



# Rolling Hills Community News

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## The mystery of: "The Hiding Elk Horns"

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This is a mistake.



so what do we do?

Come to the Council meeting Feb 5  
to hear and discuss the options for the Hotel.



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The City of Elk Horn will accept proposals for 4037 Main Street (Previously the Tivoli Inn) till February 1st, 2024, and discuss all proposals at the February 5th council meeting. A public hearing will take place March 4th to make a final decision. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please send information to ehclerk@metc.net by February 1st, 2024 by 4PM.

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A young woman was preparing a ham dinner. After she cut off the end of the ham, she placed in a pan for baking. Her friend asked, "Why did you cut off the end of the ham?" She replied, "I really don't know, but my mother always did, so I thought you were supposed to." Later, when talking to her mother, she asked why she cut off the end of the ham before baking it, and her mother replied, "I don't know, but that is the way my mother always did it." A few weeks later, while visiting her grandmother, the young woman asked, "Grandmother, why is it that you cut off the end of a ham before you bake it?" Her grandmother replied, "Well, dear, otherwise it would never fit into my baking pan."

Mona Lisa



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 Mark Twain

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**WELCOME TO KELI'S KORNER**

This section of the newspaper will appear every two weeks. I will be interviewing someone from the communities of Audubon, Brayton, Elk Horn, and Kimballton along with a couple of their favorite Recipes. Let's get to know our neighbors, and try out some different recipes. To get this started, I have added a couple of my favorites. Enjoy and see who I will have the privilege to introduce you too and two more new recipes to in a couple of weeks.

**Chicken Creole Bake**

Keli Hansen

2 1/2 – 3# Chicken

2 envelopes Lipton Onion Mushroom soup mix

2 1/4 C. boiling water

1 16 oz can stewed tomatoes drained

1 c uncooked rice

1 c chopped green pepper (optional)

1 can whole kernel corn (optional)

In a 9x13 pan place chicken skin up, single layer – bake uncovered at 450 for 30 min.

When cool drain and cut into pieces. Reduce oven temp to 350.

In a bowl, mix water, tomatoes, rice, green pepper and corn. Add chicken pieces,

Put all ingredients back in the 9x13 pan. Bake for 45 min.

**Chocolate Turtle Pie**

Keli Hansen

1 6 oz Ready crust Graham Cracker pie crust

3 beaten eggs

1 14 oz can eagle brand sweetened condensed milk

2 T butter melted

1 c coarsely chopped Pecans

3/4 c milk chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350. Combine eggs, sweetened condensed milk and butter.

Stir in nuts and chocolate chips

Pour over pie crust. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until the knife inserted comes out clean.

Cool.

A priest was preparing a man for his long journey into the night. Whispering firmly, the priest said, "Denounce the devil. Let him know how little you think of his evil." The dying man said nothing. The priest repeated his order. Still, the dying man said nothing. The priest asked, "Why do you refuse to denounce the devil and his evil?" The dying man said, "Until I know where I'm heading, I don't think I ought to aggravate anybody."

**News From The Mill**

Snow, snow, snow. What more can be said? We found ourselves forced to close the windmill a number of days these past two weeks due to inclement weather and frigid temperatures. We're more than happy to welcome the more moderate winter temperatures this week as businesses open back up and return to stride. Needless to say, not a lot has happened since our last update. Business has been understandably slow and while we do have some exciting announcements waiting in queue, we're not releasing them just yet. The next issue of our newsletter, The Breeze, is being finalized now and nearly ready to go to print before going out to all of our members. If you want your own copy mailed to you, it is never too late to sign up for a membership at the low cost of just \$10 per year. You can learn more about our membership programs, as well as fundraising and volunteering opportunities on our new membership website: [danishwindmill.org](http://danishwindmill.org) (now live!) We have also introduced a family membership for 2024 which includes unlimited free admission for two adults and all children under the age of 18 in the same household! To learn more or sign up just give us a call or visit us in-person or online.

We have a couple of events coming up, too. First as a reminder the Windmill Expo & Membership Drive is next week on Tuesday, January 30th. We kickoff at 5:30 featuring a presentation by Shaun Sayres on the state of the windmill and a review of 2023. We hope you can make it. The event is also a membership drive and we encourage anyone to come and learn about our organization and programs.

Second, the Danish Villages are having another 'Hygge Night' on Thursday, February 8th. Grace on Main will be offering Danish smørrebrød (open-face sandwiches) and there will be other events and specials going on throughout town. The Windmill will be offering gløgg to visitors and will also be kicking off a quick winter sale inspired by Valentine's Day. There's no better way to prepare for that special occasion than 10% off candy and chocolate, 20% off candles and candleholders, and 30% off ALL of our gnomes! The sale begins on the 8th and runs through February 15th and is in-store only. So come visit us and take advantage of these great deals at the windmill and around the Danish Villages!

Finally, our 2024 Royal Copenhagen and Bing & Grøndahl collectible plates are in. We have limited quantities right now and can't show them online yet, but they are beautiful as always and we look forward to having them displayed in the store very soon.

There are some other VERY exciting things we'd like to share, but you'll have to come to the Windmill Expo to find out what they are!



## YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

GOOD NEWS!

We have learned from our society, that if one strives to follow the Savior, he or she is to be called “Christian”. But as we saw in our previous article it is much more accurate and meaningful to be known as “a disciple of Jesus Christ”! Jesus desires more from His people than that we are just called by His name. He wants more from His people than that we say we believe in Him. He wants us to be disciples!!

Suppose that someone calls you a friend. It is quite wonderful to have friends. But this person never talks to you, never seeks you out to spend time with you and even crosses the street so as not to have to interact with you. I’m not sure that I would call that person a true friend.

Friends interact with each other. Friends enjoy visiting with each other. Friends seek each other out so as to spend time together. In a very special section of scripture, Jesus is sharing with His disciples some last minute thoughts and teachings. His crucifixion is but hours away – He has very little time left with them. This section of scripture is found in the book of John chapters 13 through 17. Here are some very deep and some very beautiful things that He says to them.

In chapter 15 verses 9 through 14, we find these words, “Even as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and remain in his love. I have spoken these things to you, that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be made full. ... Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you.”

Jesus calls His disciples ‘friends’. But are we His friends? Do we sit down to visit and share time with Him? Do we spend time on our knees in solitude as we pour out our heart to Him. Does He know you as a friend? Does He know you at all?

The thought of having the Son of the living God, the Savior of all mankind, the one who now sits at the ‘right hand of the majesty on high’, call me a friend, is too awesome for words!!! But yes, if I am His disciple, He cares so very much for me.

This thought of being a disciple of Jesus is what the “GOOD NEWS” is all about. But it is not as some evangelists would have you think. It is not about saying some salvation prayer and “now I’m in the kingdom, I have it made”. It is about loving the LORD your God with your whole heart, strength and life. It is about repenting of your sins and directing your attention to one who would call you a friend.

I have a book in front of me with 1650 pages – it is called “The Holy Bible”. There is a lifetime of information in it. There is deep pleasure in studying it. Is it an easy read? No! It can be difficult and painstaking at times. But is it worth it? Yes, more than anything else in the world. My friends, it is the GOOD NEWS!

Bill Rollins 1-19-24

“Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

— Mark Twain

## ITS ONLY SCIENCE

Oh, my goodness! We have a cold spell going on right now. There will be those who say that this is proof that global warming just doesn’t exist. It would be difficult for them to be more wrong. We are experiencing weather, not climate.

The best analogy I have ever seen to describe the difference between weather and climate is this. There is a man walking his dog on a long leash along the side of a hill. The man’s name is Climate and the dog’s name is Weather. Now sometime the dog is higher on the hill than the man. And sometimes the dog is lower than the man. It is the average of those highs and lows that actually tell you about the climate. Only by watching the man’s course will tell you what the climate is doing.

Scientists from all over the world have declared 2023 as the hottest year since records have been tracked. The scientists are looking at the world as a whole. There might have been an area that was cooler than others, but once again that was the weather. The scientists are warning that we are approaching the temperature rise that will make us begin severe measures in order to begin to address climate change.

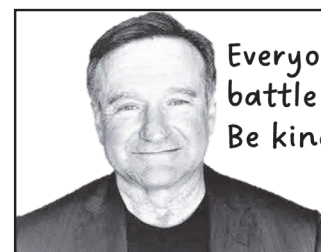
What can we do as individuals? There are the obvious of course. Turn down our thermostats in the winter and set them higher in the summer. Make sure our structure are well insulated and airtight. If we are going to be going out of town shopping, what else are you going to need soon? If you get that while you are there, you have saved a trip and the pollution it would have caused.

One important action that we can do as individuals is to drive at the posted speed limit. If everyone obeyed the posted speed limit it would reduce the amount of fuel consumed by about 5%. While that doesn’t seem like much it would be the equivalent of taking over 5 million vehicles off the road. And talking of vehicles, do we actually need a huge vehicle? Do we need to carry large loads or multiple passengers? Do we need to tow a heavy trailer? A smaller vehicle uses fewer materials to build reducing its environmental impact. And it will get better fuel mileage.

When possible we should be making use of locally produced foods. This would eliminate much of the transportation of food from farms to large facilities for processing, and the transportation to warehouses, and finally to the stores. And often results in less expensive packaging of the item.

We, as responsible citizens need to consider what we can do for the good of the world we leave to the next generations.

Bob Mortenson 1-12-24



Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.  
Be kind always  
-Robin Williams



## STREAMING 101 & MORE!

February 7 | Elk Horn Town Hall  
 February 14 | Walnut Community Center  
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3:00 - 7:00 PM

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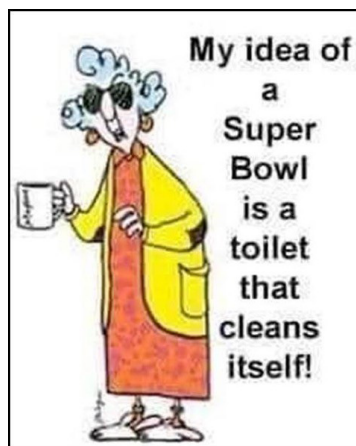
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Outlook Study Club met Monday evening for a delicious dinner of chili and ham sandwiches, topped off with yummy desserts. Followed by a rousing game of Bunko. Eighteen was in attendance so you can imagine loud we could get!

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 10:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL

**FEBRUARY 11**  
 9:00 AT IMMANUEL WITH COMMUNION  
 10:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL

**FEBRUARY 18**  
 9:00 AT BETHANY  
 10:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL

**FEBRUARY 25**  
 9:00 AT IMMANUEL  
 10:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HELD AT IMMANUEL**

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

**WINDMILL EXPO**



**AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**Food & Drink Provided**  
**Tuesday, January 30th**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Elk Horn Town Hall**



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Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poke me in the ribs and cackle, "You're next". They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

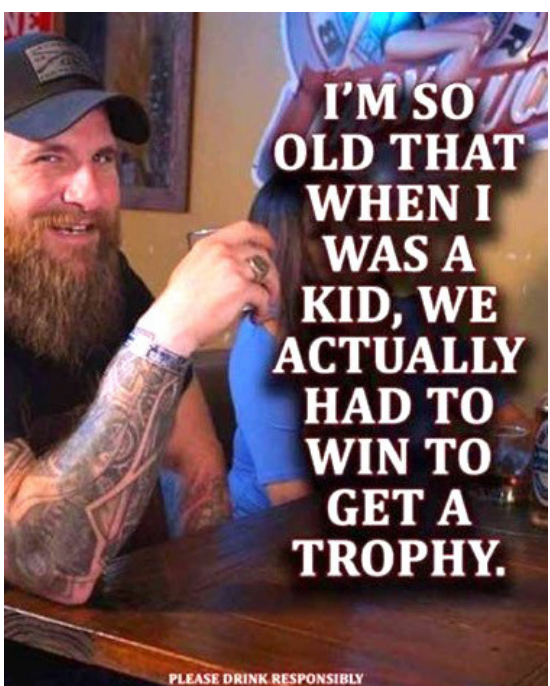
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### Grace on Main

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### The Kringle Man

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DVIO information booth & Dane Dollars for sale

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### Norse Horse Tavern

hot buttered rum special

### Seneca Studios

hygge themed flash tattoos

**Thurs, Feb 8th 5-8 pm  
in Elk Horn**

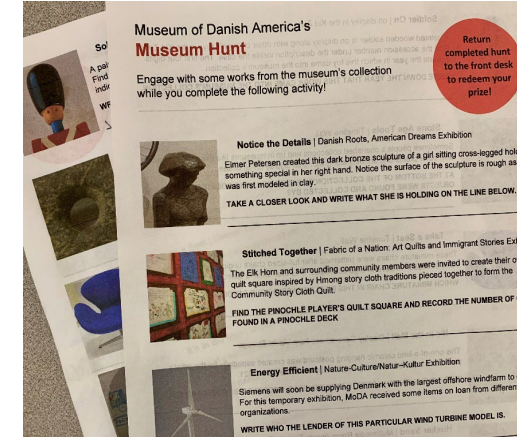


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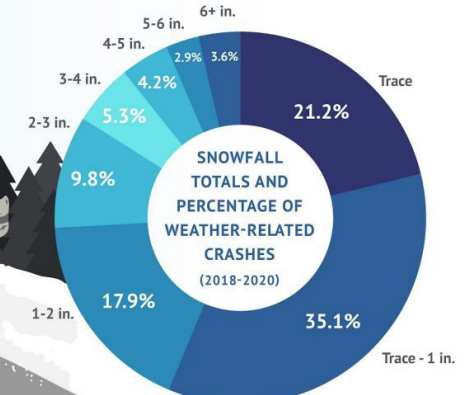
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MYRTUE MEDICAL CENTER'S

# NEW QUICK CARE CLINIC

HARLAN HOURS:  
 SATURDAY  
 8 AM - 4 PM  
 SUNDAY  
 11 AM - 3 PM

## Quick Care Weekend Hours Coming January 20, 2024 Myrtue Medical Center Welcomes New Advanced Practice Providers - Clare Croghan and Nicole Topliff

Myrtue Medical Center is excited to bring a new healthcare option to the community with the launch of the weekend Quick Care Clinic service on January 20th, 2024. Designed for walk-in patients who require same-day appointments, this clinic will provide medical attention for a range of non-life threatening health conditions. Myrtue's Harlan Rural Health Clinic offers Quick Care Clinic services on Saturdays from 8 AM - 4 PM and Sundays from 11 AM - 3 PM. Patients have the option to either walk in or schedule an appointment by calling 712.755.4516.

This new service will provide an additional option for patients who need medical attention over the weekend without having to wait until the following week to see a healthcare provider. Clare Croghan, PA-C, and Nicole Topliff, ARNP, FNP-C, will serve patients on the weekend and join Myrtue Medical Center's team of family medicine physicians and advanced-level practitioners who serve at Myrtue's nationally recognized Critical Access Hospital and its medical clinics.

Croghan is a Physician Assistant (PA-C), with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Iowa State University and a Master's of Physician Assistant Studies from Union College PA Program. She is board-certified and excited to start seeing patients at Myrtue's new Quick Care Clinic on weekends and in the evenings during the weekdays. In addition to her professional accomplishments, Croghan is a graduate of Harlan Community High School and currently lives in Harlan with her husband, Brett, and their 6-month-old son, Callahan. "I was born and raised in Shelby County, and I am very excited about the opportunity to work in this community as a provider at Myrtue Medical Center. It is a very special feeling being able to work alongside providers who have taught me so much about medicine and also seeing familiar faces each day. I look forward to extending hours of clinic coverage on the weekends and serving in the community that I have always called home," said Croghan.

Topliff will join Myrtue Medical Center's Medical Staff and bring over 12 years of experience as a nurse practitioner. Topliff's healthcare journey began in 1988 as a USAF medic during Operation Desert Storm, and it has expanded to over three decades with more than 25 years of total nursing experience. Topliff is dual board-certified in both Family Practice and Mental Health/Psychiatry, which she achieved through the University of Iowa. She continues to work in emergency medicine, on occasion, and provides care to those in need of medication management for their mental health concerns full-time. Topliff will be bringing her family practice and acute care experience to the weekend Quick Care Clinic starting January 20th. "Shelby County citizens, and the surrounding communities of which Myrtue Medical Center serves, are very fortunate to have such an insightful and progressive healthcare system that is responsive to their needs. I look forward to my role in this new venture and in becoming a part of this team," said Topliff.

With the Quick Care Clinic being staffed by Croghan and Topliff, they will be available to treat a variety of health concerns. These may include sprains and strains, broken bones, cold/flu symptoms, earaches, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, seasonal allergies, burns, sore throat, urinary tract infections (UTI), pink eye, rashes and insect bites, among others. However, it is important to note that chronic conditions should be discussed with your primary care physician.

Myrtue Medical Center is committed to providing accessible and high-quality healthcare services to the community. Beginning January 20th, 2024, the new Quick Care Clinic will be open to serve patients on the weekends.



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## Scratches From The Rusty Quill By Wava Petersen



Happy New Year Rolling Hills Readers! After spending five days of Christmas in Lincoln, thanks to a big snowstorm and nasty roads, then going back a couple days New Years weekend to finish up Christmas with all those who didn't make it the week before, my desk was piled high. Then came the big storms. On top of that both my phones were not working and the furnace wasn't working properly. Thanks to good neighbors, good friends, family and renter all is on track once more. But the Rusty Quill has suffered neglect. So, this article will be limited to a few treasures by unknown authors, put together by a man named Jim Doyne.

There is no evidence that the tongue is connected to the brain.  
A prune is a plum with experience.  
In debating the merits of dogs and cats, not having to walk a cat when it's 20 below deserves consideration.  
Snow is the peanut butter of nature. It's crunchy, kids love it and it clings to the roof of your house.  
If you are dieting, the best place for your bathroom scale is in front of the refrigerator.  
Definition of a wife: A person who can look in the top drawer of the dresser and find her husband's socks that aren't there.  
Those who can, do...those who can't, write the instructions.  
And, if I want my daughter to send this before they head back to Lincoln, I'd better cut it short. May your house be warm and your driveway be clear in the wintery weeks ahead!

## EXIRA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

108 E WASHINGTON ST. – CITY HALL MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

The Exira City Council met for their regular meeting in city hall on Monday, January 8, 2024. Present were Mayor Mike Huegerich, Council Members: Dwight Jessen, Dorreen Schrader, and Nathan Wahlert. City Clerk Meg Andersen and City Attorney Clint Fichter were also in attendance. Kyle and Christina Nelson were also guests for a part of the meeting.

Mayor Huegerich called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

A motion made by Schrader, seconded by Jessen, to approve the agenda. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Schrader, to approve the consent agenda. All voted aye, motion passed.

Mayor Huegerich opened the public hearing regarding financing for the new public works tractor at 7:33 PM.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Jessen, to approve \$650 reimbursement to Kyle Nelson for tree removal at 203 S Cottage St. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Schrader, to approve Dollar General class B retail alcohol license. All voted aye, motion passed.

City Clerk presented the December 2023 Library report and update on Exira's Community Visioning Process.

City Clerk will set up rate analysis for utility rates, apply for Audubon County Community Foundation Grant for fire department roof replacement, apply for STBG funds for Washington Street project, complete Homes for Iowa pre-order checklist, and source replacement light pole banners for the summer season.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Jessen, to approve a donation equaling one percent of total funds allocated by ACED to City of Exira in previous calendar year to ACED for 2024 membership. All voted aye, motion passed.

City Attorney presented on valuations, TIF, and proposed property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

Mayor Huegerich closed the public hearing at 8:54 PM with no written or oral comments received.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve additional action resolution 24-1 1.8.24. Roll Call Vote: Wahlert-aye, Schrader-aye, Jessen-aye. Motion Passed.

Mayor Huegerich appointed Nathan Wahlert as Mayor Pro-Tempore, Meg Andersen as the City Clerk, Clint Fichter as the City Attorney, Exchange State Bank as the official bank, and Audubon County Advocate Journal for publishing for the City of Exira for 2024 calendar year. Mayor Huegerich also appointed the following council members to these respective committees: Finance- Borkowski, Schrader, Wahlert. Infrastructure- Borkowski, Jessen, Paulsen. Parks- Paulsen, Schrader, Wahlert.

An additional council meeting is set for January 30, 2024 at 4:30 PM at City Hall.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Schrader, to adjourn at 8:58 PM. All voted aye, motion passed.

Mike Huegerich, Mayor  
Clerk

Meg Andersen, City  
Clerk

# GRIEF CLASSES

*Understanding Your Grief is a support and education program for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one.*

**EVERY FRIDAY:  
FEBRUARY 23RD - MARCH 29TH**

**9:30 AM to 11:00 AM**

1213 Garfield Ave | Harlan, IA 51537  
Emergency Department / Inpatient Visitors Entrance  
Myrtue's West Conference Room

**Registration is required by February 9th**  
Call Cathy Jensen at 712.755.4424

*This class is provided at no cost and is sponsored by:*

 **MYRTUE** HOSPICE  
Medical Center

The **City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session Tuesday, January 9th, 2024**, at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Jens, Councilmen Teegerstrom, D. Petersen, Hogberg and K. Petersen (via Teams).

Absent: Creek. City Employees: Chelsee Jacobsen, Jeff Nelson, Josh Nelson.

Mayor Jens called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve December 4th and 21st, 2023, meeting minutes. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Capital Projects:

Jeff Godwin provided an update on the Water Project. The city has current USDA funding to complete some work on the Water Treatment Plant and wells. USDA is willing to have the city sign a proposal from Vessco to complete the work without the requirement of competitive bidding. Jeff Godwin will prepare an amendment to the Preliminary engineering report adding this work and the emergency nature of the repairs.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve Pool House Pay app #1 to Viking Construction - \$69,741.60. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve Change order #1 with Viking Construction to upgrade the interior wall material from steel to Extrutech PVC panels. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by Hogberg to table Park Street Contracts and Bonds with United Construction. Ayes 4, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen, to set the Planning and Design Loan public hearing on February 5th, 2024, at 6PM. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Chelsee will set up a meeting with Township Trustees to discuss updating township agreements and contributions.

Hotel Proposal: Lifeskills & PG Customs met with council to discuss their proposal for 4037 Main Street. They would like to convert the property to AirBnB overnight stays, apartments, and use the pool area for a community venue.

The council will accept proposals till February 1st, 2024, and discuss all proposals at the February 5th council meeting and hold a public hearing March 4th to make a final decision.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to remove Keli Hansen, adding Stan Jens to the SCSB Checking Account. Ayes 4, motion carried. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve adding Elk Horn Fire Department to the city's accounting software, authorizing Chelsee Jacobsen on the checking account. Ayes 4, motion carried.

The council discussed employee raises and will approve by resolution February 5th, for July 1st, 2024, effective date.

Clint provided an update on the 24-25 FY budget.

Public Input:

Keli Hansen provided an update on Dollar General. DG is pausing the proposal due to the economy.

DVIO Board Members Klare Chapman and Jodee Dixon presented signage for the Danish Villages. New banners and brackets will be placed on poles throughout Elk Horn and Kimballton. The council unanimously approved the design and committed City Staff for installation.

Department Reports:

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve MPI Classes for Chelsee. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve Resolution 2024-1.1 – Formalizing City Council Procedures for Agenda and Meetings. Ayes 4, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to approve purchasing a standard skid loader bucket. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve purchasing a 24hr Wastewater Sampler for DMR Reporting. Ayes 4, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to appoint Jerry Hoffman as 2024 Fire Chief. Ayes 4, motion carried. Jerry stated the tanker and Peterbilt need repairs.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to appoint Paulette Hansen to the library board of trustees. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Nuisance Property - No new updates on obtaining 4116 Madison St

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom, to approve the claims register as presented. Ayes 4, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to approve timesheets as presented. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen, to approve the financial report as presented. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to adjourn the meeting at 8:04PM. Ayes 4, motion carried.



## MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Special Message Series (with drama readings):

### **Witnesses at the Cross**

(What We Might have Overheard had We Been There)

**Lenten Meal each week from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Midweek Worship Services at 7:00 p.m.**

**February 14– (Ash Wed. Holy Communion) “Malchus and Mark”**

*Elk Horn Lutheran Church*

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**February 21: “Barnabus and Caiaphas”**

*Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton*

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**February 28: “Pontius Pilate and Procula”**

*Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville*

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**March 6: “Simon of Cyrene and the Centurion”**

*Bethany Lutheran Church in Rural Kimballton*

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**March 13: “The Two Thieves”**

*Elk Horn Lutheran Church*

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**March 20: “Mary and John”**

*St. Paul Lutheran Church in Irwin*

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**March 28 – Maundy Thursday**

**(Holy Communion)**

*Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton*

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**March 29 – Good Friday**

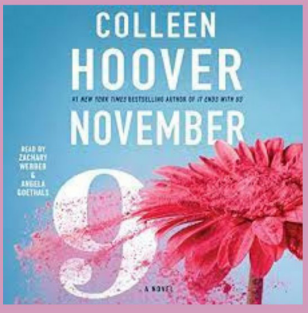
*Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville*

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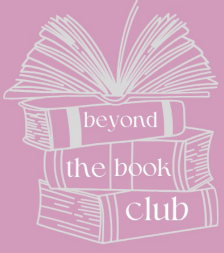
**A Great Supper - Followed By Worship**

(There will be no supper on Maundy Thursday nor on Good Friday)

Fallon meets Ben, an aspiring novelist, the day before her scheduled cross country move. Their untimely attraction leads them to spend Fallon's last day in L.A. together, and her eventful life becomes the creative inspiration Ben has always sought for his novel. Over time and amidst the various relationships and tribulations of their own separate lives, they continue to meet on the same date every year. Until one day Fallon becomes unsure if Ben has been telling her the truth or fabricating a perfect reality for the sake of the ultimate plot twist.



February 1st @ 6:30pm  
Elk Horn  
Public Library




## SPARK!

CULTURAL PROGRAMMING  
for PEOPLE WITH MEMORY LOSS

The Museum of Danish America represents the first museum to host SPARK! in Iowa. SPARK! is free cultural programming for people with early- to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners designed to keep the participants actively engaged in their communities.

**The Museum of Danish America is excited to announce the implementation of a free monthly cultural program for those with early- to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners called SPARK!**

Thank you so much!  
Alissa LaCanne  
Youth and Community Educator

MUSEUM OF DANISH AMERICA'S GENEALOGY & EDUCATION CENTER  
E: ALISSA.LACANNE@DANISHMUSEUM.ORG | P: 712.764.7010  
4210 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 249, ELK HORN, IA 51531



## An Invitation to Participate

...in Designing Your Community

Iowa State University is gathering information from community members to learn your opinions on how to improve the community's landscape through transportation enhancements.

The goal of this project is to develop a landscape plan that illustrates the vision of The City of Exira. Your input is an important part of this process and your ideas about community design and enhancement are valuable to Exira's visioning committee.


**Join us for focus groups...**

To sign up, visit [www.communityvisioning.org/Exira](http://www.communityvisioning.org/Exira) and click on "Public Input." Then select the group that you most identify with. You can also scan the QR Code below. Community Workshops will be held on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Exira-EEHK Elementary school and should last approximately 45 minutes. The older adults & mobility challenged groups will meet at 9 AM and parents & active recreationalists groups will meet at 10 AM.

Please call Meg Andersen at 712-268-2187 with any questions




**Support to:**



# H.E.A.L.

HOPE EMPATHY ACCEPTANCE LOVE

Our Mission: To support those living with incurable chronic medical conditions that impact quality of life.

Meets monthly at the Exira Library Meeting room  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 6pm-8pm  
Contact (712) 304-5779 with questions



WIFE: "There's trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor"  
HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous."  
WIFE: "I tell you, the car has water in the carburetor."  
HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I will check it out. Where's the car?"  
WIFE: "In the pool."

Exciting day for Exira-EHK Speech!!! We had 3 entries perform, and all 3 entries advanced to the state competition, which will be held on February 3rd at Ankeny Centennial High School!  
Ensemble Acting: Annabelle Baggett and Lily Bricker  
Ensemble Acting: Ben Baggett and Emily Bricker  
Solo Mime: Emily Bricker  
Great job to these AMAZING students!



**Wednesday January 31st**  
**2:00pm @ the Exira Public Library**  
(Early dismissal day from school)

## The Omaha Children's Museum

is coming to the Exira Public Library!!

Come along as we walk in Pete the Cat's white shoes and do some experimenting along the way! We will investigate the properties of color and have some groovy fun. All ages are welcome!





# WOULD YOU BE READY IN AN EMERGENCY?

### FRIENDS & FAMILY CPR

This CPR class is perfect for those who want to learn or keep fresh their CPR skills, but do not need a CPR certification card. This course is ideal for community groups, new parents, grandparents, babysitters, and others interested in learning how to save a life.

### STOP THE BLEED®

A person who is bleeding can die from blood loss within five minutes. While emergency responders will arrive as quickly as possible, bystanders are almost always there first. This free training program will teach you how to stop life-threatening bleeding.

### FRIENDS & FAMILY CPR UPCOMING CLASSES

MONDAY, FEB 5 6:00 PM  
MONDAY, MAR 4 6:00 PM

### STOP THE BLEED® UPCOMING CLASSES

MONDAY, FEB 19 6:00 PM  
MONDAY, MAR 18 6:00 PM

Space is limited for all classes.

**Ready to sign up for a free class? Have questions?**

Contact Cass County Public Health Nurse Linda Edelman at (712) 243-7551.



EVER WONDER WHY THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE IS ALWAYS PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE SIDE?



Have you noticed that "THE" and "IRS" spells THEIRS

To some, marriage is a word... To others, it's a sentence

**RESCHEDULED**  
NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

*The Elks had to postpone the Veterans Appreciation Lunch to be held last Saturday due to the weather. It has been rescheduled for February 10th*  
**Veterans Appreciation Lunch**

Free to any Veteran or Military Personnel plus One Guest

The meal is provided by the Atlantic Elks Lodge:  
**Noon Saturday, February 10, 2024**

411 Walnut Street, Atlantic, IA

The hustle and bustle of the holidays will be over and you can beat the winter blahs by joining us for food and fun.

If you need a ride, the Elks will pay for your and your guest's transportation with SWITA. Just let us know your address when you RSVP

You must RSVP by calling or texting:

**712-249-7860**

By 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

(Give your name; tell us if you are bringing a guest and if you need transportation)  
Others are welcome to attend for a fee of \$10 as long as you RSVP

**Snow Shoveling**

Contact  
Jonas LaCanne at 712-304-7155 for an estimate

Services  
Shoveling Sidewalks and Driveways

**SPECIAL OFFER**

Oak and Walnut oven squirrels  
buy one – second one \$5 off

**Old Danish Workshop**

Regule Chairs • Repair - Refinish Furniture  
Custom Building • Cribbage Boards  
Birdhouses/Feeders • Butterfly Houses  
Crosses • Toys • Canes... and more!

Gene (Beaner) Thomsen  
**(712) 249-5983**