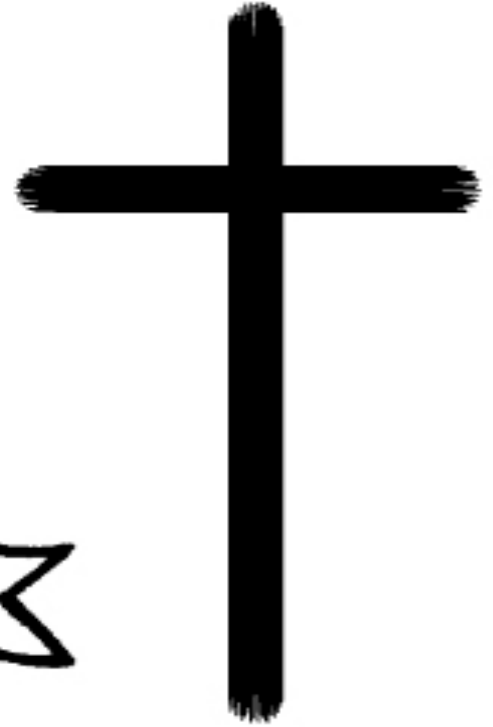


News & Views

Happy Easter



The monthly Durant Chamber Meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, at the Durant Community Center beginning at noon. All Chamber members and people in the business community are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come join us!

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Council Meeting in April

Monday, April 13th and 27th at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Agendas and minutes for council meetings can be found on our website above.

Burning Schedule

Yard waste burning has begun and will continue through May 31st. Burning is allowed from 9:00 am-7:00 pm. Please do not burn on any Durant streets, curbs and gutters, or sidewalks.

Shred Day

We will be having a shred day, Saturday April 18th, 9-11 am in front of city hall. Shred truck will be here for residents of Durant and will be a free service. Residents may bring up to 2 boxes per household.

Utilities Reminders

Shutoff notices for delinquent February bills Shutoff notices for delinquent March bills will be distributed on the morning of Tuesday, April 7th with payment due by noon on Wednesday, April 8th. Remember a \$25 fee is applied to your account if you receive a shutoff notice. Pay your bill online on our website above .

Golf Carts

Golf Carts may be operated on City streets between sunrise and sunset as set by the U.S. Naval Observatory beginning March 1st and continuing through November 30th. No person shall operate a golf cart on any public street or alley, for any purpose unless the golf cart has passed a safety inspection by the Durant Police Department and the operator possesses a City of Durant permit to operate a golf cart, issued by the Chief of Police or designated officer. Any non-resident of the City of Durant that would like the privilege of operating a Golf Cart within city limits will also need to register for a permit. Please contact the Durant Police Department at 563.785.6049 with any questions or to set up an appointment for a safety inspection to obtain a permit. Please see the full Golf Cart/UTV Ordinance on our website www.cityofdurantiowa.com.

JC Park/Feldhahn Reservations

Contact City Hall if you would like to reserve a shelter, concession stand, or ballfield at JC Park or Feldhahn Park. A reservation form must be completed and fee paid at City Hall to reserve a date. Reservation forms are available at City Hall and on our website at www.cityofdurantiowa.com

Tornado Sirens Testing

Tornado sirens monthly testing April - October, the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Yard Waste and Brush Disposal

Service is provided through Oveson Refuse & Recycle from April 1st through November 30th for grass, leaves, and garden debris only. Yard waste must be placed in a paper yard waste bag (these can be purchased at a grocery, hardware, or discount store) with a yard waste sticker that can be purchased at City Hall for \$1.00 each. Yard waste should be put out on Tuesday with your regular garbage.

Building Permits

Please call building inspector, Terry Goerdts, at 319.330.9806 or email goerdtservices@outlook.com, for all questions on permits. Permits are required for all new construction, building alterations, accessory & storage shed buildings, and concrete work. Permits are also required for signs, fences, and swimming pools over 5000 gallons. Per state regulations building permits are required for electrical, plumbing, and heating/AC projects. Permits are not required for roofing, siding, & windows. Building permit applications are available at City Hall and on our website www.cityofdurantiowa.com. We ask that you please allow at least 48 hours for your permit to be approved before starting your project.

Storm Warning Sirens

Citizens of Durant,

I wanted to notify you of a recent policy change regarding the activation of outdoor storm warning sirens. The Durant fire department will now activate the sirens for any severe thunderstorm warning or tornado warning.

This change was made due to the near misses and the need to provide earlier warnings for life-threatening weather. When severe weather is approaching, minutes or even seconds can make a difference. Looking back at historical data, this change may result in an increase of approximately five additional siren activations per year.

What to do when you hear the siren:

-Seek shelter now in a sturdy building, away from windows.

-Tune in to local weather updates via TV, radio, or smartphone apps for more details.

-Have an emergency plan in place with your family, including a designated safe space and emergency supplies.

Outdoor sirens are intended to alert people who are outside to seek immediate shelter. We encourage everyone to stay weather aware and use multiple alert methods, such as weather radios and emergency apps, to stay informed.

Best regards,
Chief Sterner

Suncourt Patent Selected as Preeminent Innovation

Based on novelty, technical complexity and claim breadth, Suncourt received the Swanson Reed Iowa Patent of the Month for January 2026.

Suncourt's patent 12,523,387 introduces a revolutionary logic control scheme for HVAC booster fans, utilizing derivative-based slope monitoring instead of static temperature thresholds. This autonomous self-learning technology solves the hot/cold room inefficiency. In typical residential and commercial structures, the central generation of heating and cooling is efficient, but friction loss, leakage and balancing errors in the distribution network often result in rooms that are too hot/too cold leading to discomfort and energy waste. Central forced air systems rely on static pressure to push air through duct branches. As air travels away from the plenum, velocity is lost due to friction against duct walls and turbulence at elbows and junctions. Suncourt manufactures products to reduce the back pressure in the distribution network and increase the efficiency of the central forced air system.

Suncourt air delivery boosters operate autonomously by self-learning the thermal cycles of the main system, transforming passive infrastructure into active, responsive participants. This AI technology provides a superior, scalable solution for reducing the carbon footprint in existing buildings without invasive/expensive renovations. The microprocessor in Suncourt's register boosters calculates the rate of change of the temperature and therefore responds to both heating and cooling without needing intervention or reset. The baseline is monitored and stored in memory so a gradual change in temperature such as from solar gain or loss does not initiate a response, but a rapid increase from a furnace cycle in a heating system (or a rapid decrease from an AC cycle) does cause the Suncourt unit to respond. Suncourt devices operate autonomously without user programming, seasonal adjustments, or physical connections, making this technology the most user friendly. Energy costs are reduced by using fewer watts to improve comfort in a problem room.

The Suncourt patent recognition highlights innovative technology demonstrating strong potential to transform industries and deliver measurable economic value.

Patents considered for the award are evaluated across three key dimensions:

- **Technological Radicalness:** The system discerns whether a patent introduces a fundamental new principle of operation.
- **Market Scope:** Analysis of the Total Addressable Market, prioritizing technologies applicable to a broad industrial base over those limited to niche markets.
- **Economic Utility:** The scoring weighs the potential for tangible financial benefits, specifically looking for

tangible financial benefits, specifically looking for mechanisms that drive cost reduction and yield enhancement.

We are thrilled to have received this honor and the Suncourt team continues to explore and develop opportunities for innovation in air quality and control. We are implementing wireless technology in some products, developing new sensing products and expanding options for our customers and their end users. We endeavor to maximize domestic opportunities and some of our products qualify for the Build America, Buy America designation.

About Suncourt

Suncourt is a family-owned manufacturing business located in Durant, Iowa, that has been manufacturing products that provide better air quality and control for over 35 years. We started with one patented product and have continued to focus on specializing in innovative engineered products that improve indoor air quality and comfort in a smart, efficient, energy-saving way and have received multiple patents for product components and technology, setting Suncourt products apart.

Suncourt products are tested and listed by leading safety certification organizations including UL (Underwriters Laboratories), Eurofins E&E North America, MET Laboratories, and Intertek ETL, ensuring rigorous standards for safety, reliability, and performance. We appreciate the support from the Durant community and acknowledge the people who provide the services and community stability that make Durant a good home for businesses.



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Easter Week Services

St. David’s Anglican Church, 801 5th St., Durant

April 2nd at 6 pm – Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service: Readings from the night of Jesus’ arrest and trial, with dimming lights symbolizing the darkness before the crucifixion.

April 3rd at 12 noon – Good Friday: A quiet service remembering Christ’s death on the cross. Afterward, join a trip to St. Donatus to walk the hill, reflect at the Stations of the Cross, and share a meal. Contact Dennis at 319-400-7398 for details.

April 5th at 9:30 am – Easter Sunday: we celebrate Christ’s resurrection. Every Sunday is a celebration of Christ’s resurrection, but Easter Sunday is something special. Please join us!

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 206 6th Ave., Durant

April 2nd – Holy Thursday at 7 pm worship

April 5th – Easter Sunday at 10:30 am worship

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 606 4th Ave., Durant

April 3rd – Good Friday at 7 pm worship

April 5th – Easter Sunday at 9 am worship

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Cedar County Senior Dining

Senior Dining at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is for everyone 60 years young or older and their spouse regardless of age. Enjoy a nutritious meal while socializing.

Thursday's April Menu (All served with milk.)

4/2 Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Veggies, Tropical Fruit, & Banana Bar

4/9 Chicken Parm, Spaghetti Noodles, California Veggies, Fruit Cup, & Muffin

4/16 Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce Jello, & Cookie

4/23 Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Chateau Vegetables, Peaches & Sherbet

4/30 Cream Chicken, Biscuit, Mixed Vegetables, & Orange Tapioca Salad

Please reserve by 8:00 a.m. for same-day meals. Call Fay Wulf at 785-4525 or 563-320-4570.

Senior Foot Health Clinic

Durant Community Center • Thurs., April. 9th, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

- Please bring your own basin and towel to the clinic.
- If you have diabetes you MUST have an order from your doctor.
- A \$10 donation is requested at the time of service.

Durant Ambulance

Submitted by Dennis Frisch

The big snow storm did not make much difference in the number of calls responded to by our service members. It affected the time it took to get where we had to go since the roads were a bit of a problem. We continue to respond to just less than 1 call per day. As there were not many calls and we are bound by HIPPA regulations as to what we can say about them, here are some numbers and interesting items for you to ponder.

Did you know nurses cannot work on an ambulance service without becoming a nurse exception? This means they have to complete some training they may not have received while getting their nursing degree and complete some paperwork. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) working for another service may not use their advanced skills for a different service (even if they are on their roster) unless that service is at their level of certification.

Let's look at some numbers that the Durant Volunteer Ambulance Service has:

- 1 - The number of buildings housing the ambulances
- 2 - The number of ambulances they have
- 3 - The preferred number for a full crew
- 4 - The number of electrodes placed on a patient when monitoring their heart
- 5 - The number of EMS meetings to attend per month
- 6 - The recommended number of students per 1 instructor when conducting a CPR class
- 7 - The number of EMS services based in Cedar County not counting Durant
- 8 - The number of volunteer drivers on our roster
- 9 - The number of EMTs and paramedics on our roster
- 10 - The number of numbers to dial on your phone to ask for an application to join the service (563-785-4540).

Spring is here but you will need to be watchful for the "fools" on April 1st and you best start getting those egg ideas ready for the youngsters for Easter.



Durant Schools Enrollment Trends Highlight the Importance of Community Growth and Housing

Submitted by Superintendent Joe Burnett

Durant is a small rural Iowa community of roughly 1,800 residents, and like many communities of its size, the strength of the local school district is closely tied to the health and growth of the community itself. Enrollment trends within the Durant Community School District over the past decade illustrate both the resilience of our schools and the importance of continued community development—particularly when it comes to housing.

Looking at enrollment data from fiscal year 2015 through fiscal year 2025, the district has experienced modest fluctuations but has largely remained stable overall. In FY15, Durant Community Schools served 672 students. Enrollment gradually declined over several years, reaching a low point of 585 students FY 21. This year's served count is 599 students in grades K-12, down from 644 last year.

This recovery reflects the strong commitment families have to the Durant community and its schools. However, the data also highlights how sensitive small rural districts can be to population changes. A difference of just a few families moving in or out of town can significantly impact class sizes and overall enrollment.

A closer look at grade-level numbers shows typical

fluctuations that occur in smaller districts. Elementary grade cohorts often range between the mid-30s and low-50s, while middle and high school classes can range from the mid-40s to upper-60s depending on the year. Because of these naturally smaller cohorts, consistent population growth is essential to maintaining stable enrollment and programming opportunities for students.

Schools and communities grow together. A continued focus on residential development and housing opportunities plays a key role in maintaining stable school enrollment. Even modest growth—just a handful of new families each year—can make a meaningful difference in sustaining class sizes, educational programs, and extracurricular opportunities. Currently over one third of our students open enroll in from other communities. Many parents of those children have said they would be interested in moving to Durant if there were more housing available.

Durant Community Schools remain a central part of the community's identity today and will for many years to come. We truly appreciate the support we receive. Feel free to call me at 785-4432 if you have any questions. Go Wildcats!

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You can help your neighbors this winter through Project Share, an on-going program directed by Durant Municipal Electric to assist needy families with wintertime heating bills.

Under Project Share, you can donate any amount you are able through your regular monthly utility bill or by making a direct donation to Project Share.

Call us today for more information on Project Share, or fill out and return the coupon provided with your donation!

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The 5-Ingredient Recipe Challenge

Submitted by Justin L. Nelson

At the Durant Iowa Food Pantry, our Summer Meal Kit Program for Kids ensures local students have access to nutritious, easy-to-prepare meals once school doors close.

Many parents struggle to find budget-friendly recipes their kids actually love. To help them break out of a “recipe rut,” we are looking for new, exciting options to add variety to our ongoing program. We need your “One-Pan Wonders!”

The Challenge: Share Your Favorites

We’re calling on local cooks, parents, and grandparents to help us diversify our kits with kid-approved, 5-ingredient recipes

How to Participate:

- **Keep it Simple:** Use 5 main ingredients or fewer (pantry basics like salt/oil don’t count!).
- **Email Us:** Send your recipe and tips to durantfoodpantry@gmail.com.
- **Claim Your Credits:** If selected, your name will be featured on the recipe card distributed in our meal kits. We’ll even email you a photo of the kit so you can see your impact in action!

For more information about the Durant Iowa Food Pantry or how you can help:

- **Business Hours:** We’re open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from (4-7 PM) and every Saturday from (10 AM - 1 PM). Visits are limited to once per week.
- **Location:** 807 3rd Street, PO Box 883 Durant, Iowa 52747 (in the garage space)
- **Contact:** (563) 260 5322 (call or text) or durantfoodpantry@gmail.com
- **Volunteer or Donate:** Visit our website at difp.org

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Scott County Library

Submitted by Pamela Briggs

The Durant branch library offers story times at 10 a.m. Thursdays; they’re best for ages 6 and under with a caregiver. Dates are April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

On Wednesday, April 8 at 3:30 p.m., Cedar County Conservation naturalist Sarah Subbert will present Welcome Back, Snow Birds for all ages. We’ll learn about where migratory birds travel, and why.

The Adult Book Club will discuss “The Housemaid is Watching” by Freida McFadden at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15.

On Friday, April 24, we’ll host an Arbor Day Ice Cream Party for all ages. Cedar County Conservation naturalist Sarah Subbert will provide sundaes topped with syrup tapped, and nuts gathered, from local shagbark hickory trees.

All library programs are free, and open to the public. The library is at 402 6th Street, in the City Hall building. Regular hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 to 7 p.m., and Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 563-285-4794, option 1 during open hours with questions. If the Durant branch is closed, you can call the same number and choose option 0 for the Eldridge branch. Online resources are always available at scottcountylibrary.org.



Durant City Wide

Garage Sales

Saturday May 9th 8:00-2:00

Complete form below & submit with \$10 fee (exact change or check)

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