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From the Editor I wouldn't normally use this space to voice my opinion. The contributors to this newsletter are all very accomplished and make my job as editor much easier. With that said, I rarely yearn to be in front of a classroom anymore, as I had been for 20 years but I do wish I could go back just one more time to tell my students to "get a bit thinky for a moment." When you continue reading this you'll see what I mean in a minute. Thanks to Daniel Worsham who shares his wisdom and LTCA news with us each month. This month's edition of At the TACK is particularly interesting and thought provoking. Enjoy it. Thanks Daniel!

at the **TACK** I am so thankful for how the 25/26 season transpired. No season is flawless but it absolutely is moving in a direction the whole organization can be proud of. Our Gala was a success, thank you to those who were a part of planning and organizing it, thanks to those who have pledged to sponsor events for the upcoming season. We still need many more for the year, but as always we have a healthy headstart and the board and I are so grateful for the generosity of our sponsors!

We also had a great time celebrating Linda Bauer, our first board president and one of the most influential people in the history of the LTCA.

Our season has been established, our concert dates figured, and our brochure is being designed. You should see information on our website and facebook very soon but your brochures will be out late this month

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What's Rockin' in Rocketville

By Jason Gorst
Superintendent/School District of Spencer

TACK from page 1 Please consider sponsoring a show this year! We have lots of them and they all need community help. We can not pay for these shows with ticket prices alone without raising the prices significantly and we will not do that.

We have some exciting shows coming around the bend. We will have two free summer shows in the village park band stage this year. The Marshfield Civic Band will be there Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30pm and then the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra horn choir will be there Wednesday, July 22 at 7:30pm. See our website for more soon!

Now that I have you, I would love to get a bit thinky for a moment. I've spent years of my life as an 'arm-chair philosopher' and because of this, I can't help but think deeply about the LTCA and its mission. Our mission is to enlighten, enrich and encourage artistic growth for community members of all ages. The word that may be hard to understand in the mission is 'enlighten.' Enlightenment is a fairly nebulous word. It conjures thoughts of religious epiphany or an intellectual renaissance, and though I've experienced both in my life, an enlightenment without definition is like a revolution without a post revolution strategy. The revolution itself may be thrilling in the moment, but its fruit is measured in its influence. What came out of it? What was produced by it? How did society change because of it? These are the thoughts that come to mind when considering the enlightenment in the LTCA's mission. How can our organization revolutionize the community? In what ways? What's our post revolution plan? How can we enlighten Spencer and Central Wisconsin in a way that is true and helpful and bears good fruit?

Well, we live and breathe in the context of the arts, and so we clearly have to begin there. Although, I'd love you all to become music nerds overnight, that outcome is not likely. Instead, I hope that in observing all the performers that come to the LTCA, it can be clearly observed that artistic merit is a universal cultural value. No matter what subculture, city, state, country or tribe you visit, there will be strong traditions and stiff competition in the realm of the arts. The arts' beauty can be debated, the other behaviors and practices associated with the artists can be criticized, but even in a genre of art you don't like, the hard work and merit needed to master it can be detected, always. This artistic mastery of sorts is what I want every Tack visitor to experience.

I spend countless hours researching and listening to groups and finding artists that are at a level of merit we can be proud of here in Spencer. This of course does not exclude tribute bands and cover bands, whose merit and skill is just as important to me. Each artist comes with a story and countless hours of practice to hone their skills. The other clear aspect that the LTCA hopes to enlighten is this one simple, cultural fight many of us find ourselves in. The war with technology. I'll summarize it simply: Hearing this music and seeing this art is better in person than on a screen. I promise. We hope this incoming 30th season will be one full of merit, full of evident skill and of course, we hope to see you in person...at the Tack! -Daniel Worsham



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As the 2025-2026 school year winds down, I wanted to take a moment to thank all of our stakeholders for another amazing year. Our school board has represented the community so well. Their diligence and support are much appreciated, and I am grateful to work for such a wonderful community. Our staff and building leadership have done a tremendous job throughout the entire year. I love showing up to work every day to work with such a great team! And last but not least, I want to thank our students from our child care, through our elementary, and into our middle and high school. We have fantastic students, and it is a ton of fun to work with them all!

Year two of our strategic plan has been busy and fruitful. I want to thank the 242 people who took the time to fill out the parent/guardian and community survey earlier this year. I am proud to say that our two strongest areas of growth on the parent and community survey were in the areas of communication and food service. These were two areas that we identified that we wanted to grow in. The use of ParentSquare greatly enhanced communication, and we are looking forward to continuing to grow in this area. Be on the lookout for our new website that is connected to Parent Square on July 1st. I want to give a huge shout-out to Jody Andreae and her food service team. They have exceeded expectations as we are in year one of a revamp of our food service program. We have increased the amount of non-processed food we serve, adjusted (increased) portion sizes, and tried new items to give more variety. We have also surveyed our staff and students, and we will be surveying the parents of our childcare center. I am excited to analyze these results and plan for the future.

Year one of expanding our 4-year-old kindergarten program to four days per week went very well! As a matter of fact, it went so well that we are expanding to three sections next year. This, along with our childcare, has led to a promising shift in open enrollments. We are certainly not out to poach students from other districts, but we don't want resident students to choose to go elsewhere. We have reduced our open enrollment deficit to seven students this year, and we hope to flip that number to even next year.



On Friday, March 20th, we had a teacher in-service where we had the opportunity to have Josh Varner come speak about Trauma Informed Care to all of our staff. Josh Varner speaks all throughout the United States and is the author of "Be Their Hero." Staff feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Congratulations to Camdyn Vogel and Ema Schultz on representing Spencer at the Cloverbelt Scholar-Athlete Banquet at Eau Claire Regis, which honors some of the top scholar-athletes in the conference. Also, congratulations to Mr. Trevor Stuttgen and Mr. Nick Viegut, who were selected, respectively, by Camdyn and Ema as their honored coaches/educators. Additional congratulations to Kaydence Plaskey and Alexa Weber on representing Spencer at the Cloverbelt Scholar Banquet in Cadott, along with their honored educators, Mr. Greg Oestreich (yes Mr. O is still teaching Calculus for us!) and Ms. Abbi Roehrborn. Finally, Camdyn Vogel and Ema Schultz were celebrated at the Marathon County Honoring Excellence Banquet in Marathon, along with their honored educators, Mrs. Jenny Wilke and Mr. Andrew Hogden. Congratulations to Camdyn Vogel on being recognized as Valedictorian of the Class of 2026 with a 4.0 GPA. The Salutatorian is Ema Schultz. These two, as well as Kaydence Plaskey and Alexa Weber, make up the Top Ten Percent of the Class of 2026. See **Rockin'** on page 6



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May was a fun and busy month here at Spencer Kids Group.

We had an amazing Mother's Day Bingo event and the turnout was fantastic. It was so nice seeing everyone come together, having fun, laughing and just enjoying the time with one another. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the event. It truly meant a lot.

Our Spencer Homework Improvement Program (SHIP) officially ended on May 14th and I just want to say how proud I am of all our kids and the hard work they put in this year. We definitely had those moments where kids would, "Why do I have to do this?" or "I don't want to do my homework" But what always stood out the most were the success stories we would hear from them.

Kids would come in so proud sharing things like how they did great on a spelling test, how their reading skills improved or how their grades went up on their report cards. Those moments right there are what kept us going and motivated us to keep pushing and doing everything we can for them.

To celebrate the end of SHIP, we took the kids to EML for bowling and it was such a great way to end the program. After all their hard work, they deserved a fun day out and they absolutely enjoyed it.

As we move into summer,, we are excited to welcome all our SKG kids back for summer programming. Just a reminder for families that we are open during the summer and more than happy to have your child here at SKG.

Summer Rec is also getting closer and we are super excited! We cannot wait for our kids to experience what we have planned this year and make more great memories together. FYI, we still have a few spots left (5, to be exact.....the editor) for Summer Rec. Please reach out via email at office@spencerkidsgroup.org if you are interested.

We are also looking for individuals to join the SKG Board! If you are interested, even just a little, or would like to ask questions about what being a board member involves, please reach out.

As always, thank you so much to our families, community, staff and board members for all the love and support you continue to pour into SKG. We are very grateful for each and every one of you.

* June 13, 2026—Dairy Dash

* July 24, 2026—Summer Rec Brat Fry at R&R Flooring and Furniture.

Thank you, Diana Ventsel, SKG Youth Center Program Director

Spencer Library news....



June Events:

Fiber Artists Meetup: June 5th 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.

Ready, Set, Game!: Come hang out at MCPL-Spencer every Saturday during open hours to play a variety of card and board games! Bring your friends, family, or come solo and play with others in the community. We've got a great selection of games ready to play—but you're also welcome to bring your favorites and show others how it's done.

USA Time Travelers: June 8th - June 13th. Come and celebrate the USA's 250th anniversary at MCPL with a game that will take you back to when it all started! You've been recruited as a time traveler, and we need you to go back in time to the founding of America. Solve clues about our nation's history at each stop along the way to get transported closer and closer to the present day. Will you make it back or will you be lost in time forever?

Cribbage: June 9th from 1:30-3:00pm. The library will provide the cards and boards but feel free to bring your own.

Red, White, & Blue Chalk Fest: June 12th and 13th. Celebrate America's 250th birthday with us over these Spencerama Days! All ages are invited to transform the sidewalks outside the library into a vibrant outdoor gallery with your own red, white, and blue masterpieces.

Dig into Summer Story Time: June 16th 10:30-11:00am. Children ages 5 and younger, along with their caregivers, are invited to enjoy lively and engaging family story times that are centered around our "Unearth a Story" summer theme.

Whitehaven Petting Zoo: June 18th 10:00-11:00am at Lion Park. Join us at Lions Park for a petting zoo experience featuring a mix of farm and exotic animals provided by Whitehaven Petting Zoo. Come see animals such as goats, rabbits, chinchillas, a bearded dragon, tortoises, a Patagonian cavy, and much more! Additional animals may be available, depending on a favorable weather forecast.

Egg Carton Geodes: June 22nd - June 27th. Children are invited to craft their own geode look-alike at the library! Staff will pre-cut cardboard egg cartons into individual cups. Participants will then coat the inside of their cups with glue and sprinkle on dyed Epsom salt. The final product will reveal a unique geode!

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

Ashley Heiden **Spencer Branch Coordinator** Marathon County Public Library - Spencer Branch | 105 S. Park St., WI 54479
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Sunday, June 28th – 8U Boys – All Day



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JUNE

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14  15	16	17 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm @ MS Conf. Rm. #20	18	19 	20	
21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	22	23 St. Johns COME meal Dine In 5-6pm	24 Historical Museum open 6:30-8pm.	25	26	27

