

# FRIGID FESTIVITIES FEATURED AT 43RD WINTER GAMES



The 43rd annual University of Okoboji Winter Games came with some weather advisories this year. The National Weather Service in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, said a system which dug into the northern and central Rockies in Colorado was expected to move onto the plains by Friday night. The Lakes Area got a fresh blanket of snow along with chilling winds over the weekend. But that didn't stop many of the Winter Games competitions and events from taking place. Crowds still milled about for the annual Chili Cookoff as well as the Chocolate Classic and Galleria. Outdoors, teams vied for the top slot in competitions such as broomball, human foosball and snow softball. A number of others took part in Saturday morning frozen 5K Funrun, and fliers with the Okoboji Kites Festival was able to put their colorful forms in the air for all to see at several points during the weekend. At least one vehicle — a UTV — fell through the ice near the Highway 71 bridge where East and West Lake Okoboji meet. Crews with Boji Towing and Underwater Recovery Specialists were seen pulling the UTV from the water Saturday afternoon. (Photos by Seth Boyes and Dave Petrick)

