

# Village Voice

## of Spencer, WI

### “Things Are Getting Real”

**I** borrowed those four words from Spencer School District Administrator Mike Endreas’ monthly column for the Village Voice. You can read them again within this newsletter. Evidence of that came on September 2, when the Spencer School District, in conjunction with the Village of Spencer and several members of the Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking. The ceremony kicked off probably the biggest construction project to ever take place in the village. A project that will not only have a huge impact on the school districts’ future but the future of the village itself.

Everyone knows the story by now but it’s worth being redundant in this case. We, the voters, approved during a referendum vote, to move ahead on a \$5.98 million project that would build a new gymnasium, add needed areas for the music program, build a community fitness center, renovate the existing Family and Consumer Education Classroom, relocate the elementary office, to name just a few.

To say that it was an encouraging sign to see the referendum pass without the promise of rumored funding from the federal government would be an understatement. That rumored funding was because the school district did some “outside-the-box” thinking when it partnered with the Village to apply for a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant.

FEMA? Pre-Disaster? What’s that got to do with a gym and a re-vamped home ec room? Remember that “outside-the-box” thinking? Our school board found out that FEMA had occasionally offered funds to help communities build emergency storm shelters.

Could this be the proverbial killing of two birds with one stone?

Over a year after the April referendum vote FEMA announced it would indeed kick in some aid. Certainly not the \$2.4 million that seemed the top end of a pipe dream but \$2.9 million that would pick up nearly 90% of the total cost of the dome and its contents. I can’t print my whole reaction in this family-friendly newsletter. I’ll leave it at !!! WOW!!!



See Getting Real on page 6

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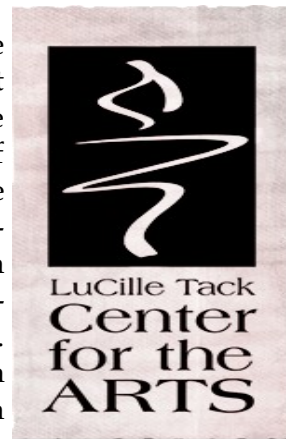
Well, Friends, we knew from the start that the Tack's "On with the Show" Season would not be without its share of change and uncertainty. Hasn't that been the ONLY constant in the past months? And so we roll with those changes as they come down the pike and smile, knowing that by using our innate sense of creativity, our well-practiced problem-solving skills and a strong sense of perseverance, we will eventually come out on the other side of this pandemic. We're tough in these parts and don't give up easily!

So, let's see how things are going. September and October shows have been moved to fall 2021. While we were optimistic at the start, the idea of having a variety of disparate performers on stage in November for "Talent at the Tack" now seems to fly in the face of best practice. The decision has been made to postpone that as well. The fall gallery exhibits that enhance the Tack experience have also been moved to a later date. What about the motorcoach trip to Minneapolis art museums, you might ask. Museum policies for the remainder of the year have put the kibosh on that, too.

ARGHH! Is there not ANYTHING still planned for the rest of 2020? YES!!! YES, THERE IS!!

On Tuesday, October 20, beginning at 6:30 pm, Nickolas Butler, an award-winning author from Eau Claire, will chat about his writing craft and most recent book, Little Faith. This powerful and deeply affecting intergenerational novel about family and community demonstrates the ways in which belief is both formed and shaken and the lengths we go to protect our own. Nick will have books available for purchase and signing, though the usual relaxed pace will NOT be possible. Should you wish to share a moment with the writer, strict instructions for social distancing will be practiced. Remember that it's health and safety first at the Tack!

In addition to social distancing, we ask that you keep the following in mind: a mask covering the nose and mouth must be worn by ALL attendees AT ALL TIMES upon entering the building, throughout the event and until outside the doors. If you are feeling any covid-19 related symptoms or are unable to wear a mask for any reason, please stay safe at home. Admission to the Butler event is \$5 at the door, payable in cash or check, exact bills appreciated. For more details, visit [lucilletackcenter.com](http://lucilletackcenter.com) or call 715.659.4499 and leave a message. Your most up-to-the-minute information on Tack events can be found at [lucilletackcenter.com](http://lucilletackcenter.com), in our eblasts (sign up on the website) and from the ticket office phone message.



With any luck, the Tack Ticket Office will open Wednesday, October 14 from 11 am to 2 pm, at which time tickets for "A Carpenter's Christmas with Helen Welch" will finally become available. Tickets to events taking place in 2021 will go on sale December 1. We appreciate your patience and look forward to welcoming you back to the Tack ASAP!!!

Spencer PD now has a "sharps" container drop-box next to the prescription medication drop-box in the lobby of the Police Department!

According to the Marathon County Health Department, basic guidance is to put sharps in a commercial sharps disposal container on sale at most pharmacies or in a heavy plastic detergent or bleach bottle with a screw-on cap for sealing tightly. No milk jugs or other thin plastic. Do not separate the needle from the syringe. Label the container with "biohazard," "infectious waste," or "sharps."

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Trunk or Treat at Trinity

Trinity Lutheran Church, 109 W. Clark in Spencer, is presenting their 6th Annual "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 31 from 1 to 3 PM. Come to Trinity's parking lot to see the trunks, trucks, or tables decorated in Halloween finery with themes appropriate for small children.



Treats or prizes will be distributed at each "trunk".



We invite anyone to join us with their "trunk"! Last year, we had 240 children attend, so plan your treats accordingly. Call the church office at 715.659.4006 by Monday, October 26 to reserve your space in the parking lot.

In case of inclement weather, the festivities will move indoors to the Sunday School area.



Spencer Library news....

We will continue to be open to the public by appointment and will also continue curbside pick-up for those who prefer to get their materials and still stay outside the library.

Please call to set up a time to pick-up your material or to make an appointment to browse inside the library. Phone 715-659-3996.

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

DIY Homemade Greeting Cards

During the week of October 12th-16th adults can pick up a grab-n'-go bag with everything you will need to make a personalized greeting card. Take your pick of Happy Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, or Thinking of You. These grab-n'-go bags will be available by coming to the library by appointment or by curbside. Call 715-659-3996 for more information.

Audrey Kohlbeck

Spencer Branch Coordinator

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Share Night!

Monday October 12, 2020 From 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 flyer when ordering for the legion to receive their share.) **THANK YOU!**  
-Spencer American Legion- Post 298

Getting Real from page 1.

It was impossible to look out at the piles of dirt on that sun-splashed Wednesday/September morning and not daydream, knowing that next year at this time WE will have a new gym, music area, fitness center, storm shelter and abundant hope for the next generation of Rockets, because as the old adage, from the Nigerian Igbo culture says, when it comes to raising children, "Oran a azu nwa", aka, "it takes a village."

Special thanks to those people in the photo. From left. Former school Board member Jodi Hebert, school board member Kasandra Justman, school board member Shawn Lyon, Village President Pauline Frome, school board President Tom Schafer, Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce President Jeremy Carolfi, school board member Jim Krasselt, school district administrator Mike Endreas and school board member Jordan Buss.



Nah, they didn't dig the footings, just celebrating a job well done by all involved. Congrats again, Village of Spencer!

## What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Admin./School District of Spencer

kids. We have made many alterations to the way we normally do things and with work we are finally hitting our groove. I would also like to thank our School Board for supporting the work and planning of administration to do our best to reduce risk for our students. Our school district has been labeled as taking a conservative approach to the pandemic. I am proud of that distinction. Albeit not the popular choice in many people's eyes, we are assuring that when we have a positive case we will affect a minimal amount of students. Scenarios of districts having to quarantine 100 students and staff applied to our school would have meant three kids. I appreciate your patience in this matter as we continually work with the Marathon County Health department in trying to expand our schedule and offerings.

I am happy to announce that our cross-country team has been getting the opportunity to compete. Volleyball and football seasons have started and contests began at the end of September. Due to conference rules we are limited in the number of fans. Our current practice is to allow 2 fans per athlete for indoor sports (volleyball) and 4 fans per athlete for outdoor (football). There are no limitations on fans for cross-country. Due to this limit we will be live-streaming all of our varsity contests and the majority of our non-varsity levels. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

Things are getting real with our building project. The footings for the dome were dug in late September and we anticipate the building project to be enclosed before serious winter hits. The interior work will take place throughout the winter months with an expected finish date of early to mid-summer 2021. If you wish to track the progress of the project we have a time-lapse camera archiving the progress on our school web page and we also look to post updated pictures on our school Facebook page.

At our September meeting the board chose to extend the requirement to wear masks through the end of the first quarter. The kids have done an outstanding job of wearing masks and adhering to our expectations. As a district we want to continue to do our part for our community to put an end to this pandemic. The recommendation of our health professionals has been our guiding principal from day one and we will continue on the route as we feel it is in the best interest of our students, staff and community.

Have a great Fall everyone!

Mike Stelzl, Spencer class of 1971, got a hold of me earlier this month and is trying to compile information on folks that have graduated from Spencer High School, particularly from way while ago. Evidently, it's not easy to track down some of those folks. Either they're not doing social media or in some cases just don't have the technology that some people find it difficult to live without. In his words, he made it generic enough that it can be expanded to classes outside of the 70's, if someone chose to add information to it. As he gathers enough information on a class, he will make the page visible; at least that's how he put it. Either way, it's pretty cool.

<https://sites.google.com/view/spencerrocketalumni>



School District of Spencer, SEL Committee

WORD OF THE MONTH  
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The Unity American Legion Pancake Breakfasts usually held this time of year are being cancelled for the time being. Hopefully they'll be able to get back to hosting the breakfasts soon and when they do I'll let you know.



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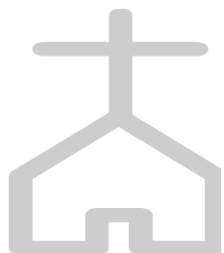
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
For all Church times, see page 7	Note: For updated information on school events see the web site at <a href="http://www.spencer.k12.wi.us">www.spencer.k12.wi.us</a>			1 XC @ Athens 4:15pm. VB Greenwood 7:15pm.	2 FB Manawa 7pm.	3
4	5 Falcons @ Packers 7:15pm on ESPN.	6 Legion 7pm Village Hall. VB Neillsville 7:15 pm.	7	8 Sr. Citizen Mtg. 10:30am @ NUTZ. Lion's Club 6:30pm @ Nutz. 4H 7pm Village Hall. VB @Columbus 7:15pm.	9 FB Stratford 7pm.	10
HAPPY 23rd RJBUP!						
11	12 <i>Indigenous Peoples' Day</i> . Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall	13 VB Crossover 7:15pm.	14	15	16 FB @Shiocton 7pm.	17
HAPPY 23rd LRM!						
18 Packers @ Buccaneers 3:25pm on FOX	19 Fall Concert 7:30pm @LTCA.	20 Author Chat: Nicolas Butler 4:30pm @ LTCA.	21	22	23 FB Wittenburg-Biramwood 7pm.	24 Badgers vs. Illinois
25 Packers @Texans Noon on FOX.	26	27 .St. John's COME Meal.	28	29	30 FB Weyauwega-Fremont 7pm.	31 Badgers @Nebraska





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