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This month's speaker is Nic Hampton, Senior Regional Director of Iowa Delta Waterfowl, who will be speaking about ducks in Dickinson County. Attendees can look forward to learning about the Delta Waterfowl organization, conservation projects, and species in the county while enjoying a complimentary coffee bar.

Bring a friend and enjoy some friendly chatter about nature right here in our backyard! For more details about upcoming events, visit our website at [www.dickinsoncountyconservation-board.com](http://www.dickinsoncountyconservation-board.com).

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Kicking off the After Party series on Saturday, September 6, is She's With Us. This high-energy band blends blues, rock, funk, pop, and soul into an unforgettable live experience. Featuring powerhouse vocalist Iesha Toft and a dynamic group of musicians, this Iowa-based ensemble delivers a diverse range of music, from Elton John to Brandi Carlile, with their own unique flair. Get ready for bold vocals, genre-bending covers, and feel-good vibes following the Oliver Anthony Grandstand show.

On Wednesday, September 10, country fans are in for a treat as The Faster Horses take the stage before and after the Bulls & Broncs Grandstand Event. Known for their original songs, powerful vocals, and crowd-pleasing energy, this band has become a must-see on the county fair circuit. Whether it's their anthem "Rednexico" or another boot-stomping original, The Faster Horses promise a high-energy show that'll have fans singing along and staying late.

The final After Party of the Fair wraps up on Saturday, September 13, with a performance by Capital Sons, a Minneapolis-based rock band known for their soulful, guitar-driven sound and unforgettable hooks. Drawing inspiration from legends like Pearl Jam and The Rolling Stones, Capital Sons combines passion and skill in a performance featuring original songs that explore love, loss, and revolution, all delivered with a modern rock edge.

Each After Party performance will begin shortly after the conclusion of the evening's Grandstand show. Fairgoers are encouraged to stick around, grab a refreshment, and enjoy even more top-tier entertainment under the lights at the Coke Hospitality Tent.

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**Little Sioux Stems (1648 260th Street, Milford).**

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**A free meal will be available at 5:30 PM.**



Dickinson County Farm Bureau Membership Appreciation Picnic

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**Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center Events**

Seniors Movin' On is an exercise group that meets every Monday, Wednesday & Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. The exercise program is based on the Silver Sneakers Program.

Blood Pressure Screening is the last Tuesday of every month.

Zumba class on Thursday at 4:00pm.


Asian MahJong - 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:00pm.

Pinochle Club- 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1:00pm.

Chair yoga every Friday at 10:00am.

They also have pool and ping pong available.

The Lakes Area Activities/ Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.



**JOCELYN NEWKIRK BENEFIT**

**RIDE • MEAL • SILENT AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**

**11:00AM - Registration: \$20/person**

**12:00PM - Ride, starting at Mainstreet in Terril**

**5:00PM - Meal at Terril Library (Enjoy Smoked Pork)**

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Johnny's Pub, Lake Park  
The Shed, Lakefield, MN  
Bridget's Bucksnots, Jackson, MN  
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Ending at Terril Library for Meal.

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**Jocelyn Newkirk Benefit**  
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**THANK YOU to all that have donated or given silent auction items.**

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**JOCELYN NEWKIRK**

Jocelyn was born on October 24, 2024 and was diagnosed with Biliary Atresia, a very rare liver disease that affects 1 in every 15,000 babies. She has already undergone 2 procedures and will need a transplant and possibly hip surgery. This benefit will help with continuous medical costs as this disease will affect her for the rest of her life. Please come out and support Jocelyn and her family! **Find Our Event on** 


**2025 MILFORD PIONEER DAYS**

**THE MILFORD COMMERCIAL CLUB WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU** to the local businesses, community organizations, high school students, and many other volunteers who helped make Pioneer Days 2025 such a successful weekend!

**We had a fantastic time celebrating this amazing community we live in! None of this would be possible without the support of all our partners!**

**We look forward to seeing you again next summer for more family fun at Pioneer Days 2026!**



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**Winners of Sponsored Portable Toilets Announced**

Milford was the only town on the RAGBRAI 2025 route to feature sponsored portable toilets. For a fee of \$25, individuals and businesses could place their name, picture, or a brief message on one of the units. After all RAGBRAI riders had departed Milford on Monday, the City of Milford Sanitation Department measured the contents of each sponsored toilet with a yardstick to determine the winners.

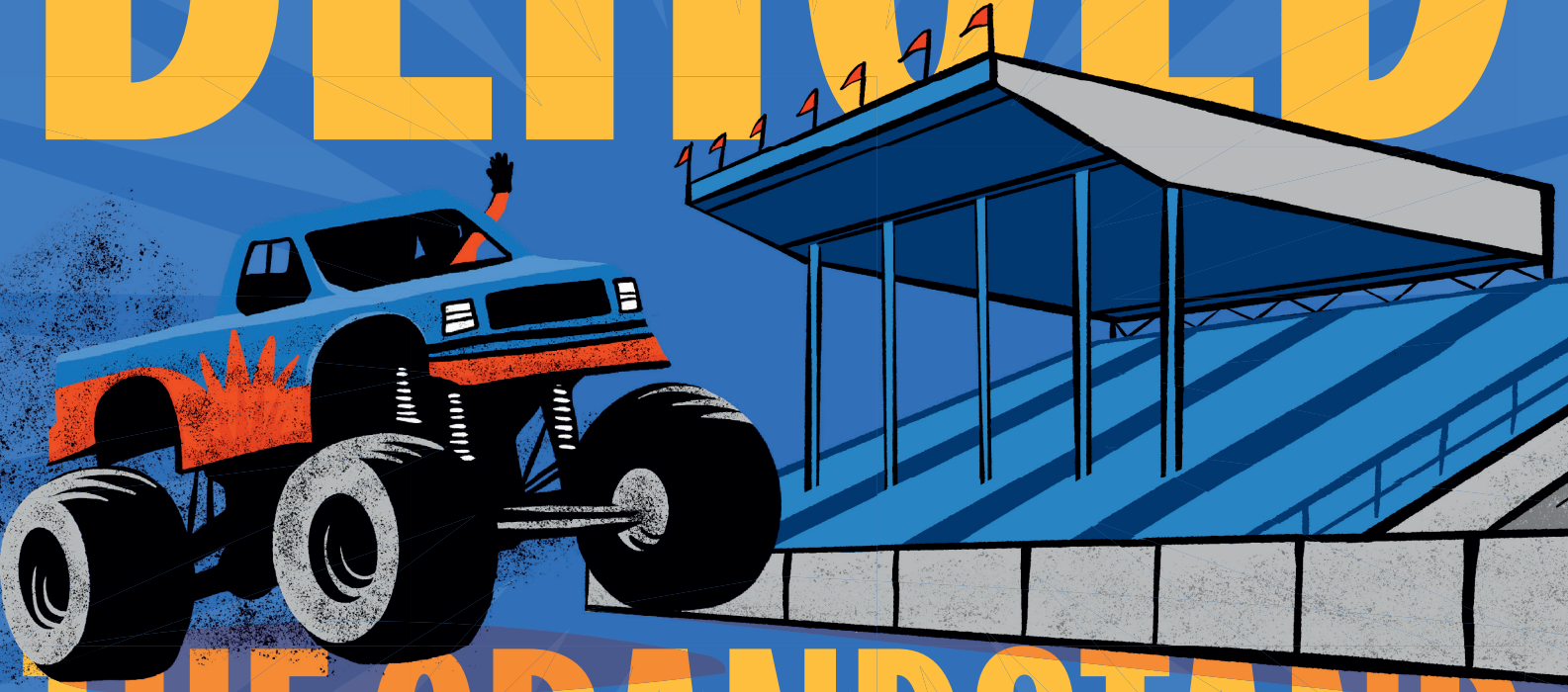
The top three portable toilets with the most waste belonged to:

- Dennis Clark with Treasure Village (Adopt A Highway)
- Doug Fredrick, Milford City Councilman
- Steve Anderson, Mayor of Milford

The overall winner was Steve Anderson, the Mayor of Milford, whose sponsored portable toilet collected the most waste.

He will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate for mini-golf at Treasure Village and \$25 in Milford Bucks at the upcoming August 11th Milford City Council Meeting.

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Benson Zheng is a senior at Spirit Lake High School who has dedicated his high school years to serving others with kindness, creativity, and leadership. With over 400 service hours, Benson has made a lasting impact on his school and community through countless acts of generosity and care has been selected for an Iowa Character Award.

Benson will receive the Aaron Eilerts Community Service Award at the 2025 Iowa Character Awards banquet on Friday August 1st at the Prairie Meadows Event Center in Altoona, Iowa.



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**TUESDAY- Dance Night w/ Music & Local Entertainment** Meal at 5, Dance at 6

**WEDNESDAY- Wing Night** Hot Wing Challenge & Full Menu

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### PERFORMING ARTS

**Dick Bauman Big Band**  
Every Monday Night, Memorial-Labor Day  
7:00-9:00PM | \$10 at the door

**8/12 | Love Story**  
A Taylor Swift Tribute  
7:30 PM | \$35/\$45

**8/19 & 8/20 | Marilyn Maye**  
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**8/26 | Winter Dance Party**  
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## PLAC Sculpture Trail Loop

Grand Opening: August 7 | 5-7pm

Celebrate the Unveiling of the New PLAC Sculpture Trail Loop!

Join us as we officially open the newest section of the recreational trail featuring seven stunning new sculptures that will be rotated annually.

Meet some of the artists behind the artwork, hear the stories behind their creations, and enjoy refreshments as you explore the trail.

Ribbon cutting at 5:30, followed by artist talks. Sculptures will be on view through May of 2026 and are available for purchase. We're thrilled to share this exciting addition with the Okoboji community.

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## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR YOUTH FALL CLASSES

### K-12TH GRADE

**Mini Michelangelo's | K-2nd**  
Thursdays| 4:00-4:45pm

**Art Club | 3rd-6th**  
Thursdays| 5:00-6:00pm

**Teen Art | 7-12th**  
Tuesdays | 4:00-5:00pm

**MINDFUL ART 1.0** With Kares Knudtson  
**August 13 | 6-7:30pm | \$35/\$45**  
Level: Any, 18 years+, Must register by 12pm the day of class

This mindful drawing activity merges neuroscience and drawing. This class will benefit anyone who comes with an open mind through simple drawing techniques that can be used for personal reflection and the processing of everyday life through art. All necessary materials will be provided.

**OKOBOJI PLEIN AIR** WITH STEPHEN RANDALL  
**September 8-10 | 10am-3pm | \$160/\$180**  
Opening Reception: **September 11, 5-7pm**

Join us in this 3-day workshop painting the beauty of the Iowa Great Lakes! This event will introduce participants 18 years and older to the plein air experience of sketching and painting what they see outdoors on location in the open air. All skill levels, must register by September 3.

**CLASSES START September 18th**  
Scan for class schedules and to register online

All classes 3 week\* courses. \$36/\$48  
Registration required the Wednesday prior to class.

**\*September :** Clay (2 weeks course | \$24/\$32)  
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**Focusing On Art**

by Sara Gifford

This year, the Pearson Lakes Art Center celebrates its 60th year anniversary after its establishment in 1965.

"It's a big accomplishment for us," says Holly Zinn Hample, who has worked for 14 years as Education Director at the Art Center.

"Summer is a very busy time for us, with many visitors. Many students and adults are fond of our year-round programs." Programs at the Art Center include:

"Clay Open Studio" is Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 9:00; 10:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays.

There is a free Sculpture Park outside that is always open to the public.

There are always classes for adults and children to sign up for. "The art exhibits are free for the public to look at," says Zinn Hample.

The price of these inspiring works ranges from \$50 to a few thousand dollars.

"There are paintings and prices for everyone," says Zinn Hample.

Many compliments have been received. "We've been told we have world class artwork here at the Art Center. We've received many compliments on the quality of art for a rural area," says Zinn Hample.

Holly says one of the things she enjoys most about her position at the art center are the ideas the students think up.

Holly Zinn Hample's fondness for art in general is as stated: "I've always been drawn to art and enjoy doing things with my hands; creating is who I am."

Her advice for new, aspiring artists is: "Practice, try new things, and practice some more."

As being an artist for 20 years, Zinn Hample says her favorite medium is Print Making, a process similar to making stamps.

Holly says of the Art Center, "Part of our mission is connecting generations of people through art."

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**University of Okoboji Oktoberfest Registration is OPEN!**

Get ready and gear up for the University of Okoboji Oktoberfest, one of the family fun, fall traditions here in the Iowa Great Lakes Area. Registration is officially OPEN for this unforgettable event, happening the last weekend of September. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 27th. The Bike ride kicks off at 10am at Preservation Plaza and meet us back there for live music, beer, vendors, stein holding, keg toss and so much more.

Whether you are a seasoned rider or just in it for the cheers and beers, Oktoberfest is a perfect mix of outdoor fun, community spirit and festive celebration. Be sure to bring the whole family. We will have inflatables, vendor show, and don't forget about our Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Duck Derby.

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**Mobile Food Pantry in Lake Park**

The Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry will be open for distribution on Thursday, August 7, 2025 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at the Lake Park Methodist Church located at 1471 135th Ave, Lake Park. Registration will be inside the church beginning at 3:30 pm, you must be present to register. You may pick up groceries for someone that is not able to make it. Please do not line up at the front door (southeast corner of the church) before 3:30 pm. Please bring boxes, bags or containers for your groceries. Distribution will begin at 4:30 pm.

We will also be distributing for Healthy Kids Iowa again this month. This is open to anyone with children, 4-18 years. Any family that qualifies for the TEAP program, SNAP or free or reduced lunch is eligible to receive food through the Healthy Kids Iowa program.

Volunteers will help bring your groceries to your vehicle. Questions? Call the Lake Park Methodist Church at 712-832-3361 or Jerilyn Marra 712-348-0475.

Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center

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14 Thursday  
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Vegetable  
Fruit/Bread

15 Friday  
Baked Chicken  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Bread

SPEAKERS CALL THE CENTER IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING!

• Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 12:30pm- Dannika- Nature Center "Natures Look-alikes": Sharing how animals look or act like other animals of a different species to help them survive. Come and see a fox snake.

• Monday, Aug. 11 at 1:00pm- "Abbie Gardner"-Cole Clawson, Dickinson County Museum will share about Abbie's life after the massacre and other Lakes Area History.

• Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 1:00pm- Karen Schwaller- writer, author, farm wife/mother, will share how her experiences on the farm has influenced her writing of newspaper articles and books.

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**Tai Chi on Thursdays**

The Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center is now offering a new Tai Chi class on Thursdays at 11:00am. Freewill offering appreciated.

The Lakes Area Activities/Senior Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.

**Dance in Brewster**

Steve Lang and Bobby will be playing for a dance Saturday, August 9th, at the Brewster Legion in Brewster, Minnesota, 7:00-10:30. Join them for an evening of great music and dancing. Singles and couples welcome.

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9-9 Sunday



# Golf Calendar

## Iowa Great Lakes Area

July 28-30	Junior Camp Week 4	Brooks GC
July 31 - Aug. 3	Northwest Amateur Tournament	Spencer Golf & CC
Aug. 1	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
Aug. 2	7th Annual Beth Huseman Memorial 4-Person	Emerald Hills GC
Aug. 4	Dakota Tour Eagle Flies	Eagle View GC
Aug. 5	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC
Aug. 5-6	Dakota Tour-Okoboji Open Pro/Am	Brooks GC
Aug. 8	Mammoth Hockey Fundraiser	Brooks GC
Aug. 8	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
Aug. 9	Emerald Hills Club Championship	Emerald Hills GC
Aug. 10	Mixed Couples	Brooks GC
Aug. 10	Iowa PGA Jr Tournament	Okoboji View GC
Aug. 11	Iowa PGA Jr Tournament	Brooks GC
Aug. 12	2-Person Best Shot w/ Steak Dinner	Okoboji View GC
Aug. 15	Ruebin's Legacy 2-Person Best Shot	Emerald Hills GC
Aug. 15	Friday Night Texas 4-Ball	Indian Hills GC
Aug. 16	Ingham Camp 4-Person Best Shot	Okoboji View GC

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# Friday Texas 4-Ball

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## Tuesday Peoria 2-Person Best Shot

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- Monday, August 5th, 12:30 PM - "Nature Center": Danika's theme this week will be "Nature's Lookalikes." She will discuss how some animals look or act like other animals of a different species to help them survive. She will also bring a Fox Snake!! Creepy or not?!
- Monday, August 11th, 1:00 PM - "Abbie Gardner": Cole Clawson from the Dickinson County Museum will share the true story of Abbie Gardner & how she survived the last Native American-led massacre in Iowa as well as her later life, return to Spirit Lake & success as a business woman, and much more about our Lakes Area History!!
- Wednesday, August 20th, 1:00 PM - "Karen Schwallier": A NW IA freelance newspaper writer, author, KICD Radio Personality, farm wife & mother, will share her stories of Faith, Family & Farm Life that will make you laugh & ponder more on her experiences.
- Wednesday, August 27th, 1:30 PM - "Orphan Train": Lori Vicker will share about the Orphan Train Movement of 1854-1929 which brought orphans from the East to Iowa and the Midwest to live and work.

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Research shows that the first five years of a child's life are crucial for lifelong health and learning. According to Harvard's Center on the Developing Child, more than one million new neural connections form every second in early childhood. That's why timely developmental screenings aren't just helpful, they're vital.  
Locally led by Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc., 1st Five connects families to critical resources when concerns about development or family stress arise. Grounded in a four-part model, the initiative transforms screening insights into actionable support. At routine well-child visits, healthcare providers do more than measure growth, they use trusted screening tools like the ASQ-3 and MCHAT-R/F to spot early signs of developmental delays. When concerns emerge, families are connected with a 1st Five Developmental Support Specialist who helps guide them toward services such as speech therapy, parenting programs, behavioral health support, and so much more.  
1st Five stays engaged throughout the process, offering personalized follow-up and coordination to ensure needs are met. Meanwhile, providers remain in the loop, reinforcing the connection between medical care and community supports, making sure no child falls through the cracks.  
Milford Family Care and Hicks Family Healthcare actively integrate these screenings into routine care, helping build a regional culture of prevention and proactive support. Dickinson County Public Health enhances these efforts with home-based services that extend care beyond the clinic walls.  
Through strong partnerships with Primary Care Providers, nonprofits, community coalitions, and public health agencies, 1st Five is setting a new standard for early childhood support. From developmental milestones to emotional well-being, these collaborations give local families the tools they need to thrive.  
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For more information, go online to [Iowa-Al-Anon.org](http://Iowa-Al-Anon.org), meetings tab, find a group (enter: Milford, IA 51351 USA). Or call 712-580-4406.

## 60th Anniversary Celebration

John and Lorraine Nelson will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary with an Open House Celebration on Saturday, August 9th, 2025, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., at the Lake Park Community Center in Lake Park, Iowa.

This event will be hosted by the couple's daughters: Joni Czech, Janice (Brandon) Ahrenstorff and Joyce Wright. Grandchildren: Halle and Emma Czech, Bailey (Ty) Anderson and Tate Gilmore, and Alexis Wright. Great-grandchildren: Harrison, Haivyn, Haldn, and Hadalynn Anderson.

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If you are willing and able to be a volunteer, please contact Lori at 712-336-5247. One day a week or one day a month, all volunteers are appreciated.

## Dickinson County Water Quality Commission Accepting Grant Applications

The Dickinson County Water Quality Commission is accepting grant applications for its annual water quality grant period from August 1 until October 1, 2025. The grant application materials are available at the Clean Water Alliance website located at 2025 Grant Program Announced - Clean Water Alliance. In addition, interested groups can contact the Dickinson SWCD at 3302 18th Street, Spirit Lake, IA or 712-336-3782 ext. 3 and talk to John Wills, Dickinson County Clean Water Alliance Coordinator, for information about the grants. The Application timeline is as follows:

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- October 1, 2025 - Grant Applications due to Dickinson SWCD by 4:30 PM

Applications will be accepted for any water quality project from a non-profit organization or governmental agency which improves the water quality of the Iowa Great Lakes, Silver Lake, and Little Swan Lake in Dickinson County and those lakes watershed.

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## Lakes Area Farmers Market News

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Do you have too much zucchini? August 8 is Sneak Some Zucchini Onto You Neighbors Porch Day. Zucchini is such a versatile vegetable. It can be grilled, used raw in salad, shredded and cooked like a pasta, or baked into a dessert. It is also a healthy vegetable that is low in calories but high in nutrients. It helps fight inflammation, supports a healthy immune system, and supports a healthy heart. It may be dark green, yellow, or light green with stripes. Choose a zucchini that is 6 to 8 inches long and slender. It should be firm with a shiny, glossy skin. Store it in the refrigerator to use within a few days and wash it just before using.

If you didn't grow or receive any zucchini, you can buy it at Lakes Area Farmers Market in Spirit Lake. There are also cucumbers, potatoes, tomatoes, beets, onions, lots of local sweet corn, and many other vegetables. Look at all the crafts and flowers and buy something good to eat while you shop. Every Saturday morning breakfast burritos are available. On Wednesday evenings there is a food truck or a burger vendor. The market is open 3:30 to 7:00 PM on Wednesdays and 7:30 AM to 12:00 noon on Saturdays. We hope to see you there.

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  - 1471 135th Ave Lake Park
  - 4:30-6:30 p.m.

## Community Rallies for “Happiest Baby Girl” Battling Rare Liver Disease

A benefit ride, supper, and silent auction are being organized to support Jocelyn Rae Newkirk, a 9-month-old battling Biliary Atresia, a rare liver disease. The event aims to help with the extensive financial strain on Jocelyn's family.

The benefit is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, 2025.

- Benefit Ride: Registration is at 11:00 AM at the Terril Main Street Bar/Restaurant, with the ride starting at 12:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per person and includes the meal. The scenic route will take riders through Terril, Milford, Lake Park, Lakefield, Jackson, Superior, and back to Terril.
- Free-Will Donation Supper and Silent Auction: The supper and silent auction will be held at 5:00 PM at the Terril Library. Jocelyn, the granddaughter of Loree Holmberg Brainerd and great-granddaughter of Don and Sharon Holmberg, was diagnosed with Biliary Atresia at just 10 weeks old. This disease affects only 1 in every 15,000 babies.

Despite facing immense medical challenges—including an extensive nine-hour surgery, 25 days in the hospital, and a three-month body cast for Hip Dysplasia—Jocelyn is described as the “happiest baby girl.” Her resilience and constant smile shine through, even with a long road ahead that includes the need for a liver transplant and potentially further hip surgery.

Jocelyn's father, Kyle, is the sole provider, allowing her mother, Brittany, to dedicate her time to Jocelyn's extensive care. The family faces significant unexpected costs, including frequent two-hour drives to Phoenix Children's Hospital, medical bills and medications not covered by insurance, and essential items purchased to accommodate Jocelyn's cast.

All are welcome to attend and help support Jocelyn's fight against liver disease. Jocelyn's family extends their sincere gratitude for all the continued thoughts, prayers, and support.



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**Tuesday, August 5**  
8:30 - Kiwanis  
12:00 - Dinner Date  
12:30 Speaker: Dannika (Nature Center) Natures Look -a-likes  
12:30 Bridge  
6:30 - Men's Group  
**Wednesday, August 6**  
9:00 - Exercise Class  
12:00 - Dinner Date  
**Thursday, August 7**  
10:00 - Strummers  
11:00 - Tai Chi  
12:00 - Dinner Date  
1:00 - 500 Cards  
3:00 - Cribbage  
4:00 - Zumba  
5:30 - Singles Group  
**Friday, August 8**  
9:00 - Exercise Class  
10:00 - Chair Yoga  
12:00 - Dinner Date  
**Saturday, August 9**  
Facility Available For Rent  
**Sunday, August 3**  
9:00 - 11:30 - Church/Card Room  
**Monday, August 11**  
9:00 - Exercise  
11:30 - Women's Group  
12:00 - Dinner Date  
1:00 - Pinochle Club  
1:00 - Speaker: Cole Clawson (Dickinson County Museum) - Abbie Gardner  
Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Call by 1:00pm on Friday to reserve a meal for the next week. The pool table and ping pong room is open every weekday. The cardroom closes from 12-12:30 for cleaning. Our Next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, August 17, 2025 from 8:30-12:30 - Free Will Offering. Join us August 31st and dance to live music with Bill and Jackie. The facility is available to rent most weekends. Call or visit with someone at the office for more details.

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Sun., Aug. 10 – 11:00 AM– Estate auction in Milford. Auctioneers: Nattress. 712-330-1921. [www.nattressauctions.com](http://www.nattressauctions.com)

Wed., Aug. 13 – 10:30 AM– Farm equipment auction in Marshalltown, IA. Online Only. Auctioneers: Vander Werffs, Hattermann, Rydber & Mouw. 712-729-3264. [www.vw72.com](http://www.vw72.com).

Sat., Aug. 16 – 10:00 AM– Retirement auction in Linn Grove, IA. Auctioneers: Hollesen, Thiesen & Jones. 712-253-5779. [www.iowamachineryman.com](http://www.iowamachineryman.com).

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Iowa Great Lakes Rotary to Hold a Move for Mental Health Walk/Run On August 23

Spirit Lake, IA – The Iowa Great Lakes Rotary Club is excited to partner with the Dickinson County Behavioral Health Coalition to hold its third annual “Move for Mental Health” walk/run on Saturday, August 23rd. The event will start at Pearson Lakes Art Center in Okoboji and will feature 2.5k, 5k and 10k routes.

Individuals can register online at [IowaGreatLakesRotary.org](http://IowaGreatLakesRotary.org) and are encouraged to do so, or registrations can be taken on site starting at 7:30 am. Registration fee includes a t-shirt, access to Love Stops (wellness info and snacks), and a medal. To guarantee a shirt, people are encouraged to sign up by Monday, August 11.

“The event is about moving in a way that feels good, both for your body and

mind,” says Kathy Fahy, one of the event organizers with Iowa Great Lakes Rotary. “We don’t care if you go fast. We care that you get outdoors and enjoy the company of the friends or family you are walking or running with and the beauty of our trail system.”

Proceeds raised by Iowa Great Lakes Rotary will be used to provide behavioral health curriculum and speakers in all Dickinson County schools. The project is in partnership with the Dickinson County Behavioral Health Coalition. The Coalition was formed as the result of input from the recently conducted public health assessments to help raise awareness of mental health issues and resources that are available in the Iowa Great Lakes area.

“Together we’re meeting with partners across different sectors, such as school districts, many different behavioral health providers, therapists, and the hospital,” said Katy Carey with Dickinson County Public Health. “We’re really excited to build these different outreach activities and get people connected to the support they need.”

For more information or to register for the event, visit [IowaGreatLakesRotary.org](http://IowaGreatLakesRotary.org) or [LetsTalkDickinson.org](http://LetsTalkDickinson.org).

99th Birthday Announcement

Connie LaFoy celebrated her 99th birthday on Sunday, August 3, 2025. The family would like to honor her with a card shower. Birthday wishes can be sent to Connie LaFoy, Stonebridge Care Center, 1401 H Ave, Milford IA 51331.

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Three hours into my much-anticipated week on Lake of the Woods, I hit a submerged rock with my outboard motor. I wasn't going fast—but it was enough. A horrible crunch. Then silence. The motor was done. A “spine” in 9 feet of water that is heavily traveled caught the skeg guard on my motor, damaged my prop, and cracked the lower housing unit. The engine would not shift into gear, and I knew serious damage had occurred.

I sat there for a long while in disbelief, floating in a boat that could no longer go anywhere fast, miles from camp. This trip had taken months to plan. Friends and family had coordinated time off, packed gear, and driven hours across the Midwest for a week of fishing, laughter, and quiet sunrises. And here I was—crippled on Day One.

For a moment (maybe more than a moment), I felt despair set in. A sense of deep depression. I started thinking about heading home early. Why stay if I couldn't fish with my own boat?

But that's when something unexpected happened. One by one, friends and family came alongside me—literally and emotionally. They offered words of encouragement. The resort owner and other experienced fishermen indicated I had done nothing wrong. I was the 9th lower unit hit by rocks that year in what they are calling a “low water year”. The friends and family started restructuring our fishing plans so I could still be part of the experience.

Instead of two to three people per boat, we packed four in each—tight quarters, yes, but full of laughter, shared sandwiches, and fish stories. And not just fish stories—we caught *trophy muskies*. Big ones. Lots of them. By the end of the week everyone put one on the board.

In the end, I stayed. And I'm so glad I did.

The trip I thought was ruined turned into something deeper and richer than I could have planned. It reminded me that joy doesn't always come from things going perfectly. Sometimes it comes from the way people show up for you when everything goes wrong.

So if you're going through something that feels like hitting a rock in the middle of a lake, here are five actions I've learned to take when things don't go the way you hoped:

1. **Pause before reacting** – It's easy to make a rash decision when you're frustrated or disappointed. Take a breath. Let emotions settle before choosing your next move.
2. **Accept help** – People genuinely want to support you. Letting others lend a hand isn't weakness—it's community.
3. **Reframe the moment** – This isn't what you planned. But could it be better in a different way? Ask yourself what might be possible *because* of the disruption.
4. **Stay in the story** – Don't pull out early. Give life a chance to surprise you. Some of the best chapters unfold right after things fall apart.
5. **Find the meaning** – Even when things go sideways, there's often a hidden gift. Look for the perspective, the connection, the grace that wasn't visible before.

So no, the trip didn't go as I expected. But I came home with stories that mattered. Not just about the fish we caught, but about the people who made the difference. And isn't that what really counts?





### Wintz's Bridal Shower Announced

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Emily Wintz at a bridal shower on Saturday, August 9th, at 1:00 PM. The event will take place at 2005 Lynch Ave., Unit #103, Milford, IA. Emily has registered at both Williams Sonoma and Amazon.

### Ruthven Fire Department Launches Online Fundraising Campaign to Build New Fire Station

Ruthven, Iowa – The Ruthven Fire department, a 100% volunteer-run emergency service serving the City of Ruthven, Iowa, Lost Island Township, Lake Township, Freeman Township, has launched an online fund-raising campaign and set up an account at the Iowa State Bank in Ruthven to raise \$800,000 for the construction of a new, modern fire station.



The campaign, which is hosted through the department's Facebook page and official website, allows community members and supporters to make small, secure donations via Venmo with the goal of building a station that meets current safety, equipment, and personnel needs.

“Every dollar truly makes a difference,” said Fire Chief Kevin Bates. “Whether it’s \$1, \$5, \$10, or more, we’re inviting our communities alike to help us in coming together and help us build a safer future.”

The current station, built in 1978, is no longer appropriate for today's fire and rescue needs. It lacks space for contemporary equipment, training areas, and safe volunteer accommodations during emergencies.

“We've been in tight spots before; on Mother's Day 1977, said Fire Chief Bates “our fire station burned down, resulting in a total loss.” We were fortunate, we were able to reconstruct. Fire departments in surrounding areas donated fire trucks to assist with the rebuild.” He recalls his father's time as a firefighter with this department. Chief Bates' family has a lengthy history of fire service.

How to Donate: Check out [www.facebook.com/ruthvenfire](http://www.facebook.com/ruthvenfire) where you can find our *Venmo @ RuthvenFiredept*. Or mail a donation to Iowa State Bank; PO Box 249; Ruthven, Iowa 51358.

The department is also encouraging businesses and organizations to get involved by promoting the campaign and sponsoring milestone goals.

“We know this is a big ask—but broken into small pieces, it becomes achievable,” said Assistant Chief Jake Treybal. “If 8,000 people reading or watching this story gave just \$100—or 16,000 gave \$50—we'd hit our goal. That's the power of community.”

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In addition to her successful career, Cynthia is a mother of six, a coffee lover, a lake adventurer, and always on the move. She finds herself in her downtime fishing with her kids, watching them compete in soccer, sipping wine with friends, and enjoying the Iowa Great Lakes. Besaw states, "I'm living the dream and helping others to do the same."

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View From The Bench

by John Adams, Jr.

Faith and Family Strong in Sports

While people often complain about the landscape of today's sports world and the me-first attitude of many athletes and coaches, which is many times warranted, one thing that I am noticing more and more of that I totally love is how today's athletes are proudly professing their faith in Jesus Christ and the importance of family in their lives. It seemed like the national media in the past would try to not show these interviews as much, or often cut them short, but they are happening so often now that today's media has no choice but to show these athletes sharing their faith and talking about how their faith in Jesus has impacted their lives, both in their peaks and in their valleys.

The most recent of these was this past weekend when former Minnesota Viking defensive end Jared Allen was inducted into the National Football League Hall of Fame, the highest honor an NFL player can earn. Allen gave a phenomenal acceptance speech that had many people in the audience, as well as those watching on TV (myself included when I watched it later online), in tears. He had several awesome quotes during his speech that really stood out to me. The first was when he was visiting about advice he got when he was going through marriage counseling and his pastor said "the two most important decisions you'll make in your life: 1. Whether you follow Jesus or not and 2. Who you marry. Because there are only two types of people, there are boat anchors who drag you down and there are people who elevate you." Allen went on to compliment his wife as the true team elevator. Allen then went on to say when he gets called home to Heaven, if all people talk about is his Gold Hall of Fame Jacket and his NFL career than he failed miserably as a father, a husband, and a friend. He then looked at his two daughters and said, "You two are my legacy; you are the best thing I have ever accomplished. You are both so talented, and I can't wait to see what you decide to do to conquer this world. Always put Christ first, find your why, dream big dreams, and always pursue greatness in whatever you do."

The second star athlete who has put his faith and his family at the center of his stardom this summer is the number one golfer in the world, Scottie Scheffler. Scheffler is on a hot streak that has many comparing him to Tiger Woods, with 17 overall PGA wins, including four major championships; The Masters (2022 & 2024), the PGA Championship (2025) and The Open Championship (2025). After his win in The Open Championship on July 20th, Scheffler talked about how great it was to win another major championship, but said "my faith and my family is what is most important to me... I don't think I'm anything special because some weeks I'm better at shooting a lower score than other guys are." Scheffler openly discusses that he does not want to be identified as a golfer but as a Christian and views his platform as a professional golfer as a way to glorify God. He believes his faith provides a sense of security and calmness and allows him to enjoy the game without being solely defined by winning or losing. Scheffler and his wife, Meredith, recently became parents, and at the end of every tournament Scheffler wins you always see him looking for Meredith and their son, Bennett, immediately to celebrate with them.

So, the next time you are frustrated with all the NIL and transfer portal messes in college athletics, or the astronomical salaries that the professional (and now college) athletes, and coaches for that matter, are making. Remember that there are some really good guys and gals out there who are playing for the right reasons and using their platforms and fame for the good of the world. I wrote earlier about former Cyclone greats Brock Purdy and Tyrese Haliburton being such great guys and being so strong in their faith, and it was awesome to see them both have huge life changes last week, as Brock became a father and Tyrese got engaged to his college sweetheart back in Hilton Coliseum. As we all get caught up in our lives by material things and comparing ourselves to other people, these athletes are a great reminder to put your faith and family at the center of your life, and everything else will fall into place. Like Scheffler says, "My identity and victory are secured in Jesus!"

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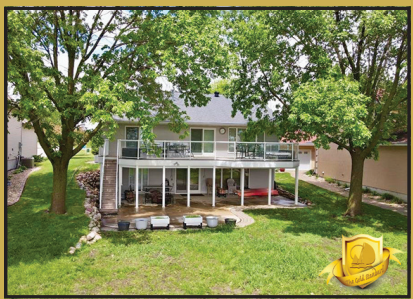


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**Milford Memorial Library News**

Join Milford Memorial Library on Tuesday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m., to welcome Green Iowa AmeriCorps member, Nick. He will be talking about nature with a focus on medicinal and edible native plants, the basics of permaculture gardening, and practices used and future growth. Nick will also give information about the apple orchard that was planted in conjunction with the Dickinson County Hunger Coalition. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

The Milford Library Book Club will discuss The Quiet Librarian by Allen Eskens on Tuesday, August 20, at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to this public book club and it is not necessary to attend all of the book meetings.

Mark your calendar to join MML's CRAFTER Hours on Wednesday, August 20, at 5:00 p.m. This month, we will be creating mosaic coasters. Cost is \$5.00 Register by calling Milford Memorial Library at 338-4643.

Did you know there are various ways to leave a material review at Milford Memorial Library? First a patron may write down their review and drop it off at MML. Secondly, patrons may go to MML's website, [www.milford.lib.ia.us](http://www.milford.lib.ia.us), and click "Search Our Catalog" and login in with their information. After logging in, search the title and click on it. As a result, more information will appear. The patron will click on the gray button stating "Review this title". After clicking, the patron will simply fill out the form and click" submit for approval. If approved, the review will appear in the online catalog. Patrons may use this process to review Bridges materials also. Lastly, is by sharing on social media. Patrons may create their own social media post of Milford Memorial Library material and tag MML in their post. For Bridges users, an upload to social media button can be found near the material's cover when in the electronic library. Click on the symbol and then following the directions to share with social media and tag MML.

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**Spirit Lake Library News**

Ancestry Library Edition  
by Jill Jennings

The Spirit Lake Public Library has recently added a new genealogy resource: Ancestry Library Edition. If you already have an Ancestry.com account, it can be used in conjunction with that database as you do your genealogy research.

Ancestry Library Edition brings the world's most popular consumer online genealogy resource to your library. It's an unprecedented online collection of individuals from North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and more. Popular and recently added collections include: U.S., Canadian, U.K., other international collections, military, and multimedia. This would include photos, Social Security index, baptism records, U.S. census information, birth, death & marriage records, and much more. It's great for library patrons, historians, students ... anyone wanting to do genealogy research.

There are some differences between Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) and a personal Ancestry.com subscription. ALE is free for anyone at the library, and international content is included, but there is no DNA component. In a personal Ancestry.com subscription service, international content is extra, and there is a DNA option. In ALE, the researcher follows his/her own trail, and family trees & message boards are read only. In Ancestry.com there is a research assistant (The Leaf), and you can publish family trees and connect on message boards. One thing that is the same in both products is the census data.

To access ALE, you have to physically be at the Spirit Lake Public Library since it is available only in the library. You can find Ancestry.com on our website [slpublib.com](http://slpublib.com) under "Digital Services". If you have any questions, please ask one of the staff members at SLPL. Next week I will introduce you to another new resource that we have on our website: Mometrix.

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Jill is reading Sheltering Rain by Jojo Moyes on Hoopla, and listening to Isola by Allegra Goodman on Libby.

Upcoming activities at SLPL:

- Monday, August 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mah-Jongg
- Tuesday, August 12, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Quilters
- Wednesday, August 13, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Quilters
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**Darrell Sorey**, age 96, of Milford passed away on August 1, 2025, at Accura Healthcare in Milford. There will be no services at this time. Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## Obituary

**Carolyn Mae (nee Happe) Joss**, of Grafton, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at Lumia Memory Care in Mequon, Wisconsin. She was 83 years old.

Carolyn was born on June 2, 1942, in Spirit Lake, Iowa, the daughter of Leo and Jessie (nee Poyzer) Happe. She grew up in Spirit Lake and graduated from Spirit Lake High School. Carolyn then went on to attended the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

On June 13, 1964, she married Ken Joss at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake.

Carolyn worked at Frommelt Industries in Dubuque, Iowa and then for Rite Hite in Brown Deer, Wis. After retiring, she stayed active in the church choir at St Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Cedarburg, Wis., and volunteered at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts in Cedarburg.

Carolyn is survived by daughter Andrea (Mike Jewett), sons Neil (Megan Menzel) and Steve Joss, grandchildren Ben Jewett, Sara Jewett (Chris Sardinias), Alexa Joss, Tyler Joss, Kennedy Menzel, Callie Menzel, Maclayne Menzel and great-granddaughter Jamie Sardinias. Brother Mark Happe and many other relatives and friends.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her son Darrin Joss, and her sisters Joanne Shuck, Margo Brockmeyer and Melva Jackson.

A mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, August 8, 2025, at 11 AM at St Francis Borgia Catholic Church, 1375 Covered Bridge Road, Cedarburg, Wis. Father Patrick Burns will preside over the Mass. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday August 8th from 10 AM until the time of Mass.

Inurnment will take place at St Francis Borgia Parish Cemetery. Immediately following the Mass, the family invites friends and family to a luncheon in the church gathering hall.

The Eernisse Funeral Home, Cedarburg, is honored to serve the Joss family. Online condolences may be left at [www.eernissefuneralhome.com](http://www.eernissefuneralhome.com)



## Obituary

**James "Jim" Lee Taylor**, born on February 15, 1937, passed away on July 28, 2025. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, August 4, 2025, at Foundation Church in Spencer, Iowa, with Pastor Nicholas Hanges officiating. Interment will take place at Fairview Pioneer Cemetery in Treynor, Iowa. Arrangements are being handled by Warner Funeral Home in Spencer, Iowa.

James "Jim" Taylor passed away on July 28, 2025, at Spencer Hospital. James was born on February 15, 1937, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Glenn and Alice (Verner) Taylor. He grew up on the family farm in Pottawattamie County, west of Oakland, on land purchased by his ancestors in the 1840s. He graduated from Carson High School in 1954.

James was united in marriage to Judith Lane Crowder on September 22, 1957, in Red Oak, Iowa. After living in Omaha for a year, Jim and Judy made their lifelong home in Spencer. Three children were born to the couple: Gregory Lee, Jeffrey Lee, and Julie Lynn. Jim worked for Tractor Supply Company for 13 years, first in Omaha and then in Spencer, where he opened and managed a new store. He served as a special deputy sheriff in Clay County in the late 1960s. He was a salesman and general contractor of commercial steel buildings for 37 years, until he retired in 2005.

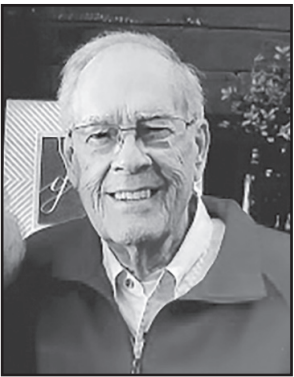
Jim loved listening to country music. A Ford man, he was always interested in cars and trucks. For the past two decades, he owned classic cars (1949 and 1950 V8 Fords). Jim was a self-taught mechanic and gunsmith. He was also interested in politics and current events.

His lifelong hobbies included fishing and hunting. A highlight every year was deer hunting with his dad and brother on the family farm. Jim was an early member and officer of the Iowa Great Lakes Fishing Club in the 1970s. He often fished locally and went on fishing trips to Minnesota, South Dakota, and Canada.

Jim enjoyed spending time with his four dogs through the years. Jim and Judy's golden retriever, Katie, was a therapy dog who visited schools and nursing homes in Spencer.

Jim made Jesus the Lord of his life in 1981 and became a new person in Christ. The family began attending the Assembly of God church. He continued to be an active member for the rest of his life. Jim exemplified practicality, honesty, and perseverance.

James was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Taylor and his wife Norma; sister, Lila Scott and her husband Drex; and grandson, William Taylor. Survivors include his wife Judy; son Greg of Red Wing, MN; son Jeff and daughter-in-law Shirley of Sioux Center; daughter Julie and son-in-law Kurt Herbrechtsmeyer of Charles City; grandchildren Christopher Taylor of Seattle, WA; Jessica Kite of Council Bluffs; Jane and David Taylor of Sioux Center; and Anna Herbrechtsmeyer of Charles City; and great-granddaughter Scarlett Taylor of Seattle. James Lee Taylor was loved and respected by many and will be greatly missed by family and friends.



## Obituary

**Virginia Jean Wiese**, age 76, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2025, at Apache Junction Healthcare in Apache Junction, Arizona.

A celebration of life visitation will take place on Sunday, August 10, 2025, from 4:00-6:00pm at Lake Park Methodist Church in Lake Park, Iowa. A memorial service will be held on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 11:00am at the church in Lake Park with visitation prior to the service from 10:00-11:00am. Memorials may be left in Virginia's name at the church.

Virginia was born on February 5, 1949, at home in Sioux Valley, Minnesota, to Leslie and Geneva Kuehl. She grew up surrounded by family and faith, later marrying the love of her life, Joel Wiese, on May 28, 1966. Together they farmed and built a life rooted in hard work and community.

Virginia was active in many local organizations, including 4-H, the Pork Producers, and the Township Board. She also shared her time and talents through a variety of jobs over the years, working at Sioux Valley-Round Lake School Library, Lake Park Golf Course, the Walmart Bakery in Spirit Lake, and the Walmart Vision Center in Worthington, Minnesota.

Virginia had a gift for baking and delighted many with her cookies, pies, and cakes. She loved to travel and especially enjoyed wintering in Arizona with her husband.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Joel Wiese; daughter Kathy (Jeff) Doeden; sons Philip (Terri Luhman) Wiese and Richard (Deb) Wiese; grandchildren Brittany (Dustin) Larson, Nathan Doeden, Kimberly (Max Wersland) Wiese, Caitlin Doeden, Mandalynn (Cory Guetsloff) Wiese, and Dalton (Kathryn) Wiese; and great-grandchildren Madeline, Abigail, and Everly Larson, Zena and Leon Wiese. She is also survived by her brothers Donald (Patricia) Kuehl, Douglas (Kathy) Kuehl, Duane (Barb) Kuehl, and Bruce (Kathy) Kuehl.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



## Obituary

**Brandee Lynn Roberts**, 52 of Arnolds Park, Iowa passed away in Spencer on July 30 after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Brandee was born October 8, 1972 in San Diego California and later moved with her family to Iowa.

She attended Okoboji schools and after graduation she went on to become an LPN. She was a dedicated nurse at many facilities during her career until the cancer took that away from her. She was loved by so many otherco-workers and residents because she was a giver until the very end. There was never a "cause" she would not support in one way or another.

She enjoyed all inclusive trips to tropical places, never met a slot machine she didn't like, and had an affinity for shopping passed down from the "Great One" Grandma Jo, the ability to feed an army even when it was just a few and never turned away a stray.

She is survived by her son Chance Roberts, the love of her life Brad Mortenson and his children Kady and Clayton, beloved side kick "POO-POO", her mother Dianne Krueger (Gary), uncle and best friend Danny Roberts, brother Tyrel Kinkade, sister Tracey Christensen (Sean), stepbrothers Brent Krueger (Carla) and Alan Krueger (Jadee). Along with many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, extended family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Milton and JoAnn Hamm.

A visitation for Brandee Roberts, 52, will be held 4-6 PM on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Milford. A reception will be held at Mill Creek following the visitation. A private family graveside service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the American Cancer Society in Brandee's memory.



## ATLAS of the Lakes Area invites the Public to an Open House

ATLAS of the Lakes Area is inviting the public to an open house to welcome Regina Reed as the new Executive Director of the organization, effective July 30, 2025. The event is on Tuesday, August 5, from 1:00 – 3:00pm at the ATLAS offices, 56 Okoboji Grove Rd N in Arnolds Park – just behind the Arnolds Park Northwest Bank branch on Hwy 71.



The open house is a come and go event, and homemade cookies will be served. Regina, many on the Lakes ATLAS Board of Directors, and Lakes ATLAS staff will be in attendance to meet, greet, and talk more about ATLAS and its ministry to the community.

Regina has demonstrated her ability to strengthen businesses and enhance the community through her many years at the Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce, Cherish House, and Polaris Industries. Her gifts of care and compassion, leadership experiences. And administrative skills make her a wonderful fit to further the mission of ATLAS of the Lakes Area.

The mission statement of ATLAS of the Lakes Area is to build loving relationships with and to be advocates for those in need, providing Christian guidance and mentoring support. ATLAS is an acronym for Attaining Truth, Love, And Self-control. Lakes ATLAS desires to give a "hand up" to our clients, not a "hand out", resulting in overall growth and betterment of lives.

For more details regarding ATLAS of the Lakes Area, please see [www.lakesatlas.com](http://www.lakesatlas.com) or their Facebook page, "Lakes Atlas". ATLAS of the Lakes Area is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that relies on donations and gifts.



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### Spirit Lake K of C Inducts New Officers

The Knights of Columbus Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 inducted officers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The ceremony and monthly meeting was held July 28 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake.

Officers inducted by District Deputy Jim Miller included: Jed Skogerboe – Grand Knight, Johnny Klaschen – Deputy Grand Knight, Elliott Smith – Financial Secretary, Mark Ingwersen – Treasurer, Jim Peterson – Warden, Paul Katzfey – Recorder, Brian Nokleby – Trustee, Mark Maeyaert – Trustee, Larry Chapman – Trustee, Dale Vortherms – Lecturer, Dave Kolasch – Inside Guard, Jim Miller – Advocate, Nile Skogerboe – Outside Guard and Reverend Dan Guenther – Chaplain.

The officers reflect the hard work and devotion of fellow Knights, representing charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is one of the most active in Iowa, in the past few years contributing more than \$30,000 to local community needs, including Hope Haven, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish House, Guatemala Mission, Women of the Well Project, Prison Ministries, as well as to local family, community, and parish needs. Local Knights sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition, Spelling Bee, Coats for Kids, and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting Special Olympics and local organizations.

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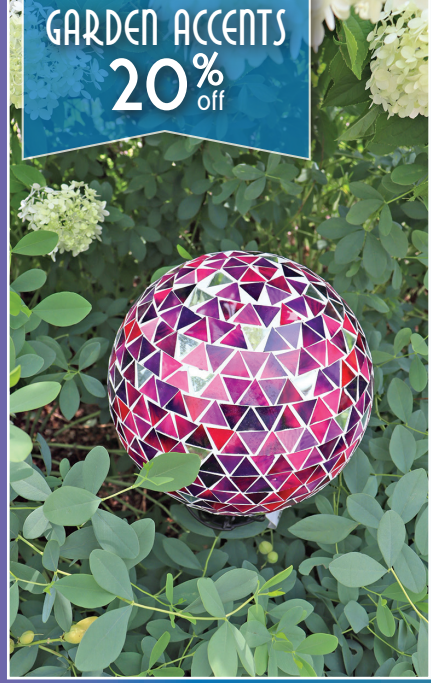
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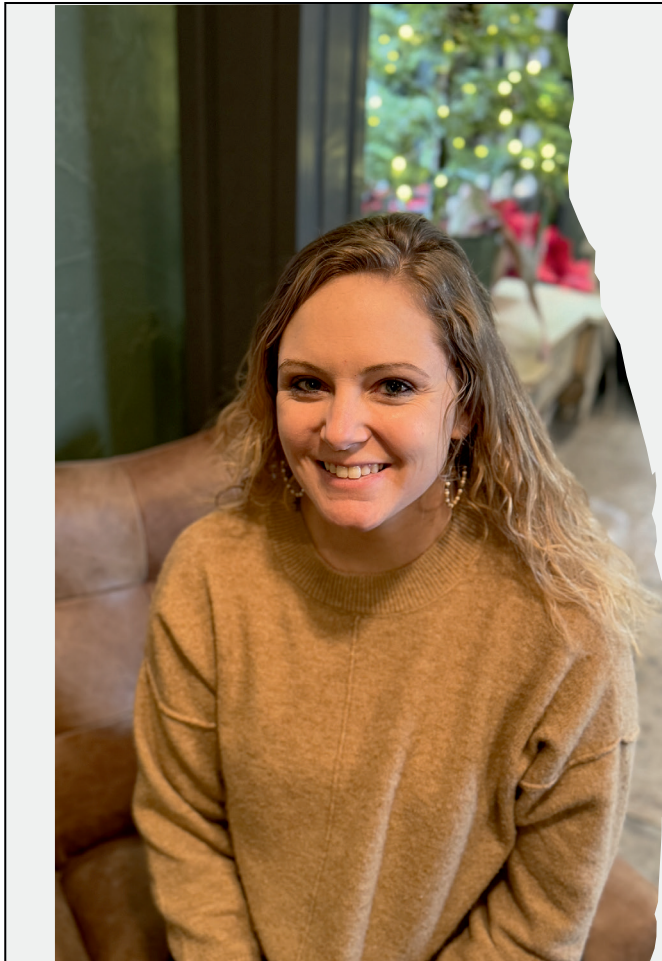
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# Okoboji Blue Water Festival Set for Saturday, August 9

by Steve Weisman

Mark Saturday, August 9, on your calendar to attend the largest clean water event in the state of Iowa! It's the 10th annual Okoboji Blue Water Festival (OBWF) located at the Preservation Plaza green space in Arnolds Park on the shores of West Lake Okoboji.

Greg Drees and Julie Peterson, co-chairs for the annual event, share the excitement for the 2025 OBWF. According to Drees, "The OBWF supports the stewardship of clean water and other natural resources with the entire day devoted to everything related to clean water. The day is ALL FREE - ALL DAY. So, join us and come share the day with us as we raise public awareness of water quality issues in the Iowa Great Lakes and beyond."

Peterson notes, "Everything takes place right on the green space, and we will follow the same successful format we have used for the past nine years. Activities start at 8 in the morning for the early risers with ChalkStock (Sidewalk Art) and with a special Yoga opportunity with Dylan Dalen."

The main part of the day begins at 9 a.m., with the Exhibitors' Row. Drees says, "We will have more than 30 clean water exhibitors lined up along the Promenade. They are a mix of lake protective associations, conservation organizations, non-profit organizations with some sort of clean water message or natural resource message. They will interact with thousands of festival goers about implementing clean water ideas."

At the same time, the Kids & Family Activities will kick off, offering special clean water educational activities for the entire family. Activities include water tables with pumps, T-shirt and face painting, inflatables, fun giveaways and even a special story time at 10 a.m.

### Under the Big Tent

Two major events occur under the Big Tent. Drees shares, "At 9:30 a.m., we will have the Fishing Seminar with Joe Henry, a well-known tournament angler, educator and Lake of the Woods ambassador. His goal is to

offer key tips to help anglers catch walleyes across the Midwest, titling his seminar 'Master's Level: Spinners for Walleyes'."

One of the greatly anticipated events at the OBWF is always the moderator-led clean water panel. This year's clean water panelists include the following: Pete Hildreth, division administrator for Conservation & Recreation for Iowa DNR; Susan Kozak, director of Soil Conservation and Water Quality for IDALS; Joe McGovern, president of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation; Larry Stone, photographer, naturalist,



Nadas



Jacob Dylan

explorer and writer. The panel will be moderated by John Lundell, retired mayor of the city of Coralville, who has been inducted into the Iowa League of Cities' Hall of

enduring acts over the past 30 years, to the festival," Peterson adds, "What a way to conclude our 10th annual water quality event."

Discussing the preparation for the '25 OBWF, Drees reflects, "Julie and I are so appreciative of the efforts of the sponsors and their support. With their help, we are able to make this ALLFREE - ALL DAY! Thanks to the Park for offering us this great venue. Of course, a big shoutout goes out to all of the volunteers and their efforts to make this day possible!"

Go to the OBWF website (<https://okobojibluewaterfestival.com/>) for more information.

Listed below is the entire Festival schedule:

- 2025 Okoboji Blue Water Festival Schedule**  
When: Saturday, August 9  
Where: Preservation Plaza @ Arnolds Park Amusement Park  
Time schedule:  
8 a.m. ChalkStock (Sidewalk Art)  
8 a.m. Yoga with Dylan Dalen from The Shift  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Exhibitors' Row  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Kids & Family Activities  
9:30 a.m. Fishing Seminar with Joe Henry  
10 a.m. Story Time  
11 a.m. Clean Water Speaker Forum  
Free concert on stage  
7:15 p.m. The Nadas  
8:45 p.m. The Wallflowers



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## Parker D & Boji Bill to Perform

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## Knights of Columbus Council Supports Seminarian, Selling Burgers to Hundreds of RAGBRAI Riders

The Iowa Great Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 5043 helped support its parish seminarian's trip to Rome in the summer of 2026 by selling hamburgers and water to hundreds of RAGBRAI bicycle riders. RAGBRAI is the Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, which stretches from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River.

The event, coordinated by Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Jed Skogerboe, netted about \$2,200 which will go toward supporting a trip to Italy by seminarian Zach Steffens next summer. St. Mary's Parish, Spirit Lake, Iowa, is proud to be home base for Zach.

During the event, Knights from St. Mary's Parish mingled with Brother Knights from different states and about 30 different councils. The Council was pleased to partner with the Dickinson County Cattlemen to grill the meat. RAGBRAI has more than 20,000 registered participants, with several thousand others joining as they bicycle through local communities across Iowa.

Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 is one of the most active in Iowa, in the past few years contributing more than \$30,000 to local community needs, including Hope Haven, Iowa Helping Hands Fund, American Wheelchair Mission, the Grotto of the Redemption, Cherish

House, Guatemala Mission, Women of the Well Project, Prison Ministries, as well as local family, community, and parish needs. Local Knights, based at St. Mary Parish, Spirit Lake, sponsor annual youth events including the Free Throw Competition, Spelling Bee, Coats for Kids, and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. They also run the Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Labor Day weekend, benefiting Special Olympics and local organizations.

In 1882, Blessed Michael McGivney, a young parish priest in New Haven, Connecticut, founded the Knights of Columbus to serve the needs of a largely immigrant Catholic community. What began as a small fraternal benefit society has since grown into one of the world's leading international charitable organizations, with more than 1.9 million members in over 16,000 local councils.

Last year, Knights around the world donated nearly 49 million service hours and nearly \$200 million for worthy causes in their communities. The Knights of Columbus also offers extensive life insurance products to members and their families, reflecting Blessed McGivney's devotion to helping the widowed and the orphaned. Examples of their work include distributing 8,891 wheelchairs, supporting more than 1,200 pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, and giving nearly 181,000 coats to help warm children in need.

## Mobile Food Pantry in Estherville

The mobile food pantry from the Food Bank of Iowa is returning again. The free distribution will take place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, August 7, at the Good News Estherville Church. The food will be distributed inside the church. Recipients are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets or boxes to carry the food. At the July Food Bank, 450 individuals (161 families) received 9,091 lbs. of food. The Food Bank of Iowa partners with 700 agencies in 55 counties to distribute 2.5 million pounds of food each month, so that no one goes hungry in Iowa. If you have questions, call the Good News Estherville Church at 712-362-4984.



## Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Night will be Thursday, August 14 & 28, 2025. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. A meal will be provided by the VFW Auxiliary for just \$7.00. The Spirit Lake VFW is located at 914 Lake Street. Bingo profits support Milford youth needs, programs, and scholarships.



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Lot#5 Wooden flat rack with John Deere 1065 running gear.

Lot#6 Homemade 500-gallon 3pt sprayer with hydraulic pump.

Lot#7 Homemade ice shack 5x7 on skids. 2-inch ball hitch.

Lot#8 John Deere A tractor. Near new rear rubber. Needs work engine stuck. SN#669945

Lot#9 John Deere 630 tractor with #45 loader. Needs work. Tractor sn#6301888.

Lot#10 John Deere 730 tractor. 15.5-38 rear tires. SN#731173.

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Lot#12 2020 DCT Silverline 20ft car trailer. Beavertail with bi-fold ramps. 3500lb axles. Electric brakes.

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Admission for adults is \$15.00, while children aged 4-10 can dine for \$5.00. Children 3 and under will eat for free.

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**COLLECTIBLES:** Kitchen cupboard, nice pc.\* Walnut chest w/glove & candle shelves\* Rope design library table\* Popcorn Elevator- Langdon pc\* Pictures of Okoboji Amusement Park & Queen\* Wash board\* Oak wall phone\* Walnut photograph\* Toothpick holders\* Globe\* Childs chalk board on stand\* Piano stool\* Light houses\* Lighted Churches\* Bubble glass picture frame\* Pipe\* Ammo\* Wood egg crate\* 78 albums\* 1956-93 "Ring" magazines\* Childs metal typewriter\* Childs scale\* 4 bottle milk bottles w/container\*

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## It's Threshing Bee time in Butterfield!

2025 Butterfield Steam & Gas Engine Show | Voss Park, Butterfield, MN | Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16-17

The Butterfield Threshermen will hold their 58th annual Steam and Gas Engine Show Saturday and Sunday, August 16-17 at Voss Park on the west edge of Butterfield, Minnesota, just off Minnesota Highway 60 in southwest Minnesota. In the past, this two-day event featuring antique tractors, engines, cars, and machinery, as well as a pioneer town and crafts, has drawn upwards of 25,000 people.

Admission is \$10 for adults (good for both days), with children under 13 free. Parking is free, and the beautiful, shaded Voss Park campground near Butterfield Lake is available for camping.

Continuous entertainment on stage, from Friday night through Sunday, will feature outstanding bluegrass bands. The audience can watch in shaded comfort with a variety of foods available on the grounds. Saturday, the Tanner Stark Band will take the stage at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, the 8:30 a.m. open-air church service will feature some of the bluegrass groups.

Several steam engines and antique tractors will thresh about ten acres of wheat and oats during the show. Over 250 antique tractors, from Rumleys to Hart Parris, will be on display. Equipment will parade on Saturday afternoon at 2:15 p.m. and Sunday at 3:15 p.m. along with classic cars and trucks.


This year's feature is Case tractors and equipment. There will be several examples on display during the 2025 show.

The antique auto exhibit will feature Model T Fords as a special attraction. Visitors of all ages will enjoy seeing this early form of transportation. There will also be other vintage cars on display.

The show's many attractions include wood cutting by a sawmill, lathe mill, shingle mill and much more. The Voss Park grove will be loaded with antique gas engines, big and small, not to mention scale models. The steam building houses a permanent display of stationary steam engines. There will be an antique and out-of-field tractor pull held on Friday evening at 5:30.

The pioneer town replicates early Butterfield with a school, general store, church, homestead, grist mill, print shop, saddle shop, livery and more. Each has working displays showing how early Butterfield thrived. Pioneer crafts like spinning, weaving, doll-making, and broom-making are ongoing, and the many antique collections will delight all.

A feature attraction enjoying its sixth year is the Construction Corner. Vintage earth-moving equipment can be seen operating in the demonstration area on the south side of the showgrounds. People of all ages will enjoy watching this machinery do what it does best.



## Caregivers Support Group

Lakes Area Caregivers Support Group is available for help dealing with the stress of being a caregiver to someone with Alzheimers or other dementia disorders.

This community caregivers group meets at 10:00 every Wednesday morning at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. This is an opportunity to discuss with other caregivers stories and concerns in a comfortable and confidential manner.

Atypical meeting might include a presentation on topics such as handling of legal issues, stress reduction, care facilities, positive coping language, and sharing personal methods of handling challenges faced every day by other caregivers.

For more information, call 712-336-1649 or 712-330-1270.

## Spencer Hospital Invites Public to Tour New Emergency Department

Spencer, IA – Spencer Hospital is excited to invite the community to tour its newly constructed Emergency Department during two upcoming public Open House events. These come-and-go style events will be held on:

- Tuesday, August 5, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 7, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Guests will have the opportunity to take a guided tour of the state-of-the-art facility, learn more about how the new space will enhance emergency care delivery throughout the region, and visit with members of the emergency department team.

“Our new Emergency Department reflects a commitment to continual improvement,” said Brenda Tiefenthaler, President of Spencer Hospital. “While our environment is changing, the compassionate, expert care we’re known for remains the same. The new facility simply enables us to deliver that care with greater privacy, comfort, and efficiency.”

During the open houses, attendees will gain a behind-the-scenes look at the layout and features designed to improve patient flow, support staff collaboration, and promote healing in a more comfortable and private setting. Emergency team members will be on hand to answer questions and share insights into how they work together to respond to medical emergencies with precision and compassion.

Guests should enter the new Emergency Department through the main entrance located on 11th Street, just off Grand Avenue. The new Emergency Department will officially open to patients beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13.

For more information, please contact Spencer Hospital at (712) 264-6198 or visit [www.spencerhospital.org](http://www.spencerhospital.org).

Spencer Hospital is a nationally recognized, independent hospital located in Spencer, Iowa, proudly serving communities across Northwest Iowa. As the only hospital in Iowa to consistently earn Top 100 Rural Hospital status since the award's inception, Spencer Hospital is known for its exceptional quality of care and outstanding patient service. The hospital is home to the Spencer Hospital Surgery Center, offering advanced surgical care across a wide variety of specialties, the Abben Cancer Center offering both radiation and medical oncology, the region's most accredited diagnostic imaging center, a state-of-the-art birth center, four clinics, and two dialysis centers—ensuring high-quality care close to home for the region.

## AA Meetings

The Jackson Java open AA meetings will resume on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, at Jackson Center for the Arts (309 2nd Street, Jackson, Minnesota).

For more information, contact Aili at 507-840-0639.

## Tops Meetings

Tops Chapter #369, Spirit Lake, meets Friday mornings at 10:00am at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church, 1812 Gary Avenue, Spirit Lake (use east door). If you are one that needs help with motivation and food planning to lose weight, this may be the support group for you. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge without obligation. For more information, call Betty Sangel at 712-320-4458.



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The Bible teaches that God loves all men and wants them to know Him.

But man is separated from God and His love.

**“God is on one side and all the people on the other side.”**  
*(1 TIMOTHY 2:5)*

Why is man separated from God and His love?

Because he has sinned against God.

**“Your sins have cut you off from God.”**  
*(ISAIAH 59:2)*

**“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**  
*(ROMANS 3:23)*

Where does this separation lead?

This separation leads only to death and certain judgment.

**“Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”**  
*(HEBREWS 9:27)*

**“Those who do not know God ... will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord.”**  
*(2 THESSALONIANS 1:8-9)*

But, there is a solution.

Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins, is the way to God.

**“God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, Himself man, is between them to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind.”**  
*(1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6)*

**“Christ died for sins once for all... to bring you to God.”**  
*(1 PETER 3:18)*

Does this include everyone?

Yes. But only those who personally receive Jesus Christ into their lives, trusting Him to forgive their sins, can cross this bridge.

**“To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”**  
*(JOHN 1:12)*

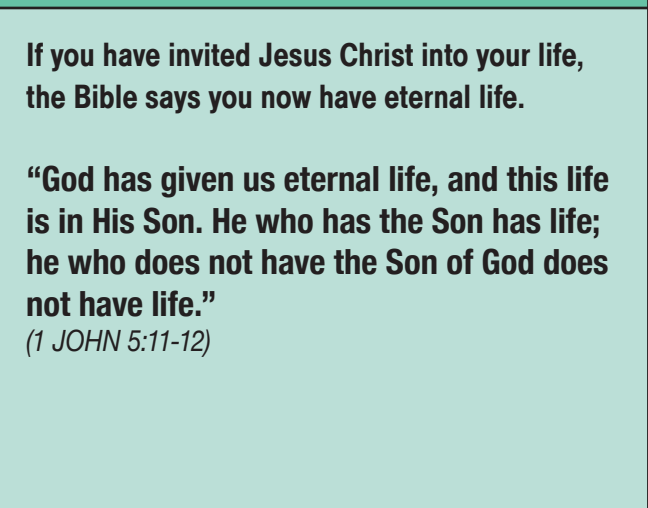
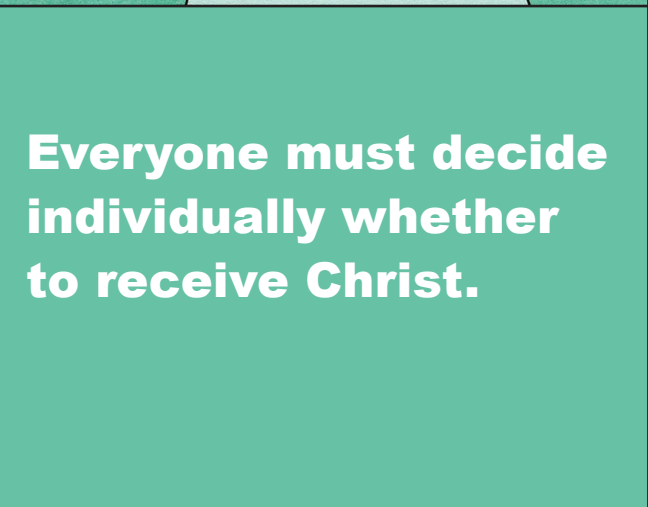
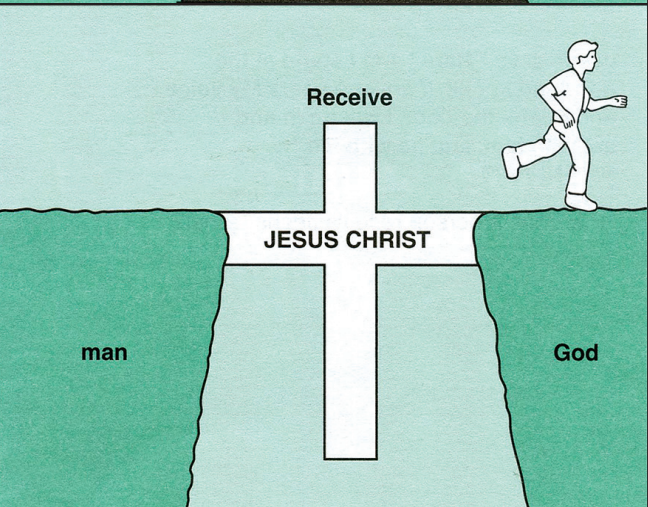
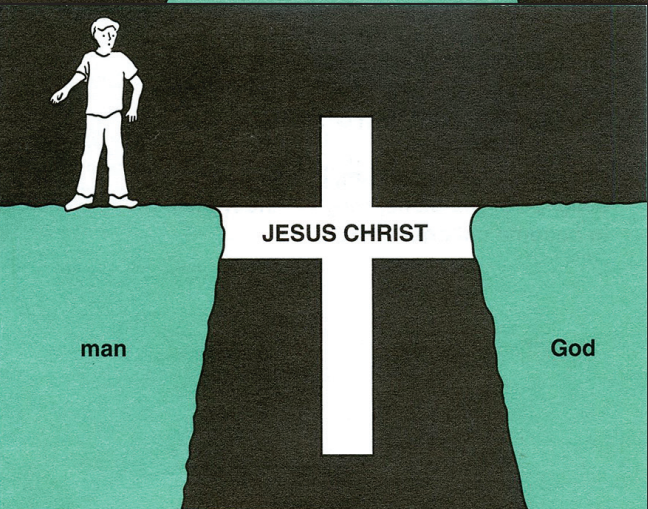
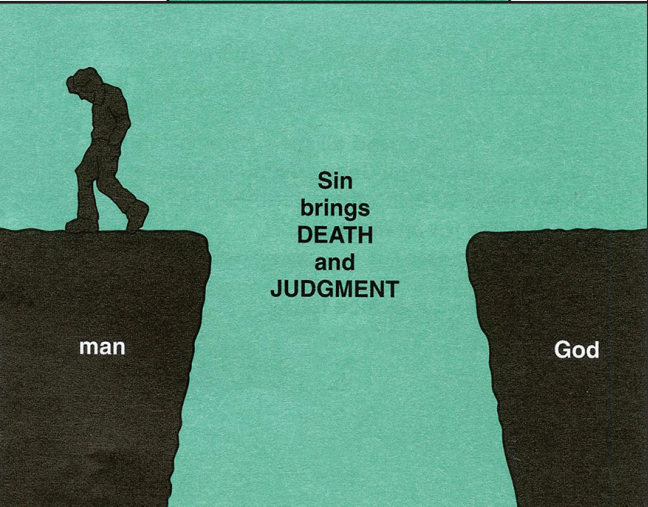
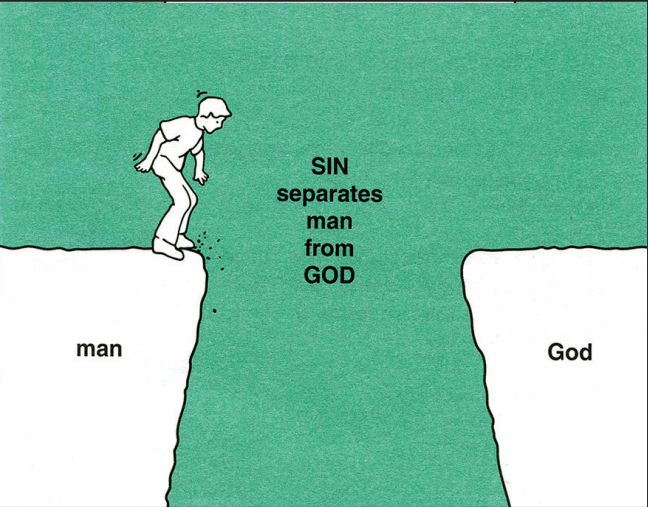
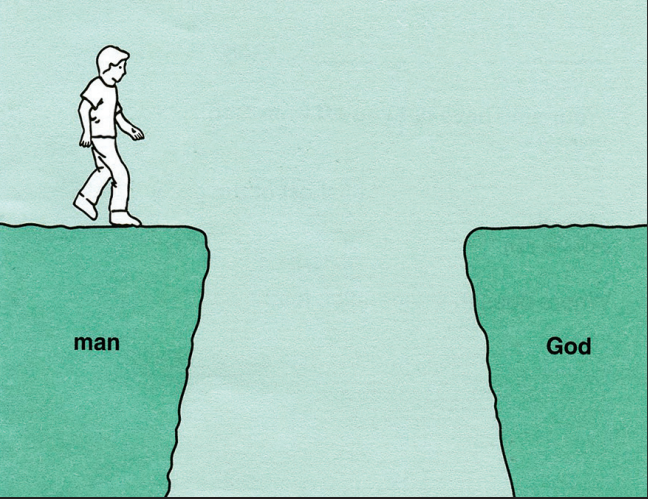
Jesus says, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will go in and eat with him, and he with Me.”  
*(REVELATION 3:20)*

How does a person receive Jesus Christ?

Jesus said, “You may ask Me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”  
*(JOHN 14:14)*

Therefore, if you pray sincerely, asking Him this:  
**Lord Jesus, please come into my life and be my Savior and Lord. Please forgive my sins, and give me the gift of eternal life.**

He will do it now.



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If you have invited Jesus Christ into your life, the Bible says you now have eternal life.

**“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”**  
*(1 JOHN 5:11-12)*

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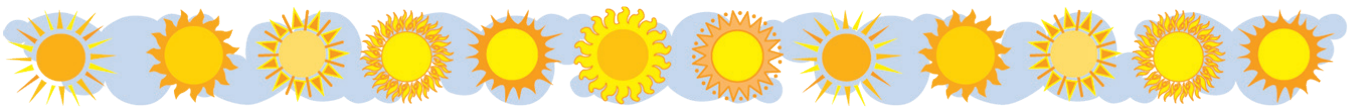
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