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EL Chamber members feted

Members of the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce gathered January 24 for their annual meeting, taking time to present its annual recognition awards.

Awards were presented in six categories, including one to designated a non-chamber member as a Friend of the Community.

Compassionate Care Animal Clinic was honored as the 2017 Business Start-up Award winner.

Owners Dr. John and Susie Prellwitz opened the doors to the new veterinary clinic in February 2016. They offer a full service veterinary hospital with a full range of medical, surgical and pharmaceuticals, focusing primarily on small animal care. The startup business award goes to a business that is 1-3 years old and has shown community impact, involvement and/or business and employment growth.

Off the Rail was named the Outstanding Small Business Award winner for 2017. Operated by Daniel and Kelley Sadiq, Off the Rail is a casual, family-friendly cafe, open year round. Off the Rail specializes in fresh, hand-crafted breakfast and lunch foods, coffee, teas, deli items and home made baking goods. The business was established in 2011.

Plyco Corporation was chosen as the 2017 Outstanding Large Business Award winner. In business for more than 50 years, Plyco specializes in post-frame, metal clad building and construction components. The company manufactures and/or distributes metal doors and windows, horse stall systems, ventilation products, reflective insulation, fasteners and closures.

The Elkhart Lake Area Impact Award goes annually to the business or organization that has had a significant impact on the quality of life in the Elkhart Lake Area. This year's winner was Suttcliffe Feed Mill Properties. The business purchased the feed mill in 2000 and took on extensive restoration and remodeling.

The refurbished building opened as the Feed Mill Shops with apartments and offices upstairs and continues to host entrepreneurs. The first retail shop, Cottage Wood opened in May of 2002. Currently, the Feed Mill houses Off the Rail, Gina's Find Gifts and Framing, Elkhart Lake Outfitters and is welcoming the new microbrewery scheduled to open this spring.

Pat Zorn was named the 2017 Volunteer of the Year. A volunteer fireman for more than 20 years, Zorn has been the Elkhart Lake fire chief since 2011. He has volunteered for many chamber events over the years. A full time Elkhart Lake Public Works Department employee, Zorn was recognized for the work he does above and beyond his job to help many in the community.

Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce Award Winners for 2017 were honored January 24. Shown in the photo (left to right) are Suzie and John Prellwitz (Compassionate Care Animal Clinic), Daniel and Kelley Sadiq (Off The Rail), Steve and Julia Sutcliffe (Sutcliffe Feed Mill Properties), Todd Matz (Plyco Corporation), Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kari Wimmer and Pat Zorn.

The Elkhart Lake Lions Club was honored as the Friend of the Community for 2017.

The Lions Club is part of a global network serving the needs of local communities. Among the many events sponsored by the Elkhart Lake Lions are the Breakfast with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt, Sports Raffle, Lion's Dinner Coupon Books, Cerebral Palsy Silent Auction and the Elkhart Lake Blood Drive. In the past, some of the highlighted contributions of the Lions Club have been their work on the Veteran's Memorial, Lion's Park and June Vollrath Athletic Park.

Tom and Ann Nett accepted the Friend of the Community Award on behalf of the Elkhart Lions Club. The award is presented annually by the Elkhart Lake Chamber to an organization that supports the community.

Joe Mathes photo

Board members recognized

Members of the Elkhart Lake Chamber Board moving into 2017 include Rachel Montaba, president, Quit Qui Oc Golf Club; Branden Boerner, vice president, Hiawatha National Bank; Karl Linck, treasurer, Sargento; Jaclyn Stuart, im-

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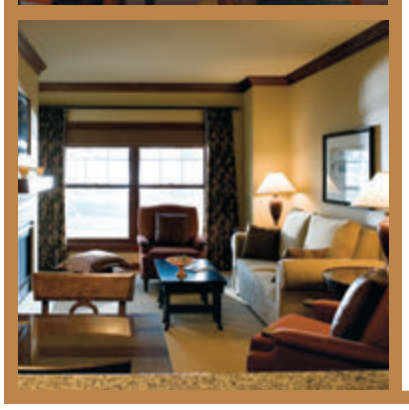

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Sharing our Journeys

By Carol Edler Baumann

Musing

The dictionary defines musing as absorbed in thought, reflective, and contemplative.

Well, I've been musing as to the theme to write about in this month's column.

What are my choices? Let's take them one day at a time.

Groundhog Day, Feb. 2. This doesn't really inspire me—if that hog crawls out of his underground house do I really care if he sees his shadow or not? Who knows, he might still be sleepy and can't even open his eyes. That would obviously throw his prediction of continued winter weather or an early spring as something less than accurate. You might as well just rely on the Farmers Almanac (not always accurate). The local weather forecaster really might be the most reliable source. On the other hand, I don't care if we have six weeks more of winter, but I would certainly entertain an early spring.

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Now here's something that can generate a little excitement. My dear sweet husband will certainly give me a red heart valentine box of candy—oh, I forgot, I shouldn't eat too much sugar, so I hope he gives me flowers. Actually, the best choice would be a dinner out. That would give us both pleasure and since he does (and enjoys doing) most of the cooking at home—well, that would give him a night out.

Presidents Day, Feb. 20. I love George, Old Abe, FDR and a few others that actually contributed something to our American way of life. But this year—is our newly elected president of the same quality, or simply the less of two evils? I think we all need a much-deserved rest from that campaign. Who do you think lied the most?

World Prayer Day, Feb. 28. This certainly provides another opportunity for musing. Of course, there will always be someone or some group that will emphatically oppose prayer of any kind. Folks are still attending church—maybe even praying when they are there. Yes, the prayer issue is a private matter, so do what your beliefs lead you to.

Is this enough musing? You might want to muse and reflect on your own life. Consider some of those preconceived notions you might have had—open your mind to new and unbiased thoughts, and you might even strive to achieve the ongoing goal of being a better and happy person.

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New plans for the new year

Elkhart Inn offers a step back in time, yet new directions

Walking into the Elkhart Inn is like taking a step back in time. From the half timber façade to the 1920's carved walnut bar on the inside.

There is a sense of history to this place, including a huge helping of Elkhart Lake's history of hospitality. Barkeepers and cooks have been calling guests by name and serving homemade fare and local brews here for almost 100 years.

Neighbors and travelers alike have sampled hearty, flavorful fare made from locally grown ingredients using old family recipes brought from their homeland. This tradition of hospitality has been loosely translated one way or another over the years, but remains the common thread of the Elkhart Inn.

And so that tradition continues today, offering our guests a comfortable space that gives a nod to the Inn's rich history, its German roots and the Elkhart Lake style of hospitality.

Front of House manager, Pam Klotz, will greet you in the same time honored tradition of hospitality the Inn has known since its beginnings. "We strive to make our guests feel comfortable and relaxed, and just like going to a good friend's home, our goal is for you to leave feeling full and well-taken care of," says Klotz.

The Inn's dinner menu offers guests classic supper club food and drink with a European twist.

The menu boasts filets, ribeyes, and strips with rich porter demi-glace, horseradish cream, or "Oscar Style" with king crab meat, asparagus, and truffle béarnaise. Guests can sample scallops or gulf brown shrimp with roasted butternut squash risotto and lemon herb butter sauce.

House entrees such as elk stroganoff and Wiener schnitzel with herb spaetzle give a nod to the area's German roots. Chef Justin Shaw puts a spin on every dish he creates, "Walleye is on every Friday night fish fry menu," says Shaw, "but our pistachio-crusted walleye gives this familiar fish a flavor you wouldn't expect."

The new year brings more exciting changes at the Elkhart Inn, offering dinner from 5:00 p.m, Thursday-Monday, providing yet another dining option in the village on Monday nights.

February 2 also marks the debut of the Ratskeller, the bar beneath the Elkhart Inn, with its name taken from the old German taverns that were in the basements of each city's town hall.

Much as today, townsfolk would gather here to talk over the events of the day or just enjoy a beer together. Cozy and comfortable, the Ratskeller is ideal for meeting friends for hand-muddled cocktails featuring house-made simple syrups and bitters, an expertly-poured craft beer, or just sitting in front of the fire on a winter night and enjoying small bites to share.

The Elkhart Inn is also a perfect place for private events where dinner groups and cocktail parties of 15-45 guests are easily accommodated, either upstairs or down.

And be sure to try The Inn's special events like its Bier Dinners with live entertainment, scotch and bourbon tastings, and much more.

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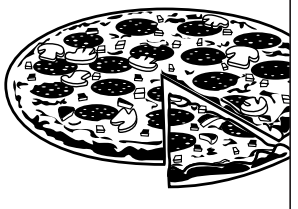

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Anokijig gathers for annual tubing event

Illustrating the Camp Anokijig motto "We Serve," teens and young adults braved the cold weekend and gathered for the camp's annual event, Tube-A-Thon, taking their turn in giving back by raising funds for the Anokijig Campership Fund.

"The goal is to raise money to help send less fortunate children to camp; and have outrageous fun doing it," said Scott Mabie, Director of Outdoor Education at Anokijig and event organizer. "We make it our mission that no child will be refused the magic of an Anokijig Summer Camp experience due to a lack of funds."

The 40 Tube-A-Thon participants raised a whopping $16,000.05 to send kids to Camp who would otherwise miss out on the life-changing experience. "Some of the participants have benefited from the hard work and generosity of past participants of this event, by coming to Camp on partial or full campership themselves, but all know the magic of Camp, and the positive influence it will have on the rest of their lives," said Mabie.

Camp encourages anyone who would like to join these youth in serving children to call the Camp office at 920-893-0782 or visit www.anokijig.com.

Camp Anokijig is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to developing youth and families by providing a healthy, natural environment that promotes character building and personal growth. Anokijig's core programs are youth summer camp, teen leadership development, outdoor education, family programs, group retreats and rentals, adventure challenges, team building, and volunteerism.

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Deb Hammann, Principle at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Middle School, left, and Mary Richter, Director of Ladies of the Lakes put packages together to give a lift to area families during the recent holidays.

Ladies of the Lakes offer help to families

The purpose of the Ladies of the Lakes is to give back to their community with a charitable donation each May.

This year the Ladies decided to take up an extra collection the months of November and December amongst themselves and help to families in the Elkhart Lake area. Mary Richter and Laura Myers, directors of Ladies of the Lakes, approached Deb Hammann, Principal at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Middle School and asked if she could provide them with two families and their needs for the Holiday season. The Ladies collected $1,800, which was spent on gifts and food certificates for the two families.

The Ladies of the Lakes believed that the Holiday season would be a perfect time to give back and help others in a time of need and make their lives a little brighter. The Ladies were excited to be able to help these families and look forward to continuing their mission of giving back to their community.

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Plymouth Arts Center offers many classes

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In January the Plymouth Arts Center began its creative offerings with Lori Beringer's on-going Open Studio classes. The classes are held four times per month and are designed for beginner to advanced oil painting students. Students will gather to learn new techniques in oil painting, get instructive critiques, and advance their skills-each class offers an afternoon evening session.

Lori will also be leading a monthly Life Study class with a live clothed model. In this series of classes students can choose to work in any medium they would like to bring along. Lori will begin the day with insightful instruction and end the day with a group critique to discuss the finished art work. Artist of all skill levels are invited to participate.

The beginning of February's education offerings will continue with Lori's classes with the addition of artists Mel Kolstad and Jolynn Van Asten. Each of these teaching artists will be leading classes for our youth patrons. Mel Kolstad will offer a fun Mono-print class, Mono-Print 101, for youth ages 8-12. It will be a fun filled morning making Gelli plate prints and is ideal for creative beginners and more experienced young artists.

Jolynn Van Asten will be leading a mother/daughter portrait collage class, Fab Faces. The Fab Faces class explores mother/daughter relationships through collage and art journaling.

February wraps up with the wonderful Pat Reiher. Pat is a retired art teacher with many talents and is excited to share her skill in cold fusion jewelry making. Students will design and create their own unique jewelry using metals and found materials.

Stop by the Plymouth Arts Center to pick up the latest brochure or download it from our website.

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Friends of the Sheboygan Marsh elected their 2017 board and officers on January 12th and continue with work planning the exciting new multi-purpose/educational facility to be built at the Broughton Sheboygan Marsh Park. Board members include (front row) Keith Abler, Vice President, Marjean Pountain, Secretary, Sarah De Zwarte, Ann Buechel Haack, Lil Pipping, President, and Ken Pipping, Treasurer. The back row includes Aaron Brault, Gary Henschel, Mike Ogea, David D'Angelico, and Walter Vollrath III.

Friends of Marsh hold annual meeting

The Friends of the Broughton Sheboygan Marsh held their annual meeting on January 12 and elected the following officers for 2017: Lil Pipping, President, Keith Abler, Vice President, Marjean Pountain, Secretary and Ken Pipping, Treasurer.

Additional members of the board include Aaron Brault, Ann Buechel Haack, Sarah DeZwarte, David D'Angelico, Scott McMurray, Michael Ogea, Walter Vollrath III and Gary Henschel.

The Friends of the Marsh formed in 2005 to help protect and promote the Sheboygan County Broughton Marsh. The first project was the construction of Wisconsin's tallest wooden observation tower, completed in 2009.

Today the Friends are spearheading a campaign to further enhance the park with the creation of a multi-purpose/educational center and meeting facility that will house Camp Y-Koda's environmental programs, many area school field trips, and other groups who appreciate conservation efforts and wildlife at the marsh.

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Elkhart Cottage Care eases your worries

By Mike Mathes
for the Depot Dispatch

Property management and maintenance is the main focus of one of the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce's newest members.

Elkhart Cottage Care is a new business founded by Michael Allen, a person with long-time ties to the Elkhart Lake area community. Allen shares the business opportunity with Rayanne Thompson.

A resident of the Point Elkhart area, Allen started Elkhart Cottage Care after a successful 30-year career as a grain trader at the Chicago Board of Trade. Even during those years of fast-paced, demanding financial dealings, he stayed connected to the Elkhart Lake area.

"I have been coming here for the past 33 years, and now I am proud to be a resident," he said.

Elkhart Cottage Care aims to assist home owners with all their household needs when they are absent from their properties. "We work to keep your house safe, secure and in great running order, so you don't have any worries while you are away," Allen said.

"We can also work with property owners to have their places clean and ready to enjoy when they want to return for the summer or for their vacation time," Allen said.

"It's important for us to be personal with the people and earn their trust because they give us the key to their house or the code to their garage when they are gone," Allen said.

Rayanne Thompson and Michael Allen are building a new business around taking care of homes for property owners. Called Elkhart Cottage Care, the business is featured this month as a new member of the Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Coordinating services

Elkhart Cottage Care serves not only as an inspection and property watch service, but also as a coordinator of other necessary services. "We like to be a one-call solution. We can manage all the other services for a property owner, without them having to make all those contacts and do all the follow up," Allen said.

The business, initially founded to work with clients in the Elkhart Lake area, also makes its services available to home owners on other area lakes—including Crystal Lake, Little Elkhart Lake, Cedar Lake and Wilke Lake to name a few. Services are available in the neighboring communities and as far out as the Lake Michigan shoreline communities.

Monitoring properties

Elkhart Cottage Care assists property owners who can not be on site for extended periods of time, whether it be during a vacation, or during the off-season in the case of cottages.

"We do walk through inspections to check on all water fixtures, appliances, heating systems, and more," Allen said.

"All of our walk-throughs include a full home inspection. We keep a close eye on any potential maintenance needs and ensure that everything is in proper working order."

This reassuring service lets property owners breathe easily that their cottage or home is safe during their absence.

Allen said that the typical inspection is about attention to detail, making sure pipes are clear in winter time, alarm and security systems are working, indoor and outdoor lighting is function. "We also check to make sure all windows and doors are secure and closed," he said.

If any issues are found, pictures are forwarded to the owner and Elkhart Cottage Care will work to solve those issues on behalf of the absentee owner.

Additional services offered

Elkhart Cottage Care offers a wide variety of services, geared to both the interior and exteriors of the property.

On the inside, Elkhart Cottage Care can provide painting, tile work, plumbing, window washing, carpeting cleaning, pest extermination, electrical, cleaning/maid service and heating/air conditioning services.

"We take care of everything for the property owner," Allen said. "One call is all they need. We have all the local contacts for the work that needs to be done."

On the exterior side of the property maintenance, Elkhart Cottage Care offers window washing, snow removal, landscaping and lawn work, outdoor lighting care, deck and patio care and driveway resurfacing.

Allen also offers to help property owners and renters connect. "If you are interested in renting, please contact me, and I will get you the best information on pricing and availability.

Elkhart Cottage Care is just one phone call or website visit away. Call 630-408-8790 to find out more information or get a quote on services.

The firm's website is located at www.elkhartcottagecare.com

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Cold fusion jewelry class at arts center

This February at The Plymouth Arts Center is excited to offer a cold fusion jewelry class with the wonderful artist Pat Reiher. The class, Cool Jewels-Cold Fusion Jewelry, allows students to design and create their own unique jewelry using metals and found materials. Participants will learn to manipulate metals by cutting, etching, stamping, shaping and joining through a variety of cold connections using copper and brass as well as interesting found materials and tools. Dates for the class are Feb. 25 and April 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Art Center will also offer kids classes with Mel Kolstad leading a Mono-Print 101 class for youth ages 8-12 on Saturday, Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. It will be a fun filled morning making Gelli plate prints and is ideal for creative beginners and more experienced young artists. Jolynn Van Asten will be leading Fab Faces, a class bringing mother and daughter together in art making through a portrait collage class. The Fab Faces class on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 10 a.m-2 p.m. explores mother/daughter relationships through collage and art journaling.

Stop by the Plymouth Arts Center to pick up the latest brochure or download it from our website. You can register on-line or call the PAC classes@plymoutharts.org 920-892-8409.

These programs are supported in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Racer, vintage event official Jensen to be remembered

Carl Jensen, a profound racer and vintage racing event official for Road America, passed away on January 5. He was 74.

A memorial service is being planned to celebrate Carl's life and will take place during the WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman at Road America July 19-23.

Additional details on the exact location and time will be included in the competitor information packets, posted to the event page on the Road America website and sent in additional correspondences to competitors and friends.

In lieu of flowers the Jensen family has asked for donations to be made to: Equestrian Spirits, P.O. Box 713, Anthony, FL 32617. Donations can also be made directly through the Equestrian Spirits website at www.equestrianspirits.org. Equestrian Spirits is a 501(c)(3) company. Tax ID 352384797.

"Everyone is deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Carl Jensen, he was family to us, a member of a long-standing kinship amongst racers and promoters throughout the country," said Road America President and General Manager, George Bruggenthies. "He's been racing at and a part of Road America for so many years, to say he played an integral role in our success - especially with planning and officiating our vintage racing events - would be an understatement. He was a mainstay of this facility, and more importantly, he possessed a humility and character that made him a person that fellow racers and partners alike enjoyed being around. His presence, charisma and graciousness will be missed but never forgotten at Road America. The thoughts and prayers of everyone at Road America and our extended family of partners and friends are with the Jensen family in this difficult time."

Jensen is survived by his beloved wife Ellie, and two brothers Dick and David.

Chamber

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mediate past president, Vintage Elkhart Lake; Pam Mathes, Delta Publications; Mary Richter, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Ron Nielsen, Nielson Group; Lola Roeh, The Osthoff Resort; Kathleen Eickhoff, Elkhart Lake Tourism; Ann Buechel Haack, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District; Jessica Reilly, Village of Elkhart Lake; Todd Matz, Plyco Corporation; Nancy Miller, Baird; Jackie Pottratz, Allechant Boutique.

Stuart, along with Gina Borland and Julie Sebranek, who finished their work on the board were thanked for their past service.

Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kari Wimmer shared a list of chamber accomplishments for 2016.

Among them were increasing the membership to 137 with the addition of seven new members. In addition the chamber—

- developed a 2016-2018 strategic plan;
- converted its finances to accrual accounting;
- improved processes and location issues for the Farmers and Artisans market;
- reinvigorated Schnee Days;
- successfully organized Downtown Night, an Elkhart Lake/Plymouth Chamber Golf Event and Elkhart Lake Chamber Tree Lighting;
- held the fourth annual awards dinner, an April member dinner and an October member dinner;
- held ribbon cutting ceremonies for Compassionate Care Animal Clinic, Road America Paddock Shop and Fan Engagement Center and the Van Horn Truck Center;
- Communicated through publications - including 12 monthly Depot Dispatch issues, 52 Time-Out e-newsletters and 37 member e-blasts;
- implemented an online version of the Depot Dispatch, resulting in an additional revenue stream;
- numerous social media posts/shares, community calendar posts and press releases.

As part of its strategic plan, the Elkhart Lake Chamber will set its sights on the following areas in the next three years;

- Delivering focused leadership;
- Providing excellent, innovative benefits and services;
- Offer business expertise; and
- Champion stewardship among its member businesses.

The annual meeting and awards banquet was held at the Road America Paddock Shop and Fan Engagement Center.

Ollie reads a grand

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Elkhart Lake Public Library is happy to announce new addition to our Star Wall of Fame. Ollie Glemming has joined our Star Wall of Fame after completing the 1,000 books before kindergarten program.

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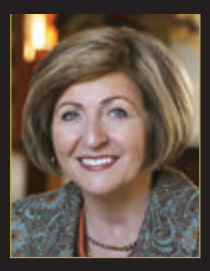

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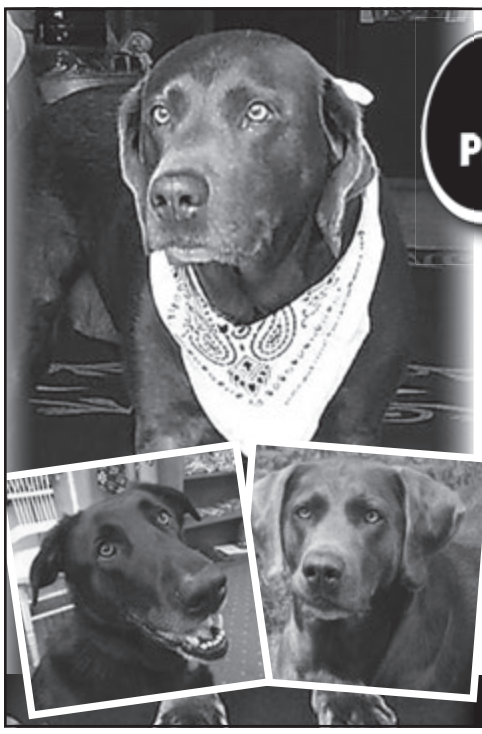

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Elkhart Lake Village Report

Looking back at 2016

2016 was a banner year for the Village of Elkhart Lake. Here is a report on what has transpired.

Real Estate Taxes

The village continues to keep property taxes stable. 2011 Wisconsin Act 32 has mandated that municipalities must not increase their budgets more than the net new construction percentage that is released annually by the Department of Revenue. Over the past five years we have kept taxes near level, with the exception of the school referendum which was passed in 2015. Here is how the Village's property taxes fared for the last five years:

Year	Net Tax Rate per $1000 of Assessed Value
2012	$17.29
2013	$17.45
2014	$17.39
2015	$18.02
2016	$17.68

Tax Incremental Finance District Review

The Village now has three Tax Incremental Finance Districts (TIF). A TIF is allowed by Wisconsin State Statute to help promote new development in a village or city. The first TIF in Elkhart Lake was created to build Phase 1 of the Osthoff Resort. The proceeds from this TIF went toward the rebuilding of our infrastructure, built the village beach, bought a new fire truck, and much more. I am anticipating that the three new TIFs will help with projects in the Village that will not go on the tax rolls. Next month I will follow up with figures on how much additional tax dollars are projected when these TIF's are closed.

TIF #2 - Sargento/Victory North and South

Sargento has nearly completed an approximately $12 million expansion to their facility on Pine Street. The expansion is primarily offices, a research center and test kitchen. Employment is expected to double at the facility. The TIF is expected to have a positive cash flow of around $350,000. After debt is paid the Board has identified several additional projects within the TIF. Some projects under consideration are to bury power lines along Pine Street and helping with renovations of the depot.

Victory South was zoned Commercial. As a result, I began working with Dr. John Prellwitz to build a Veterinary Clinic. With the help of the Planning Commission and the Village Board, this became a reality. The Village completed construction of Victory Lane, a new road to serve this development. In conjunction with the Vet Clinic I started working with two locals that wanted to build a facility for storing high end cars. From the renderings approved, it will be a beautiful building for the Village. It is located on the corner of Rhine Street and Victory Lane. One of the partners bought the land between Throttlestop and Compassionate Care Animal Clinic and is considering another building. In addition, I have been working with the Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation to bring a small grocery store into the Village. This is a work in progress.

Historical photo of what is now Siebken's Resort

Victory North is nearing approval. For over a year we have been working with Sheboygan developer Bob Werner to build 45 single-family homes and eight duplexes on the 35 acres between Highway 67 and Moraine Drive. Bob has already built one house and has one under construction on Moraine Drive. I am hoping that this will help bring families into the Village to help increase our school population. I am anticipating that construction will start in spring. This project could reach $18 million in value. This TIF will pay for new roads and infrastructure.

Wolf Motorsports

TIF #3 was created to help Bart Wolf create his car condo concept. I, along with our Village Administrator, legal consul, engineer, Planning Commission and financial consultant put in many hours to make this project a reality. The early success of this project is a testimonial to how working together to make this public/private venture work. This project could end up being the best TIF in terms of its contribution to the Village tax roll. One of the TIF projects being considered is a sidewalk from Badger Road into the Village along Highway 67.

Ordinance Review

In 2016, the Village Board contracted to have our Village ordinances reviewed for compliance with State Statute and organized. After the ordinances are reviewed and updated, they will be put on the Village website. We are also trying to determine if we need to repeal or revise some of the more outdated ordinances.

Liquor License Ordinance

After a six-month moratorium on issuing liquor licenses, the Village Board passed a revision to this ordinance. The Administration and Finance Committee chaired by Trustee Richard Sadiq and members Lynn Shovan and Alan Rudnick updated the ordinance making it compliant with State Statute.

New Businesses

The Village of Elkhart Lake welcomed new businesses to our community.

Throttle Stop is a new venture located on East Rhine Street and Victory Lane. A locally owned business, Throttle Stop will feature a 13,000 square foot building. The new business will primarily store high end cars in a temperature controlled atmosphere. Selling a limited number of cars and motor cycles is also part of their business plan.

SwitchGear Brewing was conceived over the past several years by a group of friends and co-workers at Masters Gallery Foods in Plymouth. The highly-skilled and passionate ownership team consists of Nick Kullmann, head brewmaster, Ryan Feldmann, assistant brewmaster and sales, and Mark Grasse, with primary experience in operations. The brewery will be located in the Feed Mill Shops. Switchgear is scheduled to open in spring 2017. The brewery will focus on creating quality beers that excite a wide range of enthusiasts. "We will certainly please a broad-based group of customers with Bourbon Barrel Stouts, Red Ales, Various IPAs, Nut Browns, Smash Pale Ales, just to name a few," noted brewmaster Kullmann. "Our brands will also make a point of respecting the grandeur of our local area with names such as Kettle Cream Ale and Resorter Red Ale."

Compassionate Care Veterinarian Clinic opened in February with Dr. John Prellwitz. The clinic is located on Victory Lane and Maple Street. John has opened a beautiful clinic to care for small animals. This was another example of private/public partnership.

Wolf Motorsports relocated to Elkhart Lake from Plymouth. The business is located in a new, 12,000 square foot building on Highway 67 and Badger Road. Wolf Motorsports builds and maintains race cars. Along with the relocation, Bart Wolf built 32 car condos. The concept allows for car storage and living quarters.

Subway was welcomed back after being closed for a couple years. After remodeling, the new owners reopened with a new look and new sign.

Lead Pipe Replacement Grant

Village Administrator Jessica Reilly applied for and received a $94,000 lead pipe replacement grant. The money will be used to help residents replace lead pipe service in their homes. The Village is going to start the program in the downtown area. Residents will be asked to pay a small portion of the repair but may receive up to $6,000 to help rid themselves of lead pipes. More information will be sent out to homeowners who the Village knows have lead pipes in the coming month. If you have questions you can call Jessica at 876-2122.

New Safety Railings

In December, three new railings were installed in front of Nordic Accents & Gesserts. It was felt that the steps posed a safety hazard.

Just Fix It Transportation Forum

On Sept. 29, 2016, I was invited to speak at a forum organized in every county in Wisconsin to share concerns about the condition of our roads and highways. At the Sheboygan County Forum I shared our experience with our Village roads.

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Elkhart Lake Village Board Members

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

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February mystery photo

Down Memory Lane—Recognize these photos?

Take a look at February's mystery photo at the top. Do you know anything about it? Where was the location? What was the approximate year? Do you know anyone in the photo?

If so, let us know!

There were no submissions for the January photo below.

To enter either the February or January contests, send an email or letter with as many details as you can include.

The person with the best submission will receive a finely matted, quality enlarged print of the original, courtesy of Schamberger Gallery in Elkhart Lake. Winners must pick their prize up at the Elkhart Lake Chamber office.

January mystery photo

Village

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All of the other speakers were complaining about road conditions and the ability to pay for repair and replacement. I was pleased to report that our streets were in very good condition. I shared with the group that TIF tax collections and low interest loans have kept us above water. The Village has a road maintenance schedule that should not increase taxes.

Shred Day

I asked the Village Board to budget money to have a Village-wide paper shredding day. No date has been set, but I am anticipating April or May of this year. The location will probably be the firehouse but that has not been determined. We will publicize the date when it is determined.

Debt Refinancing

In 2016, the Administration & Finance Committee chaired by Richard Sadiq and members Lynn Shovan and myself, worked with our financial advisor to consolidate and refinance our debt. A vast majority of our debt is related to TIF incentives for Sargento, The Osthoff Convention Center, Victory and Wolf Motorsports. As a result of the refinancing, we are projecting a savings of $187,000. We will be looking at refinancing some tax-exempt debt later in 2017, if it can provide a savings to taxpayers.

Tourism

Five years ago the Village Board and the Tourism Commission agreed to meet certain goals in exchange for holding room tax at its current level. They not only met the goal, they exceeded it. Tourism grew 37.5 percent over that period translating to $10 million in sales. Tourism is the Village's biggest industry. They make it possible for all of our other businesses to survive.

Fireworks

Many of you were unhappy with the fireworks display during the 2016 Fireman's Picnic weekend. I asked the Board, and with their approval, have hired Bartalotta Fireworks to perform the 2017 show. The show will be longer and the displays bigger.

New Home Construction

The Village saw an increase in new home construction in 2016. New houses were constructed or in the construction stages on Rhine Street, North Lake Street, and three houses on Moraine Drive. At Osthoff Greens construction was completed on two new units and construction has recently begun on two more units. Demand for existing homes and new homes are on the upswing.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On Nov. 13, 2016, we held our Fourth Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The Village is fortunate to have so many residents who volunteer time in a myriad of ways. This year we had over 100 volunteers and spouses. Volunteer committees include Beautification, Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, Tree Commission, Tourism Commission, Parks Commission, Library Board, First Responders, Election Workers and Community Development Authority.

We could not operate this village without help from all of our volunteers. If you would like to volunteer email me at arudnick@elkhartlakewi.gov.

Spring Election

The ballot is set for the April 4, 2017, election. The following submitted papers to run for village offices.

Village President (Vote for one)
Alan Rudnick (Incumbent)
Mike Wolf

Board of Trustee: (Vote for Three)
Richard Baumann (Inc.)
Geoffrey Bray
Richard Sadiq (Inc.)

Next month I will continue my report on some of the great accomplishments in the village. I will share some additional information on how the current TIFs will affect taxes and infrastructure expenditures.

Alan Rudnick
Village President

Birth announcement - Mason Oscar Thielmann

We have been blessed with a grandson, Mason Oscar Thielmann. Proud grandparents, Ron & Janell Nielsen (Elkhart Lake) and Pete & Jera Thielmann (Glenbeulah).

Mason was born on Nov. 16, 2016 to his loving parents Joe & Nikki Thielmann (originally from Elkhart Lake) who now reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Great grandparents waiting to spoil Mason are; Carita Fisher (Batavia), Frank & Nancy Thielmann (Elkhart Lake), Phyllis Bardon (Elkhart Lake) & Lowell Bruins (Alto). Mason's guardian angels watching from heaven are his grandma Lori Nielsen, great grandparents, Oscar Bardon, Don Fisher, Gordon & Evelyn Nielsen & Marge Bruins.

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Mother-Daughter event slated at Camp Y-Koda

Camp Y-Koda's upcoming events this February will help you to enjoy nature and explore the winter world. The Mother-Daughter Retreat, Feb. 3-4, is a great opportunity to strengthen your relationship with your daughter through team building and bonding exercises in a relaxing natural environment. Sign the kids up for the Winter Wonderland Overnight on Feb. 10-11, and enjoy a quiet night to yourself. Bring the whole family along for a snowy adventure at Camp Y-Koda's Family Snowshoe Hikes on Feb. 18 and 19.

The Mother Daughter Retreat is designed to bring girls age 7-14 and their mothers together for a special and memorable experience. Camp Y-Koda will lead participants though exercises that build trust and develop skills to help them relate to one another and cope with life's challenges in a healthy way. This retreat allows you to put aside distraction and focus exclusively on one another and will also include fun indoor and outdoor activities like a morning workout session, a snowshoe hike, craft making and relaxation time.

The Winter Wonderland Overnight begins with a pizza party and an evening snowshoe hike followed by a warm fire, gooey s'mores and a movie night. Kids will wake up to a day of winter fun spent outside sledding, snowshoeing, building snow forts and playing winter games. The sleepover includes all meals, snacks and beverages and is a great way to make new friends and enjoy the outdoors.

Bring the family to Camp Y-Koda for a morning or afternoon snowshoe hike around our beautiful trails. We will provide the snowshoes and instruction, along with a warm cup of hot chocolate or apple cider to enjoy around the campfire after your hike. We have plenty of snowshoes to fit children and adults, so bring the entire family.

Pre-registration is required for all of these programs. To register, please visit the Sheboygan or Sheboygan Falls YMCA. For additional information, visit www.campykoda.org, email kkelling@sheboygancountyymca.org or call 920-467-6882.

Top Chef slated for March 12

The 8th Annual Top Chef Elkhart Lake will be held on March 12, from 3-7 p.m. in the elegant Grand Libelle Ballroom of the Osthoff Resort. The event will feature a live cooking competition between chefs of Elkhart Lake area restaurants. The chefs will be judged by all participants and a panel of local judges. The evening will include wine and beer tasting, silent and live auction.

With the current interest in FOOD TV, Top Chef and Iron Chef, our event has become an exciting annual fundraising event; the Elkhart Lake Restaurant scene provides a perfect setting. Top Chef Elkhart Lake has been embraced by the community and has been attended by over 400 supporters each year. Top Chef also has received sponsorships from many area businesses.

Tickets available online at www.mccd-cares.com.

Dancing through Decades prom returns on April 8

The Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Education Foundation (ELGEF) is gearing up to host its 2nd annual "Dancing Through The Decades Prom" fundraiser. This year's event will be on Saturday, April 8 at the Victorian Village Theatre and you are all cordially invited. There's plenty of time to find that perfect dress from your favorite past or present era, order your corsage, boutonnière or tux from Enchanted Florals, put on your dancing shoes and get ready to "Dance Through the Decades"' with music and DJ services by Request Entertainment.

Last year's winning King and Queen, Daniel Sadiq and Judy Salzwedel will be in attendance, among their loyal subjects, to crown the 2017 King and Queen. Who might it be? That will be up to you. The ELGEF will be accepting nominations online from Feb. 25 through March 9. Voting for King and Queen will open on March 10 and close Prom night. All nominees are in charge of running their campaign to win the most votes ($1 per vote). All proceeds for nominating and voting go directly to the ELGEF and back to the kids and district through grants.

Is this a reunion year for you? Have your reunion at "Prom" and leave the planning to us...you just spread the word. This is a great way to get your classmates or a group of friends to go out to dinner and support our local restaurants, then make your way to the theatre to make it a night to remember.

All information regarding nominating, voting, tickets and sponsorship opportunities for this year's event is available on our website at www.elgef.org/prom-event.

As the nominations and voting begins, follow us on our website and Facebook to get all the up-to-date details of who's winning and what to expect from this great community event to support the students of the Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah school district.

EL Improvement Association reflects on a successful year

In his annual letter to the Elkhart Lake Improvement Association, President John Schott outlined the progress of the past year, and highlighted plans for the coming year.

The letter is reprinted here—

We have had a good 2016 and are looking to get off to a great start for 2017. As we are now a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, if you are looking for an additional year-end deduction, please consider ELIA. You can send any donation and/or your annual $50 2017 membership dues to us at: Elkhart Lake Improvement Assoc., PO Box 725, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020. If you have any questions you can always reach us at keepelkhartblue@gmail.com. Thank you.

The county has moved ahead with its plan for run off remediation for the Waibel Creek site. We are working on organizing a meeting in the coming days, which will include Mr. Jens, the farmer on whose property the phosphate filtration bed is to be located. He has been most helpful with the county in getting the plan finalized, for which we are very grateful. That he wants to be an active participant going forward is even better.

We have a strong membership total heading into this New Year. We have been successful in attracting new members, which is always a good sign. Thank you all for your commitment to the goals on which ELIA is based—to promote, preserve and enhance the general welfare of the lake through furthering water safety, pollution control, environmental maintenance and public education.

We have also successfully gained support from the Town of Rhine in 2017 for our water quality program efforts. Both the Village of Elkhart Lake and the Town of Rhine will contribute $750, for a total of $1500, towards our budget in 2017. The Village has been a good supporter in the past and now we have a matching relationship for both entities to be part of ELIA's efforts. This is an important step forward. Weed management and Clean Boat Clean Water programs need to be an ongoing part of what we do to help "Keep Elkhart Blue."

We have been working on updating our Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws, now that we are a 501 (c)(3) tax deductible organization. The board will review and vote on the changes at our Jan. 29 meeting. These updated documents will be presented at our annual June Membership meeting.

Have a wonderful time either here in the snow, or some other warmer place, and we will be on the look out for you in the village in the days ahead.

John Schott
President of Elkhart Lake
Improvement Association (ELIA)

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Elkhart Lake Chamber Calendar

FEBRUARY 1

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Book Chat and Coffee Hour 10 a.m. Come and see our new books and enjoy the conversation.

FEBRUARY 2

Community United Church of Christ
AA Meetings 7 p.m.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Story Time 10:30 a.m.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Tech Thursdays. Need help with downloading an ebook from Overdrive or an emagazine from Zinio? Need help getting started using your new tablet or finding out about our databases? Can't come on Thursday, call and make an appointment.

FEBRUARY 3

Camp Y-Koda
Mother-Daughter two-day Retreat for girls age 7-14 with adults. 920-467-6882 for registration.

Paddock Club
Live Music, Paul Sucherman on keyboard and Auggie on drums 7-11 p.m.

FEBRUARY 4

Camp Y-Koda
Mother-Daughter two-day Retreat for girls age 7-14 with adults. 920-467-6882 for registration.

Plymouth Art Center
50's Sock Hop 7-10 p.m. Live music. Admission.

Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra
Memorable Movie Music. The third concert of the 98th Season: A Season of Rich Expression 7:30 p.m.

Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts
Memorable Movie Music 7:30 p.m. Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra. The third concert of the 98th Season: A Season of Rich Expression. (920) 208-3243 for more information.

Wade House Historical House
Sleigh Ride Weekend 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through Kettle Moraine, free with your admission to Wade House.

Wade House Historical House
Restoring the Past: Frames, Boxes and Springs 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

FEBRUARY 5

Wade House Historical House
Sleigh Ride Weekend 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through Kettle Moraine, free with your admission to Wade House.

FEBRUARY 6

Elkhart Lake Board of Trustee
Village of Elkhart Lake Board of Trustee meeting, Grashorn Civic Center 7 p.m.

Elkhart Lake Lions Club
Directors meeting 7 p.m. Quit Qui Oc.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Chess 3-4 p.m. Practice for upcoming competition or just to have some fun.

FEBRUARY 7

Community United Church of Christ
AA Meeting 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY 8

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Book Chat and Coffee Hour 10 a.m. Come and see our new books and enjoy the conversation.

FEBRUARY 9

Community United Church of Christ
AA Meetings 7 p.m.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Toddler Time 10 a.m. Play date for preschoolers.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
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Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts
Acte II 7:30 p.m. Featured on America's Got Talent. (920) 208-3243 for more information.

Victorian Village Resort
SwampN'Grass bluegrass and Cajun music festival at Victorian Village. Admission.

FEBRUARY 10

Camp Y-Koda
Winter Wonderland overnight two-day event begins with a pizza party, evening snowshoe hike, movie and more. 920-467-6882 for registration.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Book Club on the Move 1 p.m. "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian" by Sherman Alexie. Meeting location to be announced.

Paddock Club
Live Music, Paul Sucherman on keyboard and Auggie on drums 7-11 p.m.

Victorian Village Resort
SwampN'Grass bluegrass and Cajun music festival at Victorian Village. Admission.

Village of Elkhart Lake
Wine Glass Painting Class 6-7 p.m. 920-876-4846 or VintageElkhartLake@gmail.com to RSVP. Admission.

FEBRUARY 11

Camp Y-Koda
Winter Wonderland overnight two-day event begins with a pizza party, evening snowshoe hike, movie and more. 920-467-6882 for registration.

Victorian Village Resort
SwampN'Grass bluegrass and Cajun music festival at Victorian Village. Admission.

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FEBRUARY 12

Wade House Historical House
Sleigh Ride Weekend 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through Kettle Moraine, free with your admission to Wade House.

FEBRUARY 13

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Chess 3-4 p.m. Practice for upcoming competition or just to have some fun.

FEBRUARY 14

Community United Church of Christ
AA Meeting 10 a.m.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Crafter's Corner 3-5 p.m. Valentine activity for middle school to adult. Bring a friend!

Road America
Motor Coach Day Trip to the Chicago Auto Show. Admission.

FEBRUARY 15

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Book Chat and Coffee Hour 10 a.m. Come and see our new books and enjoy the conversation.

Road America
Motor Coach Day Trip to the Chicago Auto Show. Admission.

FEBRUARY 16

Community United Church of Christ
AA Meetings 7 p.m.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Story Time 10:30 a.m.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
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Quit Qui Oc Golf Club
Rib Night 5-8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Toddler Time 10 a.m. Play date for preschoolers.

Paddock Club
Live Music, Paul Sucherman on keyboard and Auggie on drums 7-11 p.m.

Plymouth Arts Center
Acoustic Open Mic. Doors open at 6 p.m. Performances at 7 p.m. Free show. People of all ages welcome to participate.

Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts
Movie "My Best Friend's Wedding (1997)" 4 and 7 p.m. Admission.

FEBRUARY 18

Camp Y-Koda
Family snowshoe hike 9-11 a.m. We will provide instruction and snowshoes. 920-467-6882 for registration.

Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts
Sons of Serendip 7:30 p.m. Sons of Serendip was a finalist on season 9 of America's Got Talent. (920) 208-3243 for more information.

Three Guys and A Pizza Pie
Pig-In-The-Ice Winter Festival 10:30 a.m. Fun features pig roast, ice fishing tournament, snowmobile races, ice cube hunts and fireworks display.

Wade House Historical House
Sleigh Ride Weekend 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through Kettle Moraine, free with your admission to Wade House.

Wade House Historical House
Hearthside Dinner 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Enjoy a delicious hearth-cooked meal, prepared with your own hands, in the historic Wade House stagecoach hotel. Limited seating; reservations required. Admission. 920-526-3271.

Wade House Historical House
Restoring the Past: Frames, Boxes and Springs 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19

Camp Y-Koda
Family snowshoe hike 1-3 p.m. We will provide instruction and snowshoes. 920-467-6882 for registration.

Wade House Historical House
Sleigh Ride Weekend 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through Kettle Moraine, free with your admission to Wade House.

FEBRUARY 20

Elkhart Lake Board of Trustee
Village of Elkhart Lake Board of Trustee meeting, Grashorn Civic Center 7 p.m.

Elkhart Lake Lions Club
All member meeting and spouses at Anchor Lanes 6 p.m. social hour. 7 p.m. meeting & dinner.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
LEGO Club 4-5 p.m. Let's build something!

FEBRUARY 21

Community United Church of Christ
AA Meeting 10 a.m.

Elkhart Lake Chamber of Commerce
Chamber board meeting 8:30 a.m. Grashorn Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 22

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Book Chat and Coffee Hour 10 a.m. Come and see our new books and enjoy the conversation.

FEBRUARY 23

Community United Church of Christ
AA Meetings 7 p.m.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Tech Thursdays. Need help with downloading an ebook from Overdrive or an emagazine from Zinio? Need help getting started using your new tablet or finding out about our databases? Can't come on Thursday, call and make an appointment.

Plymouth Art Center
Traditional Celtic & Americana music from 1900-1970's. 7:30 p.m. Admission.

FEBRUARY 24

Paddock Club
Live Music, Paul Sucherman on keyboard and Auggie on drums 7-11 p.m.

Plymouth Art Center
Traditional Celtic & Americana music from 1900-1970's. 7:30 p.m. Admission.

FEBRUARY 25

Plymouth Art Center
Traditional Celtic & Americana music from 1900-1970's. 7:30 p.m. Admission.

Wade House Historical House
Sleigh Ride Weekend 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through Kettle Moraine, free with your admission to Wade House.

Wade House Historical House
George Washington's Birthday Celebration 10 a.m.-4p.m. Join Wade House in the celebration of George Washington's birthday. Admission.

Wade House Historical House
Restoring the Past: Frames, Boxes and Springs 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

FEBRUARY 26

Plymouth Art Center
Traditional Celtic & Americana music from 1900-1970's. 2:30 p.m. Admission.

Wade House Historical House
Sleigh Ride Weekend 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through Kettle Moraine, free with your admission to Wade House.

DEPOT DISPATCH DEADLINES
MARCH 2017 issue

February 13 - Ad space reservations due.
February 18 - Contributing writer stories/ Ad design changes due.
February 20 - Print ready ads due.
February 28 - Issue on newsstands.

FEBRUARY 28

Community United Church of Christ
AA Meeting 10 a.m.

Elkhart Lake Public Library
Evening Book Club will be reading "Orphan Train" by Kristina Baker Kline 6:30 p.m. Books are available at the library.

MARCH 1

Camp Y-Koda
Knee High Naturalist Program, parent - child program for children age 30 mo.-5 years. "Maple Syrup at Maywood". Admission.

MARCH 3

Paddock Club
Live Music, Paul Sucherman on keyboard and Auggie on drums 7-11 p.m.

Plymouth Arts Center
Acoustic Open Mic. Doors open at 6 p.m. Performances at 7 p.m. Free show. People of all ages welcome to participate.

Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts
BoDeans, a high-energy performance 7:30 p.m. Admission.

MARCH 4

Wade House Historical House
Sleigh Ride Weekend 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through Kettle Moraine, free with your admission to Wade House.

MARCH 5

Wade House Historical House
Sleigh Ride Weekend 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through Kettle Moraine, free with your admission to Wade House.

MARCH 6

Elkhart Lake Board of Trustee
Village of Elkhart Lake Board of Trustee meeting, Grashorn Civic Center 7 p.m.

Elkhart Lake Lions Club
Directors meeting 7 p.m. Quit Qui Oc.

Elkhart Lake Study Club
TLC CASUALS, program on scarves & demonstration on scarf tying. Scarf exchange, members may bring a scarf to exchange. Social at 11:30 a.m. Noon lunch at Civic Center.

Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts
Chamber Orchestra Kremlin 7:30 p.m. This professional ensemble made up of 14 of the finest young musicians. Admission.

MARCH 7

Community United Church of Christ
AA Meeting 10 a.m.

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Aspira Spa earns national rankings

Aspira Spa, located inside the AAA Four Diamond Osthoff Resort along the pristine shores of Elkhart Lake was named the number two Spa in America and the number one Resort/Lake Spa by Spas of America.

This week, the website unveiled its annual ranking of the Top 100 Spas of 2016. "North American spa and wellness consumers are continuing to focus on health, exercise and fitness experiences—especially in the outdoors," says Spas of America President Craig Oliver."

With the outdoor trend being so important to spa consumers, it's no surprise Aspira clinched the number two spot on the list since nature, specifically the healing waters of Elkhart Lake, are at the center of the spa's mission, environment, and signature treatments. Meaning infused with spirit, Aspira was borne on the banks of a lake considered sacred by the Native Americans who lived there. Shaped like an elk's heart, the lake bestows its powerful natural energy upon all who encounter it. When developing signature treatments at Aspira, General Manager, Lola Roeh, aims to highlight the lake's healing history, "I've always felt strongly about offering treatments that have a special connection to the land and the water."

Signature services like the Cedars Massage use cedar boughs harvested from old-growth trees along the shoreline harvested by Aspira's massage therapists. The Sacred Waters Massage uses doe skin pouches filled with warmed water from the lake placed on chakra points throughout the body. The Elderberry Facial incorporates both the fruit and flower extracts of the plant used extensively for centuries by the area's Native Americans.

To celebrate this exciting award, Aspira invites spa enthusiasts and novices alike to experience the spa with a special "The Spa's Included" package; book an elegant Osthoff Resort suite at published rates and receive one complimentary Aspira Spa service valued up to $120 per night. Valid Sunday-Friday, through March 2017. All packages include unlimited use of spa facilities on the day of your spa service(s), including meditation sanctuary, learning center, indoor and outdoor hydromassage whirlpools, warming fireplace area, sauna, and luxurious changing rooms with cascading showers.

To book The Spa's Included and view Aspira's full menu of services, log on to www.aspiraspa.com or call 877-SPA-2070.

PAC presents Celtic Folk concerts in Feb.

The Plymouth Arts Center is proud to present "Memories" a Celtic Folk Music concert featuring traditional Celtic and Americana music from the 1900's to1970's.

The repertoire includes, California Dreamin, Desperado, Caledonia, Maid of Culmore, Mr. Sandman, Buttons & Bows, and many more. "Memories" features the vocal talents of Tom Clegg, Cathy Eggert, Zachary Glaeser, Vicki Gravatt, Kerrylynn Kraemer, Scott Overby, Brian Stout, and Sarah Stout. The show is under the direction of Tom Clegg and Kerrylynn Kraemer with Janice Westphal as the musical director, and Bill Johnston, the technical director.

Four show dates are Thursday, Feb. 23, Friday, Feb. 24, Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee, Feb. 26 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $12 in advance; $14 at the door plus tax. As a benefit of PAC Membership, Arts Center members may purchase tickets for $10 per person now through Feb. 4 only. Tickets are available at the PAC box office Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., call (920) 892-8409, or conveniently online at www.plymoutharts.org. MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Kerrylynn and Tom began working together in 2000 when the Plymouth Arts Center presented its first "Opry" show. Since then, both have sung and acted in a number of shows directed by Kerrylynn. In 2013, the duo developed and performed "Celtic Christmas."

The response from the public far exceeded their expectations; hence, "Celtic Christmas 2014" was presented. In 2016, they once again put on their creative thinking caps and developed their current show, "Memories," a musical concert featuring traditional Celtic and Americana Folk music spanning seven decades.

Kerrylynn and Tom are very excited about the direction their creative juices have taken them and the new challenges that they encounter.

Chevrolet extends partnership as official vehicle of Road America

Road America and Chevrolet announced an extension of their partnership today with Chevrolet remaining as the Official Vehicle of the storied four-mile, 14-turn road circuit, through the end of 2019.

"We're honored that Chevrolet has played a key role in Road America's racing heritage from the track's opening in 1955 to today," said George Bruggenthies, Road America president and general manager. "We're excited to celebrate this longstanding association of two iconic racing brands and to continue our long, successful relationship together."

Road America figures prominently in Chevrolet's racing history. Bill Mitchell, GM's vice president of design, was an avid racer who fielded the original Sting Ray racer driven by Corvette legends John Fitch and Dick Thompson at Road America. Mitchell chose Elkhart Lake as the venue to preview his stunning Mako Shark concept car in June 1961; the Shark's sharp-edged body and hidden headlights foreshadowed key features of the production 1963 Corvette.

Wisconsin-based racers Augie Pabst and Jim Jeffords excelled in sports car racing in the early '60s with their Chevy-powered machines. The lightweight Grand Sport Corvette created by Corvette chief engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov rumbled through Road America's rolling hills with racing luminaries Roger Penske, Jim Hall and Hap Sharp sharing the driving chores. Notable Chevrolet racers who have made their mark on the legendary circuit include Tony DeLorenzo, Jerry Thompson, John Greenwood, John Heinricy, Ron Fellows, and many more.

From the glory days of the original solid-axle Corvettes, Sting Rays, and Grand Sports to today's championship-winning Corvettes campaigned by Corvette Racing in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, the high-speed four-mile track in Wisconsin's rolling Kettle Moraine has long been a battleground for generations of Corvette road racers. Even the inaugural Corvette World Tribute in 2011 saw the return of the Corvette Bridge. Standing like a sentinel at the approach to Turn Six, the Corvette Bridge has witnessed amazing feats by drivers and machines since it first carried the Corvette logo in 1963. Quite simply, the Wisconsin circuit has served proudly as Corvette's proving grounds and spiritual home.

Chevrolet will continue to activate its sponsorship with a strong annual at-track presence that includes signage, corporate hospitality and vehicle displays at major races, use of the track for private consumer events, promotions and much more. In addition, a variety of Chevy trucks and SUVs will be used on the property and Chevrolet Corvettes will serve as the Official Pace Car for most events.

"Road America is one of the most beautiful and historic race tracks at which we compete each year, and we are thrilled to continue our long-running relationship," said Michael Stouffer, Chevrolet Motorsports Marketing Manager for IndyCar and Sportscar Racing. "We've been racing there for more than 60 years, and this affiliation allows us to further showcase our products and connect with current and prospective customers through trackside

Birthday party for our first president

On Saturday, Feb. 25, Wade House Historic Site will mark George Washington's birthday with an authentic birthday celebration that includes patriotic music, 19th century dancing, Washington cake, period crafts and games for young and old, and much more.

Guests to George Washington's Birthday Celebration will experience the sights and sounds of a 1850s Washington's Birthday party. The Wade House stagecoach hotel will be decorated in patriotic splendor with red, white and blue bunting draped from the front porch and patriotic bunting festooned above the windows inside the hotel.

Activities will abound on each level of the 27-room hotel. Costumed staff will greet visitors in the historic taproom and shed light on the origins of Washington's Birthday, an American holiday originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington. It was unofficially observed for most of the 1800s. The ladies' parlor will be graced with a display of historic clothing, representative of the types of clothing men, women and children would have worn to winter festivities in the mid-19th century.

In a second floor bedroom suite, visitors will have the opportunity to play parlor games and learn the names of our nation's first 16 presidents.

In the third-floor ballroom, as local musicians Matt Harvey and Carol Jensen perform live period music, participants will have the opportunity to learn popular dance steps of the 1850s. During this interactive dance experience, an instructor will call the movements for dancers.

The delightful aroma of Washington cake will waft out from the hotel's kitchens and entice guests to these culinary spaces where they'll learn about the longstanding association of Washington cake with Washington's birthday, as well get to sample it.

The festivities continue in the new Wade House Visitor Center and Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum, where children and adults alike can create a framed silhouette and take this centuries-old craft home as a keepsake.

Visitors will begin the special experience at the new Wade House Visitor Center and Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum located at W7965 State Highway 23. Admission adults $7; students/seniors $6; children (5-17) $3.50; family (up to two adults and two or more dependent children 5-17) - $19.

As local musicians Matt Harvey and Carol Jensen perform live period music, Wade House guests will have the opportunity to learn popular dance steps of the 1850s.

Bluegrass, Cajun music slated for SwampNGrass

Wisconsin's best winter indoor music festival takes place at Victorian Village in Elkhart Lake, February 9-11. In its 23nd year, SwampNGrass boast three great days of music and dancing, featuring bluegrass and Cajun music.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the festival opens with Red Star Express taking the stage at 7 p.m. They will be followed by the American Folk.

Friday bands include Ukelyptus, Dillweeds, Arm Chair Boogie, The Clydes, the Liver Killers, Pistol Whipping Party Penguins and Art Stevenson and High Water; Saturday noon, the doors open to the Victorian Village theater for the annual Bloody Mary Jam at noon. Music begins afterward, with a lineup that includes Ukelyptus, The Clydes, Sloppy Joe, Art Stevenson & Highwater, Horseshoes and Hand Grenades and Dig Deep.

Admission at the door is $10 for Thursday evening only. Friday-only admission is $30, with Saturday-only admission $30 as well.

A season pass can be purchased for the entire weekend for $50.

Christmas gift tree program makes a difference for many

For the last seven Christmases, Grace Lutheran Church, Elkhart Lake has worked together with Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Elementary, Middle & High School to bring to our community the continuing need for a little extra Christmas joy during the Christmas season.

A number of business leaders that assisted the program this year were All Seasons Family Restaurant, Charlene's of Elkhart, National Exchange Bank & Trust, Off the Rail, Vintage Elkhart Lake, and Grace Lutheran Church. The trees that were put up in these businesses had gift ornaments hung upon them that included gifts for children as well as gift card ornaments for food and gas.

Through the generosity of time, talent and treasure, Grace Lutheran Church and the Elkhart Lake community were able to provide 25 gifts to children and over $3,650 in gift cards to 28 different households.

These were all distributed to the families in December, before Christmas.

These families and children are grateful to have the assistance of the generous community of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, as well as other communities joining us in the reach of these programs.

Grace Lutheran offered its gratitude to all supporters for their help and support of this program. Once again, thank you to all.

The church looks forward to touching lives again next Christmas, wherever the need may be.

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Events at the Library

STORY TIME
Thursday, Feb. 2 & 16 • 10:30 a.m.

CHESS
Monday, Feb. 6 & 13 • 3-4 p.m. Practice for upcoming competition or just to have some fun!

TODDLER TIME
Thursdays, Feb. 9 & 23 • 10 a.m. Play date for preschoolers.

BOOK CLUB ON THE MOVE
Friday, Feb. 10 • 1 p.m. "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian" by Sherman Alexie. Meeting location to be announced.

CRAFT CORNER
Tuesday, Feb. 14 • 3-5 p.m. Valentine craft activity for middle school to adult. Bring a friend!

LEGO CLUB
Monday, Feb. 20 • 4-5 p.m. Let's build something!

EVENING BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, Feb. 28 • 6:30 p.m. Evening Book Club will be reading "Orphan Train" by Kristina Baker Kline. Books are available at the library.

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New Books for Adult Readers

ADULT FICTION
The Afterlife of Stars, Joseph Kertes
Bear and the Nightingale, Katherine Arden
Below the Belt, Stuart Woods
Different Class, Joanne Harris
Exquisite, Elizabeth Hayley
For the Record, Regina Jennings
Her Every Fear, Peter Swanson
Hidden, James Patterson
History of Wolves, Emily Fridlund
Innkeeper of Ivy Hill, Julie Klassen
Lord of the Privateers, Stephanie Laurens
Lucky Boy, Shanti Sekaran
Miracle on 5th Avenue, Sarah Morgan
Mistress, Danielle Steel
Moonglow, Michael Chabon
Most Dangerous Place on Earth, Lindsey Lee Johnson
Never Never, James Patterson*
Ornatrix, Kate Howard
River at Night, Eric Ferencik
Second Mrs. Hockaday, Susan Rivers
Small Admissions, Amy Poeppel
To Capture What We Cannot Keep, Beatrice Colin
Transit, Rachel Cusk
Wedding in Maine, Jen McLaughlin
Wyoming Brave, Diana Palmer

ADULT NON-FICTION
Better than New Lessons I've Learned, Nicole Curtis
Born a Crime Stories, Trevor Noah
Case against Sugar, Gary Taubes
Forever Painless, Miran Esmonde-White
George Lucas: A Life, Brian Jay Jones
Goop Clean Beauty, Gwyneth Paltrow
In the Great Green Room, Amy Gary
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Strangers in Their Own Land, Arlie Hochschild
Tippi, Tippi Hedren
Year of Reading, Elisabeth Ellington
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LP FICTION
Cross the Line, James Patterson
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AUDIO BOOKS
Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity, Tim Tebow
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New Books for Youth Readers

(YA) YOUNG ADULT
Because of the Sun, Jenny Torres Sanchez
Book Jumper, Mechthild Glaser
Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett, Chelsea Sedoti
A List of Cages, Robin Roe
Love and First Sight, Josh Sundquist

(I) INTERMEDIATE READER
Ballet Backflip, Meredith Costain
Double Dare You, Meredith Costain

(E) EASY READER
Kangaroo at the Zoo, Leslie Sims
PJ Masks Saves the Library, Daphne Pendergrass

(J) JUVENILE FICTION
Flying Lessons and Other Stories, Ellen Oh
The Inquisitors Tale, Adam Gidwitz
Molly and Pim, Martine Murray
Robot Revolution, James Patterson
Warden's Daughter, Jerry Spinelli

(J) JUVENILE NON-FICTION
Brain Twisters, Clive Gifford
Death on the River of Doubt, Samantha Seiple
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, Michael Kogge
George Washington Spies, Claudia Friddell
The Human Body, Carron Brown
Usborne Start to Cook, Abigail Wheatley

BOARD BOOKS
Baby Loves Quarks, Ruth Spiro
Hair, Leslie Patricelli
How to Bathe Your Little Dinosaur, Jane Clarke
How to Brush Your Teeth with Snappy Croc, Jane Clarke
How to Feed Your Cheeky Monkey, Jane Clarke
How to Tuck in Your Sleepy Lion, Jane Clarke
Muddle and Match Sports, Frankie Jones
Peek Inside Dinosaurs, Anna Milbourne
That's Not My Badger, Fiona Watt
That's Not My Elf, Fiona Watt

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The Extraordinary Image, Robert Kolker
Greyhound a Groundhog, Emily Jenkins
I'm Going to Give You a Bear Hug, Caroline B. Cooney
Madeline Finn and the Library Dog, Lisa Papp
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Hearthside Dinner guests will experience a link to culinary history by helping to prepare 19th-century dishes on a wood-burning stove and over an open-hearth fire just as Mrs. Wade did more than 150 years ago. A close gathering of up to 20 guests will be guided by costumed staff as they learn about historic food preparation, ingredients and historic cooking tools.

Authentic recipes from late-19th-century cookbooks will be referenced as guests chop and stir, season and roast, preparing their midday meal. When the dinner preparation chores are complete, guests receive a guided tour through the stately stagecoach hotel and learn about the respite, which it offered to weary travelers along the plank road between Sheboygan and Fond du Lac in the 1850s and 1860s.

Once dinner is prepared, participants gather family style in the lovely Wade House dining room for a wonderful sit-down meal with lively conversation. The menu will feature a delectably abundant feast of squash soup, pork loin roast, red cabbage with apples, mashed turnips, glazed carrots, cranberry muffins, bread pudding, cider cake, apple cider and coffee. This satisfying encounter with central Wisconsin's past concludes with everyone pitching in to clear the table, wash dishes (19th-cenury style) and sweep the hearth.

Hearthside Dinners are $55 per person, and reservations are required. If you have any questions about the program or would like to reserve your spot at the table, please call 920-526-3271. Private Hearthside Dinners for groups of 10 to 20 may also be arranged.

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