Village Voice of Spencer, WI

<sup>**v**</sup>he Village of Spencer is committed to serve you in this unusual time. All Village departments are open and operating. We have been following new protocols to help protect the safety of our employees. It is with their good health that we can continue operations. We do however, ask our residents for your help to maintain operations. While all facilities are currently open, we ask that you try to limit in-person contact. If there is a non-emergency, please call our police at 715-659-5453, rather than stopping by. As always, in an emergency call 911. While the Village office is still open with our normal hours of 8-5 Monday through Thursday and 7-4 on Friday, again, please call us at 715-659-5423 to ask questions. To pay your water bill, please drop it off in the drop box located in the front of the Village Complex, contact the office to set up automatic payments, or pay your bill online at paymentservicenetwork.com. Also please limit unnecessary visits to our shop, water plant, and wastewater treatment facility.

At this time the Presidential Preference and Spring Election scheduled for April 7th is still occurring. To avoid unnecessary contact, we encourage you to vote by absentee ballot. To request an absentee ballot, email me at clerk@vil.spencer.wi.us no later than April 2nd,stating that you would like an absentee ballot for the April 7th election. Please include your name, your home address, your mailing address if different and include a copy of your photo ID. Or you can do this online through Myvote.wi.gov. Please keep in mind mailing time. Ballots must be in our office no later than 8 pm on April 7th. We are also available at the office during our open hours except between noon and 1pm for in-person absentee voting through April 5th.

Spencerama is still scheduled for June 12-14, but we are monitoring the situation and will keep you updated on any changes......Finally, please remember to only flush toilet paper down the sewer. Even if that wipe says it is flushable, it is not and can cause potential damage and backups to both your pipes, and the Village pipes......We understand that everyone is experiencing these trying times, but we will work together as a community to get through this.....Paul Hensch, Village Administrator

#### **STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS**

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

- \*Avoid close contact with people who are at risk.
- \*Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- \*Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- \*Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- \*Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- \*Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

#### cdc.gov/COVID19

#### What's Rockin' in Rocketville! **By Mike Endreas**

District Admin./School District of Spencer

o say that the month of March was interesting is probably the biggest understatement that I have ever made. We spent much of the month on a mandated closure by Governor Evers, which at the time of writing this will go until April 6th. I must say all indications point to them extending this timeline. Therefore, trying to promote or talk about the upcoming events at school is not worth the time it takes to write it.

I guess I want to take this time to brag about the work that our Rocket Family has done in this unprecedented time. The definition of Rocket Family is anyone in our district that has a vested interest in our school and our kids. This would include, but not limited to, all staff, students (present and past) and parents of the School District of Spencer.

Much has been said amongst the area how impressive the School District of Spencer was in being prepared to provide a virtual learning environment for our kids. Due to the great number of snow days last year our Principals made it a goal for our staff to be trained in providing students virtual lessons in the event we foresee a great number of inclement weather days. Like most instances, when you are prepared, they don't happen. Because of this, when we were given the heads-up that a closure was coming, we proactively worked with our kids and sent home materials, etc. early just in case. Just so happens that same day at 4:30 p.m, the mandate by the Governor was delivered. We took one day to make sure all were on the same page and enacted our learning plan the next.

I cannot say enough about the work that all staff has put in to make this happen. Special mention needs to go to Sue Harn who worked the weekend to assure that the internet hotspots we purchased for kids without access were

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ready to be utilized. She also made sure

that all kids' devices were ready to go as well. This is just one of many examples of our staff going the extra mile to make this situation a positive one. Also, thanks to our food service staff who work daily to prepare and distribute food to any of our students that wish to have lunch and breakfast. Once again, creativity and planning is making this a great resource for our kids.

Our kids have worked hard and are doing what their teachers ask of them. Change is not easy for anyone but I am impressed with the

collaboration between teacher and students to create a system that provides meaningful learning.



Parents have been great. We cannot get around asking them to play a larger role in their child's

education. I cannot tell you how appreciative we have been with the patience, the words of thanks and appreciation we have received. Just another example of how great a community we have.

I challenged my staff to set the bar for the area schools in creating a meaningful learning environment for our kids. As a whole they have met that challenge and in many ways surpassed it with their flexibility and creativity. I can say in my 20 plus years at Spencer I have never been more proud to say "it's a great day to be a Rocket!"





HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- New Summer Hours
- 1918 Closures
- Spencer Fire of 1886, part 2.

SUMMER HOURS-Historical Museum-In the Olde Hall-Downtown Spencer-Open 11AM-2PM-

3rd Sunday of Month.

\*Not right now, but also open to groups by appointment by calling Ron @659-5182 or Jerry @ 659-5577.

**From the Editor** Last month we learned more about the Spencer Fire of 1886. Although the fire started prior to Sunday, August 8th, a change in the wind not only threatened the village, but began to consume buildings after jumping the RR tracks making it "the darkest day in the history of the village. "(I'll continue with the last sentence printed again).

About the time that the fire crossed the railroad track, the residences of S. C. Hall, and the planing mill of S. C. and C. H. Hall took fire as well as the lumber belonging to Neils Bros. and P. A. Thayer.



THURSDAY, OCT. 17, 1918.

DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST THE FLU

BOARD OF HEALTH ORDERS VARIOUS PLACES CLOS-ED AND MEETINGS STOPPED.

Effective Last Monday And In Force Until Further Notice.

The epidemic of influenza has grown more serious the past week. The number of people ill with the disease has greatly increased and several deaths have occurred. As a result the board of health, composed of John P. Adler, Adam Guckenberger and W. S. Sigel, met Monday morning with Health Officer J. C. Hayward to consider ways of stamping out the disease and decided on an order closing movie houses, theatres, pool halls, all public and parochial schools; churches and Sunday schools, and prohibiting church suppers, lodge meetings, banquets, rummage sales and large gatherings of any other kind, effective last Monday and in force until further notice from the board of health.

This order shall extend to and include all mercantile and business houses of any nature that have in the past or do at present send merchandise or other articles of any description out on approval.

The fires swept up through the piles of lumber and the dwelling houses of S. E. Brooks, A. Jenecke, H. Ehnert, A. Wichtman, August Neils, Geo. Dill, and the sawmill of P. A. Thayer, sweeping all clean in its path.

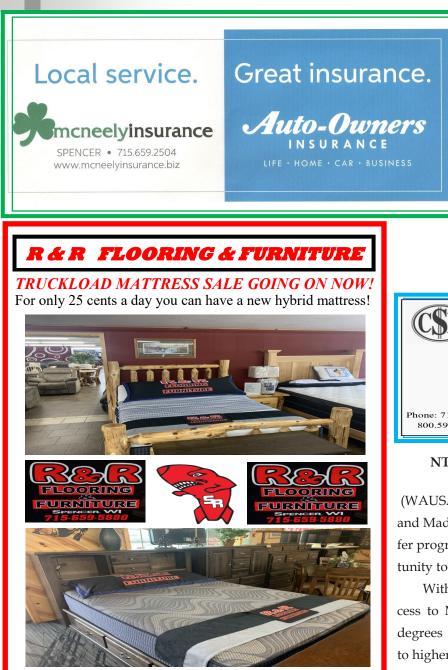
The large hardware store of Neils Bros. was the next building sacrificed, the fire from there jumping across the street to C. Stoltenow's building, and from there to the saloon building of P. J. Bresnahan, and store building owned by M. H. DuCate, and occupied by F. Burnside & Co. Here the wind suddenly lulled and the Blackstone house by dint of hard work was saved, thus checking the course of the flames. Had this building burned, the others to the northeast must certainly have gone.

The Stevens Point fire engine was telegraphed for but did not reach Spencer until all communication was shut off by fire. The fire came so sudden that many families were unable to save anything in the way of household goods and were left destitute as well as homeless. Everything that could possibly be done to stay the progress of the fire, was done, and many men were fighting fire on the west side of town when their homes were burning on the east side.

The scene during the progress of the fire is beyond description. All was confusion and people were in doubt as in which direction to go, the fire seemingly being on all sides. Women carried their little all and followed by crying children hurried through the streets looking for a place of safety. Loaded teams were driven at full speed to the west side of town, the goods unloaded and in this way nearly every house in town was emptied of its contents and the loss by breakage will be considerable. To mention all the names of all who assisted with the teams in moving goods after it was thought impossible to save them from the fire would require too much space here. Suffice it to say that their kind efforts were appreciated.

Mayor W. H. Upham and a large number of the whole-souled citizens of Marshfield came up as soon as the fire would admit of it and brought with them two wagon loads of provisions which were divided among the needy who had been left





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#### NTC Announces Liberal Arts Transfer Program in Partnership with Madison College

(WAUSAU, Wis.) – Northcentral Technical College (NTC) and Madison College have signed a new Liberal Arts Transfer program agreement that will give students the opportunity to begin their bachelor's degree at NTC.

With this new partnership, NTC students will have access to Madison College's <u>Liberal Arts Transfer</u> associate degrees (AA and AS) which provide transfer opportunities to higher education institutions throughout the country and Wisconsin – including guaranteed transfer agreements with UW-Madison and other UW System schools.

"We couldn't be more proud to partner with Madison College to provide an affordable and accessible liberal arts transfer option to NTC students who want to start with us on their path to a four-year degree," said Dr. Lori Weyers, president of NTC.

The first 100 students who apply to the program will receive a \$200 scholarship from the NTC Foundation.

"This collaboration is a true partnership between Madison College and NTC, born of our shared commitment to providing access to higher education to Wisconsin See NTC, next page pencer's Social and Emotional Learning word for April is *Responsibility*.

Responsibility is the moral obligation to behave fairly in consideration of self and others.

"Ingraining responsibility in children is not a trick but is simply teaching them life skills," says Dr. Karen Ruskin, Psy.D, author of "The 9 Key Techniques for Raising Respectful Children Who Make Responsible succeed at the university of their Choices." "Kids who do not have responsibilities feel entitled and think the world will always do for them."

Raising responsible kids who know how to make a partnership or to sandwich can be a reality!

Here are some tips...**1.** Start young and show them finished playing. Teach them to say please and thank NTC. you. Teach Preschoolers to turn off the lights when leaving a room, to set the table, and to wipe the sink when done brushing their teeth. Teach kids 6-11 to vacuum a room, to pack their own lunch, and to order for themselves at restaurants. Teach kids 12+ to figure out the correct tip when eating out and involve them in planning and preparing dinner once a week. **2.** Let them help you. Invite them to help with housework. The job may not be done perfectly but it is teamwork and precious time with your child. 3. Model responsibility. For example, at the end of mealtime say, "Now proud of them for hanging up their coat, putting away structure and routine. Kids thrive on order. Start each morning with an expected routine...Eat breakfast, watching TV. 6. Teach consequences. For all of us, every choice made results in a consequence; some good some bad. Alex Barzvi, licensed, clinical psychologist says, Parents are afraid to let kids be sad or angry, but if we always solve children's problems, they will not learn to be responsible as they grow up. When we hold our children accountable for their actions we are raising responsible children.

To quote Lou Holtz, "The man who complains about in Spencer: the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it."

Take responsibility for your life today!

School District of Spencer, SEL Committee

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students," said Dr. Turina Bakken, provost of Madison College. "With this program, NTC students will be able to complete the Liberal Arts

Transfer program without leaving home and will be academically prepared to choice."

To learn more about this innovative apply, VIS it www.ntc.edu/liberal-arts.



Photo Caption: Dr. Jack E. Daniels, III, Madison College president and Dr. Lori Weyers, NTC president sign the official partnership agreement allowing the way. Teach toddlers to put their toys away when NTC students to complete their Liberal Art Transfer Associate Degree at

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE This just in... March 25, 2020

Northcentral Technical College Continues to Serve the Community

(WAUSAU, Wis.) - In these uncertain times, Northcentral Technical College (NTC) remains committed to the students and the communities it serves. The College remains open in an entirely virtual environment amid COVID-19 campus closures......"While our physical campus locations are closed to ensure our students and staff are able to safely shelter at home, we have worked tirelessly to continue our programs and remain open virtually," said we put our dirty dishes in the sink." Be the person you Dr. Lori Weyers, president of NTC. "We are committed to mainwant your children to be. Responsibly control your taining the high quality service and support that our community own behavior before expecting your children to con- knows and expects."..........In recognition of the increasingly estrol theirs. 4. Praise them. Kids love to help and want sential need for internet access, NTC is also proud to announce that to help. Be sure to thank them and tell them you are extended Wi-Fi capabilities are now available in the parking lots of all NTC campus locations. Wireless access points are now available their laundry, or cleaning up their room. 5. Provide at the NTC Wausau, Phillips, Medford, Spencer, Antigo and Wittenberg campuses. Users can pull in and connect to the NTC Guest wireless......"We recognize that not everyone has access to high wash face and hands, brush teeth, get dressed before speed internet, especially in our rural communities," said Weyers. 'As the community's college, we believe it is vitally important that we continue to serve as a resource to our District in these uncertain times. We want to do our part to ensure our communities stay connected to their loved ones, their workplaces and their schooling." For more information on NTC's response to COVID-19, visit www.ntc.edu/covid19. Community members, current students and prospective students are also encouraged to connect with College staff by visiting www.ntc.edu or calling 715.675.3331.

**Stratford Continuing Education** is offering the following classes

-Painting Workshop—Bessie's Blossoms Thursday 6-9pm May 7 (email startfordclasses@gmail.com for a photo of the painting)

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

have lasted for weeks? Cabin fever has certainly taken on a whole new meaning!

In light of the COVID-19 health emergency, the Tack has made adjustments to its calendar and will continue to follow all guidelines made by local, state and federal health officials. This includes rescheduling of events to later in April, should that become necessary.

For now, be aware that Michael Perry Live: Sneezing Cows & Love Songs has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 5. If you already have tickets for this performance, they have been transferred to May 5. Mike's afternoon author chat, however, has been cancelled. In addition, ART NIGHT on March 25, and the April 3rd Gallery Reception and month-long exhibit by Dana M Johnson have been cancelled. Regular ticket office hours, as well as online ticket sales, have been suspended until further notice. Any future schedule updates for the remainder of the Tack's 2019/20 season will be communicated via email, on our website (lucilletackcenter.com) and our Facebook page. Should you have questions or need additional information, contact the Tack by email at info@lucilletackcenter.com or call 715.659.4499 and leave a message.

In the meantime, do you need a venture to help keep you from going stir crazy? Calling all aspiring filmmakers, parents wanting to work on a fun project with their family, kids looking for something creative to do and anyone else searching for an inspirational outlet...the Tack, in partnership with the Janesville Performing Arts Center, is here to help! Let's get creative and have some FUN!

Come up with a script, hire your actors (kids, family members, pets...whoever is in your home), shoot your short home movie with your phone (5-10 minutes in length) and submit to info@lucilletackcenter.com by April 10. Don't worry about editing and trying to make it perfect. We just want to see your creativity and how our community can continue to inspire through the Arts during this difficult and challenging time.

After the videos are submitted, we'll compile a movie trailer that showcases snippets of your completed films; and when things get back to normal, we will come together for a full-on movie screening at the Tack. Once the community has had the chance to celebrate our local creativity, we'll join the Janesville Performing Arts Center for a statewide festival.

We suggest all movies be shot from your home/property and discourage footage from any other areas. All content must be family friendly. GO HAVE FUN!

In days such as these, it's important to reflect on the uplifting power of the Arts to connect us to both the deepest parts of ourselves and to each other by the emotions we have in common.

Furthermore, the Arts offer us a source of comfort when the world feels uncertain and overwhelming. While hunkered down, you may choose to listen to beautiful music, pull out your sketchbook and crayons, dust off your voice and/or high school band instrument, go online and find a story for a readers' theater with your kids and make some art of your own with those you love. The act of creating will make you feel good and will entertain at the same time.

Until we meet again, may you be healthy and have all you need. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Tack as soon as it is safe to do so! Be well, Friends!

#### oes anyone else feel like the past few days at the TACK ACKMAN BROTHERS REPRESENT S/C MADISON FOR STATE WRESTLING

Spencer/Columbus sent Ashton and Treyton Ackman to the state tournament February 27-29. Ashton Ackman (113) lost his first match in the tournament and did not place. Treyton (120) (pictured below on right), won his first match to move on. Treyton would end up wrestling for the Division 2, 120 pound fifth place title. Ackman won that match over Waupaca's Kaleb Mannel by major decision, 8-0.



## SPENCERAMA-**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

WE NEED YOU to start thinking... Spencerama is only a few months away. The Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for Citizens 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 that person. Send nominations to Partners Bank, P.O. Box 137, Spencer, Attn: Linda or drop off at Partners Bank or email lindah@partnersbankwi.co m no later than Friday May The winner will be an-15th. nounced Saturday evening at Sponsored by the Spencerama. Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce.

# SPARKS win annual fundraiser...AGAIN!



Spencer Special Olympics basketball team defeated the Spencer Fire Fighters, EMT's, and Spencer Police department on March 8, in the team's annual fundraiser game. A huge thank you to all the participants and to all who came to watch the game!

**From the Editor** I'm not a doctor and I don't play one on TV. I could help you increase your free throw percentage, show you how to hit a baseball (not a curve), or even help your verbs agree with your nouns, if you were so inclined.

Especially in this time of uncertainty, get real information from real professionals, in that field. Life (work, school, fun, games) will get back to normal as time allows and not before. Patience is a virtue. Health professionals and those that deal with illnesses, FOR A LIV-ING, are those to lean on now as we get well. Stay safe friends...see ya soon...steve

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Clip the coupon below out of the Village Voice and head to A+W here in town on April 16 after 4pm to support the restaurant and Legion Post 298.



#### Thursday, April 16, 2020 \* 4pm-9pm



Please take one for "Share Night" @ the Spencer A&W! Profits will go towards scholarships for Spencer High School students. (Note: need to present coupon when ordering for the legion to receive their share.) - Thank you!

Spencer American Legion- Post 298

#### Spencer Library news....

Audrey tells me that the library will be closed tentatively until April 6th. No fines will accrue during this time.

### CATHOLIC

Christ the King

Father Barry Saylor 208 S. LaSalle 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

## **Spencer Churches**

#### 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 Sunday School at 9:15 am 10:30am Sunday Worship



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