

Slater Scoop

Newsletter Spring 2026

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Coming Soon to Your Mailbox!

- Pool information (included with your March water bill at the end of the month!)
- Levy rates from the County Auditor



CELEBRATE THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE USA!

THE SLATER HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION IS COORDINATING WITH SLATER'S LIBRARY EACH MONTH WITH USA HISTORY EXHIBITS

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FEBRUARY - AN AMERICAN SONGBOOK SING-A-LONG, WITH SONGS FROM OUR COLLECTION OF HISTORICAL SHEET MUSIC

MARCH - THE SUFFRAGIST STORY - COME MEET ALICE, THE SUFFRAGIST AND LEARN ABOUT SLATER'S 1913 WOMEN'S MARCH

APRIL - FROM COAST TO COAST - SEE THE EXHIBIT "THE HISTORY OF BURMA SHAVE"; A TOUR THROUGH USA'S PAST ON THE ROAD

AND IN JULY BE SURE TO SEE THE EXHIBIT "WHAT THEY SAID - WORDS OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS "

★AND LOOK FOR OUR PARADE FLOAT ★

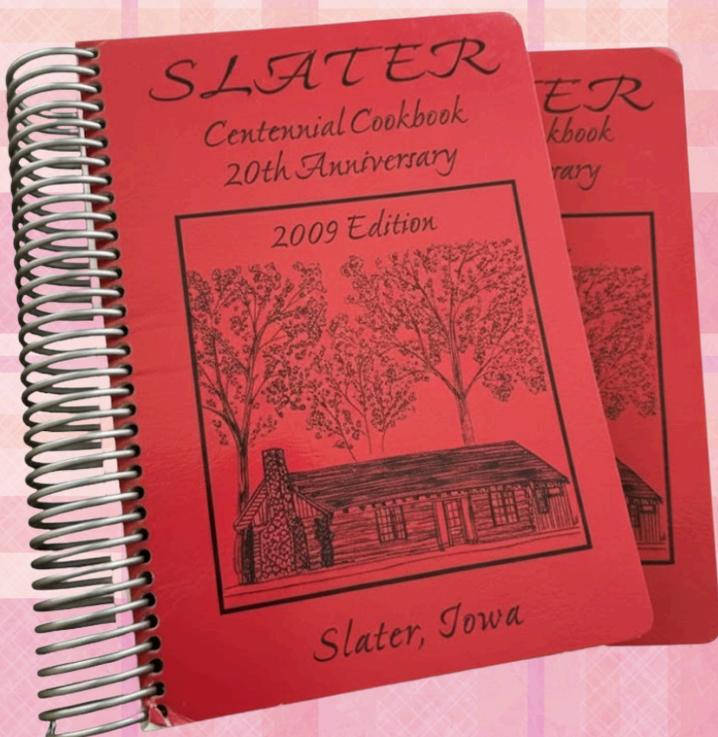
'THE GRAND OLD FLAG - E PLURIBUS UNUM, FROM MANY ONE!'

THE SLATER AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION www.slaterhistory.org

Not sure what to get for Mother's Day? You can still pre-order your Centennial Slater Cookbook today!

Thanks to the Slater Area Historical Association, this special edition combines both original volumes into one book. This is a pre-order, with pricing estimated between \$35-\$45 depending on demand (the more orders we receive, the lower the cost!).

To reserve your copy, contact nastya.walton@slateriowa.org or stop by City Hall with your name, phone number, email address, and the number of copies you'd like to order!



Loaded Tater Bar & Treats

COMPETITION
& AUCTION



JOIN US for our **THIRD ANNUAL**
Tater Bar & Treat Competition
and Stay for the **Treat Auction!**
Sunday, March 8th

at the Slater United Methodist Church, 401 Story St.
4:00 - 4:30 pm Treat Competition Entry Drop-off
4:30 - 6:30 pm Loaded Tater Bar • 5:30 pm Treat Auction

NEW THIS YEAR – A GIFT BASKET GIVEAWAY!

Bring a donation for the food pantry, and receive a raffle ticket for each item you bring! The winner will receive a Gift Basket full of great items to enjoy! The drawing will be held at the end of the auction, *must be present to win.*

LOADED TATER BAR!

Meal includes: Large baked potato with your choice of toppings including: Butter, Sour Cream, Chili, Cheese, Bacon, Broccoli, Salsa, French Fried Onions and more! Also includes side salad and a drink.

Each attendee will get to vote for your favorite treat in each category, voting ends at 5:00 pm. Free will donation.

TREAT COMPETITION & AUCTION!

Calling all Bakers, enter our Treat competition! Prizes for the first & second place entries for best looking in each category as voted on by Tater Bar attendees (*note: none of the entries will be tasted for the contest*). **Categories are: Cakes, Pies, Cookies and Bars.** All entries are donations to the auction. All purchased auctioned items may be shared as dessert for your table or taken home.

Visit us at www.slaterumc.org •  [slaterumc](https://www.facebook.com/slaterumc)

All proceeds go to the Slater United Methodist Church. Food donations go to the Slater Food Pantry.

Drive-Thru Breakfast Burritos

Saturday, April 25th

from 8:00 am - 11:00 am

 Slater
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

401 Story Street
Slater

Free will offering-Proceeds go to Local Food Pantries



UPCOMING EVENTS

Slater Fire Department

APRIL

25TH

SIDE BY SIDE

POKER RUN

Route To Be Announced

JUNE

6TH

FAMILY FUN DAY &

DANCE

**Kids Games Live Music Silent
Auction & Raffle Items**

**Follow our Facebook page for
updates on both events**



ON SCENE WITH SLATER EMS

CALLS FOR SERVICE (2025 TOTALS)

- 172 total calls (about 14 per month)
- 144 (84%) calls were responded to
- 28 (16%) calls were missed due to volunteer unavailability
- Most frequent 911 calls:
 - Trauma (Falls 26, Motor Vehicle Crashes 13, Lift Assist 12)
 - Breathing problems (29)
 - Sick person/weakness/nausea/vomiting (16)
 - Chest pain (15)
 - Stroke/CVA (5)

HELP US CELEBRATE EMS WEEK MAY 17-23, 2026!

Your local EMS team is proud to serve our community 24/7—join us in recognizing the dedication of emergency medical responders who are always ready when you need us most.

On May 20, the EMS crew will host a community blood drive at the Log Cabin from 2:30-6:30 p.m. and a picnic at Nelson Park from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

STAYING HEALTHY AND SAFE AS THE WEATHER WARMS UP

- **Trail Safety:** With increased traffic on the High Trestle, Heart of Iowa, and City Trails, cyclists should wear helmets, use lights, and announce “on your left” when passing. Pedestrians should stay alert, wear bright clothing, and use marked crossings.
- **Spring Sports:** As outdoor practices and games begin, use proper protective gear, stay hydrated, and watch for increased foot and vehicle traffic near parks and fields.
- **Drivers:** Slow down near trail crossings and parks, eliminate distractions, and allow adequate space when passing cyclists. This applies to golf carts too!
- **Motorcycle Safety:** Wear a helmet, use high-visibility gear, ride defensively, and stay alert for increased vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic this season.

CONNECT WITH US

Slater EMS is honored to serve our community, and we sincerely appreciate your continued support. If you need to reach us, please email EMS@SlaterIowa.org or follow us on Facebook for updates and information.



Interested in becoming a volunteer EMS responder? Contact us to learn whether you are already qualified or eligible for financial assistance to help you become certified.



Slater Garden Club
 Annual Mother's Day
Plant & Bake Sale
 Saturday, May 9
 8:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 Slater Fire Station



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

4TH
OF JULY
Celebration

PLANNING FOR THIS YEARS' CELEBRATION HAS BEGUN AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO COORDINATE QUEENS, PRINCESSES, & RAFFLE TICKETS THIS IS A GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR TWO PEOPLE THAT WORK WELL TOGETHER. THE PROCESS IS OUTLINED FOR YOU, WE JUST NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE CHARGE.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO WANT A CHANCE TO BE CROWNED QUEEN? RAFFLE TICKET SALES ENABLE COMMUNITY CLUB TO HOST THIS CELEBRATION & OTHERS. IF YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS SLATER TRADITION, PLEASE CONTACT US!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN A DIFFERENT WAY?
JOIN THE COMMUNITY CLUB!**

WE MEET AT 7:00 ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT THE LOG CABIN. WE ARE A SMALL (BUT MIGHTY) GROUP AND WE'D LOVE TO SEE NEW FACES & HEAR NEW IDEAS!

**REACH OUT TO JOEL NEWMAN, ERICA WEEKS-BURGER, OR KELLIE FRANKSAIN IF YOU WANT TO HELP OUT.
CONTACT COMMUNITY CLUB AT
SLATERIACOMMUNITYCLUB@GMAIL.COM.**



**START PLANNING AHEAD!
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST FLOATS
IN THIS YEARS' PARADE.**

Have you shared your voice about Slater Markets yet?

**Scan the QR code and take a few minutes to answer a short survey to help us make Slater even greater!
Thank you for your time and input!**



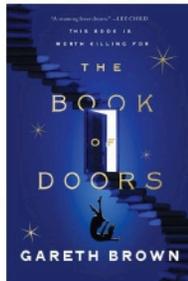
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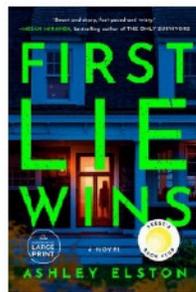
105 N Tama 515-228-3558 www.slaterlibrary.org
Hours: M-TH 10 a.m.- 7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-noon

Book Club

The selection for March is *The Book of Doors* by Gareth Brown. Discussion will be on Thursday, March 19 at 10 AM.



Cassie Andrews works in a New York City bookshop, shelving books, making coffee for customers, and living an unassuming, ordinary life. Until the day one of her favorite customers—a lonely yet charming old man—dies right in front of her. Cassie is devastated. She always loved his stories, and now she has nothing to remember him by. Nothing but the last book he was reading. But this is no ordinary book...



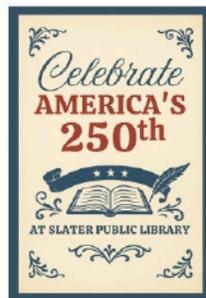
The selection for April is *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston. Discussion will be on Thursday, April 16 at 10 AM.

Evie Porter has everything a nice, Southern girl could want: a perfect, doting boyfriend, a house with a white picket fence and a garden, a fancy group of friends. The only catch: Evie Porter doesn't exist.

She must stay one step ahead of her past while making sure there's still a future in front of her. The stakes couldn't be higher—but then, Evie has always liked a challenge...

Birthday Card Quilt

Join us in celebrating 250 years of American history, unity, and community! All ages are invited to take part in creating a special quilt honoring America's 250th birthday. Fabric squares are available at the circulation desk—take one home, add your unique design, and return it to the library by June 1.



Let's come together to stitch our creativity, pride, and love for our country into a beautiful keepsake that represents us all. We need your helping hands to make this tribute truly unforgettable!

Programs

- Slater Tots - Wednesdays, 10 AM
- Yoga - Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:00-9:45 AM
- Coffee - Fridays, 10 AM
- Meet n' Eat - Friday, March 6 & April 3, 11:30 AM
- Book Club - Thursday, March 19 & April 16, 10 AM
- Easter Egg Hunt - Sat., March 28, 10 AM @ Nelson Park

Due to limited space, please refer to the **calendar** on our website slaterlibrary.org for more programming details. You can also join our email list to receive news on upcoming events and other happenings at SPL! It's easy to sign up, visit our website and enter your email address.

Meet n' Eat



Meet n' Eat is scheduled for Friday, March 6 and April 3. A free-will lunch and dessert will be served from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

In March, Mary Swander of Humanities Iowa will discuss how agriculture is the mother of all arts, and in particular how food and farming give rise to stories of the land and the culinary arts. She will talk about how gardening, cooking, and agriculture have provided material for her own writing and how family histories about food and farming pinpoint the larger historical markers of our time.



April's speaker will be retired social studies teacher, Brad Wilkening. He will be discussing the Holocaust and lessons learned that can inspire acts of kindness today.



Pool information is still being finalized and will be mailed separately with your March water bill!

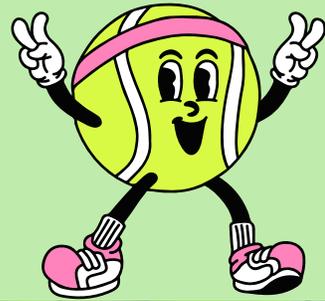
You will get the information before the end of March! Also keep an eye on our socials and website for online versions!

Tennis Camp is Coming!

Cost:

- \$20 for Kindergarten-2nd Grade
- \$30 for 3rd Grade and up

Stay tuned to our social media pages for registration details and more information!



COMING SOON!

TENNIS CAMP

Grimm Park in Slater
Bring your own racquet

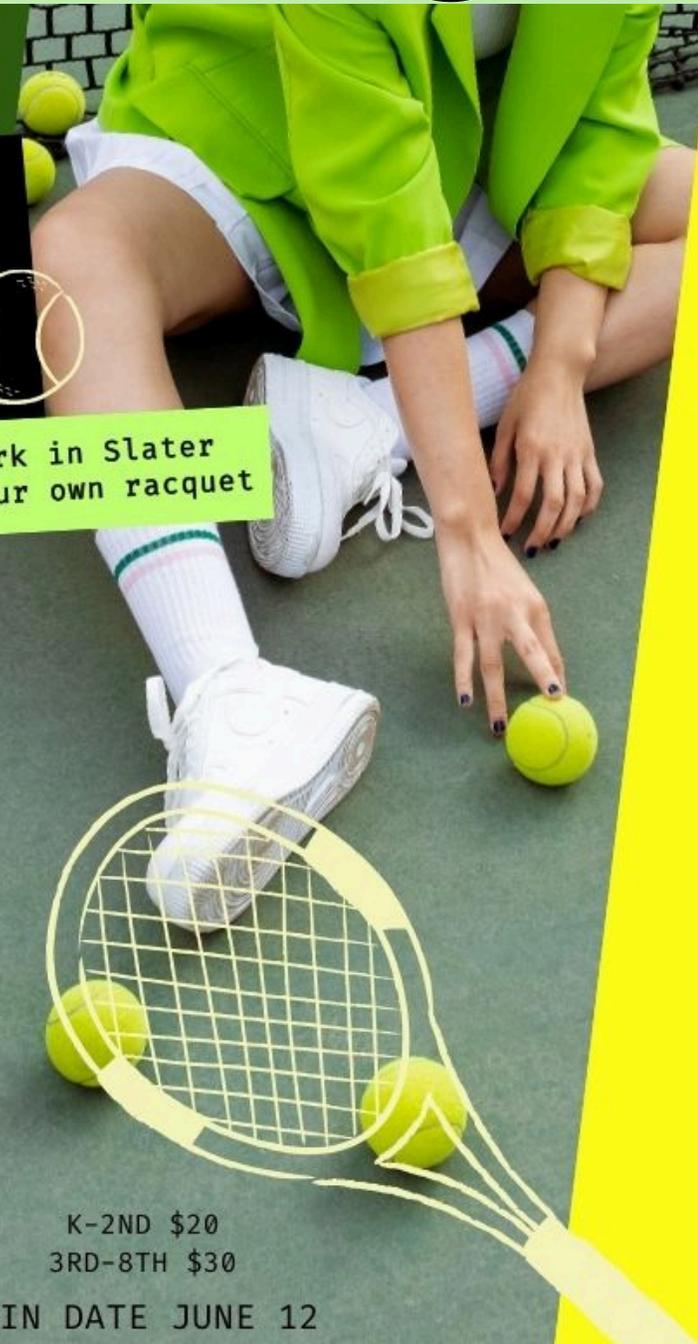
TRAINING & SCHEDULE

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| Kids completed K-2 nd grade | JUNE 8-11 8:30-9 AM |
| Kids completed 3-8 th grade Beginner | JUNE 8-11 9:15-10 AM |
| Kids completed 3rd-8 th grade Advanced | JUNE 8-11 10:15-11 AM |

Email coach Dovre with questions at jdovre@ballard.k12.ia.us

K-2ND \$20
3RD-8TH \$30

RAIN DATE JUNE 12





Parks & Recreation

Spring 2026

NEWS

COMING SOON!

- **Youth Tennis Camp**

For boys and girls completed kindergarten through 8th grades. June 1-4 at Grimm Park in Slater. Watch the city's Facebook page for more details.

- **New Swings!**

Nelson and Grimm Parks will have new adult and child swings added this year so parents will have the ability to swing with their young children.

- **Celebrate With Us!**

Contact City hall about reserving any of our shelters in our parks for your next celebration.

DID YOU KNOW?

Big accomplishments have been made in our Slater Parks over this past year:

Trailside Park celebrated a milestone in completing Phase 1 of the project. Stay tuned for more developments on that venture.

Slater Dog Park had two new agility obstacles added to it and remains a free resource for our residents with four-legged friends.

South Side Park's playground equipment has nearly doubled in size this year. If you haven't yet, go check that out.

Grimm Park has a new Gaga Ball pit addition. BYOB (Bring Your Own Ball) and have some fun!

New garbage cans have been placed all throughout the parks.

City Wide Garage Sale!

June 6th, 2026

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Stop by City Hall and submit the following information to be included in the City-Wide Garage Sale:

- Address
- Contact name and phone number
- General description of items you'll be selling
- Your specific sale hours (if different from the official event times)
- Note if you plan to hold your sale the day prior

Submission is complimentary! Sale maps will be published in the Summer Scoop (mid-May) and shared on social media, listing only the address and general description of items.

Sponsored by: Slater Community Club

WOOD CHIPPING DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 12TH

2:00 - 5:00 PM

**PLEASE DROP OFF AT
PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
201 GREENE ST**

***NO CURBSIDE PICKUP**



City Hall Newsletter

Looking for a first job? We're hiring at the Slater Pool!

We have a few open positions:

Assistant Manager

- **Lifeguard certification with CPR/First Aid required**
- **Lifeguard Instructor certification preferred**
- **1 year of managerial experience preferred**

Lifeguard

- **Lifeguard certification with CPR/First Aid required (or willing to obtain through the City of Slater)**
- **Must be at least 15 years old**
- **Must be willing to teach swim lessons**

Pool Assistant

- **Must be at least 14 years old**
- **Must be willing to teach swim lessons**

Great opportunity to gain experience, build leadership skills, and spend your summer at the pool!

Visit slateriowa.org/pool or contact City Hall for more info!

Utility Newsletter

If you do not receive your utility bill within the first week of the month, please contact City Hall to confirm your balance! Bills are occasionally delayed or lost in the mail, and we want to help you avoid any late fees.

Next Regular City Council Meetings:



**MARCH 23RD
APRIL 20TH
MAY 18TH
6:00 PM**

**City Hall Closed for
Following Holidays:
Memorial Day–May 25th**