

# News & Views

## Durant Community Fireworks Show

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**

(rain date July 5<sup>th</sup>)

- School Football Field
- Ice Cream Social
- Chucky's Tenderloins
- Tri-County Band Performance
- Fireworks at Dusk

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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!***

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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***

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## News and Views

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## Council Meetings in June

Monday, June 9th and June 23rd at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Agendas and minutes for council meetings can be found on our website above.

## 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Water/Sewer/Storm Water Rate Increases

Water and sewer rates will be increasing by 2% and will be reflected on the July 1, 2025 bill. The water minimum charge shall be \$20.89 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 .00358/gallon. The sewer minimum charge shall be \$50.79 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 .009329/gallon. The storm water charge will go from \$1.00 per month to \$1.50 per month.

## Tornado Sirens

Our public works staff will be testing the tornado sirens monthly April through October, the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. for three minutes.

## JC Park and Feldhahn Park Reservations

Please contact City Hall if you would like to reserve a shelter, concession stand, or ballfield at JC Park or Feldhahn Park. A calendar of scheduled events is available at City Hall. 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](http://www.cityofdurantiowa.com).

## JC Park

Large shelter \$35.00

Concession stand \$25.00

Large shelter & concession stand together \$50.00

Small shelters \$25.00

## Feldhahn Park

Ball Fields \$25.00 per field per day

## Burning Schedule

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





## Yard Waste Site

The yard waste site (100 8 th 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. Please remember to put your tree brush outside the yard waste site in the area left of the driveway as you are headed to the sewer plant.

## Yard Waste and Brush Disposal

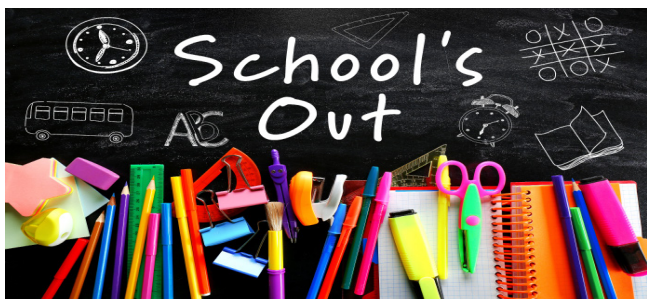
Service is provided through Oveson Refuse & Recycle from April 1st through November 30th for grass, leaves, and garden debris only. Yard waste must be placed in a paper yard waste bag (these can be purchased at a grocery, hardware, or discount store) with a yard waste sticker that can be purchased at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

## Utility Reminders

Shutoff notices for delinquent May bills will be distributed on the morning of Monday, June 9th, with payment due by noon on Tuesday, June 10th. Remember a \$25 fee is applied to your account if you receive a shutoff notice.

## Building Permits

Please call building inspector, Terry Goerdts, at 319.330.9806, or email [goerdtservices@outlook.com](mailto: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 work, 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](http://www.cityofdurantiowa.com). We ask that you please allow 48 at least hours for your permit to be approved before starting your project.



## Automatic Bank Payments (ACH)

The City of Durant offers payment of your utility bills through automatic bank payments. We require the customer to fill out an "Authorization for Direct Payments" form (found on our website [www.cityofdurantiowa.com](http://www.cityofdurantiowa.com) or available at City Hall) and return it to City Hall by the 5th of the month that you authorize the city to start the automatic withdrawal. This can be set up for any bank or credit union. A statement bill will still be mailed or emailed to the customer and automatic payment will occur on the 20th of the month or if the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, the first banking business day following the 20th.

## Go Green & Earn a \$5 Credit by Signing up for E-Bills

Due to rising postage fees, the City of Durant and Durant Municipal Electric are offering a one-time \$5 credit on your utility bill to anyone signing up for emailed bills.

Utility billing E-bills (emailed bills) offer you these exciting advantages:

- Go paperless (Go Green!)
- Eliminate the risk of your bill being lost or damaged in the mail
- Receive your utility bills earlier than via traditional mail
- Increase the level of privacy compared to postcard bills delivered via traditional mail

Sign up today by stopping at City Hall and Durant Municipal Electric to fill out the E-bills application. You must stop at both locations to sign up, as each entity has its own form.

 <p><b>DURANT CHIROPRACTIC</b> CLINIC</p> <p><b>Dr. Melissa Kelling</b> <b>Dr. Lisa Geurink</b></p> <p>(563) 785-6511 902 5th St. Durant, IA</p> <p>HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 12 PM &amp; 2 PM - 5:30 PM Friday 9 AM - 12 PM Saturday 8 AM - 10:30 AM</p> <p><a href="http://www.durantchiropractic.com">www.durantchiropractic.com</a></p>	<p><b>Brammeier</b></p> <p><b>Chiropractic Office</b> <i>Trying to get you all straightened out...</i></p> <p><i>Since 1987</i> For appointment call 785-6336</p> <p>Jay F. Brammeier, D.C. 109 Fifth Street, Durant</p> 
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## Monthly Energy Savings Tip

### Keep Your Cool this Summer

1. Close windows and doors during the hottest parts of the day, this will help keep your inside rooms relatively cool
2. 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
3. Turn off lights that are not necessary, even a lamp generates extra heat

Receive a one-time \$5 bill credit per account when signing up for email billing.

Reminder DMEP offers E-billing, ACH options, or you can pay online at <https://ubi.gworks.com/durantmunicipalelectric/>



## Museum Moments

*Submitted by Mary E.*



Durant High School 1946-1947 Boys Basketball Team. Front Row — Bob Grell, Gerald Paulsen, Don Bockwolft, Gorden Martz, Leroy Geurink, Bob Schlapkohl. Back Row — Junior Guttenfelder, Manager Bob Wiese, Jim Close, Lionel Hermiston, Stanley Rynott, Bill Roehl, Alfred Peters, Andy Sorensen and Coach McGoffin.

Thank you to our May Volunteers; Harris Schneekloth, Deanna Petersen, Tom Daufeldt, Erna Cielecki, Doug Wilson, Russ Mumm, Gail Harmsen, Samantha Delatorre and Mary Erickson. The museum is open on Wednesday 3pm to 6pm and Saturday 9am to noon. We appreciate all donations.



## Tri County Community Club

*Submitted by Connie Finck*

Tri County Community Club will be hosting speaker Tammy Becker of Green Current Solutions at the Durant Community Center on Tuesday June 17, 2025. We invite you to join us for a \$7 meal at 6:30 which will be catered by Jeff's. Please RSVP by June 10 to Connie Finck (563-340-5196) or Hollie Swain (563-514-4022). Meal is payable to TCCC by either cash or check. If you can only attend Tammy's presentation at 7:00 pm, please also RSVP to one of the above numbers.

Tammy and her husband, Chad Pregracke (founder of Living Lands and Waters) have spent many years pulling docks, plastic barrels and other large plastic items from rivers in our country, only to have it sent to a landfill. She has designed a solution to use recycled plastic waste into industrial pallets.

We look forward to hosting you!



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# Durant Iowa Food Pantry

*Submitted by Justin L. Nelson*

## Second Annual Durant Summer Meal Kits Program for Kids, Thanks to Wellpoint Iowa Partnership

The Durant Iowa Food Pantry is thrilled to announce our second annual Summer Meal Kits Program for Kids! This vital initiative will provide nutritious meal kits to children in our community throughout the summer months, ensuring they have access to healthy food even when school is out.

We are incredibly grateful to Wellpoint Iowa for their generous support of this program. Wellpoint Iowa, formerly known as Amerigroup Iowa, one of the Medicaid managed care organizations in Iowa. Wellpoint Iowa is contributing \$5,000 toward the Summer Meal Kit Program for Kids and is committing volunteer hours to help with the program. Wellpoint Iowa demonstrates a commitment to the well-being of Iowans by actively engaging with and supporting local communities and organizations. This dedication is evident in their partnerships with various Iowa organizations such as the Durant Iowa Food Pantry, with a particular focus on initiatives that benefit vulnerable populations, including children and seniors. Their partnership will allow us to continue this program and provide children with the nourishment they need to be energetic and thrive all summer long.

### Community Produce Stand Open for the Season!

In addition to the Summer Meal Kits Program, we are excited to announce that our Community Produce Stand is now open! We invite everyone to take some of this yummy goodness to brighten your day and help us keep the sharing spirit alive! Our Community Produce Stand operates with a take-some, leave-some approach, ensuring that everyone has access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Please consider donating extra produce from your gardens to a local pantry. Your generosity is welcome anytime. This is a fantastic way to ensure everyone in our community, especially our wonderful seniors and energetic kids, has access to healthy and delicious produce all season long.

The Durant Iowa Food Pantry is committed to serving our community and ensuring that everyone has access to nutritious food. We rely on the support of our incredible community members and partners like Wellpoint Iowa to make this possible.

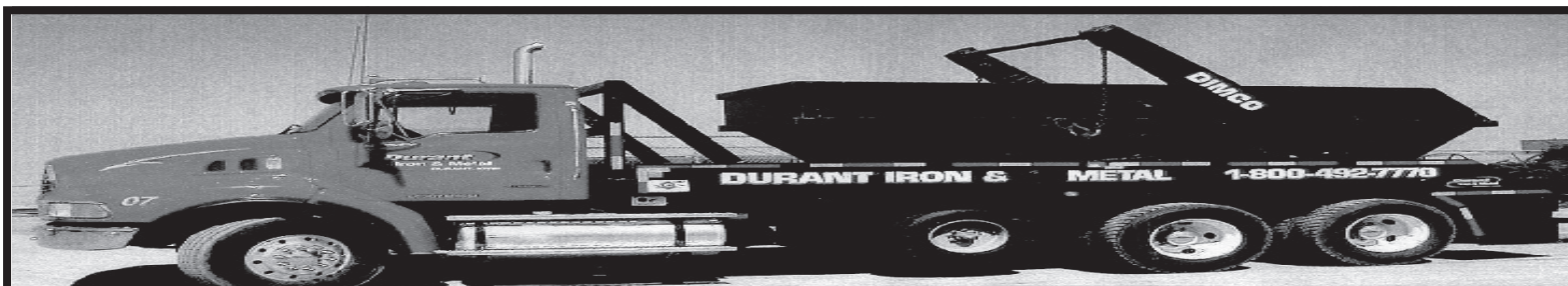
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support and for making Durant such a caring and connected community! Let's make this a summer filled with freshness and sharing!

### Learn More & Get Involved:

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 895 Durant, Iowa 52747 (in the garage space)
- **Contact:** (563) 260 5322 (call or text) or [durantfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:durantfoodpantry@gmail.com)
- **Volunteer or Donate:** Visit our website at [difp.org](http://difp.org)

**Thank you for making a difference in our community!**



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## Chiropractic & Massage - The Perfect Pair

*Submitted by Dr. Melissa Kelling at Durant Chiropractic Clinic*

*Written by Carissa Orcutt*

Are you a patient of chiropractic care? If so, you've seen and felt the benefits of the care you've received. Have you experienced massage therapy? If so, you have felt the results of having tight muscles worked on and the relaxation that comes from a great massage. Are you a patient of BOTH chiropractic care AND massage therapy? Well then, my friend, you have hit the jackpot in experiencing a deeply impactful, complete health and wellness experience. If you've never made the connection between the perfect pair that is chiropractic and massage, please allow us to explain.

### Massage Therapy

The goal of massage therapy is to reduce pain, relax your muscles, and improve your circulation. Your circulatory system is critical for your body to function properly. It does important things like carrying nutrients and oxygen to your cells. Your circulatory system helps transport carbon dioxide to the lungs to be expelled. It can help remove harmful chemical substances from the body, protecting the body against disease and infection. A poorly functioning circulatory system can mean some major health issues for the body. Massage therapy can also help your body respond more quickly to chiropractic adjustments.

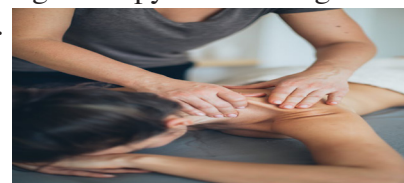
### Chiropractic Care

Chiropractic care ensures your body is properly aligned and functioning at its best. When segments of the spine are misaligned, it can cause pain, and it can also create other health issues. This happens when the nerves that control your bodily functions are interfered with by misaligned vertebrae. Are you curious about what bodily functions may be affected? You can check out our Effects of Spinal Misalignments chart in our reception area. It's HUGE and you can't miss it!

### Combining the Two

Combining chiropractic care and massage therapy can assist your body in its natural ability to heal itself and reduce pain more easily. You can increase your flexibility and mobility. You can boost your circulation, thus helping your body heal and maintain proper health. This duo can help reduce stress and anxiety and therefore lead to an improvement in your overall wellness and a better quality of life.

If chiropractic care & massage therapy sounds like just what you need in your life, you're in luck! We are able to accommodate both services in our office. At Durant Chiropractic, we have two amazing chiropractors, Dr. Melissa Kelling & Dr. Lisa Geurink, and a very knowledgeable massage therapist, Kayla Whipple, LMT. This gives us the ability to be a "one-stop shop" for the best quality of care to help you feel, heal, and function at your very best. If you have a massage therapist that you already use and love, we love that too! We want you to feel your best. Utilizing both chiropractic care and massage therapy is a winning combo and the perfect pair for your overall health.



## 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. Reservations are required by calling Fay Wulf at 785-4525 or 563-320-4570.

### Thursday's June Menu (All served with milk.)

6/5 Cream Chicken, Biscuit, California Vegetables, Orange Whip, Brownie

6/12 Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Peach Crisp

6/19 Meatloaf, Augrain Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Tropical Fruit, Vanilla Pudding

6/26 Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Carrots, Fruit Jello, Cookie, Dinner Roll

## Senior Foot Health Clinic

Durant Community Center • Thurs., June. 12th, 9 - 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.

## Gloria Dei

*Submitted by Donette Griffin*

Gloria Dei is sponsoring the community Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 17 from 2-6:30 pm at the Community Center. You can call the church at (563) 785-4936, text (563) 508-1096 or email the church [gloriadeidurant@gmail.com](mailto:gloriadeidurant@gmail.com) to schedule an appointment.

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## Durant-Wilton Food Pantry

The Durant Wilton Food Pantry serves individuals and families living in the Durant and Wilton School districts. The pantry will be open to serve individuals and families on June 3rd and June 17th. Hours on both Tuesday's are 9 - 11 am and 6 - 7 pm. The pantry is located at 408 Cedar Street in Wilton.

Those in need of immediate assistance outside of these hours, can contact Jon at 563-732-2461 to arrange for assistance at another time.

Individuals that wish to support the pantry with donations can also contact Jon. In the summer months, we especially welcome fresh produce to be donated at the pantry. Financial donations are always helpful and can be mailed to PO Box 473, Wilton, IA 52778-0473.



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## Scott County Library

*Submitted by Pamela Briggs*

It's time for Level Up: Summer at the Library, June 1 to August 9! All ages -- read at least 20 minutes a day for 10 days to earn books, raffle tickets and more!

### Monday, June 2, 4 p.m.

Kick-Off party -- Enjoy snow cones and games with the Bookmobile, and enter to win a private Bookmobile Party! All ages.

### Thursdays, June 5, 12, and 26, 10 a.m.

Story Times -- Best for ages 6 and under with a caregiver.

### Wednesday, June 11, 2 p.m.

Recycled Paper -- Make new paper from old scraps with Sarah Subbert from Cedar County Conservation. All ages.

### Wednesday, June 18, 10 a.m.

Adult Book Club -- "The Radium Girls" by Kate Moore; call 563-570-0797 for details.

### Thursday, June 19, 10 a.m.

Magician David Casas -- Funded by Durant Library Board and the City of Durant. Held in Council Chambers, City Hall, next to the library (turn left in the hall, not right). All ages.

Durant Branch Library, 402 6th Street

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**Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday -- 2 to 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday -- 9 a.m. to noon [scottcountylibrary.org](http://scottcountylibrary.org)

## Durant Ambulance

*Submitted by Dennis D. Frisch*

For the past few months, the ambulance articles have been about becoming a driver, first responder, emergency medical technician (EMT), or a paramedic.

They also explained some of the skills they learned and may use when treating patients. This article will be different as it will tell some of the happenings taking place with the Durant Volunteer Ambulance Service (DVAS).

We have had 6 community members become drivers recently giving us a total of 11. Unfortunately, we will be losing 2 medical personnel within the next 3-4 months. Fortunately, one of our drivers is on the brink of becoming an EMT which will bring our total medical personnel to 8.

The new ambulance ordered in 2023 with delivery in March, 2025, has been delayed with delivery now scheduled for June, 2025. It may also be a little more expensive.

The call volume for the DVAS has decreased from approximately 700+ to less than 1 per day for the first 5 months of 2025. From January to May 19th, 2025, we were dispatched 136 times. The major effect this will have will be financial.

On a brighter note, June 14 is Flag Day. Remember to display "Old Glory" with pride and the next day is Father's Day. Be sure to make his day special by calling him or take him out for a meal.

If you would like more information about the DVAS, contact a member/driver or call the office at ( 563)785-4540 and leave a message if no one answers.