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IN MEMORY OF RUTH ANN WHITTENBURG & TY THAYER

Two scholarship donors passed away this year, Ruth Ann Whittenburg and Ty Thayer. The Foundation is grateful for the many years that both the Whittenburgs and Thayers invested in the lives of Spencer High School seniors through their scholarships: the Charles T. & Ruth Ann Whittenburg Scholarship, the Thayer Family Scholarship, and the Ty & Kit Thayer Advanced Studies Scholarship. Ruth Ann Whittenburg and Ty Thayer will be missed. The Foundation is grateful for their dedication and long-term commitment in assisting students to pursue a post-secondary degree. They leave a large legacy of generosity and caring.



PAT & CHUCK SCHMIDT GIFT TO EDUCATION

Chuck and Pat Schmidt are making a difference through special class experiences for all grades in Spencer Community Schools. For several years they have been Spencer residents, business professionals and generous community philanthropists.

- 🌸 Jones Dairy Farm field trip, Zoomobile, and KinderMusic for Pre-K students
- 🌸 Sanford Museum, KinderMusic, and movie experience and coordinating books for Kinderkids
- 🌸 Launchpad Museum in Sioux City for all kindergarten students
- 🌸 Opera experience for all 1st grade students
- 🌸 Tiger Training YMCA experience for all 2nd grade students
- 🌸 Northwestern College theatre experience and movie for 3rd grade students
- 🌸 Tickets for Des Moines Science Museum for all 4th grade students
- 🌸 One Book, One School book and experience for grades 6, 7, 8
- 🌸 Team building games for all 7th graders for during their Tiger Time weekly
- 🌸 Activity tickets for all high school students for 2024-2025



FOUNDATION RECEIVES MEMORIAL GIFTS

This year the Foundation received several memorial gifts remembering individuals who had connections to Spencer Community Schools and the community. Monies were received in memory of **Chuck Baker, Del Brockshus, John W. Campbell, Thomas Conley, Patrick Morris Conway, the Ellis Family, Michael Fischer, Brian Fisher, Kenneth & Jean Gates, Joseph E Green, Joseph & Pat Graff, Virginia Hall, Julie Hanson, Jim Hanthorne, Tory Hart, Don Heiter, Harold Kierscht, Kyle Lachner, Jeff Mahrt, Mark Mann, Betty McSwain, James Thomas Mengelsen, Jerry Merchant, Claudia Nichols, Dale E. Norton, Vertalie Otis, Jasen Petersen, LaVonne Peterson, Thomas C. Preston, Scott Rettey, Ronda Rice Roskins, Mark Schmid, Dolores Schmidt, Jeannie Seeley, Alice & David Wagner, and Elli Wiemers.** The Foundation appreciates the gifts and has chosen projects that will honor the individuals' memories. The Foundation additionally received a flood gift in honor of **Amy Thompson.**

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SUPPORTING CLASSROOM RECOVERY FUND

In June of this year, Spencer suffered a devastating flood that affected 83% of the homes and businesses. The damage has been extensive, but the spirits of the citizens are strong. Many lost their homes and/or businesses and most of their possessions.

Spencer Community Schools suffered extensive damage to Lincoln Elementary School and the lower levels of Johnson Elementary School. The classrooms in Lincoln were destroyed and the teachers and students have relocated to other buildings throughout the district while Lincoln School is being repaired.

So many donors locally and from across the nation have contributed to restore some of what has been lost. A feeling of “we can do this” pervades the town as people seek to rebuild and replace what was lost. The Spencer Community Foundation is committed to raising funds this year to restore what the school district has lost.

A list of generous donors has been provided to date. The Spencer Community School Foundation would like to thank and acknowledge the big hearts and strong support to the Classroom Flood Recovery Fund. Only a few photos have been featured to show the wide range of generosity as we move forward. Funds raised ranged from a child’s lemonade stand to corporate gifts, individuals, businesses, foundations, churches, employee team giving programs and events, personal stock gifts, out of town teams and booster clubs, alumni classes to a variety of non-profit organizations, all stepping up to the plate to assist in an effort to get classrooms, teachers and our schools back up and running.

To all of you who have donated, we are deeply grateful. If you would like to donate to assist the school district as it rebuilds, you may do so through Paypal or personal check; 100% of all donations go directly to support students and teachers. Donations are never used for administrative purposes. We hope you will continue to support Spencer schools.

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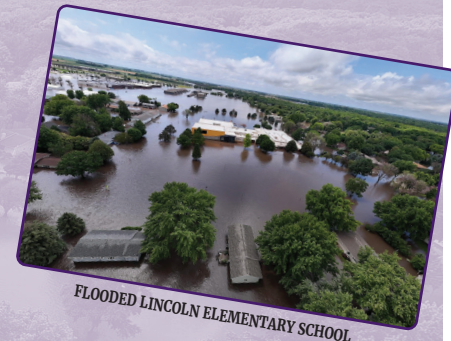
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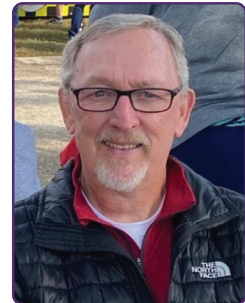
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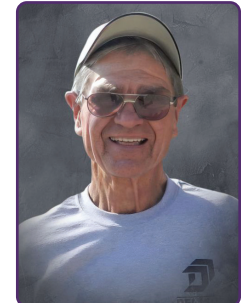
SCHOLARSHIPS OVER \$135,000 to SHS STUDENTS

This year, the Foundation awarded 79 deserving seniors on Sunday, March 17, at the Clay County Regional Events Center. This is all due to the generous benefactors as well as annual contributions from those choosing to make a difference for students, the school, and our community.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED



Mark Schmid Memorial Scholarship



Harold Kierscht Memorial Scholarship



Readers are Leaders Scholarship



Armstrong Twins Memorial Nursing Scholarship



Growing Futures Scholarship

- **Mark Schmid Memorial Scholarship** established by his family
- **Harold Kierscht Memorial Scholarship** established by employees of Denison Drywall & Supply
- **Readers Are Leaders Scholarship** established by Spencer Reads
- **Armstrong Twins Memorial Nursing Scholarship** established by their families
- **Growing Futures Scholarship** established by Jackie and Wesley Christensen and Christensen Feedlot

SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Iowa History Field Trip for all 4th grade students
- Robotics for High School technical classes
- Over \$15,000 for five nationally recognized speakers for various ages
- Academic experiences for students
- Summer Enrichment program for grades K-5
- Low Ropes Course



2023-2024 Foundation Scholarship Recipients



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MARK SCHMID MEMORIAL SPEAKER FUND

Mark Schmid, the Foundation Board President from 2020 – 2023, passed away in March 2023. Mark was a proud 1968 graduate of Spencer High School and a graduate of Iowa State University. He had a passion for farming and volunteering. He faithfully served on the Board of Directors and was Vice-president for six years before becoming President in 2020. Mark was passionate about education and farming and besides volunteering on the Foundation Board and he served in several other community organizations. In 2024, to continue his dream for the enrichment of all students in the Spencer schools, the **Mark Schmid Memorial Speaker Fund** has been established in his memory to bring quality speakers into Spencer for the enhancement of Spencer students' educational experience.

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