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Downtown Night turns 25 Monday, Aug. 9



These scenes are from the 2019 Downtown Night in Elkhart Lake but are sure to be replicated on Monday, Aug. 9 as the event returns after a one-year pandemic hiatus. Activities are planned from 5 to 9 p.m. including music, food and beverages, a petting zoo, fire truck and police car tours, a dessert stand, and much more. Information can be found in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the Depot Dispatch.

NASCAR, Concours thrill fans

As it does every summer, Road America racing action has thrilled fans from both near and far. The recent Concours ride through the village (lower right) brought out scores of onlookers for an up-close look of the race cars. The recent NASCAR race was televised nationally from the world-class track.





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Sharing our Journeys

By Carol Edler Baumann
with contributions from Richard Baumann



Repeat that

Let's remember back over the past year when we were confined to our homes because of the virus. What did we do with all the time on our hands? Maybe many of you spent it in doing projects and things you had postponed but I suspect many of you watched a lot of TV—more than you had ever done. Well, the same happened to me and husband Richard.

We always watched PBS Newshour, NOVA, History Channel and for light and not too complicated stories there was always the Hallmark channels. Of course we also watched Masterpiece Theater on Sunday nights and TCM was a regular depending on if we had not seen it before or if it was a foreign film that had only subtitles which flash on and off so fast that they were hard to read.

But all the remainder of our TV time was flipping channels to find something we might enjoy. It didn't take too long to see a pattern of speech which became annoying. Some examples: On almost all the home remodeling shows when the folks come in to see their renovation they seem to know only one word: "Wow." Perhaps it is an appropriate word but how about, "It's nice, outstanding, a good job." But please, not a continual repeat of "Wow."

Here's a phrase that not only is spoken

on TV shows but especially at restaurants when one asks for more water, or whatever: "No problem." I'm glad my request is "no problem."

Another which is a sister phrase to the above is "You got it," which really means, "Yes, I understand what you want and I will do it right away."

And then there is "You know"—someone is trying to explain some experience they had and unable to find the words just says "You know." Sorry, NO, I don't know!

The people I admire—none of whom are ever guilty of any of the above—are newscasters and the weather people. Especially the weather folks—they zip through their report at an alarming speed and never miss a word or say, "Wow, the weather's great," or we have rain today but "You know" meaning there is no need to give a final report as to how much rain or when it will stop.

Another irritating speech (I'd like to call it an "impediment") is listening to a speaker who is constantly saying "um." Speak your words—don't hesitate or tie them all together with "um."

OK, I actually may be guilty myself of some of the above but as a former university professor giving at least three hour-long lectures a week, I just hope I didn't irritate my students.

Road America honored

It is official—the best auto racing track for NASCAR is Elkhart Lake's Road America.

In a recent USA Today 10Best listing of the top NASCAR tracks, Road America was placed number one. Here is the complete top 10:

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6. Charlotte Motor Speedway - Charlotte, N.C.
7. Martinsville Speedway - Ridgeway, Va.
8. Las Vegas Motor Speedway - Las Vegas, Nev.
9. Darlington Raceway - Darlington, S.C.
10. Michigan International Speedway - Brooklyn, Mich.

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Foxfire Farm provides secure storage

By McKenzie Misiaszek

Tyler Luedtke has always had a fascination with business.

After watching his family members be involved with business throughout his upbringing, he began his own business taking pictures in high school. Now Luedtke has just graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a degree in Finance, International Business and Sales, and has been helping run Foxfire Farm, his family's farm and storage facility, since 2020.

"In some sense I've always sort of been an entrepreneur," Luedtke said. "I grew up in the Plymouth area and started a little side gig taking photos in high school. I've always loved business, and then to have the opportunity for a hands-on experience like this is amazing and I am really enjoying meeting customers, talking to them and having the opportunity to build connections with them."

Foxfire Farm specializes in storing boats, RVs and cars in both heated and unheated spaces, depending on customers' preference. The facility has been open since 2020 and has over 30,000 square feet of storage space along with 14-foot doors to make sure people can get almost anything in the building.

"The storage idea came from talking to community members and friends and asking, 'Hey, what do you see a need for here? What would you like?' Being situated directly between Crystal Lake and Elkhart Lake, we thought this would be an awesome addition to the community, and to serve the local boat owners," Luedtke said. "Then, with that, we thought, why limit it to boats? We could accommodate RVs and cars as well."

Cleaning up the building

Luedtke and his family had been eyeing the building for a few years before taking the plunge and deciding to clean up the existing barns to allow for storage in the unused space. They were looking for something with the idea that it could be a family endeavour, he said. After cleaning it up and repairing the facility, not only did they have a new business, but the area had one more nice building.

"It was an old horse facility that had sat vacant for a few years and it had sort of fallen into disrepair," Luedtke said. "There was a lot that went into cleaning it up and making it presentable. We heard from many people in the community it had sort of turned into this eyesore and so our goal was to clean it up, make it look presentable, make it look like it fits in with the Elkhart Lake community."

Last year, Foxfire Farm reached capacity with customers coming from all over the state to store their boats, RVs or other vehicles at the facility. He said the number-one thing he finds that customers like is that there is someone keeping an eye on their property when they cannot be there.

"The big thing we heard was that people like the idea of being able to bring their unit, drop it off, and have it in a secure location that somebody else is keeping an eye on it as well," Luedtke said. "When it comes to mini storage units you're sort of on your own. But with us being there, we're able to have more of a personal interaction and build some awesome relationships with our customers which I don't think you can get anywhere else."

There are no set prices, but rather it depends on what people want to store. Prices are based on how large the boat,



Tyler Luedtke stands in the clean, well-lit storage facility his family has created at Foxfire Farm.



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RV or vehicle is. Foxfire Farms works hard to provide the best bang for a person's buck, and in most instances will have very competitive prices compared to other storage companies, he said. Questions about pricing and availability can be directed to Luedtke at 920-918-2656.

"We really do our best to work with the community and try to serve everybody as best as we can," Luedtke said.

Farm operation as well

Foxfire Farm has truth in their name. The reason they call the storage facility a farm is because the land surrounding it doubles as a farm operation for him and his family.

Outside of taking care of boats and vehicles while in storage, there are two things in which Luedtke prides himself. The first is his dedication to customer service, the second is his passion for Elkhart Lake.

As a young, local entrepreneur, Luedtke is aiming to do his best for his family and especially his community. He loves what he does, and at the age of 22, he is doing his best to enjoy running a business.

"I like the aspect of being young, of being able to serve the community and really have fun with it at the end of the day," Luedtke said.

As someone raised in the community, he said he is lucky to have grown up in a small town with community members who helped him. He said he hopes to be

able to give back one day, and his first step is by helping to run a local business that benefits the surrounding economy.

"I graduated from Plymouth High School in 2017, and coming through high school I had a lot of opportunities to work with local businesses on various projects," Luedtke said. "There were an abundance of generous business owners in our community who were very willing to give back, something very characteristic of our community. They acted as awesome role models for me, and I'm hoping in my life that I can mirror that by continuing to work in the community, give back, and just be someone people know they can trust and rely on."

Thanks for reading the Depot Dispatch!

Multiple events slated for Land Trust Days

By Jennifer Born Rutten Glacial Lakes Conservancy

Glacial Lakes Conservancy is once again participating in Land Trust Days—and here is our amazing line-up for you and your family and friends.

GLC is one of 50 land trusts in Wisconsin serving to protect and preserve land and water resources for generations to come. Gathering Waters is the state's organization of which land trusts can be members. Gathering Waters acts as a support system to land trusts and one of the most fun events is this partnership of Land Trust Days getting communities engaged all over Wisconsin in these beautiful lands. Register today before ours fill up!

Mindfulness Walk at Willow Creek Preserve

Join us for a walk through Willow Creek Preserve with Rachel Haas from Mental Health America of Sheboygan County on Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Rachel will be showing us strategies to relax while using our senses to be present in the moment. From kids to older adults, we all can use these skills to decompress from our jobs, school, or just everyday life.

Pollinator Walk at Bella Terra

On Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. the owners of Bella Terra are hosting another pollinator walk led by two Milwaukee Parks naturalists, Brooke Gilley and Jen Lazewski. This gorgeous, 63.84-acre property nestled along the Pigeon River in the town of Sheboygan is the perfect place to visit in August when the prairie is in full bloom and the pollinators are feasting on the sweet nectar

preparing for fall and winter. Some will need energy for their migration south, and some will be storing the energy to survive our winter and emerge next spring.

Adventures with Grandparents and Grandchildren


Fun for all ages! Grandparents bring your grandchildren for a fun morning at Willow Creek Preserve. On Sept. 12 at 10 a.m., David Stokes will be leading a wild-life program showing what can be found on the property and telling a lot of nature-inspired jokes. This will be an event not to be missed!

Bird banding

Join us out on the Willow Creek Preserve on Sept. 25 at 8 a.m. with bird expert Bill Volkert and observe the catching and banding of birds. Bill is a federally licensed master bird bander with the Bird Banding Laboratory of the U.S. Geological Survey and has been studying birds for 40 years. In addition, he has worked as a naturalist and wildlife educator for nearly 30 years. Bill has been a recipient of a long list of awards and has published many papers, articles and books. Bill and his wife, Connie, steward a five-acre property that they call the Birchwood Lake Nature Preserve in the northern Kettle Moraine area that they worked with Glacial Lakes Conservancy to protect by establishing a conservation easement in 2014.

Please RSVP to Abbey by emailing abbey@glaciallakes.org or calling 920-917-0939.

All events are free to GLC members and \$10 for non-members.




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Ownership putter passed at business

Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce member Tom & Jerry's Mini Golf & Batting Cages held a unique "passing of the putter" ribbon cutting celebration Thursday, July 15 to celebrate the transition of this family business from its retiring founders, Tom and Jerry Wieser, to the McMullen family.

Cutting the ribbon on behalf of the McMullen family was Shea McMullen, surrounded by her parents, Mark and Sarah, her brothers Keegan and Reilly, Jerry and Mary Wieser, Tom and Terri Wieser, Dennis McMullen, Stephanie Wieser, and members of the community. The ribbon cutting commemorated the original grand opening of Tom & Jerry's on July 16, 1994, and kicked off a 27th anniversary celebration featuring weekend mini golf specials.

"Our family is excited to carry on the Wieser's legacy of providing family fun," said new owner Sarah McMullen. "We feel blessed to have had such great support from the Wieser families as we have made this transition, and are extremely grateful for the community's warm welcome and overwhelmingly positive response to the updates we have made."

Jerry Wieser recollected the years prior to building Tom & Jerry's how he, Mary, Tom and Terri would mini golf with their young families every time they were on vacation, and would casually talk about opening a course in Plymouth. In a 1994 Sheboygan Press article just prior to their grand opening, Jerry said, "The city needed it. The whole county needed it." The brothers designed every hole themselves, embracing the natural terrain and elements of the property, and began construction in September 1993. It was clear soon after the opening of the Shady Trails course in July 1994 the brothers had, in fact, fulfilled a community desire, and they made plans during the off season to expand.

Batting cages added

In 1996, the Wiesers added batting cages on the opposite side of the property as the mini golf course. It featured a unique monopole "big top" design and six automated, token-operated pitching machines, three for baseball at various speeds and three for softball. In their first summer season, Tom Wieser shared in an article in Plymouth's The Review, "We've had good compliments on the variety of pitching speeds. It'll capture the Pee Wees on up to the Flames." Today, Tom & Jerry's sports 45 and 55 MPH baseball lanes, three slow pitch softball lanes, and a new 50 MPH fastpitch softball lane. "The fastpitch lane has been a really popular addition.... We've seen not only girls from Plymouth, but from all of the neighboring communities," McMullen noted. "We're pleased to have filled an additional need for our local athletes."

"In May, after letting their imaginations run wild, Tom and Jerry expanded their mini golf course to include a second 18-hole course and clubhouse," reported The Sheboygan Press in 1998. The Stoney Creek course fit like a puzzle piece between the original Shady Trails course and the batting cages. Showcasing the talents of Tom, a skilled cabinetmaker, and Jerry, a skilled plumber, the new course featured a water wheel and an 850-gallon stream running through it, offering additional interest and obstacles. The gentlemen constructed it to stand the test of time, and Mary, a horticulturalist, and Terri, an avid gardener, ensured the landscape would



change with the seasons. "The courses are as beautiful as they are challenging," commented McMullen. "The landscape literally changes daily, with new blooms, scents and wildlife making each visit a unique experience."

Encouraged by the Wieser families to make Tom & Jerry's their own, the McMullens' freshened the look of the course as soon as the weather broke this spring, requiring the whole family to get involved. In mid-March, RPM Yard Care LLC, also owned and operated by the McMullens, safely extracted 43 dead ash trees from the Shady Trails course, the victim of emerald ash borer. Then, at Shea's prompting, they spent the unseasonably warm Easter weekend together painting the buildings an eye-catching national anthem blue, a bold backdrop for their fun and colorful new logo. By mid-April, with the help of Marshall Sign of Plymouth and Sparkworks Marketing of Chilton, they debuted their new look on the buildings and online. Finally, GT Graphics of Sheboygan made sure Tom & Jerry's new print materials were ready for their season opening April 30. "It was a whirlwind labor of love," McMullen said. "It made me smile to think about what it must've been like for the Wiesers to work together as a family to prepare for their first season."

Working together almost daily

Now in the heart of the summer, Sarah and Shea enjoy working together nearly every day, whether they're prepping the course for play, tending to the gardens, maintaining the pitching machines, or greeting customers. "Having my daughter as my partner is a mother's dream," Sarah said. "Our time together is simply irreplaceable, and I particularly like brainstorming and implementing new ideas together." The pair recently launched "Granita of the Week" as a fun way to

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showcase some of the unique flavor combinations of their Italian ices, and "Killer Dogs," Miesfeld's natural casing wieners in a cheddar-herb bun made by local Three Sweets Bakery in May. They are currently working on a concept called "Silly Saturdays" that will introduce some fun and interactive challenges to mini-golf play on these special days. Follow Tom & Jerry's on Facebook to keep up with special events and new introductions.

Shea said she especially enjoys interacting with customers. "I even enjoy their smiles when they come back to the counter to get a new ball because they lost theirs in the pond," she said. "I can't help but laugh the next day when I'm pulling 105 golf balls out of the pond." Also an avid fastpitch softball player, Shea also likes watching (and sometimes helping) younger players improve their hitting when they practice at Tom & Jerry's. "I've really gotten to know some of our regular hitters," Shea said. "It's fun to wish them good luck on their way out, and to find out how well they did at their game when they come back."

Besides Shea, Tom & Jerry's employs 13 other part-time student team members, and the McMullens consider themselves fortunate to have a great mix of new and returning team members in her first season. "It's really rewarding to be a student employer, and to coach and watch them grow in confidence with customers," Sarah said. "Each one of these fantastic youth and young adults helps to make the Tom & Jerry's experience special."

After the ribbon cutting, the group enjoyed an old fashioned ice cream social complete with orange push-ups and ice cream sandwiches on the deck at Shady Trails, mingling with the families and looking at photographs and newspaper clippings from the previous 27 years. During the event, McMullen shared her favorite thing about owning Tom & Jerry's. "Joy has a sound," she said. "It's the sound of giggling kids, friends and families cheering a hole in one, and the crack of the bat

when the ball's hit just right. I don't think I'll ever get tired of hearing it."

Tom & Jerry's is located at 110 Suhrke Road, Plymouth, and is open to play now through Labor Day, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays, and Sundays from noon to 7:30 p.m.; and Sept. 7-26 daily from noon to 7:30 p.m.. To learn more, visit tjminigolf.com or follow Tom & Jerry's on Facebook. For questions or to book a group event, contact Sarah at familyfun@tjminigolf.com or call 920-893-0045.

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July 30	Listening Party	7-11pm	Aug 20	Past Curfew	7-11pm
July 31	Micah Olson Band	7-11pm	Aug 21	Cold Soda Club	7-11pm
Aug 1	Blair & Hutch	2-6pm	Aug 22	Burgundy Ties	2-6pm
Aug 5	Bowser	6-9:30pm	Aug 26	The Chili Dogs	6-9:30pm
Aug 6	Charlie Bucket	7-11pm	Aug 27	Jonny T -bird & MPs	7-11pm
Aug 7	Tangle Foot	7-11pm	Aug 28	Abler & McManus Duo	7-11pm
Aug 8	Big Bass Trio	2-6pm	Aug 29	Jude & The Dude	2-6pm
Aug 12	Trust and Follow	6-9:30pm	Sept 2	Red Star Express	6-9:30pm
Aug 13	Sky House Band	7-11pm	Sept 3	The Flamingos	7-11pm
Aug 14	Matt Meyer Trio	7-11pm	Sept 4	Craig Baumann Trio	7-11pm
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Lakeshore Tech swears in new board members

The Lakeshore Technical College Board of Trustees swore in two new board members and one incumbent board member who began their terms at the board's annual organizational meeting July 12.

The Board of Trustees also elected officers for the next term.

LTC has an appointed board consisting of nine members—two employer members, two employee members, three additional members, one elected official member who holds a state or local office, and one school district administrator. Three members are appointed to the LTC Board of Trustees each year by a committee comprised of the county board chairs of the counties making up the Lakeshore

district—Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Calumet and Ozaukee. Terms for the three board members sworn in July 12 expire June 30, 2024.

Curt Brauer, business representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 494, serves as an employee member. He leads strategic planning efforts to communicate organizational priorities and mobilizes stakeholders to advocate for labor-friendly legislation on the local, state and federal levels. He also is a Sheboygan County board supervisor and a Habitat for Humanity Lakeside board member.

Belinda Esquinas, executive director for The Crossing of Manitowoc County, serves

as an employer member. The Crossing of Manitowoc County is a non-profit organization with a mission to offer life-affirming help to individuals facing unplanned pregnancies. Esquinas' responsibilities include administration, fundraising, community relations, client service and staff supervision. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Cordoba, Spain. Esquinas also serves as a board member for Manitowoc Noon Rotary and as pastor at Connection Church in Manitowoc.

Dr. Mike Trimberger, superintendent

for the Random Lake School District, will continue serving as the school district administrator member. He holds a Doctorate Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Trimberger is president and co-founder of INSPIRE Sheboygan County and a member of the Sheboygan Chamber of Commerce Business Education Partnership.

Board officers elected for 2021-'22 are Don Pohlman, chair; John Wyatt, vice chair; and Kim Rooney, secretary/treasurer.

Applications at Lakeshore Technical College rising

With applications to Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) for this coming fall at a level not seen by the college since 2012-2013, interest in gaining an education appears to be on the rise in the lakeshore area.

Applications are up 38 percent over this past school year.

"This significant increase in applications tells us lakeshore area residents are not only seeing the value in obtaining an education today, but also doing so close to home," said LTC President Dr. Paul Carlsen. "Many of our students are working and raising families while attending

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Jazz & Blues Crawl set for Aug. 13

Plymouth Arts Center's Cheese Capital Jazz & Blues Crawl for the Arts will be presented Friday, Aug. 13 from 4:30 p.m. to midnight.

This 17th annual live music extravaganza and fundraiser features 11 bands at the PAC in the courtyard and greatroom and at seven Plymouth clubs and restaurants. Show support by purchasing the 2021 Wristband, a \$10 donation for the PAC. Wristbands are available now at all participating venues. The 2021 PAC wristband is a passport to ride the trolley free to all the venues from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. This year's participating Jazz & Blues Crawl venues are the PAC greatroom and courtyard, Antonio's, PJ Campbell's at the Depot, The Fig and the Pheasant, The Hub Studio Cafe, Plank Road Distillery, Plymouth Tap, and Wild Shots Pub & Grill.

Festivities are kicked off at the Plymouth Arts Center, 520 E. Mill, downtown Plymouth at 4:30 p.m. with continuous music from 4:30 to 9 p.m. PAC's Bourbon Street Café will feature a menu catered by Yummy Bones until 9 p.m. There will be a cash bar in the courtyard and in the greatroom. The public is invited to view a brand art show, "Summer Freshet," Artful Abundance from the League of Milwaukee Artists which is sponsored by Robert and Phyllis Hoopman in memory of James Hoopman. Place a bid at the huge Silent Auction consisting of original fine art, gift baskets, gift certificates and unique gifts donated by PAC members and friends and area businesses. Silent Auction bidding closes at 9 p.m. People need not be present to win. Hop on the trolley to visit all eight venues. Wristbands and maps are available at all venues.

The Jazz Crawl is generously sponsored by Masters Gallery Foods, Sargento Foods,

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The Jazz & Blues Crawl schedule is:
Arts Center Greatroom—Zach Holzer, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Arts Center Courtyard—The Gypsy Swing Chicks, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Arts Center Greatroom—Donna Wood-all Jazz Quintet, 6 to 9 p.m.

Arts Center Courtyard—Elle McBelle (Danny and Michelle Jerabek), 6 o 9 p.m.

Plank Road Distillery—Jazz 'n More, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Hub Studio Cafe—Jive Safely Trio, 6 to 9 p.m.

PJ Campbells at The Depot—Smooth Groove Jazz Quartet, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Fig & The Pheasant—Paul Sucherman Trio, 6 to 9 p.m.

Antonio's—Blues Disciples, 8 to 11 p.m.

Plymouth Tap—Robert Allen Jr. 6PC. Blues & Jazz, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Wild Shots Pub—G-Force, 9 p.m. to midnight

The Plymouth Arts Center is well-known throughout Wisconsin for its ongoing and lively schedule of visual and performing arts events including the unique Jazz & Blues Crawl and the nationally acclaimed "Sartori Big Cheese Drop" New Year's Party. Plan on joining them for new art shows in Gallery 110 North, Mill Street Live Summer Musical Series, Paint the Towns, En Plein-outdoor painting competition and silent auction, "The Ghost Elizabeth" and "The Story of the Nutcracker" Theatre Productions, Celtic Christmas, PAC Singers Christmas Concert, and much more.

The PAC is registered as a 501(c)3 charitable non-profit arts organization. Its

mission is "To enliven the spirit of our community and to enrich the lives of all by providing diverse experiences in the arts. The PAC welcomes new members anytime during the year. Current membership is 400-plus, with 250 volunteers serving as committee and board members, visual artists, docents, teachers, directors,

singers, dancers, actors, musicians and general helpers.

A full schedule of events can be found on the website. Follow the PAC/Plymouth Arts Center on Facebook and Instagram. Visit them downtown at 520 E. Mill St., Plymouth; online at www.plymoutharts.org; or call 920-892-8409.



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WeatherTech event brings out huge variety of cars

The WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman at Road America concluded after four days of vintage racing action, exhibitions, Concours, awards and activities for fans.

The event has been heralded as one of the most significant vintage racing events in the country. 2021 ushered in historic Grand National and NASCAR cars as the featured marquee.

The cars, driven mainly by drivers who are undeniably passionate about their sport, were the main attraction. Unlike other events where spectators might be separated from stars who take the stage, car lovers milled through the paddock area, telling stories with owners and drivers and swapping insight with other enthusiasts.

The famed race car driver Brian Redman served as the grand marshal for the event and had nothing but praise for the mid-summer tradition. "This is a fantastic event," commented Redman, who has been coming to the track almost every year since 1972. "Without question, Road America has turned into the finest road racing facility in North America."

Results for the Sunday races are as follows:

GROUP 8 - HISTORIC / POST-HISTORIC PRODUCTION

Peter Cunningham, Milwaukee, 04 Acura TSX
Rick Nichols, Littleton, Colo., 71 Datsun 240z
George Balbach, Lake Bluff, Ill., 66 Porsche 911

GROUP 4 - CLASSIC MOTOSPOSTO

Geoff Brabham, Indianapolis, Ind., 71 Brabham BT-35
Joel Quadracci, Sussex, 67 Brabham BT-29
Steve Grundahl, Blue Mounds, 01 Mygale SJ01

GROUP 2 - VINTAGE PRODUCTION

Peter Cunningham, Milwaukee, 92 Honda Prelude Si

Kent Prather, Wakarusa, Kansas, 62 MG A
Colin Comer, River Hills, 59 Austin Healey Sprite

GROUP 7 - HISTORIC/MODERN FORMULA

Brian French, Sheboygan, 97 Benetton
Lew Cooper, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., 07 Panoz

GROUP 13 - MASTERS ENDURANCE LEGENDS

Tony Ave, Brownsburg, Ind., 01 Swift
David Porter, Darien, Conn., 07 Peugeot 908
Craig Bennett, Wixom, Mich., 12 Lola
Joel Quadracci, Sussex, 13 Oreca

GROUP 1A - HISTORIC STOCK CARS

Gunnar Jeannette, West Palm Beach, Fla., 12 Chevrolet Impala
Scott Holley, Fortville, Ind., 03 Dodge Intrepid
Brad Dahmer, Sheboygan, 06 Chevrolet Chevelle

GROUP 11 - HISTORIC TRANS AM

William Ockerlund, Bradenton, Fla., 71 AMC Javelin
Ken Epsman, Santa Clara, Calif., 72 AMC Javelin
Jimmy Hague, Santa Clara, Calif., 70 Ford Boss

GROUP 14 - MASTERS FORMULA ONE

Gregory Thorton, 82 Lotus
Cal Meeker, 79 Tyrell
Chris Locke, San Anselmo, Calif., 76 Lotus

GROUP 3 - VINTAGE GT/SPORTS/ P TYPE/ USRRC

Brian Garcia, St. Charles, Ill., 65 BTM Cheetah
Jeff Mckee, Pompano Beach, Fla., 68 SPF GT40
Jon Degaynor, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., 60 Devin Chevy

GROUP 5 - CANAM/GTP/HISTORIC SPORTS RACER

Mark Brannon, Paradise Valley, Ariz., 07 Elan DP02

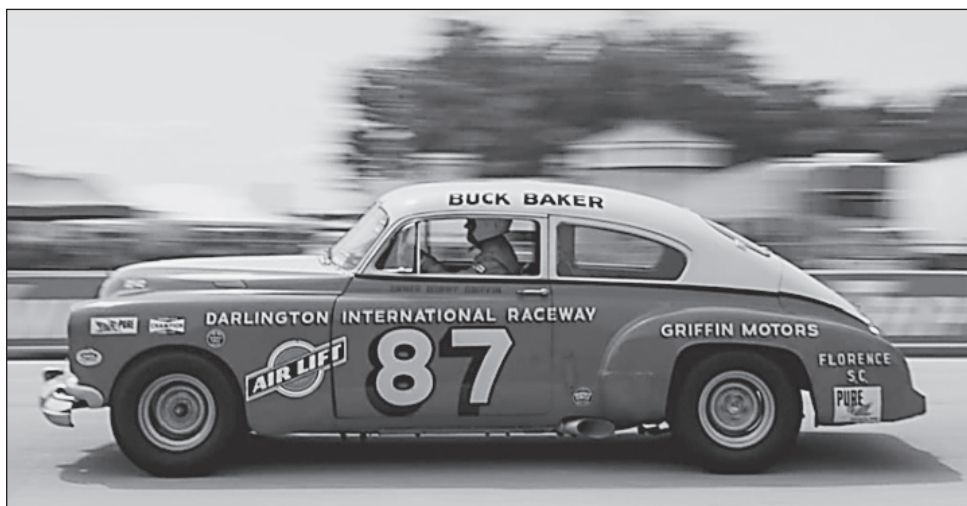
Kirt Bennett, Clarkston, Mich., 73 Shadow DN2
Justin Frick, Lewisberry, Pa., 76 Osella PA6

GROUP 9 - MODERN GT/PROTOTYPE

Adam Rupp, Fon du Lac, 95 Ford Mustang
Robert Tornello, 14 Coyote Corvette
Thomas Herb, Barrington, Ill., 05 Crawford DP-03

GROUP 10 - POST HISTORIC GT/ PRODUCTION

Jimmy Mcglynn, Naples, Fla., 03 Porsche
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August mystery photo



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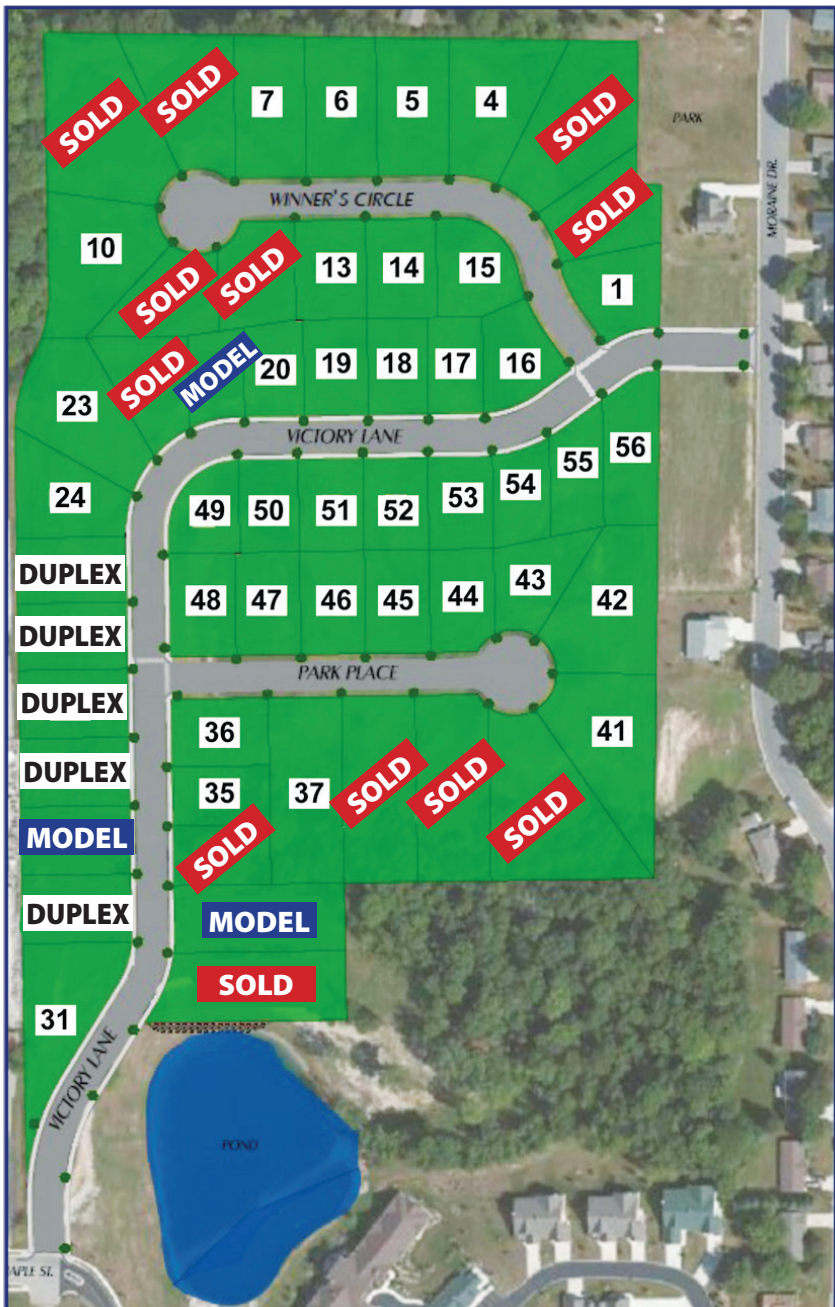
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Mill Street Live nears finish line

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The last of seven Friday shows will be performed at the Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. on July 30 and the finale on Aug. 6. The show is suitable for all ages and families are encouraged to attend. Masks are required when entering the Plymouth Arts Center. Advance tickets are encouraged and are available now: \$13 for adults (tax included), \$8 for children ages 6 to 12, free for kids 5 and under. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Plymouth Arts Center, (920) 892-8409 (voicemail 24hrs); or conveniently online at www.plymoutharts.org; email info@plymoutharts.org; or visit the box office at 520 E. Mill St. in downtown Plymouth on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.



A ribbon cutting was held recently for Plymouth Springs Fish Farm located at W6623 CTH Z, Plymouth. The fish farm is a new member of the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce. It is a working rainbow trout farm, open to the public, with fishing access to several spring-fed ponds. Plymouth Springs Fish Farm serves as a venue for group gatherings, birthday parties, family outings, etc. Please call 608-535-9916 to schedule an appointment for fishing. The business also operates Plymouth Springs Fish Co. at 633 Eastern Ave., Plymouth, which sells fresh fish Tuesdays through Saturdays including varieties of trout, perch, tuna, red snapper and more.

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RA win...50 years later

DeMay looks back on taking checkered flag in '71 race

The Road America race track has a special place in the heart of Elkhart Lake resident Ron DeMay, as it does for many other residents and racing fans throughout the world.

Not many of those fans can say that they were once behind the wheel of a race car which came in first place in a race at Road America—but DeMay can.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of his first victory at the track, but it was not an easy path for DeMay to even be allowed to race at Road America.

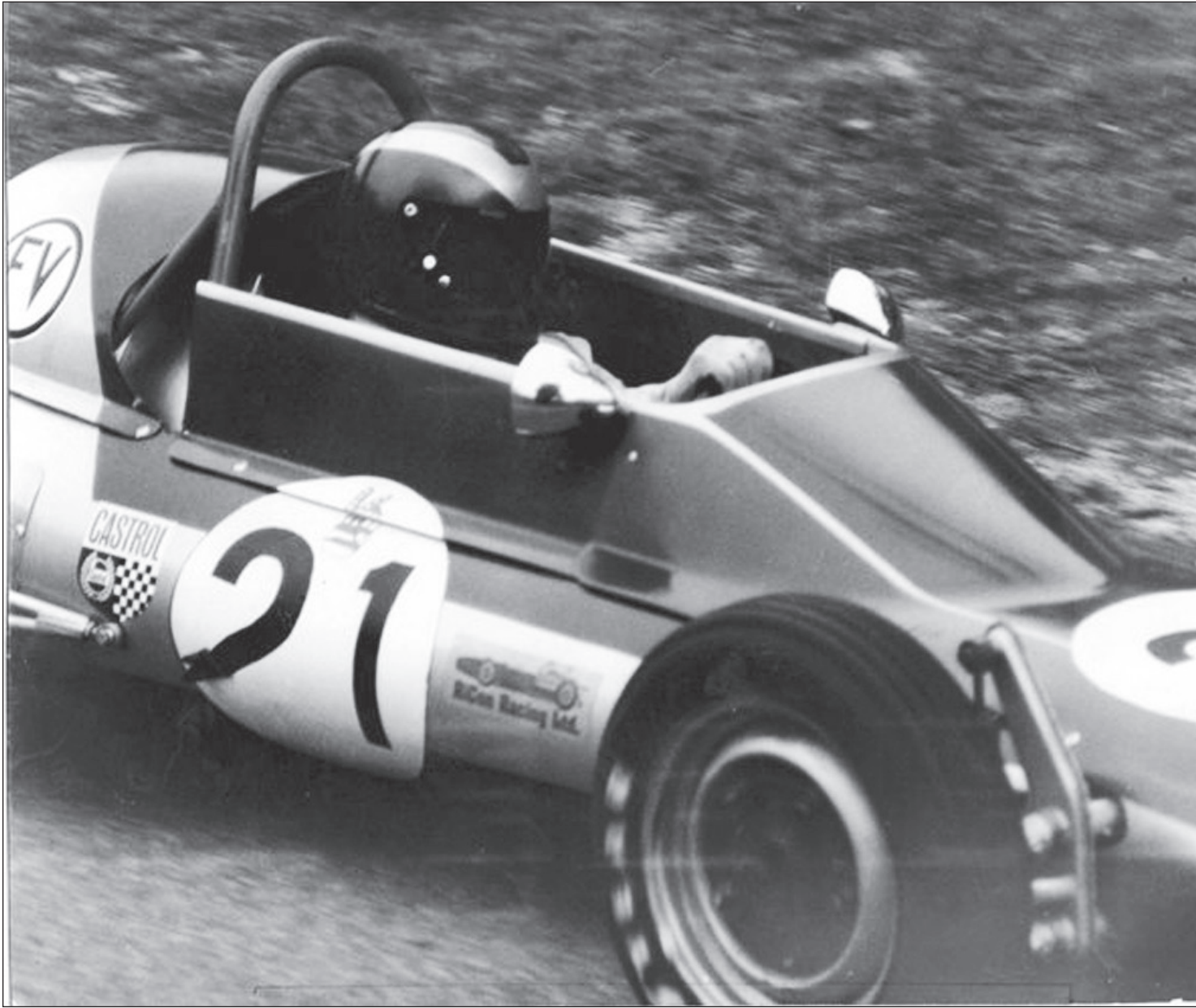
“As a child I loved race cars,” he said. “Dad took me to Soldier Field to watch stock cars. In 1963 I bought a MGA and joined a group of friends, all who had British sports cars. That’s how Road America became part of my life. My best friend Jerry Sabul commented as we sat on Fireman’s Hill turn 12, ‘We can do this.’ I agreed and six years later I was attempting to obtain my SCCA National Competition license to race at Road America.”

DeMay added, “I had the national license in 1971. We were now with Ricon Racing Formula Vee #21. As the month of May rolled around there was no Driver Entry Form for me. I called Chicago Region registrar and she told me, off the record, I would not receive one. Apparently the leaders of The Chicago Region SCCA decided I did not fit the image—their image—that race at this wonderful event.

“My racing partner Burt Richmond contacted two members of the Chicago Region, Frank Issacson and F. Sturavent who met with me to resolve this issue. Well, long story short—they were successful in changing some minds and I received the paperwork and was able to register.

“So June Sprints 1971 was my first race at Road America. Burt won the race and I finished 10th. Then there was to be the first Regional Race ever held there, The Kettle Moraine Regional, September 1971. I applied with no problem, won the pole position, and led each lap and won the race! So my determination came full circle. I raced there two more times, The June Sprints in 1972 finishing seventh and then The Kettle Moraine Regional that same year as defending champion, settling for fourth place. A long story for another time.”

DeMay said, “I absolutely love Road America. I have attended so many events over the years but nothing could ever compare to my winning the first Kettle Moraine Regional 1971—50 years ago!”



Ron DeMay looks back fondly at winning the first Kettle Moraine Regional race at Road America held in September 1971.



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Elkhart Lake Village update

Looking back at big July events

The Village of Elkhart Lake has been busy in July.

The firemen held another successful Fireman's Picnic. We have had only positive feedback on the weekend including the magnificent fireworks. Thanks to the firemen and the entire village for making the weekend spectacular.

You can always donate to the Elkhart Lake firemen at:

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Later in July, it was wonderful to welcome the Concours d'Elegance back to the streets of Elkhart Lake. We had a fun-filled weekend with people lining the streets. A thank you to the Police Department, Public Works Department, Clerks Department and Road America for putting together a spectacular event.

We are looking forward to a fabulous August which includes Downtown Night and some race weekends.

STH 67 project

The State of Wisconsin contractors continue to work on STH 67. We are expecting the pulverizing and relaying of the roadway to begin in August. Many of you may notice all the new crosswalks they are constructing. They are building these to be ADA compliant for the slope, which means small curbs are being added behind the sidewalk at many of the intersections. If you have questions about the project, you can call the Village Garage at 920-876-2231.

Planning Commission update

The Planning Commission continues to approve the final plans for the new Cleveland State Bank project on STH 67. We hope that construction on the facility will begin in the fall. The Planning Commission has approved nearly all the plans and is just working through some final details. In the meantime, Cleveland State Bank is opening a temporary branch at 91 E. Rhine St. We hope to see this open in August. The commission also has been approving sign permit applications for the bank and SwitchGear.

2020 Water Consumer Confidence Report available

The village is always testing its water for contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Elkhart Lake Water Utility annually files a Consumer Confidence Report about the water quality in the village. The 2020 Consumer Confidence Report can be found at <http://elkhartlakewi.gov/departments/water/>, or obtained at the Village Office at 40 Pine St., Elkhart Lake, WI 53020, or can be requested by calling 920-876-2122.

Boating Regulations

1. A Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) in serviceable condition is required to be in the boat and accessible for each person in the boat.

2. A speed of "slow no wake" is in effect all year long from 7:30 p.m. to 10 a.m. each day. "Slow no wake" is defined as the slowest possible speed at which a boat can operate while still maintaining steerage.

3. Maintain a speed of "slow no wake" at all times when operating a motor boat between the shoreline and the "no wake" buoys and within 100 feet of any craft at anchor, adrift or not operating under engine power.

4. No boat towing persons skiing, tubing or the like can come within 100 feet of swimmers, divers, rafts, other boats or restricted areas.

5. All boats engaged in towing skiers, tubers or persons in similar activities must have a competent person, other than the pilot, observing the towed person(s).

6. No Sunday operation of motor driven boats, beginning the second Sunday of June and ending the third Sunday of September. Note: Only electric trolling motors allowed.

7. There is a radar-enforced speed limit of 35 mph on the water.

8. A counter-clockwise course should be maintained while water-skiing, jet skiing, etc. and during the times of high-volume boat activity.

A complete listing of Elkhart Lake and the State of Wisconsin Boating

Rules, Regulations and Statutes is available at the Village Office in Elkhart Lake.

Victory Park Development

Homes are being completed in the Victory Park Subdivision. There are lots available, so if you are interested in more information on the subdivision you can contact Werner Homes at 920-458-4104.

Yard waste dumpster

The yard waste dumpster is open for the year. The dumpster will remain unattended for the foreseeable future. Please follow the signs about using the dumpster, you are on camera. If you require assistance, we ask that you set up an appointment with the Public Works Department (920-876-2231) so someone can help you. The dumpster is provided at the village garage from the end of May through October. This dumpster is for yard waste only, not lake waste. A truck for large brush or trees can be obtained by calling the village garage at 920-876-2231.

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.

Village Ordinance 8.32 - Animal Feces

Any person owning or having control of any animal shall clean up the feces of such animal immediately and dispose of it in a sanitary manner when the animal has defecated on the property of another or on public property. Please be aware, the sidewalk, the area between the sidewalk and street (parkway), the street, Lake Street walkway, and all parks and parking lots are public property!

Elkhart Lake Village Board Members

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

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Dog owners—dog refuse stations

Just a reminder to please pick up after your dogs. We have installed bag stations throughout the village for your convenience. These stations will dispense plastic bags to help in the cleanup effort. The dog stations are located at:

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- north end of Walkway
- near Village Square Park
- South Lake Street near Elm Street
- Osthoff Avenue
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We are looking at adding a couple along Victory Lane in the coming months.

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Weill concert planned

The Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra once again will perform live at the Stefanie H. Weill Center in a "Welcome Back" fundraising concert on Saturday, Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The event marks the return of the symphony's first live performance since February 2020.

The fun-filled evening will feature a variety of fan favorites, including music from "Star Wars," "Wicked," "Jurassic Park," "Les Misérables" and more. Lakeland University Music Professor Evan Chancellor will conduct the concert.

In addition to the music, a virtual auction to benefit the SSO will feature exclusive items including:

- Whistling Straits golf package;
- authentic Peruvian home-cooked dinner party;
- one-week luxury stay in Elkhart Lake;
- Italian in-home dinner party prepared by Lakeland University chefs;
- one-hour private concert by the SSO string quartet;
- guest conducting experience with the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra at this year's Sounds of the Season concert.

Interested bidders will have the opportunity to bid through an online app and continuing through a special concert intermission. Concert attendees also will have the unique opportunity to participate in a fun and creative photobooth experi-

ence using musical instruments.

To purchase tickets for this concert, contact the Weill Center box office at 920-208-3243 or go to <https://wc830wc.na.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/825>. For more information, go to <https://sheboygansymphony.org/>.

The event is sponsored by the Zieve Foundation, Frank G. & Frieda K. Brotz Family Foundation, Mr. Terry House, and media partner Midwest Communications.

The SSO also has opened ticket sales for 2021-'22 season packages, with the first concert scheduled in October. The season will feature four conductor finalists as part of its ongoing search for a new music director.

The Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1918, is the longest continually active orchestra in Wisconsin. Over the span of more than a century, extraordinary musical experiences have evolved into a legacy of old and new traditions. As a community-based professional orchestra, most SSO musicians call the Lakeshore community home, but the ensemble brings together musicians from all over Wisconsin. The SSO holds multiple regular season performances, a yearly holiday concert and an annual children's concert for grade school students. For more information go to <https://sheboygansymphony.org/>.



The Paddock Shop at Road America is observing its fifth anniversary of selling all types of auto racing memorabilia to race fans around the world.

Paddock Shop celebrates 5th year at Road America

It's been a fast five years since Road America's official store, The Paddock Shop, opened its new 5,000 square foot building just in time for the 2016 Spring Vintage Weekend.

Countless events later, the store has far exceeded what the track leadership envisioned. While they knew the larger space would hold more souvenir and apparel options, the immediate surprise was the way race fans and the general public embraced the shop as a year-round shopping destination. Now in its sixth season, Road America's retail business continues to grow onsite and through e-commerce sales.

One specific success story is the popularity of items featuring images from the track's extensive archives. Retail Manager/Buyer Julie Sebranek has found ways to make those images available in formats that appeal to different design tastes, spaces and budgets. For example, Trans-Am Series enthusiasts really appreciate 1970s-era images which are available on large banners, smaller canvases, apparel and even artisan-made purses. New images are added to the collection frequently, making fresh impressions on the track's repeat customer base.

Apparel sales also have done extremely well because of the variety and options which change frequently. What you see in the shop in May and June is completely different from what you see in July and August. A perennial fan favorite is the track-map T-shirt—thousands are sold

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each season and a new version is released in time for the winter holidays. Sebranek says hats "sell like hotcakes" making the hat wall one of the most popular stops in the shop. With its extensive selection of styles and colors it meets the demands of finicky hat wearers.

Sebranek said she firmly believes the changing merchandise and unique product mix has been instrumental in spreading the Road America brand through the retail side of the business. One of her favorite parts about working in the shop is hearing people comment on the merchandise or laugh at the light-hearted novelties.

What's ahead for the Paddock Shop? More of the same, she said, things that enhance fan experience and things that make fans come back, a win-win for the track and its loyal and growing fan base.

The shop is open to the public most weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Access may be limited during race events or other track activities. Guests are encouraged to call ahead, 920-892-8116, or check with the security staff at Gate 6 on STH 67. Online shoppers may visit www.shop.roadamerica.com.

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EL Library welcomes new director

Elkhart Lake's new executive director at the Public Library is hardly a new face at the popular village facility.

Rachel Montes worked at the Elkhart Lake Public Library for seven years as a library assistant to retiring director Betty McCartney.

Montes said working in libraries "checks all the boxes" for her. She said she loves being involved in the community and has always had a deep care about children's literacy programs.

The Wisconsin native has worked in libraries since 2005 and said she is inheriting a very well-run library from McCartney.

In recent years the Elkhart Lake Library merged into the Monarch System and went through a complete renovation. During the pandemic they made several changes, noting that people did not seem to want more virtual programs. They expanded the Discovery Kids programs and introduced new services including teaching people to play the ukulele or knit, bird watching and pickle ball as examples.

The Elkhart Lake Public Library also expanded Storytime themed kits that parents picked up and did activities with their children. Take and make crafts for all age groups change weekly. There is a weekly Teen Café and an elementary age program running the first and third Thursdays of the month throughout the year.

Montes said many of these programs which were started, expanded or changed during the pandemic have proved so popular that they will continue post-pandemic.

The library also will have a Story Walk during Downtown Night on Aug. 9 from 5 to 9 p.m. outside in the park for families with preschool and elementary age children.

Montes is assisted at the ELPL by Angela Ruh, who has worked there for five years. The library also recently hired a new second assistant to complete the team.

A retirement party for McCartney is scheduled to take place Wednesday, July 28 starting at 11 a.m. at the library.



Rachel Montes is the new executive director of the Elkhart Lake Library.

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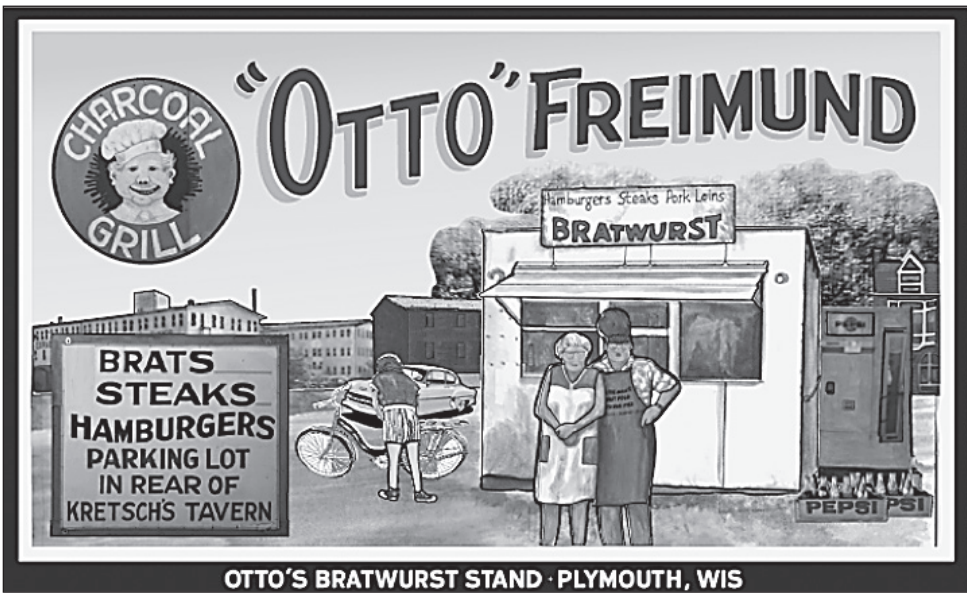


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This is a rendering of one of the new murals to be painted in downtown Plymouth and which has ties to Elkhart Lake. This rendering is courtesy of artist Carol Kaufman of Watseka, Illinois, who designed it.

Walldogs returning to paint 7 murals in city

The Plymouth Advancement Association, Inc. is presenting the "Return of the Walldogs" mural festival taking place Aug. 25-29 in downtown Plymouth.

Seven new murals will be painted during the festival with six painted by Walldogs' artists from around the country. The public is invited to observe artists at work and enjoy family activities and entertainment taking place at the Plymouth Library and Plymouth Arts Center.

The Walldogs are a group of highly skilled sign painters and mural artists from around the world. Each year only a few communities are chosen for mural festivals. Plymouth previously hosted the Walldogs in 2011 when 21 murals were created depicting places, people and products historically tied to the community.

"We are excited to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Walldogs by adding seven new murals to our beautiful inventory," said Plymouth Advancement Association President Lee Gentine. He added, "In addition to capturing local history, the murals will boost tourism drawing residents and visitors to explore our downtown."

Mural sponsorships and donations are being sought to cover artist fees, supplies, paint and equipment. Anyone interested in providing a tax-deductible contribution is encouraged to go to the Plymouth Advancement Association's website advanceplymouth.org. A fundraising event will be held Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Plymouth Arts Center with proceeds to benefit the

Walldogs event, Plymouth Library and Plymouth Arts Center.

One of the new murals, Freimund's Brat Stand, designed by artist Carol Kaufman of Watseka, Illinois, has ties to Elkhart Lake. The background includes several buildings that would have been seen from the brat stand. The building to the immediate left of the brat stand (in the photo above) was owned by William Schwartz, who influenced the position of the Elkhart Lake railroad and owner of the Schwartz and Pettibone hotels.

Festival activities will kick off Wednesday night with artists using projectors to sketch mural outlines. The Plymouth Library will be the center of activities hosting an outdoor movie on Friday night. On Saturday, a portion of Division Street will be closed for entertainment and activities including a children's mural, face painting and carnival games. The Plymouth Downtown Arts and Merchants will host a brat fry along with a variety of food options.

The Plymouth Advancement Association, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1994 with a mission to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Plymouth and the surrounding area. Past projects by the organization include the 2021 Cheese Capital of the World Arch and Trestle, FireFest 2020, painting the downtown railroad trestle in 1994, decorative street signs, downtown Mill Street trees, and support of the downtown Plymouth revitalization master plan.

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8 Butter Pecan	25 Caramel Chocolate Pecan
9 Caramel Cashew	26 Mint Explosion
10 Brownie Batter Overload	27 Turtle Cheesecake
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Amazing Grace plans fundraiser

The Hope for Hooves 12th annual fundraiser for Amazing Grace Equine Sanctuary is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the facility located at W4985 CTH FF, Elkhart Lake.

The public will be able to meet the horses, see the Avenue of Adoptables, and check out arts and crafts vendors, animal exhibitors, kids activities, a silent auction, and a tack sale. Live music is planned by Brett Gaertner along with a food and bake sale and much more.

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JUNE 5-OCTOBER 30

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JUNE-SEPTEMBER

Live Music at the Tiki Bar—See our full schedule on www.shoreclubwisconsin.com under “live music and events.”

JUNE-SEPTEMBER

Live Music at the Lake Deck—See website for music schedule, <https://osthoff.com/lake-deck>

JUNE 25-AUGUST 6

Plymouth Arts Center—Mill Street Live Summer Musical Series is celebrating its 13th year of fantastic performances at the Plymouth Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available in advance (advance tickets are encouraged) and at the door; www.plymoutharts.org.

AUGUST 5

The Elkhart Lake Improvement Association (ELIA) will hold its annual meeting for new and renewing members at 5:30 p.m. at the Quit Qui Oc Golf Course pavilion. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar will be available. keepelkhartblue.org

AUGUST 5-8

Road America—IMSA Sportscar Weekend

AUGUST 9

Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce—25th Anniversary Downtown Night, 5 to 9 p.m., featuring chamber restaurants, live music and kids activities

AUGUST 13 TO OCTOBER 1

Plymouth Arts Center—League of Milwaukee Artists present recent work; reception Aug. 20

AUGUST 14

Stephanie Weill Center Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m.—Kick off the excitement of our 103rd season with a fun-filled evening of extraordinary musical experiences.

AUGUST 21

Hope 4 Hooves 12th annual fundraiser, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission free; \$5 parking. Amazing Grace Equine Sanctuary, W4985 CTH FF, Elkhart Lake

AUGUST 21

Hermitage Conservation Club Second Annual Becker Family Memorial Shoot—Registration 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 50 bird shoot, first 25 wobble, second 25 regular trap. Lewis and High Gun categories, pig roast, meat raffles, music. W6650 Hermitage Rd., Elkhart Lake; public welcome.

AUGUST 22

YMCA Camp Y-Koda—Sunday Fundays At Lake Y-Koda, 3 to 5 p.m. \$ Enjoy canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, sand castle making, swimming and more! www.sheboygancountnymca.org/camp-y-koda

AUGUST 27-29

Road America—World Challenge

AUGUST 28

Stephanie Weill Center—Film premiere: “Mags and Julie Go On A Road Trip,” 7 p.m. A heartfelt, laugh out loud buddy movie, the film was shot and is set entirely in Wisconsin. It's a family friendly comedy with heart. Rated PG 13. www.weillcenter.com

Regularly scheduled meetings & events

ELKHART LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING

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

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees meets at the Grashorn Civic Center (84 N. Lake St.) on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m.

Agendas for all board and committee meetings are posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting at the Grashorn Civic Center, National Exchange Bank & Trust, Wisconsin Bank & Trust, the Post Office, and our website. In order to be on a board agenda you must notify the village clerk by the Wednesday before the board meeting.

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AA MEETINGS

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

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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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INDYCAR, Road America reach deal

Officials of INDYCAR and Road America announced recently a new, multiyear extension designed to keep the NTT INDYCAR SERIES racing at the legendary 4.014-mile permanent road course for years to come.

The series began racing at the picturesque layout in 1982. After a brief hiatus, the NTT INDYCAR SERIES returned in 2016 to packed grandstands and campgrounds. This year marked the sixth consecutive year Road America has hosted North America's premier open-wheel series.

"INDYCAR is pleased to continue its relationship with Road America," said Penske Entertainment Corp. President and CEO Mark Miles. "It is clear that NTT INDYCAR SERIES events in Wisconsin's scenic Kettle Moraine have developed into exciting and favored weekends for our fans and athletes as well.

"Last year, Road America became a central figure in the series' return to racing during the global pandemic and the first to host a doubleheader. It has been a fantastic addition to our championship, and it is gratifying to know that it will remain a mainstay on our calendar."

A stellar list of INDYCAR champions have claimed victories at one of the world's fastest permanent road racing tracks. Mario Andretti, Emerson Fittipaldi and Michael Andretti are three-time winners at Road America. Double winners include Jacques Villeneuve, Paul Tracy and Scott Dixon. Danny Sullivan, Alex Zanardi, Dario Franchitti, Sebastien Bourdais, Will Power and Josef Newgarden also have visited victory lane.

The entire 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedule will be announced at a later date.

Cedar Community earns certification from AHA

Cedar Community has earned the Post-Acute care Heart Failure Certification offered from the American Heart Association.

This first-of-its-kind certification acknowledges the efforts of skilled nursing facilities to consistently provide high-quality patient care, improve outcomes and reduce hospital readmissions for heart failure patients.

The Post-Acute Heart Failure Certification builds on the Get With The Guidelines - Heart Failure quality improvement program and provides skilled nursing facilities with tools to bridge gaps and integrate standardized care, quality initiatives, clinical best practices, and the latest scientific guidelines into their post-acute heart failure patient care processes.

"Participation in this certification benefits the patient and the facility by standardizing care coordination practices between discharge and the skilled nursing facility," said Ileana L. Piña, MD, MPH, FAHA, professor of Medicine at Wayne State and a heart failure/transplant cardiologist who helped develop the criteria for the certification. "When there is clear communication between every phase of care, patients have the best opportunity for positive outcomes," she said.

Many heart failure patients admitted to skilled nursing facilities after being discharged from the hospital are re-admitted to the hospital within 30 days. Among the proven results of the certification are reductions in the 30-day re-admissions per the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services rates.

"Heart failure patients need high-quality post-acute care that follows the evidence-based guidelines promoting the best patient outcomes," said Heather Suarez Del Real, RN, director of nursing. "At Cedar Community we want to be trailblazers and continue to utilize innovative methods to give our heart failure patients the best care. The American Heart Association has armed us with additional tools and recognized our success—this is an honor to have our processes and efforts be recognized in this way."

To be eligible to receive this certification, the facility must be in the U.S. or operated by the U.S. government and implementing a heart failure program that uses a standardized method of delivering clinical care based on current evidence-based guidelines. To learn more about this certification, visit <https://www.heart.org/en/professional/quality-improvement/healthcare-certification>.



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Bone Code, Kathy Reichs
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Chasing Shadows, Lynn Austin
Choose Me, Tess Gerritsen
Comfort of Monsters, Willa Richards
Count the Ways, Joyce Maynard
David and Ameena, Ami Rao
Dead by Dawn, Paul Doiron
Dear Miss Metropolitan, Carolyn Ferrell
Death in Daylesford, Kerry Greenwood
Death Washes Ashore, Patricia Skalka
Dog Eat Dog, David Rosenfelt
Eagle's Claws, Jeff Shaara
Fallen, Linda Castillo
Falling, T. J. Newman
Fiancé, Kate White
Final Girl Support Group, Grady Hendrix
Forest of Vanishing Stars, Kristin Harmel
Ghost Blows a Kiss, Carolyn Hart
Hairpin Bridge, Taylor Adams
Haven Point, Virginia Hume
Heart and Seoul, Jen Frederick
Heathens, Ace Atkins
Hell of a Book, Jason Mott
Incense and Sensibility, Sonali Dev
Irish Hostage, Charles Todd
Island Queen, Vanessa Rile
It Happened one Summer, Tessa Bailey
It's Better this Way, Debbie Macomber
Missing Treasures of Amy Ashton, Eleanor Ray
Night Hawks, Elly Griffiths
Nine Lives, Danielle Steel
Offer from a Gentleman, Julia Quinn
One Last Stop, Casey McQuiston
Paper Palace, Miranda Cowley Heller
People We Meet on Vacation, Emily Henry
Psalm for the Wild Built, Becky Chambers
Pup Fiction, Lauren Berenson
Razorblade Tears, S. A. Cosby
Rehearsals, Annette Christie
Ridgeline, Michael Punke
Runner, Tracy Clark
Santa's Sweetheart, Janet Dailey
Seven Day Switch, Kelly Harms
Shadow, James Patterson

Shock, Keith Ridgeway
Shoulder Season, Christina Clancy
Songs in Urns Major, Emma Brodie
A Study in Crimson: 1942, Robert Harris
Suburban Dicks, Fabian Nicieza
Such a Quiet Place, Megan Miranda
Third Grave, Lisa Jackson
Together We will Go, T. Michael Straczynski
Very Nice Box, Laura Blackett
What if You and Me, Roni Loren
When Stars Collide, Susan Elizabeth Phillips
When the Sparrow Falls, Neil Sharpson
Wonder Test, Michelle Richmond
Yoga Pant Nation, Lauri Gelman

ADULT NON-FICTION

Comfort Book, Matt Haig
Director: My Years Assisting J. Edgar Hoover, Paul Letersky
Fox and I: An Uncommon Friendship, Catherine Raven
Kennedy's Avenger: Assassination, Conspiracy..., Dan Abrams
King Richard: Nixon and Watergate, Michael Dobbs
Love after Fifty, Francine Russo
Once Upon a Tar Creek: Mining for Voices, Maryann Hurtt
Rick Steve's Italy, Rick Steves
The Ride of Her Life, Elizabeth Letts
Somebody's Daughter, Ashley Ford
This Country: My Life in Politics and History, Chris Matthews
This is Your Mind on Plants, Michael Pollan
Ugly Truth: Inside Facebook's Battle..., Sheera Frenkel
What Fresh Hell is This? Perimenopause, Menopause..., Heather Corinna

LARGE PRINT

A Gambling Man, David Baldacci
Personal Librarian, Marie Benedict

YOUNG ADULT

Blackout, Dhonielle Clayton
Box in the Woods, Maureen Johnson
Nature of Witches, Rachel Griffin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New library director: We would like to thank Betty McCartney for 11 wonderful years as library director. Congratulations, Betty, on your retirement! Our new library director, Rachel Montes, has worked at the Elkhart Lake Public Library for the past seven years as a library assistant. She is very excited to be serving the Elkhart Lake community as library director.
- We will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor Day
- Summer Reading Challenge—Tails and Tales; challenges for all ages

All reading must be logged and tickets entered into drawings by Aug. 14. Incentive prizes can be picked up at the library through Aug. 31.

Three ways to register: 1. download the Beanstack Tracker app from your app store; 2. online at ElkhartLakePublicLibrary.Beanstack.com; 3. at the library

Using the Beanstack Tracker app you can log your minutes reading, receive virtual badges and earn prize tickets. Put your virtual tickets towards prize baskets. Children completing the challenge will have their name entered into a grand prize drawing. Grand prizes include a Nintendo Switch, a youth kayak, a Harry Potter LEGO set and a scooter, all donated by ElkhartCares.

Realm Breaker, Victoria Aveyard
Rule of Wolves, Leigh Bardugo
Sitting in St. James, Rita Williams-Garcia
Six Crimson Cranes, Elizabeth Lim
That Weekend, Kara Thomas
Under the Dancing Star, Laura Wood

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Best Nerds Forever, James Patterson
The Dragonet Prophecy, Wings of Fire, Tui Sutherland
The Dragonet Prophecy, Wings of Fire, Tui Sutherland (graphic)
Ground Zero, Alan Gratz
Islanders, Mary Alice Monroe
The Lost Heir, Wings of Fire, Tui Sutherland
Place to Hang the Moon, Kate Albus
Right Now, I am Fine, Daniela Owen
There is a Bird on Your Head, Mo Willems

CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

This Very Tree: A Story of 9/11, Resilience, and Regrowth, Sean Rubin

PICTURE BOOKS & BOARD BOOKS

America My Love, America My Heart, Daria Peoples-Riley
Dear Librarian, Lydia Sigwarth
What is God like? Rachel Held Evans

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LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Downtown Night—Monday, Aug. 9 from 5 to 9 pm. Visit us for games and a Storywalk in the park!

Story Time—Thursday, Aug. 5 and 19 at 9:30 a.m. We will hold Story Time outside on the patio if weather permits. Bring a blanket. Families are requested to remain together. In case of bad weather, please call the library before heading out (876-2554).

Take & Make Crafts—New craft every Tuesday for teens, Wednesday for elementary school children and Thursday for preschool children; while supplies last.

Animal Photography Contest—All ages; deadline for submission is July 31. Entries will be on display at the library from Aug. 2 to 14.

Coffee Hour and Book Chat, Wednesdays at 10 a.m.—Interested in joining the conversation? We meet on our patio, weather permitting. Contact us to be placed on our Coffee Hours email list to receive updates.

Book Club, Friday, Aug. 13 at 1 p.m., "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides—Shocking, thought-provoking and deeply twisted, "The Silent Patient" is a spellbinding psychological thriller about violence, obsession and the dark side of passion. We will meet on our patio, weather permitting. Contact us to be placed on our Book Club email list to receive updates.

Friends of the Library Book Sale—Two pop-up sales will be held this year instead of our usual sale. The sales will be held outside the park side entrance of the library. Unfortunately, this year we will be unable to accept additional book donations. The sales are Saturday, July 31, 9 a.m. to noon; and Saturday, Aug. 7, 9 a.m. to noon.

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The Weill Center for the Performing Arts—a 1,150-seat live event venue located in the heart of downtown Sheboygan—joined hundreds of venues from across the country for Independent Venue Week this July 12-18.

The week celebrated the return of live events to venues like the Weill Center with a series of performances offered throughout the nation.

“After nearly a year and a half since operating at full capacity, independent venues like ours are ready to welcome back patrons,” said Katy Glodosky, Weill Center executive director. “We announced an incredible lineup of events for this season. Now we need the community to support our comeback—buy tickets to ensure we can continue to bring quality entertainment to the area for years to come.”

The Weill Center participated in Independent Venue Week with a special “Christmas in July” performance of The Nutcracker Ballet presented by Brittany’s School of Dance. A full lineup of events for the season can be found at weillcenter.com.

This year, Independent Venue Week partnered with the National Independent Venue Association (NIVA), an organization of independent music venues, promoters, and festivals formed to seek emergency financial relief in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic’s devastating effect on the shuttered live events industry. Following its immensely successful

#SaveOurStages campaign, NIVA remains steadfast in its mission to preserve and nurture the ecosystem of independent venues and promoters throughout the U.S.

“Getting ready for this year’s event feels particularly meaningful,” said Cecilie Nielsen, director of Special Projects at Marauder, the firm that runs Independent Venue Week in the U.S. “For the past 14 months, independent venues and promoters have collectively fought for their very survival and this feels like the turning point that we’ve all been working for. This year, we hope and believe that fans will return with a renewed appreciation for these uniquely important spaces.”

A full list of all venues which participated in Independent Venue Week can be found at independentvenueweek.com/us.

Having started in the UK in 2014, Independent Venue Week brings together venues, rising and established artists, promoters, labels, media and tastemakers to create an international series of gigs.

The Weill Center for the Performing Arts presents a series of live performances including music, comedy, variety acts, movies and more. In 2001 the theater was restored to its original Spanish Revival architectural style and atmospheric theater, as built in 1928. The theater is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This season the Weill Center will celebrate its 20th anniversary since its restoration and reopening.

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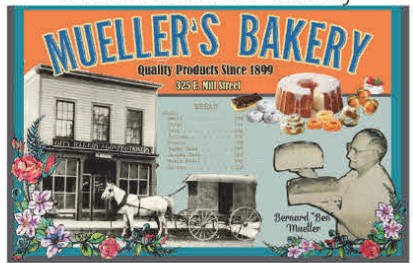
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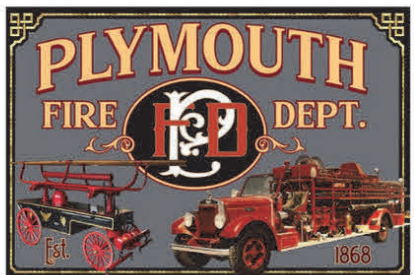
- Watch artists sketch mural outlines Wednesday night
- Outdoor movie, carnival games and kids mural at Plymouth Library
- Division Street plaza with food presented by the Downtown Arts and Merchants
- Saturday fundraiser to support Walldogs, Plymouth Library and Plymouth Arts Center



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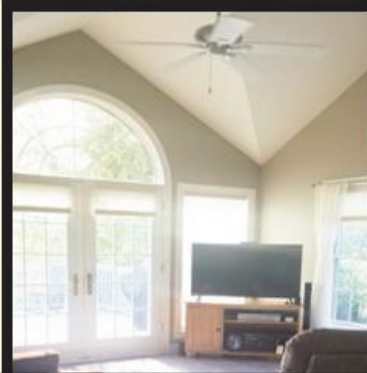


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