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iss Spencerama 2019-2020

Spencer Cadette Girl Scout Troop 6158 and the Spencer Woman's Club proudly sponsored the Miss Spencerama and Lil' Miss Spencerama event. The judging took place during Spencerama on Saturday, June 8th. There was one contestant for Miss Spencerama and three contestants for Lil' Miss Spencerama.

The contestants were:

Miss Spencerama (Freshmen – Juniors 2018-2019)

Lydia Nieman, age 16 – Daughter of Rich and Jenny Nieman. Lydia just finished her sophomore year at Spencer High School and is very involved in her church having gone on a Mission Trip to Texas and has another trip planned for South Dakota this July. She's also been involved in 4H since kindergarten, track and band. Lydia has worked for Harmony Holsteins and Springlake Campground.

Lil' Miss Spencerama ($K - 3^{rd}$ grade 2018-2019)

Maddy Beels, age 8 – Daughter of Eric and Lisa Beels. Maddy will be a 4th grader next year and is involved in dance, Operation Christmas Card and her church.

Danica Schreiner, age 7 – Daughter of Scott and Marie Schreiner just finished up her 1st grade year and is involved in Girl Scouts.

Lyra VanHoof, age 9 – Daughter of Jackie Sternweis will be a 4th grader next year and is involved in Girl Scouts, Shady Lane 4H Club, Youth Cheerleading, Hub City Gymnastic Competitive Team as well as a Sunday School Helper for 4 & 5 year olds.

All these young ladies needed to submit an entry form with questions and sell a minimum of 10 wristbands for the Spencer Kids Group bounce houses to enter the competition.

All contestants presented a talent to the four judges and answered questions in front of the audience. Lydia Nieman was named Miss Spencerama, Lyra VanHoof Lil' Miss Spencerama and Maddy Beels Lil' Miss Spencerama Runner-Up for 2019-2020. All these young ladies were welcomed by the Woman's Club to ride in the parade on their float. Congratulations ladies! We are proud to have these young ladies representing the community of Spencer!

A big thank you goes out to last year's Miss Spencerama Maria Semenchuk and Runner-Up Emily Wehrman for their community involvement throughout the last year, Gross Ford of Spencer for sponsorship of a vehicle for the local parades, and thank you Mark & Chris Frey for your monetary donation to this year's event. THANK YOU!

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THANK YOU!

ithout you, SPENCERAMA DAYS would not have been such a success. Organizations that planned and held events, vendors, crafters, those who sold food, those who sponsored events, those who helped, those who discounted or gave items or service, advertisers, and those of you who came and participated – without you, we wouldn't have had an event! We hope you had fun and we will begin planning for next year – JUNE 12, 13, 14, 2020. If you have ideas, please share them with me. If you want to organize an event next year, let me know.

THANK YOU!

Deb Schafer



hank you to everyone who helped me with my year as Miss Spencerama 2018. I would like to say an extra special thank you to the Woman's Club, Girl Scout Troop 6158, and Gross Motors (for the use of their convertible). I am so thankful to have been able to take part in community activities like local parades, PTA craft sale, Spencer Kids Group Halloween party, the Village Christmas Tree Lighting, Dairy Breakfast, and so many more. It has been a privilege representing Spenmore people in Spencer and look forward to seeing all the things future Miss Spencerama queens do to promote our community.

With gratefulness, Maria Semenchuk Miss Spencerama 2018







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What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas
District Administrator/School District of Spencer

(The Wait is Over!)

n Wednesday June 19, 2019 the School District was notified that our FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant had been selected. As you recall, this was introduced as part of the pre-referendum meetings this past spring. With the original notification date of early May, our patience was truly tested, as the date kept getting pushed back further and further. Grandma always said, "good things come to those who wait," and that is the case here.

So, what does this mean. Well, we project approximately \$2.5 million dollars of grant funds, which will be used towards the construction of the community tornado safe-room. Because of the allocation of these funds toward the dome structure, the total cost of the project for our local tax payers will be decreased. FEMA will now go through a Historical/Environmental Preservation Review and additional information request process to ensure the project will meet all FEMA standards. After this process is completed, the grant funds will be distributed. We anticipate the distribution of dollars in either late fall or early winter. The portion of the referendum project that is eligible for FEMA funds cannot begin work until the School District receives the grant funds. Because of this, we are in a holding pattern once again, but it sure will be easier waiting this time around knowing that a prize is waiting.

The board has hired Market and Johnson as our Construction Manager at Risk, and will begin deliberating a timeline for the project as we continue to know more about the FEMA review process timeline.

Work has begun on the moving of our elementary office, and we anticipate that being completed in mid-fall. We also have many other projects underway that are outside of the scope of the referendum. We are updating our kindergarten restrooms, updating interior and exterior doors, and upgrading some entrances to be handicapped accessible. Asphalt is being placed on our playground and stadium entrance to allow handicap access to our playground equipment and bleachers.

Please keep an eye out on our FACEBOOK page, as I will try and keep you up to date on our progress. I am sure this will also be a continued topic for this article as well. It sure is a great day to be a Rocket!

at the TACK

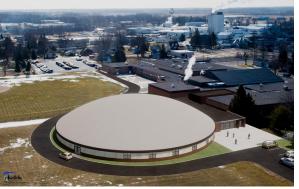
Indraising. An opportunity to serve without much effort? A necessary evil? Call it what you will, but for non-profits like the Tack, it's a way of existence. Without the generous contributions of ordinary citizens, our little gem would cease to exist. LuCille Tack, in her wisdom, realized this when she contributed a fabulously generous amount, but not enough to completely build the Tack by herself. She knew it needed community buy-in and ownership if it were to survive. And survive it has...for nearly a quarter century!

People from all walks of life donate to the Tack, and many do so every single year. It doesn't matter whether they live on a single income or a doctor's salary; many give an amount that's significant to them. Not a pittance, but an amount that indicates they care enough about what the Tack represents to give, what for them is, a substantial sum.

When the Tack sends out its request for a contribution to their Community Giving Circle campaign next month, please strongly consider making a donation to the organization that helps bring performers from across the nation and around the globe to the tiny Village of Spencer – in essence, bringing the world to our doorstep. If you are already giving, perhaps you could up the ante a bit enabling us to maintain the very special place that sets Spencer apart from its nearby communities.



The Board of Directors encourages you to join the hundreds who already financially contribute to the programs and projects at the Tack. You'll be in good company and will feel the warmth and camaraderie as you share the generous spirit that helps make our community creative and strong. And if you don't get a letter, be BOLD! Just mail a check to 400 N School Street, and you'll become a much-appreciated part of the Lu-Cille Tack Center for the Arts! THANK YOU in advance for your kind support!









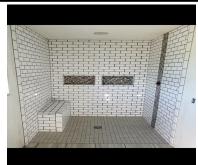
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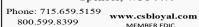






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Over the Fence

SKG News

Summer Rec-July 8th-July 26th Brat Fry- Friday, July 26th from 11-

Dells Trip (My. Olympus)- Monday, July 29th

St. John's COME meal-July 23rd SCB 10U tourney-Saturday July 20th

Stratford Continuing Education

in Spencer: Painting Workshop-Wood Sign Painting. Tuesday, July 9, 6:15-9pm.For more info: www.stratfordclasses.com

Brad Bauer Community Tournament

August 16th-18th, 2019

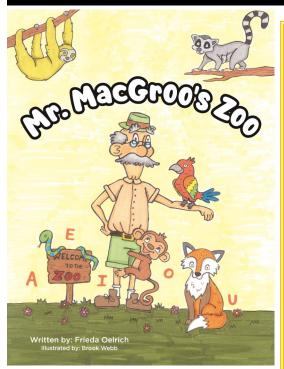
Softball, Volleyball and Cornhole Tournaments.

Teams needed.

For Softball call Becky at 715-321-6061.

For Volleyball call Erica at 715-966-1068.

For Cornhole call Trish at 715-207-8412.



r. McGroo's Zoo was recently published by Freida Oelrich of Spencer. The book is 8 1/2 x 11", full-color and available in paperback.

The beautiful, child-friendly illustrations were done by Brooke Webb, a high school student from Thorp, WI and will captivate young children of all ages.

The book is patterned after the song "Old MacDonald" and the repetition of reading and singing the song will help children learn the short vowel sounds.

The book sells for \$12.00 and is available from Freida Oelrich at W290 State Hwy. 98, Spencer, WI. Telephone: 715-659-4683.



Spencer Library news....

Join July's fun events!

July is craft month. Drop in anytime the library is open to create your own craft. Supplies will be provided.

July 1-12th. Create Your Own Alien!

July 15th-19th. Make Your Own Rocket Ship!

July 29- August 2nd. Torn Paper Planets!

Milk from Farm to Table on Tuesday, July 2nd from 9-10am. Samantha Solin, Executive Coordinator of Partnership for Progressive Agriculture will discuss the benefits of having dairy in your diet and will have recipes featuring milk.

Play N Learn will be held on July 10th and July 24th from 10-11am. Children of all ages are welcome

Library Hours:

All programs are free!



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

Spencer's Special Olympians



pencer Special Olympics track team: left to right: Hannah Dorshorst, Joel Becker, Aaron Herbert, Kenny Gamble, Nathan Derks, Allison Mellenthin. Not pictured: Amy Larson and Ashley Burt. Our state competitors on June 7 were Hannah-first place in turbo jav, second place in 100 meter run. Aaron-first place in turbo jav, fifth place in 200 meter run. Kenny-second place 200 meter walk, third place turbo jav.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Spencer, sold A&W Root Beer Floats and soft-serve Ice cream at Spencerama to raise funds for the Kings Food Pantry of Spencer. Thank you to DeAnn Wells of Spencer A&W for donating all the root beer, vanilla soft-serve, cups, dishes, straws and spoons, and to Thrivent Financial for covering the cost of the chocolate soft serve and other needed items. A total of \$836.25 was raised which Trinity matched with \$400. Pictured is Terry Beyreis presenting a check for \$1,236.25 to Jean Mess, Joyce Abegglen and Jen Griepentrog at the food pantry.

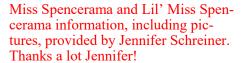








Picture descriptions: #1– From left; Hannah Schreiner and Kaelyn Schreiner (Girl Scouts) Maddy Beels, Lyra VanHoof, Danica Schreiner (Lil' Miss), Lydian Nieman (Miss Spencerama). #2 – Back; Lydia Nieman, Front from the Left; Lyra VanHoof, Danica Schreiner, Maddy Beels. #3 —Maddy Beels, Lyra VanHoof, Danica Schreiner; #4— Lydia Nieman face-painting; #5— Woman's Club float with contestants.





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Por the Spencerama Parade, Partners Bank provided a train of sorts, complete with a "cowboose". Citizens State Bank of Loyal celebrated "Dairy Proud for over 100 years". And the "Man for All Seasons" — Harley Meyer, was named 2019 Spencer Citizen of the Year.

Thanks to Kathy Meidl, Patti Hahn and Linda Hinrichsen for the information and pictures they provided.





OELRICH REUNION

Saturday, July 20, 2019 (one-day only)

Where: Oelrich Farm (also home of Dean and Nadine Emma Kaulfuerst) -Willett) 210699 Fairhaven Ave. (formerly B3828 Fairhaven Ln.) Spencer WI 54479. This is at the homestead of Gustav and Emilie Oelrich, purchased in 1888. Son, George and wife Linda, subsequently owned the farm. Descendants of Gustav and Emilie (Schwantes) Oelrich are invited to attend. Their children were:

-Anna 1878-1935 (m. Charles Dittmann)

Carl/Charles 1881-1942 (m. Alvina Luepke

- Frank 1883-1975 (m. Wihelmine "Minnie" Korth)

- Sophia 1885-1940 (m. Frank Luepke; 2nd husband, Herman R. Neumann)

- Fred 1887-1978 (m.

-Bill/Wilhelm 1894-1970 (m. Sophia Huber)

- George 1897-1981 (m. Linda Naatz)

A registration has been sent by email or US mail for known Oelrich family contacts. If you did not receive one, please contact: Mary Oelrich at 715-432-4707, Darcy Boock at 715-307-5149, OR Email: oelrichfamily@gmail.com.

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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

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

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 Sunday Worship !0:30AM Miraculous Mission Vacation Bible School June 9-13. Call to Register





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7	8 SKG Summer Rec starts. Runs until July 26.Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall	9	10 Story Time 10am Li- brary. School Board Mtg. 6:30 H.S. Commons	11 Woman's Club 7 pm @ Village Hall. 4H 7pm Village Hall. Lion's Club 6:30pm @ Nutz	12	13
14	15	16	17 Story Time Library/Play N Learn 10am .	18 . Sr. Citizen Mtg. Noon @ Ponderosa	19	20 SCB IOU Baseball Tournament at ARC Park
21	22	23 COME Meal 5-6pm @ St. John's.	24 Story Time 10am Li- brary School Board Mtg. 6:30 H.S. Commons	25	26 SKG Brat Fry llam -2pm.	27
28	29 SKG Dells Trip	30	31 Story Time/Play N Learn 10am.	SHERGENCY SHERGENCY		