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**TODAY**

Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the mid 70s. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**TONIGHT**

Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Low in the mid 50s. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**TUESDAY**

Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the lower 70s. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**WEDNESDAY**

Partly cloudy. High in the mid 70s.

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**Friday's Temperatures**

(at Vinton Veteran's Airpark)  
High 79  
Low NA

**Saturday's Temperatures**

(at Vinton Veteran's Airpark)  
High 79  
Low NA

**Monday's Averages**

(at The Eastern Iowa Airport)  
High 74  
Low 50

**Monday's Records**

(at The Eastern Iowa Airport)  
High 93 (1920)  
Low 33 (1999)

**Odd News**

**Man litters national park with 3,000 golf balls**  
RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — A man who says he hurled thousands of golf balls into Joshua Tree National Park for more than a year to honor deceased golfers will be explaining his tribute to a federal magistrate.  
Park rangers cited 57-year-old Douglas Jones for abandoning property, littering and feeding wildlife. Park spokesman Joe Zarki said Wednesday that Jones tossed some 3,000 golf balls from his vehicle.  
Jones also scattered a few tennis balls and park literature and left fruit and vegetables along park roads. Jones says rangers spent 370 hours cleaning up, at a cost of \$9,000.  
Finally spotted in action last month, Jones



JOHN JENSEN PHOTO

Windsor Manor manager Bethany Clemenson stands with the plaque she received after being named Administrator of the Year for the Iowa Assisted Living Association. She is pictured with the residents and members of her staff on Friday.

## Windsor Manor leader named top assisted living administrator

By JOHN JENSEN  
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VINTON — Windsor Manor manager Bethany Clemenson knew something was up when the nurse at her side during last Wednesday's Iowa Assisted Living Association Awards Banquet could not stop fidgeting.

Yet even she was surprised when she discovered what nurse Lindsey Nieves had been so fidgety about.  
Nieves' nerves were because her boss was about to be named the Association's Administrator of the Year during the annual ceremony at the Baymont Inn and Suites in Des Moines.

"(Nieves) actually got together with the staff and they wrote the nomination — they even included a poem from one of our residents, it was really neat," Clemenson said.

"It's a great honor and very humbling at the same time," she said. "We all work hard here."

The award comes in just Clemenson's third year as the only manager of the

facility, which opened in 2007. She said the award is much more than about a single person, but about the entire staff at Windsor Manor.

"I think if I don't come to work one day this place still runs, but if I was the only person who showed up here, I couldn't run this alone," she said. "We're all in this together. This isn't all about me."

Clemenson said she is a big believer in praise in the workplace and recognizing the little things that people do. She said her staff takes that same attitude to the residents.

"The staff here goes way above and beyond what is in their job description," she said. "When there's a fish fry I have a staff member that will go out and get the fish fry for the residents she knows enjoys it and brings it back — we don't ask her to do that, she just does it. There's staff here that grew flowers, and then one of our staff, Kelly Happel, entered those in the fair and they all won ribbons ... things that I never even would think of."

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Manager, Windsor Manor

The center also has a sterling reputation with state inspectors. Clemenson said the facility has yet to have a rule-insufficiency (RI) in the two certification inspections since it opened.

"From my understanding there are less than 20 assisted livings in the state that can say that they are currently RI-free, and we have never received an RI," she said. "That's huge. There are over 300 assisted livings in Iowa, so I think that speaks highly not only of myself, but of the commitment of our staff, of my team."

She said that also applies to working with the staff.

"Since we are family here, if we know that there's a need amongst our staff here ... if they don't have Christmas gifts for their family, or we find out that maybe they have a flat tire and don't have the funds to get it fixed

... whatever. We just help as much as we can."

Clemenson came to Windsor Manor from the world of nursing, where she had worked in both hospitals and clinics.

"My favorite aspect of it was the people, and I realized in the hospitals you didn't have that," she said. "You had a brief interaction, but you didn't get to know the people; so when I saw this position advertised I applied for it."

The position takes Clemenson face-to-face with a segment of the population that has always found a soft spot in her heart.

"My grandparents are some of the most important people in my life, and they're far away. So I think this is maybe this is my way of ... because my grandparents mean so much to me, I think I want to give back."

## Poll shows support for Culver drops to 50 percent

DES MOINES (AP) — A Des Moines Register poll shows support for Democratic Gov. Chet Culver slipping to 50 percent and nearly half of Iowans saying it would be a good idea if former Gov. Terry Branstad ran again.

The poll, detailed in a copyright story Saturday night on the Register's Web site, shows Culver's approval dropping from 60 percent last year. His approval has dropped five percentage points since April.

Branstad says he's considering joining six others in seeking the Republican nomination to challenge Culver, and the poll indicates 48 percent of voters think that would be a good idea. The poll shows 70 percent of Iowans look favorably on his four terms in office, ending in 1998.

The poll was conducted Monday through Wednesday of 803 Iowans age 18 and older. It has a sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

## FBI: Notes on bomb-making in Zazi's handwriting

DENVER (AP) — Investigators said they found notes describing how to make bombs in the handwriting of an airport shuttle driver arrested as part of a terrorism investigation, and they also discovered his fingerprints on materials — batteries and a scale — that could be used to make explosives.

The emerging details show that Najibullah Zazi, who has admitted receiving weapons training from al-Qaida, played a direct role in an alleged terror plot, authorities said in court documents released Sunday.

Zazi, 24, has publicly denied being involved in a terror plot. Zazi, his father, and an Imam in New York City were arrested late Saturday on charges of making a false statement to the government, though legal experts say more charges could be coming.

Zazi's defense team denied reports that Zazi considered a plea deal related to terror charges, and Zazi's attorney, Arthur Folsom, dismissed as "rumor" any notion that Zazi played a crucial role. Zazi's defense team did not respond to requests for comment.

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