

# RECORDS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

We endeavor to keep the calendar accurate. If there are items here that are no longer scheduled, or items for which the details have changed, or items that should be added, please email us at [news@spencerdailyreporter.com](mailto:news@spencerdailyreporter.com).

**TUESDAY, JAN. 27**  
• Coffee with Randy — 7 a.m., Occasions  
• Ambassadors Visit Spencer Municipal Utilities for Staff Recognition — 9:30 a.m. 520 Second Ave. E., Suite 1, Spencer  
• Chair Exercise — 10-30 a.m., Occasions  
• 500, Pool — 1 p.m., Occasions  
• Hope & Healing Support Group, 7 p.m. — Crosswinds Church, 1900 N. Grand Ave. Hosted by NAMI Northwest Iowa. Call 712-339-4424 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28**  
• Tai Chi — 10:30 a.m., Occasions  
• Dig In & Discover — 11:45 a.m., Occasions  
• Ponytail Canasta, Pool — 1 p.m., Occasions  
• “Spirit of Service” — 2 p.m., Spencer Public Library — Screening a 30-minute reel from Ken Burns’s documentary “The American Revolution.”

**THURSDAY, JAN. 29**  
• Chair Exercise — 10:30 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, JAN. 30**  
• Coffee Klatch — 9 a.m., Occasions, Spencer  
• Pool/Snooker — 1 p.m., Occasions  
• Spencer Chamber Bowling Fundraiser — Spencer Bowl Gateway North, Registration Required

**SATURDAY, JAN. 31**  
• Spencer Chamber Eggs & Issues Legislative Forum — 9-10:30 a.m., Spencer City Hall Council Chambers.

**MONDAY, FEB. 2**  
• Blood drive — 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 1212 First Ave. W., Spencer  
• Clay County Democratic Party Caucus — 7 p.m., Spencer Public Library, all precincts

**THURSDAY, FEB. 5**  
• 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, FEB. 6**  
• Spencer Chamber Bowling Fundraiser — Spencer Bowl Gateway North, Registration Required

**SATURDAY, FEB. 7**  
• Spencer Main Street Chocolate Walk — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting at Nelson Jewelry.

**MONDAY, FEB. 9**  
• Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District Business Meeting — 8 a.m., Farm Bureau Conference Center, 508 Grand Ave., Spencer

**TUESDAY, FEB. 10**  
• Blood drive — 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Spencer Hospital, 1200 First Ave. E.  
• Spencer ADA Council — 5:15 p.m. Spencer Public Library Conference Room

**THURSDAY, FEB. 12**  
• 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

**MONDAY, FEB. 16**  
• Blood drive — 1-6 p.m., First Congregational Church, 1212 First Ave. W., Spencer

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### SPENCER LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION BEGINS

SYBSA announced registration for Spencer Little League began Monday, Jan. 12, and is underway through Sunday, Feb. 8. Summer ball is open to boys and girls in grades K-8, with registration ranging from \$75 to \$95 depending on the player’s grade. Registration after the Feb. 8 deadline is \$20 more. Register at [spencervilleleague.org](http://spencervilleleague.org). Team sponsors are being sought as well, and you can email [spencervilleleague@outlook.com](mailto:spencervilleleague@outlook.com) for information.

### EGGS & ISSUES SET FOR JAN. 31

It’s time to begin thinking about citizen duties with regard to checking in with local legislators during the upcoming session. The first of three Eggs & Issues forums with lawmakers, hosted by the Spencer Chamber, is set for Saturday, Jan. 31, 9-10:30 a.m., at the Spencer City Hall Chambers. Other dates are Saturdays, Feb. 21 and March 28.

### BEAT THE WINTER BLUES BY READING

Spencer Public Library is hosting a Beat the Blues Winter Reading Challenge Jan. 19 through Feb. 28. You can join through Beanstack online or get a paper copy at the library. The more you read, the more chances you have at winning a prize drawing! The activity is free to the public. Call 712-580-7290 for more information.

### HOPE & HEALING SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

The Hope & Healing Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month starting Jan. 27. It is 7-9 p.m. at Crosswinds Church, 1900 N. Grand Ave., in Spencer. It is open to all adults affected by mental health challenges personally or through family, and those navigating the emotional effects of recovery. It is hosted by NAMI Northwest Iowa and Project Recovery Iowa. For more information, call Ayaan Thomas at 712-339-4424 or email [nwoutreach@namiiowa.org](mailto:nwoutreach@namiiowa.org).

### BLOOD DRIVES IN PETERSON

LifeServe Blood Center is having a blood drive in Peterson Monday, Jan. 26, from 2-6 p.m. at 101 Second St. As a token of the organization’s appreciation, anyone who makes a donation at a Life-Serve Blood Center donor center or mobile blood drive during the month of January will be entered to win a Peloton exercise bike or an under-desk walking pad. For more information about blood donation or to schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 800-287-4903 or visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org).

### SPENCER YPS PLAN TRIVIA NIGHT

Spencer Young Professionals will have a trivia night Feb. 3 with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the event at 7 p.m. It’s at the Spencer Municipal Golf Course. Contact [spenceriapp@gmail.com](mailto:spenceriapp@gmail.com) for details.

### AUDITIONS FOR ‘GOOD MAN’ AT ILCC

Iowa Lakes Community College will present “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” as its spring musical April 16-18 at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center in Estherville, under the direction of Carol Ayres Stueven and Lincoln Larsen. Students and community members are invited to audition for the cast of four men and two women, and additional friends. Auditions are Jan. 26, 27 and 28 from 6-8 p.m. in the performing arts center. For more information, contact the Iowa Lakes Community College music department at [music@iowalakes.edu](mailto:music@iowalakes.edu) or by calling 712-362-7962.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

### IRWIN EDWARD MARTIN

Funeral services were pending at Warner Funeral Home, Spencer, for Irwin Edward Martin, 84, of Spencer, who passed away on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026.

## SIRENS

### MILFORD MAN CHARGED IN WINDOM SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

A November 2025 incident in Windom, Minnesota, has led to the arrest of a Milford man. Ashford Dowden Williamson V, 41, was officially charged with sexual abuse to the third degree — a Class C felony — and assault with intent to commit sexual abuse — a Class D felony. A warrant for his arrest was served Wednesday, Jan. 14. The criminal complaint suggests that at around 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, Williamson drove to Windom to pick up a minor, intending to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with her. Once brought back to his home in Milford, Williamson assaulted the victim. The victim reported the incident to Williamson’s employer the following day. The incident was then reported to Iowa DHS, which notified the Milford Police Department. When questioned, Williamson admitted to hugging the victim and the victim pulling away, though he denied any further physical contact. As of Jan. 15, Williamson’s \$15,000 bond has been posted.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### A FEDERAL JUDGE IS SET TO HEAR ARGUMENTS ON MINNESOTA’S IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN AFTER SHOOTINGS

(AP) — A federal judge will hear arguments Monday on whether she should at least temporarily halt the immigration crackdown in Minnesota that has led to the fatal shootings of two people by government officers. The state of Minnesota and the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul sued the Department of Homeland Security earlier this month, five days after Renee Good was shot by an Immigration and Customs officer. The shooting of Alex Pretti by a Border Patrol officer on Saturday has only added urgency to the case. On Monday, President Donald Trump said he is sending border czar Tom Homan to Minnesota. The president’s statement comes after Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem and Border Patrol Commander Gregory Bovino, who had become the public face of the administration’s crackdown, answered questions at news conferences over the weekend about Pretti’s shooting. Trump posted on social media that Homan will report directly to him.

### NORTHEAST SEES MORE SNOW FROM THE TAIL END OF A COLOSSAL WINTER STORM, AT LEAST 13 DEATHS REPORTED

(AP) — The Northeastern U.S. is getting the last brunt of a massive winter storm that dumped snow, sleet and ice across much of the southern and eastern U.S. over the weekend. The colossal storm halted air and road traffic in many areas and sent temperatures plunging. At least 13 weather-related deaths have been reported. As the work week began, the heaviest snow fell from New York northward into New England. That’s after heavy ice snapped branches and power lines in the South, leaving hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses without electricity. In the meantime, arctic air was spreading in behind the storm and some communities in New York saw record-breaking subzero temperatures.

## No reported injuries in crash in blizzard

A 19-year-old woman from West Bend was cited following a single-vehicle crash in the 2500 block of U.S. Highway 18 east of Spencer near the crossing of the Little Sioux River during blizzard conditions Wednesday, Jan. 21.

A report said Jasmyne Zinnel was driving east on Highway 18 a 2003 Mazda Tribute owned by James Larrabee that left the road and hit a transformer in the south ditch when she hit the brakes. No one was at the scene. Deputies from Clay County discovered the crash when they were responding to other accidents.

No injuries were reported to the three occupants of the vehicle, who left the scene prior to the deputies’ arrival and reported the crash on Jan. 22. Upon investigation, it was determined that Zinnel will be cited for failure to provide security against liability (no insurance) — accident related. No other charges have been filed.

The vehicle sustained an estimated \$6,000 damage. There was no report of damage to the transformer.

## MEETING

Spencer Historic Preservation Commission meets Tuesday, Jan. 27, 4 p.m., in the Main Conference Room at City Hall. The agenda includes: Spencer Mausoleum Project; lecture series planning; Clay County Fair photo competition sponsor; U.S. 250th celebration; certified local government report; historic walking tour of Spencer; Preserve Iowa Summit; social media; SPACE/Art Alliance; other business.



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