

Village Voice

of Spencer, WI

What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Administrator/School District of Spencer

I can honestly say that the month of March is probably one of my favorites of the year. The anticipation of the warm, summer months right around the corner while winter fights to hang on as long as it can. I think it is the onset of change after a long, sometimes monotonous winter. I am looking forward to a new beginning.

From a school standpoint, before we get too far ahead of ourselves, we need to finish what we started. All of our winter sports have been or will be entering into tournament play. We anticipate state qualifiers in wrestling, our boys basketball team has placed themselves in our history books by sharing a piece of the Cloverbelt conference championship. Our girls basketball program filled with youth and talent are definitely on the upswing. I would like to wish them all well as they enter the tournament.

March also brings us a great deal of opportunity for the arts. Forensics will be in full swing to work their way to state. Band and choral students will be working hard to perfect their crafts as they will participate in solo ensemble at the end of the month. I saw a posting for auditions for the upcoming spring play as well.

Our elementary students have been busy with a Math night this past month and are looking forward to celebrating reading with a Read-a-thon. I appreciate the work of our staff to make these opportunities possible for our kids.

Broken record time. We are still plodding along with FEMA and the allocation of the pre-disaster mitigation grant funds. We have contacted both Senator Baldwin and Johnson's office and have their representatives reaching out to allow us to have a timeline of where things are at. All I can say is 'what a run around'. With that said we have completed the bid process for the FCS rooms, bathroom renovations and upgrade of the electricity coming into the building. Construction in these areas will begin on or around June 1. The board will be approving the specification for the excavation and civil engineering plan for the back of school in preparation of the Dome construction. I am sorry to say, without any definitive answer from FEMA, from then on we wait.

I am extremely happy with the work of our staff in providing an outstanding education for our students. I really feel the work of all makes Spencer School District special and a great place to be. Have a great spring!

at the TACK

The north winds doth blow, and we shall have snow. What will poor robin do then? Why, he'll join us for a cozy activity, or two, at the Tack! See all that he has to choose from.

Featured in the Gallery during March is Marshfield landscape painter, Dana M. Johnson, who immerses herself in the great outdoors, bringing to canvas the beauty of Central and Northern Wisconsin. Join us for an Opening Reception on Friday, March 6 from 5 - 7 pm when you can greet Dana, admire her stunning work and have a nibble before heading out for the rest of your weekend. There is no admission charge.

The very next day, round up the young people in your life and treat them to the Missoula Children's Theatre production of GULLIVER'S TRAVELS. On Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 pm nearly sixty area youth will present an out-of-this-world original sci-fi musical adventure adapted by Missoula Children's Theatre. With his spaceship wrecked and his trusty computer on the fritz, brave explorer Gulliver finds himself lost in space. While transporting from world to world, Gulliver discovers fighting aliens, foolish Yahoos, robots and more—all who need just as much help from Gulliver as Gulliver needs from them! You and your kiddos will not want to miss it!

Have ya heard of Michael Perry? He's been at the Tack twice before and folks kept asking for his return. So, return he will, on Thursday, March 19! At 1:00 pm he'll offer a sixty-minute session that features his

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Although self-confidence can mean different things to different people, in reality it simply means having faith in yourself.

Everyone faces some hard knocks along the way, but for our children it's important to equip them early with enough self-confidence to not only survive, but thrive.

Here are some things you can do, not only for your own self-confidence, but your child's as well.

Offer acknowledgment of accomplishments. Keep the emphasis on hard work and giving credit when and where it is due. Acknowledge that there is a connection between hard work and success. Brain wave tests prove that when we use positive words, our "feel good" hormones flow. As a result, self-confidence grows.

Set attainable goals. Have a conversation about what you and/or your children want to achieve and record the steps needed to make those goals a reality. Even a small step in the right direction is something which should be celebrated. As a result, self-confidence grows.

Be a positive role model. As kindness passes through you to another, you experience it too. Your gift to them is also a gift to yourself. Not only will you find positives in others but you will start to see more positives in areas of your life as well. Sometimes all it takes is a brief conversation to spark a positive outcome. Positive self-talk is also important and remember to take care of how you speak to yourself...because...you are listening. In fact, Brene Brown, a research professor at the University of Houston says, "Talk to yourself like you would to someone you love." As a result, self-confidence grows.

Build on strengths. We can all do most things but what differs is the standard to which we can perform the task. Once something is done, it can always be improved upon. Focus on doing whatever you're best at and prove to yourself instead of others that you are competent and confident. Encourage children to help with certain tasks where appropriate. You don't always have to improve your life; you just need to start seeing the good in your life. As a result, self-confidence grows.

Be encouraging. You should personally be encouraged as well as encouraging your children to do better than before. Don't do everything for them. Teach them to tie their own shoes, to zip or button their own coat, and to put away their toys. Practice complimenting others and finding something to appreciate each day. You will soon realize that your life is better than you think it is. As a result, self-confidence grows.

A quote from author Karen Lamb, "A year from now you may wish you had started today."

Dig deep. Find your inner strength. The time is now.

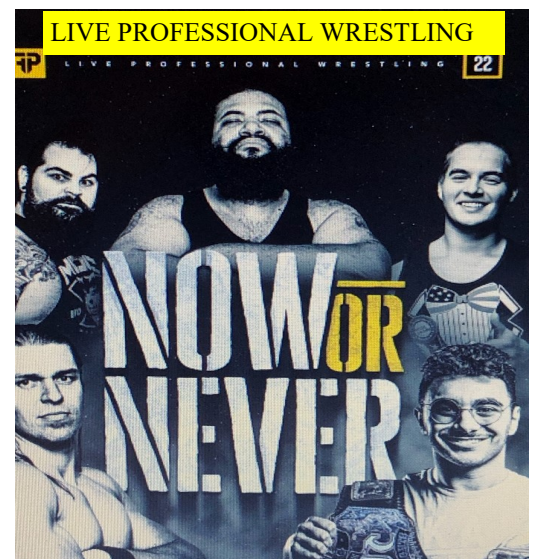
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signature humor, photos and stories as he discusses his accidental writing career, how to survive the freelance life and how "the middle of nowhere" can be the most powerful writing element of all. It's perfect for book clubs, writers and readers. And THEN, beginning at 7:00 pm, Mike will present an evening of stories and songs drawn from his working-class background (raised by Wisconsin farmers, loggers and truckers) accompanied by his band, The Long Beds. Wisconsin Public Radio and probably your next-door neighbor think Mike's one pretty cool guy. Come find out why!

To cap off the month, the Tack is offering another ART NIGHT—an opportunity for adults to stretch their creative muscles and try something new without fear of judgment. Here's your chance to learn basic drawing techniques in a no-pressure, laidback setting. On Wednesday, March 25 from 6:30-8:00 pm, Spencer Schools Art instructor, Carmen Schweiger, will provide instruction and materials to kick your stickmen to the next level. Enjoy friendly conversation, soothing music and light refreshments, all at no charge. No need to sign up; just come to the Village of Spencer's Community Room and let your inner artist out to play!

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Spencer Library news....

Join March's fun events!

Tuesday, March 3 @10am. Protect Yourself From Scammers. Representatives from AARP will talk about the Fraud Watch Network and what we can do to protect ourselves. Come and learn some tips for combating fraud!

March 3rd and 17th @ 1pm. Cribbage at the Library! Stop by the library for a fun afternoon of cribbage. If you have always wanted to learn, this is also your chance!

Monday, March 23rd @ 3:30pm. Rick Lohr, world traveler and former teacher will present, "Culture & Conflict on the Roof of the World: China & Tibet".

Monday, March 30th from 2:30-6:30 pm. Spencer Library will hold a Passport Event! Apply for a U.S. passport or if you need your current passport renewed this is your chance. Appointments are encouraged but not necessary. They will also take your photo. Call 715-659-3996 or 715-261-7240 for more information.

Family StoryTime/Play N Learn is held every Wednesday starting at 1:30pm. Children of all ages are welcome.

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Spencer Area Historical Society



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.

From the Editor

As I mentioned last month, I want to devote some space to some historical society information. Let's learn more about the Spencer Fire of 1886.

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The Spencer Fire (1886)

Source: *Spencer Record (Spencer, Marathon County, Wis.) Monday, 99 Aug. 1886*

Scorched Again! The Most Destructive Fire
That Has Ever Visited the Town, Sixty
Buildings Burned

Sunday, the eighth day of August, will
long be remembered as the darkest day in
the history of the village, and all owing to
the foolish act of a dashed fool man.

For several days previous to Sunday, fire which originated on the D. F. Cressy place, worked its way eastward threatening the town at different times with destruction which was averted for the time being by the wind being in a favorable direction. Saturday, however, the wind changed, and it was only by a strong effort that the fire was kept out of Clifford's mill yard. Sunday morning the wind changed and blew almost a gale from the southwest bringing the fire directly toward the village. **The alarm was given and soon the citizens were busily engaged trying to keep the fire out of Thayer's mill yard and men worked lying flat on the ground to keep from being suffocated.**

The battle was about won when the wind capriciously shifted and blew in an easterly direction carrying the fire into Clifford's mill yard. The mills, barns, boarding house, store building, dwelling houses, and lumber were soon a mass of flames. The aspect of the fire at this time was terrible. The wind blew the flames across the railroad track setting fire to the depot and water tank of the W.C.C.R. Company, and lumber of the Hartman Bros. & Oettel, and from there springing to the warehouses of the Necedah Lumber Company and John Graves & Co. The whole east side of the village was soon a mass of flames, the fire destroying the Catholic and Methodist churches, the dwelling house and blacksmith shop of I. N. Welch, the dwelling house of **D. F. Cressy**, the saloon of Rudolph Oettel, Louis House and barn, John Gardiner's store, dwelling house and barns. The post office was in this building but the fire came so suddenly as to preclude the possibility of saving the mail matter.

The fire swept on taking the school building, the dwelling house belonging to Luke Leatherdale, occupied by D. W. Seybert, the dwelling house belonging to D. W. Bodle and occupied by Mrs. Haner, the building belonging to J. W. Lowe occupied by M. P. Hartford, the house owned by A. J. Wood and occupied by C. Williams, the residence of T. Box, the Thomas Welch house occupied by M. Winters and the house and barn of W. F. Blaisdell.

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.

(More next month)

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Announces Spring Build Day

The Spencer Area chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace will be building beds on Saturday March 21st from 9 am until 1 pm at the build location B&D fabricators, 520S Front Street in Unity. Forty beds will be built for kids in our area that are currently sleeping on a floor, couch, or other inadequate place. Volunteers ages 12 and up are needed to come and help. No woodworking experience is needed and tools are provided. Sign up by using this link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844AFAC2DA4FD0-spring>, emailing joleen.schade@shpbeds.org or calling 715-613-3140.

Donations for beds are always welcome as well as new twin size bedding.

*Free twin beds are available for kids ages 3-17 that do not have a bed of their own. Request by going to shpbeds.org.

Stratford Continuing Education is offering the following classes in Spencer:
-Gentle Yoga Monday 6-7pm from March 2 thru May 4.
-Painting Workshop- Bessie's Blossoms Thursday 6-9pm March 26.
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| 8 SPARKS Basketball at the gym @ 1pm. Daylight Savings/ Spring ahead. | 9 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall. | 10 Dine to Donate @Culvers in Marshfield. 5-8pm. Some proceeds to Spencer PTA. | 11 Story Time + Play N Learn @ 1:30pm, Library. | 12 Lion's Club 6:30pm @ Nutz. 4H 7pm Village Hall. | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 |  | 18 Story Time + Play N Learn @ 1:30pm, Library. | 19 Sr. Citizen Mtg. Noon @ Ponderosa. School dismissal @ noon. PT conf. 1-8pm. Michael Perry + the Long Beds 7-9:30 @ LTCA. | 20 No School | 21 Blood Drive in Honor of Morgan Gorst 8am-1pm @ School gym. |
| 22 | 23 | 24 COME Meal 5-6pm @ St. John's. PTA Meeting 6:30pm @ NUTZ. | 25 Story Time + Play N Learn @ 1:30pm, Library. | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | <i>From the Editor</i> Due to the volatility of our Spring weather I will not post the Spring sporting events as they are apt to change a lot. But check out the school web site to the right. It will help! | | | |

Note: For updated information on school events see the web site at www.spencer.k12.wi.us