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Named after a city in the Syrian Desert because of the abundance of sand, Palmyra was incorporated on April 4, 1866. Six mineral springs, each known for their medical and therapeutic properties, were an important part of Palmyra's early years. From 1870 to the early 1920s, people from across the country visited Palmyra enjoying the healing waters at the Palmyra Spring Sanitarium. In 1924, the sanitarium became the National Druggist Home, but

a few years later interest in the therapeutic mineral water treatments declined and the sanitarium was closed.

Eagle was nearly named Diamond City in the mid-1800s when it became known that a diamond had been discovered in 1876. Eagle was incorporated as a village on Sept. 11, 1899.

The area parks are known for their amenities, with Paradise Springs a favorite of residents and visitors alike.

Eagle's Village Park is the site of the annual Kettle Moraine Days held in June. Rides, games, food and music are featured in the park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a parade down Eagle's Main Street on Sunday.

Old World Wisconsin, an outdoor living museum in Eagle, offers a look back in time with a variety of displays, a working farm and events.

Small-town life is at its finest in the Palmyra-Eagle area. Stop by for a visit, we'll leave the light on.

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**above:** Palmyra-Eagle student volunteers Marissa Blazewicz and Hollyn and Quinn Burgess prepare pancakes at the second annual Pancakes for Panthers fundraiser in May. Students from Palmyra-Eagle Area School District volunteered for the event held by Virendra "V" Verma, owner of Lower Spring Lake BP in Palmyra, which served nearly 200 people and raised money for "Save for Kids."

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### **on the cover:**

Paradise Springs, as shown in the winter, is one of many local nature areas.

HEIDI SCHULZ *Our Town*



# Save For Kids program celebrates anniversary

By **Tara LeRoy**  
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**L**ower Spring Lake BP, 162 E. Main St., Palmyra, celebrated an important milestone earlier this year.

While the gas station-convenience mart has been owned and operated since 2013 by Virendra “V” Verma, Feb. 20 marked the two-year anniversary since the inception of Verma’s “Save For Kids” program.

The “Save For Kids” program was initiated by Verma as a Palmyra-Eagle School District support program in 2020. The program donates back to the district 5% of all in-store sales on “Purple and White” days on the 15th and 30th each month (\*excluding lotto and tobacco sales).

Additionally, fuel pumps 3 and 4 are permanently designated as “Panther Pumps” – for which Verma donates back 2 cents for every gallon of regularly-priced gas pumped every day. A purple Panther donation jar also sits prominently on the store counter, where customers regularly drop change adding up to hundreds of dollars every month.

4 But that’s now all as V also initiated several new fundraising

events in 2021, with proceeds donated to the program.

BP hosts a weekly Farmer’s Market, which is held on Mondays May through October. All vendor fees are donated back into the Save for Kids program.

School Booster Clubs have been given opportunities to fundraise and can often be seen grilling up burgers and brats in front of the BP throughout the season.

Last summer, V coordinated with the Panther Band program to hold an old-fashioned car wash. Middle school and high school band students worked together and washed a continuous line of cars, the PEP Band played music throughout the afternoon and Booster Club parents grilled burgers and brats, raising more than \$1,300 for the growing Palmyra-Eagle Band Program.

V also hosted his first ever “Pancakes for Panthers” fundraiser last year under the Village Park Beach Pavilion. Raising \$1,420 by serving up a traditional style pancake breakfast, another \$1,420 in matching funds was donated by V’s wife, Poonam, to add \$2,840 more for Panther students.

Pancakes for Panthers returned in May for a second



**top:** Virendra “V” Verma (center) with the Palmyra-Eagle High School varsity baseball team in May 2021, after the team earned a 18-0 home win at Standard Process Fields. **above:** Verma receives a special thank you from members of the baseball team for donations to purchase new team uniforms.

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run.

The “Save for Kids” logo adorns athletic warm up suits, uniforms and equipment. And V provides milk for middle school students, Gatorade for athletic teams, two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors and much more.

V said he is very proud to support the youth in the community and loves being able to help provide quality uniforms, equipment and educational opportunities for the students of the local school district.

He said he firmly believes that “when the kids look and feel good, they will play good!”

This seemed to prove true as last year, the Panther baseball team was able to purchase new custom team uniforms with V’s generous donations – and played their way to both WIAA Division III Conference and Regional Championship titles.

The baseball team honored V in a post game event after an emotional win, at which time each and every player personally thanked him with handshakes or hugs to show their appreciation for all he had done to support their season.

PE track and field was able to purchase a much-needed new pole vault pit in 2021 thanks to a combined effort which included a \$5,000 Save For Kids donation, a \$5,000 Palmyra-Eagle Athletic Booster Club donation and \$1,000 Aim Transport donation.

The upgrade allowed the district to host several large events, including a large spring invitational event and the 24-school Trailways Conference Championships.

Not only a win for the businesses that benefit from the increased traffic by out-of-town visitors, but also the students knowing they have strong community support for all they do.

The Palmyra-Eagle track team went on last season to earn multiple regional championship titles, saw long standing school records fall and had 10 athletes



**above:** The Palmyra-Eagle volleyball teams received donations from the Save for Kids program to purchase a new net system and a Skill Attack volleyball machine. **top:** The Save for Kids logo adorns the new pole vault pit at Palmyra-Eagle High School.

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qualify for state to bring home its first state medal since 2007.

There is no doubt Palmyra-Eagle is blessed to have such generous and supportive community members.

“V is absolutely amazing! He is gladly there for the kids for anything that is needed. He supports all the kids like they are his own. He is such a huge asset to this community and the school district,” said Jody Patrick, an Eagle resident and parent of three PEASD students.

V said this year he hopes to double what was raised last year – about \$38,000 – and expects to see Booster Clubs firing up their grills in front of his station to serve up burgers and brats.

He said he is looking forward to another Pep Band Car Wash and also has plans for improvements and expansion at the fuel pumps this year to allow easier access and additional room for larger trucks, trailers and tractors.

One only needs to spend a short time in the store to see how much the community and local kids adore V. He eagerly greets his

loyal customers by name, there is often a line of cars waiting to fuel up at the Panther pumps and his store is adorned with Panther decals.

Standing in line at the counter, customers will see proudly displayed awards received from the school district and Band Boosters Association in recognition of V’s contributions.

More importantly, there are dozens of thank you cards, posters, calendars and shirts from students, staff and parents throughout the store.

His generosity has been a much-needed boost over the last two years and something the entire community has benefitted from.

V said he “loves being able to have constant contact with the children, parents and staff in the school district.”

“Thank you all for being so kind and so very helpful. Thank you especially for the beautiful card from the students and staff to offer condolences for my family’s recent loss. It was so thoughtful. Such a wonderful community I am honored and proud to be a part of,” he said.

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Fourth graders in Annica Hillquist's class at Eagle Elementary School have fun exploring circuits. The students learned about electricity with lessons and hands on workshops such as this.

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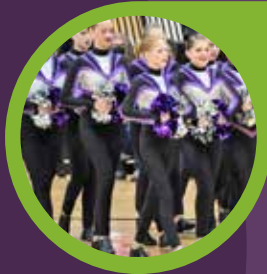
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# DAR presents Good Citizens Awards to area seniors

The Fort Atkinson-Eli Pierce Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognized six area high school seniors earlier this year, who exemplify the qualities of good citizenship, including Palmyra-Eagle High School student Alexander Hoff.

The organization had its annual Good Citizens reception for the students and their guests at the Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson.

The other honorees included Sully Schlieckau, Cambridge High School; Drew Evans, Fort Atkinson High School; David Neitzel, Jefferson High School; Kyle Popowski, Lake Mills High School; and Cooper Hammond, Whitewater High School.

Hoff will be attending UW-Madison to major in either business or finance.

As chapter winner, Evans read his essay on citizenship that now advances to compete at the state level. He received a certificate and scholarship.

During the program, each student introduced himself and his guests and was presented a certificate of recognition.

Evans plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison next fall to major in biology with plans to become a physician. He also will be

playing football.

Schlieckau will be attending UW-La Crosse later this year to study finance.

Neitzel will be studying industrial engineering at either UW-Madison, Purdue University or Auburn University.

Popowski plans to attend either UW-Whitewater or UW-Madison to study business administration. If he chooses UW-Whitewater, he also is able to be a track athlete.

Hammond plans to attend the Colorado School of Mines next year, majoring in chemical engineering.

Welcoming the honorees and their guests was DAR chapter Regent Nancy Olson. Vice Regent Janet Stehling led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Valerie Cole offered the blessing prior to lunch.

Olson, Stehling and Registrar Jessica Punzel presented the awards.

Created in 1934, the Good Citizen Award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. The students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an



Palmyra-Eagle High School's Alexander Hoff (right) is presented the Good Citizen Award by Fort Atkinson-Eli Pierce Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Vice Regent Janet Stehling (left) and DAR Registrar Jessica Punzel.

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outstanding degree.

Once a student is chosen as the DAR Good Citizen, he or she is invited to participate in the scholarship portion of the program. This consists of a personal statement and an essay; participation is optional.

"Perhaps a great-great grandparent of yours was so honored," Olson said in presenting the Good Citizen Awards. "The Fort Atkinson-Eli Pierce Chapter didn't begin its Good Citizen program until the late 1930s with one school ... Fort Atkinson. Since that time, we have recognized 80-plus students."

Noting that the first "scholarship" awarded was not

monetary, she added, "While money is important, the qualities of dependability, service and patriotism are something that will stay with you the rest of your lives."

Organized in 1899, the Fort Atkinson Chapter of DAR was one of the earliest and largest chapters in Wisconsin for many years. The Eli Pierce Chapter, founded in Whitewater in 1941, was very active but never as large. The two chapters merged in 1992.

Today, members reside in Watertown, Lake Mills, Jefferson, Fort Atkinson, Whitewater, Milton, Janesville and surrounding communities, as well as in several other states.

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The Palmyra-Eagle Community Band has plans for a grand concert season this year. The first concert of the year will be during the Father's Day Fly-In at the Palmyra Municipal Airport, June 19, and the seasons will close with a holiday concert Dec. 4.

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# Community band returns for another season

The Palmyra-Eagle Community Band is geared up for its 2022 season and has a full schedule of concerts planned.

"Palmyra-Eagle Community Band is back in action with eight scheduled concerts this year and one that is in the works – six concerts this summer and two or three this fall," said Warren Metzger, Community Band president.

This summer the band is focusing on "PECB Stars" said Ed Pierce.

"Music by our own outstanding instrumental and vocal soloists! Come to a good old-fashioned band concert with the Palmyra-Eagle Community Band. Circus tunes, Dixieland, Broadway melodies and Patriotic flag wavers. An additional feature will be the toe-tapping sounds of our own

'Kettle Moraine Blues' who will fill the air with enough notes to calm every mosquito around. Bring your picnic blanket, lawn chair or just sit on the grass, you will be rewarded with a fun filled program," Pierce said.

The 2022 season lineup includes:

- Father's Day Fly-In, June 19, 9 a.m., Palmyra Municipal Airport, Palmyra;
- Phoenix Park Bandshell, July 1, 7 p.m., 111 E. Wisconsin St., Delavan;
- Eagle Historical Society Ice Cream Social, July 10, 2 p.m., Eagle Village Park, Eagle;
- Pavilion in the Woods, July 30, 1:30 p.m., 6275 Sunset Drive, Dousman (access is via the driveway just west of Grand Masonic Center);

• Combined concert – Palmyra-Eagle Community Band and Lake Mills City Band, Aug. 3, 7 p.m., 100 N. Main St., Lake Mills;

• Cravath Lakefront Park, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., 341 S. Fremont St., Whitewater;

• Spaghetti Dinner, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., Palmyra United Methodist Church, 122 N. Fifth St, Palmyra; and

• Christmas Concert, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Palmyra United Methodist Church, 122 N. Fifth St., Palmyra.

The Palmyra-Eagle Community Band is an incorporated 501(c)3 non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be mailed to: Palmyra-Eagle Community Band, P.O. Box 215, Palmyra, WI 53156.

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# Standard Process president honored at baseball game

By **Tara LeRoy**

CONTRIBUTOR

The Palmyra-Eagle High School baseball team had a pre-game celebration this spring, honoring and thanking Charles DuBois, president and CEO of Standard Process, before he threw out the game's first pitch.

DuBois funded the original development of the \$1.2 million Standard Process Athletic Complex and has generously provided much ongoing support of youth athletics.

The complex is behind Palmyra-Eagle High School and was dedicated in 2014. The facility includes a baseball diamond, softball diamond, six soccer fields and a concession stand. It's for the benefit of local sports enthusiasts of all ages and is used by Palmyra-Eagle Area School District athletics and Palmyra Park and Recreation.

The day of the celebration, Palmyra-Eagle baseball team went on to shutout visiting Rio in a 10-1 home victory on its home field at the athletic complex.



Standard Process President and CEO Charles DuBois throws out the first pitch May 9 at the Palmyra Eagle baseball game held at the Standard Process Athletic Complex. DuBois was honored at the game for the support he and his company have given to local athletics teams.

TARA LEROY *Our Town*



# sisterly love

By **Mike Ramczyk**  
CORRESPONDENT

*Koutsky, Koss, Nettesheim three Palmyra softball names with family ties*

**T**he mood was laid back, and the sparsely populated crowd at the Palmyra-Eagle High School softball diamond was enjoying a cupcake sweep from their favorite softball team.

Mady Nettesheim was mowing down Williams Bay Bulldog batters and her sister Molly was doing the catching. Over at shortstop was Kyler Koutsky,

the older sister of Teagan.

And in the outfield was Alex Koss, in right field maybe 20 steps behind her sister Presley at second base.

Yes, it was a family feel for the Panthers and indicative of a bond that started long ago.

“It’s a really good experience, we hang out a lot but it just builds our connection more,” Teagan Koutsky said

about playing with her sister after the early May game where the Panthers pummeled the Bay, 18-3.

“We always used to play catch in the backyard growing up and now we’re on the field together,” Teagan continued.

The six girls are in their final year playing on a softball team together as

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Palmyra-Eagle High School softball players Presley Koss (from left), Alex Koss, Mady Nettesheim, Molly Nettesheim, Teagan Koutsky and Kyler Koutsky are three sets of sisters playing their last year together for the Panthers.

MIKE RAMCZYK *Our Town*

## SISTERLY LOVE • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

Alex, Mady and Kyler are seniors.

Presley, Teagan and Molly are the next generation, and they hope to continue the foundation of hard work, success and most importantly fun their sisters created.

"It's a very unique thing that we have, and I think it's so cool that we got to experience it, and all of these connections every sister has with each other," Teagan added. "It just makes our team stronger as a whole."

Kyler agrees that playing with her younger sister is special. They've both starred in basketball and softball this school year.

"It is very special to me," Kyler said. "We have played both softball and basketball together growing up and it's nice to have one more year playing with Teagan until I am all done with my athletic career."

"We work well together and feed off each other's energy on the field and court. When Teagan and I are both in the game, we are unstoppable."

"I am excited to watch her play these next three years, and I am most excited to see how much more she will excel in all three sports she plays. She is my built-in best friend, and I do not know what I would do without her."

Off the field, the Koutskys can be seen getting some food or having a refreshing beverage at Starbucks.

They enjoy going shopping as well, you know, typical sister stuff.

Kyler says having three sets of sisters creates a great atmosphere and chemistry for the rest of the team.

Since the Panthers couldn't win conference this spring, they were focusing on making a playoff run

when interviewed for this story.

"This season has actually gone very well and has exceeded expectations," Kyler said. "We made a huge improvement from last year in my opinion."

Palmyra-Eagle followed up the bashing of the Bay with two wins over Rio by a combined score of 42-0.

They finished the regular season against East Troy and rolled into the WIAA Division 3 postseason. The season came to an end with a loss to Johnson Creek.

Alex Koss said she and her little sister are making memories that will "last a lifetime," as she finally gets to play on a competitive level with her.

"We get along pretty well off the field, all sisters fight but for a majority of the time we are inseparable," Alex Koss said. "We go get food together, watch movies or just hang out in each other's rooms. This team is a literal family and not just because of all the sisters."

After three years on varsity, Alex says this is the most talented team she's been on, so advancing in the postseason seems like a good possibility.

Presley tends to agree.

"I think our team is very good this year," she said. "I've been watching my sister play high school softball for three years now, and I've always looked forward to playing with her. It feels great to always have my No. 1 supporter on the field with me."

"She's the person that never fails to make me smile. It's sad these are my last couple games with Alex, and I hope we can end the season with a

bang."

Presley loves hanging out with Alex at home and going places, and there's an unseen advantage bit of humor to having all these sisters on the same team.

"Sometimes it's funny to see them fight," Presley joked.

### Battery mates

Then, there's the battery mates.

A pitcher and catcher relationship is an important and especially close bond in baseball and softball, and the Nettshems are no different.

Mady says she's played softball with Molly since they were young.

"We have grown up playing with each other, always pushing each other to be better," Mady said. "Most of the time we get along really well. We are very competitive with everything we do. Off the field we spend our time together working, watching movies and just hanging out."

As for Molly, having three sets of sisters on the same team makes things more comfortable, she said.

It's created a really strong bond between the sisters and everyone else.

"Playing with Mady has been one of the best experiences that I have had," Molly said. "I have been playing with Mady pretty much since I started sports, which made it easy to know that someone on the team always has your back. We are very competitive so we always push each other to get better."

"It has been very special playing with her all these years, and it won't be the same next year without her on the team with me."



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Area parks include:

## Palmyra Village Park

Palmyra Village Park is at 955 Eighth St. The 6.5 acre park features two ball fields, playground, horseshoe pits, volleyball pit, covered pavilion, bathrooms and kitchen. Park rental is available by contacting the Village Hall at 262-495-8316.

## Lower Spring Lake Beach

Lower Spring Lake Beach is at 306 Anemone St., Palmyra. The park is about 1 acre with a sand beach, playground, grill. Beach is open in the summer. Call the Village of Palmyra at 262-495-8316 for lifeguard hours. All other times is "swim at your own risk."

## PFC Charles F. Deuel Veterans Memorial Trailhead Park

The Memorial Trailhead Park is at the corner of West Wilson and South Second Streets in Palmyra. The half-acre park has picnic tables, snowmobile parking, horse stalls for horse riders with a shaded park area.

## Xenobia Springs Park

Xenobia Springs Park can be accessed from 203 Jefferson St. or Mill Road in the Village of Palmyra. This is one of the many healing springs that Palmyra is famous for. Deep Rock Springs is right next to Xenobia Springs.

## Aurelian Springs Village Park

Aurelian Springs Village Park is located off of Highway H on 1121 N. Blue Spring Lake Drive. The 42-acre park features an open air pavilion, picnic tables, bathrooms, nature trail and wildlife viewing. Contact Palmyra Village Hall for more information.

Beach fees: individual daily pass \$3, family season pass \$35 (five persons), individual season pass \$15. When there is no lifeguard on duty, it is a "swim at your own risk" beach. No charge to enter the beach area if no lifeguard is on duty.

## Carlin Weld Park

Carlin Weld Park is on 78 acres near Palmyra and Eagle and features the rugged topography of the Kettle Moraine area with upland, steep kettles, a man-made pond, and lowlands with an ephemeral stream.



Students at Eagle Elementary School were invited to take a book walk on the Eagle Nature Trail last fall. Author Laurie Lawlor joined the kids and read her book "Big Tree Down." Then, the class walked the trail to the big tree.

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The park is used for picnics, hiking, sledding, fishing and relaxing. Park has a shelter, pump house, restroom, playground, picnic tables and grills.

Contact Jefferson County Parks System at 920-674-7260 to reserve space.

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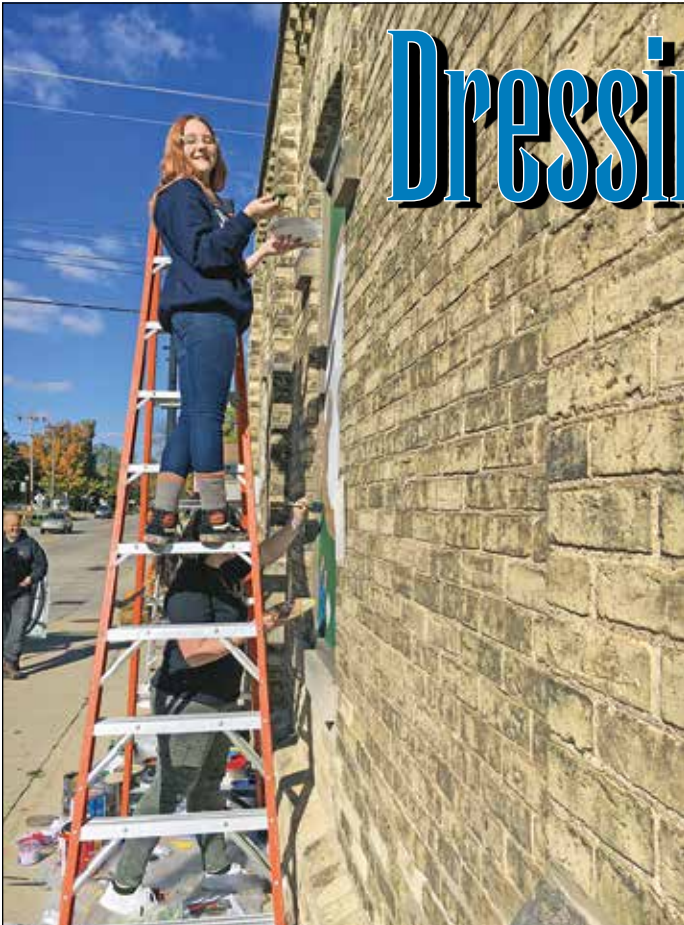
Horseriders Campground is west of Eagle at W830 Little Prairie Road. Travel Highway 59 into the town of Palmyra. Turn south on 3rd Street to the campground entrance. The campground has 56 sites,

some with electric that are open to campers with horses. Fire pits, water, bathrooms and showers, and mounting blocks are also available. Call 888-947-2757 to make reservations.

## Paradise Springs

Paradise Springs is in the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit

The park features a self-guiding nature trail and is at W374 S8640, Highway N, Eagle. For more information, call (262) 594-6200.



# Dressing up downtown

## Students create murals to help beautify Palmyra

Students in art classes at Palmyra-Eagle High School completed a community art mural project last year, organized by their art teacher, Krystina Fuhrer, and a local volunteer group as part of The Palmyra Beautification Project.

The students had the opportunity to create and submit designs for designated spots on a historical building located at 102 N. Second St. in Palmyra.

Three designs were selected by a committee and the students and their art teacher volunteered their time after school and over a weekend to bring the designs to life.


Senior Lila Glatczak created

two of the designs incorporating some of Palmyra's rich history surrounding the famous healing waters of the area and tying it into the present.


Senior Haylie Mendez designed the giant squid honoring the business, Squidy's II, where the murals are on display on the exterior of its building.

The other students involved in the project include: Riley Valdez, Esmeralda Cervantes, Thomas Plotz, Zoe Czernisz, Reagan Connella, Maddy Andrae, Sahra Vega, Caren Abichahine, Alayna Kalvin-


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**above:** This mural was created by Palmyra-Eagle High School senior Lila Glatczak and represents the history of the area's healing waters. **above right:** Palmyra-Eagle High School's Haylie Mendea paints one of the murals in the public art project. **at right:** Palmyra-Eagle High School senior Haylie Mendez designed this mural to honor the business Squidy's II, which is hosting the murals on its exterior walls. **opposite:** Maddy Andre works on one of the tall murals.

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Salmela, Savannah Hazel and MaryEllen Tiller.

"All of the students were very excited to be a part of such an amazing project and to give something beautiful back for the entire community to enjoy," School District Public Relations Coordinator Caitlin Kirchner said in a press release. "They all agreed that Ms. Fuhrer is 'an amazing teacher' and 'makes class super fun' while providing some unique real life opportunities."

Abichahine, a foreign exchange student, said this was the biggest project she ever was a part of and thought it was special to be able to leave her artistic mark behind in the community long after she has returned

to her home country in Lebanon.

Community donors who helped support the project include: T&D's Bar and Grill, monetary donations for paint; Tom and Tara LeRoy, donations of paint and supplies; Squidy's II, food and drinks for students; Fuhrer and Mary Tiller.

The students also sent a thank you to Alissa Simmons and the Palmyra Beautification Project who organized the project and to the Village of Palmyra and its community members who support the students.

For more information about the Palmyra-Eagle School District Art program or to make a donation to support future art projects, contact Fuhrer at [kfuhrer@peasd.org](mailto:kfuhrer@peasd.org).



# Fun at the festival

The Palmyra-Eagle High School/Middle School sports teams were actively involved in last year's Kettle Moraine Days. Clockwise from below: The cheer and dance team perform; the Southern Waukesha County Canine Search and Rescue team visits the cheer and dance team's concession stand; the marching band gets ready to step off for the parade.

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# Lemonade anyone?

## Local girl raises money for Save for Kids program

Most kids at some point in their childhood set up a lemonade stand to raise some money. One local girl took the time-honored tradition to a whole new level last summer.

Evangeline “Evie” Standley set up a lemonade and cookie stand at Lower Spring Lake BP in Palmyra last July to help raise money for the Save for Kids program.

She is the daughter of Jack Standley Jr. and the granddaughter of Priscilla Ward Standley, who were both Palmyra High School graduates.

Evie donated 10% of her sales to the Save for Kids program, which benefits current Palmyra-Eagle Area School District students. Evie’s lemonade stand generated \$70 in donations, with a local donor matching her funds and contributing an additional

\$70, raising the impact of Evie’s lemonade sales to a total of \$140 in donations.

The Save for Kids program was started in March of 2020 as an ongoing fundraiser benefiting the students of the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District. To date the program has provided more than \$23,000 in donations for the students of the district, helping to purchase uniforms, athletic equipment, band instruments, T-shirts, Scholastic books, milk and much more.

Every day Lower Spring Lake BP donates 2 cents per gallon for fuel pumped on the “Panther” pumps (No. 3 and No. 4) and on the 15th and 30th of every month an additional 5% of stores sales is donated to the Save for Kids program.



**top:** Evie Standley sells lemonade and homemade cookies in front of Lower Spring Lake BP last summer. She donated 10% of the sales to the Save for Kids program, which benefits Palmyra-Eagle Area School District students. **right:** Evie Standley shares her donation to the Save for Kids program with Virenda “V” Verma, owner of Lower Spring Lake BP and creator of the program.

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# Bright future *on the* horizon

*Local mother-daughter duo earn degrees through no-cost program*

By **Tracy Ouellette**

EDITOR

**H**igher education can be costly and sometimes out of reach, especially for lower income workers in fields such as childcare. But for one local mother and daughter, the company they work for values learning and offers a no-cost program to help people just like them earn their degrees.

Kelly Krueger, 25, and Carol Krueger, 51, both work for Bright Horizons Vita Kids Learning Center in Palmyra, which is a corporate partner with Standard Process Inc. The women recently graduated with associate degrees in early childhood education.

The Horizons Teacher Degree Program is a no-cost degree program for all full-time employees in the Bright Horizons early education centers and preschools. The program allows employees to earn an associate and bachelor's degree in early childhood education for free. Bright Horizons employees participating in the program do not have to pay for any expenses out of pocket, including tuition, fees and books.

Kelly has worked at Bright Horizons for about five years and is a lead toddler teacher. Carol has been with the company for about seven years and is a lead infant teacher.

"We both just completed our associate degrees, online, and they paid for it all," Kelly said. "It took about two years to

complete and we did it together. The program exists just to help us reach our full potential."

"Bright Horizons is really it for the children and education," Carol added. "I worked for another company for 10 years or so, but I was so impressed when I walked in Bright Horizons, they are so focused on the children and the families, I knew I wanted to work here."

Both women are full-time employees of Bright Horizons and completed their degrees in their "spare time."

"Being 51 and going back to school was a little scary," Carol recalled. "When I was in school, things were way different, so it was a big concern when I was talking

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Learners at the Bright Horizons Vita Kids Learning Center in Palmyra explore the world. Bright Horizons operates more than 550 childcare centers in the United States, including the center at Palmyra's Standard Process facility, and eight child care centers throughout the state of Wisconsin.

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to Kelly about doing it, but when I got back in, it was very easy. I've worked in childcare for over 20 years and knew so much. You just can't be scared of that technology when you already know the material.

"Also, for me, having Kelly along was really helpful. She has such a passion and drive to make it her own and to see that come alive was wonderful. We both have different strengths so we compliment each other."

Kelly said it was her mom who inspired her to go into the childcare field in the first place and they have been a support system to each other.

"We're both really proud of each other and this was just a neat mother-daughter thing we could do together," Kelly said.

While the women were in the same school and program, they didn't actually have any classes together.

"We were at different levels," Kelly said. "I had some credits from Madison and we started at different times, so it was more independent."

"I just had my generals in early childhood from MATC and I took a CDA program that gave me the basics," Carol added. "I did that through Bright Horizons, which they paid for. It gave me more credits before my associate's."

Now that they have their degrees, the women say they aren't done learning. Kelly is already enrolled to go back for her bachelor's degree. Carol, at this point, is mulling her options.

"I don't know if I want to go back," Carol said. "But we have a lot of centers all over the country with a lot of teachers doing this, and it's such a wonderful program, I could."

Both the women said the support they received from the degree program and on the job were vital to their success and encouraged others to take advantage of the program and consider working at the childcare center.

"Bright Horizons is just a great place to work for," Carol said. "I feel like they bring us all together as a family. I can reach out to the other centers in the country for anything. They really do take care of us."

"They're just really supportive of their employees," Kelly added. "They want us to do well and are focuses on our health, our families and the children we care for. It's about making sure they're the best centers out there for everyone."

### **About the program**

The Bright Horizons Teacher Degree Program was launched in July 2018 and has seen widespread adoption among employees over the last three years as employees see a path to continuing their



Mother and daughter, Kelly Krueger (left) and Carol Krueger, recently received their bachelors degrees in early childhood education with the help of the Bright Horizons Teacher Degree Program.

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education and advancing their role within the company. To date, more than 2,000 Bright Horizons childcare teachers and staff members throughout the country have enrolled in the program, Communications Manager Kaitlyn Reardon said.

Bright Horizons operates more than 550 childcare centers in the United States and eight childcare centers throughout the state of Wisconsin. We have the capacity to serve more than 100,000 children globally.

"Bright Horizons' goal has always been to professionalize the early childhood education field and create an environment for teachers where they can build a lifelong career. The Horizons Teacher Degree Program has given teachers at every level

and stage the ability to continue their education, grow their careers and improve the quality of education for the youngest children across the country," Reardon said.

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## 3rd Annual Palmyra Panther Prowl

### 5K Run/Walk

**Registration: 8am - 9am**

**Race Starts at 9am**

**Start/Finish @ Palmyra Village Park**

**Mail check with registration form to:**

**Healthy Community Network**

**PO Box 419**

**Palmyra, WI 53156**



**For online registration, payment and more information:**

**[www.healthycommunitynetwork.net/current-news-events](http://www.healthycommunitynetwork.net/current-news-events)**

**\$25**

**12 yrs and Over**

**\$15**

**11 yrs and Under**

**\$10**

**Senior Citizens**

**Included with registration and payment: race t-shirt (if payment is made by 7/16), hydration station on course, and post race snacks.**

**Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for various age groups.**

**This is a family event!  
Children in strollers and  
furry children (leashed dogs) are welcome.**

WINE  
TASTING



HALLOWEEN PAINTING  
CERAMICS FUN



WALKING  
TRAILS



CORN TOSS TOURNAMENTS



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Store • Game Room • Swimming Pool • Fishing Pond  
 Laundry • Showers • Ceramics • Archery Tag  
 Wi-Fi Available • ATM • Ice • Wood • Soda • Ice Cream