

2008 The Iowa County Index

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Joe Buffington – May
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Nancy Parrot – July

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Welcome Jenny – February
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By Robin Harlow

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MISCELLANEOUS

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