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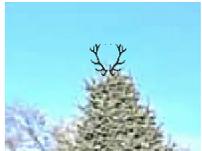
The mystery of: "The Hiding Elk Horns"

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Husband and Wife
 (Carl and Ellie)
 from movie UP



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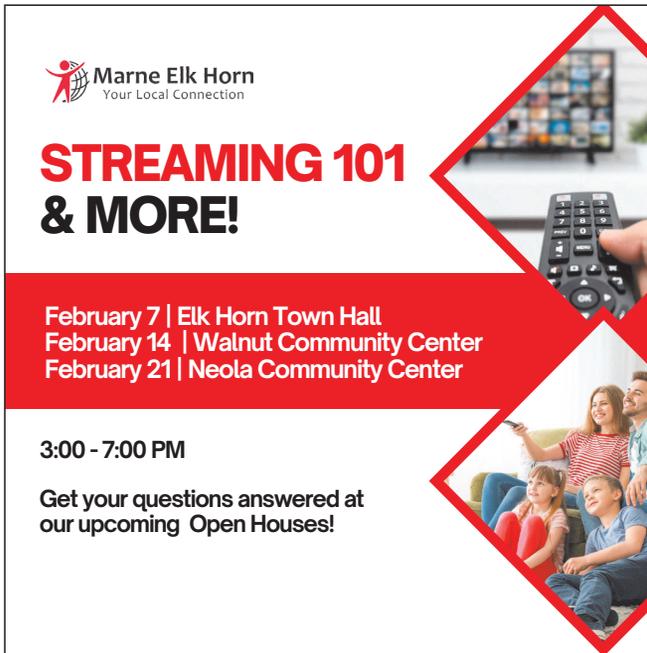
Words of Wisdom from Troy:

Those that respect the law and love
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 Mark Twain

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If you have anything to say, please raise your hand and place it over your mouth.

Why is there no egg in eggplant and no ham in hamburger?

Who ways nothing is impossible.. I've been doing nothing for years.

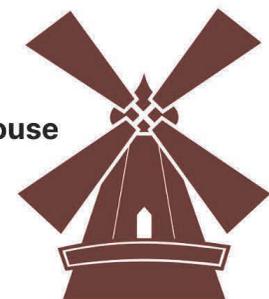
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April 9, 1994

Dear Lisa,
 Thanks for all you did to make
 our Welcome Center FAM Tour a success.
 We enjoyed stopping at the Windmill.
 I'm excited for everything that is
 happening in Elk Horn. The new museum,
 a possible new motel! It is because of
 people like you that these things are
 happening.
 Again, thanks. Nancy Landess

"We've Been Here Before"

In 1994, the windmill received a friendly note from Nancy Landess, then manager of the Iowa Tourism Office. It read as follows:

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 Again, thanks.
 -Nancy Landess

We find little notes like this in our files on a regular basis. With rumblings of the hotel potentially opening again soon, this message resonates with an extra sense of urgency. It's a familiar message we have heard before, and one that hopefully sticks. It isn't a coincidence either that this note was found at the windmill which has functioned as the driver of tourism to our area since its arrival. In fact, the windmill and hotel both have a lot in common. Both depend on support of the town for survival, a commitment to promoting tourism and economic development in the Danish Villages that has to spring from the ground up.

One way to help is by supporting the windmill. We spend \$20,000 annually just on billboards to encourage people to explore the Danish Villages, and they are one of our largest expenses that keep us operating at a net loss. This year, the windmill is reopening its doors to volunteers. We need all of the help we can get to support our community and it doesn't have to come in the form of a donation. Everyone and anyone is welcome to volunteer at the windmill in a number of ways including giving tours, gardening, assisting visitors, digitizing our archive, and even running the windmill itself. There is something for everyone to do as we prepare for what will hopefully be another busy year, and we will need local support to make it a successful one, for both the windmill and community.

To learn more, get in touch with us at the windmill or visit our volunteer page at danishwindmill.org.

The windmill held its annual meeting on January 30th at the town hall. Shaun gave a presentation on the financial position of the organization followed by a review of 2023 and everything we accomplished last year. We're hopeful we can build on the year we've had and enter a new era of prosperity for the windmill and community, but as attendees learned, we still have a lot of work to do. If you missed the annual meeting, it is available on our YouTube channel for viewing. We want to thank all of those who joined us in support for the evening. We also want to thank Chad Juelsgaard for his service to the Board of Directors. Finally, please join us in welcoming Nicole Butler onto the Board. She will assume the office of treasurer for 2024. If you wish to be considered for the Board of Directors in 2025, please get in touch with Bill Rollins or Joanne Greving.

A lot of information about the windmill was given at the annual meeting, including two big announcements that we are excited about this year. The first is our new digital Welcome Center station is ready. To supplement the Chromebook we obtained via grant for travelers last year, we have added a full desk with community brochures and literature in addition to a TV that displays local business hours, weather, upcoming events, and whatever else we want to put on it. Later this year we will add a "social media wall" which will allow visitors to upload photos they take of themselves or the windmill onto the TV using our hashtags. This is a trending business tool right now that will generate both exciting engagement and free advertising for our organization.

The second bit of news is even more thrilling. We've signed an agreement with Midwest Pano to produce a full virtual tour of our windmill. If you are familiar with Google street-view, the interface is very similar. Users will be able to explore the entire windmill, view everything inside in high-resolution detail, and even interact with digital engagement buttons we can customize the tour with. The tour will also include our outdoor exhibits, allowing far-flung visitors to take in our entire complex from the comfort of home. We believe this will be a monumental resource for us, not just as a membership benefit, but also as a means to draw additional tour revenue from people unlikely to visit us in person. Expect more announcements on this as we get closer to launch. We will be having the imaging done once the weather is nicer and our complex is green again.

A final piece of information that we would like to share regarding the annual meeting, is that we are actively encouraging people to attend. This event is held once a year, as required by our by-laws, and it is an easy opportunity to learn about what we're up to and the help we need. We are doing everything we can to grow and keep everything running, but the challenges of outpacing our operating expenses are mounting. We need all the help we can get, and it doesn't have to be just donations. We are inviting community members to explore our volunteering opportunities including giving tours, helping us digitize archival materials, and even running the windmill! Just contact us at the windmill to learn more or visit our volunteer page at danishwindmill.org.

In the meantime, we're excited to be participating in a community hygge evening again. Come down to the windmill and see all of our sales. If you would like an annual report from the meeting, we have plenty of copies left at the windmill.



GOOD NEWS!

YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

“And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. And they brought up the ark of the LORD... Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the Temple of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the Temple of the LORD.” (1 Kings 8:3-11)

I don't know about you, but that gives me a real sense of joy – great joy!! Really Bill?? That event took place about 3000 years ago; what does it mean to us? Well, I'm glad you asked that question because it means much in every way. In his first letter to the Corinthian church, Paul tells them this; “Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.” (1 Cor. 10:11)

Paul's insight into what we call the Old Testament was outstanding. He knew the scriptures and being filled with the Holy Spirit his discernment was second to none.

The word 'example' in the above verse come to us from the Greek word 'tupos' and is where we get the word 'types' in English. The fact is, the Hebrew Scriptures are filled with types for us to learn from. This statement concerning the Temple must be compared to the present day Temple, that is, the church. In that same book of 1 Corinthians, we find this written in Chapter 3:16, “Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.”

Wow! That's pretty straight forward, isn't it? Or how about this from Paul, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19)

And how about Peter, he says it this way, “You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:5)

God, through His Holy Spirit, is building for Himself a place in which to dwell. In his letter to the Ephesians 2:11, Paul writes this, “Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

I don't know about you, but that gives me a real sense of joy – great joy!! “For the glory of the LORD filled the Temple of the LORD.” Yeah, the good news just never ends. Don't go away folks, there's still more to come!!

Bill Rollins 2-4-24

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

— Mark Twain

ITS ONLY SCIENCE

In community and economic development there is a science involved in what works best in most cases. And there are underlying things that also have influence in the success enjoyed by the actions taken. I am going to point out one of the most important of the underlying actions.

To the outside observer the Danish Villages seems like a fabled place. They look at what has already happened and can hardly believe what these towns have achieved. We should look at our history from an outside observer's viewpoint. The only actual Danish Windmill outside of Demark. And on its grounds the Vikinghem. The Museum of Danish America is the only National Danish Museum in the United States. And it is sited on about 30 acres of restored prairie. We have a Genealogy Center that offers numerous services. The Freedom Rock for Audubon County is located here. We have updated city parks in both communities. Nice ball fields in Kimballton. Swimming pool with a new pool house under construction in Elk Horn. We have an award-winning library that offers a range of programming for all ages. The Statute of the Little Mermaid is surrounded by sculptures of other Hans Christian Andersen's characters. We have award-winning restaurants offering a variety of choices for the hungry to enjoy. Thanks to our Independent Phone Company we live in “gig” certified communities allowing fertile ground for e business development. And those are just the obvious things people notice.

The genesis of one of our International company's was started by one man having an idea of how to do something better than it had ever been done before. One man, an idea, and a Boy Scout pup tent.

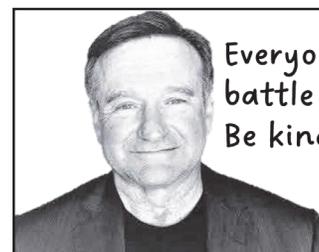
We once had a shoe factory making wooden shoes. Once again, one man designed the machines that made that venture possible.

We needed daycare for those parents working in our towns. A few people got together, formed a committee, and just did not give up until it was a reality. And we have various groups that are working to make our communities even better.

Speaking of fables, they have a moral contained within. The moral for our fabled place is community involvement. Our residents participate in working to make our small towns greater. You may not think that spending some time volunteering, or paying for a membership in one of our organizations would not have influence. But that is exactly what has contributed to our communities' improvement.

It is not necessary to move to find a better place to live. By your actions, this can become exactly the place of your dreams.

Bob Mortenson 1-27-2024.



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-Robin Williams

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**Saturday, February 24th
Walnut Community Center**

Stupid criminals:
An 85-year-old woman heard someone break into her home one Sunday afternoon. **She calmly walked right past the teenager housebreaker**, and into her bedroom where she got a .22 caliber gun she kept there. Then she went back to the teenager, pointed at him until the police arrived. The boy was charged with attempted burglary.

The patient was lying in bed, still groggy from the effects of his recent operation. His doctor came in, looking very glum. "I can't be sure what is going on with you", the doctor said. "I think it's the drinking." "Okay", the patient said. "Well then, can we get an opinion from a doctor who is sober?"

We are aware of the road sinking on Washington Street going East. We are working on getting the issue resolved as soon as we can. Please use caution in this area.



Scratches From The Rusty Quill

By Wava Petersen



As I write, the snow is shrinking, the roads are improving and the sun is occasionally shining. All that white stuff got me thinking of those good old days of sleds and sleigh riding.

The first recorded recreational sledding events were held by Russians around the 1650s when Russian youths built wooden tracks down hills and carved sleds out of large blocks of ice. Sleigh riding came into America in the 1860s when a man named Henry Morten invented the wooden toboggan. Later, in the 1880s Samuel Leeds Allen reinvented winter with the Flexible Flyer, a sled on red steel runners that riders could steer with either their hands or feet. Though sales were slow at first, they picked up dramatically by the turn of the century. By 1915 the company was selling 2,000 sleds a day. I think the sleds of our childhood were most likely Flyers. Our dad probably won them at the annual Christmas gift drawing sponsored every December by the local Elk Horn merchants. Dad was always lucky. Dale's sled was the shorter, sleeker one with a curved front end. Mine was longer with a straight front, not as sleek looking but easier to steer. We covered a lot of snow with those babies!

The rolling hills of Shelby County were a wonderful playground in winter for country kids. We took our sleds along to school where the snow-packed road served as our track for the recess and noon hour sleigh rides. During one Christmas vacation our cousins Marvin & Merle from the flatlands of northern Iowa were here, thoroughly enjoying sledding in the pasture west of the house. Starting on the hillside we crossed a lane, sailing over the ridge of the fence-line, ducking our heads as we went under a barbed wire fence where the bottom wire was missing. How stupid we were! That barbed-wire fence cleared our heads by just a few inches and one misjudged move could have torn a face to shreds.

It may have been in the terrible winter of 1936 when country roads were closed for weeks. We lived 3 miles southwest of Elk Horn at the time and my mother must have run out of flour. My dad fashioned a set of old tennis rackets into makeshift snow shoes, initiated them on a snow bank by the house and took off walking to town. Several hours later Dad straggled into the kitchen with a 50-pound sack of flour over his shoulder. As he collapsed onto the nearest chair, we heard him gasp, "I'll never try that again."

A young Danish immigrant, Ted Andersen, arrived in Elk Horn in the early 1930s. (He apparently had some connection with my Danish Peterson family.) Though I only know the story from the telling and retelling, Ted came from an area of Denmark that had no hills. Thus, he needed some lessons in the fine art of sleigh-riding and the Petersons were only too willing to teach him. Grandma Peterson lived on top of the big hill east of us and that is where the lessons began. Ted was instructed how to belly-flop on the sled, steer with his hands and stay in the middle of the road. About two-thirds of the way down Ted lost control, veered off the road and plunged head-first into the huge snow bank. Only his two legs were visible, the rest of Ted was buried deep in the snow. His mentors rushed to the rescue, pulling him out by his feet. Uninjured but covered in white, Ted brushed the snow from himself and joined the crowd laughing at his misfortune. Eventually Ted married my mother's sister Ruth and spent the rest of his life where the land was flat and hills were few and far between.

Sleds or sleighs, what is the difference? Sleds are smaller, usually carrying only

one or two people. Sleighs are larger, made to carry anywhere from two to multiple passengers. They are pulled by horses...or maybe reindeer. We had a one-horse sleigh when I was a kid. I only recall one ride in it when Dad towed us up and down the snow-covered dirt road with the car. And there were bob-sleds, large and more utilitarian. I remember my dad transferring the box from the lumber wagon wheels to very sturdy runners. He called it a bob-sled, put a layer of straw on the floor and brought out the horse-hide lap robe to keep us warm. But I have no idea where we went.

And then there is the dog sled. On our first trip to Alaska in 1995 we soon discovered that Alaskans considered dog sled racing to be the national sport, the Iditarod was THE race of all races and Susan Butcher was the legendary queen of the Iditarod. She had won 4 Iditarod races plus several other major dog-sled races. Ms. Butcher was the person, male or female who has won three Iditarod races in a row. Sadly, her racing career was cut short when she lost her battle with leukemia and passed away in August, 2006 at the age of fifty-one.

Now, take note of the accompanying photo of Susan Butcher holding one of her sled dogs. Standing at the helm of the sled is her Number One Musher. Something look a bit fishy about the picture?? We had just returned from the evening sternwheeler cruise on the Chena River to the Fairbanks landing. One of Butcher's associates had given a live dog-sled demonstration with a team of her Iditarod-winning dogs at a stop on the cruise, but we had to settle for a storefront façade and a cardboard mock-up picture of the famous lady. The #1 musher is real but looks a lot more like an old bean-walker from Iowa than a dog-sled musher. Lyle had his picture taken by the trophy case holding Butcher's four Iditarod trophies. They were the real thing. However, I did get to hold and cuddle a Husky pup later on at Tok, Alaska on our way home. The frisky little guy was also the real thing and holding that furry little bundle of energy really made my day..



**EXIRA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
108 E WASHINGTON ST. – CITY HALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024 4:30 PM**

The Exira City Council met for an additional meeting in city hall on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Present were Mayor Mike Huegerich, Council Members: Dwight Jessen, Clark Borkowski, Dorreen Schrader, and Nathan Wahlert. City Clerk Meg Andersen and Tim Wahlert of public works were also in attendance. City Attorney Clint Fichter, Dave Sturm, Peggy Toft, and multiple residents were also guests for a part of the meeting.

Mayor Huegerich called the meeting to order at 4:29 PM.

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

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

Dave Sturm of Snyder & Associates presented a cost analysis for water main replacement under E Washington St from Carthage St to Fairview St. Financials will be evaluated to possibly complete this project in conjunction with the proposed E Washington Street improvement project.

Peggy Toft of Spartan Insurance presented the 2024 ICAP policy renewal. A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Borkowski, to approve the 2024 ICAP property and liability insurance renewal totaling \$42,198.00. All voted aye, motion passed.

City Attorney recommended proceeding with condemnation process of 307 S Carthage St and will manage process with city clerk's assistance.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Schrader, to approve Atlas access request for ROW soil boring at 208 E Washington St. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Jessen, to approve amended 28E agreements for township fire protection with Exira Fire Department. All voted aye, motion passed.

Utility billing and ordinance were discussed. Policy and amendments will continue to be developed.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Schrader, to approve Resolution 24-02 01.30.24 Commitment of Funds to the East Washington Street Improvement Project for Purposes of Grant Application. Roll Call Vote: Jessen- aye, Borkowski- aye, Schrader- aye, Wahlert- aye. Resolution passed.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Jessen, to approve costs and city clerk attendance for February 2024 IMPI training. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reminder Exira's Community Visioning Focus Groups meet at Exira-EEHK Elementary on February 10th. A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Borkowski, to split cost of volunteer lunch 50/50 with American Legion. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion by Jessen, seconded by Wahlert, to move start time of the February 12, 2024 regular council meeting to 6:30 PM. All voted aye, motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding economic development, new construction, and new homeowner incentives. City attorney will bring drafts to next council meeting.

A letter of recommendation was provided to council member Borkowski for Regional Water Board of Directors nomination.

FY 25 budget considerations were discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6.22 PM.

Mike Huegerich, Mayor

Meg Andersen, City Clerk

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Want to have a say on how Exira is developed moving forward? Focus Groups are your chance to share anything you would like to see happen in our small town in a confidential setting.

Only a few more days to get registered! Give Meg a call at 712-268-2187 to get registered or talk to steering committee members: Judi Nelson, Clark Borkowski, Jessie Wheeler, Perry & Barb Paulsen, Michelle Wilson, & Ellie Wahlert



**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 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 10th, 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

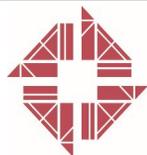


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Iowa's Living Roadways
community
visioning

Why do grandparents and grandchildren get along so well?..
They have the same adversary – the parents.



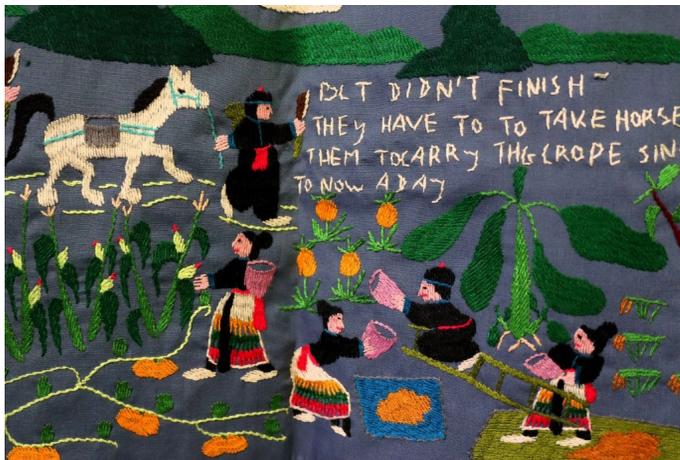
museum of danish america

2212 WASHINGTON ST
ELK HORN, IA 51531

Safe Travels & Priceless Donations

Several staff members had the pleasure of traveling to California to meet with a donor and pack and transport objects from his personal collection. Then Delaney and Amelia began the long journey home to Elk Horn in a U-Haul. After traveling through 8 states, driving 1,766 miles in 3.5 days, devouring 5 chocolate shakes and 2 animal style fries, and buying 2 matching shirts, 44 priceless ceramic and glass objects are now in the safekeeping of the Museum of Danish America!

We hope you enjoy these photos of our smørrebrød lunch, our visit to Joshua Tree National Park, Delaney's favorite "hotel" bed, and Amelia and Delaney's first visit to In-N-Out Burger!



Art Quilts & Immigration Stories

On cold winter nights, we're wrapped up in blankets and quilts but none as detailed and striking as the Hmong story cloths, Migrant Quilt Project pieces, and quilts from our collection currently on display through May. Each piece offers unique insights into different ethnic groups and their journeys to the United States. Although the individuals who made these quilts or are depicted in the pieces may have had vastly disparate journeys, they came to the United States in search of the same things: security, opportunity, family, hope.

Two confirmed bachelors sat talking. Their conversation drifted from politics to cooking.

"I got a cookbook once" said one, "but I could never do anything with it"

"Too much fancy work in it, eh?", asked the other.

"You said it! Every one of the recipes began with the same way – 'Take a clean dish..'



Take Flight with Free Family Day!

On February 19, the museum will be offering free admission for families! This free admission day coincides with the Great Backyard Bird Count, an annual event where you can identify, count, and submit information about the birds you see to help scientists better understand and protect birds around the world! The museum will have binoculars available for use and activity bags available for kids. Support provided by the Iowa Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.



FREE FAMILY DAY

Monday, February 19th from 10am - 4pm

Great Backyard Bird Count

Join the world this February to celebrate and count birds to assist scientists in their research!

Binoculars available to borrow from front desk for use in the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park.

Activity Bags for kids, including a grab & go bird feeder kit (while supplies last)

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual event that takes place from February 16 - 19. The results are reported using either the Merlin Bird ID app or the eBird Mobile app.

Accessibility:
Prairie may be wet, icy, or snowy depending on the weather.

Support provided by the Iowa Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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VERLE DOONAN

S P-4 Verle W. Doonan, stationed in Korea since last April and serving as company clerk, received a promotion Feb. 14 to Specialist Fourth class. Verle is the son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Doonan, Harlan. His address is:
 SP-4 Verle W. Doonan
 U. S. 55-630-681
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 San Francisco, Calif.

VERLE DOONAN

Is it simply a given that being a soldier and having a love for fast cars go hand-in-hand? Of course, in the 1950s there were such fabulous cars that what young man wouldn't look with longing at the choices that surrounded him and dream of being a proud owner. Verle Doonan fit squarely into that picture. He became the proud owner of a 1953 Chevy which was only one year old when he purchased it. Although there were no speed limits posted along the highways, the young drivers were "willing" to adhere to the speed limit they called "safe and reasonable." With those sleek cars driving from Kimballton to Harlan or from Jacksonville to Hamlin could be accomplished in quick time.

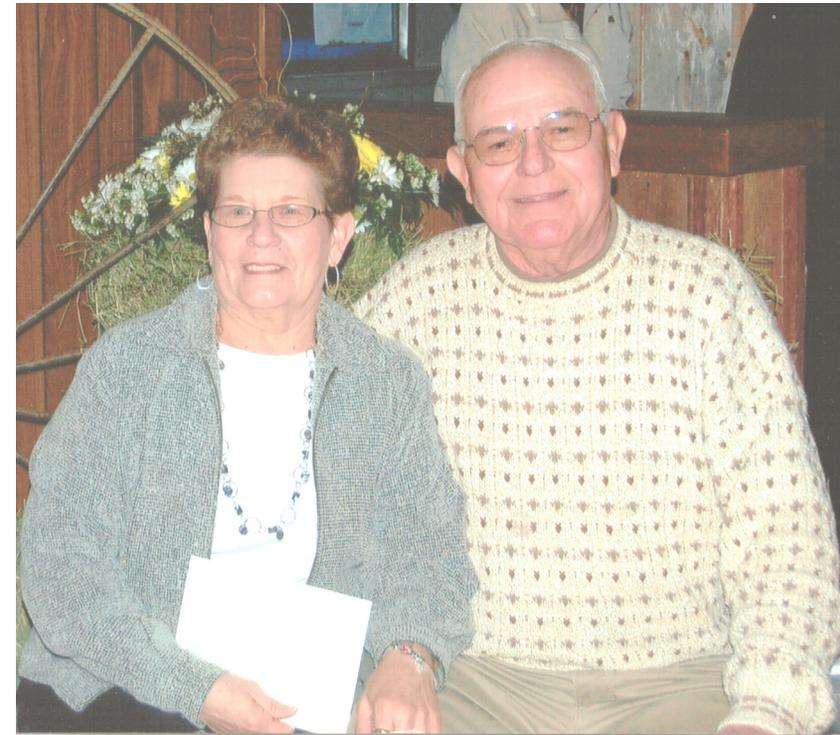
When Verle was a student in elementary school he listened with only the interest of a young child to talk about a war being fought in Korea. In his childhood mind he wondered why, after only a few years following a world war America would be fighting another war. Although he had an extended family member serving in that faraway place, it was not a large part of his life. By the time he was in high school the fighting had stopped, and an armistice had been signed agreeing that Korea would remain a divided country.

For young men from Iowa, California can sometimes have a magical draw. Verle and a couple of his friends decided that jobs out there might fit the bill for adding some adventure to life. Since he was the only one with a car, he became the taxi driver taking them to Torrance, a suburb of Los Angeles. Although California was fine, they realized that Iowa is fine too and after some time headed back to the old stomping grounds. Verle realized that he would probably be getting drafted soon. He and another friend made the decision to go sign up for the Army. A third friend was quite unsure about taking the plunge. After spending a little longer mulling the decision, he too signed up. The next day he had a change of heart and went back to attempt to withdraw. Too late—his paperwork had already been finished and forwarded on to headquarters. In a soft voice Verle talks about how much he enjoyed the many years of friendship he shared with those two special men, and what a gift their memory is to him.

The three friends went to Fort Omaha for induction. They were put on a train headed to Des Moines and on to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The train stopped in Des Moines for more soldiers to board. The group of soldiers who boarded in Des Moines had come from Chicago. They had been given two choices—go to prison or join the military. Needless to say, they added some spark to the remainder of the trip to Missouri.

Two things from the time Verle spent at Fort Leonard Wood stand out in his memory. As a person might guess, bivouac was number one and 20 hours of KP duty was the other. Yes, it is true that during the summertime southern Missouri can be unbearably hot, sticky, and host to hundreds of mosquitoes.

After finishing Basic Training, Verle was sent to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to be trained as a medic. His next assignment was in the base hospital at Fort Riley, Kansas. There his work was much like a nurse in any hospital. He vividly remembers one 90+ year-old veteran who was being treated there. He suffered major memory issues and was always yelling for them to keep the wagons rolling. In his mind he was still in the cavalry.



The last year of Verle's two-year service obligation was served in Korea. He was stationed at a military compound located approximately three miles from the Freedom Bridge which served as a DMZ (demilitarized zone) for repatriating soldiers. He did not have as much interaction with the Korean population as one might think. Because the armistice had been signed there was no fighting. The military was there in a peace keeping capacity. Verle believes the experiences he had during his years of military service have enriched his life and given him a much greater appreciation for the blessings America offers. He has been active in veterans' organizations. He is a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and also served on the County Veterans Affairs Board for seventeen years. He wears the title "Veteran" with great pride.





Cass Health Welcomes Midwest Gastrointestinal Associates Physicians

Atlantic, IA — Cass Health is excited to announce that a new partnership with Midwest Gastrointestinal Associates (MGI), PC will bring two GI specialists to Atlantic.

Beginning February 1, 2024 Dr. Benjamin Hall and Dr. Helen Fasanya-Uptagraft will alternate travel to Cass Health monthly. Appointments will be available on the first and fourth Thursday of every month, and both doctors will provide care for conditions such as ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, Hepatitis C, diverticulitis, and other GI issues. While in Atlantic, they will also perform colonoscopy and EGD (upper endoscopy) procedures.

Dr. Hall is originally from Topeka, Kansas and graduated from the University of Kansas. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine, and then completed a fellowship program in Gastroenterology and Hepatology from the University of Wisconsin. During this training, he completed a six-month sub-fellowship training in the treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases. Dr. Hall is a member of the American Gastroenterological Association, American College of Gastroenterology, and a professional member of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation.

Dr. Fasanya-Uptagraft received her medical degree from Creighton University School of Medicine. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and her fellowship in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Duke University. Dr. Fasanya-Uptagraft is a member of the American Gastroenterological Association, American College of Gastroenterology, American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and a professional member of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation.

Patients are encouraged to talk with their primary care providers about making appointments for procedures or clinic visits with Dr. Hall and Dr. Fasanya-Uptagraft.



Physical Therapy for Parkinson's Disease Topic at Next Healthy U

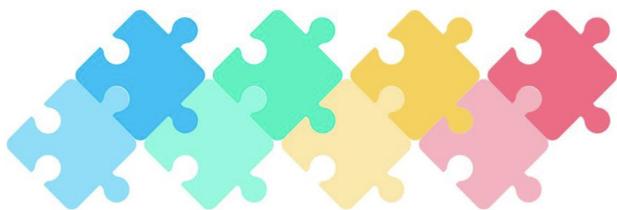
Atlantic, IA – Cass Health's next session of Healthy U will feature Kasey Meneely, DPT discussing LSVT BIG. The session will be held Thursday, February 15th at noon in Conference Room 2.

LSVT BIG is an intense one-on-one training program for people with Parkinson's disease or other neurological conditions, with an emphasis on the quality and largeness of movement. LSVT BIG helps improve a patient's physical abilities, and therapy sessions focus on a specific routine of daily BIG exercises, walking with BIG movements, and incorporating these techniques into patient identified, difficult daily tasks to promote more confidence with balance and movement. As an LSVT BIG certified clinician, Meneely works with many patients who live with Parkinson's disease and other neurologic conditions that impact how confident they feel with movement during everyday tasks.

Meneely graduated from Creighton University in 2016 with her Doctorate in Physical Therapy. She offers a full spectrum of care within physical therapy, but has special interest in neurological disorders, pelvic floor and pre/post-natal health, and acute inpatients. Kasey is licensed and board certified by the Iowa Board of Physical & Occupational Therapy and is a member of the Iowa Physical Therapy Association and the American Physical Therapy Association.

Space is limited! A free boxed lunch is provided for all attendees, so reservations are required. Call 712-243-7479 to reserve your seat. For more information about Healthy U, visit casshealth.org/healthyu.

Adult Puzzle Night



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 AT 6 PM

Adult Puzzle Night

2027 Washington Po Box 119 Elk Horn, IA, United States, Iowa 51531

Wednesday's after school program at the Elk Horn Public Library was baking. The kids had so many toppings to choose from! Check out the library's Facebook page to stay updated with all the children and adult programs coming up! You don't want to miss!



These ladies that fun getting creative and making their own altered book art to add some decor to their homes. It was fun to see all the themes, from a travel theme to Valentine's Day, music, and sports.



Did you know the library has children's puzzles available for checkout? Puzzles are a great screen-free activity that builds math and problem solving skills. The Afterschool Adventures kids had a puzzle competition on Monday in honor of National Puzzle Day on the 29th! We learned about teamwork and worked together to complete as many puzzles as possible during our time together. The kids finished 25 puzzles, equalling 813 pieces in 35 minutes. Way to go!



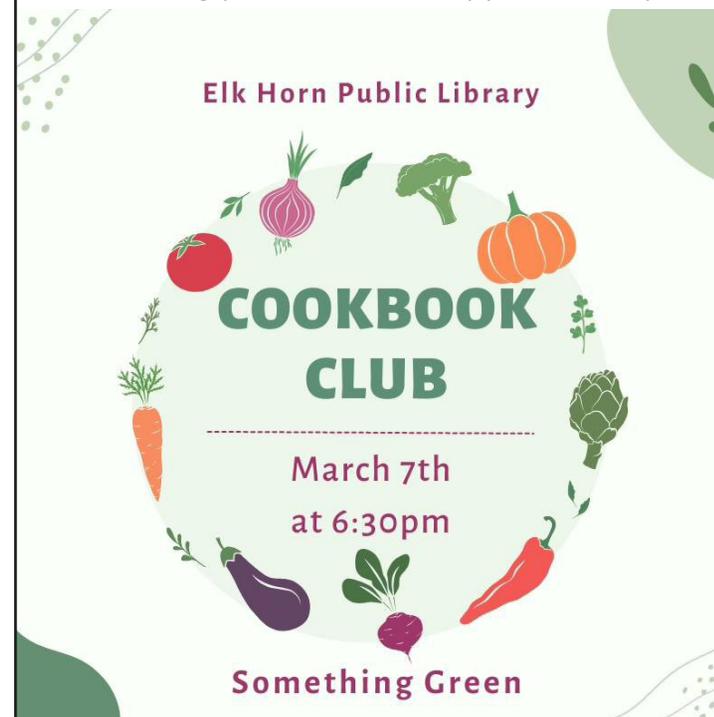
Cookbook for March is something green. Bring your dish and a copy of the recipe.

Elk Horn Public Library

COOKBOOK CLUB

March 7th
at 6:30pm

Something Green





Exira Community Club

A super late 2023 post. Our apologies. Rentals, CC Events and Holidays got the best of us. But we would still like to say THANK YOU to everyone who reserved the Exira Event Center the last half of 2023. We had a variety of rentals; ranging from small birthday parties to big wedding receptions.

If you have questions or you're interested in reserving the Exira Event Center, please reach out to us on Facebook messenger or send us an email to exiraeventcenter@gmail.com

****Photos courtesy from renters/events.****

TO EVERYONE THAT HELD THEIR EVENTS DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY & AUGUST:

Thank you

- Exira Class of 1963
- Exira Public Library
- Joe
- Morgan
- EEHK Spartan Booster Club
- Kauffman Family
- Samantha
- APEX Clean Energy
- Ballou Legion Post 332



TO EVERYONE THAT HELD THEIR EVENTS DURING THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER:

Thank you

- Reim Wedding Reception
- Poldberg Wedding Reception
- Wayne Hansen Crop Insurance
- Edwards Wedding Reception
- Paula
- Clover Kids (Audubon County)
- Women of Exira Lutheran Church
- Knotty Ladies' Relay for Life Fundraiser
- Kids For Christ (KFC)



TO EVERYONE THAT HELD THEIR EVENTS DURING THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:

Thank you

- Kids For Christ (KFC)
- Meg
- EEHK Spartans Football
- Tip Top 4H Group
- Jess
- Abby
- Struble Family
- Britta
- Dixie
- Clover Kids (Audubon County)
- EEHK Jr Class
- Jennifer
- Linda
- Gloria




Emery C. Christoffersen
Sept 26, 1926 to Jan 30, 2024

The Funeral Service for Emery C. Christoffersen, was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton, Iowa with Reverend Tim White Officiating. Urn Bearer was Adam Forshier. Honorary Urn Bearers were Abbi Forshier and Aaron Forshier. Burial was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Kimballton, Iowa.

Emery Christian Christoffersen was born to Andrew and Anna (Christensen) Christoffersen in rural Shelby County, Iowa on September 26, 1926, the eldest of four children. He grew up on farms in Audubon and



Shelby Counties and was raised in the traditions of his Danish ancestors. He was baptized and confirmed in Immanuel Lutheran Church. His early education was in country schools where he learned, among other things, English, as he spoke only Danish when he began.

Emery loved farming and worked alongside his father and son most of his life. But he was also very mechanically minded and could fix almost anything! In addition to farming, he worked at a car dealership in Kimballton and later at a welding shop in Harlan before meeting the love of his life, Ruby, when she came to teach at Jackson No. 6.

Emery and Ruby Holmes were united in marriage on August 6, 1950, in Manilla, Iowa. To this union, three children were born before they moved to a farm near Dow City, Iowa in 1956. During those years, Ruby taught, and Emery helped to build the packing plant in Denison, hauled feed, did custom grinding and welding, raised 1,000 laying hens, as well as working two family farms.

In 1995, they returned to Kimballton in retirement where he continued to farm with his son for nearly 20 years. Emery enjoyed his hobbies of collecting toy farm machinery (as well as numerous working farm tractors), model railroading, and building scale models of equipment for his train layout.

The Lord called Emery home on January 24, 2024, at the age of 97 years at his home in Kimballton.

Emery was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Darlene Hansen and his son, David Christoffersen.

He is survived by his beloved wife Ruby Christoffersen of nearly 73 ½ years; his daughters Shirley Christoffersen of Urbandale and Carol Forshier and husband Kevin of Redfield; three grandchildren, Adam Forshier and wife Betty of Cedar Falls, Abbi Forshier and Aaron Forshier both of Grimes; two great grandchildren, Emma and Bruno; a brother Dalton Christoffersen and wife Sylvia of Atlantic; a sister Ardyce Lee of Westminster, Colorado; a brother-in-law Tom Holmes and wife Sally of Union Grove, Wisconsin; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton in charge of arrangements. www.ohdefuneralhome.com

HELP US BLESS THE
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SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 17TH
5:00-8:00 PM

AT CITYLIGHT WEST COUNCIL BLUFFS
3200 AVE C COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51501

SOUP/CHILI DINNER

FREE WILL SUGGESTED DONATION

Adults \$10

Kids \$5

Kids 3 and under free

SILENT AUCTION : 5-7:30PM



Silent Auction/Soup and Chili Feed
to help raise funds for the Wredt family
February 17th, 2024 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Citylight West Council Bluffs
3200 Avenue C
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Cole is a 24-year-old young man that was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma in April 2022. After extensive chemotherapy and radiation treatments he was in remission in January 2023. On September 23rd a tumor was discovered on his lungs. After a biopsy it was confirmed that he has stage 4 cancer with no chance of beating it. He has been given 6-9 months to live. He was the main financial provider for his family. He has a beautiful wife and two young daughters. We are trying to raise money to help relieve some of the financial burdens they are facing.

We are asking for any donations to auction off for the silent auction or donations of food for the soup and chili feed. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.



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Dr. Hodges has performed a broad scope of general surgeries and procedures in his 30-plus years of surgical field experience. During his career, he served many years as a general surgeon at small and large health systems, including Mayo Clinic Health System. He also served in the Army Medical Corp and was on active duty during Desert Storm. Dr. Hodges is excited to serve our community.



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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

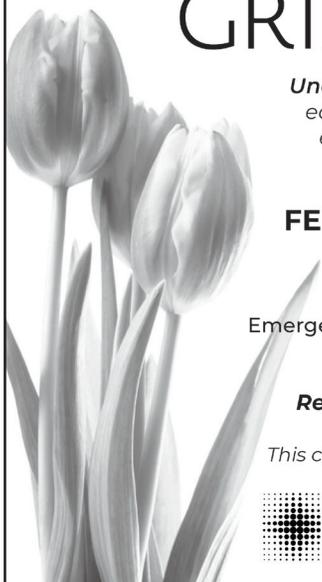
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

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:

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Medical Center



Marriage counselor: Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true?
Husband: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.



To our “Front-Yard Flag Days” participants,

Thank you for your past support of the “Flag-Day” program (now referred to as “Front-Yard Flag Days”) sponsored by Elk Horn American Legion Post 322. It is that time of the year to renew our donations for the 2024 year. We are looking forward to flying your flag as we have in the past year(s).

We have a few changes this year:

Tivoli Walk in the Park

We will be replacing last year’s “Field-of-Flags” with “Walk-in-the-Park” this year. The circular walkway will be lined up with our 200+ flags (as we did for the 9-11 “Honor-our-Heros” event last September). The school children will be hanging dedication cards on the flag poles. Please come by to see them. We will have a booth under the main shelter during Tivoli ready to make a dedication card for you to hang on a flag as well.

One-Call

To prevent any issues when we place the flags in your front yard, we will arrange with One Call to approve a permanent location for your flag placement. The general location will be in front of your house, approximately 3 feet from the curb. Although we planned to do “One-Call” last year – we hope it will happen this year ☐.

We are asking for a \$45.00 tax deductible donation this year. Many flags need replacing along with higher costs. This year’s donations will be used to help pay for the 9-11 “Honor our Heroes” event in the City Park (planned for Sept 7th) and Main Street flags.

The year will start with “Walk-in-the-Park” (May 23 to May 26). The first “Front-Yard Flag Day” will be on Memorial Day, with the final day on Veterans Day. For renewals and new participants, please make your \$45.00 donation to American Legion Post 322 and note “2024 Flag Days”. Please provide your name, address, and phone number.

Please send your donation to

Post 322

Steven Turner

4208 Madison St. Elk Horn 51531

We would like to point out that this is a donation. if you are unable to make the donation but still want to participate, just let us know. We will have a flag flying in your front yard as well.

The flags will be flown in your front yard 5 days of the year: Memorial Day (May 27), Flag Day (June 14), Fourth of July, Patriot Day (Sep 11), Veterans Day (Nov 11). They will also be flying in the park from May 23rd to 26th, and Sept 5th to 8th.

Thank You again for your support,
American Legion Post 322



Dear Editor,

Two meetings were held on February 5 regarding the disposition of the Tivoli Inn Hotel, currently owned by the City of Elk Horn. One was held indoors in the library. A second meeting, comprised of seven interested community members was held after the official public hearing. It convened in the Elk Horn Library parking lot. The attendees of the second meeting had also attended the first, more official meeting.

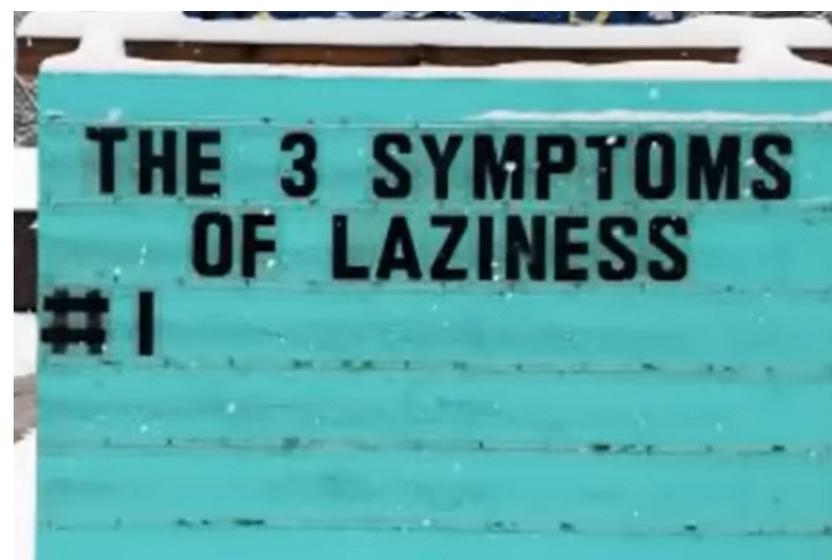
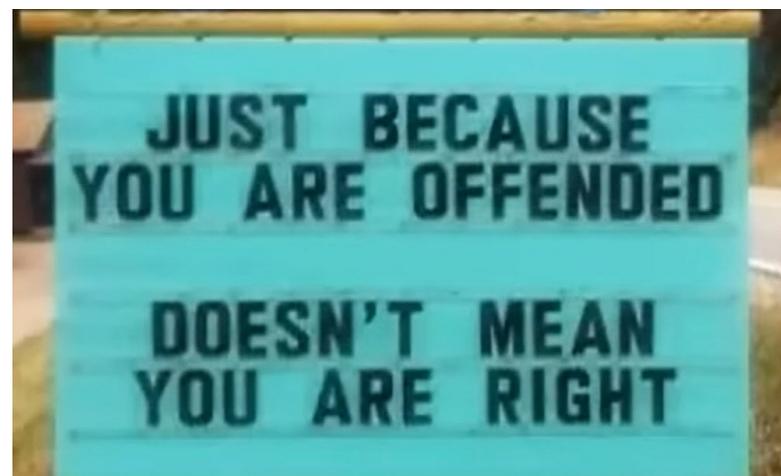
Two proposals had been submitted to the City Council regarding the hotel. It was clear that even the council members found both proposals unsatisfactory for various reasons, but they seemed determined to accept one in order to be able to wash their hands of the hotel. I don't think I'm out of line to say that this was the consensus of those of us in the parking lot meeting.

In the parking lot, the discussion focused, not first of all on what should be done with the hotel, which seems to be the Council's focus. Rather, we talked about what the town's citizens need and want. What Elk Horn needs could be a hotel/apartment/event center complex as one proposal suggests, but we may, in fact, need something else entirely. Maybe Elk Horn's citizens need to offer a proposal. Different ideas were suggested, including demolishing the hotel and putting a more needed business that would also generate income for the City in its place. Dollar Tree/Dollar General-type businesses were suggested. A food co-op was floated. A community center, and more.

The main point, however, is that what is to be done with the hotel should evolve from an understanding of the community's needs, not simply from a desire to be done dealing with it.

S. A. Roodzant

I walked into my sister's kitchen and found my nephew having a snack. "Where is your mother?", I asked. "She is upstairs. Said she was going to take a shower. Hang on, let me check." He stepped into the nearby bathroom and flushed the toilet. A second later a sharp yell came from upstairs. My nephew walked back and said, "Yep, she's in the shower."





Exira-EHK Speech Students had a great morning at State Contest! All of our performances were in the morning, and we finished before 1 o'clock. Even with a small team for group speech, we are SO proud of what they were able to accomplish!

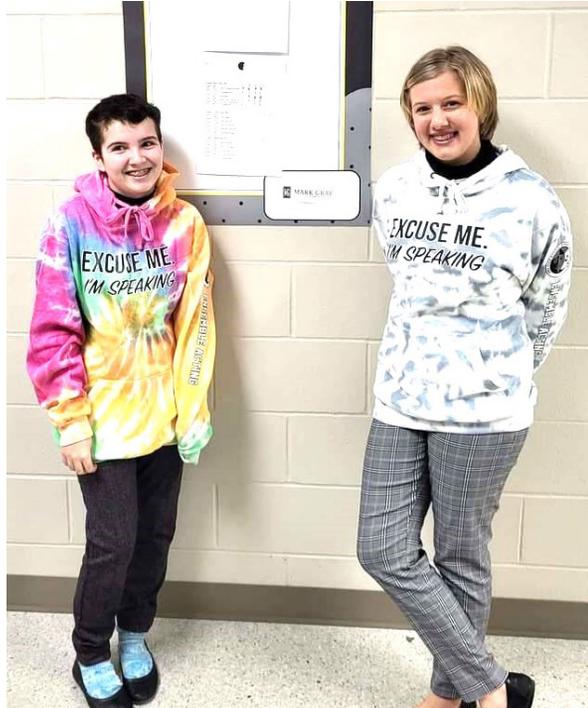
Annabelle Baggett & Lily Bricker ~ Ensemble Acting ~ Division 2 Rating

Ben Baggett & Emily Bricker ~ Ensemble Acting ~ Division 1 Rating (1's from All 3 Judges!!)

Emily Bricker ~ Solo Mime ~ Division 1 Rating (1's from All 3 Judges!!)

We now wait for final results if any one advances to the All-State competition! Preparations for individual speech has already began!

Great Job Spartans!!!!



This is Pam Larsen who is in charge of the kitchen at Salem. Today we celebrated 40 years she has worked at Salem. And she's not retiring yet either! Amazing! She lives in Kimballton. We are very thankful for her!!



It's been a great blessing to be at home with the wife since I retired. We've caught up on everything I've done wrong in the last 30 years.

When ever I get a headache, I take two tablets of aspirin and keep away from children... just like the bottle says.

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness. Mark Twain

Support to:



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 2nd Wednesday of every month from 6pm-8pm

Contact (712) 304-5779 with questions



CULTURAL PROGRAMMING for PEOPLE WITH MEMORY LOSS

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

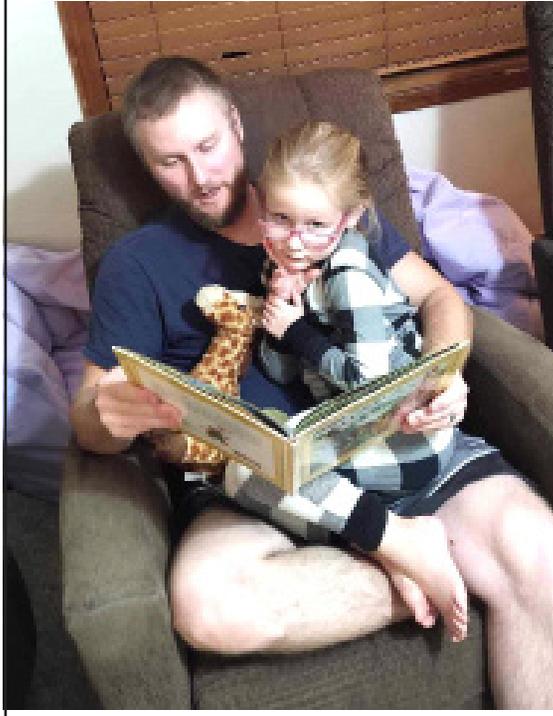
E: ALISSA.LACANNE@DANISHMUSEUM.ORG | P: 712.764.7010

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Our sweet little Evan during his turn with Booker. Booker is our Story Time sidekick. Each week we draw a name to see who gets to take Booker home to read and play with.



Our sweet little Kensie got to take Booker home last week from Story Time. They read all of her books had plenty of snuggles and even played with blocks



Wednesdays are for coffee at the library Every Wednesday at 200pm



January Birthday celebration at Story Time. Evan and Ivy both had birthdays this month



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 AT 6 PM

February Book Club

Exira Public Library



YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE

JENEVA ROSE

BESTSELLING AUTHOR



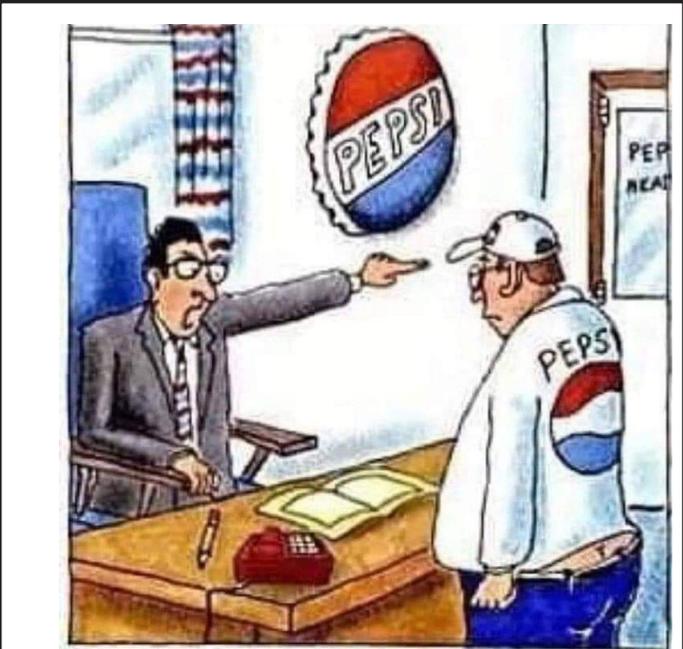
Wednesday in Story Time we read *The Pout Pout Fish*. We painted our own little fish and had goldfish crackers as a snack! We'd also like to shout out all the grandmas and daycare providers that help out during craft time when we have big groups of kiddos! We couldn't do some of these fun, somewhat messy crafts without you

As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices.. take it or leave it.

I'm sorry.. If I do agree with you, then we would both be wrong.

Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected expected?

Light travels faster then sound. This is why some people appear bright until the speak.



"You're fired, Jack. The lab results just came back, and you tested positive for Coke."

Christofferson
SEPTIC PUMPING
A FLUSH BEATS A FULL HOUSE!

Duane Christofferson

1361 Little Field Dr, Elk Horn (712)249-1582

Our puzzlers took 8 hours to complete this monochromatic puzzle. Puzzle month has been soooooo much fun. Stop in to find a puzzle of your own to work on



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