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Celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America will be throughout 2026. As millions join in for festivities, it can be fun to compare the nation in its infancy to the one that has since firmly established itself as a global leader.

Sail250: a maritime spectacle and global diplomacy

Beyond land-based celebrations, the America250 commemorations will take to the seas with Sail250, an ambitious initiative featuring an international fleet of tall ships. These majestic vessels will visit major U.S. ports along the East Coast, offering a breathtaking maritime spectacle and fostering global diplomacy. Each port visit will be accompanied by festivals, educational programs, and opportunities for the public to board the ships and learn about maritime history. Sail250 is more than just a parade of ships; it's a symbol of international friendship and a tribute to the seafaring traditions that played a crucial role in the nation's founding and its subsequent growth as a global power. It's an opportunity to connect with the past in a tangible way, imagining the voyages of early explorers and settlers who braved the oceans to reach these shores.

The "Dunlap broadside" mystery and other historical quirks

The Declaration of Independence, signed on July 4, 1776, is one of America's most sacred documents. Yet, its early history holds some fascinating hidden facts. On that fateful day, after its adoption, Philadelphia printer John Dunlap was tasked with creating copies to distribute throughout the 13 colonies. These became known as the "Dunlap Broadside." Only 26 of these rare documents are believed to have survived. In a truly mind-blowing twist, one of these original broadsides was discovered in 1989, hidden behind a \$4 flea market picture frame purchased by a Philadelphia man. This incredible find later sold for \$8.1 million, highlighting the immense historical value of these artifacts. Another broadside was found in 2009 at the British National Archives, buried in a box of papers captured during the American Revolution. These stories remind us that history is often hidden in plain sight, waiting to be rediscovered.

Another curious historical fact revolves around the deaths of two Founding Fathers and former presidents, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. Both passed away on July 4, 1826, within hours of each other, precisely 50 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This eerie coincidence, occurring on the nation's 50th anniversary, has long fascinated historians and the public alike. It serves as a poignant reminder of the intertwined destinies of the men who shaped the nation and the symbolic power of the date they helped to create. These historical quirks add a layer of intrigue to the America250 narrative, proving that even the most well-known events can harbor surprising details.

250th trivia questions and answers

1. Known for its "Twelve Steps" and "Twelve Traditions" guidelines for keeping clean, Bill Wilson and Robert Holbrook Smith founded what alliterative support group in 1935, which launched one of its first meetings in Akron, OH? Answer: Alcoholics Anonymous
2. Located in Vermont, what was the first U.S. city to provide its residents with 100% sustainable energy production that shares its name with a famous Coat Factory founded in 1972? Answer: Burlington
3. If you rearrange the letters of "Tom has no ideas," you'll get the first name, surname, and middle initial of what inventor with plenty of bright ideas? Answer: Thomas A Edison
4. Which of the world's 25 largest retail companies was founded by a 17-year-old Swede named Ingvar Kamprad? Answer: IKEA
5. Which First Lady, in office during the Bay of Pigs Invasion and Cuban Missile Crisis, is known as

being the gold standard for White House fashion? Answer: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

6. A Washington, D.C., museum that includes a replica of the city of Nazareth is dedicated to what book that's sold a whole lotta copies? Answer: The Bible

7. Now at the Museum of Modern Art in NYC, what famous painting featuring a deep blue evening sky depicts Vincent Van Gogh's view from a window in a mental health asylum? Answer: Starry Night

8. The "ice bucket challenge" went viral in the summer of 2014 and it promoted awareness for a disease associated with a professional athlete. What is the initialism for the disease? Answer: ALS

9. Which artist (first and last names), known for his "Joy of Painting," afro, and happy little clouds, drew inspiration from his time in Alaska while serving in the US Air Force? Answer: Bob Ross

10. The Presidential Physical Fitness test (active in the United States from 1966 to 2018) consisted of six exercises: Curl-ups, pull-ups, shuttle run, one-mile run, sit-and-reach, and what exercise that draws on the pectoral muscles? Answer: Push-ups



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City of: LYNNVILLE

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Lynnville City Hall Meeting Date: 4/13/2026 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

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| The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property | 9.67622 |
| The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is | 3.00375 |

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Phone Number (641) 527-2790 City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Bev Arthur

| | Budget FY 2027 | Re-estimated FY 2026 | Actual FY 2025 |
|--|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Revenues & Other Financing Sources | | | |
| Taxes Levied on Property | 1 163,166 | 161,324 | 161,320 |
| Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year | 2 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Current Property Taxes | 3 163,166 | 161,324 | 161,320 |
| Delinquent Property Taxes | 4 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TIF Revenues | 5 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other City Taxes | 6 53,677 | 54,546 | 47,327 |
| Licenses & Permits | 7 2,300 | 3,000 | 2,117 |
| Use of Money and Property | 8 9,800 | 10,000 | 9,617 |
| Intergovernmental | 9 825,700 | 680,000 | 121,378 |
| Charges for Fees & Service | 10 203,000 | 202,000 | 197,154 |
| Special Assessments | 11 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 12 10,000 | 10,000 | 9,625 |
| Other Financing Sources | 13 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transfers In | 14 50,000 | 65,000 | 20,000 |
| Total Revenues and Other Sources | 15 1,317,643 | 1,185,870 | 568,538 |
| Expenditures & Other Financing Uses | | | |
| Public Safety | 16 11,990 | 13,690 | 25,013 |
| Public Works | 17 188,000 | 117,000 | 85,316 |
| Health and Social Services | 18 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Culture and Recreation | 19 132,000 | 102,000 | 65,895 |
| Community and Economic Development | 20 3,100 | 5,950 | 1,034 |
| General Government | 21 163,500 | 189,000 | 125,709 |
| Debt Service | 22 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Projects | 23 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Government Activities Expenditures | 24 498,590 | 427,640 | 302,967 |
| Business Type / Enterprises | 25 1,020,100 | 208,000 | 172,701 |
| Total ALL Expenditures | 26 1,518,690 | 635,640 | 475,668 |
| Transfers Out | 27 50,000 | 65,000 | 20,000 |
| Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out | 28 1,568,690 | 700,640 | 495,668 |
| Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out | 29 -251,047 | 485,230 | 72,870 |
| Beginning Fund Balance July 1 | 30 1,101,502 | 616,272 | 543,402 |
| Ending Fund Balance June 30 | 31 850,455 | 1,101,502 | 616,272 |