

at the TACK Who do we ? Oh, so many! LuCille Tack, for sure! The folks who contribute to our Community Giving Circles and who sponsor shows, making ticket prices more affordable for

EVERYONE; the volunteers who graciously give of their time and energy to help the Tack run smoothly on a very frugal budget; anyone who has taken a chance on a show they weren't sure about, but who came away with appreciation for ideas, styles and culture they didn't have when they walked in the door are ALL on our "We ♥ You List!"

If you've been reading this column for a while, you're aware of another group with heart coming to the stage the band HEART BY HEART, featuring original HEART members Steve Fossen and Michael Derosier. Based in Seattle, they've been touring the country more than five years and their fans revel in the authentic, powerful and passionate performances of favorite HEART hits like "Barracuda," "Crazy On You" and "Magic Man," as well as less often heard album cuts. But don't take our word for it! Check them out online and then jumpstart your Valentine's Day weekend by taking your honey to the Tack on Thursday, February 13. The early 7:00 pm curtain will have you home before the news. We believe you will ♥ them! For tickets and more information, visit lucilletackcenter.com or call 715.659.4499.

Hometown girl Liz Sallee (SHS '97) is all grown-up and married with kids of her own. In fact, Liz Sallee Bauer has three charming children who star in her photos, many of which have been featured in publications all over the world. Their unplugged upbringing affords them the opportunity to explore nature, while Mom's camera lens captures their colorful adventures. Sallee Bauer's heartwarming artwork will be featured in the Gallery this month. Join us for an Opening Reception on Friday, February 7 from 5 - 7 pm when you can greet Liz, admire her incredible exhibit and have a nibble before heading out for the rest of your weekend. There is no admission charge.

New in 2020, the LuCille Tack Center is offering ART NIGHT, a chance for **adults** to stretch their creative muscles and try something new without fear of judgment. On Wednesday, February 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm, Spencer Schools Art instructor Carmen Schweiger will provide the materials needed to make a small felting project. Enjoy friendly conversation, soothing music and light refreshments, all at no charge. No need to sign up and no experience necessary, just come to the Village of Spencer's Community Room ready to be creative.

And just after the calendar page turns to March, auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of GULLIVER'S TRAVELS will take place. Area youth, ages 5 to 15, are welcome to try out for one of sixty roles on Monday, March 2 from 4-6:00 pm. Those cast in the show will rehearse after school the rest of the week, giving their uplifting performance Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 pm. Please note that the schedule has been tweaked a bit and differs from years past. If your favorite youngsters are planning to audition, be sure to check lucilletackcenter.com for the details of these changes or call 715.659.4499 for more information.

Te are officially past the halfway point of the What's Rockin' in Rocketville! year. The semester finals are in the books and it is definitely the opening of senioritis season. I have been very pleased with the work of our students and staff to make our first semester run smoothly.

By Mike Endreas District Administrator/School District of Spencer

We hope that this long drawn out process of dealing with the FEMA representatives is nearing the end. We have been asked and we have provided several layers of justifications in our grant application. In talking with our people in Madison, they too, are frustrated with the elongated process that we are being put through. We hope the end is See ROCKIN', page 6.





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Spencer Lions 2020

Scotch Doubles

Sat.Feb. 1 @ noon or 3pm and Sat. Feb 8 @ noon or 3 pm

I talked to Dar Wernberg from the Rose Bowl the other day and she said that while the fundraiser was filling up there were still several openings on Feb.1 at noon. There were a few at 3 pm but not many. There were still three lanes open on the 8th at noon and a few extras and at 3pm there were still 4 lanes open. If you haven't already done so pick up the phone and call 715-387-1114 and register today. It's always a lot of fun!

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Spencer/Columbus Catholic wrestler Ashton Ackman wins voting for WDLB-WOSQ Radio and Marshfield AreaSports.com December High School Athlete of the Month



Ashton, one in a long line of grappling Ackmans, controls his opponent (above) in a recent match. Ashton entered January with a 20-1 record and is ranked Number one in Division 2 at 113 pounds. Continued success Ash!



early half the 2019-2020 school year is complete. I feel like the days seem to go by faster and faster every year. SKG provides a safe, fun and supervised area for youth to attend daily. SKG has been filled nightly with students. Our after-school homework program (SHIP) has 62 students enrolled so far this school year. We assist them in completing daily work, studying for tests, math facts and spend time reading. We continue to provide nightly meals. We are looking forward to the dress sale, cornhole tournament, Spring Dance and blind volley-ball tournament. All events open to the public.





Reading Incentive Goal Setters

Students who reached their halfway reading goal with the Reading Incentive program at Spencer Elementary were rewarded with the opportunity of choosing books to keep as their own.

Students reading past their halfway goal received three books of their choosing. Those students were: Lexus W. (KT), Leyla M. (1Z), Brayden S. (2nd), Lydia L. (4E), Kyler S. (4F), Mya K. (4F), Gage S. (4F).

Students reading to their halfway goal received two books of their choosing. Those students were: PreK - Axel W., Brody H., Carter B., Elsie W., Everett K., Jasper K., Jessie I., Kameron M., Korie H., Lennoux R., Liam K., Lily B., Olivia B., Reid S., Reilyn P., Vander K., Zoey H.; Kindergarten - Archer R., Bentley S., Breckin K., Courtney P., Ellie V., Jackson D., Kylie T., Max P., Trista P.; First Grade - Abigail G., Evan B., Lily B., Lissa F., Mya W., Noah U.; Second Grade - Allie D., Arianah B., Brooklyn V., Brooklyn W., Bryant K., Caylyn A., Charlotte W., Diego L., Jett W., Kaiden R., Keagan K., Kellie S., Meghan D., Tessa B., Vince T.; Third Grade - Abigail P., Bristal P., Brooklyn S., Caelyn V., Caislyn K., Cashton V., Danica W., Emma G., Hailey M., Khiah K., Liam P., Lillie W.; Fourth Grade - Braleigh W., Chloe T., Emily S., Jaylynn G., Kayden P., Lyra V., Maddie B., Savannah W., Sofie S., Tala B.; Fifth Grade - Lola G., Rydge B.

Congratulations to ALL our readers! Keep up the LOVE of books!

Mrs. Connie M. Schroedel, Reading Incentive Coordinator

Spencer Elementary School Reading Incentive Program 2019/20 DECEMBER WINNERS 4YK Mon./Wed.- Zoey Hardrath/ Elsie Welch

4YK Tue./Thur.-Brody Hendrickson/Reilyn Paun

K-Bezlyk-Remy Pleshek

K-Tomke-Lexus Wucherpfennig

K-Wolf-Ellie Vogel

1-Kolstad-Lauryn Smith

1-Pankratz-Evan Blanchard

1-Zuelke-Bryson Altman

2-Anderson-Tessa Bowman

2-Bisonette-Arianah Bodendorfer

2-Guenther-Mallory McCall

3-Farrell-Sara King

3-Payant-Hailey Mateer

3-Weier-Khiah Krause

4-Eckes-Jaylynn Gumz

4-Fischer-Sophie Schultz

4-Miller-Emily Schesel

5-Buss-Josey Haizel

5-Buss-Kaitlynn Klimpke

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The Spencer Area Historical Society Museum is open on the 2nd Sunday each month 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will open for groups by appointment. Ron 659-5182 or Jerry 659-5577, We are looking forward to seeing you. Come and enjoy.

Thayer Sawmill was in the area now occupied by the Partners Bank. The house in the picture occupied by Bodle/Shupe/Harrell. (Picture provided by Dan Harrell.)

From the Editor



Photo taken probably between 1882-1886.

once again, Ron Draeger sent me a picture from the historical society. I was in that house once a few weeks before my tenth birthday. It was where my classmate Mark Harrell lived. I remember the World Series was on the TV. It was the Pirates vs. the Orioles. The Pirates won the series 4-3. Not sure who won that day. The series spanned from Oct.9-17 in 1971. That house was as huge as it looks. Their living room was about as big as our house, or so it seemed. Very cool memory.

I'd like to devote some space each month to some historical society information. We'll see how it goes; but I believe in the importance of it.

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

That quote has been mainly attributed to George Santayna in 1905 and paraphrased by Winston Churchill in front of the House of Commons in 1948. By most accounts it originated with Edmund Burke (See HISTORY, page 6)

LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE IN A FEW SESSIONS!

Looking for a fun family activity? The Marshfield HoeDowners Square Dance Club is just the ticket. We are offering two sessions starting on Sat. Feb.22nd and again on Sat. Feb. 29th. The sessions are held at the Lincoln Town Hall, 10905 Falcon Road, Marshfield, from 10 to 3 pm with a light lunch provided. Cost is \$20.00 per adult and covers both Saturday sessions in February and also four sessions in March. There is no charge for youth ages 8 to 18 (if 18, and still in high school) for both the Saturday sessions and the four sessions in March. After our Saturday sessions, join our regular dance sessions on Wednesdays in March from 6:30-7:30pm.

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're not a good dancer or can't 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, Wes and Ginger Reshel at 920-960-7299. We welcome new dancers to come and "give it a whirl". You'll be glad you did!



Spencer Library news....

Join February's fun events!

Meet K-9 Officer Ella! Tuesday, February 4th from 10-11am. Join us at Spencer Library to meet Spencer's K-9 Ella!

Honor Flight Mail Call. Monday, Feb. 10th from 5:30-6:30pm. Show the local veterans that we care. Come to the Spencer Library to help us make cards and posters to be handed out on the next Honor Flight in April. Our goal is to make at least 100 cards and posters. All supplies will be provided.

Cribbage at the Library! Join us on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1pm to have a fun-filled afternoon. All players welcome. If you've never played or are a pro, join us and try your hand at cribbage.

The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom will be discussed by the Spencer Book Club on Monday, Feb 17th at 5:45pm and Thursday, Feb. 20th at 1:30pm.

Family Story Time and Play N Learn weekly on Wednesday's at our new time of 2pm.

Library Hours:



Mondays and Wednesdays 1-7pm Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm. Saturday 10am-2pm. Spencer's SEL word for the month of February is EMPA-THY.

Empathy is the ability to be able to put yourself in someone else's shoes and understand that person's emotions and feelings.

Research has shown that empathy is essential to building healthy and happy relationships with family and friends and to doing well at work (and for kids, in school).

Here are some ways parents and caregivers can work on Empathy...

- Ask, "How would you feel?" When a preschooler hits a sibling or a friend or takes away a toy they are playing with, for instance, a parent needs to try saying something like, "How would you feel if someone took your toy away?" or "How would you feel if someone hit you?" The same holds true for older children. Ask the question, "How would you feel if?
- Name that feeling. To help your child understand emotions and feelings, identify and label them as much as possible. If your child behaves kindly toward someone, such as by trying to comfort a crying baby or friend, say, "That was very nice of you to be so worried about your friend; I'm sure it made him feel much better when you were so kind to him." If your child behaves in an unkind way, say, "I know you may feel angry but it made your friend sad when you took his toy from him."
- Talk about good and bad behaviors around you. We are constantly exposed to examples of good and bad behavior in real life and in books, TV, and movies. Talk with your child about the behavior you see, such as someone making another person sad or, on the other hand, someone helping others and making people feel better about themselves. One of the best ways to encourage empathy is to make children conscious of what they have in common with others.
- Set a good example. Your child learns about how to interact with people by watching you and other adults in their life. Show what it means to be a kind and loving person. Help family members and neighbors, support friends and others who are in need or having a hard time. Kids are heavily influenced by what we actually do, and less by what we say.

"If you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view, until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." – Atticus Finch in To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)

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near, but we have stated that before.

A few things I know to be sure, we will be moving forward with the Dome construction once the details are worked out with the FEMA grant. We have put out to bid, for the FCS room and bathroom renovations and the board will be approving them at a special meeting on Wednesday, February 4 at 4:00 p.m. At meetings end we will be one step closer to completing the FCS room renovation and upgrading our restrooms. Construction in those areas will begin as soon as school is out for the year. In February and March, approval of our excavation work will be brought to the board. The last bid process will be for the Dome and general construction that goes with it. Once we have our answers from FEMA we will be finalizing those. I appreciate and ask for your continued patience as we work through the tangled web some refer to as our government.

I look forward to seeing you at the 42nd annual cabaret which is on Feb. 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the LTCA. If you want someone else to make lunch for you that day stop in at the Souper Bowl luncheon which runs from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in our school cafeteria. They will have a large variety of soups to choose from. Tickets are \$7.50 adults/\$5 children (12 years and under) and are available at the door.

We are rooting for our District's top speller, Nathan Kiefer, who will be competing at the CESA 10 Regional Spelling Bee at Stanley Boyd on February 6. Good luck Nathan!

All in all, it will be a very busy month. All of our sports seasons will be entering tournament play. Good luck and go Rockets!

I hope you are able to attend any or all of the activities planned for the coming month. Always good to see the community joining in on the successes of our kids.



HISTORY, from page 5.

(1729-1797) who said ,"those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it".

No matter its' origins they are truly words to abide by and I will try to share some history and perhaps some nostalgia when space allows. Visit the historical society here in town with the hours listed on the previous page or make an appointment for your group using the phone numbers provided.

Thank you to everyone that made the Spencer Woman's Club's Tour of Homes a huge success. A \$500.00 check was given to the Village for the Christmas street decorations. Funds to replace the worn-out decorations are generated by donations from individuals or organizations, not tax dollars. Spencer Woman's Club has chosen Zion a project each of the last few years to support such as the K-9, landscaping at the Municipal building, and the street decorations. Funds are raised through wreath sales, pie sales, the tour of home ticket sales, etc. They are now serving the refreshments at the LuCille Tack Center for the Arts intermission and the basket donation profits will also go toward projects. The next Tour of Homes will be held in 2021. If you are willing to open your home, please contact Mary Zahn at 715-613-3630. New members from the Spencer area are welcome to join Woman's Club. Meetings are held in the Village Meeting Room on the 1st Thursday each month at 6:30. If you have any questions, please contact Mary.

Stratford Continuing Education is offering the following classes in Spencer:

-HIIT with Heather Sunday 4-5pm Jan. 26– May 3.

-Painting Workshop-Winter Wonderland Tuesday 6:15-9pm February 4.

n Sunday, January 5th, Pastor Mark Neumann of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colby was installed as pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Spencer. Pastor Neumann has served Trinity as its vacancy pastor for the past six months, and will continue to serve both congregations as their pastor under a multi-congregation parish agreement. Pictured are (from left) Terry Beyreis, president of Trinity, Pastor Neumann, and Rev. Dwayne M. Lueck, district president of the North Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



Harley Meyer presents a check from the Spencer Lions to Aldonna Miller of Spencer King's Pantry. These funds were raised by the Spencer Lions Christmas Tree Sale.



Spencer Churches

CATHOLIC

Christ the King

Father Barry Saylor 659-4480 4:00PM Saturday Evening Mass 8:00AM & 10:00AM Sunday Mass office@ctksspencer.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)

Rev. Mark Neumann
109 W. Clark Street
659-4006
Feb.26 Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion 10:30am + 8pm..
Feb. 27 No 7pm service
Sunday School at 9:15am
10:30am Sunday Worship





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9 Youth Wrestling Tournament All Day.	10 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall.	11 GBB @ Neillsville 7:15pm. BBB Greenwood 7:15pm.	12 Story Time + Play N Learn @2pm, Library. MilwBrewers. Spring Training. Pitchers+Catchers	13 Lion's Club 6:30pm @ Nutz. 4H 7pm Village Hall. BBB @ Loyal 7:15pm. Heart by Heart 7-9pm @ LTCA.	14 No School/Teacher Inservice GBB @ Colby. 7:15pm. BBB OW 7:15pm.	15 FFA Alumni 5- 6th GR. BB. WR Reg. Tourney @ E.C. Regis
16 FFA Alumni 5-6th GR. BB Tourney.	17 GBB Abby 7:15pm. Milw. Brewers. Spring Training Position Players	18 BBB Neillsville 7:15pm.	19 Story Time + Play N Learn @2pm, Library. School Board Mtg. 6:30 H.S. Distance and Learning	20 Sr. Citizen Mtg. Noon @ Ponderosa. GBB Crossover TBD.	21 BBB Colby 7:15pm.	22
23	24 PTA Meeting 6:30pm @NUTZ. BBB Athens 7:15pm.	25 COME Meal 5-6pm @ St. John's.	26 Story Time + Play N Learn @2pm, Library.	27 BBB Crossover (Either here or Sat. the 29th) TBD.	28	29