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Max's Coffee is back serving a variety caffeinated treats along with drinks for kids and even goodies for four-legged friends.

MAX IS BACK

Coffee truck will be stopping by Monroe, Prairie City and Colfax each week

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Once a week, Max's Coffee, a mobile coffee shop, makes a stop in local communities to serve up delicious caffeinated treats. After taking the frigid winter months off, owner Amy Schreiber-Bierbaum is back with her coffee truck and is more excited than ever to serve her customers.

"I'm looking forward to getting back to making drinks and

making peoples day a little bit better," Schreiber-Bierbaum said. "I like the days I'm playing around with what I should add to the menu because it's almost like getting to play mad scientist when trying new things; it's the fun part of what I do and I'm looking forward to that."

A business that started with Schreiber-Bierbaum roasting her own beans and checking out coffee shops, after working her

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It's an 'Eggstravaganza'

Easter egg hunts start this weekend in Baxter, next weekend in Colfax

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Easter is just around the corner and activities for kids and adults are coming up to celebrate the spring holiday. Easter egg hunts and shopping weekends are planned in Colfax and Baxter in the coming weeks, a great time for the communities to come together and have some fun.

Baxter's Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by the Baxter Easter Committee, starts at 10 a.m. April 1 at Bethany UCC Park, 5627 N. 95th Ave. W. Hunters are invited to bring their own baskets to gather as much candy and goodies as they can.

"A shout of thanks to all those that donated towards the community Easter egg hunt through the Baxter Chamber. We collected more than 1,200 eggs," the chamber said. "We are grateful for your donations and are looking forward to assisting the Easter egg hunt group."

The event is sponsored by Baxter Fun Days, Bethany



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Finding Easter eggs is always exciting, especially when cracking them open to see what treat is inside.

UCC, Growing Greatness, Baxter Church of the Way and the Baxter Chamber of Commerce.

In Colfax, Easter activities are planned for April 8 at the Downtown Colfax Eggstravaganza. Kids ages 1 to 12 can head to the children's egg hunt at 11 a.m. at Woman's Club Park, while adults have their own activities during the weekend.

"Why should the kids get to have all the fun this Easter weekend?" Colfax Main Street Director Stuart

Patterson said. "We've hidden some lucky golden eggs around downtown Colfax businesses for you to find."

The Golden Egg Hunt is a chance for those ages 16 and older to search for special golden eggs at participating retail stores in downtown Colfax. If found, each egg is worth a \$5 discount on a purchase at that store during the day. There are only five chances per store.

"After the hunt, come shop and eat in downtown Colfax," Patterson said.

Newton doctor wants lawmakers to look closely at physician assistants bill

Law would let assistants practice with no supervision from physicians

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Dr. Patrick Edwards of the Newton Clinic pleaded with local legislators on March 18 to vote against House File 424, which he suggests would lower the standards of providing medical services to Iowans by allowing the practice of physician assistants without supervision by a physician.

The bill has already passed in the Iowa House. During a legislative gathering at the Newton Public Library, Edwards strongly recommended his local lawmakers take a second look at the bill, reasoning the amount of training a physician needs to prescribe medicine is considerably more than a physician assistant.

Edwards said he underwent

four years of undergraduate work and seven years of extensive medical training: four years of medical school and three additional years of training. Physician assistants require less training, he said, with only four years of undergraduate studies and two years of additional medical training.

"So that's compared to seven years of fairly extensive training that I received in order to prescribe medications," Edwards said. "Up until now, the physician assistants are authorized to work under direct supervision of physicians in collaboration. All of their work is monitored and directly supervised."

If passed by the Iowa Senate and signed into law by the governor, physician assistants would no longer need to be supervised by another doctor. The

bill, according to Edwards, said physician assistants can work in collaboration with the doctor but not under supervision.

"Collaboration is not defined, and that raises concerns," Edwards said to lawmakers. "Again, I respect the physician assistants, but I'm not sure that two years of training is adequate to let them go into the community, hang out their shingle and prescribe medications with no supervision."

There are also liability concerns. If an assistant is working under a doctor and something bad happens, Edwards questioned who takes the responsibility.

Ultimately, Edwards opposes the bill and thinks it would be a bad idea.

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Dr. Patrick Edwards of the Newton Clinic speaks during a legislative gathering hosted by the League of Women Voters of Jasper County on March 18 in the Newton Public Library.

RAISING CHICKENS HAS ITS CHALLENGES

Before settling on raising a flock for the first time, read what someone with first-hand experience has to say

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For as long as Bev Clark Floss can remember, there has always been a "chicken person" in her family, a title which has passed on for generations. In years past, it was Aunt Sarah and Aunt Betty who watched over the feathered flock and harvested way too few or way too many eggs. When you own chickens, Clark Floss says, it's feast or famine when it comes to finding eggs.

With a flock of 70-plus poultry roaming around her Baxter farm, Clark Floss has now happily claimed the familial title. Varieties of all kinds wander the grounds, and the longtime Jasper County farmer can identify them all by breed with ease. Several of them have names, too, and she remembers them all. They live in coops all around the property, and many are free to graze where they please.

Farm cats pay no mind to the clucking hens and

crowing roosters as they strut through the yard, duck under trees and spin around in the soft dusty dirt on the edges of Clark Floss's home. Of course, she spoils her chickens like any other animal on her property. They are never too far from her when she starts tossing pieces of bread or dried corn onto the ground.

Treats also serve as a great distraction while Clark Floss rummages around for eggs. In the

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Bev Clark Floss collects eggs from a chicken coop on her Baxter farm.



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