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Gangster Blog

Gratitude

I always feel honored when anyone chooses to give up a couple hours of their weekend to come to a library or bookstore to hear me talk about *Gangster In Our Midst*.

On Saturday, August 18th, I hope those in attendance from the Cherokee and Spencer areas learned a little bit more about one of Iowa's small towns (Fairbank)--and the gangster that lived there off and on for nearly sixty years.

It still amazes me that my hometown housed a gangster who testified at Al Capone's trial and helped put Capone out of business!

The *Spencer Daily Reporter* published a nice article from an interview with me by staff writer Colin Van Westen. Click on this [link](#) to read: **Author details 'neglected' story of gangster residing in rural Iowa.**

And, I was interviewed by Spencer Municipal Utilities (SMU) Cable TV;

the interview and my entire author presentation at the library will be broadcast at a later date.

The lady behind the camera asked about my motivation for writing *Gangster in Our Midst*. I responded: Largely, this project provided the chance for me to give back to my hometown... I got to write a piece of Fairbank's history. I'm pretty happy about that.



Book signing at the Spencer Public Library (Photo by Clay Passick)



Three Fingers

July 1, 1928—Frank Yale was found slumped over the wheel of his new Lincoln near his New York home, gunned down by four men in a black Nash sedan dispensing one hundred .45 caliber bullets into his car. The police...

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What's Your Favorite book QUOTE?

"Olivia contemplated the village of Oxbow—a community of townsfolk and farmers; hobos, Amish and gangsters."



The first book sales from the United Kingdom and Germany have now shown up on an Amazon.com report.

On the World Map

I came across this website the other day: [The Great Books Set in Iowa](#). Is it too much to hope that *Gangster In Our Midst* will make the list some day? Perhaps not, but who knows? I can, however, report that I'm starting to see the first book sales in the United Kingdom and Germany on Amazon.com — international sales (another small milestone)!

“Indian Summer” — September

One definition in Webster's dictionary of “Indian Summer” is a *period of happiness or success occurring late in life*. That sure describes me! And, as we all know, it can apply to September. With four book events next month, I'll be busy, busy, busy. Note: I like to customize my presentations, which I've done again for the two author talks.

- Sept. 12, 530-7 pm — Metropolitan State University, St. Paul
“The Education of a Gangster”
- Sept. 15, 9 am-3 pm — Iowa Author Fest, Des Moines, IA
- Sept. 17, 7 pm — Marion Co. Historical Society, Knoxville, IA
“The Lonely Tragedy in Marion County”
- Sept. 22, noon-5 pm — Marydale Festival, St. Paul



Book #4

I've contacted a few people who I'd like to agree to be chapter readers for my next book. If I need additional help, I'll put out a “call.” My next book project is about to get underway!

Author Events

- **Wed., Sept. 12**, 530—7 pm — Metropolitan State University Library, 645 7th St E, St. Paul, MN 55106, (651) 793-1616
- **Mon, Sept. 17**, 7 pm — Marion Co. Historical Society (308 E. Robinson Street, Methodist Activity Center), Knoxville, IA, (641) 891-6883
- Sat., Oct. 13/20, Time: **TBD (new)** — Chapter2 Books, 226 Locust S., Hudson, WI, (715) 220-8818
- Fri, Nov. 2, 11 am –2 pm **(new)** — Decades, 25 South Frederick, Oelwein, IA, (319) 504-1464
- **Sat., Nov. 3**, 9 am-3 pm — “Holiday Open House”, Barn Happy, 11310 University Ave, Cedar Falls, IA, (319) 266-0888
- **Fri., May 3, 2019**, 10 am — “First Friday” program, Burlington Public Library, 210 Court St., Burlington, IA (319) 753-1647
- **Sat, May 4, 2019**, 11 am-3 pm — Burlington By The Book, 301 Jefferson St, Burlington, IA, (319) 753-9981

Pending...

- Date/Time: **TBD** — West Des Moines Library, 4000 Mills Civic Pkwy., West Des Moines, IA, (515) 222-3400
- Date/Time: **TBD** — Majors & Quinn, 3038 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN, (612) 822-4611

Book Fairs

- **Sat., Sept. 15**, 9 am-3 pm — [Iowa Author Fest](#) (inside event), Capital Square, 400 Locust St., Des Moines, IA
- **Sat., Sept. 22**, noon-5 pm — [Marydale Festival](#), 524 Maryland Ave., St. Paul, MN, (651) 488-4485