

# Village Voice

## of Spencer, WI

### 2020 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Several deserving individuals received nominations for Citizen of the Year for 2020. They are: Lindsey Hinrichsen, Wayne Frome, Ron Draeger, Lori Andres, Deb Schafer, Tracey Ackman, Linda Hinrichsen, Shawn Bauer, and Erica Schober. Thank you to each of our nominees and to those that submitted nominations.

On Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> during Music in the Park, the Spencer Chamber of Commerce proudly announced Tracey Ackman as Citizen of the Year 2020. Tracey sits on both the

Spencer Kids Group and Spencer Community Boosters boards. She serves as Secretary on the SKG board and is the Marketing / Public Relations Coordinator for SCB. Tracey organizes events and fundraisers and volunteers her time tirelessly working at many events. Her commitment to making Spencer a great place for us to live can be seen through the results of her work. These are just a few of the comments from her nominations and why the Spencer Chamber of Commerce has named Tracey Ackman Citizen of the Year 2020.



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*From the Editor*  
**CONGRATS TRACEY!!**  
Well deserved!

### Miss Spencerama 2020-21

The Miss Spencerama pageant gives young ladies of Spencer the chance to represent the wonderful community of Spencer. There are three levels of Miss Spencerama; Lil' Miss for 4k to 2nd graders; Junior Miss for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders and Miss Spencerama for Freshman to Juniors. All Miss Spencerama levels who are crowned with this honor are involved in many community functions and activities during the year in which they reign. The Miss Spencerama pageant is organized by Spencer Cadette Girl Scout Troop 6158 and the Woman's Club.

The judging event on August 17<sup>th</sup> consisted of each contestant presenting a talent and answering three questions in front of the judges. These young ladies sure have a lot of talent! There was singing, signing, Tae-Kwon-Do, arts & crafts, jokes, and children's reading time.

Then during Music in the Park on August 19<sup>th</sup>, the coronation event took place. Lydia Nieman, the 2019-20 Miss Spencerama, crowned Jadyn Schober Lil' Miss Spencerama, Kaydence Plaskey Junior Miss Spencerama, and Kaelyn Schreiner Miss Spencerama for 2020-21. Congratulations all contestants!

A big thank you goes out to Citizens Bank and Mark & Chris Frey for their donations to this year's event!



Miss Spencerama:  
• Kaelyn Schreiner

Junior Miss Spencerama Contestants:  
• Jaylynn Gumz  
• Kaydence Plaskey  
• Lyra VanHoof

Lil' Miss Spencerama Contestants:  
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*at the* **TACK** *T*he current pandemic has touched each of us in ways great and small. From minimized social interactions and lack of toilet paper to unemployment and business failures, there is no end to the devastation this virus has inflicted. We would like to offer some insight into a sector, near and dear to our hearts, that has been adversely affected by the virus, but has yet to make the front page news.

The Wisconsin Policy Forum, an independent, nonpartisan statewide research and policy organization, recently released a report entitled Arts and Culture in a Pandemic: An Existential Threat, which paints a stark picture of the difficult scenario ahead for the creative sector-- locally, regionally and statewide. This "creative sector" includes the industries of core creative fields (music, dance, heritage, live theatre experiences and visual arts); creative services (advertising, design, architecture, digital media); and producers of creative content (film and television production, broadcasting, book/magazine publishers, leisure software).

Before the pandemic, research from the US Department of Commerce showed that Wisconsin's creative sector provided a \$10.1 billion economic benefit and employed over 96,000 people (more jobs than the state's beer, biotech, and papermaking industries). The negative economic impact of the pandemic on for-profit and non-profit creative businesses in Wisconsin is currently over \$34 million, according to Americans for the Arts. Nationally, the impact is over \$877 billion. Over ⅓ of Wisconsin's creative workforce is now unemployed; and these performers, artists, and other creative workers have no prospects for work in their profession for the foreseeable future.

Keep in mind that small venues and performing arts centers were the first to close and will be the last to re-open. Granted, they are not paying artist fees to performers, but non-profits still have bills for personnel, rent and utilities, ticketing software, insurance, and communications at a time when there is little or no income. These completely shuttered small businesses represent the industry hardest hit by the pandemic and are in dire need of support in order to survive until it is safe to reopen.

Unfortunately, closing stages impacts the entire live performance economy and ecosystem in cities and small towns across America. This includes artists, talent agents, stagehands, ushers, security, restaurants & concessions, artist managers, tour bus companies, production, radio/social media/tv/print advertising, record companies, and many others. In addition to the economy, the quality of life in our communities has been negatively affected by this difficult situation, especially for creative businesses and workers.

See TACK on page 5

## What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Admin./School District of Spencer

*W*e are all set to begin the school year on Tuesday, September 1st! I am extremely proud of the work our faculty and staff have put in to prepare for these unprecedented times. Our staff led the way for area schools last spring and I know they will be setting a high standard for the fall. Our main goal is to give kids opportunities while reducing risks.

We have decided administratively, under the direction of the Marathon County Health department, to start in what we refer to as our cohort model. In our elementary this has an impact on the day-to-day work of keeping our kids in small groups but it is face-to-face four days a week. We know we can accommodate our numbers keeping our kids socially distanced in those areas. We do struggle with this in our middle/high school. The size of classes and rooms do not allow us to assure the distancing requirement. Knowing this and also understanding the notion that with an outbreak we could be forced to go completely virtual, we have decided to ease into the school year. By bringing half the kids back two days a week and the other half getting live virtual we can keep the distancing rules in place. Albeit, not the most popular plan amongst some of our parents and community, we feel it is important to reduce risk for our kids.

As a district we have also decided to pursue our fall sports seasons. Now I know the first reaction is we are teaching virtually but allowing our kids to play sports. Our goal, as I mentioned before, is to reduce risk while giving kids opportunities. We are in two conferences: the Cloverbelt for volleyball and cross country and the Central Wisconsin Large for football. Both of those conferences have voted to attempt sports this fall. There is a spring option but we are concerned that if we do not attempt to go this fall we will not have anyone to play in the spring. As a district we are following all of the prescribed protocol to reduce risk and feel comfortable moving forward. See ROCKIN' page 7.

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Spencer Woman's Club President, Mary Zahn presented a check to Joleen Schade for Sleep in



Heavenly Peace. Funds were raised on August 19<sup>th</sup> at Music in the Park. Thank you so much to Kwik Trip for the donations and to all who supported this successful event. Spencer Woman's Club welcomes all age women in the Spencer area. Our mission is "Here to Serve You". We will meet for a pot luck on Sept. 3 at 6 pm and monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Village meeting room. Please consider joining us.



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(July 13, 2020) Sleep in Heavenly Peace is proud to announce they will be making history with an upcoming event called Bunks Across America (BAA 2020) on September 26th, 2020 in over 30 states across the country. With this event we hope to accomplish two missions.

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-Raise awareness-Not only about the problem facing kids across America, but also about the solution. The country needs to know that SHP is here to help.

*"Think of all the kids that will be reached, all the dreams that will be saved, the confidence that will be restored, the worry and stress that will be relieved. That's what happens when a child receives a bed. That's why we do this-for them."*

*-Luke Mickelson, SHP Founder*

There are many ways to get involved, from volunteering to donating, but what we need most is for you to spread the word about BAA 2020 and help us make history!

Learn more about SHP at [shpbeds.org](http://shpbeds.org) and below is your local chapter as well as their BAA event information:

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Contact Diane Veale at [info@lucilletackcenter.com](mailto:info@lucilletackcenter.com) for more information on the arts in Spencer. For information on the statewide creative sector, contact Arts Wisconsin, [www.artswisconsin.org](http://www.artswisconsin.org).



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*Spencer Community Boosters President Becky Gorst contributed the following story.*



Beginning late August/early September we will begin our long term goal of building a new facility in Spencer. SCB (Spencer Community Boosters) has been given the approval from the Village of Spencer to rebuild the facilities at the ARC Park.

The facilities have served the community for several decades but are showing their age. We have done many improvements over the years but maintenance needs are exceeding the point where it is more economical to re-build. Both buildings have needed new roofs due to water damage since we began working in them. Electrical work is not up to code and frequently fails. The walk-in cooler breaks down multiple times a year as the building was not built to house it in the first place.

The project will be done in two phases. Phase one will be to tear down the shelter area. It is built over the current concession stand and there is no way to save it if we want to increase the size of the stand. This Fall demolition will be completed and the shelter replaced with a 30x30 space, housing an announcing booth above. The new location will be behind home plate which will solve the issue of hearing umpires and seeing the field for score-book/scoreboard keepers

In 2021, we will rebuild the concession stand. The new concession stand will be built to code and be better designed to meet the new needs of the park. The stand will include better electrical, a hood-vent system, more bathroom stalls, and ultimately, a better layout to work the concession stand more efficiently.

Each year thousands of spectators utilize the park and the new facilities will make the ARC Park a favorite in the area. Area businesses will have an opportunity to help fund-raise for the building and Spencer Community Boosters is proud to announce we have our first donor. Spectrum Benefit Solutions has pledged \$10,000 towards the project and will have their name listed as a lifetime donor on the front of the building.



**From the Editor** Becky continued: "It's been a neglected park for a long time," said Gorst. "Somebody needed to do something with it."

SCB was established in 2016 and has been renting the ARC Park from the Village. "We run the youth softball, baseball and basketball programs so we just decided to (run the ARC Park)," Gorst continued.

"We host at least three tournaments or more per year including the Brad Bauer Memorial Tournament, youth baseball and softball tournaments. They help us raise money. At least 200 people filter through this park four days a week. A lot of people come on a regular basis."

"This year we're taking down the shelter and putting it behind home plate. It will make room for a new concession stand and we'll put it in a bigger building. The announcer's booth and shelter should be done very early in October and the electrical work in the Spring. We will be ready to do baseball in May. In 2021 the new concession stand will be built. We will never have a lapse in activity."

"We've been making investments all along. Once this is done we want to do the bleachers and volleyball courts. At the end of the day, we'll have a brand new facility down there. There's a lot of needs but the community has been very supportive," concluded Gorst.



ROCKIN' from page 3.

I am proud to announce our teaching class of 2020. We welcome Katie Bauer, Special Ed. Teacher, Kylee Becker, Special Ed. teacher, Jake Schmitt, second grade, Nick Viegut, Physical Ed, Gavin Baade, Physical Ed. We are excited to have this talented group of teachers as part of the Rocket family. I would also like to welcome Stephanie Durrant who will be taking over for Nancy Kibbel, who has chosen to retire, as our Director of Business Services.

On Wednesday, September 1 at 8:00 a.m. we will be having a groundbreaking ceremony with the Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce to begin the main referendum project of the Dome. Our Face room and restrooms are 99% completed and are ready as planned. The main work for the dome will begin at the mid to end of September.

Please keep an eye on our web and facebook pages for schedules of events for this fall. We look forward to finding some normalcy in the somewhat crazy world.



# School District of Spencer, SEL Committee

## WORD OF THE MONTH

# MINDSET



The belief that your abilities can be developed through hard work

The Cub Scouts will be having a Join Night on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30pm at the Spencer Village Meeting Room. This is open to boys and girls in grades K-5.

Kristen Rueth  
Pack 387 Cubmaster



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13	14 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29.	30			



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