland Cemetery.

The Inland trustees stated that taking care of Inland Cemetery is a priority. Anyone with questions may contact any of the Inland Cemetery trustees: Jo Treadwell (563-886-6224); Junior Horstmann (563-893-2453); or Ken Beuthien (563-374-1010); or Karis Horstmann, Sec/Treas. (563-260-0689).

### Oops! Correction

In the Durant School Board story printed in the Sept. 23 edition of the *Wilton-Durant Advocate News*, it should be noted that the vote to allow Durant students Lane and

Tayton Felske to play football was a 4-1 vote, with Board President Julie Rivera casting the dissenting vote.

The *Advocate News* continues its mission to provide information in an accurate, dependable and professional manner.

## LWML annual fall rally Oct. 9

The Mt. Pleasant Zone of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) will hold their annual Fall Rally on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Faith Lutheran Church, 910 E. Mapleleaf Dr., Mount Pleasant.

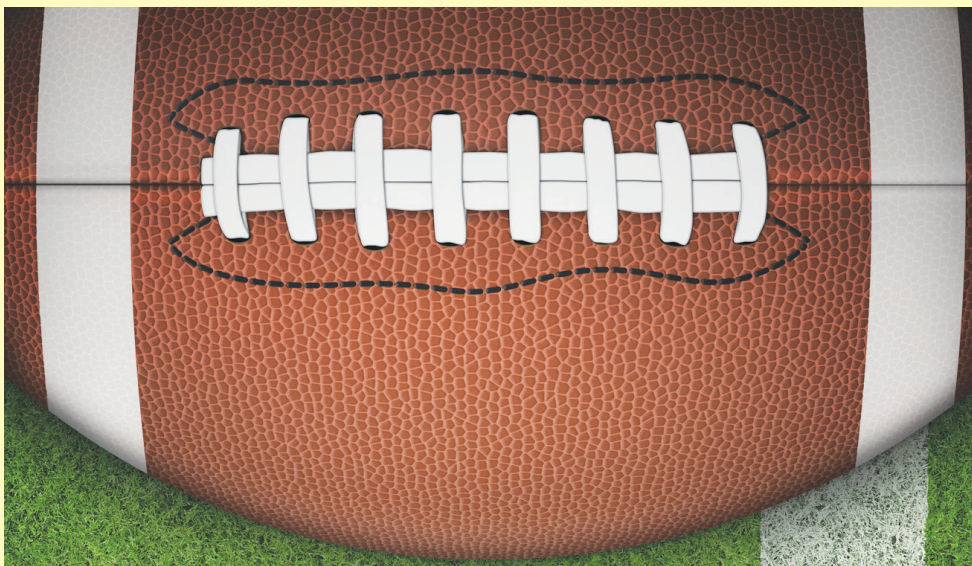
Registration and a light breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. The meeting and program is from 9 a.m. to noon, with lunch following. The theme is “God’s Quilt of Comfort. She opened her hand to the poor and reached out her hands to the needy. She makes bed coverings for herself, her clothing is fine linen and purple.” Proverbs 31:20-22.

The keynote speaker is Jean Mitchell from

On His Path, a local ministry working with children born with clubfoot deformity. The ingathering of monetary gifts will be used to purchase a sewing machine.

The LWML is a recognized auxiliary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the Mt. Pleasant Zone consists of women from LCMS churches in Burlington, Fairfield, Ft. Madison, Keosauqua, Mt. Pleasant, Muscatine, Wapello and Wilton.

Guests are welcome to attend. To RSVP or for more information call Paulette Shappell at 319-385-8340 or Faith Lutheran Church 319-383-8422.



# FOOTBALL CONTEST!

**\$50 WEEKLY CASH PRIZES!**  
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1. This contest will appear in the Wilton-Durant Advocate News for consecutive weeks. Object is to predict the winners in the greatest number of 13 games that will be played each week. Games that are ties will not be judged.
2. Only official 2021 entry forms will be accepted. They are available free from the sponsors, or you may use the entry form from the paper. Entries submitted on photocopied or mechanically reproduced forms will be rejected. Entry forms from previous years will not be accepted. There is no purchase necessary to enter.
3. Game pairings are listed in the ads. Write your winning pick on the entry form. Only one team name is needed for each line. If your predictions are not on the proper line, they will be disqualified.
4. Mail or deliver your entry to the Wilton-Durant Advocate News, 410 Cedar Street, PO Box 40, Wilton, IA 52778. Entries must be postmarked by 4 p.m. Friday and received at our office no later than Saturday for Sunday judging. Entries may also be brought to our office before 4 p.m. Friday. The AN will not be responsible for delays in mailing. Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances!
5. One entry per person per week. If you submit more than one entry under the same name, all such entries will be void. Anyone is eligible to enter except employees of the AN and their families.
6. The person picking the most games correctly wins a \$25 cash prize from the AN. Second best wins \$15 and third \$10. Ties are decided by a "Tie Breaker" which will appear in one of the ads. If there is still a tie, money will be pro-rated.
7. Winners will be announced in the AN each Thursday in a news story (please wait for the paper to come out!). Judge's decisions are final. Say "thanks" to our sponsors and enter today!

## 2021 FOOTBALL CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

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