

Village Voice

of Spencer, WI

What's Rockin in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Administrator/School District of Spencer

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing and joyous holiday season and wish you and yours well for 2020! As we are ushering in the new decade we have a great deal to be excited about.

On January 14, 2020 (want to type it so I get used to it) you are welcome to join us for our annual Winter Band concert. Our middle and high school bands will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in the LTCA . All are welcome!

All three of our winter sports seasons, Wrestling and Girls and Boys basketball, are in full swing. Please check out our website for dates and game times. We are really proud of the work and success of our dedicated athletes.

We have worked hard to promote and share all of the great things that are going on at Spencer Schools through our Facebook page. If you aren't already, please follow us at School District of Spencer. It is a great way to keep loved ones in the loop as well.

At the time of writing this, we have still not received the final word on the FEMA grant. We have been working with them to verify data and to answer questions they have. Albeit, a long, drawn out process, I do feel it is nearing the end. In the meantime, we are in the process of working with the architect and construction manager to move forward on the renovation of our FCS room and bathrooms. We hope to finalize bids in late January so we can have them scheduled as soon as school lets out in the spring.

At the board level, we have adjusted our meeting time to the third Wednesday of the month. You are welcome to join us at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Distance Learning Center. The School Board is always looking to represent our community as a whole and input is always appreciated.

I am looking forward to the year ahead. I feel our students, District and community have a bright future and it is great to be part of. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns at 715-659-5347.



at the TACK

Happy New Year from LuCille Tack Center for the Arts!

After our last show, a new patron emailed a note **which touched our hearts:**

We drove two hours from Appleton to see the performance. We were excited to see the Winter Solstice concert coming to a WI venue. We never heard of Spencer, WI but we took the risk (weather) hoping the road conditions would be tolerable so we would not miss the concert. Your facility is lovely and I'm sure the rural area outside Marshfield and Wausau appreciate having access to various artists. Your volunteers were so friendly and helpful. Love the local ladies (Spencer Woman's Club) donating time and cookies to raise money for community efforts. Kudos to them! We appreciated the emails prior to the show explaining parking, circle driveway, etc. Very helpful. Good luck with future events. L.K.

Folks from Iowa, Minnesota, **Winnipeg, Manitoba** and all over Wisconsin came to Spencer for **the Winter Solstice** show by world-renowned artists. Many ate a meal at Nutz, purchased fuel at Kwik-Trip and left town with a warm feeling for rural America. The Tack is pleased to contribute to the revenue-generating impact of the Arts, as well as the quality of life in Central Wisconsin!

If you haven't been to an event at the Tack, make 2020 the year you do! Yet to come this season is a tribute to the 80's band HEART, which includes two original members, Michael Perry's "Sneezing Cows and Love Songs" with his band THE LONG BEDS and Mutts Gone Nuts, a canine cabaret.

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For more info. and to sign up: www.stratfordclasses.com

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The Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) word for January is COOPERATION.

COOPERATION is when people and groups work together to achieve a common goal. Vince Lombardi put it best when he said, "People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses, or the problems of modern society."

Learning to cooperate means that a person can think about and balance their own wants and needs with another person's wants and needs. When it comes to adult and children relationships, many people think that cooperation means the child does what the adult wants. However, that is compliance not cooperation. True cooperation means a joint effort - a give and take between the adult and the child. The end result being something they both agree on and find mutually satisfying.

Here are a couple of ideas on how you can teach cooperation to children. Do chores together such as setting the table, cleaning up the toys, putting away the laundry or doing the dishes. Point out why and how their contribution is important. Offer suggestions, not commands. For example, "It's cold outside so you're going to need a hat. Would you like help putting it on or do you want to do it yourself?" Give your child choices while maintaining the rules. For example, "Teeth need to be brushed at bedtime. Do you want to do it before or after we read books?" Offering choices shows your child respect.

In life, we soon realize that we can't do life alone. Simply put, we're going to need to work with people our entire lives. Whether that be on school projects, sports teams, in our careers, and yes, even making our houses into homes. We need people who we can trust to help us complete the tasks bigger than ourselves.

School District of Spencer, SEL Committee

TEAMWORK & COOPERATION



Working together towards a shared goal or purpose

Students Earn CNA Degrees at NTC's Spencer Campus

(SPENCER, Wis.) - Seven students completed their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Technical Diploma at Northcentral Technical College's Spencer Campus this December.

The CNA degree 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.



Front (left to right): Barbara Isaacs, Instructor; Rita Lew, Amya LaMarr. Back (left to right): Alise Birr, Courtney Schoen, Breuna Schultz, Addie Hall, Sara LaSee

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Spencer Library news....

Join January's fun events!

"What's New in Spencer?" Tuesday January 7th from 9-10am. Paul Hensch and Police Chief Shawn Bauer will tell us what's new in Spencer, what's coming up in Spencer and what already happened in Spencer. There will also be a question and answer time.

Cribbage at the Library! On the first and third Tuesday of the month, have some fun from 1-3pm as cribbage players gather for an afternoon of fun. From novice to expert; everyone is welcome.

Spencer Book Club, "As The Page Turns" will meet on January 16th Thursday at 1:30pm and Monday, January 27th at 5:45pm (note new time). We will discuss Cane River by Lalita Tademy. Stop in and get your copy today!

Family Storytime and Play N Learn will meet on Wednesdays at 2pm starting January 15th.

The new library hours, listed below, will begin on January 13th.

All programs are free!



Library Hours:
 Mondays and Wednesdays 1-7pm
 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm.
 Saturday 10am-2pm.

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Perhaps you've heard of THE IRISH TENORS? THE TEXAS TENORS? **If you've never experienced a group of tenors doing their thing (and even if you have), you'll definitely want to check out the 3 REDNECK TENORS coming to the Tack later this month.** These classically trained singers will present songs ranging from Gospel to Country, from Pop to Classical sprinkled throughout with their signature Duck Dynasty humor. You might have seen them in Branson or caught their appearance as top finalists on "America's Got Talent," **and now you can enjoy them right here in Spencer on Sunday, January 26 at 2 pm.** For tickets and more information, visit lucilletackcenter.com or call 715.659.4499.

In the Gallery this month are the large-scale creative works of Pella, Wisconsin artist Scott Menzel. Scott uses digital software to paint and draw, then utilizes the "dye-infused metal" process to create his art. His abstract and semi-abstract renderings shimmer softly on the surface and are rich in color and movement. On Friday, January 3 from 5-7 pm you're invited to an Opening Reception for Scott. Greet him, peruse his energetic display, have a nibble and continue on with your weekend. There's no admission charge.

Yep, there's much more to come in 2020! We look forward to seeing you at the Tack!



Leslie Czaikowski of McNeely Insurance prepares to cut the ribbon at the Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce ceremony at McNeely's new home at 202 W. Clark Str. Her brother Paul holds the Chamber plaque as he towers over the proceedings. Their parents DeAnn Luepke and business founder Dan McNeely look on, as do Leslie's daughters and other family members. Diane and Harley, representing the Chamber, hold the ribbon.

The festive event celebrated the holiday season and the re-opening of McNeely insurance in their new building, formerly Arnie's Barber Shop.



July 6, 1984



Spencer loses district chiefs

DiUlio, Colletti retire as lifetime educators

By JIM ELLIOTT
Daily Herald Reporter

SPENCER — Spencer public schools have lost their right and left hands this summer.

One of the hands is Administrator James DiUlio, while the other is Joseph Colletti, principal of Spencer High School.

DiUlio, 62, announced last September he would be leaving June 30 after serving the district for 15 years. Before that, he was a teacher in Shell Lake and a teacher and supervising principal in Birchwood.

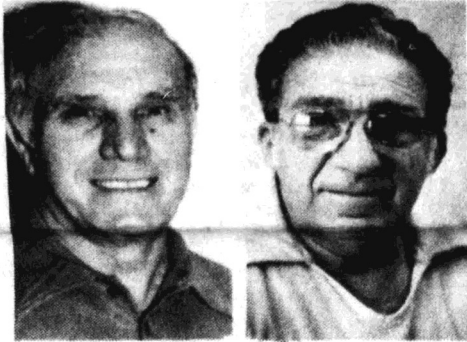
Colletti also has wrapped up a 34-year career in education that took him from his hometown of Madison to the fast-paced California lifestyle, and finally to what he called the peaceful, quiet life in Spencer.

But that serenity doesn't mean Colletti wasn't kept busy. In Spencer, the high school principal also served as athletic director, a dual role that's been split up in most other schools in the Marawood Conference.

"Oftentimes work starts at 7:30 a.m. and if it's a board meeting night or a ballgame, it goes until 10:30 or 11 p.m.," he said. Colletti often found himself occupied with school matters four nights a week, whether at school or at home.

So when the state passed a new law providing full retirement benefits for public employees retiring at age 62, he made his decision.

"I said — after 34 years — I think I'll wrap it up," he said. Although he's only 61, he qualified for retire-



Daily Herald photo

Joseph Colletti

James DiUlio

ment this year because of the school district's fiscal year calendar.

Spencer schools under DiUlio and Colletti stressed the basics, Colletti said, while still keeping up to date with computer systems.

DiUlio said the district started early childhood, learning disabilities, and educational TV programs and built a new shop during his tenure.

Although Spencer is a predominantly agricultural area, student interest in agriculture has lagged, Colletti said. Many graduates have chosen to take jobs at the Land O' Lakes cheese factory, at Artcraft Mobile Homes, or at several industries in nearby Marshfield.

Colletti is proud that Spencer has maintained relatively low turnover among teachers, something small districts often have problems with.

But DiUlio said that in recent years relations between teachers and administrators have suffered. Contract negotiations with teachers was one aspect of the job he disliked, DiUlio said.

He said he's still glad he decided to be an educator. "You know you're in a worthwhile business. You see others succeed. It's a good feeling to see learning take place and, of course, that's the thing that's the highlight of the whole process — seeing success."

As principal of a school with only 285 students in grades 9-12, Colletti found he had to do it all, taking attendance and monitoring hallways. Discipline accounted for much of his time.

"Discipline isn't a problem. You know them all, and there's not the numbers of a big school. But I've gotten my share of eggs thrown at my house, and verbal abuse by phone," he said.

"It's to be taken in stride. Maybe it's a sign that you're doing your job. Principals talk about it when we get together."

He believes there is a bit less respect for principals and teachers than when he was in school. At least, the disrespectful seem more vocal, perhaps because of greater permissiveness by parents, he said.

While DiUlio plans to stay in Spencer for awhile, Colletti's house is for sale, and he plans to return to Madison after helping out the new principal, John Hiltunen.

Ron Draeger, as he is often wont to do, sent me this article from the Spencer Historical Society a few weeks ago. I glanced at it. Mr. Di Ulio was the superintendent when I was a kid and Mr. Colletti, as principal, tried to bar me from a baseball game when I was a junior for being tardy. I figured that was a little harsh. I believe the word insubordination was bandied about. I coulda spelled that if I had to. I was always a pretty good speller. I digress. Anyhow, I figured I'd put it on the shelf for a while and see if I could use it down the line. Then I noticed the date.

July 6, 1984.

What a rush! 44 days earlier on May 23 a friend and I started a drive to Fairbanks, Alaska. On May 28, we arrived. Roughly 3 months later I was thrust in front of a high school classroom filled with Inupiaq Eskimo in the NW coastal village of Kivalina, AK.

There's a few times in your life when it's either sink or swim. This was one of those moments.

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Over the course of the next few months I had to conjure up the past to stay a step ahead.

I had plenty of good role models on which to draw. Mrs. Rannow, H.S. English, immediately came to mind. Mr. Sautner, Science. My brother Bob, English and Sociology and as a coach. Mr. Stewart, P.E. and baseball.

Then there was the not-to-do list, like the un-named (yes, I do still know it) English 9 teacher who ran screaming from the classroom when Eugene Heisler dragged a rubber snake, complete with fishing-line-dragger, across her desk. That same teacher decided it was a great idea to re-do the seating chart so all the girls were on one side of the room and all the boys on the other. It wasn't. And the school counselor at the time (yes, I remember that name as well) who suggested I go to trade school because my grades weren't good enough for college. That same person didn't remember me when I went back 4 years later with a college degree in my pocket. Yes, I digress, again.

To be honest, I kinda dismissed this article a bit, maybe because Mr. Colletti tried to bar me from a baseball game for being tardy. Then I thought Mr. DiUlio and Mr. Colletti were regular dudes, just like I turned out to be. They had families. We went to school with their kids. They had to make hard decisions with kids just like I had to when I was in their shoes. And now that they're gone I think it's only right to say thanks Jim and Joe. It worked out alright.



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Up-Coming PTA dates

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5 Unity Am. Legion Pancake Breakfast 8:30-12:30.	6	7 Older Americans 9:00am Village Hall. Legion 7pm Village Hall. BBB Loyal 7:15pm.	8	9 Lion's Club 6:30pm @ Nutz. 4H 7pm Village Hall. WR @Thorp 7pm GBB Colby 7:15pm	10 BBB @Neillsville 7:15pm.	11 WR @ DC Everest 10:30am..
12	13 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall. GBB @Athens 7:15 pm.	14 Winter Band Concert 7:15 pm LTCA.	15 Story Time + Play N Learn @10am, Library. School Board Mtg. 6:30 H.S. Distance and Learning.	16 Sr. Citizen Mtg. Noon @ Ponderosa. District Spelling Bee 1 pm LTCA. WR Colby/ Abby 7pm. BBB @Colby 7:15 pm.	17	18
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26 3 Redneck Tenors 2-4 pm. LTCA	27	28 COME Meal 5-6pm @ St. John's. GBB QW 7:15 pm. BBB @ Pittsville 7:15 pm.	29 Story Time + Play N Learn @10am, Library.	30 BBB @ Columbus 7:15 pm.	31 WR Crossover @ Thorp. GBB @ Gilman 7:15 pm.	