

Village Voice

of Spencer, WI

WELCOME 2021

The Santa parade sponsored by the Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce was a great success.

Approximately 400 people lined up along Wendell St. and onto South Park St. Over 200 gift bags and glow sticks were handed out to children along the route. Hot dogs, hot cocoa and cookies were provided.

The parade was led by the Spencer Police and Fire Departments followed by the SPENCERAMA royalty and Citizen of the year. Bringing up the end was our star of the night, Santa Claus.

After the parade, the newly transplanted and decorated Christmas tree was lit with a little bit of Santa's magic.

Special thanks to the elves who hand-delivered gift bags and glow sticks, those who prepared and wrapped hot dogs and baked and wrapped cookies, made the hot cocoa and those who kept the stations stocked for serving.

A big thank you to Bill Hoes for putting together Santa's ride and the Spencer Lion's Club for getting Santa to Spencer for the parade. Thank you to the Spencer Woman's Club, Spectrum Benefit Solutions of CW, Country

See PARADE on page 3



What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Admin./School District of Spencer

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I wish you joy and happiness in 2021. I am just as happy as anyone to leave 2020 behind us and all that it had to offer. I always feel that in difficult situations true heart and soul rise to the occasion. This has been completely evident in the work our Administration, Teachers, Support Staff, Students and Parents that have come together to make the year 2020 a success. I never take for granted the support our community has for the School District of Spencer and want to show my sincere gratitude as well.

We continue to create opportunities for our kids while reducing risk as we know the end is near for this pandemic but also realize we need to stay strong through the finish line. The School Board has been awesome in their support of the recommendations and protocol created to address the pandemic. Our current plan is to continue in the cohort model while evaluating our status on a month-to-month basis to see if any changes can be made. All our winter sports seasons are well underway. We have limited attendance to these events but do livestream them all on our Facebook page. All other traditional events are being evaluated and if possible attempted, but I think I can go without saying they will have a virtual component to them.

The building project is well underway. I hope when this newsletter hits your mailbox, we will have an inflated dome and the process of attaching rebar and concreting the interior is continuing. I must remind all that it is a construction zone so please refrain from going inside the fenced area. We have pictures and videos on our webpage to view the progress they are making. After the first attempt at a bidding process in November we decided to deny all bids and do it over. As a district we were not pleased with the process and it See ROCKIN' on page 5.

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Another look at Bill Hoes' parade entry. You can often see Bill giving youngsters a ride on his tractor in the fall, often complete with a hay ride. Looks like he out did himself this year. He's helped kids around here for a long time, even me, way while ago. Thanks Bill!

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PARADE from page 1. Wireless, Citizens State Bank of Loyal, Spencer Branch, Partner's Bank, Spencer Branch, Gross Ford, R & R Flooring and Furniture. Spencer Kids Group, Kwik Trip, Spencer, Dale Smith, Paul Hensch and Deb Ivacic, all who contributed to the gift bags and/or food items.

Thank you to those who came out for the event.

Hope you all have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



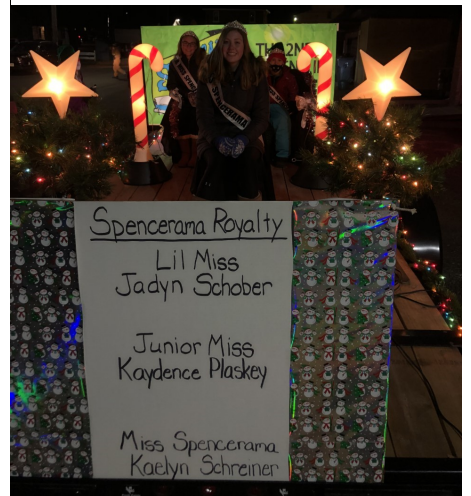
The Bill Hoesmobile delivers Santa both night and day.



SPENCERAMA Royalty Lil Miss, Jadyne Schober Junior Miss, Kaydence Plaskey Miss Spencerama, Kaelyn Schreiner



Spencer Cadette Girl Scout troop members Hannah Schreiner and Theresa Knecht hand out flyers about their Silver Award. More on the Silver Award on page 7.



Deb Schafer contributed the story and Bill Hoes and Jennifer Schreiner provided the photos. Thanks folks!

SPENCER AREA Chamber of Commerce **HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Spencer Lions Club president Terry Beyreis called the other day and said the Lions had to cancel their annual Lions Club Scotch Doubles bowling Tournament this coming February 6th and 13th. Their tournament started at the Spencer Bowl years ago and now is held at Rose Bowl Lanes in Marshfield. Certainly not surprising as the pandemic has forced people to make adjustments in their everyday lives. Gotta be some good news with the bad you would think. There is! Terry said the Lions were already making plans for the 2022 edition of their Scotch Doubles Tournament, so mark your calendars for February 5th and 12th of 2022 and I'll bet I'll see you there. Till then. Strikes and Gutters! Ups and Downs!.....And on a brighter note Terry said the Lions Club had a highly successful Christmas tree sales this year and would like to thank Perry and the rest of the folks at **R & R Flooring and Furniture** for facilitating those sales from their parking lot.

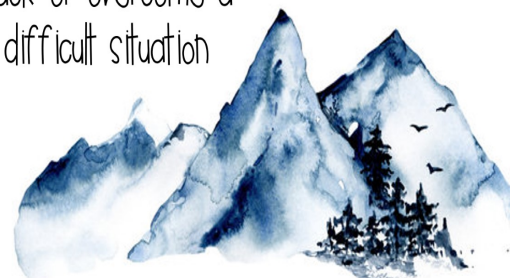


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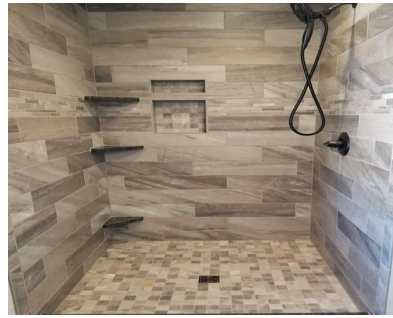


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at the TACK

Well, friends, 2020 was quite a year, truly unforgettable in so very many ways.

While there has been no shortage of disappointments and setbacks, the Tack organization can still lay claim to plenty of positive accomplishments. Take an amble down memory lane with us.

Way, way back in January a handful of volunteers and donors put together a stage set for the performance of 3 Redneck Tenors. The "tenors" LOVED the set and we were able to cut a significant amount off the artist fee since we didn't need to rent their set. It was GREAT fun, and the audience got a kick out of it!

In an effort to offer adults a creative outlet, Spencer Schools art instructor and member of the LTCA Board of Directors, Carmen Schweiger, began monthly "Art Nights." Needle felting and adult coloring managed to take place before the pandemic forced a pause. Stay tuned for the return of Art Night in 2021.

After the pandemic eliminated the remaining events in the Tack's 2019-20 season, many patrons and friends joined in contributing to a one-time "Full House Fundraiser" that netted more than \$3,000 and helped offset the significant drop in revenue the Tack was experiencing at the time. It goes without saying that this reassuring gesture helped us weather the storm.

With so many changes to the usual way of doing business, the board decided to take the opportunity to refresh the look of its season brochure, which had changed very little in the last 25 years. Stephanie Schauer at QuikPrint jumped to the challenge and updated the brochure with a smaller and a one-event-per-page format. We like how it turned out and have adopted the design for future editions.

In June, the Tack was fortunate to receive a grant from the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin to help update the Gallery. R & R Flooring was instrumental in re-covering the walls and a start was made on a "permanent collection" of artwork that will be in place during the summer months and at any time the space is without a designated exhibit.

All through the pandemic, the Tack organization has been constantly considering what must be done to make the theatre a safe place to gather. Once COVID numbers have dropped significantly and vaccines have been distributed to many, revisions will be made with the hope that we will finally be able to gather in numbers to enjoy the Arts together.

Our volunteers are an outstanding group of individuals who know how to make things happen. Even though they weren't doing their usual tasks, "Tack Forces" accepted challenges to reach out to our community. During the first "Safer at Home" period, a team made

ROCKIN' from page 1 came in way over budget.

In discussion with vendors there was confusion and many questions. At the District's request the contractors went back to the drawing board and through the design process and changes made to the clarity of the bid packets we feel good that we will be back on track. The new bids will be approved in February and the overall timeline of the project will be set for a completion date to start the 2021-22 school year.

The School Board has also been in discussion regarding our current revenue cap exemptions the voters approved five years ago in the amount of \$975,000. This sunsets at the end of the current school year. The board is reviewing budget forecast models and are deliberating to formulate a plan to ask the community for their financial support once again. The final resolution needs to be approved by January 26 and once that is determined we will have listening sessions to inform the community of the plan moving forward.

I am excited about not only the future of our School District but the community of Spencer as a whole. The village board has created opportunities for more homes and businesses to come to Spencer which can only be better for all in the long run. I hope you take some time to look back on 2020 and, like me, realize it has created perspective as to what is truly important in life. Once again Happy New Year!



TACK from page 5 nearly one hundred phone calls to community members, checking in to be sure they were doing OK and had what they needed. As school began, another team stitched nearly two hundred instrument bell covers so that Spencer band students could continue making music in small, socially-distanced groups. Giving back is so important!

As the calendar page turned to September, the Tack learned that our software program used to sell tickets online and in the box office was being discontinued. Remember that COVID has impacted ALL parts of the arts and entertainment industry. This failure hit very close to home! Within six weeks, research had been completed, training started and data migrated to new software. Though the transition is not yet fully complete, it has gone pretty well.

And finally, the Tack is beyond grateful to Governor Tony Evers for directing COVID relief to Wisconsin's cultural organizations and the live music and entertainment industry. Through a competitive grant process, the Lucille Tack Center for the Arts received more than \$37,000 in aid which replaces a portion of revenue lost over the past nine months and helps pave the way to recovery in 2021.

While 2020 was not the happiest, the Tack Center organization appreciates the continued patronage and rock-solid support of the community in Central Wisconsin. Knowing that friends and family have your back, even when you haven't seen them in months, we are certain that because of YOU the show will INDEED go on! Thank you for all you do and best wishes for good health and happiness in 2021.



Spencer Library news....

The Spencer Library will continue to provide both curbside appointments (where you are able to come in and browse and pick up books). Please call the library at 715-659-3996 for your appointment or curbside pick up. Here are the hours again:

Monday: Curbside 1-3pm. Appointments 3-7pm. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: Appointments 10am-2pm. Curbside 2-4pm. Wednesday: Appointments 1-5pm. Curbside 5-7pm.

Grab N Go Symmetrical Snowflakes will be offered from January 4-29th! With adult guidance, kids can learn what symmetry is and how it works while they craft their own snowflakes! Please call the Spencer Library to set up a time to pick up your kit.

Spencer Library will be closed January 1st. We will be open Monday, January 4th for curbside and appointments.

Please feel free to call us at 715-659-3996 if you have questions.

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Ice skating anyone? While all the details and logistics have yet to be worked out, it appears there will be an ice skating rink in Lions Park up by the Village Office and Police Department building. I promise to have more next month but Deb at the Village office told me this.

Someone new to the village brought up the idea of a village ice skating rink and apparently made a donation to make it happen. Further support came from a number of donors from the village, exceeding the amount that the village figured it would need. Deb said a 100' X 60' liner has been ordered and an electrician contacted for lighting of the rink.

Please be respectful of this new recreational opportunity by cleaning up after yourselves so there is no un-due maintenance that needs to be done. That way we can enjoy it for years to come. If all goes well the rink could be ready by the second or third week of January. More next time!



The Spencer Cadette Girl Scout Troop 6158 is working on their Silver Award, the highest honor a Cadette can achieve. For the Silver Award, Girl Scouts focus on an issue they care about, learn the facts, and take action to make a difference...and that's where you can help! Please consider donating new items for Sweet Dreamz bundles or money to Girl Scouts to make new blankets for the cause. Sweet Dreamz of Wisconsin is a local non-profit servicing 18 Wisconsin counties and counting, whose mission is to give children who come from homes with illegal substance abuse hope for a brighter future by providing bundles of comfort items. Bundles include all new items: pillowcase, blanket, pajamas, stuffed animal and books. Donations of new items can be dropped off at R&R Furniture at 312 S. Pacific St, Spencer WI. To learn more, visit Sweet Dreamz of WI on Facebook, email sweetdreamzofwi@gmail.com or call (715)255-3115.

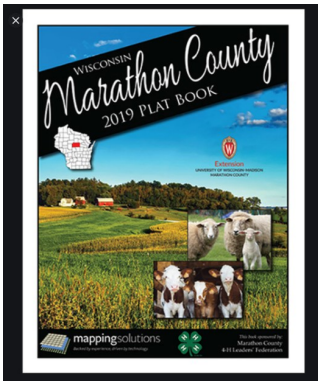
Monetary donations for supplies for Girl Scouts to make blankets for Sweet Dreamz can be endorsed to

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