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The Elkhart Lake Fire Department is celebrating its 125th anniversary. Look inside this issue of the Depot Dispatch for a story and more photos.

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February mystery photo



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I see a building of what looks like what now is Lake Street Cafe in Elkhart lake in the town square. And than the railroad

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Submitted by Emily Schulman.

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FD putting out fires for 125 years

By Tracy Folz

Elkhart Lake Fire Department is celebrating 125 years of service this year. "We are very proud that our organization has survived this many years considering that we are made up totally of volunteers."

The Fire Department was formed Oct. 10, 1897 as the Elkhart Lake Hook and Ladder Company and appointed Otto LaBubbe as the Fire Chief. LaBubbe resigned in December of 1897 and Arthur Hein was appointed as Fire Chief. The first Fire House was located on N. East Street. A private shed housed the fire equipment until 1903 when they were able to purchase an old schoolhouse to remodel as a Fire Station. In 1931, the Fire Department purchased lakefront property for the park which is still used today for events. One of the first fire trucks is proudly displayed in the current Fire Station alongside the new fire trucks of today. The bell hanging out front of the Fire Station is the original bell that was used to alert people of a fire.

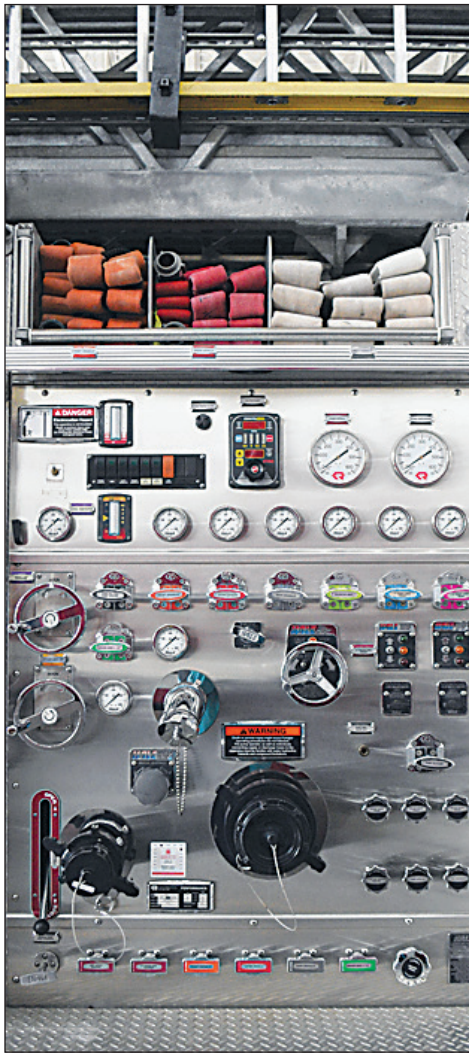
Many things have changed since the early years of the Fire Station. The ladders on the fire trucks in the early history of the fire department were wooden and are now called "Widow-Makers". Today's ladders are made of heavy-duty steel and long enough to reach the roof of the Osthoff. An interesting fact that was pointed out by Ronald Nielsen, Secretary/Treasurer, is that fire trucks differ among the communities. Each fire truck is created per specifications of that community. Fire trucks cost millions of dollars and are custom-made. Fire Fighters train many hours to learn where everything is located on a fire truck. A lot of equipment is stored on a fire truck including hoses, airpicks, couplings for hoses jaws of life and much more and every possible space is used to house these.

31 members in department

Currently there are 31 volunteers in the Elkhart Lake Fire Department. In the 1980's there was a limit of 40 volunteers and there was a waiting list. Today it is harder to recruit volunteers with the amount of hours of training, meetings, fire calls and community events that they attend. "We are very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers who serve our community" commented Chief Robert Schmidt. A volunteer Fire Fighter trains at least 60 hours before they can do any essential services. They one business meeting a month and then two or three sessions of training a month. They put in long hours on ladder training, Incident care response and airpack training. "This is a very dangerous profession and we need to make sure all of our volunteers are well-trained. In our 125 years, we have lost one Fire Fighter, Ed Weber, in a grass fire in 2003." Fire Fighters are also trained on how to handle the electrical cars when there is an accident. The electrical charge of the batteries could cause electrocution if not handled properly. Electrical cars change how a Fire Fighter uses the jaws of life on a vehicle.

The Fire Departments are part of MABAS: Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. MABAS offers a state-wide mutual aid response for fire, EMS and specialized incident operational teams. A fire department might get a call to send out just a water truck or a pumper. Fire departments train with other departments to learn where to park their equipment so that they are not in the way of others and to protect their equipment.

The Elkhart Lake Fire Department is taking a higher profile within the community this year. The department has already held two fundraising events. One



on New Year's Day and a St. Patrick's Day fundraising event orchestrated by Route 67 and worked by the volunteer Fire Fighters. Both events were financially successful. Route 67 is a major sponsor for the Fire Department. During these fundraising events, the Fire Fighters run basket raffles, a money wheel and a 50/50 raffle. There are four more fundraising events scheduled this year and six events in the community. April 3rd the Fire Department is holding an Open House and Pancake Breakfast from 8:00AM to Noon. It is open to the community and families. The public will be able to tour the Fire Station and see the equipment. July 1st and 3rd will be a big fundraiser event with the annual parade and picnic. In September, there will be a tailgate, brat fry and football game with the High School boy's basketball team and then in December there will be events with the High School girl's basketball team. The six community events will include the Easter Egg Hunt with the Elkhart Lions Club. The Memorial Day Celebration on Memorial Day. The Town of Rhine Memorial Day Parade. In July the Fire Fighters will have a presence at races and events at Road America. In August Downtown Night in Elkhart Lake. Oct. 15 will be the large Anniversary Celebration with a community event at the Fire Station. In December Santa will again be riding on the back of a fire truck and parading through Elkhart Lake. "We take pride in what we do for the community when it comes to helping out with community events," Fire Chief Robert Schmidt commented. Chief Schmidt has been the fire chief since 2021.



Elkhart Lake's Fire Department continues to serve the community in its 125th year with a volunteer force of 31 individuals.





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Lions Club surpasses big milestone

By Mark Sherry

One million dollars is a lot of money—especially when it is raised one root beer float, one hamburger and one game of bingo at a time.

That is how the Elkhart Lake Lions Club has done it over its 50-year history, but the Lions have indeed done it.

Through hard work by a lot of people over the years—and some very detailed record keeping—the club realized at the beginning of December that it had surpassed the \$1 million mark in the amount of donations it has made over the years.

“I think of all the different organizations that are involved (in the Elkhart Lake area) and I think the Lions have done the most,” said Tom Wiese, a member of the club for the last 42 years.

Helping in a variety of areas

Asked which beneficiaries of Lions Club funds stand out as he drives through the community, Wiese mentioned some big ones—the community’s schools, its Athletic Park, the Veterans Memorial and Lions Park.

A more detailed summary of the club’s donations since 1971 show some obviously impressive numbers in multiple areas. The club has broken down the over \$1 million it has donated into four major areas:

Community\$476,187
 Lions.....\$196,511
 School\$171,321
 Other charities\$159,498

Under the heading of Community, the single largest beneficiary of Lions Club dollars has been the village’s Athletic Park with \$111,552. With top-notch baseball and softball fields and tennis and basketball courts, a park the quality of this one is rarely found in a village the size of Elkhart Lake and even many larger communities.

The same can be said of the village’s Fire Department, which has been the beneficiary of \$74,051 from the Elkhart Lake Lions Club over the last half century.

Impressive Veterans Memorial

The village also has an impressive Veterans Memorial, once again thanks in large part to the club and the \$93,770 it has donated over the years. The memorial was dedicated in 2007.

Lions Park has received \$46,246 from the club over the years to provide play opportunities for small children and families. The list of community donations goes on and on to include parades/fireworks (\$14,633), Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts (\$11,219), concerts (\$7,900), medical causes (\$33,393) and a myriad of uses under the “community other” heading (\$69,535).

But the Athletic Park is not the single largest beneficiary of Elkhart Lake Lions Club funds. That distinction goes to the club’s efforts to help individuals with Cerebral Palsy, a cause which has received \$127,510 over the years.

In the school area, scholarships tops the list with \$43,368, followed by buildings and grounds with \$36,573 and exchange students with \$20,276. Once again, a long list of individual donations undoubtedly falls under the “school other” category and

the \$45,267 the club has donated there. The Elkhart Lake Lions Club has truly helped people all over the world through its donations to Lions International (\$52,874), but also many statewide programs ranging from Mission to Mexico to Disaster Relief to the State Eye Bank.

How the money has been raised

So how has the club raised all that money with which it has been so generous? Again, it simply has been a combination of a lot of hard work by a lot of members and others, along with some fundraising activities which have worked very well for the club.

Compared to some of the club’s long-time members, Bill Carlander is a relative newcomer with about three years of service. But Carlander summed up the club’s efforts well when he said, “There is a seemingly endless list of members whose efforts have made them inseparable from the success the club has realized over the last 50 years.”

Some of those members have passed away but they have left a legacy in more ways than one. The late Don Smoot was a founding member of the club. Carlander said the late Al Suemnicht “appeared to embody much of what Lionism stands for by his tireless and selfless work as witnessed by his five children’s similar tireless efforts and their dedication to the club.” Two of Suemnicht’s children—Randy and Kathy—are members of the club.

Dozens of other members have helped as well. Al Zemlica, the club’s current secretary, has been instrumental in running the Road America food stands over for the past 30 years. Carlander said, “He’s not one for the limelight but much of the club’s massive success at RA has been due to his efforts and determination.”

Club members said they have been blessed by having Road America in their backyard—a venue which draws tens of thousands of racing fans to the community every year and which also offers clubs such as the Elkhart Lake Lions the opportunity to raise a lot of money.

Remembering the bingo days

Longtime member Jim Schumacher has been a key part of the corn stand run by the club at Road America for many years, but the fundraiser both he and Wiese mentioned first was twice-a-month bingo run by the Lions from 1983 to 2001.

Bingo was held at Anchor Lanes on Wednesday nights and Schumacher said, “The place was full. It was scary in the beginning—all those women in there and if you made a mistake, the hall was silent.”

Wiese was busy operating Quit Qui Oc Golf Course back in the bingo years but said, “I never wanted to miss that (bingo). Not only was it a fundraiser, it was a fun thing to do. It was a club activity that brought the guys together. We were all younger then.” Wiese pointed out that Lions clubs are not just about serving their communities but also providing social opportunities for members, and bingo helped that happen. “That was part of the whole mission—it was a morale builder,” he said.

In 1992 the club began operating a root beer float stand at Road America and did that until 2004. Schumacher recalled one Road America fan who would ride up to the stand every morning on his motorbike to get his root beer float.



Years ago the Elkhart Lake Lions Club operated a root beer stand at Road America races as a way to cool off spectators and raise funds.



In recent years the Lions Club has switched to a sweet corn stand at Road America as a major fundraiser.



There have been multiple beneficiaries of Lions Club funds over the years, including getting the Veterans Memorial built and dedicated.

Following the root beer float days came a small stand which the club built near the Paddock Shop to serve brats, burgers, chicken breasts, beans and beverages. When the club got a much larger stand on the hill near Turn 5, they switched to doing corn and continue to do so to this day. They used to use an in-ground charcoal pit to roast the corn but have since switched to propane burners.

Schumacher said he actually enjoys working at the stand more when it is busy. “It’s more fun when the people are purchasing something,” he said. He added that it was fun this past year when an Elvis impersonator came up to the booth at the NASCAR race to purchase some corn.

Carlander commended the many volunteers who have assisted the Lions at the track and elsewhere over the years.

Schumacher said the Lions can run the stand with about four or five people, but



Art Smoot has worked a lot of fundraisers for the Elkhart Lake Lions Club during his 50 years of participation with the club.

the key is having those people for all the days and shifts needed. Like most service clubs these days, the average age of members of the Elkhart Lake Lions Club is getting up there. More members—especially younger ones—are needed as the club embarks on raising its next million dollars to help local causes. More information on the club and how to join can be found on its Facebook page or website (<https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/elkhartlake/>).

Wiese said, “Everyone’s busy today, but community service is a way to find out what’s going on in your community and trying to make it better. Do something to get involved in your community.”

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Glacial Lakes volunteer shares story of helping

Volunteer, Martha Schott shares her story. Way back in the 1950s, my sister, brothers, and neighbor friends loved to pack a picnic lunch and head up the steep, winding path to the very top of Grasshopper Hill where you could see for miles. It was a favorite destination for many kids who grew up in the Elkhart Lake area, a kids' paradise with rocks, snakes and grasshoppers, a place where many had their first real encounter with wild natural beauty. For me it was my favorite place on earth, a place I hoped would be there for my kids and their kids to enjoy.

After GLC came along and saved my favorite place on earth, making it a 25-acre public preserve in 2012, I stepped up my volunteer involvement with GLC. I wanted to be a part of preserving more acres of wild habitat.

The other big factor in my commitment to GLC was Mary Piehl, a former Executive Director of GLC who passed away from cancer in 2019. Mary was a student in my classes at Lakeland University where I taught communications courses and advised the student media for many years. She served as the business manager of the student newspaper and I came to appreciate

her tireless work ethic and indomitable spirit. Mary reached out to me when she took on the role of Executive Director at GLC and asked me to do layout and design work (I had taught a course in InDesign for many years). Of course I said yes! I designed various handouts and I proof read the Landscapes newsletter. Now, working with the awesome staff and volunteers on the Outreach Committee, I do the layout and design for the newsletter, invitations, and whatever might be needed.

And that brings me to the third big reason I volunteer for GLC: the people. It is so satisfying to be doing good work - helping to save natural areas in the five county region - with people who are so encouraging, so supportive, so knowledgeable and so committed. I am truly honored to be working with these people. I have learned so much participating in GLC nature walks, clean up days, and presentations from people who are experts. I invite others to join us, to find a role in this organization to apply your interests and talents. You will have fun, feel appreciated, and know the satisfaction which comes from being in "the forever business" of land preservation.



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Library Hours

Monday – Thursday 9 – 7
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Saturday 9 – 2

ADULT FICTION

Beach Wedding, Michael Ledwidge
Black Cloud Rising, David Falade
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Cartographers, Peng Shepherd
Checkout 19, Claire-Louise Bennett
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Groundskeeping, Lee Cole
Her Last Affair, John Searles
In a New York Minute, Kate Spencer
Last Confessions of Sylvia Plath, Lee Kravetz
Love of My Life, Rosie Walsh
Match, Harlan Coben
Nine Lives, Danielle Steel
Ocean State, Stewart O’Nan
Orchard, Kristina Gorcheva-Newberry
Peach Blossom Spring, Melissa Fu
Safe House, Stuart Woods
Scarlet in Blue, Jennifer Murphy
Shadows Reel, C.J. Box
Summer Getaway, Susan Mallory
Vagabonds, Eloghosa Osunde
Where You Come From, Sasa Stanisic

ADULT NONFICTION

Against All Odds, Alex Kershaw
Becoming Forrest, Rob Pope
In Love: A Memoir..., Amy Bloom
Lincoln and the Fight for Peace, John Avlon
Never Simple: A Memoir, Liz Scheier
Saving Yellowstone, Megan Nelson

LARGE PRINT

City of the Dead, Jonathan Kellerman

YOUNG ADULT

Gallant, V.E. Schwab
Thousand Steps Into Night, Traci Chee

KIDS CHAPTER BOOKS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS (GN)

Aquanaut, Dan Santat (GN)
Falling Short, Ernesto Cisneros
Map of Flames, Lisa McMann
Ogress and the Orphans, Kelly Barnhill
Song Called Home, Sara Zarr

KID’S EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS AND WONDERBOOKS

Your Friend Parker, Jessica Curry

CHILDREN’S NONFICTION

Return to Factopia!, Kate Hale
Solitary Animals, Joshua Stein

PICTURE BOOKS AND BOARD BOOKS

Dinosaurs on Kitty Island, Michael Slack
I’m Not Scared You’re Scared, Seth Meyers
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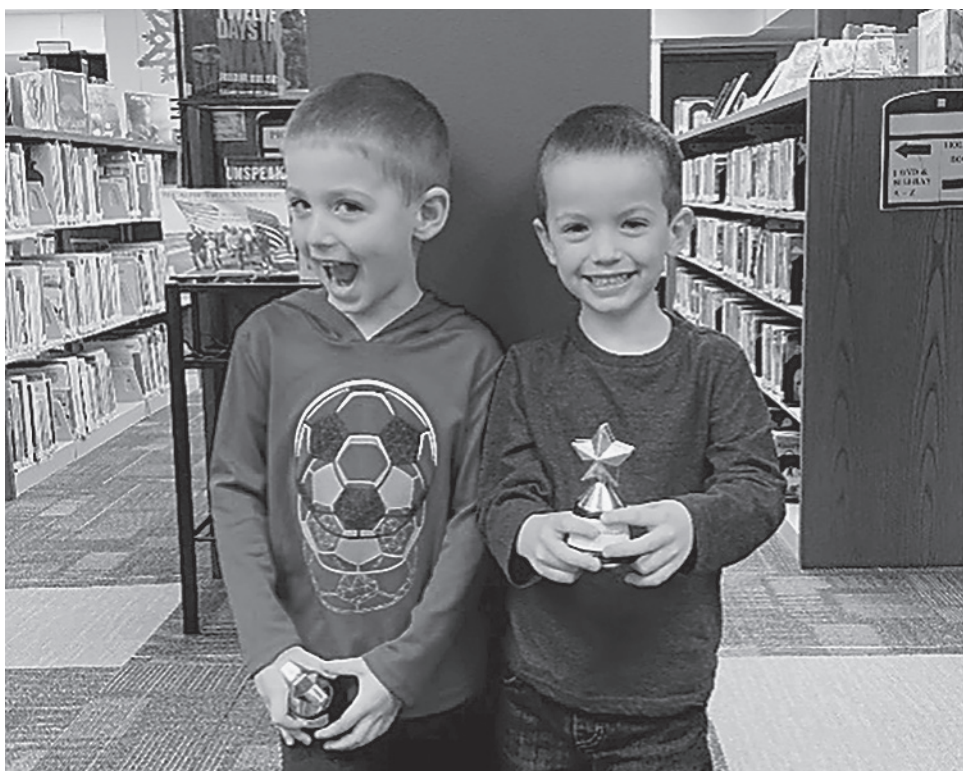


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1000 Books before Kindergarten

We have two new Reading Stars! Alois and Ambrose Krupp have completed the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program at ELPL. The 1000 Books before Kindergarten program encourages parents to read to their preschool children. Reading together develops important pre-reading skills - a key to school and learning success. Each child receives a sheet to record

the books that have been read to them. At each 100 books read the child receives a sticker and places a star on the 1000 Book before Kindergarten display. When completed, the child receives \$50 and a trophy. A large star with the child’s name is displayed in the library. Congratulations, Alois and Ambrose!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our 2nd Annual Peeps Show Contest entries will be on display at the library through Saturday, April 16th. Place a vote for the “Peep-le’s Choice Award”!

The library has added two family passes to the Above & Beyond Children’s Museum. The passes are available for checkout for a 3-day loan period. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for supporting this addition.

- No internet? The library now has WiFi hotspots available for checkout. Hotspots can be checked out at the desk for a one-week loan period.
- Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram for up-to-date information on programs, services and more.

KIDS

Story Time –Thursdays at 9:30am - Stories, songs, and activities for toddlers and preschoolers (babies welcome). No registration required. Please skip story time if you or your child are unwell.

Character Seek & Find – Children’s book characters are hiding in our library. Find the matching character – bonus if you can name the character and book!

SPRING BREAK @ THE LIBRARY

LegoMania - Thursday, April 14th 1-4pm (drop-in) (5&up)

Join us anytime between 1-4 for LegoMania. We’ll provide the Legos and a challenge to help you get started. Our goal is to fill the display case with your creations!

Tiny Art – Friday, April 15th 1-4pm (drop-in) (10&up)

Create a piece of art to be featured in the Elkhart Lake Public Library’s Tiny Art Show next month. Bring yourself and your creativity, and we’ll provide some ideas and the supplies to make your miniscule masterpiece.

Monday Matinee – Monday, April 18th at 1pm

Join us for a special viewing of “Encanto” in the Children’s Section of the library.

ADULTS

Poetry Reading & Author Talk- Thursday, April 21st at 7pm, Grashorn Civic Center – In observance of Earth Day and National Poetry

Month, local poet Maryann Hurtt will read from her book Once Upon a Tar Creek: Mining for Voices. In this collection of poems, Hurtt explores environmental, historical, and social themes. The reading will be followed by a short question and answer session with the author. Books will be available for signing.

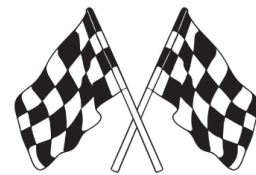
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Coffee Hour and Book Chat – Wednesdays at 10am. All welcome- enjoy a cup of coffee and some casual conversation. No registration required. If you would like to be added to our Coffee Hour list to receive updates, contact us at elc@monarchlibraries.org or 876-2554.

Book Club – Friday, April 8th at 1pm, Grashorn Civic Center (call the library for the Zoom link if you would like to participate remotely). This month’s book is Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson. “An unforgettable true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to end mass incarceration in America- from one of the most inspiring lawyers of our time.”

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LTC awarded grant

Lakeshore Technical College received approval this week from the Wisconsin Technical College System board for \$1.43 million in competitive grant funding, the highest amount among all 16 colleges in the Wisconsin Technical College System. This is an increase of \$127,894 over last fiscal year.

The funding was awarded to support key areas including a new cybersecurity program launching in fall, culinary and nursing career pathways, and the radiography, welding, and mechanical design programs.

“The success we are seeing in competitive grant funding will support students preparing for in-demand, high-paying careers that employers in our district are looking for,” said LTC President Dr.

Paul Carlsen. “Receiving this amount is a significant accomplishment for us and our district, especially considering we are the third smallest college in terms of full-time student enrollment within the state’s technical college system.”

LTC was also awarded: \$416,095 in allocation grants that fund student success, nontraditional occupations, and professional growth efforts; and \$274,788 in second-year allocations for Adult Education and Family Literacy Act funding that supports programs helping adults acquire basic such as reading, writing, math, English language proficiency, and problem solving.

Information about LTC and the programs receiving grant funding can be found at gotoltc.edu.

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Thank you to Mary Starnitcky for making signs for the kids for the parade. Thank you to everyone who stood outside to welcome the kids home. And thank you to everyone who supported these kids along the way. This is a moment these kids will never forget.

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Lakeshore Tech named Military Friendly school

For the 13th consecutive year, Lakeshore Technical College earned the Military Friendly® School designation. Institutions earning the designation were evaluated using public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Of over 1,800 schools that participated in the 2022-2023 survey, 665 earned special awards for going above the standard. LTC earned a silver award, which indicates leading practices, outcomes, and effective programs for veterans transitioning from military careers to school and satisfying careers as civilians.



“This recognition shows our commitment to welcoming veterans and supporting them in meaningful ways throughout their educational journeys with us,” said LTC President Dr. Paul Carlsen, “We consider it a privilege to have veterans learning within our student community and we are honored to receive this designation.”

LTC 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. LTC also processes state level Retraining Grant Applications for veterans who are dislocated

workers, National Guard Tuition Grant Applications, and VetEd Reimbursement Grants. Those eligible for the Federal GI Bill can benefit from tuition assistance, housing allowance, and additional stipends to cover education costs.

Registration for new and returning veterans begins April 4 for summer and fall terms. Alumni, returning, and new program students can begin registering April 5. Registration will be open to everyone on April 14.

For information about Lakeshore’s student veteran benefits, visit gotoltc.edu/veterans.

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EL-G celebrates Read Across America

Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Elementary students and staff celebrated Read Across America Week from February 28th - March 4th with a variety of activities. The theme of the event was "Celebrate with Stories from Around the World". Students and staff participated in activities celebrating children from many countries. Each classroom read literature featuring children from around the world and learned about different cultures. The classrooms also decorated their doors highlighting the theme of their stories.

- Monday: Tip Your Hat Day
- Tuesday: Many Colors Day
- Wednesday: Wear Red & White in honor of Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- Thursday: Dress Like a Storybook Character

■ Friday: Pajama/Comfy Clothes Day

In addition to our dress-up days, students were greeted each as they entered school with "Music in the Morning" and multi-cultural music playing for them to appreciate. Food from around the world was featured on our lunch menu all week as well! Students participated in a "Morning Mystery Reader" contest. Each day after morning announcements, a mystery staff member read a few lines from the book, *All Are Welcome*, by Alexandra Penfold & illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman. Students had to guess who the mystery readers were, and winners were picked at the end of the day. The school also held "Stop, Drop & Read" every day; students were expected to carry a book with them wherever they went, not knowing when the announcement would come! The students welcomed celebrity guest readers throughout the week. Celebrity Readers Dr. Buechel Haack, Dis-



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MARCH 31
Stefanie Weill Center – Lee Greenwood 40 Years of Hits Tour 7:30pm Throughout his expansive career, he has earned multiple CMA and ACM Awards, a Grammy Award for Top Male Vocal Performance on "I.O.U.", in 1985, and a multitude of other prestigious award nominations.

APRIL 1
Stefanie Weill Center – The Way Down Wanderers 7:30pm The 5-piece Illinois-based act youthful exuberance and a lively stage show, as reliable as it is infectious. High energy percussion, mandolin, guitar, bass, banjo, and fiddle weave seamlessly together.

APRIL 3
Breakfast At The Firehouse – Join the Elkhart Lake Fire Department In Celebration of 125 Years of Service to the Community Elkhart Lake/Town of Rhine Fire Station Sunday Serving 8am-12pm.

APRIL 8
Stefanie Weill Center – Red Hot Chilli Pipers a 9-piece ensemble consisting of pipers, guitarists, keyboards, and drummers. The band has four music degrees from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and all the pipers and drummers have played at the top level in bagpiping.

APRIL 9
Wade House – Hearthside Dinner, Yankee Dinner menu. Enjoy a delicious hearth-cooked meal, prepared with your own hands, in the historic Wade House Stagecoach Hotel! \$ To register, call (920) 526-3271 by the Wednesday prior to the event date.

APRIL 12
Stefanie Weill Center – Rosie Revere, Engineer & Friends 6pm Recommended for ages 4-9. Ms. Greer's classroom includes three inquisitive out-of-the-box thinkers. Rosie Revere has big dreams, Iggy Peck has a relentless passion for architecture, and Ada Twist's curiosity can drive her teacher crazy. On a field trip gone awry, they are faced with the ultimate test of their problem-solving skills that can only be conquered with teamwork. Recommended for ages 4-9.

APRIL 22
Stefanie Weill Center – Movie: Little Women (2019) 7pm.

APRIL 23
Stefanie Weill Center – The Electric Light Orchestra Experience featuring Evil Woman-The American ELO 7:30pm.

APRIL 29
Stefanie Weill Center – The Magic of Bill Blagg Live 7:30pm Interactive magic & jaw-dropping illusions that will have you rubbing your eyes in disbelief! More than a magic show - it's an interactive magic experience!

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Wade House – Hearthsdie Dinner-Yankee Menu 11am-3pm Enjoy a delicious hearth-cooked meal, prepared with your own hands, in the historic Wade House Stagecoach Hotel! \$ To register, call (920) 526-3271 by the Wednesday prior to the event date.

MAY 6 & 7
Elkhart Lake City Wide Rummage Sales.

MAY 7
Stefanie Weill Center – SSO presents Sergey Bogza 7:30pm.

Wade House – Blacksmithing Workshop: Camping Gear 9am-4pm. The theme of this workshop is "Camping Gear." Make this year's camping adventures memorable with campfire gear you made yourself. In this workshop, you will craft a roasting fork, a tripod, and a campfire hook. \$

MAY 12
40th Annual SCCA Fundraising Event/Banquet at The Village, 170 in Kohler. Dinner served at 6:30pm. Walk around raffles, 50/50 raffles, door prizes & a lot of firearms. Join us for an evening of fine food, fundraising & friendship For ticket information contact Mary Jo Robinson 920 980-2198 mjgpackers@charter.net.

MAY 13
Stefanie Weill Center – Movie: The Big Lebowski (R) 7pm.
Old Wade House – Tavern Night & Beer Tasting 7-9pm. Enter the restored 1850s taproom and enjoy live music, refreshing drinks, tasty food, fun games, and more. Tickets include a tour of the 27-room inn, a flight of four beer samples or two full-size drinks, and heavy appetizers.

MAY 15
Stefanie Weill Center – Big Bang Boom 4 pm. These dynamic dads play parent-friendly, educational children's music!

MAY 20-22
Road America – SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend-Celebrates automotive racing's glorious past. This vintage racing event brings the past back to life with the sights, sounds and smells from motorsport's pioneering age both on and off the track.

MAY 21
Wade House – Blacksmithing Workshop: Knife making 9am-4pm. The theme of this workshop is "Knife Making." Forge two unique knives in this workshop from various materials. Customize the handles with your own unique designs to make distinctive knives only you will have.

MAY 28-29
Wade House – Animal Adventures 10am-5pm. Meet a variety of resident animals including horses, sheep, and chickens. Keep your eyes peeled as you explore the acres of beautiful natural landscapes and you might see more wild critters in the forest, grass, and ponds. Learn how to card wool from the sheep and fish in the millpond.

MAY 28-OCTOBER 8
Elkhart Lake Farmers Market 8am-12pm.

JUNE 3-5
Road America – MotoAmerica Superbike Series & Vintage MotoFest.

JUNE 4-5
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JUNE 9-12
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Regularly scheduled meetings & events

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

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The Board of Trustees meets at the Grashorn Civic Center (84 N. Lake St.) on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. most months. Agendas for all board and committee meetings are posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting at the Grashorn Civic Center, National Exchange Bank & Trust, Wisconsin Bank & Trust, the Post Office, and our website. In order to be on a board agenda you must notify the village clerk by the Wednesday before the board meeting.

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Website: www.elkhartlake.com

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

ELKHART LAKE STUDY CLUB
Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at noon and on the second Monday in September. Meetings are not held in January, July, and August at the Grashorn Civic Center.
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Van Horn employees take ownership

Van Horn Automotive Group has transitioned the status of their ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan) from 30 percent to 77 percent, giving employees majority ownership of the company.

An ESOP is a qualified retirement plan, granting eligible employees a portion of company stock and ownership interest. Van Horn Automotive Group entered the ESOP in 2016 with employees as 30% minority owners. Van Horn is the only employee owned auto group in the state of Wisconsin, and was named ESOP Company of the Year by the Wisconsin Chapter of the ESOP Association in 2019. This transition aligns with the company's mission of "Empower People. Amaze Customers." and moves employees from minority owners to majority stakeholders.

"Our employees are passionate, dynamic, and innovative team players," said Jeff Niesen, President of Van Horn Automotive Group. "The proof is in our consistent growth of both sales and profits. It only makes sense for our employees to have a greater stake in the continued success of this company."

This ownership shift also comes with executive-level transitions. After 35 years, Chuck Van Horn is pivoting from co-CEO



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of Van Horn Automotive Group to focus on Van Horn Development, LLC, an independent real estate development and property management company, based in Sheboygan County. Teresa Van Horn will serve as the sole CEO for Van Horn Automotive Group. And lastly, COO Richard Strong, is moving to Chairperson of the Board on Van Horn's Board of Directors.

"I'm very happy with the direction this

new generation is taking this company," said Chuck Van Horn, former co-CEO of Van Horn Automotive Group. "The steep rise in stock valuation indicates how talented our employees are. This customer-centric organization has seen strong growth in sales accompanied by consistent annual investment returns."

Van Horn Automotive Group, Inc. is a family born, employee owned automotive

group with headquarters in Plymouth, Wisconsin. Founded in 1966 by Joe Van Horn as a single Chevrolet dealership, Van Horn Automotive Group has grown to include 19 automotive dealerships, a finance company, a rental vehicle division, and a wholesale financial products company. The group employs over 670 people throughout Wisconsin and Iowa. Visit the Careers page at www.vhcars.com.

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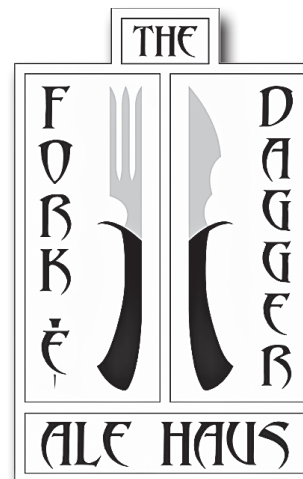
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NASCAR race July 3 at Road America

The NASCAR Cup Series will return to America's National Park of Speed on Sunday, July 3, over the Fourth of July holiday weekend for the Kwik Trip 250 presented by JOCKEY Made in America.

Fans are encouraged to get their tickets and reserve camping early as Road America officials expect another incredible crowd. The green flag drops at 2 p.m. Central, and NASCAR's top stars will battle 62 laps / 250 miles on the storied 4-mile, 14-turn road circuit.

"NASCAR has already seen tremendous crowds at the first few events in '22, and our weekend, June 30 through July 3, is already showing strong sales," said Mike Kertscher, Road America's President and General Manager. "The on-track intensity is going to ramp up even more for this year's race as NASCAR's Next-Gen cars will battle on America's favorite road course for the first time. If you're planning to enjoy the weekend, get your tickets and camping soon as spots are filling up fast."

Road America also wants to remind fans that off-site parking will be FREE, and a shuttle will be available both to and from the track on race day. Anyone expecting to park on the grounds should get their tickets and parking early as parking on race day (Sunday Only) will sell out.

Before Road America's season is in full swing, several NASCAR Cup Watch Parties are already planned. Fans are encouraged to join Road America at local NASCAR bars to watch select NASCAR Cup Series races for a chance at winning (2) weekend passes for the NASCAR Cup Series Kwik Trip 250 Presented by JOCKEY Made in America & NASCAR Xfinity Series Henry 180. The first NASCAR Cup Watch Party is on March 6, and additional details and dates for each NASCAR Cup Watch Party are available at www.roadamerica.com

Race day, July 3, will feature NASCAR Cup's incredible wheel-to-wheel racing when the green flag drops for the Kwik Trip 250 presented by JOCKEY Made in America. The NASCAR Cup Series features thrilling door-to-door and wheel-to-wheel action through stage racing, which

ensures more highlight-reel moments during a race, increases the sense of urgency, and emphasizes aggressive racing strategy. Fans will have the opportunity to watch NASCAR's future stars, such as Cole Custer, Tyler Reddick, Christopher Bell, and Erik Jones, battle it out with superstars such as Kyle Busch, Martin Truex Jr., and 2021 Road America Winner, Chase Elliott.

The NASCAR Cup Series Kwik Trip 250 presented by JOCKEY Made in America on July 3 will be joined by the NASCAR XFINITY Series Henry 180 on July 2. The event will also be bolstered by the Trans Am Series by Pirelli and the Mazda MX-5 Cup, which will host multiple races during the weekend.

Bring the entire family to Road America to celebrate the July 4th weekend! Kids 16 and under get free general admission to all Road America season racing events with a paying adult at the gate, even for the NASCAR Cup Series!

Ticket prices vary by day, starting at just \$30! Additional VIP experiences are also available at the Turn 14 Experience and the Tuft Center.

All campers are also encouraged to decorate their sites according to a predetermined theme to enter the Kunes RV Most Awesome Camping Contest!

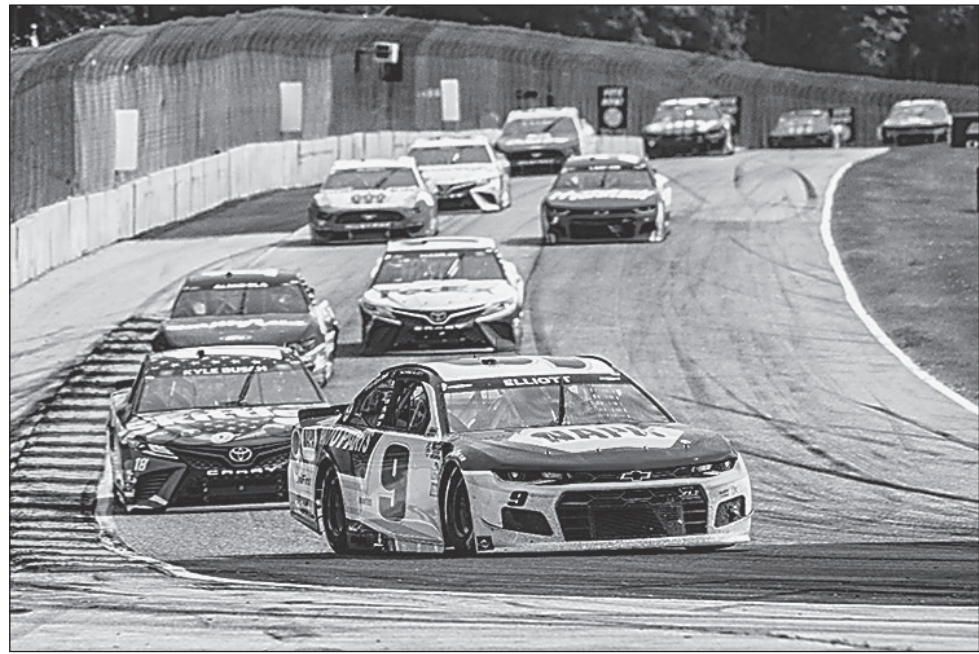
There will be karting all weekend at the Briggs & Stratton Motorplex, Pace Car Rides, a Family Fun Zone in Turn 1, and Road America's Disc Golf Course will be open all weekend.

Fans have two quick, convenient methods to buy tickets, camping, golf carts, VIP experiences, and more:

Online: Visit www.roadamerica.com Tickets are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Print your tickets to save time and enjoy a contactless experience at the gates.

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Races run rain or shine. For more information, call 800-365-RACE (7223) or visit www.roadamerica.com. Fans Encouraged to Buy Tickets, Parking and Camping Early.



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New art show opening in Gallery 110 North

The public is invited to join us for a brand-new art show opening in Gallery 110 North, Friday, April 1 from 5 to 7 p.m.

This exhibition showcases the Award Winners from Plymouth Arts Center's "Paint the Towns in Fall Color" 2021. The presenting sponsors are Franz Backus, Barbara and Conrad Barrows, and Barbara and Dan Garton. The reception will be held in the grand hall of the PAC, admission is free. Live musical entertainment will be provided by Steve Hamer, piano. Complimentary appetizers will be served. The exhibition will be on display through April 29, 2022.

This plein air competition, held annually in October, is graciously coordinated by Artist Dan Rizzi of Plymouth. During the week-long 'paint-out,' artists compete in different categories for cash prizes and merit awards (totaling \$3000.) The highlight of the event is the public silent auction, party, and the awards presentation. Art Professor, James P. Neilson, of St. Norbert College judged the 2021 competition and selected 13 artists to receive awards. Exhibiting Awards Winners are: Hector Acuna, Cedarburg; Lori Beringer, Plymouth; Linda Boehlke, Random Lake; Peggy Hope, Appleton; Max Janairo, Shorewood; Daniel Rizzi, Plymouth; Naomi

Tiry Salgado, St. Paul, MN; Todd Schabel, Horicon; Michael Sturm, Grafton; Troy Tatlock, Milwaukee; Stephen Wysocki, Armstrong Creek. Also winning awards but not available to participate in the April exhibition: James Hempel, Shorewood and Mary Lynn Addy, Cascade.

What is Plein Air Painting? Courtney Jordan of Artists Network describes Plein air painting... "Plein air painting is about leaving the four walls of your studio behind and experiencing painting and drawing in the landscape. The practice goes back for centuries but was truly made into an art form by the French Impressionists. Their desire to paint light and its changing, ephemeral qualities, coupled with the creation of transportable paint tubes and the box easel—the precursor to the plein air easels of today—allowed artists the freedom to paint "en plein air," which is the French expression for "in the open air."

"Today, plein air painting is a flourishing trend in our art world. Artists come together for 'paint out' excursions, workshops devoted to the practice occur all year-round and coast to coast, and landscape painters are finding that plein air painting is as rewarding and powerful an experience as it was for the first plein air painters all those years ago."



These are some of the art works which will be on display at the new art show opening in Gallery 110 North in Plymouth on Friday, April 1 from 5 to 7 p.m.



Elkhart Lake Police receive donation of comfort dog

Elkhart Lake Police Chief Michael Meeusen announces the acceptance of a donation and the start of a comfort K9 program.

Early in 2022 the department was contacted by an anonymous person who wished to discuss the idea of a comfort dog for the department. After hours of research and discussion with other police and fire departments with such programs we are excited to announce that we are moving forward with the first public safety comfort dog in the area.

The department received a substantial donation from an anonymous Elkhart Lake resident, Elkhart Cares, a puppy from Blueberry Cottage Labradoodles, services from Compassionate Care Ani-

mal Clinic and are working with other interested donors to ensure this program is successful.

With the receipt of this donation the department will be purchasing and outfitting a K9 specific squad car so that the dog can be used in all aspects of Elkhart Lake. Comfort dogs are trained to provide disaster and support to people in hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, schools, libraries, disaster areas and during traumatic times in a person's life.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the therapy dog program or are interested in helping to make the program successful in Elkhart Lake please contact the Police Department.

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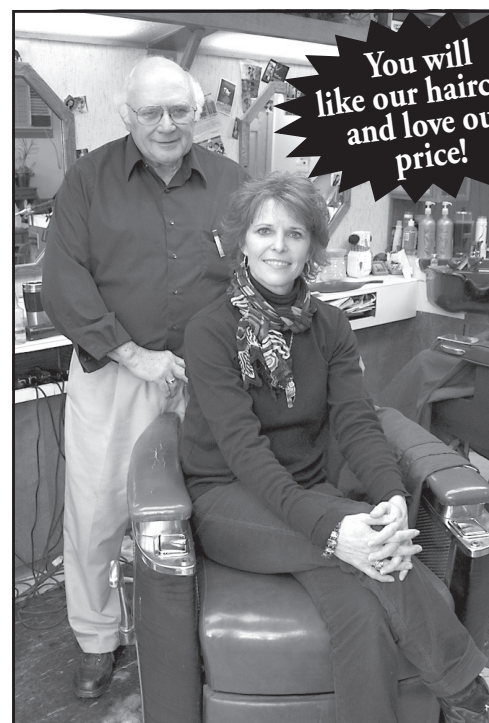


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Elkhart Lake Village update

April Election

The ballot is set for the April 5, 2022, election. This will include the local elections, as well as the Court of Appeals District 2. The following submitted papers to run for village offices.

Board of Trustees: (Vote for Three)
 Terri Knowles
 John Schott
 Lynn Shovan

If you need to register to vote you can do it in person at the Village offices between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday-Friday or you can go online to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> and register and receive voting information including polling locations and sample ballots.

Absentee Voting for April 5th, 2022

In-person absentee voting for the April 5th election will begin 2 weeks before the election (March 22nd through April 1st.). We are open from 8 am to 4:00 pm on those days for in-person absentee voting.

You cannot use the dropbox outside Village Hall to return ballots. The ballots must be returned in person to the Village Hall during our office hours from 8 am until 4 pm. Please contact 920-876-2122 with any questions.

Arbor Day & Role of the Tree Commission

The Village is holding an Arbor Day celebration on April 29, 2022 at 10:30 am at the Village Square Park. Their will be a program and the winners of the 5th grader poster contest will be announced. Please watch the Village website for more information.



The urban forest is a vital part of village life. It provides environmental, economic, aesthetic, and health benefits.

The Village of Elkhart Lake is a 22-year Tree City based on these qualifications: maintaining a Tree Commission, having a community tree ordinance, spending \$2.00 per capita on our urban forest, and celebrating Arbor Day with our 5th graders. Pat Robison, Frank Thielman, Anne Hatas, Steve Kapellen, and John Schott are our tree commissioners with Katrina Weir, Village Deputy Clerk, as the community liaison. The commission is responsible for stewardship of the village park and parkway trees working with our public works department to coordinate tree planting, removal, replacement and maintenance. Other projects include: providing information to the community about the impact of the urban forest, long term planning, and the 5th grade arbor day artwork and tree planting events.

The Commission is focusing on some new projects for 2022 to keep the commu-

nity informed about the value of our urban forest and their part in protecting trees, providing homeowners with tree species choices whenever possible, and testing new planting and maintenance methods to increase the longevity of urban trees.

Hydrant Flushing & Sewer Cleaning Tentative Schedule

Hydrant flushing will be done April 11th and 12th, weather permitting. If the weather does not allow for flushing then, it will be done on April 18th and 19th. We will also be cleaning a portion of our sewer lines in April.

First Responder Brat Fry at Anchor Lanes

The Elkhart Lake & Glenbeulah First Responders will be hosting a brat fry at Anchor Lanes on Saturday, April 2nd from 11 am until 5 pm in conjunction with the Lions Club Sports Raffle. Brats, burgers, chicken, and fries will be available. Come support the local EMS groups.

Fire Department Breakfast at the Firehouse

The Elkhart Lake Fire Department will be holding its annual breakfast at the firehouse event. It will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2022 from 8 am until 12 pm. It will be all you can eat scrambled eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, toast, coffee, milk, and orange juice. The cost will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6 for children 8 and under. Hope to see you at the event.

Building Permit Required

If you are planning a construction project on your home or business, you must apply for a building permit. Permits must be obtained prior to commencement of work. We have had a few people looking to install patios and doing some work and then finding out they cannot have one. We want to prevent this from happening. It is best if you call the Clerk's Office at 920-876-2122 to find out if your project will require a permit. Failure to do so will result in double the permit fees, potentially tearing out of what has been done, and could even result in a fine of up to \$1,000.

Household Hazardous Waste

Sheboygan County has established three (potentially four) periodic collection sites for disposing of hazardous wastes. The majority of the program is funded with County tax dollars, so be prepared to show proof of residency. When those funds are depleted, the sites will be closed until funds are again available. The fees are: \$15 – Vehicles with hazardous waste only, \$40 – Vehicles with household size electronics only (for each 6 items), and \$40 – Vehicles with both hazardous waste and household size electronics (for each 6 electronic items). The first date is set for April 9th at the Highway Department on County J and Highway 67 from 8 am until 11 am. For more information on the days, times, and locations please visit <https://www.sheboygancounty.com/home/showpublished-document/17380/637804434735600000>.

Dog Licenses

Please stop in at the Village Hall to license your dog by March 31st. You need to provide a proof of rabies vaccination and pay the fee (\$7.00 per spayed or neutered dog and \$14.00 per dog if not spayed or neutered). A late charge will be assessed to all dogs not licensed by March 31st.

Water Conservation & Water Loss

There are many ways a person can con-

serve water. You turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth, you take shorter showers, you can replace your old toilet with a new 1.28 gallon/flush model, you can check for leaks in your toilets or faucets, or only do laundry when you have a full load, etc. These are all good ways to conserve water, but there are ways you can conserve water and use water efficiently outdoors.

Some things you can do outdoors include:

- Making lawn watering optional. Some people choose to forgo watering established lawns and allow their lawns to go dormant during hot periods in the summer.
- Decrease your lawn area. Assess your lawn and decide if you can convert lawn into garden beds.
- Use native plants. Plants and shrubs native to Wisconsin come in beautiful varieties. Correctly matched to soil and light needs, once established, native plants will survive wet weather and drought conditions alike.
- Redirect and disconnect downspouts. In this case, redirecting your downspouts into your lawn or a garden, allows for some of that rainwater to infiltrate into the soil and eventually reach the water table. This practice keeps your water local and on your property as much as possible. This does not work for all situations such as if the downspout is keeping water out of your basement, but often the water can be redirected to flow into your lawn or garden with no detriment to your yard and a benefit to water supplies.
- Plant a rain garden. A rain garden is a specialized garden that uses water typically captured from a roof, and allows the rain to slowly infiltrate into the ground, contributing to groundwater supplies and reducing stormwater runoff.
- Create rain barrels. Installing a rain barrel connected to a downspout is a great way to create an additional water source. Rain barrel water can be used for outdoor and indoor non-edible plants. These barrels usually hold 50 gallons and fill quickly in a rainstorm.

People do not realize how a small leak can be costly. Below is an image that shows that a faucet dripping only 30 drops per minutes can mean that 54 gallons are lost a month. If you have a leaking toilet that is leaking at 1/4 gallon per minute, it can use 10,800 gallons per month and can cost over \$125 in water and sewer charges in one month in the Village of Elkhart Lake. If you suspect your toilet is running or

leaking you can contact the public works department and they can check for a leaking toilet.

If you have any questions, please call 920-876-2122.

Elkhart Lake Village Board Members

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

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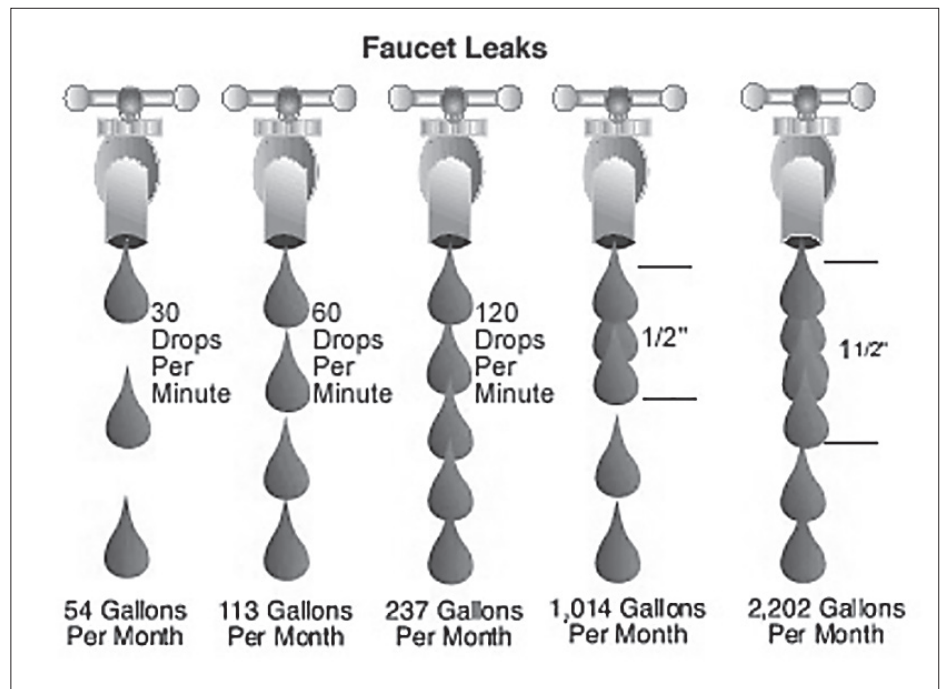
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Please call Waste Management at 1-888-960-0008 if you have any questions, they miss your pick-up or for repairs to carts. Make sure to use our Customer ID# 82300982379. Then please call the Clerk's office at 920-876-2122 and let us know. There have been some issues with the transition to Waste Management and the Village is trying to keep track of the issues people are experiencing.

Auto Pay Your Water Bill

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

Spring has Sprung!!



It was a fun February for our three chambers (Elkhart Lake, Plymouth and Kiel) promoting our member restaurants for our West of 57 month! We picked our big winner and it's Marjean Pountain! A big thank you to The Hub Studio Cafe, Quit Qui Golf Club, Rumors Roadhouse, Otto's Restaurant, The Concourse Restaurant and Lounge, Gravel Pit, Mike's Kiel Lounge, Plymouth Dairy Queen, Cousins Subs, Chissy's Pub & Grill, PJ Campbells at The Depot and The Plymouth Cheese Counter for generously donating to this promotion. Thanks to all who participated and supported our local restaurants. Until next February!



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University gets grant

Lakeland University has received a \$250,000 grant from the Kohler Trust for the Arts and Education to fund several ongoing, student-centered programs.

The grant will support the Kohler Teaching Scholars program, the Lakeland Promise Program, LU's free student shuttle and expansion of counseling services for students.

"We are grateful to the Kohler Trust for the Arts and Education for their ongoing funding and partnership with us," said Lakeland President Beth Borgen. "Working together, we are creating the next generation of leaders and contributing citizens in our region."

Kohler Teaching Scholars: \$65,000 will help fund recruitment of the next cohort of Kohler Teaching Scholars. This program provides scholarship support that, coupled with Lakeland's Cooperative Education program, creates a unique, competitive pathway to home-grow more Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) teachers for the Sheboygan Area School District.

Funds will be used to award \$5,000 annual scholarships to three incoming first-year students. This scholarship award is in addition to any other institutional scholarships and grants available to the students.

Remaining funds from the inaugural cohort will continue to be used to provide scholarships for students interested in dual-credit education courses in high school, as well as continued discussion with SASD to consider four-year education degrees for their BIPOC paraprofessionals through LU's Kellett School.

Lakeland Promise Program: \$100,000 will support this program, which provides qualified Wisconsin students an opportunity to attend Lakeland tuition/fees free

for four years (up to three years for transfer students). The program currently supports 67 students with high financial need.

"This initiative aligns directly with our commitment to accessibility and affordability for students from all socioeconomic backgrounds," Borgen said. "In order to positively impact the college attainment achievement gap in our nation, we must work to break the social mobility cycle and higher education achievement cycle often experienced by first-generation college students. The Lakeland Promise, aligned with our Co-Op program, is designed to do so."

Cooperative Education transportation: \$50,000 will support transportation expenses for Lakeland students to participate in off-campus Co-Op employment. Many Lakeland students do not have a vehicle on campus and therefore rely on LU's campus shuttle to get to work. The Lakeland shuttle service provides an average of nearly 7,000 rides each year, and approximately 70% of those rides are work-related.

Expanded counseling services: \$35,000 will help fund expenses necessary to provide enhanced counseling support to Lakeland students impacted by the pandemic.

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Lakeland University acquiring Jake's Café

Lakeland University is expanding into downtown Sheboygan to provide more access to its award-winning Cooperative Education program, recruit the next generation of entrepreneurially minded students and position the institution as a significant resource and partner for the region.

Thanks to the generosity of some well-known local innovators, the university is acquiring Jake's Café at 529 Ontario Ave., and renaming it Jake's, A Lakeland Community.

Jake's, a Lakeland Community, will serve as a collaborative "Communiversities" (community university) that combines Lakeland's Cooperative Education program with university intellectual resources to create an environment for learning and practice. It will also serve as a resource for community leaders seeking innovative solutions to real-world problems. In addition to expanded programming, Jake's will continue to host creative communities and startups.

"Jake's, a Lakeland Community, will attract new students who are tomorrow's entrepreneurs and create new ways for Lakeland to serve as a broader resource to help elevate our community. Whether a student wants to run a small business or has the next big idea, Jake's will provide a unique laboratory for learning," said Lakeland President Beth Borgen.

Donations help it happen

Funding for the transition to Jake's, a Lakeland Community, has been donated by Herbert V. Kohler, Jr. on behalf of Kohler Co. and by Richard and Kristin (Jacobson) Bemis.

"Our innovation at Lakeland is fueled and inspired by these entrepreneurs who have helped position Sheboygan County nationally and globally," Borgen said. "We admire the legacies of Herbert V. Kohler, Jr., Richard Bemis and Frank and Tryg Jacobson, and we are proud to work together on these shared visions and passions for building our communities."

Hub for Experiential Learning

Jake's will become a hub for experiential learning. Launch: Lakeland Student-Run Businesses, a venture that allows students to develop and run all aspects of businesses, along with Launch's Develop U, which tailors professional development series for employers, will be a part of Jake's business plan.

"Our students will play key roles in developing the strategic business plan for Jake's, while earning credit and invaluable experience," Borgen said. "Current and prospective students can come to us with an idea, and then hone that idea and their knowledge with mentoring from Lakeland faculty, successful alumni and local entrepreneurs. They will ultimately graduate with a business plan and receive start-up financing."

Lakeland's shuttle will provide free transportation for students on the main campus who need easy access to Lakeland's downtown Sheboygan location.

Jake's, a Lakeland Community, will remain the home office of the existing roster of entrepreneurs and business owners. Borgen said Lakeland is considering innovative ways to leverage the full commercial kitchen, café space and other unique benefits of the venue.

Discussions to foster collaborative programming with other community organizations are ongoing. One of the goals for Jake's is to create a space to unify community efforts and encourage entre-

preneurship and innovation for learners at all stages in their careers.

"The mindset for a growing number of incoming students is focused on entrepreneurship," said Britanni Meinnert, associate vice president of Lakeland's Cooperative Education program. "Between our Co-Op program, this new location and the roles that our students will play in its development, Lakeland has developed unique ways to engage students and help them become tomorrow's leaders."

Proceeds generated from the operations of Jake's will support continued expansion of Lakeland's Cooperative Education program, Launch: Lakeland Student-Run Businesses and student scholarships.

Donated funds will also be used to create an endowed chair at Lakeland, the Herbert V. Kohler, Jr. Chair for Business & Entrepreneurship. The person in this new role will be located at Jake's and work directly with students and local business leaders to develop a long-term plan for the space that includes experiential learning at all levels, while integrating broader community planning and innovation.

"This new chair and the tenants of Jake's will become integrated in the mentorship and development of our young talent," said Paul Pickhardt, dean of Lakeland's Schilcutt School of Business, Science & Technology. "This approach benefits our students but also local businesses and the overall development of Sheboygan."

Lakeland will explore ways to share its main campus academic, research and fine arts programming at Jake's. The university will also explore adding an emphasis in entrepreneurship in its Schilcutt School of Business, Science & Technology. Jake's will also become a space for LU students and faculty to study and work, while easily accessing Sheboygan community life and amenities.

History of Jake's Café

Jake's is named for Frank "Jake" Jacobson, who founded Jacobson Advertising and moved the business to the Ontario Avenue location in 1962. Jacobson's son, Tryg, joined the family business, and in 1983 joined coworker Jon Rost to form Jacobson Rost. The renowned agency acquired adjacent buildings and expanded into the existing 20,000 sq. ft. campus.

When Tryg and his wife, Ann Marie, sold the business, they retained the Sheboygan property. In honor of his parents, Jake and Elizabeth "Betty" Jacobson, they founded Jake's Cafe, a place designed to attract and nurture a community of creative people from all walks of life.

"Jake's, a Lakeland Community, combines my father's creative spirit, natural curiosity to explore and his genuine desire to help others achieve their dreams with the region's only Cooperative Education university and Lakeland's 160-year history of innovation," said Tryg Jacobson, who also serves on the Lakeland Board of Trustees. "This is a perfect match, and I am excited to watch us inspire this region's future entrepreneurs and innovators while continuing the mission of Jake's."

Borgen added, "As downtown Sheboygan enjoys a renaissance that is rooted in community-wide activities, the arts, great food and spaces for people to gather, Jake's will complement those efforts as we launch our Communiversities. As we expand our Co-Op program and add new partners, having a significant presence in downtown Sheboygan is a natural next step."

A community-wide celebration will be planned at a future date.

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Dekker named events manager at Weill Center

Officials of the Weill Center for the Performing Arts—a 1,150-seat live event venue located in the downtown Sheboygan's growing arts and entertainment district—have announced Crystal Dekker has been hired as marketing and events manager.

Dekker fills this newly created role as the organization continues to celebrate its 20th anniversary season and plans for the future.

"We are thrilled to welcome Crystal to our growing team," said Katy Glodosky, executive director. "Crystal has years of experience in marketing campaign management, a passion for live events, and a proud commitment to our community."

As marketing and events manager, Dekker will oversee organizational branding, update and monitor all communications platforms, execute strategic marketing and advertising plans, and assist with publicity efforts. In addition, Dekker will manage with logistics for the nearly 100 events at the theater each season.

Dekker joins the team after most recently serving as director of Young Professionals of Fond du Lac and assistant director of membership for Envision Greater Fond du Lac. In that role, she created and promoted programming for area young professionals and cultivated relationships with business partners. Prior, Dekker managed sponsorship activations, community partnerships and media relations as public relations coordinator at Van



Crystal Dekker

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Dekker is also active in the community as chamber ambassador for the Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce, past board member for the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce, and board member for Firefest 2020, a Fourth of July fireworks experience for Sheboygan County during the COVID pandemic.

In 2020, Dekker was nominated for Sheboygan County's Best Under 40 Awards and Sheboygan County Chamber Ambassador of the Year. Dekker is a Sheboygan native and graduated from Lakeshore Technical College with honors.

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trict Superintendent, and Dr. Courneene, Elementary/Middle School Principal, highlighted the week by popping into classrooms and reading to the students. A special thank you to Off the Rail for donating cupcakes for all students to enjoy in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration on Wednesday, March 2nd! Our week of celebrations concluded with a Story Book Walk and a Story Book Obstacle Course on Friday, March 4th. Teachers visited every classroom for the Story Book Walk to share their stories with all students. Students loved listening to the diversity of every story and being read to by so many different teachers! The obstacle course featured activities centered around *The Jungle Book*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Harry Potter*, *The Gingerbread Man*, and *Harold and the Purple Crayon*.

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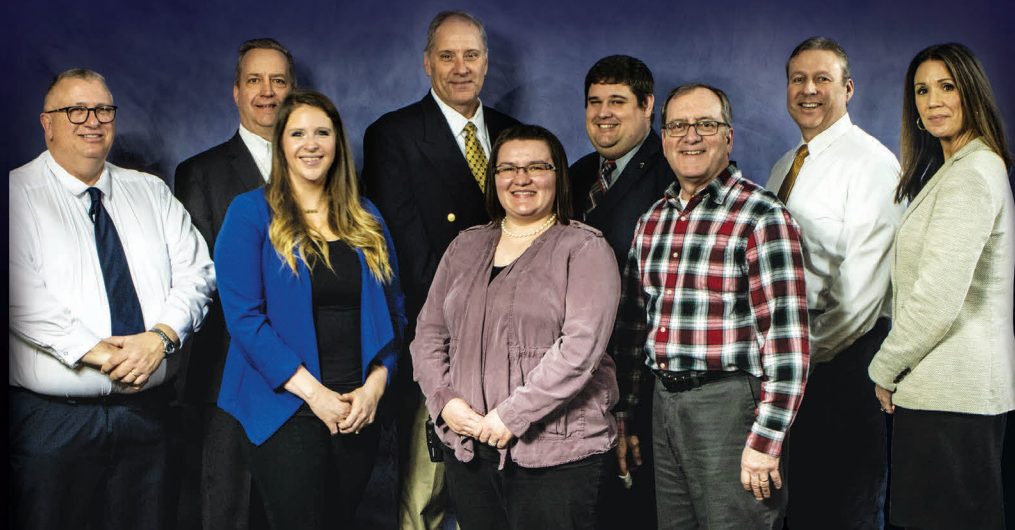
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