

# Village Voice

## of Spencer, WI

*“News You Can Use.”*

## *at the* TACK

What can be said about winter in Wisconsin, eh? The gray days are prime for either getting cozy by the fire, cuddled up with a good book or for braving the bitter temps and white stuff in an outdoor escapade. What about taking a chance on a new experience this month? Why settle for the same-ol', same-ol' when you can easily pick up a couple tickets for an event you know nothing about? Take a slide on the wild side and perhaps be surprised by what you encounter!

Case in point? Multi-ethnic Gina Chavez is bringing her bilingual folk-pop stylings to the Tack on Saturday, February 9 at 7:30pm. The accolades are many for this thirty-something Texan. Though she didn't realize her musical gifts until college, she's now a nine-time Austin Music Award winner, has been applauded by NPR and USA Today for her artistry and passion, and has co-created a non-profit that benefits young Latinas in gang-torn San Salvador. Gina's sultry songs blend Latin sounds and rhythms, and feature both her gifted band and her own silky vocals. OK, so you've never heard of Gina before. Why should you spend the bucks on tickets? Because, we're quite sure that her show will warm your heart like it has for folks from Venezuela to Vermont. Why wouldn't it? Her folk-pop singing style and Latin rhythms will get your blood pumping and pretty soon, another six weeks (or twelve!) of winter won't look so bad!



In the Tack Gallery this month, art enthusiasts will appreciate seeing the works of Willard's Mary Jo Fox, a painter who recreates ordinary objects using shadow and light. Her pen and ink drawings are washed with watercolors and will feel like a breath of spring air on the walls of the Tack Gallery. Mary Jo's work has been featured here before and is filled with garden flora and fauna. Come see what she's been up to lately by attending a reception in her honor Friday, February 1 from 5-7pm. You can discuss her technique, applaud her talent and enjoy some tasty tidbits before heading off to your next event.

If you know any dramatic kids (and who doesn't?), remind them of the auditions for "King Arthur's Quest" on the Tack stage Monday, February 25 from 4-6pm. The actor/directors from Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) will put them through their paces as they whittle the wannabees down to only sixty. The selected kiddos will present two performances of this familiar legend with a signature MCT plot twist on Saturday, March 2 at 3pm and 5:30pm. The little red truck from Missoula has been coming to Spencer for a week-long residency since 1998! Treat your kids or your grands to a wonderful hour of focused youthful exuberance. The singing and dancing will warm your heart and bring a smile to your frozen cheeks!

Finally, though it isn't a Tack event, make sure to save space on Super Bowl Sunday for the Spencer Music Department's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Cabaret. Enjoy the Music Parent's Souper Bowl Luncheon (a fundraiser for both students and

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unit working in our community this year. The excess funds will be used to maintain the K-9 unit. Also, the Police Department plans on raising money yearly through our golf tournament, to keep the dog supported by donations instead of tax dollars.



Officer Mindy Stellmach will be training with the new dog starting in May of 2019 at Northern Michigan K-9. This kennel has been training K-9 units for police departments for 15 years. Once trained, Officer Stellmach and the new K-9 will be working in the Village sometime in June of 2019.

To also facilitate the K-9 unit, the police department recently ordered a 2019 Dodge Durango which will be outfitted with the equipment needed to have a K-9 unit serve our community.

Again, the Police Department would like to thank the community for all of the support that we have received on this project. This will help the department continue to strive to make Spencer a drug free community.

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### Spencer Police Department K-9 Update

The Spencer Police Department would like to thank all businesses, organizations and individuals who donated to the K-9 program. With your help, we have exceeded our fundraising goal and will have a K-9

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Lions Club Members Harley Meyer and Paul Hensch present a check of \$1,036.25 from the profits of the Lions' Christmas Tree Sale to Audrey Helsten and Karen Grieser of Kings Food Pantry. The Lions would like to thank Great Lakes Fresh Market for their help with the annual tree sale. From left; Harley, Karen, Audrey and Paul.

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## What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Andreas

District Administrator/School District of Spencer

At a board meeting on Jan. 21st the school board approved a resolution to go to the voters on Tuesday, April 2nd to vote to approve a \$5.98 million project that will renovate the school building to improve safety and security; maintain, upgrade and equip facilities; and to construct and equip an addition to the school building for education, music and athletics.

Words cannot express how excited I am to share that information after a long deliberation which began about 3 years ago. With our initial thought of our current weight room as being unsafe because of the amount of weight on a wooden stage, we then put out a survey to the community. We asked for input on concepts and thoughts that would enable us to meet the current and future needs of our district along with working hard to create a facility that would attract new families to our community. That work is over; or better put, the work is just beginning.

I am extremely proud of the leadership and work our School Board has shown through this process. They have taken the information from a community survey, and have identified needs that will benefit our students and community for years to come.

Our next step of this process is to educate all stakeholders and to answer any questions that may come up. We are in the planning stages of setting dates for these sessions so please keep an eye out for them. I also anticipate putting out information on our webpage and Facebook outlets. Please feel free to contact me at 715-659-5347 if you have any questions in the meantime.

## Formal Dress Consignment Sale!

Proceeds to benefit SKG

Sat. Feb. 16th . 9am-4pm  
Sun. Feb. 17th. 10am-3pm.

Spencer Kids Group Olde Hall (SKG)  
117 E. Clark Str., Spencer



Do you need to find your perfect dress?  
We will have many available to choose from!

Please make sure dresses are clean and stain free.  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

—Get first pick of dresses  
—Meet your volunteer requirement for school, etc.

Looking for a fun activity? The Marshfield HoeDowners Square Dance Club is just the ticket. We are offering 2 FREE sessions starting on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and again on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The 2 FREE sessions are held from 7:30pm to 9:30pm at the Lincoln Town Hall, 10905 Falcon Road, Marshfield.

Not only is square dancing fun, it also has many health benefits. Square dancing is great for your mind and body. Don't worry if you think you are not a good dancer or cannot dance at all! Many people have tried square dancing, and with minimal instruction, are out on the dance floor. Don't have a partner? Don't worry, you can come as a single dancer. What to wear? Casual dress is just fine.

If anyone has questions, or would like more information about square dancing, contact our club presidents, Terry and Cindy Prust at 715-659-4692. We welcome new dancers of any age to come and "give it a whirl". You'll be glad you did!



MODERN SQUARE DANCE CLUB GROWING IN MARSHFIELD

Do you have a formal dance dress to sell?

- Drop off dress(es) Feb 11-15 @ SKG Noon –6pm or by appt.
- \$10 consignment fee per dress due upon drop-off. \$30 max per family (tax deductible)
- 6 dresses max per family
- Open to the first 200 dresses
- You pick your sale price
- Pick up unsold dress(es) Feb. 19-22 or they will be donated to SKG.



Contact Information:  
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[spencerkidsgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:spencerkidsgroup@hotmail.com)

**Spencer Library news....**

*Join February's fun events!*

*Tuesday, Feb. 5th from 9-10am "Powered by Wisconsin Potatoes". Sarah Agena from the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association will talk about the health benefits of potatoes.*

*Thursday, Feb. 14th from 6-7:30pm "Honor Flight Mail Call". Help show local veterans that we care! The Honor Flight needs cards and posters to be handed out on the return flight from Washington D.C. Stop in anytime to help us meet our goal of 100 cards and posters. All supplies will be provided.*

*Tuesday Feb. 12th from 1-3pm. "Cribbage at the Library". Have you ever wanted to learn cribbage or wanted to brush up on your skills or ready to take on a worthy opponent? Join us as we have fun playing cribbage at the library.*

*Monday, Feb 18th @ 6pm and Thursday, Feb. 21st @ 1:30pm "Spencer Book Club" will discuss "Murder on the Orient Express" by Agatha Christie.*

*Story Time is held every Wednesday at 10am. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, Story Time will be followed by Play N Learn.*

*All programs are free!*

Library Hours:  
Monday 3-8pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-5pm  
Thursday 3-8pm  
Friday 1-5pm  
Closed Saturday and Sunday



The Spencer A+W and the Spencer PTA held a share night on December 3rd from 3-9pm. We received \$400 from our Share Night with the A+W. The PTA had 2 volunteers that helped out throughout the night and a portion of the sales through the night went to our organization. The night went very well and we had great support from the community who came to enjoy some delicious food from A&W for supper, as well as supporting the local PTA!

PTA has supported the following groups at school so far this year with money raised:

Lucille Tack Center - Arts Adventure Series for Spencer Elementary students

Spencer Volleyball

Spencer 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class

Also, we would love feedback from the community as to what projects and/or purchases our PTA can assist with!

We do meet once a month if anyone would like to join the PTA! This year our meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Our February meeting will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 at Nutz Deep in Spencer. We welcome any new comers!

Brooke Krause of the Spencer PTA provided this story and the photos.



February 12, 2019 will mark the one year anniversary of the opening of the A + W Restaurant here in Spencer. It was about as cold on that ribbon-cutting day as it is supposed to be for the next week or so but that certainly didn't dampen the spirits of the many people that turned out that day almost a year ago.

I spoke with Dee Wells, the owner/operator of our new A +W a couple weeks ago. She said her and her family and staff of employees really appreciate all the support they've been given this past year. "It's great to be a part of this community," said Dee. "We are very grateful." As I reported above on this page, the PTA Share Night was a huge success, something Dee would like to see continue. "We're more than available for share nights with the school programs or anyone else that would like to raise some money for their cause. I wish more people would contact us for that," concluded Wells.

And in case you missed page 4, the A + W Winter special is cheeseburgers for just \$2 (limit 5). Now that'll warm ya up! Whoo hoo.....



## Spencer SwampStompers

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Ponderosa Apartments  
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equipment) in the cafeteria from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Then meander down the hall to the Tack for two hours of entertaining performances by Spencer musicians beginning at 1:00pm on Sunday, February 3. "And...ACTION!" will be a FABULOUS show and it's FREE! Well, the show is! There's a cost for the delicious meal.

For information on everything happening at the Tack, visit [lucilletackcenter.com](http://lucilletackcenter.com) or call 715.659.4499. Open on Wednesdays and Fridays between 11:00am and 2:00pm, the ticket office is located at 400 School Street, Door #22 in Spencer.

## 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,

B3942 State Hwy 13  
659-4796

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  
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#### Trinity Lutheran(LCMS)

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10:00AM Sunday Worship



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**FEBRUARY**

| Sun  | Mon                                       | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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| For all Church times see page 7                            |   |  |   |  | 1 WR Jr. Hi Conference Meet. 5pm.            | 2 WR Cloverbelt Conference Meet. 10am.                                 |
| 3 Unity Am. Leg. Pancake BF. 8:30-12:30. CABARET 1pm LTCA. | 4 BBB Stratford 7:15                      | 5 GBB @ Greenwood 5:45. BB @ Greenwood 7:15.   | 6 Story Time 10am Library.  | 7 Woman's Club 7 pm @ Village Hall. BBB @ Loyal.                         | 8 GBB @ Colby 7:15.                          | 9  |
| 10 WR Youth Tourney 10 am.                                 | 11 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall.. | 12 Older Americans 8:30am Village Hall. Am. Legion 7pm Village Hall. BBB Neillsville 7:15. | 13 Story Time/Play N Learn Library 10am .School Board Mtg. 6:30pm H.S. Library  | 14 4H 7pm Village Hall. Lion's Club 6:30pm @ Nutz. GBB Home X-Over 7:15. | 15 No School/ Teacher Inservice. BBB @ Colby | 16 SKG Dress Sale 9am-4pm  |
| 17 SKG Dress Sale 10am -3pm                                | 18  | 19 PTA 6:30 @ Nutz.  | 20 Story Time 10am Library.   | 21 Sr. Citizen Mtg. Noon @ Ponderosa. BBB AWAY Crossover 7:15.           | 22   | 23   |
| 24   | 25 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall.. | 26 COME Meal 5-6pm @ St. John's.   | 27 Story Time/Play N Learn Library 10am School .Board Mtg. 6:30pm H.S. Library. | 28   |  | Also on FEB 3. SUPER BOWL LIII. Pats vs. Rams on CBS @ 5:30 in Atlanta |