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### Planting a new crop of flags

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Vern Balster of Coldwell Banker Hedges places flags in neighborhoods along 34th Street SE early Sunday morning. This is the seventh year the real estate company has planted flags in Eastern Iowa communities to celebrate Flag Day. The firm placed 3,000 to 4,000 flags in Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, Lisbon, Marion and Anamosa, according to company President Carl Esker.

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