

# AREA & RECORDS

## MEASLES

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in western Iowa in a late-afternoon news release on July 22. According to the release, the individual diagnosed with the disease is an adult who had been fully vaccinated against measles. The individual had no known links to the seven previously diagnosed measles cases in Iowa and had not travelled outside the state. While the individual was contagious and before they were diagnosed, they visited several locations in Sheldon, Hull and Sioux Center, potentially exposing others to the dangerous virus. Smith said measles is a highly contagious virus that can remain airborne for up to two hours. She said one of the things that makes measles so dangerous is that it is infectious even before symptoms appear. Typical symptoms include cough, runny nose, watery eyes, high fever and a rash that develops several days after the initial signs. The disease is usually not life-threatening, but it can cause severe complications such as pneumonia in about one in 20 cases and encephalitis, which can cause permanent brain damage, in roughly one in every 1,000 cases, Smith said. According to the Centers for Disease Control, between one and three of every 1,000 children who get measles will die from respiratory or neurological complications.

The best way to prevent measles infection or to reduce the severity of the illness is vaccination. Smith said the two-dose course of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine is up to 98% effective. One dose of the MMR vaccine has been shown to be 92% effective in preventing measles infection. Breakthrough infections do occur, Smith said, but they tend to be less severe.

The good news, Smith said, is that Clay County's immunization rates are above the state average, with 85% of 2-year-olds having received at least one dose of the MMR vaccine and 96% of adolescents fully vaccinated. The MMR vaccine's first dose is typically administered to infants over the age of one. The second dose is usually administered before kindergarten.

Smith said parents might also consider an accelerated vaccine schedule, especially in light of the

recent case. The MMR vaccine's second dose can be administered as soon as 28 days after the first.

The MMR vaccine has some known side effects, according to the Centers for Disease Control, including soreness at the injection site, fever, a mild rash and temporary joint stiffness or aching. Studies have also shown that about one of every 3,000 to 4,000 children under the age of seven who get the MMR vaccine could have a febrile seizure in the six to 14 days after receiving the vaccine.

For those unsure of their vaccination status, the public health department can assist in checking records and providing guidance.

"If someone is unsure, maybe they're on the fence, or they need more information; they could always call us at public health, and we'd be happy to have a conversation around vaccines," Smith said.

Smith urged residents to stay informed, monitor for symptoms and reach out to the public health office with any questions or concerns.

"Having that vaccine is going to give you that protection from severe illness. You can reach out to us if you want to have a conversation about it or check your vaccine status," Smith said.

### POTENTIAL MEASLES EXPOSURE LOCATIONS

According to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, people who visited the following locations on the listed dates and times may have been exposed to the measles virus.

**SuperHiTech**  
317 N Main Ave., Sioux Center  
Monday, July 14 — 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**SuperHiTech**  
915 Park St., Sheldon  
Monday, July 14 — 3:35-8 p.m.

**SuperHiTech**  
915 Park St., Sheldon  
Thursday, July 17 — 9:15 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Casey's General Store**  
612 Division St., Hull  
Thursday, July 17 — 8:50-10:55 a.m.

**Kwik Star**  
1521 Park St., Sheldon  
Thursday, July 17 — 2:25-4:30 p.m.

### CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CONTACT INFORMATION

**Clay County Public Health**  
712-264-6380

**Childhood Immunization Clinic**  
712-264-6685

### OBITUARY

## Jon Harrold

FEB. 26, 1940 — APRIL 21, 2025

Graveside services for Jon Patrick Harrold, 85, of Spencer, will be conducted at 1 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2025, at Riverside Funeral, in Spencer. Pastor Mark Wilms will officiate. Harrold passed away Monday, April 21, 2025, at Spencer Hospital in Spencer.

Jon, the son of Clement and Alice (Williams) Harrold, was born Feb. 26, 1940, in Sioux Rapids. His childhood years were spent in Spencer, where he attended school and graduated from Spencer High School in 1958. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in September 1958 and after bootcamp, he was stationed in Pensacola, Florida where he was a yeoman with the Aviation Safety Office, earning the "Man of the Year" award. He served one year on the minesweeper USS Notable and was honorably discharged in October 1962.

Jon married Shery Winn on Aug. 15, 1962, in Jackson, Minnesota. They made their home in Spencer where he worked with his father as a carpenter running their business, Harrold Construction. He eventually took over the business and ran it until retirement in 2003. Jon was a fun-loving guy always ready to pull a prank or tell a funny story. He could remember all the good jokes for laughs. In his younger years he loved to hunt, golf and metal detect. In his later years he collected BB guns and went to many antique auctions and flea markets in search of them, he enjoyed listening to '50s music, doodling geometric patterns on paper with colored pencils and meeting his friends at American Classic Cafe for breakfast. In the summer he could always be found on the mower keeping the grass mowed to perfection.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son-in-law; Eric Helland, brother-in-law; Dennis Diamond, and a nephew; Jason Harrold.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Shery Harrold, of Spencer; daughter, Lisa Helland, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; two grandchildren: Kelsey Helland, of Seattle, Washinton, and Christopher Helland, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; brother, Jerry Harrold, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; sister-in-law, Permillia Diamond, and family, of Humboldt, Minnesota; other relatives and many friends.

Warner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



### OBITUARY

## Robert Kreul

DEC. 26, 1939 — MAY 5, 2025

Robert Leo Kreul passed away at home in Beaufort, South Carolina, on May 5, 2025. Bob was born on Dec. 26, 1939, in Racine, Wisconsin, where he also grew up, attended St. Rose Grade School, and graduated from St. Catherine's High School. Bob then joined the U.S. Army and served at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, before spending four more years in the U.S. Army Reserves. After his military service, he earned an Associates Degree from the Racine Vocational School (now Gateway Technical College) and went on to a successful career in manufacturing technology.

Bob married his first wife Karen Sorenson in Racine in 1961. They had four daughters before moving to Spencer where Karen still resides. In 1981 Bob moved to Beaufort, South Carolina, where he met Sharon Johnson. They married in 1984 and have lived in Beaufort ever since.

As a young man, Bob loved his hot rods and, as a father, he loved spending time with his girls, especially camping and fishing. He loved his pets, most of all his K-9 buddy "Gunner." Throughout his life he had a tireless work ethic, both in his career and home life, but found time to relax quietly with a pipe of tobacco and his family.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; former wife, Karen; daughters: Sarah, and husband, Brad, of Spencer; Susan, of Statesville, North Carolina; Pamela, of Bozeman, Montana; and Ann Quail and Joe, of Spencer; as well as his sister, Mary Kreul-Starr, of Raleigh North Carolina; brother, Edward, of Leland, North Carolina; and stepdaughter, Tiffany Levitt, of Beaufort, North Carolina.

Bob is preceded in death by his father, Alvin; mother, Lilly; sister, Ellen; and brothers, James and Thomas.



### THE 411

#### HYDRANT FLUSHING

Spencer Municipal Utilities hydrant flushing schedule until Aug. 6: North of the river and Grand Avenue to the west. Residents should be advised to put in their basement sewer plugs. Residents could temporarily experience low water pressure and some discoloration of water during the flushing.

### OBITUARY

## Roberta Paquin

OCT. 15, 1932 — JULY 18, 2025

Roberta Elaine Paquin, 92, of Marathon, died July 18, 2025, at the Laurens Care Center in Laurens.

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Marathon Community Center in Marathon. Burial will take place in the Poland Township Cemetery in Marathon. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to First Evangelical Church of Sioux City, 401 Ninth St. Sioux City, Iowa 51101; or Compassion International, 12290 Voyager Parkway, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80921-3668.

Roberta Turnwall was born Oct. 15, 1932, to C. Ernest and Esther (Zeman) Turnwall in Webb. She was baptized and confirmed at the Methodist Church in Webb. Bertie attended school at Garfield Webb Consolidated School, graduating in 1950. She went on to attend the University of Iowa College of Nursing, graduating in 1953 as a registered nurse.

On Oct. 1, 1953, Roberta was united in marriage to Normand A. Paquin at the Webb Methodist Church. They were blessed with three children: Terry, Sherri and Pam.

Bobbie was extremely caring and generous. While working full-time at Spencer Hospital, she got up each morning to pack lunches for Norm and the girls. She sewed many clothes for her girls and attended their extracurricular events. As her family grew, Bobbie welcomed the new members with homemade quilts and fishing poles, reading and singing to them (sometimes over FaceTime). As they grew older, she traveled by car and plane to their church events; sports, drama, and music competitions; birthday and adoption parties; graduations, weddings and, of course, welcoming new babies.

Bertie served on the Marathon Library board and helped organize the weekly Marathon Dinner Date. She also led a grief support group. She was active in the Methodist Churches in Webb and Marathon, serving as the chairperson of the memorial committee and was a member of the Night Circle and UMW.

Bobbie enjoyed camping, boating, fishing, and waterskiing with her family. After retiring, she traveled with some of her cousins to Europe, Kenya, Australia, Canada and the Galápagos Islands.

Roberta is survived by her children: Terry (Lee) Hinders, of Sioux City; Sherri (Mark) Morrissey, of Urbandale; and Pam (Richard) Smith, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont; her grandchildren: Tom (Tania) Hinders; Tyler (Alex) Hinders; Jamie Hinders; Ben (Audrey) Morrissey; Brandon (Sharon) Morrissey; Kate Morrissey; Hannah, Josh and Raelyn Smith; her great-grandchildren: Piper, Hazel and Jax Hinders, Cecilia and Olivia Hinders, Brooklyn and Jordan Morrissey, and Zayden Morrissey; her brother, Darryl (Barb) Turnwall; her first cousin, Shirley Ohrtman; many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her Aunt Florence Turnwall, her friend Marie Wells and many other relatives and friends.

The Sliefert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

### FLOOD SERVICES

#### DISASTER RECOVERY TAX RELIEF

The IRS announces tax relief for victims of severe storms, flooding, straight-line winds and tornadoes in Iowa (DR-4796-IA). Incident period: June 16 to July 23, 2024. Please review: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-announces-tax-relief-for-victims-of-severe-storms-flooding-straight-line-winds-and-tornadoes-in-iowa>; and <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4796>. Casualty losses need to be in a federally declared disaster area and not covered by insurance or another form of reimbursement. Recommendation: Reach out to your tax preparer to identify what documents are needed for your tax return. Your tax preparer may recommend additional supporting documentation needed for your tax return.

#### RECOVERY RESOURCE HUB

The Recovery Resource Hub at <https://spenceriowacity.com/recovery-resource-hub/> will serve as the city's official information source for all news, information and resources related to the efforts to recover and rebuild from the recent flood. The hub will be continuously updated to provide accurate information. Created as a "one-stop shop" for Spencer residents, the website contains a "what's new" section providing the most up-to-date headlines as well as additional information on a variety of recovery topics including current river conditions, homeowner and business resources and FAQs.

#### ELDERBRIDGE AGENCY ON AGING

Elderbridge Agency on Aging will provide disaster assistance to those it serves in the counties of Clay, Buena Vista, Dickinson, Cerro Gordo, Emmet, Floyd, Hancock, Humboldt, Kossuth, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Pocahontas, Sioux, Webster, Winnebago, Worth and Wright, impacted by recent emergency events. The agency will offer information and referral services, assistance in completing FEMA or other financial assistance forms, referrals to appropriate agencies for safe housing, food, clothing or other necessities; and referrals into case management. Although the Spencer office at 714 10th Ave. E. will be closed until it is safe for staff and the public to safely access the building, we are available by phone at 800-243-0678.

• **NOTE:** If agencies know of items to remove, alter or add, please email [news@spencerdailyreporter.com](mailto:news@spencerdailyreporter.com).

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY, JULY 25

- Fur Takers of America Rendezvous — All Day. Clay County Fair, Spencer
- Tai Chi — 10:30 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Canasta/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer

#### SATURDAY, JULY 26

- Fur Takers of America Rendezvous — All Day. Clay County Fair, Spencer

#### SUNDAY, JULY 27

- Fur Takers of America Rendezvous — All Day. Clay County Fair, Spencer

#### MONDAY, JULY 28

- Dinner Date — 11:45 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Mahjong/Bingo/Cards — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Free Community Meal — 5-6:30 p.m. The Outreach, Spencer

#### TUESDAY, JULY 29

- Coffee with the Editor — 7 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Hy-Vee Bakery Bread — 9 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Chair Exercise — 10:30 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Dinner Date — 11:45 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Bingo/500/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Gary's Garden Sale — 3-6 p.m. 223 W. Seventh St. Parking Lot, Spencer

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

- Tai Chi — 10:30 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Canasta/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer

#### THURSDAY, JULY 31

- Chair Exercise — 10:30 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Dinner Date — 11:45 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
- 500/Pinocle/Bingo/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Clay County Conservation Nature Reads in a Canoe — 3 p.m. Scharnberg, Everly
- Free Community Meal — 5-6:30 p.m. The Outreach, Spencer
- 2025 Main Street Market — 5-8 p.m. Clay County Courthouse, Spencer
- Free Movie: "Vivo" — 6:30 p.m. Grace United Methodist Church, Spencer

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 1

- Tai Chi — 10:30 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
- Canasta/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer

## QUASQUICENTENNIAL

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