

Village Voice

of Spencer, WI



When the Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce held their annual Christmas Party/Business After-Hours on November 30 at the Spencer Kids Group/Olde Village Hall, it was only fitting that they un-wrapped what was perhaps the biggest Christmas present of the season.

The event was also part of the Chamber's ribbon-cutting ceremony introducing Elle's Kitchen in honor of Elinor R. Sundell (1936-2016).



Photo by Carrie Neitzel

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Elle Sundell was a well-known and well-respected member of Spencer for as long as I can remember. She was a homemaker and worked in various clerical aide positions before retiring as secretary of the Spencer Public School System.

She was married to John Day in August 1955. Day served as attorney for the Village of Spencer. Together they had five boys. In my recent conversation with Jim Day, who graduated a year ahead of me, I impressed myself by remembering the order in which they were born. John, Tom, Jim, Mike, and Jeff. Elle married Chuck Sundell in 1969 and had Kathy. All are pictured above in SKG'S new Elle's Kitchen, with some wives and a husband sprinkled in.

When their mother passed, the family tried to think of an appropriate way to honor her name. Spencer Kids Group Director Erica Schober told me that one day, Jim Day came to visit. A short time later the family called to say, "we'd like to re-model your kitchen for you." And with that Elle's Kitchen was born.

While Schober credited the Day/Sundell Family with donations far north of the \$20,000 figure printed in the TRG, Jim Day gave ample credit to Schober for taking the ball and running with it.

Third year Director at SKG, Schober may have felt as though she just won the lottery but Elle's Kitchen was still a ways away. The old kitchen harbored

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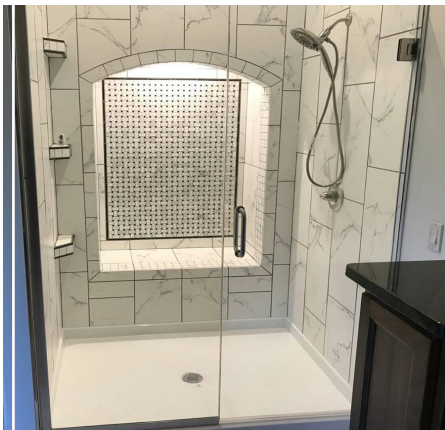


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From the Editor

I mentioned a couple times last fall that if we were going to continue to be Packer fans we'd need to cross our fingers and perhaps pray a little. While I would suggest you keep praying, you can certainly un-cross your fingers because the Pack's playoff chances are at 0% and they fired long-time Coach Mike McCarthy.



Well, you can't fire the players, at least not all of them, so when the Pack lost to the lowly Cardinals it was time for the coach to go. Some complained that McCarthy deserved better. I wonder where they work? If you don't perform you most likely get shown what McCarthy eventually did; the door. This isn't Cleveland or Cincinnati; it's Green Bay

I've heard before that you're a good coach when you have good players. McCarthy won with Favre, Rodgers and a bunch of other big names. He was sorely mediocre with the aforementioned Rodgers and some other aging veterans.

Super Bowl coach Bill Belichick, when lobbying for a GM job once said, "If they

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What's Rockin in Rocketville!

By Mike Endreas

District Administrator/School District Of Spencer

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing and joyous holiday season and wish you well for 2019! As we are ushering in the new year we have a great deal to be excited about.

On January 7, 2019 (want to type it so I get used to it) you are welcome to join us for our annual Winter Band concert. Our middle and high school bands will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in the LTCA. All are welcome!


All three of our winter sports seasons, Wrestling and Girls and Boys basketball, are in full swing. Please check out our website for dates and game times.

I have been amazed by the number of followers we are building on our School District of Spencer Facebook page. We currently have 2451 followers. Please get the word out as we would love to see that number grow. We try to update you with information about the goings on in our district.

We are always looking to keep our community informed of the future of our district. Just a reminder; you are welcome to join us at our School Board meeting the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library. The School Board is always looking to represent our community as a whole and input is always appreciated.

I am looking forward to the year ahead. I feel our students, District and community have a bright future and it is great to be part of. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns at 715-659-5347.

One last thing, I want to do a mark your calendar for a sneak peek of next month. Join us for the Cabaret on Feb. 3, Super Bowl Sunday. It was nice of the Packers to be lousy so we won't have to worry about them playing that day.

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want you to cook the dinner, at least they ought to let you shop for some of the groceries." Former Packer GM Ted Thompson was choosing our "groceries" for many years and he had begun to dwell in the generic aisle, perhaps doing McCarthy no favors.

There's already a street named McCarthy Way in Ashwaubenon and he'll enter the Packer Hall of Fame somewhere down the line. After all, he was a Super Bowl coach and Green Bay is Titledtown, USA but in a "what-have-you-done-for-me-lately" business he didn't really deserve better, just what he had coming.



Thanks from the Village Office

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Christmas Tree lighting. A special thank you to the Spencer High School choir for their gift of music, the 2018 Spencerama Royalty, and the Spencer Woman's Club for the cookies and hot cocoa. Also, thank you to the Village Crew, Pauline Frome, and Ron Draeger for decorating the tree.

We hope you can make it next year. The tree lighting is tentatively scheduled for November 26th, 2019. HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Miss Spencerama 2018 Maria Semenchuk (right) and Miss Spencerama runner-up Emily Wehrman are pictured above as they smile through the cold at the November 28 tree-lighting ceremony. Below are some other community folks that braved the weather for a worthy cause.





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2nd - \$75.00 • 3rd - \$50.00

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I called the Rose Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 22. They had quite a few openings yet at noon on Feb. 2. There weren't too many left at 3 o'clock. Only about eight left for the noon shift on Feb. 9 and only five or so left for the 3 pm slot. Call the Rose Bowl today. It's always a lot of fun.

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[Elle's Kitchen, from page 1](#)

some of its original equipment, complete with just a small fridge, two working burners on a worn-out stove and woefully incomplete storage space.

Schober went to work getting some contractors and some volunteers and other help to put in the brand new range, refrigerator and dishwasher, the new cabinets, backsplash and sink. The remodel included up-dates of electrical and plumbing problems and laminate flooring. Some new paint and other accoutrements, including an Elle's Kitchen sign in Elle's own script and the place was christened Elle's Kitchen with the ribbon cutting, which all the Day/Sundell family was able to attend, although they live all over the country.

Schober seemed tickled-pink as we toured her new kitchen. More Day/Sundell family donations, in the form of food, sat on the ample counter space as Schober told me that she feeds between 30-35 kids a day after school. When she took over the job she said she had no idea the need for some kids to have a snack or a meal during the day. Schober said the kids group meals come from local churches and donations. Christ the King Catholic Church gives SKG food from its community pantry and St. John's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran buys things that Schober sometimes needs. Other donations come from people in the community. "When you're feeding thirty kids a day," Schober said, "this goes a long, long way.

What a cool way for the Day boys and their little sister to honor their mother. Welcome to Spencer, Elle's Kitchen....again.



Audrey at the library shared some pictures of the Hand-bell concert at the Village Hall meeting room. The annual Spencer High School-hand-bell concerts are popular and well attended.





at the TACK

It's a brand, spanking New Year! Resolve to keep music, art and live entertainment in your life in 2019! With the Tack just around the corner, right here in Spencer, it's easy, affordable and fun!

One of Wisconsin's "best kept secrets" will be coming to the Tack stage in January. Fresh off their organic farm in Rubicon, **The Siegmann Family** will bring tight, sibling harmonies to their own special brand of Christian bluegrass, southern gospel, a cappella and acoustic music in Spencer on Sunday, January 27 at 2:00 PM. What started as a group of eight children touring thither and yon with their parents, has segued into five now-grown siblings and a lifelong friend sharing a variety of inspirational songs and personal stories with their audiences. Accompanied by guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, bass, keyboard and percussion, **The Siegmann Family's** beautiful vocals and stirring lyrics will both charm and move listeners of all ages. Area square dancers have already experienced this exceptional group at the Wisconsin Square Dance Convention last August in Marshfield, so don't be left out in the cold. Come hear for yourself one of Wisconsin's "best kept secrets!" And be sure to thank Bill & Linda Bauer for so generously sponsoring this performance!

Originally from Colby, and now calling Spencer home, Tom Marcott will present "Places We've Been," a photographic montage of people and places taken while traveling around the country. His exhibit in the Tack Gallery will be on display January 4 - 28. Greet Tom at an Opening Reception in his honor Friday, January 4th between 5 and 7PM. View his work and enjoy a tasty nibble before heading out to the rest of your weekend. There is no admission charge.

For information on everything happening at the Tack, visit luciletackcenter.com or call 715.659.4499. Open on Wednesdays and Fridays between 11:00AM and 2:00PM, the ticket office is located at 300 School Street, Door #22. The LuCille Tack Center for the Arts is located at 400 School Street in Spencer.

Spencer Library news....

Join January's fun events!

What's New in Spencer? Tuesday, January 8th from 9-10 AM. Join us for this informational program to find out what's new in Spencer. We'll be joined by Police Chief Shawn Bauer and Village Administrator Paul Hensch. They'll share information about current and future happenings in the village, including information about the new K9 Dog. Bauer and Hensch will answer audience questions as well.

Cribbage at the Library will be held this month on Tuesday, January 8th from 1-3 PM. If you want to learn or need a reminder of the rules and counting or are all ready to play, just drop by. All are welcome!

Story Time and Play N Learn will start on January 2nd from 10-10:30 AM. Play N Learn will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays immediately following Story Time.

Book Club will meet on Monday, January 14th at 6 PM and Thursday, January 17th at 1:30 PM. "A Week in Winter" by Maeve Binchy will be discussed.

The Library will be closed on Monday, January 21st so that Audrey and Wendy can attend a County-Wide Meeting.

All programs are free!

Library Hours:

Monday 3-8pm

Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-5pm

Thursday 3-8pm

Friday 1-5pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday



Bucks Basketball for January

1st	Pistons	7pm	
4th	Hawks	7:30pm	
5th	Raptors	7:30pm	
7th	Jazz	7pm	
9th	@ Rockets	7pm	
11th	@Wizards	6pm	
13th	@Hawks	2:30pm	
15th	Heat	7pm	
16th	@Grizzlies	7pm	
19th	@Magic	6pm	
21st	Mavericks	1pm	
25th	Hornets	7:30pm	
27th	@Thunder	5pm	
29th	@ Pistons	6pm	
31st	@Raptors	7pm	

**Wisconsin Badger Basketball**

Thursday, January 3. Minnesota @ 8PM on BTN
 Saturday, January 6. @ Penn State @ 6:30 PM on BTN
 Friday, January 11. Purdue @ 8 PM on FS1
 Monday, January 14. @Maryland @ 7:30 PM on FS1
 Saturday, January 19. Michigan @11 AM...TBD
 Wednesday, January 23. @ Illinois @ 8 PM on BTN
 Saturday, January 26. Northwestern @1:15 PM on BTN
 Tuesday, January 29. @ Nebraska @ 7 PM on BTN
 BTN is Big Ten Network
 FS1 is Fox Sports 1.

**Marquette Golden Eagles Basketball**

Tuesday, January 1. @ St. John's @ 6PM on FS1
 Sunday, January 6. Xavier TBD on FOX
 Wednesday, January 9. @ Creighton @ 6PM on CBSSN
 Saturday, January 12. Seton Hall @ 1PM on FS1
 Tuesday, January 15. @ Georgetown @ 7:30 PM on FS1
 Sunday, January 20. Providence @ 11AM on CBSSN
 Wednesday, January 23. De Paul @ 7:30PM on FS1
 Saturday, January 26. @ Xavier @ 1PM on FS 1
 Wednesday, January 30. @ Butler @ 5:30PM on FS1



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 B3942 State Hwy 13
 659-4796

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 10:00AM Sunday Worship
 7:00PM Wednesday Bible Study

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 10:30AM Sunday Worship
 3:30-5:30 Wednesdays- Club 3:16

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Story Time 10 AM Library.	3 Woman's Club 7 PM @ Village Hall. GBB @ Pittsville 7:15	4 BBB @ Neillsville 7:15	5 WR @ LODI 10 AM
6 Unity Am. Legion pancake breakfast 8:30-12:30	7 Winter Band Concert 7:30 LTCA..	8 Older Americans 8:30 AM Village Hall..American Legion 7 PM Village	9 Story Time 10 AM Library. School Board Mtg. H.S. Library 6:30 PM.	10 4H 7PM @ Village Hall. Lion's Club 6:30 PM @ Nutz..WR @ Wauto-	11 GBB @ Colum-bus 7:15.	12
13	14 Village Board Mtg. 6:30 Village Unity. GBB Athens 7:15.	15 District Spelling Bee 12:30 PM @ LTCA.PTA Meeting @ 6:30 @ Nutz. WR OF/AUG./FC @	16Story Time 10 AM Library.	17 Sr. Citizen Mtg. Noon @ Ponderosa.GBB OW 7:15.	18 BBB @ Granton 7:15	19 WR @ St. Croix Falls 10AM.
20 NFC/AFC Championship Games.2:05 FOX, 5:40 CBS.	21 No School/ Teacher Workday. BBB @ Abby 6 PM. GBB @ Abby 8 PM.	22 COME Meal 5-6 @ St. John'sPM. GBB @ Gilman 7:15. BBB @ Pitts-ville 7:15. Winter Band Concert 7:30	23 Story Time 10 AM Library. School Board Mtg. H.S. Library 6:30 PM.	24 WR N/G/L 7PM. BBB @ Columbus 7:15.	25 GBB @ Loyal 7:15. BBB Auburn-dale 7:15.	26
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