

News & Views

Durant Community Fireworks

July 4th (rain date July 5th), School Football Field

Tri-County Community Club Ice Cream Social

Tri-County Band Performance

Fireworks at Dusk

Sponsorship Fundraiser

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Fireworks are funded through community donations of all sizes! Your contributions are greatly appreciated as we keep the fireworks tradition alive in Durant!

Yes, I will help support the 2025 Durant Fireworks Display!!

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Checks payable to Durant Chamber of Commerce (Fireworks in Memo). Mail to: Durant Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1111, Durant, IA 52747 or drop off donation to Liberty Trust & Savings Bank

Council Meetings in June

Monday, June 8th and Monday 22nd at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Agendas and minutes for council meetings can be found on our website above.

Board Member Needed!

We still have a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment, if you are interested, please call City Hall at 563-785-4451. Thanks to all the community members that volunteer each year for the City of Durant boards and committees! We appreciate your service.

Utilities Reminders

Shutoff notices for delinquent May bills will be distributed on the morning of Monday, June 8th, with payment due by noon on Tuesday, June 9th. Remember a \$25 fee is applied to your account if you receive a shutoff notice.

Parking & Storage of Recreational Vehicles

Recreational equipment such as boats, boat trailers, travel trailers, pick-up campers, coaches, and similar equipment. No major recreational equipment shall be parked or stored on any lot in a residential district except in a garage, enclosed building, or in the rear yard area ALL equipment shall not be parked or stored closer than ten (10) feet from any property lot line. All equipment and trailers shall be currently licensed. You may park anywhere on your property to unload and load but not to exceed 72 hours. Parking on a public street is allowed with a permit from April 15th-October 15th for loading and unloading purposes only, and not to exceed 72 hours. Contact City Hall for a permit.

Golf carts and UTV's shall be parked in an enclosed garage or shed. No parking overnight in yards or streets. If the owner or operator does not have an enclosed space, they will follow the same criteria as the recreational vehicle. See <https://cityofdurantiowa.com/ordinances> for more details.

Phone Numbers

If you have had a change in your phone number, please let City Hall know so we may update your account. It is important that we have a working phone number on your account to keep you informed about water main breaks, high water bills due to leaks, and other water issues.

Water/Sewer/Storm Water Rate Increases

Water and sewer rates will be increasing by 2% and will be reflected on the July 1, 2026 bill. The water minimum charge shall be \$21.31 plus tax per household or business per billing month. The water minimum consumption per customer shall be 1000 gallons. All water usage above 1000 gallons shall be charged .00365/gallon. The sewer minimum charge shall be \$51.80 per household or business (plus tax) per billing month. The sewer minimum per customer shall be 1000 gallons. All sewer usage above 1000 gallons shall be charged .009516/gallon. The storm water charge will go from \$1.50 per month to \$2.00 per month.

3 Ways to Dispose of Yard Waste & Brush

#1- Yard waste sticker that can be purchased at City Hall for \$1.00 each. Yard waste must be placed in a paper yard waste bag with a sticker, and be put out on Tuesday with your regular garbage.

#2 - The yard waste site (100 8th Avenue) is open Monday-Sunday 8:00 am-7:00 pm. This site only accepts yard waste. If it doesn't grow in your yard, please do not deposit it here.

#3 - Yard waste burning ended as of May 31st. It will resume September 1st

Building Permits

Please call building inspector, Terry Goerdt, 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.

Tornado Sirens Testing

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS AGAINST CITY CODE TO DISCHARGE GRASS CLIPPINGS FROM

MOWERS INTO CITY STREETS. Grass clippings in the street eventually flow into the storm drain and this is one of the reasons for backup in streets and basements.

Scott County Library

Everyone's invited to the Kickoff Party for Summer at the Library on Monday, June 1 from 4 to 5 p.m. The Scott County Library System librarians will visit in the Bookmobile, bringing games, bubbles, color chalk for participants to decorate the walk, snow cones, and more! All ages can sign up for the summer reading challenge, and enter to win a private family bookmobile party. A variety of fun, free activities will continue through August 1.

On Wednesday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m., all ages can take home a Prairie in a Cup. Cedar County Conservation naturalist Sarah Subbert will bring a variety of flowering plants at the seedling stage. Participants can choose which they want to plant in their yards. Miss Sarah will return the next day, on Thursday, June 4 at 10 a.m., to present a special story time. Regular story times will continue as usual on Thursdays — they're best for ages 6 and under with a caregiver. Dates are June 11, 18, and 25.

On Monday, June 15 at 2:30 p.m., all ages can Make Giant Paper Flowers with Sarah Subbert by folding tissues of different colors. The Adult Book Club will discuss "If You Ask Me (And of Course You Won't)" by Betty White at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17.

All ages are invited to meet the 4R Ranch Animals on Friday, June 19 at 3 p.m. Drop in and learn how animals can help us recover and relax during stressful times. Sarah Subbert will return on Monday, June 29 at 2:30 p.m. to show all ages how to Make Small 3-D Paper Flowers.

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., 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

CCKMA 5th Annual Cruise to the Wave

Thanks to our amazing community, sponsors, volunteers, and attendees, the 5th Annual CCKMA Cruise to the Wave raised over \$5,000 to support ovarian cancer research within the division of gynecology/oncology at University of Iowa Health Care. Due to the generosity of everyone involved this gets us closer to reaching our pledge commitment of \$150,000!

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See what Durant's Chamber of Commerce does!

We want you to know what the Durant Chamber has been up to:

Welcome Signs--Maintenance

Junior Achievement in our Schools--We cover a large portion of the funding.

Firefighters Celebration-- Donation

Flower Pots on 5th Street--We cover the cost of flower planting along with Schumacher's. Volunteers water.

Spring and Fall Garage Sales

Business Trick or Treat

Ballpark Banners

Fireworks--e help but community funding is what drives it.

Breakfast with Santa---PTO served breakfast and businesses were present at tables.

News and Views--Free resource about businesses and community.



News and Views

News and Views is a free monthly publication serving the City of Durant and its surrounding community. The mission of News and Views is to be a line of communication between community organizations and its residents. It is supported solely by the generous advertisers & the Durant Chamber of Commerce.

If you have organization news, please submit articles by the 23rd of the month preceding the month it is published.

Articles may be edited by the Editor as space provides.

E-mail articles to:

Sidney Randolph, Editor
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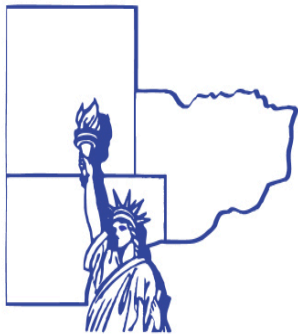
Museum Moments

Mary Erickson

This passenger train car was used on the Clinton, Davenport & Muscatine Inter-urban Railway. Two volunteers from the TriCounty Heritage & Genealogy Museum have compiled numerous photos and information pertaining to the CD&M.

The electric railway system connected cities in eastern Iowa from 1916 to 1940. Spanning approximately 70 miles along the Mississippi corridor, it facilitated regional transportation for urban commuters, industry and farmers who shipped their goods like vegetables, livestock and dairy products. The railway stopped in large villages that had stations, such as Pleasant Prairie, Rainbow and Sweetland, while smaller villages, such as Melpine, Pine Creek and Van Camp only had stops— if no one was standing by the crossing, the train didn't stop.

Please visit the museum on Wednesday 3pm to 6pm or Saturday 9 am to noon, to view the CD&M collection. The museum would also appreciate any additional information that patrons might be able to share.



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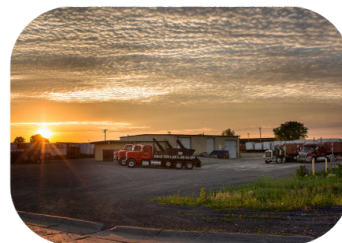


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Cedar County Senior Dining

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 June Menu (All served with milk.)

6/4 Roast Pork, Sweet Potatoes, California Veggies, Lemon Fruit Salad, & Cookie

6/11 Meatloaf, Au gratin Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Applesauce Jello & Brownie

6/18 Cream Chicken, Biscuit, Chateau Veggies, Orange Whip, & Rice Crispy Bar

6/25 Swiss Steak, Cheesy Potatoes, Cauliflower, Fruit Cocktail, & Vanilla Pudding

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 13th, 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

Dennis Frisch



This will be brief this month. First, we had 22 emergency calls from April 20 through May 20 and this will possibly be the norm for our service from now on since Medic has taken over Scott County and Wilton has been transporting patients for the past year plus. One of the things you may notice in the future is the arrival on scene of a multicolored vehicle with EMS on the side of it. This is the vehicle that will be responding to areas of Cedar County when an emergency is happening. Inside will be a paramedic who will determine on scene if he/she is needed then either ride with the transporting service or return to their base. They will be getting dispatched at the same time as the local service which will reduce the wait time for them to arrive. Initially, there will be only 1 paramedic to serve in this capacity but the director of the Cedar County EMS will be hiring additional paramedics. In the future they will be transporting the patient but it is not known when that will occur.

If you had someone graduating this year, congratulations. Enjoy your parties and be safe traveling as the best time to see us is when we are walking around town enjoying the weather.

Tri-County Community Club

This year at the annual 4th of July Fireworks display, The Tri County Community Club will again be sponsoring an Ice Cream Social. Stop by the concession stand from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for some cake, ice cream and bottled water. See you there!

NOTE CHANGE! - Tri-County Community Band Schedule *
REHEARSALS AT 7:00 P.M. in *Wilton High School's band room Summit Street and Cypress Street

May 26, June 02, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 07, July 14, July 21

CONCERTS at 7:30PM

June 18	June 25	July 04	July 22
Durant	Tipton	Durant	Wilton

Mr. Kevin Mundt will direct the band. All rehearsals will be in Wilton High School's band room; intersection of Summit & Cypress. Details about the concerts will be available at rehearsals. For any questions, contact Randy Gehrls at randyjanetg@gmail.com (preferred) or 563-271-0384.



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A Customer

Author Unknown

A customer is the most important person in my business.
 A customer is not dependent on us. We are dependent on him.
 A customer is not an interruption of our work. He is the purpose of it.
 A customer does us a favor when he comes in. We aren't doing him a favor by waiting on him.
 A customer is part of our business -- not an outsider.
 A customer is not just money in the cash register. He is a human being with feelings, like our own.
 A customer is a person who comes to us with his needs and his wants. It is our job to fill them.
 A customer deserves the most courteous attention we can give him. He is the life-blood of this and every business. He pays our salaries. Without him we would have to close our doors. Don't ever forget it.

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Monthly Energy Savings Tip

Keep Your Cool this Summer:

- Close windows and doors during the hottest parts of the day, this will help keep your inside rooms relatively cool
- Use your heat-producing household appliances (i.e. dryers and ovens) in the mornings or later evenings to avoid warming up the house too much
- Turn off lights that are not necessary, even a lamp generates extra heat



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We are happy to announce the arrival and installation of a 7-rank, (399 pipes) 1996 Hugo Mayer tracker pipe organ to St. David's Anglican Church in Durant.

This organ will enhance the worship life of St. Davids for years to come. We are already inviting area organists to play. A July 4 evening program, at 6:00 PM, is being planned as a sesquicentennial event for the Community. Stay tuned, and please join us!

If you have any questions, call Dennis Ungs at 319-400-7398.



The monthly Durant Chamber Meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, at the Durant Community Center beginning at noon. All Chamber members and people in the business community are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Dr. Melissa Kelling
Dr. Lisa Geurink

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Origins of Flag Day

U.S Department of Veterans Affairs

This was the resolution adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The resolution was made following the report of a special committee which had been assigned to suggest the flag's design.

A flag of this design was first carried into battle on September 11, 1777, in the Battle of the Brandywine. The American flag was first saluted by foreign naval vessels on February 14, 1778, when the Ranger, bearing the Stars and Stripes and under the command of Captain Paul Jones, arrived in a French port. The flag first flew over a foreign territory in early 1778 at Nassau, Bahama Islands, where Americans captured a British fort.

Observance of the adoption of the flag was not soon in coming, however. Although there are many claims to the first official observance of Flag Day, all but one took place more than an entire century after the flag's adoption in 1777.

The first claim was from a Hartford, Conn., celebration during the first summer of 1861. In the late 1800s, schools all over the United States held Flag Day programs to contribute to the Americanization of immigrant children, and the observance caught on with individual communities.

The most recognized claim, however, comes from New York. On June 14, 1889, Professor George Bolch, principal of a free kindergarten for the poor of New York City, had his school hold patriotic ceremonies to observe the anniversary of the Flag Day resolution. This initiative attracted attention from the State Department of Education, which arranged to have the day observed in all public schools thereafter.

Soon the state legislature passed a law making it the responsibility of the state superintendent of public schools

to ensure that schools hold observances for Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Flag Day. In 1897, the governor of New York ordered the displaying of the flag over all public buildings in the state, an observance considered by some to be the first official recognition of the anniversary of the adoption of the flag outside of schools.

Another claim comes from Philadelphia. In 1893, the Society of Colonial Dames succeeded in getting a resolution passed to have the flag displayed on all of the city's public buildings. Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, a direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin and the president of the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, that same year tried to get the city to call June 14 Flag Day. Resolutions by women were not granted much notice, however, and it was not until May 7, 1937, that Pennsylvania became the first state to establish the June 14 Flag Day as a legal holiday. Flag Day is a nationwide observance today, but Pennsylvania is the only state that recognizes it as a legal holiday.

Bernard J. Cigrand, a school teacher in Waubeka, Wisconsin, reportedly spent years trying to get Congress to declare June 14 as a national holiday. Although his attempts failed, the day was widely observed. "Father of Flag Day" honors have been given to William T. Kerr, who was credited with founding the American Flag Day Association in 1888 while still a schoolboy in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Both President Wilson, in 1916, and President Coolidge, in 1927, issued proclamations asking for June 14 to be observed as the National Flag Day. But it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved the national observance, and President Harry Truman signed it into law.



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