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Christmas in Elkhart Lake

Christmas in Elkhart Lake was held recently in the community and included a Santa's Village tent staged by Elkhart Cares. Inside the tent were a wide variety of decorations and activities. A community Christmas tree lighting took place that evening, while earlier in the day Santa got a ride through the village on an Elkhart Lake Fire Department truck.





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Sharing our Journeys

By Carol Edler Baumann
with contributions from Richard Baumann



Happy New Year?

Chances are this New Year's Eve was not spent like it had been in recent years—no dining out, no funny hats and horns, and no drinks (well, maybe you did have some drinks at home.)

But if you did welcome in the New Year it was probably with skepticism and doubt. You might even question, "What is there to be happy about?"

I won't even begin to enumerate all the events and situations that might have taken the "Happy" out of Happy New Year.

Yes, these events and situations certainly affect us and possibly generate a feeling of despair and hopelessness.

I think we all have to stand above that and realize that all is not totally lost. An enthusiasm for life and a personal happiness is something internal. Happiness is a habit which should be cultivated. It's like putting an invisible shield around you so these dismal situations and events don't erode and penetrate into our soul.

I suggest you just "be happy" and put all the terrible national and world situations into perspective (I'm concerned about them but I can't control them).

Sorry, I think I'm beginning to lecture—no one wants to hear a lecture.

So what is there to be happy for? Number one—you're alive, you have family and friends (unless some of those bonds were shattered if you had opposing political views from family members or friends; the election is over—accept it!)

Guess I can't really give any wise and learned advice about how to be happy. You just have to generate that yourself.

I received a Thanksgiving card from a friend and she wrote, "We're living in strange times, but love and gratefulness are alive and strong."

I like that message—please ponder and absorb the wisdom of those few words. It will help.

And really—do have a Happy New Year.

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Good BBQ, music at Rumors Roadhouse

By Mark Sherry

Jeanette Scott fell in love with the little bar/restaurant/hall in the small Sheboygan County community of Crystal Lake—so much so that she has purchased it.

As of Oct. 23, Scott became the owner of what was formerly called Rumors and Rumors Has It and what she and general manager Brad Campbell now call Rumors Roadhouse BBQ.

It is Scott’s first time owning her own food and beverage business, and Campbell’s first time cooking for other people other than in his home kitchen. The two have known each other since they were teenagers, and over the years Scott—a freelance accountant—has served as the agent for the musically gifted Campbell.

One of the many venues at which Scott booked Campbell to play was this log cabin-looking establishment in Crystal Lake just outside Elkhart Lake and Plymouth.

“I loved it,” Scott said. “I loved going there.” Campbell has been a regular performer at Rumors for about the last two years.

A Wisconsin native who has a residence in Arizona, Scott said she loves music and over time developed the goal of owning some type of music venue. She said she expected that to happen sometime down the road, but then she heard the owner of Rumors at the time was thinking of selling the business. “I thought it was a good opportunity,” Scott said. “It just checked off so much that I wanted.”

So in the middle of a pandemic and temporarily without a liquor license, Scott and Campbell opened Rumors Roadhouse BBQ.

Despite those significant startup challenges, the Crystal Lake neighbors of Rumors Roadhouse BBQ and others have been patronizing the establishment in good numbers. In addition to enjoying Campbell’s love of cooking and his passion for barbecue, patrons have been sharing their stories of having their wedding receptions in the hall there, or seeing musical acts ranging from Lawrence Welk to Cheap Trick play in the hall. One couple married 60 years ago said they had their reception there.

An interesting parallel between the building and its new owner is that the original building was constructed in 1930 in the middle of the Great Depression, and Scott is now at the helm in the middle of a worldwide pandemic.

“The building itself has quite a history,” Scott said, pointing out that there have been about five additions over the years, with some of the more recent ones expanding and updating the kitchen.

If Campbell is not playing music on either the small bar stage or in the large hall, chances are he will be in that kitchen preparing some of his barbecue or other dishes. Diners can start off with one or more of their favorite appetizers, including fried pickles, turkey chili, or flatbread pizza. Entrees include everything from burgers to fall-off-the-bone ribs, pulled pork, and a smothered chicken breast dinner. The Rumors Roadhouse BBQ team said the smoked BBQ brisket has drawn rave reviews already. “I’m proud to say the barbecue he puts out has been greatly received,” Scott said. They also offer fish fries on Fridays and taco specials on Tuesdays.

While they are still looking for some part-time and back-up help for Rumors Roadhouse BBQ, Scott and Campbell said they have some “really quality people” who will help the operation run smoothly.



Jeanette Scott is the new owner of Rumors Roadhouse BBQ in Crystal Lake, while Brad Campbell is the general manager and resident musician. They are new members of the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce.

They said they plan to add something new to the menu on a monthly basis and hope by spring to have the menu just where they want it.

On Friday and Saturday nights, Campbell will be playing live music but also may pick up his guitars and play at other times as well. He joins the likes of Roy Orbison, Sunblind Lion, and Head East on the list of musicians who have bounced musical notes off the walls of the building. “There’s been a good amount of music history through this building,” Scott said.

Campbell has been a musician all his life and formerly managed a music store in Milwaukee. He said there are not too many styles of music he does not play, performing as a solo act or as part of a duo or trio with some fellow musicians. Playing without drum machines, he can still do covers of pop hits, folk music, or some of his own original music.

“If it’s got strings on it, I can play it,” Campbell said. That includes electric and acoustic guitar and even a six-string ukulele which has been one of his main instruments.

He said playing at Rumors over the last few years was always his favorite gig because of the great customers and how well musicians were treated—an atmosphere they said they plan to maintain.

Scott once worked at a radio station and

helped organize some small concerts. She said she once met Cheap Trick’s first road manager from whom she learned that the band played at Crystal Lake when it was first starting.

They and their employees did cleaning and redecorating prior to reopening to give the establishment more of a roadhouse feel. Bathrooms also were repainted. A side room will be made into a gaming room, and a cabin they own next door to Rumors Roadhouse will be made into a bed and breakfast eventually.

Work also continues on getting the hall ready for events. The maximum capacity of the hall is 800 people standing or 350 seated, and it can host everything from weddings/receptions to concerts to business meetings and more.

Rumors Roadhouse BBQ also has a full-service food license and can do catering on-site or off-site.

Rumors Roadhouse is open seven days per week from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is located at N7454 Summit Rd., Plymouth (Crystal Lake).

Asked what they want customers to feel about Rumors Roadhouse BBQ, Scott said, “We want to feel like we belong to the community.” She said they come from small communities as well and understand the relationship between the local residents and small businesses. Campbell said they

are hoping to make Rumors Roadhouse BBQ a unique dining experience. They both said they want to foster a family atmosphere, with Campbell adding they want to offer something “between a supper club and a roadhouse and a good old-fashioned speakeasy.”

With the sounds of good music and the smell of good barbecue filling the interior of Rumors Roadhouse BBQ, they are well on their way to making that happen.



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Watch for details about the event on the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce website, <https://www.elkhartlakechamber.com/schnee-days>.

Details have been announced for the Elkhart Lake Schnee Lauf Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30 starting at 10 a.m. The Schnee Lauf is just one event held as part of Schnee Days.

The Schnee Lauf Run/Walk proceeds benefit the Chamber scholarship program for the local high school.

Participants can find a registration form on the Chamber website which they can complete online, or they can print and deliver or mail it to the Elkhart Lake Chamber office, P.O. Box 425, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020. The deadline for early registrations is Jan. 28; participants paying at the door will pay \$5 more.

All runners will receive a finisher medal and place medals will be awarded to first, second, and third overall for male and female. Paid recipients also will receive a Schnee Days winter hat.

Advance adult registration is \$25 while kids 12 and under can register for \$10.

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Working with experienced leaders from area businesses, its staff welcomes visitors and businesses to the community and actively pursues the Chamber's mission to stimulate sustainable economic growth,



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Celtic Christmas Encore added at Arts Center

The Plymouth Arts Center is planning to present “Celtic Christmas Encore,” a live musical concert featuring the group Celtic Folk, Dec. 19-20.

Celtic Folk added these two dates in response to sold out shows in November. Celtic Folk is made up of vocalists and musicians Tom Armstrong, Tom Clegg, Julie Henze, Neil Horneck, Kerrylynn Kraemer, Roy Schwab, Brittany Siefert, and Ramona Tritz.

The evening show date is Saturday, Dec. 19 starting at 7:30 p.m. The matinee performance will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 20 starting at 2:30 p.m. Advance tickets for adults are \$15 . Children 12 and under are \$6, tax included. Visa and Mastercard are accepted. Call (920) 892-8409 or visit the website www.plymoutharts.org. PAC box office hours are Tuesdays to Fridays,

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The show is sponsored by Master’s Gallery, Bank First, Van Horn Auto, Paul and Kathy Sartori, Love 98.5FM, and the Wisconsin Arts Board.

The group Celtic Folk originated in 2013 at the Plymouth Arts Center under the direction of co-creators/directors Kraemer and Clegg. Their first production was “Celtic Christmas” in 2013. The success

of this show encouraged the directors to design additional shows—Celtic Christmas in 2014, 2017, and 2019; “Memories” in 2017 and “History” in 2019. Celtic Folk’s “Sentimental Journey in Song” concert will be held at the Plymouth Arts Center in March 2021.

The Plymouth Arts Center is a 501(c)3 charitable nonprofit organization solely

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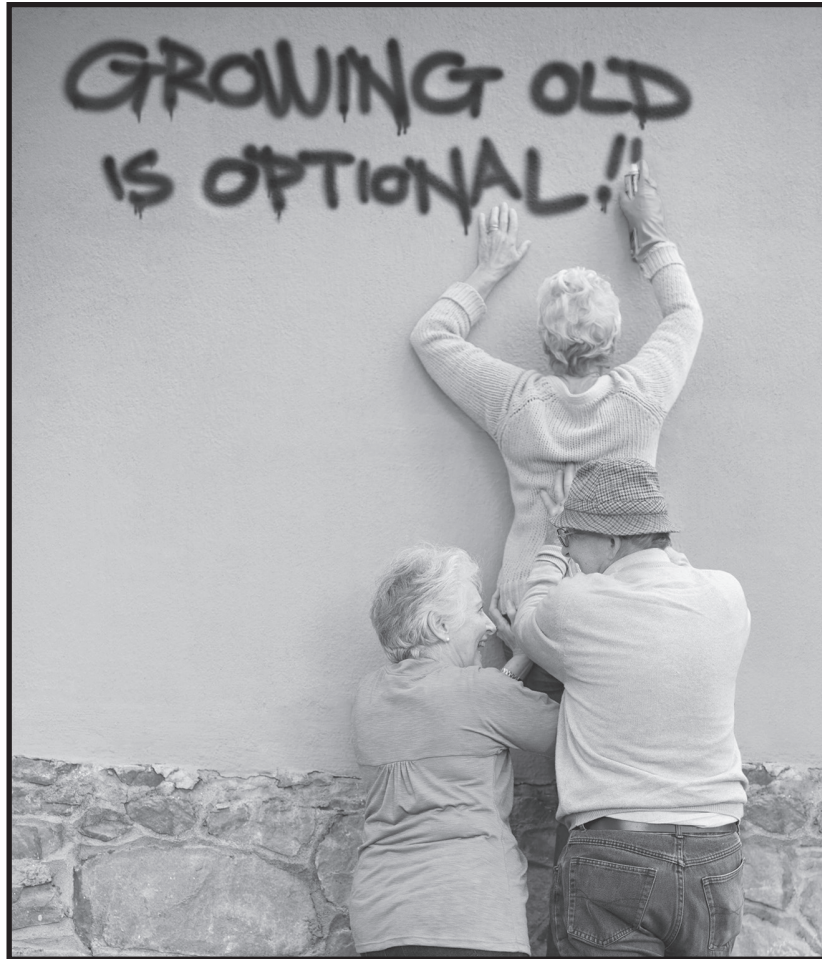
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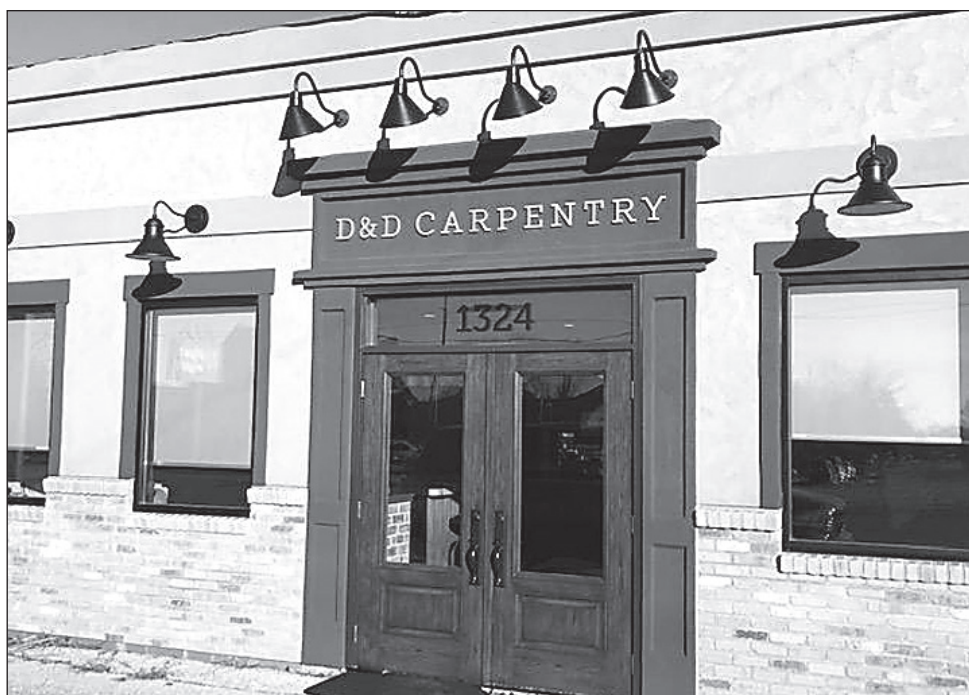
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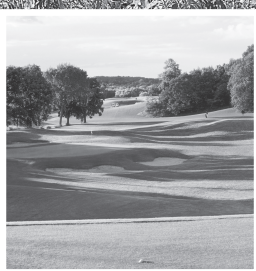
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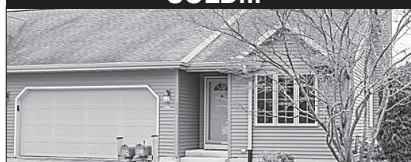
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Since the mid-1950s, Road America has valued working with many nonprofit groups to assist in fundraising efforts.

From the early days, many nonprofit organizations such as the Plymouth Optimists, Elkhart Lake Lions, and St. John the Baptist have been mainstays at concession stands for years while providing mouth-watering food at a tremendous value.

Many people are unaware that every season, Road America works with many philanthropic organizations to raise funds for everything from educational programs to groundbreaking disease research and treatments. Despite the 2020 season being unlike any other, and with the right plans, partners, and resources in place, Road America helped raise more than \$400,000 for various charities and worthy causes during events, club days, track days, participant-based donations, and concession sales.

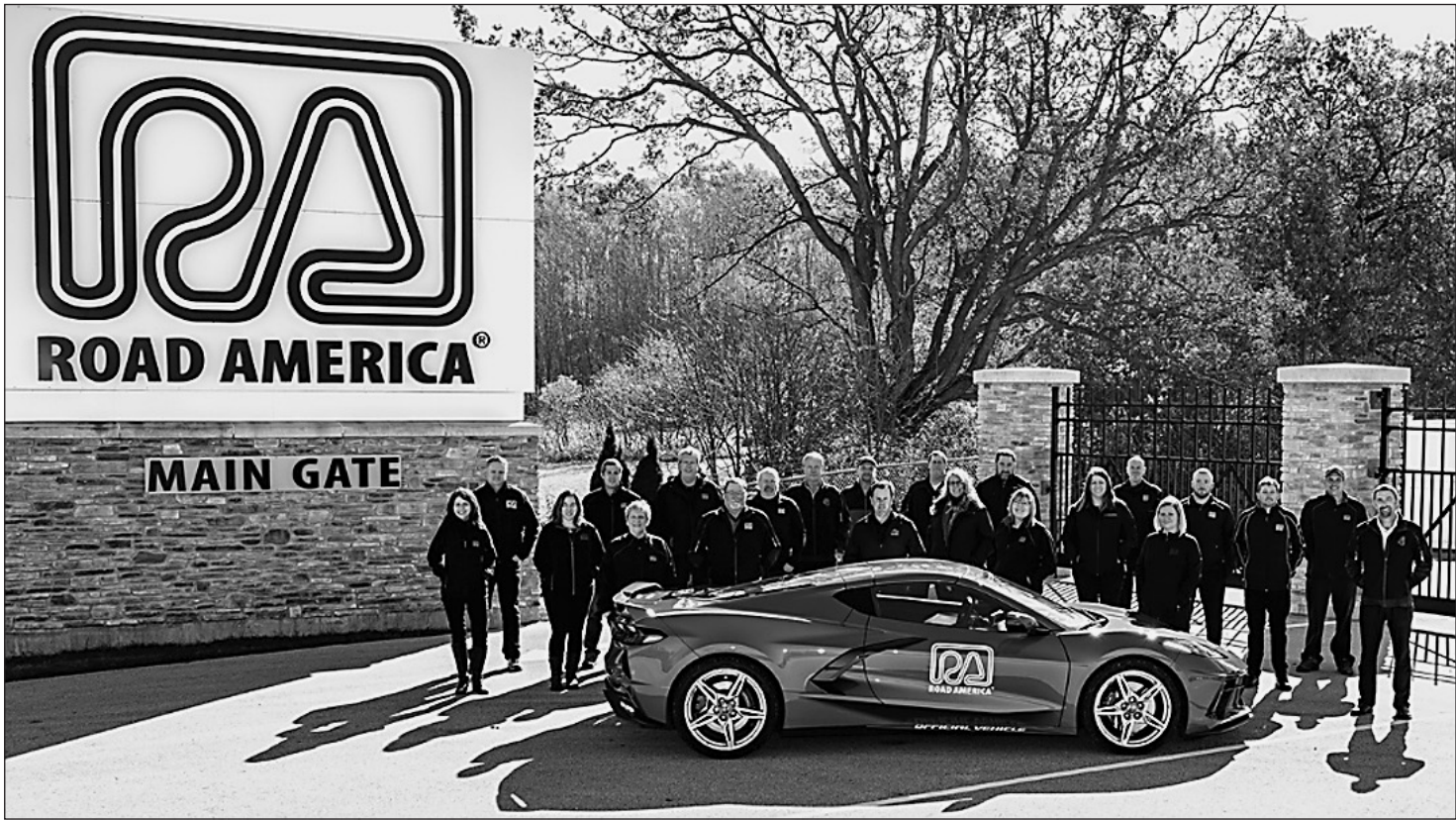
“We are very grateful to all of our fans and sponsors, plus our partners, concession groups, and contributors who helped generate these amazing results,” said Road America’s President and General Manager Mike Kertscher. “Everyone’s generosity during these trying and unprecedented times has been tremendous. Hard work is gratifying when you know it’s to help raise money for a great cause.”

Fireworks show one example

Throughout the 2020 season, charitable initiatives included Road America’s Fire Fest 4th of July fireworks show, in partnership with the Plymouth Advancement Association, which raised money for the Sheboygan County Food Bank, Elkhart Lake Fire Department, and Plymouth Fire Department. The July 4th Fire Fest event was created to recognize Sheboygan County residents for their tenacity and spirit during the COVID-19 “Safer at Home” period, which ended in late May of this year. The event, coined as “One Community—One Purpose,” originated when it was apparent that July 4th events throughout Wisconsin and Sheboygan County were being canceled as there was not a way to achieve social distancing at venues with limited space, which was not the case at Road America.

The WeatherTech International Challenge Concours d’Elegance events in July raised funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sheboygan County and Fresh Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County. The Concours d’Elegance events celebrated the best cars appearing both on and off the track at Road America. Car enthusiasts joined in on this endeavor, channeling their passion for cars into raising money through parking fee donations and website donations for worthy charities.

Road America also supported the Midwestern Council of Sports Car Clubs (MC-SCC) Spec Miata enduro “Race to Save the Children” event as part of the IMSA Sportscar weekend. In all, 51 Miatas made the grid for the 60-minute “Race to Save the Children” enduro, and the majority took the checkered flag following a rainy



Road America has a long history of working with nonprofit groups to help them raise funds.

start. The Midwestern Council of Sports Car Clubs accepted donations through participant registration and sold T-shirts and face masks, supporting COVID-19 relief.

One of Road America’s most prominent charitable events, The 12 Hours of Road America event hosted by myTEAM Triumph, beat its fundraising goal in 2020. The myTEAM Triumph event supports athletes with disabilities and will use the funds to purchase adaptive equipment used in endurance events, such as racing wheelchairs, unique bicycles, and rafts. For those unaware, myTEAM TRIUMPH Wisconsin is working to build a more inclusive community for athletes with disabilities through energizing and community-focused endurance athletics.

Experience benefits many

The Lamers Driving Experience in September raised money in support of several charities, including FOCUS—Preventing Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth, Boys & Girls Clubs of Green Bay, Boys & Girls Clubs of Menasha, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley, myTEAM Triumph, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Foundation, Vida, Harbor House, St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, Shriner’s Hospital for Children, Artists for the Humanities, and YMCA of the Fox Cities. The Lamers Driving Experience raised funds by allowing event participants the rare opportunity to drive their car, at speed, on track at Road America.

Road America also aligned efforts with Lemons of Love as part of DRIVE (formerly Drive for Babies), Road America’s Outdoor Movie Night in August, and the SCCA Runoffs in October. These three events raised money for Lemons of Love and further helped them continue their mission of sharing chemotherapy care packages with cancer patients. Anyone

interested in learning more about Lemons of Love may visit <https://give.classy.org/LemonLOVE>

The Junior Achievement Corporate Challenge event raised funds for more than 6,500 students in elementary, middle, and high schools throughout Sheboygan County to participate in Junior Achievement economic education taught by local business volunteers. Local business professionals serve as classroom volunteers, and programs funded by area businesses, individuals, and foundations.

For more than 40 years, the American Cancer Society has hosted a Walk-Run event at Road America in late October. Because of the ongoing pandemic and considering that cancer patients—many with compromised immune systems—are some of the most vulnerable to COVID-19, the organization decided on a virtual event which allowed everyone from cancer patients, survivors, and their caregivers to

participate safely. The American Cancer Society hopes to continue the event, in person, in 2021. Since 1981, the American Cancer Society annual Walk-Run event at Road America has raised over \$3.5 million.

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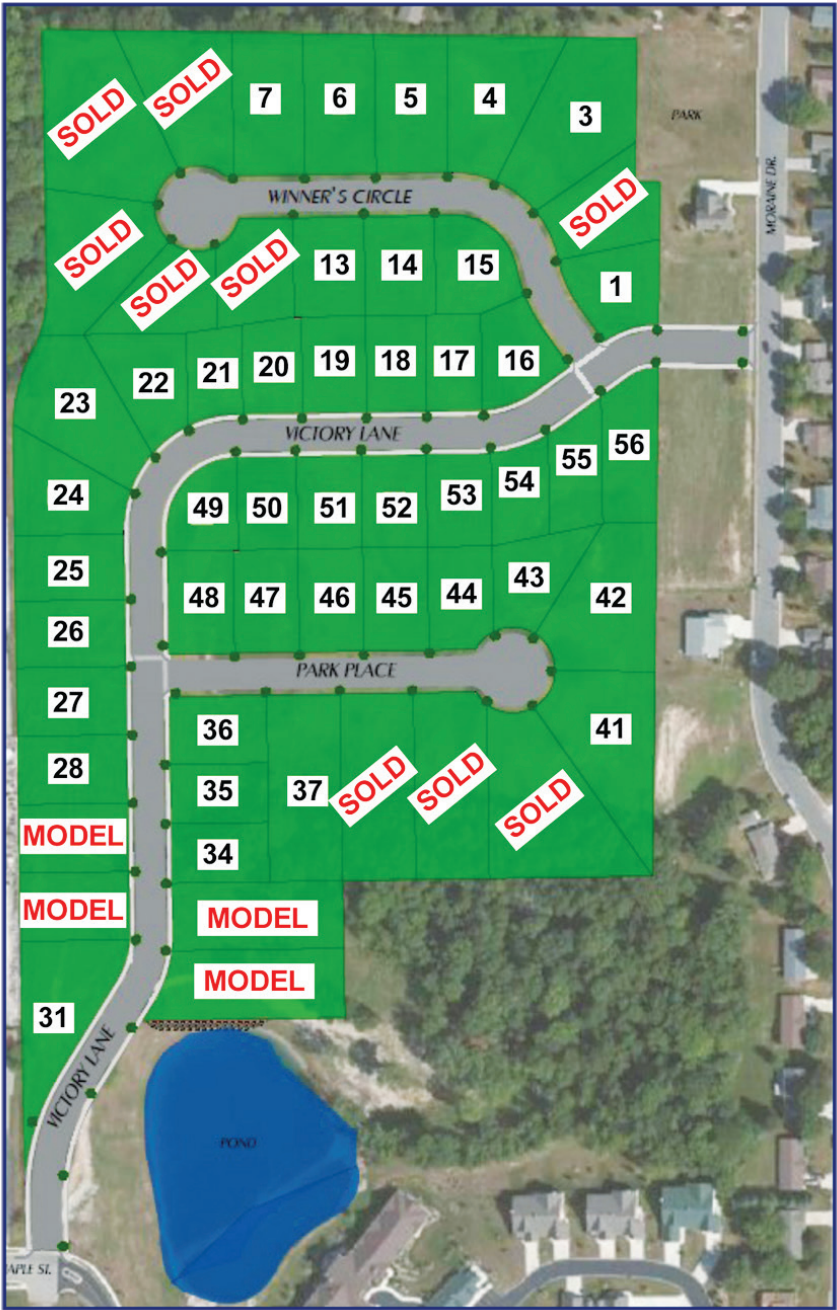
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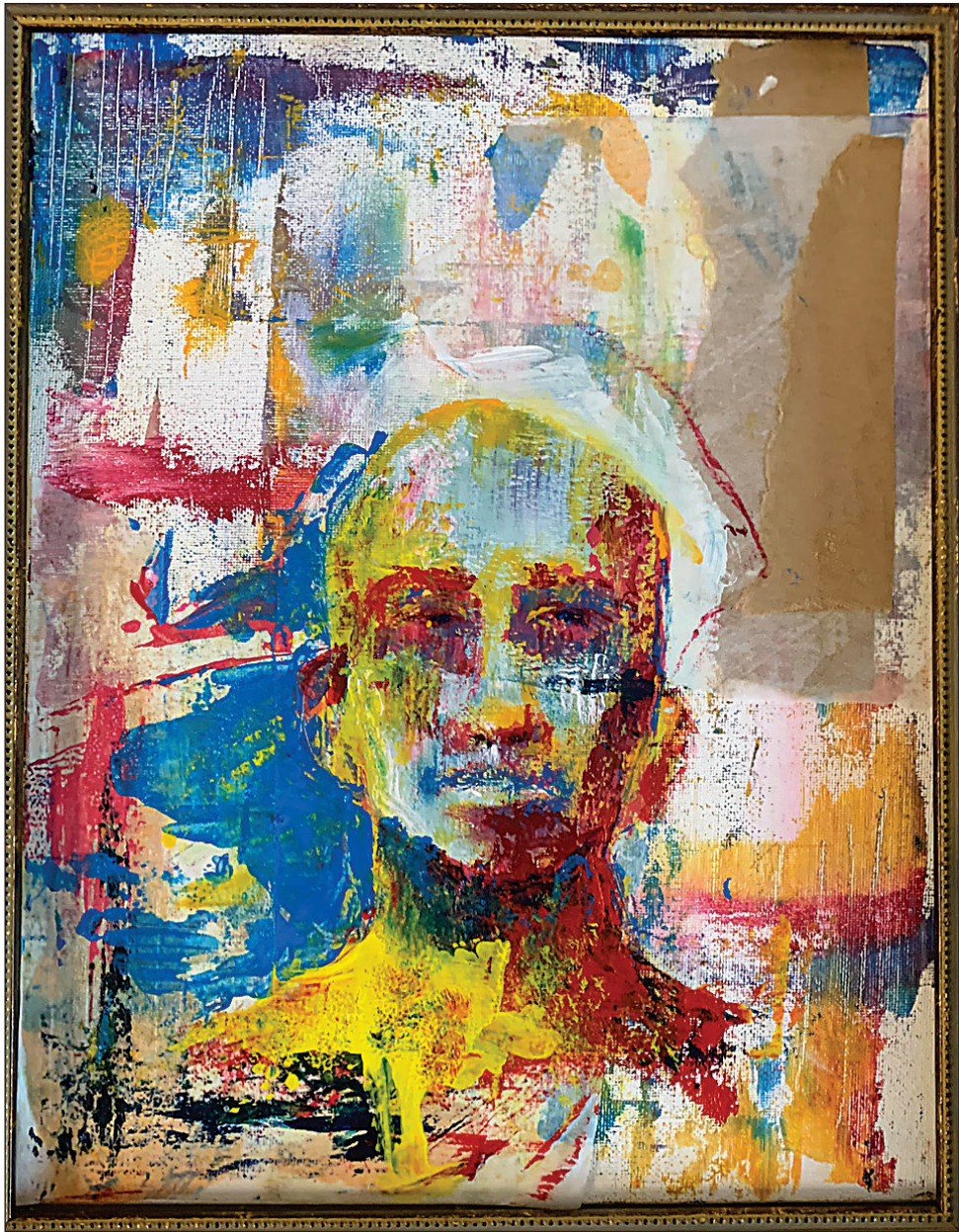
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Lakeland University has assembled a lineup of some of Wisconsin’s top executives to detail how they are leading their organizations through the COVID-19 pandemic in a new online course titled “Leading through a Pandemic: Perspectives of Wisconsin Executives.”

The course is scheduled to run from Jan. 19 through March 5. Once a week during this seven-week course, people will have an opportunity to gain insights and interact virtually with well-known leaders. These presentations will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with questions and answers to follow.

Students will research and present on how their employers have adapted to the pandemic and create a pandemic preparation plan in anticipation of a future business disruption.

The speaker schedule is as follows:

■ Mike Molepske (Bank First Corp.): Jan. 19

■ Mark Murphy (Green Bay Packers): Jan. 26

■ Amy Lindner and Kate Baer (United Way) and Alicia La Hoz (Family Bridges): Feb. 2

■ Sondra Norder (St. Paul Elder Services): Feb. 9

■ Rick Schlesinger (Milwaukee Brewers): Feb. 16

■ David Kohler (Kohler Co.): Feb. 23

■ Dick Leinenkugel (Leinenkugel Brewing Company): March 2

Whether interested in earning college credit or just seeking a professional development opportunity, all are welcome to register.

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Education gives LTC student a future

When Pablo Gomez walked across the stage to accept his High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) in May 2019, he knew his worst days were behind him.

He also knew a promising future as a welder was ahead.

Gomez experienced many bad days in his youth and found himself incarcerated at 17 years old. Knowing a better future was on the horizon for him as long as he kept working hard—even on bad days—is what he said kept him going while taking HSED classes through Lakeshore Technical College in Manitowoc. The only class he missed was the day his son was born.

When incarcerated at the Manitowoc

County Jail, various representatives from the community meet with inmates to help prepare them for their release. Upon walking into one of these visits, Gomez recognized his third grade teacher and immediately felt badly that she would see him there. She recognized him. They talked about the troubles he had experienced since they last saw each other, and it was during this visit she encouraged him to put those days behind him by obtaining his HSED. That encouragement—along with knowing he was about to become a father—were what motivated him to begin taking classes while he was still in jail.

“I was impressed with Pablo’s dedication

and determination,” said Amy Cops, Adult Basic Education/General Equivalency Development instructor at LTC Manitowoc. “His positive outlook will assure him continued success.”

While earning his HSED, Gomez learned that additional education could lead him to an even brighter future. “I didn’t have a father growing up, so my grandfather was like my dad. He would always say ‘Do what you love’ so I talked with Amy about welding, and she called Dave right away,” Gomez said.

LTC Welding Program Coordinator/Instructor David Saunders listened to Gomez tell him about his new newborn son and

girlfriend, and how going to school right after earning his HSED would be difficult. Saunders invited the whole family to the LTC welding lab in Cleveland for a visit to learn how LTC could help.

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Why it's important to conserve land areas

By Christine Krieg
Glacial Lakes Conservancy

The benefits of undeveloped land go far beyond spectacular scenery. Open space supports water filtration and storage, preserves farmland as a way of life to feed local communities; provides habitat and migratory corridors for wildlife; even mitigates air pollution and sequesters carbon. Human health depends upon open spaces for recreation and fresh air. This open space is at risk right now, as local land values increase and open areas are subdivided and developed.

Conservation is not about Environmental Protection Agency regulations that protect natural resources from our abusive behavior. It is about the acquisition and protection of land for the benefit and enjoyment of all living things, for all generations, forever. Every discussion about a potential land conservation project requires focus on funding. The key financial concerns are the cost of purchase, development and/or restoration (depending on proposed use), maintenance, and management. In this era of fiscal conservatism, it is fair to question the extent to which tax dollars should be used to fund the government programs that pay for public lands that must be conserved and managed. Do we really need more parks for hiking, biking, camping, and bird watching? The answer is a loud yes! (Especially in our busy tourist-based economy here at Elkhart Lake!) So when a local conservation-related nonprofit asks for a contribution or solicits your membership, find a few extra dollars somewhere and donate and/or join. And regardless of whether you are politically inclined, attend public meetings about proposed park and conservation initiatives and become a member/supporter of your local land trust (Glacial Lakes Conservancy). Conserved land and heritage sites benefit and beautify communities and personal lives in so many ways (The New England Daily News, May 23, 2016). Glacial Lakes Conservancy, a five-county wide local land trust including Sheboy-



A "Winter Solstice Celebration" was held at "Kay's Ledge" in Taycheedah.

gan County, is made up of 300 member donors and has a 12-member Board of Directors (volunteers). Peter Pittner joined the GLC Board this summer. As an environmental engineer and VP of Miller Engineering (Sheboygan), he recognizes the importance of land conservancy. He said, "Outdoor spaces have always been important to me for recreational purposes, but as man's influence on the environment continues to increase, the value of open space becomes even more apparent for a myriad of reasons. From habitat fragmentation to the loss of pollinators and declines in bird and insect populations, the effect of human manipulation on the natural world can easily be seen and felt in our everyday lives. The preservation of lands will not only positively impact our environment, but also our economies and psychological well-being. As terms such as 'nature deficit disorder' become more common, we recognize that our mission not only preserves land, but also increases the quality of life for our communities at large." Land conservation matters for our kids here in Sheboygan County. Please become a member/donor today at www.glacial-lakes.org and click on the "donate" tab. You can also volunteer for land management projects at this website.

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Transfers keep growing at LTC

The number of transfer agreements between Lakeshore Technical College and four-year colleges continues growing and benefiting students throughout Lakeshore’s district.

“These agreements are more important than ever for students who want to earn a Bachelor’s Degree though are concerned about the costs and risks associated with moving away from home during the pandemic,” said Lakeshore Vice President of Instruction James Lemerond. “Students can safely obtain a high quality, affordable education close to home and be confident

their courses and programs will seamlessly transfer when they are ready to make that move.”

All University of Wisconsin System campuses and 15 private in-state colleges have agreements with Lakeshore. The college also has agreements with public and private four-year colleges across the country for both on-campus and online education. Over 300 program and course transfer options are involved, including general education and program-specific courses ranging from speech and psychology to accounting and chemistry.

Transfer agreements can save students thousands of dollars in tuition, fees, housing, and personal expenses. According to Lemerond, 73 percent of Lakeshore’s Associate Degree graduates who continue their

education choose a four-year institution. The college estimates students save \$6,000 in tuition and fees by staying at home and attending Lakeshore their first two years of college rather than attending a four-year college. The savings may be significantly higher when considering housing costs. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee estimates its 2020-’21 housing costs for a shared room is between \$4,996 and \$8,271.

Lakeshore has several transfer agreements with UW-Green Bay. The two institutions recently signed a new agreement allowing Lakeshore’s Graphic and Web Design Associate Degree Program graduates to seamlessly transfer to UW-GB to complete its Bachelor of Arts Degree in Design Art.

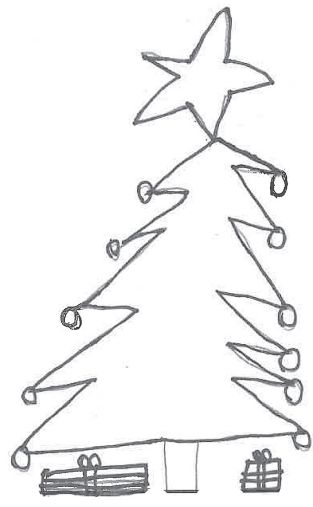
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Details on Lakeshore’s Graphic and Web Design Program can be found at gotoltc.edu/academics/degree-programs/graphic-and-web-design.

Each year more than 10,000 people enroll in courses at Lakeshore Technical College. They rely on LTC for job preparation, to earn a degree, upgrade a specialized skill, train as an apprentice, or seek a high school equivalency. LTC faculty and staff meet students where they are in life and help them get one step closer to achieving their goals.

LTC is a nationally recognized technical college. The college was ranked the number two two-year college in the nation.



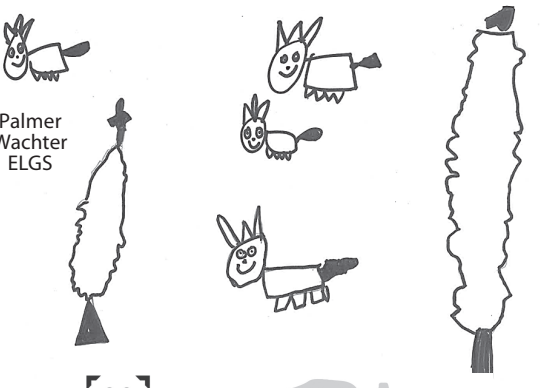
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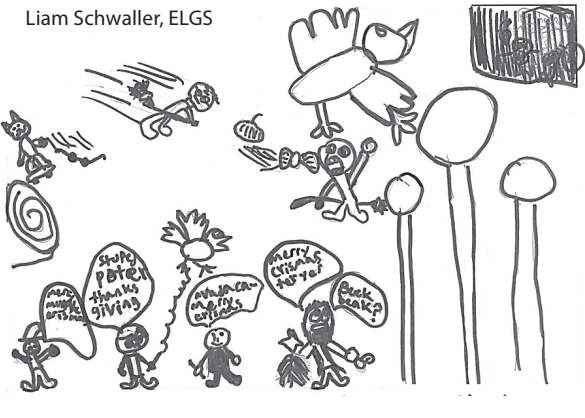
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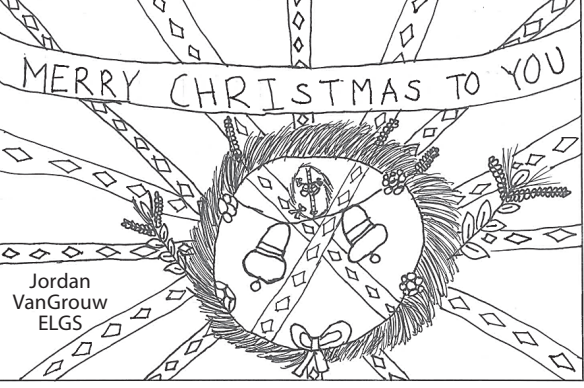
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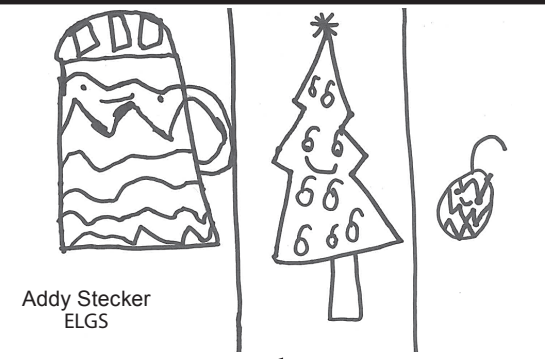
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Graduation at LTC to be virtual, drive-through events

Almost 200 Lakeshore Technical College students will be awarded degrees and technical diplomas on Saturday, Dec. 19.

A virtual event will stream on Lakeshore's Facebook page and YouTube channel at 10 a.m., followed by a drive-through event on the college's Cleveland campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Our December graduates have successfully overcome more obstacles than any class before them, and we are honored to have been part of their educational journeys," said Lakeshore President Dr. Paul Carlsen. "We encourage our graduates to celebrate their success during the virtual

and drive-through celebrations we have planned for them and their families."

The opportunity to drive through the Lakeshore Automotive Technology Center for photos is a new addition to graduation. The large space, located in the Nierode Building, will allow for physical distancing. A backdrop will be provided for taking photos with family. Academic deans, leadership team members, and district board members will be present.

Several traditional activities will take place during the virtual event including remarks from Carlsen, a keynote address from LTC Foundation Board President

Mike Mrdjenovich, congratulatory remarks from the chair of the LTC Board of Trustees Roy Kluss, and a speech from Lakeshore student Gloria Elias. Elias, a Sheboygan resident, is graduating from the Quality Assurance Program. Students had the opportunity to receive caps, gowns, honor medallions, honor society stoles, and military honor cords so they can dress in the traditional manner for the drive-through celebration or while viewing at home.

All buildings on Lakeshore's Cleveland campus will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Academic deans will be in their respective

areas to congratulate students, who are welcome to take photos. The bookstore also will be open.

Individuals do not need to have a Facebook page to view the celebration on Lakeshore's Facebook page. For those without a Facebook page, the college recommends using Google Chrome to view the video or viewing it from the college's YouTube channel. For future viewing, a link will also be added to the college's website at gotoltc.edu/Lets-Celebrate on Monday.

To learn more about fall graduation plans at Lakeshore Technical College, visit gotoltc.edu/Lets-Celebrate.



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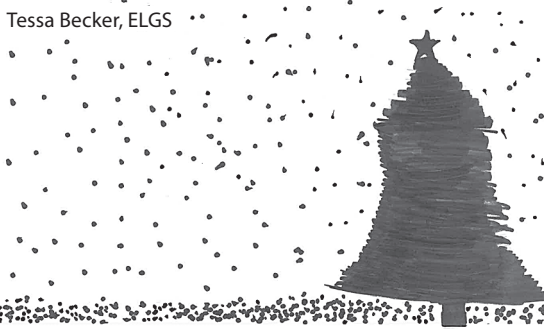


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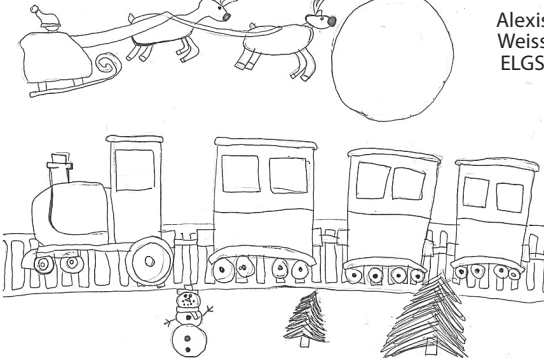
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Awakening, Nora Roberts
Before the Coffee gets Cold, Kawaguchi Toshikazu
Boy Toy, Nicola Marsh
Cul de Sac War, Melissa Ferguson
Dark Tides, Philippa Gregory
Deadly Cross, James Patterson
Discomfort of Evening, Marieke Rijnveld
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Mistletoe: A Christmas Story, Tad Hills
One Night Two Souls Went Walking, Ellen Cooney
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Things We didn't Say, Amy Lynn Green
Tom Clancy: Shadow of the Dragon, Tom Clancy
Transatlantic Book Club, Felicity Hayes-McCoy
Tsarina, Ellen Alpstén
Unlocked, Shannon Messenger
You Betrayed Me, Lisa Jackson
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Agent Sonya, Ben Macintyre
Battle of Brothers, Robert Lacey
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Freedom, Jeanine Pirro
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Barbara Demick
Everything Beautiful in its Time, Jenna Bush Hager
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Mingling with the Enemy, Jeanne Martinet
Modern Comfort, Ina Garten
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Becoming Muhammad Ali, James Patterson
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One Summer Up North, John Owens
Reptiles, Jill McDonald
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**COFFEE HOUR AND CHAT ON ZOOM—
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Please be sure to check our website for up-to-date information about our hours, events, and other matters related to our current services. We appreciate your patience.

- The library is open for essential services (browsing, photocopying, internet, pickup and return of materials, reference services). Our limited space prevents us from allowing gatherings (planned or casual).
- Children under the age of 8 must always be with a caregiver. Older children must wear a mask and maintain six-foot social distancing.
- Help keep the library open by wearing a mask and using hand sanitizer. Free masks are available in the library.
- No-contact checkout is available at our 40 Pine St. entrance. Please contact us to have materials prepared for pickup.
- Please be aware that we quarantine returned materials. We do backdate when we check items in. We do not charge overdue fines. If you receive an overdue notice and you feel that enough time has passed since you returned the item, please let us know.

**BOOK CLUB ON ZOOM—FRIDAY, JAN. 8
AT 1 P.M.**

Check our website for the title to be discussed. To assist us in planning, please register at 876-2554.

JANUARY TAKE & MAKE

We will have Take & Makes all month long. Drop by and pick one up!

Walking and Snowshoe Club offered at QQQO

Quit-Qui-Oc Golf Club officials said they are pleased to announce a new Walking and Snowshoe Club for the winter months.

QQO owner Todd Montaba said, “This is a great opportunity to be able to spend some time outdoors this winter with family and friends. We thought it would be a great opportunity for people in the community to use the golf course property after we need to shut down for the year. We hope that by giving people this opportunity the winter months might crawl by a little faster.”

Only Walking and Snowshoe members may use walk the golf course in the off-season and well-behaved dogs and their owners are welcome. QQQO is set over 270 acres of rolling terrain and gives people a lot of different walking routes to try. Once the golf course is snow covered, trails will be marked with a snowmobile so snowshoers know where to go and can find their way back.

Walking & Snowshoe Club members may use the golf course anytime once the golf course closes to golfers, unless the course is unwalkable because of weather (which includes frosty mornings—please call for clarification).

They should not walk or snowshoe on putting surfaces, and may only use snowshoes once the ground is frozen. People are asked to carry a cell phone. Members will be given a card to prove membership and may be asked to present it.

Dog owners must clean up after their pets. Management will be monitoring the grounds and if problems arise dogs no longer will be permitted.

There is a fee schedule for being part of the Walking and Snowshoe Club, with QQQO Full Golf members getting a discount. Members (single, couple, or fam-



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Elkhart Lake Village update

Information on tax collections given

Tax bills were mailed around Dec. 11. Property taxes may be paid at the Village Offices at 40 Pine St. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. We will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. If the village office is closed, payments can be dropped in the police depository on the side of the building or the new payment dropbox located to the left of the doors at the Pine Street entrance. You can also drop your payment off at National Exchange Bank & Trust in Elkhart Lake. If you have any questions, please call the clerk's office at 876-2122.

The first installment of taxes is due by Jan. 31. If you want to mail in your tax payment, please mail it to P.O. Box 143, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020. Receipts will not be mailed unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.

Village Holiday Hours

The Village offices will be closed Dec. 24 and 25, and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Garbage collection holiday schedule

Christmas and New Year will have no effect on garbage collection. Collection will take place as usual during this holiday season.

Spring election

The spring election will be held April 6 with a primary Feb. 16, if needed. The following officers are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
Village President	Richard Sadiq
Village Trustee	Geoffrey Bray
Village Trustee	Bobbie Stroessner
Village Trustee	Michael Wolf

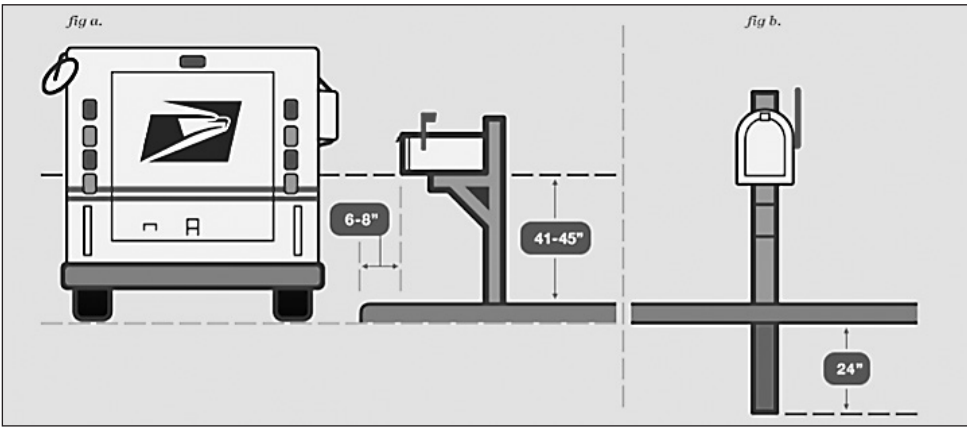
The first day to circulate nomination papers was Dec. 1 and the final day for filing nomination papers in the office of the Village Clerk is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Candidates must circulate nomination papers that can be obtained at the Village Hall. You can sign three trustee petitions and one president petition.

Village portion of tax rate decreased for 2020

The village's portion of the property taxes decreased by \$.02 per \$1,000 from 2019 to 2020. The village continues to do more with less. Over the last 10 years, the village has continued to hold its portion of the property taxes steady. The overall village tax rate (all taxing jurisdictions) is expected to increase by \$.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If you have a house assessed at \$200,000 your tax bill will increase by approximately \$56 dollars, depending on the lottery credit and first dollar credit.

Mailbox placement and snow plowing

The U.S. Postal Service has guidelines to follow when placing your mailbox at your residence. The mailbox needs to be 41 to 45 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or the point of mail entry. The mailbox also needs to be six to eight inches back from the curb or



curb line. Above is a drawing with these specifications. If your mailbox is damaged because of snow plowing and it does not meet the U.S. Postal Service guidelines, you will be responsible for any repairs or replacement that is needed.

Winter rules began Nov. 15

Winter parking regulations went into effect Nov. 15. As a reminder, here is the ordinance:

New in 2019! Parking is allowed overnight in the North East Street parking lot overnight until 6 a.m. At that time your vehicle must be moved.

PARKING REGULATIONS
All Night Parking Regulated.
6.04(2) (a) No parking of any motor vehicle shall be permitted on either side of any Village street or in the parking lot north of Square Street between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., and no parking in the lot on North East Street from 6 a.m. until 9 a.m. commencing the 15th day of November and ending on the 1st day of April of every year.

(b) Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be removed from the streets and stored, and such removal and storage shall be at the expense of the owner of said vehicle.

Vehicles violating this ordinance will be ticketed.

Snow Removal
Ordinance 10.03 Removing Snow from Sidewalks: residents must clean snow and ice from sidewalks within 14 hours of any snowfall in a 24-hour period. Also, if you live at a corner intersection, remember you need to clear the sidewalk approaches to the streets.

Snow cannot be blown or plowed onto village streets. Residents must also shovel out any hydrants near their home.

Snow Removal Warning
As in past years, you will not be notified that snow needs to be removed. If you have not shoveled in the prescribed time, the Village will shovel your walk and bill the property owner. Also, the entire width of the sidewalk must be shoveled. A path is not sufficient, and you will be in violation.

Victory park development update

Houses are going up in the Victory Park subdivision. The village has now issued seven building permits in this subdivision. The village is so excited about the progress being made. A few of the houses have walls and roofs and others have poured basement walls. If you are interested in more information on the subdivision you can



contact Werner Homes at 920-458-4104.

Planning Commission & Village Board

The Planning Commission and Village Board have approved some Certified Survey Maps for properties in the village. The board also has approved a zoning change for 474 E. Rhine St. from M-1 to C-1.

The board has filed for and received some Routes to Recovery funding through the State of Wisconsin to help us with our expenses related to COVID-19.

The Planning Commission has recommended to the Village Board a mitigation plan for tearing down and building a new house at 401 S. Lake St. The board and its committees are also beginning to look at the need for a new Public Works facility. This will be a multi-year process, but it is going to start with looking at our needs/wants for the next 50-plus years, as well as touring other facilities.

Prescription drug dropoff box

As you do your spring cleaning please make sure you safely dispose of your old prescription drugs. The collection box is located outside the police department.

Elkhart Lake Village Board Members

If you have concerns or questions call any of our Village Trustees

PRESIDENT: Richard Sadiq, Pres. (POB 188) — (920) 207-4888.
Email: rsadiq@elkhartlakewi.gov

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Email: mwolf@elkhartlakewi.gov

Please take your medications out of their containers and just drop the pills in the box. We do not accept liquids.

Drop off anytime Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information contact the Elkhart Lake Police at 920-876-2244 or for information on the Sheboygan County Program contact Elizabeth Abler, Public Health Nurse at 920-459-3038.

Auto pay your water bill

The Village of Elkhart Lake accepts Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payments for your water/sewer bills. If you are interested in having your water/sewer bill automatically debited from your bank account, please contact the village at 920-876-2122 or email clerk@elkhartlakewi.gov and we will work to set you up on the program.

Email notification list

The village would like to keep you informed of news and changes that may occur on occasion. We would like your email address. These will be kept confidential. We will remind you of changes in the garbage collection schedule and any other things that come up periodically.

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NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 31
Making Spirits Bright—The 1.1-mile route plans to be open 5 to 9 p.m. through Dec. 31 (closed Christmas Eve)

NOV. 29-DEC. 30
Sheboygan County Historical Society & Museum—Holiday Memories revolves around our collection of H.C. Prange's and Boston Store animated characters who each year can be found in fun new exhibit settings. The two historic homes on the museum campus—the David Taylor House and the Weinhold Log Cabin—are also decorated for the holidays. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, admission will be by advanced ticket only, and will be timed and capacity will be limited. Tickets will be available beginning Nov. 1. Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays through Fridays, noon to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Dec. 24 and 25. www.sheboyganmuseum.org

DECEMBER 19-20
Celtic Christmas Concert—The Plymouth Arts Center proudly presents “Celtic Christmas,” a live musical concert, featuring the group Celtic Folk with traditional and contemporary Christmas music. Celtic Folk includes vocalists and musicians Tom Armstrong, Tom Clegg, Julie Henze, Neil Horneck, Kerrylynn Kraemer, Roy Schwab, Brittany Seifert, and Ramona Tritz.

DECEMBER 22-23 & 28-31
Winter Break Day Camp at Camp Y-Koda—Kids

ages 4-13 can enjoy their school break by exploring the winter wonderland of camp. They will reconnect with the outdoors and forge new relationships. We will spend our days sledding, snowshoeing (age 8+), building forts, and keeping warm around the campfire. No snow? No worries as camp will provide favorite camp activities such as archery (age 7+), arts and crafts, gaga ball, and more!

DECEMBER 31
Plymouth Arts Center 14th Annual New Year's Eve Sartori Big Cheese Drop at 10 p.m. Free family event. Enjoy hot cocoa at the bonfire, 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. Wear a mask! Bring noisemakers!

JANUARY 1
The Shore Club—New Year's Day Bash at the Tiki Bar!

JANUARY 28 & 29
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JANUARY 29-31
Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce Schneee Days

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30
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Regularly scheduled meetings & events

ELKHART LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING
Held at the Grashorn Civic Center at 8:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS
The Board of Trustees meets at the Grashorn Civic Center (84 N. Lake St.) on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m.
Agendas for all board and committee meetings are posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting at the Grashorn Civic Center, National Exchange Bank & Trust, Wisconsin Bank & Trust, the Post Office, and our website. In order to be on a board agenda you must notify the village clerk by the Wednesday before the board meeting.

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AA MEETINGS
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ELKHART LAKE STUDY CLUB
Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at noon and on the second Monday in September. Meetings are not held in January, July, and August.
Elkhart Lake Cutting Edge Quilters—first Wednesday each month at 1 p.m.
Bridge Improvement—Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
Book Group—second Mondays each month at 1 p.m.



Lakeshore Technical College is working to train health care workers to fill shortages during the pandemic.

LTC health care students pass exam at high rate

While the Wisconsin Nurses Association reports the supply of nurses dwindling with many out of work because of having COVID or quarantining because of exposure, students graduating from the nursing-associate degree program at Lakeshore Technical College continue passing the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) exam on their first attempt at high rates.

The college's pass rate for graduates taking the exam in 2020 through November is 97 percent.

The college's pass rate was 100 percent in 2019, and 98 percent in 2018. Both years surpassed the national average pass rates that ranged from 86 percent to 87 percent for the same time periods.

“We are grateful for the support of our local health care partners who continue providing clinical practice opportunities for our students so they can graduate, pass their exam, and jump into the workforce to fill critical roles in the fight against COVID-19,” said Lakeshore Associate Dean of Nursing Lori Hertel.

Upon passing the NCLEX exam, graduated nurses from both two-year and four-year colleges become licensed and are able to identify as registered nurses. LTC nursing students who graduated in 2019 saw a 93 percent job placement in their field with a median salary of \$53,882.

The nursing-associate degree program at LTC has been accredited since 1980 and graduates 30 to 40 students annually.

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January mystery photo

Can you identify the photo?

Take a look at the January mystery photo above. Do you know anything about it? Where was the location? What was the approximate year? Do you know why it was given its name?

If so, let us know!

To enter the January contest, send an email to depotdispatch@elkhartlake.com or a letter with as many details as you can

to the Elkhart Lake Chamber, P.O. Box 425, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020, or drop off at the chamber office, 41 E. Rhine St.

The person with the best submission will receive a finely matted, quality enlarged print of the original, courtesy of Schamberger Gallery in Elkhart Lake.

Please share your guesses and help us keep the contest up to date.

December mystery photo



John Buss was the winner of the December mystery photo contest. He provided the following information on the above photo:

“This is the small building at the corner at Camp Brosius coming from the Elkhart Lake boat landing where you have to go slow with your boat or jet skis before entering the large part of the lake. There is a sandbar just out from this point.

“I grew up in Elkhart my whole life and have gone past this building many times. Looks like it is Christmastime with the wreath but no snow on the ground. Merry Christmas!”

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