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“Well, we’re painting. They’re doing new ceiling tiles. We’ve got new floors going in. We replaced the bathroom. We’re going to build a wall, we’ve got to supply all the equipment, so there’s a lot left to do,” Turbett mentioned, gesturing to each area of the shop.

While the shop is far from complete, Frosted Bliss is still taking orders through their Facebook page as things continue to take shape. Occasionally, cookies will be for sale out of the store during the process of renovation, a sneak peak and sweet treat all at once. Turbett aims to open fully in August, barring any delays in the cre-



Sitting at 110 N. Broadway St. in Toledo, what once was Bumblebees Pizza, is being remodeled into Frosted Bliss Bakery.

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ation of her cookie studio of sorts.

So, if you are walking down Broadway one day soon, and you smell something wonderful coming from a nearby doorway, that’s Angie Turbett whipping up a new batch of something magical and tasty. Go in and grab a snickerdoodle, or a chocolate chip, or a sugar cookie, or one of each, everything is good at Frosted Bliss.

Trump

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celebrations to help bring people together.

“We’ve had so much division and so much polarization over the last many decades, but certainly over the last few years, that to be able to bring the country together to celebrate America’s 250th birthday through patriotism, shared values and a renewed sense of civic pride, to be able to do that in the center of the country, is incredibly important,” she said.



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President Donald Trump talks with reporters before a flag pole is installed on the South Lawn of the White House on June 18, in Washington.

A recent Gallup poll showed the widest partisan split in patriotism in over two decades, with only about a third of Democrats saying they are proud to be American, compared with about 9 in 10 Republicans.

About 4 in 10 U.S. adults approve of Trump’s performance as president, according to a June AP-NORC poll, while about 6 in 10 disapprove. That poll also showed a majority of Americans said the June military parade that Trump green-lit in Washington for the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army — an event that fell on his 79th birthday — was “not a good use” of government money.

Crowley spoke to the political and ideological schisms that left the country “torn apart” ahead of its last big birthday celebration, noting that 1976 closely followed the Vietnam War and the Watergate scandal that led Richard Nixon to resign from the presidency.

“That moment was critical to uniting the country and moving forward, and I am very optimistic and hopeful that the yearlong celebration that we’re about to launch will do the same thing in this present moment,” she said in an interview.

America’s 250th birthday “is something that I think that all Americans can come together to celebrate and honor our history as well as our present and our future,” Crowley said.

The Trump administration’s own cost-cutting moves this year threaten to complicate the celebrations. Reduced funding led the National Endowment for the Humanities to send letters to state humanities councils across the country saying their federal grants had been terminated. Many of those councils had been working on programming to commemorate the 250th anniversary and had already dedicated some of their federal grants for events at libraries, schools and museums.

Gabrielle Lyon, executive director of Illinois Humanities and chair of the Illinois America 250 Commission, said the cuts already have curtailed some of the planned programs, including community readings of the Declaration of Independence.

“It is very hard to understand how we can protect and preserve people’s ability locally to make this mean something for them, and to celebrate what they want to celebrate, if you’re not funding the humanities councils,” Lyon said.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, officially marking the 13 colonies’ split from Great Britain.

“We’re gonna have a big, big celebration, as you know, 250 years,” Trump said about the birthday during his Memorial Day address to a solemn audience at Arlington National Cemetery. “In some ways, I’m glad I missed that second term where it was because I wouldn’t be your president for that.”

Video of then-candidate Trump proposing a “Great American State Fair” in Iowa in May 2023 began to recirculate after his reelection last November, but the culminating fair instead will be held next year on the National Mall in Washington, according to a White House official who was not authorized to share details publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The lineup Thursday night will include Lee Greenwood, according to social media posts advertising the event, whose song, “God Bless the USA,” is a regular feature at Trump rallies and official events. Also attending will be Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem and Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins.

Library

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A courthouse, he added, isn’t always a welcoming place for a kid and can be very intimidating, so providing “a glimmer of fun” through a bookcase can be highly meaningful. When Leslyee George started the program, she was a single mom herself, and Ryne, now a community impact ambassador at Corda Credit Union, felt that it gave her a strong connection with so many women going through similar experiences.

“You’re by yourself. You have a big responsibility. You’re at the courthouse doing something that you probably don’t want to do or you have to fill out this paperwork. You have these kids running around, so how do you distract them?” he asked. “That’s been a really cool part of talking with people, and since we launched June 10, I’ve had strangers reach out and say ‘I want to get behind this.’ We’ve had over \$700 in donations so far.”

Leslyee’s Library, the nonprofit organization Ryne started, will help to fund the libraries in both Marshall and Linn counties and help to keep his mother’s legacy alive in a positive way by providing high quality books and maintaining the bookcases.

“One of the best parts of the program is that if kids, if they are reading a book and are really attached to it, they can take it home. They don’t have to return it. If you think about kids that may not have a lot of books at home, that’s one more book that they have and more books in the home (means) potential better literacy rates,” he said.

Right now, Ryne and his board of directors are focused on assessing demand and figuring out a way to grow the program in a sustainable way. And it’s safe to say that Les’s impact is still being felt more than a year after his passing.

“Les saw kids at the courthouse in stressful times — parents needing to fill out commitment papers or documents to prevent future domestic assaults. She took it on herself to start a children’s library so the kiddos could have a positive distraction and they could take the book home. After Les passed, way too early, (Marshall County Clerk of Court) Carol Haney wanted to honor her by continuing the effort in her name. Carol and Ryne were the brain children, but Ryne has formed a nonprofit and energized the effort beyond Marshall County into his home county — Linn County,” Judge Mary Chichelly of the Iowa Court of Appeals said. “Les was a very sweet and caring woman and her son has followed that lead! I had a judge on my court help Ryne in Linn, and another of my colleagues is interested in the same thing for Carroll County. It is all about seeing and meeting people where they are and trying to make a difference, which was the Les way.”

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Nothing Compares to Working at the Iowa State Fair

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DES MOINES — Looking for a fun job? The Iowa State Fair is hiring for the 2025 Iowa State Fair now. Positions are available for all levels of experience. Benefits include valuable experience, new friends, fun, free Fair admission, parking and other incentives. Working at the Fair is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to be a part of Iowa’s greatest celebration.

Two ways to apply:

1. Applications are available online at www.iowastatefair.org.
2. Attend the open interview job fair from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 10 at the Elwell Family Food Center on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

Positions open in the following departments:

- Attractions
- Concessions/Barksdale’s State Fair Cookies
- Livestock Control
- Parking
- Security
- Ticketing

Must be 16+ to attend the job fair. Limited positions are available online for 14 and 15-year-olds.

For questions about working at the Fair or to be a volunteer, visit www.iowastatefair.org.

Limited space available for 2025 Feedlot Short Course

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AMES — If farmers are thinking about attending this year’s Feedlot Short Course, they’ll want to act soon. Iowa State University extension beef specialist Erika Lundy-Woolfolk said a few spots remain in the July 29-31 event. With a registration limit of 30, all attendees are assured of personal interactions and hands-on opportunities with some familiar and new activities.

“We’re keeping some crowd favorites like our feed mixing and evaluation and bunk management demonstrations this year,” she said. “We’re also adding some new interactive sessions addressing cattle lameness and chuteside management tips.”

The program will run from 12:30 p.m. on July 29 through noon on July 31, with the content-specific segments held at the Iowa State Beef Nutrition Farm near Ames and at Provision Cattle Company near Nevada.

Program topics are:

- Bunk management and the basics of starting cattle on feed.
- Feed mixing demonstration and evaluation.
- Managing and identifying lameness issues.
- Chute side management tips.
- Optimizing cattle health in the feedyard.

This year’s presenters are: Garland Dahlke, associate scientist, Iowa Beef Center, ISU; Terry Engelken, associate professor, Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine, ISU; Dan Loy, former director of the Iowa Beef Center and extension beef feedlot specialist, ISU;

Lundy-Woolfolk; Robbi Pritchard, feedlot consultant, Aurora, SD; AJ Tarpoff, associate professor and beef extension veterinarian, Kansas State University.

For questions on the short course content, contact Lundy-Woolfolk at ellundy@iastate.edu. The registration deadline is midnight, July 18 or when the course limit of 30 is reached, whichever occurs first. All registrations must be made online at: registration.extension.iastate.edu/emc00/PublicSignIn.aspx?&at=6a4979437365346c4d65392f7034386b4c49

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