

Village Voice of Spencer, WI

What's Rockin' in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas
District Admin./School District of Spencer

Happy New Year! I hope you found time for some rest and relaxation with family and friends over the Holidays. As usual, much to talk about in regards to the goings on in Rocketville.

The winter band concert will be held on January 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the LTCA. Please come on in and enjoy the talents of our Middle School and High School Band students. I also want to make note of a special event for our Handbell Choir as they will be performing in Milwaukee on January 21st as they have been selected to perform at the State School Board convention. Way to go Mrs. Olson.

All of our winter sports seasons are well underway so make sure to keep an eye on our webpage or facebook page for game dates and times. We are really proud of our student athletes and the work they put in.

January 20 marks the end of our first semester and it is all downhill from there. It is amazing how fast time seems to fly by.

We are very near the end of our building project. We are finishing up odds and ends and still are awaiting lockers but for the most part the project is complete. We had a walk through with Wisconsin Emergency Management as they need to confirm that we meet the tornado shelter requirements as spelled out in the grant. All is good and we are close to zeroing out the grant funds.

For those who want to, like me, attempt to meet your new year's resolution of exercising more go to our webpage and click



at the **TACK** *I*t seems like the longest month of the year, the darkest and often, the coldest! Despite that, there are several opportunities to light up your life, courtesy of your local art center and the majority are FREE!

On Friday, January 7 from 5-7 pm, the Tack Gallery will host an opening reception honoring Menomonie photographer, Mary LaVenture. Mary's work utilizes long exposure photography - that is, she paints with light. By moving both the camera and the subject matter multiple times during an exposure, she creates shapes, patterns and variations in line and texture. This allows her to turn items from daily life into visual energy. Stop by to greet the Colby native and view her dynamic creations. Admission is free and open to the public.

Folks have come to know and enjoy a Copper Box performance at summer festivals or outdoor events. Lucky for us, the Tack will present this well-known Wisconsin group in the cozy warmth of the theatre, giving everyone the opportunity to enjoy this outside-the-box band on Saturday, January 22 at 7:30 pm.

Multi-instrumentalists, Danny Jerabek, and his wife Michelle, both started performing on stage with their respective families as youngsters. Danny and his Hohner accordion now share the spotlight with Michelle and her tenor and bari-saxes. Bass player extraordinaire, Dave Chyla, and drummer, Dan Cable, add the finishing touches to the good vibes of the Copper Box "sound." Audience beware: This is not a cookie cutter band! Copper Box has shared main stage festivals nationwide with artists such as: The Doobie Brothers, The Little River Band, Peter Frampton,



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The board of education will be approving a resolution for a ballot question for the April 5, 2022 general election. There will be a couple of meetings in January to determine the budget needs and then more information and meeting opportunities in the months leading up to April. Please be on the lookout for these opportunities as we want our community to be informed as to what is needed to meet the needs of our students and community.

I wish you the best of luck in the New Year. We have a great deal of work ahead of us as a District to keep providing a well rounded education with a wide array of opportunities for our kids. I look forward to working with you in the New year.



Group works to create museum for Spencer area history



Chairman Jerry Kobs (left) is pictured with wife, Sharon Kobs and Ron Draeger outside the Spencer Area Historical Society museum. The trio has been instrumental in organizing the collection. Hub City Times staff photo

By Kris Leonhardt

A small group of local historians are working to bring forth a museum dedicated to the rich history of the Spencer area. Although the efforts are becoming more visible in recent years, the roots of the project date back 40 plus years with a deep history of its own.

"We had a centennial in 1974 and that got people's interest

TACK from page 1. Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Spin Doctors, Los Lonely Boys, Huey Lewis and more. With their exceptional talent, unique arrangements, creative songwriting, and unforgettable stage presence, Copper Box delivers something special and is definitely worth a listen. Brighten up the dark days of January with an early breath of spring...Copper Box at the Tack!

To round out the month, another Art Night will take place on Wednesday, January 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Community Room at the Spencer Village Hall. You are invited to explore printmaking through the process of Gelli prints and to create beautiful painted papers that can be used for cards, scrapbooking or even wall hangings. This art style focuses on the use of layering with paints and stencils to create color and depth. Spencer Schools Art Instructor, Carmen Schweiger, will provide the necessary materials. No charge, no need to sign up and no experience necessary. Just come ready to relax and have fun! Please note: this activity is for adults only and masks are required.

To purchase tickets or for more information on any of these events, visit lucilletackcenter.com or call 715.659.4499. Cheers to you and yours for a spectacular New Year filled with health, happiness and creativity from all of us at the Tack!

going on trying to collect old things and old stories," said Ron Draeger, who heads up the technology side of the future museum. "A lot of that ended up in this collection."

Through the centennial celebration efforts, a history book and commemorative plate were created to raise funds. Those funds were placed into a savings account with the hopes that someday they could do something with a historical museum and it just never evolved," added Chairman Jerry Kobs.

"Originally, 1996-97 I would say, Bettye Nall and Barbara Rux were the two that really spearheaded getting it started, and had a small group of people that met periodically. It lasted maybe 5-10 years, then it kind of dropped by the wayside.

"They had picked up items along the way that people had given them and had continued to store it...

"We picked it up when I got the call to be the chairman - that was in February of 2014."

Kobs spent some time with Nall to get a feel for the project before taking on the chairmanship, then approached seven individuals in the community with longevity and an eagerness to

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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.

As the seasons at the LuCille Tack Center for the Arts progressed, so did the programming become more challenging and more complex. As Executive Director Deb Janz told me, "I recall the 2000-2001 season as a very busy one."



"The Native American month was a huge project. The gallery displayed wonderful Navajo weavings from a private collection, while on stage Native American music, dance and stories were performed by Echoes of Earth & Sky. In addition to this performance was a poetry reading by Denise Sweet. The thematic approach to the month was entertaining and educational, something for all ages to experience."

Janz added another, more personal, memory of the season. One of the headliners for that year was the legendary Maynard Ferguson. She said that during her college years she attended his concerts in the Milwaukee area "as money and transportation would allow." She said, "And then I had the unique opportunity to engage him for a concert at the LTCA in 2001."

As House Manager at the time, I also recall the Ferguson concert, but for a very different reason. Part of my responsibility was to ensure that the audience was seated by the time the show would begin - promptly at 7:30. At ten minutes after the appointed hour, I went backstage to find out what the hold-up was. Mr. Ferguson was in the restroom. Pre-show jitters was the explanation. It was somewhat reassuring to learn that even the professionals experienced these. Needless to say, it had no effect on a wonderful performance.

You may recall the December performance of Twin Cities Bronze, a handbell ensemble from the Twin Cities area. Diane Veale remembers organizing the handbell workshops that took place during the day of their evening performance. Handbell ringers from six local churches and schools attended sessions led by members of Twin Cities Bronze, and then rehearsed a massed-choir number with the TCB that opened the evening's concert. It was a phenomenal experience for all involved, but a real challenge to pull together almost forty musicians in ringing, performing and eating situations during the holiday season. Fortunately, Tack volunteers were up to that challenge and the day went off without a hitch and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Another show that required an astonishing effort from both Board and volunteers was the second appearance of the Atomic Tailfins. This time, however, was a far cry from their previous appearance as part of the Front Porch Series. Realizing that this kind of music requires more than a stage, the performance was moved to the high school gym! A sort of retro-sock hop would be the format. As I recall, there was a great deal of hauling, carrying and lifting. But it all came together, and the audience enjoyed a fabulous evening of music and dancing. What fun!

The 2000 - 2001 season was another fine one for the arts at the LTCA - for those of us "backstage" as well as for the enthusiastic audiences!

"The Spencer Sportsman Club present a check for \$35,000 to the Village of Spencer to help build the new shooting range."

Pictured L to R Tony Louis, Steve Brecht and Scott Pokallus from the Spencer Sportsman Club and Village President Harry Toufar, and Trustee Jeremy Carolfi.



Spencer Library news....

During the month of January, children are invited to pick up this month's Grab n Go kit. This month you will receive materials and instructions to make a Teledoscope!

A Teledoscope is a version of a kaleidoscope with a lens and an open view. Once children create their teledoscope and look through it, the world around them will become a kaleidoscope image! These kits are free and available while supplies last.

For adults and teens in the month of January, the Grab N Go craft will be PomPom Coaster. We will provide a few materials-little pompoms fuzzies, a coaster and directions. All you need at home is glue! (A hot glue gun, Elmer's or E6000 will work best for this project). This project is a fun way to add color to your living room, office or wherever you'll be setting a drink.

Just a reminder, Spencer Branch Library hours are:
Monday & Wednesday 1-7pm.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10-4pm.
Saturday 10-2pm.

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help with the historical collection. The group formed the Spencer Area Historical Society and obtained permission from the village to use a portion of the Olde Hall complex, which was once used as the village's hall and fire department, for a museum.

The collection will cover the history of four townships - Brighton, Spencer, Sherman, and Unity - as well as the village of Spencer.

While the group has seen a continuing influx of historical items coming in, it continues to search for old scrapbooks, photos, memories, and yearbooks for the area.

The collection features a nearly complete collection of Spencer yearbooks, but the group continues to search for the 1939, 1942, 1943, and 1947 editions.

An opening for the Spencer museum is planned for late summer.

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I spoke with Natasha at the Rose Bowl on the day before Christmas. As usual, the 3pm slots close first but there were still nine spots open on the 5th of Feb. and six open on the 12th. Lots of lanes were still available on the 5th and the 12th for the noon session but don't wait. Call today. It's easy. Real nice folks there for a lot of years now. Strikes and gutters ya know!

"We've still got a couple of months of things we would like to do before we start bringing in some folks," said Kobs. "What we are hoping to do is have a heritage week and start bringing people in (and) probably on that Saturday, have a ribbon cutting and so on."

To join the Spencer Area Historical Society: The Society is open to those interested in maintaining the history of the greater Spencer area. The group currently consists of approximately 25 members. There are yearly and lifetime options for membership, with a nominal fee. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Olde Hall complex, 117 E. Clark, Spencer. If you have items to donate or are interested in joining the Historical Society, you may contact Jerry Kobs at 715-659-5577 or Ron Draeger at 715-659-5182.

Thanks to Ron Draeger for sending me this. It was written almost four years ago and now the Spencer Area Historical Society is up and running and well worth a visit. Closed for winter but open by appointment. Summer's coming!

The Unity American Legion will start up their Pancake Breakfasts starting December 5th and each first Sunday of the month; Jan. 2, Feb. 6 and March 6 from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

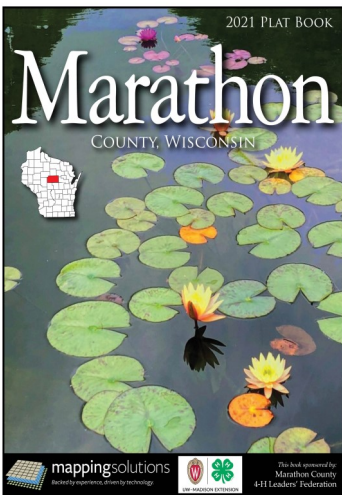
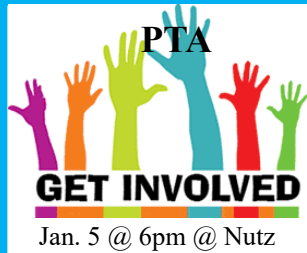


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School District of Spencer, SEL Committee
WORD OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

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Marathon County 2021 Plat Books are available at the Spencer Village Office for \$40.00 year round by the Brighton Recneps 4-H Club. If you have any questions you can contact Jackie Soback, Brighton Recneps Leader at 715-659-5186.



Treyton Ackman picked up his 100th win as a Rocket Wrestler at the Shawano Tourney. An amazing accomplishment! Way to go Trey and Good Luck the rest of the season!

From the Editor

Sorry! I messed up and put the COME meal date in the wrong place last month. My friend Inez straightened me out in her way. She's a gem! Have a great 2022 all!

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<p>9 Packers @ Lions @ Noon on Fox. </p>	<p>10 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Vill. Hall. Winter Band concert LTCA 7:30pm.</p>	<p>11 GB Edgar 7:15pm.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Lions 6:30pm 2 Nutz. 4H 7pm Village Hall. WR Multiple Schools 6pm. BB Phillips 7:15pm.</p>	<p>14 GB Granton 7:15pm.</p>	<p>15</p>	
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