



APRIL 2025

# GILMORE GAZETTE

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IOWA'S LIMESTONE CAPITAL



April is Keep Gilmore City Beautiful Month. The proclamation encourages all residents to embrace the Hometown Pride Program and undertake personal efforts that will enhance the cleanliness, health and beauty of our community!

**GC FIRE DEPT BREAKFAST**

Come join us for breakfast at the Gilmore City Fire Department April 13th from 8 a.m. till 12 pm and enjoy your choice of French Toast or Biscuits and Gravy or both with Sausage! Free will donation. **Upcoming event is our Fireman's Ball June 14th! Mark your calendars.**

**CITY BILLS**

Due to converting to our new software the March bills were unable to go out. You are receiving both March and April at the same time. With that, we are

giving a 2 month extension of the March bill with no penalties. April will be due like normal by the 25th. If you would like to set up a payment arrangement or have questions, please reach out. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we are transitioning to the new program.

**WHAT IS 811?** 811 is the national call-before-you-dig phone number. Anyone who plans to dig should call 811 or go to their state 811 center's website a few business days before digging to request that the approximate location of buried utilities be marked with paint or flags so that you don't unintentionally dig into an underground utility line.

811 protects you and your community! Hitting a buried line while digging can disrupt utility service, cost money to re-pair, or cause serious injury or death. Always contact your 811 center, wait the required time for utilities to respond to your request, and ensure that all utilities have responded to your request before putting a shovel in the ground.

**DO I NEED TO CONTACT 811? Yes! Any digging requires contacting your 811 center, either by calling 811 from anywhere in the U.S. or making your re-request through your state 811 center's website. Planting a garden? Installing a fence or mailbox? You must contact 811. Building permit's first!**

**2024 Water Quality Report**

The Gilmore City 2024 Water Quality Report will not be mailed. It is posted online at our website, on our Facebook page or pick up a copy at City Hall.

**Post Office Mailings**

We currently are under a pilot program with USPS. We are now only getting one pickup/delivery of mail per day. This means bills incoming and outgoing are 1 day later than normal. Please call USPS to file a complaint at: **515-251-2330.**

**April Birthdays:**

Jeff Almond	1
Sally Redenius	5
Paul Fields	6
Thaide Landolt	8
Wanda Naeve	
Jeff Hoover	9
Linda Lynch	12
Zach Vote	13
Craig Behrendsen	15
Ambere Niles	16
Mary Frederiksen	19
Pauline Siefken	20
Elisabeth Jones	
Jay Jergens	22
Bobbi Almond	
Lowell Johnson	23
Dustin Dickey	25
Lindy Shelgren	27
Colby Marchant	
Hayden Almond	29
Kianna Hass	30

**May Birthdays:**

Lori Pederson	2
Jan Neel	
Toni Frederiksen	3
Nick Weydert	6
Jeremiah Thompson	
Gary Marchant	8
Brenda Benjamin	9

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS**

GILMORE CITY FUN DAYS  
**GRAND MARSHALL(S)**

Nominations may be submitted in person at City Hall or via email to developgilmore@gmail.com. Please include the nominee's name along with a brief explanation of why you are nominating them.

**DEADLINE  
APRIL 31ST**

NEW THIS YEAR!! GOLDEN EGG PRIZES

MAKE YOUR OWN BUNNY TRAIL MIX SPONSORED BY THE GC PUBLIC LIBRARY

DRAWING FOR FAMILY FUN BASKET

AGE GROUPS AGE 0-4 AGE 5+

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

SATURDAY APRIL 19TH  
10 AM  
AT THE GC-B  
TBALL FIELD

EASTER COOKIE KITS FOR SALE

FREE WILL DONATION DOUGHNUTS PROVIDED BY GCB LITTLE LEAGUE

**SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS**

Spring Clean up days are upon us! They have been scheduled for **May 7th-9th**. This is the time to do some Spring Cleaning and get rid of broken or unused items cluttering up your house, garage or yard. This is limited to residents and businesses of Gilmore City. Let's take this opportunity to make our places look great which in turn makes our town look fabulous! Every TV will need a tag. TV's will be \$15 each. Appliances will be free again and will not need a sticker. You can either pay upfront or we can add to your city account. If there is something you are in question about please call City Hall. Anything in question will be left and not picked up due to safety concerns. Garbage and unneeded/wanted junk can be disposed of during this time with the exception of the items below. NO Refrigerators, Freezers or Coolers full of food or scattered piles all over your yard or we will not pick it up. Due to the amount of increased landfill costs we have changed the amount of bucket loads. One free bucket load, and \$20 per bucket-load there after. If you have any questions please contact City Hall. Please do not unload your own items in our roll-offs. You may start setting out items the week of April 28th. Here is a list of items that we can or cannot take.

**Items we can't collect:**

- Paint/Chemicals
- Batteries
- Tires
- Asbestos
- Hazardous, liquid or medical waste
- Oil
- Items containing mercury
- Yard waste

**Items we can collect:**

- Computer's/Laptops
- Humidifier/Dehumidifier
- TV's
- Water Heaters
- Refrigerators
- Furnaces
- Freezers
- Water Softeners
- Stoves
- Water Coolers
- Dishwashers
- Generators
- Washer/Dryer
- Air Compressors

The governor of Iowa annually proclaims April as the Keep Iowa Beautiful month, encouraging all of us to do what we can to enhance our towns and cities. Likewise, our Mayor presented the Proclamation at the last City Hall Council meeting. Let's all celebrate the arrival of spring and take the time to spruce up our yards and neighborhoods. If there are neighbors that need help, don't be afraid to offer your assistance. This is a great opportunity to show the difference between big city indifference and small town pride. We're going to set aside a day for sprucing up Sunset Park and would like to see community & school members participate if possible. A lot can be accomplished with helping hands. We'll keep you posted. Happy Spring!

### Reading is so much FUN!

at the Gilmore City Public Library  
308 S. Gilmore Street, Gilmore City, Iowa 50541 - 515-373-6562

#### **April 2025 Monthly Schedule of Events** Mark your calendars!

**April 1<sup>st</sup> - Pickup book for April - "The Beekeeper's Ball" by Susan Wiggs**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday's Tea / Coffee 2:00**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt - 10 AM**  
(Please See Easter Hunt Flyer)

**April 21<sup>st</sup> - Music with Mary 1:30 - 2:30**  
(Everyone is welcome to join us)

**April 24<sup>th</sup> - Weather Awareness 4:00 - Kyle Bissell**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> - Girl Scout Registration 10:00 - 11:00**

**April 29<sup>th</sup> - Iowa Author - Ann Hanigan - Kotz**  
Ann's books will be available at library.

**All flyers are on display at library.**  
(Anyone is welcome to join us for activities)

If you have a book you would like to read and we do not have it.  
Let us know, we can get it for you. More activities are being planned.

We also have Libby/ Bridges if you want to read on a Kindle or tablet.  
Ask us how to do it.

Please remember, we still have DVDs for you to check out and watch at your convenience. We do not charge for the DVD's but ask that you return them in a timely manner, and that they are in the same condition as when you checked them out. New Release - DVD's will be charges at \$2.00 per day.

Stem items are here for you to enjoy. These are great learning tool for your children.

We do have a makerspace set up in the library for the kids, and we love it when you, the parents, bring them into our Library.

Come into the library for all the details!  
For other events, please check out our Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/GilmoreCityPublicLibrary/>

**Hours for Gilmore City Public Library**  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday & Friday 1:00-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday's 9:00 - 12:00  
Come in and see us!

**Gilmore City Public Library**  
**will be hosting Iowa author,**  
**Ann Hannigan-Kotz**  
**on April 29th at 6:30.**  
**Please come in and enjoy an**  
**evening with Ann, and talk**  
**about the Iowa Prohibition &**  
**Bootlegging Legacy.**

Refreshments will be served.

Books will be available at the library



**Ann Hannigan- Kotz**  
Iowa Author

Ann Hanigan Kotz was born in Denison, Iowa, and lived on a farm southwest of town with her parents and five siblings. During her summers, she spent time at the Carnegie Library, reading becoming a passion early in her life. After high school, Ann attended the University of Northern Iowa and earned a Bachelor of Arts in English. She started her education career in 1988 and continued teaching high school English for 33 years, finishing at Weaukee High School in central Iowa. She also received a Master of Arts in Education from Viterbo University. As a teacher, Ann was passionate about making her students better writers and readers. She credits her writing ability to studying and teaching the craft. Later in her profession, Ann taught college-level classes to high school students who themselves wanted to become teachers. Ann considers teaching one of the most honorable professions. Retired from teaching, Ann Hanigan Kotz currently resides in Adel, Iowa, with her husband John Kotz.

Join Iowa historical fiction writer, Ann Hanigan Kotz, as she takes you through the early 20th century in her program, Iowa's Prohibition & Bootlegging Legacy. You'll discover the state's Prohibition journey along with why many families turned to bootlegging. Ann takes you through the distant past, beginning with the murder of a pastor in Sioux City, the tarring of an official by the Iowa City Beer Mafia, the rumrunning of Iowa's infamous rye whiskey in Templeton, and ending with the current exploits of today's underground whiskey business.

