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RHCN Business Spotlight



From the Garden



Meet Kady Petersen, owner of the Exira Flower Supply in Exira, IA

Kady is a native of Exira and went to school in Exira until she graduated High School. From there she went to Iowa State, to study Agricultural Business and Photography. Kady says she always knew she loved flower arrangement and was good at it.

She remembers fondly of going to her grandmother's, picking flowers - even the ones in the ditch. Then they would arrange them. She also worked in a flower shop while attending college.

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Stop by and pick up some flowers and browse through the wonderful gift shop. Her flower arrangements are lovely!

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Log Cabin Quilt Shop



Boy, oh boy, have things been happening here! Excitement abounds! Our building has been sold to a local guy for whatever purpose he desires. Don't worry, we are 99.9% sure that the quilt shop will continue, as [Log Cabin Quilt Shop](#), at a different location! As a matter of fact, it is a location that many of you may remember: 4132 Main Street, Elk Horn. That's right, the old Prairie Star Quilt building!! The retreat side of the business is still a little bit up-in-the-air. It looks like it will be continued, but details will be announced when we know the details.

Now, what does this mean for you? It means you will get to know a dynamic young gal from Elk Horn who is thrilled to be keeping the shop going. It also means that there will be a sale!!! Starting Monday, March 4, everything for sale in the store will be 25% off. Sale fabric will be the same 30% off for now. The last day of business for Jerry and I at our current location will be March 31. In preparation for this, we will no longer be accepting credit card payments as of March 1st (yes, Friday). Cash and checks will be welcomed!

For our second and third weeks of March, we will be having 50% off the entire store. We are opened Mon thru Sat. Come shop. Hours are 10 to 5.



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 2109 Broadway Ave, Elk Horn, IA 51531

| Hours | |
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| Monday | 10 am - 5 pm |
| Tuesday | 10 am - 5 pm |
| Wednesday | 10 am - 5 pm |
| Thursday | 10 am - 5 pm |
| Friday | 10 am - 5 pm |
| Saturday | 10 am - 5 pm |

Words of Wisdom from Troy:

A little lie can travel half way 'round the world while Truth is still lacing up her boots. — Mark Twain

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**SHELBY COUNTY
HISTORICAL
MUSEUM**



Shelby County Historical Museum Launches Community Stories Exhibition
Harlan, Iowa – The Shelby County Historical Museum is excited to announce the launch of their Community Stories exhibition project.

The Community Stories exhibition will highlight Shelby County's rich history through photographs and personal accounts of strength, courage, and resilience. The community-curated exhibition is aimed at engaging Shelby County citizens and facilitating discussion around Shelby County experiences.

"The purpose of this project is to document the individual histories of those that have called Shelby County home. We hope that by documenting these stories, we can connect with everyone that enters the museum," says Sarah McDonald, Executive Director of the Shelby County Historical Museum. "Story ideas include successes, lessons learned, or even your favorite memory of Shelby County."

The Community Stories exhibition will debut at Log Cabin Day on Sunday, June 2nd and remain open for the summer. Story submissions can be about any person who lived in Shelby County, past or present, and are limited to 1,000 characters and may include one photograph. Participation in the Community Stories exhibition is free and open to all. Visit <https://form.typeform.com/to/fU6ATUbH> to submit your Community Story by May 1st! Email info@shelbycoiamuseum.org or call 712-755-2437 with any questions regarding the exhibition project.

News From The Mill



The winds of change continue to gust through Elk Horn. Our gift shop renovations are finally complete, and we're excited to see how the opening of this year's travel season starts for us. The kitchen merchandise area is finally complete, as is the aebleskiver pan display. Our Christmas wall is redone with new and exciting lines we have picked up in the last month, and the facelifts to our candle area and Viking corners are also complete. To add to all of this, our new Welcome Center hub has been running smoothly and we're able to showcase everything going on with ease.

To highlight a few of these changes, we're particularly excited about the new aebleskiver display. We sell 5 different pans including 3 cast iron pans, an electric pan, and a cast aluminum pan. Our visitors always have lots of questions about the differences and recommendations, and so now each pan has a small sign highlighting unique features as well as care instructions. Meanwhile, the new shelving we've acquired from IKEA gives the area a nice, modern look while keeping all of the food items more organized and easier to find.

We're also ready to introduce our new line of artificial flowers from Gry & Sif, a Danish design company. We have tulips and anemones in various colors and other accent pieces to compliment any arrangement. To compliment these, we've also added a new line of vases, made in 3 sizes using 3D printing and recycled materials.

Finally, we are delighted to share that the Danish Lakrids are back in the shop again after not having them for a few years. Chocolate-licorice candies in a variety of classic flavors are on the shelves now and we have the true licorice candies arriving soon in sweet, red, and salmiak.

Looking ahead, we will soon have two new t-shirt designs featuring our main Danish Windmill – Elk Horn, Iowa design in both solid red and cardinal (the color of our crewneck and hoodies). We will pick up a long sleeve version of the solid red shirt next Fall. We hope to have the new tshirts in the shop sometime next week and we expect them to go quickly.

And on March 21st we will join the Danish Villages in celebrating another Throwback Thor's Day featuring a Danish meal at Norse Horse tavern as well as aebleskiver at the bakery. The windmill will be open late as usual along with other businesses in town. This is a great opportunity to get a delicious Danish meal and see all the changes we've made.

Finally, we want to remind everyone of our fundraiser for the daycare coming up in April. Every Sunday will feature a food option in town and we will be donating all tour revenue (donations and admissions) to the local daycare, Kids in the Village. The first session will be on Sunday, April 7th and the Kringle Man will be open from 10am – 2pm serving aebleskiver and medisterpølse.

Shaun Sayres
Manager
Danish Windmill



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YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

GOOD NEWS!

In continuation of our previous article, I say to all of us, we must take our “heads out of the sand” and get them into the scriptures. The word of God is very comforting in every aspect. But more than that, it is “sharper than any two edged sword”. That quote comes from the book of Hebrews 4:12. And just what does that mean?

Good question!! Let us take a look at the whole sentence. “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any two edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart, and nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

Now that’s a mouthful; so let’s see what we might find. My attention is immediately drawn to the last statement, “... of Him to whom we must give account”. Are you ready to give an account? Your life is yours to do with as you see fit. Yes, but who gave you that life? And shouldn’t He have the right to question you on what you did, what you accomplished, how you handled that life?

Someone said to me that they lead a mostly good life and that the good they did outweighed the bad. HMMM? Is that going to work in the eyes of God, before whom everything is uncovered and laid bare? Have you really been keeping an accurate record? This kind of approach of record keeping is akin to the doctrine of Islam!! They claim that before Allah (the god they serve), if the good in their life outweighs the bad, then they will receive a welcome into heaven.

My friends, if you believe that doctrine, then you know very little of what the bible actually says. Isaiah 64:6 puts it this way, “We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like filthy rags. We all fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away.” In other words even the good we accomplish in this life does not qualify us for entrance into God’s kingdom.

This was the lesson Job had to learn. He claimed, before God, that he had done nothing wrong. In chapter 31 of the book of Job, he spells out the good that he had done in all his life. Even God, in chapter 1:1 said that Job was upright and blameless. But Job needed to understand one thing, and it is a huge thing. Let us all pay attention to it – Job, like us needed a Savior. All of his acts of kindness etc. was as a filthy rag.

Friends, it is only by the blood of Jesus the Messiah that we may obtain salvation! That salvation, by the blood of a crucified Son of God, is free to all who will believe. And that is Good News!! Let’s go back and take a look at the rest of that scripture in the book of Hebrews and see if we can understand all that it has to say.

Bill Rollins 3-7-24

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

— Mark Twain

ITS ONLY SCIENCE

The last article talked about how global warming is increasing the strength of weather events. Scientists are discussing that the facts are pointing to the need for a category six hurricane ranking. The current rankings have been in use since before the effects of global warming have become evident.

If you look at the scale you will notice that it is based on wind speed increases to move to the next category.

Cat 1. 74 MPH to 95 MPH

Cat 2. 96 MPH to 110 MPH

Cat 3. 111 MPH to 129 MPH

Cat 4. 130 MPH to 156 MPHww

Cat 5. 157 MPH or higher.

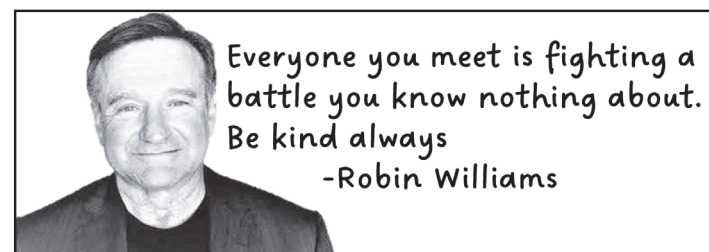
Or higher is the problem. All other categories have an upper limit. There have been seven storms in the last decade where the wind speed was much higher than 157 MPH which would have triggered an increase in category if there had been a higher category. Since the categories are designed to allow citizens and governments to properly prepare for these events this could pose a severe problem. A structure designed to protect against a Cat 5 storm may not protect against what should have been a Cat 6 storm.

I am sure that there are folks that are thinking that we don’t get hurricanes here, so why should we care? Every time there is a major storm causing major damage it does affect us. It causes the cost of building materials to rise because of the increased demand created by the storm damage. It could result in higher taxes due to the amount of government aid flowing to the devastated area. Insurance companies exist by spreading the cost of their insurance claims across a wide pool of the insured policy owners. Many times, it can even cause local shortages of qualified craftsmen as contractors working in the damaged area seek to find additional help.

Another facet that most do not consider is how many people are displaced from the devastated area. This can cause a rise in rental rates as the displaced people seek temporary housing. It can cause a shortage of employment opportunities as these folks fill local jobs. An influx of school age children can put a strain on our local schools as the displaced children need to continue their education. And they could strain our mental health resources as they try to cope with what they have lost.

We must realize that global warming is causing problems for everyone on this planet. Some of them directly, and like hurricanes some indirectly.

Bob Mortenson 3-8-2024.



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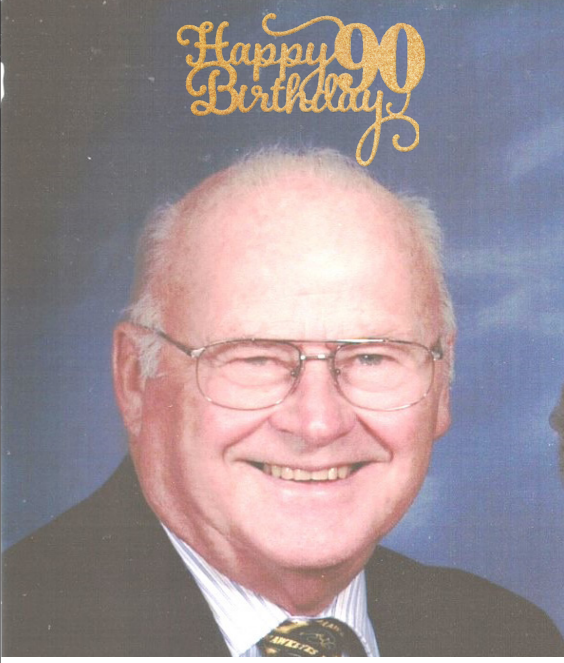
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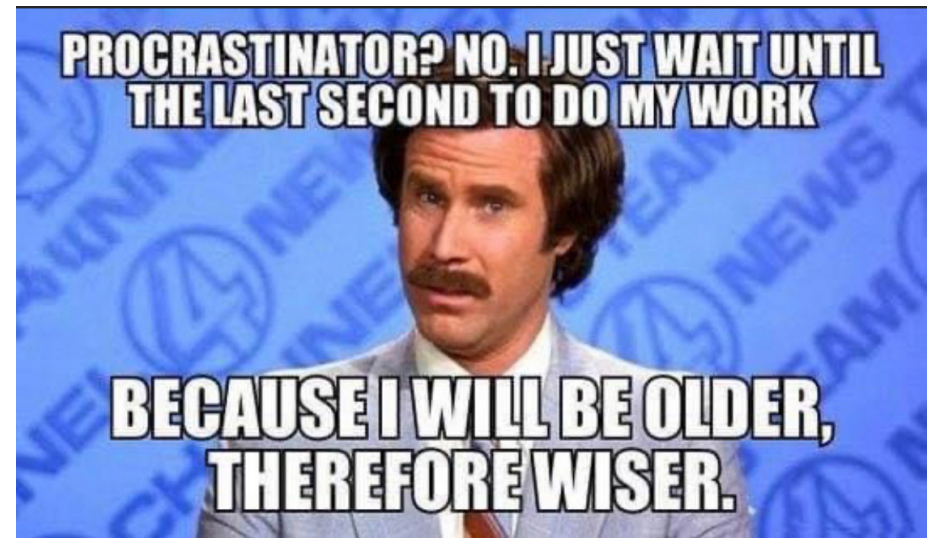


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MERLYN KNUDSEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

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Scratches From The Rusty Quill By Wava Petersen



Does anyone remember when Monday was the designated day for washing clothes? Or washing clothes on a washboard? I happened onto a guide for washday by an unknown author detailing the procedure back in the early years of the 20th century. It is written in the spelling and vernacular of that era.

1. Build fire in backyard to heat kettel of rain water.
2. Set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert.
3. Shave one hole cake lie soap in bilin water.
4. Sort things, make 3 piles, 1 pile white, 1 pile colord, 1 pile work britches and rags.
5. Stir flour in cold water to smoot, then thin down with bilin water to make starch.
6. Rub durty spots on worshbord, scrub hard, then bile whites. Take out of bilin water with broomstick handel, rench and starch. Don't bile uthers, just rench and starch.
7. Spread tee towels on grass. Hang colords and overalls on closeline and rags on fence.
8. Pore rench water on flower bed.
9. Scrub porch with hot soapy water.
10. Turn tubs upside down
11. Go put on fresh dress. Smoot hare with comb, pore a cup of coffee. Sit and rest a spell and count blessings.

Even with several exceptions, that pretty well describes wash day when I was small. All water had to be carried from the well at the bottom of the hill, heated in the kitchen on the cookstove. The washing process also took place in the kitchen on a washboard that had a corrugated metal surface. My mother provided the woman-power as she scrubbed the dirty clothes back and forth on that primitive appliance. The wet clothes were hung on the clothesline, a smooth, heavy wire, supported by two sturdy tree trunks. Then, on her hands and knees, Mother used the grimy water to scrub the wide, splintery boards of the kitchen floor. If any water was left in the pail, she used that to clean the short sidewalk that led to a waterless well. It had dried up in the arid years of the depression. There was no fence and nary a blade of grass to be found in the yard. We didn't have home-made lye soap; Mother's old standby was P & G laundry soap, slivered with a sharp knife and melted in the hot wash water. (My mother would have been appalled at the lack of proper spelling in that washday guide! Pronunciation, however, was a different story. We didn't wash our hands, dishes or clothes back then; we "worshed" them. Either way, they somehow got clean.) I don't remember my mother ever making starch with flour. Her laundry starch came in a box from the grocery store. Mixed with hot water, and a tiny, oblong bar containing bluing, it had a scent that made the clothes smell really good. Degree of stiffness was determined by the amount of water in the starch.

Electricity came to our farm in 1939. Like a magic wand, it changed our way of life. The first major purchase was a brand-new Maytag washing machine. A far cry from the automated appliances of the 21st century it was nevertheless like a gift from the gods for my hardworking mother. An electric iron also lightened her laundry burdens.

My first washing machine arrived soon after our marriage. It was an old model electric machine, belonging to my grandmother, but no longer in use.

Soon-after came a new Maytag washer. Shortly before we moved to the farm an electric dryer blessed my life. Then came the move to the farm. Being a farmer's wife as well as full time employment off the farm left little free time and an automatic washer became a necessity, not a luxury. Our water was supplied via wind-power. Water was pumped to a cistern on the hillside above the farmyard. From that vantage point gravity provided the water pressure. On windy days the mill turned rapidly; pressure was high. On windless days, not so much. And the major problem with that washer was that it filled by a timer, not by weight or water level. There were many trips made to the basement to reset that timer during the years we had that washer.

The first time I heard the ringing bell announcing the washing was finished, I rushed down the steps and opened the lid. All I could see was the bottom of the tub shining up at me in all its pristine glory. That machine had swallowed my clothes, hook, line and sinker, but how? A sock, maybe. Or a washcloth. But devour a whole load of laundry! Only on closer inspection did I discover the entire load packed firmly on the walls of the tub by the centrifugal force of the spin cycle.

There is a lot to be said about the good old days, but when it comes to methods of washing clothes, the only good thing to be said about the good old days is that the good old days are over. I would certainly not enjoy having to part with my automatic washer and dryer and return to the back-breaking task of scrubbing clothes on a washboard.



Outlook Study Club

Outlook Study Club met on February 19, 2024. The program for the evening was Calla Johnson presenting the story of her trip to the Holy Land. Hostesses were Cindy Frederickson and Barb Petersen. The next Outlook Study Club meets March 18th, with Deb Bieker, Verlene Childs and Barb Jacobsen, hosting the evening. Please come join us at 6:00 every third Monday of the month at the library. Look forward to seeing you there!!



MERLYN KNUDSEN

What is it like to be an Iowa farm boy, the son of an immigrant Danish mother (and immigrant Danish grandparents on his father's side)? What is it like to live during a period of American history when fathers, uncles, and older brothers shared (or sometimes didn't share) many stories about being soldiers during WWII? What is it like to learn that a new road called the interstate would be built from coast to coast? What is it like to hear people talk about a "Cold War" or to hear people discussing "Civil Rights." On the fun side, what is it like to have that newfangled

entertainment called TV to watch in the evening after chores have been finished? Ask Merlyn—those were the years when he was growing up and entering manhood.

In 1952 during his senior year, Merlyn made the decision to enlist in the Navy Reserves. He and three other boys from Harlan High School went to Fort Omaha for enlistment. The Navy Reserves used a slightly different training timetable for students who were still in high school. Instead of the usual eight weeks of boot camp, the Reservists did two weeks and then divided the remainder of training over several periods of time. This allowed the students to do both military training and continue in high school at the same time. By the time Merlyn finished high school, he had completed one year of his eight-year enlistment. His Navy aptitude tests pointed him in the direction of being a good fit for either submarine duty or yeoman duty. As you can imagine, his family was happy when he was assigned yeoman duty. The fact that he had done well in his typing class in high school and his ability to perform administrative functions served him well.

Unlike other branches of the military where boot camp is conducted on many bases, the Navy sends all sailors to Great Lakes Naval Station for training. The huge base (over 1,600 acres) functions like a small city with its own fire department, police, and public works department. It's location near Chicago offered Merlyn an opportunity to explore some of the more interesting sights of the city. Of particular interest to him was riding Chicago's elevated railway called the L. Although he didn't begin to cover all of the 225 miles the L covers, he was fascinated by the elevated railway. It certainly gave him a different perspective of the city as the train whizzed along and he could look into the second story windows of businesses.

For a good share of Merlyn's time, he lived in Lincoln, Nebraska in military housing. During this time, he married and began a family. Although the majority of his time was spent on dry land, he did get sent out to sea on three cruises.

Each of these cruises was on a different type of Navy ship. One was an Amphibious Cargo Ship which is designed to carry troops, heavy equipment and supplies in support of amphibious assaults. The second cruise he was on a dock landing ship, an amphibious warfare ship used to launch landing craft and amphibious vehicles. The third cruise he was on a destroyer. He mentioned being in the harbor of Cuba. Batista was still in power, but Castro was preparing for takeover. Merlyn chose to stay on board the ship. Merlyn remembers a scary incident that happened as he was leaving work.

An Air Force plane came in and couldn't get it's wheels down to land. (The Navy and Air Force shared the same landing strip.) It made an emergency landing with all the emergency precautions. Seven men jumped off the plane to safety. Needless to say, there was plenty of excitement and much relief when everyone was declared safe.

At the completion of his eight years of service, Merlyn returned to the Kimballton area and continued farming. In 1976 tragedy struck his family when he lost his wife to cancer. Unexpectedly, at a silver wedding anniversary dance in Kimballton, he "re-met" a friend from childhood school days. She, too, had experienced tragedy when her husband was killed in a plane crash (also in 1976). The rest is sweet history—a new blended family was formed with Merlyn's four children and Jeanette's two children.

Merlyn is a lifetime member of the AMVETS. At the time he was discharged he was not eligible for the American Legion. During his younger years, he was, however, actively involved in helping with Memorial Day services at Bethlehem, Bethany, and Immanuel Lutheran churches.

Merlyn didn't "fess" up to this, but it certainly appears that one of his Navy cruises took him to the "Fountain of Youth." For a man who will very soon turn 90, it appears evident he definitely visited that famous fountain!



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

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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.



Kids in the Village is looking to see if anyone would be interested in donating bibs in the style below. Do you have gently used towels and t shirts laying around with a sewing machine? We would love to help you clear out those closets! Feel free to send a message here if you can help us!



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
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Local food options will be available, hours may vary

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Norse Horse Tavern

April 21
Master Griller Food Truck

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For more information, visit danishwindmill.org

Marne Elk Horn was pleased to match an Aureon Charity Grant for Kids in the Village (\$1,500), an awesome daycare serving the Danish Villages and surrounding area!
L to R: Jill Madsen, Marne Elk Horn Rep; Stan Jens, KITV President; Todd Van Epps, Aureon Rep



Here we are! The Village Quilters!
Please join us every 2nd and 3rd Wed. of the month @ 1PM at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. Bring your machine, your handwork and any project you would like to work on. We are here if you need help with a project. We look forward to seeing you soon!
If you have questions you can call Mary Secress 712-764-3485.



The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session Monday March 4th, 2024, at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Jens, Councilmen Teegerstrom, D. Petersen, Hogberg, Creek in at (6:11PM) and K. Petersen.

City Employees: Chelsea Jacobsen, Jeff Nelson, Jerry Evans.

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

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 4, motion carried. D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve February 5th, 2024, minutes. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Tim and Kim Andersen presented concerns regarding Ordinance 9-7-2022-1 and how that would affect their building plans for 4236 Main Street. Teegerstrom moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve the decision made on July 6th, 2022, meeting to allow the property to be converted into 4 apartments with the terms the renters must park up the street in front of MV Transportation on Main Street. Ayes 5, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Creek to approve Viking Construction Pay App #3 - \$33,187.30 for the Pool House Project. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Discussion on 4037 Main Street, with consideration of the public hearing input on February 5th, 2024, K. Petersen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to table the disposition of 4037 Main Street, and list the property with Wayne Hansen Real Estate by contract with zero (0) commission per City of Elk Horn and Wayne Hansen Real Estate. Proposals would be accepted by Wayne Hansen Real Estate/City of Elk Horn for 60 days on the market with the Council still making the final decision.

Utility Bill Increases: A water rate study was completed with IRWA; per the rate study, it was recommended that the water rate minimum billing would increase from \$30.00 minimum for 1000/gallons to \$30.34 minimum for 1000/gallons. Waste water rate minimum (45% of water usage) is \$13.50 and would increase to \$15.78 for the minimum. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Creek to approve drafting an ordinance schedule for utility bill increases. Ayes 5, motion carried.

FY Budget 2024-2025 – Public Hearing set for March 25th, at 5PM. The council will decide on another street project with recommendation from Snyder & Associates with a minimum budget of \$150,000 with the option to borrow.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by K. Petersen to open the public hearing at 6:43PM for the CBDG Submission. Danielle Briggs with SWIPO reported the LMI for Elk Horn was 52.50% based on the recent survey. The city is applying for a \$500,000 CBDG grant towards the water system improvement project. There were no written or oral comments received prior to the meeting or during the meeting. General project information was provided to those present. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to close the public hearing at 6:50PM. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Streets: The attorney suggested adopting a Work in the Right of Way permit for companies to come in and complete any sewer, road, or water line repairs. Washington Street sink hole has been repaired.

Park: The tree committee will meet to discuss tree replacement. Teegerstrom suggested putting an ad out if anyone in the community wanted to purchase and donate a tree to the park. The Park and Rec board will be meeting to discuss the upcoming pool season and discuss purchasing more playground equipment for the park.

Fire/Rescue: Rescue is still needing members, if anyone is interested, please contact Jerry Hoffman. A few department members have completed pump training and CPR.

Town Hall / Fitness Center: The heavy wooden tables have been taken downstairs and 12 new tables have been purchased. The council voted unanimously to purchase a Bluetooth speaker for the fitness center. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Library: Creek moved, seconded by Hogberg to table the updated 28E agreement with Kimballton. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Liquor License: K. Petersen moved, seconded by Creek, to approve Elk Horn Fire Department liquor license for Tivoli Fest. Ayes 5, motion carried.

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

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

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

Creek moved, seconded by K. Petersen to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM. Ayes 5, motion car

Kimballton City Council Council Minutes Feb 8, 2024 - 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Millette Shores, Mayor; Tony Petersen, Adam Larsen, Scott Lange, Terry Nelson, Trisha Bell

Absent: James Mortensen

Call to Order – 7:01pm by Mayor Millette Shores

Amend Agenda: Approve Ryan Billheimer’s Resignation - Pay Van Wert – Jeff Godwin – EP Pump

Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda – Petersen: 2nd Larsen – Carried Unanimously

Motion to approve Minutes for Jan. 11th and Jan. 29th meetings-Larsen: 2nd Lange-Carried Unanimously

Consent Agenda – Nothing Presented

Motion to Approve Pay App# 17 – Petersen: 2nd Larsen-Carried Unanimously

Public Comment – Marlene Atilano discussed electric bill.

Motion to Approve Financial Reports – Petersen: 2nd Larsen-Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve Treasurers Financial Report – Petersen: 2nd Larsen-Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve Claims Register – Petersen: 2nd Larsen-Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve VanWert Invoice – Lange: 2nd Nelson-Carried Unanimously

Resolution #1 022024-28E Agreement with the Elk Horn Public Library. Motion to Approve-Petersen: 2nd Larsen–Carried Unanimously

Action Items

Motion to Approve Ryan Billheimer’s Resignation-Lange: 2nd Nelson–Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve Sewer Lagoon Pump Repairs Quote-Lange: 2nd Petersen–Carried Unanimously

Date set for the Public Hearing for the Tax Levy on April 4, 2024 – 7:00 pm at the City Clerk’s Office

Motion to Approve Renewal of EMC Insurance for the IAMU – Property, COP, Auto, GL, Linebacker-Larsen:2nd Petersen–Carried Unanimously

Old business

Budget Workshop – Council wants more Financial Information Week of 02/11/2024

Negotiate 28E Agreements with Townships-Fire Department is handling negotiations

New Business:

Meeting with MRES – Tentative Date March 5, 2024

City Clerk Bathroom Trim Colors – City Clerk will choose trim color

City Maintenance Candidate discussion – Interviewing 4 candidates

Delinquent Utility Accounts – Letters being sent out Week of 02/11/2024

Department Reports:

Streets-Received quote from Border States, waiting on quote from WESCO. AMU will install

Parks-No Report

Water: Brad Madsen has agreed to install the final water meters at his hourly rate

Electric – All Electric Meters are at the Clerk’s Office, including the 3-Phase. AMU will install these at the same time the Street Lights are installed

Sewer - Starter for Pump was installed – Terry Nelson

City Clerk – gWorks will be moving to the Cloud – Purchase request for 3 Filing cabinets – Cost to be approved at March 2024 Council Meeting

Fire Dept – 2 payments left on the New Fire Truck and discussed purchase of New Tanker per Fire Chief

Motion to Adjourn 9:09pm – Lange: 2nd Nelson - Motion carried Unanimously

Camping Club Elects New Officers

By Connie Esbeck

On Thursday, November 2, 2023, the Audubon County travelers camping club met at the Pizza Ranch in Atlantic. After enjoying a delicious meal, Shirley Jensen, Atlantic, introduced those who were elected to serve during 2024. They are as follows: Chuck Elmquist, President, Atlantic; John Nissen, Vice President, Audubon; Sonia Cutting, Secretary, Council Bluffs; and Judy Thompson, Treasurer, Audubon. All Members serve as Reporters, chaplain, and photographer; Campground Supervisor is, Delbert Elmquist, Audubon; Field Director, Shirley Jensen, Atlantic, and Webmasters, Sonia and Mason Cutting.

Each member was asked to bring non perishable food items for the Food Pantries in Audubon, Atlantic, and Exira. Club members will also bring non perishable food items for their Christmas party which will be held December 7th at the Pizza Ranch.

Members living near Audubon, which include Exira, Brayton, and Elk Horn, are assigned two to four weeks of campground duty. Some of the things the members do are clean the bathrooms, adding the needed supplies, maintain the shelter house, turn the water for the campground on in the spring and shut it off in late fall in preparation for winter.

There are currently twenty-two members in the club. Anyone who is interested in camping in the club once a month, please contact one of the members. Currently members are from Atlantic, Audubon, Exira, Elk Horn, Brayton, Red Oak, Council Bluffs, and Vermillion, South Dakota.



Shirley Jensen, administers the Oath of Office to those elected for 2024.



l-r: Chuck Elmquist, President, John Nissen, Vice President, Sonia Cutting, Secretary, and Judy Thompson, Treasurer.

**Me yelling "REPRESENTATIVE!!!"
to the automated customer service**



City of Kimballton is pleased to welcome **Jeremy Jepsen, our new City Maintenance gentleman.** If you see Jeremy out and about, feel free to say 'Hi' and introduce yourself.



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Just a reminder about our Afterschool programs the library offers! Mondays in March are all about music. Wednesdays in March are all about planting/gardening.



ELK HORN PUBLIC LIBRARY

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

MONDAYS
3:45PM-4:30PM

WEDNESDAYS
2PM-4PM

LIBRARY HOURS:
MON. TUES. 12:30-4:30PM
WED. FRI. 12:30-4:30PM
THURS. 12:30-6:30PM
SAT. 9-11AM

Afterschool Adventures are Mondays.

- Geared for children 4yrs old - 2nd grade.
- Each month will feature a dramatic play area in the children's section of the library for hands-on play.
- A story will be read
- snack provided
- activity to go along with the book/theme

Wild Wednesdays

- kids in 3rd grade and Up
- A different topic will be explored each month with all sorts of wild fun
- snack provided

CONTACT US: 712-764-2013




As it turns out, they were prepping us for self checkout the whole time



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.

Driving through a small town be like:



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



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.)

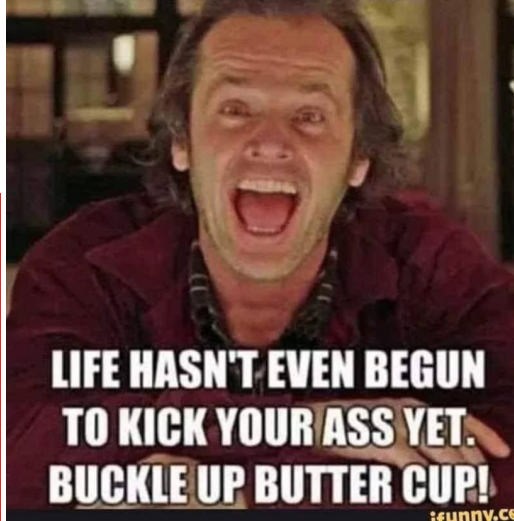
To make an appointment please call **Juanita Erickson 712-249-6135**



A rare photograph of my parents on their way to school



YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR 20'S THAT THINK LIFE SUCKS.



At the first sight of spring, the state flower can be seen blooming on every roadside.

Exira's Easter Egg Hunt!

Date: Saturday, March 30th
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Exira City Park

Kids 5th Grade and younger are welcome to participate.

Prizes, Candy & Egg Fillers sponsored by:
Exira Community Club, TJ's Pourhouse and Kaiti & Travis.



MOMS- Grab your son(s) and join us for a couple hours of fun. We'll have music to dance to, games to play, and activities you can do together. There will be a backdrop for photos and light refreshments will be provided.

EVENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH
3:00 - 5:00 PM
EXIRA EVENT CENTER

* Music, Games & Activities *
* Backdrop for Photos*

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024 AT 5:30 PM
9th Annual 4th of July Kickoff
Exira Event Center

Exira Community Club's 4TH OF JULY KICKOFF

Featuring the *Dueling Pianos of Andy & Mike!*

It was Barron's turn for Booker last week!! He LOVED having Booker at the farm! He had to show him his farm animals, tractors, and read lots of books to him over the week



Yesterday in storytime, it was everything Dr. Seuss! We read *The Cat in the Hat*, made Cat in the Hat puppets and had Cat in the Hat snacks



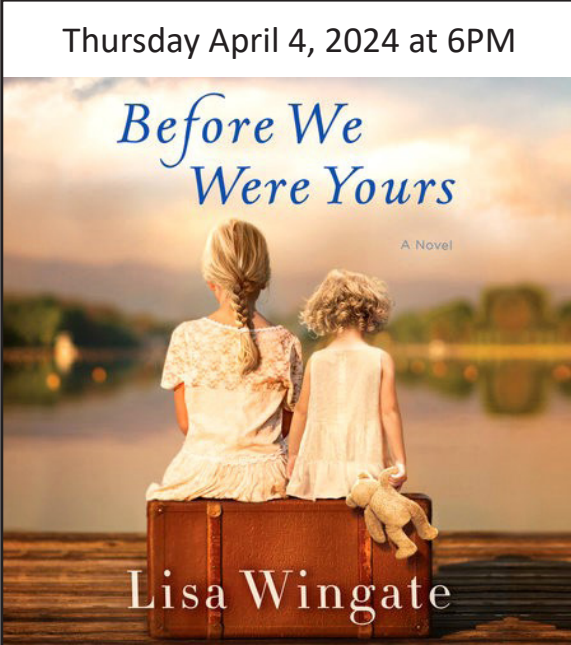
Upcoming Quilt retreat at Exira Rec Center
Come and join us on March 23 from 8am to 5pm. Bring your lunch or use one of the local restaurants. Entrance fee is \$30.00, which is donated to "Relay for Life". Bring a pillow case you have made and you get \$5 off the entrance fee.

We had lots of laughs at our Book Club meeting last night!! If you have ever thought about joining a book club, we are always welcoming new members! Even if you don't complete the book each month, we always have a great time with snacks, wine, and great conversation!





More completed puzzles by our patrons



Thursday April 4, 2024 at 6PM

Before We Were Yours

A Novel

Lisa Wingate

For yesterday's afterschool program, we had the Omaha Children's Museum come and do their Seussical Scientists presentation! They got to see all kinds of fun experiments. Great way to end Read Across America Week!



Our only February Story Time birthday was Avery



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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

Judy Thurston

February 8, 1944 — February 11, 2024

Judy L Thurston, born February 8, 1944, in Longmont, Colorado, passed away on February 11, 2024, in Harlan, Iowa. A beloved “Nana” to four grandkids and nine great-grandkids, she was also known as “Aunt Missy” to many nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. When she was six years old, their mother moved Judy and her three sisters from the farm in Berthoud, CO, to the town of Fair Oaks, CA. Judy began her first job polishing oranges for a grocer at the age of ten and began waitressing a year later. She worked nearly 35 years for the CA DMV before officially retiring in

2010—even though the term “side gig” probably started with her. She always had more than one job—whether it was cleaning rental units, working Bingo nights, or providing in-home care.

While living in Northern California most of her life, she hosted many weekend fish fries and taco nights, Thanksgiving night card games, “Name gift” Christmases, and Secret Pal dinners with this large family—her house was always the default gathering spot where there was always enough food to feed an army, and anyone could find a beverage of choice in the garage fridge. Her house was always offered first for hosting oversized garage sales, with items collected from family and friends and stored in the garage throughout the year.

When she wasn’t hosting the family at these events, Judy loved to travel with them as well. In the early years, there were summer camping trips up to Davis and Wright’s lakes. Later on, she made annual trips to Disneyland to “see the mouse” or used sports tournaments to schedule impromptu family reunions, especially after she and Dave moved to Iowa in 2011. The planning for the next trip usually started shortly after returning from the last one. When her heart began to fail this past Christmas, she knew she was just getting ready to see Grandma Hot Tea and Bonesy again on her next trip.

Those preceding her in death were her beloved mother, Verna Waggener of Sacramento, CA, and father, Dell Waggener of Martinez, CA; her sister Joanne and husband Dave Agee of Sacramento, CA; nephew Brian Agee of Sacramento, CA; and grandparents Peter and Elizabeth Nelson of Berthoud, CO.

Judy leaves behind her husband, Dave Thurston of Kimballton, IA, their children Diane (David) Thompson of Kimballton, IA, and Doug (Cindy) Thurston of Elk Horn, IA; her sisters Jeanne (Roy) Sorenson of Carmichael, CA and Jan (George) White of Rio Linda, CA; grandchildren Jodee (Arron) Dixon of Elk Horn, IA, Jared (Brittany) Thompson of Carmichael, CA, Tiffany (Randy) Halvorson of Grand Forks, ND, and Brandon (Patryce) Thurston of Roseville, CA; great-grands: Sky, Jaded, Cameron, Tyde, Benjamin, Emagin, Abigail, Ivy and Brooks; and all of the nieces and nephews back in California.

Memorial Service were held Saturday, March 9th, 2024, at Altamont Baptist Church in Harlan, IA. Schmidt Family Funeral Home of Atlantic, IA, is handled the arrangements.

Otto Faaborg

September 22, 1932 - February 7 2024

Otto Arnvig Faaborg, 91, died Feb. 7 at his home in Ames.

Otto was born to Simon and Astrid Faaborg on Sept. 22, 1932, and was raised on a farm near the Danish community of Kimballton, Iowa. Although he went into a career in education, his farm boy roots and experience growing up during the Great Depression were foundational to his personality and his view of the world.

Otto attended a one-room school, Sharon No. 8, through eighth grade, often riding his pony Buster to school. He graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1950.

He married his high school sweetheart Shirley Johnson on Oct. 24, 1952. They had three children, Rhett, Rand and Ronna.

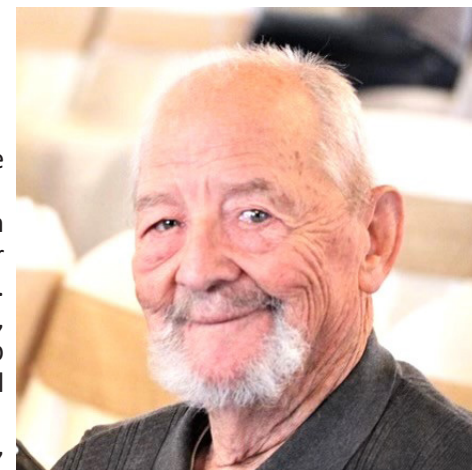
Otto was drafted into the U.S. Army and served a hitch as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. After his honorary discharge, Otto attended Grand View, Iowa State and Drake University, earning a bachelor’s degree in math education. He earned a master’s in school administration from the University of Northern Iowa in 1970 and received his superintendent certification in 1975. He taught and/or was an administrator at several Iowa schools, including Bondurant, Ocheyedon, Calamus, Parkersburg, NESCO, Boone Valley in Renwick, Clearfield, Yale-Jamaica-Bagley and Exira. He was passionate about small Iowa schools. After retiring from the Exira school district in the mid-1990s, Otto and Shirley moved to Ames to be close to their kids and grandkids, attending countless sports and arts activities for their grandchildren and great-grandchildren over the years. Otto missed being in education and came out of retirement to teach math at Ames High School and substitute teach at Ballard, which he continued into his 70s.

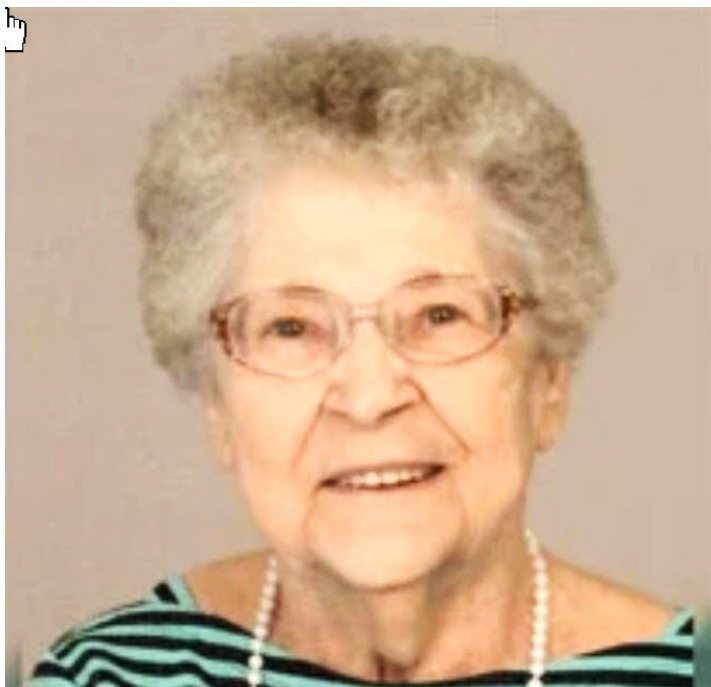
Otto continued to enjoy adventures at an advanced age, including attending the Old Threshers Reunion in Mount Pleasant, where he camped alone in a tent for four nights at age 90. He instilled his kids and grandkids with a love of the outdoors and an appreciation for nature.

Otto enjoyed collecting old Studebaker cars, watching Cyclone and Hawkeye basketball, rooting for the teams of all his alma maters, birdwatching, gardening and reading. He was a political enthusiast and enjoyed gathering weekly with his friends at Democrats Drinking Liberally to discuss politics and current events.

Otto is survived by his children, Rhett and Denise Faaborg of Nevada, Rand and Tammy Faaborg of Radcliffe, and Ronna Faaborg of Ames; grandchildren, Tara and Chad Andersen of Ankeny, Tyler Faaborg and Katie Decker of Radcliffe, Soren and Amy Faaborg of Nevada, Tanner Faaborg of Des Moines, Ranae and Kevin Dietzel of Jewell, Trey Faaborg of Ames, T.J. Lawless and Taylor Hinton of Ankeny, and Riley and Calvin Hartz of Jewell; great-grandchildren, Chloe, Lucy and Simon Andersen, Ada and Otto Faaborg, Sterling and Scarlett Dietzel, and Ryker and Riggs Hartz; sisters- and brothers-in-law, Dick Jacobsen of Gig Harbor, Washington, Marcia Johnson of Ogden, and Dale and Carolyn Johnson of Rudy, Arkansas; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley; parents, Simon and Astrid; siblings, Inger Marie and Emil Noelck, Sigrid and John Riddle, Einar and Elain Faaborg and Edna Jacobson; and sister- and brothers-in-law, Ruby and Levi Ackart and Clifford “Sam” Johnson. Visitation were held Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home in Nevada. The family requests that memorials be directed to the Story County Democrats, storydems.org.





Mariann Nielsen
March 28, 1931 - March 10, 2024

Full Obituary Pending

Survivors include her children Calvin (Diane) Nielsen of Harlan, IA; Carrie (Gerry) Greve of Elk Horn, IA; Colleen (Richard) Cox of Omaha, NE; Leo's daughter Connie (David) Clark of Dexter, IA; 7 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; many step and great-grandchildren

Family Will Greet Friends

MAR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)
 Pauley Jones Funeral Home - Avoca
 1304 N. Sawmill Dr., PO Box 657
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Update from Exira-EHK High School Speech Team!
 Our Speech Students ROCKED the State Speech competition today! We're thrilled to announce that we earned 7 Division One Ratings and 3 Division Two Ratings! Tomorrow, we eagerly await the results to see if any of our talented individuals have been nominated for All-State at UNI!

As we wrap up the regular speech season, we want to give a HUGE shoutout to ALL our students who participated! Whether they were first-timers or seasoned veterans, every single one of them showcased courage and talent by stepping onto that stage. We couldn't be prouder of their growth and dedication throughout the season! It's not easy to stand in front of judges and audiences, but these students did it with grace and determination. Let's give them all a round of applause for their incredible achievements!

To our students: You are all STARS in our eyes! Keep shining bright and never stop reaching for the stars. And to everyone else: Encourage your students to join speech! It's hard work, but the personal growth and confidence gained are priceless. As a coach, seeing our students evolve from shy to confident performers is the ultimate reward.

- Cody Parmley -

Congratulations to Exira-EHK State Speech Contestants!

- Division 1 Ratings**
- Irelynd McCarthy - Review - *The Florida Project*
 - Bella Muller - Prose - *My Name is Sam Fuentes*
 - Emily Bricker - Prose - *Murder for the Modern Girl*
 - Emma Reinhardt (Not Pictured) - Poetry - *Teardrops*
 - Emily Bricker - Story Telling - *Hardly Haunted*
 - Ruby VanderWal - Solo Musical Theater - *Almost There (Mixed 1)*
 - Irelynd McCarthy - Expository Address - *Welcome to Barbie World!*
- Division 2 Ratings:**
- Elizabeth Miller - Review - *Home Alone (Mixed 2)*
 - Sophie Kitelinger - Poetry - *The Cycle*
 - Fred Harris (Not Pictured) - Story Telling - *I Am Enough*

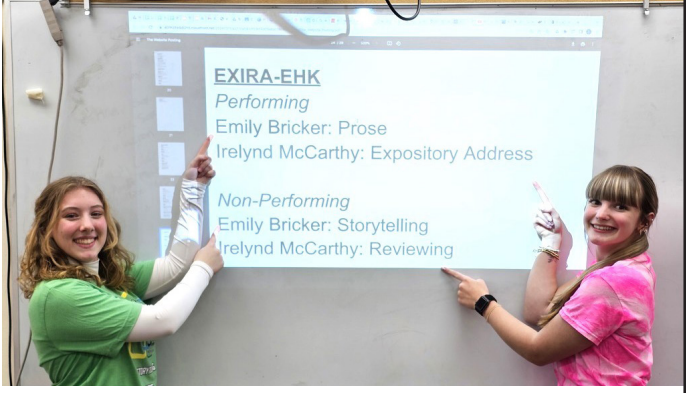


Friday celebration was packed full of good stuff: from empathy quotes to 2 reading core graduates, to grades 3-5 drawings! Way to go Spartans! Also, Mr. M's 2nd grade won the first expectations prize for great hallway walking!



Congratulations to Emily Bricker and Irelynd McCarthy for their outstanding achievement in making it to the Iowa High School Speech Association's All-State Convention! This event, happening on Monday, March 25th, showcases the best talent from across the state. Not only did Irelynd excel in Expository Address and Emily shine in Prose, but they both also impressed in their second categories of Review and Storytelling! Out of 16 exceptional students from Southwest Iowa, they stood out as true stars, and they were 2 of those!! Let's give them a big round of applause and well-deserved congratulations!

- Cody Parmley



Mrs. Methers's Kinders celebrated Dr. Seuss this week. They made The Lorax mustaches, designed a new hat for The Cat in the Hat, and drew one fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish.





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 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.

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

**Myrtue Medical Center is Named Among the Nation's
Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals**



Myrtue Medical Center TOP 100 CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS in the U.S. – Myrtue has been named one of the 100 **highest-ranked Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the United States** by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. This annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation’s rural hospitals based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX®. Myrtue has received the Top 100 recognition in 11 of the last 14 years. There are only nine Critical Access Hospitals nationally that have received 11 or more Top 100 Critical Access Hospital awards.

“Chartis’ INDEX methodology uses publicly reported data to benchmark hospital performance in areas such as quality, outcomes, patient perspective, market share and finance,” said Barry Jacobsen, Myrtue Medical Center’s CEO. “Recognition from Chartis serves as a testament to the commitment and achievements of Myrtue Medical Center’s team members in delivering quality healthcare services.”

Each of the 1,300 Critical Access Hospitals in the U.S. were considered for the Top 100 Critical Access Hospital rankings. The Top 100 CAHs play a key role in providing a safety net to communities across America – and the INDEX utilizes 36 rural-relevant indicators to assess performance

**Myrtue Medical Center Announces
Dr. LeRoy Hodges, MD, to Resign as Hospital’s
General Surgeon**

(Harlan) – Myrtue Medical Center has received notice from General Surgeon, Dr. LeRoy Hodges, MD, of his intent to resign from the Hospital, effective in May this year, citing his personal reasons of wanting to be closer to family.

Dr. Hodges joined Myrtue Medical Center in July 2022, and sees patients in the Outpatient Surgery & Specialty Clinic, and he performs a broad scope of general surgeries and procedures at Myrtue’s Surgery Center. Prior to coming to Myrtue, Dr. Hodges practiced general surgery in Minnesota, Georgia and Alabama; his plans are to return south.

“The best interest of the patient is my guiding principle, and family will always be a guide in my personal and professional journey,” said Dr. Hodges. “My wife, daughter and I have been kindly embraced by the hospital, school and the community, and this decision was made with much thought and consideration for the people I work with and the patients I’ve had the pleasure of meeting and serving,” he said.

“We appreciate Dr. Hodges’ contributions to our patients and the Health System and wish him and his family all the best,” said Barry Jacobsen, Myrtue Medical Center CEO. Dr. Hodges will continue to be available and see patients through mid-May.

Myrtue Medical Center and the Shelby County Medical Corporation will immediately begin recruitment of a general surgeon.

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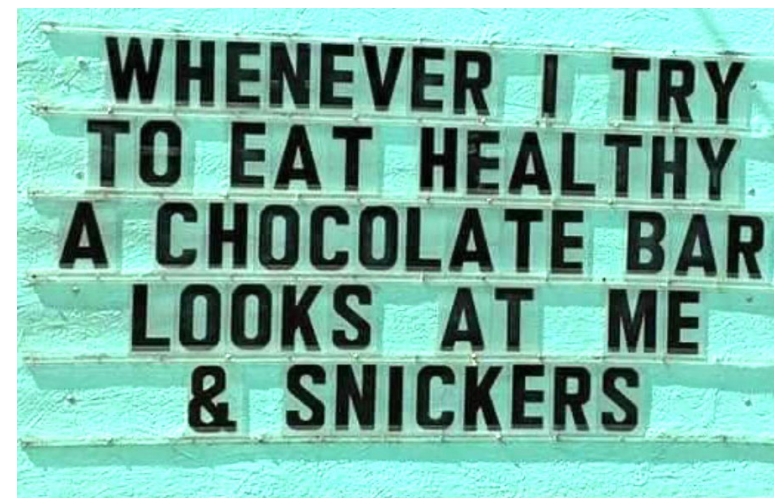


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The museum has a contract with the local volunteer fire department to burn the prairie when needed. On Tuesday evening, the fire department burned the front Berms. This upcoming Sunday, they will return to burn the prairie. Why do we burn the prairie? Controlled burns help maintain the prairie's health and functionality. A prairie burn in spring removes old vegetation and allows the sun to reach the dirt, warming it and causing more microbial activity. Thus, nutrients are readily available for the emerging prairie plants, triggering seed germination in some species. The roots of the native prairie plants can run 8-10 feet and can withstand topside fires. These burns also assist us in removing invasive species.





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Upcoming Events

**MoDA Movies at the Rose Theater
Tuesday, March 19**

Attend MoDA Movies at the Rose Theater in Audubon, Iowa on March 19 from 6 - 9 pm to view *Husker Sand*, *The Simple Gift of Walnut Grove*, and *Dwight in Denmark*! Enjoy FREE admission and FREE concessions!

**Brown Bag Lunch – Nella Larsen with Anna Redsand
Thursday, March 21 at Noon**

Anna Redsand will discuss the life and literary works of Nella Larsen (1891 - 1964), the daughter of immigrants from Denmark and the Danish West Indies whose novels, short stories, and Danish children's games and rhymes made her a significant figure in the Harlem Renaissance.

**North and Nordicity: An Exploration of Nordic Piano Music
Saturday, March 23 at 1 pm**

Students from the University of Nebraska at Omaha will be performing music from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Iceland in an exploration and celebration of Nordic music at the Museum of Danish America on the Victor Borge piano. The students have been guided by Associate Professor Dr. Kristin Jónína Taylor, an Icelandic-American pianist with a passion for sharing Nordic history. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available after the performance.

Velkommen to MoDA

My name is Adam Bierstedt, and I'm very pleased to join the Museum of Danish America as the new Albert Ravenholt Curator of Danish-American Culture. I'm originally from Minnesota and South Dakota, but I've lived all over the place. I have an M.A. in Viking and Medieval Norse Studies from the University of Iceland and Aarhus University and an M.L.I.S. in Cultural Heritage from Simmons University. A lot of my research has focused on the ways we remember the Vikings—from films and books to statues to our local sports teams, so expect those stories to show up in future exhibitions.

I've been working in and around museums for nearly a decade, and I've been visiting museums for much, much longer. According to my parents, I used to wander off without them to go look at the dioramas at the ripe old age of four (some things never change!).

As I've learned more about how museums work, I've started to understand why they were so compelling to me; no other place else can make history "real" in the way that museums can. The physicality of the objects conjures images of how people used to interact with them. The marks of a painter, a blacksmith, a soldier, a farmer, etc., remind us how similar we are to our ancestors. That's a really exciting space to work in, and I'm looking forward to creating delightful and challenging experiences using these objects. When I'm not doing history work for the museum or online for fun, you can find me outside hiking and biking, playing one of my many musical instruments, or playing games around the table with friends.



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The Exira Masons thank everyone for the great turnout at last week's Breakfast at the Brayton Town Hall.



Cass Health

Dr. McCance to Present on Colorectal Cancer Screening at Next Healthy U

Atlantic, IA – Cass Health's next session of Healthy U will feature Dr. Chad McCance and the topic of colorectal cancer screenings. The session will be held Thursday, March 21 at noon in Conference Room 2.

Dr. McCance provides general surgery, thoracic surgery, and critical care procedures. He is board-certified and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. In 2017 he was honored as one of 10 Hospital Heroes by the Iowa Hospital Association.

Dr. McCance graduated from Hastings College in 1988 and completed medical school at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 1992. He completed his general surgery residency at the VA and Methodist Hospitals in Des Moines in 1997. He served in the US Army Reserve and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2012. 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.



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Encore! Encore!

SPARK! attendees were able to watch some truly phenomenal and engaging Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Speech students perform their pieces and listen to Jody LaCanne play the didgeridoo! With such talent in the room, we couldn't help but wish for encore after encore!

Programming like this isn't possible without the assistance of others—we would like to thank Jody, Cody Parmley, and the Speech students.

We would also like to wish these Speech students well as they perform at the Individual State Speech Competition this weekend! Break a leg and knock them dead!





SPARK! at the Museum of Danish America Cultural Programming for Lifelong Learning
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. From March to December, we invite you to join the Museum of Danish America for this programming on the first Tuesday of every month from 10 - 11:30 am. All are welcome. The Museum of Danish America is the first museum in Iowa to join the SPARK! Alliance which is a network of museums, nature centers, and cultural centers committed to the inception, development, facilitation, and sustainability of cultural programs. These programs focus on

life-long learning, providing quality-of-life experiences, and inspiring creative expression through engaging the senses. These programs promote engagement and socialization. The following video interviews facilitators and participants of

SPARK! programs across the nation. Originally intended for those with early to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners, MoDA has adapted this program to better suit the needs of our community.

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.



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