

Village Voice

of Spencer, WI

What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Admin./School District of Spencer

Well, to put it in horse racing terms, we are entering the backstretch! Needless to say, the year has been anything but easy. Even being in the backstretch there is plenty to do.

All of our spring sports seasons are up and running. With the delayed season most of our tournament play will be pushed into June. Due to the events being held outside we are not limiting the number of spectators so if you get a chance, come on down to support our kids.

Plans are underway to allow an opportunity for a prom experience for any senior that wishes to attend. Guidelines have been created to assure Covid protocols and we hope to create a positive memory for our kids. Graduation is also a go as we plan to hold it on the regularly scheduled date of May 22nd with limited attendance, as this will be an indoor event.

The building project is moving along nicely. The Dome company finished up on or around April 9th and work has begun with the plumbing and footings inside the dome. The still camera has been moved inside of the building so click on the link on our webpage to get a better vantage point.

I would like to thank Jim Krasselt for his nine years of service to the board. Jim went into the position with the hopes of leaving his position better than he began it. With his guidance and attention to detail it is safe to say he did just that. Jordan Buss has run and will fill the at-large seat which leaves us an open seat on the board to represent the village. We will be seeking interested applicants to fill that seat.



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at the TACK *H*ave you ever heard of "The 5 Love Languages?" Back in 1992, marriage counselor Gary Chapman identified five ways that people express and receive love: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch. Here at the Tack, we are especially grateful for those who "love" by taking on "Acts of Service." Managing a performing arts center (or doing almost anything!) during a pandemic has been a challenge, demanding heretofore largely untested aptitudes - like grant writing.

Writing grant applications is probably not at the top of anyone's list of favorite things; but, during the past year, it's become almost a monthly requirement. From state art grants, federal shuttered venues and Big Read grants, to those generously offered by foundations, businesses and organizations, the questions contained are diverse and the "verification" quite detailed. One "shot" is all there is; so if a written answer doesn't cover all the bases, the application goes in the recycling bin - there isn't much room for error or lack of clarity.

Enter a handful of humans whose love language is, apparently, "Acts of Service." Grant application after grant application, they have read, revised, double-checked, questioned, clicked, and verified that all was in order and ready for submission. Without hesitation, they dropped whatever was going on in their life to offer assistance and get the job completed. The Tack has been a grateful recipient of this love and, though it is doubtful that ANY of these kind souls wish to be acknowledged in this public way, it must be done. Their acts of service have made a challenging time much easier and a great deal less stressful than would have been if completed by a single, solitary person.

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ROCKIN' from page 1 Our work administratively and at the board level has begun in filling the deficit the failed referendum will create. We have begun the process of reducing staff in certain areas, which in a school district of our size means reductions in programs. The state has put us in a difficult position of needing to ask our community for assistance in meeting the financial needs of our school district. This year, more so than others, was a huge ask as I understand the economy and the overall world we live in. We will work hard to continue to offer a great education for our children within the financial parameters we are faced with. There will be many difficult decisions moving forward.

Have a great rest of your spring. I hope the weather continues to get better and better. In the time it took me to write this I saw it snow twice and be extremely sunny the rest. Go figure! You can't beat spring in North-central Wisconsin. As always, it is a great day to be a Spencer Rocket!



TACK from page 1 So, here's to Anne Teska, for reading and editing pages and pages of narrative and responding to whatever questions were in the application on the drawing board. Thanks to

Marcia Draeger, for playing with numbers, spreadsheets, data bases and reports that substantiated the data we tried to impart, as well as using her eagle eyes to catch typos and inconsistencies in the thousands of words in our written responses. Hat's off to Amanda Seefeldt, for acting as ANOTHER pair of eyes scanning for those overlooked typos and inconsistencies, while also confirming that documentation to be uploaded was accurate and opened correctly. Buckets of appreciation to the LTCA Treasurer for supplying financial documents in dozens of formats in order to authenticate the fiscal effect of the pandemic on the Tack.

And finally, hats off to the LTCA Board of Directors whose constant leadership and support of LuCille Tack's vision and the organization's mission, has made it possible for the Tack to stay in the game of presenting arts and entertainment to our Central Wisconsin community! It is fully anticipated that the 25th Anniversary season will roll out in early summer and the lights will be back up in September, with all of us at the Tack ready to welcome YOU back! Stay tuned!

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TACK from page 3 And...if you're curious as to what YOUR love language(s) is, do an online search for "Discover Your Love Language." You will find a nifty little questionnaire that could help you and those with whom you interact understand and, yes, even love each other better! Stay happy and healthy and roll your sleeve up so we can once again, gather together!



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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.

The Grab n Go crafts will continue in May. Flowergram craft for children will be available during the month of May while supplies last. The craft is a combination of a colorful collage in the shape of a flower and a fun way to deliver a kind and positive message to someone special. Maybe Mom!

Grab n Go Needlepoint Mandala for adults and teens will be available in the month of May as well. We provide the supplies and instructions to create a beautiful needlepoint mandala to keep yourself or to give to someone special. Maybe Mom again!

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the library adjusted a number of its services to better serve our patrons. As we move toward a new phase of library services please note a few changes. Loan periods will return to normal starting Monday, May 3rd. Late fines for library material will return to normal. Items on the hold shelf must be picked up within 7 days. Copies will return to 10 cents per page.

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

Audrey Kohlbeck
 Spencer Branch Coordinator
 Marathon County Public Library - Spencer Branch | 105 S. Park St., WI 54479
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The Spencer Woman's Club is looking for the past SPENCERAMA Queens for the Queen tea and parade. Contact Deb at deputyclerk@vil.spencer.wi.us or 715-659-5423. Craft and product vendors are welcome to set up at SPENCERAMA DAYS - \$20 for a spot for the 3 days. 1 product vendor/type only. Contact Deb at deputyclerk@vil.spencer.wi.us or 715-659-5423.

School District of Spencer, SEL Committee
WORD OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH
LEADERSHIP
 THE ABILITY TO INNOVATE, MAKE DECISIONS, INFLUENCE, AND MOTIVATE OTHERS TO ACHIEVE RESULTS.



2nd Annual Kickball Tournament

Family Style

May 15th, 2021

9:00 AM

SPENCER ARC PARK

This is a family fun tournament in honor of Morgan Gorst.
This is NOT a competitive tournament.

Boogie and the Yo-yo'z Spencer Arc Park

May 15th, 2021

8:00 PM - 11:45 PM

SPENCER ARC PARK

What is Morgan's Mission?

Morgan wanted nothing more than for other children to have an opportunity to play sports just like he did. Morgan's Mission will support children who need financial assistance to purchase equipment needed.

His mission also supports the good work that his family has supported within our community over the last decade which always brought a smile to his face.

❑ Kickball Tournament

- Family Style Kickball Tournament starts at 9:00 AM
- Registration is full
- To be on a cancellation list contact Becky at 715-321-6061
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes
- No more than 10-14 players per team
 - For Team Composition rules, please visit Morgan's Mission on Facebook or email Becky at becky.gorst@spectruminsgroup.com

❑ Raffles throughout the day

- If you are interested in donating a raffle item, please email Becky at becky.gorst@spectruminsgroup.com to arrange pickup or drop off.
- Monetary donations can be mailed to:

MORGAN'S MISSION
101583 CASEY AVE
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❑ Cornhole Tournament run by Spencer Kids Group (SKG)

- Cornhole starts 11:00 AM. Register by May 12th \$20 team.
- Forms found online (SKG website) or at Spencer Kids Group
- Forms can be dropped off or mailed to: **SPENCER KIDS GROUP, PO BOX 15, SPENCER, WI 54479**
- Questions call Lindsey at 715-897-0622
- Double Elimination and House Rules apply. Prizes based on number of entries

❑ Co-ed Blind Volleyball Tournament Run by SKG

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❑ Concessions will be served

Proceeds will go to Morgan's Mission!



- Raffles
- Food
- Adult Beverages
- Lots of FUN!!

Proceeds will go to Morgan's Mission and Powerful Parker!



Juddy's Speed Shop
Saturday May 15, 2021
8:30-11:30AM
107 N. Wisconsin Str.



Bring your vehicle and meet other car enthusiasts. All types of cars and trucks welcome! Razor J's Old Fashion Hamburger food truck will be onsite to offer coffee and breakfast!

The Spencer Community Boosters, under the guidance of Becky Gorst, are at it again this Spring as they gear up for another season. As you can see in the photos they are erecting a much needed new building. They've added a couple more youth baseball/softball tournaments to bring people to town and give our kids a leg up in the years to come. And of course, they'll continue to be the driving force behind youth softball, baseball, basketball and volleyball, complete with camps in some areas. Not to mention adult softball and volleyball, the Brad Bauer weekend plus sponsor to music and other events. That all takes help. Do so if you're interested.

Youth Tournament Dates
June 5- 12U baseball
June 6- 8U baseball
June 26- 10U softball
June 27- 8U softball
July 24- 10U baseball
July 25- 12U softball



SKG Pulled Pork for 2 Dinner - Wednesday, May 12th from 4-6 pm (take out only)



The Spencer Area Historical Society has planned "A Discovery Walk" on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021.

Tours will run continuously starting at 11:00AM until 2:00PM at the West Spencer Cemetery on Highway 98. In case of rain this event will be held in the Kid's Group Hall on Clark Street.

Re-enactors will tell stories of pioneers at each of the grave sites of:

Ritzpah Crowell, a Brothertown Native American. She was a school teacher and local actress who did extensive volunteer work at King's Veteran Home.

Laurence Driscoll was the first rural mail carrier on Route #1 when that service first started. He later became postmaster. The last saw mill to be built in town was the Driscoll, Andrews, Colby Mill erected in the late 1890's or early 1900's on the east side of Hwy. 13 near the site where R & R Flooring and Furniture sits today.

Guy Ingham was an award-winning fur farmer, jeweler, early radio electronics dealer, ginseng grower, and a pilot with his own airport.

Karl Stoltenow opened a brickyard in 1887 where the present-day Ponderosa apartments are located. It produced 200,000 bricks annually. He also operated a farm supply store and tavern.

Twins Ward and Wesley Vanderhoof were both in the Civil war. Wesley boasted of having shook Abe Lincoln's hand. Both men were later farmers with large tracts of land in the town of Sherman.

Come listen and learn about your Spencer area history!

Spencer Area Historical Society
 117 E. Clark Str. Spencer Olde Hall
 Open: Third Sunday of the month, 11am-2pm
 Next: May 16 and June 20.
 Also: By appointment. Call 659-5182 or 659-5577.
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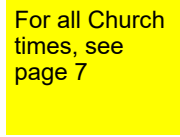
















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	Village Board Meeting 6:30pm. Village Hall.		SKG Pulled Pork for 2 Dinner. 4-6pm. Take out only.	4H 7pm Village Hall.		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			School Board Meeting 6:30pm. H.S. Distance Learning Room. Enter door #22.			
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