

RECORDS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DEC. 9
• Hy-Vee Bakery Bread — 9 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
• Spencer Chiro/Good Stuff Nutrition Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting — 9:30 a.m. 1025 Fifth Ave. SE Suite 2, Spencer
• Chair Exercise — 10:30 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
• Dinner Date — 11:45 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
• Bingo/500/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
• ADA Council Meeting — 5:15 p.m. Spencer Public Library Round Room, Spencer
• Spencer Girls Wrestling Club: Grades 3-8 — 6:30-7:30 p.m. SMS Wrestling Room

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10
• Tai Chi — 10:30 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
• Dig In: Glenn Hendrickson and Father Paul Kelly — 11:45 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
• Canasta/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
• Everly Hap Happy Hours — 5 p.m. Hap Ketelsen Community Center

THURSDAY, DEC. 11
• Chair Exercise — 10:30 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
• Dinner Date — 11:45 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
• 500/Pinochle/Bingo/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
• Free Community Meal — 5-6:30 p.m. The Outreach, Spencer
• Spencer Table Tennis Club — 6:15-8:15 p.m. Spencer SDA Church Fellowship Hall
• Spencer Girls Wrestling Club: Grades 3-8 — 6:30-7:30 p.m. SMS Wrestling Room

FRIDAY, DEC. 12
• Coffee Klatch — 9 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
• Tai Chi — 9:30 a.m. Spencer Family YMCA
• Movie: “Jack Frost” — 12:30 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
• Canasta/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer

FUNERAL NOTICE

ZELDA HAGEDORN
Funeral services are Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, 11 a.m., at Faith Lutheran Church, Spencer. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at Faith Lutheran Church. Burial is in Dickens Cemetery. Warner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Zelda Hagedorn passed away Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025, at Spencer Hospital in Spencer.

MEETINGS

SPENCER PARK BOARD MEETING
Spencer Park Board meets Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. The agenda includes splash pad fundraising update; Stolley Park sign; ice skating update; holiday lighting; and the park director report.

IOWA LAKES BOARD MEETING
Iowa Lakes Community College Board of Trustees meets Dec. 9 in the Administration Building, 19 S. Seventh St., in Estherville. A work session begins at 4 p.m. and the meeting follows at 4:30 p.m. Acceptance of election results; organization of the new board; nominations for board officers; appointment of committees; designation of depositories and signatories; resignations, new hires and contracts; a report on SMG/technology; a foundations report; the financial report; presidential and board reports; and trustee comments are on the agenda.

SPECIAL SPENCER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Spencer Community Schools Board of Education will hold a special meeting Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 5 p.m., in the boardroom at the Central Office Building. The agenda is a meeting with legislators.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

DIG-IN FOR SOME HOLIDAY CHEER AT OCCASIONS
Occasions in Spencer is providing holiday cheer through its Dig-In programs at its senior meals on Wednesdays. If you want a lunchtime meal, you need to call on Tuesday by 1 p.m. to order it. The programs begin at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Dec. 10, Glenn Hendrickson and Fr. Kelly will be doing Christmas music. Dec. 17, the Spirit of Harmony Choir will perform. This group is a diverse community of singers who come together through their love of barbershop music and enjoy entertaining their audiences with their love of singing.

SHAYLA BEE CRAFT & BAKE SALE


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“Our goal is to share the message about these families and help people understand what we do,” he said. “We’d love people to learn.”

CLOSING GAPS
Shayla Bee serves 10 north-west Iowa counties. A map of served families shows a concentration that drops off with distance from Spencer.
“There are families we know we’re missing,” Faulkner said. “We’re making a decision to focus on our area.”
Eighteen new families were

served by the fund in 2024, down from peak years that reached 29. Faulkner sees fewer nominations as a mixed bag.
“It’s wonderful at times not to get a lot of nominations,” he said. “No sick kids. But our job is to do a better job that people know we’re a resource.”
For 2026, expanding outreach in underserved parts of the 10-county area tops the priority list.
“We always accept money,” Faulkner said. “But more than that, we want to make sure as many people know about us, so we don’t miss a family.”

Hazardous Household Waste



Northern Plains Regional Collection Center for Hazardous Household Materials will be reducing the hours of operation for the winter. **Beginning January 1st 2026**, we will be taking material by **appointment only**. To schedule an appointment to dispose of your Hazardous Materials please call 712-580-7270 or 580-7277. During this time, through the winter months, you may continue to drop off **small quantities** of Fluorescent tubes and CFLs at the Transfer Station. If you need emergency service this winter, please call 580-7270. We are scheduled to resume our regular hours in Spring of 2026. Northern Plains Regional Collection Center is located at 3101 W. 18th Street.



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