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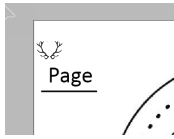
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museum of
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My name is Addison Marsengill, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the Digital Archives Assistant Intern at the Museum of Danish America. Hailing from Riverside, Iowa, famously known as the future birthplace of Captain James Tiberius Kirk, I bring a passion for preserving and celebrating cultural heritage. Over the next year, I have the privilege of assisting the museum in digitizing our archive collections and contributing to the upcoming Danish Ceramics exhibition. With a background in Anthropology from the University of Iowa and years of experience as an Archaeologist, I've recently finished a journey of further education in Museum Studies at Western Illinois University. My journey here isn't merely a professional endeavor; it's a profound exploration of Danish culture and history. Each day presents new experiences and insights that deepen my connection to the museum and its mission of cultural preservation and education. Outside of work, I find joy in the great outdoors – whether hiking, gardening, or fishing. And when I'm not exploring nature, you might find me indulging in my hobbies of baking or diving into the immersive worlds of video games.

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 — Mark Twain



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IT TAKES A VILLAGE



DAYCARE FUNDRAISER EVERY SUNDAY IN APRIL

Every Sunday in April, the Danish Windmill will donate all tour admissions revenue to the Kids in the Village daycare center. Tours will feature brand new exhibits AND grinding (weather-permitting). Tours will run 12pm - 5pm.

General Admission

\$5.00 / person

*Kids 12 & under FREE

All Members

Free-Will Donation

Local food options will be available, hours may vary

April 7

Kringelman Bakery

April 14

Norse Horse Tavern

April 21

Master Griller Food Truck

April 28

Spartan Pizza Food Truck

For more information, visit danishwindmill.org



Kids in the Village say THANK YOU to the Mike and Lou Howard foundation for your monetary donation! Your contribution makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for your continued support!



Kids in the Village is seeking employees ages 16+ to help out after school, or part time morning hours! Hours of operation end at 5:30. For an application, please email kitvdaycare@gmail.com or send us a message here. Great opportunity for high schoolers and retired adults!

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If it takes a village to raise a child, could it take a windmill to raise a village? Help us find out and join our cause on one or more Sundays in April when we will be donating our tour admissions revenue to the Danish Village's local daycare center, Kids in the Village - Elk Horn. We're excited for this opportunity to generate support for another important local organization. Tours will run all day during our regular hours of 12pm - 5pm. We will also have a number of new exhibits ready for debut inside the windmill. If the wind is there, we will even grind.

We want to thank the local food vendors that have generously offered to help us. More information about what times food will be available on those days will be coming soon as we get closer. Look for additional announcements to follow in the coming weeks. We will create event pages on Facebook for people to use for RSVPs soon.

Additional information can be found on the event page at www.danishwindmill.org



News From The Mill

It's hard to believe that Spring isn't here yet, but at least we're almost there. We want to thank everyone who came out for our second annual Hygge night. We enjoyed seeing people milling about the town and had a great time with those that came down to the windmill. We still have plenty of our signature hygge-themed t-shirts, crewnecks, and stickers in stock, too.

We've been busy at the windmill taking advantage of the traffic lull to make some needed improvements and renovations. Our Welcome Center upgrade is now complete and operational. A new TV broadcasts the daily hours of businesses in town and whatever other information we choose to include such as upcoming events, sales, local weather, or anything else. We're looking forward to adding our social media wall later this year. The public chromebook is now ready for use for travelers in need of additional resources or those seeking to learn more about our organization and the Danish Villages.

Renovations in the store itself are also underway, with two of the three planned projects now completed. We've added shelving space to our Christmas area to make a dedicated space for our very traditional branning collection. We've also added a small wall to our Viking and Candle corners to help consolidate and organize merchandise into a more consumer-friendly display. We'll even have Viking shields for sale soon to go with our swords, axes, and helmets. The last project is underway and involves a partial upgrade to our kitchen & food area. We're still waiting on the new shelving to arrive later this week, but we're very excited for this new setup and all of the new possibilities we will have for merchandising this part of the store. Part of this includes a full aebleskiver pan display featuring every type of pan we sell and some educational materials on the differences between them. We anticipate this project being finished by March if not a little sooner. We also have new products on their way to the store. A shipment of books is coming with some excellent new titles, and we've also dabbled into some new lines including Maileg's dollhouse collections and Gry & Sif's felt ornaments and decorations. These are both quality Danish companies and we're excited to showcase their top-selling merchandise in our shop. We will also have a new Scandinavian-themed bodycare line starting this week featuring high-quality handsoaps, lotions, lip balms, bar soaps, hand sanitizers, and more in a variety of alluring scents and fragrances. Finally, we're excited for the return of Lakrids by Bülow and their classic licorice candies. All of this and much more is being made available in the gift shop every day. And if there's something else you would like to see us carry, let us know.

We also recently announced an upcoming fundraiser. We're partnering with Elk Horn's local Kids in the Village daycare center on a multi-day fundraiser to help raise money for daycare. Every Sunday in April, we will be donating all of our revenue generated from tour admissions to the daycare. This is a great way to see the windmill for a wonderful cause. We've already secured food options for part of each Sunday for people to plan their trips around, and the windmill will have new educational exhibits on the first two floors. More details on food vendor times will be released soon, but we hope to see a lot of familiar faces touring the windmill again soon. We will even grind if the weather permits.

Finally, the windmill has already received two new volunteers for this year! We can't wait for them to get started and encourage anyone interested in helping out to come talk to us. There are plenty of fun things to do whether it's visitor services, giving tours, or even running the windmill. Contact us for more information or visit our volunteer landing page at danishwindmill.org.



YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

GOOD NEWS!

Every so often, as I consider the topic of these articles, I stop and ask my Heavenly Father if comprehension among those of you who read these missives is in tune with His Holy Word!!

It was eight years ago this March that I began writing articles for our 'small town' newspaper; March 7th 2016 to be exact. How much have things changed since them?

Here is an opening comment from that original article: "But I must ask, what's been on your mind? There are a lot of things going on in the world. Has any of that gotten you down? Or are you like that young mother with two children I talked to the other day, who said, "I like to stick my head in the sand, just a little bit". And I must ask if that is a good thing?"

Sometimes the news is enough to get you down. Mostly these days the news networks are filled with the latest inane things our politicians have been saying. But if it wasn't for that we would be inundated with talk of the crazy weather patterns across our country, or the latest on ISIS, or what China is doing to flex its military muscle or Russia or North Korea or"

WOW!! What's that old saying, "The more things change, the more they remain the same"? Today we might add Iran and all of its proxies to that list and it does not make us feel any better. And so there is a line from a Willy Nelson song where he talks about "the world spinning helplessly out of control."

Ah, But now I only have to look at the title of this article and my heart and mind takes consolation in the fact we have a God who is totally in control, and He has "Good news". In Isaiah 46:9 we read "I am God and there is no other; I am God and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'" Yes, these words of God are comforting.

A little later in this awesome book of Isaiah we find these words, "I, I am He who comforts you; who are you that you fear mortal men, the sons of men who are made like grass, and have forgotten the LORD your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and who are you that you fear continually all the day because of the wrath of the oppressor, when he sets himself to destroy? ... I am the LORD your God, the LORD Almighty is my name, it is I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth and who says to Zion 'you are my people.'" (Isaiah 51:12-16)

And what is this "Zion"? In the book of Hebrews we learn that it is we (the children of God) who "have come to Mount Zion, to the Heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God." And it is we, who are "receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and so let us hold to grace and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe." (Heb. 12:22&28)

Bill Rollins 2-15-24

ITS ONLY SCIENCE

Once again we are experiencing what could be called "wacky weather". This is something that the atmospheric scientists were warning about as a consequence of climate change. The weather we experience is because of factors such as seasonality, unusual changes in ocean temperatures and even things like forest fires.

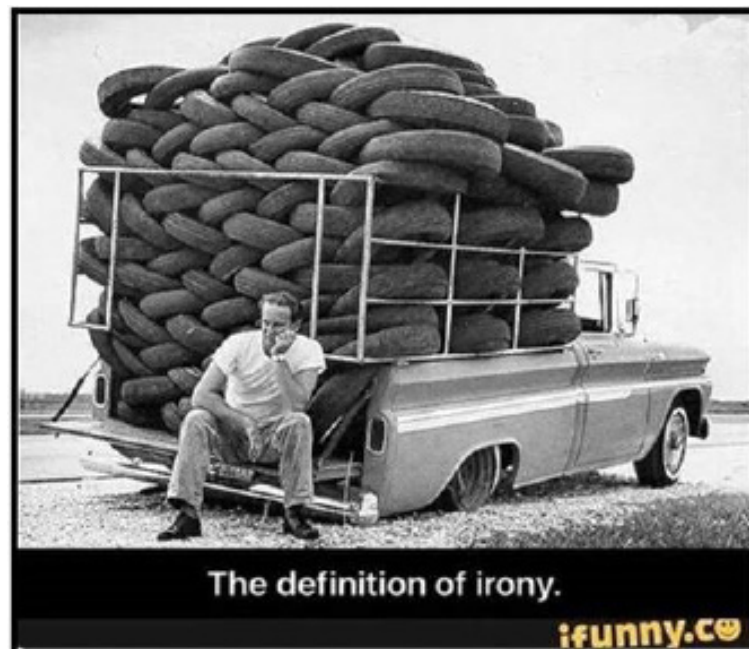
When conditions are stable, it is easier to accurately forecast what weather we should expect. When the "norms" no longer exist, it is much harder. An overall rise in average temperature can cause a wide swing in our weather. The warmer atmosphere has a greater level of latent energy. This can not only increase the severity of storms but also increase the likelihood of their occurrence. This might cause the development of long-lasting precipitation events or even droughts.

Scientists and governments are concerned about this more energetic weather. This could strain our resources to assist after violent weather events. It could cause mass migration of humans from what has become known as dangerous places to live. Either from famine or frequent flooding from ocean rise. Or the temperature and humidity simply rising beyond what humans can tolerate. The increase in ocean temperatures and melting of polar ice caps has already caused the effects of storms surge to reach farther inland than before. And this is a problem that will only worsen unless the causes of global warming are addressed.

High-ranking officers of the armed services have been increasingly concerned about coastal bases being inundated and rendered useless because of ocean level rise. This is something that must be addressed before it happens in order for our country to remain strong.

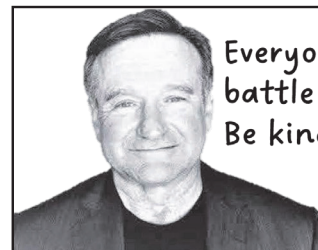
As we move forward we must take these things into account. To ignore the facts of the growing problems of climate change is to risk the future of our nation and our planet.

Bob Mortenson 2-09-2024.



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

— Mark Twain



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-Robin Williams

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It's a case of "in one ear and out the udder".

Should i run for it?

Backside of mom's gravestone. Everytime someone asked for her cookie recipe, she said, "Over my dead body!"

Mom's Christmas Cookies

Cream: 1 cup sugar
1/2 cup oleo
Add: 2 beaten eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
Add: 3 cups flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt

Add alternately with 1 cup cream.
Chill and roll out with flour.
Bake 350 degree oven, and frost.

Scratches From The Rusty Quill

By Wava Petersen



What a political upheaval our country is presently experiencing! The so-called pundits rush from one 'Breaking News' story to another, cramming several into their hour-long programs. It requires an hour, considering the number of five-minute commercials sharing that 60-minute slot. Now, I'm going to get on my soap box and become one of those 'talking heads' for the rest of this article. I don't intend to preach for one party or the other. I just want to share a few things from other political eras and suggest we all calm down a little and express our preferences at the ballot box. And I promise no commercials (unless Steve inserts one of his own).

There have been 16 presidents so far in my lifetime. Born in July, 1932, I have no recollection of Herbert Hoover. He was soundly defeated by FDR in the presidential election that fall. Many people, including Lyle's parents, were close to starvation during the great depression and were dyed in the wool Democrats with little love lost on Hoover. My parents, on the other hand, thought if it was Republican, it could do no wrong. Surprisingly, Lyle and I usually agreed on who to vote for so as not to cancel each other's vote.

In 1936 FDR once more trounced his opponent, Alf Landon in a landslide victory. We were in Elk Horn one warm summer night in '36 when my mother was approached by a man campaigning for Mr. Landon. This gentleman reached down and pinned a Landon/Knox campaign button on the collar of my dress. The next Monday, my dad made his usual trip to town dressed in his faded bib overalls and sun-bleached blue shirt. This time he spruced up a bit by pinning that campaign button on top of his floppy old straw hat. Dad was only five foot seven inches tall. As he strolled down Main Street, he was met by two taller acquaintances who spotted the button and decided it had to go. They both lunged for the hat. Dad fought back. When the battle ended, Dad emerged victorious, the hat and the button were still on his head but his old blue shirt, battered and bruised, hung in tattered shreds on his back.

In 1940 FDR beat Wendell Wilkie for an unprecedented 3rd term. Wilkie, however, was remembered for giving his former opponent vital political assistance in 1941 which helped FDR pass Lend Lease to send essential supplies to the UK and other allied nations. FDR won again in 1944, defeating Thomas Dewey for a 4th term but died in office shortly before the end of WWII. In 1951 the 22nd amendment was ratified limiting the number of terms served by a president to two four-year terms.

Political arguments and hot tempers didn't just begin in the 20th and 21st centuries. Lyle's great uncle Lloyd Gaer (his mother's brother) described their grandfather, Almarion Gaer, as a wiry, self-willed, high-strung man who could and would fight. Almarion was a radical Democrat. The Civil War found him a man of 31 years of age with a sizable family and he was not drafted so he didn't get an opportunity to prove himself in battle. Lloyd Gaer gave a colorful picture of his grandfather's political fervor. Almarion was 100% Democrat. Grandpa Crooke 100% Republican. They got into a heated political argument; the hotter it got the faster Grandpa Crooke puffed on his pipe and the more vigorously Almarion chewed his plug of tobacco. As the sound and tempo of the argument reached a fever pitch, puffs of smoke ascended in staccato notes from Grandpa Crooke's pipe. Almarion began pacing the room, his long

hair streaming to his shoulders, chewing forcefully as he argued. To emphasize a point, he opened the reservoir door on the cook stove and spewed a sizable wad into the hot water. He paced a bit longer, threw open the door to the immaculate parlor, projected a wad of tobacco the size of a goose egg to the middle of the carpet, stomped out and marched home.

That's all folks. I'm ready to step down from my soapbox. I just wanted to give a few examples of how much the political differences of bygone years resemble the craziness of current times although back then there wasn't the widespread publicity of radio, TV and the internet of today's world. Maybe instead of watching the political talking heads on TV we should all watch a few episodes of the Andy Griffith show. Corny though they are, they do have a message of tolerance and consideration for the opinions of the people around us.



It takes patience to listen.. It takes skill to pretend you are listening.

When the Cheering Stopped by Pastor Tim

In his Bestselling book, *When the Cheering Stopped*, author Gene Smith tells the story of President Woodrow Wilson's loss of popularity (and political capital) in the waning years of his presidency. According to Smith, President Wilson began losing public trust due to blunders in international relations, for coddling the Jim Crow laws in the Deep South, and because of a developing perception of him as an arrogant leader.

He is, by far, not the only President for whom the cheering stopped. President Lyndon Johnson, who was running for reelection, failed to secure his own party's nomination due to his inept handling of the Vietnam War. President Richard Nixon, who in 1972 had won reelection by the largest landslide in American history, resigned from office less than two years later due to the Watergate Scandal which brought to light that he had ordered an operation to spy on the Democratic Campaign Headquarters. President Jimmy Carter, who had won a Nobel Peace Prize for facilitating the Camp David agreement in 1978, bringing amity between Egypt and Israel, lost his bid for reelection because, for over a year, he had failed to secure the release of American hostages in Iran, and throughout his term his economic policies had failed to end a chronically stagnant economy.

It's fascinating to realize that for Jesus too there came a time when the cheering stopped, though for none of the same reasons as these former Presidents. The people of Israel were weary of living under Roman rule. After more than a century of Roman occupation, their patience was long gone. Then Jesus came along. They had seen His mighty works – restoring sight to the blind, healing the lame, feeding the multitude, even raising a man from the dead! They had listened to Him teach with authority. Surely, with power and authority like that, Jesus looked to be the one who would set them free. Moreover, it was said that He had, on more than one occasion, claimed to be the Son of Man – the Christ. In other words, the Messiah!

So Jesus came to Jerusalem, and naturally the crowds began to cheer. Their long-promised Deliverer had finally come. But it didn't take long for the cheering to stop. Why? In the early part of His ministry Jesus spoke often about the Kingdom of God, and people loved it. They wanted a King who would restore to Israel the Kingdom as it was under King David; a King who would drive out all the foreigners. It's quite evident from the gospel accounts that the cheering stopped when Jesus began to speak more and more about a cross, and about the commitment required of those who would follow Him. He had begun talking about how the Son of Man must suffer and die, and how those who come after Him must also sacrifice. How does that fit in?

The story is told of the pee-wee baseball game in which a young boy stepped up to the plate. He looked over to the coach, and he saw him give the signal to sacrifice bunt. He then promptly proceeded to take three big swings and strike out. The coach ran up to him and said: "Didn't you see me give you the signal to sacrifice?" "Yes," the boy replied, "But I didn't think that you really meant it."

Isn't that what we so often say to God? "Yes, lord, I heard that talk about sacrifice, but I didn't think you really meant it." But the cross – the cross upon which Jesus died - says emphatically that he did mean it, and it requires a response.



LARRY'S FUNNY POSTINGS

March Worship Schedule Bethany and Immanuel Churches

March 3 – 9:00 at Bethany with Communion
10:15 Sunday School at Immanuel

March 6 – Lenten Worship at Bethany
5:00 meal 7:00 worship

March 10 – 9:00 at Immanuel with Communion
10:15 Sunday School at Immanuel

March 13 – Lenten Worship at Elk Horn
5:00 meal 7:00 worship

March 17 – 9:00 at Bethany
10:15 Sunday School at Immanuel

March 20 – Lenten Worship at St. Paul's (Irwin)
5:00 meal 7:00 worship

March 24 – 9:00 at Immanuel
10:15 Sunday School at Immanuel

March 28 – 7:00 Maunday Thursday Worship
at Immanuel

March 29 – 7:00 Good Friday Worship at Bethlehem
(Jacksonville)

Adult Puzzle Night



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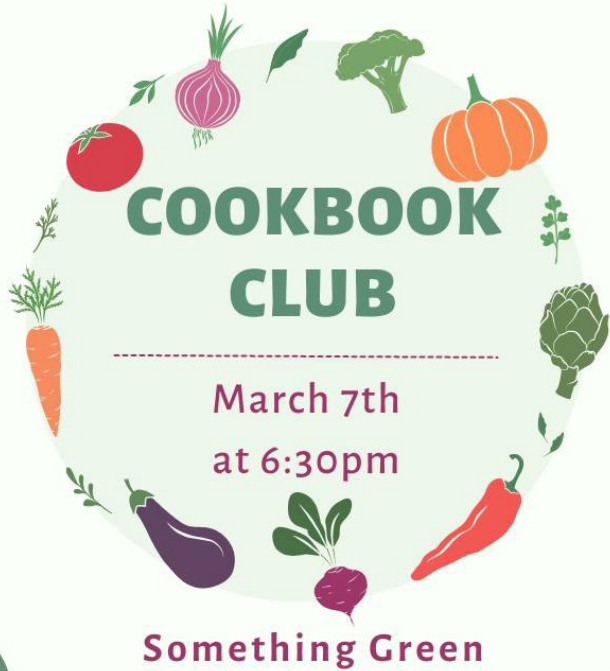
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Adult Puzzle Night

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

Elk Horn Public Library



Another team of puzzlers.. GREAT job..



Boys. Boys. Boys. The library was the place to hang out Thursday during the Hygge Night in town.



We keep finding more books for Paulette to read



7th-12th Graders are invited to a Breakfast Book Club on March 23rd. Breakfast and a discussion will start at 9:30am. Stop in to get your copy of the book! We also have the DVD available for checkout.

BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB

7TH-12TH GRADERS

Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world, where television rules and literature is on the brink of extinction, firemen start fires rather than put them out.

FAHRENHEIT 451

BY RAY BRADBURY

MARCH 23, 2024 AT 9:30AM

Jamie Wimmer is our Elk Horn Library Reader of the Month. Join her as we continue to be puzzlers here at the library



Happy Valentine's Day to you from the Elk Horn Public Library. Our Afterschool Adventures kids and Kids in the Village made Valentine's for the residents at Salem Lutheran Homes.





Scott Smith

He's a guy who wears many hats. He's a military BRAT (his father served for 24 years in the U. S. Air Force), he's a military veteran, he's an artist, he's a medical doctor. And in his spare time, he wears many additional hats.

Scott spent many of his growing up years in Wichita Falls, Texas. Although he was a curious and inquisitive student, he wasn't sure what path in life he wanted to travel. He had a strong interest in all things that involved art (especially woodworking and sculpture), and an equally strong interest in science. In college, he focused on biology. The idea of being a teacher, however, did not appeal to him. His family was not flush with money so his thoughts turned toward joining the military. Having lived in a military family he already knew many of the advantages it offered. If your father was in the Air Force you must, of course, be a little tougher than dad was. Therefore, after graduating from high school and at 18 years of age, he enlisted in the Marines for four years (1970-1974). At recruitment time, he was guaranteed to be placed in the Air Wing (aviation).

Scott headed to San Diego for boot camp, then on to Memphis for training as an aircraft

electrician. He was trained on the A-4 Skyhawk, a single seat subsonic jet that was capable of light attack. According to military information, this was the plane that ruled the sky from Vietnam to the Middle East. It was the plane flown by John McCain.

After completing training in Memphis, Scott was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California. This base was the major west coast jet fighter facility. It was during his time here that Scott volunteered to go to Iwakuni Marine Air Station in Japan. After three months at Iwakuni he was deployed to Okinawa.

Having an opportunity to see the Japanese culture, attempting to learn the language and to interact with the people on a limited basis was an experience that meant a lot to him. His visit to Hiroshima left him with very mixed feelings. In one way, he was embarrassed and saddened that the United States had been responsible for so many deaths. Then when he stopped to really analyze what had happened, he knew that had the U. S. not bombed Japan there would have been many, many more deaths. He earnestly wished that both sides of the war would have stopped fighting. Even as a young man still in his teen years, he realized that life's decisions are complex.

Scott had what he termed an easy assignment in Bien Hoa, Vietnam. He spent six months in-country. As in Japan, he made a concerted effort to learn some of the language. Although he did not learn much of it, he saw that the people noticed and appreciated his effort.

After Scott's four-year enlistment was complete, he returned to Texas and en-

rolled in college. He was grateful for the GI bill to help with tuition costs. By the time he had completed college his decision had been made to attend medical school. While he was doing his residency in emergency medicine in Lubbock, Texas he discovered a lovely nurse from Iowa. Not only was Jana good at nursing, but she was also good at winning his heart and at painting an attractive picture of her home state and her hometown of Kimballton.

To see Scott's love of sculpture you only need to drive down Chestnut Street in Atlantic Park, get out of your vehicle, walk over to the bronze sculpture of Franklin Whitney plowing furrows behind his horse. This historic piece of art was sculpted by Troy Muller with assistance from Scott.

Scott didn't forget his veteran friends and his appreciation for the wonderful country he had the privilege of serving. He is one of the founders of New Century Art Guild in Elk Horn. Scott is very pleased that the Guild is expanding in San Antonio and in Chicago. The Guild's mission statement is "to promote professional practice in the field of art by encouraging new careers, new directions and new possibilities for artists and veterans." Check out their website (newcenturyartguild.org) to read heartwarming stories of veterans and others who discovered that art is a wonderful form of therapy for help with PTSD and other handicaps. Whether the seeker is already an accomplished artist or whether the person is simply wondering if art has a place for him/her, this is an organization that is eager to lead a helping hand and a listening ear.

Scott believes one of the greatest benefits he gained from his military service is that he learned life needs to be looked at from a very broad perspective. This carried over into his work in the emergency room at the hospital. Don't assume the first thing you see affecting the patient is the only issue that needs to be attended to. Keep looking, keep thinking outside the box. In many ways people are all the same no matter what their culture, economic status, or education. They all love their children. They all want life to be the best they can make it.



Finally, I got it!





Friday was the annual spelling bee. The overall winner was Terra Anderson with Matty Young coming in second. These kids spelled their hearts out

Recent K-2 and 3-5 Spartan Pride certificate recipients. As well as Perseverance quote readers from 5th grade.



Our January students of the month - Josh Adrian & Ava Congratulations



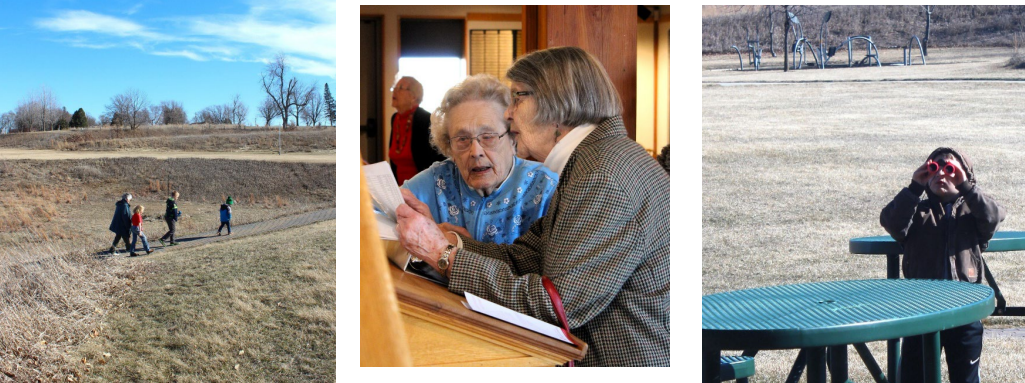


Taking Flight on Free Family Day!

The Museum of Danish America offered free admission and joined the world in participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count on Monday, February 19th! Families took to the skies, the prairie, and the LEGO table to look for and learn more about birds. There was plenty to see and do with a grab & go bird feeder kit, coloring pages, and crafts!

Museums are for everyone, and to see so many individuals of all ages enjoy their visit to the museum brings us such happiness.

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



Shelby County Historical Museum Announces Educator's Night Event

Harlan, Iowa – The Shelby County Historical Museum announces that they will host Educator's Night at the Shelby County Historical Museum at 1805 Morse Avenue in Harlan on Thursday,

March 14th from 4:30-7:00PM.

The event will bring together eight local educational organizations - Danish Windmill, Elk Horn Public Library, Harlan Community Library, Loess Hills Agriculture in the Classroom, ISU Extension and Outreach Shelby County, Museum of Danish America, Shelby County Conservation Board/Iowa DNR, and the Shelby County Historical Museum – to present a resource fair for local educators. Each organization will have information available about their resources for local educators, including field trips and classroom activities.

“We are excited to gather local organizations to share information with our local educators,” says Sarah McDonald, Executive Director of the Shelby County Historical Museum. “We encourage you to attend with your colleagues and learn about different educational opportunities within Shelby County! Educators will also have the chance to win door prizes from local businesses such as the Museum of Danish America, Danish Windmill, the Purple Door, and the Harlan Theatre, as well as Oriental Trading and Kendra Scott Jewelry.”

In addition to the resource fair, Educator's Night will feature light refreshments, door prizes, and goodie bags. The event is not intended for children or families, but it is open and free to all informal and formal educators, including teachers, homeschoolers, daycare workers, and youth club leaders. Educators are encouraged to register for the event by visiting <https://www.shelbycoiamuseum.org/event-5457840> or calling 712-755-2437.

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The Kringle Man Pastries
712-764-3663
Box 94, 4234 Main St
Elk Horn, IA

Recipes brought to us by Keli Hansen

My name is Ashlie Heuss, I am originally from Audubon, IA. I met my fiancé Brady Griffin back in May of 2021. He is originally from Exira, IA. We were living in Atlantic, IA at the time but, found a house we both liked in December of 2022. I currently work in the business office for Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School District as well as IKM-Manning Community School

District. I have loved the opportunity of being able to work with both districts. August 2022 Brady got his CPA license and was working for a CPA firm in Atlantic. In September 2023 he changed companies and is now working for Robinson Ruhnke PLLC in Audubon, IA as well as Atlantic and Harlan, IA once a week. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my fiancé Brady Griffin, as well as friends, family, golfing, and cooking. My parents are Chad and Stacie Heuss. I have a sister, Rachel Heuss, and a brother, Austin Heuss. My parents own Heuss Distributing Inc. which is a seed, chemical, Precision Planting and fertilizer dealer that is located in Audubon, IA. My mother Stacie also owns an in home bakery called Heuss Creations. She is a fantastic baker that does amazing work. My sister is attending Northwest Missouri State University majoring in Business Administration and my brother is a junior and attends Audubon High School.

Some of my favorite recipes are the Beef Fajita Enchiladas and Italian Wedding Soup.

Beef Fajita Enchiladas-

1 lb Ground Beef
 2 Green Bell Peppers
 1 Large Sweet Onion
 2 Cups Shredded Colby Jack
 6-10 Burritos Shells
 1 jar Alfredo sauce
 3 Tbsp Salsa Verde
 2 Tbsp Hotter TRUFF Sauce
 ¼ Cup Sour Cream
 1 Fajita Seasoning Packet
 1/4 Cilantro
 Slap Ya Momma seasoning

Filling: Saute ground beef, green bell peppers, sweet onion until done. Add in ¼ sour cream, fajita seasoning packet, and ¼ cups cilantro and mix together.

Sauce: In a pot combine 1 jar of alfredo with TRUFF sauce and salsa verde and 1 cup of Colby jack cheese.

Preheat Oven to 350 degrees. In the bottom of a greased 9 x 13 pan pour the sauce mixture just enough to cover the bottom of the pan. Fill the tortilla shells with the fixing mixture. Wrap the enchilada up and placed into the pan. Repeat until the pan is filled. Once the pan is filled pour the rest of the sauce on the top of the enchiladas and put in the oven on 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes. Once the cheese is melted it is ready to enjoy.

Italian Wedding Soup-

1 pound ground sausage
 1 Onion
 1 cup diced carrots
 1 cups diced celery
 3 tbsp minced garlic
 8-10 ounces chicken broth
 1 cup Acini De Pepe pasta or Orzo
 3 cups fresh baby spinach

Cook the ground sausage and add 1 onion and black pepper. Once the ground sausage is cooked dump in 1 cup diced carrots, 1 cups diced celery, 3 tbsp minced garlic, 8-10 ounces chicken broth, 1 cup Acini De Pepe pasta or Orzo, 3 cups fresh baby spinach. Let the soup simmer on low for 2-3 hours and enjoy.

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EXIRA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

108 E WASHINGTON ST. – CITY HALL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2024 6:30 PM

The Exira City Council met for their regular meeting in city hall on Monday February 12, 2024. Present were Mayor Pro tempore Nathan Wahlert, Council Members: Dwight Jessen, Clark Borkowski, Dorreen Schrader, City Clerk Meg Andersen, City Attorney Clint Fichter, and librarians Katie & Jessie Wheeler. Deputy Seaton and Travis Wilson were also in attendance for a part of the meeting.

Mayor Pro tempore Wahlert called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Borkowski, to amend the agenda removing item 5.c. All voted aye, motion passed. A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Borkowski, to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye, motion passed.

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

Deputy Seaton presented the January 2024 sheriff's report.

Access from the south lot line of the property at 207 W Harrison Street was discussed. City Clerk will reach out to adjacent owners to discuss access easement.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Schrader, to approve Danish Countryside Vines and Wines Class C retail alcohol license. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Jessen, to approve commercial building addition permit at 300 N Carthage St. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Schrader, to approve commercial remodel and deck addition permit at 201 W Washington St. All voted aye, motion passed.

Katie Wheeler presented the Exira Public Library report for January 2024. The library will provide written monthly reports to council and attend council meetings when discussion is necessary.

Utility billing policy was discussed. City Clerk will draft formal policy for review at next council meeting.

City Clerk will move forward with software upgrade for city hall.

City Attorney presented options for housing and economic development programs. Action was tabled until all council members are present.

City Attorney proposed new regular meeting day. Action was tabled until all council members are present.

City Attorney presented fiscal year 2025 budget.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Jessen, to set Property Tax Levy Hearing for April 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Jessen, to adjourn at 7:42 PM. All voted aye, motion passed.

Nathan Wahlert, Mayor Pro tempore Meg Andersen, City Clerk

City of Elk Horn

The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session **Monday February 5th, 2024**, at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Jens, Councilmen Teegerstrom, D. Petersen, Hogberg, Creek and K. Petersen (via Teams). City Employees: Chelsee Jacobsen, Jeff Nelson, Jerry Evans.

Mayor Jens called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Creek moved, seconded by Hogberg, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 5, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve January 9th, 2024, minutes. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Capital Projects:

The council reviewed the contract and bonds with United Construction for Park Street Improvements. Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen, to approve Contracts and Bonds - Resolution 2024-2.1. Ayes 5, motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Creek to approve Pool House Pay app #2 to Viking Construction - \$14,710.75. Ayes 5, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the Engineering Agreement for the Lagoon updates with Snyder & Associates. Ayes 5, motion carried. Jeff Godwin provided an update on the Water Project.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to open the Public Hearing at on the Planning and Design Loan for Water Utility Improvements, no public comments were received. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to close the public hearing. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve Resolution 2024-2.4, Authorizing water project planning and design loan.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to open the Public Hearing on Hotel Property Proposals. Ayes 5, motion carried.

2 Proposals submitted. Teegerstrom gave a brief description of the two proposals.

Public Comments: Residents shared a few concerns about proposals asking for TIF. Residents ask if a contract can be made if the property proposal that the city accepts can be turned back over to the city shall the project not work out with the new owner of the property. Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen, to close the public hearing. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Creek moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve Resolution 2024-2.3, providing notice sollicitating proposals for the purchase of 4037 Main Street and held the required public hearing. Ayes 5, motion carried. K. Petersen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve Resolution 2024-2.2 – Employee wages effective 7/1/24. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Iowa Rural Water Association completed a water rate study. The current rate study indicates that the city needs to increase water and wastewater rates. Council will discuss in March a rate increase schedule for the upcoming increases.

FY Budget 2024-2025 considerations were discussed.

Department Reports:

Streets: The road is sinking near 2009 Washington Street due to a sewer repair over the summer. Clint and Jeff will work on getting the road fixed with the contractor that completed the sewer repairs and replaced that area of the street.

Pool: Pool wages for the Manager and Assistant manager will be discussed in March.

Fire: D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the updated 2024 Constitution and By-laws. Ayes 5, motion carried. Township Agreements were township discussed. The city would like to rediscuss the contributions by the townships to the city.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Creek to approve Larsen's Pub liquor license. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Mayor: Iowa Great Places is donating \$2,458.00 for the city to purchase new flags and poles for Main Street.

Council: Western Iowa Wireless inquired about placing an antenna on the water tower for wireless services. The council voted unanimously not in favor of placing anything on the water tower.

Clint stated the paperwork has been filed for nuisance property 4116 Madison Street.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Creek, to approve the claims register as presented. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve timesheets as presented. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen, to approve the financial report as presented. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by Hogberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM. Ayes 5, motion carried.



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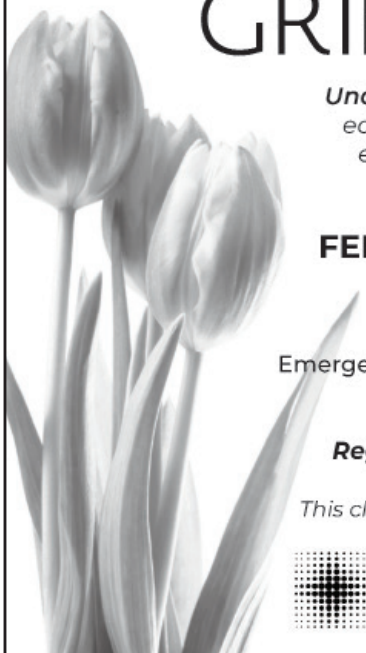
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To our “Front-Yard Flag Days” participants,

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



Sometimes science is nothing more than making sure you know the facts before a decision is made. Knowing the facts first allows you to make an informed decision. This is particularly important when you must decide about something that is outside of your area of expertise.

A good example of this is the Shelby County Board of Supervisors decision to put in place a moratorium on commercial construction of solar and wind projects. Not to block them from existing in Shelby County, but to allow time to research what ordinances should be in place for the optimal result. When we take the time to fully understand things we make the best decisions possible. And then there is the former Tivoli Inn in Elk Horn. Looking at the building in person and on Google Earth it does not even slightly resemble a hot potato. So why does it seem that we are trying to get rid of it before there has been time to consider what is best for the town?

Has anyone done a SWOC study on the building? Without knowing the structure's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges an informed decision cannot be made. I have heard that there are those who say lets just tear it down to make room for another business. My question must be, has there been a business come forward that wants that ground? And would that business be willing to bear at least part of the cost of demolition? Has anyone considered that with the interior walls being concrete block the difficulty in rearranging the interior space to suit another purpose? And has an engineer determined which of the interior walls are load supporting?

From the viewpoint of conservation, if that structure were demolished we would be throwing away the imbodyed energy of it. In other words, all the energy in creating the buildings materials. Plus, the energy of transporting those materials to the site and the human energy of the builders.

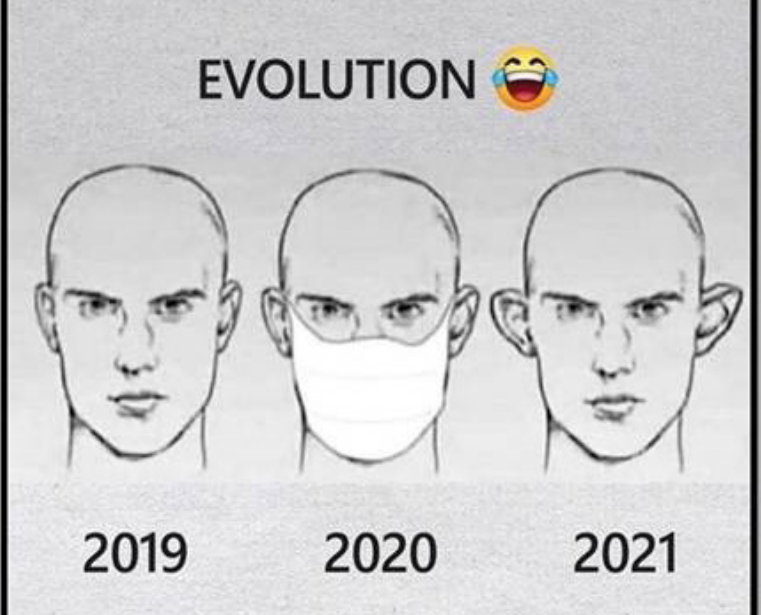
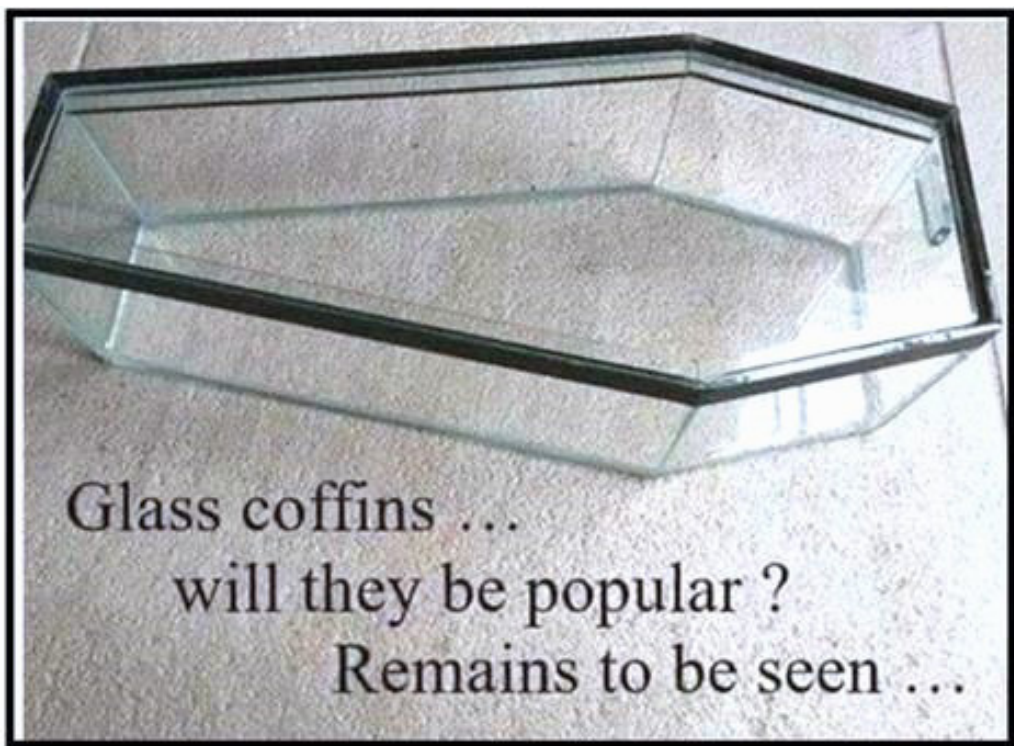
As involved citizens we should also consider the facts about the former motel. Let's put on our thinking caps and consider what uses would best fit both the building and our community. Our decision will need to consider that our community is a tourist destination and can benefit or harm our tourist attractions.

Do you have what you consider an appropriate idea for the building? Speak up and get involved!

Bob Mortenson

Looking at our communities, I see a lot of good things that have happened in the past, and have recently or currently going on. A few examples are the dream of a danish windmill being relocated to our community, the danish museum being placed in our community, the daycare center that helps many families, the initial building of the pool and the current remodel that is currently being completed, the sidewalk project in the park. Kimballton has rebuilt their town hall, the mermaid and danish sculptures in the city park. Exira has a great community center, gotten the Dollar General built in their community. These are just a few community projects to make our communities great for our families and visitors. There are also some areas in need of improvements or new visions. These are possibilities to make our communities better for all. All towns have dedicated business owners that give much to serve citizens and visitors alike. There are obviously some deficiencies in what's available. Success of our towns takes effort from many to strive for more and better. My challenge I guess is to reach out to some of your local businesses to see what we all can do to create projects and assist to make all that happens around us rise to the level that we can be proud of like some of the bold projects of the past.

Jerry Hoffman





Museum of Danish America
February 9 Hygge Night

We are ever so grateful to be in the Danish Villages surrounded by family, friends, community, and all of life's simple pleasures. The meaning of hygge was found last night—it was seen at every cozy restaurant table as friends enjoyed their smørrebrød, gløgg, or æbleskiver and medisterpølse. It manifested in the joy on people's faces as they unexpectedly ran into a neighbor or friend, and it could be glimpsed in shops as gifts were purchased for loved ones. Hygge is an atmosphere, and a feeling, and a way of life for the Danish Villages.



Elk Horn Lutheran Church Food Pantry

Everyone needs help with something at some point in their lives.

The Food Pantry at EHLC is available to assist people in the Exira – Elk Horn – Kimballton school district who need a little help putting food on the table.

Open Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30.
(Dates may be changed for scheduled church functions.)

To make an appointment please call
Juanita Erickson 712-249-6135



EDUCATOR'S NIGHT

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
4:30-7:00PM

HOSTED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
1805 MORSE AVE. | HARLAN, IA

Educator's Night event is free for all formal and informal educators. This event is not intended for children and families. We encourage you to attend with colleagues!



What's Happenin at the EXIRA library

Our sweet little Tate got to take Booker home last week from Story Time! He and his brother Noah spent lots of time reading stories to Booker and their other stuffed animals



Today we read fun Valentine's Day books and made Valentine's sacks for our party next week in Story Time



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 AT 6 PM

February Book Club

Exira Public Library



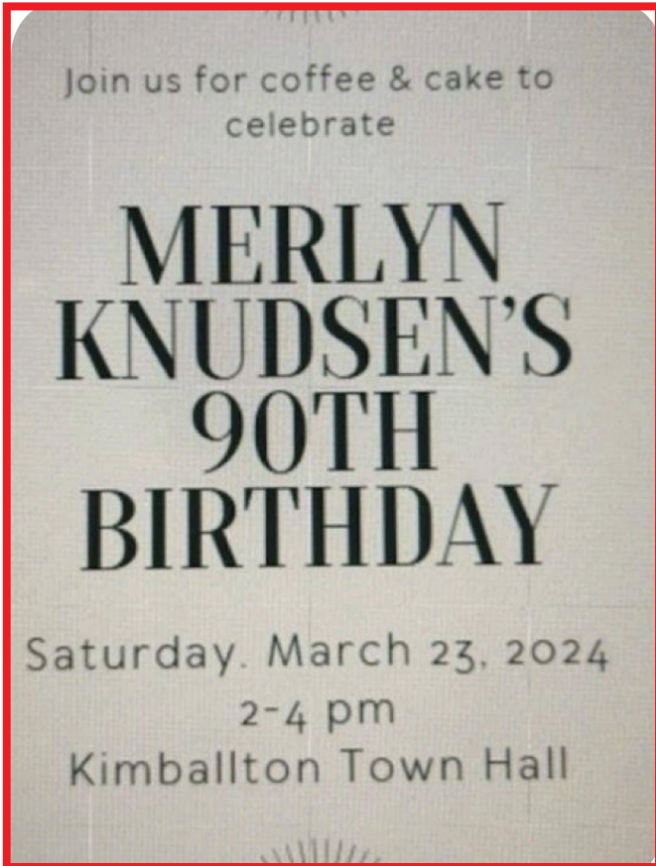
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JENEVA ROSE

BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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You'll like this one! It's made from an anti-diuretic hybrid grape and reduces the number of trips people your age go to the toilet during the night. It's called **PINO MORE!**



SPARK! is cultural programming that fosters connection & encourages lifelong learning.

SPARK! programs feature interactive exhibit experiences—participants engage in lively discussions, object handling, and other activities. All programs begin with a coffee social and snacks.

SPARK! programs are **free** and open to the public. This programming is sponsored by The Andersen and Andersen-Lopez families of New York and Connecticut. Additional programming support comes from the Shelby County Community Foundation.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend events hosted by the Museum of Danish America. If you are an individual who requires accommodation, please email info@danishmuseum.org.

2024 SPARK! Dates & Topics

SPARK! programs take place from 10 - 11:30 am on the first Tuesday of every month.

- March 5** – Music & Drama
- April 2** – Quilts & Storycloths
- May 7** – Play with Preschoolers
- June 4** – MoDA's Ford Model A
- July 2** – Breakfast with the Birds
- August 6** – Meet Lucy the Therapy Dog
- September 3** – Gourd Painting
- October 1** – V is for Viking
- November 5** – Veterans Day Program
- December 3** – Holidays & Clay

To register, please call 712.764.7001 or email alissa.lacanne@danishmuseum.org.



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You are invited to attend
Village Quilters Guild
Elk Horn Lutheran Church



Village Quilters met on Feb 14. There were eight of us in attendance, sharing our projects and good conversation! Please join us at the Lutheran Church in Elk Horn **February 28th at 1:00**. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. We would love to have you join our fun!! For information call Mary Secress 712 764-3485.