

Village Voice

of Spencer, WI

"News You Can Use."

As I sat and listened to Amna Malik May 16 at the Spencer Municipal building, I couldn't help thinking I was learning something from a friend or relative in one of our kitchens or living rooms.

Actually, I was with about 25 other folks, mostly from Spencer, listening intently as this Pakistani woman talked to us about what it was like living in the United States as a Muslim American.

And while it's been quite some time since I've been at the head of a classroom and even longer since I was a student, I felt newly educated, somewhat ignorant but ultimately enlightened.

While the locals (including myself) might declare that Amna "ain't from around here," there was little evidence of that outside of her head scarf or the color of her skin. She elicited knowing chuckles when she talked about her relationship with her husband or the idiosyncrasies of her (and all other) teenage children.

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Amna Malik

Just a week later, on the 23rd, I was back at the Village Hall where Audrey had secured another prominent speaker, one that had been snowed-out a month earlier.

Sarah D'Aquisto of the Wausau Police Department was equally as engaging as Amna had been a week earlier but her subject was certainly more ominous: Prostitution and Human Trafficking in Central Wisconsin.



Sarah D'Aquisto

And while I could sense a bit of a NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) moment, Sarah quickly dispelled that notion by assuring the nearly 50 people in attendance that yes, things that we didn't really want to think about did indeed

happen in our neck of the woods. With Wausau just a hop, skip and jump away and being the county seat of Marathon County, all or most of us have been there. Big city? No. Big city problems? In this day and age, sadly, yes.

D'Aquisto, part entertainer, part serious-as-a-heart-attack-presenter, and all cop, went on to re-call and regale us with one story after another, some funny, some heart-wrenching, about her time as a police officer both under-cover and not.

By definition, human trafficking is "one who knowingly engages in the recruitment, harboring, transportation or obtaining of a person for labor or service through the use of FORCE, FRAUD or COERCION for the purpose of a commercial sex act." There are, Sarah said, many degrees of that definition being put into practice here in our state. She said this is not made for TV stuff where someone is

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Spencer High School Class of 1959 is holding their 60th Class Reunion on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the Spencer Park Shelter. It will start at 3 PM with an open house for anyone that would like to meet with classmates and friends!!



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Over the Fence

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softball).

Stratford Continuing Education is
offering the following classes in Spencer: Painting
Workshop- The Patriotic Little Red Truck. Monday,
June 10, 6-9pm.. Painting Workshop-Wood Sign
Painting. Tuesday, July 9, 6:15-9pm.
For more info: www.stratfordclasses.com

at the TACK

If you've ever been to a show at the Tack, you have probably realized that the audience and performers are not the only folks in the building. Rain or shine, someone opens the door as you arrive at the circle drive entrance. Bustling ticket sellers click and print their way through dozens of new purchases. Depending on the show, up to ten smiling faces greet you, scan tickets, deliver a program, steer you toward your seat and check to be sure you have what you need. Overseeing the ushers is the House Manager, who helps maintain a calm, up-beat manner as they deal with whatever challenges might be in store for the evening.

Inside the theatre, another set of folks is preparing to monitor sound and lights, run follow spots, open curtains and manage the stage. They've probably been in the house for hours-- loading in equipment, troubleshooting tech issues, running the soundcheck and making certain everything necessary is ready to go. At least one of them also spent a goodly amount of time focusing specific lights so each entertainer was easily visible to the audience.

Yet another group of people, behind the scenes, offers small town hospitality to performers who may have been on the road for months, treating them as they would want their own family cared for while away from home. This small group might steam costumes, sell merchandise, and perhaps find a shower or a couch for a performer or crew member who needs refreshment. This tiny band (probably only a couple of souls) has been on-site since before load-in, setting up the green room with mirrors, clothing racks and snacks, in addition to hauling food and dishes from their own kitchens to prepare for the meal they'll serve after soundcheck.

So...back to the show. There's usually a brief intermission between sets--a time for the audience to head to the HS Commons and grab a tasty cookie and a beverage. Have you ever wondered where all those cookies came from, noticed who's pouring those drinks and refilling platters? Hmm.

The show ends. Performers sign merchandise, the House Manager says "Good night," and eventually the

last patron exits the building, smiling as they recall the fun experience they just enjoyed. And that's it, right? Everyone goes home.

Well, actually, back we go to the theatre. Stage hands and tech crews are folding mic lines, packing gear, loading vehicles, returning platforms and equipment to their correct storage place in anticipation of the next event at the Tack. Remember the dynamic duo taking care of the performers? They're waiting for the performers to depart so THEY can finish their cleaning, pack and go home.

An hour or two later, the Tack is finally buttoned up. With a sigh of relief and a prayer of gratitude for a smooth and well-appreciated show, someone turns out the lights and locks the door. Who, you may ask, covered all the bases so several hundred friends and neighbors could be uplifted by the Arts? Volunteers, folks! People just like you who wish to help out; they see a need and fill it so others will benefit. The Tack would not exist without its volunteers!

The Tack Board of Directors wishes to express its appreciation to EVERYONE who contributed to the 23rd Performance Season at LuCille's favorite theatre. Congrats on jobs well done and kudos to all who made the Tack a special place for locals to gather and appreciate things that inspire us all - the Arts!

What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Administrator/School District of Spencer

It is exciting to put the finishing touches on another school year. I am proud of the work our students and staff have done to make this a very successful year. I am amazed by all the accomplishments of our kids as scholars, musicians, artists, athletes and all the other activities our school has to offer. It is enjoyable to watch them grow not only physically but mentally. I am proud of the well-rounded citizens we are producing that understand the "Rocket Way".

I would like to wish the best of luck to the 54 students of the Spencer High School graduating class of 2019. I feel they are ready for the challenges that lie ahead. I am excited for them as they face a new adventure in their lives.

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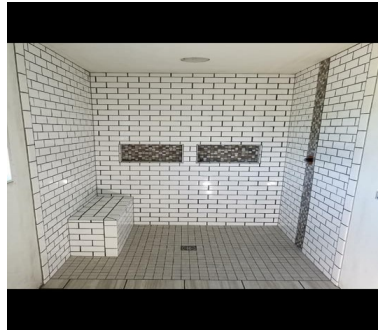
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She had come to the U.S. to study medicine at John Hopkins Medical Center in 2000, where she met her husband, a fellow Pakistani Muslim, whom she married in 2008. Amna ultimately followed her husband with their two children to Marshfield after he took a job there.

One can only imagine the adjustments they needed to make, none more so than the facts that there were many fewer Muslims, and places of worship.

That being said, Amna felt it important for her in her new environs to help people get to know what being a Muslim American was like, bringing her to the Spencer Municipal Hall and other such venues in Central Wisconsin.

To make a long story short Amna talked about what Islam teaches. Through a series of slides I saw:

- cultivation of excellent moral character to better oneself and the world.
- teaches a set of values that promotes life, liberty, equality and justice.
- respect of earth and all creatures.
- care and compassion for the less fortunate.
- the importance of seeking knowledge, -etc., -etc.

Sounds pretty familiar, doesn't it? Thanks to Audrey Kohlbeck at the library for bringing Amna to Spencer and thanks to Amna for making some that listened to her a little smarter, and at least in my case, a little better.

Sarah from page 1

abducted in a parking lot at the mall but much of it happens covertly on-line where our younger generation is most vulnerable because, quite frankly, and with no cynicism, "there always on-line."

Runaways, emphasized D'Aquisto, are one of the biggest targets for traffickers. She said one of every three runaways is approached by a potential trafficker within 48 hours AND Marathon county has a real problem with runaways. 70-90% of these runaways have a sexual abuse history. Often times, if young people air their dirty laundry on-line they become easy targets for people who want to console them but ultimately prey on them.

Some things to look for in youth are those that are taking inappropriate self-portraits (selfies). If you work with youth or have children please encourage safety when they're on-line. Other things to look for are changes in behavior, drug/alcohol use, an increase in the amount of money they have, runaways or the threat of such behavior, signs of physical abuse, problems at school or the use of multiple cell phones.

I began to think back when I was a kid and the friends I had, the students I taught as an adult, all the kids I've coached the last 35 years and, of course, my own kids. The world is still the same but there are so many more things in it that seem overwhelming and I'm not even a kid anymore. Let's help our youth and each other, to make things as safe as we can. Seems like it's a lot harder now than it was. Thanks a lot Audrey for helping educate our community. Good stuff!



People from Spencer and surrounding communities pack the Village Hall to learn about Human Trafficking in Central Wisconsin



[Spencer Area Historical Society](#)

*P*lease join the Spencer Area Historical Society for their Grand Opening of the museum on Saturday, June 29, 2019. 117 East Clark St. Ribbon cutting at 1:00 PM with open house to follow through 4:00 PM.

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I would also like to wish an outstanding educator the best of luck in her new career. Sandy Reckner, third grade teacher, has decided to retire after 39 years of service to our district. She not only has been an outstanding staff member but just as important, an outstanding person. Our kids are lucky to have been able to learn and interact with her over the years. Her work, positive attitude and expertise as an educator will definitely be missed.

Mary Baxter, after 23 years of service as a custodian in our district, has also decided to retire. We wish Mary a long and joyous retirement. Her dedication to our school is greatly appreciated.

I have been approached quite often as to the status of the grant and the overall building project. We are still awaiting notification of the grant award. We were told end of May so as I write this on May 17th, no word yet. Our plan is quite simple; if we get the grant we will begin major construction in April of 2020 as we are unable to do any building until we receive the funds which are allocated in December. If we do not receive the grant work will begin in mid to late August. We are in the process of interviewing for a construction manager. We are moving forward with the Elementary office move this summer.

Reminder: last day of school, if no snow from now until the end, will be June 7th and summer school begins June 10. Please be on the lookout for kids. Have a great summer!

Spencer Library news....

Join June's fun events!

Tuesday, June 4th from 9-10am "Polio Scourge of the 1950's". Rich Lohr, a retired history teacher and world traveler, will tell the personal story of his sister's illness and will trace the history in Marathon County. His talk will include his immunization trip to India in 2004.

Summer Reading Program begins! "A Universe of Stories". Come to the Spencer Library to sign up for the Summer Reading Program and win prizes throughout the summer as you read!

Wednesday, June 12th @ 10am. "Magic Bob: Lost in Space". This program will be held in the Lion's shelter.

Tuesday, June 18th @ 10am. "Tom Pease". A favorite of the library! This program will be held in the Lion's shelter.

Wednesday, June 26th @ 10am. "A Journey Through the Heavens". This program will also be held in the Lion's shelter



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



THE EVENT

Join us for Leadership Marshfield's United We CAN, canned food sculpture contest and raffle during Dairyfest! Teams will construct sculptures starting at 8am (spectators welcome) The sculptures will be on display until 2pm Saturday. United Way will receive the donations to distribute to local food pantries.

When: Saturday June 1st, 8AM-2PM

Where: BMO Harris Bank

THE RAFFLE

A variety of baskets will be available from 8AM- 2PM. Do not need to be present to win.

1 canned good = 1 ticket
\$5- 3 tickets
\$10- 7 tickets
\$20- 40 tickets

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Cereal, Soup
Crackers, Jelly
Peanut Butter, Bread
Canned Fruit, Pasta,
Cleaners, Rice
Hygiene Items

This is a Leadership Marshfield project in partnership with:



The above contest supports United Way and the Spencer Community is one of the many communities that the United Way supports. There are many pantries that will benefit from this Leadership Marshfield Project. The event is part of Dairyfest which is held in Marshfield from May 31-June 2 culminating in the Marshfield Chaparrals hosting the Abbotsford Merchants at 1:30pm at Jack Hackman Field.



GO CHAPS!

Announcements



Photo caption: Front Row (L to R): Lizaida Navarro, Sherry Krueger, Samantha Kahn, Deanna Winer, Andrea Arispe. Back Row (L to R): Instructor Candice Weininger, Promise Ngirwe, Amanda Thibado, Shaneke Pierce, Amanda Morstatter, Hannah Peroshek

For more information about the summer session of the Nursing Assistant (CNA) Technical Diploma offered at NTC's Spencer campus, visit: www.ntc.edu/academics-training/courses/nursing/nursing-assistant.

Students Complete CNA Coursework at NTC

SPENCER, Wis.) – Ten students completed their Nursing Assistant (CNA) Technical Diploma at Northcentral Technical College's (NTC) Spencer campus during the spring 2019 semester.

The Nursing Assistant (CNA) Technical Diploma consists of both classroom and clinical labs, and prepares learners to perform basic nursing skills under the supervision of a nurse for job entry as nursing assistants and home health aides in health care agencies. A summer session of the Nursing Assistant (CNA) Technical Diploma will begin at NTC's Spencer campus on Tuesday, June 4.



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4:00PM Saturday Evening Mass
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7:00PM Wednesday Bible Study

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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

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Rev. Rebekah Tarras
B3750 State Hwy 13
659-5158

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