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Hagan Receives Young City Official Award

Bondurant City Clerk Shelby Hagan was awarded the Rhonda Wood Smith Award by the Iowa League of Cities during the Awards Banquet at their Annual Conference & Exhibit in Des Moines.

The Rhonda Wood Smith Award was created to recognize exemplary work of young city officials and those new to city government. Award criteria included innovation, bold leadership, commitment and sacrifice. The award was named for Rhonda Wood Smith, a single parent who served as mayor of Garner while working as a municipal consultant. She succumbed to cancer early in 1997 after establishing an outstanding reputation as a civic minded person committed to her community.

Shelby Hagan epitomizes the values and commitment of this award. Shelby's growth in Bondurant has been impressive, working tirelessly on city practices to improve records retention, city transparency, and reducing costs for the city and its citizens. Whether she's working behind the scenes to modernize policies or speaking publicly about best practices in government operations, Shelby always places the needs of her community at the forefront.

She also holds leadership roles in the Golden Circle Municipal Officers Association and the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association, supporting innovation and best practices across Iowa amongst city finances and operations. Shelby consistently has shown growth, leadership, and commitment to public service in Iowa. This award is well deserved.

Congratulations, Shelby Hagan!

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