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Schnee Days Jan. 29-31

The pandemic will be changing Elkhart Lake's Schnee Days a little bit, but it will not be taking away the three days of winter fun associated with the event.

Numerous events will be going on from Friday, Jan. 29 through Sunday, Jan. 31, with many of them taking place safely outdoors, of course.

"Schnee" (pronounced "schnay") is the German word for snow, and this festival is a great way for families to get out.

A number of events are still in the planning stages, so all times and locations are subject to change. Preliminary plans for the 2021 Schnee Days are posted here, and will be updated on the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce website at elkhartlakechamber.com.



Friday, Jan. 29

- 6 p.m.—Moonlight Stroll on Quit Qui Oc Golf Course
- 8 to 11 p.m.—live music at The Shore Club Theatre; Paul Sucherman & Brent Bel (Nashville recording artist)

These scenes from last year's Schnee Days in Elkhart Lake give a little taste of the winter fun which is in store for community residents and visitors from Friday, Jan. 29 through Sunday, Jan. 31.

Saturday, Jan. 30

- 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.—Two-mile/5K Run/Walk Schnee Lauf race day registration at Quit Qui Oc Golf Club
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—Disc Golf Challenge at Road America
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Sledding at Road America; \$10 per car load
- 10 a.m.—Two-mile/5K Run/Walk Schnee Lauf Race start at Quit Qui Oc Golf Club on Golf Course Road
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—Snow Shoeing at Quit Qui Oc Golf Club
- 11 a.m.—Schnee Lauf Race Awards Ceremony at Quit Qui Oc Golf Club
- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.—open ice skating at June Vollrath Park, sledding at the school hill, and other outdoor activities around the village
- noon to 1:30 p.m.—Cocktail Class at The Concourse Restaurant & Lounge
- 1 to 5 p.m.—Schnee Days Spirits Stroll at various businesses around the area
- 2 to 6 p.m.—live music, Abler Boys at The Concourse Restaurant & Lounge
- 8 p.m. to midnight—Live Music at The Shore Club Theatre; Cold Soda Club



Sunday, Jan. 31

- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.—Chili Cook Off Drop Off at Siebkens Main Dining Room
- 9 a.m.—"Snow"ga at The Osthoff Resort hosted by Aspira Spa; 45-minute class
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Chili Cook Off at Siebkens Resort with to-go orders or limited seating; grilled cheese and brats by EL-GAA
- noon—Children's Games & Ice Cube Hunt on The Shore Club front lawn





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Sunday, January 31, 2021 • 9AM



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Sharing our Journeys

By Carol Edler Baumann
with contributions from Richard Baumann



Festive February

February is a busy month: Black History Month begins on Feb. 1, Groundhog Day is on the 2nd (will winter continue or will we get an early spring?), Lincoln's birthday is on the 12th, and good 'ol George Washington gets to blow out the candles on his cake on the 22nd—and not to ignore anyone we have Presidents Day (no difference if they were good or bad) on the 15th.

If these aren't enough events to put on your calendar, let's not forget Mardi Gras just before Ash Wednesday on the 17th.

But the really big date of significance is the 14th, everyone's favorite—Valentine's Day. This is a day we all celebrate and the stores love selling all those red roses, boxes of chocolate, and Valentine cards. Seems even the most burly of men participate in this day and succumb to giving something to a female friend, lover or wife. Maybe he's a bit of a rascal and has a lady in all three categories but if that's the case I'll let him weasel out of it himself.

I forgot to tell you there's yet another date that might appeal to lots of folks:

Feb. 18 has been labeled as "Drink Wine Day."

No doubt the energetic wine industry had a hand in setting that date. But no matter, we can join in and drink some wine to honor that venerable day designated by wine makers.

Choosing wine is perhaps a bit more involved than just buying roses, candy or a valentine. The novice wine buyer has to decide does one buy a bottle with a cork, plastic or screw top and what is the right choice—red or white? Frankly I think any of those are "correct" but if you're a purist go with cork. As for red or white, the old school dictated red with meat and white with fish. I say just drink what you like—it will all taste good.

Oh, yeah, I forgot about wine in boxes. Hersey to a wine aficionado (or should I say "wine snob"). Of course wine in boxes is OK.

So have fun and celebrate all the dates I mentioned and by all means get a bottle of wine (maybe Champagne—can't wrong with that), and if anyone asks you for the time just reply with, "It's always Wine-Thirty."

Jensen named to board of Road America Inc.

Elkhart Lake's Road America Inc. recently announced the addition of Carrol Jensen to its Board of Directors.

Jensen currently serves as vice president of the Classic Car Club of America Museum and events chairman for the Masterpiece LTD automotive charity. Jensen's appointment comes in succession to Robert Cornog's retirement from the board after 22 years of service.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to extend our appreciation to Bob for his many years of dedicated service to the shareholders, employees, and fans of Road America," said Ron Pace, chairman of the board of Elkhart Lake's Road America Inc. "We are equally excited to have Carrol join our Board of Directors and share her insight and experience from the vintage and collectible automotive industry."

Jensen and her husband Carl have been avid participants and judges in the antique and sports collector car world for more than 30 years with a passion for driving in tours and rallies. They have also shown cars at Amelia Island, Geneva, Keeneland, Hilton Head, Keels & Wheels, and the St. Johns/Concours of the Americas.

Previous to her current position at the Classic Car Club of America Museum, Jensen served as president of the Classic



Carrol Jensen

Car Club of America where she provided oversight to a 4,000-plus membership worldwide organization. Jensen also served as the vice president of implementation for Assurant Health in Milwaukee for 27 years. During her tenure at Assurant Health, Jensen led the product development and implementation of various health insurance products globally and through multiple agent distribution channels.

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It's all about caring for Jones advisor

By Mark Sherry

As one of the newest members of the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce, Paul Leal of the Edward Jones office in Plymouth is ready and able to bring a personal, long-term approach to investing to fellow Chamber members and others.

"It's just about caring," Leal said about his approach to assisting his clients. "It's all about you and what you're trying to accomplish."

Leal and his senior branch office administrator, Lynn Vollrath, work out of their office at 110 Carr Rd. on Plymouth's east side.

"Our team enjoys getting to know our clients on a personal level and we are dedicated to providing our clients with the highest level of service," Leal said. "I believe that understanding my clients and their needs is paramount. I enjoy working with individuals and families to align their estate and personal needs, using strategies such as insurance products, charitable giving, income replacement, and debt resolution. My clients have expressed that they enjoy working with a financial advisor that has a passion for giving financial guidance."

The Illinois native attended St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa where he received his Bachelor of Science degree and his Master's in Business Administration. Leal has been married for 20 years and they have five children, one of whom is a sailor in the U.S. Navy.

Leal currently serves this region of Edward Jones as the inclusion and diversification leader. He has 17 years of experience in the financial services industry within the fields of investments, insurance, and banking, having started in insurance at the age of 30. His initial experience taught him a lot about what life insurance can do to help leverage dollars for loved ones, Leal said. "There was so much value that I learned from that," he said.

He also has experience working at a bank serving business owners, professionals, and "everyday individuals." He said, "There isn't anything I don't believe I can help with" in the area of personal finances.

Vollrath has over 27 years of experience with Edward Jones. She is a native of Sheboygan County and is married with two adult children and four grandchildren. Vollrath became a limited partner with Edward Jones. She has a Bachelor of Art degree in biology, laboratory administra-

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tion, art and fine arts administration, along with a minor in business administration from Lakeland University. She said she enjoys her expanded role in the region as an Edward Jones branch office administrator mentor, helping to train, guide, and support new branch office administrators during their first year of employment.

Leal said support is an often-used word at Edward Jones, whether it is the support the company provides to its financial advisors or, in turn, the support they provide to their customers.

"It's been wildly amazing," Leal said of his experiences over the past three-plus years with Edward Jones in terms of supporting clients and being supported by the firm and colleagues. "They're like family," he added. When it comes to the experience and support provided by Edward Jones, Leal said, "Bar none, I'd put ourselves up against anyone. I'll share with individuals that when they come in they're an extension of family. We're dealing with individuals' hopes and dreams."

Other than having more conversations via the internet, Leal said the pandemic has not slowed the work of Edward Jones financial advisors. "If we're not working hard to grow during times of adversity, we're going to fail when that adversity is no longer present," he said. "We're keeping that presence with our clients."


Leal credited the constant stream of information which financial advisors such as himself get from the home office and the internal and external partners of Edward Jones. "There's always a flow of information that we're taking in," he said.

Leal said their goal for the year ahead and beyond is continued growth in terms of clients and financial advisors. "We're always looking to grow, especially for those individuals who are already licensed financial advisors," Leal said. Edward Jones has a rigorous process to become a financial advisor but the promise of a strong, successful company with which to work for those who make it. "We're never, ever on our own," Leal said.

To contact Leal or Vollrath at the Plymouth office, call 920-893-8214, email paul.leal@edwardjones.com, or check out www.edwardjones.com/paul-leal.



Financial advisor Paul Leal and senior branch office administrator Lynn Vollrath staff the Edward Jones office in Plymouth. Mark Sherry photo



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Road America announces NASCAR here July 4, 2021

Road America officials have announced that the NASCAR Cup Series will run at America's National Park of Speed on the Fourth of July in 2021.

Start times and broadcast details are still being determined and will be announced at a later date.

"Since we welcomed the NASCAR XFINITY Series in 2010, our fans have been asking for the NASCAR Cup Series, and we are very proud to make it happen on the Fourth of July," Road America President and General Manager Mike Kertscher said. "The weekend is going to be memorable and exciting for everyone as we celebrate Independence Day at America's National Park of Speed. We encourage new and returning fans to get their tickets and campsites early because we intend to host four full days of on-track action. Our entire staff is excited to welcome the teams, drivers, and new visitors to show them that Road America is the ideal facility to come for the experience and stay for the race."

Most NASCAR fans are not old enough to remember the first time NASCAR racing came to Wisconsin. The date was Sunday, Aug. 12, 1956, and at the urging of Carl Kiekhaefer of Fond du Lac. The

Grand National Division (now NASCAR Cup) ran the 37th event of 56 that counted toward the championship battle. Many of the 26 drivers who took the green flag that day read like a who's who of the early days in NASCAR racing—Lee Petty, Junior Johnson, Buck Baker, and Fireball Roberts were a few notables, but Tim Flock took the checkered flag, in the rain, driving a Mercury at a speed of a top speed of 71.4 mph.

In 2021 fans will have the opportunity to watch NASCAR's future stars such as Cole Custer, Tyler Reddick, Christopher Bell, Chase Elliott, and Erik Jones battle it out with superstars such as Kyle Busch, Martin Truex Jr., and Joey Logano on the storied four-mile, 14-turn road course. Road America has a legendary history of featuring brilliant racers on a challenging circuit that easily separates the good from the great drivers.

Tickets are now available, and additional event details, ticket pricing, and camping information can be found at www.roadamerica.com or by calling 800-365-7223. Anyone 16 years old and under is free with a paying adult at the gate. Racing runs rain or shine.

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Couple's art show at PAC

Eight creative couples will be sharing their love of artistry in a new art exhibition titled "A Couple's Winter Blast" at the Plymouth Arts Center.

The show will open in Gallery 110 North with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22. The exhibition is generously sponsored by Plymouth Furniture.

The featured couple artists are Pam and Richard Bronk, Phyllis and Bob Hoopman, Jane and Keary Kautzer, Angelynn Brown and Eric Paulson, Sylvia and Mark Mondloch, Donna and Mark Rittorno, Karen and Patrick Robison, and Eileen and Don Urness.

The show will include oil, watercolor, and encaustic paintings, leather purses and accessories, wood furniture/sculpture, jewelry, pottery, photography, sculpture, forged iron works, and mixed media, and will be on display from Jan. 22 through March 5. Special thanks have been extended to Pam Bronk for coordinating this exhibition.

These artist couples might say their secret to a happy marriage is their bond of love for art.

Phyllis Hoopman said, "I think that we were very lucky to have found each other. Bob said he didn't think that it was luck

so much as our willingness to keep our individuality and support our separate professions which caused our marriage to thrive; sharing our love and understanding for life's adventures together."

The Plymouth Arts Center is a non-profit community arts organization founded in 1993 to promote and nurture the visual and performing arts in all of western Sheboygan County and beyond. PAC's mission is to "Enliven the spirit of our community and to enrich the lives of all, by providing diverse experiences in the arts."

Wisconsin artists are showcased in Gallery 110 North in six uniquely different exhibits per year. Additionally, the Arts Center offers an ongoing and vibrant schedule of live musical and theatrical performances, art classes for toddlers through adults, and a gift shop featuring member artwork. Tour/school groups may schedule complimentary docent-led visits. It is open Tuesdays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m., or by special appointment. It is closed on Mondays and holidays. For more information visit the PAC website www.plymoutharts.org and follow it on Facebook and Twitter or call 920-892-8409.



Phyllis and Bob Hoopman are among the couples who will be taking part in "A Couple's Winter Blast" at the Plymouth Arts Center.



This photo of Richard and Pam Bronk was taken at an art fair years ago. Pam said, "We are standing in my booth and we are smiling and enjoying our day. Thirty years later and 50-plus years of marriage and we are still smiling and doing the things that give us joy."

Community programming resumes at Lakeshore Tech

While taking a hiatus from in-person Community Education programming after COVID-19 hit last spring, Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) retooled its offerings and this month is launching a fresh slate of non-credit classes focusing on wellness, entrepreneurship, gardening, welding, travel, baking, art, and other topics.

Most courses will be held at LTC's Cleveland campus where physical distancing and masks will be required, or online via Microsoft Teams. Dates and times vary.

Courses will be taught by business leaders or subject matter experts from LTC and the community. Fees range from \$15 to \$40.

Starting the year are two wellness topics. "Transform Your Intentions Into Your Reality with Healthy Habits and Routines" was held Thursday, Jan. 14. "Safely Soothe Your Pain and Discomfort with CBD" is set for Thursday, Jan. 21 from 7 to 8 pm.

For details or to register, visit LTC's Eventbrite site at ltcce.eventbrite.com.

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Snowshoe, walking club added at QOO

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

QOO 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. QOO 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.

There is a fee schedule for being part of the Walking and Snowshoe Club, with QOO Full Golf members getting a discount. Members (single, couple, or family) get a QOO stocking hat(s), bar and restaurant credit, and vouchers for snow shoe rental. Nonmember daily fees (\$7 per day) also are offered, as is snowshoe rental.

Quit-Qui-Oc Golf Club is located at 500 Quit-Qui-Oc Lane in Elkhart Lake. For more information call 920-876-2833.

College Here & Now offered by LTC

The new academic year brought a new game-changing opportunity to Kiel High School (KHS) students interested in an information technology (IT) career—College Here & Now.

The Kiel Area School District is the second district to partner with Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) and offer

the nationally recognized program. College Here & Now offers KHS students the ability to earn a technical diploma in IT by the time they complete high school, without ever leaving their high school, and with zero tuition costs to students and their families.

IT was chosen as the first program

at Kiel for three reasons, according to LTC Dean of Business and Technology Douglas Hamm.

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D&D Carpentry team celebrates 5 years

By Mark Sherry

Kate Holzmann and Tyler Holschbach are observing their fifth anniversary as co-owners of D&D Carpentry in Plymouth, but their years of experience in the business and industry go well beyond those five years.

As a matter of fact, that experience is just one of several advantages D&D Carpentry offers to its customers.

“We have the collaboration of Tyler and I,” Kate said. “Between the two of us, we make a great team.”

The fact that their team brings both male and female touches to their projects is another advantage that not every contractor can offer. Tyler works in sales and in the field, coordinating D&D Carpentry’s crews. Kate also assists in sales, handles the financial and marketing aspects of the business, and guides customers through the selection of everything from flooring to cabinetry.

D&D Carpentry’s 16 employees also bring experience and flexibility to customers. “We pride ourselves on the fact that everyone can do anything,” Tyler said. “The versatility amongst our employees makes it possible for everyone to help out and assist on other projects when needed.”

D&D Carpentry’s office is located at 1324 Eastern Ave. in Plymouth, a building they renovated and moved into about three years ago. Since moving their office to Plymouth, they have been able to increase community awareness and participation.

Both Kate and Tyler’s construction experience started well before the purchase of the business. Kate’s father was a general contractor, and Tyler was already working in construction during his summers while in high school and did his apprenticeship just out of high school. Both Kate and Tyler grew up in Sheboygan County and they said they take pride in supporting the community.

Both started working for D&D Carpentry within a few months of one another in 2001 under the original entrepreneurs Doug and Dan Daun. They are also observing their 20th anniversary this year of working for D&D Carpentry. D&D will also celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2022. Over the years, Kate said she talked with the Dauns about the possibility of someday purchasing the business from them. That opportunity finally came to fruition five years ago. The Dauns stayed on board for almost three years after Kate and Tyler bought the business. “It made for a very smooth transition,” Kate said.

Interest in new homes is high right now as mortgage interest rates and exist-

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ing home inventory continues to be very low. All of their homes are custom homes as they do not have standard plans from which they build. They do not do their own designs but work with customers and home designers to develop a finished home which is exactly what the customer wants. Kate and Tyler said they pride themselves on partnering with local businesses whenever possible to provide an exceptional finished product.

While D&D Carpentry’s niche is more toward the high-end custom home, Kate and Tyler said they also continue to help customers with smaller projects including doing a lot of kitchen and bath remodels. During the pandemic, most people have stayed home more, resulting in current home owners looking to renovate.

Tyler said they have carpenters on staff who are old-school craftsmen, and he and Kate are involved with customers step by step—from finding the right lot to developing blueprints to turning over the keys at the end of the project. “We treat them the way we treat our families,” Kate said. Their projects come with one-year warranties and they follow up on whatever post-project issues might arise, even beyond that first year.

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sectors," Hamm said. "Second, an IT education will provide students the opportunity to be part of a high-paying field. Lastly, due to the success we were seeing with College Here & Now at Sheboygan North and South high schools, we knew we could replicate the program at Kiel while customizing it to fit the specific needs of a smaller, rural school."

Kiel enrolled 21 students in College Here & Now with the opportunity to earn a technical diploma in Information Technology-Web Development Specialist. This is a 22-credit program that typically takes students attending LTC two terms to complete.

Despite current COVID challenges every high school is facing, Hamm said Kiel students are doing very well. The first course students took was Web Development I which is an introduction to web page design principles and the process involved in creating visually appealing designs for the web. Students gained hands-on coding experience and published their sites.

"We are thrilled with our partnership. Kiel High School students have access to high quality, college-level instruction as well as incredible academic and technical support from LTC's staff," said KHS Principal Eric Ward. "Students are highly engaged as they develop the skills to a viable career path while still in high school. It has been an outstanding first year," Ward added.

College Here & Now students in Sheboygan—the district where the program launched in fall of 2019—have the opportunity to earn an associate degree in Information Technology-Web and Software Developer, a 60-credit program that typically takes LTC students four terms to complete. Sheboygan students may graduate from high school with their diploma and associate degree. There are 86 students

enrolled, with 17 returning from last year.

When asked by Hamm whether returning students were glad they chose to participate in College Here & Now at Sheboygan, the response was overwhelmingly positive. "It has given me a chance to see what this field is going to be, and that I do like and enjoy it," replied Collin Reinemann, a senior at Sheboygan South.

Students in both districts can start their College Here & Now coursework during

any year in high school. Upon graduation from high school and earning at minimum the technical diploma, students entering the regional workforce as web developers can expect a median annual salary of \$45,300. Students can also choose to continue their IT education path.

For Kiel students, their LTC credits count toward an associate degree in IT-Web and Software Developer, setting them up to complete that degree in just

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School update

Staff, community work together to get through COVID

To say it's been an interesting and challenging year would be an understatement.

Since March, the lives of all have been turned upside, and everyone—at school and in the community—is working together to make the best of an almost impossible situation.

Changes occur on an almost daily basis. There are highs and lows for case counts, updated guidelines, a short “break” to the boys basketball season, challenges with students for whom virtual learning is not the best “fit” for their learning style, but due to extenuating circumstances, is the best situation for them and/or their families at this time.

The ELGS staff, students, parents, and community have banded together to address each obstacle that has arisen and taken each as an opportunity to learn more about how to best provide the safest and most productive, enriching learning experience for our students. Credit must be shared with our students and parents who are working in partnership with the teaching staff. While there are some students struggling, we are not “waiting” to address the learning gap when students return to learning on-site, but have already implemented procedures, protocols, and individualized assistance to these students. You hear in the news about student “learning loss and learning gaps” that will be present when this pandemic is over. We strongly believe no student can afford to “lose” a year of learning—much less a semester. Our commitment at ELGS is do all we can to prevent this from occurring so we are addressing it in an ongoing manner.

COVID numbers kept down

ELGS has had its share of positive cases, but we've kept the number to a manageable amount that has allowed us to continue with on-site instruction for what we hope is the entire first semester (ending Jan. 21) or best-case scenario, the remainder of the year. Fortunately, due to our smaller class sizes, constant “tweaking” of our precautions to greatly minimize students and staff identified as “close contacts,” and the very co-operative approach taken by parents/guardians in monitoring their children for symptoms, communicating with us when concerns arise, and keeping sick children or those “being monitored” at home, we are a success story for being able to continue to meet our students' educational abilities—both virtually and, thankfully, on-site.

While there have been many changes, there have also been some “constants” that need to be recognized and acknowledged. While our staff has always worked hard, they have never worked

harder to continue to foster student learning and academic growth. They are not happy to just “get by”—they have a job to do and they are doing it amazingly well. Credit needs to be shared also with the entire staff—administration, child care, support staff, food service, maintenance/cleaners, transportation, instructional assistants, coaches/advisors, and our supportive School Board. A team approach has been embraced and it is working. Also stated earlier, our students and parents have been key to our “team's success.”

Community plays vital role

Our community has also played a vital role. While academics are a major focus at ELGS, it is not our only focus and hasn't been since the pandemic closed down the district in March. It's hard for students to learn and parents to assist in the process when they are dealing with job loss; lack of funds, food and supplies; etc. This has not changed, and the community's response to help the district address these needs for our families has not either.

For example, for many years, Grace Lutheran has helped district families with Christmas gifts and much-needed gift cards through their “Giving Tree” program. This was another huge success as they were able to provide a gift to 47 students, and 16 families received gift cards; however, Debbie Hammann and I knew from talking with our families the need was so much greater and widespread. And while you may not believe in Christmas miracles, our district now does!

Individuals, families, and organizations (St. Thomas Aquinas) reached out to us to see how they could help. Through their efforts, an additional 21 families and 23 kids were adopted and received Christmas gifts from lists provided by the families (parents also needed gifts—blankets, pots, towels, etc., and/or gift cards to help with groceries and gas over the Christmas holidays). Due to the extreme onslaught of donations, as a district, we were also able to pull together to provide a Christmas meal of 33 families (a total of 132 people were fed). The menu was “mega” ham, (partly sponsored by Siebkens Resort), cheesy potatoes (thank you Bridget and Lanette of our kitchen staff), cranberry salad (provided by the Culinary Arts students/Mrs. Roehl), rolls, butter, vegetables, and a huge assortment of homemade cookies/candy (thank you ELGS staff). In addition, families were provided with bread, butter, peanut butter and jelly, eggs, milk, crackers, and an assortment of cheeses (thank you Sartori Foods and Siebkens).

While it was a challenge to get meals, gifts, gift cards, etc. all packaged and sorted for delivery on Dec. 23, with the help of Erica Spatz and Megan Grimes, and assistance from ELGS staff, by 4:30 all was delivered and/or picked up...and the smiles on the parents' faces spoke volumes. Many were unsure what they would be able to provide for Christmas for their families, but once again, the very generous, caring, supporting, and giving community (both local and our out-of-state guests) not only rose to the challenge, but exceeded any expectations we had in place.

In addition, due the generosity of two individuals, ELGS has been able to open a “supply closet/store” for families in need of basics such as detergent, cleaning supplies, paper products, personal hygiene items, etc. This has just been replenished so we should be able to continue to provide this service to our families/students in need of assistance. We did keep some funds/gift cards in reserve, as we know the need is not going to magically disappear after Christmas.

We will continue to provide assistance as long as we are able.

Was this really a Christmas miracle? I prefer to believe it's just an example of the true character of our “ELG School District Family”—they see a need and they step up to help. While only a few of the very generous donors were mentioned by name, please know, your support—whatever the amount—was greatly appreciated. We wish all of you who assisted would have been present to see the happiness and, yes, relief on our families' faces. There were tears—but they were based on happiness—for the genuine caring support of our community; the dedication of our staff; the efforts put forth by our students and parents to keep our school open. The signs seen around town this spring/summer say it all—Together We're Resorter Strong!

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State artists' works now on sale in EL

By Mark Sherry

When Lyn Chevrier gets bored, she gets busy.

A Milwaukee native now living in Sheboygan, Chevrier said she harbored thoughts for some time about opening an art gallery in Milwaukee's Third Ward. With the pandemic shutdown limiting activity for this jewelry artist, she decided it was time to act—only the art gallery would not be in Milwaukee, but in Elkhart Lake.

The Little Shop of Art opened Nov. 6 at 176 E. Rhine St. in Elkhart Lake.

While not the busiest season in Elkhart Lake—and with the pandemic still ongoing—Chevrier said she is pleased with how the gallery has turned out and with the flow of customer traffic so far. While mostly local residents, customers are commenting on the bright, roomy atmosphere of The Little Shop of Art and the diversity of artists whose works are for sale there.

That includes Chevrier's jewelry, something she has been doing for 17 years. She crochets with wire and weaves necklaces on a wooden dowel to create her unique pieces.

She began selling her jewelry at the Elkhart Lake Farmers Market using two tables and no canopies. "Then I evolved—I got bored," Chevrier said. "I really get bored and then I get productive."

Many of the artists whose works are now for sale at The Little Shop of Art have been "neighbors" of Chevrier at art shows. "They're more than artists—they're friends," she said.

Chevrier's mother was a watercolor artist in Milwaukee, and Lyn used to make quilts as her mother taught her about color and texture. Lyn has displayed her works at art shows and art galleries for about 20 years.

The Little Shop of Art offers a little something for everyone, with art pieces ranging in price from \$15 to \$1,800. "We have a variety," Chevrier said.

Deb Radke Art Studios located just south of Milwaukee has her copperwork for sale at the shop. Whitefish Bay artist Jan Jahnke is displaying her art screen-printing called Serigraph and Wrental units indoor birdhouses.

Sure to catch the eye of male shoppers—or women shopping for a man—are the outdoor scenes of Watertown's Paul Dominguez who uses colored pencils on wood and then seals the finished product. His wife Jenni hand paints glassware and her creations also are for sale at The Little Shop of Art.

Evelyn is a 93-year-old artist from Sheboygan who does hand-painted silk scarves. Lyn's niece Sarah from Whitewater makes quilts and throws.

Tammy Easton of Kenosha has her mosaics on display. Mary L. Hager has sculptured and hand-painted frogs, butterflies, hummingbirds, and more at The Little Shop of Art.

Chevrier said she would like to have about three more artists display their works in the shop. The shop will be interchanging different artists' work throughout the year.

The Little Shop of Art is displaying the



Lyn Chevrier stands in front of the jewelry she creates and which is for sale inside The Little Shop of Art, 176 E. Rhine St., Elkhart Lake. Art from multiple other Wisconsin artists also is for sale in the shop. Mark Sherry photos

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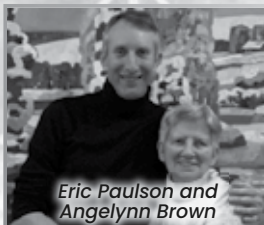
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America the Beautiful: A Story in Photographs, National Geographic
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This aerial view shows progress on the Kohler Center for Marsh Education which is being constructed at the Sheboygan Broughton Marsh.

Friends of Broughton Marsh elect officers

Friends of the Sheboygan Broughton Marsh, Inc. held their annual meeting on Jan. 7.

Election of board members and officers were held as follows: President – Lil Pipping, V.P. – Keith Abler, Secretary – Marjean Pountain, and Treasurer – Ken Pipping. Board members are Donna Wendlandt, Aaron Brault, Sarah De-Zwarte, Ann Buechel Haack, Jack Jarvis, Walt Vollrath, Dave D'Angelico/Scott McMurray.

The Friends group is in the process of building the new educational facility at the marsh park. It will be called the "Kohler Center for Marsh Education." It will house the classroom for hundreds of students who come to the marsh through area schools. One-half of the building will also have new bathrooms and showers for the campers. The project is being built by

the Jos. Schmitt Construction Company of Sheboygan who also built the tallest wooden tower in the state.

The project is on schedule with hopes of being completed by early summer of 2021. The educational wing also will be available to hold meetings, small parties, etc. More details about that will be coming as time goes on.

This building will be a LEED building which means Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The atrium will house a real tree from the marsh.

The organization still has several four-inch (\$300) and eight-inch (\$600) bricks for sale as well as 10 steps on the tower. If interested please call 920-876-4312 for more information.

Check out the organization's Facebook page to watch progress on the building.



Walls are going up on the Kohler Center for Marsh Education.

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Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland continues to certify first responders.

Public safety students get certifications from LTC

Forty-nine students successfully passed public safety certification exams held at Lakeshore Technical College in December.

Among them, 27 completed their National Registry of Emergency Technician's psychomotor exams. The psychomotor exam analyzes skills needed for patient assessment in trauma and medical situations, patient ventilation, oxygen administration, and cardiac arrest.

To meet COVID-19 safety protocols, students rotated in groups of six throughout the two days of testing. This included 21 candidates at the level of emergency medical technician and six at the level of emergency medical responder.

The remaining 22 candidates were firefighting students with 16 completing their Firefighter Level II certification skills testing that included flammable liquids firefighting skills, incident management and communication tests, and a vehicle extraction test station. Additionally, six students completed their fire apparatus driving and operating skills tests to prove

their abilities to safely drive large fire apparatus and operate fire pumps.

"With the COVID pandemic creating challenges for education as well as shortages of essential public safety workers, we are proud to graduate these students on time, with the knowledge and skills their communities need right now," said Lakeshore Dean of Energy and Public Safety Ryan Skabroud. "We hope that many of these students will be back with us next semester for advanced education to grow in their capacity for serving the Lakeshore region."

Skabroud added graduates of Lakeshore's public safety programs are in demand. The college's most recent data show 100 percent of the fire medic and emergency medical technician-paramedic program graduates were employed in their fields.

For details on public safety training programs at Lakeshore, visit gotoltc.edu/academics/degree-programs. January start dates are available for some.

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2721 Superior Ave., Sheboygan
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N4960 Blueberry Ln, Plymouth
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4 Acres Oak Rd Unit 2, Plymouth
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Elkhart Lake Chamber Calendar

JANUARY 22-MARCH 5

Plymouth Arts Center-A Couple's Winter Blast Art Show. Eight creative couples will be sharing their love of artistry in a new art exhibition. The show will include oil, watercolor, and encaustic paintings, leather purses and accessories, wood furniture/sculpture, jewelry, pottery, photography, sculpture, forged iron works, and mixed media. www.plymoutharts.org

JANUARY 29-31

Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce Schnee Days. See website for schedule details. www.elkhartlakechamber.com

JANUARY 30

Schneelauf 2 mile or 5K Walk/Run. Start and finish at the Quit Qui Oc Golf Club, 500 Quit Qui Oc Lake. Register by Thursday, Jan. 28; or day of registration add additional \$5 per registration. elkhartlakechamber.com/schneelauf

FEBRUARY

February is West of 57 Month. We are excited to announce a collaboration between the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce, Kiel Chamber, and Plymouth Chamber. West of 57 will run during February. To participate you need to dine at one chamber member restaurant from each of the three communities. Customers will email/text/mail proof of purchase (dine in, carry out, delivery) from a restaurant in each of the communities (three receipts) to one of the chambers and be entered into a drawing for prizes. Direct your questions to any of the chamber directors. Chamber members can be identified by visiting any of the chamber websites.

FEBRUARY 12

Camp Y-Koda-Kids Night Out. 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy a night out while your children play at Camp Y-Koda! We'll keep the kids busy with outdoor adventures, sports and games, arts and crafts, a movie ("Spy Kids") and so much more! Best of all, a pizza dinner is on the house! Ages 5 to 13; \$20 per child. These events will be held rain, snow or shine. Children

should dress accordingly to spend time outdoors. sheboygancountymmca.org/camp-y-koda

FEBRUARY 26

Camp Y-Koda-Kids Night Out. 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy a night out while your children play at Camp Y-Koda! We'll keep the kids busy with outdoor adventures, sports and games, arts and crafts, a movie ("A Bug's Life") and so much more! Best of all, a pizza dinner is on the house! Ages 5 to 13; \$20 per child. These events will be held rain, snow or shine. Children should dress accordingly to spend time outdoors. sheboygancountymmca.org/camp-y-koda

FEBRUARY 27

John Michael Kohler Arts Center—JMKAC's Virtual Gala. Join us as we celebrate the power of art to inspire collaboration, camaraderie, and community! The event will include exciting performances, silent auction, super-silent auction, and an exclusive drawing for some amazing packages. A special fund-a-need to support artists and arts organizations in our community. Take-home dinners and special gift packages will be available for pickup at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center on the day of the event from 4 to 7 p.m. www.jmkac.org

MARCH 12-14 AND MARCH 20-21

Plymouth Arts Center—Sentimental Journey in Song Music Through the Decades. The five shows will showcase the talents of the Celtic Folk singers and musicians performing a variety of music from the '40s through today. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. www.plymoutharts.org

APRIL 2-30

Plymouth Arts Center—Water's Edge Artists Tribute to Kitty Lynne Klich. The art created by the Waters Edge Artists reflects their passionate interest in the conservation of land, waters, and historical sites in Wisconsin.

APRIL 30 & MAY 1

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Held at the Grashorn Civic Center at 8:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month

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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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Website: www.elkhartlake.com

AA MEETINGS

Held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Community United Church of Christ, 174 N. East St.

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.

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Thanks for reading the **Elkhart Lake Depot Dispatch**

LTC graduate proves degree within reach

Not long ago, Gloria Elias found herself wondering if working long hours as a machine operator at a manufacturing plant was her only purpose in life.

She was good at her job though wondered if she was capable of achieving something more.

Fast-forward 2-1/2 years and Elias, a first-generation college student who was selected to be the student speaker at Lakeshore Technical College's Dec. 19 graduation, is looking forward to sharing her family's education success story.

According to Elias, her parents did not finish high school and her family did not have much familiarity with college. She said they all thought college was out of reach for them until one of their sisters, Laura Monarrez, enrolled in a short-term certificate program at her employer's request. Monarrez shared the excitement she found in attending Lakeshore and encouraged Elias to explore her educational options. The education excitement then spread to the other two siblings, leading all four to attend Lakeshore.

Elias, whose academic success landed her membership in Lakeshore's Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society chap-

ter, is now the second in her family to graduate from the college.

"Not only do we benefit from attending school, but we can encourage younger and older generations to begin a new cycle of education within our families," said Elias, the mother of two young boys. "Look at what has happened with my family. With the right mindset, support from loved ones, and willingness to work hard, we are all more than capable of achieving success."

Elias is graduating with an associate degree from Lakeshore's Quality Assurance Technician Program. In January, she will begin working toward her Bachelor's Degree at Lakeland University while continuing to work at Rockline Industries in Sheboygan. Monarrez earned an Associate Degree in Human Resource Administration and is currently attending Lakeland. Joel Elias is enrolled in the Electro-Mechanical Automation and Mechanical Maintenance Technician programs. Emily Jose Camarillo, the youngest in the family, is enrolled in the Business Management Program.

For more information on Lakeshore's Quality Assurance Technician Program, visit gotoltc.edu/quality-assurance-tech.



Gloria Elias holds up her diploma which she received recently from Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland.



We love it here in Elkhart Lake!

February mystery photo



Can you identify the photo?

Take a look at the February mystery photo above. Do you know anything about it? Where was the location? What was the approximate year?

If so, let us know!

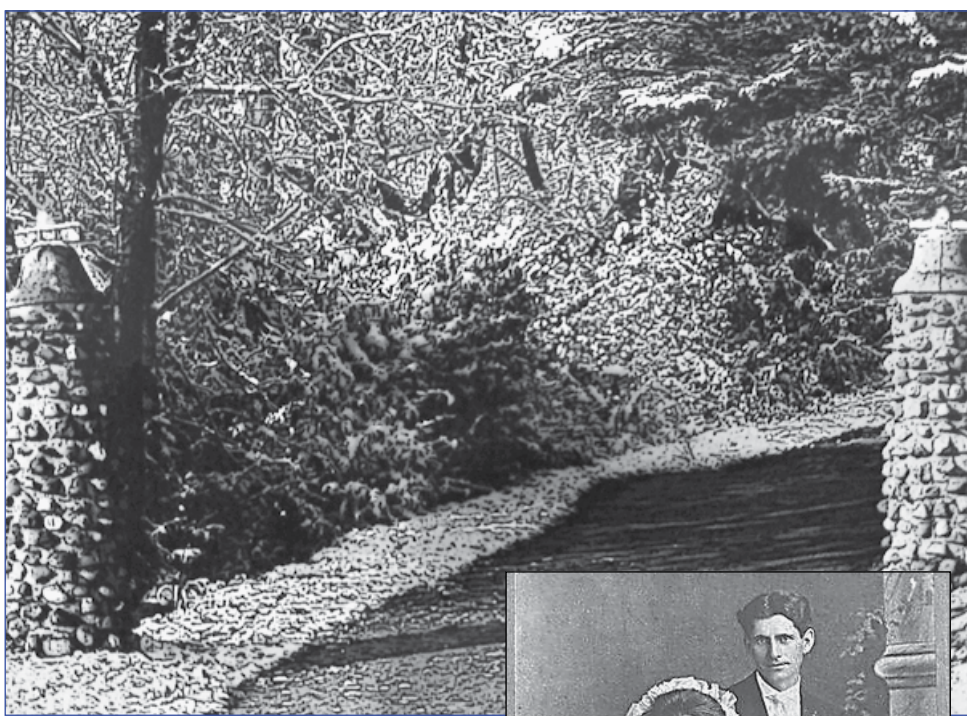
To enter the February contest, send an email to depotdispatch@elkhartlake.com or a letter with as many details as you can to the Elkhart Lake Chamber, P.O. Box

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.

January mystery photo



Anthony Reiter provided information on the January mystery photo and actually provided a photo (at right) of the person who built the pillars. Reiter is the current homeowner and his great-grandfather Al Popp built the pillars in 1927. They are located at 271 Lincoln St. The original tops are no longer on the pillars.





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Elkhart Lake Village update

February & April Elections

There will be a State Superintendent of Public Instruction Primary on Feb. 16. The ballot is set for the April 6, 2021 election. This will include the local elections. The following submitted papers to run for village offices:

- Village President: (Vote for one)
Richard Sadiq
- Board of Trustees: (Vote for three)
Geoffrey Bray
Paul Rudnick
Michael Wolf

If you need to register to vote you can do it in person at the village offices between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays or you can go online to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> and register and receive voting information including polling locations and sample ballots.

Absentee voting for Feb. 16 or April 6

If you would like to request an absentee ballot for either the February or April 6 elections, or both, you can go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>. Please allow at least a week for the ballot to go each way.

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 fifteenth (15th) day of November and ending on the first (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.

lage Board approved the creation of two ad-hoc committees. One will look at updating the holiday decorations throughout the village and the second is looking at the events for 2021 and how COVID may impact these events. These committee will begin meeting in the coming weeks.

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.

Email Jessica Reilly at jreilly@elkhartlakewi.gov to be added to the list.

Happy Schnee Days!

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.
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If you do not have access to the internet or cannot get the website to work, please call the village offices (920-876-2122) and request an absentee request form. You will need to provide that form and a copy of your photo ID to our office. We anticipate the ballots going out in the mail around Jan. 26.

If you want to ensure we receive your ballot on time you can always drop it off at the village offices or in the dropbox to the left of the Pine Street entrance to Village Hall.

In-person absentee voting for the Feb. 16 election will begin two weeks before the election (Feb. 2 and go through the 12th). We are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on those days for in-person absentee voting.

Noncandidacy papers turned in

Village Trustee Bobbie Stroessner turned in noncandidacy papers and will not be running in 2021.

Winter rules began Nov. 15

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

Parking is allowed in the North East Street parking lot overnight until 6 a.m.

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.

Appointment of two ad-hoc committees

President Sadiq appointed and the Vil-

Girl Scout Cookie sales under way in local area

In these challenging times when so much has changed, one thing remains a sweet spot—Girl Scout Cookies.

Girl Scouts will kick off their 104th cookie sale in early January, and will be offering all the classic favorites. Girl Scouts are thinking outside the cookie box this season by selling and marketing the sweet treats in creative, socially distant, and contact-free ways to keep themselves and their customers safe.

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale not only teaches girls essential entrepreneurial skills, but the earnings also power service given by Girl Scouts to those in need right here in this area. With each box people purchase, they are investing in the community and helping prepare girls for a lifetime of leadership and success.

Almost 2 million Girl Scouts participate in the cookie sale each year, and all of the proceeds raised—100 percent—stay in the local area. Troops and girls use their proceeds for community projects and a variety of badge activities or trips that build G.I.R.L.s (Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers, Leaders). Girl Scouts earning the highest award, the Girl Scout Gold Award, rely on the Cookie Sale proceeds to fund their 80-hour community service projects. Councils use cookie proceeds to power experiences for girls through support to volunteers, camping experiences for girls, and financial assistance to girls in need.

“The Girl Scout Cookie Sale is a quintessential Girl Scout experience, right up there with community service, attending camp, and earning badges,” said Denise Schemenauer, CEO of Girl Scouts of Manitou Council. “In a world where so much has changed, Girl Scouts is still here and

providing girls incredible opportunities. The important business and financial literacy skills girls learn through this program are proven to build their leadership skills and position them for success in the future. When you purchase cookies this year, you’re helping make sure Girl Scouts continues to be here to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.”

Manitou Council Girl Scouts will be selling all the classic favorites—Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, Lemon-Ups, S’mores, and the gluten-free Toffee-Tastic. This is the last year Girl Scouts will be selling the S’mores cookies.

Girl Scouts will creatively and safely sell cookies door-to-door and at booth sales. Digital sales through the Digital Cookie® platform—a web-based addition that allows girls to take their cookie businesses online—will be extremely useful this year when selling in-person might be more challenging. The Digital Cookie platform continues to bring Girl Scout programming into the future by providing girls with business, online marketing, and technology skills that prepare them for 21st century leadership.

If no Girl Scout sends you an email, calls you, or comes to your door, you can arrange to order cookies directly from a local Girl Scout by filling out the online order form at bit.ly/BuyGSCookiesNow. People also can find cookies near them by entering their zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder online or downloading the Girl Scout Cookie Finder app, free on iOS and Android devices.

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Dairy herd management group at LTC all females

A milestone was reached by the dairy herd management program at Lakeshore Technical College this fall when for the first time since the program began in 1973, all newly enrolled students were females.

Seven young women began their coursework together in August and plan to graduate with their technical diplomas in May 2021. Most will continue their education at Lakeshore next fall as they pursue an associate degree in agribusiness science and technology. All currently work on farms and two live on family farms.

Lakeshore student Lily Charapata said she chose the dairy herd management program for two reasons—her passion for the dairy industry and the recommendation of her boss, a 2011 Lakeshore graduate.

“I love working with the cows and being a part of the farming community. Not only am I planning a career in the dairy industry, but my entire lifestyle will revolve around it. The job and lifestyle can both be extremely difficult at times, but the rewards are beyond beneficial,” Charapata said. Working together as a family, bonding with others, and the opportunity to learn life lessons in dedication, teamwork, and work ethics are the rewards Charapata said she sees in farming.

Kelsie Bramstedt, a 2020 Valders High School graduate, is two courses ahead of the other students because of her participation in the Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program. The statewide program takes an “earn while you learn” approach to career awareness by placing high school juniors and seniors in paid jobs in fields in which they are interested. It also allows students to take college-level courses in those fields.

“I got involved with YA because I knew I was very interested in agriculture early in my high school career. Going into my junior year, I decided that working hands-on at a farm would give me a lot of experi-



Lakeshore Technical College’s all-female dairy herd management program class members are Emily Kroll, Alexis Doege, Lily Charapata, Alexis Kluncker, Kelsie Bramstedt, Alli Pankratz, and Savanna Merrill. Behind them is Simantha, the college’s cow birthing simulator currently at Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center.

ence along with being able to learn about agriculture,” Bramstedt said. She gained experience working at Soaring Eagle Dairy and Brunmeier Dairy, both in Newton.

Since 2015, an average of 63 percent of students in the Lakeshore program have been female. The 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture, which is done every five years, reported an increase to 29.1 percent from 13.7 percent of women reporting as principal operators of farms in the U.S. This

equates to over 500,000 more women. The census also reported 35 percent of principal operators on farms in Wisconsin to be female.

“We are excited about our all-female group milestone and the fact women have always filled critical roles in farming and agriculture,” said Lakeshore Agribusiness/Dairy Management Instructor Liz Gartman. “Knowing these young women will also soon help fill the growing number of

high-tech jobs and leadership roles is very satisfying.”

“It is enjoyable to see all these young people have the passion for dairy cattle and animals in general. Whether it is men or women, the passion dairy individuals have for the industry is what is the most rewarding,” said Lakeshore Dairy/Agribusiness Instructor Craig Lallensack.

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