

Village Voice

of Spencer, WI



New Home for McNeely Insurance



Photo by DeAnn Luepke

I visited the new home of McNeely Insurance in the late afternoon of November 12.

Their new address is 202 W. Clark Str., after being on E. Willow for many years.

If it looks familiar, it should, as it was previously a barber shop owned by well-respected, friend of the community, Arnie Bauer, who our village lost earlier this year.

I chatted with Leslie Czaikowski in person and her brother Paul McNeely, via Facebook Portal.

It was their dad Dan who began the business in 1978 in Loyal, WI. Dan then purchased the Lauenstein Insurance Agency in 1985, which expanded his services. Paul joined his dad in 1993 and Leslie took Paul's old office in Loyal in 2004, as the business expanded to Spencer that same year. Leslie followed her brother to Spencer four years later and the siblings took over the business officially on May 11, 2014 when their dad retired, closing the Loyal office.

McNeely Insurance continues to provide a variety of insurance needs and can be reached at 659-2504.

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at the TACK

Every now and again, good fortune smiles down on the little burg of Spencer and sends an unexpected gift, this time in the form of the holiday show that will soon grace the Tack's stage.

A well-known group of musicians was looking to fill a gap in their tour routing. If the Tack would take them on a Sunday night, a deal could be made. Mind you, one of the performers has a Grammy on his mantel, and two of the four were original artists who played on a series of recordings that went multi-platinum. What does multi-platinum mean, you may ask? It's a BIG number. In this case, it means that more than TWO MILLION recordings by this ensemble have been sold!

And so it has come to pass that on Sunday, December 15, with the unusual curtain time of 5:00 pm, Windham Hill's WINTER SOLSTICE will perform at the Tack. The evening will celebrate the winter solstice and its warm traditions with a concert of original music and traditional carols drawn from the multi-platinum selling WINTER SOLSTICE series, as well as their many solo releases. In the year of their 35th anniversary, Windham Hill founder and Grammy-winning guitarist Will Ackerman, Grammy nominated singer, fiddler and pianist Barbara Higbie, guitarist Todd Boston and cellist Mia Pixley will come together to lead a joyous holiday concert.

William Ackerman founded Windham Hill Records in Palo Alto in 1975. The label's recordings were a runaway success with critics and audiences alike. Musicians including Ackermann, Higbie, George Winston, Alex de Grassi and Liz Story quickly became internationally recognized and the name "Windham Hill" became synonymous with the best in acoustic music in the 1980's and 90's. The ten WINTER SOLSTICE compilation CD's, selling in the many millions, changed people's conceptions of seasonal music. Indeed, for many of your friends and neighbors, the recordings of WINTER SOLSTICE are played from

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The calendar page will then flip quickly to January 2020. Mark yours for Friday, January 3 from 5 - 7 pm, when you can greet Scott Menzel, the incredibly talented artist whose digital contemporary fine art is on display in the Gallery. Scott uses digital software to paint and draw, then utilizes the "dye-infused metal" process to create. These abstract and semi-abstract works of art shimmer softly on the surface and are rich in color and movement. Come greet Scott, view his large format pieces and have a nibble before moving on to your weekend plans.



The Tack director, board and volunteers all wish you the happiest of holidays and an exceptional New Year! See you soon...at the Tack!

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Thanksgiving straight through to New Year's Day.

Tickets for this stellar evening are \$40 (which includes all fees) and may be purchased online at luciletackcenter.com or by calling 715.659.4499. The show is sponsored in part by the generosity of Duane & Anne Teska, the Wisconsin Arts Board and the National Endowment for the Arts.

SPENCER **SUPPORT**
BUSINESS

Spencer Special Olympians Hit the Lanes



Spencer Special Olympics: Bowling tournament on October 20. Eight athletes progressed to state tournament on November 9. Four of them earned first or second place medals: Wes, Sara, Adam and Nathan. Coaches Viv on left and Beth on the right. Congratulations to everyone!

What's Rockin in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Administrator/School District of Spencer

I am excited to announce all the great things going on in the district to put us in the holiday spirit and to show the caring and commitment our students have in giving back to our community and those that support us.

The month of November brought about a few events worth highlighting. I want to thank Mr. Wagner and Mr. Sprenger and the Spencer History Club for putting on an outstanding Veteran's day program to show our thanks and respect to those who served and sacrificed. Our Elementary students worked diligently to collect food for our area food pantry.

As always, December brings some annual events that I know are of interest to our community.

Monday Dec. 16 MS/HS Holiday Choral concert 7:30 p.m. LTCA

Thursday Dec. 19 Elementary Holiday Concert (2 shows) 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. LTCA

Friday Dec. 20 FFA Project Merry Christmas

Friday Dec. 20 High School Handbell Tour

As we all prepare for the hectic and crazed time of year we refer to as the Holiday Season, I encourage all of you to take a step back and truly evaluate the things that are important in our lives. I don't consider myself a big Facebook person, but I did come across a post that put things in perspective for me.

Christmas To-Do-List

~~Buy~~ Be presents

~~Wrap~~ gifts someone in a hug

~~Send~~ gifts peace

~~Shop for~~ Donate food

Happy Holidays from the School District of Spencer!

LUNCH WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 7th 2019
The Olde Hall (Spencer Kids Group)
117 E Clark St, Spencer

10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Lunch \$2: hotdog, chips, cheese,
milk, coffee & Christmas Cookies

Children receive a bag of goodies from the
Spencer Chamber of Commerce

Free wagon rides!

Children's gift table and craft sponsored by the
Spencer Woman's Club

Santa sponsored by the Spencer Lions Club

Girl Scout activities

Spencer Kids Group Basket Raffles



McNeely, from page 1.

Much like last month and for other stories I've had here, it was refreshing and somewhat prideful to again visit with some more Rocket alumni who have found success. I didn't know it before but Paul and Leslie both went to school here before succeeding in the insurance business.

We reminisced a bit about being fellow Rockets and a little more about Arnie, who they knew well growing up, including his business endeavors, which included owning the "Root Beer Stand" on HWY 13, which any long-time Spencerite will remember with fondness, and later, of course, his barber shop.

And while I usually learn something each month, this time I learned two things. 1) McNeely is a long-time business here in our town. Continued success to Leslie, Paul and company and 2) I need to get out more often. Happy Holidays!!!

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October Winners

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	Kameron Moga
4YK Tue/Thur	Russell Fitzgerald
	Lux Wolf
K- Bezlyk	Carter Sternwies
K- Tomke	Ivy Murphy
K- Wolf	Camille Krause
1-Kolstad	Jase Hoepfer
1-Pankratz	Owen Erickson
1-Zuelke	Norah Hoglund
2-Anderson	Grady Schultz
2-Bissonette	Bryant Krall
2- Guenther	Kellie Schesel
3-Farrell	Abigail Perry
3-Payant	Brooklyn Stoiber
3-Weier	Dawson Wucherpennig
4-Eckes	Lydia Lau
4-Fischer	Savannah Wilke
4-Miller	Tala Bowman
5-Abel	Reven Zschernitz
5-Buss	Rydge Bennett
5-Jennings	Tahneya Anderson

Spencer Library news....

Join December's fun events!

Tuesday, Dec. 10th from 9-10am. Enjoy the Spencer High School Hand Bell Choir as they bring their unique sounds to the Spencer Library. Enjoy a one hour concert that is free and open to the public.

Jingle the Night Away on Thursday, Dec. 12th from 6-7pm. Kids are invited to come to the library and create some holiday crafts with all supplies provided.

Cribbage at the Library! Dec. 3rd and 17th from 1-3pm. If you are a fan of the game or want to learn, this is your chance. We will have the cribbage boards and cards available for you to have an afternoon of fun.

Storytime and Play N Learn will be held Wednesdays from 10-11am. The dates are as follows: Dec. 4th, 11th and 18th. We will be taking a short winter break.

The Spencer Library will be closed for Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Day. We will re-open on Dec. 26th at 3pm.

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

All programs are free!



THE SPENCER WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS:

A Joyful Christmas Tour

Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 1 - 5 PM

1. McNeely Insurance Agency, LLC, 202 W. Clark St.
2. Amie's Cut Loose, 1103 S. La Salle St.
3. James and Amie Kelnhofer, 305 S. Madison St.
4. Roger and Bev Roehl, 505 W. Buse St.
5. Jeff and Mary Zahn, 705 W. Clark St.
6. Doug and Jenny Leonhardt, N9291 Fairhaven Ave.

Refreshments will be served at 202 W Clark St, and 1103 S LaSalle St. Tickets \$10 in advance - Available at the Village Office and Amie's Cut Loose or \$15 at each location on Dec. 1. One ticket is good for all locations. Profits will be for Spencer Street Christmas decorations. We will have the event no matter the weather. No refunds.

Christmas Trees!

Spencer Lions Annual Christmas Tree Sale

R & R Flooring – Spencer - Parking Lot
 Starting November 23rd

Lions members will be available to help on
 Saturday, December 7th, 2019
 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

\$25.00 per tree

**Net proceeds donated to
 King's Food Pantry of Spencer**



SKG will be hosting another NYE Comedy Show. Dec. 31. Hosted by Luke Borchardt. Reserved tables \$150.00 or \$20.00 general admission. Comedians



TBD Doors open at 7pm. Beverages available for sale. To reserve a table or have questions: Call 715-659-4969.



Spencer's Schoolwide Title I *Family Fun Fest* 2019 was another successful event. As part of the Title I program, the school provided its annual informational night on the programs and services available to our school 'families'. For the last few years, Spencer Title I has incorporated family fun activities with the informational aspect.

The event was held for our Spencer Rocket students and their parents / guardians on Thursday November 7th. Teachers from every grade level (PreK - Grade 5) set up a booth with a game everyone could participate in. Sub sandwiches / chips / cookies were also served. Attendance has gone up every year since its inception. Last year's attendance was estimated at 255+. This year's attendance was over 280 people. A great time was had by all!

With the generosity of the Lucille Tack Center of the Arts donation, we were able to have Door Prize drawings for the two afternoon performances for tickets to 'Gulliver's Travels'. This year's winners were the SEBOLD family and the HOFMANN family. These families each received four General Admission tickets.

In addition, the winners for the 'BASKET' drawings were: Holden Saalsaa from Mrs. Bezlyk's Kindergarten class, Darren Schreiner from Mrs. Pankratz's First Grade class and Brooklyn Van De Hei from Second Grade. Congratulations to ALL our winners.

Special recognition needs to go to the student volunteers who did an outstanding job setting up the festival, manning a 'station' during the event and helping with cleaning up the gym afterwards. Their efforts were to be commended.

Finally, the success of every *Family Fun Fest* is due to the collaboration, cooperation and participation of everyone involved. No matter what role you played in the event, it was greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Sincerely, Janet Wolf, Kindergarten Teacher and Connie M. Schroedel, Title I Reading Teacher

P.S. Mark your calendar for next year's event slated for Thursday November 5, 2020!

Spencer's Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Word of the Month is RESPECT.

In other words....The Golden Rule...Treat others as you want to be treated.

What's so great about respect anyway? Why does it matter in the grand scheme of things? By definition, **respect** means to demonstrate "high regard" for or special attention to something or someone.

Being respected by important people in our lives growing up teaches us how to be respectful toward others. We learn to accept others for who they are, even when they're different from us or we don't agree with their opinion.

The key here is to stop focusing on you, and start thinking and caring about others. Every person you meet can teach you something. Pay attention to your surroundings and the people in your life. Sometimes you need to stop talking and listen. Genuinely listen to people and try to understand them. Every person has something unique to offer to the world, and that includes you.

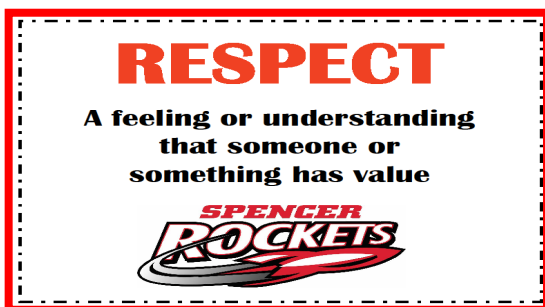
Showing respect to others can be done in different ways. When meeting someone new, shaking hands is a sign of respect. When someone is talking to you, make good eye contact with them to show you are truly listening to them. When you pass by someone say Hello. Hold the door open for the person behind you. Be quiet in a library. Walking around, rather than through, someone's yard. Treat people with courtesy, politeness, and kindness.

One easy way to know whether you are being respectful is to simply ask yourself this question: "How will what I am about to say or do make that person or others feel? Will it create a positive reaction, or will it embarrass or possibly lower the esteem of the other person?"

Like Aretha Franklin put it...R-E-S-P-E-C-T...Find out what it means to me....

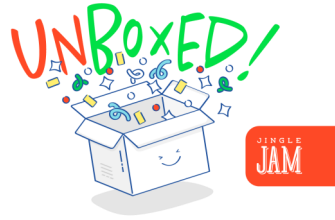
- Remember kindness.
- Encourage others.
- Stand firm in your convictions.
- Play fair and smart.
- Extend a helping hand.
- Cause no harm.
- Think before you speak.

School District of Spencer, SEL Committee



Unboxed Jingle Jam. Looking for something exciting for the whole family to do this holiday season? Everyone is invited to a Christmas Party big enough for the whole family! December 15 at St. John's, Spencer. Brunch@ 11:15 am; Jingle Jam@ 11:45 am; After Party with Santa & Mrs. Clause@ 1 pm.



ALSO: The St. John's COME Meal will be on Tuesday, December 17th because the fourth Tuesday falls on Christmas Eve.



Trinity Lutheran Church will hold Advent services on Wed. December 4, 11 & 18 at 10:30am. On December 24 there will be a Christmas Eve Service at 4pm and the Sunday School Children's Service at 7pm. The Christmas Day service will be at 9am. Everyone is welcome!


We are hosting a public build on Saturday, December 7th, from 9 am to 1 pm. "Santa's Elves Build Beds for Kids". It will be at 520 S. Front Str. in Unity. New twin-size bedding donations will be accepted along with cash donations for mattresses <https://shpbeds.allegiancetechnology.com/cgi-bin/qwebcorporate.dll?idx=X58KFQ> To sign up, or email for more information: Joleen.schade@shpbeds.org –Joleen Schade

Up-Coming PTA dates

	DEC 17	
	JAN 21	
	FEB 25	
	MAR 24	

PTA Meetings @ Nutz Deep 6:30 pm

Unity American Legion Pancake Breakfast from 8:30am- 12:30pm. First Sunday of every month until March.



Stratford Continuing Education is offering the following class in Spencer:
-Painting Workshop-Winter Hideout. Thursday, Dec. 5 from 6-9pm.

Stratford Continuing Education offers a variety of classes for the Central Wisconsin area. Sign up for a class today: www.stratfordclasses.com

Spencer Churches

CATHOLIC

Christ the King
 Father James Weighner
 107 Wendel Street
 659-4480
 4:00PM Saturday Evening Mass
 8:00AM & 10:00AM Sunday Mass
 office@ctkspencer.net

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
 108 Burnett Street
 659-5551
 9:30AM Sunday Worship
 Club 3:16 Wed. 3:30- 5:30pm
 sumcs@spencerum.church



LUTHERAN

St. John's Church (ELCA)

Rev. Rebekah Tarras
 B3750 State Hwy 13
 659-5158
 9:00AM Sunday School age 3-5th grade
 Sunday Worship will be at 8am and 10 am starting on September 9.

Trinity Lutheran(LCMS)

Vacancy Pastor Rev. Mark Neumann
 109 W. Clark Street
 659-4006
 7 PM Saturday Worship
 Sunday School at 9:15am
 10:30am Sunday Worship



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1 Unity Am. Legion Pancake Breakfast 8:30-12:30. Packers @Giants. Noon. Fox	2 GBB @ Edgar. 7:15pm.	3 Older Americans 9:00am Village Hall. Legion 7pm Village Hall. BBB vs. Granton. 7:15pm.	4 Story Time + Play N Learn @10am, Library.	5 Woman's Club 6:30pm @ Village Hall. GBB vs. Columbus. 7:15pm.	6 BBB vs. Columbus. 7:15pm.	7
8 Packers vs. Redskins. Noon. FOX	9 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall.	10 GBB @ DW. 7:15pm. BBB vs. Abby. 7:15pm.	11 Story Time + Play N Learn @10am, Library.	12 4H 7pm Village Hall. Lion's Club 6:30pm @ Nutz. BBB @ DW. 7:15pm.	13 GBB vs. Greenwood. 7:15pm.	14 WR @E.C. North. 9:30am.
15 Packers vs. Bears Noon. FOX Winter Solstice Concert. LTCA 5-7pm.	16 Holiday Choral Concert. LTCA. 7:30-9pm.	17 COME Meal 5-6pm @ St. John's. PTA Meeting 6:30pm @NUTZ. WR @DF. 7pm. GBB vs. Pittsville. BBB @Gilman.	18 Story Time + Play N Learn @10am, Library. School Board Mtg. 6:30 H.S. Distance and Learning.	19 Sr. Citizen Mtg. Noon @ Ponderosa. Elementary Holiday Concert. 1:30 +7pm. GBB vs. Loyal. BBB @ Greenwood.	20 WR vs. Athens. 7pm	21 WR @ Shawano. 9:30pm.
22	23 Packers @ Vikings. 7:15. ESPN	24	25	26	27 WR @ LaCrosse 9am.	28
29 Packers @ Lions. Noon. Fox.	30	31				