

FARMERS MERCANTILE HALL PRESENTS IDIOT JAM 2026

EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Farmers Mercantile Hall
100 W Main Street
Garrison, Iowa



Farmers Mercantile Hall would love your presence for Idiot Jam 2026! The players who gather for this annual concert first became connected in the early days of online chat rooms, where they bonded over their love of music—specifically guitars. Their connection grew into friendship, which led to an in-person jam session, which eventually evolved into the free concert it is today, held each year as a fundraiser for the Garrison Library.

Last year was a record-setting year for this concert, with 74 in attendance and \$707 raised at the Garrison Library refreshment table. Farmers Mercantile Hall is happy to host this event with no admittance fee, and we'd love to see the fundraising record broken again!

Come support these generous, talented artists, who travel from places like Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, and even Texas, to join some of our most loved local players; Todd Frank, Phil Thomas, Darryl Hokanson, Steve Schott, Mark Clark, Joy Ward, and Amana Joe Stramaglia, to name a few.

At the close of each Idiot Jam, the players come together and perform the 1933 tune "Irene Goodnight" by Huddie 'Lead Belly' Ledbetter. The crowd always joins in on the chorus, making the close of the show the sweetest part. We hope you come and add your own voice to this chorus.

Blessings,
Nick and Amy

FREE CONCERT!
No Admission Fee!

REFRESHMENTS

Free-will donation dessert and beverages provided by Garrison Library.
Support the Library!



Farmers Mercantile Hall Upcoming Events

Joe & Vicki Price
Sunday, October 18th
2:00 pm to 4:30 p.m.

Awful Purdies
Sunday, November 15th
2:00 pm to 4:30 p.m.

Great Bluegrass Herons
Acoustic Christmas Program
December TBD

Farmers Mercantile Hall is available for rent for private parties and events. Call (319)789-0498 for more information.

Watch the Vinton Livewire and the Farmers Mercantile Hall Facebook page for new additional events happening soon!