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What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Administrator/School District of Spencer

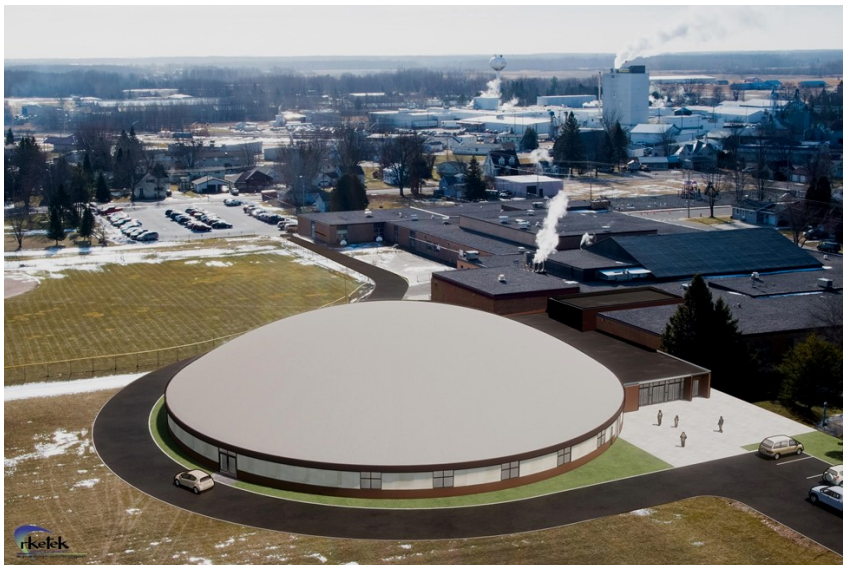
Mark your calendars as dates have been set for informational meetings and opportunities to learn more about the proposed building project that will be on the April 2nd ballot.

In addition to information found on our webpage at www.spencer.k12.wi.us or Spencer School District Facebook page we plan to offer an opportunity on March 21st and 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the LTCA.

To give you a feel of what we are looking at here is an architect's rendering of the addition that is proposed. The Dome is definitely a different type of construction but offers great advantages to our residents as it can withstand an EF5 tornado and will provide a safe shelter for our community.

I hope this spurs interest and questions in our community. I look forward to further providing information as to the process and benefits that the district feels this will offer.

Please feel free to give me a call at 715-659-5347 if you wish to discuss it further.



at the TACK

Challenging though it seems, spring will soon be arriving in our wintery wonderland. While some folks are fortunate enough to head to sunny beaches and southern climes for a brief respite, the rest of us may well be thinking ahead to the month's emerald holiday—that day (or weekend!) that allows **everyone** to believe they've got "a wee bit o' Irish" pumping in their veins.

To help celebrate your real or imagined Irish traits, **The High Kings** are coming all the way from Dublin, selling out shows at theatres and pubs across the UK and America. They'll be stopping at Spencer for a highly anticipated performance that promises to blend charismatic musicians with traditional and contemporary Irish song.



While folks in these parts may not have heard of **The High Kings**, the same cannot be said for elsewhere. These four lads have played at the popular Irish Fests in Milwaukee and Kansas City. They'll be arriving here from Chicago's City Winery and after playing the Tack, will be performing at the Pabst Theatre in Milwaukee followed by a venue in Denver. Fans in Iowa, Minnesota and all over Wisconsin have already purchased tickets to their show in Spencer. Perhaps others know something about this group that we locals do not?

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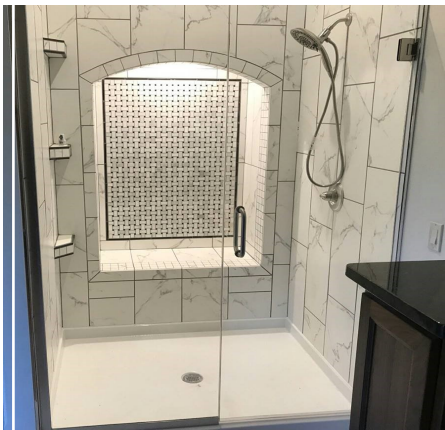
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From the Editor

I was born and raised in this village. Like most kids, I got home faster in the afternoon than I got to school in the morning. We shot baskets at hoops around town and one next to the tennis courts where the LTCA sits today. That one had a net most years. We couldn't get in the gym. It was on lock down: Fort Knox.

The R.J Tack Auditorium was built in 1957, four years before I arrived. It's a wonderful building to this day. I was never a good math student. Mrs. Ehrike or Della Fobes could've attested to that, or one of the Mr. Christensen's. I do know that was 62 years ago.

The previous high school was leveled by a ball and crane in the mid to late 60's as best as I can recollect. It was south of the current school where the elementary playground sits, on the east end.

One thing for sure, the bricks from that building ended up in the village junk yard (where the ARC Park is today) in between the railroad tracks and right across the street from our house. SCORE! We built some cool stuff with many and chucked many more in the marsh.

I could hardly contain my excitement when Mike Endreas sent me his "What's Rockin' in Rocketville" today and I saw the picture of the proposed addition to our school. I'll bet I could make a basket in there whether there was a net or not. What started as a re-vamped weight area and an addition to home ec and music/choral areas has evolved into a community survey that showed people wanted, not only all of the above, but additional physical education space, more extra-curricular space....and then some. And that was a couple years ago.

I went to school with some of the school board members and I coached the youngest one. Their energy for this project impressed me as they poured over statistics from different agencies and survey groups. They began to look for ways to get the village what they wanted. They worked with the local government and the federal government. They've tried to make it easier for all of us.

Some will say they've paid enough. Can't argue with that. Some will say they have no kids in school. True that. Sadly, neither do my wife and I anymore. Some will say they need the money for their retirement or families. I believe them. I want to invest in this town, my hometown, the way I invested in my adopted hometowns, two of them, when I made my living away from Spencer, whether it was monetarily, or the time that I spent with the youth, sometimes getting paid, sometimes not.

Old SHS and the elementary (which pre-dates the R.J. Tack auditorium) are hanging in there. They look quite similar to when I graduated in 1979 or when I moved back home in 2004. They've been repaired and up-dated and held up well. It's what we will have. And, of course, the additions are way past due and inevitable at some point. Nostalgia's kinda cool but the future is where it's at no matter how old you are. The future's now. Sometimes you gotta add on because the marsh can't hold any more bricks.



Over the Fence

Stratford Continuing Education is offering the following classes in Spencer. **Painting a Barn Quilt Square.** Tuesday, April 2, from 6-9pm. For more info. and to sign up visit: www.stratfordclasses.com

Spring Election! Village Hall meeting room. April 2nd. 7am to 8 pm.

Lions Smelt Feed. Olde Village Hall. April 3. 4:30-7 pm.

Trinity Lutheran Church. Lenten Services. Thursdays March 7,14,21 and 28 at 10:30 am and 7 pm.

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Once again, we encourage you to take a little walk on the wild side and go online now to pick up a couple of tickets to **The High Kings'** performance on Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 pm. Or chat up a volunteer at the Tack ticket office and snag a pair from the comfort of your kitchen table. Don't wait to hear from your neighbor what a great show you missed! We promise it'll be worth taking a chance on **The High Kings!** And you won't have to drink green beer to feel Irish!

In the **Tack Gallery** this month, everyone will want to check out the works of Spencer Schools K-12 Art Educator, Carmen Schweiger. Carmen's work runs the gamut of styles and media, showcasing the samples she makes for her students' curricular art projects. From paintings and photography to drawings and printmaking, an art teacher must be able to produce it all! Come and greet Carmen at a reception in her honor on Friday, March 8 from 5-7 pm. You can discuss her pieces, thank her for her efforts in encouraging your children's creative expression and enjoy some delicious morsels before heading off to your next event.

And speaking of creative expression, remember the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of **King Arthur's Quest?** A troupe of sixty local children will be giving two performances of the familiar legend with a twist on Saturday, March 2 at 3:00 pm and 5:30 pm. There is much to be gained by both performing in and attending a MCT production. For those onstage, the evidence of life skill development is obvious. However, children in the audience can also begin to imagine new possibilities for themselves and, in doing so, become a little bit braver and broader. Treat your kids or your grands to a sparkling hour of high-energy entertainment by our area youth and their professional actor/director team from Missoula, Montana.

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

SKG Annual Amateur Dog Show 2019



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Olde Village Hall



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Spencer Library news....

Join March's fun events!

*Tuesday, March 5th @ 9am
"Starting Garden Plants". Join
Darlene Lloyd as she helps us
start our own tomato plants!
Darlene will also give us tips
and tricks on starting other veg-
etables.*

*Monday, March 18th @ 6pm and
Thursday, March 21st @1:30pm
"Book Club" will meet to discuss
the book The Last Suppers by
Mandy Mikulencak. Come to the
library to pick up your copy to-
day.*

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

*Cribbage at the Library is held
the second Tuesday of each
month from 1-3pm. The March
games will be held on March
12th. This club is for those who
are ready to play, those who
want to learn to play and those
who "use to play, but just can't
remember". We will have a crib-
bage teacher here to help any-
body who needs guidance.*

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Friday 1-5pm

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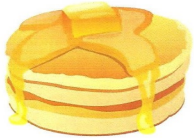
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7:00PM Wednesday Bible Study



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 King Arthur's Quest MCT 10am @ LTCA.
3 Unity Am. Leg. Pancake Breakfast 8:30-12:30.	4	5	6 Story Time 10am Library.	7 Woman's Club 7 pm @ Village Hall. Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-8 pm.	8 No School/ Teacher Inservice.	9
10 Spencer Special Olympics vs. Fire/Police Dept. BB @ Noon.	11 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall..	12 Older Americans 8:30am Village Hall. Am. Legion 7pm Village Hall.	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.	15 TR @ UWEC all day	16
17	18	19 PTA 6:30 @ Nutz.	20 Story Time 10am Library.	21 Sr. Citizen Mtg. Noon @ Ponderosa. Child Development @ gym 8:30am and 3:30pm	22	23 TR @ UW Stout 9am
24/31	25 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall..	26 COME Meal 5-6pm @ St. John's.	27 Story Time/Play N Learn Library 10am. Spring Pic Day at School School .Board Mtg. 6:30pm	28 BB scrimmage @ Abby 4pm.	29 TR @UWSP	30 TR @ Lakeland H.S @ 10am