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### Starmont Hosts Career Fair for Local Students

Starmont hosted a career fair last week, bringing students from Starmont, West Central, and Oelwein for a day of exploration and networking. Approximately 270 students attended, with 35 businesses participating to share information about career paths, job opportunities, and industry experiences.



Abbie Thompson & Paige Gapinski-Moore, Citizens State Bank



Strawberry Point Ambulance Director, Tony Mancha-Cripe & Strawberry Point Police Chief Brandon Taylor



Sydney Glass & Hillary Recker, Farmers Savings Bank

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This past fall, students in Animal Science and Survey of the Animal Industry raised broilers. Our FFA chapter voted to donate some to local families for Thanksgiving and supply the rest to our school lunch program.

**Card Shower**

Frederick Scott is turning  
**103 on April 9!**

Let's help him celebrate this incredible milestone by showering him with birthday cards.

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**Happy Easter**

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**Strawberry Point City Council Agenda**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa will take place on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 6:05 PM in City Council Chambers located at 111 Commercial Street, Strawberry Point, IA 52076.

Call To Order

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Welcome Visitors
2. Roll call of members present
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda as Presented or Amended

**Consent Agenda**

Note: These are routine items and will be enacted by one motion without separate discussion unless a Council Member requests an item to be removed to be considered separately.

4. Motion to Approve Minutes from March 18, 2026
5. Motion to Approve Claims
6. Motion to Receive Library Minutes
7. Motion to Receive Fire De-

- partment Minutes from March 11, and March 25, 2026
8. Resolution #26-23 Approving a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Backbone Golf and Country Club Inc

**Updates/Presentations**

9. City Administrator Updates
  - a. Brush/Yard Waste

**New Business**

10. Motion to Approve the Use of the Ball Fields for the Junior Stars softball tournament, June 15-19 from 4pm-11pm, and June 20-21 from 7am-11pm.
11. Resolution #26-27 Approving a Sewer Maintenance Contract with CIT Sewer Solutions
12. Resolution #26-22 to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to Borrow Money in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000.
13. Resolution #26-24 Approving the Purchase of ADA Compliant Stairs for City Pool
14. Resolution #26-25 Approving the Purchase of Underwater Lights for City Pool
15. Resolution #26-26 Approving the Ambulance Service Rates and Fees for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

16. Resolution #26-28 Approving the Purchase and Installation of a Shade Structure for the City Pool.

**Other Business**

Please state your name and address for the record before proceeding with your comments. Individual remarks are limited to five minutes. Under Iowa Open Meetings Law, no discussion will be held or action taken on these comments. Comments will be summarized in the meeting minutes and become permanent record of the city.

**Adjournment**  
 Hannah Evans, Mayor  
 Deno Andrews,  
 City Administrator

**Property Tax Hearing**  
 April 1, 2026

A Property Tax Hearing for the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers located at 111 Commercial Street, Strawberry Point, IA 52076.

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### Sheriff's Office Reports Recent Arrests, Incidents Across County

The Clayton County Sheriff's Office has released a summary of recent arrests and investigations, including multiple OWI charges, drug-related offenses, and other incidents reported throughout the county. The report spans activity from late 2025 through mid-March, highlighting a range of law enforcement responses from traffic stops to more serious incidents.

(Full report on page 9)

### Mid-America Publishing to Cease Operations April 2

Mid-America Publishing, parent company of the Postville Herald, Monona Outlook and Calmar Courier among others, has announced it will cease operations the first week of April. Final editions under Mid-America ownership will publish April 1, with the company's last day of business set for April 2. The company cited declining readership and advertising revenue as key factors.

(Full story on page 6)

### STRAWBERRY POINT BRUSH/YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Starting April 14th 2026, the City will be picking up leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, and brush. Pick-up will be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Last day for brush pick-up will be Tuesday October 27th, 2026 or first snow fall.

Tree limbs and brush should be securely tied in bundles, no more than 48 inches long and 18 inches in diameter and weigh no more than 50 lbs. Branches should be less than four inches in diameter.

Leaves, grass clippings & garden waste, should be in garbage bags weighing no more than 50 lbs.

All items need to be curb side prior to 7 A.M.

### Moser Athletes Compete in Cedar Rapids Competition



Moser School of Dance and Gymnastics winners of the Cedar Rapids Competition (Back) Harper Ellis, Adelyn Osweiler, Mattie Johnson, Gunner Davis, Allison Klingman, Cora Kerns, Millie Opitz (Middle) Juliette Alshouse, Ada Kerns, Ivy Durnan, Eloise Durnan, Lucy Krieg, Alvina Fuller, Isla Zitelman (Front) Rigley Opitz, Maddie Davis, Francis Fuller, Wren Durnan, Finley Opitz

(Full story on page 7)

**Strawberry Point EASTER EGGHUNT**

Sponsored by the Strawberry Point Chamber of Commerce & Development

**Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 9:30 AM**  
**Strawberry Point Civic Center Park**

One Easter Basket per family! Keep an eye out for special eggs with tags that say Nadings, Embers, or Meyer Hardware -then hop over to our small business friends to claim your prize!

**Easter photo ops with Bunny starting at 9 AM!**

Easter Egg Hunt and Photo Op will move inside the Civic Center in the event of rain.

**Easter Bingo**

Saturday, April 4  
 10:30 - 11:30 AM  
 Senior Room at Strawberry Point Civic Center

**Kids Story Time**

Saturday, April 4  
 10:30 AM  
 Games, Activities and a LIVE BUNNY at the Strawberry Point Public Library

**Chamber Bake Sale Fundraiser**