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## BRIEFLY

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 8

The Bellevue Community Club will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids age 10 and under at Cole Park on Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m. Children and families can hunt for eggs filled with candy and cash, as well as signing up to win a free bicycle.

Longtime Bellevue Community Club member Steve 'Ink' Engeleman (a.k.a. the Voice of the Easter Egg Hunt), will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

### Magic of Children slated for April 15

Marquette Catholic Schools Magic of Children event is slated for Saturday, April 15 to benefit the local private parochial institution. The event will be held in the Trinity Center on the Marquette campus.

An online auction with viewing and bidding will take place April 10-15 at [www.biddingowl.com/marquettecatholicschools](http://www.biddingowl.com/marquettecatholicschools).

Live in-person viewing and a social will be from 4 to 10 p.m. in the Trinity Center. Food, drinks, games, entertainment and raffles will be available. Look for more information in next week's Bellevue Herald-Leader.

### Register now for baseball, softball

Registration for 2023 Bellevue Boys and Girls Youth Baseball and Softball is now open, with registration due on Friday, April 7. Any child between 4 and 12 years old as of April 30 is eligible to participate.

Please contact Shannon Wedeking at [shannonwedeking@yahoo.com](mailto:shannonwedeking@yahoo.com) or call 563-543-8729 to register or to find out more information. Online registration can be found at: <https://bellevueballassociation.sportngin.com/register/form/081665115>

### Drivers needed for Bellevue RTA

The City of Bellevue is seeking volunteer RTA (Regional Transit Authority) drivers, both substitutes and weekday drivers to transport those in the local community who need rides to the doctor, pharmacy, grocery store or banks within Bellevue. Drivers need a chauffeurs license, which would be reimbursed by the City. For more information, call Bellevue City Hall at (563) 872-4456.

### STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping parking will be enforced in the downtown district effective Friday, April 7. Street sweeping will be every Friday at 4 am.



THIS DRONE PHOTO taken by Mark Beauchamp of Bellevue shows the extent of the damage at Riverview Vacation Rentals and RV Park on the south edge of Bellevue.

## EF-1 tornado hits south Bellevue

Damage to campgrounds; 3 transported to hospital

By DAVID NAMANNY  
Bellevue Herald-Leader

The major spring storm, including a confirmed EF1 tornado, that ripped through the local area Friday (March 31) just after 6 p.m. left most Bellevue residents without electricity for about 30 minutes, but the damage it did on the south end of town was overwhelming and nearly deadly.

The National Weather Service determined, through analysis of damage, that

it was an EF-1 on the Enhanced Fujita scale, with estimated peak winds of 104 miles per hour. That scale goes from EF-0 at its weakest, to EF-5 at its strongest.

Officials said that the tornado touched down in Bellevue State Park and in south Bellevue, at around 6:16 p.m. It tracked quickly to the northeast, covering 5.46 miles before lifting in rural Jo Daviess County, Ill. at 6:24 p.m. The tornado's

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## County approves five-year road plan

Project list focuses attention on bridges

By MARY HAYWARD  
for the Bellevue Herald-Leader

The Jackson County Board of Supervisors approved the five-year road plan recommended by Engineer Todd Kinney and discussed a number of other road matters during its March 21 meeting.

Kinney gave a presentation for the public hearing last month which listed the road and bridge projects scheduled to be complete over the next five years. He explained that adjustments can be made to the plan, and the plan can be amended if the county wants to explore additional projects.

By April 15 of each year, the Jackson County Secondary Roads Department is required to certify to the Iowa Department of Transportation a plan for which road projects they plan to accomplish in the next five years.

The county's five-year plan features 32 projects. Of those, 27 projects focus on bridge repairs and/or total bridge replacements.

Also in road news, the supervisors awarded three contracts for bridge work to

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## Tete des Morts Creek Revival

### EPA recognizes project to restore local waterway

The Environmental Protection Agency has recognized the Tete des Morts Watershed Project in Jackson County as a success story.

The project, which began in 2008 and was administered by the Jackson County Soil and Water District and led by coordinator Michelle Turner, ran for about nine years.

A portion of Tete des Morts Creek was targeted for improvement after experiencing a fish kill in 2005 and being placed on Iowa's impaired waters list the next year. The water was polluted with sediment, as the creek is surrounded by highly erodible land including farmland and bluffs, fish



PROJECT COORDINATOR Michelle Turner holds watercress from Tete des Morts Creek. (Photo by Jennifer Kurth, Iowa DNR)

were having difficulty surviving and the level of aquatic animals like insects, snails and crayfish was found to be impaired.

Turner, along with partners including the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, collaborated with farmers and landowners to install several conservation practices funded in part by the EPA's Clean Water Act Section 319 grants. Those efforts included grassed waterways, streambank protection, grade stabilization structures, water and sediment control structures, terraces and animal waste systems. Five cattle crossings and 700 feet of fencing were also installed to prevent cattle from accessing the stream.

The project had a goal of a 40% reduction in sediment delivery - Turner and staff exceeded that goal, accomplishing a 53.7%

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