

# Speakers at the Sac County Quilt-A-Fair

Two outstanding Iowa quilters will be featured at the 10th biennial Sac County Quilt-A-Fair on September 19 and 20. As the Sac County Area Quilters planned this anniversary show, they searched for speakers who would represent the best of traditional quilting, as well as an expanding interest in art quilts. "We are so excited to welcome Judy Martin back to Sac City," said Carolee Frankzkowiak, who coordinated the speakers and vendors for this year's Quilt-A-Fair. "Judy was with us in 2023 and she 'wowed' the audience with her star-themed quilts. She had a great time also, and let us know that she would gladly return. Joyce Franklin came to Sac City to teach a workshop for our area quilters last year and she agreed to return as a featured speaker as well. We think both presentations will be entertaining and hold something of interest to our visitors," she added.



Joyce Franklin

Joyce Franklin currently owns the Piece-works Quilt Shop in Winterset, Iowa, just

down the block from the Iowa Quilt Museum. Joyce will present a trunk show and talk called 'Out of my Box' on Friday, September 19, at 1:00 p.m. The presentation will be in the 4-H Building at the Sac County Fairgrounds. Joyce says she was born to sew, or sort buttons and play with fabric scraps. She did not actually sew until she was seven and when she could finally join 4-H, she had the perfect excuse to buy fabric, set goals, and meet deadlines. She was mentored and encouraged by both her grandmothers and was a blue-ribbon sewer by the age of ten. She studied Fashion Merchandising and Advertising, then became a copywriter and graphic designer. When she moved home to Iowa after time in California and Guam, she created her own job in a tiny fabric shop in Creston. Eventually, she owned Quilts & other Nations, one of the largest independent stores in Iowa. She thought she would retire when the development group in Winterset enticed her to open a quilt shop there. Joyce is an active teacher and workshop leader, sharing her love of creative quilting. She has had the pleasure of teaching and guiding quilters of all ages, from 4-H kids to grandmas.

Judy Martin is one of the world's foremost quilt designers. Her work remains rooted in the style of traditional quilts, but she brings a fresh and original perspective with her designs and patterns. This year, Judy will focus on her many variations of Log Cabin quilts as she speaks to the Quilt-A-Fair audience on Saturday, September 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building. Judy's background also includes learning to sew at an early age, making her first quilt out of dressmaking scraps. She was editor of Quilter's Newsletter and Quiltmaker, where she became one of the principal pattern designers on staff. In 1987, she and her husband, Steve, started their own publishing company, Crosley-Griffith. She has written 28 quilt books and has published approximately 2000 original designs. Judy



Judy Martin

Martin will be inducted into the Quilters Hall of Fame next year. Over the course of her prolific four-decade career, Judy has inspired and empowered quilters to do their best work.

Visitors to the Quilt-A-Fair will also have the opportunity to learn from some area quilters and vendors who will offer demonstrations at 10:00 and 11:00 each morning, as well as Friday afternoon at 3:00. Topics will include the Ten Sisters Piecing Grid by Wise Monkey Quilt Shop in Denison; Stack and

Whack by Vera Thomas and Bonnie Rahn; Cartonnage Sewing Caddy and Fabric Box with Hinged Lid by Marlene Armbricht; and Fun with Rulers by the Quilted Steeple Quilt Shop in Lone Rock.

"From the very beginning of the Sac County Quilt-A-Fair in 2007, we have secured amazing speakers to come and share their stories and expertise at this rural Iowa quilt show," said Sue Peyton of Sac City. "Our speaker in 2009 was Eleanor Burns, a quilting celebrity who came from California to see our Sac County Barn Quilts and share her love of quilting at the Quilt-A-Fair. Many of our speakers have had their work recognized with 'Best of Show' awards at national and international shows. Some have designed fabric, tools, and written books that quilters recognize and find useful. During this 10th Anniversary show, we are honored to have speakers who are well known for their work and creativity and we know our guests will enjoy their presentations."

For more information about the Sac County Quilt-A-Fair, please check the Facebook page of the same name or [www.barnquilts.com](http://www.barnquilts.com).

## Iowa Sex Offender Registry launches new website

The Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) has announced the launch of its redesigned Sex Offender Registry (SOR) website. The updated site enhances user experience, improves functionality, and continues to provide Iowans with critical tools and resources to access information on registered sex offenders. The site remains accessible at the same web address:

<https://www.iowasexoffender.gov/>

The website introduces new features aimed at making it easier and more efficient for users to find the information they need. Updates include:

- Homepage links to active registrants and most wanted registrants.
- Enhanced search functions that include a wider range of options and helpful tips.
- Interactive maps that display the number of registrants in specific areas of the state.
- Personalized notifications.

## Tyler Sullivan with Iowa Scenic Views On Foot to visit Lake View September 13th

When you think of Iowa, what are things that come to mind? Did you know that Iowa has 99 counties, and 101 courthouses? Tyler Sullivan has been to 97 out of the 99 counties, and has been to 1,298 cities across the state. He also runs at least a mile in all these communities, and to make it more memorable, he forms a poem for each of the counties he visits. Last year he traveled to over 150 museums across the state. This year he challenges himself to visit 250 museums and attractions across the state.

Tyler will be visiting several museums and libraries in Sac County in September including the Lake View History Museum. You may also see Tyler jogging up Main Street, bicycling on the Sauk Rail Trail, or kayaking on Black Hawk Lake. Let's give this young man from eastern Iowa a warm Lake View welcome and come listen to his adventures all across Iowa.

Tyler will present a lecture and read some of his poems at the Lake View Library Saturday, September, 13 at 1 p.m. All ages are welcome.



**FLUSHING HYDRANTS**— City of Lake View employees were scheduled to flush hydrants throughout town last week on Wednesday and Thursday, August 27 & 28. Public Works employee Lester Pfaff is pictured flushing the fire hydrant on the corner of Fourth and Main. Flushing hydrants is done to not only test the fire flow capacity in the event of a fire, but also to remove sediment and rust from the water. Hydrants are flushed to keep water moving and keep pipes from stagnating.



**SCOT MCDONOUGH RETIRES**—Long-time Sac County Emergency Medical Services Director Scot McDonough (left) retired at the end of July. Co-workers, family, and friends presented him with a plaque in recognition of his 31 years of service to Sac County. He is pictured with Jason Schulte, Sac County paramedic (right).

Photo courtesy of Ben Ringgenberg.

## Windbreak School Meeting in Early on September 12

The Iowa State University Buena Vista, Calhoun, & Sac County Extension and Outreach office will host a free meeting on Friday, September 12, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The location is at the Dave Mentzer Farm, 1965 270th St. in Early. The meeting will last approximately four hours with a free meal and door prizes following the meeting. The Windbreak Meeting will be facilitated by Billy Beck, Assistant Professor and Extension Forestry Specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

The discussion will focus on proper windbreak establishment, windbreak management, and restoration techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to speak

one-on-one with NRCS staff and District Foresters, discussing objectives for their land, cost share potential, initiate the windbreak planning process, and schedule on-site visits. Speakers will be ISU Extension and Outreach, Iowa DNR District Foresters, ISU Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Iowa Monarch Consortium, Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers.

Contact the Sac County Extension office at 712-662-7131 with your questions or to pre-register by Tuesday, September 9.

Check the ISU Extension calendar for a meeting near you. <https://naturalresources.extension.iastate.edu/events>

## Collard mountain lion appears on a trail camera in northwest Iowa

Images of a mountain lion with a neck collar in northwest Iowa have been circulating over social media in the past few days. The subadult male, estimated to be less than two years old, was collared as part of an ongoing research project by Nebraska Game, Fish & Parks to better understand mountain lion movements, behaviors and dispersal.

"This cat has traveled a long distance from Nebraska's north-central region to northwest Iowa, and is providing valuable data for Nebraska Game, Fish & Parks,"

said Vince Eversizer, state furbearer biologist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Eversizer said he was contacted about the cat's movements a few weeks ago when it entered the state, and that it hasn't caused any issues with human safety or livestock. While mountain lions are not protected in Iowa, Eversizer encouraged Iowans not to shoot it unless there is a direct safety threat.

—Mick Klemesrud,

Iowa Department of Natural Resources



In preparation for Kids Pioneer Day on Saturday, August 16, members of the Lake View Garden Club weeded, planted perennial flowers, and mulched around the Log Cabin and Schoolhouse on the Historical Museum grounds. Pictured (from left) are: Gretchen Bromley, Carlotta Brown, & JoAnn Peters. Not pictured, but a big help was Kim Bromley.

## OBITUARY

**DUANE WUNSCHEL**

**04/15/1934 — 08/21/2025**

Duane Wunschel, age 91, of Wall Lake, passed away on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at Twilight Acres in Wall Lake.

Duane Edward Wunschel was born on April 15, 1934, to parents Frederick and Elizabeth (Jarl) Wunschel in rural Wall Lake. He was baptized at Peace Lutheran Church in Wall Lake on June 3, 1934, and confirmed there on May 16, 1948. Duane attended country school then went to Wall Lake Community School.

On November 22, 1953, Duane was united in marriage to Beverly Ann Rusch at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig. This union was blessed with three children, Rick Marsha and Tammy. The family lived in Wall Lake where Duane was a dedicated farmer and an amazing steward to the land. He later worked for Cookies Food Products in Wall Lake as a BBQ sauce delivery driver.

In his spare time, Duane enjoyed playing cards including poker and blackjack. He also enjoyed occasional trips to local casinos. He loved fishing and in his younger years spent a lot of time fishing the Boyer River. Above all, Duane's greatest love was time spent with his family. He especially adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His kind, gentle soul will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his son, Rick (Joan) Wunschel of Wall Lake; grandchildren: Jeremy (Jennifer) Wunschel, Eric (Jill) Wunschel, Kate (Andy) Reiman, Stephen (Nikki) Wunschel, Alison (Cord) Horsley, Beth (Chad) Miller, Nicole (DJ) Wiggins; great-grandchildren: Josh, Colton, Brooke, Peyton, Paige, Wyatt and Isabelle; Noah and Avery; Vienna, Nola, Maya and Archie; Nora, Quinn and Lena; Keylee; Morgan, Emarie and Daine; sister, Betty Roth, many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Duane was preceded in death by his wife Bev Wunschel; parents Frederick and Elizabeth Wunschel, daughters Marsha Dixon and Tammy Wunschel; grandson Jeffrey Dixon; brother Eugene Wunschel and brother-in-law Alvin Roth.

A funeral service was held at Monday, August 25, 2025, at Peace Lutheran Church in Wall Lake, with Reverend David Wennadt officiating. Interment was at Wall Lake Cemetery, Wall Lake. Farber & Otteman Funeral Home of Wall Lake was in charge of taking care of Duane and his family.

## Minutes from Wall Lake Bandits/ Viola Visions 4-H group meeting

The Wall Lake Bandits Viola/Visions 4-H group had a meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. on June 22, 2025, by Megan Kies at the Lakes United Methodist Church Hall. The pledge to the American flag led by Addison Clayton. Our roll call question was "How many jelly beans are the jar?" 28 members were present at this meeting, as well as 12 guests. Kole Erpelding won the jar of jelly beans with the closest guess.

related items and what the leaders expect from the members at the fair. Lora Wright from the Sac County Extension office was present at the meeting to help anyone who needed assistance in signing their fair projects up on 4-H online and to help answer any questions about the fair.

Announcements included reading the newsletter Lora sends out for important information regarding deadlines. The club is to report at the fairgrounds at 12:55 p.m. on July 21, 2025, for the club picture and static judging for our club starts at 1 p.m. on July 21, 2025, at the 4-H building. No projects will be judged without a write up.



Cecelia and Clair Geake make strawberry poke cake.



June and Elaina Geake make taco salad.

The secretary's report was read by Addison Clayton. Katelyn Clayton made a motion to accept the secretary's report and Kole Erpelding seconded it and the motion passed. Kole Erpelding read the treasurer's report. Kenzie Erpelding made motion to accept the treasurer's report and Taylor First seconded it and the motion passed.

Katelyn Clayton read the newsletter and updated us on the 4-H Endowment Scholarship for seniors, 4H bottle bucket calf information and YQCA training. The newsletter also had important information regarding the summer workshops offered at the Extension Office as well as deadlines for fair entries.

Unfinished business included signing thank you notes for various people who donated to the club and talking about the cookbook being made. New business included talking about fair

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. with a motion by Kennedy Schmitt and a second by Kole Erpelding. The motion passed. The pledge to the 4-H flag was led by Drake Pinegar.

Cecelia and Clair Geake did a demonstration on how to make strawberry poke cake and June and Elaina Geake did a demonstration on making taco salad.

Thank you to our hosts Cadence Ripley and Claire, Elaina, June and Cecelia Geake for the food and drinks.

Our next meeting will be in October 2025 at a time and date to be determined by the leaders.

—Respectfully submitted by

Addison Clayton, Secretary of Wall Lake Bandits/Visions 4-H club

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