

Village Voice

of Spencer, WI

at the TACK **Y**es! The days are getting longer - life is good!

And if you're looking for something to help keep you entertained during the winter's shortest month, the Tack has several events coming your way!

First up...Eau Claire artist, Jonathan Paul Wheeler, will share his 3D collages and photography collection in the Gallery during the month of February. Wheeler presents his work as an effort to connect with the audience in the hope that they "will see how I see, perhaps feel how I feel." An opening reception in his honor will take place Friday, February 4 from 5 -7 pm. This is an opportunity to greet the artist, explore his exhibit and perhaps find a piece that "speaks" to you. Admission is FREE!

Next...If you enjoy a side of humor with your live music, you won't want to miss the performance of Bridge & Wolak. This globe-trotting music & comedy duo merges traditional instruments with 21st century digital technology. Michael Bridge (accordions & piano) and Kornel Wolak (clarinet & piano) will perform their own original brand of fusion, drawing from their classical roots and love for folk, jazz and tango music. They will appear at the Tack on Friday, February 25 at 7:30 pm, and their program is likely to include selections from musical icons such as: Handel, Benny Goodman, Bach, Chopin and Hank Williams.

Last, but not least...Join us for a fun night of Heart Art as Spencer School's Art Instructor, Carmen Schweiger, engages us in painting hearts without brushes and then using a scraping technique to create a universal symbol of love and kindness. Explore color and abstract style at the Village of Spencer Community Room on Wednesday, February 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm. All necessary materials are provided and there's no admission fee or need to register. Bring a friend, relax and have fun. Please note: this activity is for adults only and masks are required.

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What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Admin./School District of Spencer

We are officially halfway through the school year! The first semester ended on January 20th. Where does that time go? I am so proud of the staff and students for their work and efforts in making the first half a great success and also take comfort in knowing the same attitude will make the second half even better.

February is always an interesting time. We begin getting sick and tired of the cold weather (some sooner than this) and we look forward to spring. We do however have some unfinished work to be done. All of our winter sports will be entering tournament play. We wish them luck and success on their roads to a championship. In our band and choral areas they have no time to relax as the process of preparing for solo ensemble and large band and choral festivals are underway. Our drama club is gearing up to prepare for the spring play. I am so proud of these great opportunities for our kids.

I want to congratulate Shannon Malone and Abbi Roehborn for their selection as Marshfield Area Chamber Foundation Teachers of Distinction. As two of 25 selected from the area they will now go through a process to vie for a Crystal Apple award. We are proud of all of our teachers and wish them luck as they represent Spencer Schools in this next step. A banquet to formally recognize them will be held in May.

At a School Board meeting in January the board approved a resolution and a ballot question for the April election. Planning for informational documents, and meetings will be discussed in February and a schedule of opportunities for the community to ask questions will be coming out. Plan for these meetings to occur in March. The goal of the board is to meet the educational needs of our students in the most fiscally responsible fashion possible. The current funding formula from the

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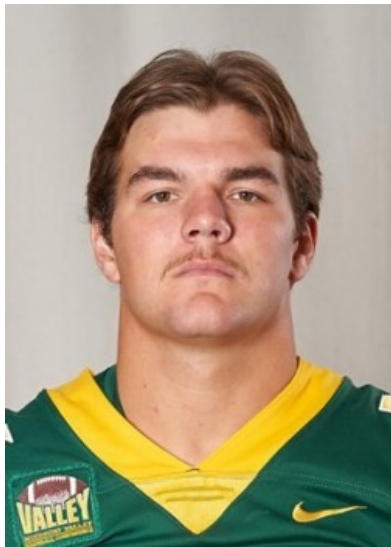
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Spencer's Hunter Luepke leads North Dakota State to FCS national title

Jan. 8, 2022



FRISCO, TX. (WSAW) - Spencer native Hunter Luepke put out the performance of a lifetime on Saturday, running for three touchdowns while leading North Dakota State to its ninth Football Championship Series championship since 2011 downing Montana State 38-10.

All of Luepke's touchdowns came in the first half in which NDSU raced out to a 28-0 lead. Luepke added 82 yards on the ground. His TD's were

from 8, 11 and 6 yards

"It's fantastic. I mean, we've been working for over a year to achieve this goal after last spring season," Luepke said after the game, "So, to finally accomplish it is amazing. We had to work very hard to do this and I'm just ecstatic that it finally happened."

Luepke was named the game's most outstanding player for his efforts.



Hunter celebrates beside the Championship trophy as he hoists the award for the game's Outstanding Player.

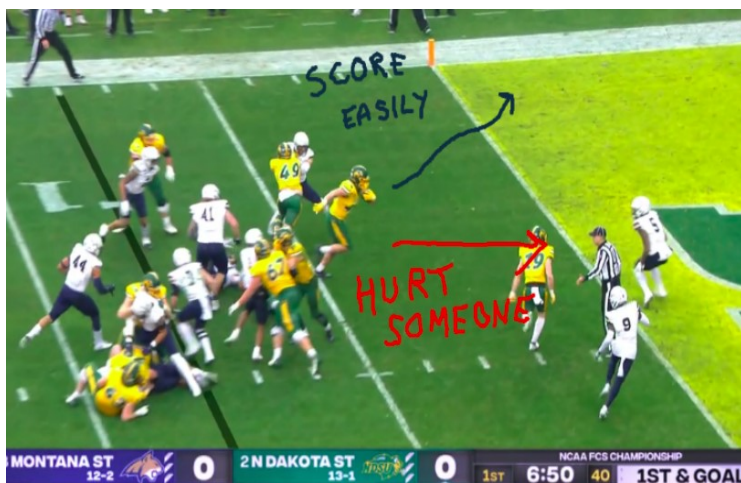
Hunter Luepke smashing a dude into bits was the perfect parallel to North Dakota State's FCS title win

North Dakota State isn't an FCS powerhouse. It's *the* FCS powerhouse. And the guy who drove the Bison to their ninth NCAA title in 11 years was a 236-pound fullback.

On Saturday, North Dakota State took advantage of Montana State's awful injury luck to thoroughly mosh the Bobcats 38-10 and end a perilous one-year title drought. The engine behind that win was Hunter Luepke, a former two-star recruit from Spencer, Wisconsin and 2021 first-team All American.

The junior running back set the tone early to send a message to Montana State; we don't care where you are or whether it's even necessary, we're gonna beat the crap out of you.

Sometimes the Xs and Os of college football can be a little overwhelming. Fortunately, I've broken down the play for our convenience here:




As the title to this piece teased, Hunter took the path of most resistance and well...splattered the dude. I'm sure you can find more of Hunter's highlights on You tube, etc.

Luepke, a fullback whose job it is to crash into things chose option B: crash into things.

That was the first of three Luepke touchdowns on the day – all in the first two quarters of the game – and it gave the Bison a lead they wouldn't relinquish. Since his third score didn't involve nearly enough contact, the NDSU star celebrated by kicking himself in the head.

You know, normal fullback stuff.

Unfortunately for the rest of the FCS, Luepke is slated to return to the Bison in 2022. Expect him and the rest of an eternally-stacked North Dakota State roster to start next season as the nation's top-ranked program once again. Story by Christian D' Andrea for USA Today Sports

 *From the Editor* Just wanted to share what others said about Hunter and his fabulous achievements. We are all very proud of him. Congrats Hunter on the now and continued success with the future!

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Well-known for both her English teaching career and theatre legacy, the late Esther Rannow was also one of the LTCA's first volunteers and its House Manager for many years. In celebration of the Tack's 10th Anniversary in 2006-07, Mrs Rannow wrote a series of articles for the TRG's "Backstage at the Tack," in which were shared memories of each of its past ten seasons. The Village Voice is re-publishing these articles to offer the reader a glimpse backward into the Tack's history.

The title of the season brochure for the 2002-2003 season at the LuCille Tack Center for the Arts - Many Patterns/Common Threads - aptly described and defined the artists and performances it included.

25TH ANNIVERSARY
PERFORMANCE
SEASON INSPIRATION REALIZED

For instance, one of the most popular exhibits in the gallery was that of Judith Pentz, "Bed Covers to Art Form." It included articles of clothing, wall hangings and traditional quilts of wonderful patterns. Quilting, once a necessity of life, has indeed become an art form.

On stage at the Tack, the threads reached out in every direction. I must begin with the thread from the north, Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua. Since I grew up in that area between Washburn and Bayfield, I remember watching the development of this performing venue very closely. I try to attend a performance every time I go "home." Warren Nelson, singer, songwriter, poet and historian, and the Lost Nation String Band take the show out of the canvas tent and put it on the road. The show certainly makes the history of the Apostle Islands come alive.

Moving to the south, where else does one go except Branson? Many of our patrons at the Tack make a yearly pilgrimage to this mecca of country and bluegrass music. For those who can't make the trip, the Tack brought Ozark Jubilee, a cast of singers and musicians who weave together bluegrass, country standards and gospel. Some fine fiddling, as I recall.

Volunteer Sally Racovec said, "I was chairperson of Ozark Jubilee. They were a group right out of Branson. They were a family group and they, indeed, brought the whole family to every concert."

"They had little ones on stage dancing and singing as young as three, and I remember bringing toys for different ages and entertaining them between acts. We were responsible for getting them in their places at certain times so they could perform. We had to have them changed and hair done. The oldest was fourteen, but we had six all under the age of nine. The final stage call had everyone entertaining the audience, even the baby, who obliged by napping until it was time to go on."

In contrast, New West, out of California, stitched together a tribute to the rancher, the vaquero and the men and women of the American West. Their instruments were the mandolin and the acoustic guitar. This show was followed by a chuckwagon dinner in the high school cafeteria.

From the east, well, a little bit east, Our Front Porch Series brought the Richie Yurkovich Band. No explanation needed. If you live in Wisconsin, this group requires no introduction. Accordion, guitar, banjo and percussion provided a lively Sunday afternoon break.

In addition to these "four corners," the season also included Celtic Christmas, Los Llaneros and Sun Ergo's "Twining: Stories and Dances from the Third World." All these performances and performers reached back into heritages as the source of their art - whatever form that art took.

This season reminded me again of how much of who we are begins with our own heritage - or at least our impression of it. The threads of our lives stretch back and create the patterns of our own lives. Once again, the LTCA had provided us a service, as well as wonderful entertainment. Thanks, Tack!



SAVE THE DATE!

April 2nd. Doors open at 6PM. **SPRING FE-**

VER DANCE! Turning Point, sponsored by Chuck's Ripp's Bar & Grill will play from 7-11PM. \$20. Tickets available at SKG and from board members. Watch FB event for more details.

Spencer Lions

As of Jan. 23, Natasha, at the Rose Bowl, says there's 10 lanes open on Feb. 5 at noon and just 3 lanes at 3pm. There are 12 lanes open at noon on Feb. 12 and only 3 at 3pm. SCOTCH DOUBLES. Call 715-387-1114. Good Times!



Spencer's own scores yet again.



Reservation for six, please!

Spencer Library news....

Grab & Go: Little Treasures Felt Heart Magnet for Adults and Teens. Get crafty during American Heart Month with this craft kit. We'll provide a pattern to create a heart magnet, plus supplies including felt, magnets and decorations. This craft could also be a nice memento for a certain lovey-dovey holiday that happens on February 14th.

Grab & Go: Craft Stick Launcher for Children. Stop by the library to pick up your grab n go craft kit for young ones that's both fun and educational. We'll provide supplies and instructions for a craft launcher that will challenge kids to use their engineering skills to construct a launching device and see how far they can launch a cotton swab.

Friends of the Library book sale will be held at the Wausau Library at 300 N. First Str., Wausau, WI on Thursday, Feb. 3rd from 9:30am-7:30pm and Friday, Feb. 4th from 9:30am-4:30pm. The Big Sale will be Saturday the 5th from 9:30am-1:30pm. All you can fit in a bag for \$6 on Saturday only. Due to the pandemic, the room may have an occupancy limit. Face masks are encouraged.

We have not received any Federal or State forms yet, but they have been ordered and should be arriving soon.

Spencer Library Hours:
 Monday and Wednesday 1pm – 7pm
 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am – 4pm
 Saturday 10am – 2pm



TACK from page 1. To purchase tickets or for more information on any of these events, visit lucilletackcenter.com or call 715.659.4499. Here's wishing you sunshine, good health and a clean driveway in the days ahead. We look forward to seeing you at the Tack SOON! Masks are required for all Tack events.

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- Pick up unsold dress(es) Feb 22nd -25th or they will be donated to SKG

Please make sure dresses are clean and stain free

Volunteers Needed!

- Get first pick of dresses
- Meet your volunteer requirement for school, etc.



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ROCKIN' from page 1. state does not meet these needs so thus a request to our community. The goal is to inform our community as to allow them to make an informed decision on election day to have input on the future of our school.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and more importantly our kids. I am proud of the varied opportunities that are available for our kids. Concerts, plays, speaking contests, games, projects are all there for the taking for our kids. We have always strived to be flexible and allow a student to pick and choose all or some of these opportunities. Not easily done in a large school.

It's a great day to be a Spencer Rocket!



The Unity American Legion will continue their Pancake Breakfasts on the first Sunday of the month; Feb. 6 and March 6 from 8:30am to 12:30pm.



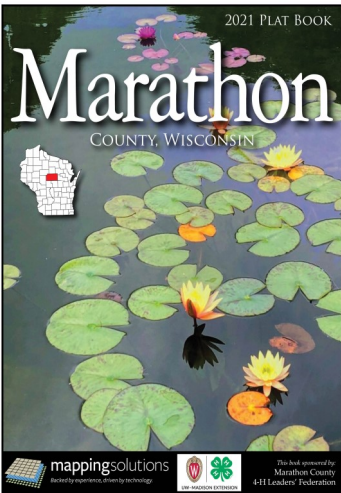
School District of Spencer, SEL Committee
WORD OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

Kindness

The choice to act with words, gifts or actions to bring appreciation, positivity and encouragement to ourselves and others



Spencer Lions Club presented a check for \$1050 to the Spencer Food Pantry. The money was raised from the annual Lions Christmas Tree sales. Accepting the check is Joyce Abegglen from Lion Dick Schultz and club President Terry Beyreis.



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6 Unity Am. Legion Pancake Breakfast 8:30am. Cabaret 1pm LTCA.	7	8 GBB @ Loyal 7:15pm. BBB @ Pittsville 7:15pm.	9	10 .Lions 6:30pm Nutz. 4H 7pm Village Hall. GBB Granton 5:30pm. BBB @ Loyal 7:15pm.	11 GBB @ Colby 7:15pm.	12
13 Super Bowl LVI @ 5:30pm on NBC at SDFI Stadium in Englewood, CA.	14 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Hall.	15 BBB Neillsville 7:15pm.	16	17 GBB Crossover @West site TBA 7:15pm.	18 BBB @ Colby 7:15pm.	19 WR @ Amery 9am. GBB @ Osseo 7:30 pm.
20	21 	22 St. Johns COME meal 5-6pm. Dine in or Carry Out.	23	24 BBB Crossover Home TBA 7:15pm	25 No School. Bridge and Wolak 7:30pm LTCA.	26
27 International Polar Bear Day 	28	 Baseball/Softball Registration Mon. Feb 21 6-7:30pm @ Nutz Deep		