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Balk Crowned Fair Princess

Miss Waucoma Deanna Balk has been named the Fayette County Fair Princess 2025. Photo courtesy Unique Memories by Rachel

County Beats Statewide Jobs Report

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While the statewide unemployment average inched up to 3.7 percent, Winneshiek County continues to be better than the state rate, clocking in at 3.2 percent.

With the release of the latest figures, most area counties beat the state average as Chickasaw County had 2.9 percent to lead the region with Howard County just behind at three percent.

Fayette County came in at four percent while Allamakee County tied the state's rate of 3.7 percent with Clayton County at 3.9 percent.

Iowa's rate was up from 3.6 percent to 3.7 percent as the national rate was 4.1 percent.

"More Iowans joined the workforce in June, increasing the state's labor force by 3,900, with significant participation increases among women 45 and older," said Beth Townsend, Executive Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "Healthcare and construction accounted for more than 3,700 of the new jobs following a trend for both industries in 2025."

Marshall County had 6.2 percent for the highest in the state while Sioux County had 2.4 percent for the best in the state.

3.7%

Unemployment Rate (June 2025)

-6,800

Job Growth Over the Past Year

50,843

Current Job Openings in Iowa



TV FFA Wins Grain Marketing Contest

FORT ATKINSON - Farmers Union Cooperative has announced the area winners of the Grain Marketing Contest with Turkey Valley FFA taking the top spot as Postville took runner up. TV FFA takes home a monetary prize with the school's beating out bigger schools including Monona, Decorah and North Fayette Valley. Farmers Union Cooperative photos



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