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In Loving Memory of Thomas Hutsell

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Thomas Hutsell, a cherished member of our ABLED community. Tom's journey with us was marked by resilience, humor, and a fierce loyalty to those he held dear. He passed away on July 17, 2025. A memorial service will be held on Aug 23, 2025 from 3-6pm at 1010 Meridian Dr, Lincoln NE 68504—all are invited.



Tom was a man of strong preferences and deep connections. He found joy in the simple pleasures of life, listening to music, collecting electronics, organizing his belongings, and spending time with his staff. His love for flashlights, radios, and batteries was legendary, and his room was a reflection of his unique personality and passions.

Tom's relationships were the cornerstone of his happiness. He often spoke with pride and affection about his staff, CJ and Alex. Tom's loyalty and advocacy for his staff were inspiring, he believed in fairness and often voiced his desire for them to be recognized and rewarded.

Though Tom faced many challenges, his team witnessed his progress and celebrated his victories, both big and small. Tom's journey was not always easy, but it was filled with moments of laughter, determination, and love.

Tom taught us the importance of meeting people where they are, of listening with patience, and of celebrating individuality. His life reminds us that every person deserves dignity, choice, and the opportunity to be surrounded by those who care.

As we remember Tom, let us also take a moment to reflect on our own spiritual journeys. His story invites us to consider how we find true peace, lasting hope, and eternal life. May we be faithful to share the good news, encouraging others to place their trust in Christ and promise of eternity with Him.

In Tom's memory, may we continue to build a world that honors every life, encourages spiritual growth, and embraces the unique gifts of each person. Rest in peace, Tom. You will be missed, remembered, and loved!

"Serving Jesus Christ by enabling people with developmental disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities"

***Thank You* for joining us in our mission!**

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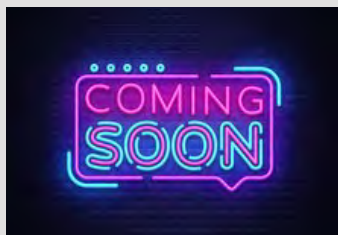
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2025 Free Passes

Scatter Joy Acres • Bee Me Sensory • Nebraska History Museum
Air & Space Museum • Hickman Community Center • ABLED Barn

Behind the Scenes Tour

Aug 12, Tuesday
217 Locust St
Hickman NE
1:00 pm



UNL Ice Cream Social

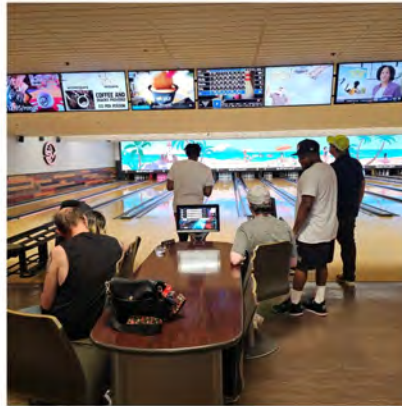
Aug 14, Thursday
UNL East Campus
Lincoln NE
2:00 pm

Southpointe Movie

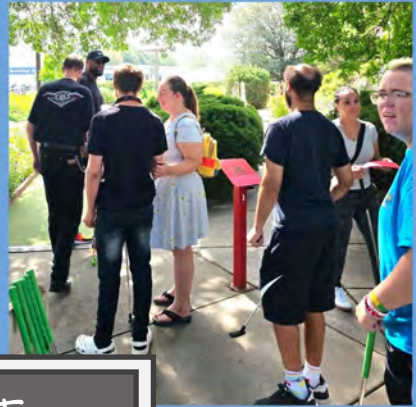
Aug 19, Tuesday
2920 Pine Lake Rd
Lincoln NE
TBD

Pickleball Sport Event

Aug 26, Tuesday
5601 S 59th St, Ste B2, Lincoln NE
1:00—2:00 pm



JUL 14TH EVENT
SUNVALLEY
BOWLING



JUL 18th EVENT
PUTT PUTT GOLF



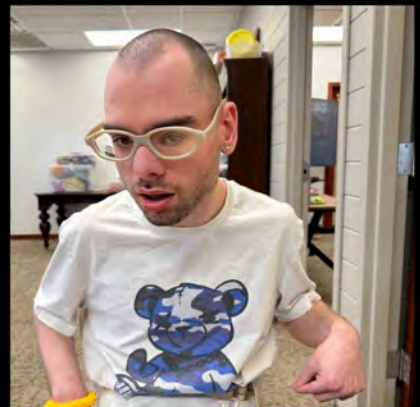
JUL 12TH
CERESCO
PARADE FUN!

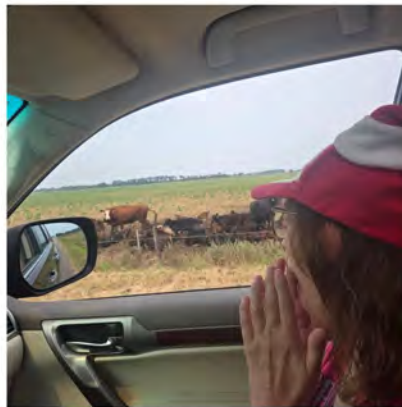


JUL 26TH
DISABILITY PRIDE
CELEBRATION!

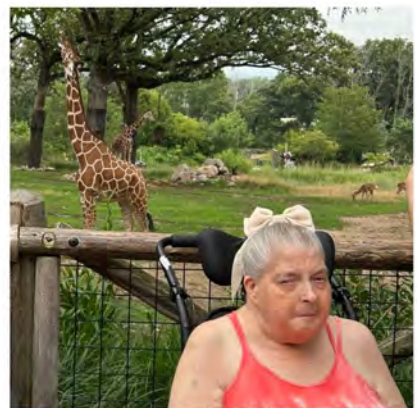
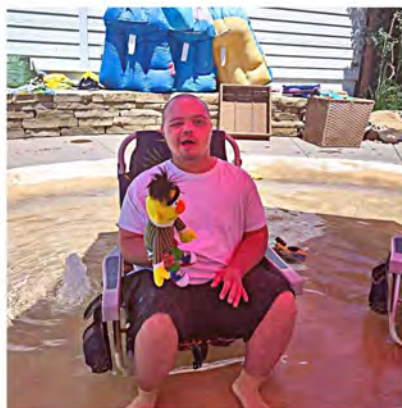


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IS THERE LIFE AFTER DEATH?

Job, speaking out of his despair, asked, “If a man dies, shall he live again?” ([Job 14:14](#)).

All of us have been challenged by this question. Is there life after death? What happens to us after we die? Do we simply cease to exist? Is death a revolving door of departing and returning to earth? Does everyone go to the same place after death, or do we go to different places? Is there really a heaven and hell?



The Bible tells us that, yes, there is life after death. This world is not all there is, and mankind was made for something more. At death, the body ceases to function and begins the process of returning to the earth, but the spiritual part of man lives on: “The dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it” ([Ecclesiastes 12:7](#)).

To those who are redeemed and have their sin forgiven, God gives eternal life, an existence so glorious that “no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him” ([1 Corinthians 2:9](#)).

This eternal life is inextricably linked to the Person of Jesus Christ: “Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent” ([John 17:3](#)).

In Jesus’ prayer in this passage, He equates “eternal life” with a knowledge of God and of the Son. “Whoever has the Son has life” ([1 John 5:12](#)).

The fact of life after death does not mean everyone will go to heaven, however. Paul put it this way: “There will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked” ([Acts 24:15](#)).

The free gift of eternal life is available to all. “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them” ([John 3:36](#)).

We will not be given the opportunity to accept God’s gift of salvation after death. Our eternal destination is determined in our earthly lifetimes by our reception or rejection of Jesus Christ. “I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation” ([2 Corinthians 6:2](#)).

If we trust in the death of Jesus Christ as the full payment for our sin, and we believe in His resurrection from the dead, we are guaranteed eternal life after death, in glory.