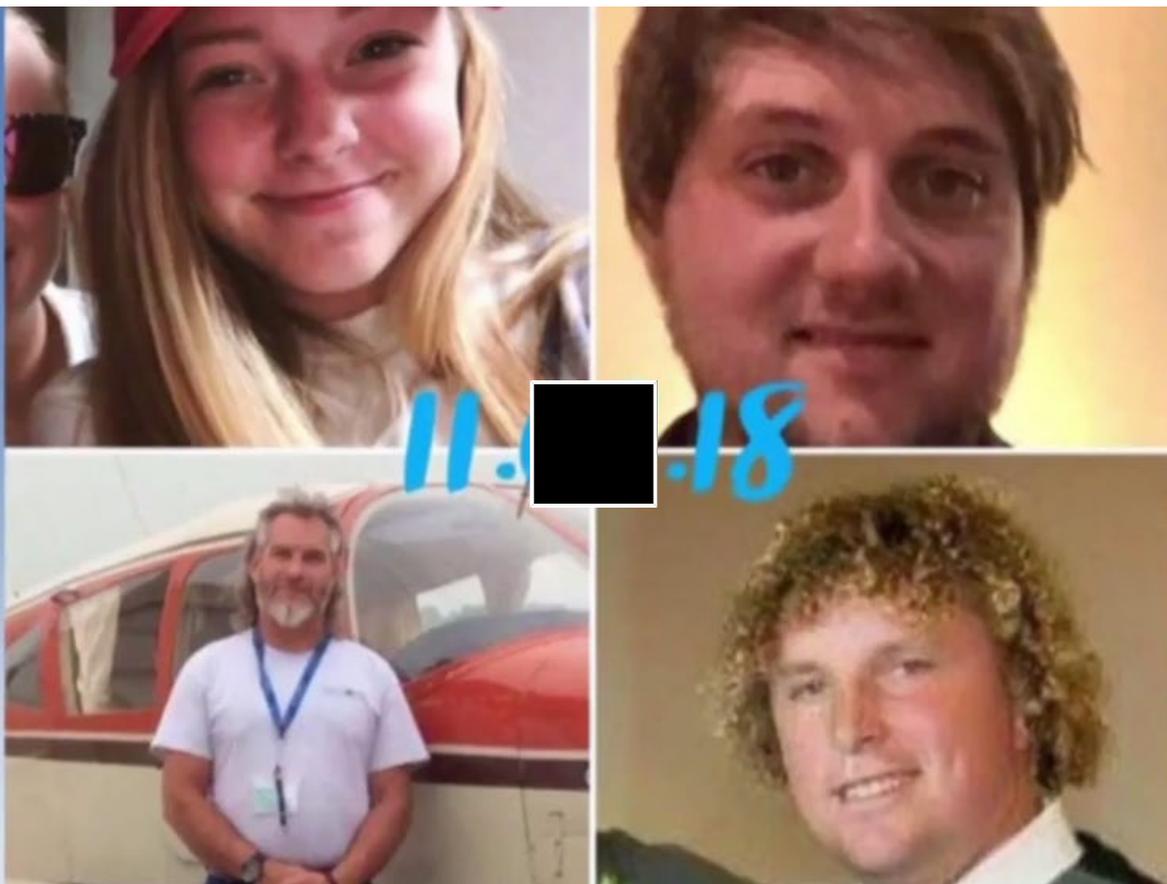


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Community comes together to honor four victims from Guthrie plane crash

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On November 9th, 2018 Edward Anderson, Patrick Kellen, Samantha Clark, and Tyler Douvia died in a plane crash on their way on a hunting trip in Osceola.





LE MARS, Iowa — It's been about 10 months since a tragic accident claimed the lives of four people heading across Iowa for a trip.

Today family, friends, and dozens of community members gave back in their memory to those who helped them in their time of need.

On November 9th, 2018 Edward Anderson, Patrick Kellen, Samantha Clark, and Tyler Douvia boarded a plane to go to a hunting trip in Osceola.

A trip that they never made it back from.

“We were shocked by the outcome,” said Pat Kellen’s sister, Mackenzie Brady.

All four passed away in a plane crash in Guthrie County, Iowa.

“It hits very hard to home and I can see how it affected this community too,” said Guthrie Center Fire Dept. Volunteer, Mike Peterson.

Pat's sister, Mackenzie Brady says the accident impacted the whole community of Le Mars

“It really hit the community hard,” said Brady.

Now they're stepping up to show support in their time of need.

“We know a lot of people and a lot of people know us and it was so unexpected and it was tragic for the community and our community has been through it before and that’s why they’re out here today to support us now,” said Brady.

In memory of the four victims the families are continuing a project that one of the victims, Pat Kellen founded "Project K".

A day where the community can take a dive and have fun day in the sun at Kellen Ponderosa, a place that Pat was devoted to.

“This was Pat's deal, this was his gig and hopefully we are making that happen for him today,” said Guthrie Center

Fire Chief, Dave Embleton.

“Pat was out here every weekend with his kids. This is Pat, this is our family, and we want to continue this in his memory,” said Brady.

To thank those first responders for all they did for the families in search and rescue efforts they’re donating all proceeds to the Guthrie Center Fire and Rescue.

Many of those volunteers who were first on scene of the accident say it was tragic night that they will never forget.

“It touched so many hearts three separate families involved and it's just been those nightmares of a call I will remember that,” said Embleton.

A community rallying as one to keep Pat's dream alive and remember their lost loved ones.

“It's a proud moment for him I'm pretty sure it should be its amazing, it's amazing,” said Guthrie Center Volunteer, Tom Langaard.

“Things are definitely different and we can tell that and we are adjusting and we hope to keep their memories alive forever,” said Brady.

The families are going to continue this tradition and keep donating to a cause in their loved ones’ memory.

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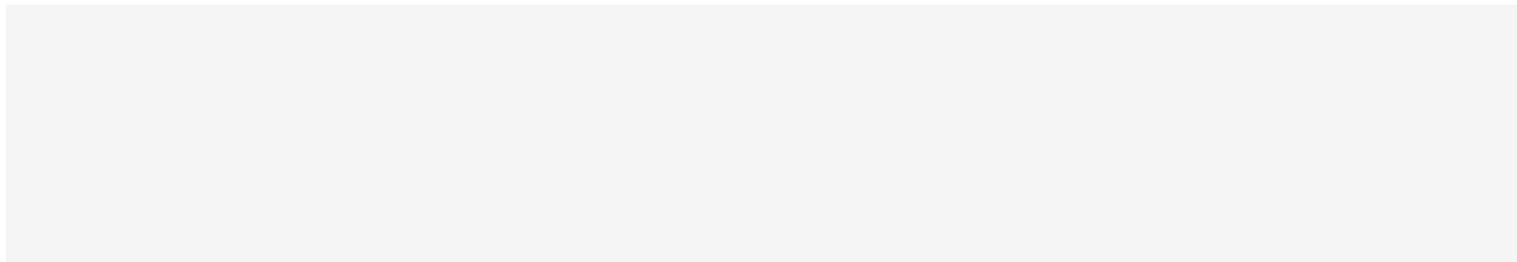


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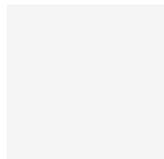
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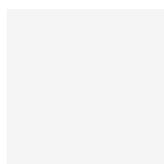
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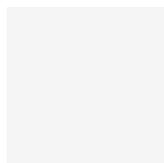
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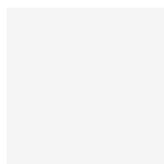
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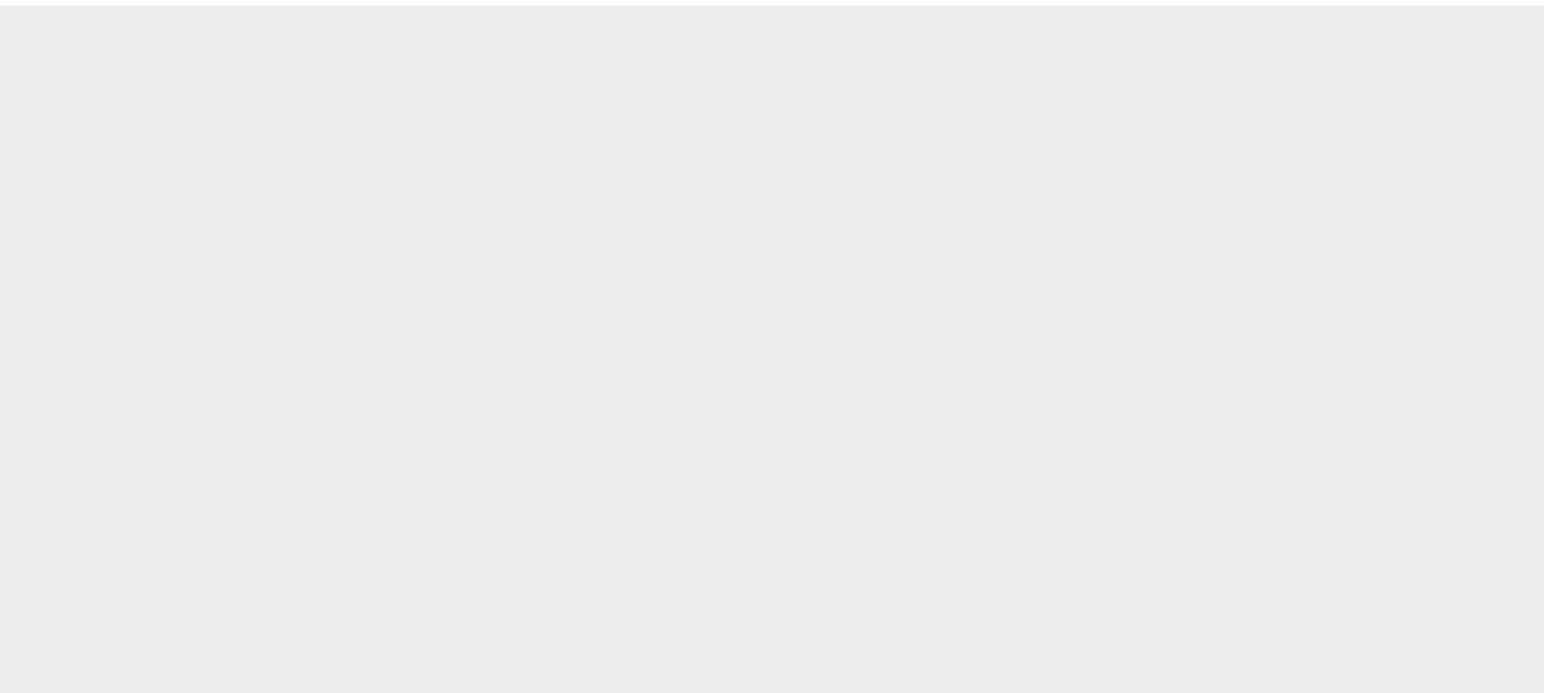
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