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🥻 From the Editor I had a chat with Perry Hinrichsen (owner of R&R Flooring and Furniture) earlier this year and he asked if I could put their ad on the front page every once in awhile. I said sure. It's the advertisers that fuel this newsletter. I could not do this without you. Well, Perry wouldn't have a very successful business without a few good ideas and his business does a lot for the community and supports other local businesses as well, so thanks Perry. Let's just call it Ads of the Month and start off with A&W and R&R Flooring & Furniture. I must take some liberties in regard to size and still provide the regular ad. Remember it's all color all the time if you want to get on my mailing list for the email version of the VV. It's also on the Village of Spencer website and also on Facebook; just search for Village of

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September was a a wonderful month at Spencer Kids Group as we welcomed back and settled into the new school year. Of course, we all know how tough it can be to

get back into a routine after summer break and not just for the kids but for adults too! Still, with a little laughter, patience and fun, we found our rhythm again. As always, the Wisconsin weather kept us guessing. One week brought chilly 55-degree days and the next week felt like summer with 80-degree sunshine. We made the most of every warm day, heading to the Lion's Park whenever possible. September was also a month when we had our 3rd Annual Klubs 4 Kids Golf Outing. We had a fantastic turnout, and to top it off, we lucked out with perfect weather. Thank you to everyone who came out to support SKG and our mission! At SKG, we want every moment to be memorable for our kids. From kickball to baseball to basketball and free play, we said "yes" to every request. And to close out the month, we had a great field trip to Rock Ridge Orchard. The kids picked apples, enjoyed a hayride, tried the orchard's newest fall attraction, the *Mega Slip N Slide*, and enjoyed their delicious pizza right at the orchard!

Now we're turning our attention to October:

SHIP (Spencer Homework Improvement Program) begins October 6th. SHIP is designed to make homework fun while helping kids stay on track academically. Each week brings something new whether it's Jeopardy-style games, math riddles, treasure hunts with clues, math bingo, or other creative activities. If your child could use a little extra support with homework, I'd love to have them join us!

FALL BINGO is happening Sunday, October 5th, from 2-4pm at SKG. Everyone is welcome to join!!!

Trunk or Treat at SKG will bring spooky fun later in the month. We'll have games, face painting, a caramel apple bar, hayride and a costume contest at 7pm. Don't miss it!

And looking just a bit further ahead...Save the Date! On November 29th from 9am-3pm, SKG is hosting our brand new Sip 'N Shop Vendor Event. Come

shop local vendors, discover unique gifts and enjoy a taste of delicious wine from a local winery. What could be better? We are also currently looking for vendors to join the event. If you're interested, we'd love to hear from you! There's always something happening at SKG, and we'd love for you to be part of it. To stay up-dated on our events, follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/

profile.php?id=100066864596573 or reach out to me directly at office@spencerkidsgroup.org.

Thank you, Diana Ventsel, SKG Youth Center Program Director.





Spencer Library news....

October Events:

Fiber Artists Meetup: October 3rd from 1:00-3:00pm. Bring your current project—whether you knit, crochet, embroider, or do other fiber arts, all are welcome! Swap ideas, learn new skills, or simply enjoy some social time.

Cribbage: October 14th from 1:30-3:00pm. The library will provide the cards and boards but feel free to bring your own.

Book Club: On October 20th from 1:00-2:00pm the Spencer book club, "As the Page Turns," will be discussing *Tears of the Giraffe* by Alexander McCall Smith.

Family Story Time: October 21st from 10:30-11:00am Children age 5 and younger, and their caregivers, are invited to join us for family story times on the third Tuesday of each month at MCPL-Spencer! We will share books with the group, sing a song or two (or three!) and more during this half-hour event.

DIY Yarn Wall Hanging: October 29th from 5:30-6:30pm. Get crafty at MCPL-Spencer for a DIY wall hanging project that is perfect for all skill levels! We'll guide you step-by-step in creating your very own trendy wall hanging using macramé rings, a variety of colored yarn, and a few simple knots. All materials will be provided. Bring your creativity and grab a friend!

Closings: No closings in October.

Spencer Library Hours: Monday and Wednesday from 1-7pm. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10-4pm. Saturday from 10-2pm.

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stop dreaming, and hear the Everly Brothers music for yourself this Saturday, October 4 at 7:30pm! The wonderful Sean Altman and Jack Skuller are back at the Tack. These two were a treat last year with their Simon & Garfunkel show. Sean and Jack are 30 years different in age and yet have the camaraderie and charisma of brothers only two years apart, just like Don and Phil. The Everly Set brings all the great hits from the late 50s and early 60s that inspired the Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel and all of Rock'n'Roll. Do not miss this wonderful duo. Thank you to our sponsors: John & Diane Beyerl, Mike & Pat Hammeke, Ray & Connie Mullins, R&R Flooring, Duane & Anne Teska, Dr. Bruce & Catherine Wineman.

Coming later this month is Commotion a tribute to the music of Creedence Clearwater Revival (CCR). This group is the talk of all the arts venues, their vocals, guitar work and their true-to-form recreation of CCR's music is as good (or better) than the real thing! If you liked our Chicago tribute last year, just wait until you hear these guys. Fortunate Son, Have You Ever Seen the Rain, Green River, Proud Mary, Up Around the Bend.



All of these classics and more will be performed Saturday, October 25 at 7:30pm. Guitarist Jimmy Ryan has played with all the greats, Paul McCartney, Cat Stevens, Elton John, Carly Simon, Rod Stewart to name a few. Thank you to Joe & Kathy Burnett, Citizens State Bank of Loyal, Sarah Graves and Patrick Kraus, Partners Bank, Donna M. Rozar, Ron & Robin Safford for sponsoring the event.



Next month start out with an incredible talent, Gunhild Carling! If you stole the talent of 20 master musicians, the greatest jazz improvisers and composers and placed all of it into one rambunctious lady from Sweden... You'd get Gunhild. Gunhild is a YouTube sensation, amassing millions of views on her swing, jazz arrangements. She is also the star of online project 'postmodern jukebox' which takes modern songs and arranges them in a 1920s style. You may not know her name but you will never forget her performance! She'll play

trumpet, trombone, penny whistle, bagpipe, sing, dance and make you laugh. She even plays three trumpets at once. There are few people on earth with talent like this, and Gunhild will be in Spencer for one night only. Wednesday, November 5 at 7pm! Do NOT miss this once in a lifetime show. Thank you to Burnett Transit, Life Tributes Funeral Home & Cremation Services and Nasonville Dairy for sponsoring this event.

The dogs are back in town! Mutts Gone Nuts will be here for the whole family. Sunday, November 16 at 2pm. This matinee show will be truly entertaining for all ages. We offer adult tickets for \$30 and tickets for children \$20. This show is filling up fast, so act now. You'll get to see dogs doing flips, tricks and hilarious stunts. The trainers will keep you laughing and asking for more. Get your tickets



What's Rockin' in Rocketville

By Jason Gorst Superintendent/School District of Spencer

The first month of school is in the books. I am appreciative of our leadership, staff, students, and parents for a great start to the school year. In September, we celebrated homecoming week. Hats off to Mrs. Roehrborn and the Student Council for planning a fun week.

We held our Annual Meeting on September 17 at 6:30 in the Distance Learning Center. This meeting must be held once a year, and one of the primary focal points of the meeting is the budget. This is the fourth year of our recurring referendum. There will be an increase of \$225,000 to the revenue limit authority. This is less than the \$525,000 increase last year. Last year, the total levy went up 16.69%. This year, we are anticipating it to go up by only 5.48%. Our mill rate will likely come down from \$8.99 to somewhere around \$8.39. We are getting our final numbers in October and will certify the budget at the October 22nd school board meeting. These numbers will be finalized at that time.

Speaking of school board meetings, I want to let everyone know that the October meeting will be on October 22nd, which is the 4th Wednesday of the month and NOT October 15th. This is to give us time to work with the final release of numbers from the state on October 15th.

We had our first school safety drill of the year. It is very sad that we have to do these, but it is the reality of the world we live in. Our staff and students did a phenomenal job, and we are very thankful for Officer Kosar and the Spencer PD for their help in the drill.

The people have spoken, and after much feedback about the sound system in the football field/track area, upgrades have been made. The new system is a significant upgrade, and we hope that it makes for a better experience for all. We are also finishing up repainting the exterior of the dome. There was some moisture release from the concrete which caused the original paint to have issues with adhering for the long term. We are also modifying the drip edge around the side to prevent future damage.

Part of my job leads me to participate in different committees through the county and region. One topic that continues to come up is the need for daycare. This is a growing issue throughout the state. It is certainly a proud moment for our school and community to say that we have taken measures to address the concern. We are currently full in our infant daycare center with a waiting list. We were recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to help offset the costs of our davcare.

Last year we partnered with Childen's Wisconsin to provide a space for them to have a clinical therapist work in our building. Unfortu-

nately that person moved on to another job, but our partnership will continue. We are hopeful to have a new person in place as soon as possible.

Recently we collaborated with Burnett Transit to provide bus safety lessons for our younger students. We really value our partnership with Burnett's. They are a top notch organization that puts the safety of our students first. They are always looking to hire more drivers.



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today. Thank you to Life Tributes Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Pet Supplies

Plus, Ron & Robin Safford for sponsoring the event.

Don't miss our first art gallery reception, it is the same night as the Everly Set. Saturday, October 4 at 5pm. Our artist is Sara Mullen-

Hornung with her show titled "Blooms & Whispering Wings." They are watercolor paintings that will come to life when you see them. LTCA Art night has also kicked off, come join Carmen Schweiger the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the HS art room (Spencer HS Door #22). Thank you to our faithful donors for a great fundraiser this year, please consider helping us as a LuCille Tack non-profit if you have not already done so, that Center way we can keep things happening at the Tack! for the Daniel Worsham



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LEAF PICK-UP——Leaf pick-up will be done by Whirlwind this year. They will routinely swing around and vacuum up the leaves that are left curbside. As you have leaves, place them on the edge of your lawn. Do not put them in the gut-

ters as they clog up the storm sewer drains. We will try to keep you informed of the start and end of leaf pick-up on Facebook and on the new website - www.villageofspencerwi.gov. Sign up for notifications.

KEEP WATER READ BUTTONS CLEAR -- Somewhere, on your house, you will find a meter button. Please remember to keep a clear path to this button for the meter reader. Snow should be cleared to allow easy access also. If a fence, porch or other item causes access to be a problem, contact the Village Office to discuss options to move your button.

VILLAGE OF SPENCER TRICK-**OR-TREAT** — — Trick-or-Treating in the Village of Spencer will be on Friday, October 31st from 4-7 p.m.



CHECK OUT THE VILLAGE'S NEW WEBSITE

www.villageofspencerwi.gov! Look

under the Government tab, Ordinance Book for the above ordinances and others. While you are checking out the new website, you can Sign Up for Updates to be notified of emergencies, news, meeting agendas, minutes and more.

LARGE ITEM PICK-UP - - Some items may be picked-up curbside such as furniture items including beds, mattresses, dressers, and couches. Large items, requiring more than 1 person to load, may need to be cut down. They do not accept appliances or construction material. You can arrange pick-up by calling Waste Management at 715-502-3560 or 715-502-3561. Please contact the Village if you have any questions.

ROCKIN' from page 5 If anyone is interested I would highly recommend reaching out to them.

Last year one of the points of emphasis that we took out of our community survey was the desire for better and more efficient communication. In response to this feedback we have launched Parent Square which is an app that allows for students and parents to communicate in a two-way fashion with various school employees. While I am sure it will take some time to work through, it appears to be a great app and I am hopeful that this will improve communication overall.



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Gentle Hearts Girls Club is a new club for Middle School and High School girls.

They will gather in the back of the Spencer Municipal Building on October 11 between, 10 and 11am. This month's theme will focus on finding JOY, even when life is hard. If you play a musical instrument, please bring it and music for "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven if you have it (usually taught in 5th or 6th grade band); or bring your favorite music, your favorite female friend or adult caregiver to sign you in. For more information, email sueandkerry976@gmail.com or call Ms. Sally at 715-613-4145 or Ms. Sue at 920-627-30340.



The LUEPKE LOOK-OUT



Cowboys Sign 'Baller' Fullback **Hunter Luepke to Two-Year Contract**

Story by Mike Fisher

FRISCO, Texas - Dallas Cowboys fullback Hunter Luepke was recently labeled "an incredible football player" and a "baller" by head coach Brian Schottenheimer. --So maybe it should come as no surprise as while the Cowboys have completely re-shuffled their running backs room, the fullback seems locked in for the long term.

Luepke early Wednesday - on the eve of the NFL's season opener featuring the Cowboys at the world-champion Philadelphia Eagles on "Thursday Night Football" - agreed to re-sign with Dallas. -- It's a two-year contract extension worth "up to \$7.5 million," as the agents like Dallas Cowboys running back Hunter to phrase it. — — Javonte Williams figures as the Luepke (40) attempts to catch a Dak Prescott No. 1 running back on the depth chart, with ex- pass during a training camp practice in Eagles star Miles Sanders and Texas Longhorns Oxnard, California, July 23, 2025. After he product Jaydon Blue behind him. - - But none couple bobbles, he pulled it in for a recepof them are more secure than Luepke, the thirdyear pro out of North Dakota State who was a favorite of the previous coaching staff led by Mike McCarthy and who now has earned the same level of praise and respect under new coach Brian Schottenheimer. -- At Cowboys training camp in Oxnard, we saw the 6'1", 240-pound Luepke line up as a fullback, tailback and tight end. He's also a special-teams contributor.

Luepke, 25, was a standout ballcarrier and a featured back in college. In the pros? Old-time Cowboys fans might prefer to compare him to three-time Super Bowl winner Daryl Johnston. And in today's game? Maybe he can do what the San Francisco 49ers stalwart Kyle Juszczyk, as he's become a nine-time Pro Bowler due in part to his versatility. -- - The Cowboys are trying to become a more physical offense under

Schottenheimer, and Luepke could help them achieve that goal. -- Said Schottenheimer recently of his do-it-all fullback: "He's a baller."

...And this from Field Level Media

He (Luepke) becomes the third-highest-paid fullback in the league on a per-year basis, the NFL Network reported, with more than \$5

million fully guaranteed. -- Luepke, 25, played in 16 games last season (four starts), rushed 12 times for 38 yards and caught 12 passes for 111 yards. He played on 37 percent of special teams snaps and 30 percent of offensive snaps. - - For his career, Luepke has 18 carries for 57 yards and one touchdown, and 15 receptions for 129 yards in 33 games (four starts) over the past two seasons. -- Dallas signed Luepke as an undrafted free agent in May 2023 out of North Dakota State. -- The Cowboys working a new contract with Luepke came three days after All-Pro cornerback Da-Ron Bland agreed to terms on a four-year, \$92 million contract extension. -- These two extensions were both announced within a week of Dallas trading two-time All-Pro linebacker Micah Parsons to the Green Bay Packers in exchange for three-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Kenny Clark and first-round draft picks in 2026 and 2027.



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Despite new contract, Hunter Luepke not changing his mind-set

By Nick Eatman DallasCowboys.com Staff Writer/SeniorManager, Digital Media

FRISCO, Texas-Depending on the player, getting that next contract can consume most of your time. In fact, it might even affect your status of being at training camp or practicing at all. - - For Hunter Luepke, his focus was different. --"I was worried about making the team," the versatile fullback said. "So, I wasn't really expecting anything until my agent called." - - Luepke's agent called him last week to inform his client the Cowboys had agreed to a two-year contract worth over \$6 million, keeping him on the team at least through the 2027 season. Before the deal, Luepke was scheduled to be a restricted free agent at the end of this year... -- "I'm thankful for the Cowboys organization for just believing in me and being able to go out there and perform and do my stuff for the (star players)," Luepke said. "Dallas gave me a

chance and I'm just trying to make the most of my opportunities." - -- And because of his versatility, the opportunities are popping up more and more. Listed as a fullback, Luepke can serve as the running back, help out at tight end and of course, plays just about every special teams unit. --"I take pride in that," he said. "The more you can do on the field, the better. That's my mind-set since I got here and it hasn't changed." - - - Head coach Brian Schottenheimer said he's constantly singing Luepke's praises, perhaps even to the point of making the soft-spoken fullback uncomfortable. -- "Congrats to Hunter...I tell him all the time that he's an incredible player with incredible tools" Schottenheimer said. "Every time Hunter goes in the game, he does great things. He had a great blitz pick-up on the third play of the game. We were limited in the (offensive) snaps we had in Philly. But as the games go on, you will certainly see him more." -- Undrafted out of North Dakota State, Luepke joined the Cowboys after the draft and has quietly built up several roles for himself. But despite more playing time, and now the more money in his pocket, Luepke was asked if he still worries about making the team. ---"Yeah, every day," he admitted. "I'm just trying to always stay in the moment."





Trick or Treat at Trinity——Treats and Prizes—Trinity Lutheran Church-109 W. Clark Str. Spencer—Friday, October31-–5-7pm.





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