

Village Voice

of Spencer, WI

What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Admin./School District of Spencer

In preparation for writing articles for the Village Voice I like to look back at prior years to give me some perspective and so as not to use the same corny lingo that I usually use. In my last year's article I mention how quickly the first quarter has come to an end which for this year is Nov. 4th and how pleased I was with how it went. Well, I am exactly in the same spot as I was last year but for much differing reasons.

I am extremely proud and grateful for our kids. I am happy for the work that our staff has done and continues to do to once again lead the area in modifying our academic delivery to meet the current times. Our support staff and food service workers are going with the flow and doing whatever needs to be done to support the overall work of our District. I think you can get to know a true understanding of a persons' character by evaluating them on how they deal with difficult situations. Albeit a stressful time for all, I am thoroughly impressed with how the Rocket family has risen to the occasion.

Our Fall sports season is at or nearing the end. I appreciate the lengths our coaches have gone through to assure our kids of having the opportunity to play. Congratulations to all!

We have had questions regarding the annual FFA fruit sale. Mr. Zimmerman plans to have a modified sale and is working through safety measures. I am assuming it will look to be on-line orders but I also know he understands the need for the paper copies as well. We won't have our kids going door to door as before so please be on the lookout in the coming month for more information.

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at the **TACK** As the list of pandemic cancellations continues to grow, so does the excitement of gathering for the first show of the season. No one can squash the Tack's optimism for this eventual happening, though we are realistic enough to acknowledge that these days, NOTHING is certain except uncertainty!

Although we're all a bit out of practice, there is forward progress as we work down the checklist for "A Carpenter's Christmas with Helen Welch" coming to the Tack for two shows on Saturday, December 5. Plane tickets have been purchased. Hotel rooms have been reserved. The sound company has been put on notice, and the technicians from both sides have talked, though the piano tuner has yet to be booked.

Many will remember Helen's first trip to Spencer when she WOWED the audience with "SUPERSTAR: The Songs, The Stories, The Carpenters!" This time, Helen will take us on a nostalgic, musical journey of Carpenter classics and Christmas songs sure to get everyone in the holiday spirit. Like the show in 2018, her charming energy and insightful stories of the brother-sister duo, this time with a holiday twist, will leave the audience mesmerized and enchanted. What a perfect start to all of our December festivities!

Tickets to this event are available online and through the ticket office. Visit lucilletack-center.com to purchase up to two seats at any time. You may also call 715.659.4499 and talk to a volunteer on Wednesdays between 11 am and 2 pm or leave a message and someone will return your call. Unless circumstances change dramatically for the better, the audience for each performance will be limited to 25% capacity, so it is unlikely there will be seats available at the door.

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Trinity Lutheran Church and the Spencer Lions Club thank everyone who supported the joint Drive-Thru Smelt Feed on September 25th. The Fundraiser garnered \$677.78 which was matched with \$500 by Trinity. Pictured is Trinity's Council President and Lion's Club President Terry Beyreis presenting a check to Joyce Abegglen of the Kings Food Pantry.

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The referendum project is ramping up. The dome company (South Industries) are pouring the footings and the walls as I write this and at the end of Oct. we have gone through the bid process for the rest of the work needed to be done. The School Board will be awarding bids for the conventional work at their meeting on Nov. 18th and general construction will begin the week of Nov. 23rd. Measures are being taken to insulate for frost but a prayer for a warm fall and late winter is much appreciated. I want to direct you to our webpage www.spencer.k12.wi.us. Click on Building Project Updates along the left hand side and it will provide you with videos and pictures of the progress thus far. We have a still camera that takes pictures every so often and is pretty neat to watch when all put together.

On the School Board front we have approved the budget for the 2020-21 school year at our October meeting along with a tax levy of 11.5 mills. This is consistent with our 5 year projection from our current revenue cap exemption. We have taken a larger than anticipated dip in our enrollment, as many districts have, due to the pandemic. The discussion and preparation has begun in looking at options to present to the voters in April to extend our current exemption. I anticipate the November and December meetings to revolve around this process as we will need to prepare a resolution for approval by the board in January.

That is it for now. Hope all is well with everyone. I wish you a safe and happy rest of the Fall. We got that early snow in October that wasn't much fun, so hope we get some nice weather to make up for it. Thank you for all you do to support our kids and if you have any questions please feel free to give me a call.

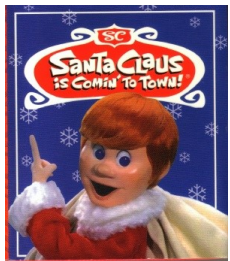
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TACK from page 1 If you have a larger group of people in the same household, the ticket office can help make that happen. Tickets to events taking place in 2021 will go on sale December 2.

Keep in mind that there will be a number of new health and safety protocols in place this season. As an audience member, you must wear a mask covering nose and mouth AT ALL TIMES upon entering the building, throughout the event and until outside the doors. If you are feeling any COVID-19 related symptoms, have had close contact with someone who has recently tested positive for COVID-19 or are unable to wear a mask for any reason, please stay safe at home. Seating and interactions will be socially distanced, hand sanitizer will be available, and all Tack spaces conscientiously cleaned and disinfected prior to, during and after each event. We must work together to ensure the health of each of us, as well as the reputation of the Tack!

Even with these plans, it is still possible that the show will need to be postponed. Your most up-to-the-minute information on Tack events can be found at lucilletackcenter.com, in our eblasts (sign up on the website) and from the ticket office phone message. If you have purchased tickets, you will automatically receive email reminders and updates for the show.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation and look forward to welcoming you back at the Tack next month. Until then, stay healthy and safe!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!**

Saturday, December 5th

Around 5 pm

Plans are still in the works and all the details are not complete, but save the date! Due to Covid, Santa cannot have lunch this year but will make a special visit. The community Christmas tree will be lit and the spirit of Christmas will be present.

Get your letter to Santa written. There will be a special drop box so they can be sent with speed to our jolly friend!

This will be an outside event so bundle up and social distance in family groups.

There will be more information at school, in the December Village Voice, and on the Chamber and Village Facebook pages.

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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.

Many people have been asking if they can order books from other libraries. The answer is "YES". Please feel free to order from at home with a Spencer Library pick-up location, or call us and we will order for you.

Please stop to meet the new Spencer Library Assistant. Lue is a great asset to the library. Many of you may remember Lue from Play N Learn/Storytime.

November 2-6th, (pickup by appointment) a Grab N Go Craft. Homemade Pan Flutes will be available for your children. Stop in and pick up your kit and make your flute at home! We'll provide the supplies and instructions for young ones to create their own musical instrument. This is a great STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activity!

Audrey Kohlbeck

Spencer Branch Coordinator

Marathon County Public Library - Spencer

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SKG is now open! We are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays after school until 5PM. Currently we are only working on SHIP our after school homework program. SKG is following the guidelines of the CDC and Spencer School District. Should the school close SKG would also be closed. The safety and health of our participants and staff is our main priority. To enroll your student please contact Erica at 715-659-4969 or spencerkidsgroup@hotmail.com

SHIP is our after school homework program. We spend time working on math facts, reading, studying for tests, play educational games and more. We are still serving the students a meal/snack nightly. Tuesday nights from 4-5PM Austin with Boy Scouts of America comes in as an outreach program and does an activity with all the students. They have built catapults, sail boats, the Stem bus has come, plus so much more!

SKG will be holding the Little Caesars fundraiser in Nov with delivery of pizzas in early Dec. SKG is also working on holding the annual vendor event Nov 28th 9-3PM. Details to come. Remember to SAVE THE DATE! If you would like to be a vendor please contact Erica.

Erica Schober
Agency Director
Spencer Kids Group
715-659-4969



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We ask that you stay 6 feet apart from other voters and PLEASE WEAR A MASK. You will exit through the side door after depositing your ballot in the voting machine. Let's help reduce the potential of spreading COVID-19 in our community. THANK YOU!

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OUR SERVICE AREA



When you support Marshfield Area United Way, you are making an investment in YOUR community and creating long-lasting changes.

In 2019, we were able to assist 280 individuals living in **Spencer** through our funded programs.

48 children received a **NEW BACKPACK** and school supplies to give them *the best first day*

46 students benefited from **AFTER-SCHOOL CARE** providing homework help

27 children received weekly **SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PACKS** on the weekends to avoid food insecurities at home

25 parents or caregivers attended **PARENT EDUCATION** courses to help their family reach their full potential

21 children received **COUNSELING SERVICES**, a service some families may not have otherwise been able to afford

20 individuals visited the **FOOD PANTRY** during a time of need

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Spencer United Funds does not receive large amounts, but may be able to help a few non-profit groups or organizations in Spencer with a small donation.

The money received is a portion of the local United Way collections. Non-Profit Groups are encouraged to submit a letter requesting funds.

Please indicate a project or purpose for the funds. Also include a contact person and contact information.

It is uncertain as to when, and sometimes if, the funds are available so please be patient.

Letters should be marked Spencer United Funds and can be dropped off at the Village Office or dropped into the payment drop box. If you have any questions, please call the Village Office.

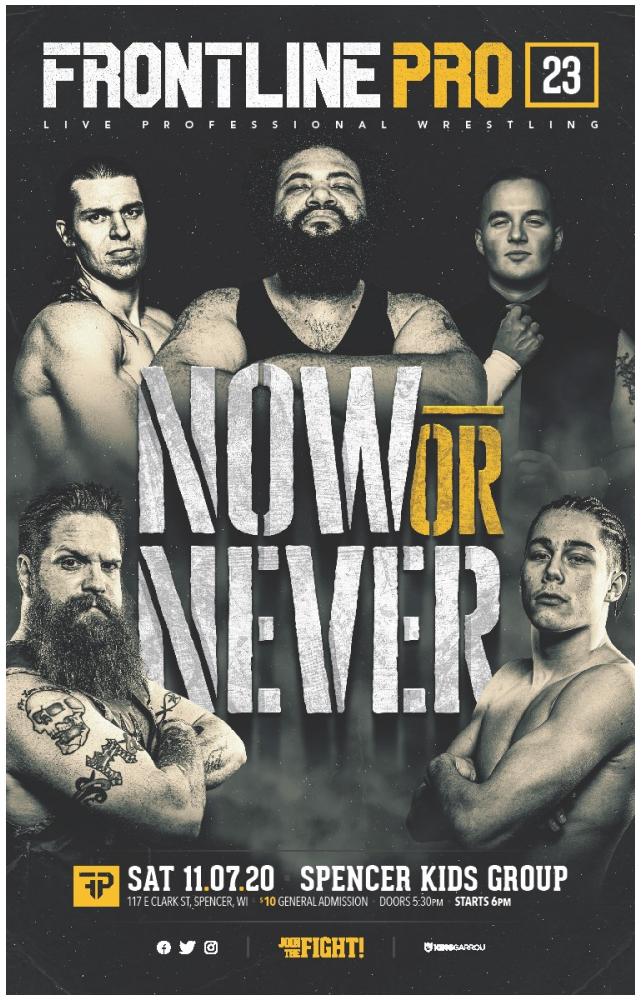
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WORD OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

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...and lastly, a reminder

Trinity Lutheran Church will have their Thanksgiving Service on Wed., Nov. 25 at 7pm.

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 November 25 at 7pm.



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1  Packers vs. Vikings. Noon on FOX	2	3  VOTE	4	5 Packers @ 49ers. 7:20pm on FOX	6	7
8	9 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall	10	11  Veterans Day	12 Sr. Citizen Mtg. 10:30am @ NUTZ. Lion's Club 6:30pm @ Nutz. 4H 7pm Village Hall.	13	14
15 Packers vs. Jagu- ars. Noon on FOX.	16	17	18 School Board Meeting 6:30pm. H.S. Distance Learning Room. Enter door #22.	19	20	21
22 Packers @ Colts. Noon on FOX.	23	24 St. John's COME Meal. 5-6pm. Carry out only.	25	26  Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29 Packers vs. Bears. 7:20pm on NBC.	30	For all Church times, see page 7	Note: For updated information on school events see the web site at www.spencer.k12.wi.us			

