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Springing forward in Elkhart Lake



Kohler Education Center



While spring has just started, it is evident that progress continued throughout the winter on a couple development projects in the Elkhart

Lake area. Above, the new Kohler Education Center at the Sheboygan Marsh is taking shape. Bob Turicik photos



Victory Park subdivision



Meanwhile, Werner Homes of Sheboygan is making good progress on its Victory Park subdivision located on the north side of Elkhart Lake. A total of 56 lots were available although some of those already have accepted offers. Some lots are reserved for duplex condominiums. Pam Mathes photos



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Amazing Grace plans April 11 spring event

Amazing Grace Equine Sanctuary's upcoming spring kickoff visitors day is planned for Sunday, April 11 from noon to 4 p.m.

The rescue will be serving and selling soups/chili, Meisfeld's brats and hot dogs, and, of course, a bake sale. They also will have their annual spring tack sale with several items to shop for equine enthusiasts.

All money raised will benefit the horses and their rehabilitation and lead them down the path to fullest physical and mental potential. Once overall health,

well-being and soundness of a horse is accomplished, AGES goal is to assess them for possible placement and adoption to a qualified owner.

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The visitor's day is an outdoor event with volunteers ready to answer questions on the facility and the resident horses and donkeys. It is a COVID-19 conscious, kid friendly outdoor event.



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Switchgear accelerates into next turn of life

The founders of SwitchGear Brewing Co.—which opened in May 2017 located inside the historic Feed Mill in Elkhart Lake—have announced the sale of the brewery to three Sheboygan County family entrepreneurs.

Current owners and founders Nick Kullmann, Ryan Feldmann and Mark Grasse have established the popular craft brewery that features beers such as The Pontoon Pounder, Resorter Red Ale, Lead Foot Scotch Ale, Fat Cheeks Nut Brown and Corner 5 Smash Pale Ale.

Full-time jobs, a retirement and family obligations have slowed the ability for them to fully realize the business potential including canning and expanding wholesale distribution. Kullmann added, “On the road of life, we may not be able to race to the finish line, but we had a lot fun along the way, a testament to the village and its residents, for which we are very humbled and thankful.”

New owners Dustin Dutter, Cheyenne (Dutter) Kirst and Kyle Kirst share the belief that SwitchGear is about so much more than just brewing beer. Dutter added, “We are poised to share the passion the



guys have created and chase something we collectively enjoy.” Kirst said, “We have smalltown family roots, and we look forward to becoming part of the Elkhart Lake community.”

The transition began in mid-March as both groups listened, learned and leaned into the next turn together. Founders Kullmann, Feldmann and Grasse have agreed to stay on for up to a six-month transition. After that they plan on embracing the road less traveled, not certain where the road will lead, but certain it’s going to be fun every mile of the way.

LTC again designated Military Friendly School

Lakeshore Technical College has earned the Military Friendly® School designation for the 12th consecutive year.

Institutions earning the designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-22 survey with 747 earning the designation, which indicates leading practices, outcomes and effective programs.

“We are incredibly proud to be recognized year after year as a college that offers a welcoming and supportive environment to our veterans. This designation tells our community the services and programs we have in place are helping veterans achieve meaningful educational outcomes,” said Lakeshore President Dr. Paul Carlsen.

Lakeshore works with county veterans services, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Federal Veterans Administration to ensure veterans have access to resources that can support success. Through the Wisconsin GI Bill, veterans and their dependents can apply for tuition and material fee waivers. Lakeshore also processes state level Retraining Grant Ap-



plications for veterans who are dislocated workers, National Guard Tuition Grant Applications, and VetEd Reimbursement Grants.

Registration for new and returning veterans begins April 5 for summer and fall terms. Other new and returning students can begin registering April 6.

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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT Elkhart Lake Public Library

Our March Chamber Member Spotlight is the Elkhart Lake Public Library.

Elkhart Lake Public Library is part of the Monarch Library System which is made up of the public libraries in Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Washington and Dodge counties and Lakeland University. We receive five day a week delivery between libraries and can get materials the library may not own from any of the other libraries. Our materials are available through the Monarch Catalog (www.monarchcatalog.org). Other resources are available through our website at www.elkhartlakepubliclibrary.org.

Betty McCartney was hired as the library director in 2011. The library has been around, in one form or another, since 1906! The library is governed by an eight-person Board of Trustees which is appointed by the Village of Elkhart Lake and Sheboygan County.

The library went through a renovation in 2018 with new furnishing, flooring, and paint. We added a vestibule to our park-side entrance. ElkhartCares donated a beautiful window seat as part of the renovation.

We added additional access to our Wi-Fi and it is now available inside the library and outside in the park 24/7. We have three internet stations. We offer faxing and scanning services and color and black and white copying.

Our virtual coffee hour chat meets on Wednesday mornings and Book Club once a month. We offer Story Time To-go kits (a collection of books, games and crafts) which allow caregivers to hold a Story Time at home. We offer Take & Make craft projects, too. We added Discovery kits to our collection this year. We have kits where you can learn to play the ukulele, learn to perform magic tricks, play pickleball, learn to knit and much more.

We are looking forward to our 2021 Summer Reading Program, "Tails and Tales." Patrons will be able to log the time they read online and earn badges and prizes. We are planning on offering in-person programs this summer.

We offer several digital services. Kanopy is a streaming movie service and Hoopla is a digital service that has ebooks, eaudiobooks, comics, movies and TV shows. Libby (Overdrive) has 3,000 magazines (always available) along with ebooks and e-audiobooks.

In 2020 we went fine-free by eliminating daily overdue fines on materials checked out at Elkhart Lake Public Library. Yes, we still charge if items are lost or damaged.

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School update

Planning under way for next school year

A message from Dr. Ann Buechel Haack, administrator of the Elkhart Lake School District...

While this year has presented its “challenges,” we are on the “home-stretch.” March 26 brings the end to the third quarter. In recognition and with huge appreciation for everyone’s efforts, our staff, our families, and our community, we were able to provide a quality educational experience on-site for our students. To prepare for the remainder of the 2020-’21 school year and the start of the 2021-’22 school year, we’ve already been busy analyzing varying scenarios and situations to begin making plans that will continue to meet our students’, our families’ and our district’s needs.

Below is a brief summary of the planning currently under way:

Planning for the return of virtual students to on-site instruction

As we believe on-site instruction best meets the overall needs of our students, academically and socially, the principals are reaching out to our “virtual” families to encourage their students to return to school on-site for the fourth quarter. Many of our virtual students have already begun returning, and the staff is happy to have them back in their classes. We understand this may not be possible for all students due to medical conditions for the student and/or with their family or for other reasons, so we will continue to work with these families to provide the best learning experience we can for all our students.

Planning Easter meals/gift cards to district families

Due to the continuing support we have been receiving from our school families and from our community members, we are planning to provide an Easter meal and additional groceries, supplies, and/or gift cards to our families in need of assistance. For Christmas, meals were provided to almost 40 families. If you would like to assist us in this effort, your support would be very much appreciated by the district, and especially by our families. Financial donations can be sent to ELGSD, P.O. Box 326, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020.

We are currently reaching out to those families to assess the current need; how-

ever, if you know of a family that could benefit from our assistance program, please reach out to me or Debbie Hammann as co-coordinator of this program. Debbie’s email address is dhammann@goresorters.com or she can be reached at the elem./m.s. phone number, 876-3307.

Planning for spring events

Although COVID numbers are improving and more members of the community are becoming eligible for the vaccine, we are remaining very cautious with our planning of spring events—balancing the holding of certain events (rather in-person or virtually, or even at all) against the risks of doing so.

Our goal during this entire period has been to find a way to offer opportunities to students and families if possible to do so safely by adhering to guidelines that mitigate the risk for all involved. We will continue to take this approach going forward. At this time, our plans are to hold events such as graduation and eighth grade recognition following the same protocols as last summer. More information will be provided as events become closer. As we all know, things keep changing!

Planning for summer school

We are currently planning for summer school to be held on-site for five weeks starting June 14. It will follow a format similar to years prior to 2020 with two sessions being offered to elementary and middle school students (each session approximately 12 days) and individual schedules being established for high school students; however, class sizes will be limited to allow for social distancing. We will continue to practice safety protocols that have been in place during the school year to provide as safe an environment as possible. Our goal will be to provide experiences that provide both enrichment activities and also the opportunity to address any academic gaps before school begins in the fall. More information will be shared after spring break.

Planning for 2021-’22 school year

High School students have already submitted their course selections for

next school year and initial scheduling is under way. Our plan is for all students to be back in-person, on-site for the 2021-’22 school year. We know this is the hope of our staff, and from many conversations, also of most of our parents and students! However, we will continue to monitor the situation through the summer in case alternate plans do need to be developed.

Planning for 2021 summer facility projects

The board approved two major projects at the High School to begin as soon as school ends in June. The 1968 flooring in the upper level classrooms of the high school will be removed, abated and new tile installed to match the flooring that has been updated in the rest of the building over the past few years. Also, a complete renovation of the science wing has been planned. The entire area has been reconfigured so the form of the layout will better meet the function for science learning of today. The two classrooms will be relocated at the ends of the science wing, with a large shared lab and storage area located between the two classrooms. This area will be able to be monitored by teachers as they are instructing classes so independent student laboratory work can be completed simultaneously with classroom instruction. Also, the entire lab area will be designed and equipped to be handicapped accessible. This project is being funded by a combination of general district budget funds and referendum monies.

To summarize, although this planning has kept us very busy, the only two areas that we know will happen for sure is our family Easter meal/assistance program and the summer renovation project. As for the others, we’ll continue to move forward, but with all plans this past year, we know they are fluid and subject to change. We’ll be flexible and adjust as needed, just as we’ve done since March 2020. As became our “mantra” this past year...stay tuned!

As always, please reach out to me and/or our building principals if you have any questions or ideas/thoughts to share. Our “doors” are always open!



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Sheboatin' on Elkhart Lake

Special pontoon gets ready for its 2nd season

By Mark Sherry

Elkhart Lake has an amenity normally only found in large cities, thanks to Justin Vannieuwenhoven and his party on a pontoon boat known as Sheboatin'.

The second season of Sheboatin' on Elkhart Lake is about to begin, and Vannieuwenhoven said he is expecting a busy year. He is basing that on the combination of people getting their first taste of Sheboatin' last year and the positive direction in which the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccinations are moving.

"It was an interesting year to say the least," Vannieuwenhoven said of 2020. It was his third year of running Shebikin' in Sheboygan, a concept similar to Sheboatin' in which a group of people tour the community while pedaling as a group.

Despite the pandemic, Sheboatin' had a successful first season on Elkhart Lake. Five tours of 100 minutes each can be fit into a day, and Vannieuwenhoven said there were days last year which were booked full (four tours were offered per day last year). Tours continued until the second week of October.

No food or alcohol are served by Sheboatin' but participants are welcome to bring their own coolers on board. No glass containers or hard liquor are allowed, but people can bring cans of beer, soda, and whatever snacks or food they wish.

Vannieuwenhoven said last year's experience showed a diverse group of people enjoy taking a Sheboatin' tour, with as many children as adults on the tours. "I enjoy the tours with the kids," he said.

Sheboatin' makes the experience fun for all ages, offering a variety of games during the tour. Vannieuwenhoven describes Sheboatin' as a combination of a county fair and a boat ride, adding, "If people come on a tour and leave thinking it was just a pontoon ride, then I've completely failed."

This year's boat tours will include five different arcade games built into the bar area which runs down the center of the boat, including the popular "chase the light" type of game often found in arcades.

Pontoon boats used in larger cities for these types of activities are generally 35 feet long and can host 15 to 25 people, Vannieuwenhoven said, but the boat he used on Elkhart Lake last year was 25 feet long and could host 10 people, with five sets of pedals on each side of the bar area. He said he is working on a new boat for this season on the lake.

Boat tours start at the lake deck at The Osthoff Resort, and once on the lake the boat stays to the Turtle Bay side.

Bookings are already being taken for the upcoming season of Sheboatin' and can be done at www.sheboatin.com. The cost is \$380 for the boat load of 10 people, the same cost as the 15-person Shebikin'. Several months before the first Sheboatin' tour of this summer, Vannieuwenhoven said he already has bookings. "I'm excited for it," he said. "I think it will be good."

Many of those passengers are likely to be repeat customers, a trend Vannieuwenhoven said he has seen with both Sheboatin' and Shebikin'. "That's what we see a lot of," he said. "There's nothing like this and it's fun every time."

If inclement weather is forecast on the day of a scheduled boat tour, Vannieuwenhoven said they will try to go out earlier or



Elkhart Lake Chamber NEW MEMBER

Sheboatin' had a successful first season on Elkhart Lake last year despite the pandemic, and owner Justin Vannieuwenhoven said he is looking forward to an even bigger year in 2021. People of all ages—from kids to seniors—are welcome as groups of 10 book the specially equipped pontoon boat for 100-minute trips on the lake.



later or reschedule to another day.

Swimming off the pontoon boat is an option as well as it will pull into a bay where the water is only knee to waist deep.

Sheboatin' has already garnered good

publicity for itself and Elkhart Lake, including being featured on the Wisconsin-based show Project Pitch It. Vannieuwenhoven said he also is working with a production company on possibly producing a

game show using the boat as its setting and hand-picked passengers as contestants.

Vannieuwenhoven said, "At the end of the day, my goal is to bring more fun to the area."



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Let's play golf, America!

By Rachel Montaba

I admit I am biased. I have been blessed to grow up in a golfing family; I started early and have had many wonderful experiences because of this great game.

I played golf in college for the University of Wisconsin-Madison and travelled the country to do it, I met my husband at the golf course, and I have played with the most important people in my life—parents, siblings, daughter, and friends. But my experiences aside, golf offers something few other sports do. That is the opportunity to play your entire life and with anyone.

How many sports can you play and enjoy from the age of 8 to 80 (and beyond)? How many other sports can you play with anyone, regardless of age, ability level or gender? How many other sports do you get to play with your kids and grandkids instead of watching them? I do not mean to be critical of

other sports; I played four sports in high school (and love it) and our daughter has played three. It is fun to watch your kids play, but it is more fun and, in many cases, more meaningful to be able to play with them. Golf is enjoyed outside, one with nature, and it's good for both your mental and physical health.

Finally, golf can be anything you want it to be. You can play for fun, keep score or not, play a scramble, make up your own rules (if the ball hits the pin, it is in!), play 9 or 18 holes (in some cases you can play 5 or 6 holes) or play for money on a Saturday morning. The one thing that never changes, playing golf, especially with people who are important to you, is always fun and something you will never regret.

So, let's play golf, America!

(Rachel Montaba is the golf professional at Quit Qui Oc Golf Club in Elkhart Lake.)

Community UCC sets events

May will be a terrific time to join Community United Church of Christ for several events they are holding to fund raise for the many missions and community projects they support.

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The next event is the May 14 spring fish fry with their famous German potato salad, beer-battered cod and much more. This event will be held at Anchor Lanes and will be a drive through from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

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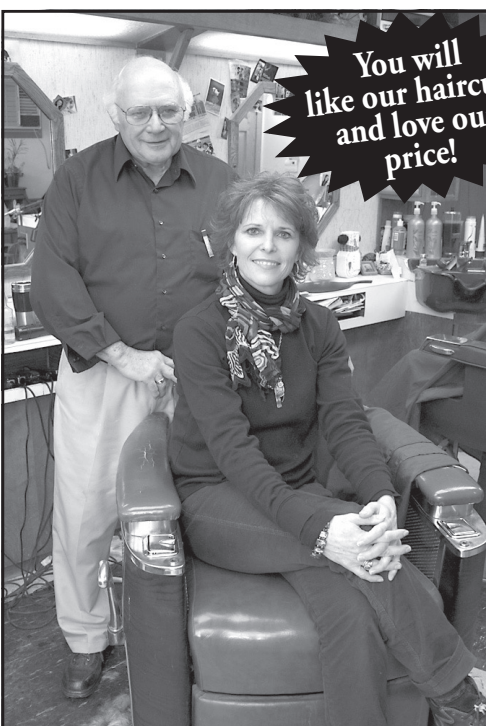
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Sixth through eighth grade students in the Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District competed in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. This year, the contest theme was "Peace through Service." The school winners were (above, from left) India Boyd (first place), Genevieve Herren (second place), and Aubree Gahagan (third place).

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ELG Parent & School Board Member, Eric Spatz, assisted by 8th grade Student Government Officers, Brody Feldmann, Lacota Lisowe, Logan Martin and Ava Conrad, loads supplies to be shared with District families.

Keep Kettle Moraine in the Kettle Moraine

By Joe Di Frances

My father purchased the roughly 40 acres of the old Elkhart Lake Sand & Gravel operation at CTH JJ and Golf Course roads in 1963.

It was a denuded site characterized by large sandy pits, scalped sandy uplands, about eight acres of wet lowlands and a very narrow veneer of the remnant original forest vegetation—sugar maple, hickory, red oak, ironwood, hornbeam and basswood—along Golf Course Road. Beneath these there still existed, somehow, relics of the understory wildflowers, i.e., trillium, hepatica, lion’s foot, and a few others. Two large cottonwoods stood out in the far northeast corner.

When I became custodian of the land in 2003, I was overwhelmed by the dominance of European and Asiatic invader plants. In the vacuum left from the exterminated Kettle Moraine vegetation there abounded Asiatic honeysuckle and alien buckthorns; European grasses and alien spruce and pines had choked out most of the once abundant sand coreopsis on the uplands as well as plum thickets in the hollows. Partially shaded areas were controlled by alien dame’s rocket, garlic mustard and wild parsnip; reed canary grass was killing the American sedges.

Furthermore, an aggressive mowing campaign by the local DPW had eradicated the wetland flowers deep in from the roadsides and introduced even more destructive non-American invaders into these areas.

Since then my work on this land has been to save the native vegetation that has not yet succumbed to the above onslaught while also bringing every variety of likely lost plant “back home.” And something miraculous is happening: The bird life has become more abundant and varied, depending as it does on a healthy and abundant insect presence, which in turn relies exclusively on our native plants. A subtlety of texture and tints is, though still nebulous, sketching a portrait (for those with “time-lapse” vision) of what once was, and, with Time’s help, might be again.

Yet, as I drive past homes in the area, it puzzles me why I see no Kettle Moraine plantings in those yards. I ask myself, “Why do people want to live here if they so scrupulously keep at bay (Is it a case of NIMBY?) the vanishing landscape that they claim to love.” This landscape is deeply wounded and vanishing; would that the expressions of love for it might be matched by deeds.

—Jan. 1, 2021



The Kettle Moraine area should have plant species native to the area, and not the many invasives which have worked their way in over the years.



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Van Horn offers new way to camp

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Van Horn Automotive Group is one of the largest RAM ProMaster dealers in the Midwest. “We were selling a lot of ProMaster vans to people who were customizing the interior for living on the road,” said Adam Gaedke, vice president Dealership Operations, Van Horn Automotive Group. “After seeing a few designs and considering our resources, I had the idea that we could do this ourselves.” This inspiration led Adam to reach out to a childhood friend, Adam Schneider, manager of CW Upfits, LLC and president and CEO of ConceptWorks, Inc. in Elkhart Lake. “I saw the ProCamp as a great showcase opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities,” Schneider said. “We really took a utilitarian approach to

the build. Everything was designed with intention and foresight.”

ProCamp by Van Horn combines luxury with utility to provide the best value in the market. The roof features a rack around the perimeter and low-maintenance composite decking with an access ladder on the back. A motorized awning can be extended from the side for extra shelter, complete with LED lights for illumination beyond the campfire.

The interior features natural maple cabinetry and stylish satin finish push-to-close door latches. Solid surface countertops are easy to clean and a 15-inch stainless steel sink with gooseneck faucet uses fresh water from a tucked-away storage container. An RV queen-sized bed frame can be adjusted up or down with linear actuators, and the bench below also can convert to a bed with four-inch foam cushions.

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Van Horn

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ditional seating and a small table offers beverage holders, added storage, GFCI outlets and USB charging. Roof-mounted solar panels feed an 1800W inverter for off-grid power. "This van really looks like a high-end home when you enter," Gaedke said. "You could live in it if you wanted to, or just spend a weekend in it. Any activity you want to do outdoors, it's

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Cleveland State Bank has been recognized as the top lender with an asset size of \$100 million to \$200 million.

"These top lenders provided more than 43 percent of all SBA-backed traditional loan program dollars in Wisconsin last year. We congratulate them on their support for Wisconsin's small businesses and their dedication to using SBA-backed lending," said Eric Ness, SBA's Wisconsin district director.

"It is an honor to provide our local businesses with financial opportunities

through our partnership with SBA, ensuring their future success," said Brad Dassler, VP Business Services, Cleveland State Bank.

Dassler said Cleveland State Bank is proud and humbled to serve Sheboygan and Manitowoc counties as a top SBA lender.

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Wisconsin office recognized 16 lenders in 15 volume and specialty categories for FY2020 ending Sept. 30, 2020. Community-based lenders continued their strong support of SBA programs as the top lenders in seven asset categories under \$5 billion.

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April fool

Are you a rascal and play jokes or tricks of some of your unsuspecting family or friends? Are your antics really funny or does your deceptive sabotage really fool them?

Let's start at the beginning. What actually is the origin of designating April 1 as "April Fool's Day"?

I've tried to research out the answer and there really isn't a good, definitive reason. Some say it began in 1582 when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Georgian calendar. I totally fail to see anything foolish there. Then I found an obscure poem written by a Flemish writer who wrote about a man who sent his servant out to do meaningless tasks. Wow—that's funny, huh? Add insult to injury where another later source says April first became a trickster day as a result of a Dutch victory or a Spanish Duke. The poem went, "On the 1st day of April Alva (the Duke) lost his glasses?" Hilarious?

Hardly—certainly the Duke didn't think it was funny.

However, believe it or not April 1 is actually an official, national holiday in Odessa, Ukraine. Those crazy Rus-

sians—always have to be first at everything!

So we go on playing tricks and other pranks on April 1st without any real legitimate reason as to why we're doing it. Are we all really the fools and is the so-called "joke on us"?

Let's define "fool" while we're at it. Try these definitions: A fool is a person who acts unwisely, lacks judgment, is silly or stupid, believes in a silly way without thinking.

Can any one of us testify that at some time or other we might have been guilty of acting in that manner? Let's be honest—I think we can all admit to at least acting a little bit like that at times—right? But it's comforting to note that acting foolishly or unwisely once in a while is really a part of life and makes us a fun personality. So don't despair—just try and watch that you don't do it too often.

Here's a few quotes worth thinking about:

"No one is a fool always, everyone sometimes."

"Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain—and most fools do."

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Bounty, Janet Evanovich
Bride of the Sea, Eman Quotah
Brood, Jackie Polzin
Conductors, Nicole Glover
Consequences of Fear, Jacqueline Winspear
Danger in Numbers, Heather Graham
Dating Plan, Sara Desai
Double Jeopardy, Stuart Woods
Duke and I, Julia Quinn
Every Last Fear, Alex Finlay
Float Plan, Trish Doller
Fourth Child, Jessica Winter
Gathering Dark, Candice Fox
Ghost Variations, Kevin Brockmeier
Girls are all so Nice Here, Laurie Flynn
Jigsaw Man, Nadine Matheson
Klara & the Sun, Kazuo Ishiguro
Meant to Be, Jude Deveraux
Memory Collectors, Kim Neville
Nighthawking, Russ Thomas
Not Dark Yet, Peter Robinson
Other Emily, Dean Koontz
Shadows of the White City, Jocelyn Green
Smoke, Joe Ide
Sparks like Stars, Nadia Hashimi
Tapestry of Light, Kimberly Duffy
This Close to Okay, Leesa Cross-Smith
Those Who are Saved, Alexis Landau

ADULT NON-FICTION

Atomic Habits, James Clear
Black Hawk War Guide, Ben Strand
Cat's Tale, Paul Koudounaris
Code Breaker, Isaacson Walter
Come Fly the World, Julia Cooke
Confident Women, Tori Telfer
Daughters of Kobani, Gayle Tzemac Lemmon
Doctors Blackwell, Janice P. Nimura
Days in the Caucasus, Banine
Energy Paradox, Steven R. Gundry
Everything Will Be Okay, Dana Perino
Festival Days, Jo Ann Beard
Four Lost Cities, Annalee Newitz
Good Girls: An Ordinary Killing, Sonia Faleiro
Grace & Steel, Randy J. Taraborrelli
Indigenous People, Roxann Dunbar-Ortiz
Last Call, Elon Green
Little Book of Cottage-core, Emily Kent
Mighty Bean, Judith Choate
No Pain No Gains, Chip Gaines
Palm Beach Murders, James Patterson
Prey, Ayaan Hirsi Ali
Race to the Bottom of the Earth, Rebecca E.F.
Barone
Raceless, Georgina Lawton
Return to Victory, James P. Duffy
Sad Animal Babies, Brooke Barker
Sad Animal Facts, Brooke Barker
Two Meals a Day, Mark Sisson
Ukulele for Dummies, Alistair Wood
Unfinished, Priyanka Chop Jonas

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday 9 – 7
Friday 9 – 5
Saturday 9 – 2

Useful Delusions, Shankar Vedantam
Walk in My Combat Boots, James Patterson
We are Grateful-Otsaliheliga, Traci Sorell

LARGE PRINT

Affair, Danielle Steel
Destined for You, Tracie Peterson

YOUNG ADULT

Desolations of Devils Acre, Ransom Riggs
Fire Keeper's Daughter, Angeline Boulley
Gilded Ones, Namina Forna

JUVENILE FICTION & GRAPHIC NOVELS

Amber & Clay, Laura Schlitz
Baby-Sitters Club #9: Claudia & the New Girl, Ann Martin
Baby-Sitters Little Sisters #3: Karen's Worst Day, Ann M. Martin
Dog Man #10: Mothering Heights, Dav Pilkey
Halfway to Harmony, Barbara O'Conner
Houdini & Me, Dan Gutman
In a Flash, Donna Jo Napoli
Nightmare Thief, Nicole Lesperance
Tiger's Nest, Trudi Trueit
Unplugged, Gordon Korman

JUVENILE NON-FICTION

Boardwalk Babies, Marissa Moss
Fearless Flights of Hazel Ying Lee, Julie Leung
Flying High, Michelle Meadows
Hidden Planet: Secrets of the Animal Kingdom, Ben Rothery
Kate's Light, Elizabeth Spire
Mars, Earthlings Welcome, Stacy McAnulty
Odd Bods: The World's Unusual Animals, Julie Murphy
Welcome to Your Period, Yumi Stynes

PICTURE BOOKS

All of the Factors of Why I Love Tractors, Davina Bell
Best Friend in the Whole World, Sandra Salsbury
Big Rig Rescue, Chris Gall
Bird Show, Susan Stockdale
Cat Likes Red, Christopher Russo
Eyes that Kiss in the Corner, Joanna Ho
Harry & the Guinea Pig, Gene Zion
I Like Trains, Daisy Hirst
I'll Meet You in Your Dreams, Jessica Young
I Want to Be a Teacher, Laura Driscoll
Jack Gets Zapped, Mac Barnett
Kondo & Kezumi Reach Bell Bottom, David Goodner
Life is Beautiful, Keb Mo
Moose, Goose & Mouse, Mordicai Gerstein
Mr. Corbett is in Orbit, Dan Gutman
Mrs. JoJo is a Yo-Yo, Dan Gutman
New Day, Brad Meltzer
No, Said Rabbit, Marjoke Henrichs
Off to See the Sea, Nikki Grimes
Out of Time, Geronimo Stilton
Perry Boat, Michael Garland
Pete the Kitty: Ready, Set, Go Kart! Kimberely

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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). We ask you to continue to practice social distancing and masking while in the library. We continue to offer no-contact pickup at our Pine Street entrance

■ Transparent Languages will be moving to a new site. If you are a user of Transparent Languages, you will be asked to reset your password. You should not lose your progress. An up-to-date link will be available on our website by April. Interested in learning a new language? Try out Transparent Languages. It is a free program available through the library.

■ We will be closed April 2 and 3.

■ In honor of National Library Week, we are having a Peeps Show Contest! Create a book-themed diorama using Peeps (those sugary treats) as your characters. All ages can participate. Dioramas must be submitted by March 31. We have a sample in the library and more information on our website. All dioramas will be on display at the library during National Library Week, April 4-10.

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Sail, Dorian Brauwere
Sled for Gabo, Emma Otheguy
Sheepish Wolf Under Cover, Helen Yoon
Soccer Star, Random House
Teamwork Wins, John Cena
There is a Rainbow, Theresa Trinder
There's a Superhero in Your Book, Tom Fletcher
Thomas & the Leprechaun, Christy Webster
Time for Kenny, Brian Pinkney
Uni Brings Spring, Amy Krous Rosenthal
Velociraptors, Scott Emmons
Washy Wash & Other Healthy Habits, Cat Roberts
Would You Could You Plant a Tree, Todd Tarpley
Would You Could You Save the Sea, Todd Tarpley
You Can be a Doctor, Random House

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Freaky: Killer Switch Edition + Greenland
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PROGRAMS

POP-UP MEDIA SALE – CONTINUES IN APRIL

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April mystery photo



Can you identify the photo?

Take a look at the April mystery photo above. Do you know anything about it? Where is/was the location?

If you know, let us know!

To enter the April 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.

February mystery photo



Guy Hobbs responded for both the February and March mystery photos. February's photo showed Off the Rail (above), while March was Laurie and Brian Stecker's home at the end of Lake Street (top, right).

Memorial program set; brick pavers available

The Memorial Tribute Program put on by the Elkhart Lake Lions Club is fast approaching.

This year's program will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 29 at Memorial Park, located on the corner of STH 67 and Chicago Street.

Pavers to honor area veterans are available for purchase through the Lions Club. To ensure dedication of these pavers at this year's program, applications should be submitted no later than April 30.

The pavers come in three sizes: 6x6 for \$75, 6x12 for \$125, and 12x12 for \$250. Forms and information may be obtained by contacting Gary Kegler at (920) 946-6197 or by emailing gkarchit@yahoo.com.

Checks should be made out to the Elkhart Lake Lions Club. Further details concerning this year's program will be made available at a future date.



People are invited to sponsor brick pavers to honor area veterans.

March mystery photo



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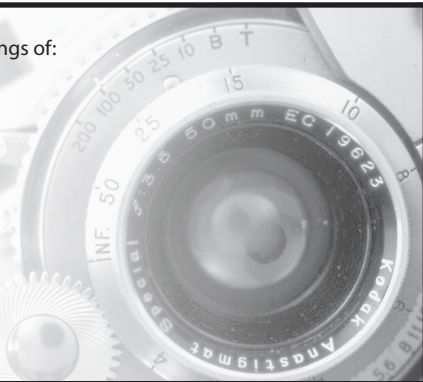
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Group keeps advancing Plymouth

By Mark Sherry

Formed in 1994, the Plymouth Advancement Association continues to work to enhance the quality of life for residents of the greater Plymouth area—even during a pandemic.

Last summer, volunteers of the association were looking for ways to raise the spirits of people in the middle of the pandemic while also raising funds for some local organizations.

Jacqueline Jarvis, vice president of the association, said they came up with the idea of holding Fire Fest 2020—a fireworks show which could be held safely on the expansive grounds of Road America.

Jarvis said the event was pulled together in just five weeks and sold out largely with word-of-mouth advertising. “It was a great success,” she said, adding that people “were just so happy” to be able to attend an outdoors event during a year when virtually everything else had been cancelled.

Fire Fest 2020 raised \$74,500 for the fire departments in Plymouth and Elkhart Lake as well as the Sheboygan County Food Bank.

Jarvis said Fire Fest was a one-time event held during an unusual year, but the Plymouth Advancement Association has two more big plans for 2021 which are nearing fruition.

The first of those plans is the construction of gateway arches on both ends of Plymouth’s downtown honoring the community as the “Cheese Capital of the World.”

The arch on the east side of downtown will be located on Eastern Avenue before the Mill Street intersection. That steel and aluminum arch is being fabricated and could be finished sometime in May or early June, Jarvis said. It will be painted black with the words “cheese” and “capital” in letters which will match the Cream City brick bases on each side of the street.

On the west end of downtown, the existing railroad trestle over Mill Street near the intersection of STH 67 will be painted black. The same “Cheese Capital of the World” emblem will be installed on the bridge, which is currently faded green and was last painted about 30 years ago.

The Plymouth Advancement Association is spearheading the fundraising for these improvements to the Plymouth community. A total of \$160,000 will need to be raised. The City of Plymouth has committed \$40,000 to the project while the association has committed \$50,000, with the rest needing to be raised. Public fundraising will be starting soon, including a CharityGoFundMe page.

Jarvis said a dedication ceremony is being planned with organizations such as the Plymouth Arts Center and the Plymouth Historical Society planning corresponding events to add to the celebration.

The second big event for this year coordinated by the Plymouth Advancement Association is Walldogs Murals Part 2.

In 2011 the community gained much attention for the Walldogs mural project which painted numerous murals on the sides of downtown businesses. The group is coming back this Aug. 25 to 29 to paint four new murals as well as doing maintenance painting on some of the existing murals. Some of the painting will be done under lights at night, helping to make it a community celebration similar to 2011.

Jarvis said there have been some early discussions about holding some type of additional community event this fall as



If people do not recall seeing these archways in Plymouth, that is because they are not there—yet. But they should be soon, thanks to the efforts of the Plymouth Advancement Association. The train trestle (below) is there but it is currently faded green and will be painted black with the “Cheese Capital of the World” logo added.



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the community and the world hopefully celebrate a greater return to normalcy after the pandemic.

The big events in 2021 will add to the long legacy of the Plymouth Advancement Association, a record which includes installing decorative street signs in downtown Plymouth, lining downtown Mill Street with trees, and support of the downtown Plymouth revitalization master plan.

The Plymouth Advancement Association, Incorporated is a charitable not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Jarvis said there is no official list of “members,” nor is there any dues. Everything is done on a volunteer basis, and anyone can volunteer. There are no regular meetings.

Lee Gentine, who has been part of the Plymouth Advancement Association since

its first year, is the association’s president, presiding over a Board of Directors.

To find out more about the Plymouth Advancement Association or to volunteer, go to <https://www.advanceplymouth.org/>; email advanceplymouth@gmail.com; or call (920) 207-2067.

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Elkhart Lake Village update

Spring election set for April 6

The ballot is set for the April 6, 2021 election.

If you need to have an absentee ballot, please make sure you fill out the form and provide photo ID to our office, or go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> and request an absentee ballot. If you request a ballot online, it will be mailed shortly. As of the writing of this article the Clerk's office is open for absentee voting, but please watch our website for changes. We ask that if you are high risk or not feeling well please vote absentee to avoid coming to the polls.

The following submitted papers to run for village offices:

Village President (Vote for :
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 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays (subject to change depending on COVID-19). You can only register in person at this time and then you can register at the polling place on election day.

Thank you Trustee Stroessner

Trustee Stroessner has decided to step back from the board. She has served on the Village Board for the last two years. She has served on the Library Board, Public Works, Municipal Planning and Zoning, and the school liaison to the Village Board. She has served the community with wisdom, patience and pride representing all the residents and property owners in the village of Elkhart Lake. If you see Bobbie please thank her for her service. From myself and all the staff please know it has been a pleasure working with you.

Arbor Day

The village is looking at organizing a socially distanced Arbor Day celebration on April 30. The date and time is to be determined. Please watch the village website for more information.

Hydrant flushing schedule

Hydrant flushing will be done April 12 and 13, July 12 and 13, and Oct. 11 and 12. Please watch for this activity in your area and refrain from water usage at that time.

Some hydrants are flushed every second Monday of the month, but this could vary depending on weather conditions and the Public Works task list. Thank you for your patience!

Sewer rate increase effective Jan. 1, 2021

Sewer rates increased to \$7.10 per 100 cubic feet of water consumed effective Jan. 1, 2021. The rate increase is due to a rate increase from Northern Moraine Utility Commission (our sewer treatment facility). Please contact the administrator/clerk-treasurer's office if you have any questions related to water or sewer billing.

Clerk's hours changes in March to May

The Clerk's office will have slightly different hours in the months of March, April, and May, due to staffing. The weeks of March 22 and 29 the hours will be 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The office will be closed on April 2 for Good Friday. If you need to absentee vote on April 2, you will need to make an appointment. The week of April 5 the office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and the office will be closed on April 9. From April 12 through May 21 the hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The hours on Tuesdays and Fridays will be from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. There may be periodic days the office will be closed during March, April, May or June. Please check our website www.elkhartlakewi.gov for information as we will update it if the schedule changes.

Dog licenses

Please stop in at the Village Hall to license your dog by March 31. You need to provide a proof of rabies vaccination and pay the fee (\$7 per spayed or neutered dog and \$14 per dog if not spayed or neutered). A late charge will be assessed to all dogs not licensed by March 31.

News on water: Cross connection inspections

The village will be putting more emphasis on inspecting homes and businesses for cross connections in the water system. The DNR requires that all homes and businesses are inspected for cross-connection. We hired a company named L-R Meter to conduct the cross connection on commercial, industrial, and public buildings.

Cross-connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water supply and a source of contamination of pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection and use. Cross-connections must be properly protected or eliminated.

How does contamination occur? When you turn on your faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant or well; however, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to contaminate your own drinking water or the public water supply. Water normally flows in one direction; however, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards. This is known as backflow. Backsiphonage or backpressure may cause the water to flow backwards. Backsiphonage may occur due to a loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a fire fighting emergency, a water main break, or system repair. This creates a siphon in your plumbing system which can draw water out of a sink or bucket and back into your water or the public water system. Backpressure may be created when a source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the public water system. This may cause contaminated

water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross-connection.

In most cases where can cross connection issues occur? In the bathroom with handheld shower fixtures and toilet tanks and in the kitchen.

How can you protect your drinking water?

Do these things:

- Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.

- Make sure dishwashers are installed with a proper "air gap" device.

- Verify and install a simple hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home.

- Make sure water treatment devices such as water softeners have the proper "air gap," which is a minimum of one inch above any drain.

Do not do these things:

- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or ponds.

- Use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device.

- Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems directly to the sewer or submerged drain pipe. Always be sure there is a one inch "air gap" separation.

If you have questions on cross-connection please contact Pat Zorn at the village garage at 920-876-2231.

Sheboygan County COVID information

Sheboygan County has a dedicated website for COVID-19 information. It can be found at <https://www.sheboygancounty.com/departments/departments-f-q/health-and-human-services/public-health/communicable-disease/coronavirus-covid-19> or by going to www.sheboygancounty.com and clicking on the COVID-19 link on their homepage. This website provides information on Sheboygan County's daily COVID counts and important information on the situation such as vaccines. You can also subscribe to the daily updates by email if you so choose.

Email notification list

The village would like to keep you in-

Elkhart Lake Village Board Members

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

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formed 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 the clerk at clerk@elkhartlakewi.gov to be added to the list.

Prescription drug drop-off 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. 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.

Think spring!

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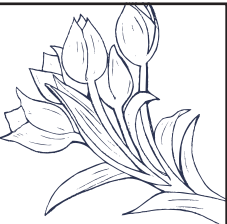
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Weill Center employee receives certification

Officials of the Weill Center for the Performing Arts—a 1,150-seat live event venue in downtown Sheboygan—announced Events and Communication Coordinator Cassie Ziegelbauer earned her Music Industry Essentials certificate from New York University Tisch School of the Arts—The Clive Davis Institute of Recorded Music in partnership with Billboard and Yellowbrick.

“We are proud of our team’s dedication to stay current with trends and best practices in the music industry,” said Weill Center Executive Director Katy Glodosky. “As the world of live events continues to change, Cassie’s new knowledge will support the high-quality experiences we provide to our patrons.”

The educational program provides comprehensive insights into the music industry. Course curriculum includes fan engagement, music marketing, development of music in the digital age, contracting and licensing, and artist management. Program instructors include executives from Billboard, NYU professors, and music industry professionals such as celebrity vocal coach Stevie Mackey, World Artists United Founder and CEO Jalen James Acosta, and Gordy Enterprises CEO Kerry Gordy.

Ziegelbauer will incorporate her new learnings as she manages the Weill Centers communication platforms, develops and implements event-specific marketing plans, and oversees creation of advertising and collateral materials and community outreach activities. On event days, Ziegelbauer also coordinates artist hospitality, VIP pre-show activities, meet and greets, post-show merchandise signings and more. In addition to the Weill Center, Ziegelbauer is as an active member of Sheboygan Theatre Company’s fundraising and marketing committees.

The New York University Tisch School



Cassie Ziegelbauer

of the Arts is one of the nation’s leading art centers for the study of performance, cinema and emerging media arts. The Clive Davis Institute of Recorded Music is the first and only program of its kind to provide professional business and artistic training toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Recorded Music. The program is supported by Billboard, a destination for the world’s most popular music charts, news, videos, analysis and events. Working in partnership with the world’s leading universities, brands, and industry experts, Yellowbrick creates a learning experiences to help tomorrow’s leaders discover and pursue career paths in growing, global industries that align to their passions.

The Weill Center presents a series of live performances including music, comedy, variety acts, movies and more. In 2001 the theater was restored to its original Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style and atmospheric theater, as built in 1928. This season the Weill Center will celebrate its 20th Anniversary Season. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit weillcenter.com.

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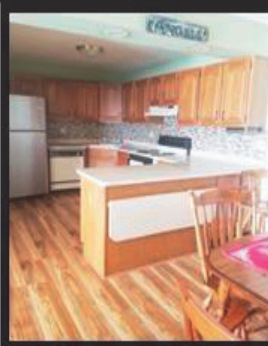
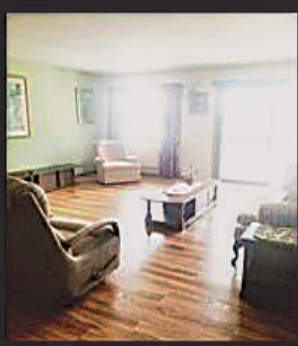


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