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Venerable Chicago Cub shortstop and later first baseman Ernie Banks (1953-1971) was the eternal optimist, famous for saying, "it's a beautiful day for a ballgame... let's play two." For those who might be unfamiliar, that means two games in a row, or a doubleheader. For Spencer residents, that doubleheader will come this February with the opening of a brand new A + W restaurant on the corner of Highway 13 and E. Willow Drive and the re-opening of our grocery store on Highway 13, which will be known as Great Lakes



Fresh Market. The A + W will open on February 12. For more information go to page 5. For more on our new grocery store, keep reading. PRESS RELEASE- January 26, 2018. Great Lakes Foods Fresh Market....Great Lakes Foods of Menomonie, MI is pleased to announce the change of ownership from the



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## **RUSSIAN FOLK MUSIC and DANCE RETURNING TO SPENCER**

Do you remember where you were January 26, 1996? It was the Friday evening the LuCille Tack Center for the Arts presented its very first performance. On stage was the Russian Balalaika Folk Orchestra. It was the final stop on their first-ever US Tour, and it happened to take place the night nearly 18 inches of snow started falling on Spencer. The high winds and roof-high drifts did nothing to dampen the high spirits of almost 200 audience members who came by snowmobile, skis and four-wheel vehicles, not all of which got home after highway 13 was closed. It was a night of vivid memories and stories still told. Stories that will in time become legend.

Reviving this long-standing love affair between Central Wisconsin audiences and Russian culture, Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival will perform at Spencer's LuCille Tack Center for the Arts on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m. Authentic dance, balalaikas and the richly sonorous voice of baritone Nikolai Massenkoff will

be highlighted by brilliantly colored costumes in this nostalgic and exhilarating celebration of Russian heritage. Reserved seat tickets are \$27. Visit [lucilletackcenter.com](http://lucilletackcenter.com) or call 715.659.4499 for more information. The Box Office is located at 300 School Street, Door #22 and open Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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**Where To Start!?!**

All three of Wisconsin's major sports teams got a facelift of sorts over the past couple weeks.

As predicted, the Packers did dump DC Dom Capers. Most of us saw that one coming. But they also replaced their GM, reassigning Ted Thompson and replacing him from within the organization with Brian Gutekunst. Capers was replaced by former Browns head coach Mike Pettine. Almost lost in the shuffle was the re-addition of ex-Dolphin head man Joe Philbin, a name most Packer fans are familiar with. Philbin was the offensive coordinator back in 2011 when the Packers started 15-1. He returns to his old position. If Aaron Rodgers returns to form the Pack will be back! Apparently his absence exposed a few problems.

Stuck in neutral for much of the season, the Bucks made a head coaching change dumping Hall of Fame ex-player Jason Kidd and replacing him with

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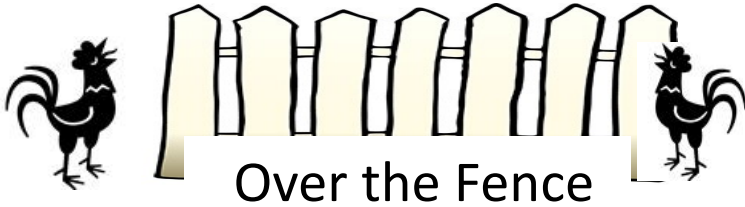


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## Over the Fence

### C.O.M.E. Meal

Meal will be held Tuesday February 27 from 5-6 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** will conduct Lenten services on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and 7 PM beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

**Stratford Continuing Education** is offering the following classes in Spencer. RIPPED 60 will meet each Sunday from 4-5 PM starting on January 28 until May 6. A PAINTING WORKSHOP starts January 30 from 6:30-8:30. GENTLE YOGA will be held Mondays from March 12 to May 14 from 6-7 PM. Pre-registration is required for all. Sign up at: [www.startfordclasses.com](http://www.startfordclasses.com). Questions? [stratfordclasses@gmail.com](mailto:stratfordclasses@gmail.com)

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assistant Joe Prunty. Interim Coach Prunty was named coach for the rest of the season to see if he can draw the Bucks from their season-long malaise. Perhaps Kidd deserved better. Instead, he added his name to an impressive list of All-star players that failed as coaches. A list that includes Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, Bob Cousy, Magic Johnson and Isiah Thomas.

The Brewers made a big splash just last Thursday adding a pair of centerfielders. One-time Brewer Lorenzo Cain comes home after earning a World Series ring with the Royals a few seasons back and the disgruntled Christian Yelich who wanted nothing to do with a Marlin re-build in Miami come aboard. Hopefully, their loss will be our gain. Expect more moves as those additions give the Crew a glut of outfielders.

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## Spencer Community Boosters Continue to Aim High



2017 was an amazing year for Spencer Community Boosters (SCB) and we're looking forward to an even better 2018. SCB has made tremendous strides in improving youth sports in Spencer. Each year we provide programs to over 200 area children. We thank

our many donors, volunteers, the Village of Spencer and the SCB Board Members, as none of this would be possible without you.

Some may say, "It's just another sports program, what's the big deal?" To the kids who participate, it is a big deal. These programs don't just teach our youth the fundamentals of sports, they offer opportunities that many would not have available to them. Participants learn responsibility, how to be a good teammate, they make friends and it gives them the opportunity to build positive relationships with their adult coaches. Children that are active and involved are more likely to have good self-esteem and are less likely to get in trouble. So, for a community that values it's kids like Spencer, it's a big deal.

Last year, with the help of the village, we were able to



make several ballpark improvements. This year we're hoping to find donors to install a new PA (public address) system and to add some batting cages. Our annual costs have exceeded \$8,000.00 for

our programs and equipment purchases. Your tax-deductible donations go straight to the program. Our coaches are ALL volunteers.

If you or your business would like to be involved please

contact us. We have several sponsorship opportunities, such as: Field Sponsorship (signs placed on the out-field fence), Scoreboard Sponsorship and Youth Baseball Jersey Sponsorship. In addition, we accept



monetary donations via our annual letter that will be

mailed in late January. All donors are recognized on our Donor Wall or via signage at the park and on our website/Facebook pages.

Starting in June the park will be open on Mondays for the 10U baseball league, Tuesdays for the 12U baseball league, Wednesdays for instructional league youth baseball (tee ball and pre-team) and on Thursdays for adult volleyball and softball leagues.



If you're interested in entering an adult volleyball or softball team, renting the park for a family event, making a donation, purchasing a sponsorship, or bringing a 10U or 12U team to play league, please e-mail [spencercommunityboosters@outlook.com](mailto:spencercommunityboosters@outlook.com) or call Becky Gorst at 715-321-6061.

Please mark you calendars for the following events:

June 8—Spencer Community Boosters are sponsoring the band The Bad Downs at Spencerama Days.

June 9 + 10— 12U Baseball Tournament

July 21 + 22— 10U Baseball Tournament



August 17, 18, 19—Brad Bauer Community Tournament (Men's Softball tournament, 5K run and 2 mile run/walk, Co-ed Volleyball Saturday, 2 on 2 Volleyball and Corn-hole Tournaments on

Sunday).

Parents...Watch for baseball registration to start soon. Notes should be coming home by the middle of February.



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Evolving into franchise in 1926, today the company has franchise locations throughout much of the world serving a typical fast-food menu of hamburgers, French fries and hot dogs. The menu has stretched as has the restaurant's global reach. A +W has over 1,200 locations and services 16 countries and territories. Its headquarters is in Lexington, KY.

The new A + W restaurant at 804 S. Pacific Ave. in Spencer, WI is now hiring. All shifts. Apply in person. Will train. Flexible schedules. Meal discounts. Free uniforms. Vacation pay. IRA Plan. Spencer A + W....715-613-2072.



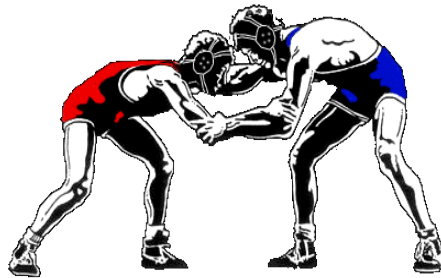


**2018 S/C Youth Wrestlers**

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From left to right, front row—Kyler Rodrieguz, Grady Schultz, Easton Leichtman, Gage Wolf, Trey Schmidt, Evan Blanchard, Mason Thorne, Brayden Sebold, Jase Hoepfer, Eli Garton, Noah Umlauf and Grayson McCauley. Second Row—Cashton Vogel, Keegan Strasser, Maveric Kleinschmidt, Trevin Wolf, Hunter Schuh, Carson Weyer, Justin Brandau, Kayden Patterson, Lauren Pribbernow, Parker Manicke and Riddick Meyer. Third row—Michael Albrecht Weiler, Lucas Kilty, Sam Helgestad, Mason Dieringer, Reven Zschernitz, Coach Jeremy Vogel, Logan Russ, Keatin Lau, Braxton Kauth, Azariah Hoffman and Alberto Rodrieguz. Back Row—Lucas Brooks, Fletcher Post, Tyler Hargraves, Jakob Soback, Jackson Hoepfer, Mason Wolf, Bryce Griepentrog, Dylan Lang, Hunter Boyd and Jackson Manicke. Missing from the photo are Brenden and Broden Kauth, Eli Mayluk, Theodore Meyer and Darren Schreiner.

Spencer/Columbus youth wrestlers started practicing this year on Jan. 2. Their coach is Jeremy Vogel. The annual S/C Youth Wrestling Tournament is slated for Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Spencer High School Gym.



**JESSIE FRITSCH TO EXHIBIT in TACK GALLERY**

Jessie Fritsch, of Stevens Point, returns with her unique paintings in encaustics. Early in her artistic career, she became captivated by this ancient technique that incorporates the heating and cooling of beeswax. Jessie describes this creative process as, “a dynamic of chaos, disconformities, discipline and beauty.” An Open House will be held in her honor Friday, February 2 from 5-7 p.m. Greet the artist and enjoy free refreshments. There is no admission charge. The exhibit will be on display until February 23 and may be viewed at the time of a performance or by appointment during box office hours.



**Spencer Library news....**

*Join February's fun events!*

*Tuesday, February 6th, 9-10 AM. "A Burning Issue" with the Spencer Fire Department. Join Jason Foth as he informs us what happens when you call the Fire Department and what they do to prepare for a fire.*

*Thursday, February 15th, 1:30 PM and Monday, February 19th, 6:30 PM. The Spencer Book Club will be discussing Calling Me Home by Julie Kibler. Stop by the library to pick up your copy and join in the discussion.*

*Storytime is held every Wednesday at 10:00 AM with Play N Learn following on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.*

*All programs are free!*



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Great Lakes Fresh Market will introduce additional amenities. These services will include a coffee bar, floral, and a limited hardware selection, along with an expanded beer, wine and liquor department.

"We are excited to bring the Great Lakes Fresh Market concept to the area with a projected February opening date," said Andy. "We will be proud to support the Spencer Community and surrounding areas as we look forward to our long term relationship with our guests."

Store phone 715-361-1171. Cell 715-450-1614

GREAT LAKES, from page 1 former Gordy's Market to Great Lakes Fresh Market. The store is in the process of being updated with new equipment and rebranded with signage in the coming month.

We are also pleased to have Andy Cveykus take on the role of store director once again. His family and many former employees will be returning to offer services to the Spencer Community. Andy comes with vast grocery experience, working as Store Director of both Gordy's and Burnstad's Market of

## Spencer Churches

### CATHOLIC

#### Christ the King

Father Sam Martin  
 107 Wendel Street  
 659-4480

4:00PM Saturday Evening Mass  
 8:00AM & 10:00AM Sunday Mass

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ,  
 Evangelist Rodney Nulph  
 B3942 State Hwy 13  
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9:00AM Sunday Bible Study  
 10:00AM Sunday Worship  
 7:00PM Wednesday Bible Study

### METHODIST

#### Spencer United Methodist Church

Pastor Hyeok Won Kwon  
 108 Burnett Street  
 659-5551

9:30AM Sunday school & adult bible study  
 10:30AM Sunday Worship  
 3:30-5:30 Wednesdays- Club 3:16

### LUTHERAN

#### St. John's Church (ELCA)

Rev. Rebekah Tarras  
 B3750 State Hwy 13  
 659-5158

9:00AM Sunday School age 3-5th grade  
 8:00AM & 10:00AM Sunday Worship

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4 Pancake Breakfast 8:30 AM-12:30 PM Unity American Legion  SUPER BOWL 5:30 PM. NBC	5 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall. BBB @ Stratford 7:15 PM.	6 Older Americans 8:30 AM Village Hall. Spencer Am. Legion 7 PM Vil. Hall. BBB @ Greenwood 7:15 PM. GBB @ Neillsville 7:15 PM.	7 Story Time 10 AM @ Library. Line Dancing 7-9 @SKG	8 4H 7 PM @ Village Hall. Lion's Club 6:30 PM @ Nutz. BBB Loyal 7:15 PM.	9 GBB Colby 7:15 PM. 10	
11 Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival 2 PM. LTCA	12 Lincoln's Birthday BBB Abby 7:15 PM.	13 BBB @ Neillsville 7:15 PM.	14  Ash Wed. Story Time 10 AM @ Library. School Board Mtg. H.S Library 6:30	15 Sr. Citizen Mtg. Noon @ Ponderosa II. Book Club 1:30 PM @ Village Hall. GBB Crossover @ West Site. 7:15 PM.	16 BBB Colby 7:15 PM.	17 FFA Alumni 5-6 Grade BB Tourney
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