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Legion turns 100

Chauncey Butler Post 514 founded in 1920, 13 months after national charter approved

Celebration postponed due to coronavirus

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On Sept. 9, 1918, Chauncey M. Butler wrote his last letter home from the Great War, known later as World War I.

He went Missing In Action on Sept. 26, 1918.

In March 1919, his father, Frank, received a letter from the War Department saying the 26-year-old died in battle, likely on that date.

Born June 11, 1892, the West Branch resident was the first from this city to die in war.

In September 1919, the U.S. Congress chartered the American Legion as a "patriotic veterans organization" which would provide service to veterans, service mem-



In this May 2020 file photo, Legion member Wayne Frauenholtz reads off the names of West Branch residents who died in battle and those who died in the past year while fellow member Joanne Brookshear strikes the Ring of Honor after each name.

Gregory R. Norfleet/West Branch Times file photo

bers, and their communities, according to Legion.org.

And when the American Legion formed a chapter here, an effort driven by WWI veterans, they decided to name Post 514 after him.

That happened exactly 100 years ago, on Oct. 15, 1920.

"It's awesome," to mark the group's centennial, Commander John Phillips said. "I think it's a great thing."

Mayor Roger Laughlin said the group's longevity is notable not only because of what it takes to keep any group going for that long, but because West Branch was a strongly Quaker town in its early years, and that denomination is chiefly nonviolent.

"It's a testament to the

Legion

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Political donations House District 73

Iowa House District 73 Republican incumbent Bobby Kaufmann and Democratic challenger Lonny Pulkrabek in an Oct. 1 debate sparred over out-of-state donations and donors. Here's a look at donations made to each candidate in 2020.



Lonny Pulkrabek

Total donations January-July
\$43,653

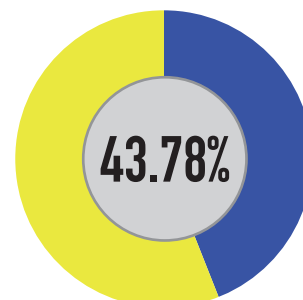
Number of donations
503

Out-of-state donations (multiple donors)
258

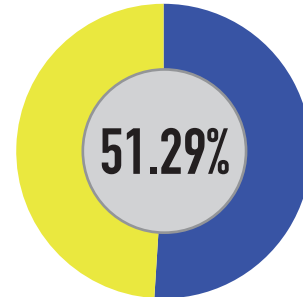
Out-of-state donations
\$19,109.74

Origin of multiple donations: MD 96, DC 56, CA 22, VA 25, NY 10, IL 6, WA 3, PA 3, NJ 2, OR 2, MN 2, NM 2
Origin of one donation: ME, TX, OH, HI, MN, NC, CO, CT, SC, FL, ID, LA

Percent of individual donations coming from out of state



Percent of total dollars coming from outside Iowa



Average donation from **out of state:**
\$74.07

Average donation from **inside Iowa:**
\$105.34

Cash on hand on July 20, 2020
\$41,433.18



Bobby Kaufmann

Total donations January-July
\$45,905

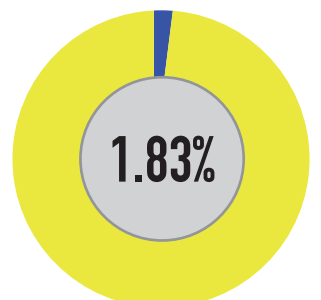
Number of donations
109

Out-of-state donations (1 donor)
2

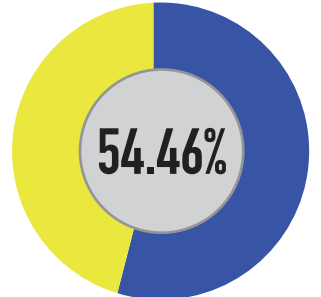
Out-of-state donations
\$25,000

Origin of multiple donations: FL 2

Percent of individual donations coming from out of state



Percent of total dollars coming from outside Iowa



Average donation from **out of state:**
\$12,500

Average donation from **inside Iowa:**
\$195.37

Cash on hand on July 20, 2020
\$101,587.25

Source: Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board (<https://ethics.iowa.gov/campaign-disclosure-reports>)
Chart by Gregory R. Norfleet/West Branch Times



Puppets in the park

Families gather at Cubby Park on Saturday to see a drive-in puppet show: "Shenanigans: Animals in Charge," performed by Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Co. The puppet show wrapped up the two-day Fall Fest, hosted by West Branch Community Development Group, the West Branch Public Library and West Branch Parks and Recreation. Organizers limited seating to the coronavirus concerns. Fall Fest included a drive-in movie, virtual 5K and 10K, sidewalk sales in downtown and free pumpkins. Gregory R. Norfleet/West Branch Times

Truck vandalized with BLM message

Vandals spray-painted a vehicle over the weekend with apparent Black Lives Matter messages, according to West Branch Police Department.

On Saturday, a family in the 800 block of West Main Street reported at 9:52 a.m. that someone painted "BLM" and "RIP BRE" on a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado's tailgate and driver's side, according to WBPD Sgt. Kory Hanna.

The messages appear to abbrevi-

ate Black Lives Matter — though it is unclear if it is a reference to the group or the sentiment — and Rest In Peace Breonna Taylor. Hanna said the owner of the pickup reported returning home about 10 p.m. Friday, so the vandalism possibly took place later that night. The officer said the family has yet to get an estimate on the damage. Anyone with information that may help the investigation may call the WBPD at 319-643-2222.

