

# RIVER

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# City News



## NO GREATER duty, NO GREATER honor

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy issued a proclamation designating May 15th of each year as **Peace Officers Memorial Day** in honor of the Federal, State and Municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty. The week of May 15th of each year is designated as Police Week in recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our midst to protect us through enforcement of our laws. The governments of the states and communities and the people of the United States are invited to observe this day and week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including the display at half-staff of the flag of the United States. A local memorial service will be held on **Thursday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Music Man Square**. Area law enforcement agencies, including the Mason City Police Honor Guard, will be in attendance. This service is open to the public.

The Mason City Chapter of the Iowa State Police Association will host a **public Open House at the Mason City Police Headquarters** located at 78 South Georgia Avenue, on **Saturday, May 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Members of the Mason City Police Department would like to invite you and your family to attend the Open House which will feature a bike rodeo for children, building tours, police equipment on display and most importantly a chance to meet your police officers.

*Did you know...* on average, once in every 57 hours, another law enforcement officer gives up his or her life for perfect strangers.

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Mason City Police Officer, Brent Dettman, directs traffic on 12th Street NW as concrete beams are transported for the 12th Street Overpass project.



Mason City police officers during a funeral procession for Wes Greenan, former Mason City Police Chief.

The Mason City Police Honor Guard at a funeral for fellow peace officer, Forest City Police Chief Doug Book.

## Mason City Hires a New City Administrator

Brent Trout has been selected and approved by the Mayor and City Council to serve as the next City Administrator for Mason City. He will assume the responsibilities as City Administrator on June 5.



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GLOBE GAZETTE

Brent has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Drake University with a major in Public Administration. He also received a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Drake University.

He began his career in public administration as an intern for the City of Des Moines and with the Iowa Department of Economic Development. His previous experience as City Administrator includes the Iowa communities of Bancroft, Eagle Grove, and Boone.

Brent has served in the Iowa Army National Guard since 1986 and currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His military service includes a one year tour of duty in Iraq and a tour with Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia.

He is very active in the community and is a member of several professional organizations, including the International City Managers Association, the Iowa City Managers Association and the Rotary Club.

Brent and his wife, Connie, have two sons, ages 9 and 11.

## Mason City to Join Cities Nationwide for “America’s Night Out Against Crime”

Neighborhoods throughout Mason City are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “**24th Annual National Night Out**” on Tuesday, August 7, 2007. This crime and drug prevention event is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and is co-sponsored locally by the Mason City Police Department and the Community Police Advisory Board.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for and participation in local anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Between the hours of 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. on this evening, residents in neighborhoods throughout Mason City are asked to lock their doors, turn on the outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police at East Park by the Band Shell. A variety of activities, demonstrations, and displays will be available, presented by local community and youth oriented organizations. Free food will be served and a drawing for prizes will be held at 7:30 p.m. The event will conclude at 8:00 p.m. with a flashlight safety walk to show a unified stance against crime.

### “Give Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party”

## Annual Police Auction

Mark your calendars! The Mason City Police Department’s annual auction of bicycles and abandoned/forfeited property will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2007. The bike auction to be held at Monroe Storage beginning at 9:00 a.m. will feature approximately 200 bicycles for sale. The abandoned and forfeited property will be sold at the National Guard Armory immediately following the bike auction.

Abandoned and forfeited items to be auctioned include household items, collectibles, electronics, hand and power tools, office equipment and furniture, and many other numerous items.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GLOBE GAZETTE  
Officer Jason Stiles, K-9 Castor &  
a young citizen of the community at  
Mason City’s Annual National Night Out  
on August 2, 2006 held at East Park

# Projects Update



## 43rd Street Water Tower

The 1,000,000 gallon water tower located along 43rd Street SW in the newly annexed area of the city is nearing completion. The pedestal was constructed last fall with the steel tank erection taking place throughout the winter months. The tank will soon receive its completed appearance with the final coating of paint. The new tower will be operational by early summer of 2007.

## Sanitary Sewer Project

The sanitary sewer project design is completed and is currently out for bids. Construction is expected to begin in early summer and near completion by

the end of this year. The new sewer trunk line will service the annexed area in the southwest area of the City.

## 2007 Street Rehabilitation Project

The 2007 Street Rehabilitation Project includes the replacement of deteriorated water, sanitary and storm sewer utilities. The project also includes patching of streets and a fresh overlay of Hot Mix Asphalt. The streets and limits included in this years project are as follows:

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
12th Street NW	North Madison Avenue	North Federal
12th Street NW	North Pierce Avenue	North Federal, Pavement Markings only
Meadowbrook Drive	10th Street SW	Garfield Avenue
10th Street SW	Grant Avenue	Meadowbrook Drive
Frontage Road	Roosevelt Avenue	Taft Avenue North of Hwy 122
Frontage Road	Village Green Drive	Eisenhower South of Hwy 122
Monroe Avenue	23rd Street SW	19th Street SW
Highland Park Court	Carolina Place	East
10th Street NE	N Carolina Avenue	Kentucky Avenue
11th Street NE	N Carolina Avenue	Kentucky Avenue
25th Street SW	N Jefferson Avenue	Federal Avenue
Clover Lane	N Jefferson Avenue	23 Street SW
Stony Way	N Jefferson Avenue	23 Street SW
Mission Drive	N Jefferson Avenue	23 Street SW
Sunny Circle	N Jefferson Avenue	23 Street SW
California Avenue	Hwy 122	North City Limits
Alley	Animal Clinic	Jefferson Avenue

## 19th Street Overpass Progress

This project has moved into the final design phase, which will require nearly one year, placing the project out for bids in the spring of 2008. In conjunction with the overpass the intersection of South Pierce Avenue and 19th Street SW will be completely reconstructed. The intersection improvements will include turn lanes and traffic signals. The preliminary schedule for completion of the project is late fall of 2009.



SKETCH COURTESY OF WHKS & CO.

## Bridge over Winnebago River between East Park and the Aquatic Center

Winnebago River Pedestrian Bridge construction will begin this spring. The bridge will link East Park to the Aquatic Center, connecting both facilities with the existing trail system. The bridge will span approximately 222' and sit approximately 22' above the river bed. This bridge will be similar in design to the current pedestrian bridges in East Park.



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# Celebrating 5 Years of Making Mason City “Sparkle”

~A MESSAGE FROM MARY ZISHKA, CITY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR~



*One of the largest projects taken on by city volunteers is the State Street Railroad Trestle Painting Project*



*Cub Scouts work together on the Kiwanis Park Tree Planting Project*



*MCHS Science Nine students gather after completing the Prairie Playground Mulching Project*

You may be surprised to learn that nearly five years have passed since the City Council approved the Volunteer Coordinator position. What shouldn't surprise you, however, is what began as an idea to involve citizens in partnering with City staff on a variety of municipal projects has evolved into a successful program that volunteers and City staff have embraced in an effort to enhance the quality of life for our citizens and visitors to Mason City.

On July 8, 2007, we celebrate the 5th anniversary of the City Volunteer Program. A total of 163 projects have been completed since the program began in 2002. Projects have varied tremendously, from painting curbs, fire hydrants, city buildings and a train trestle to planting trees, spreading mulch, and large brush removal efforts. The City Volunteer Program provides a unique opportunity for volunteers to share their time and talents, interests and hobbies. Mass mailings, brochure distribution, filing and receptionist opportunities provide projects for volunteers who wish to donate their time indoors.

The City Volunteer Program brought new life and renewed volunteer commitment into the Adopt-a-Street program, and we now have 29 miles of city streets cared for by volunteers. Community flower gardens have grown to 76 beds maintained by volunteers who have stepped forward to help in these beautification efforts. Volunteers involved in Earth Day teams have organized and come back year after year to commit to the community-wide clean up efforts, much to the delight of the hard-working Earth Day Committee members. Friends of the 457 is a group of volunteers dedicated to the preservation and on-going improvements of the 1912 steam locomotive in East Park. The newest effort coordinated under the City Volunteer Program is Volunteer Park Watch, a program that relies on citizen participation and support. Nineteen volunteers

made up the initial volunteer roster for the program. It has grown in volunteer numbers since that time, and we can attribute these volunteers to the program's first year's accomplishments.

Each year the City Volunteer Program has an opportunity to thank many of the volunteers who have contributed to municipal projects through a volunteer recognition luncheon. Through these luncheons, the City organization has honored 150 volunteers in an effort to show our appreciation for their contribution to the needs of the City of Mason City. Eight Shining Stars have been awarded to the following outstanding volunteers: Camillus Baker, Art Gerck, Birdie Ellsworth, Art Fischbeck, Don Lee, Gene Green, Shirley Nehls and Zoe Hugo. While it is not possible to invite all of the hundreds of volunteers who have contributed to the City Volunteer Program, it is through venues like the River City News where we get to once again thank our volunteers for their donation of time, skills and talents. Volunteers have donated nearly 23,000 hours to the City Volunteer Program since its inception in 2002.

The successful five-year achievement of the City Volunteer Program has been made possible through the efforts of individuals, families, service organizations, clubs, schools, the faith community and corporate citizens; the collaboration of City managers and their staff, and the support of the City Council. Volunteers working with the City Volunteer Program have made a significant impact on meeting the needs of the City organization. I look forward to celebrating each new year of success and hope you will join me in saying thank you to all the volunteers who for the past five years have worked to help make Mason City “Sparkle”.



# Community Notes

## Find yourself at the MacNider Art Museum!

The MacNider Art Museum celebrates a schedule of new programming, as well as a reunion with old friends this season. First, it's time to brush up on your Italian! *Caldo benvenuto!* We extend a warm welcome to visitors of the *Sorelle: Sisters* Sister City Exchange exhibition, offering a glimpse at life in our Sister City, Montegrotto Terme, Italy. The exhibition is part of the *26th Cerro Gordo Photo Show*.

### Call for Area Artists

A call for entries for the *27th Annual Cerro Gordo Photo Show* is underway. All residents of Cerro Gordo County, high school age and over or any students registered at North Iowa Area Community College for the spring or summer semesters of 2007 are eligible to participate. A total of three entries are permitted per person and the deadline for entry is Friday, May 11.

New friends meet old, with the *Echoes From the Vault* exhibition. Did you know that the Museum displays just 25% of the Permanent Collection at any one time? *Echoes From the Vault: Exploring*



Chang Gallery, MacNider Art Museum

Repetition in the Permanent Collection, a newly defined exhibition from the Permanent Collection, makes its debut this summer. Museum visitors will be treated to the work of Wayne Thiebaud, Grant Wood and Robert Motherwell as never seen before. And while you're there, take a minute to tip your hat to the infamous Bil Baird puppets, featured as always in their cozy home on the second floor.

The summer blast off continues with **Art Invasion!** the MacNider Arts Festival, June 9 and 10. Out of this world musical entertainment, family

art activities, food, and more will be taking over the front lawns of the MacNider Art Museum and the Mason City Public Library. Come and join the fun and you just might have a close encounter of the ART kind.

### Summer Art Camps

Kids can banish summer boredom at the MacNider Art Museum. Come learn about clay, glass, drawing, photography and art history in week-long summer camps. Summer Art Camp is for kids from first through sixth grade. Check the MacNider Art Museum newsletter or the website for class selections and schedule.

### Kids' Club

Come explore Kids' Club, for children 5 - 12 years. Kids' Club features activity-based explorations of the visual arts and treasures of the MacNider Museum. This program meets monthly and is absolutely free, thanks to sponsorship by First Citizens' Power Saver Club. Call the Museum for the schedule and reservations.

Leading into the fall will be the contemplative *Migrations: New Directions in Native American Art* exhibition. This is an exciting contemporary look at Native American art. Look for the theme-related lecture and film series to be held in conjunction with the exhibition. Then keep your eye open for word on our next MacNider: Off the Clock event, an opportunity for you to sip wine and mingle on a Friday evening in an atmosphere of good food, great music and fabulous art.

### Exhibition Calendar:

*Sorelle: Sisters*, 26th Cerro Gordo Photo Show Sister City Exchange, Supported by Call of the Wild  
Exhibition April 5 - June 17

*Echoes From the Vault: Exploring Repetition in the Permanent Collection*, Sponsored by Raymond James & Associates  
Exhibition April 12 - July 22

*Migrations: New Directions in Native American Art*  
Exhibition August 9 - November 11  
Supported by Principal Financial Group

## ALL ABOARD!

Cannonball Day will be held on Saturday, June 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Many activities for kids of all ages will be featured, including a Kid's Hobo Jungle, Half-Pint the Clown, face painting, balloons, magic, and inflatable bounce toys. Attendees can also climb a 30-foot wall or ride Smokey the Train. Free entertainment begins at 1:00 p.m. with Bill Dewey and the Dynamics highlighted at 8:00 p.m.

The Evening Lions Club will provide a meal. You can enjoy half of a BBQ chicken for \$7 or a quarter of a BBQ chicken for \$5, which includes coleslaw, dinner roll, and a drink. Proceeds from



Smokey the Train at Cannonball Day 2006



Young fans of balloon creations!

the meal will go towards the support of the #457 and the Lions eye exam and glass program.

Cannonball Day is geared up to provide fun for everyone!

# Update of City Happenings

## New Faces



**Donna Brown** was hired as a Cashier in the Finance Department in January, 2007. Donna has an Associate of Business Degree in Accounting from NIACC.

**Dustin Buck** joined the Police Department as a Police Officer in January, 2007. Dustin is attending NIACC for the Criminal Justice program.



**James Christensen** was appointed as a Utility Worker for the Utility Division in March, 2007. James has an Associate of Arts degree from Iowa Lakes Community College in Equipment Technology.

**Daniel Dahley** was hired as a Maintenance Person for the City's Street Division. Daniel began his duties in March, 2007.



**Randy Gourley** was hired as a Maintenance Worker for the Parks Department. Randy attended the University of Maryland and is retired from military service. He began his duties in April, 2007.

**Michael Lashbrook** has been appointed as the Chief of Police for the Mason City Police Department. Mike has a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from Upper Iowa University and has an extensive background in the law enforcement field. He began his responsibilities in January, 2007.



**William Ostoj** was appointed as a Police Officer in January, 2007. William attended Rochester Community College in the Law Enforcement program and served four years in the United States Marine Corps.

**Melissa Peters** was hired as the Billing Clerk for the Fire Department. Melissa is a graduate of Mason City High School and NIACC with an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts. She began her duties in March, 2007.



**Mark Rahm** was appointed Interim City Engineer in December, 2006. Mark has served as an Engineer with the City for several years, most previously having served as Assistant City Engineer. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University.

**Tricia Sandahl** was appointed Interim Community Development Director in March, 2007. She was hired as a Planner in January 2002 and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Iowa State University.



**William Schrandt** has been hired as the Operations Coordinator for the Mason City Municipal Airport. William is a graduate of Nashua-Plainfield High School and attended Iowa Central Community College in the Aviation Management/Professional Pilot program. He began his duties January, 2007.

**Joe Sokol** was appointed as a Police Officer in April, 2007. Joe is a graduate of Clear Lake High School and the Criminal Justice program at NIACC.



**Rob Wilcox** began employment as a Utility Worker with the City on April 11. Rob is a graduate of Mason City High School.

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## Event Planning

Plan your own special event at the MacNider Art Museum, a perfect place for wedding receptions and office gatherings. Rental fees vary depending on size of the event. For more information, contact Jana Barracks, Development Coordinator, at 421-3666.

## Yard Waste Collection

The City Sanitation Service will be collecting yard waste on the same day as regular sanitation service. The public will be notified of any changes to this pick-up schedule. If you have any questions about the City's Sanitation Service, call 421-3691.

## Municipal Band Concerts

Interested in an evening of wonderful music by local talented musicians? The Municipal Band will be performing several free concerts this summer, beginning the weekend of Band Festival, May 25-27. Check out the calendar for the dates and locations.

# Upcoming Events & Meetings

## May, 2007

1	4:00 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
1	7:00 p.m.	City Council
3	12:00 noon	Human Rights Commission
3	4:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission
8	6:00 p.m.	Park and Recreation Board
8	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission
9	4:00 p.m.	North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team
10	8:00 a.m.	Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board
12	9:00 a.m.	Annual Police Auction, Monroe Storage & National Guard Armory
12	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Police Dept. Open House, MCPD
14	4:00 p.m.	Airport Commission
15	4:15 p.m.	Public Library Board
15	7:00 p.m.	City Council
15	7:00 p.m.	MacNider Museum Board
16	4:00 p.m.	Cable Commission
17	7:30 p.m.	Police Memorial Service, Music Man Square
19		Opening Day for the 457 Steam Locomotive, East Park
25-27		Band Festival weekend
26	Time TBA	Municipal Band Concert
28		Memorial Day holiday (City offices closed)
30		Sanitation pick-up for Memorial Day holiday

## June, 2007

3	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Band Concert
5	4:00 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
5	7:00 p.m.	City Council
7	12:00 noon	Human Rights Commission
7	4:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission
10	3:00 p.m.	Municipal Band Concert, MacNider Art Museum
11	4:00 p.m.	Airport Commission
12	6:00 p.m.	Park and Recreation Board
12	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission
13	4:00 p.m.	North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team
13	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Band Concert, Southbridge Mall
14	8:00 a.m.	Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board
17	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Band Concert
19	4:15 p.m.	Public Library Board
19	7:00 p.m.	City Council
19	7:00 p.m.	MacNider Museum Board
23	11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	Cannonball Day, East Park
24	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Band Concert

## July, 2007

1	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Band Concert, Southbridge Mall
3	4:00 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
3	7:00 p.m.	City Council
3	9:45 p.m.	Municipal Band Concert, Mohawk Field
4		Independence Day holiday (City offices closed)
5	12:00 noon	Human Rights Commission
5	4:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission
8	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Band Concert
9	4:00 p.m.	Airport Commission

## July, 2007 continued

10	6:00 p.m.	Park and Recreation Board
10	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission
11	4:00 p.m.	North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team
12	8:00 a.m.	Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board
17	4:15 p.m.	Public Library Board
17	7:00 p.m.	City Council
17	7:00 p.m.	MacNider Museum Board
28		Up in Smoke BBQ Bash, East Park

## August, 2007

2	12:00 noon	Human Rights Commission
2	4:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission
7	4:00 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
7	7:00 p.m.	City Council
7	5:30-8:30 p.m.	National Night Out, East Park
8	4:00 p.m.	North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team
9	8:00 a.m.	Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board
13	4:00 p.m.	Airport Commission
14	6:00 p.m.	Park and Recreation Board
14	7:00 pm.	Planning & Zoning Commission
15	4:00 p.m.	Cable Commission
18		Civil War Encampment
21	4:15 p.m.	Public Library Board
21	7:00 p.m.	City Council
21	7:00 p.m.	MacNider Museum Board

## September, 2007

3		Labor Day holiday (City offices closed)
4	4:00 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
4	7:00 p.m.	City Council
5		Sanitation pick-up for Labor Day holiday
6	12:00 noon	Human Rights Commission
6	4:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission
10	4:00 p.m.	Airport Commission
11	6:00 p.m.	Park and Recreation Board
11	7:00 pm.	Planning & Zoning Commission
12	4:00 p.m.	North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team
13	8:00 a.m.	Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board
18	4:15 p.m.	Public Library Board
18	7:00 p.m.	City Council
18	7:00 p.m.	MacNider Museum Board

## October, 2007

2	4:00 p.m.	Zoning Board of Adjustment
2	7:00 p.m.	City Council
4	12:00 noon	Human Rights Commission
4	4:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission
8	4:00 p.m.	Airport Commission
9	6:00 p.m.	Park and Recreation Board
9	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission
10	4:00 p.m.	North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team
11	8:00 a.m.	Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board
16	4:15 p.m.	Public Library Board
16	7:00 p.m.	City Council
16	7:00 p.m.	MacNider Museum Board

## Summer Sleuthing At Your Public Library

The Mason City Public Library proudly announces its second annual Adult Summer Reading Program, "SUMMER SLEUTHING @ YOUR LIBRARY". The program runs from June 4 - July 13, with registration May 29 - June 2. It will feature weekly mystery themes as well as contests and prizes. Library staff is excited to host two special programs featuring Midwest mystery authors.

Mike Manno, Iowa author of "Murder Most Holy", will be here at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 9. On Wednesday, June 27, the Minnesota Crime Wave, three Minnesota mystery writers will be sharing their work at 7:00 p.m. These programs will be held in the Mason City Room and are free and open to the public. If you would like more information on the authors, visit their websites at [www.mikemanno.com](http://www.mikemanno.com) and [www.minnesotacrimewave.org](http://www.minnesotacrimewave.org).

## New Testing and Education Reference Center Database

The Mason City Public Library announces a new database, the Testing and Education Reference Center, that can be accessed through computer terminals in the library or remotely through the library website ([www.mcpl.org](http://www.mcpl.org)) by clicking on the Thomson Gale icon (or clicking on MCPL Databases link) and typing in the patron's library card number to log in.

Students can research colleges, scholarships and financial aid. Career planning information is available in the areas of nursing, postal employment, law enforcement and military entrance. Practice tests may be taken online for college entrance (ACT, PSAT, or SAT), for career changes (nursing, law enforcement, real estate licensure), civil service tests (clerical, postal, firefighter, court officer and more). There are even practice tests for the GED, military entrance, and U.S. Citizenship.

For more information, contact the Reference Desk of the library at 421-3670 or by e-mail at [librarian@mcpl.org](mailto:librarian@mcpl.org).

## Come Together @ Your Library...

Was the theme for National Library Week, celebrated April 15-21, 2007, at the Mason City Public Library. It was a busy week as several community groups "came together" at the Mason City Public Library.

The week was kicked off Saturday, April 14, with a reception and geranium sale by the Friends of the Library. During the week, as patrons participated in contests for prizes, the library was host to over 300 local high school freshmen researching Mason City's history in the Lee P. Loomis Archive. This research culminated in displays that will be featured in the library throughout the month of May. The Mason City Room was one of the venues for the Iowa Independent Film Festival April 20-22. The Earth Day Festival was held on Saturday, April 21 with educational displays and activities available in the Mason City Room and on the library grounds.

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