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# ENJOY LOCAL RESTAURANTS

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# Why I Volunteer for Glacial Lakes Conservancy

Vic Pappas

My journey towards becoming a GLC volunteer unknowingly started about 20 years ago. I had the opportunity to tag along with two DNR stream biologists as they sampled Willow Creek near I-43 in Sheboygan. To our surprise, we discovered that young salmon and trout had found a way to reproduce in this small creek. The creek meandered through a large undeveloped natural area that was privately owned before making its way to the Sheboygan River. It included a former oxbow of the Sheboygan River

along with beautiful wooded slopes and wetland areas. It was fortunate that this property was still mostly in a natural state given that it was completely surrounded by commercial and residential development. Eventually the city took ownership of the property with the intent to develop it. The local conservation community including GLC also took an interest in the property. Thanks to GLC's involvement and perseverance, along with some compensation funding made available through the Sheboygan River contamination clean-up case





(otherwise known as NRDA), GLC was able to acquire most of the property now known as the Willow Creek Preserve from the City of Sheboygan. Although it may be a bit of a local secret and in need some tender loving care, it provides a host of recreational and educational opportunities for the local community.

But most of all, it is an oasis to explore and escape the trappings of the nearby urban environment and reflect on what it means to be part of the natural world.

After retiring, I was fortunate to be asked to assist GLC with the Willow Creek Preserve. Eventually, I was also happy to accept an offer to join the GLC land team. I have come to appreciate the hard work being done on the other 4 preserves that GLC owns. Volunteering has given me the chance to meet dedicated landowners and caretakers and listen to stories about their natural places and why they are so important to them. GLC provides tools to landowners to preserve their land while making other long range plans for their future.

The GLC staff and volunteers I have worked with are fun, dedicated and resourceful. They are are always providing interesting opportunities to engage in lifetime learning. If you want to monitor wildlife like snakes or turtles, go for it! If inclined, you can learn to view and record birds that are living or visiting the preserves. You can help with invasive species removal or plant trees and shrubs. You can learn to do stream monitoring. If you have a talent or interest, talk to the staff about helping out. Volunteering for GLC has given me joy and allowed me to make new friends and work with some old ones (like me). It has broadened my horizons and satisfied my need to do some meaningful work. I highly recommend it to all of you.

# Santa Gets Help from Elkhart Lake's Men's Service Club

As part of this year's season for giving, the Elkhart Lake Men's Service Club members collected almost \$5,000.00 for a donation to the Plymouth Food Pantry to assist local families in need for the holiday season.

According to Gary Roeh, Elkhart Lake Men's Service Club president, "We looked at different ways to help the community during the holidays and the Plymouth Food Pantry seemed like a wonderful option. There are many children that come from families in need in our area. We came to the conclusion that this would

be the best way to make life a little easier for those children and their families especially during the holiday season. We learned there are many children who rely on the daily school lunch program during the week only to have limited diets during weekends and we thought we could help fill that void".

In addition to this most recent charitable contribution, the Mens Service Club uses raised funds to support annual scholarships as well as monetary stipends to other outstanding students in their scholastic areas of interest. These scholarships and

stipends are presented to the designated students at a May monthly meeting and provides the membership an opportunity to meet the outstanding graduates. The Club has supported numerous benevolent needs and ventures in the area over many years. The Plymouth Food Pantry was chosen this year as the best opportunity to provide food opportunities to needy families. The Club voted a donation of \$500.00 to be supplemented by member donations including matching fund opportunities. Total donations to this opportunity came to \$4,850.00 thanks to the Club and its members.

The Elkhart Lake Mens Service Club has been in existence for over 60 years with the purpose of providing monthly social opportunities to men in the Elkhart Lake and surrounding communities to gather and enjoy comradeship and networking opportunities. Current membership in the Club is over 80 members. The monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of each month from October through June at multiple restaurants in the Elkhart Lake area. The Club collects a nominal annual membership fee from its members which is supplemented by members through free-will offerings.







# Mystery Photo Contest to

# Can You Identify Our February Mystery Photo?



Take a look at the February mystery photo. Do you know anything about it? Where is/was the location? What year was this photo taken?

If you know, let us know!

To enter the February contest, send an email to depotdispatch@elkhartlake.com or a letter with as many details as you can to the Elkhart Lake Chamber, P.O. Box 425, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020, or drop off at the Chamber Office, 41 E. Rhine Street.

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

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

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# Grace Lutheran Church

We are once again so very thankful that our communities of Elkhart Lake and Glenbeulah continue to support those in need especially during the Christmas season.

With the help of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Elementary/Middle School, Off The Rail Cafe, Vintage

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# Mike Shank Appointed to Board of Directors for Road America



Petit Le Mans, yielding a third IMSA championship title. Shank is now leading MSR into a new era of IMSA competition with the debut of the hybrid Acura ARX-06 LMDh.

Shank continued to build a strong relationship with Honda that extended into the NTT INDYCAR SERIES which saw Shank build a winning IndyCar program, with MSR having first entered the category with a one-off appearance

in the 2017 Indianapolis 500.

Shank and Meyer Shank Racing added "Indianapolis 500 winners" to its resume following a historic Indy 500 victory in 2021 which saw Helio Castroneves race to a record tying fourth Indy 500 win in his first race start with the team. MSR, which welcomed Jim Meyer as a co-owner in 2018, will contest the 2023 INDYCAR season with Castroneves and Simon Pagenaud.

"I'm honored to be selected to be on the Board of Directors for Road America," said Shank. "This is something new for me, but I am looking forward to working with the rest of the team on initiatives for the future.

"Of course, Road America has been a staple on our racing calendars for as long as MSR has been competing, so it's pretty cool to have an impact on such a special place."

Elkhart Lake's Road America Inc., recently announced the addition of Meyer Shank Racing (MSR) Team Owner, Mike Shank, to its Board of Directors. Shank comes into the position with over two decades of motorsports experience as professional IMSA and INDYCAR SERIES Team Owner.

"We are excited to have Mike join our Board of Directors and share his vast insight and motorsports expertise as we continue into the future," said Ron Pace, Chairman of the Board of Elkhart Lake's Road America Inc.

Shank has been a leader in the professional motorsports community since first starting his team in 1994. Since then, Shank has established himself as a proven winner having led his team to two Rolex 24 Hour victories (2012 & 2022), back-to-back IMSA GTD Championships (2019 & 2020) and most recently closing out the 2022 IMSA season with a DPi Championship.

Shank's career in racing has seen his single car IMSA Daytona Prototype team which made its 24 Hours or Le Mans debut in 2016 transform into a factory backed GT team - first in 2017 when MSR was selected by Acura to run the all-new NSX GT3 in IMSA competition. MSR transitioned back to the top IMSA category in 2022 and bookended the season with wins at the Rolex 24 and





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#### **NOW THROUGH MARCH 1, 2023**

John Michael Kohler Art Center

Applications to exhibit at the July 15-16 Midsummer Festival of the Arts are being accepted.

#### **NOW THROUGH MARCH 19, 2023**

John Michael Kohler Art Center

Exhibits: Sarah Zapata: A Resilience of things

#### **NOW THROUGH MARCH 26, 2023**

John Michael Kohler Art Center

Exhibits: In the Adjacent Possible March 26,

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John Michael Kohler Art Center

Aligned with the Sheboygan Area School District.

#### **FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

Camp Anokijig 2023 Tube-a-thon Kick-off, 27th annual fundraiser event scheduled for February 17-19. Visit website: anokijig.com/tubeathon23 for details/ registration.

#### **FEBRUARY 3, 2023**

Stefanie Weill Center-Buckets N Boards

Comedy Percussion Show is a spectacularly imaginative work brought to life by two prolific performers! An original theatrical experience the entire family will enjoy! 6 PM. Visit website: weillcenter.com for details.

#### **FEBRUARY 4, 2023**

Road America Winter Autocross Series

Registration open - drive or spectate! From the novice driver to the experienced autocrosser, Road America's Winter Autocross Series has a little something for everyone. Visit website: roadamerica.com for details.

#### Wade House-Hearthside Dinner, 11 AM-3 PM

Enjoy a delicious hearth-cooked meal, prepared with your own hands, in the historic Wade House stagecoach hotel. This meal's theme is the Yankee menu. Must be age 13 or older. Advanced registration required. Visit website: wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org

Kohler Foundation-Tom Papa, 8 PM

Location Kohler Memorial Theater. With more than 20 years as a stand-up comedian, Tom Papa is one of the top comedic voices in the country finding success in film, TV, radio and podcasts as well as on the live stage. Visit website: kohlerfoundation.org for details.

#### **FEBRUARY 7-11, 2023**

for details.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center-Ceramics Open Studio during normal public hours for makers who want to work independently. Arts Center staff with expertise in sculpting or wheel throwing will be present during all open studio hours to answer basic questions and provide minimal assistance. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult, registration required. Visit website: jmkac.org for details.

#### **FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

John Michael Kohler Arts Center-

Spirituality & Grief

Discussion and Reflective Journaling with Kate J. Meyer, 6-7:30 PM, held in the gallery featuring Angela U. Drakeford: In bloom at the end of the world. She will explain the benefits of finding balance between the spiritual and psychological side of grief. Limited enrollment. Visit website: jmkac.org for details and registration.

#### **FEBRUARY 10**

Stefanie Weill Center-Movie: Ghost (PG-13) 7 PM

A spirit stays behind to warn his lover of impending danger, with the help of a reluctant psychic. Visit website: weillcenter. com for details.

#### **FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

Camp Y-Koda-FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE, 5:45-8:00 PM

Ages 5-12. Enjoy crafts, pictures, DJ, snacks and a table of desserts and light refreshments (not a dinner dance). Put on your dancing shoes and create memories that'll last a lifetime. Though this event is advertised as a Father/ Daughter Dance - ALL Family members are more than welcome to attend. Questions: Dani at droscovius@sheboygancountyymca.org or Nick at nbielski@sheboygancountyymca.org. Visit website: sheboygancountyymca.org/camp-y-koda for details/registration.

#### Stefanie Weill Center-Boy Band Review

The shows are an incredible throwback experience with dancing and harmonies where the audience members relive the best years! 7:30 PM. Visit website: weillcenter.com for details.

#### **FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

John Michael Kohler Arts Center-February SPARK! 10-30 AM-12 PM

View the work of Lydia Ricci and Sarah McEneaney, two artists who draw inspiration from their homes and their memories. A hands-on experience will follow. Designed for individuals with early- to mid-stage Alzheimer's disease or dementia and can be adapted to the needs of other groups. Visit website: jmkac.org for details and registration.

#### **FEBRUARY 17, 2023**

Camp Y-Koda-

Eco-lution Traveling Adult Nature Club

Great Backyard Bird Count, 8 AM-12PM, age 18 and older. Location: Camp Y-Koda. Worldwide data gathering event that provides a snapshot of bird/avian populations. Visit website: sheboygancountyymca.org/camp-y-koda for details/registration.

#### **FEBRUARY 18, 2023**

Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra at Stefanie Weill Center-Classical Kids "Beethoven Lives Upstairs", 3 PM

The world-famous production of "Beethoven Lives Upstairs" features a lively exchange of letters between young Christoph and his uncle. Visit website: weillcenter.com for

#### Wade House-Hearthside Dinner, 11 AM-3 PM

Enjoy a delicious hearth-cooked meal, prepared with your own hands, in the historic Wade House stagecoach hotel. This meal's

theme is the Wisconsin Winter menu. Must be age 13 or older. Advanced registration required. Visit website: wadehouse.



## **Regularly Scheduled Meetings & Events**

#### **ELKHART LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING**

Held 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 6 p.m. most months.

Agendas for all board and committee meetings are posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting at the Post Office, National Exchange Bank & Trust, Civic Center 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.

#### **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

Elkhart Lake Cutting Edge Quilters first Wednesday each month at 1 p.m. Bridge Improvement—

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Camp Y-Koda-

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American Sign Language, 12-2PM

All ages and families. Learn basic ASL. Location: Johnsonville Lodge. Visit website: sheboygancountyymca.org/camp-y-koda for details/registration.

#### **FEBRUARY 19. 2023**

John Michael Kohler Arts Center-Collaborative Rug Tufting with Jessica Campbell, 1:30-3 PM

In the Social Studio. Visitors ages 14 and up are invited to use a tufting gun to add to the collaborative piece, but all ages invited to drop in. After all the sessions have been completed, Jessica will collage the collaborative works together into a final artwork to be displayed. Visit website: jmkac.org for details and registration.

#### **FEBRUARY 25, 2023**

Camp Y-Koda-Lights, Camera, Action!! 12-2PM

All ages and families. Location: Sheboygan Marsh educational facility. Learn about different cameras, angles, taking care of equipment, etc. Visit website: sheboygancountyymca.org/camp-y-koda for details/registration.

#### **FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

Stefanie Weill Center-Universit of Wisconsin Varsity Band, 2 PM

Highlights include music from Encanto, Bruno Mars, ABBA, and a selection of music from the Fifth Quarter. Wisconsinites young and old will delight with the many traditions of the UW Band, such as the triumphant finale of "On Wisconsin!" Visit website: weillcenter.com for details.







# Lakeshore Technical College Awarded "Best Student Experience" Ranking

Lakeshore Technical College has been awarded the "Best Student Experience" ranking among community colleges in Wisconsin by Intelligent.com. It received a score of 95.04 out of 100.

Intelligent.com is a resource for program rankings and higher education planning. Its scoring system compares tuition costs, admission, retention and graduation rates, faculty, reputation, and the student resources provided for online students.

Details on Lakeshore's more than 70 one-year technical and two-year associate degree programs, as well as short-term certificate options, can be found at gotoltc.edu/programs-and-courses.

#### About Lakeshore Technical College

Each year more than 8,000 people enroll in courses at Lakeshore Technical College. They rely on Lakeshore for job preparation, to earn a degree, upgrade a specialized skill, train as an apprentice, or seek a high

school equivalency. Lakeshore faculty and staff meet students where they are in life and help them get one step closer to achieving their goals.

Lakeshore Technical College is a nationally recognized technical college. The college was ranked the #2 two-year college in the nation for adult learners by Washington Monthly, #4 in the nation for two-year college educational outcomes by WalletHub.com, a top-150 two-year college by the Aspen Institute, a top 10 Bellwether Award finalist three out of the last four years, and the 2021 Large Business/Industry of the Year by the Chamber of Manitowoc County.

Approximately 800 students graduate from Lakeshore Technical College each year, and associate degree graduates earn a median salary of \$54,048 per year. In addition to the Cleveland campus, Lakeshore serves students in Manitowoc and Sheboygan, and offers classes at additional sites throughout the district. Visit Lakeshore at gotoltc.edu.





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# Lakeshore Technical College VP Finalist for Nationwide Rising Star Award

The American Association of Community Colleges has announced finalists for its 2023 Awards of Excellence. Lakeshore Technical College's Vice President of Strategy Shauna Nischik is among four finalists for the Rising Star – Executive award.

"Shauna has demonstrated extraordinary leadership throughout the five years she has worked at Lakeshore Technical College. Her successful creation of our Grants Council has significantly elevated our ability to fund, implement, and scale new initiatives that benefit our students and community," said Lakeshore President Dr. Paul Carlsen.

Nischik was promoted to her current role on Lakeshore's leadership team in December after serving as the college's executive director of grants since 2021. Prior to that time, she filled the roles of senior grants coordinator and grants and research specialist.



Shauna Nischik

Nischik joined Lakeshore in 2017.

Award winners will be announced April 3 in Denver at the AACC Awards of Excellence Gala.





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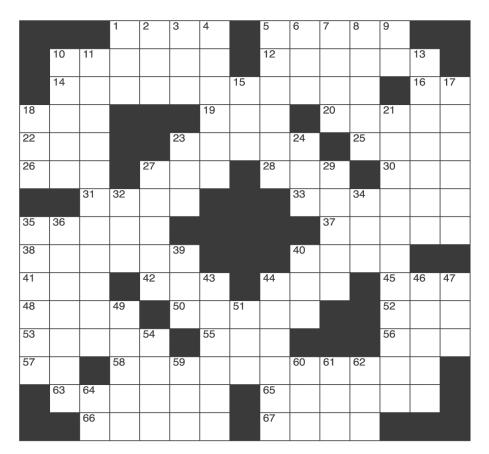
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- 1. Shed tears
- 5. Luxury jewelry designer
- 10. Goddess of wisdom
- 12. Convert into a particular form
- 14. Working-class people
- 16. It borders Canada (abbr.)
- 18. A princess can detect its presence
- 19. Red-brown sea bream 20. Defunct retail empire
- 22. Vase
- 23. Demeter's equivalent
- 25. Monetary unit of the Maldives
- 26. French and Belgian river 27. Small amount
- 28. High schoolers' test 30. Animal's foot
- 31. Some is red
- 33. Per \_\_: each
- 35. Swedish jazz pop duo
- 37. Plate for Eucharist
- 38. Train line
- 40. Russian pop duo 41. Stake
- 42. Plant by scattering
- 44. Femalé sibling
- 45. City of Angels hoopsters (abbr.)
- 48. Popular cookie brand
- 50. Group of Niger-Congo languages 52. A team's best pitcher
- 53. Vomits
- 55. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- 56. Men's fashion accessory
- 57. Its capital is Pierre (abbr.)
- 58. Expensive cut of steak 63. Popular James Cameron film
- 65. A \_\_: relating to knowledge gleaned from
- deduction
- 66. Kids' snow toys 67. Flip side to yin

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Global public health agency
- 2. Snake-like fish
- 3. Midway between northeast and east
- 4. Dabbed
- 5. TV show
- 6. Folk singer DiFranco
- 7. Canadian flyers
- 8. Of the dowry
- 9. Commercial
- 10. The act of imitating
- 11. Equipment used to broadcast radio or TV signals 13. Lands of an emir
- 15. Swiss river
- 17. Island
- 18. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- 21. One who surrenders under agreed conditions
- 23. Garfield is one
- 24. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 27. Small boats used in the Black Sea
- 29. Small savory Spanish dishes
- 32. Body part
- 34. Touch lightly
- 35. Popular grilled foods on a stick
- 36. \_\_ Hess: oil company
  39. Antelope with a reddish coat
- 40. Pharaoh of Lower Egypt
- 43. Pink Floyd's Roger
- 44. Short and thick
- 46. Small, sac-like cavities
- 47. Performer \_\_-Lo 49. Entrails of animal used as food
- 51. \_\_ King Cole, musician
- 54. Where construction is done 59. Chap
- 60. Investment vehicle
- 61. Often mixed with tonic 62. Holiday beverage egg \_\_
- 64. Against

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# Kohler Foundation Announces 2022 Gingerbread Festival Winners

KOHLER, Wis. – January 23, 2023 – The Kohler Foundation has tallied the votes to determine the winners of the 26th Annual Gingerbread Festival. 57 entries were viewed and voted on by more than 3,400 visitors to the historic Waelderhaus. The overall highest vote-getter of the festival was "The House That Jack Built" created by Viki Grunewald's kindergarten class from Lake Country Academy in Sheboygan. The class was inspired by the book This is the House that Jack Built; written and illustrated by Simms Taback.

Prizes, based on tallied votes, are being awarded in seven categories.

# The first-place winners in each category were awarded \$500. They include:

Pre-school: St. John the Baptist Catholic School "Gingerbread Church"

Grades K-2: Lake Country Academy "The House That Jack Built"

Grades 3-5: Sheboygan Christian School "RMS Titanic"

Grades 6-8: Sheboygan Falls Middle School "Candy Cane Lane"

Grades 9-12: Random Lake High School "Shrek's Swamp"

Community Groups: Plymouth-Cedar Grove AFS Students "Exchange Student Christmas Village"

Open: The Dennis Christian Family "Santa's Christmas Vacation in Elkhart Lake"

#### Second-place winners earned a \$250 cash prize. They include:

Pre-school: John Michael Kohler Arts Center Preschool "Gingerbird House"

Grades K-2: St. John Lutheran School Plymouth (Miss Scheele's) "Beach Oasis"

Grades 3-5: St. John Lutheran School Plymouth (Mrs. MacGillis) "Farm"

Grades 6-8: St. John Lutheran School

Plymouth (Mrs. MacGillis) "Christmas Mini Golf"

Grades 9-12: Cedar Grove Belgium High School (Mrs. Urness's) "Winter in the Woods"

Community Groups: Hub City 4H Club (Lori Schmid) "A Minion Christmas at the North Pole"

Open: The Williams Family "Christmas in the 100 Acre Woods"

#### Third place honorees and recipients of a \$100 award are:

Pre-school: Kohler Elementary Junior Kindergarten "Bluey's Holiday in Brisbane"

Grades K-2: St. John Lutheran School Plymouth (Miss Meyer) "Rejoice in the Lord"

Grades 3-5: St. John Lutheran School Plymouth (Mrs. MacGillis) "Dragon Castle"

Grades 6-8: St. John Lutheran School

Plymouth (Mrs. MacGillis) "Winter Cabin" Grades 9-12: Elkhart Lake Glenbeulah High School "A Snow Globe Wonderland" Community Groups: Total Care Group

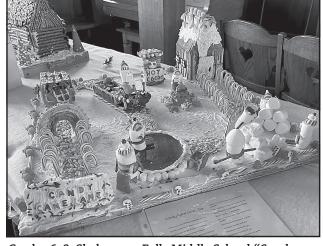
"Spiderman's Home in New York" Open: The TeBeest Family "Cinderella's

Castle"

Twitter.

Thank you to all our participants and visitors for being a part of our 26th year. The 27th Annual Gingerbread Festival will run from November 24 to December 30, 2023. For more information about the Waelderhaus and upcoming events, like Arts at the Waelderhaus, visit KohlerFoundation on Instagram, Facebook, and

The Waelderhaus is managed by the Kohler Foundation, a private, non-profit foundation that supports the arts, education, and art preservation initiatives.



Grades 6-8: Sheboygan Falls Middle School "Candy Cane Lane"

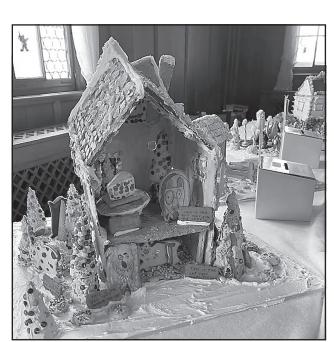


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Open: The Dennis Christian Family "Santa's Christmas Vacation in Elkhart Lake"



Pre-school: St. John the Baptist Catholic School "Gingerbread Church"



# Midsummer Festival of the Arts 2023; **Call for Artists**

Midsummer Festival of the Arts?

Applications are now being acceptedfrom December 15, 2022, through March 1, 2023. Acceptance notifications will be sent to artists April 4, 2023.

Artists must apply through ZAPPlication (https://www.zapplication.org/eventinfo.php?ID=10971)

This year's festival will be July 15-16. The event will feature up to 100 juried artists including returning award winners from last year. The Arts Center will also host an emerging artist area for up to five artists, offering an opportunity for collegiate and rising artists to learn about business in the arts. In response to the

Interested in being an artist at the exhibition on view during the festival, Cloth as Land: Hmong Indigeneity, and in celebration of the Sheboygan Hmong Summer Festival happening the same weekend, an additional minimum of five artists of Hmong heritage will be selected to be featured inside the Arts Center. The Arts Center may also designate additional spaces for local and community partnerships coordinated and selected by Arts Center staff.

> For questions or more information, please email midsummerfestival@ jmkac.org.



**John Michael Kohler Arts Center** 



# Self Life and Spiritual **Growth Business Joins** Chamber



Crystals on display at Intuitive Balance's booth at the Old World Christmas Market.

Joining the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce is The Intuitive Balance with an array of high quality and ethically sourced crystals and the slogan "Your First Step to Self Love and Spiritual Growth."

#### Elkhart Lake Chamber **NEW MEMBER** Intuitive Balance

Located at 176 E. Rhine St., Max Knauf and his team bring their passion, knowledge and personal experience with crystals to assist customers that wish to utilize the benefits of crystals for personal and professional use. Prior to their brick and mortar location, The Intuitive Balance could be found at local farmers markets and online at www. theintuitivebalance.com, their instagram page theintiuitivebalance and their facebook page.

Whether the crystals are for personal or professional use, the outsourced crystals Max has available are chosen and cared for as though they were selected for their own personal use and collections, and are cleansed daily by Max.

Much like the crystals' varying sizes and colors are their uses including: protection, purification, calmness and even to attract specific business clientele and needed interactions.

Connected to their available crystals, The Intuitive Balance also offers workshops regarding how crystals work and how to use them. They also offer personalized, 1:1 guided meditation, coaching and brokering services in order to help their clients and customers in any way they possibly can.

Those interested in consultation are encouraged to submit their name, number, email and message on their website. Inquiries can also be sent to theintuitivebalance@gmail.com.



# **Cleveland State Bank Celebrates New Location**



New teller station

Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce members, contractors who worked on the project and employees of Cleveland State Bank were present for the grand opening Thursday evening, Jan. 12, of CSB's new location at 184 N. Lincoln St. The new location is ready to serve their customers with their traditional banking services such appointments, there are also banking/finance-minded activity books and I-Pads for their children to use.

According to CSB President and CEO Tim Schueler, CSB opened their temporary location at 91 E. Rhine St. in July 2021, and the financial institution was welcomed to the community. CSB held their groundbreaking event in Nov. 2021 at what would be their new location on

Lincoln Street.

The building was mostly completed in June 2022. However, like many businesses, the construction process was affected by the supply chain  $\bar{\text{d}}\text{e}\text{mands}$  until October. The pause, on a positive note, gave CSB time to work with the Wisconsin DOT to work on the STH 67 entrance. Schueler, during a short speech, stated his gratitude to the subcontractors that helped make a plan into reality. He also thanked them for returning to CSB after the supplies needed arrived. "Thank you to our contractors who had to leave and try to come back. We know we interrupted other jobs for you," Schueler said, "but again, we appreciate that."



Corner with iPads and workbooks for children while their parents are in appointments.

Not only did Schueler thank and commend the subcontractors, but he also showed gratitude to their landlord at CSB's temporary location. "Bill was a great landlord," he said in a brief interview. "He was very accommodating through all the changes that took place." Schueler also said there will hopefully be a grand opening for the community at a later date.

Those that attended the event were served with food provided by the Black Pig and beverages provided by Vintage of Elkhart.



Attendees at Cleveland State Bank grand opening.





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# Comedian Tom Papa Announces 2023 Comedy Tour



Comedian Tom Papa announced he'll bring his 2023 Comedy Tour to Kohler Memorial Theater in Kohler, Wis. on Saturday, February 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. The new tour will include all new material. For more information and tickets, visit KohlerFoundation.org/Tickets or call Kohler Foundation at 920-458-1972.

With more than 20 years as a standup comedian, Tom Papa is one of the top comedic voices in the country, finding success as an actor, host, and author, in film, TV, radio and podcasts as well as on the live stage.

The comedian has had 4 highly rated stand-up specials on Netflix and recently released his 5th Netflix special, What A Day! on December 13th. The special was taped at the iconic Wilbur Theatre in Boston. His other critically acclaimed specials include Human Mule, Freaked Out and Tom Papa Live in New York City, two of which were directed by Rob Zombie.

On June 6, 2023, Tom will release his highly anticipated third book, We're All In This Together.So Make Some Room. The book compiles comedic essays that aim to unite us through our stupidity. Every mistake has already been made, and this should bring us great comfort as we join together in our fight for survival, or at least in our attempt to

get through the day. Whether we like it or not, we're all in this together.

In 2020, Tom released his second book, You're Doing Great! - And Other Reasons To Stay Alive, which was the follow-up to Your Dad Stole My Rake: And Other Family Dilemmas both released by St Martin's Press, making "Summer Must Read" lists from Parade Magazine to The New York Post. Tom is also a contributing writer to the New Yorker Magazine.

Tom's highly rated podcast, Breaking Bread with Tom Papa, features Tom and his guest eating, drinking, and celebrating the true meaning of breaking bread with insightful, revealing and always funny conversations. He also hosts the popular daily Netflix radio show, What A Joke With Papa And Fortune on Sirius XM Channel 93 and the monthly show, Come To Papa Live on Channel 94.

As an actor, Tom recently wrapped on the Untitled Nike film project, a Ben Affleck and Matt Damon film where Papa can be seen portraying the role of Stu Inman alongside Viola Davis, Jason Bateman, and others.

Tom has starred in many fanfavorite films including Paper Spiders where he stared opposite Lily Taylor, The Informant opposite Matt Damon, Analyze That opposite Robert DeNiro, and The Haunted World of El Superbeasto opposite Paul Giamatti, where Tom played the voice of El Superbeasto. He can also be seen alongside Michael Douglas and Matt Damon in the HBO film, Behind the Candelabra, which was directed by Steven Soderbergh and won 11 Emmys.

On TV, Tom hosted the NBC series, The Marriage Ref, which ran for two seasons and had a recurring role opposite Julia Louis-Dreyfus on the CBS series, The New Adventures of Old Christine.





# Andrea Chung: New Multiroom Installation on Display



Andrea Chung

Andrea Chung: if they put an iron circle around your neck I will bite it away January 28–October 1, 2023

In a new multiroom installation, artist Andrea Chung confronts the legacy and trauma of slavery from the perspective of an Afrofuturist utopia. For this work, Chung activates the possibility of a new world, a "Black Atlantis" called Drexciya, to subvert the horrors of the transatlantic slave trade. Drexciya is an underwater world populated by the amphibious offspring of women thrown from slave ships during the Middle Passage. It was conceived by the eponymous and enigmatic electronic music duo active in Detroit in the 1990s and early 2000s.

Chung's installation is a meditation on the laws of Black physics. It highlights the ways Black people relate and respond to time and space in order to navigate a world full of dangerous and harmful systems. Within her evocation of this watery realm we can inhabit imagined pasts, presents, and futures to craft alternative realities forged by liberation, adaptation, resilience, defiance, and

John Michael Kohler Arts Center



Andrea Chung, Filthy Water Cannot Be Washed, 2017; cyanotype and watercolor;  $88 \times 240$  in. Courtesy of the artist.

# A Successful and Historic Restoration Partnership

City of Plymouth Buys Back Cheese Counter and Dairy Heritage Center from SCEDC Foundation:

The Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) is a public-private partnership leading economic, community, and workforce development efforts in Sheboygan County, including partnerships through the SCEDC Foundation that help the redevelopment of historic buildings like the Cheese Counter and Dairy Heritage Center in Plymouth, WI. After a successful six-year partnership, the City of Plymouth is again the owner of the Cheese Counter and Dairy Heritage Center building at 133 E. Mill St..

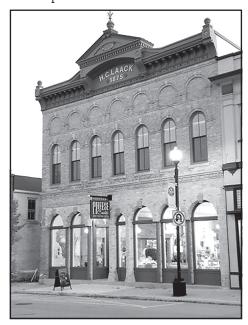
The Cheese Counter was originally transferred to the SCEDC Foundation in 2016 to qualify for historic tax credits and other incentives that helped finance the redevelopment of the vacant building. The agreement was set to last for five years as the SCEDC was required to remain the building's owner while the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority (RDA) continued to operate the building and direct its restoration. The Plymouth City Council voted in September to purchase the Cheese Counter and Dairy Heritage Center back from the SCEDC Foundation for \$1. As of December 2022, this transaction has been completed.

The SCEDC Foundation was instrumental in obtaining the funds for restoration, having been awarded up to \$300,000 in State of Wisconsin historical tax credits supporting the project. "The Partnership between SCEDC and the City of Plymouth/RDA provided a unique opportunity to fund The Plymouth Cheese Counter and provide a historical reminder of our heritage as the Cheese Capital of The World," said Don Pohlman, Mayor of the

City of Plymouth.

In the first year of operation under the partnership, The Plymouth Cheese Counter and Dairy Heritage Center distinguished itself as a singular shopping experience, merging both a Plymouth-centered dairy museum with the best grilled cheese sandwiches in the area. Thanks to the historic partnership between the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Redevelopment Authority, and the SCEDC Foundation, the Cheese Counter and Dairy Heritage Center is now a downtown gem and tourist destination.

"The Plymouth RDA has been thrilled to be aligned with the SCEDC in the development of the Cheese Counter in our

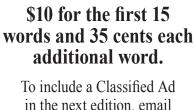


downtown," said Lee Gentine. Chair of the RDA. "This project wouldn't have been possible without this partnership. We look forward to other possible ventures." The historic partnership has proved to be an asset to the City of Plymouth and Sheboygan County.

"The location has become a prime example of how a municipality can leverage local partnerships to accelerate innovative projects," said Timothy Blakeslee, Plymouth City Administrator. "The city looks forward to future partnerships with the SCEDC to support economic development in Plymouth."

The success of the project has also proved to be a blueprint for others. "We have created a template that has been copied over and over in many communities across the nation," said Pohlman. "Federal and State tax laws were designed for just this purpose." The SCEDC looks forward to more community development partnerships.

To learn more about the Cheese Counter, visit https://cheesecapitaloftheworld.com. For more information about the Cheese Counter partnership and transaction, email Brian Doudna, SCEDC Executive Director doudna@sheboygancountyedc. com.



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# Village of Elkhart Lake Updates

### FEBRUARY 2023 VILLAGE TAX COLLECTION

Tax Bills were mailed on December 9th. Property taxes may be paid at the Village Offices at 40 Pine Street from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday. We will be accepting payment until January 31st, after that date payments will need to be sent to Sheboygan County. If the Village office is closed, payments can be dropped in the drop box located to the left of the doors at the Pine Street entrance. You can also drop your payment off at National Exchange Bank & Trust or Cleveland State Bank in Elkhart Lake. If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's office at 876-2122. The first installment of taxes is due by January 31, 2022. If you want to mail in your tax payment, please mail it to PO Box 143, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020. Receipts will not be mailed unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.

#### **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.

#### FEBRUARY 21ST PRIMARY AND APRIL 4TH, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

There is a primary election on February 21st. The only contest on the ballot is a primary for Justice on the WI Supreme Court. There are four candidates on the ballot, which will be brought down to two for the April election.

#### THE FOUR CANDIDATES ARE:

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village offices.

The Village races are set for the April 4, 2023, election. This will include other the local elections and the State Supreme Court race. The following submitted papers to run for

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT RICHARD SADIQ

#### TRUSTEES: (VOTE FOR THREE)

VILLAGE TRUSTEE GEOFFREY BRAY
VILLAGE TRUSTEE PAUL RUDNICK
VILLAGE TRUSTEE MICHAEL WOLF

If you need to register to vote you can do it in person at the Village offices between 8:30 am and 4:30 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 FEBRUARY 21ST OR APRIL 5TH, 2023

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



If you do not have access to the internet or cannot get the website to work, please call the Village offices (920-876-2122) and request an absentee request form. You will need to provide that form and a copy of your photo ID to our office.

# PLANNING COMMISSION PROJECTS & HOUSING PROPOSALS

The Planning Commission has approved the plans for Stratus Racing to build on the site at 291 N. Lincoln Street. The Village Board will hold a public hearing and then review and potentially take action on the conditional use permit application for Stratus Racing at their Board meeting on February 6th. The Planning Commission will work on a development agreement for this development.

The Village of Elkhart Lake continues to work on the housing proposal at 604 S. Lincoln Street. General Capital and Van Horn will be attending the next Planning Commission meeting on February 8th. The two developers are working on site plans and engineering for the development. The Planning Commission will begin work on development agreements, conditional use permits, and rezonings. There will be many Planning Commission and Village Board over the coming months, so please watch the website and posting places for more information and attend the meetings if you are interested. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Jessica at 920-876-2122.

#### 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!!

#### WINTER RULES BEGIN NOVEMBER 15TH

Winter parking regulations go into effect on November 15th. As a reminder, here is the ordinance.

Parking is allowed overnight in the N. East Street parking lot overnight until 6 am, at that time your vehicle must be moved.

#### **PARKING REGULATIONS**

All Night Parking Regulated.

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

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

Vehicles violating this ordinance will be ticketed.

#### **SNOW REMOVAL WARNING**

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

#### SNOW REMOVAL

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

#### Elkhart Lake Village Board Members

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

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

#### **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.

#### Happy Schnee Days!









# PAC Kicks Off 30th Anniversary Year

"Still Wet Behind the Years!" to Open in Gallery 110 North

The Plymouth Arts Center launches its 30th Anniversary Year with a brand-new art show in Gallery 110 North titled "Still Wet Behind the Years!" by the Generations Painters, starting Friday, January 20 and on display through March 3, 2023. Exhibiting artists are Charles Ausavich, Linda Reuss Benson, Evie Grasse, Keary Kautzer, Jay Parsons, and Jerry Rammer. The presenting sponsors are Franz Backus and Plymouth Furniture. Admission to Gallery 110 North is always Free.



Generations Painters is an informal group of mainly watercolorists who meet at the Generations Intergenerational Center in Plymouth. Formed from the late Dr. James Michael Watercolor group, the painters have morphed into a compact 10 to 12 members, about half of whom are Jim's "disciples." They are self-directed, depending on a process of kibitzing, cajoling and critiquing sessions with new members learning from experienced members. Their most seasoned member has been painting for over sixty years.

The painters belong to a range of professional local, regional, and national organizations including, Plymouth Arts Center, Sheboygan Visual Arts, Wisconsin Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of American, and more. Member paintings are seen in

galleries from Plymouth and Elkhart Lake to Door County, Madison, and Milwaukee and out of state venues. Many are featured on a plethora of internet sites and are in private collections throughout the United States and beyond.

#### **ABOUT THE EXHIBITING ARTISTS:**

Charles Ausavich is one of the original Generations Painters and a part of the group which formed around James Michael in the mid 1990's. Charles started watercolor painting in 1996. He retired from Wisconsin Public Service Corp in 2000 and lives with his wife Karen on the Sheboygan River just outside of Johnsonville. He represented by "Two Fish" gallery in Elkhart Lake. "I think of myself as a serious amateur who paints for the joy and satisfaction of creating art. "The more I paint, the more I see. The more I see, the more I paint."

**LINDA REUSS BENSON** "I love 'stark raving mad' realism. It is what I strive for in my paintings because it challenges me, and I further challenge myself using only primary colors in warm and cool. Enjoy!" Linda was originally introduced to watercolors by her high school art teacher, Earl Kittleson. But after taking a watercolor class from Chris Sommerfelt in 2010 at the Clearing in Ellison Bay, she was sold on this medium. She has since taken classes from Bridget Austin, Joye Moon, Lance Tischauer and Joyce Eesley and learned new techniques from all of them. In addition to watercolors, Linda is an award winning (quilt) fiber artist, having had her quilts in competitions across the United States including Houston and Paducah.

Linda has an Associate Degree in Commercial Art from MATC. Linda is grateful to Evie, Jerry, Keary, Jay and Chuck for their patience, encouragement, and advice through the years at Generations.

**EVIE GRASSE** "As an artist, vibrant

and expressive watercolor paintings of landscapes, still life and flora have become my passion. I want my brushwork to be powerful, with color that interprets God's beautiful creations. I look for bold shapes, how the colors play against one another and how the light and dramatic shadows create the mood of the painting. I paint what inspires me and I dedicate myself to sharing my labor of love with others. I have taken many workshops throughout the Midwest and Southwest from artists whose work I admire. My ambition is to achieve the same distinguished success they have."

KEARY KAUTZER paints in the Impressionist style, painting with limited hues to set a mood to draw the viewer in. Keary Kautzer is a member of the American Impressionist Society, Wisconsin Watercolor Society, Association of Wisconsin Artists, Sheboygan Visual Artists and the Wisconsin Plein Air Painters Association. Paintings are available to purchase at Plum Bottom Gallery and online at www.plumbottomgallery.com,

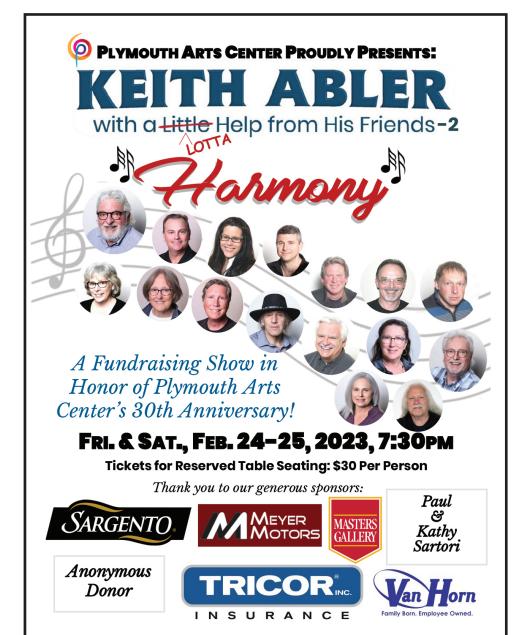
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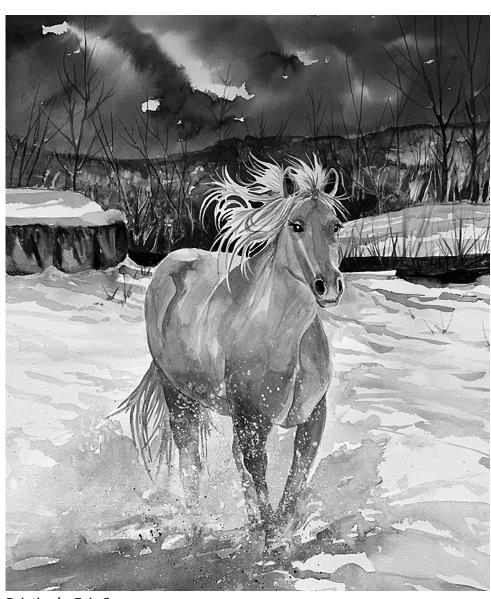
JAY PARSONS Basically self-taught, I've taken workshops which have helped me to see the world around us. It's amazing all that I have missed to this point. Just the tip of the iceberg. With help from my fellow artists, I will continue to grow.

**JERRY RAMMER** "Art. What is art? I believe it is the expression, through various art mediums, of one's personal observations of worldly things as seen through the artist's eyes. Art can be both fun and challenging. Which path you take is up to the individual. Good luck. Other than art classes in high school, I have no formal art training. I have been watercolor painting for approximately the last ten years. I have joined a painting group at Generations, where I enjoy being with a great bunch of painters. They have both helped me improve my painting skills and given me much assistance through the years. I live in Sheboygan with my wonderful wife Mary and am enjoying my retirement years."



Painting by Jerry Rammer





Painting by Evie Grasse

# Lakeland Enjoys Successful 2022

Lakeland University continued to expand its programs and community partnerships in 2022, giving current and future LU students many pathways to achieve their academic goals.

In August, Lakeland re-dedicated its two newest residence halls in a celebration of the completion of the largest single investment in Lakeland's main campus in the institution's 160year history.

Lakeland constructed new versions of Grosshuesch and Muehlmeier Halls to serve freshman and sophomores, along with related infrastructure. The project was primarily funded by a \$35.4 million fixed-rate low interest loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development division. The rededication ceremony brought more than 300 people to campus.

Last March, Lakeland acquired its downtown Sheboygan presence, Jake's, A Lakeland Community, which has quickly positioned itself as a center for innovation and entrepreneurship for the region.

Led by talented entrepreneur Stephanie Hoskins, LU's inaugural Herbert Kohler & Frank Jacobson Chair for Business and Entrepreneurship, the former Jake's Café at 529 Ontario Ave. is becoming a destination for a variety of projects and events that is bringing the business community together.

In late 2022, Lakeland and the Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) launched the Sheboygan County Accelerator for Learning Entrepreneurship (SCALE), a new accelerator program sponsored by the Wisconsin Economic Development



Lakeland University President Beth Borgen leads cutting the ribbon on the new residence halls last August.

Corporation (WEDC).

The initiative provides a wide variety of services, resources and expertise to help encourage entrepreneurial opportunities in Sheboygan County by investing in up to six pre- or earlyrevenue startups per cohort, per year.

Lakeland and The Sheboygan Area School District (SASD) signed two significant agreements last year that will benefit LU and SASD students.

The first agreement, signed in the summer, expands access to free college-level coursework to eligible SASD students and teachers. The second, signed late in the fall

hiring special education teachers.

SASD students can graduate simultaneously with a high school diploma and a Lakeland Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree, making them eligible to transfer to Lakeland – as well as other universities as a junior. SASD students have free access to Lakeland Concurrent Academic Progress Program (CAPP) courses, which provide high school and college credits simultaneously.

The special education teacher agreement will guarantee Lakeland students who successfully complete LU's special education program an SASD job after graduation. It comes at a time when Wisconsin school districts are scrambling to hire special education teachers.

semester, addresses the challenge of Lakeland unveiled new Fox Cities Center and Madison Center locations

> Over the summer, Lakeland relocated its Fox Cities Center to Fox Valley Technical College's Appleton campus, 1825 N Bluemound Dr. More than a third of the students that Lakeland serves in the Fox Cities are FVTC graduates.

> Lakeland celebrated its new Madison Center location at 2310 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3200, with an Open House in October.

Lakeland developed the state's first evening degree-completion program for working adults in 1978. Lakeland also has centers in Chippewa Falls, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Rapids and on the main campus in Sheboygan County.



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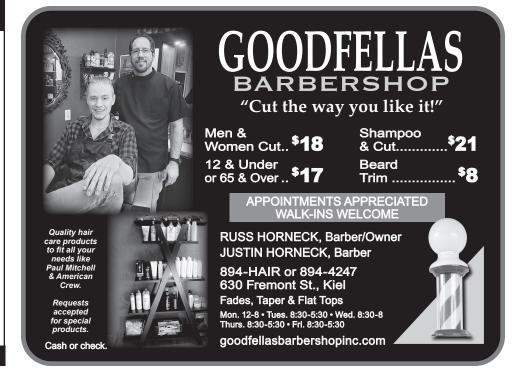
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# Lakeland University Supports Veterans

\$75,000 entrepreneurship grant from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to help veterans start their own businesses.

The grant will enable Lakeland to expand existing programs and to build new programs to address the gaps in community resources that have been identified through a variety of interviews with community stakeholders.

"We are passionate about entrepreneurship activity and breaking down the barriers to entrepreneurship for all populations," said Lakeland President Beth Borgen. "This grant will allow us to expand our programming to serve more veterans."

Through community outreach and relationship development, Lakeland and its downtown location, Jake's, A Lakeland Community, have connected with several veteran small business owners, leaders in the community and students to identify areas of opportunity to support and enrich the entrepreneurial journey for veterans throughout Sheboygan and surrounding rural communities.

Lakeland currently has 50 veterans enrolled as students, and the university has a director of veterans services who coordinates additional programming and support for veterans. Lakeland will use the grant to better serve the veterans currently enrolled at LU, expand access to training and programming for more veterans and support veteran-owned businesses in the region.

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> The roundtables discussions will mirror that of other offerings in the region with a focus specifically for entrepreneurs and small business owners who are veterans. The veteran-focused accelerators in Sheboygan County or Manitowoc County will provide veterans ways to connect, encourage innovation, give an overview of what it takes to start a business and provide initial financial support.

> Lakeland has launched a virtual network for entrepreneurs and supporters of small businesses and entrepreneurs to connect, and the grant will add a channel specifically for veterans, veteran-owned businesses and those who want to support veteran-owned business through mentorship, discounted services or by being a customer and purchasing from veterans.

> Lakeland will use an existing program, Launch: Lakeland Student-Run Businesses, as another outlet for veterans. Lakeland will provide seed money for students to launch their own business, and when students graduate, they will take their business with them. Lakeland will provide support, training, mentorship and identify potential clients or engage as a customer when possible.

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"There is an opportunity for us to serve even more veterans through innovative programming, support, education opportunities, access to capital and networking," Hoskins said. "Jake's is dedicated to breaking down barriers to entrepreneurship including those unique to veterans."

Lakeland has recently launched partnerships and initiatives with several community organizations that are focused on the same goals of enabling access to entrepreneurship for all populations and breaking down the barriers faced by rural small business owners and founders.

Gov. Tony Evers and the DVA announced \$424,970 in grants to Lakeland and more than a dozen organizations that help Wisconsin veterans and their families.

"As a state, Wisconsin is a national leader in providing for our veterans, and we continue to strive to provide our nation's heroes with the support and resources they've earned through their service," said Gov. Evers. "These organizations do great work, ensuring Wisconsin's more than 300,000 veterans and their families have the services they need to be successful, and they deserve to be recognized for being a vital part of ensuring our veterans are cared for and uplifted."





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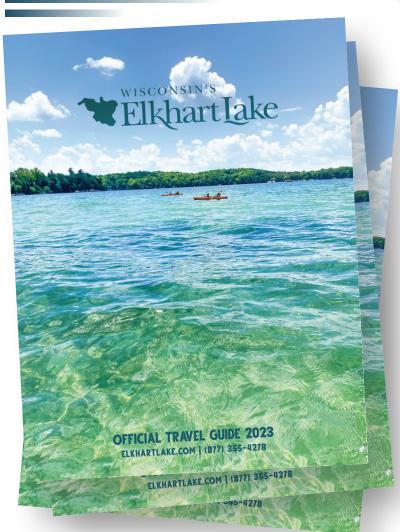






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# 2023 Elkhart Lake Travel Guide



Our 2023 Elkhart Lake Travel Guide is hot off the press, and I have to say-it's gorgeous!

The stunning images of this beautiful little village captivate our visitors and are a source of great pride for our residents. The praise for this guide rests solely on the creative talents of Laura Ebbers, Advertising and Promotions Coordinator. She curates the images, writes, and coordinates the copy, and each year creates a fresh new design, carefully laying out each and every page.

The Tourism Department feels privileged to represent and share this naturally beautiful village. Our annual Travel Guide gives us the opportunity to feature beautiful new perspectives and showcase our businesses and their welcoming spirit. Our locally owned businesses have deep connections with their customers and that includes visitors returning year after year for their annual family vacation. It's fun to see young

families grow up right before our very eyes. Before you know it the next generation of Elkhart Lake littles join in the annual travel tradition. Multi-generation travel – it holds a special place in our hearts!

There's nothing that makes us happier than seeing people enjoy themselves in our wide-open naturally beautiful spaces. We invite visitors and residents to savor these picture-perfect moments and encourage you to post, share, and tag @ElkhartLake as you cherish these memories!

Stop by the Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center for your copy of the 2023 Elkhart Lake Travel Guide. It's also available at businesses throughout the Village.

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By Kathleen Eickhoff, Elkhart Lake Tourism

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# Plymouth Arts Center Presents Keith Abler and Friends

The Plymouth Arts Center proudly presents KEITH ABLER WITH A LITTLE (Lotta) HELP FROM HIS FRIENDS-2: "Harmony," Friday and Saturday February 24 and 25, 2023, at 7:30pm. This show is a fundraiser in honor of Plymouth Arts Center's 30th Anniversary. All funds will benefit the Arts Center and its ongoing mission, which is: To enliven the spirit of our community and to enrich the lives of all by providing diverse experiences in the arts! Presenting show sponsors are Sargento, Masters Gallery, Meyer Motors, Tricor Insurance, Van Horn Auto, Paul and Kathy Sartori, and an anonymous donor. The performers are Keith Abler, Judy Abler-Hughes, Luke Abler, Brian Augustine, Larry Baldock, Mike Dellger, Frank Gatyas, Amy Larson, Karen Mani, Bob McManus, Amy Schmidt, Dave Steffen, Patty and Tim Talen, and John Stoll. The Technical Sound Director is Mike Holdridge.

Tickets for reserved table seating are \$30 per person tax included. To order tickets, please visit the Plymouth Arts Center, 520 E. Mill Street, Downtown Plymouth, WI or call 920.892.8409. Tickets are also available online: www. plymoutharts.org

Keith's inaugural Plymouth Arts Center show, entitled "Live Art," featuring his original music, was presented in 2001. Over the years, Keith & Friends have generously presented numerous fundraising concerts including, "Mardi Parti," "M\*A\*S\*H - A Valentine's Evening," "Songs of Love and Satire, etc," "Pilgrims & Pirates, Love @ 25" in honor of PAC's 25th Anniversary, and others. In 2020, the PAC presented "Keith With a Little (Lotta) Help from his Friends!" In this year's show, Keith and Friends will treat the audience to some of the original hits by Sunblind Lion and much more!

Keith Abler, is a vocalist, songwriter, and instrumentalist who has been composing and performing music since 1966. In the late-'60s-early-'70s

he recorded with the Love Society and Phase III bands before releasing his solo debut album, "Pilgrim," in 1975. In 1974, the Sunblind Lion 6-piece rock band formed, and between 1974 and 1980, they recorded and released "Observer," "Above and Beyond," and "Live Lion." Keith wrote or co-wrote all of the material for the band Gilbert & the Pirates' 1996 album "Go Easy," 2001 self-titled solo album "Keith Abler," 2005 "Live at the Plymouth Art Center," and a compilation album, "The First 30 Years," released in 2007. Over his long musical career, Keith has performed with various other groups such as, Les Sax and His Musical Pirates, KEBO, The Tiki Bar Six, Dingo Abler & the Barnico Bills, Flashback, and several more of Les consequence. He has recorded and released eleven cd's of his original compositions in addition to the recent Sunblind Lion albums, "The Sanatorium," (2017) and "Live Lion 2" (in 2018). He currently performs locally and regionally with the bands, the Abler Boys, an acoustic duo with his son Luke, SkyHouse, Abler & McManus Duo, and Sunblind Lion. He sings for many weddings, bar mitzvahs, and funerals. He is also a performer for Youth Theatre Company.

The Plymouth Arts Center is a nonprofit community arts center founded in 1993 to promote and nurture the visual and performing arts in all of Western Sheboygan County and beyond. The Arts Center hosts a vibrant schedule of events including.... fine art exhibitions in Gallery 110 North, live musical and theatrical performances, art classes for all, and special annual events, such as, the Cheese Capital Jazz & Blues Crawl for the Arts, Northern Moraine Spring Art Tour, Paint the Towns in Fall Color, and the nationally acclaimed, "Sartori Big Cheese Drop!" The PAC serves as an unique backdrop for private parties, meetings and community events. New members are always welcome. Open Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm; Sat-Sun. Noon to 3pm; or by special appointment. Closed on Mondays and Holidays.

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#### KIDS

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Stories, songs, and activities for toddlers and preschoolers (babies welcome). No registration required. Please skip Story Time if you or your child are unwell.

#### **MUSIC & MOVEMENT SATURDAYS AT 9AM**

February 25th through April 1st - Songs, dancing, instruments and more for babies, preschoolers, and their caregivers. This sixweek session is free and does not require registration. Come when you can! February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18th, March 25th & April 1st at 9am at the library.

#### **MAKE YOUR OWN VALENTINES** (DROP IN)

Friday & Saturday, February 10th and 11th Drop-in to create your own valentines for your family, classmates, or friends. We will have lots of supplies and ideas for you to put a personal touch on Valentine's Day.

#### **READING DRAGONS & FRIENDS**

Keep reading all year long and earn collectable and tradeable cards with the Reading Dragons & Friends program. Collect as many as sixteen dragon, unicorn, and griffin cards each month. Sign up is ongoing at the library-join any time during the school

#### **DESIGN A DRAGON CONTEST**

Vote at the library for your favorite designs from February 1-15th. Winning designs will be printed and added to our collection as "limited edition" Dragon cards.

#### PIGS IN LOVE SCAVENGER HUNT

What did the pig give to his sweetheart on Valentine's Day? Find the smitten pigs in the children's section to find out.

#### **TUESDAY LEGOS (AGES 5+)**

Tuesday, February 14th from 3-5pm (drop in) – Build something you love on Valentine's Day! Lego creations will remain on display at the library until the following month.

#### **ORIGAMI (5TH GRADE & UP)**

Monday, February 27th at 1pm –Explore the art of paper folding at the library on your Early Release Monday.

# **UKULELE CLUB**

Thursday, February 2nd at 1pm, Grashorn Civic Center. Play Ukulele with us! All levels welcome, no registration required. For more information and to get on our contact list (and to obtain music), please email rmontes@ monarchlibraries.org. Don't have a ukulele? Check out our Ukulele Kit at the library to give it a try.

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Friday, February 10th at 1pm, Grashorn Civic Center. Join us in a discussion of the book The Love of My Life by Rosie Walsh. "From the New York Times bestselling author of Ghosted comes a love story wrapped in a mystery: an up-all-night page-turner with a dark secret at its core." Order your copy on monarchcatalog. org. To be placed on our book club list, email Angela Ruh at aruh@monarchlibraries.org.

#### **COMMON THREAD: NEEDLEWORK AND FIBER ARTS CRAFTING CIRCLE**

Tuesday, February 21st at 10:30am, Library. Bring your own project and join us for some crafting camaraderie. All fiber crafts welcome! Share patterns, get ideas, and just enjoy the company of fellow crafters.

End of Drum Time, Hanna Pylvainen Exes and O's, Amy Lea Exiles, Jane Harper Georgie All Along, Kate Clayborn Hell Bent, Leigh Bardugo House at the End of the World, Dean Koontz House in the Pines, Ana Reyes How to Sell a Haunted House, Grady Hendrix

In the Upper Country, Kai Thomas Just the Nicest Couple, Mary Kubica Love By Design, Elizabeth Everett Maame, Jessica George Mitford Affairs, Marie Benedict

#### **YOUNG ADULT**

City of Nightmares, Rebecca Schaefer Girl I Am Was and Never Will Be, Shannon Gibney

Nine Liars, Maureen Johnson Unraveller, Frances Hardinge

#### **KIDS CHAPTER BOOKS & GRAPHIC NOVELS (GN)**

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#### **KID'S EASY READERS** & EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS

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Horse and Buggy on Ice, Ethan Long Interrupting Cow and the..., Jane Yolen

Let's Go, Michael Emberley Love Stinks, Diana Murray

Secret Explorers and the Desert Disappearance, S.J. King Super Spinach, Hannah Shaw

#### **CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION**

Bridges: Engineering Masterpieces, Dan Zettwoch

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Tuesday, February 28th at 2pm. Meet with other family historians and learn some tips and strategies to build your family tree with Ancestry Library Edition and other resources. Share your knowledge, ask questions, and learn from each other.

#### **COFFEE HOUR AND BOOK CHAT**

Wednesdays at 10am, Library. Come for a little coffee, a lot of conversation, and a sneak peek at this week's new releases. All welcome, no registration required.

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