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Another Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner in the books! We had a fun evening at Rumors Roadhouse **CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS!**

2024 AWARD WINNERS



L to R: Amanda Gebert ELGSD, Dr. Adam Englebretson ELGSD, Karen Trejo AMASA, Regina Gonzalez AMASA, Pat Robison Two Fish Gallery, Gail Kapellen Pleasant View Realty, Jim Kapellen Pleasant View Realty, Mike Kertscher Road America, Allison Thompson Fresh Meals on Wheels, Sanela Hadrovic Fresh Meals on Wheels

Nonprofit of the Year Fresh Meals on Wheels of Sheboygan County

Elkhart Lake Area Impact Road America

Chamber Champion Siebkens Resort & **Pleasant View Realty**

Tourism Business of the Year Gessert's Ice Cream & Confectionery

Rising Star Amasa Mexican Bakery & Eatery

Business of the Year Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District

The Legendary **Elk "Heart" Award** Two Fish Gallery/ Pat & Karen Robison

GOOD TIMES HAD BY ALL!



LTC Receives 1 of 14 Grants Funded by Microsoft Foundation



Lakeshore Technical College is one of only 14 community colleges nationwide to be included in the third cohort of the "Cyber Skills for All: Community Colleges Lead the Way" initiative funded by Microsoft Foundation. Lakeshore was awarded \$20,000 as a result.

The American Association of Community Colleges is managing the initiative. The intent of the initiative is to build a nationwide community of practice focused on increasing participation and/or enrollment in cybersecurity programs at community colleges as a means of economic development. Leaders from each college will engage in sessions fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas, allowing them to incorporate the valuable insights gained from this partnership with Microsoft.

Lakeshore launched its cybersecurity program in 2022. According to Lakeshore President Dr. Paul Carlsen, enrollment has exceeded expectations though upskilling and reskilling efforts for incumbent and displaced workers are crucial to meeting employer needs in northeast Wisconsin.

"This grant will enable Lakeshore to accelerate our efforts to recruit women and underrepresented students into cyber fields," said Carlsen. "As a continued practice within our college, we will also seek opportunities to engage in critical dialogue with other colleges nationally to continue improving our program and share lessons learned with others."

For information about Lakeshore's cybersecurity program, visit gotoltc. edu/programs-and-courses/degreeprograms



Elkhart Lake Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt

When: March 30, 2024 Where: Elkhart Lake Lions Park. Moraine St. Elkhart Lake *Time:* 1:00 pm Ages: Pre-Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

The Easter Bunny will make an appearance.

Community UCC to Hold Local Mission Drive

Community United Church of Christ will be holding a public drive to assist Elkhart Cares with collection of goods for donation to local persons in need. Namely, Elkhart Cares identified needs in the community for paper toweling, shampoos & conditioners, and feminine care products.

When: Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 9:00-11:00 am

Where: 174 N East Street, Elkhart Lake

Please drop off donations at the main entrance. Drive thru drop off will be available.

Community UCC also maintains a collection site for local food pantries and will accept food donations at this time as well. Canned or shelf-stable dry goods only. Please, no glass containers.

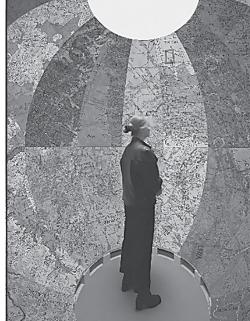
Help out your community and receive a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate for your donation!

"...Anyone who has two coats should share with the one who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Luke 3:11

Joyce Kozloff: How We **Know What We Know**

On view February 3-June 30, 2024

The Arts/ Industry residency is a longstanding innovative collaboration between Kohler Co. and the John Michael Kohler Arts Center whereby each year, up to twelve artists work in the pottery and foundry of Kohler Co. to



her series (among them are Voyages, Knowledge, and Targets) from 1986-2006, it traces her transition from the Pattern and Decoration Movement into cartography.

Image credit: Joyce Kozloff, Targets,

explore new ideas, techniques, and 2000; acrylic on canvas with wood perspectives during a three-month frame; 108 in. diameter. Courtesy of the residency. Joyce Kozloff came to the artist and DC Moore Gallery, New York. Arts/Industry program in 1986-87, Photo: John and Anne Abbott.. with the express purpose of producing

Joyce Kozloff webpage: https://www. jmkac.org/exhibition/joyce-kozloffhow-we-know-what-we-know/

Synopsis of above: Across paintings, frescoes, installations, and sculpture, Kozloff uses maps to reveal the limits and possibilities of knowledge production and the varied relationships that govern systems of power. Beginning with her 1986-87 residency in Kohler Co's Pottery as part of John Michael Kohler Arts Center's Arts/Industry program, this exhibition traces her transition from working in the Pattern and Decoration Movement into cartography.





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510 Belitz Drive • Kiel 920-894-7008 www.krausconstruction.biz resident, Kozloff had access to the Kohler Co. materials and production facilities to create the components for this installation working in a studio on the factory floor.

ceramic tiles for a commission at

Detroit's Financial Center People Mover

Station. Prior to her residency, she had been executing public commissions in

her home studio. As an Arts/Industry

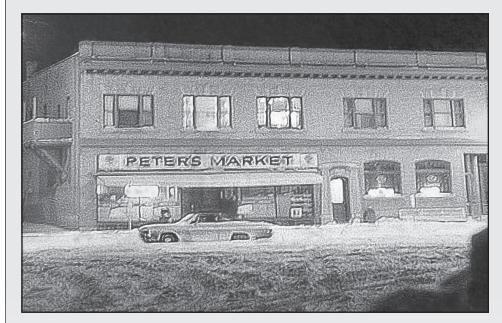
Joyce Kozloff: How We Know What We Know considers a twenty-year span of Kozloff's career, beginning with her Arts/Industry residency. Through a presentation of work from five of

Grace Lutheran Church Sunday Divine Service 8 & 10:15 am **BIBLE CLASS** Wednesday..... .9 am .9:15 am Sunday...

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Mystery Photo Contest 5



answer February Mystery Photo

Thank you to everyone who submitted The theater has been a standard for the an entry for our February photo. The winner of the February Down Memory Lane photo was submitted by **Yvonne** Gessert Landgraf

The mystery picture in the February Depot Dispatch is a wintry version of the entrance to Victorian Village's Summer Theater. Under the very capable musical direction of Paul Sucherman, young performers from the area presented song and dance to summer guests and local residents.

The vintage car added ambiance as well as advertising for "Dillingers," the restaurant located on the lower level.

resort property since the time it was Schwartz Hotel and couples danced on its hardwood floor to big band music. Comedians who became nationally known broke in their routines on its stage during its Barefoot Bay era, and it was a place where many a single guest met his/her spouse. The stories its walls hold are many, with the truly interesting ones left untold.

We would like to also thank *Gerri Nelson* for submitting. I believe this is the sign at the Shore Club. It looks like the same bench that is sitting in front of the night club. Not sure what year that car is from 40's or 50's.

Can You Identify Our March Mystery Photo?

Take a look at the March 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 March contest, send an email to depotdispatch@elkhartlake.com or a letter with as many details as you can to the Elkhart Lake Chamber, P.O. Box 425, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020, or drop

off at the Chamber Office, 41 E. Rhine Street.

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

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





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Old Time Radio Show

WELG invites you to an Old Time Radio Enjoy an evening featuring a host Show at the Élkhart Lake-Glenbeulah High School Mauk Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, March 15th and 16th. The broadcast begins at 6:30pm when the station goes on the air with a concerts' worth of music and a variety of program material typically heard during the heyday of radio –the 1920 -1940s.

of classic rock and popular songs by members of the band and choir. Spruce up your game show and radio knowledge and join us for a fun evening of light hearted competition.

The event offers entertainment for the entire family. \$5 tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information call (920) 876-3381.





Students to Benefit

Lakeland University has received a \$540,000 grant from the Kohler Trust for the Arts and Education to fund several student-centered programs and initiatives.

The grant will support Lakeland's Kohler Teaching Scholars program, the Lakeland Promise Program, the Sheboygan County Scholars program and a new lighting system in LU's Bradley Theatre.

"The Kohler Trust for the Arts and Eduction has been an important partner for us, and we are grateful for their ongoing support," said Lakeland President Beth Borgen. "Their investment in our students is helping us create the next generation of leaders and contributing citizens in our region."

continued discussion with SASD to consider four-year education degrees for their BIPOC paraprofessionals through LU's Kellett School.

Sheboygan County Scholars: Funds will be used to support this program, which is designed to retain the area's most promising young people and prepare them to assume future leadership positions within the region.

Each year, up to four students are selected as Sheboygan County Scholars. All scholars will have met rigorous academic standards and be required to complete a competitive application process to be accepted into the program.

Lakeland Promise Program: This program provides qualified Wisconsin students an opportunity to attend Lakeland tuition/fees free for four years (up to three years for transfer students). The program currently supports more than 70 Wisconsin students with high financial need.



KOHLER FOUNDATION Kohler Foundation Provides \$250K Scholarship Gift

Kohler Foundation, dedicated to increasing access to education through scholarships, proudly announces an annually renewable gift of \$250,000 to Lakeshore Technical College (Lakeshore) to support local youth pursuing higher education.

Long recognized for its commitment to fostering educational opportunities through scholarship, the Kohler Foundation believes in and actively supports all pathways to post-secondary education. This recent contribution underscores their ongoing dedication to empowering students in the community through scholarship.

"The Kohler Foundation has been dedicated to supporting learning from the outset. We are pleased to announce new funding specifically aimed at supporting local high school students as they commence their educational endeavors at Lakeshore Technical College. Through this investment in expanding educational opportunities, we not only empower individual ambitions but also enhance the well-being of the entire community. Recognizing education as the bedrock of progress, our goal with this funding is to uplift and motivate students to continue their educational pursuits, thereby contributing to the advancement and prosperity of our community," said Laura Roenitz, Executive Director at Kohler Foundation, Inc. According to Niche.com, a college comparison resource for students, Lakeshore is ranked as the #1 technical college in Wisconsin and has consistently demonstrated excellence in providing high-quality education with a wide array of programs, including 71 associate degrees and technical diplomas. With more than 9,000 students served annually, Lakeshore Technical College plays a pivotal role in shaping the region's workforce. Over 94% of Lakeshore graduates stay and work in the area after they complete their education. The financial support provided by the Kohler Foundation will go directly towards scholarships, facilitating access to education for students in the region and strengthening our community.

Lakeshore President Dr. Paul Carlsen stated, "The impact of an ongoing gift is generational. The fact that Kohler Foundation will be providing an annually renewable gift of \$250,000 to the Lakeshore Technical College Educational Excellence Scholarship is a profound investment in our region's students, the overwhelming majority of whom stay local after they graduate from our college. For example, over the next ten years, a renewable scholarship like this will support more than 450 students with a collective \$2.5 million in scholarship funds to achieve their academic goals. We are very proud to be an educational partner with the Kohler Foundation."

This effort exemplifies the shared commitment of two longstanding community supporters. Kohler Foundation, established in 1940, and Lakeshore Technical College, established in 1912, invest in the future of local students, ensuring they have the resources needed to pursue and excel in their education. This long-term initiative's positive impact will resonate within the educational landscape and throughout the community.

For more information, please contact: Laura Roenitz - Executive Director Kohler Foundation Laura.Roenitz@kohler.com 920.458.1972

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

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

Remaining funds from the inaugural cohort will continue to be used to provide scholarships for students interested in dual-credit education courses in high school, as well as

Borgen said the Lakeland Promise, aligned with the Co-Op program, are designed to positively impact the nation's college attainment achievement gap and break the social mobility cycle and higher education achievement cycle often experienced by first-generation college students.

Bradley lighting: Completed in 1987, the Bradley Theatre has hosted numerous performances for nearly 40 years. The new lighting system will improve the experience for Lakeland's various music ensembles and theatre productions, as well as visiting artists and speakers.

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Habitat for Humanity Lakeside, a nonprofit affordable housing provider serving Sheboygan County, Wisconsin will hold a fundraising event at The Village at 170 on April 19, 2024, from 5-8:30 p.m.

Raise The Roof is an annual fundraising event. "We don't like to call it a gala because this event reflects the practical, problem-solving nature of Habitat for Humanity," said Marketing Manager, Karin Oliver-Kreft. "The dress code is jeans and plaid, and while it's a fun time for all, we keep the focus on 'Raising the Roof' – both figuratively in that it's a fun time and literally in terms of helping Habitat provide decent, affordable housing to as many people in Sheboygan County as possible. The funds we raise go right back into the community."

The evening begins with cocktails and music, followed by dinner, presentations, and events. A family who has purchased a house through Habitat for Humanity Lakeside will share what the program has meant to her. Staff will share information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. All this will be followed by raffles, auctions, entertainment and more. Tickets are \$75 per person, \$750 for a table of ten. Proceeds from the event go to supporting the Habitat mission. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. To learn more and buy tickets, visit www.habitatlakeside.com/raiseroof.

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 150 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

New Hire at National Exchange Bank & Trust

Kristin Guelig joined National Exchange Bank & Trust on January 16, 2024, as the Operations Manager for the Chilton and Marytown offices.

Prior to joining



will oversee the daily operations of the branch to ensure smooth and efficient transactions and lead her team in providing excellent customer service.

Guelig grew up in Fond du Lac and attended Goodrich High School. She continued her education with Marian College and Moraine Park Technical College. Guelig currently resides in Fond du Lac with her husband, Tim, and their family.

Lakeland University Awarded Ceil De Prey Peace Award

Lakeland University was awarded a Ceil De Prey Peace Award on January 14 during Ebenezer United Church of Christ's Martin Luther King service in Sheboygan.

Lakeland is the 10th winner of the award and the first of 2024. The award is named for Sheboygan, Wis., peace activist Ceil De Prey and honors individuals and organizations whose work, volunteerism and advocacy contribute to peace, a stronger democracy and a better, more inclusive world for future generations.

Lakeland was honored for "its commitment to academic excellence, diversity and respect, service and stewardship, integrity and responsibility, and faith and religious expression. These are values which need to be present and nurtured for all of humanity to thrive and to life peacefully."

Lakeland was also recognized for securing office space at Jake's, A Lakeland Community, for Veterans for Peace and Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan. De Prey had a vision for those two organizations to work closer together, and their new homes at Jake's help make that happen.

Lakeland President Beth Borgen said the award speaks to the institution's history of removing barriers and creating opportunities for students.

• Lakeland was the first in the state to diversify its faculty at a time when a black professor was not allowed to live in Sheboygan.

• In the late 90s and early 2000s, Lakeland partnered with USAID to offer educational opportunity for aspiring teachers from Malawi, Africa. More than 70 students from Malawi received their education degree from Lakeland and returned home to train teachers. "The reach of this program is exponential," Borgen said.

• Recently, Lakeland raised money to create scholarships to encourage students of color to pursue careers in education. "Lakeland's first Kohler Teaching Scholar graduated in December and is already contributing locally to the development of our youth," Borgen said.

• In 2023, Lakeland launched a Life & Career Studies Program, a four-year residential college experience designed for students with intellectual disabilities. "They are learning how to follow their passions, engage in professional work and independently live," Borgen said.



Borgen said.

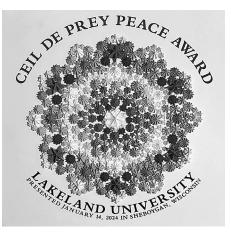
The award was created by Kohler resident Darryl Gumm, who also created the website BeAnInstrumentOfPeace. com, which is designed to help everyone discover how they can help bring about peace.

"Lakeland has been a leader for decades in many areas before anybody put a DEI label on it," Gumm said. "That's something I've admired about Lakeland. I know a lot of people who have graduated from Lakeland and what they've contributed to our community has been phenomenal."

The award, which was initially given in 2022, celebrates the life of De Prey, who moved to Sheboygan from Milwaukee in 1994. Throughout her life, she advocated for peace and worked to improve the lives of those around her as a medical researcher and community volunteer.

For many years, First Congregational United Church of Christ of Sheboygan served what it called Ceil's Meals, which brought together area residents from all walks of life to share meals. De Prey died in November of 2023.

Artist and teacher Lybra Ray Olbrantz created the artwork for Lakeland's award.



the bank,

Guelig worked as a Search Administrator for Info Pro Lender Services. In Guelig's new role as Operations Manager for National Exchange Bank & Trust, she 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.

"We are very honored to be recognized with the Ceil De Prey Peace Award,"



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WE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL MARCH 4TH. SEE YOU SOON!





A ribbon cutting was held at Devour WI in Plymouth to celebrate their 1 year anniversary.





March 8-10

March 23

Gatsby Gala

MargaritaWorld Alan Jackson & Jimmy Buffett Tribute





Elkhart Lake Chamber Calendar of Events

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. https://www.jmkac.org

NOW-JUNE 30, 2024

John Michael Kohler Arts Center-Joyce Kozloff: How We Know What We Knowconsiders a twenty-year span of Kozloff's career, beginning with her Arts/Industry residency. Through a presentation of work from five of her series (among them are Voyages, Knowledge, and Targets) from 1986–2006, it traces her transition from the Pattern and Decoration Movement into cartography.

MARCH 8-APRIL 26

Plymouth Arts Center-Go Figure-Wisconsin Visual Artists Southeast Chapter Juried Exhibition The theme of this show is Go Figure! And is jured by Mary Tilton and Jayne Reid Jackson. Wisconsin Visual Artists offers a community and a support system to artists at any stage in their career.

MARCH1

John Michael Kohler Arts Center deadline for applications to exhibit at the Midsummer Festival of the Arts July 20 and 21. Acceptance notifications will be sent to artists April 4, 2024. In 2023, the Midsummer Festival of the Arts welcomed an estimated 13,000 people over a two-day period. For questions or more information, please email midsummerfestival@ jmkac.org

Stefanie Weill Center-Divas Through the **Decades.** 7:30pm A musical tribute to some of the most influential female vocalists in American pop music, featuring songs from the 40's, through today's current hits! Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

MARCH 2

Hermitage Conservation Club 27th Annual Banquet at Millhome Supper **Club.** Doors open at 5pm with dinner at 7pm. Tickets Josh McDole (920)980-8185 or email: jlmcdole@hotmail.com. Proceeds for outdoor projects and youth activities. www.hermitageconservationclub.com

MARCH 7

Vintage Elkhart Lake- Sip Sip Soiree-A celebration of Women & Wine. Reception @6 Wine, pizza, sweets & surprises.6:30

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Stephanie Weill Center-SSO Presents Requiem, 7:30 PM. Farrenc: Symphony No. 3 and Mozart: Requiem. Visit website: weillcenter.com for live musical concert featuring your favorite traditional and contemporary Irish tunes. Show dates are Saturdays, March 16 and 23 at 7:30pm and Sunday Matinees, March 17 and 24 at 2:30pm. www.plymoutharts.org

MARCH 17

Stefanie Weill Center-The Little Mermen **3pm** The ultimate Disney tribute concert for Disney fanatics of all ages. The band's repertoire covers nearly a century of musical canon, including favorites from The Little Mermaid, Mary Poppins, Frozen and Encanto. The group performs in full costume with band members dressing up as characters from the films. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

MARCH 22

Stefanie Weill Center-Movie-The Ten Commandments 5pm Moses, raised as a prince of Egypt in the Pharaoh's household, learns of his true heritage as a Hebrew and his divine mission as the deliverer of his people from slavery. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/ info

APRIL 4

Wade House -Taproom Talks Speaker Series 7-8pm Enslaved, Indentured, Free, 1800 to 1850 shines a light on five extraordinary Black women—Marianne, Mariah, Patsey, Rachel, and Courtneywhose lives intersected in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, during these seminal years. Join us as Mary Elise Antoine, of the Prairie du Chien Historical Society and former curator at Villa Louis, focuses on the five women listed above. Visit website: wadehouse.wisconsinhistory. org

APRIL5

Stefanie Weill Center Alice...Dreaming of Wonderland-Full Length Show 8pm Get ready to experience an amazing journey in the crazy world of Wonderland! Based on the classic by Lewis Carroll, "Alice" is an action-packed theatrical cirque experience full of surprises, amazing acts, video projection with 3-D mapping and music. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

APRIL 6

Stefanie Weill Center-The Queen's Cartoonists 7pm Watch your favorite classic cartoon characters interact with the musicians on stage and expect the unexpected from the Golden Age of Animation, cult cartoon classics, and modern animated films. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

APRIL 11

Stefanie Weill Center - The Righteous Brotners 7:30pm Join Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, Bill Medley and his new partner Bucky Heard, as they take you on a nostalgic journey through the legendary musical stylings of one of the greatest rock and roll duos of all time. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

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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.

run affair! you'll take a culinary tour of life on a Wisconsin farm during the Depression and World War II. Susan Apps-Bodilly is the author of One Room Schools and coauthor with Jerry Apps of Old Farm Country Cookbook. Visit website: wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org

Stefanie Weill Center-Evil Woman-The Electric Light OrchestraExperience 7:30pm A multi-media concert celebration of the music of ELO with 12 musicians as well as the fusion of Beatlesque-Pop and classical arrangements where cellos coexist with guitars, and where classically tinged rock intersects with pop. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/ info

APRIL 20 & 21

Plymouth Arts Center- Musical Potpourri Spring Concert- Plymouth Arts Center Singers 21st Annual Spring Concert, will be held at the Plymouth Arts Center, Saturday April 20 at 7:30pm and Sunday, April 21 at 2:30pm. www.plymoutharts.org

APRIL 27

Stefanie Weill Center- TUSK-The World's #1 Tribute to Fleetwood Mac 7:30pm Tusk has a rich history that goes back more than four decades. Time, trust, and close friendship, Tusk is more than a band; they are a family. Visit website: weillcenter.com for tickets/info

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BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT Tues. 1pm

BOOK GROUP 1pm second Mon each month

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MAY 11

Stephanie Weill Center-Bored Teachers Comety Tour. 7:30pm Bored Teachers are a group of teacher-comedians who perform hilarious skits to bring a lighthearted approach to the stress and struggles that come along with the profession. Visit website: weillcenter. com for tickets/info

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MARCH 16

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Welcome Collector's Cove Antiques Mall

By Mark Sherry

Many of the people who love antiques and vintage items have a hard time explaining why they do—they just do.

"I just love old things," said Becky Huibregtse. "I never wanted a new house. I've been going to antique stores since I was my kids' age."

Becky and husband Mark are Elkhart Lake residents but owners of a new business in New Holstein, Collector's Cove Antique Mall. The business is located at 2105 Main St. in the former Julia's Furniture building and officially opened Thursday, Feb. 1.

Elkhart Lake Chamber **NEW MEMBER** Collector's Cove Antiques Mall

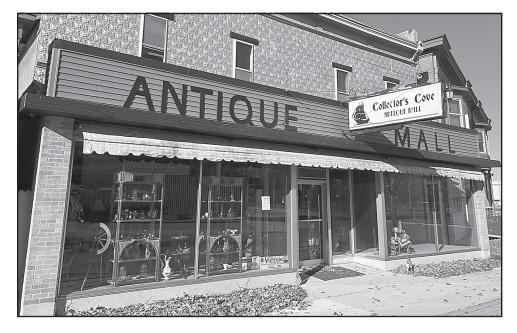
The new business is a mall in the sense that the couple has marked off booth spaces and is leasing those on a monthly basis to vendors for \$1.75 per square foot plus 5 percent commission on sales. The lower level of the building is already sold out with 44 vendors, and they are doing some painting upstairs before they mark off 16 more spaces which are likely to go quickly.

Some of the couple's own items for sale are located in the south front window of the 7,000 square foot building. While most of the items vendors are selling in the store are antiques or vintage items, they do allow some craft items such as an area woodworker's creations.

Mark and Becky said they have been selling their items online and were having success at it, but they wanted to find some booth space at one of the antique malls in the region. When they were unable to find an open space, they did the next best thing—they went looking for a building to buy and came across the one they now own.

Becky grew up in Jackson and Fond du Lac while Mark is originally from Oostburg. They actually lived in New Holstein about 10 years ago before finding an old home in Elkhart Lake to purchase—so old that a portion of it was once a log home with the logs still under the current siding.

Becky is the primary driver of Collector's Cove Antique Mall as Mark still works as a senior engineer at Kohler Engines. If that sounds like they have a lot on their





Mark Sherry photo

Becky and Mark Huibregtse (center) were officially welcomed to the New Holstein and Elkhart Lake chambers of commerce on Wednesday, Jan. 17. They are the owners of Collector's Cove Antique Mall at 2105 Main St. in the former Julia's Furniture building. Helping to welcome the new business are (from left) New Holstein Chamber members Dave Amel, Phil Kubichka, Tom Schneider and Vickey Anhalt (far right), while Pam Mathes (third from right) and Melissa Koehler represented the Elkhart Lake Chamber.

plates, consider that they also have eight children ranging in age from 9 months to 18 years—and that they home school the children. "I've always been busy," Becky said, pointing out that the oldest girls help take care of the youngest children and that some of the older children will be helping out at the new store. Two of the boys were present during the recent ribbon cutting conducted by the New Holstein and Elkhart Lake chambers of commerce.

Current vendors at Collector's Cove Antique Mall are coming from New Holstein, Kiel, Brillion, New London, Manitowoc, Cedarburg, Milwaukee, Waukesha and other communities. More communities may be represented when the upstairs project is completed this spring.

The business is going to be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays but open every other day of the week—including weekends—from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. While Mark said they prefer cash transactions, credit cards will be accepted. When people check out, they will do so via an 1800s' cash register which still works.

Mark also said that they have made it a point to try to provide a good balance of items to interest all types of people. That includes some booths with sports memorabilia as well as booths which should be attractive to men looking to decorate their garages or "man caves," as well as the Elkhart Lake racing crowd. Furniture, antiques, collectibles and artwork—including some done by one of the Huibregtse children—are all for sale at Collector's Cove. Vendors set their own prices but Mark and Becky said they think prospective buyers will find those prices generally affordable, helped by the affordable rental spaces they are offering.

The couple said they enjoy watching videos about antiques on YouTube and also plan to continue to do online sales as well. Becky added that one of their biggest concerns is not buying and taking home too many of the items from their store as they like what they are seeing.

The Secret of Muddy Water

On view February 17–May 19, 2024



early years of the Arts/Industry residency program, described this method as the "secret" of "muddy water." It was an approach to working with clay that could have been acquired only in Wisconsin, where industry required this mixture to produce large-scale products such as sinks.

The Secret of Muddy Water celebrates the essence of Wisconsin, the industries rooted in the state, and what makes Arts/ Industry's location a source of delight and wonder for artists who temporarily relocate for the experience.



Our February Chamber Member Spotlight is Marshall Sign located at 220 Young

When artists began making work at Kohler Co. factory in 1974, they were taught some of the industrial techniques Kohler associates were willing to share. One of these processes allowed artists to create larger works without the issues of cracking and collapsing that commonly hindered them. That technique involves the use of slip, a mixture of water and clay.

Clayton Hill, a Kohler Co. associate who worked alongside many artists in the

Image credit: Work by Arts/Industry artist-in-residence Rebecca Morgan, 2018. Photo: Kohler Co.

The Secret of Muddy Water webpage: https://www.jmkac.org/exhibition/thesecret-of-muddy-water/

Synopsis of above: When artists began making work at Kohler Co. factory in 1974, Kohler associates taught them some of the industrial techniques used to produce plumbing ware. Through artworks created by Arts/Industry residents, this exhibition celebrates the essence of Wisconsin, the industries rooted in the state, and what makes the residency's location a source of delight and wonder for artists who temporarily relocate for the experience. Street in Glenbeulah. Marshall Sign is a full-service sign company in Wisconsin responsible for the fabrication of signs, vehicle graphics, banners, personalized clothing and engraved products for businesses throughout the Midwest. From pylon signs for national chains to address plaques for your home—and everything in between—Marshall Sign can help you choose the product that best suits your needs. To learn more about Marshall Sign please visit www.marshallsign.com



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"A Wee Bit Irish!"

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Plymouth Arts Center with Celtic Folk as they present four shows of the ever-popular, "A Wee Bit Irish!" Enjoy this live musical concert featuring your favorite traditional and contemporary Irish tunes. Show dates are Saturdays, March 16 and 23 at 7:30pm and Sunday Matinees, March 17 and 24 at 2:30pm.

Tickets are \$15 for PAC Members and \$17 Non-Members (tax included) and are available now at the Plymouth Arts Center, Tuesday-Friday, 10am to 4pm, or call 920-892-8409. Tickets may also be

conveniently ordered online at: www. plymoutharts.org. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

Celtic Folk originated in 2013 at the Plymouth Arts Center under the direction of co-creators Kraemer and Clegg. Their first production was Celtic Christmas. Celebrating their 10th anniversary in 2023, the directors continue to design annual Christmas and Irish shows, and an occasional variety show. Mark your calendar for "Celtic Christmas-2024," November 16-17 and 23-24.

"Alive in the Arts"

Wisconsin professional artists and Wisconsin residents for whom fine art is an avocation, are invited to submit entries for Gallery 110 North's 29th Annual Juried Exhibit, "Alive in the Arts." Artists must be 18 years and over to enter. Open to all two and three-dimensional fine art media including, but not limited to, pastel, painting, sculpture, graphite, drawing, photography, fiber, ceramics, metal, glass, wood, paper, jewelry, leather, printmaking and mixed media. (Please note: the PAC will accept jpeg images saved to CD's, flash or thumb drives.) Postmarked deadline for entries is Friday, March 8, 2024. Awards for this show will be determined at the Juror/Judge's discretion from the actual work. \$1000 in cash awards will be presented. "Alive in the Arts" will open on Friday, May 3, 2024 with a festive reception beginning at 5:00 and an awards ceremony at 6:00pm. The exhibition will be on display through August 2nd. To receive a prospectus, please call the Plymouth Arts Center (920) 892-8409, E-mail: info@ plymoutharts.org, or applications may be

downloaded from the PAC website:www. plymoutharts.org

The JUROR for this annual juried competition is Hector Acuna. Hector is a professional artist and educator living in Grafton, Wisconsin. He studied at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where he earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2015 before completing his Master of Fine Arts from Michigan State University in 2020. Hector has taught art classes in drawing, painting, sculpture, and color/design for private lessons, group workshops, and at the university level.

Gallery 110 North is located in the Plymouth Arts Center, 520 E. Mill Street in historic downtown Plymouth. Regular PAC hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10am to 4pm. Admission to Gallery 110 North is always free thanks in part to our generous sponsors.

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4th Annual Peeps Diorama Contest Voting takes place from April 1-13

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th Annual Peeps Diorama Contest (Submit by March 30th, all ages) - Create a book-themed diorama using Peeps as your characters. All dioramas should fit inside a shoebox and the theme must be family friendly. Prizes will be awarded for each age group, including adults! Voting will take place from April 1–13th.

FOR KIDS

READ ACROSS AMERICA CHALLENGE

March is Read Across America month. Pick up a Reading Adventure Challenge sheet at the library, complete the challenges, and turn it in by March 30th to be entered into a prize drawing.

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.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Saturdays at 9am – February 24th, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd. Songs, dancing, instruments and more for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their caregivers. This five-week session is free and does not require registration. Come when vou can!

SPRING BREAK @ THE LIBRARY

MONDAY MOVIE

Monday, March 25th at 10am - Enjoy a special viewing of a movie! Snacks and drinks provided.

CRAFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 26th from 1-2:30pm (dropin) Bring yourself and your creativity, and we'll provide some ideas and the supplies. (Elementary-aged crafts in the children's section; Crafts for 5th grade & up will be on the adult side of the library).

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Wednesday, March 27th from 1-2:30pm (drop-in) Lego challenges and free build. All ages.

ADULT PROGRAMS FIRST FRIDAY MATINEE

"The Holdovers" (Rated R) – Friday, March 1st at 1pm- Enjoy a free movie and popcorn at the Grashorn Civic Center on the first Friday of every month. In March we will be showing the Academy Award-nominated film "The Holdovers". Nominated for Best Picture, "The Holdovers" is a comedy-drama set in a New England boarding school during the winter of

BOOK CLUB

Friday, March 8th at 1pm, Grashorn Civic Center. In March, our book club will be discussing The Measure by Nikki Erlick. "Enchanting and deeply uplifting, The Measure is a sweeping, ambitious, invigorating story about family, friendship, hope, and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest." To be placed on the book club email list, email Angela at aruh@ monarchlibraries.org.

UKULELE CLUB

Thursday, March 14th 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.

COMMON THREAD: NEEDLEWORK AND FIBER ARTS CRAFTING CIRCLE

Tuesday, March 19th 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

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Finalist-CEO of the Year

Lakeshore Technical College President The AACC is an advocacy organization Dr. Paul Carlsen has been recognized by representing more than 1,000 two-year, the American Association of Community Colleges as one of six finalists for its CEO of the Year award. The winner will be announced April 8 during the AACC's annual convention.

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"Under Paul's leadership, Lakeshore has gained national recognition by organizations including Forbes, Aspen Institute, and Bellwether Consortium. He is a leader among his peers and a gamechanger for our college and community," says Lakeshore Board of Trustees Chair John Wyatt.

"This is less a reflection of me as an individual and more a reflection of the college at large. We are fortunate to have faculty and staff at all levels of our college who are mission-focused on providing the best possible education to every student who walks through our doors," says Carlsen.

In choosing award finalists, the AACC considered accomplishments and recognition in various areas for each nominee, including effective leadership, implementation of results-driven initiatives, effective advocacy at the local and state level, participation in national dialogues on trends and issues impacting community colleges, and representation



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Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Schools Community Survey Results

Beginning in October, we discussed the results from the facility study performed in 2022 by Plunkett, Raysich Architects, and Jos. Schmitt Construction, to inform the public of the areas of focus in the school facilities. In mid-November, a survey was sent to all community members to solicit feedback about which direction the School District should proceed to maintain and/ or update the school buildings, and to ask about continued support for current school operations. School Perceptions, an independent survey group, helped gather, organize, and analyze the data submitted by members of the community. I would like to share the results of the survey with you.

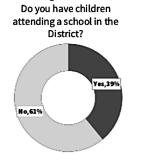
Participants Backgrounds:

Around 2,500 surveys were sent through email and postal mail. 456 (18%) surveys were returned. School Perceptions average survey return rate is between 12% and 18%.

The charts below represent the age of survey participants and the municipalities in which they live.

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65+	33%	Town of Rhine		
55-64	13%	Village of Elkhart Lake		34
45-54	19%	Village of Glenbeulah	275	
		Town of Plymouth	5%	
35-44	24%	Town of Russell	4%	
25-34	5%	Town of Greenbush	4%	
18-24	1%	Town of Herman	1%	

Out of all the survey respondents, 61% do not currently have children attending school in the District, while 39% do have children attending school in the District.



The survey discussed two types of

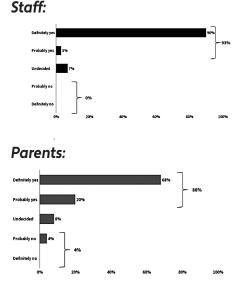
referendums voters can approve to **Non-Staff/Non-Parents:** provide schools with additional funding:

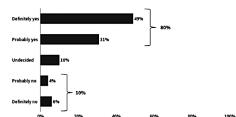
• A capital (facilities) referendum allows a district to issue debt (take out a loan) to pay for major facility improvements. The Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District has not pursued this type of referendum in the past 35 years.

• An operational referendum is used to fund daily operations (maintaining class sizes, programs, and student services). Since 2000, the Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District residents have approved operational referendums to maintain programs, services, and class sizes. The funding from the referendum approved in 2018 will expire at the end of this year.

Operational Referendum:

The first referendum questions asked if survey respondents would support renewing the operational referendum at \$1.75 million for each of the next four years to help maintain current programs and services. A "Yes" answer means they would support the operational referendum question. The results from this question were split into three categories: staff, parents, and non-staff/ non-parents. The results from each group are listed below.





Capital Referendum:

The facility study completed a comprehensive facilities assessment, and identified areas of focus for the elementary/ middle and high school buildings. Two facility master planning pathways were developed for community feedback.

Pathway 1 (\$33 million):

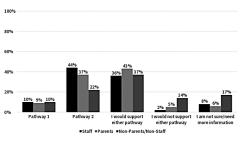
This option maintains the current school/ grade configuration and updates major building systems at both buildings (plumbing, electrical, heating, etc.). It refurbishes the interior finishes (flooring, ceilings, lighting, lockers, cabinets, etc.) and builds an addition at the high school to help reconfigure student support areas.

Pathway 2 (\$36 million):

This option begins combining all of the schools into one building. We believe there are multiple benefits to this plan including student safety, security and staff efficiency to increase the amount of time spend with students.

Pathway 2 begins by moving the middle school students to the high school. The District would move to consolidate all schools into one location at some point in the future. The total completion of this project would be implemented in phases to reduce the initial cost.

The survey asked respondents which pathway they would support the District pursuing. The results are shown below.



Community Perceptions of the District:

The survey also asked the communities perceptions of the District in regards to four categories: delivering a highquality education | keeping the public informed | managing funds appropriately | building pride in the community. School Perceptions commented that these were some of the highest scores they have seen a District receive. The Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah scored in the 97th percentile or higher in each of the satisfaction categories compared to similar school district. The community's perception scores can be found below.

Item	Percent "Great" or "Good"	Average	Comparison Percentile
Delivering a high-quality education	93%	3.49	98 th
Keeping the public informed	82%	3.17	97 th
Managing funds appropriately	86%	3.31	99 th
Building pride in the community	90%	3.39	99 th

For more information on the operational or capital referendums, please visit our website at: https://www.goresorters. com/referendum-news. We will also be releasing a schedule for presentations to occur at school and municipality meetings this Spring.



Experience Mozart's Choral Masterpiece

The Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra, in collaboration with the Sheboygan Symphony Chorus and the Lakeland University Singers, will present Mozart's Requiem on Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at The Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts. The program will also include Louise Farrenc's Symphony No. 3, a hidden gem with exuberant intensity.



SSO concert of the season on May 18. That concert includes one of the greatest American masterpieces, Samuel Barber's youthful violin concerto, with lush passages and a fireworks finale, performed by MSO assistant principal violinist John Bian. The concert finishes with Gustav Mahler's First Symphony litan, leaturing evocations of nature, Austrian country dances, darkly witty klezmer tunes, and a stunning grand finale. The Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1918, is the longest continually active orchestra in the state of Wisconsin. Over the span of more than a century, extraordinary musical experiences have evolved into a legacy of old and new traditions. As a communitybased professional orchestra, many SSO musicians call Sheboygan County home, but the ensemble brings together musicians from all over Wisconsin. The SSO holds multiple regular season performances, a yearly holiday concert, and an annual children's concert for grade school students. For more information, go to https:// sheboygansymphony.org

"I am humbled to lead the journey through Farrenc's energetic Third Symphony and Mozart's timeless Requiem, accompanied by the sublime voices of the Sheboygan Symphony Chorus. Together, we weave a tapestry of emotion and artistry, transcending time and space to celebrate musical exceÎlence," said Ernesto Estigarribia Muss, Music Director of the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra.

Requiem is Mozart's final choral masterpiece, a music bridge inspired by love that reminds us that we are not alone and that there is joy, even in hard times. Written before Mozart's untimely death at age 35, Requiem's music was intended for a patron who lost his young wife to illness earlier that year, but throughout Mozart's last painful days, he continued to write

the Requiem for his own funeral.

Individual tickets are available for \$20-60, depending on seating tier. Student rush (day of performance) tickets are \$10. To purchase tickets, call The Weill

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Village of Elkhart Lake Updates

DEPOT DISPATCH MARCH 2024 APRIL 2ND, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION

The Presidential Primary will be held at the same time as the Spring General election. There will also be a school operational referendum on the ballot in April.

The Village races are set for the April 2, 2024, election. The following submitted papers to run for village offices.

Trustees: (Vote for Three)

Village Trustee **Terri Knowles**

Village Trustee John Schott

Village Trustee Lynn Shovan

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

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR APRIL 2ND, 2024.

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

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BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED

The Planning Commission would like to remind you that if you are planning a construction project on your home or business, you must apply for a building permit. Permits must be obtained prior to commencement of work. Any permit at a commercial property needs to go to Planning Commission first. Please give yourself ample time if you are anticipating a building project, as the Planning Commission only meets once a month. It is best if you call the Clerk's Office at 920-876-2122 to find out if your project will require a permit. Failure to do so will result in double the permit fees, potentially tearing out of what has been done, and could even result in a fine of up to \$1,000.

DOG LICENSES DUE BY MARCH 31ST

Please stop in at the Village Hall to license your dog by March 31st. You need to provide a proof of rabies vaccination and pay the fee (\$7.00 per spayed or neutered dog and \$14.00 per dog if not spayed or neutered). A late charge of \$25.00 will be assessed to all dogs not licensed by March 31st.

LEONARD'S WAY/GENERAL CAPITAL/ VAN HORN DEVELOPMENT

Work continues on Leonard's Way and the public infrastructure. The Village hired Advanced Construction to put in the Village infrastructure. They have installed the sewer lines, water lines, and stormwater lines. In March they will beginning grading the roadway, with the hope that the first coat of the road being completed by early Summer. The Village will also be connecting the sidewalk from Osthoff Avenue to the Fire Station and then a pathway will connect to Badger Road. This will provide residents of these developments to safely walk into the Village. General Capital continues work on their building. They have begun framing the first and second floors of the apartment complex. This is the building closest to the Fire Station. Van Horn has begun putting in foundations for their first two buildings. This development will be called Whitetail Ridge. For more information on the Van Horn development you can email info@ vanhornre.com.

PROPOSED NOISE ORDINANCE CHANGES

The Village Board introduced some changes to the noise ordinance. The proposed changes will limit live music on Mondays and Tuesdays without special permits. Live music will be permitted on holidays that fall on Mondays & Tuesdays and on the Monday and Tuesday near the 4th of July. The proposed changes also include limiting the time for live music on Sundays to 4 to 8 pm, unless a special permit is granted. The

Board will review these potential changes that their next two meetings. A vote on the proposed changes would take place in April.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Sheboygan County has established three periodic collection sites for disposing of hazardous wastes. The majority of the program is funded with County tax dollars, so be prepared to show proof of residency. When those funds are depleted, the sites will be closed until funds are again available. The fees are: \$20 - Vehicles with hazardous waste only, \$40 – Vehicles with household size electronics only (6 items or less), and \$40 – Vehicles with both hazardous waste and household size electronics (6 items or less). The first date is set for April 6th at the Highway Department on County J and Highway 67 from 8 am until 11 am. For more information on the days, times, and locations please visit https://www.sheboygancounty.com/ departments/departments-f-q/planningand-conservation/programs-associations/ household-hazardous-waste.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION

The Village has put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Refuse Collection. Our contract with Waste Management expires at the end of May, so the Village has sent out the RFP to potential contractors. The Village would expect to decide on a contractor in April.

GARBAGE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Just a reminder that the garage pickup date only changes if the Holiday falls on the Monday. Below are the pickup days for 2024.

MEMORIAL DAY -TUESDAY, MAY 28TH, 2024

INDEPENDENCE DAY -NORMAL MONDAY PICK UP

LABOR DAY -TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2024

THANKSGIVING DAY -NORMAL MONDAY PICK UP

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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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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.

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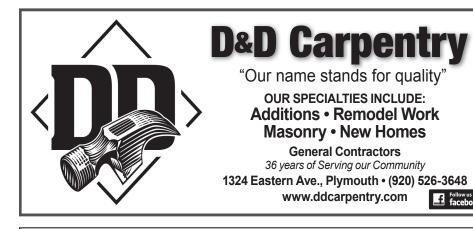
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Exploring The Elkhart Way: Insights into a Sustainable Movement



By Kate Vollrath

The fact that Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin continues to be the place I call home no matter where I wander is an incredible gift. One of the luckiest things the stars above the lake have granted me. Growing up in a place that is deeply loved by locals and by visitors who continue to visit year after year has inspired me all my life. Although I love it during each season, there's a quality of worldliness that the village takes on in the summertime. The vibrancy of Elkhart Lake's local way of life grew a hunger within me long ago to explore and seek out exceptional natural beauty as well as deeply rooted communities outside of my hometown. Because my home village is little, I always had this sense that a huge part of the world was literally around the corner, or just past the four-way stop.

Exploring has brought me to another little town known for its freshwater shorelines. When I first arrived in Truckee, California I noticed it contained my favorite aspects of other places I had previously called home. I'm not the first one to migrate from Elkhart Lake to this little place nestled within the Sierra Nevada mountains. I'm part of a group of Wisconsinites that arrived to the forests and lakes here and thought "this feels like home with the addition of a little elevation and greater snow accumulation to play in."

Immediately upon arriving I noticed the Keep Tahoe Blue stickers (the campaign that inspired Keep Elkhart Blue) stamped on the sea of Subarus and pickup trucks. A desire to preserve the lake's quality and educate visitors about how to participate in that project is strong. Everyone appreciates the beauty of the water resources that places are named after. Not everyone is aware of how human activity impacts it and how they can play a role in upholding its quality.

Moving to Truckee has deepened my understanding and brewed more curiosity than

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ever about the opportunities and challenges that are unique to tourist communities. Stunning places are often home to steadfast communities. In Elkhart there's a shop inspired by this exact feeling: Small Town Big Family. These special places are also home to a distinct set of tensions. While tourism in the Truckee/Tahoe area is on a different scale and calendar than Elkhart Lake there are some conversations that hit very close to home.

Concerns about natural resource access and the preservation of those natural resources, waste, noise, affordable long term housing, cohabitating with an increased population size during certain times of the year, increased traffic/parking issues, and the continuation of a pace of life that attracts visitors to the area in the first place are just a few of the conversations many tourist destinations around the country (and the world) are having.

In addition to the wide use of bumper stickers throughout the Tahoe basin there are also local programs that have provided educational signage at trailheads to promote stewardship and preserve wildlife as well as initiatives to reduce usage of single use plastics and styrofoam. Volunteer opportunities for visitors to get involved with trail maintenance and water quality improvement are also offered. Since moving to Truckee, I've increasingly witnessed printed materials and signage around town that guides visitors into the realm of stewardship and participation in celebrating and preserving the place's natural landscapes.

I've only been here for a few years so there's still a lot to learn about the work that local people here are doing to preserve their home while also educating and welcoming people who visit. There's an attitude amongst locals all around the world that requires newcomers to earn their credibility and prove their commitment to the place. The word local and who and how that word is defined is something I will be fascinated by and questioning my whole life, even more so now that I am considered a newcomer to the area I currently live. Some days I still feel like a visitor gathering information about what it means to be a part of this place in a positive way.

Turns out in Tahoe, and in every other place I've found myself, having a Wisconsin license plate or accent makes a great first impression. But what really seals the deal when trying to break the ice is a Wisconsin attitude. After shoveling during last year's historic snowfall, I think I've finally earned the badge of local from my older and wiser neighbors on the street. Helping them shovel while they were out of town and bringing them treats as well as borrowing snow tools and gathering wisdom during power outages during huge storms helped me become a part of my little street community in a deeper way. There's nothing like the deepest snow you've ever seen to bond you to the others across the street snow-blowing their driveways.

Once the snow finally melted, I found myself having conversations with seasoned fishermen at the public docks at Donner Lake, a small local spot for fishing, swimming, and boating. It's much smaller than Lake Tahoe, but still receives droves of visitors during the summertime. One of the fishermen I met last summer encouraged me to go get a permit, a paddleboard, and drop a line to catch my own dinner. Although he shared his lament over witnessing his hometown change as a result of tourism and the huge shifts within the local housing market, he quickly pivoted the conversation and welcomed me into his beautiful perspective of the area with generosity and joy.

Sometimes education comes through a conversation on a public dock. Sometimes an invitation into one's way of life and a little bit of in-person storytelling is as valuable as reading about local fish species, fishing permits, and water quality on a public sign. Every channel of communication holds wisdom. The longer I've been in Truckee the more I've realized that those who've been here a long time often embed stewardship and a strong desire for community care within their definition of who they trust and who they welcome into their home.

Growing up in Elkhart Lake provided a similar ethic to those raised there. From a young age I learned the importance of going beyond just passively passing through a beautiful place and trying to contribute to the beauty. This requires a lot of awareness built on paying close attention and asking a lot of questions from those with more experience. It's humbling, and it takes time, and oftentimes there are really simple interactions that change everything for the better.

It's one thing to be a consumer, it's another much grander, purposeful thing to be a connector/ contributor when visiting or moving to an area. We get to choose how we engage with the places we spend time in. I credit the village that raised me for teaching me how to do so wholeheartedly and with a mindset of respect and openness to learning what a community celebrates as well as what worries them. At the heart of it, Elkhart Lake has taught me that to know a place is to know its people. To know a place is to know the businesses and to go beyond being a patron. This means your face is one that brings a smile and a sigh of relief to the owners and employees when they see you walk through the door on a busy night because they are confident you are also on their team, rooting for them and respecting their hard work. To know a place is to know its seasons and how the energy of the place ebbs and flows, to witness the freeze and the thaw, and also the shifting shoulder seasons in between the peak times.

I realize some will never know the intricacies of what makes the village of Elkhart Lake's heart beat when it's covered in snow. Albeit small, the summer window is often the opportunity to let people see the glorious view. Sometimes a tiny window is all we get to show people a way of life and demonstrate to them how to participate in its creation.

Tourism is difficult work no matter the zip code. Each area of the map has a history with growing pains it has navigated and continues to navigate along the way. In the midst of trying to make sense of the delicate balance between the issues my new community faces and the overwhelming beauty I feel so lucky to experience every day, I often think about the community I grew up in and the parallel conversations taking place.

How can we all continue having conversations about the future of healthy waterways and trails, housing opportunities, waste, noise, a feeling of balance between high and low season, and most importantly – a connection to the place and the way of life that we all celebrate and hold onto because it gives us deep meaning? This meaningful lifestyle is the very reason people are drawn to places such as Elkhart Lake after all.

How do we welcome people to the village, beaches, and the boat launch while also educating them about stewardship and safety? How can we continue building bridges and fostering partnerships across different organizations within the community that share similar concerns and hopes? How can we be models in walking through businesses and natural landscapes to the rhythm that our special village hums?

I wish I had the answers to all these very important questions. While I don't have all the answers, I do believe in the continued creation of long-lasting memories and natural beauty in Elkhart Lake that we can all enjoy. I will continue wading into these questions in the way that Elkhart Lake has taught me to do – with care and curiosity and an openness to the possibilities that small magical places offer us. I hope others will join me in reflecting on what it means to us to live out the Elkhart way.

Please stay tuned for ways to get involved with Elkhart Lake's sustainable tourism initiatives. And if you find yourself sharing about how you enjoy the Elkhart Lake way of life on social media, please tag @elkhartlake and consider using #elkhartway. We'd love to follow along with how you embrace and share what makes this place exceptional.

Wade House To Host Author Mary Elise Antoine

In 2024, Wade House's Taproom Talks Speaker Series will bring celebrated authors and historians to Wade House for lively discussions of their thought-provoking work. Each Taproom Talk includes a special presentation, a live Q&A and on many occasions the opportunity to purchase a book signed by the author. On Thursday, April 4 from 7 to 8 p.m., join us at Wade House's Visitor Center when author Mary Elise Antoine, focusing on the five black women, will explore 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 suitsincluding 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.

Antoine's book, Enslaved, Indentured, Free, 1800 to 1850, focuses on a time when the

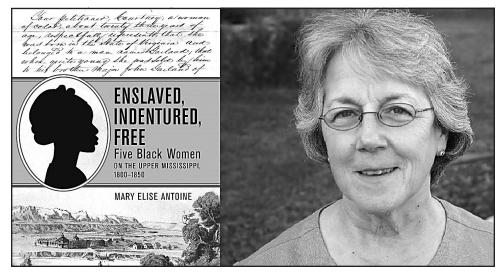
Northwest Ordinance of 1787 made slavery illegal in the territory that would later become Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and part of Minnesota. However, many Black individuals' rights were denied by white enslavers who continued to hold them captive in the territory well into the nineteenth 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.

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.

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