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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 3rd at 6:00 PM City Pool Closes for Summer.
- August 8th, 2025 City Hall Closed in observance of Municipal Respite Day
- August 21st, 2025, at 7:00 PM City Council Meeting at City Hall
- August 30th, 2025 Salt Fork Golf Course Member Tournament Championship



SEYMOUR — Laughter, learning, and long drives echoed across the Salt Fork Golf Course last week during the City of Seymour's 4th Annual Summer Golf Camp. With more than 30 enthusiastic campers in attendance, the three-day event offered young golfers a chance to sharpen their skills while embracing the spirit of sportsmanship and fun. Facilitated by the City of Seymour, the camp guided participants through the essentials of golf etiquette, swing fundamentals, putting technique, and the values of teamwork and respect on and off the course. Whether it was their first swing or fiftieth, campers enjoyed personalized instruction and plenty of encouragement from experienced coaches and volunteers. The camp concluded with a celebration worthy of the effort: awards were presented to recognize growth, sportsmanship, and standout moments from the week. Campers were then treated to a delicious hamburger lunch generously provided by Waste Connections, followed by an afternoon of swimming to cool off and unwind. City officials shared their gratitude to all sponsors, instructors, and helping hands who made the camp a success. "We're so proud to offer opportunities like this," said Dr. Brasher. "Seeing the kids have fun, build friendships, and learn the game in a positive environment—that's what it's all about." With memories made and drives well-practiced, the City of Seymour continues to champion youth recreation and community engagement through events like this summer camp. Here's to another year of great golf and even greater growth.

SEYMOUR CITY COUNCIL HELD FIRST BUDGET WORKSHOP



Pictured above from left to right, Council Members Lan Winn, Billy Hendricks, Nancy Townley, Business Manager Suzanne Shumate, Council member Debbie Gillispie, and Mayor McCord discuss the 20225-2026 budget.

SEYMOUR — The Seymour City Council held its first budget workshop of the fiscal season on Monday, July 21st, 2025, inside the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting marked a pivotal step in the city's annual financial planning process, with council members diving deep into departmental needs and long-term fiscal strategy.

City department supervisors submitted budget requests for review, each one carefully evaluated for alignment with community priorities and operational demands. The Council also examined the city's revenue sources, comparing historical revenue figures against previous budgeted projections to better understand trends and potential constraints.

A significant portion of the workshop was devoted to understanding best practices in municipal budgeting. Council members engaged in thoughtful and forward-looking discussions that helped clarify both immediate priorities and the broader financial health of the city.

By the close of the meeting, clear direction had been provided to the City Administration. The groundwork laid at Monday's session is expected to guide the development of a responsible, transparent, and sustainable budget proposal.

Citizens are encouraged to stay engaged as the budget process continues, with additional workshops and public input opportunities forthcoming.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

Under the steady leadership of Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek, the **Seymour Street Department** has once again proven its dedication to maintaining and improving the city's infrastructure. This week, the team completed repairs on Plainview Road following necessary excavation by the Water Department for the installation of a water tap. Their prompt restoration ensured minimal disruption to residents and travelers alike. In addition, potholes throughout town received attention, making for smoother and safer driving conditions across various neighborhoods.

Beyond road repair, the department devoted substantial time to mowing CAD properties and parcels recently conveyed to the city, helping maintain a clean, orderly appearance throughout Seymour. These efforts not only improve visibility and safety, but also contribute to the community's overall curb appeal. The team continues to work diligently behind the scenes, focusing on keeping equipment in top condition. This preparation supports upcoming chip sealing projects intended to extend the life of local streets and enhance driving surfaces. Supervisor Kolacek and his crew embody the spirit of public service, consistently putting forth their best to support a thriving Seymour. Their hard work and attention to detail are the unsung drivers behind the town's daily rhythm—and the City extends its thanks for their continued service.

Officer Rick Shumate of **Seymour Animal Control** has once again demonstrated outstanding commitment to the community through a week of dedicated service and impressive results. His efforts led to the successful adoption of two dogs, giving them a chance at a better life. He also issued five additional weed notices, bringing the total to forty-nine since May 2025, reinforcing the city's mission for cleanliness and code compliance. In a moment requiring gentle precision, Officer Shumate rescued a baby duck that had become stuck at a residence on Reiman Street. He addressed several unfortunate wildlife situations, removing one deceased raccoon, one possum, three squirrels, one skunk, and one armadillo from various locations across town. As part of his humane wildlife management, he captured and relocated five live raccoons to safer habitats. Two skunks were safely caught and removed, helping prevent potential neighborhood nuisances. His efforts also led to the return of two lost dogs to their grateful owners. Over the course of the week, Officer Shumate responded to thirteen animal-related calls from residents—all with professionalism, empathy, and timely action that reflect his unwavering commitment to the people and animals of Seymour. Officer Shumate's dedication continues to serve as a shining example of public service and community care. The City of Seymour extends its gratitude for his tireless efforts.

With temperatures soaring and water demand on the rise, **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant Supervisor John Davis** has continued his vital behind-the-scenes work to keep Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation flowing with clean, safe water. Over the past week, the RO Plant produced an impressive 5.2 million gallons of treated water, meeting the needs of homes, businesses, and infrastructure across the region. But water production is only half the story. Under Davis's leadership carried out meticulous monitoring of chlorine residuals throughout town to ensure that water quality met public health standards. The team also tracked daily wastewater discharge from the plant to ensure compliance with environmental regulations and maintain operational transparency. Daily readings were taken from the primary RO units to keep performance within optimal ranges, while technicians changed out pre-filters on one of the primary RO trains—vital for maintaining the efficiency of the purification process. The plant's chlorine analyzer also received key maintenance to guarantee accurate measurements and safe dosing.

The **City's Electric Department** under the leadership of John Joyce has had an industrious and productive week as crews worked across town to maintain, repair, and upgrade key infrastructure. Their routine efforts ensure uninterrupted service and improved safety for residents and businesses alike. This week, the team completed regular vehicle maintenance checks and conducted weekly readings of reclosures, along with handling various locate requests. Power was reinstalled at 711 N. Aransas Street and restored to the 700–800 block of N. Cedar Street, improving service to those areas. Several upgrades were performed, including new service installation for a streetlight on Plainview and a customer yard light at 701 N. Odom. Crews also worked on a primary pole along the 700 block of W. Reeves Road and replaced cutouts on N. Grossman Street and near the Rock Inn for improved reliability. Brush trimming and clearing were done along N. Odom, and a primary pole was changed out on the same street. Power enhancements continued with a new service installation at 801 N. Odom and the removal of a utility pole on the 300 block of S. Main Street. Additionally, the four-way stop light at S. Washington Street was repaired for better traffic safety. In support of other departments, the Electric crew assisted the Water Department with installing a new security camera at the sewage plant—highlighting strong interdepartmental collaboration. As summer demands rise, the Electric Department continues to demonstrate dedication and responsiveness, helping Seymour stay powered, safe, and connected.



The Salt Fork Youth Camp wrapped up in exciting fashion last week with a competitive scramble tournament that gave campers a chance to showcase their new skills and golfing prowess. Pictured left to right, Jaxton Baker, Barton Sanchez, and Knoxx Brasher earned top honors as this year's tournament champions. Their teamwork and precision on the greens made them the standout team of the event. After a three-day camp focused on building strong fundamentals and confidence, the final day's tournament saw a thrilling five-way tie for second place. A nail-biting putt-off determined the remaining winners: Second place went to the team of Matt Nichols, Weston Brown, and Lucas Stone. Third place was awarded to Timber West, Henry Decker, and Londyn Baldwin, who impressed with their consistency under pressure. Salt Fork Youth Camp continues to grow future golf talent in Seymour and beyond—one swing at a time.



The Salt Fork Youth Camp concluded with a spirited putting competition that showcased the precision and poise of Seymour's rising golf talent. After several days of instruction and practice, young golfers competed within their age divisions to earn top honors on the putting green. Emerging as champions in their respective divisions were Hayden Wiles, Weston Brown, and Levi Kinnibrugh, each demonstrating impressive focus and finesse under pressure. This format allowed fair and exciting play across all age groups, ensuring every camper had a strong chance to shine. With this year's performances setting a high standard, it's clear that Seymour is nurturing a promising generation of golfers. A State Championship isn't just a dream—it's a genuine possibility for these young athletes who are already proving they have what it takes. Stay tuned, Seymour might just be the next big name in junior golf.



Best Iron Play Challenge. Campers from each age division teed off with determination, showcasing control, accuracy, and composure with their iron shots—key skills taught throughout the three-day camp. At the end of the challenge, top honors were awarded to three standout golfers: Kruize Whitener – Younger Division Champion Harper Nunez – Middle Division Champion Jackson Moline – Older Division Champion Each of these campers demonstrated exceptional technique and consistency, earning their place at the top of their respective groups. Instructors noted the effort and focus from all participants, calling it one of the most impressive iron play showings in camp history. Seymour's young golfers continue to impress with their growth and potential. As the camp closed with smiles, high-fives, and a renewed love for the game, it's clear the future of golf in Seymour is on a strong path forward.

The Water Department, directed by Supervisor Chase Hoyt, had another productive and impactful week as crews tackled maintenance, infrastructure upgrades, and long-term planning across the city. One of the week's key achievements included the repair of water leaks on Weiss Street, California Street, and Westview Street, improving service reliability and preventing potential water loss in residential areas. The team also successfully installed a new sewer tap on Plainview Road. Thanks to seamless collaboration with the Street Department, the road was cleaned and reopened the same day, minimizing disruption and restoring access promptly after the completion of a water tap installation. A significant operational upgrade took place at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, where new security cameras were installed with assistance from the Electric Department. These additions will enhance monitoring capabilities and help reduce overtime and emergency callouts—boosting both efficiency and safety. Other routine maintenance efforts included:

- Cleaning and servicing departmental vehicles
- Filling various road surface holes throughout town

Additionally, department leadership participated in a project meeting focused on upcoming water line improvements, reinforcing Seymour's commitment to proactive infrastructure planning. With attention to detail and dedication to service, the Water Department continues to deliver meaningful progress under Mr. Hoyt's guidance—ensuring Seymour remains well-supported, responsive, and forward-focused.



The Salt Fork Youth Camp's final day brought the spotlight to one of golf's most crucial and often underestimated skills—putting. With steady hands and steely nerves, campers squared off on the greens to determine who had the finest touch with the putter.

After a tight contest and impressive performances across the board, the title of **Best Putter by Age Division** was awarded to:

- **Hayden Wiles** – Middle Division Champion
- **Weston Brown** – Young Division Champion
- **Levi Kinnibrugh** – Older Division Champion

Camp coaches praised the winners for their remarkable consistency, reading of the greens, and ability to handle pressure—traits that will serve them well in future competitions. Each champion showcased their own putting style, but all shared one thing: an exceptional ability to sink the big ones when it mattered most.

As the camp wrapped up, the message was clear—there's no age limit on finesse, and these young golfers proved that great putting is within reach of those who practice and persist.

Salt Fork Youth Camp capped off an unforgettable week of golf, camaraderie, and character-building by naming **Tanner West** as this year's **Best Overall Camper**. The recognition goes beyond just golf prowess—it celebrates heart, effort, and integrity in the face of challenge.

Tanner impressed instructors and fellow campers alike with his **refined golf skills**, showing poise and control during competitive games and skill stations. But what truly set him apart was his attitude:

- **Perseverance in the Heat** – Despite soaring temperatures throughout the three-day camp, Tanner remained focused and unfazed, never letting discomfort affect his performance or his support for others.
- **Mental Strength** – His patience and concentration stood out during long drills and pressure-filled putts.
- **Leadership & Sportsmanship** – Whether encouraging teammates or shaking hands after tough losses, Tanner displayed humility and respect—qualities the camp strives to nurture.

Camp staff called Tanner's performance "a shining example of what youth sports should be," applauding his blend of competitive spirit and character. In a camp filled with talent and determination, Tanner rose as a role model others will look up to for summers to come.