

# RECORDS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- FRIDAY, DEC. 19**
  - Coffee Klatch — 9 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
  - Tai Chi — 9:30 a.m. Spencer Family YMCA
  - Canasta/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
- SUNDAY, DEC. 21**
  - Occasions Breakfast — 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
  - Pinochle/500 — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
- MONDAY, DEC. 22**
  - Dinner Date — 11:45 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
  - Mahjong/Bingo/Cards/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
  - Free Community Meal — 5-6:30 p.m. The Outreach, Spencer
- TUESDAY, DEC. 23**
  - Hy-Vee Bakery Bread — 9 a.m. Occasions, 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
  - Spencer Girls Wrestling Club: Grades 3-8 — 6:30-7:30 p.m. SMS Wrestling Room
- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE**
- THURSDAY, DEC. 25 — MERRY CHRISTMAS**
  - Spencer Sacred Heart Catholic Church Christmas meal — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Parish Hall
- FRIDAY, DEC. 26**
  - Coffee Klatch — 9 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
  - Tai Chi — 9:30 a.m. Spencer Family YMCA
  - Canasta/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
- MONDAY, DEC. 29**
  - Dinner Date — 11:45 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
  - Mahjong/Bingo/Cards/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
  - Stroke Support Group — 2:30 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
  - Free Community Meal — 5-6:30 p.m. The Outreach, Spencer
- TUESDAY, DEC. 30**
  - Hy-Vee Bakery Bread — 9 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
  - Firehouse Reads Storytime — 10-11 a.m., Spencer Firehouse,
  - Chair Exercise — 10:30 a.m. Occasions, Spencer
- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31**
  - Everly Hap Happy Hours — 5 p.m. Hap Ketelsen Community Center
- THURSDAY, JAN. 1 — HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- FRIDAY, JAN. 2**
  - Tai Chi — 9:30 a.m. Spencer Family YMCA
  - Canasta/Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m. Occasions, Spencer
- THURSDAY, JAN. 8**
  - 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

## LINC PROGRAM

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ranging from addiction recovery to the criminal justice system and social determinants of health and coordinated specialized “helping the helpers” self-care sessions for local providers, PTSD education, and wellness visits for first responders in response to the June 2024 flood. The initiative also provided free Mental Health First Aid training for both youth and adults, partnered with public organizations to host community education events and book displays. It distributed grants to support emotional wellness resources throughout the community. LINC maintained its role as an information hub by updating the Clay County resource website and actively promoting the 988 crisis line through outreach and public events.

In addressing city leaders, Barr also highlighted the initiative’s guiding principle:

“If you’re involved in any facet of behavioral health, you have a seat at the table,” she said. “Our



goal is to increase collaboration and communication amongst providers, raise suicide prevention awareness, and explore new programming that benefits everyone in the community.”

Now in its third full year, LINC was developed following a community stakeholder study that revealed gaps in provider communication and mounting mental health needs.

Barr detailed how the program — funded by the City of Spencer, Spencer Regional Healthcare Foundation, Seasons Center, Spencer Community Schools and the former state-funded mental health services provider Care Connections — brings partners together, from behavioral health agencies, administration, supervisors, clinicians,

peer supports, law enforcement, schools and more. The goal is to coordinate resources and share information that will help mental health providers deliver care to patients.

“LINC serves as the table that we set for our providers to communicate around,” Barr said. “And when we say providers, we use that widely. That includes our behavioral health agencies, administration, supervisors, clinicians, peer supports, law enforcement, school staff and more.”

Looking ahead, Barr said LINC hopes to continue serving as a valuable tool to help providers care for Spencer residents’ mental health.

“Our providers truly care about our community, and they are ready to help,” she said. “I encourage you as leaders and citizens to become familiar with our behavioral health providers, attend educational opportunities that are provided, and continue to invest in LINC in the next fiscal year as well.”

## FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS

### TRIPP ELLIOT KLEIN

Kevin and Vanessa Klein of Hartley are parents of a son, Tripp Elliot Klein, born Dec. 13, 2025, at the Spencer Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Grandparents are Alan and Lori Erichsen of Hartley and Larry and Sissie Klein of Ashton. Tripp was welcomed home by two sisters and two brothers.


### MARLENE HAYES PEARSON

Luke and Maggie Pearson of Aurelia are parents of a daughter, Marlene Hayes Pearson, born Dec. 15, 2025, at the Spencer Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce. Grandparents are Robin and Jim Hirschfield of Washington, Connecticut; Karl and Rita Pearson of Aurelia; and Christy and Jeff Sangwin of Cherokee. Marlene was welcomed home by a brother.

## COMMUNITY BRIEF

### FARMERS URGED TO FINALIZE ACREAGE REPORTS BY TODAY

U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra, R-Hull, urged Iowa farmers to finalize their acreage reports by 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, for use in the Farmer Bridge Assistance program payments. Qualifying relief payments are set to be released by Feb. 28.



## SNOW PARKING ORDINANCE


**City of Spencer Prohibits Street Parking during snow events. No Parking on city streets or alleys from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 am.**

This ordinance goes into effect if the National Weather Service predicts a snow accumulation of 2 or more inches or if new snow accumulation has reached 2 or more inches measured at the KICD radio station.

The snow event shall continue so long as snow accumulation continues and for an additional 48 hours after snowfall has ended. Non-compliance will result in a \$100 fine and/or towed.

City Code, Title 7-5-7 article A

## SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL



It is the responsibility of the abutting property owner to remove snow and ice accumulations from the public sidewalks adjacent to their residence or place of business after a snow event. In the Spencer downtown commercial district, 12 hours is allowed from the time the snowfall ceases. In all other areas of the city, 24 hours is allowed from the time the snowfall ceases. If an abutting property owner does not remove the snow and ice within the time specified, the city may do so and assess the costs, including an administration fee.

The complete city ordinance regarding the removal of snow from streets and sidewalks can be found at [www.spenceriowacity.com](http://www.spenceriowacity.com) under Public Notices - City Code - Title 5-1 Article E.

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