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Schnee Days
Saturday, January 27th
10am-2pm




Warm up at the library with snow-themed crafts for all ages and cocoa-to-go.

THE ELKHART EXPERIENCE



By Kathleen Eickhoff, Elkhart Lake Tourism

As the year comes to a close I'm grateful for another strong year for our Elkhart Lake businesses.

At the end of 2022 we were proud of achieving a record-breaking year. However, with travel being in such high demand, our resort village was tipping the scales of being over-tourismed. This was a concern among many popular vacation destinations.

The start of 2023 gave way to indepth conversations with our businesses and residents about the impact of the visitor economy and the importance of preserving Elkhart Lake's small town charm. Many topics rose to the surface; litter, respect for private property, appreciation for the destination, noise, outdoor music and the lake. It can be a trick to balance these issues

while driving the economic engine of an incredibly popular vacation destination. However, the Tourism Commission took this feedback to heart and developed a three-year strategic plan with greater focus on the stewardship of our resort village.

As we moved into summer, Elkhart Lake's outdoor music scene continued to be a hot topic. The Tourism Commission studied the issue, took regular readings, and charted the summer music experience. This revealed important data and created great opportunities for new conversations and collaboration. We appreciated the frank opinions both pro and con of Elkhart Lake's outdoor live music scene and it's contribution to the Village's community culture. An Ad-Hoc Committee was created to dive deeper into the details and find solutions to balancing Elkhart Lake's popular music

scene and its impacts on residents.

Concessus building is important work and takes time. As I write this article, these conversations of balancing resident life while supporting the visitor economy are still on-going. Our hope is it will generate more thoughtful solutions and build stronger working relationships. We will continue to strive towards greater balance between preserving Elkhart Lake's small-town charm and offering an engaging Elkhart Experience.

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Spotlight on Volunteer Janet Biskobing

"I attended St. John the Baptist Catholic grade school and then graduated from Plymouth High School in 1965. The day after I graduated, I started work in the office at Borden Foods in Plymouth as secretary to the Vice President. It was a very interesting multi-tasking job. After a few years, I was hired by General Telephone as secretary to the Commercial President. We traveled all over Eastern Wisconsin working with communities to update their phone service. When our son was one year old, we decided I could become a stay-at-home mom and we had two more children. But once my youngest was 3 years old, I decided I needed to get out of the house, and I became a waitress at a supper club in Sheboygan. I really learned a lot about people in that job. In 1977, the bank manager in Glenbeulah knocked on my door and asked me if I would be interested in working at the bank. With the help of my in-laws watching our children, I took the job and ended up there for 32 years, retiring from National Exchange Bank & Trust as branch manager in 2009.

While in my banking career, I became the Glenbeulah Village Treasurer and took on the Utility clerk job. I automated the utility position which had been done with paper & pencil. This helped in proper reporting of reports in many ways. As bank branch manager, I joined the Elkhart Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and held the offices of vice-president, president and later treasurer. It was a very rewarding job. I met so many great people and made great friends that I am friends with to this day.

I am a member of the Plymouth American Legion Auxiliary and enjoy working at events. My hobbies are sewing, cooking and crocheting. I crochet each of my grandchildren a lap quilt as part of their high school graduation gift. I am happy to crochet gifts for friends too. I am also my high school class historian. I organize monthly lunches and special events for the PHS Class of '65.

There were about 200 of us and we have really stayed close, especially since our 50th Class Reunion. I was one of the organizers of our 50th Class Reunion. We had such a great group who worked on the reunion and the highlight of our reunion dinner and social was having "The Impacts" play throughout the evening. "The Impacts" were PHS students from several classes that formed a band in the mid 60's and played at many of our high school dances. They worked hard to reunite for our class reunion, and they were amazing.

My husband Ron and I have been married 53-1/2 years. We have three fantastic, successful children and in-law children and six wonderful grandchildren. They have all brought so much joy to our lives. We love getting together.

One and a half years after retiring from the bank, I decided I really missed people, so I got a job at Piggly Wiggly in Plymouth at the Customer Service desk. I worked there for about 3 years, until I was finally ready to retire...at least until I heard of ElkhartCares. I wanted to be part of an organization who helps people. I was fortunate to be "hired" as Volunteer Administrative Assistant. Seeing the smiles on people's faces who we help and seeing so many eager people willing to help, has been very fulfilling. We recently sponsored a lunch for veterans on Veterans Day at the Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah High School and gave out gifts of books to children at Santa's Village in Elkhart Lake. When a little one says, "is this all for me?" It just warms your heart to see the big smile on their face. Thank goodness for Deb Blain for founding such a worthwhile giving program. Unfortunately, she now inspires us from her special spot in heaven since her passing in August 2023. She gave so much to the community, and no matter where you go, she has touched someone in her own special way to change their lives, and I am so thankful to be part of ElkhartCares."

Be the Light in Someone's Life this Holiday Season!



Dear Compassionate Community,

As we step into the season of giving, let's embrace the spirit of generosity and make a lasting impact on the lives of those who need it most. ElkhartCares, your local community organization and a beacon of hope for neighbors in need, warmly invites you to join us in creating a tapestry of positive change for families in our school district.

A Symphony of Compassion: Your Gift, Their Transformation

To our steadfast supporters, we express our deepest gratitude for the warmth and kindness you've shared. For those who are just learning about ElkhartCares, we extend an invitation to become a part of a community dedicated to uplifting others.

Your Support Unleashes Transformative Possibilities/ Holiday Support:

Imagine the joy of a warm meal and gifts brightening the holiday season for struggling families.

Summer Camp Scholarships:

Picture the smiles on children's faces as they embark on enriching summer adventures.

Educational Initiatives:

Envision a future where every child has access to quality education, supported by reading programs and scholarships.

Community Building:

Feel the sense of togetherness at free family events, fostering connections that last a lifetime.

Basic Necessities:

Be the source of comfort by providing warm winter clothing, car repair, and fuel assistance to those in need.

Donate Today and Illuminate Lives

Your decision to contribute can serve as a guiding light, illuminating the path for families confronting challenges. Every donation, no matter the size, adds to the collective impact we can make together.

How You Can Spark Change:

Visit our website www.ElkhartCares.org/donate to be a catalyst for positive transformation. If you prefer mailing your support, send a check to PO BOX 537, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020. For more information, call us at 920-226-0903.

Let's Foster a Season of Giving Together

Your support not only transforms lives but also creates a harmonious community where everyone has the chance to thrive. This holiday season, be the melody of hope that resonates throughout our community.

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Mystery Photo Contest



Can You Identify Our January Mystery Photo?

Take a look at the January 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 January 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

We did not receive any submissions for the November Mystery photo.



WISCONSIN'S Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce

Elkhart Lake Chamber members get a great return on their investment in a Chamber membership:

- ★ Featured articles and press releases on DepotDispatch.com and in the Depot Dispatch monthly printed paper.
- ★ Ad rate discount to members who advertise in The Depot Dispatch and on DepotDispatch.com
- ★ Website Listing-Your business will be listed on elkhartlakechamber.com with a link to your web site.
- ★ Social Media Promotion on Chamber Social Media sites: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.
- ★ Lake Effect Weekly Event Calendar-List your events that are emailed to membership and community every Monday morning.
- ★ Categorical listing in the back of the annual Elkhart Lake Visitors Guide.
- ★ Business Events may be listed in the Depot Dispatch calendar and in the Chamber Events on our website.
- ★ Sponsorship Opportunities-Sponsor our many chamber membership events, chamber community events and chamber webpage to promote your business.
- ★ Seminars/Workshops -Business related programs offered throughout the year.
- ★ Membership Directory Listing-All Chamber

- members are listed in the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory and Visitor Guide, designed to promote Chamber members.
- ★ Chamber Cash-Gift certificates people can purchase from the Chamber and are accepted at participating Chamber member businesses.
- ★ Chamber Window Advertising-Promote and advertise your business in our chamber windows in downtown Elkhart Lake.
- ★ E-blasts to Elkhart Lake Chamber members at \$25 per e-blast.
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- ★ Ribbon cutting for grand openings and milestones with articles and pictures in Depot Dispatch and DepotDispatch.com.
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- ★ Member-to-Member Discounts-Discounts available to members only, at participating businesses.
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Our Mission

The Elkhart Lake Area Chamber of Commerce supports its member businesses and promotes the opportunity for sustainable economic growth and development.

Your Membership Working for You

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Child Care Center at LTC Earns 5-Star Rating

The Child Care Center located at Lakeshore Technical College's Cleveland campus has earned a 5-Star rating, the highest available, from YoungStar. YoungStar is the quality rating and improvement system used by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families to rate regulated childcare providers.

The Child Care Center at Lakeshore Technical College provides comprehensive care for children ages 2 to 6 years whose parents are students or staff at Lakeshore, or area residents. There are 18 children enrolled this semester.

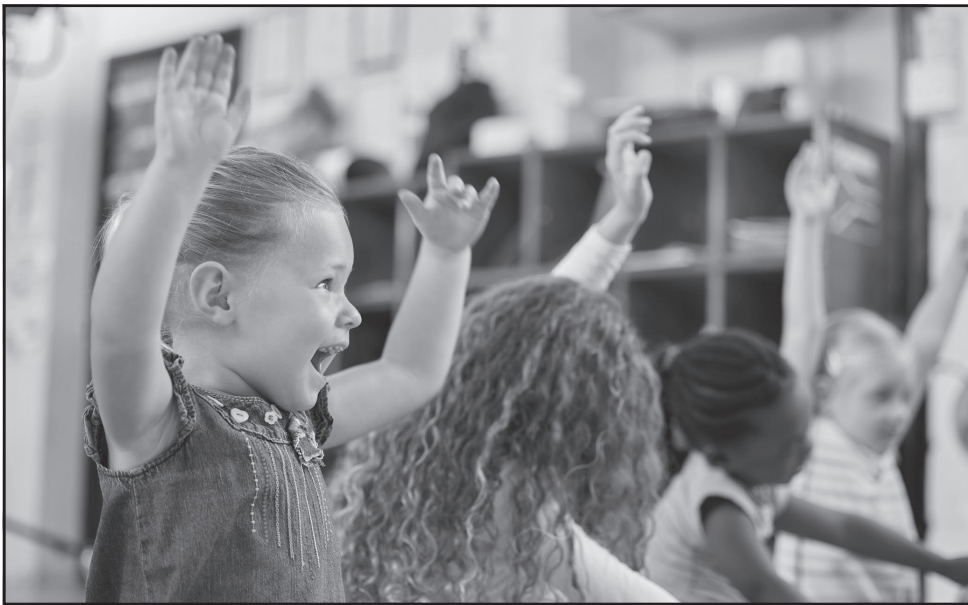
"Finding quality child care is incredibly challenging today for parents who work and/or go to school. This rating shows parents they can be assured their children are receiving the highest quality of care when they bring them to our Child Care Center," says Lakeshore

President Dr. Paul Carlsen.

YoungStar rates providers every two years based on staff education and training, learning environment and curriculum, business and professional practices, and children's health and well-being. To increase the Child Care Center's previous 4-Star rating, staff completed additional educational and meeting requirements and received an increase in its observation rating.

The Child Care Center is one of only two childcare providers in Manitowoc County earning the 5-Star rating.

Information about the Child Care Center at Lakeshore Technical College can be found at gotoltc.edu/child-care-center.



Chili Cook-Off Requirements

Commercial & Homemaker Divisions

Our Chili Cook Off is set up for both professional/commercial kitchens to enter as well as for homemakers. Either way, it's pretty simple to register - we just need the following:

- 2 gallons of the chili, warmed, not hot. Chili will get brought up to appropriate temperature before serving. Please bring in a disposable container. (i.e. 2 - 1 gallon plastic ice cream pails or foil disposable pans)
- The chili should have a label to identify what type of chili it is, whether it is homemaker or commercial and the name/contact info. (i.e. Homemaker, Joe Schmo 920-123-4444, Spicy Bean Chili)

• The chili should be dropped off at Siebkens Resort Main Dining Room on Sunday, January 28th, between 8:30 am - 9:30 am on the morning of the event. Judging will begin at 9:45 am.

• Commercial chili can be brought in 4 inch deep, half sheet chafing pans, can be disposable. (Labeled like stated above.)

Thanks again and let us know if you have any questions.

Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce
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 920-876-2922



Saturday, January 27 - 10am

2 mile/5K - FUN Run/Walk SchneeLauf Race Start at Quit Qui Oc Golf Club on Golf Course Road.



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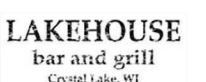
WINTER OLYMPICS

Saturday, January 27th, 2024

Noon - 3pm

Schnee Days Olympic Games | Food | 50/50 Raffle | Bloody Mary Bar & Drink Specials | Campfires

\$40 per team - 4 person teams
 Email golfecrystallakegolfwi.com to register



Welcome R&R Moving

Moving can be a stressful process, but Elkhart Lake Chamber member R & R Moving is available to help those who require their assistance.

well as trailers and stated on their website to move the customers' items quickly and at a reasonable rate. R & R also offers climate-controlled storage and after-move clean out services.

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Located at 20 Frederick St. in Plymouth, R & R Moving is locally owned and operated, and is licensed, bonded and insured and able to assist with unique requests their customers may have. With 17 years of experience in the moving business, the R & R team of expert movers is ready to help anyone with their friendly, reliable services whether they are moving across the country or next door.

From moving, packing and estate cleanout to storage, disposal, cleaning and more, R & R Moving is ready to offer their services. Customer testimonials can be found on their website, randmoving.com, and reviews can also be found on Yelp and Google Reviews. They can also be reached at 920-893-1061 during business hours, Monday through Friday from 7:30 until 4.

According to their website, R & R offers packing supplies and services to help with customers' moving needs whether residential, business relocation and labor services. R & R is well-equipped, including 16-foot and 26-foot trucks as

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Annual Winter Concert

The Elkhart Lake – Glenbeulah Middle School Music Department will present its' annual Winter Concert on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00pm in the Ronald Mauk Auditorium. Performing will be the middle school band and the middle school chorus. Select pieces to be performed by the band include "Coronation Fanfare" by Robert W. Smith, "The Fires of Bandai" by Robert Sheldon and "Jingle Bells! Samba Bells!" arranged by William Owens. Choral selections include "Peaceful

Night" by Teresa Jennings, a Mac Huff arrangement of Lin-Manuel Miranda's "My Shot" (from Hamilton) and an arrangement of "Party in the USA".

Directors of the groups are Holly Green, vocal music teacher and Jodi Voss, instrumental music teacher. Deb Levandowski will accompany the choir. The community is invited to attend.

Admission is free

ELG High School Band

WHAT: Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Alumni Pep Band Night
WHO: Any Elkhart Band Graduate
WHERE: High School Gym - BBB
WHEN: Thursday, January 5, 2024
Boys Basketball Game vs Random Lake
TIME: 6:30 PM

Dear Alumni Pep Band Member,

The Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Band Department would like to invite you to participate at our Annual Alumni Pep Band Night. We will be playing for pre-game and half time. We would like to meet in the high school band room at 6:30pm to get instruments and music ready. Even if you have not played in awhile, support the Elkhart Lake - Glenbeulah Band by coming out to the game.

If you are interested in attending, please return the form below to: Jodi Voss, Band Director,

Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah High School, 201 N. Lincoln Street, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020. Or call me at school 876-3381 x 3350 or e-mail me at jvoss@goresorters.com.

If you know of someone who was not formally invited; or, if you would like to bring a friend, please invite him or her.

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US ON THE 5th!

Please return by Tuesday, January 2nd.

NAME _____

INSTRUMENT _____

ADDRESS _____

MUSIC PART (circle one) 1ST 2ND 3RD

PHONE # _____

Will you need an instrument? (circle one) Y N

Comments and/or suggestions _____



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Presenter Anna Lardinois is an award-winning tour guide and author of 12 books of regional history and lore, including *Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes*, as well as *Storied and Scandalous Wisconsin*, and *Milwaukee Ghosts and Legends*.

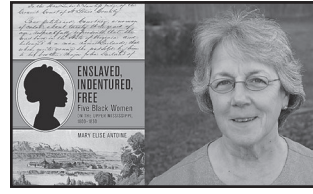
Thursday, April 4, 2024 | 7-8pm

Enslaved, Indentured, Free, 1800 to 1850

The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 made slavery illegal in the territory that would later become Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and part of Minnesota. However, many Black individuals' rights were denied by white enslavers who continued to hold them captive in the territory well into the nineteenth century. *Enslaved, Indentured, Free* shines a light on five extraordinary Black women—Marianne, Mariah, Patsey, Rachel, and Courtney—whose lives intersected in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, during these seminal years.

Join us as Mary Elise Antoine, focusing on the five women listed above, explores the history of slavery in the Upper Mississippi River Valley, relying on legal documents, military records, court transcripts, and personal correspondence. Whether through perseverance, self-purchase, or

freedom suits—including one suit that was used as precedent in *Dred* and Harriet Scott's freedom suits years later—each of these women ultimately secured her freedom, thanks in part to the bonds they forged with one another.



Mary Elise Antoine is president of the Prairie du Chien

Historical Society and former curator at Villa Louis. She is the author of *The War of 1812 in Wisconsin* and coeditor, with Lucy Murphy, of *Frenchtown Chronicles of Prairie du Chien*.

Saturday, April 20, 2024 | 1-3pm

Old Farm Country Cookbook

Return to an era when all food was local and farming was a family-run affair! Author Susan Apps-Bodilly, daughter of beloved storyteller Jerry Apps, will highlight the farm family food that only her paternal grandmother knew how to make. While sampling dishes from Eleanor App's Depression Era recipe box in the Wade House Stagecoach Inn, you'll take a culinary tour of life on a Wisconsin farm during the Depression and World War II. By sharing personal stories, menus, and family photos, Apps-

Bodilly will recall a time when electricity had not yet found its way to the farm, when making sauerkraut was a family endeavor, and when homemade ice cream tasted better than anything you could buy at the store.



Susan Apps-Bodilly is the author of *One Room Schools* and coauthor with Jerry Apps of *Old Farm Country Cookbook*. She has been an elementary

and middle school educator in rural and urban school districts in Wisconsin and Ohio and currently teaches second grade.

Wade House's Taproom Talks Speaker Series will take place at the Wade House Visitor Center located at W7965 Hwy. 23 in Greenbush, WI, halfway between Sheboygan and Fond du Lac. Admission to each lecture is \$7 per adult and teens; \$5 for seniors and children (5 to 12) and free for children under 5 years of age. For more information and to book your tickets, please visit our website at wadehouse.org or call 920-526-3271.

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Elkhart Lake Chamber Calendar of Events

JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ART CENTER

SEPT. 9, 2023-FEBRUARY 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.

NOW-FEBRUARY 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.

NOW-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).

NOW-JUNE 16, 2024
John Michael Kohler Arts-Cloth as Land: HMong Indigeneity-HMong Indigeneity lives in textiles: vibrant, breathing pieces of cloth shaped by HMong hands to illustrate ancestral landmarks and homelands.

For all of the above visit website for details: <https://www.jmkac.org>

NOW-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

NOW-DECEMBER 31
Making Spirits Bright Light Show sponsored by the Sheboygan County Rotary Club every evening 5-9pm.
www.makingspiritsbright.com

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

The Shore Club -New Year's Eve party with Copper Box. Ring in the New Year with a quartet loaded with energy and instruments, influenced by blues, jazz, polka and rock. Get your tickets in advance, at the door or purchase an overnight package at The Shore Club!8pm-12:30am
https://www.shoreclubwisconsin.com

JANUARY 1, 2024
Tiki Bar-Annual New Year's Day party. Bundle up for some fun! The annual New Year's Day tradition continues at the Tiki Bar in Elkhart Lake. Celebrate the New Year the only way Wisconsin knows how, with beer, brats, pizza by the slice, Bloody Mary's and, of course, polka music! 11am-5pm
https://www.shoreclubwisconsin.com/live-music-arts

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).
hermitageconservationclub.com

JANUARY 26 -28
Schnee Days-Elkhart Lake Chamber winter festival offers family friendly activities throughout the weekend like the 5k SchneeLauf run/walk, chili cook-off competition, spirits stroll, live music, ice cube hunt, snowshoeing, sledding activities, and snow much more!
https://www.elkhartlakechamber.com

Regularly Scheduled Meetings & Events

ELKHART LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING
Held at 8:30am-third Tues each month

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS
Board of Trustees meets at Grashorn Civic Center, 84 N. Lake St.- 6pm first and third Mon. each month.
(most months)

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.

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

ELKHART LAKE STUDY CLUB
Meetings held the first Mon. each month at noon and second Mon. in Sept. Meetings are not held in January, July, and August.

ELKHART LAKE CUTTING EDGE QUILTERS
1pm first Wed. each month

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT Tues. 1pm

BOOK GROUP
1pm second Mon each month

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JANUARY 29
Hermitage Conservation Club-Free ice fishing day on Cedar Lake.
hermitageconservationclub.com

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
Stefanie 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
Stefanie 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
Stefanie Weill Center-SSO Presents Titan, 7:30 PM. Barber: Violin concerto and Mahler: Symphony No. 1, "Titan".
Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info



CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Moxie Coffee, Café & Catering

Our December Member Spotlight is Moxie Coffee, Cafe and Catering! Owned by Patrick and Ronna O'Toole and located at 301 E. Mill Street in downtown Plymouth, Moxie is an eclectic coffee shop where you meet new friends, pause for a minute and just relax with your favorite cup of coffee or tea. Moxie also has a wine cafe, wine club and offers catering and weekly Moxie Meals for take-out. For more information, please visit www.thefigandthepheasant.com. Located in Downtown Plymouth,

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Wall-Raising Ceremony

Join Habitat for Humanity Lakeside for a Wall-Raising Ceremony on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

Habitat for Humanity Lakeside, a nonprofit affordable housing provider serving Sheboygan County, Wisconsin will hold a wall-raising ceremony for its 51st Sheboygan area home on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at 822 Oakland Avenue in Sheboygan. The ceremony, which is open to the general public, will feature Habitat representatives, representatives from Drexel Building Supply, and future home buyer Adriana Hernandez Perez. Anyone interested in this project is welcome to attend. As the weather is expected to be cold, warm beverages will be provided.

The Hernandez Perez house will be the second ADA compliant household built by Habitat Lakeside, designed to accommodate future accessibility needs of the daughter, who lives with a degenerative muscular disease. It will be single story home set back far enough to add a ramp in front if eventually needed. The house will feature a roll-in shower, grab bars, wider doorways, suitable turning areas for a wheelchair, and an attached garage with alley entrance.


This marks a first for Habitat Lakeside: inclusion of a garage. "Habitat homes are designed to be simple, decent, and affordable – and therefore typically do not include a garage," said executive director Niki Zohrab. "However, we always customize each home to meet the specific needs of the family who will reside there, and in this instance a garage will provide accessibility for everyday activities, ensuring the house is a perfect fit."

Groundbreaking for the home began in November, following removal of a large tree on the lot. The completion of the house and dedication are anticipated to take place in late spring of 2024. Plenty of volunteer opportunities still exist on this and many other projects.

This project is being funded by the generosity of donors. The lead sponsors are Drexel Building Supply and Sargento Foods. Other major sponsors include Unity Spiritual Center, Sartori Company, U.S. Bank Foundation, Wisconsin Public Service Foundation, Masters Gallery Foods, Whirlpool, and Wells Fargo Foundation. Additional funding is still being sought for the project. To learn more about how you can support or fund Habitat for Humanity Lakeside's mission and housing programs in Sheboygan County, contact Niki Zohrab at 920-458-3399, ext. 302.

Habitat for Humanity Lakeside is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing. In Sheboygan County, Habitat Lakeside operates four programs: ReStore, Home Buyer, Home Repair, and Rock the Block. Since 1993, over 100 families have benefitted from one of Habitat's housing programs and thousands of others have shopped the ReStore. As both the general contractor and the lender for its housing programs Habitat prides itself on providing a hand-up, not a hand-out, to the low-to-moderate income families served by its mission. Habitat builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Learn more at www.habitatlakeside.com.

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 Saturday, January 27th at 4:00 PM with Vintage Elkhart Lake

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Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 9am-2pm

January 2024 Depot Dispatch

ELKHART LAKE Public Library News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The library will be closed on Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

Grashorn Civic Center | 40 Pine Street, P. O. Box 387 | Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin 53020 | 920-876-2554 | elkhartlakepubliclibrary.org

SCHNEE DAYS @ THE LIBRARY

Cozy Crafts & Cocoa – Saturday, January 27th from 10am-2pm. Warm up at the library with snow-themed crafts and cocoa to-go. All ages.

FOR KIDS

TODDLER/PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

LEGO CHALLENGE – MARBLE MAYHEM

Tuesday, January 9th from 3:15-4:15pm. This month's challenge is "Marble Mayhem". The challenge will be briefly explained at 3:15 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.

FAMILY STORY TIME

Saturday, January 13th at 9:30am – Join Ms. Katie for a special Saturday story time. This program is directed towards children aged five and under.

PONY BEAD KEYCHAINS

Tuesday, January 16th from 3:15-4:15pm (5th grade & up) Use string and pony beads to craft a keychain. Follow our instructions to make a lizard, ice cream cone, rainbow OR come up with your own design.

INTERACTIVE MOVIE (KIDS/FAMILIES)

Friday, January 19th, 2024 at 10am

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrate your day off of school with 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. Grashorn Civic Center.

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 year!

DESIGN A DRAGON CONTEST

Pick up a dragon design sheet at the library beginning January 2nd. Choose a theme and design a full-grown dragon to match your theme. Turn in your design at the library by Wednesday, January 31st to enter the competition. Vote at the library for your favorite designs in February. Winning designs will be printed and added to our collection as "limited edition" Dragon cards.

ADULT PROGRAMS

FIRST FRIDAY MATINEE (18+)

Friday, January 5th at 1pm – Enjoy a free movie and popcorn at the Grashorn Civic Center. This month's movie is "Barbie".

UKULELE CLUB

Thursday, January 11th at 1pm, Grashorn Civic Center

Whether you are just starting to learn or ready to take the stage, we'd love to have you join us. No registration required. For more information and to get on our contact list, 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, January 12th at 1pm, Grashorn Civic Center. Our January book club selection is *Violeta* by Isabel Allende. "This sweeping novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *A Long Petal of the Sea* tells the epic story of Violeta del Valle, a woman whose life spans one hundred years and bears witness to the greatest upheavals of the twentieth century." To be placed on the book club email list, email Angela at aruh@monarchlibraries.org.

COMMON THREAD: NEEDLEWORK AND FIBER ARTS CRAFTING CIRCLE

Tuesday, January 16th 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.

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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Mystery Guest, Nita Prose

Other Mothers, Katherine Faulkner

Prophet Song, Paul Lynch

Rebecca Not Becky, Christine Platt

Yellowface, R.F. Kuang

ADULT NON-FICTION

Chili Crisp: 50 Recipes to Satisfy..., James Park

Complete Crochet Handbook, Eveline Hetty-Burkart

Elon Musk, Walter Isaacson

Ghosts of Honolulu: A Japanese Spy..., Mark Harmon

God Save Benedict Arnold, Jack Kelly

How to Know a Person, David Brooks

Into Siberia: George Kennan's Epic, Gregory Wallace

Mushroom Hunting for Beginners, Gary Lincoff

My Name is Barbra, Barbra Streisand

Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning, Liz Cheney

Parenting While Autistic, Wedela Marsh

Prequel: An American Fight Against..., Rachel Maddow

Soap Making for Beginners, Ayako Umehara

KID'S EASY READERS AND EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS

Sabrina Sue Saves the Day, Priscilla Burris

Tim Possible and the Secret of the..., Axel Maisy

CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

Creep, Leap, Crunch: A Food Chain Story, Jodi Shaffer

Galaxies Galaxies, Gail Gibbons

One Hundred Things to Know About the Unknown, Jerome Martin

Planets, Gail Gibbons

PICTURE BOOKS & BOARD BOOKS

Christmas in Our Building, Johanna Lindemann

Doggy Kisses, Todd Parr

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh, Mo Willems

Home is Where the Heart is, Emma Dodd

I Am Happy, Michael Rosen

Little Tiger, Nicola Killen

One Christmas in Our Building, Johanna Lindemann

To Dogs With Love, Maria Gianferrari

DVD'S & BLU-RAYS

Dumb Money

Exorcist: Believer

Haunted Transylvania: Season 1

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant May

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Couple in the Photo, Helen Cooper

Curse of Penryth Hall, Jess Armstrong

End of the World is a Cul-de-Sac, Louise Kennedy

Engagement Party, Darby Kane

Fairytales of Dorothy Gale, Virginia, Kantra

Fake Mate, Lana Ferguson

Five Bad Deeds, Caz Frear

Flores and Miss Paul, Melissa Rivero

Fourth Rule, Jeff Lindsay

Frozen River, Ariel Lawson

Gentleman's Gambit, Evie Dunmore

Iron Flame, Rebecca Yarros

Meet the Benedettos, Katie Cotugno

Starting a Business 101, Michelle Cagan

LARGE PRINT

Exchange: After the Firm, John Grisham

Dirty Thirty, Janet Evanovich

Frozen River, Ariel Lawson

Housemaid, Freida McFadden

Killing the Witches: the Horror..., Bill O'Reilly

YOUNG ADULT

Happs, Scott Cawthon

Somniphobia, Scott Cawthon

Tales from the Pizzaplex B7-2, Scott Cawthon

KIDS CHAPTER BOOKS & GRAPHIC NOVELS

Bad Guys Episode 18, Aaron Blabey

First Time for Everything, Dan Santat

Pokemon Sword and Shield 8, Hidenori Kusaka

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

We have one more Reading Star in 2023! Amelia Walsh completed the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program at ELPL. The 1000 Books before Kindergarten program encourages parents to read to their preschool children. Reading together develops important pre-reading skills - a key to school and learning success. Each child receives a sheet to record the books that have been read to them. At each 100 books read the child receives a sticker and places a star on the 1000 Books before Kindergarten display. When completed, the child receives a prize and a trophy. A large star with the child's name is displayed in the library.

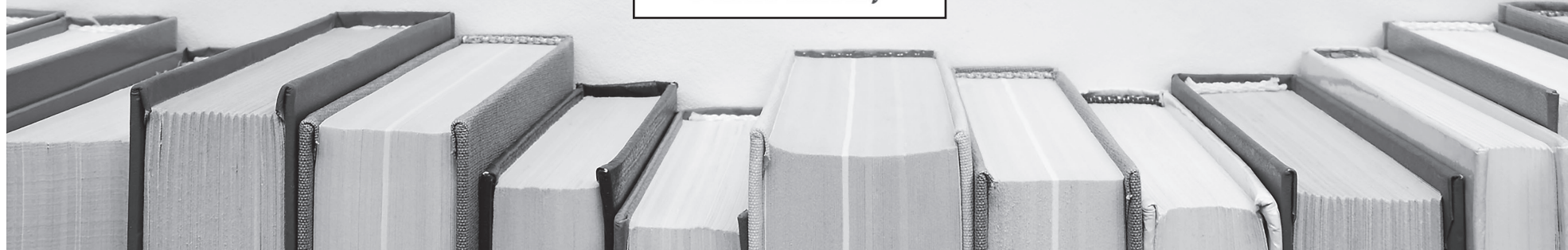
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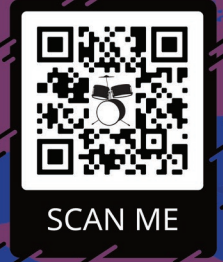
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Distinct Development is a real estate investment company based out of Kiel. Distinct Development is a general contractor that offers property management, home improvements, renovations, drywall and paint services, new construction, land development and consulting services.

In a recent interview, entrepreneur Chad Roeh explained his experience in the distressed home market. "Our portfolio and service area spans across eastern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Improving your community is our mantra. Our teams work

hard to bring the property back to market as soon as possible. Speed is the key. We have crews working for us regionally on multiple projects and breaking into new markets and networks daily."

Roeh also explained that he has recently purchased properties mainly in East-central Wisconsin, including properties within the Road America vicinity, and has recently purchased a property in the Michigan upper peninsula.

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Prior to Distinct Development, Roeh has had experience within construction and excavation. Roeh owned a sheetrock business,

which he shut down in 2008. Following that decision, Roeh worked under his father at Roeh Excavating for a period of time.

In 2015, Roeh began in the real estate market with short term rentals, which then led to long term rentals. He then began buying houses in 2018, and began flipping houses at the end of 2018 and into 2019.

Roeh also shared during the interview that he is always looking for properties and is eager to work with sellers.

Those interested in what Distinct Development has to offer can check out their social media pages on facebook, TikTok, Instagram and WhatsApp. Interested parties can also check out the website at www.distinctproperties.co or they can call Chad Roeh at 920-629-1188 or 920-510-9805.

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Village of Elkhart Lake Updates

DEPOT DISPATCH JANUARY 2024

VILLAGE TAX COLLECTION

Tax Bills were mailed on December 11th. Property taxes may be paid at the Village Offices at 40 Pine Street from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday. We will be closed from 11 am until 2:00 pm on December 18th. We will also be closed on December 25 and 26, 2023 and December 29, 2023 and January 1, 2024. 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, 2024. 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.

VILLAGE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Village offices will be closed on December 18th from 11 am until 2 pm and all day on December 25 and 26, 2023 and December 29, 2023 and January 1, 2024.

GARBAGE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Moved back to Tuesdays. This year Christmas and New Years will cause garbage collection to be moved back a day. Garbage collection will be on Tuesday, December 26th (due to Christmas) and on Tuesday, January 2nd (due to New Years).

SPRING ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
VILLAGE OF ELKHART LAKE
APRIL 2, 2024
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VILLAGE OF ELKHART LAKE

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.

TAX RATE - IMPACT DIFFERENT TO EACH PROPERTY DUE TO RE-VALUATION

The tax rate to each household will be

different this year due to the revaluation that was completed. If a person's taxes went up or down and by what degree depends on the percent of increase of the assessment during the revaluation.

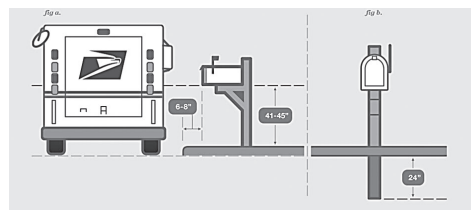
LEONARD'S WAY/GENERAL CAPITAL/VAN HORN DEVELOPMENT

General Capital and Van Horn are under way at 604 S. Lincoln Street. All of the old buildings have now been removed and the underground parking area in the General Capital building is taking shape. The Village bid out for the sewer/water/gutter/pathway in late November. The bids were well under our engineer's estimate. Work will begin on the utilities by the end of December and will continue through next Spring.



MAILBOX PLACEMENT & SNOW PLOWING

The US Postal Service has guidelines to follow when placing your mailbox at your residence. The mailbox needs to be 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or the point of mail entry. The mailbox also needs to be 6" to 8" back from the curb or curb line. Below is a drawing with these specifications. If your mailbox is damaged due to snow plowing and it does not meet the US Postal Service guidelines, you will be responsible for any repairs or replacement that is needed.



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 8 am. and 10 am, and no parking in the lot on North East Street from 8 am until 10 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.

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

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 Please support these businesses as they support the local economy and schools.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF BOX

As you do your spring cleaning please make sure you safely dispose of your old prescription drugs. The collection box is located outside the police department. Please take your medications out of their containers and just drop the pills in the box. We do not accept liquids.

Drop off anytime Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. For more information, contact the Elkhart Lake Police at 920-876-2244 or for information on the Sheboygan County Program contact Elizabeth Ablar, Public Health Nurse at 920-459-3038.

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.

Quarterly Service Charges:

: 5/8 - inch meter:	\$20.23
3 - inch meter:	\$117.07
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4 - inch meter:	\$177.36

Elkhart Lake Village Board Members

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

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1 - inch meter:	\$24.83
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Over 50,000 cubic feet used each quarter:	\$1.17 per 100 cubic feet

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.

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.

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State of the Village of Elkhart Lake



From Left: Jessica Reilly, Kathleen Eickhoff, Melissa Koehler and Adam Englebretson

Missy Koehler, Elkhart Lake Chamber Executive Director

Missy welcomed everyone to the meeting and started by sharing some facts about the Chamber. The Chamber currently has 178 members to date, residing in Elkhart Lake and neighboring communities. The chamber has experienced a lot of growth over its 73 years. The Chamber has many events throughout the year – West of 57 Restaurant Month, Golf Outing, Downtown Night, Christmas in the Square and Schnee Days. The Chamber financials remain solid. Resources for income include membership fees, The Depot Dispatch, Farmers Market and sponsorships.

Kathleen Eickhoff - Tourism State of Tourism 2023

With the mission of Delivering authentic experiences which inspire people to fall in love with Elkhart Lake, Director of Tourism, Kathleen Eickhoff, reports 2023 was another strong year for Elkhart Lake's tourism economy.

Promoting and championing the visitor experience is the Tourism Commission's primary function. They manage the Elkhart Brand Experience using beautiful imagery and eloquent storytelling, welcoming new and returning visitors to this beloved inland lake resort village.

As the visitor economy continues to grow Elkhart Lake Tourism also sees the importance of balancing the need for a strong visitor economy with the impact it has on resident life. Eickhoff explained that preserving Elkhart Lake's small-town charm and naturally beautiful setting is at the heart of the newly launched Elkhart Way campaign. This initiative encourages responsible stewardship of our public trails, cedar tree-lined shores, and the crystal-clear lake waters. It's also about encouraging visitors to slow their pace and be intentional with their time and connect with their friends and family while enjoying our beautiful spaces.

Through greater collaboration with the Village, Chamber of Commerce, businesses and residents, Elkhart Lake Tourism will continue to share the value of a strong visitor economy while working to balance its impact.

Adam Englebretson - Elkhart Lake Glenbeulah School District

At the State of the Village meeting, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah District Administrator, Dr. Adam Englebretson, shared a number of informational items which are currently taking place in the district. He began by sharing some accomplishments that the students, staff and community can celebrate with pride. These celebrations include: this year's DPI school report cards scoring in the significantly exceeds expectations (elementary/middle school) and exceeds expectations (high school) ranges, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Middle School being ranked as the tenth best middle school in Wisconsin by U.S. News & World Report, the class of 2024 scoring second in the area with ACT composite average, recognizing one senior for scoring a perfect 36 on her ACT, the high school graduation 100% of its students for at least the past ten years, and the strong participation rates in the fine arts (68.7%)

and extra-curricular (93.3%) activities. These positives are recognized by families and choosing the Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District as their education destination. Families choosing to open-enroll their children have increased. Families who chose a different area district for education have decreased. Total student counts have risen each year for the past five years.

Dr. Englebretson explained that the current operational referendum, passed in 2018, expires at the end of the year. There were a number of projects which were completed with this referendum including: High School Auditorium renovation, High School Science Lab renovation, High School Culinary Classroom and Lab renovation, High School boiler room and water softener updates, High School LED lighting and flooring updates, new middle school dishwasher and kitchen flooring, Middle School flooring updates, adding an outdoor rubberized track surface and ADA compliant athletic seating, and concession stand and athletic field lighting upgrades. The District will be asking community voters to vote on a new operational referendum to continue providing children in the District the same great education and opportunities they have been provided for years. This item will appear on the April 2, 2024 ballot.

Jessica Reilly - Elkhart Lake Summary

2023 was an eventful year for the Village of Elkhart Lake. The Village continues to see residential growth. There are now over 32 houses finished or in the process of being built in the Victory Park Subdivision. This subdivision is over 50% built out. The apartments being developed at 604 S. Lincoln Street by General Capital and Van Horn are underway. Construction will continue throughout the winter with

the hope of people moving in next fall. The Village's contractor will begin their infrastructure work in the coming weeks. In 2023, the Village annexed property on Badger Road, while also amending TIDs #2 and #4 for future development. The Village continues to work on its facility study, with the hope of a final document early in 2024, so the Village Board can begin planning and executing the next steps. The Village has realized through this process that a new 501(c)3 is needed to help identify, promote and sponsor enhancements to the Village of Elkhart Lake. The new 501(c)3 would also strengthen the ability of the public and private sector to work together to manage public and private resources more effectively to accomplish its goals. The Village is looking at upgrading the equipment at Lions Park and Village Square Park and the newly created 501(c)3 may play a role in fundraising for these parks. In 2023 the Village began looking at its nuisance noise ordinances. Some changes were made, but more changes will occur in 2024. 2023 will bring about the retirement of Officer Scott Niemi, while Officer Brenda Garcia was hired full-time to become the third full-time officer. The Village will also see a variety of fees and charges increasing in 2024, as the costs for most services continue to increase. Cheers to a busy and prosperous 2024!

A community survey has also been sent to gather community input and feedback on a facilities study performed on the District buildings in the summer of 2022. For more information on the facility study and options to update the facilities, please visit the District's website at <https://www.goresorters.com/referendum-news> and click on any of the videos.

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