

SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULE & PROGRAM

Boji Clean Water Jam: Film Screening & Discussion with Art Cullen

Friday, August 7 | 7:00 PM | *Pioneer Theatre* (905 Okoboji Ave, Milford, IA)

6:30 PM

[WELCOME] Doors Open & Networking

Arrive early at the Pioneer Theatre in Milford to grab seating, refreshments, and connect with community members before the evening program begins.

7:00 PM

[INTRO] Welcome & Opening Remarks

Opening remarks introducing the Boji Clean Water Jam weekend series and setting the stage for tonight's film screening.

7:10 PM

[FEATURED SCREENING] Film Screening: "What's Eating Iowa?" Short Film Series

Presenter: Art Cullen — Editor of the Storm Lake Times Pilot and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for coverage of Iowa water pollution.

Screening Overview:

A special screening featuring two short films from the "What's Eating Iowa?" video series (presented by Iowans for Stronger Communities), highlighting critical issues surrounding water quality, agriculture, and community health across Iowa.

8:00 PM

[DISCUSSION & QA] Q&A and Discussion with Art Cullen

Moderated Conversation:

An interactive audience Q&A session with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Art Cullen discussing the themes raised in the films, Iowa water pollution challenges, and community-driven solutions.

8:45 PM

[WRAP-UP] Closing Remarks & Preview of Saturday Events

Final thoughts and announcement of the Saturday, August 8 daytime informational sessions and evening concert at Arnolds Park Preservation Plaza.

VENUE & PROGRAM NOTES

- Venue: Pioneer Theatre, Milford, IA.
- Featured Series: "What's Eating Iowa?" by Iowans for Stronger Communities.
- This event serves as the Friday evening kickoff for the Boji Clean Water Jam weekend series.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Boji Clean Water Jam

Saturday, August 8 | Informational Session –
Maser Monarch Lodge, 22785 Nature Center Road, Spirit Lake, IA

10:00 AM

[MORNING WELCOME] Coffee & Social

Gather for morning coffee, refreshments, and informal networking prior to the main presentations.

10:30 AM

[KEYNOTE PRESENTATION] Environmental Monitoring: The Foundation for a Healthier and More Resilient Iowa

Speaker: Dr. Larry Weber — Edwin B. Green Chair in Hydraulics & Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; Director, IIHR – Hydrosience & Engineering, University of Iowa.

About the Speaker:

Larry Weber serves as the Director of IIHR – Hydrosience and Engineering, the nation's oldest academic research program focused on hydraulics, hydrology, and fluid mechanics. He is the co-founder of the Iowa Flood Center (2009) and co-founded the Iowa Nutrient Research Center (2013). More recently, in 2026, Weber co-founded the Iowa INSIGHT program aimed at linking environmental pollution to human health.

Presentation Overview:

In his talk, Dr. Weber will discuss efforts to expand environmental monitoring and forecast systems throughout Iowa, with an emphasis on Northwest Iowa, to improve community resiliency and the health of the people who live and work here.

11:30 AM

Break

11:45 AM

[DISCUSSION] Fixing Water Quality Starts on the Farm

Presenters: The Lobe Rangers (Founded by James Hepp, Zack Smith, and Matt Bormann).

The Lobe Rangers are a non-partisan collective of Iowa farmers named after the Des Moines Lobe geological region. They advocate for sustainable agriculture, soil health, and proactive water quality solutions—arguing that voluntary conservation incentives alone are insufficient to address nutrient runoff.

12:45 PM

Break

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

[PARTNER SESSIONS] Community Partner Discussion and Next Steps

Discussion with those in attendance on next steps for future Boji Clean Water Jams and associated events focusing on improving water quality in the State of Iowa.

2:00 PM

[WRAP-UP] Concluding Remarks

Closing summary for the daytime informational sessions.

7:00 PM

[EVENING FEATURE CONCERT] Boji Clean Water Jam Evening Concert

Location: Arnolds Park Preservation Plaza

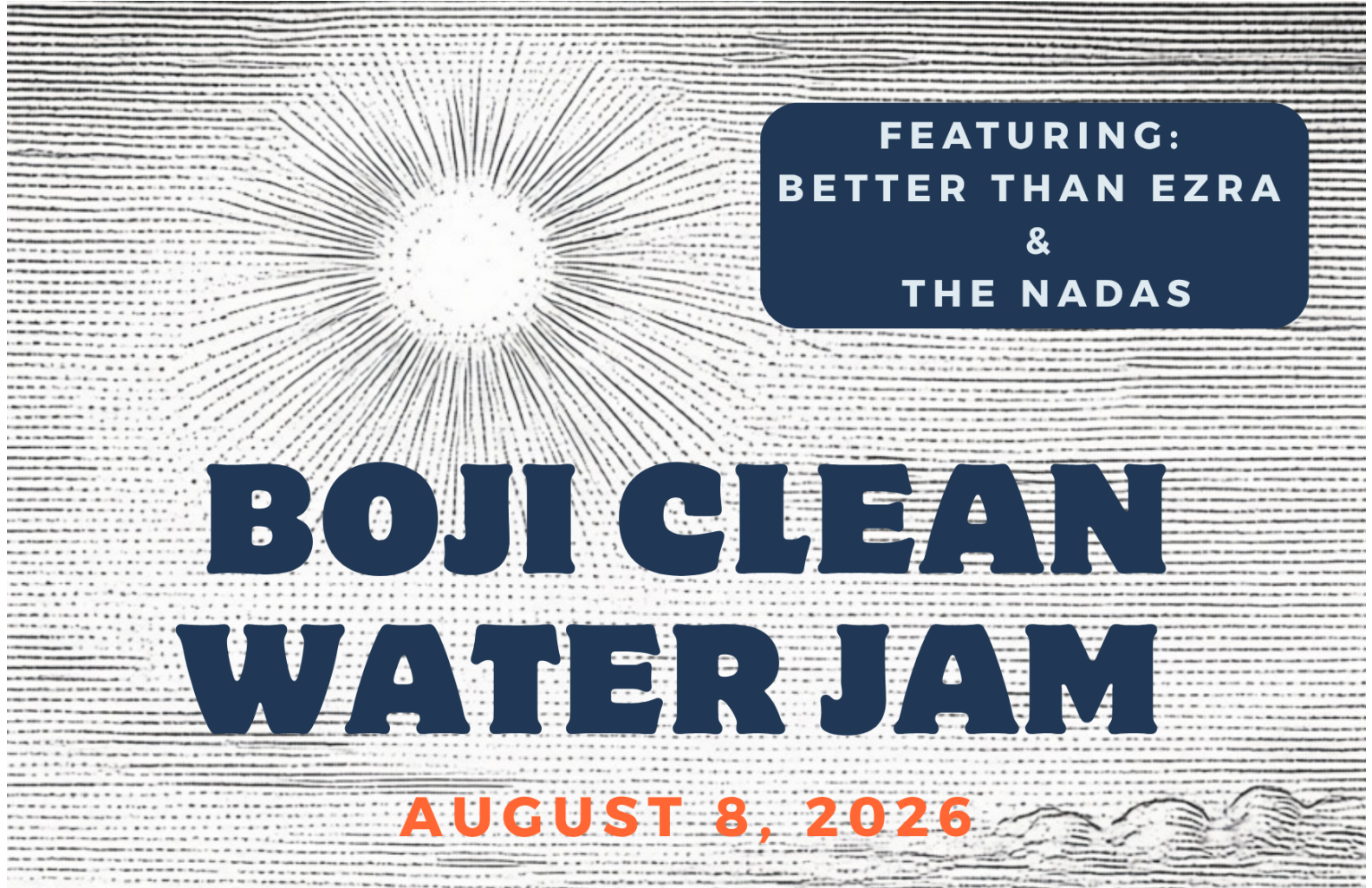
Headline Performance: Better Than Ezra

Special Guests: The Nadas

Join us for an evening of live music in support of clean water initiatives at Okoboji!

EVENT & LOCATION NOTES

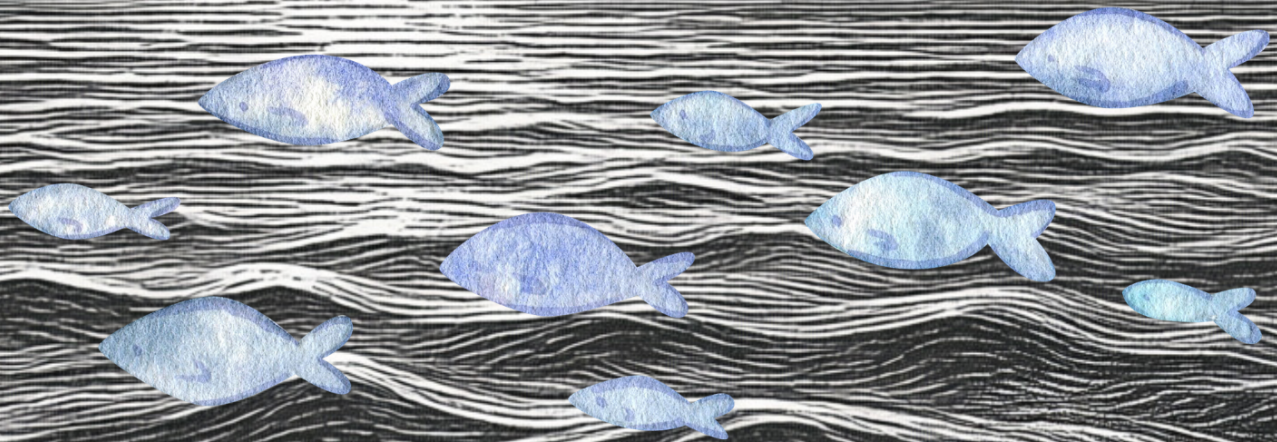
- Daytime sessions (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM) focus on state water quality, soil health, and sustainable agricultural practices.
- Evening concert (7:00 PM) takes place outdoors at Arnolds Park Preservation Plaza featuring Better Than Ezra with special guests The Nadas.
- All times and speakers are subject to final confirmation.



**FEATURING:
BETTER THAN EZRA
&
THE NADAS**

BOJI CLEAN WATER JAM

AUGUST 8, 2026



FREE ENTRY  7 PM START  FUN FOR ALL

**PRESERVATION PLAZA
ARNOLD'S PARK, IA**