3A THE BLOOMFIELD DEMOCRAT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

FIRE: Volunteers will help rebuild Saturday



Scott Moore and Jess Girardin use a mini-hoe Monday to pull up pieces of concrete from the floor of Andrew Yutzy's barn before reconstruction begins. Yutzy and Moore are friends who help each other in time of need. Yutzy helped Moore with the construction of Moore Coffee, and Moore willingly returned the favor following the barn fire. Three of the Yutzy children enjoy watching progress on the demolition.

lost in the fire.

Thomas said the 48' X 72' west end of the barn was filled with big round bales and several large square bales as well as several small pieces of machinery including a forklift and a new mower. The 36' X 52' east end of the barn was a two-story horse barn with smaller square bales of hay in the loft.

"When the fire reached the east end and began spreading to two stories, it spread fast," Thomas said.

Fortunately, the family's horses and the children's pony were not in the barn when it caught fire.

Thomas estimated the value of the building at

\$200,000 with \$60,000 worth of machinery and \$10,000 worth of harness and other small items lost in the fire.

One of the challenges facing the firefighters was the narrow lane leading to the family's farm. "There was only one way in and one way out," Thomas said. "With a structure that big and that close to town, there were a lot of gawkers creating a lot of traffic on that narrow road."

Thomas and Bridgman speculated the fire might have started because of "wet" hay, and Yutzy also thought that might have been a possibility. However, he also noted there were three engines

in the barn and considered the possibility of an "electrical issue."

Yutzy expressed the family's gratitude for community help in cleaning up. "There were about 30 who helped clean up this past Saturday, and we expect to have a dozen or more help rebuild this next Saturday," he said.

Yutzy plans to rebuild the barn in the same design — a hay shed with a horse barn and a loft.

A concrete floor is scheduled to be poured Wednesday and Thursday before volunteers arrive to erect the new barn on Saturday.

Weather-related problems in the vegetable garden

Warm temperatures and heavy rainfall can significantly affect the growth and yield of home vegetable crops

Not all problems in the vegetable garden are caused by insect pests or diseases. Hot temperatures and heavy or inconsistent rainfall can lead to deformed fruit and low yields. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulture specialists discuss common weather-related issues in the vegetable garden and offer tips for managing them.

According to Aaron Steil, consumer horticulture extension specialist, high temperatures, particularly those above 90°F during the day or 75°F at night, can cause blossom drop in crops such as tomatoes, peppers and

green beans. Flowers may fail to form or fall off before pollination, leading to reduced yields.

"Temperatures above 85°F can delay ripening in vegetables like tomatoes, peppers and eggplant, causing fruit to remain green longer. Coolseason crops like lettuce, spinach and peas often stop growing altogether," said Steil. "While soil is typically cooler than the air temperature, if it exceeds 86°F, potato tubers stop forming. Heat also causes incomplete or poor pollination in vine crops like cucumbers and squash, resulting in misshapen produce."

Flavor is also affected by hot weather. Cucumbers may taste bitter, and crops like melons and carrots may have reduced sweetness as sugars are used at a

higher rate in the heat, Steil noted.

Managing heat stress in crops is challenging, but Steil recommends deep weekly watering when conditions are dry to reduce plant stress and promote deep, resilient roots. Adding a layer of mulch helps lower soil temperatures and reduces water lost to evaporation.

Heavy or inconsistent rainfall can also cause problems in the vegetable garden.

"Tomatoes, particularly large-fruited varieties, may crack from rapid growth, especially under high temperatures and direct sunlight," said Steil. "Cabbage heads can split after heavy rainfall as excess water creates internal pressure from quick uptake."

Inconsistent rainfall can lead to blossom

end rot in tomatoes, peppers and summer squash. This begins with a brown or black spot on the fruit's blossom end (bottom) because of a calcium deficiency. "The deficiency is caused by wide fluctuations in soil moisture, which impairs calcium uptake by the roots, he said. "Secondary infections follow, causing the fruit to rot."

While rainfall cannot be controlled, consistent soil moisture can reduce these issues. During dry periods, water deeply once a week. Mulch can also help reduce evaporation from the soil surface. If fruit shows signs of blossom end rot, discard it. Damaged produce with no signs of decay is still edible, but ensure it is used or processed quickly, as it will not store well.

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF MIKE JOHNSON DAVIS COUNTY TREASURER FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025 INCLUSIVE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS BY FUNDS

Beginning		Beginning Balance +		Change in	Calculated Ending	Actual Ending		Outstanding
Treasurer's Balance	Total Revenues	Total Revenues	Total Expenses	Outstanding	Treasurer's Balance	Treasurer's Balance	Difference	Bank Items
0001 - General Basic	1,402,754.66	2,804,360.07	1,216,297.85	59,846.59	1,647,908.81	1,647,908.81	0.00	80,235.35
0002 - General Supplemental 872,653.53	654,354.93	1,527,008.46	632,434.28	45.61	894,619.79	894,619.79	0.00	5,547.20
0005 - Sheriff Seized Property Fund 669.14	0.83	669.97	0.00	0.00	669.97	669.97	0.00	0.00
0006 - Pioneer Cemetery 21,495.80	436.43	21,932.23	1,868.96	1,167.11	21,230.38	21,230.38	0.00	1,167.11
0010 - Mental Health	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0011 - Rural Basic	948,519.59	1,884,970.25	780,440.50	138.52	1,104,668.27	1,104,668.27	0.00	138.52
0012 - Rural Services Supplemental 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0017 – ARPA-American Rescue Plan Act 102,984.21	0.00	102,984.21	102,984.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0020 - Secondary Road 2,193,882.08	3,017,606.69	5,211,488.77	3,120,961.53	49,889.96	2,140,417.20	2,140,417.20	0.00	89,596.03
0023 - Spec. Res. Enhancement	7,592.20	84,922.71	0.00	0.00	84,922.71	84,922.71	0.00	0.00
0024 - Recorders Trust Acct 8,427.92	816.35	9,244.27	632.19	0.00	8,612.08	8,612.08	0.00	0.00
0027 - Co. Consrv. Land Acquisition Trust 227,479.02	23,549.25	251,028.27	20,160.49	0.00	230,867.78	230,867.78	0.00	0.00
0100 - County Wide Watershed 100,083.41	0.00	100,083.41	61,386.40	0.00	38,697.01	38,697.01	0.00	0.00
1500 - Capital Project Funds 0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00
2000 - Debt Service	215,300.46	474,335.21	427,138.90	0.00	47,196.31	47,196.31	0.00	0.00
3500 - Not Used-Future Cap Proj Funding 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4010 - E911 Surcharge Fund	82,994.05	581,236.45	250,609.28	0.00	330,627.17	330,627.17	0.00	0.00
4028 - Law Enforcement Communications . 158,735.94	256,593.74	415,329.68	274,791.35	974.35	141,512.68	141,512.68	0.00	5,579.99
4100 - Assessor	138,957.41	435,912.28	154,929.31	580.77	281,563.74	281,563.74	0.00	3,076.56
4101 - Assessor Tort	0.00	7,084.28	0.00	0.00	7,084.28	7,084.28	0.00	0.00
4103 - Assessors FICA 568.10	0.00	568.10	0.00	0.00	568.10	568.10	0.00	0.00
4104 - Assessors IPERS	0.00	3,405.99	0.00	0.00	3,405.99	3,405.99	0.00	0.00
4105 - Assessors Unemployment 18,865.14	0.00	18,865.14	0.00	0.00	18,865.14	18,865.14	0.00	0.00
4106 - Assessors Special Appraiser 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4120 - County Hospital 24,570.94	809,057.44	833,628.38	811,236.99	0.00	22,391.39	22,391.39	0.00	0.00
4140 - County Agric. Extension1,975.11	65,049.42	67,024.53	65,224.54	0.00	1,799.99	1,799.99	0.00	0.00
4200 - School Districts 88,317.36	2,901,555.10	2,989,872.46	2,908,965.88	0.00	80,906.58	80,906.58	0.00	0.00
4300 - Voc Tech School 8,095.82	265,575.21	273,671.03	266,280.18	0.00	7,390.85	7,390.85	0.00	0.00
4400 - Corporations	934,316.07	951,298.58	925,558.27	0.00	25,740.31	25,740.31	0.00	0.00
4450 - Special Assessments	2,703.78	2,703.78	725.71	0.00	1,978.07	1,978.07	0.00	0.00
4700 - Townships	121,801.25	125,617.03	122,052.27	0.00	3,564.76	3,564.76	0.00	0.00
4800 - Brucellosis & Tuberculosis11.54	380.68	392.22	381.66	0.00	10.56	10.56	0.00	0.00
5010 - Auto	945,974.80	1,173,627.31	1,023,595.78	0.00	150,031.53	150,031.53	0.00	0.00
5020 - Use Tax112,616.64	756,615.67	869,232.31	747,375.60	0.00	121,856.71	121,856.71	0.00	0.00
5040 - Anatomical Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5090 - Advance Taxes Fund 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5100 - Unapportioned Tax 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5300 - Recorder E-Commerce Fund 129.99	898.06	1,028.05	858.06	0.00	169.99	169.99	0.00	0.00
5400 - Tax Sale Redemption	0.00	2,884.00	0.00	11,743.00	14,627.00	14,627.00	0.00	14,627.00
6000 - Drainage District 40,361.99	1.99	40,363.98	0.00	0.00	40,363.98	40,363.98	0.00	0.00
7511 – Reserve Officers 5,066.34	0.00	5,066.34	0.00	0.00	5,066.34	5,066.34	0.00	0.00

Beginning Treasurer's Balance:	7,718,433.75
Expenses	
Not Assigned Report Group	535,909.31
45 - Treasurers Orders Paid	
46 - Treasurer Checks Written	381.66
51 - Auto Registration Fees	57,709.67
52 - Drivers License/County	6,405.00
53 - Auto Paid To State	952,616.11
54 - Auto Surcharge	6,865.00
55 - Use Tax Fees/County	10,846.00
56 - Use Tax Paid/State	736,529.60
57 - Recorder's E-Commerce Paid	858.06
58 - Tax Sale Redemption	0.00
60 - Auditors Checks Issued	6,508,725.94
Total Expenses	13,916,890.19
Change in Outstanding	124,385.91
Adjusted Expenses	14,041,276.10

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Report Totals

21,271,839.81	13,916,890.19	124,385.91	7,479,335.53		
Revenues					
Not Assigned Report	Group	623	3.764.83		
01 - Current Tax					
02 - Delinguent Tax					
03 - Mobile Home Tax.					
		30,090.00			
05 - Delinquent Tax P &	k I		632.00		
06 - Mobile Home Tax					
09 - UR/Excise Tax		307	7,627.00		
10 - Grain Tax			335.00		
20 - Agland Tax Credit.		0.00			
21 - Elderly/Disabled Ta	ax Credit	10,884.00			
22 - Family Farm Tax C					
23 - Homestead Tax Cı	edit	243	3,462.93		
24 - Military Tax Credit			0.00		
25 - Mobile Home Tax					
26 - Special Assessme					
27 - Fox River Collection	ons		0.00		

28 - Business Property Tax Credit 29 - Business Prop Tax Replacement 30 - Miscellaneous Receipts 31 - Auto Collections 32 - Use Tax Collections Total Revenues	23,834.47 3,641,412.47 945,974.80 756,615.67
Calculated Ending Treasurer's Balance Actual Ending Treasurer's Balance	, ,

199.967.76

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I hereby certify the above report to be a true and accurate account of transactions during the period(s) specified Mike Johnson, Davis County Treasurer, July 21, 2025