

# Village Voice

## of Spencer, WI

### *at the* TACK

Ah! The sweet sounds and scents of spring! We ARE enjoying them now, right??

And it's another season gearing up at the Tack! The shows and gallery exhibits don't begin until October, but already much is happening behind the scenes at LuCille's favorite theatre! What's on the agenda during the merry month of May, you ask?

Forward momentum is the Tack's biggest goal during May. April was a blindingly busy month! Show sponsor pledges were accepted, logged and verified. Contracts for nineteen performers and artists were negotiated, signed and returned and all their promotional materials collected. The graphic designer turned dozens of photos and bits of information into a stunningly beautiful season brochure. After three rounds of proof-reading, it went to our friendly, local QuikPrint for printing. Volunteers assisted by hand-collating order blanks into 3000 booklets before they were trucked to ODC in Wisconsin Rapids for folding, tabbing, addressing and mailing. With any luck, the eagerly anticipated brochure has already found its way into your mailbox!

In the meantime, the Tack's webmaster turned those photos and bits of information into an updated online presence, and the executive director carefully put those same details into the online ticketing software, trying to ensure that folks can easily purchase tickets through the website. Wowza! It is QUITE the project!

So, if you received your brochure and have decided which shows you want to attend, you should be able to hop right on to the website and choose your seats, right? HOLD UP THERE, BUCKO! That's not quite how it works! SOME folks CAN hop right online and buy their tickets. These are the SEASON TICKET holders who have a three-week window to renew their season tickets before seats to single events can go on sale.

How do I get season tickets, you might well ask. It's easy! There are seven events in the LuCille's Vision Series. Choose to purchase tickets to at least FIVE of them. Then select your preferred seat location, subtract your ten percent discount, pay for and print your tickets. You get to keep the same seats for every show and you have first dibs at renewing your season tickets NEXT year! There are a few other little perks, as well, but we won't discuss them here.

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*"News You Can Use."*

### **What's Rockin' in Rocketville!**

By Mike Endreas  
District Administrator/School  
District of Spencer

The month of May is upon us and with all the happenings going on we might end up calling "Mayday" as a sign of distress. Not really, but I sure marvel at the activities our kids are involved with. So take a deep breath and here we go.

May 3-4 join us in the LTCA for our Drama Club play "Silent Sky". Show time is 7:30 p.m. each night.

May 4 we will have about 40 students performing at the state Solo Ensemble competition at UW Stevens Point.

May 10 Senior Awards night in the LTCA at 7:00 p.m.

May 11 FFA awards banquet.

May 13 HS Award Convocation and Concert 7:00 p.m. LTCA.

May 16 Elementary School Spring Program 1:30 p.m. LTCA.

May 18 Spencer High School Graduation Ceremony 2:00 p.m. RJ Tack Auditorium.

May 23 Middle School Awards Concert.

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Tracy Bauer, LMT  
Luci Hardrath, LMT



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What if your plans change between now and the show? Well, there are several options. You could gift a friend or family member those tickets. Even if the recipients haven't heard of the performer, they might consider it an adventure and go anyway. Why not? The tickets were a gift! Or, the tickets can be donated back to the Tack who will give you a receipt and try to resell them, benefitting you AND the Tack. Or, you could really make someone's day by offering the tickets to folks (including students) who don't have the financial means to attend our shows.

Starting May 25, all remaining seats can be purchased for any show. Either go online or mail the order form with your payment, and a volunteer will follow-up. The ticket office won't be open for walk-ins until September; but between the website, snail mail and calling the ticket office, the Tack has got you covered. All that's left is choosing which of your best buds to take with you! The LTCA Board of Directors invites you to **Sail Away** with us for another exciting season...at the Tack!



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Added to this are various athletic competitions and playoffs. The public is welcome to join us for any and all.

I would like to thank the community for their support of our building and renovation project. At this point we are in planning to re-locate the Elementary office this summer with completion date being sometime this fall. Our FCS room, due to scheduling of contractors, will be pushed back to summer of 2020 as we would not be able to be complete by start of next school year. The school board is in the process of finalizing a request for proposal of a construction manager and will be doing interviews at the end of May. We have not yet received notification of the FEMA grant award which will determine our project timeline.



I wish you a joyous spring. Hopefully we are finished with the dreaded white stuff and soon we will be complaining about mowing lawn. Please call with questions 715-659-5347.

Mike

SPENCERAMA DAYS 2019  
JUNE 7, 8, 9

**M**usic, food, games, activities, vendors, crafts, a parade, car show, and more will be happening in Lion's Park from June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>! Don't miss the fun and excitement. To give you a taste of what is to come:

Breakfast will be served all 3 mornings – early enough for your 1<sup>st</sup> cup of coffee.

Food and beverages will be served all weekend by several vendors and organizations. Cheese curds, fries, sandwiches, delicious Jamaican food, Friday fish fry, ribs and corn, carnival food, ice cream and root beer floats, kettle corn, pie and ice cream....and much more will be on the menu.

Bands will take the stage Friday night, Saturday morning, afternoon, and evening and after the parade on Sunday. Bad Downs, Foxfire Affair, Smoke Wagon, Brew City Rockers, and Red Higgins and the Freedom Train are scheduled to play! Enjoy a weekend of music.

Do you want to have some fun and enjoy some entertainment? Bounce houses, kid's games, the Fireman's ring toss, a pedal pull, frozen t-shirt relay, hay rides, cornhole tournament, face painting, mini tractor pull, Chalk-fest, coin find, strongman truck pull, rib and brisket smoke-off, and a motorcycle ride for Veteran's Park are all on the schedule. On Sunday morning there will be a community church service with praise band. Don't forget the parade! Showcase your business or organization.

Candidates will be competing for Miss Spencerama and Lil' Miss Spencerama in 2019 and the crowning will take place on Saturday.

A U-12 baseball tournament, horseshoe tournament, and the return of the Trailblazer vintage campers are also a part of the weekend festivities in Spencer.

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# NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED

## For *Spencer's Citizen of the Year*

*Submit a letter of nomination for the person you think has contributed the most to Spencer this past year.*

*Tell us **why** you are nominating this person. Drop your letter at **Partner's Bank, Att: Linda** By **May 18.***

*The winner will be announced during **Spencerama.***

*Sponsored by Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce.*

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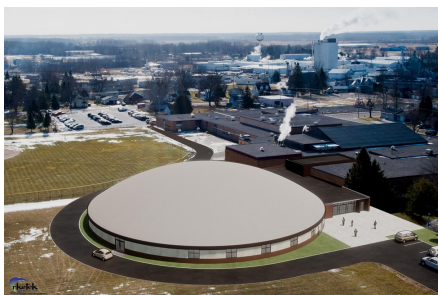
There is still room for more vendors and crafters. There are also opportunities for sponsors and volunteers which enables us to keep expenses down so families can enjoy the weekend. Non-profit organizations that participate also benefit from the weekend.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information, entry forms, and schedules of events. The mission of SPENCERAMA DAYS is to gather friends, family, and the community for a family friendly event. We hope you join us.

## Referendum Passes...

Spencer voters went to the polls on April 2nd and voted 781-598 to allow the school district to begin to renovate, improve safety and security and add a new dome structure for education, music and athletics. The project was for \$5.9 million but could be off-set by the possibility of FEMA grant dollars that the district will learn about in early May.

"I think it's a huge indicator of the work that the board has gone through," stated District Administrator Mike Endreas. "This process started three years ago. They (the board) put out surveys, captured ideas from stakeholders and got ideas from many different groups to see what was best for our school district.



## VILLAGE OF SPENCER DISTRICT WINS SAFETY AWARD

PLOVER, WI - The Wisconsin Rural Water Association (WRWA) recently held its Annual Technical Conference in La Crosse, Wisconsin where over 1,200 water system and industry personnel met for four days exchanging ideas and technology through technical training sessions and exhibits.

At this event each year the association presents awards to those in the public water treatment & conservation industries that have shown excellence in areas of utility management, operations and customer service. One of these areas is workplace safety, and the winner of the 2019 WRWA Safety Award was the Village of Spencer, Spencer WI.

"Working in the public utility industries is a dangerous occupation, especially in the weather conditions we experience here in Wisconsin" said WRWA Executive Director Chris Groh, "We're honored to recognize communities like the Village of Spencer that are committed to maintaining a safe workplace for all their municipal employees while at the same time providing excellent services to their customers."

The Wisconsin Rural Water Association is a non-profit organization representing most of the water and wastewater systems in the state. Its mission: "Assisting, educating and representing our mem-

Putting in all that time I believe was a huge factor and in the end it paid off."

As a taxpayer and community member it's extremely heartening to see that Spencer is being progressive and lending it's experience, creativity and spirit, as well as some tax dollars, to make it an even better place to live.

### ...but Great Lakes Forced to Close Doors

As good a feeling as it was to improve our school, it was equally as sad to hear that our grocery store would close after being open just over a year. Andy Cyvekus and his staff did their best and I'm sure there's more to say but for now the thing to say is, Thanks Andy.

### Spencer Library news....

*Join May's fun events!*

*All programs are free!*

*Learn to Line Dance. Thursday, May 2nd @ 6:30-7:30pm. This is a beginner's program.*

*10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease. Monday, May 6th @ 6-7pm. The Alzheimer's Association will guide the audience through 10 common signs of Alzheimers and what to watch for.*

*How Does Your Garden Grow? Tuesday, May 7th @ 9-10am. Join us for a presentation about getting the most out of your garden from Margie Austin, Wood County Master Gardener.*

*Understanding and Responding to Dementia related behavior. Monday, May 13th @6-7pm. The Alzheimer's Association will give a presentation specifically aimed at the care givers of someone with Alzheimers. There will be time for questions and answers and also time to speak privately to the presenters if you wish.*

*Getting to Know American Muslims. Thursday, May 16th @ 6-7pm. Join us for a very special presentation as Amna Malik shares her thoughts on what it means to be a Muslim in central Wisconsin .*

*Human Trafficking in Central Wisconsin. (Re-scheduled from an April date due to snow). Thursday, May 23rd @6-7pm. Join Officer Sarah D'Acquisto from the Wausau Police Department as she gives us an informative presentation on human trafficking in Central Wisconsin. A discussion will follow.*



Library Hours:  
Monday 3-8pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-5pm  
Thursday 3-8pm  
Friday 1-5pm  
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Gross Ford came to Spencer just about two years ago, taking the place of Jensen Ford on May 17, 2017.

The original plan was to take that new Ford ownership and combine it with the established Dodge-Jeep-Chrysler operation in Neillsville, with the service portion remaining here at the Spencer garage.

"The original plan changed over a pretty short period of time," said General Manager Dylan Gross. "We didn't really know anyone," said Dylan, with a chuckle. According to him, that changed in a hurry and he and his team at Gross Ford "have really enjoyed our time here and getting to know the people of the community. Thanks to the overwhelming support of the community, business is good. That's 100% true. It's better than we thought," concluded Dylan.

And now that Ford has approved of them staying in Spencer, Gross Ford hopes that'll be for a very long time. Welcome Again!



## Over the Fence



**St. John's Lutheran Church-** May 2nd from 7am-6pm and May 3rd from 7am-4pm. Proceeds will go toward a trip to Mission, SD. There's something for everyone from our congregation and friends!



**Spencer Community Boosters.** If interested in ARC Park Thursday Night Leagues for **BAGGO-MEN'S SOFT-BALL-CO-ED VOLLEYBALL** Contact [spencercommunityboosters@outlook.com](mailto:spencercommunityboosters@outlook.com) or call Becky Gorst at 715-321-6061.

**Stratford Continuing Education** is offering the following class in Spencer. Painting Workshop-The Little Red Truck, Tuesday, June 17, 6-9pm. For more info. email:[stratfordclasses@gmail.com](mailto:stratfordclasses@gmail.com)

## 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

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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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**MAY**

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5	6 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall..	7 Older Americans 8:30am Village Hall. Am. Legion 7pm Village Hall.	8 Story Time/Play N Learn 10am Library..School Board Mtg. 6:30pm H.S. Library	9 4H 7pm Village Hall. Lion's Club 6:30pm @ Nutz.	10 Senior Awards 7-9pm LTCA.	11
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