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HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, April 28, the 118th day of 2026. There are 247 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 28, 2004, the world first viewed images of prisoner abuse and torture by U.S. troops at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, via a report broadcast on the CBS television news program "60 Minutes II."

On this date:

In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans after attempting to flee the country.

In 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was stripped of his WBA title after he refused to be inducted into the U.S. Army.



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Director of Public Works Jeremy Heuerman says during the April 21 city council meeting that it's a good problem to have so many visitors at Bliss Park's new playground.

Playground Parking

New Effingham playground causes good problems

MARIE ADAMICK
DAILY NEWS

EFFINGHAM – The new playground at Bliss Park is so popular that parking on Lawrence Avenue has become an issue.

Public Works Director Jeremy Heuerman reported to the city council that if cars are parked on both sides of the avenue, emergency vehicles cannot pass. So, he requested parking be prohibited on the south side of Lawrence Avenue between S. Park Street and S. Fifth Street.

"The reason we chose the south side was basically so that the residents who live there, as they're backing out, they can actually still see who's coming down the street," said Heuerman. "It's been a good problem to have, but this is still a problem."

"They're going to be pushed to the other side of the street, which is – in my opinion – fine," said Mayor Mike Schutzbach. "But, they'll have two weeks from now until we vote on it, if they want to express their opinion and their desire that they believe that is not right."

Heuerman said that the alternative to limiting parking is to not allow any parking on that section of Lawrence Avenue because emergency vehicles still must have access.

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City Engineer Luke Thoele updates the city council on the Fourth Street and Rickelman Avenue roundabout project during the April 21 meeting.



Edward Emmerich asks the city council to re-consider allowing short-term rentals in additional zoning districts during the April 21 city council meeting.



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TIF Joint Review Board Member Dan Zerrusen discusses a third TIF – tax increment financing – zone during the Thursday meeting.

Third TIF possibly coming to Teutopolis

MARIE ADAMICK
DAILY NEWS

Teutopolis TIF Joint Review Board Member Dan Zerrusen discussed the possibility of a third Tax Increment Finance (TIF) area for the new subdivision that's in the works for the village.

Zerrusen explained how there are a few different routes the village could take to create the third TIF, including borrowing money from TIF 2 or taking out a loan and having TIF 3 reimburse the village.

"At this point, it's still in the research phase to see if it's even an option," said Zerrusen.

The village can't use TIF 2 money for the future construction work in the area of the potential third TIF until it's incorporated. The area has to already be a TIF district that borders another TIF to use TIF dollars for it.

Feasibility studies for the new TIF district are underway by the village, which is a necessary step to incorporate it.

Zerrusen highlighted under TIF 1, that SRMD went out of business, so the contract the village had with them for \$80,400 has been canceled.

He also noted that TIF 1 owes TIF 2 \$100,000 for paying off the Wooden Shoe Development contracts, but the village agreed TIF 1 will not pay this back.

The only outstanding contract in TIF 1 is with Designs Unlimited, in the amount of \$197,880. The village will be re-paid through Designs Unlimited's property tax.

"If it stays the current rate, it's going to be 12 years or so before that one will be paid off," said Zerrusen.

If someone applied for TIF money,

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Trump's upcoming public events get a fresh security look

WILL WEISSERT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Federal law enforcement officials are evaluating how to proceed with some high-profile public events featuring President Donald Trump after the attack at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner.

It's the third time in less than two years that a gunman has come uncomfortably close to Trump, renewing the central tension over how to accommodate the public-facing demands of the president's office while minimizing the risk of an attack.

Saturday's episode, in which a man armed with guns and knives tried to storm the Washington hotel ballroom

where the president was set to address the White House Correspondents' Association, comes ahead of Trump's expected participation in a stretch of large, high-profile events indoors and outdoors in the months ahead. Among them, he's set to mark the nation's 250th anniversary, oversee the U.S. co-hosting the World Cup and lead rallies meant to galvanize support for Republicans ahead of November's midterm elections.

White House chief of staff Susie Wiles will hold a meeting this week with officials from the White House operations team, the Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security to discuss security protocol

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Mark Schiefelbein | Associated Press

U.S. Secret Service agents surround President Donald Trump, third from left, as he is taken from the stage after a shooting incident outside the ballroom during the White House Correspondents Dinner, Saturday, April 25, 2026, in Washington.

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