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IN THE SQUARE

Tree Lighting @ 6:15pm



Join us!

Saturday, November 25th

Annual Tree Lighting

4pm to 6:30pm in the Square

As the warmth of Thanksgiving fills our hearts, it's time to step into the enchanting world of Christmas! On November 25, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, let's come together to kindle the holiday spirit in the heart of our beautiful community. This year's Christmas in the Square promises to be an unforgettable event. We invite you to be a part of the magic offered by the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce and ElkhartCares!

CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE

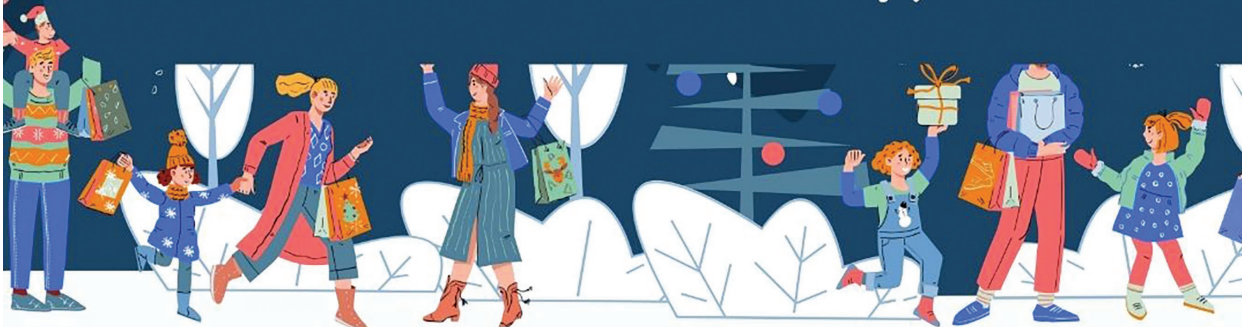
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Join us Saturday, November 25th

Time: 4-6PM

Location: Under the Depot @ Elkhart Lake Town Square

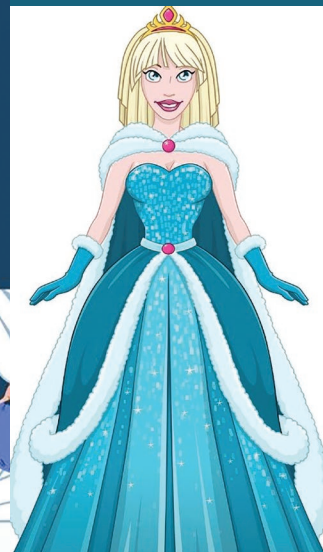
Visit with Santa - Meet the Snow Princess - Enjoy Hot Chocolate



Visit with Santa!



Our special guest list also includes the Snow Princess. She will transport you into a world of snowflakes, frosty enchantment, and icy dreams. Her presence will add a touch of frosty magic to our festive gathering, perfect for kids and kids at heart!



Meet
The Snow Princess
at Christmas in The Square
with ElkhartCares

ELG Schools' Veteran's Day Observance



Veteran's Day observance ceremonies at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah High School were held 11/10/2023 at the 11th hour. Local veterans of the armed services were invited to attend. The senior band played selected patriotic arrangements and the choir sang motivational selections. A local veteran is invited to speak. This year, Alex Miller, was the featured speaker. He reminded the audience of the importance of "this day" in history and shared his service experiences with the audience. Furthermore, he discussed some of the lessons he learned as a young man who turned 21 years old engaged in a faraway war. To that end, it was hoped that everyone would strive to make the most of his/her life, to achieve their potential that was made possible for them by the sacrifices of our Nation's veterans. At the conclusion of the ceremony it has been the custom for all audience members to shake the hands of the veterans present. The Culinary Arts classes at the high school prepared a luncheon for the service members.

Additional information about the speaker:

Alex Miller is a 2012 graduate of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah High School. He served in the Wisconsin Army National Guard as a HIMARS artilleryman. His tour in Afghanistan in 2014 was with Alpha Battery of Sussex, WI. His tour was served in Jalalabad near the Pakistan border. There, they supported the day to day operations of Navy Seals and Army Rangers.

Alex has since attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Economics. He then went on to start AEM Construction which is a home building and land developing company.



Why I Volunteer for Glacial Lakes Conservancy

By Board Member Richard Wirtz

Most people do not take the time to appreciate their surroundings, including myself, I thought as I was walking my dog, Violet, around my hometown of Plymouth, Wisconsin. I took the earbuds out and listened to the wind, the chirping of birds, swaying of branches and the children running through our neighborhood. This is why I became involved with Glacial Lakes Conservancy. It is our purpose to protect, retain and in some instances rebuild the natural environment in our community. My hope is to affect positive change in the environment but also to share this

experience with communities as a whole and remind people of what they may have forgotten about the natural beauty of this area.

I have now served on the Board of Directors since January of this year and it has been a pleasure seeing the growth of our organization, due to the hard work and passion of our team. I believe our organization will continue to thrive and help to push forward our focus of preservation and protection of land and water resources. I hope to see you all at the various events and volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

"Dare to Dream" Poster Contest Winners

Sixth through eighth grade students in the Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District competed in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. This year, the contest theme was "Dare to Dream."



The school winners were (from left to right) Nina Figueroa (1st Place), Connor Jelenc (3rd Place), and Nayeli Lisowe (2nd Place).

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Mystery Photo Contest



Can You Identify Our December Mystery Photo?

Take a look at the December 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 December 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.

answer November Mystery Photo



Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry for our November photo. The winner of the print is **Yvonne Gessert Landgraf**. Please contact the Elkhart Lake Chamber at 920-876-2922 to arrange pick-up.

The November mystery photo is Cedar Bay Assisted Living, located on the site of the former Karting Kettle on the northeast side of Elkhart Lake.

Built in 2008, its suites are home to approximately thirty residents who no longer live alone due to their health or age. Because of the facility's size, a person's individual needs are easily met by the capable and dedicated staff.

While participation is an individual's choice, the activity director has developed a well-balanced program that includes physical and mental exercise, games, parties and social hours, entertainment, and travel.

No doubt the picture was taken before the landscaping

was completed as beautiful trees and other plantings now dot the property. Geese fly in and out of the pond and provide enjoyment to the seniors from either the dining room or the patio, and deer come as close as two feet from residents' windows on the ground or garden level.

Cedar Bay is affiliated with The Cedar Community in West Bend and is under the auspices of the United Church of Christ. However, all religions are recognized. Chapel and Catholic Mass are offered on campus.

This is a delightful and comforting home for those no longer able to live alone. I know because I have been one of its residents since August, 2022.

Yvonne Gessert Landgraf - age 91

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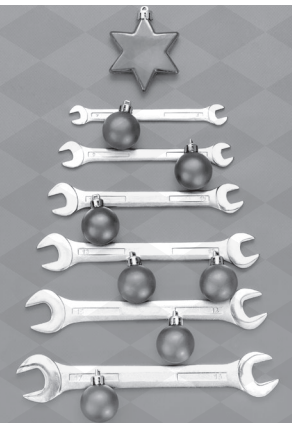
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Bea Fremderman: Weeds Compared to Flowers

In a bay on the Atlantic Ocean, the tides slowly expose closed landfills littering coastal zones with Depression-era glass, soles of shoes, and conglomerations of inorganic and organic materials. Artist Bea Fremderman collects discarded detritus from this shoreline, imagining personas of those who may have used or cast the objects away.

After a deep cleaning process, Fremderman assembles her gatherings in a technique similar to that used for making stained-glass windows or Tiffany lamps. The sculptures are then

internally illuminated, emanating the textures of their parts and refracting forms and color resulting in an immersive installation.

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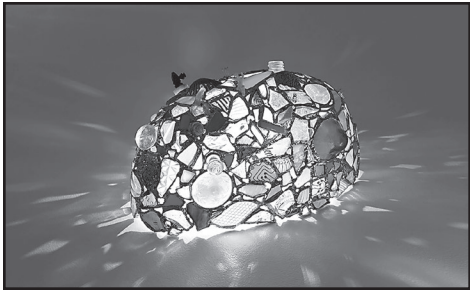


Image: Bea Fremderman, installation view of the exhibition Barren Island at Prairie Gallery in Chicago, 2021. Photo courtesy of Prairie Gallery.

New Holstein Historical Society's Annual Timm House Christmas



Mechanical toys, vintage push cars, and smiling dolls are all part of "Toyland", the 2023 edition of the New Holstein Historical Society's annual Timm House Christmas. Antique and vintage toys, sure to evoke memories of past Christmas mornings and other happy childhood play times, will be displayed throughout the historical home's first floor. Christmas trees in the Timm House's parlor, living room, and dining room will stand over a bountiful collection of toys from the past that have been brought together from many private collections for this event. Timm House tables, furniture, shelves, and the fireplace mantle will also serve as

perches for the collected toys. This year's Timm House Christmas will be open for viewing starting on Friday, December 1. Hours on Dec. 1, 8, & 15 Fridays will be 5:00 to 8:00 pm. On Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9, & 16 and Sundays, Dec. 3, 10, & 17 the open time will be from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00 per adult (13 and over), \$3.00 per child (5 to 12 years of age) with children under 5 admitted free when accompanying an adult. As always, Christmas treats in the kitchen await all visitors and a whisper in the wind says that Santa, himself, may be making an appearance on Dec. 16 and 17.

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Christmas Gift Tree Lends a Helping Hand

Over the past twelve years, Grace Lutheran Church, Elkhart Lake, has worked together with a number of local businesses to bring a little extra Christmas cheer to families who are hit hard by tough economic times.

The program is called the Christmas Gift Tree and Christmas Gift Tree Plus.

The program has enjoyed overwhelming success over these years. Hundreds of children's Christmases were brightened through these giving efforts, with thousands of dollars distributed to community families in need.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, Grace Lutheran plans to erect and decorate four trees at each of these locations; Off the Rail, National Exchange Bank, Vintage Elkhart Lake and Grace Lutheran Church.

The process for the community to help out with the gift trees is to go to one of the locations and participate as follows—

- 1) Take a child's ornament off the tree.
- 2) Purchase an age-appropriate gift.
- 3) Wrap the gift.
- 4) Securely attach the ornament to the package.

- 5) Return the gift to Grace Lutheran Church, or the location the ornament was taken.

These steps should be completed by Sunday, Dec. 17 so that the contributions may be made available for pickup.

While many families appreciate the gifts for their children, they also have other needs, such as food and gas. This is where the Christmas Gift Plus program comes into play.

To participate in the "Plus" program, simply go to any of the four participating locations. Take a "gift card" ornament from the tree. Purchase a \$25 gift card at the business of choice that will provide either gas or groceries as designated on the "gift card" ornament. Attach the ornament to the gift card and return to Grace Lutheran or the location where you selected the ornament by December 15.

Elkhart Lake has shown its generosity through these programs and stepped forward once again in 2022 to help numerous families in Elkhart Lake and Glenbeulah.

Thanks in advance for your help and support of these programs.



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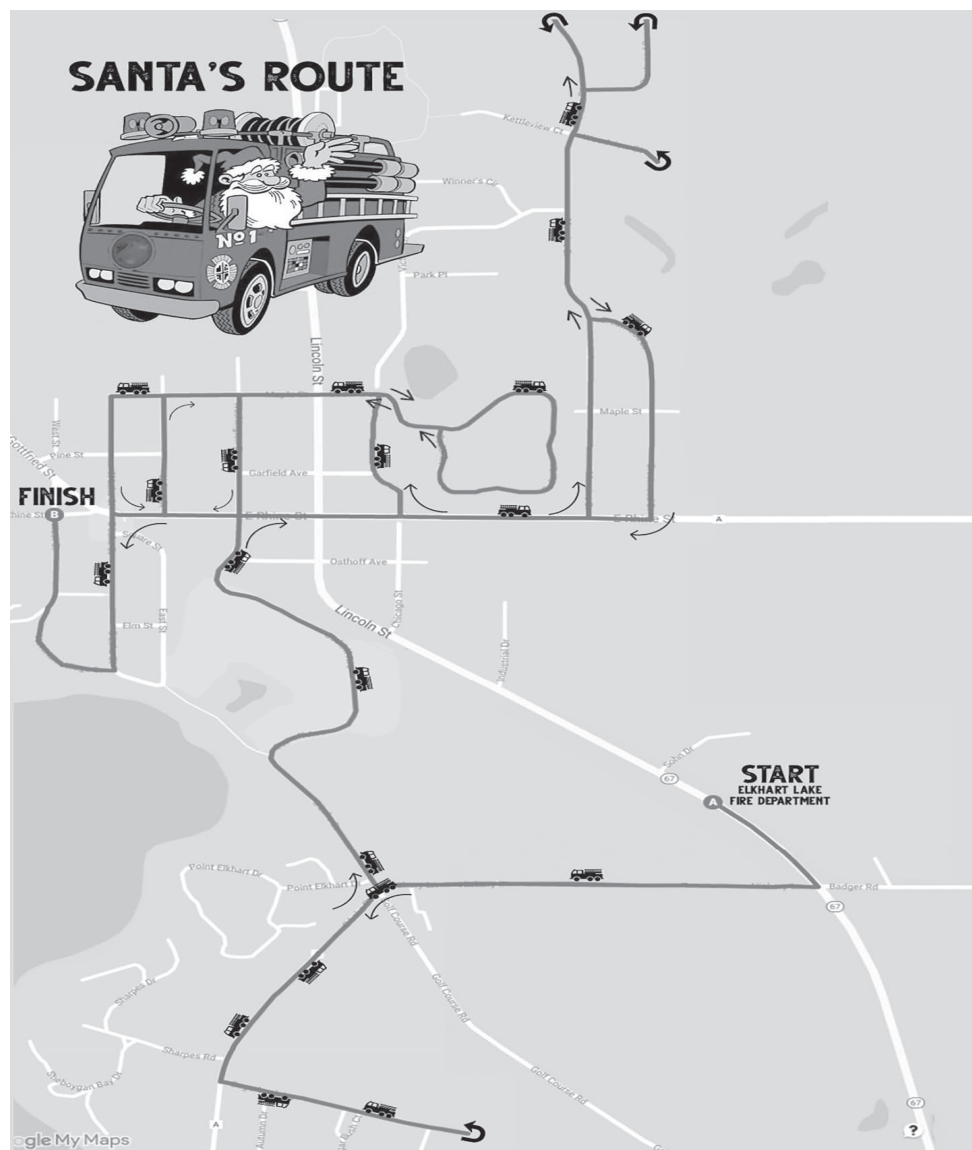
Tammy Wagner Celebrated 30 Years at National Exchange Bank & Trust

Tammy Wagner celebrated 30 years of service to National Exchange Bank & Trust on October 18, 2023.

Wagner joined the bank in 1993 and is currently the assistant vice president of operations and lending. Her responsibilities include managing day-to-day operations of the Elkhart Lake office, supporting customer service and providing financial resources to local businesses.

Wagner resides in Kiel with her family. She is active in the community as a part of Professional Women's Connection and Vincentian with St. Vincent de Paul Society.

National Exchange Bank & Trust is an independent bank with convenient locations throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. For more information, visit the bank's website at nebat.com.



After Breakfast with Santa, he will be touring the village on a Fire truck starting at 1PM on Sunday, December 3rd

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Elkhart Lake Chamber Calendar of Events

JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ART CENTER SEPT. 9, 2023-FEB. 4, 2024

John Michael Kohler Arts Center - Mary Jo Schwalbach Works on View for first time. Showcase of selection of the artist's so-called "collages," made from detritus gathered on the shores of Lake Michigan. These works celebrate Schwalbach's connection to Lake Michigan and her playful artistic vision.

OCT. 7, 2023-FEB. 18, 2024

John Michael Kohler Arts-Exhibitions by Artist Bea Fremderman: Weeds Compared to Flowers in Arts Center. Through the re-presentation and re-creation of waste, the work visualizes human interconnection with disposable objects, the Earth, and our unknown future.

OCT. 7, 2023-MARCH 3, 2024

John Michael Kohler Arts-Exhibitions by Artist Bea Fremderman: Bea Fremderman and Grottoes

in Art Preserve. Grottoes are composed of statues and structures in homage to faith and contemplation. Their surfaces are commonly adorned and formed with materials such as colored glass, gems, pottery, porcelain, minerals, and objects gathered by the maker(s).

For all of the above visit website for details: jmkac.org

NOVEMBER 22

Stefanie Weill Center- Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs - presented by The State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine. This ballet is a story about love, friendship, witchcraft, and the eternal struggle between good and evil. This is an excellent opportunity to spend time with the whole family and to introduce children to the art of classical ballet. 7:30pm Visit website for tickets: weillcenter.com/events.

NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 30

Kohler Foundation-Arts at the Waelderhaus-27th Annual Gingerbread Festival, Sunday-Friday 1-5 PM, Saturday 10 AM-5 PM. Holiday display of gingerbread creations with weekend musical performances at 2 PM. Visit website: kohlerfoundation.org

NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 31

Making Spirits Bright Light Show sponsored by the Sheboygan County Rotary Club every evening 5-9pm. www.makingspiritsbright.com

NOVEMBER 25

Elkhart Lake Chamber-Christmas in the Square The Chamber will host their Christmas in the Square and Village Tree Lighting from 4pm-6:30pm downtown Elkhart Lake. Come enjoy the sounds of the seasons with carriage rides, holiday treats and more! We will kick off the holiday season and light the tree at 6:15pm. www.elkhart.org

The Hub Studio Cafe at Laack's Tavern & Ballroom-Christmas in the Country, 5 PM. Delightful entertainment, delicious food, divine cocktails. Dinner, door prizes, dancing, and much more! Visit The Hub Facebook site for information/tickets

Stefanie Weill Center-White Christmas, 7 PM. Gather your family and friends for this beloved 1954 film with lyrics embedded screen. Visit website for tickets: weillcenter.com/events.

DECEMBER 1

The Hub Studio Cafe at Laack's Tavern & Ballroom-First Fridays Art-Mixed Media Earrings 6:30-9pm. Visit The Hub Facebook site for information/tickets

DECEMBER 1-10

Osthoff Resort-25th annual Old World Christmas Market. The Market offers the warmth and merriment of an Old World tradition with gifts and food court. <https://osthoff.com/old-world-christmas-market>

DECEMBER 1-17

Timm House-"Toyland" is the theme for the 2023 Timm House Christmas. The annual event, self-guided tour, will take place on Friday nights, Dec. 1, 8, & 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday afternoons, Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, & 17 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. <https://www.newholsteinhistory.info>

DECEMBER 2

Big Brothers Big Sisters WI Shoreline-Sleigh Bell Run/Walk in Kiel, 2- or 5-mile run or 2-mile walk, 10 AM. Family friendly and kids games! Visit website: bbbswishoreline.org

Village of Elkhart Lake -12th Annual Elkhart Lake Retail Holiday Open House. Shop local to take advantage of holiday specials and sales throughout each of the shops, plus beverages and holiday treats for all to enjoy. 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm www.facebook.com/events/995555008374062

Elkhart Lake Lions Club presents Breakfast with Santa 9am-noon at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Santa will be driving around the village in a fire truck starting at 1pm. chamber@elkhartlake.com

St Thomas Aquinas Christian Women Christmas Cookie Walk 9am-noon or when sold out. Also taking orders for unfrosted cutout cookies (by the dozen), call or text 920-286-1111 leaving name, phone number and quantity. chamber@elkhartlake.com

DECEMBER 3

Holiday on Mane at Amazing Grace Equine Sanctuary. Many fun events including food & bake sale, pictures with Santa & more. Visit us at info@rescuehorses.org

DECEMBER 2 & 3

Stefanie Weill Center-The Nutcracker Ballet-Celebrate the joyous Christmas season with Tchaikovsky's traditional holiday ballet, performed by Brittany's School of Dance. 12/2 at 2pm & 7pm. 12/3 at 2pm. Visit website for tickets: weillcenter.com/events

Plymouth Arts Center-Colors of Christmas by the PAC singers, a group of 45 volunteers who enjoy sharing their talent. Nostalgic & colorful holiday songs, favorite Christmas Carols, popular Christmas hits, novelty numbers and heart-warming tunes. 12/2 7:30pm. 12/3 2:30pm. www.plymoutharts.org

DECEMBER 8 & 9

Pankratz Arts Exchange at the Shore Club Theater Holiday season for another high energy performance that is sure to get you into the holiday spirit! Stay tuned for the theme of the seasonal show. Show is at 7. <https://paearts.org>

DECEMBER 8, 9, 10

Plymouth Arts Center-"Celtic Christmas" a live musical concert with traditional, contemporary, and religious Christmas music featuring the group Celtic Folk. Dec. 8 & 9 7:30pm. Dec 10 @ 2:30pm. www.plymoutharts.org

DECEMBER 9

Stefanie Weill Center-SSO-Presents Holiday Pops, 7:30 PM. An evening of holiday classics, featuring the Sheboygan Symphony Chorus and Chamber Singers! Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

DECEMBER 9-10

Wade House-A Wade House Christmas, 10 AM-4 PM. Experience the wonder of a 19th century Christmas, with Stagecoach Hotel halls decked out for the holiday season. Many activities with holiday treats and live music. Visit website: wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org for details/tickets

DECEMBER 10

Stefanie Weill Center-Preservation Hall Jazz Band will perform their holiday concert, "Creole Christmas". Celebrate the season as the Preservation Hall Jazz Band presents their Creole Christmas concert series. Join as the band performs New Orleans classics as well as some of our best-loved holiday selections with a twist. 7:30 p.m. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

DECEMBER 15

Stefanie Weill Center-Buckets N Boards A spectacularly imaginative work brought to life by two prolific performers! From their imaginative songs, beautiful harmonies, dazzling tap dancing, crisp beatboxing, body percussion and bucket drumming, to a fresh and unique brand of clean comedy. This is a theatrical experience the entire family will enjoy! 6pm Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

Regularly Scheduled Meetings & Events

ELKHART LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING

Held at 8:30am-third Tues each month

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Agendas for 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 Wed. before the board meeting.

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

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Pankratz Arts Exchange at the Shore Club Theater Holiday season for another high energy performance that is sure to get you into the holiday spirit! Stay tuned for the theme of the seasonal show. Show is at 7. <https://paearts.org>

DECEMBER 17

Stefanie Weill Center-Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical, 3 PM. Come see all your favorite characters from the special as they come to life in this musical. It's an adventure that teaches us that what makes you different can be what makes you special. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

DECEMBER 31

Plymouth Arts Center-Sartori Big Cheese Drop/ News Year's Eve Party. The festivities begin at 8:30pm in the PAC Greatroom with live music by the ever popular 50's-60's Tribute Band, II Cool!. bonfire from 8:30 to 10pm. the Big Cheese Drop will be held at 10 PM with music and dancing till midnight. www.plymoutharts.org

JANUARY 12, 2024

Stefanie Weill Center-Stayin' Alive: One Night of The Bee Gees, 7:30 PM. Stayin' Alive is the largest and most definitive production of its kind, offering big screen video clips, photos and dazzling imagery. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

JANUARY 13, 2024

Hermitage Conservation Club-Snow Ball shoot (50 bird Lewis shoot (white targets). www.hermitageconservationclub.com

JANUARY 26 -28

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JANUARY 29

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FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Laack's Tavern & Ballroom-Fasching, featuring the Dorf Kapelle and Gemütlichkeit, 5-10 PM. A joyful celebration based on the traditional event of Fasching - a carnival celebration which precedes Lent in German speaking countries. Visit The Hub Facebook site for information/tickets

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Stefanie Weill Center-Jesus Christ Superstar, 7:30 PM. Celebrating its 50th Anniversary, a new mesmerizing production of the iconic musical phenomenon returns to the stage. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

MARCH 9, 2024

Stephanie Weill Center-SSO Presents Requiem, 7:30 PM. Farrenc: Symphony No. 3 and Mozart: Requiem. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

MAY 3, 2024

Stephanie Weill Center-Little Women, 7:30 PM. The adventures of sisters Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March are brought to musical life on stage. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

MAY 18, 2024

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25 Years of Playing in the Mud at Two Fish Gallery



Many businesses here are family-run with roots as deep as the village's lake. The faces of those businesses will tell you that making something beautiful on the surface is one thing, but making something long-lasting requires patience and many seasons of paying attention. It takes bustling summers to work the kinks out and the solitude of long winters to dream and scheme before the next summer rolls around. It takes crunching numbers and continuous fine-tuning to match the rhythm and needs of this little seasonal zip code.

This December Elkhart Lake's Two Fish Gallery celebrates 25 years. It's difficult to imagine East Rhine Street without Patrick and Karen. They are not only masters in making art, but they are masters in the art of running one of the most beloved businesses in town. The way they have interwoven their love for ceramics and botany embodies the village's spirit. Their gallery and gardens comfort, inspire, and leave a lasting impact on anyone who visits.

"We've reinvented ourselves many times," Patrick reflects on the business's upcoming milestone. Reinvention is at the heart of everything he and Karen do. While Patrick transforms raw clay into art pieces for people's homes, Karen transforms the property's soil into a symphony of green. Her Certified Wildlife Habitat is home to many species of native flora and fauna.

"This is my 50th year of playing in the mud," Patrick's eyes twinkle as he does



the math. His mother was an artist and his grandmother encouraged him creatively from a young age. He was also a collector of ceramics as a child. It wasn't until his senior year at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee that he really dove into ceramic art with his own hands. "I was an accidental grad student. I fell in love with ceramics my last year of undergrad and that left me no choice but to continue taking as many ceramic classes as I could."

Patrick eventually made his way to the John Michael Kohler Art Center (JMKAC) where he would find himself on the other side of the classroom as an instructor. The classroom is where he would meet his wife Karen, the botanist and brains behind the Two Fish gardens today. "We were living in parallel universes, both teaching the subjects we love."

The classroom is also what led him to the shores of Elkhart Lake. "One day I was talking with one of my students, Jess Gunther. She was really involved with the local chamber at the time. I was telling her about my dream for a home gallery and she told me that Elkhart Lake could be a wonderful place to make that happen."

Patrick had five requirements for his dream studio. "I needed a place where I could live, work, sell my work, and also teach. And my fifth requirement was that the place needed to be easy to find, ideally a place where people were already walking by." The bungalow style home he found on East Rhine checked every single one of his boxes.

"Things are often right in front of you, but you need to be willing to get specific when creating your dreams." He found his property six months after making his list. "In Elkhart Lake, everybody takes care of everybody. I learned that shortly after getting involved here." His story of meeting a friend in the village and then becoming part of the Elkhart Lake family is similar to many others who have made the village their home. Those who take a chance and give their heart to the place often find that one small step can lead to future leaps.

"We call this place the cottage," Patrick points to the porch at the entrance of the gallery. In the summer months, the porch is cloaked in greenery and feels like a little jungle. "We love our home and it's easier to visit the space right outside our front door than it is to travel up North. This is our little cottage right here," he lets out a laugh. The couple's gallery and "cottage" is their year-round home in a summer

tourist town. "We aren't beach people. In the winter we run into the studio."

As many business owners in town experience, Patrick and Karen's world ebbs and flows with the seasons. While the seasonality can bring challenges it can also bring opportunities to learn new skills and catch up on areas of the business that need improvement. The business has gone through many evolutions and has been a home for other artists to showcase their work as a result. Art mediums including clay, glass, jewelry, metal, textile, and paper have all been displayed on the shelves.

"As an artist myself, I feel strongly about rewarding the maker," Patrick proudly reflects upon his decision to start focusing on fair-trade works of art. The owners' commitment to fair-trade means that customers are extremely likely to learn not only the name of the artist, but a peek into the artist's process.



In addition to Patrick and Karen providing a space for artists, they also provide tranquility to their community during times that feel heavy. "I remember after September 11th, people wanted to be surrounded by art. During the recession, it was music to our ears that people wanted their income to be connected to things that had an origin story. People can't always buy what they once did, so when they do buy something, they want it to bring them some type of connection. Knowing the artist behind a piece can help with that."



In most recent history, the pandemic brought people seeking comfort through the doors of Two Fish. "We provided a safe and inspiring place for people during a time of a lot of uncertainty. Turns out, looking at art on some shelves was the most exciting thing happening during their day!"

These days the classroom continues to be at the core of how Patrick and Karen continue to transform personally and professionally. Patrick has been a teacher since his days at the JMKAC and has since established the Two Fish School where he offers ceramic classes that fill up in minutes once he posts them online. "The

classroom is always therapy. I find great comfort in it. I can read the energy in the room and help guide my students. I always learn things from them because they try things I've never thought of."

One of Patrick's and Karen's goals for the near future is to be better students themselves. "If you're a teacher, you really like to be a student too." They've figured out a balance of creating art and teaching which has allowed them to condense their gallery hours. "Locals know us and our schedule well now. And as for visitors, you can't go three blocks without leaving town. If they are interested, they will certainly find us!"

Their current schedule allows them to follow their curiosity into workshops that focus on new art mediums as well as continue weekly tai chi. "Hopefully taking care of my body will keep me playing in the mud a little longer," Patrick smiles.

After 50 years of making art and 25 years of making a business, where does his relationship with clay currently stand? "Clay reminds us we can't force things. The final step, firing, is the one you have the least control over. You have to embrace what works and let go of what doesn't. I'm more enamored with clay now than I ever have been."

In a world demanding that everything must move quickly, Elkhart Lake's art gallery gives us a different message – good things take time, and if you take your time to have an open mind and give yourself to a community and your art form, there is a lifetime of beauty to be enamored with. Sometimes all it takes is an opportunity to play in the mud.

Patrick and Karen invite you to Two Fish Gallery's 25th Anniversary celebration on Saturday December 16 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. You can also visit the gallery for holiday shopping throughout December. Please see holiday hours below.



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The Plymouth Arts Center proudly presents “Celtic Christmas” a live musical concert with traditional, contemporary, and religious Christmas music featuring the group Celtic Folk. Six shows will be presented. Four evening shows will be presented, Friday – Saturday, Dec 8-9 and Dec. 15-16 at 7:30pm. Two Matinee shows at 2:30pm will be presented on Sundays, December 10 and 17th. The show is generously sponsored by Sargento and Masters Gallery.

Tickets are \$15 for PAC Members and \$17 for Non-Members. To purchase tickets please visit the Plymouth Arts Center, 520 East Mill Street, Downtown Plymouth, WI Tuesday-Friday, 10am to 4pm, call: 920-892-8409; or email: info@plymoutharts.org. Tickets also may be conveniently ordered online at: www.plymoutharts.org. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

The group Celtic Folk features vocalists and musicians, Tom Armstrong, Tom Clegg, Julie Henze, Kerrylynn Kraemer, Mykael Lengling, Roy Schwab, Rachel Stoyke, Ramona Tritz, and Steve Vogt. Special guests performing this Christmas include the Schauer Irish Dance Troupe on Dec. 9-10, Bagpiper, Bruce McFarlane, on Dec. 17, and Vocalist, Allison Heinen, Dec. 8,15,16.

The Plymouth Arts Center is a 501(c)3 charitable non-profit organization solely supported through memberships, fundraisers, business and individual donations, grants and sponsorships. The mission of the PAC is...to enliven the spirit of our community and to enrich the lives of all, by providing diverse experiences in the arts.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the election district of the Village of Elkhart Lake on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024. The term for the Village President and the Village Trustees begins on April 16th, 2024. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated. The following officers are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
Village Trustee	Terri Knowles
Village Trustee	John Schott
Village Trustee	Lynn Shovan

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1st, 2023 and the final day for filing nomination papers in the office of the Village Clerk is 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.

Candidates must circulate nomination papers that can be obtained at the Village Hall. Twenty valid signatures are required. You can sign three trustee petitions.

VILLAGE TAX RATE & TAX COLLECTION

The 2024 Budget was approved at the Village Board meeting held on November 20th. Tax bills will be in mail by approximately December 15th, 2023. The Village's tax rate has decreased per \$1,000 of assessed value, but due to the re-evaluation each property may see an increase or a decrease in their property tax bills. You can pay these at the Village Offices at 40 Pine Street from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday. We will be closed on December 25 and 26, 2023 and December 29, 2023, and January 1, 2024. The Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer's office will also be closed on December 18th from 11 am until 2:00 pm.. If the Village office is closed, payments can be dropped in the drop box, located at the top of the stairs to the left (east) of the Pine Street entrance. You can also drop your payment off at Cleveland State Bank in Elkhart Lake or National Exchange Bank & Trust in Elkhart Lake. If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's office at 876-2122.

VILLAGE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Village offices will be closed on November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving. The offices will also be closed on December 25 and 26, 2023 and December 29, 2023, and January 1, 2024. The Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer's office will also be closed on December 18th from 11 am until 2:00 pm.

GENERAL CAPITAL/VAN HORN DEVELOPMENT

General Capital and Van Horn have begun working on the site at 604 S. Lincoln Street. Over the last month a lot of work has been completed. The Village is going to be trying to take aerial sites of the project on a weekly/biweekly basis to keep track of the progress. The elevator shaft has taken shape for the General Capital building. Most of the buildings have been removed, with the final building scheduled to come down soon. Sohn Manufacturing continues work

on their new entrance on Highway 67 and trees and dirt are being moved for the new roadway (Leonard's Way). The Village has put the infrastructure out for bid and will be reviewing and approving the bids in the weeks to come. There will be a 50-unit apartment building which is being built by General Capital. There were also be 11 townhouse buildings which will total 70 units which are being developed by Van Horn. If you have questions or comments on the project, please contact Jessica Reilly at 920-876-2122 or clerk@elkhartlakewi.gov or reach out to a Village Board member.



WATER RATES INCREASED & SEWER RATES INCREASING

Water rates increased on October 1, 2023. The rates have not changed since 2015. The water rates will be higher for the 4th quarter billing (sent out in January 2024). Below are the new water rates as approved by the Public Service Commission.

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Sewer rates will also be increasing. The increase is due to Northern Moraine increasing rates, so in turn we need to increase our rates. These rates will not increase until January 1, 2024. The sewer consumption rates will increase from \$7.15 per 100 cubic feet to \$7.55 per 100 cubic feet. If you have any questions on these rate increases, please contact 920-876-2122.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

We ask that you think about supporting your local businesses during this holiday season. Please shop local or purchase Chamber Cash that can be spent at the local businesses. There is a shop local event on December 3rd. Please support these businesses as they support the local economy and schools.

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.

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

SNOW REMOVAL WARNING

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WINTER RULES BEGAN 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.

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AUTO PAY YOUR WATER BILL

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

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SCEDC Awards Road America with 2023 Economic Driver of the Year

The Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) proudly celebrated its 13th Annual Meeting at the iconic Road America, where the community came together to applaud the achievements of the past year and embrace the endless opportunities on the horizon.

As the highlight of the evening, the SCEDC and SCEDC Board took great pleasure in announcing Road America as the distinguished recipient of the 2023 Economic Driver of the Year award.

“Road America’s recognition as the 2023 Economic Driver of the Year highlights their impressive impact on Sheboygan County’s economy year after year,” said Don Hammond, SCEDC Chair. “Through their commitment to continuous improvement and unwavering support from the community, Road America continues to pave the way.”

Starting out as a series of exhilarating street races around Elkhart Lake, Road

America came to be in 1955, because of the community. Since then, they have evolved to become a powerhouse, making a profound impact on the economy of Sheboygan County.



Last year, Road America contributed a staggering \$254 million to the County, with a remarkable economic impact of \$403 million benefiting the state of Wisconsin.

With an impressive lineup of over 500 events and attracting an astounding 800,000 visitors, Road America’s commitment to continuous improvement is fueled by its vibrant community of 600 shareholders. It is this unwavering support from the local residents that enables Road America to give back and

contribute to the prosperity of Sheboygan County.

“This recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire team at Road America,” said Mike Kertscher, President and General Manager of Road America, “and it underscores our commitment to being a positive force in our community. We are proud to play a role in driving economic growth in the region, creating jobs, and fostering a sense of pride and community. I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation for this recognition, and to the entire Road America team for their dedication and passion. Together, we will continue to drive success and strive to make a positive impact on the economic landscape of Sheboygan County.”

Not only renowned for its exceptional race track, Road America prides itself on serving as America’s National Park of Speed, hosting an array of corporate events, hospitality experiences, driving

schools, and various other programs.

As we embark on the future, the SCEDC, Road America, and the Sheboygan community strive for an even brighter tomorrow, marked by innovation, collaboration, and growth. Through private-public partnerships, the SCEDC will continue to open new doors for the region and provide businesses with resources to succeed.

The Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) is a public-private partnership leading economic, community, and workforce development efforts in Sheboygan County to improve the well-being and long-term prosperity of businesses, residents, and communities. Through technical assistance, the SCEDC leverages a variety of tools to encourage business growth, startups, investment, skill development, and talent attraction. By applying the appropriate resources, the SCEDC helps fulfill Sheboygan County’s growing economic and business needs.



From left to right: Mary Lou Haen, Chad Grasse, Don Hammond - SCEDC, Greg Wieser, Mike Kertscher, and Earle Hollings.

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Gannon Unanimously Awarded Trustee Emerita Status

Lakeland University recently honored former Board of Trustees member Barbara Gannon on being unanimously awarded trustee emerita status.

In approving the honor, the board recognized Gannon's 19 years of service as a Lakeland trustee from 2003-2021 including six years as board chairperson from 2015 until her retirement. She also was recognized for her commitment to the success of Lakeland University's Foundation and longtime dedication toward the institution's betterment.

Gannon's tenure as board chairperson saw significant changes, including David Black's return as Lakeland's president in 2017 and the search that led to current LU President Beth Borgen's hiring in 2021.

Other highlights of her tenure included:

- Establishment of LU's Cooperative Education program, which has netted several of the largest incoming freshman classes in Lakeland's history.
- Securing a \$35.4 million low-interest loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development division, which resulted in a \$26 million

investment in its main campus, the largest in Lakeland history, including new versions of Grosshuesch and Muehlmeier Halls.

- Leading the Board of Trustees through Lakeland's very successful \$12 million campaign – one of the largest in the institution's history – that funded a dramatic overhaul of the Younger Family Campus Center, the region's first outdoor turf athletic field and funding to launch the Co-Op program.

- Helping lead the board through the evolution of Lakeland University-Japan into a campus offering four-year degrees.

Gannon served in numerous leadership roles during her time as a Lakeland trustee, including chair for the marketing and development committee and a member of the task force that developed the vision for the institution that served as the foundation for Lakeland's 2020 strategic plan.

She is retired following a long tenure as vice president of corporate communications at Sargento Foods. She remains actively involved in several causes in Sheboygan County.



Lakeland University Board of Trustees Chair Jeff Spence presents retired trustee Barbara Gannon a framed resolution honoring her 19 years of service to Lakeland.



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JAAAGZ Bar & Grill Joins Chamber

Local resident Angela Girard, who has worked in the Elkhart Lake area for 15 years, had always wanted her own restaurant.



Her wish became a reality July 1, eleven days after purchasing, cleaning and painting the now location of JAAAGZ Bar and Grill at N6845 CTH 67. The name for the bar and grill, as explained by Girard, are the initials of family members: J-Julian/Joan, A-Antoinette, A-Antonia, A-Angela, G-Girard and the Z, per Girard, is "just for funnies." Not only is the name derived from her family, but Girard also stated that members of the JAAAGZ staff are people that Girard has worked with in the area over the past 15 years and are almost like family as well.

Since their grand opening, Girard stated they have received incredible support from the community and gave a shout out to the amazing customers that have given their support, commenting, "this wouldn't be possible without them."

Open seven days a week, JAAAGZ has daily specials available, like their broasted wings special every Thursday. Along with their specials, Girard explained that there is something for everyone on the menu including sandwiches and wraps, broasted chicken, salads and various appetizers.

Girard stated during an interview that JAAAGZ will be hosting a New Year's Day party. According to Girard, the event was done for the last five years at different locations within the community, and she has brought it to JAAAGZ. This event is meant to be a fundraising event for not only the Elkhart Lake Fire Department, but will now include the Plymouth Fire Department as well. During the fundraising event, Girard stated there will be a performance by the Dave Steffen Band from noon until 4.

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Those interested in checking out JAAAGZ can come on out during their hours of operation: Friday through Monday from 11 until 9, and Tuesday through Thursday from 2 until 9.

ELKAN Chapter of the National Honor Society Inducted Students at ELGHS



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The ELKAN Chapter of the National Honor Society at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah High School recently inducted eleven new members during the annual Induction ceremony held in the Mauk Auditorium at the high school.

STUDENT INDUCTEES: Jazel Brunner, Kaylen DeRouin, Tristyn Dirks, Emma Feider, Brody Feldmann, Avery Fullerton, Jonathan Leclerc, Charlotte Klapperich, Lacota Lisowe, Logan Martin, Evan Roth.

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Jelenc, Josephine Jonsson (Secretary), Kaitlyn Kesler, Charles Loeffler, Colin Meiselwitz, Alicia Merklein (Vice-President), Carson Mersberger, Teagan O'Neil, Markus Prigge, Abigale Tegen (Treasurer), Cayley Weiss (President), Collin Zimmermann.

Each new inductee was presented with a pin, membership card, and certificate. Seniors will also wear an honors stole during graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Paul Weiss was the guest speaker.

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Experience The Magic of a Mid-19th Century Christmas at The Wade House

Wade House historic site in Greenbush will host "A Wade House Christmas," a mid-19th-century Christmas celebration, on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Yankee and German holiday traditions, including period crafts and games for young and old, and horse-drawn wagon rides, will make for a memorable experience.

Guests to "A Wade House Christmas" will experience the sights and sounds of an 1860s Wisconsin Christmas celebration. The Wade House stagecoach hotel will be decorated in traditional Christmas splendor with fresh evergreen garlands and a candlelit Christmas tree as focal points.

Activities will abound on each level of the 27-room hotel. The experience will begin on the first floor. Costumed staff will greet

visitors inside the historic tap room and shed light on the origins of Santa Claus and his gift-giving tradition. The ladies' parlor will be graced with a freshly cut Christmas tree adorned in 1860s fashion, and the space will resound with period music.

In the hotel's dining room, visitors will create holiday crafts once featured in "Godey's Lady's Book." In the third-floor ballroom, participants will have the opportunity to play parlor games.

The delightful aroma of mulled cider and plum pudding will waft out from the hotel's 19th-century kitchens and entice guests to these culinary spaces where they'll learn about the longstanding association of plum pudding with the Christmas season.



The festivities continue in the Wade House Visitor Center and Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum, where seasonal décor, live music and children's activities will help to spread holiday cheer.

Carriage Museum located at W7965 State Highway 23. Admission is as follows: adults - \$15; teens - \$15; seniors (65+) - \$13; children (5-12) - \$8; children under 5, free.

"A Wade House Christmas" will take place at the Wade House Historic Site in Greenbush, WI. Visitors will begin the special experience at the Wade House Visitor Center and Wesley W. Jung

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From December 1st through December 10th, this ten-day celebration beckons all who seek the charm of the season. A cherished holiday tradition, the Old World Christmas Market pays homage to the Christkindlesmarkt of Nuremberg, Germany.

Have you ever considered exploring new international cuisine to tantalize your taste buds? The Old World Food Court offers a taste of Germany, featuring glühwein, sauerbraten, dumplings, schnitzel, potato pancakes, and apple strudel.

The Osthoff Resort's Old World Christmas Market captivates all in search of the heartwarming traditions of yesteryear. It offers not only a treasure trove of unique gifts but also a delectable feast for the senses, all set within a breathtaking backdrop. Our heartfelt congratulations to The Osthoff Resort as they mark their 25th anniversary – a truly wondrous achievement in the realm of enchantment and delight!

Beneath a grand, heated tent adorned with fragrant evergreens, guests embark on a journey through an array of international and regional treasures. Czech blown-glass ornaments, Russian nesting dolls, German hand-carved smokers and nutcrackers, handcrafted amber and silver jewelry, Turkish pashmina scarves,

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27th Annual Gingerbread Festival Schedule

Waelderhaus - 1100 West Riverside Drive, Kohler, Wisconsin

November 24 through December 30, 2023

Sunday through Friday - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Musical Performances - 2:00 p.m.

Please note there are no tours during performances.

- November 25** Golden Chordaliers
- November 26** North High School String Ensemble
- December 2** Concordia Singing Society
- December 3** Lakeshore Youth Chorale
- December 9** Random Lake Chamber Singers
- December 10** Junge Kamarden
- December 16** Kohler High School Madrigals
- December 17** Cedar Grove Belgium Rocket Choir and the Rockettes
- December 23** ane Van Maaren Violin Studio - Seasonal Strings
- December 30** Max Becker on Piano

Reservations are not required to visit the Gingerbread Festival. Complimentary daily tours of the Waelderhaus are offered at 2 PM, 3 PM, and 4 PM (closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day). Walk-ins are welcome for daily tours. Tour reservations are appreciated for groups larger than 10 and can be made by calling (920) 453-2851 or emailing jen.balge@kohler.com



27th Annual Gingerbread Festival at the Waelderhaus



In 2022, the creation with the most votes was "The House that Jack Built" by created by Viki Grunewald's kindergarten class from Lake Country Academy in Sheboygan.

The enchanting aroma of the Gingerbread Festival and the spirit of the holiday season will once again fill the air during the eagerly awaited 27th Annual Gingerbread Festival at the Waelderhaus, the historic "house in the woods" in Kohler.

From November 24th through December 30th, Waelderhaus visitors will enjoy extended hours, musical performances, and the opportunity to vote on their favorite hand-crafted gingerbread houses, sculptures and original creations made by local schools and community groups.

Classroom and community organizations whose designs earn the most votes from visitors will receive cash prizes in different categories. Winning entries that aren't associated with a non-profit select a charity to donate their winnings to.

This beloved tradition, known for its gingerbread creations and festive atmosphere, promises to captivate visitors of all ages with its magical blend of artistry and holiday cheer. Mark your calendars for this delightful celebration of culinary creativity, craftsmanship, and community spirit!

All events and activities at the Waelderhaus are free to the public. Call Waelderhaus at 920-453-2851 or visit kohlerfoundation.org for more information. Find us on social media @KohlerFoundation.

The Waelderhaus is an Austrian house museum managed by Kohler Foundation, a non-profit, private foundation dedicated to supporting the arts, education, and art preservation initiatives in the state of Wisconsin.



The Concordia Singing Society, founded in Sheboygan in 1860, performs at the Gingerbread Festival every year. You can see them this year on Saturday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m.

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Friday, January 19th, 2024 at 10am

Save the date! Spend your day off of school participating in an interactive showing of "Minions: Rise of Gru." An interactive movie involves audience participation with props, activities, and more. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Costumes welcome, but not required. Grashorn Civic Center.

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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.

FAMILY STORY TIME

Saturday, December 9th at 9:30am - Join Ms. Katie for a special Saturday story time. This program is directed towards children aged five and under.

LEGO CHALLENGE - WRECKING BALL

Tuesday, December 12th from 3:30-4:30pm. This month's challenge is "Wrecking Ball". The challenge will be briefly explained at 3:30 and then building will begin. At the end of the hour, kids will have the opportunity to show and explain their project. Younger kids are welcome with the help of an adult.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

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Friday, December 1st at 1pm - Enjoy a free movie and popcorn at the Grashorn Civic Center. Check our website for our movie selection.

HOLIDAY CARDS & GIFT TAGS WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 7th at 1pm - Create your own holiday cards & gift cards in this workshop with local artist Mary Starnitsky. Free, no registration required. Grashorn Civic Center.

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.

BOOK CLUB

Friday, December 8th at 1pm, Grashorn Civic Center. This December, our book club will be reading *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan Henry. "From the New York Times bestselling author of *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* comes another tenderly imagined and

enchanting story that pulls back the curtain on the early life of C.S. Lewis." To be placed on the book club email list, email Angela at aruh@monarchlibraries.org.

UKULELE CLUB

Thursday, December 14th at 2pm, Grashorn Civic Center (note the time change for our December meeting)

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COMMON THREAD: NEEDLEWORK AND FIBER ARTS CRAFTING CIRCLE

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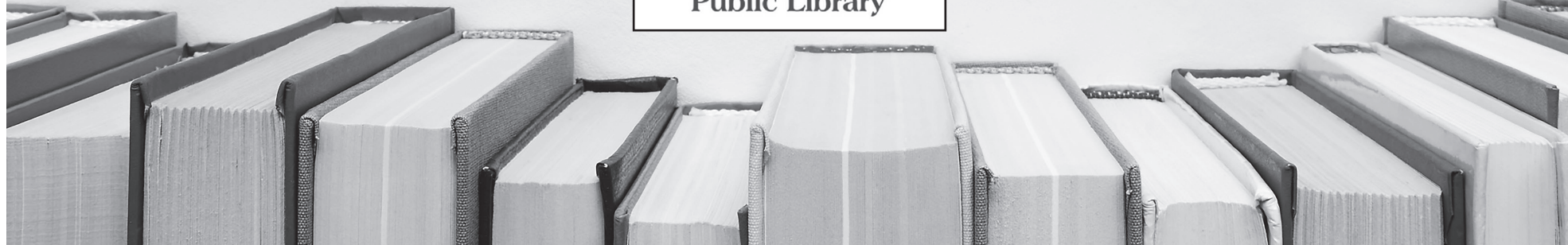
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The main gate opens at 7 a.m. daily, so set your alarms and mark your calendars to ensure you take advantage of every moment of the action. Road America welcomes you with open arms to a weekend of unparalleled excitement.

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The Ferrari Challenge at Road America is not just a race; it's an immersive experience of passion, speed, and camaraderie. Join us on September 9th and 10th for a weekend that promises to leave you breathless. Be part of the Ferrari legacy and make memories that will last a lifetime.

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About Road America: Established in 1955, Road America is conveniently located between Milwaukee and Green Bay in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. The world's best racers have competed at this legendary four-mile, 14-turn road circuit for over 65 years. Along with over 500 events held seasonally at the 640-acre facility, several major weekends are open to the public, which include the IndyCar Series, the MotoAmerica Series, three vintage racing events, numerous Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) events, the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, and NASCAR. Road America's park-

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Elkhart Lake Tourism Strategic Plan Update

I want to again thank the many residents and businesses who participated in our Tourism Focus Group conversations and Community Survey last November. We were able to gather invaluable broad-based feedback which assisted us in looking at challenges and opportunities which impact our Village residents as well as the Elkhart Lake visitor experience.

From the information gathered, a list of over 18 broad topics were identified as issues for consideration. These topics were thoroughly discussed, and we developed a plan with three overarching destination goals:

Goal 1:

Broaden Elkhart Lake's Appeal in all Seasons.

2023 Objectives:

- Broaden appeal of Elkhart Lake by marketing selective regional assets and experiences.
- Consider Cold-Season strategy with expanding the number of festivities and events in the winter months.

GOAL 2:

Advocate for Enhancements to the Destination's Tourism Infrastructure.

2023 Objectives:

- Work with Village, Chamber, and local landowners to address downtown blight and vacancy issues.
- Encourage a more robust level of community support of Arts, Culture and Heritage.

GOAL 3:

Build the Tourism Department's Capacity to have an even greater impact on the community.

2023 Objectives:

- Increase outreach and collaboration with Village, Chamber and Community Development Agencies.
- Increase outreach to community leaders, residents, and businesses.
- Continue to consider opportunities to enhance the Elkhart Lake Welcome Center.

Under each of these objectives are a variety of tactics which we will address over a three-year period. I'm happy to report we are one year into our plan and just hitting our stride. We have lots of exciting things ahead which we believe will strengthen our community. If you are interested in more details regarding our Elkhart Lake Strategic Plan, please don't hesitate to contact me at Kathleen@ElkhartLake.com



Welcome Harry's Pizza e Vino to the Elkhart Lake community. We wish you success and happiness in Elkhart Lake! Congrats!

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Sartori Big Cheese Drop Rings in the New Year

The annual Sartori Big Cheese Drop is nationally lauded as one of the country's quirkiest New Year's Eve traditions. This year marks our 17th annual event as we celebrate Plymouth, WI, the official Cheese Capital of the World. Over the past 16 years, the event has drawn thousands of visitors as the community comes together to welcome the new year. The highlight of the event is marked by a countdown and the lowering of a giant wedge of Sartori's world award-winning BellaVitano® Gold Cheese at 10pm. The event is sponsored by the Sartori Company.

The festivities begin at 8:30pm in the PAC Greatroom with live music by the ever popular 50's-60's Tribute Band, Il Cool!. There will be a cheese tasting table and a cash bar. Enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and warm up at the bonfire from 8:30 to 10pm. As this is a family-friendly event, the Big Cheese Drop will be held at 10

PM. Bring your party noisemakers and cheese hats! Gift bags of Sartori Cheese will be distributed to the first 250 families in attendance. After the Big Cheese Drop, music and dancing will continue through Midnight. A complimentary champagne toast will be served at midnight!

Executive Director Donna Hahn said, "the Plymouth Arts Center initiated this popular New Year's Eve event back in 2007 to pay tribute to Plymouth's cheese heritage and its thriving industry that still exists today. We greatly appreciate the Sartori Company's generous sponsorship of this event and our organization. We also thank the Plymouth Fire Department for their continued gracious assistance. Special thanks to Greg and Deborah Heberlein for their assistance. The Plymouth Arts Center sends its best wishes to all for very Healthy and Happy New Year!"

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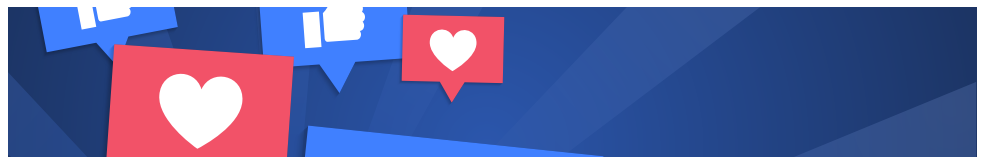
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The Plymouth Advancement Association and its charitable partners gathered to celebrate that \$90,000 raised from

the Falloozza Fall Festival and Music was given to three Sheboygan area mental health and addiction recovery

organizations. Rogers Behavioral Health, Samaritan's Hand and Mental Health America Lakeshore each received \$30,000 to support their efforts. The second year of the event was held September 15 and 16th and headlined by country music sensation John Michael Montgomery.

to express the gratitude for the support of the community who purchased tickets and the sponsors who made the event possible.

Falloozza Fall Festival and Music was made possible by a number of generous sponsors including Presenting Sponsor Sargento, Van Horn Auto Group, Masters Gallery Foods, Sartori Company, Richco Structures, 5th Color, Pleasant View Realty, Torginol, and Rogers Behavioral Health. The Plymouth Advancement Association is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) working as a catalyst for healthy and vibrant communities since 1994. Past projects by the organization include the FireFest 2020 fundraiser, the Cheese Capital of the World Arch and the Walldogs Mural Festival. For more information and a full schedule of events visit their Facebook page or advanceplymouth.org



"We are ecstatic that we raised more money our second year of Falloozza and recognizes the value of local mental health organizations and the contributions they make on a daily basis to help people," said Lee Gentine, President of the Plymouth Advancement Association. He went on



Big Brothers Big Sisters Relocates Manitowoc Office

Big Brothers Big Sisters WI Shoreline (BBBS) is thrilled to announce the relocation of its Manitowoc office into the heart of the Manitowoc - Two Rivers YMCA, fostering enhanced access to youth, potential volunteers, and community stakeholders while furthering collaboration with the YMCA.

The move marks a significant milestone in the ongoing mission of BBBS to empower young people through mentorship and support, and it reflects the organization's dedication to strengthening its ties with the local community.

The new partnership with the YMCA offers several key benefits:

Enhanced Access to Youth: Proximity to the YMCA's facilities makes it even easier for BBBS staff and mentors to connect with their mentees. This convenient location will enable "matches" to participate in various YMCA activities and spend quality

time in a welcoming environment.

"Big" Potential for Volunteers: The relocation to the YMCA opens doors for more individuals to become aware of BBBS and the dire need for mentors. As volunteers visit the YMCA for fitness, recreation, or family activities, they will have the chance to learn about Big Brothers Big Sisters and how getting involved can impact their life as well as that of a young person.

Collaborative Programming: BBBS and the YMCA share a common goal of supporting young people and bringing out their potential. By working together, both organizations can create innovative and impactful programming that will positively influence the lives of children and adolescents in the community. This collaboration will include joint events, workshops, and activities that promote mentorship, personal development, and community engagement.

"Building a more collaborative partnership with the YMCA aligns perfectly with Big Brothers Big Sisters' vision of helping all children realize their full potential," said BBBS Chief Executive Officer Denise Wittstock. "By offering a welcoming space within the YMCA, we aim to foster even more mentoring relationships and empower young people to achieve their goals."

YMCA Chief Executive Officer, Julie Grossman adds, "We're thrilled to have BBBS right here within our walls, down the hall, sharing space—all of us within earshot of one another as we strategize how to ever-improve our service to the youth of Manitowoc County. We are always better at what we do when we do in partnership with other great organizations. It's a good day for kids in our lakeshore community."

For more information or to get involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters, please visit

www.bbbswishoreline.org or contact 920.458.0111.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters Wisconsin Shoreline

BBBSWI is a non-profit organization that has been serving the Wisconsin shoreline since 1965. Their mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. For more information please visit: www.bbbswishoreline.org.

About the YMCA:

The YMCA is a community-focused organization that provides a range of programs and services to promote youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. With a presence in Manitowoc-Two Rivers, the YMCA serves as a hub for recreation, education, and community engagement. For more information, visit www.mtrymca.org.



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Practical Nursing Program Receives Continuing Accreditation

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The Board of Commissioners for the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) granted continuing accreditation to the practical nursing program at Lakeshore Technical College. The board also scheduled the next evaluation visit for fall 2031.

The ACEN board recognized the exam pass rate among Lakeshore's practical nursing graduates over the last three years as an "outstanding achievement." More than 90% of Lakeshore's graduates passed their licensing exam during this time.

"The outstanding pass rate among our students is a direct result of our

quality instructors and the hard work our students invest in their education," said Lakeshore President Dr. Paul Carlsen. "Getting our students workforce-ready to put their knowledge and compassion into action is what we do for our community."

For information on Lakeshore's practical nursing program, visit gotoltc.edu/programs-and-courses/degree-programs.



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