



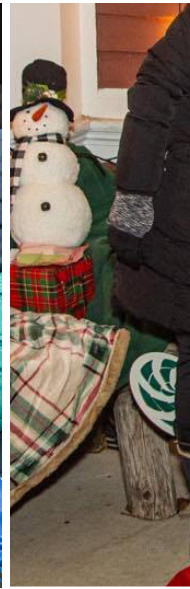
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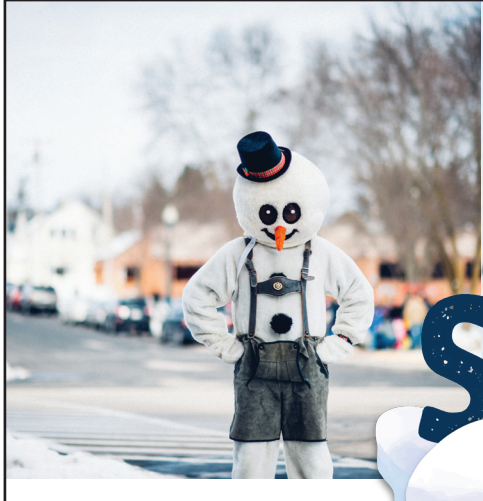
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MYSTERY PHOTO CONTEST

Down Memory Lane

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.

The winner should contact The Chamber at 41 E. Rhine Street or call 920.876.2922.



Remember December?



We had no entries for the December photo. If you know anything about the photo on the right please send your submission to depotdispatch@elkhartlake.com or a letter with as many details as possible 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.

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Lakeland student wins Packers Internship Draft event

Erin Rank has only been a student at Lakeland University for about three months. Based on her involvement and accomplishments it feels like she's been a fixture for much longer.

Rank, a 2024 Lakeshore Technical College graduate from Manitowoc, Wis., is majoring in accounting and making the most of the programs and services at LU along the way.

She came to Lakeland thanks to the Lake to Lake program, which provides a seamless pathway for LTC graduates to enroll at Lakeland as juniors.

She was also attracted to Lakeland's Cooperative Education program, which lets LU students earn academic credit for working at Co-Op partner companies.

"The program was very apparent when I was transferring and I thought, this is perfect," Rank said. "I work and I need credits, so it goes hand in hand."

Rank is earning four academic credits for her work as a client accounting and advisory services intern at CliftonLarsonAllen.

"I am learning so much on the job," said Rank, also a member of Lakeland's Accounting Club. "It's really cool. I was in tax last spring with them and that taught me a lot, too."

She is also earning two academic credits through a Co-Op role as time management skills coach with Lakeland's

Life & Career Studies program, which provides a complete college experience for young adults who have an intellectual disability.

Rank will soon be starting a new role as chief financial officer for Launch: Lakeland Student-Run Businesses, which gives LU students the tools and support to create, develop and manage income-generating businesses.

She's making moves off campus, as well. Last week, Rank won the 10th Annual Internship Draft Day, hosted by the Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance. She earned a \$2,500 scholarship, announced by Green Bay Packers President and CEO Mark Murphy, topping a field of more than 250 students.

She placed second in the competition last year and used what she learned in that experience to her advantage. Students participate in interviews with employers - Rank did five - and earn points based on their performance as well as other items like grade point average, campus participation

and recruiting peers to attend the event.

"I felt confident going in because I knew what I was doing," Rank said. "I've gotten so much more comfortable, especially being a leader. I am approachable and I feel like I can talk to anyone."

Rank is on track to graduate from Lakeland in the spring of 2026 and at age 25 is far removed from when she graduated from Brillion High School in 2017 when she was unsure of her future.

"I always needed extra help in high school," Rank said. "I am a completely different person than I was. I am succeeding and getting recognition and it makes me want to work harder. I'm making people proud for what I am doing."

Despite being older most of her peers, she enjoys living on campus and plans to apply to be a resident assistant in the future.

"Coming in I thought 'I am not making friends with 18- and 20-year-olds' and here I have made several best friends," she said. "This was the best decision to live at Lakeland. It feels comfortable here."





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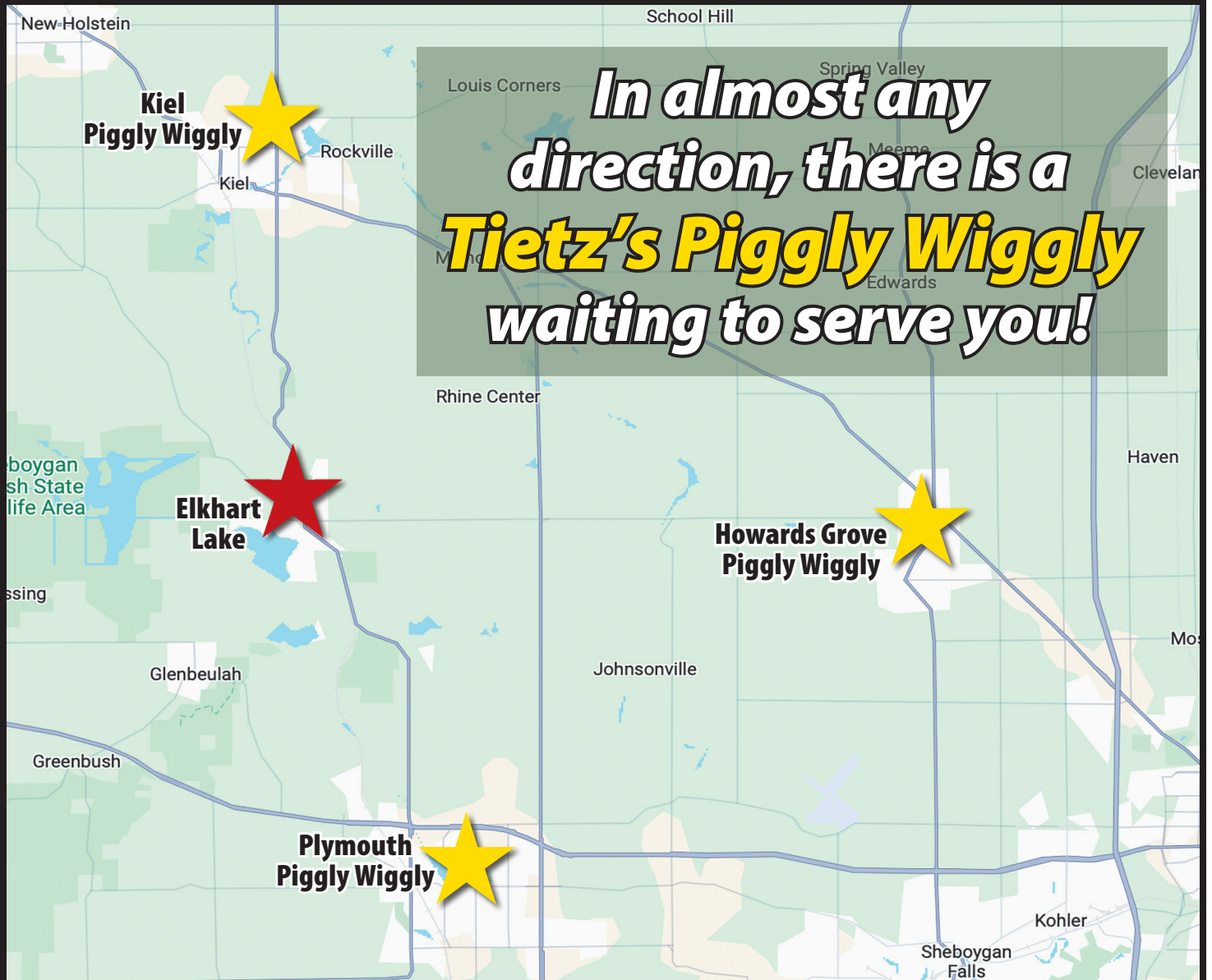
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Lakeshore College Automotive Maintenance Program Receives National Reaccreditation

The automotive maintenance program at Lakeshore College has received Automotive Service Excellence reaccreditation by the ASE Education Foundation. The program has been ASE-accredited for more than 20 years.

To achieve ASE accreditation, Lakeshore's automotive maintenance program underwent rigorous evaluation by the ASE Education Foundation. The foundation reviewed nationally accepted



standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment.

"During the past few months, faculty and staff have worked closely with the ASE Education Foundation to make certain our program is maintaining strict industry standards to retain ASE accreditation. Students can be assured of a quality hands-on education, and auto shop owners can be assured of getting high-quality applicants for entry-level technicians," said Vice President of Instruction Dr. Meredith Sauer.

Sauer says the automotive maintenance program has approximately 43 students enrolled annually, and graduates are in high demand.

The ASE Education Foundation is a non-profit, independent organization that evaluates and accredits entry level technician training programs against standards developed by the automotive industry.

For information on Lakeshore's auto maintenance program, visit gotoltc.edu/auto-maintenance-tech.



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About Lakeshore College

Lakeshore College, formerly known as Lakeshore Technical College, is a comprehensive community and technical college educating more than 9,000 students annually. Students enroll at Lakeshore to master real-world, employable career skills and start their pursuit of a bachelor's degree. Lakeshore faculty and staff are focused on providing each student an individualized learning experience.

Lakeshore College is a nationally recognized two-year college. The college was ranked #2 in the nation by Washington Monthly, #17 in the nation by Forbes, #20 in the nation by WalletHub.com, a top-150 two-year college by the Aspen Institute, a 2024 Bellwether Award winner, and named the 2021 Large Business/Industry of the Year by the Chamber of Manitowoc County.

Approximately 800 students graduate from Lakeshore each year, and associate degree graduates report earning a median salary of \$55,698 within six months of graduating. In addition to the Cleveland campus, Lakeshore educates students at learning campuses in downtown Manitowoc and downtown Sheboygan. Classes are also offered at additional sites throughout the district. Visit Lakeshore at gotoltc.edu.

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Now-December 30

Walderhaus-28th Annual Gingerbread Festival Dozens of creations will be on display and weekends feature holiday music. The Gingerbread Festival is open to the public, free of charge. Sunday through Friday: 1-5 pm. Saturday: 10 am-5 pm. Saturday and Sunday musical performances begin at 2:00 p.m. www.kohlerfoundation.org/walderhaus/annual-gingerbread-festival

Now-December 31

Making Spirits Bright Drive Through Holiday Lights Show at Evergreen Park sponsored by the Sheboygan Rotary Club 5-9pm (closed 12/24). Light displays are choreographed to music through your vehicle's radio. Food pantry items are collected at the entrance. Children are able to drop their letters to Santa in the mailbox at the North Pole Post Office. As you depart the show, volunteers in the igloo offer a complementary event guides and accept donations to support the growth and operations of the lights show. www.makingspiritsbright.com/experience/holiday-lights

Thru December 21

Santa's Station open Friday & Saturdays 5-9pm includes visits with Santa with photo opportunities, trolley tours, entertainment, wreath raffles, mini light curtain and concessions. www.makingspiritsbright.com/experience/santas-station

December 19

Osthoff Resort-Rockin' Elvis Christmas - Nashville recording artist Doug Allen Nash for his sensational "Rockin' Elvis Christmas!" Get ready for an electrifying performance. 7pm www.osthoff.com/events/ \$

December 20

Stefanie Weill Center-Movie - It's a Wonderful Life (1946) 6pm. www.weillcenter.com for tickets/info. \$

Osthoff Resort-Neil Diamond Tribute 7pm Nashville recording artist Doug Allen Nash for his Tribute to Neil Diamond! On Friday, December 20th, experience a Christmas holiday multi-media theatrical show that showcases Doug's incredible vocals alongside an A-list group of musicians. www.osthoff.com/events/ \$



Elkhart Lake Chamber

Calendar of Events

December 20 & 21

Pankratz Art Exchange at the Shore Club Theater Experience an enchanting evening filled with artistic talent and holiday cheer showcasing an array of incredible local performers, accompanied by a live band. 7pm with Saturday matinee at 2pm. www.paearts.org \$

December 20-22

New Holstein Time House Christmas This year's theme: "The Spirit of Christmas - Sights, Sounds, and Smells of the Season". Friday 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Saturday & Sunday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Visit website for more details: www.newholsteinhistory.info/timm-house \$

December 28

Stefanie Weill Center-Holiday Dreams, A Spectacular Family Cirque! is a groundbreaking holiday show that incorporates acrobats, aerialists, comedians, daredevils and award-winning specialty acts. Shows at 2pm & 7 pm. www.weillcenter.com for tickets/info. \$December 31

Plymouth Arts Center - 18TH SARTORI BIG CHEESE DROP NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY begins at 7:30pm with live music by the String Along Band. There will be a cheese tasting table and a cash bar. Enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and warm up at the bonfire from 8:30 to 10pm. As this is a family-friendly event, the Big Cheese Drop will be held at 10 PM. Bring your party noisemakers and cheese hats! 7:30-10:30pm. www.plymoutharts.org/

January 9-12

Plymouth Arts Center-Clue The Musical Directors, Herb Stoltenberg, Michael Schulz, and Lori Feldmann-Schmitt are sharing their talent as a fundraiser for the PAC with 4 shows. January 9-11 show 7:30pm and January 12 2:30. www.plymoutharts.org/

January 11

Hermitage Conservation Club-Snowball Shoot 50 bird Lets shoot (white targets). httpwww.hermitageconservationclub.com/

January 16

Northern Kettles Chapter of the Wisconsin NWFT 2025 Hunting Heritage Banquet Millhome Supper Club. Doors open at 5 with dinner at 7. A fun night out with family & friends. Tons of guns and great prizes! Tickets: events.nwft.org/491360-2025

January 24, 25 & 26

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February 8

Stefanie Weill Center-The Droors - a 5-piece American Doors cover band from Sheboygan, WI. They perform popular favorites, live-only favorites, and deep cuts. www.weillcenter.com for tickets/info. \$

February 14

Stefanie Weill Center-Dragons & Mythical Beasts new interactive show for all the family. Unveil a myriad of dark secrets and come face to face with some of the most magnificent monsters and terrifying beasts ever to walk the earth. 6pm www.weillcenter.com for tickets/info. \$

March 8

Stefanie Weill Center -SSO presents Retrospective- Grammy Award winner Jessie Montgomery blends jazz and baroque elements, while Carlos Simon delves into Beethoven's legacy. Meanwhile, Mozart and Tchaikovsky reflect on their own musical past in this retrospective program. www.weillcenter.com for tickets/info. \$

Regularly Scheduled Meetings & Events

Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

Held at 8:30am third Tuesday of each month

Village Board Meetings

Board of Trustees meets at Grashorn Civic Center, 84 N. Lake St. - 6pm first and third Monday 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

Every Tuesday at 10am and Thursdays at 7pm at Community United Church of Christ, 174 N. East St.

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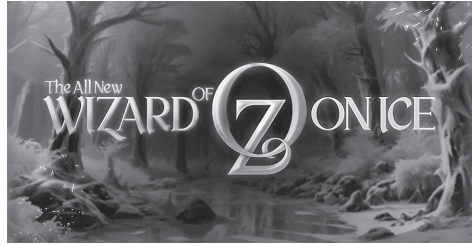
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dazzling "ice" show where every moment is filled with mesmerizing choreography and stunning visuals. On March 20, immerse yourself in the world of Artrageous, an innovative spectacle where music, dance, and live painting collide in a mesmerizing fusion. Artrageous has captivated audience worldwide with their interactive performance that gets audiences out of their seats to become a part of the performance.

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Village Tax Collection

Tax Bills were mailed by December 15th. Property taxes may be paid at the Village Offices at 40 Pine Street from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Thursday and from 8:00 am until noon on Fridays. We will also be closed on December 24 and 25, 2024 and December 31, 2024 and January 1, 2025. 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, 2025. 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.

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.

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.

Winter Rules began November 15

Winter parking regulations when 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 until 9 am to allow for plowing of the parking lot.

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 6 am until 9 am commencing the fifteenth (15th) day of November and ending on the first (1st) day of April of every year.

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

Vehicles violating this ordinance will be ticketed.

Snow Removal Warning

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

Snow Removal

Ordinance 10.03 Removing Snow from Sidewalks: residents must clean snow and

Sewer Rates Increasing

Sewer rates will also be increasing as of January 1st. The increase is due to Northern Moraine increasing rates, so in turn we need to increase our rates. These rates will increase on January 1, 2025. The sewer consumption rates will increase from \$7.55 per 100 cubic feet to \$8.00 per 100 cubic feet. If you have any questions on these rate increases, please contact 920-876-2122.

Spring Election

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the election district of the Village of Elkhart Lake on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025. The term for the Village President and the Village Trustees begins on April 15th, 2025. 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 President	Richard Sadiq
Village Trustee	Geoffrey Bray
Village Trustee	Paul Rudnick
Village Trustee	Michael Wolf

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1st, 2024 and the final day for filing nomination papers in the office of the Village Clerk is 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on February 18th, 2025.

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

Whitetail Ridge & The Preserve at Elkhart Lake

The Preserve at Elkhart Lake is now leasing. The Preserve at Elkhart Lake leasing office is open in the Fire Station parking lot. More information on the development can be

found at <https://www.thepreserveelkhart.com/> or you can email thepreserve@oakbrookcorp.com for more information.

The Whitetail Ridge development also received occupancy and tenants have begun to move in. There will be one new building available each month. For more information on this development please visit <https://www.facebook.com/p/Whitetail-Ridge-61554596939997/> or email Leasing@northtownpartners.com.

Village Projects 2025

The Village has spent much of 2024 and 2025 looking at our facilities and planning for the future. Due to the reports on the structural condition of the current Visitor Center and the space and building constraints of the Public Works garage we are working with Plunkett Raysich Architects and Jos. Schmitt Construction on building designs for a new welcome center and Public Works Facility. We hope to share plans with the public in the coming months and break ground in 2025.

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 Abler, Public Health Nurse at 920-459-3038.

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.

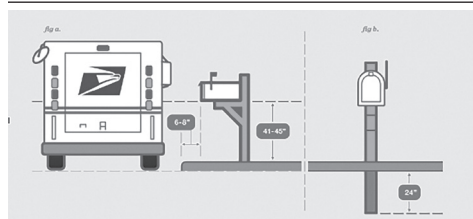
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Village Holiday Hours

The Village offices will be closed on December 24 and 25, 2024 and December 31, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Tax Rate Increasing for 2024

The overall Village tax rate increased by \$.42 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If your house is assessed at \$300,000 your tax bill will decrease by approximately \$126 dollars, depending on the lottery credit and first dollar credit.



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





Clue: The Musical



The Plymouth Arts Center is pleased to announce that directors, Herb Stoltenberg, Michael Schulz, and Lori Feldmann-Schmitt are sharing their talent to present "Clue: the Musical" as a fundraiser for the PAC. Four shows will be presented at the PAC in January 2025. The all-star cast includes: Jason Sebranek, Amy Larson, Patty Talen, Sarah Jarr, Matt Overby, Jack Colombo, Shelly Trepanier, and Jim Nass. Bill Born will provide musical accompaniment.

The performances will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening, January 9-11, 2025 at 7:30, and on Sunday, January 12 at 2:30pm. Tickets for reserved table seating are \$20 per person (tax incl.) and are available at the Plymouth Arts Center box office, 520 East Mill Street, Plymouth. Call 920-892-8409 or order online through the Plymouth Arts Center website: www.plymoutharts.org.

About the Show: The internationally popular game is now a fun-filled musical that brings the world's best-known suspects to life and invites the audience to help solve the mystery: Who killed Mr. Boddy, in what room, and with what weapon? The audience will receive forms to help them deduce the solution from clues given throughout the show. Three members from the audience will pick from the cards representing the potential murders, weapons, and rooms. There are 216 possible solutions! Only one hard-nosed female detective is qualified to unravel the merry mayhem. Comic antics, witty lyrics, and a beguiling score carry the investigation from room to room.

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ELKHART LAKE
Public Library News

We welcome new members!
 For more information: Go to the library's website at elkhartlakepubliclibrary.org, click on the "Connect tab" and then choose Friends of the Library.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The library will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day. Happy 2025!

Schnee Days @ the Library- Cozy Crafts & Cocoa-To-Go – Saturday, January 25th from 10am-1pm. Warm up at the library with snow-themed crafts and cocoa to-go. All ages.

New Experience Passes – The library has added two new experience passes! Check out a pass for you and your family to go skating at the **Sheboygan Lakers Ice Center** or to experience history at the **Wisconsin Maritime Museum** in Manitowoc.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Design a Dragon Contest –All Ages - Pick up a dragon design sheet at the library beginning January 2nd. Choose a theme and design a dragon to match your theme. Turn in your design at the library by Friday, 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.

LITTLE 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.

KIDS

Dragon Mania– Friday, January 17th at 2:00pm – 1st grade & up – Dragon slime, crafts, & games. To register, call 920-876-2554 or register on our Events page.

5TH GRADE & UP

Drop in Dragon Eggs– Friday, January 17th 9am-5pm– 5th grade & up -

One day only! Come to the library to create an iridescent dragon egg. Drop in anytime during open hours.

Board Gamers (Middle School & up)– Mondays starting at 3:15pm – Put down your controller for a bit of tabletop gaming. Choose from games of luck to games of strategy. Games and post-school snack provided.

Manga Tasting – Runs through January 31st - Pick up our Manga Menu and choose a book to read. When you finish the book, rate the manga on the public rating board at the library. Choose another manga from the menu and repeat! Get a raffle ticket for our bi-monthly drawings every time you check out or rate a manga from the list.

Recommended for teens!

ADULT PROGRAMS

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.

First Friday Matinee (18+) – Friday, January 3rd at 1pm – Enjoy a free movie and popcorn at the Grashorn Civic Center. Call 920-876-2554 or see the Events page on our website for January's movie selection.

Ukulele Club – Thursday, January 9th at 1pm, Grashorn Civic Center. Play ukulele with us! All levels welcome, no registration required. For more information and to get on our contact list, please email rmontes@monarchlibraries.org. Don't have a ukulele? Check out our Ukulele Kit at the library to give it a try.

call 920-876-2554 or register on the library's Events page.

Technology Help – Call 920-876-2554 to schedule a time to come in for individualized assistance with technologies such as digital books, audiobooks, Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, and more. We are here to help!

NEW MATERIALS AT ELPL

Adult Fiction

- » Backwater Justice, Fern Michaels
- » The Bright Sword: A Novel of King Arthur, Lev Grossman
- » Come to the Window, Howard Norman
- » Definitely Better Now, Ava Robinson

Children's Non-Fiction

- » Priceless Facts About Money, Melody Hobson
- » Radar and the Raft, Jeff Lantos
- » Sunken Ship, Amy Hevron
- » Taylor Swift: Wildest Dreams, Erica Wainer

Picture Books

- » Big Bear and Little Bear Go Fishing, Amy Hest
- » Eight Sweet Nights: A Festival of Lights, Charlotte Offsay
- » Everett Green: The Not So Christmas Tree, Freddy Wexler
- » Find Spot at the Beach, Eric Hill
- » Hello Bedtime, Jannie Ho
- » The Light Within You, Namita Mehra
- » More Dung!: A Beetle's Tale, Frank Weber
- » Rocket Puppies, William Joyce
- » A Stickler Christmas, Lane Smith
- » That's Not My Shark, Fiona Watt
- » Two Wheels, David Gibb
- » With Dad, Richard Jackson
- » Wonder and Awe, Annie Herzig

DVD's & Blu-Rays

- » Alien: Romulus
- » The Apprentice
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- » Hell on Wheels: Complete Series
- » Severance: Season One

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Book Club – Friday, January 10th at 1pm, Grashorn Civic Center. January's book club selection is *Long Island* by Colm Toibin. "A spectacularly moving novel featuring Ellis Lacey, the complex and enigmatic heroine of Brooklyn, Toibin's most popular work in twenty years." To be placed on the book club email list, email Rachel at rmontes@monarchlibraries.org.

Intro to Sourdough – Tuesday, January 14th at 1pm OR Thursday, February 6th at 6pm (Registration required- workshops are FULL but we do have a waitlist in case of cancellations)-This beginner friendly, introductory presentation will guide you through the foundations of sourdough bread baking. Amanda, from Hopefully Homesteading LLC, will share some of the science of sourdough breads, recipes, baking terms, tips and troubleshooting advice to help you craft delicious sourdough breads. Additionally, learn how to make and maintain a sourdough starter. Each participant will also leave with a dry sourdough starter. Grashorn Civic Center.

Winter Needlefelting Workshop – Tuesday, January 21st at 1pm – Learn how to needlefelt. Register to participate on our website or call 920-876-2554. This program is being hosted by the library's fiber arts circle.

Are You Ready to Retire? Medicare 101 – Wednesday, Feb. 19th, 5-7pm (Registration Required) - Join Benefit Specialist Mary Kempf from the Sheboygan County Aging and Disability Resource Center for a class about your benefits. Registration required-

- » Holiday Honeymoon Switch, Julia McKay
- » Knife Skills for Beginners, Orlando Murrin
- » Madwoman, Chelsea Bieker
- » Pink Glass Houses, Asha Elias
- » The Rest is Memory, Lily Tuck
- » State of Paradise, Laura Van Den Berg
- » Strange Folk, Alli Dyer
- » What I Know About You, Eric Chacour

Adult Non-Fiction

- » iPhone for Dummies, Guy Hart-Davis
- » Living with Rheumatoid Arthritis, Tammi Shlotzhauer
- » Midnight in Moscow... Russia's War Against the West, John Sullivan
- » Nolo's Guide to Estate Planning, Liza Hanks

Large Print

- » Seaside Homecoming, Julie Klassen

Young Adult

- » Games Untold, Jennifer Lyn Barnes
- » Thanks for Listening, Molly Horan

Kids Chapter Books & Graphic Novels (GN)

- » Still Sal, Kevin Henkes
- » Take it From the Top, Claire Swinarski
- » There Was an Old Lady Who Built a Snowman, Lucille Colandro
- » Volcanoes are Hot, Jorge Cham
- » Wings of Fire 8: Escaping Peril, Tui Sutherland

Kid's Easy Readers and Early Chapter Books

- » Bunny Hop, Sarah Hwang
- » Karen's in Love, Ann Martin
- » The Rescue's Best Day Ever, Tommy Greenwald



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North Town Partners continues to grow, develop

By Rachael Roeck

North Town Partners owners Chuck Van Horn, Chris Merklein and Tom Stocco had a successful year and the business partners are looking forward to the upcoming year as they continue to bring developments to the local communities.

Recently, North Town Partners was awarded the 2024 Economic Driver of the Year award by the Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation. According to the press release, the award highlighted North Town Partners' transformation impact on housing and retail development projects across Sheboygan County and setting a new standard for quality and innovation within the region.

"We were totally surprised," Merklein stated during a recent interview regarding the award. "It is a big award and we were honored to be considered, much less be given it. Chuck is really the man and he said it best that we are fortunate to live in the community that we do. We are blessed in so many things and that so many privately-held companies are willing to pump resources back into the communities they are part of. It really is a blessing."

During a recent interview, Chris Merklein gave updates regarding two major developments that are currently underway within the communities. The first of two major development projects is Kingsbury Village, which Merklein explained is located where the Kingsbury Brewery Co. used to be located in Sheboygan.

Taking the vacant field, Merklein explained how the partners built 33 luxury townhomes. He also shared that since opening, the building has been 95 percent occupied and has a waiting list of people interested in moving in.

In addition to the townhome units, North Town Partners has an agreement with the Town of Sheboygan for the North Town project. This 99-acre development includes a 93-room Home2Suites by Hilton which has been operating since July and is showing early success.

They are also constructing two buildings (Adeline Apartments and Charlotte Apartments) with a total of 170 living spaces, including One, Two, and Three bedroom apartments. There is also 16,000 square feet of commercial space



that is already leased for RISE Fitness and Golf 365—which will be adding a restaurant/bar to their establishment. The first of the two buildings, as reported by Merklein, opened in October and is leasing as projected, while the second building opened in late November and has new residents currently moving in.

Next on the list for North Town are The Villages: a combination of single-family homes and townhomes across the street from the Adeline and Charlotte apartments. Merklein explained that North Town will be using a concept that is used and recognized worldwide, but will be new to Sheboygan called pocket neighborhoods. This neighborhood concept encourages community interaction with the front of the living areas all facing a park-like, landscaped courtyard. With all that activity at North Town, Merklein added that he and his partners are not finished. Continuing to develop this growing community is a key priority for North Town Partners.

Whitetail Ridge in Elkhart Lake—

the second major development that is happening behind the Elkhart Lake Fire Department—will have high-end townhomes available for leasing in 2025. Each town home will be three floors—the first floor a heated garage with a floor drain, the second floor a combined living room, dining area and kitchen with an open-floor design and the third floor for bedrooms. As a result of the design, residents—excluding those homes on the ends of the buildings—will have neighbors to their left and right instead of above and below. All 70 units within the Whitetail Ridge development are two and one-half baths, with 63 being 3-bedroom units and seven being 2-bedroom units.

Merklein explained that they are building on six of the approximate 10 acres, giving potential for phase two of the Whitetail Ridge development.

"It has been wonderful working with the municipalities where we have our developments," Merklein said. "The Elkhart Lake community leaders we worked with

were aware of what their constituents were looking for: drawing in families to be full-time residents of the community.

"Whitetail Ridge," Merklein added, "would definitely not have happened without participation and support from Sargento. We are deeply grateful for what they (Lou and Louie) have done for the development, as well as the community."

North Town Partners have \$85 million worth of assets under management which includes retailers like Harbor Freight, Michael's and Ollie's Bargain Outlet and Memorial Plaza. For 2025, North Town Partners is looking to add \$100 million to their portfolio.

In addition to the above mentioned projects, Merklein stated they are always looking for additional projects in Sheboygan County and the surrounding areas. "This is our home, and we're committed to further development in the region," said Merklein.

Those interested in investing with North Town Partners can reach out to Merklein at chris@northtownpartners.com.

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Weill Center Announces Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives to Perform in Sheboygan

Country Music Hall of Famer and Platinum five-time Grammy Award-winner Marty Stuart comes to the Weill this spring for country, bluegrass show

The Weill Center for the Performing Arts, a 1,150-seat live event venue located in the heart of downtown Sheboygan's growing arts and entertainment district will welcome Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives to the Weill on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 7 p.m..

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Mississippi, Marty Stuart landed his first big gig in Lester Flatts' band at age thirteen, and by twenty-one, he was working on the road and in the studio with Johnny Cash. Though Stuart built his early reputation backing up country and bluegrass royalty,

it wasn't long before Nashville recognized him as a star in his own right. Over the next forty years as a solo artist, he went on to release more than twenty major label albums, scoring platinum sales, hit singles, and honored the country music industry along the way.

Today, Stuart has earned many titles including Country Music Hall of Fame Inductee, Platinum five-time Grammy Award-winner, and Americana Music Awards Lifetime Achievement honoree, International Bluegrass Music Award Winner, Recipient of the Grammy Crossroads of American Music Award, Founder and Curator of The Marty Stuart Congress of Country Music, 2022 Musicians Hall of Fame Inductee, and more.

Tickets for Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives are on sale now. Weill Center members have access to a presale that begins Tuesday, Dec. 10 at noon. Patrons can add on "The Country Star" VIP Package which includes admission to a private pre-show event featuring a two-song performance followed by a questions & answers storytelling session from Marty and the band. VIP participants receive an official laminate and lanyard, a special edition poster, and early access to merchandise.

Purchase tickets online at weillcenter.com, by phone at (920) 208-3243 or in person at 826 N 8th Street in Sheboygan. The Weill Center ticket office is open from Tuesday to Friday from 12 - 4 p.m., and one hour prior to most events.

~ Marty Stuart Biography ~

"You have to make the music that's in your heart," says Marty Stuart. "Sometimes that lines up with what's going on out there in the world, sometimes it takes the world thirty or forty years to catch up, but if you're true to your heart, that's all that matters."

See **Marty Stuart** page 13



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Altitude, Stuart's exhilarating new album, is proof of that. Recorded in Nashville with his longtime band, The Fabulous Superlatives, the collection finds Stuart picking up where he left off on 2017's *Way Out West*, exploring a cosmic country landscape populated by dreamers and drifters, misfits and angels, honky-tonk heroes and lonesome lovers. There's a desert flare to the music here, a sweeping, spacious feel that conjures up wide-open horizons and endless stretches of two-lane highway, and the production is raw and cinematic to match, tipping its cap both to Bakersfield and Laurel Canyon as it balances jangle and twang in equal measure. It would be easy for an artist as accomplished as Stuart to rest on his laurels at this point in his career, but *Altitude* instead showcases the work of a searcher with an insatiable appetite for growth and reflection, one whose ambition, much like his keen wit and rich imagination, only seems to grow with each and every release.

"I've always loved songs that feel like old friends but still sound new and fresh," says Stuart. "The beautiful thing about country music is that the blueprint Jimmie Rodgers laid down—rambling, gambling, sin, redemption, Heaven, Hell—it's all just as relevant now as it ever was. It's the human condition, and if you're honest about it and you've got a real band around you, you can make something that's uniquely yours and stands the test of time."

A Country Music Hall of Famer, five-time Grammy Award-winner, and AMA Lifetime Achievement honoree, Stuart knows a thing or two about standing the test of time. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Mississippi, he landed his first big gig in Lester Flatts' band at the tender age of thirteen, and by twenty-one, he was working on the road and in the studio with Johnny Cash. Though Stuart built his early reputation backing up country and bluegrass royalty, it wasn't long before Nashville recognized him as a star in his own right, and over the course of forty-plus years as a solo artist, he would go on to release more than twenty major label albums, scoring platinum sales, hit singles, and just about every honor the industry could bestow along the way.

"If country music had a president, it would be Marty Stuart," famed documentarian Ken Burns once proclaimed. "He is the embodiment of the culture."

Stuart emerged as an unofficial caretaker of the culture, too, spending much of his career rescuing and collecting country music artifacts from throughout the genre's history. The first piece he picked up? Patsy Cline's makeup kit, which he bought from a junk shop for \$75. These days, Stuart, who *Rolling Stone* calls "one of the world's foremost country experts and archivists," has roughly 20,000 pieces in his collection, including a handwritten copy of Hank Williams' "I Saw The Light" and Johnny Cash's first black performance suit. While select items have been exhibited everywhere from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame to the Louvre, Stuart is hard at work building a dedicated arts and cultural center to preserve and display it all in his hometown of Philadelphia.

"I'm calling it The Congress of Country Music, and I want it to serve as an inspirational spot," says Stuart, who's raised funds for the center with annual late night jams at the Ryman featuring everyone from Emmylou Harris and Sheryl Crow to Tyler Childers and Billy Strings. "I want it to be a touchstone where younger generations can learn about this stuff and figure out who they are and embark on their own musical journeys."

It's that last part that particularly excites Stuart, whose musical journey came full circle on *Altitude*. Written primarily on the road, the

collection was inspired in large part by Stuart's 2018 tour supporting Byrds co-founders Roger McGuinn and Chris Hillman, who reunited for the 50th anniversary of their seminal *Sweetheart Of The Rodeo* album.

"I bought my first copy of *Sweetheart Of The Rodeo* for \$2.99 at the discount bin in a shopping mall record store in Goodlettsville, Tennessee, and it became the blueprint for my musical life," Stuart recalls. "Revisiting it on the road with Roger and Chris put me back under its spell all over again. I was writing songs in dressing rooms and soundchecks and on the bus, and then one day, I looked up and there was enough to make an album."

Stuart and his band spent much of 2019 breaking in the new material live, and by 2020, they were raring to get into the studio. COVID, however, had other plans. Not wanting to lose any momentum, Stuart moved the sessions from the temporarily shuttered Capitol Studios in Hollywood, CA to East Iris Studios in Nashville, TN, where he and his bandmates were still able to perform live on the floor (albeit masked and six feet apart).

"We knew if we didn't find a way to make the record in that moment, we might never recapture the same circle of fire around the songs we had going for us," Stuart explains. "If we waited for COVID to pass, the album might very well have passed us by, too."

The electricity in the room is palpable on *Altitude*, which opens with the blistering and trippy "Lost Byrd Space Train (Scene 1)." Played on Byrds guitarist Clarence White's original B-Bender Telecaster (another prized possession in Stuart's collection), the instrumental track chugs along at a breakneck pace, flirting with country, bluegrass, and even psychedelic rock as it sets the stage for the wide-ranging sonic

journey to come. Stuart keeps the energy high here—the scorching "Country Star" squeezes a lifetime's worth of absurdist imagery into a three-minute tour-de-force, while the ecstatic "Time To Dance" is a slice of pure honky-tonk joy, and the rousing "Friend Of Mine" even offers hints of Link Wray and The Ventures—but he never loses sight of the emotional core of the music, even amidst all of the instrumental fireworks. The ringing 12-string and bittersweet harmonies of "Sitting Alone," for instance, only serve to heighten the song's sense of distance and isolation; the hypnotic sitar line on "Space" amplifies the uneasiness and longing that simmers just beneath the surface; and the spare acoustic delivery of "The Angels Came Down" underscores the raw vulnerability in Stuart's deeply autobiographical lyrics.

"The Angels Came Down' is probably the most truthful song on the record," Stuart reflects. "There have been times in my life when I've felt like a lost and wandering soul, just chasing all the wrong things. Some people lose their lives to that, but sometimes the angels offer you a hand up out of the darkness."

It's that big picture perspective that guides Stuart on the album's old-school, shuffling title track, which takes a bird's eye view of what really matters most in this life. "To get to go and stay, must give all your love away," Stuart sings over what turned out to be one of the final performances from late piano legend Pig Robbins.

"I like to say that the most outlaw thing you can possibly do in Nashville right now is play country music," Stuart says with a laugh. "This album is a reminder to me, and to anyone else out there who's interested, that there's still a few of us left who know how to do it. This music is in our hearts."



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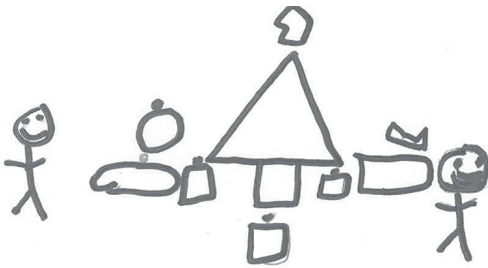
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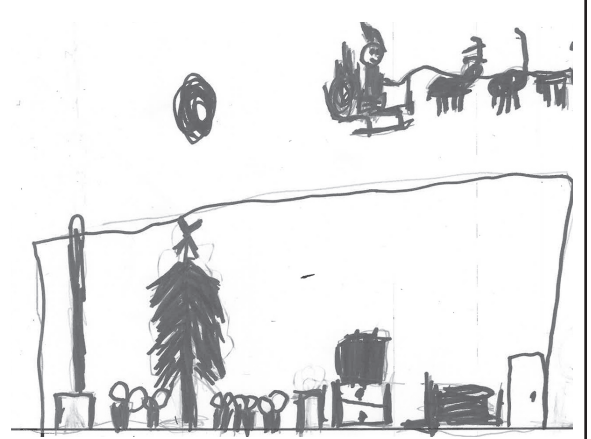
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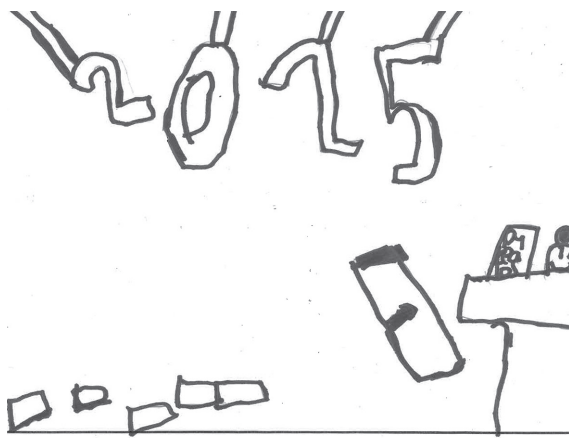
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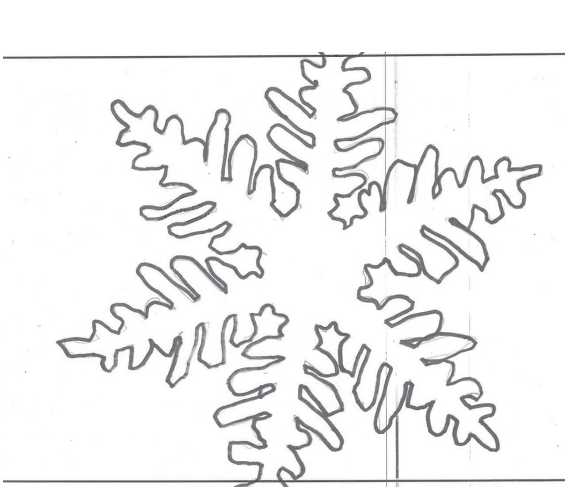
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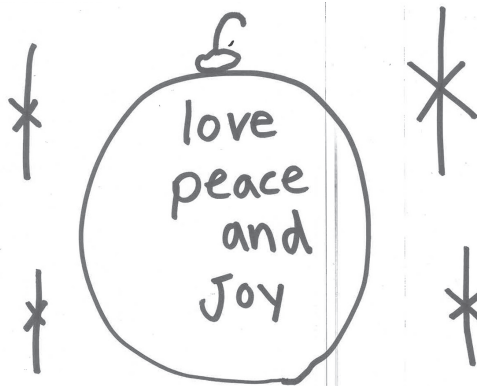
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