

# The Daily Freeman-Journal

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Webster City, Iowa



## G'Day!

It's a great day  
to read a little poetry  
and thank a farmer.

## Kendall Young Library to host March DIY

After taking a week off from their scheduled programming, Kendall Young Library is back at it with some fun activities for kids, tweens and adults.

At 6 p.m. this evening, Kendall Young Library will welcome crafters and those wanting to get into some arts and crafts for its Adult DIY event. The event will run until 7:30 p.m.

This time around, visitors are able to construct a stenciled burlap bunny.

It is a free event, and no sign-up is required.

Other programs will reignite, with the Teen Lounge from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. today, followed by the "Wild Things" (prekindergarten to second grade) from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. The "Fuzzy Ducklings" (under three years of age) will meet up at 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. tomorrow at the library.

On Thursday, the "Hungry Caterpillars" (preschool) will have their weekly program from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

## Horse Pasture Management Workshop slated for March 30

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Hamilton County is hosting a horse pasture management workshop, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 30 at the Ellsworth Public Library Meeting Room located at 1549 DeWitt St., Ellsworth.

This workshop will feature hands-on activities as well as a lecture-style presentation on how to identify goals for your horse pasture, inventory animals and pasture acres, evaluate and improve existing pasture, start a new pasture, fertility and weed control in pastures, and principles of grazing management to manage forage supply.

"Providing adequate grazing space and growing good grass is beneficial to people with horses on pastures", said Angie Rieck-Hinz, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "This workshop will provide the information necessary to maintain and manage horse pastures and will also discuss how to renovate or start new pastures."

Attendees will receive worksheets and resource materials. The cost of materials is included in the registration fee. There will also be a light meal provided. The workshop is limited to 25 people. Interested parties should pre-register before March 27 online at <https://go.iastate.edu/OR-SUO3> or by calling the ISU Extension and Outreach Hamilton County office at 515-832-9597.

# Bowden's \$1 million gift offer is now in writing

By JANE CURTIS

Dean Bowden has put it in writing.

Tasked in early February with outlining on paper what he means when he offers to put \$1 million on the table for Wilson Brewer Historic Park, Bowden did just that prior to Monday's City Council meeting.

Bowden, of Webster City, last year offered to kick off a joint venture with the city and county to improve and run Wilson Brewer Historic Park by donating \$1 million.

There are the caveats outlined in Bowden's offer, and additions:

"Until the 28-E Agreement crafted between the council and the supervisors

is finalized and signed by both entities, I would not continue my support, i.e., the most important point to me is the formation of an elected Board of Trustees to govern the entire project as spelled out in the agreement, plus the hiring of a manager, curator.

"At such time as the Agreement is finalized and the Board of Trustees is established, I will pledge \$1,000,000.00 as an endowment to help assure continued operation of the park into perpetuity. My hope is that the \$1,000,000.00 gift will serve as an incentive for other contributions to the endowment. The date of a gift is flexible, but most likely I would wait until

July 1, 2024.

"In the meantime, I will pledge \$50,000.00 to the fund now held by the City. I would hope that in 2023, the patio deck planned for the depot be completed, as well as the court house and a public rest room on the grounds as previously planned. By doing these things, I hope it shows the will of the community to finish the park and start work in 2024 to build a 1900's circa barn on the grounds as per layout for building, parking, etc. To that end, I would pledge \$500,000.00 to the completion of the building with the hopes

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# Springtime cometh!

— Daily Freeman-Journal photos by David Borer

Due to temperatures climbing to the 50s, local youth took advantage of the first day of spring, which took place on Monday. Jase Ferguson (at left) makes a turn on his scooter, while Irvin Mogel pulls off an ollie at East Twin Park in Webster City.



# Webster City school board to make up snow dates in April, May

By TYLER ANDERSON

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When the snow flies and comes down substantially, schools call off classes to ensure safety for its student populace, faculty and supporting staff.

The only caveat is that those days would need to be made up toward the end of the school year. It's something that every student dreads.

Fortunately, students within the Webster City Community School District can mark their final day of school for May 26 - a three-hour early out.

The only catch is that students will have four full days of school rather than four early dismissals.

Those four days came about from the Webster Community School District Board of Directors, as they gave the proverbial thumbs up to the Snow Day Makeup Proposal on Monday evening in the board of the Webster City Schools Administration Building, 820 Des Moines St. in Webster City.

Dr. Mandy Ross, Webster City superintendent, stated

that the district didn't miss as many days as districts located in northern Iowa. Overall, WCCSD had four snow days and seven late starts.

Ross also cited that having kids return to classes following the Memorial Day weekend,

"It's been a work in progress for a little while," said Dr. Mandy Ross. "It's addressing the fact that we have four snow days and seven late starts because of the weather."

Teachers will wrap up their year at the end of the first week of June. With four contract days

to make up, June 1 and June 2 were added as professional development days.

For paraeducators, they will have five contract days to make up.

Those came from four snow days and one day from August, due to the timing of the Kickoff Breakfast.

The meeting had updates from the Mentoring Program, while the school board approved of a surplus tax that could pay off the district's current debt and fully merge Webster City with Northeast Hamilton.

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## JUST HANGING AROUND

— DFJ photo by David Borer

Jasmine Bannavong of Webster City climbs the playground equipment at East Twin Park on the first day of spring, which occurred on Monday.

The first day of spring was a breath of fresh air, with temperatures soaring to the mid-50s.

According to the forecast, temperatures will rise to the 50s today and on Wednesday. The rain chances hold off, though, until this coming weekend.

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that the community would at least match that amount to complete the project and should there be more monies pledged, it would be added to the existing endowment fund.”

Bowden signed and dated the letter March 13, 2023. Bowden’s offer, and early discussions between Webster City Mayor John Hawkins and then-Supervisor Chairman Rick Young last summer, opened the door to the cooperative effort.

The City of Webster City owns the park that sits where Superior and Ohio streets intersect. It is the site of the town’s founding, gifted to the city by descendants of Wilson Brewer, the town’s founder. Because it is owned by the city, the city maintains it. Over the years, the budget for that maintenance has fluctuated. And, over the years, buildings have been added to the park for which there was no adequate maintenance budget.

In an effort to move the park into the future, it has been proposed that the city and county work together to establish a separate board that would operate similarly to the boards of trustees that run the Fuller Hall Recreation Center and Kendall Young Library. They are both legacy institutions, funded mostly by endowments and supported to a small extent by the city.

That is the context of the proposed 28-E, an agreement that would eventually allow a city/council hybrid of elected trustees.

The legacy of Wilson Brewer Historic Park was the gift of land, on which were the Brewer-Bonebright homestead and two log cabins built by Frank Bonebright. The homestead was intentionally burned down years ago; the cabins have been moved and reconstructed.

What the Brewer legacy did not provide was an endowment fund. The park now is home to six buildings: a railroad depot, a country schoolhouse, a country church, the county’s original courthouse building, and the two cabins.

That is the context of Bowden’s offer to create an endowment.

The next step is another joint session of the council and supervisors scheduled for March 27.

## New children’s fiction available at Kendall Young Library

**Surely surely Marisol Rainey**  
by Erin Entrada Kelly  
In this irresistible and humorous story about friendship, family and fitting in, Marisol Rainey and her best friend Jada turn to Marisol’s big brother, Oz, for help when kickball becomes their nightmare.

**Boris gets a lizard**  
by Andrew Joyner  
A latest entry in the series designed for newly independent readers continues the adventures of curious young warthog Boris, who scrambles to devise a plan when he carelessly brags to eager classmates that he is getting a pet komodo dragon.

**Secret of the water dragon**  
by Tracey West  
Shocked to discover that Bo is trying to steal the Dragon Stone, Drake and the Dragon Masters work together to protect Bo and his dragon, Shu, from the dark wizard.

**Ways to share joy**  
by Renee Watson  
Ryan is caught between two friends who both want to be her best friend, her brother ruins her latest baking project, and a classmate keeps teasing her at school, yet Ryan still looks for a way to see the bright side of things and not let anything steal her joy

**Kristy’s big day**  
by Ann M. Martin  
When Kristy Thomas’ mother decides to get married again, Kristy and her friends in the Baby-sitters Club have to cope with all the small children that her family and friends are bringing to the wedding.

**Unlocked**  
by Shannon Messenger  
Complemented by sumptuous illustrations, a complete series guide and other bonus material, a highly anticipated extra installment in the best-selling series is set directly after the events of Legacy’s cliffhanger and reveals unexpected twists from both So-

phie and Keefe’s perspectives.

**Warm Hearts Day**  
by Rebecca Elliott  
Warm Hearts Day is approaching and Eva has been making lots of fun gifts and treats for her friends, but as the big party at the Old Oak Tree nears, she realizes that she has neglected to make any gifts for her family.

**Castle Redstone**  
by Sarwat Chadda  
Three down-on-their-luck adventurers seek a lost civilization in this Minecraft novel.

**Moo**  
by Sharon Creech  
A lyrical account of 12-year-old Reena’s move to rural Maine follows her efforts to adjust to a new environment while unexpectedly bonding with an ornery cow.  
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## Puzzles

**ACROSS**

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5 Domino spot  
8 Beagle’s bane  
12 Unspoken feeling  
13 Top card  
14 Campus mil. group  
15 Furniture brand  
16 Martini ingredient  
18 Dutch painter Jan  
20 Ill-deserved  
21 Early hrs.  
22 Morsel  
23 Sunrises  
26 Rendering  
30 Perón of Argentina  
31 Succor  
32 Hit show letters  
33 Porch  
36 Destined  
38 Old Olds  
39 Sinbad’s bird

**40** Wedding setting  
**43** Hitchcock thriller  
**47** Taboo  
**49** “The Lion King” lioness  
**50** And others (Lat.)  
**51** Holly-wood’s Lupino  
**52** Actor Epps  
**53** Deal (with)  
**54** Nev. neighbor  
**55** Bank-rolls

**2** Two-wheeler  
**3** Driver with a handle  
**4** Naval rank  
**5** Covers with blacktop  
**6** Cake finisher  
**7** Part of MPH  
**8** Facades  
**9** Sten-torian  
**10** Words to Brutus  
**11** Dull pain  
**17** Naturalist John  
**19** Type measures

**22** Garden area  
**23** “Lion” star Patel  
**24** “Hail!”  
**25** Series of battles  
**26** Itinerary word  
**27** Follower (Suff.)  
**28** Vein yield  
**29** Auction signal  
**31** Hubbub  
**34** Fit for farming  
**35** Roman emperor  
**36** In favor of  
**37** “Don’t delay!”  
**39** Kidney-related  
**40** Opposite of “sans”  
**41** Actor Jared  
**42** Snare  
**43** Sacred Hindu text  
**44** “— Rock”  
**45** Pleased  
**46** Rowboat needs  
**48** Spasm

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**Solution time: 22 mins.**

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**Yesterday’s answer 3-21**

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**3-21 CRYPTOQUIP**

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**Yesterday’s Cryptoquip:** WHEN ARTIST SALVADOR WANTED TO CONVERSE WITH PEOPLE, DID HE PLACE CALLS ON THE DALI-PHONE?  
Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: F equals G

# Iowa Newspaper Facts

- Iowa has **242 newspapers.**
- Iowa is one of five states that has a **newspaper in every county.**
- Every month **84%** of Iowans read local print or digital newspapers
- In the last 18 months, 13 Iowa newspapers have moved from corporate to **local ownership.**
- Iowa’s newspaper industry directly generates **\$9.7 million in state and local taxes.**
- Iowa’s newspapers support and sustain **over 4,000 jobs.**
- The Iowa Newspaper Association manages and maintains a **searchable database of public notices** at no charge to government or taxpayers at **www.iowanotices.org**

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