

# Village Voice

## of Spencer, WI

# WORLD CHAMPS



*From the Editor* Ever since our Milwaukee Bucks won the World Basketball Championship on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at about 10:35-ish PM, or so, I've muddled over how to start, or even finish, this piece. It's now Friday evening, a whole three days later and I'm still speechless, which happens once in a while. My wife would dispute that.

I'll do my best.

On April 30th in 1971, the Bucks beat the Baltimore Bullets to sweep the seven game series 4-0 to become the fastest true expansion team in the history of North American sports to win a championship in just their third year of existence. 182 days later I celebrated my 10th birthday.

You see, the Bucks were established in 1968 after having lost their first venture into the National Basketball Association when the Hawks packed up and left for St. Louis in 1955 after four seasons in Milwaukee.

That '71 team, of which I recorded each game into a notebook as we listened on the radio, had some basketball royalty, with Lew Alcindor (The Big A), later to be known as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Oscar Robertson (The Big O). They steamrolled the Bullets in the finals after dispatching the Western Conference fairly easily, recording a franchise record that still stands at 66-16.

Fan is short for fanatic and I plead guilty. I've bled Buck forest-green, Packer green and gold and Brewer blue and yellow since I can remember. There's plenty of folks who come around when they win. I tend to agonize some as well. I'll blame genetics in a good way.

So, when our World Champion Milwaukee Bucks started making some noise this season picking up the third seed in the Eastern Conference, dispatching last seasons Eastern champs Miami in four games, kicking the Hawks to the curb in six games, toying with the Nets, letting them win a couple before showing them the door, I was already firmly planted in my lay-z-boy. Then I sat up on the edge and waited for the Suns.

After coaching hoops for over three decades and watching it over five, I thought I'd seen it all. I hadn't.

I said agonize earlier? Add in a little torment, anguish and some worry, fret and fuss, plus a two game deficit, only to return to Milwaukee and replace it with glee and happiness when we tied it at two at home. Throw in jubilation when we took a 3-2 lead out in the desert and euphoria when we downed the Suns in six just a few days later.

This time the cast included a Greek Freak, Giannis Antetokounmpo, a former D-League player, Kris Middleton, a brand new point guard in Jrue Holiday, a gave-up-upon center, Brook Lopez and guys named Bobby P., PJ, and Pat, (who used to pitch at Notre Dame.)

Antetokounmpo stamped his ticket as one of the finest performers in finals history with a 50 point, 14 rebound performance that included a 17 for 19 free throw performance that had previously been his Achilles heel.

Not many had predicted the Bucks to win it all and I won't say whether I did, but if you didn't sit on the edge of your lay-z-boy for a bit, I feel sorry for ya. It was great.

Oh, and in 101 days from July 20, I'll be 60 years old. I'll consider it an early birthday present. Thanks Bucks! Best present I ever had!



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*at the* **TACK** It was an August that began like most others and which suddenly transformed into a technicolor dream no one could have predicted. It was in August 1994 that Spencer Schools learned of a bequest to the district from life-long philanthropist and Spencer native, LuCille Tack. LuCille had left \$450,000 of her estate to be used by the school to either update the library or build an arts center. The school board opted for the arts center and managed to get a referendum on the November ballot requesting an additional sum of \$225,000 from local taxpayers. With a 74% affirmative vote, the project was underway.

Eau Claire construction and design firm, Professional Management Services Inc., was given the go-ahead to begin work and a group of neophyte but passionate individuals stepped forward to help plan both the facility and the organization that would oversee it. This steering committee made up of businesspeople, art enthusiasts, educators and others, had much to do before ground was broken in May 1995. Divided into interest groups they mulled over the priorities and expectations this theater would have, toured venues around Wisconsin to educate themselves on how to best build a facility that would allow for these priorities and expectations and, when necessary, made the difficult choices that most building projects eventually must confront - those of cost and budget.

Once the construction was underway, the steering committee sought assistance from the Wisconsin Arts Board, who shepherded them through the challenges of organizing a local arts board - diversity of membership and talents, a mission, bylaws and strategic planning. What then became the non-profit organization known as LuCille Tack Center for the Arts and its first president, Linda Bauer, began preparing for its first season as a presenting arts venue. New committees were formed, and a grand opening celebration with headliner Lorie Line and her Pop Chamber Orchestra, a morning fun run/walk, entertainment from within the community, a sit-down dinner and a post-concert reception were planned for October 12, 1996. ALL were a resounding success!

While some members of the first board of directors expected only a modest number of events per season, the inaugural program included seven, some of which were also offered to students during the school day, the first Arts Adventure Series! Few of the volunteers had any experience in presenting professional performers on stage, reserved seating and ticketing, sound and lighting skills, contract negotiations and the like. It was learn-as-you-go, and both board members and volunteers were frequently heard stating that, "We're young and just getting started. Can you help us with this?"

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**What's Rockin' in Rocketville!**

By Mike Endreas

District Admin./School District of Spencer

And away we go!!! From a school standpoint summer is over and the new year has begun. All of our fall athletic activities will slowly ramp up as practices begin as early as August 1. Staff will be reporting to begin the regular in-service requirements along with getting their rooms prepared for the first day of school on Sept. 1.

As usual, the summer has been very busy. Our custodial and maintenance staff have done an outstanding job of preparing the building. This is no easy task in a normal year; add in the obstacle of a construction zone and all the extra work that has to offer, just verifies how lucky we are to have the great people working to get us ready for the year.

We have had some staff turnover this year and we are excited to introduce the new members of the Rocket Family. They include:

- Jared Klimmer - Technology Education.
- Brent Wambold - HS Math.
- Christa Hoheiser - MS teacher.
- Erika Peterson - MS teacher.
- Sam Buchberger - MS Special Education.
- Lisa Derfus - MS Special Education.
- Wendy Comstock - Grade 2.
- Molly Attoe - Elementary School Counselor.
- Chelsea Slade - paraprofessional.

Would like to remind you all of the School District of Spencer Annual School Board meeting on Wednesday August 18 at 6:30 p.m.

The building project is coming along nicely. A goal of September 17 has been established for us to have access. I am amazed at the coordination and the amount of cause and effect that goes into this process. We are experiencing some delays on

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SCB (Spencer Community Boosters) has had a really good year with great weather for the most part. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade tournaments were on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We are raising lots of money for our building project and things are looking really good to meet our goal of having it built in Spring of 2022.

Currently we have \$66,000 in the bank and our biggest fundraiser, the Brad Bauer Community Tournament is still coming up on August 20-22.

Our concession stand project is estimated at \$100,000, much higher than what we were anticipating due to a location change. We will now be building over in the grass area and the plumbing is much more expensive than the original plan because the location is low and the water and sewer needs to be brought up to grade. Unfortunately, the power lines are preventing us from putting the building where the current building is. However, even though we have had some changes, we are still confident in the final product and can't wait to start using our new concession stand. We serve 200 people most nights in the summer and the new stand is going to be way more efficient and better for our volunteers.

Brad Bauer Community Tournament:

We will have a 16 team bracket for the softball tournament again this year with lots of great food and amazing raffle prizes. We will also do a gift certificate pull, a Booze Pull, and a few other new games throughout the weekend. SKG is running Volleyball and Cornhole this year as a fundraiser. As always, we have a lot of great organizations volunteering and sharing in the profits. It takes hundreds of hours of volunteer time to pull off this three day event and we appreciate everyone! **Becky Gorst contributed this story.**

TACK from page 3 Committee meetings were usually held in the home of the chairperson and almost always with food served, because discussion and brainstorming were mentally exhausting and often continued for three to four hours. Creating an organization from the ground up was challenging work, but stimulating and rewarding, as well. It was TRULY a labor of love, one that still claims many of its original volunteers and has endured for more than a quarter century.

And so it is that as we begin the 25th Anniversary Season, we encourage you to return to the inviting space that was born of one woman's inspiration, the intentional upbringing of a village and the dedicated sustenance and endorsement of our greater community. Tickets are available for all events online and by phoning or mailing in an order. Seats for I Am, He Said: A Neil Diamond Celebration are moving quickly so get yours now, before they're gone.

It is with gratitude for our benefactress, LuCille Tack, and EVERYONE who has impacted this art center in our midst that we are FINALLY able to say with some certainty... welcome back to the Tack! And Happy 25th Anniversary!

**18TH ANNUAL**  
**BRAD BAUER**  
**Community Tournament**  
**AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>** **34** **SPENCER ARC PARK**  
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**Softball**

- Class D Men's Softball Tournament (currently full)
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- \$125 Entry Fee with 100% Payback
- Games start Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the ARC Park on LaSalle Street in Spencer
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**Volleyball Tournament**

- Recreational Volleyball starts on Saturday at 11 am
- Register by August 7th with \$50 team entry fee
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### Spencer Library news....

#### August Spencer Library Updates:

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Children of all ages can pick up a Grab N Go craft in the month of August at the Spencer Library. The craft for august is "Fun, Feathered Magpie Magnet". All supplies and instructions are included. While supplies last. One kit per person.

The Spencer Library is open without appointments. The hours are:

Monday 1-7pm. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-4pm. Wednesday 1-5pm with Curbside ONLY from 5-7pm (the library will be closed during curbside hours). Saturday 10am-2pm..

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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Your Business After 5 entrance fee includes: · Central WI State Fair general admission entry · Central WI State Fair grandstand general admission. Entertainment: Johnny Wad · One raffle ticket in the Business After 5 prize drawing · Up to \$5 food voucher to be used at the CSWF food vendors on 8/24/21 only. Note: additional raffle tickets can be purchased at the venue. 1-\$5; 3-\$10; or 7-\$20.

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Raffle Prizes include: · MACCI Gift Certificates · Central Wisconsin State Fair day passes · Grandstand VIP Tickets to Jordan Davis show on Friday, August 27, 2021 · H&S Manufacturing swag.

Sponsors and raffle prizes listed above were those confirmed at the time of print. List may be updated closer to event.

ROCKIN' from page 3 materials which is very normal these days so we patiently wait for its completion. Be on the lookout for tour dates and our grand opening. We are certainly excited to pull the curtain back on your new facility.

We are slowly getting information from the CDC and the DHS with recommendations as to how to come back this fall in the area of the pandemic. We will be presenting our plan to the board at the August 18th meeting. I am excited to get back to a normal school year and that will be the focus of our recommendation.

As the month of August ramps up please understand the kid, foot and bike traffic, will ramp up as well. Please be on the lookout for kids, especially in the vicinity of the school. Have a great month of August and as always please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to the start of the new school year.



## DONATION MADE



Bonnie Beyreis presents a check from Trinity Lutheran Church to a volunteer at Spencer King's Pantry. Funds were raised during Spencerama at Trinity's A&W Root Beer Float and Ice Cream booth. A huge thank you to Spencer A&W for their donation of the Root Beer, vanilla soft serve and supplies, and also to Thrivent Financial for funds to purchase other supplies.

**Stratford Continuing Education**  
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Thank you to all who participated in Cemetery  
Discovery Walk on Memorial Day.

 **From the Editor**

Jon Burnett sent me an email earlier in July. This was the gist of it.

Each school year Burnett Transit makes its annual Transportation Application available to people who may want to take advantage of their bus routes. As with many applications time is of the essence. Here's what's NEW! This year the school will post a notice on the school facebook page which will alert families that the transportation form will be available ONLINE via the schools' website. Families can print the form, fill it out and mail it, fax it or drop it off at the Burnett Transit office and avoid the form that would have been sent in the mail. I will do my best to keep from mailing out a form to those that have printed their own and turned it in.



Spencer American Legion Post 298 would like to thank all for their support at Spencerama this year. Spencerama Raffle winners are: \$1,000 Don Alpert - \$500 Shelby Weister - \$200 George Krueger - \$150 Robert Frank - \$100 Mark Frey - \$100 Randy Draeger - \$100 Gene Hill - \$50 Tim Bushman - \$50 Matt Natzke - \$50 Tanya Griepentrog.

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1 For all Church times, see page 7	2	3 Legion 7pm Village Hall	4	5 Spencer Woman's Club mtg. 6:30pm	6	7
8	9 Village Board Meeting 6:30pm. Village Hall	10	11	12 4H 7pm Village Hall.	13	14 Exhibition: Texans @ Packers 7pm. 
15	16	17	18 Annual School Board Meeting @ 6:30pm.	19 S/C Football Glenwood City 7pm	20 18th Annual Brad Bauer Community Tournament Aug. 20-22. 	21 Exhibition: Jets @ Packers 3:25pm. 
22	23	24 St. Johns COME meal 5-6pm. Drive-up only.	25	26	27 S/C Football @ Colby 7pm 	28 Exhibition: Packers @ Bills Noon 
29	30	31	      			





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**Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – Sponsored by SPENCER WOMAN'S CLUB**

**MUSIC BY: Balsam Rode Ramblers** sponsored by Spencer Woman's Club

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**Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – Sponsored by SPENCER KID'S GROUP**

**MUSIC BY: Modern Throw Back**

**Pie**





**SPENCER AREA  
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AUGUST 5-8**

**Maps will be available online and at various  
Village locations on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Pie in the Park lunch will be Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> at  
Lions Park.**