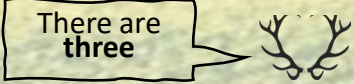




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RHCN Tivoli Spotlight

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"The Hiding Elk Horns"  
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**Congratulations to Princess Berklee Wimmer and Prince Declan Niklasen our Tivoli royalty**

We would like everyone who participated to ride on the library float as lords and ladies!!!! Thank you to everyone who participated!!!! See you all at the Tivoli Parade, Saturday, May 25th!



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**Elk Horn American Legion**  
**Tribute to Veterans of All Wars**  
**Monday May 27th**  
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Clay Township 9:30am  
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Elk Horn Church 11:00am

Followed by Military Service at the Elk Horn Cemetery

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 • 4205 Madison ..... **SALE PENDING**  
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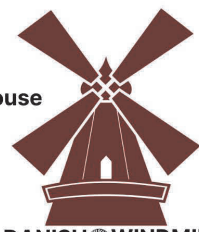
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## Chicken Noodle Dinner "Curbside Take Out Dinner Only"

Sunday, May 5, 2024  
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.  
Masonic Building - Exira  
(South side of city square)

Chicken & noodles over mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert

**Pull up alongside the curb, tell us how many dinners you want, and someone will bring it out to you.**

Call Pat Mullenger (304-4450) or Connie Esbeck (712-250-0385) to reserve a dinner.

Can be delivered in Exira area if needed.

### Free Will Donation

Proceeds for 2024 Senior Scholarships to Audubon, Exira-EHK, Harlan, & IKM-Manning Schools

Sponsored by Order of the Eastern Star



## ELK HORN PUBLIC LIBRARY TIVOLI FEST 2024

### LEGO CONTEST:

- Entries can be made into two categories - freestyle or kit.
- A person can have one entry in each class.
- Teams of no more than two can enter.

Entries can be brought to the library from Wednesday, May 22nd until Friday, May 24th. They will be on display on Saturday, May 25th from 12pm-3pm during Tivoli Fest.

### CONTEST AWARDS:

- *Theme Champion*  
Best lego build based on the Summer Library Theme "Read-Renew-Repeat!"
- *Danish Champion*  
Best lego build themed on anything Danish!
- *Top in Class*  
Best constructed lego build in it's category!
- *Library Award*  
Best lego build based on any book!

### PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST:

The newly-crowned royalty's presence will be requested at the banquet & coronation of the Tivoli Fest's King & Queen on April 27th. The Prince & Princess will also ride in the Tivoli Fest parade on Saturday, May 25th.

- Open to all Kindergarten thru 3rd graders
- Contestants' names will be entered into a drawing
- Winners will be drawn and announced on Friday, April 12th
- To enter please pick up the drawing form at the Elk Horn Public Library and return by Friday, April 11th

Three young men were awarded their **Eagle Scout Rank** at the awards ceremony for the Ohwahnasee District, Mid-America Council of Boy Scouts of America Saturday night in Manning. It is SO wonderful and encouraging to see young men focus on their growth and future. Jack, James, Sawyer: We are SO PROUD of you. Your Eagle status demonstrates your dedication and persistence. You have joined the ranks of successful men such as Neil Armstrong- The first astronaut on the moon.

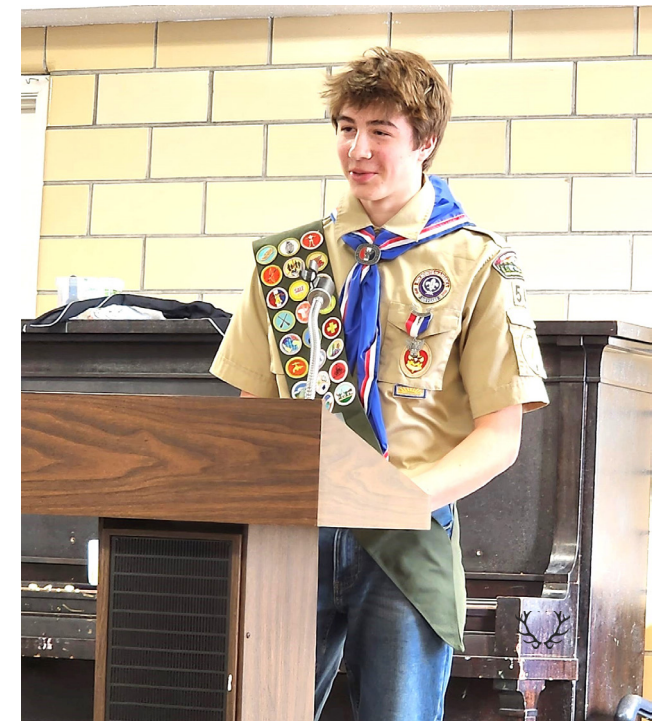
Jack Brahms



James McEntaffer



Sawyer Tarrell





Very grateful for a \$1500 grant from Shelby County Community Chest



Annual soup supper scholarship fund raiser was a Nacho- hotdog variance from soup, followed with Bingo




Daycare board member Chelsee Jacobsen accepting two checks to Kids in the Village donation from Clark Ahrenholtz State Farm Insurance and the Ahrenholtz personally.

\$500 donation from Clark Ahrenholtz State Farm Ins. Agency


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 Kids in the Village - Elk Horn  
Yesterday at 2:28 PM · 🌐

The daycare kids would like to start a garden! Does anyone have a couple of raised garden beds or something similar they aren't using, and would be willing to donate to Kids in the Village? 😊 🌱 🥬

Picture for inspiration!

Two photographs of raised garden beds. The left photo shows a wooden raised garden bed with soil and some plants. The right photo shows a metal raised garden bed with various plants growing in it.



## YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

GOOD NEWS!

What is a sharp knife worth to you? You've ordered a steak at your favorite restaurant, after a few minutes the waiter sets before you a beautiful piece of meat and you can't wait to taste it. You offer a prayer of thanksgiving to your Father and grab your knife – and you realize that the server has only given you a butter knife. What?? You expect the steak to be tender but come on, where's the steak knife?

Better than that piece of rib-eye is, of course, the life we live striving to personalize a relationship with our God. There is nothing more satisfying to the inner self than knowing and feeling the presence of our Father and His Son. But He is God and we are just flesh and bone. How do we draw near to Him?

The Word of God is our manual for knowing and understanding how it is we are to draw near to Him in a way that pleases Him. This Word of God actually defines just what acceptable behavior in His presence truly is.

“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.”

This scripture in Hebrews 4:12-13 is what we have been considering these past few weeks. And I am sure my silly analogy of the steak and knife now comes into focus!

Do you really desire to know God? Do you truly long for that intimate and personal walk with the Savior? Pick up the knife!!! It is sharper than any two edged sword! Pick up your bible and become familiar with it. Use it to become familiar with the Heavenly Father. Use it to know just how the Lord Jesus Christ acted in His walk upon this earth.

Wow! What a fascinating piece of literature the Father has given to us. But know this, it will cut you! Yes, it is sharp! If you are honest, it will divide your soul and spirit.

It will “judge the thoughts and attitudes of the heart”; your thoughts and your attitudes of your heart. It is meant to bring us to an understanding of just who we are and to realize how much greater is our God.

Some folks think that being a Christian is only a matter of doing good works. No, this Word of God teaches us that no amount of good works will ever bring us to a right relationship with our God. And that truly is the Good News we are considering in these articles. That walk we will have with our God has been provided for us by the work of our Savior. He died that we might live. And that life we will live is a “new life”.

Perhaps we should delve into that newness in our subsequent articles.

Bill Rollins 4-18-24

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

— Mark Twain

## ITS ONLY SCIENCE

We talked about the Quality System of Management in the last article. What would happen if we used it to look at a long-time suggested improvement for the Village. Namely, a recreational trail between Kimballton and the “Grove”. The first step would be to determine if we have a feasible route. And are the adjacent landowners in favor of its location?

Can the route be made ADA compliant? This is a crucial step account all of the larger grant funders would require this. Projects like this have a large price tag so those big grant dollars are necessary. One factor that must be considered is the ADA requirement that any grades must be 5% or less to comply. And consideration for the safe use of other powered mobility devices should be a factor in the design. These would include wheelchairs, power chairs, etc. The trail might be required to zig zag across the face of the hillside which would require more right-of-way and additional paving.

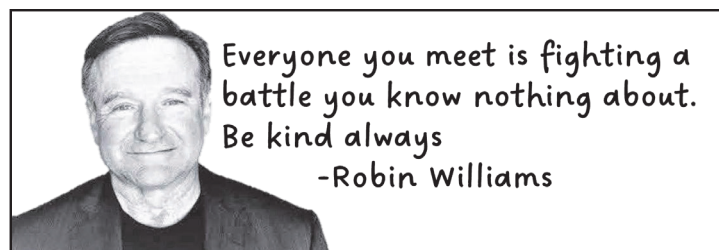
One thing that has previously been discussed is to have the trail between Elk Horn and the grove be a “natural” surface trail. But ADA requirements preclude this and require a solid surface trail. When the route crosses a roadway ditch or waterway how will this be done? In a road ditch a culvert could be used, or a short free-span bridge could be constructed. A culvert would be cheaper but could requires more frequent attention than a bridge. One must consider the different maintenance requirements between those choices as the grants for the trail will require it to be maintained for no less than 20 years. It must be determined who will do this maintenance. They normally like to see a governmental agency attest that they will do the maintenance. This normally would be parks or conservation boards. Does the project have broad local support. Are there local people or businesses that will contribute funding for the required grant funds match. Some granters will allow “in kind” donations of material, equipment and labor while others will not.

When dealing with a large-scale project it is often beneficial to break it into logical phases. This can allow flexibility in seeking funding and may actually improve the results of your grant applications.

This is not all the thoughtful attention that would need to be taken but are just examples. By using the Quality System one can develop a better plan for the project. And the better thought out the plan will determine how favorably a grantor will view your application.

Science is most helpful when it is used !

Bob Mortenson 4-15-2024.







Our March Students of the Month were: HS- Sophie Kitelinger, MS- Payton Madsen, & Elem- Hadley Andersen. Congrats ladies!!



**History was made tonight at the ACGC Coed Relays when Cash Emgarten broke the school record in 100m Dash with a time of 10.83. Congrats Cash!!**



What a weekend it was! A huge shoutout to everyone who joined us to witness the magic of our Exira-EHK Chorus performing Annie Junior! Your presence truly made the experience unforgettable. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who lent their support, whether through costumes, meals, or simply cheering us on during rehearsals. A special thanks goes out to the Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards for evaluating our performances! If you're curious about this fantastic program, check them out here: <https://desmoinesperformingarts.org/ihsmta/>. With your unwavering support, we're excited to continue our journey and strive for even greater achievements! "The Sun'll Come Out Tomorrow!"





**Darrell Gene Soe**

June 28th, 1934 - April 17th, 2024

A Celebration of Life for Darrell Gene Soe was held on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 3 PM at Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton, Iowa with Rev. Laura Webb, Officiating.

Visitation was held with Family Greeting Friends one hour prior to the service at the Ohde Funeral Home. Urn Bearers were Darrell's Grandchildren. Honorary Urn Bearers – Darrell's Great-Grandchildren.

Inurnment with Military Honors was held at the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery in Elk Horn

by the Kimballton AmVets Post No. 51, Elk Horn American Legion Post No. 322 and the Iowa Army Honor Guard.

Memorials may be directed to the Heritage House in Atlantic or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Darrell Gene Soe was born in Atlantic, Iowa, on June 28th, 1934, the son of Otto and Laura (Nielsen) Soe. Darrell grew up on a farm in the Kimballton area and always enjoyed anything to do with farming. After attending school and farming with his Dad, he met Rosemary Nissen at a dance in Kimballton. Darrell and Rosemary were wed on August 11, 1956 at Elk Horn Lutheran Church. After Darrell served in the military in Germany, they made Elk Horn their home. They were blessed with 3 children; twins Joni and Jeff and their youngest son Troy.

During his career, Darrell ran a combine and shelling business and also worked for Steen Produce & Feed. Later he worked for the Elk Horn Community School District managing the bus barn and the grounds. Upon retirement he loved to go on trips with Rosemary to see different parts of the U.S., plus help his children settle into their lives. Darrell was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church.

Darrell passed away on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024 at the Heritage House in Atlantic at the age of 89.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Rosemary and sister, Shirley Albertsen.

Darrell is survived by his children: Joni Butts and husband Kevin of Minden, IA; Jeff Soe and wife Kim of Red Oak, IA; Troy Soe and wife Marcia of Omaha, NE; grandchildren: Nick Soe and wife Kelsi of Winterset, IA; Rachel Kocak and husband Kyle of Lincoln, NE; Tara Stanek and husband Tim of Omaha, NE; Matt Soe and wife Mary Kate of Red Oak, IA; Brandon Soe and wife Kristin of Omaha, NE; great-grandchildren: Kennedy Kocak, Hudson and Olivia Stanek and Drew Soe; sister, Marsha (John) Brown of Malvern, IA; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton in charge of arrangements. [www.ohdefuneralhome.com](http://www.ohdefuneralhome.com).

**Clark Anthony Steen**

October 27, 1957 — April 17, 2024

Clark Anthony Steen, 66, of Omaha, NE passed away on April 17, 2024.

Clark was born on October 27, 1957, to Leonard and Naomi Steen in Audubon, Iowa. He was the youngest of 5 siblings to this union. Clark attended Elk Horn-Kimballton School with the class of 1976. After high school, Clark started working for his uncles at Steen, Feed & Seed. This is where Clark learned a love for agriculture and all things seed-related. He spent the next few decades as a dedicated and successful Pioneer seed salesman, which was truly his passion and purpose all those years.

One of Clark's proudest accomplishments in his life was welcoming his daughters into this world. Some great memories with his girls were making sure he threw them off the tube while boating, letting them style his hair, many snowmobile and four-wheeler rides, and even taking them coyote hunting. Clark never did have a son of his own but had a very special place in his heart for a young man he took under his wing, Blair Paulsen, who later became his son-in-law. One of Clark's greater joys in life was the opportunity to spend time and have the connection he had with Blair.

Clark was always the life of the party, the one who could crack a joke and make anyone laugh, and the one who was always down for a good time and, of course, a cold drink. Nobody was a stranger to Clark, as he would give his shirt off his back to anyone. Clark was a true and great friend to many. He loved to be on the lake with his daughters and close friends, coyote hunting, grilling, sitting around the campfire or anything that involved making memories with the ones he loved.

Clark was preceded in death by his mother, Naomi Steen, his father, Leonard Steen, and his brother, Paul Steen, as well as a few of his dearest friends. He is survived by his daughters Kendal Paulsen (Blair) and their 4 children of Council Bluffs, IA, his daughter Jessica Richter (Greg) and their 7 children of Atlantic, IA, brother Dave Steen (Bev) of Elk Horn, IA, sister Kathryn Paulsen of Omaha, NE, and brother Mark Steen of Omaha, NE. Visitation will be held at Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton on Friday, April 26, 2024 from 5-7:00 p.m. A private burial will follow at a later date. To order [memorial trees](#) or send flowers to the family in memory of Clark Anthony Steen, please visit our [flower store](#).







## Four in a Row: Cass Health Named a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital

Atlantic, IA—For the fourth year in a row, the National Rural Health Association named Cass Health one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals in the country.

“There are 1,361 critical access hospital in America, this places Cass Health in the top 99.7% in the U.S. We can proudly say that we are one of only a handful of hospitals to earn this distinction repeatedly. What gets us to this point each year is data—for quality, outcomes, market share, patient satisfaction, cost, and financial stability. But it’s really the story behind the data that we’re proud of because it’s made possible by our team living our mission of providing superior experiences to everyone that we are privileged to serve, and we are grateful for each one of them,” said Cass Health CEO Brett Altman.

The National Rural Health Association names the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals from a larger set of Top 100 winners, which is evaluated and produced by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. Recipients are evaluated and identified through the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX® that utilizes publicly available data to provide a comprehensive comparison of all rural and Critical Access Hospitals. By assessing performance across 36 individual indicators and eight pillars of performance, the INDEX is the foundation for many of rural health care’s most prominent awards and is used by organizations such as the National Rural Health Association in support of its advocacy and legislative initiatives.

An awards ceremony will be held during the National Rural Hospital Association’s Critical Access Hospital Conference this fall.

## The Season of Hunger

By Juanita Erickson

During the months of June, July and August of this year, the food pantries located at the Exira Christian Church and the Elk Horn Lutheran Church will be working to help reduce summer hunger affecting school age children in the Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton school district.

Thinking of summertime brings to mind thoughts of kids playing outside, vacations, family time at the local swimming pool, picnics and fun. For many families it’s also a time of increased worry and hunger.

Throughout the school year lower income families can count on their school age children being able to eat up to 10 meals a week at school. Summer changes all of that. If they are old enough to stay at home when their parents work or if they have a stay at home parent there is suddenly an increase of 40 meals per child every month that must be provided. That’s almost doubling the number of meals these kids eat at home. In these families money is always limited. All too often the grocery list can be what takes the hit.

Research shows that food insecurity can have numerous negative effects on children. Both their physical and mental health can suffer and if it occurs when school is not in session then the “summer slide” can be worsened and kids can lose even more academic ground than their classmates do over the same period.

In families that are dealing with food insecurity meals might be missed. Oftentimes a parent might skip meals so that their children can eat although there are definitely cases where the children miss meals as well. The food will probably not be as nutritious as the children need. Fresh food is especially expensive and families may very well resort to high carbohydrate fillers to get food in everyone’s stomach. Even if the parents do manage to stretch the food by whatever means they can, the worry still exists. Kids are smart and they observe. They see their parents skipping meals, and the stress of trying to juggle bills and buying food can’t be hidden from them. The children see these things and worry themselves. This can have a profound effect on their health as well.

Thanks largely to a donation from Apex Energy, our local food pantries will be providing additional food for eligible students in the Exira-EHK district during the upcoming summer months. To qualify, students must reside in the school district, be entering grades K-12 in the fall of 2024, and the family must be within certain income guidelines. Those students who receive free or reduced priced meals at school automatically meet the income test.

An emphasis will be placed on providing as many healthy options as possible while keeping the preparation of the food simple so that older kids can prepare the meals themselves. Individuals with questions can call the Exira Christian Church at 712-268-5498 or the Elk Horn Lutheran Church at 712-764-5678.



## 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

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(Dates may be changed for

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## When old farts go on a ride







King and Queen!

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**Upcoming SPARK! programming  
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Thank you! 😊

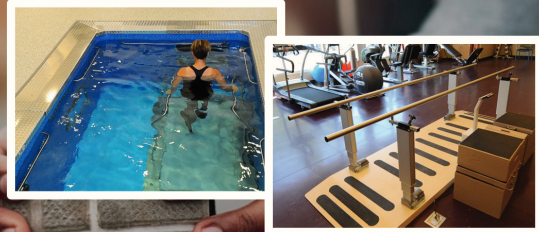
I would like to thank everyone who attended my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party. It was a pleasure to see so many come to help me celebrate and to those who sent cards and were not able to be there. It is great to live in this community and see the friendship. A big thank you to my children who put on this birthday party. I appreciate your love and thoughtfulness.  
Merlyn Knudsen





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## A CAPPELLA CHOIR CONCERT



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MARK BABCOCK  
FEATURING  
ELK HORN ALUMNI  
KAMRYN WAYMIRE

MONDAY  
MAY 13TH  
7:00 PM  
ELK HORN LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

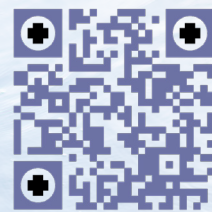
## FISHING FOR FUN!

ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF  
AGE ARE INVITED FOR SOME FISHING FUN!

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
NISHNA BEND RECREATION AREA  
(RAIN DATE MAY 13TH)  
MEAL PROVIDED FOR ALL  
REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS,  
PRIZES + BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Each adult planning to fish must have a valid 2024 fishing license. Public Health's Learning for Life program will reimburse \$22.00 towards the cost of the fishing license (limit one per family until gone). Funding provided by the Community Chest.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE  
SCAN THIS QR CODE AND  
CLICK ON 2024 FISHING FOR  
FUN DAY:





The theme for this year is "Reflections" as we were intrigued by the 1924 4th of July advertisement that actually hangs on the wall of the lounge (pictured below). We hope to incorporate a few of the fun events they did 100 years ago! We will be posting more pictures of Saturday night's Kickoff but we'd like to thank everyone that came or donated in some way, the Jr. Class for sending some helpers, Ashley's Kitchen & Katering, Wayne Hansen for auctioneering, Svobodas for bartending and Mike & Andy (and Connor) for truly entertaining us with their awesome musical talents on the Dueling Pianos!



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2024 4th of July Theme

## Reflections

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**4th of JULY**

**Celebration Exira-Iowa**

PROGRAM

Evening Concert by Exira Band  
Display of Fireworks 9:00 P. M.  
Come to Exira and Spend the 4th



## VOLUNTEERS

◆ NEEDED ◆

<p>Exira-EHK Elementary received a \$5,000 grant from Trees For Schools!!! We are looking for adult volunteers to help dig holes and plant all 16 trees at the elementary building.</p>	<p>Hole Digging Day Tuesday, April 23rd at 6 pm @</p> <p>Tree Planting Day Thursday, April 25th at 9 am</p>
	<p>Can't help? We are still needing donations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Gallon Buckets</li> <li>• Gardening Gloves</li> <li>• Shovels</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <b>Sign Up <a href="#">Here</a></b>                  or email  <a href="mailto:aschwery@eehkspartans.org">aschwery@eehkspartans.org</a> </p>

# Daddy Daughter Dance

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH  
4:00 - 6:00PM  
EXIRA EVENT CENTER

MUSIC FOR DANCING &  
BACKDROP FOR PHOTOS .

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.  
(FREE WILL DONATION)

## CITY CLERK

OFFICE HOURS

Monday	8:00am - 3:30pm
Tuesday	8:00am - 3:00pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	Closed
Friday	Closed

**For general inquiries  
leave a voicemail at 712-268-2187  
or  
email [exirackl@metc.net](mailto:exirackl@metc.net)**

For emergency assistance please contact:  
 Tim @ 712-304-0481  
 Mike @ 712-254-2339



Book Club meeting last night! If you've ever wanted to give a book club a try, join us! We always accept new members



What a great morning at Story Time!! The 4th graders came down to read stories with all the little kids today! The library was filled with kids reading books, and it was wonderful to see! ❤️📖💙



# Tivoli Fest Fundraiser

**CORONATION DINNER**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 27TH 5-7PM**

ELK HORN TOWN HALL  
A DANISH DINNER BY  
MASTER GRILLERS CATERING

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT  
MARNE ELK HORN AND SCSB  
\$20 PER PERSON - KIDS 10 AND UNDER \$10.00

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.

Puzzling isn't just for the ladies Fellas.  
Stop in and find a piece or two



EXIRA-EHK PRESENTS:

PROM 2024

*Once Upon a Dream*

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024

At the High School  
Grand March: 7pm  
Doors open: 6pm

FREE WILL DONATION  
TO SUPPORT THE CLASS  
OF 2026/ PROM 2025





Well, I didn't blow away in that terrible wind a week or so ago when March made a return visit with a vengeance. A branch or two littered the yard and a few shingles took flight over the garage. I stayed within the safe walls of my home, well aware I was no match for the elements and the fact that I'd better stay inside if I didn't want to go rolling like a tumbleweed across the yard. The stove and dryer vents clapped in unison as if attending a rock festival while I did spring cleaning of desk drawers and file cabinets.

It's time for gardening but I'm way ahead of the season. I canned beet pickles in April!! My feeble efforts were a far-cry from those long-ago years when we lived in Jacksonville. We planted a huge garden every year resulting in numerous quarts of produce to be canned or frozen every summer. The beet canning process began with pulling the entire plants, scrubbing each one thoroughly and cutting off the greens about an inch or two from the beautiful magenta root; then boiling, cooling and slipping the skins, being sure to save the juice to add color to the finished product. The beet-roots were sliced or cut into chunks, the syrup was added and they were brought back to a boil before being packed in sterilized jars. Oh, how pretty they looked as they took their place with the many other home-canned products lining the fruit-room shelves. And how good they tasted. I often canned a dozen or two quarts every summer.

Time passed, the girls were in school and a job opening came up that I couldn't resist. The vegetable producing plot became the shrunken garden. A year or so later we moved to the farm. Farming took precedence over gardening and eventually the garden disappeared entirely. But we did miss those home-canned beets. Once in a blue moon I come up with what I consider a really good idea. Why not cut my tried-and-true recipe down to minimum proportions? It actually worked. This original beet pickle recipe came from Frank Field many years ago on his 7:15 a.m. weather and down-on-the-farm radio report as he kept his listeners informed of his gardening and canning prowess. My mother passed the recipe on to me.

The secret to success: Forget about the growing, harvesting, cleaning, cooking and slicing processes. Begin with a trip to the grocery store where you will purchase two 15 oz. cans of sliced beets. Drain, reserving some of the juice. Make a syrup of one-half cup vinegar, one-half cup beet juice, one-half cup sugar, one third teaspoon cinnamon. Heat to boiling. Add beets and bring all back to boiling. Pack in sterilized jars. Makes approx. 2 pints. Cool and store in the refrigerator. These make a colorful addition to a relish tray and keep well for several weeks. Though the beets may not be fresh from the garden, you can enjoy "freshly canned" beet pickles in April or any other month of the year.

So, you don't like beets? That's OK. I do, and beets in any form most certainly beat brussels sprouts and a host of other foods by a long-shot. We grew a lot of tomatoes in our Jacksonville years. One variety was called a Beefsteak tomato, huge, meaty and delicious. Lyle's family ate their fresh tomatoes with a generous shake of salt; my family ate fresh tomatoes with a generous spoonful of sugar. It was early in September, the garden was still flourishing and our first baby was on the way. And I was finding out what morning sickness was all about. One morning I was just too nauseated to get my head off the pillow. Lyle had to get his own breakfast and pack his own lunch before leaving for work. Thoughtful husband that he was, he took time before leaving to bring me a rather unorthodox breakfast in bed, a piece of toast topped with a huge



slice of tomato. It was beautiful and eventually I felt good enough to take a bite. What a shock to my taste buds! I'm sure that tomato had enough salt on it to float a dozen eggs. There was nothing to do but drag myself out of bed and get rid of it, though it was many, many years later that I confessed to him. It was so sweet of him to do that but it certainly would have been a lot sweeter with a teaspoonful of sugar.



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Kids in the Village



### DAYCARE FUNDRAISER

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 10am - 5pm. Viking demonstrators on site.

#### General Admission

\$5.00 / person

\*Kids 12 & under FREE

#### All Members

Free-Will Donation

#### Available Food Options

#### April 21

##### Master Griller Food Truck

11AM - 2PM  
Brisket & Pulled Pork w/ cheesy potatoes and baked beans

#### April 28

##### Hungry Spartan Pizza

11 AM - 5 PM  
Wood-fire pizza by the slice or whole pies

For more information, visit [danishwindmill.org](http://danishwindmill.org)

Whoever told me to leave my car at the pub and take the bus home... well, it turns out I was in no shape to drive it either!





## Kimballton City Council Council Minutes April 11, 2024 - 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Millette Shores, Mayor; Tony Petersen, Adam Larsen, James Mortensen, Terry Nelson, Scott Lange.

ABSENT: Trisha Bell

Call to Order – 7:05pm by Mayor Millette Shores

Motion to Approve the Agenda – Motion - Petersen – 2nd Nelson – Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve the March 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting and March 14, 2024 Max Tax Levy and Special Council Meeting – Motion – Lange - 2nd Mortensen - Carried Unanimously

Jeff Godwin discussed the Final steps for the Water Tower:

Grading is fixed on the Northeast Side-Sod and Seed is established. Low spots are fixed on the top side. There will be water drainage on rainy days to the ground being sloped, should not have mud problems once the sod and grass seed are established. City of Kimballton does have a 2-year warranty.

Motion to Approve Final Acceptance – Motion - Lange – 2nd Larsen - Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve Pay App 7 – Final for the Water Tower Project – Motion - Larsen – 2nd Mortensen - Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve Pay App 19 for the Water Treatment Plant Project – Finished all work as far as contract-Dialer was ordered within the past 2 weeks – 3-4 weeks delivery time frame. Alarm Dialer should be delivered within the next 1-2 weeks. Wireman Electric will install the Alarm Dialer as soon as it comes in-Existing alarm will show when something is not working properly, but does not alert anyone via phone. This will notify all phones that are set up within the system. The Contractor is working on fixing the communication between the tower and 3 wells. Contractors are also fixing the permanganate leak, progress is made. Contractors are doing everything that needs to be done to correct this. \$25,572.38 retainage is being held back due to items that need to be fixed and/or finalized. 2yr warranty starts when project is complete. 3' of floor needs epoxied and will be fixed at water plant. Petersen discussed the concern that the Electrical Contractor still has items that need cleaned and picked up. This will also be handled by the Contractor. City of Kimballton is in the process of a plan to remove the existing Old Water Tower that will be in the best Financial Interest for our town and townspeople. Per Jeff Godwin, we should wait a few months until USDA has closed everything (grants, pay apps, and all other paperwork) and then move forward with the plan that will be discussed at a future Council Meeting. USDA grant on lagoon work could be 6 months down the road Pump heads are being checked into for reimbursement-Original were not the proper PSI. Motion – Petersen - 2nd Lange - Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve the Financial Reports – Motion - Larsen – 2nd Nelson - Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve the Treasurers Financial report – Motion – Lange - 2nd – Mortensen - Carried Unanimously

Motion to Claims Register-Discussion of purchased items that were deemed necessary –Motion - Petersen – 2nd Lange - Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve the Cash Report – Motion - Petersen – 2nd Lange - Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve April 25th, 2024 – Public Budget Hearing at 6:45 pm at the City Clerk's Office – Motion -Larsen - 2nd Mortensen - Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve May 1st, 2024 7:00pm–Special Meeting with MRES VP Tim Blodgett – Mayor, City Council, and City Clerk to attend. Prior to Council Meeting 5:30pm- Survey w/ MRES VP Tim Blodgett, Mayor Millette Shores, Tony Petersen (City of Kimballton MRES Rep), Scott Lange (City of Kimballton MRES Rep), and Trisha Bell. Scott Lange may not be able to attend the 5:30pm meeting unless it is raining – Motion - Petersen – 2nd Larsen - Carried Unanimously

Electric Meter and Water Meter were reinstalled at 408 N Main. The new property owner did sign a contract for payment for the Utility Lien that was placed on the property prior to the sale. There was discussion that the bill will need to be paid in full. This is Tabled until the City Council Meeting in May.

Purchase a printer for the Utility Plant Computer-Tabled until May council Meeting  
Motion to purchase 3 tons of Cold Patch to start for the repair needed to fix the potholes in our streets. Some repair has started. – Motion - Lange – 2nd Larsen – carried Unanimously  
Purchase of a 20-gallon water heater for the water plant. – Tabled until May Council Meeting

New Business- Marne Elk Horn Effective May 1, 2024 will begin billing for phone service at the Light Plant and Internet Service at the City Clerk. Marne Elk Horn will continue to provide Complimentary Internet Service to the Town Hall and Kimballton Fire Department.  
- DOT HWY 173 and Sidewalk project has been pushed back 1 year to 2025.

Department Reports

Streets- Potholes need fixed-Manhole Cover by Mortensen on HWY 44 has water coming up and the manhole is rattling when it is raining. Adam Larsen also has a manhole by his residence that has water coming up through the manhole. Discussed whether the City of Kimballton has a Contract to have lines jetted-Concern of manhole lid popping off. Street Lights have not arrived yet, these are scheduled to be shipped on April15th, 2024.

Parks-Tivoli is next month. Bricks need addresses by the Mermaid (need 15-20 bricks). Southeast lane-2 layers of brick have been pulled up by vandalism. Discussed the possibility to tear the bricks out and lay concrete to avoid this happening in the future. Mayor Millette Shores will contact a Contractor and council will have a special meeting for approval. Petersen will do a temporary fix. The water heater at the Ball Park was not disconnected last year, this will need to be replaced-Little League will cover that. There is a waterline break on other side of centerfield fence. No water to Ballpark at this time- Need to get this fixed prior to the start of season which is in 4-5 weeks. Need to get bids. This needs to be fixed prior to ball season or Kimballton will not be able to host ball games this season. Banners need to be up prior to Tivoli- Need to contact DVIO to see status of banners. Town needs to be picked up.

Water Department – No issues discussed other than the with Jeff Godwin mentioned above

Electric Department - No issues discussed

Sewer Department – USDA Grant could be 6 months away. USDA will reach out to Kimballton

City Clerk - No issues discussed

Fire Department – Firefighter 1 class is complete. There is still testing to be completed.

Public Comment – None

Motion to Adjourn at 8:39pm – Motion - Lange – 2nd Mortensen – Carried Unanimously Approved:





## Hungry Spartan Pizza

Opening Day on Sunday, April 28th. We will be set up at the [Danish Windmill](#) in Elk Horn from 11 AM until 5 PM. Take a tour of the windmill, as all proceeds that day are donated to the Kids In The Village daycare. There will also be some vikings (not the Minnesota kind) in attendance. To mark the occasion, we are offering not only the Loaded Baked Potato pizza, but making a meat and potato version called The Viking!



## News From The Mill

We are still waiting for the travel season to pick up down here at the windmill. April's unpredictable weather and another early Easter have us waiting with anticipation for the wave to come. We've already scheduled two bus tours to come through later this year.

Our *It Takes a Village* fundraiser is still underway with one Sunday left. All tour admissions generated on Sundays this month are going to the Daycare. This is a great opportunity to tour the Mill, learn something new about it, and see it working while contributing to a great cause for an important local organization to all of us. So far we've raised over \$500.00 and we think we can do much better. We hope to double that this coming Sunday. We will have Spartan Pizza outside the windmill from 11 to 5 and Viking demonstrators will be onsite, too. Don't forget there are picnic tables out back. The windmill will be open and running from 10 to 5, and if the wind is there we will even be grinding. We sincerely hope to see an explosion of local support this last week, so please come out and show your support. General admission is \$5.00 for adults and FREE for kids 12 and under. Members with free admission may contribute free-will donations. Come see all of the changes and improvements we've made. We guarantee you will learn something about the windmill that you didn't know before and Shaun will be personally giving tours and grinding demonstrations throughout the day. Thank you very much to those that have contributed already and all of our food sponsors for being open on Sundays with us.

And speaking of improvements, we've got more exciting changes to announce. First, the Vestergaard ledger is now on display for the first time. Visitors may view the ledger and our new butter cookie tin exhibit inside the video room. And in continuing our efforts to boost engagement for kids, we've added both a play area and art board. The gift shop now has a kids table for children to relax and busy themselves while their parents mill about. In the video room, we have a new bulletin board where kids can have their drawings of the windmill displayed. We have coloring sheets at the windmill or it can be hand-drawn, it doesn't matter to us. Help us get the board filled for the first time! Coloring sheets are available at the windmill or library. We'll be developing this program more very soon.

We're also very excited about our new addition to the Welcome Center and our website, our new social media wall! Visitors can post on Facebook or Instagram using our social media tags and be posted on both our TV and online at [danishwindmill.org/social](http://danishwindmill.org/social). We're very excited to have this for the coming year and hope to especially get people engaged during Tivoli. Help us get it filled with new content by posting a picture to Facebook with the tag @DanishWindmill or on Instagram using our hashtags: #DanishWindmill; #DanishVillages; #ElkHornIA; #TivoliFest; or #JuleFest. 🌿

Finally, we've been working on another spectacular Tivoli Fest, too. This year as part of our grant with Iowa Tourism, we will have five small billboards posted in the area advertising for Tivoli. We've also built a full webpage for anyone to share over at [TivoliFest.com](http://TivoliFest.com). Check it out and see everything going on in the largest festival of the year in the Danish Villages.



Shaun Sayres  
Manager  
Danish Windmill



We are thrilled to be working with the Audubon County Extension office to offer this wonderful opportunity for our patrons over the age of 60. Join us every Tuesday in May for one hour sessions on healthy ways to Stay Independent. This program is at absolutely no cost and we will even provide light refreshments! Just comment on this post, or give us a call at the library to register. Also, please share this post with any anyone you know that may benefit from this program.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Extension and Outreach  
Human Sciences

## STAY INDEPENDENT: A HEALTHY AGING SERIES

for adults age 60+

Join us for any or all  
of the classes!



**Spot, Stop and Avoid Fraud | May 7th**  
Protect yourself and others from being a victim of fraud. Learn about common scams and warning signs and how to take action to protect against theft of money, property, or belongings.

1:00pm-2:00pm

Cost: Free

**Brain Health | May 14th**  
Healthy habits support healthy brains! Explore MIND diet recommendations for eating well, the importance of social connections, and activities to exercise the body and brain.

Please contact the Exira Public Library to let them know you plan to attend!

712-268-5489

**Thriving in Place | May 21st**  
Put plans in place now that support your ability to continue independent living for the years ahead. Identify your priorities, assess your current environment, and explore home modifications.

**Final Arrangements | May 28th**  
Thinking about mortality—your own or that of a loved one—is difficult. Making final arrangements involves more than planning a funeral.

More information online:  
[go.iastate.edu/LWNQFH](http://go.iastate.edu/LWNQFH)



The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the Human Sciences County Extension Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to [www.extension.iastate.edu/diversitytext](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/diversitytext). HS 68

### [ LOCATION ]

Exira Public Library  
114 W Washington St  
Exira, IA 50076

### [ MORE INFORMATION ]

Allie Brooks  
(712) 563-4239  
arbrooks@iastate.edu



museum of  
danish america



## Summer Programming Intern The Museum of Danish America Elk Horn, IA

The Museum of Danish America (MoDA) is seeking a part-time team member to assist with 2024 summer programming. The Summer Programming Intern will work collaboratively with the Youth & Community Educator and other museum staff to assist with a wide range of programs including youth camps, SPARK! lifelong learning, community partnerships, Bedstemor's House, and all other museum events for a variety of ages.

**Job Type:** Seasonal with no benefits

**Start and End Date:** Approximately May 28, 2024, - August 9, 2024

**Hours:** Average of 30 hours per week

**Hourly Wage:** \$11-\$13/hour

**Application Deadline:** 05/13/2024

### Responsibilities

- Assist with planning and implementation of all summer educational programming
- Assist in preparation and organization of all summer events
- Work with attendees and staff to create a safe, engaging, and positive learning environment for all
- Provide staff coverage and give tours of Bedstemor's House, MoDA's historic home
- Other duties as assigned

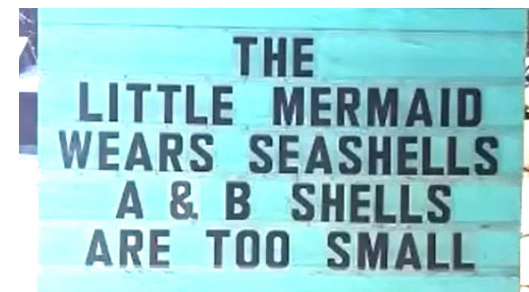
### Qualifications

- People and customer service oriented
- Interest in and/or knowledge of working with youth and educational activities
- Organizational skills, multi-tasking capabilities, and ability to achieve deadlines
- Ability to work as a team to develop and deliver quality programming
- Ability to take initiative and be a self-starter
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Computer skills
- Must be dedicated, dependable, and flexible

Interested individuals may learn more about the Museum of Danish America by visiting our website: [www.danishmuseum.org](http://www.danishmuseum.org)

Applications will be accepted through May 13, 2024. To apply, submit a cover letter, resume and three references via email: [alissa.lacanne@danishmuseum.org](mailto:alissa.lacanne@danishmuseum.org); via mail: Alissa LaCanne, Youth & Community Educator, Museum of Danish America, PO Box 249, Elk Horn, Iowa 51531.

The Museum of Danish America is committed to creating a diverse environment and is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability





**I've just finished reading a book about the world's greatest basement. It was a best cellar.**

**It's my first week working at the bicycle factory and they already made me a spokesperson.**

**My laptop caught pneumonia, apparently because I left Windows open.**

**I thought swimming with dolphins was expensive until I went swimming with sharks... It cost me an arm and a leg.**

**The main function of your big toe is to make sure all the furniture in the house is in the right place.**

**Horses have lower divorce rates. It's because they are in stable relationships.**

**It's pretty obvious that if I run in front of a car I will get tired but if I run behind a car will I get exhausted.**

**My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them you just wait.**

**Did you know that 90 % of bald people still own a comb? They just can't part with it.**

**Every morning I get hit by the same bicycle. It's a vicious cycle.**

**The word incorrectly is spelled incorrectly in every dictionary.**

**I've been experimenting with breeding racing deer. People have accused me of just trying to make a fast buck.**

**The other day I yelled into a colander and I strained my voice.**

**What do you call a row of rabbits hopping backwards? A receding hare line.**

**Always trust nudists... they have nothing to hide.**

To our "Front-Yard Flag Days" participants,  
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).

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







## FRANK OLSEN

What's that delicious smell? Three guesses and the last two don't count. You guessed correctly—it's a pie baking in the oven. But we're getting ahead of the story.

Frank Olsen grew up in Carroll, Iowa. As a young teenager he had many questions about life and what he wanted to do with his future. He dropped out of school and worked several jobs. In 1965 when he turned eighteen, he volunteered for a five-year stint in the Army. He said goodbye to Iowa's cornfields and headed to Fort Bliss, Texas.

Frank remembers his drill sergeant as being a huge man, with a voice that matched his body. He was everything a person thinks of about a drill sergeant. One day during basic training he called (or rather yelled) a list of several of the names of the soldiers. Frank's name was included. He wondered what on earth he had done wrong. To his surprise, he was made the acting sergeant in Basic.

In AIT (Advanced Individual Training), Frank learned to be both a telephone operator and a radio man. Picture an individual sitting in front of a switchboard making connections for incoming and outgoing calls and you have the correct idea of his job.

Frank's first assignment took him to Stuttgart, Germany for one year. He discovered that Bavaria and the Black Forest area were beautiful, and the German people were friendly. During a ten-day leave he traveled to Dachau concentration camp. This was one of the first camps built and was the longest running with over 30,000 documented deaths and many more that were undocumented. Frank said the horror of seeing the cruelty of what humans will do to other humans was almost beyond belief.

The switchboard that Frank used was set up in the back of a deuce and a half truck with a canvas over the top. During the winter, with the north wind howling, it was terribly cold sitting in that truck manning the phone calls. One night a call came in and the voice on the other end said, "You sound very cold." Frank answered that he certainly was. In the morning he discovered that voice belonged to the General, who had kindly arranged for the switchboard to be relocated to a warm place.

As Frank's year was nearing an end, he received his sergeant stripes and his orders for Vietnam on the same day. He flew from Germany to Da Nang, Vietnam. When the plane landed, there was total darkness. Da Nang was under attack. The sound of shelling left no doubt in his mind that he was now in a war zone.

Quang Ny became Frank's new Vietnam assignment. Here he continued as a telephone operator and also as a radio man. Much of the information coming over the phone and radio was classified. Each time Frank received a higher level of security clearance he was given a background check. That meant the FBI went to Carroll, Iowa and contacted the county sheriff, the chief of police, school personnel, his church pastor, and several former employers. The FBI never informed these individuals why they were investigating him. Frank's poor mother was beside herself worrying about what was going on with her son. Until Frank explained to her

the why of the investigation, she didn't have the pleasure of knowing it was all good, not bad.

Frank returned from Vietnam via Seattle. When his plane landed, he was still wearing his dirty Army fatigues and his combat boots. Almost immediately a man approached him yelling, swearing, shaking his fists at him, and getting within an inch or two of his face. Almost before Frank had time to react, another man also stepped forward and pushed the protester out of the way. His comments were entirely different. He said, "I'd like to treat you to a cold beer. Let's go to the bar."

After completion of one year in Vietnam, Frank still had about a year of service time left. He came back to the States and was stationed at Fort Huachuca in Arizona. Here he was in charge of security for the base. As he became more familiar with the military base, he realized there were many hidden tunnels in the mountains where nuclear activities had taken place.

Now let's go back to that delicious smell. Frank said the food he ate at all the military locations was good, but it doesn't begin to compare with the pies Dianna bakes. If you happen to be at the Iowa State Fair, go find the area where the pies are being judged. Sure enough, it is Dianna who is the judge. Ahhh, how lucky for the veteran whose other-half is one of Iowa's great pie bakers!



Elk Horn Public Library

COOKBOOK CLUB

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May 2nd  
at 6:30pm

Dips



Calling all Volunteers for the 44th [Tivoli Fest Elk Horn Iowa!](#) Looks like shifts are all hours of operation and short shifts! Every volunteer helps make a difference! Consider helping!



**City of Elk Horn**  
**created an event.**  
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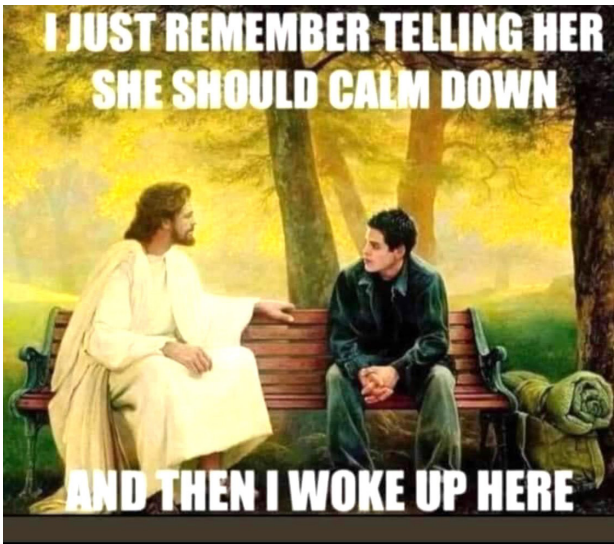


**SAT, MAY 4 AT 9 AM**  
**Elk Horn Pool Clean Up**  
Mark your calendars for the 2024 Elk Horn Public Pool community clean up day!

**60 Years in American Legion 322**  
Lanny presenting Willis Hansen with a 60-year membership award



**Don Hummel receives Quilt of Honor**  
In recognition and appreciation for Don's service, he was recently honored by receiving a beautiful Quilt of Valor made by Chris Nippert and Marlene Mullin. The fact that others honor a veteran's service is a much-appreciated gift. Don and K. C. have also found a way to honor other veterans. For the past twelve years they have been members of the Patriot Guard Riders. Rain, shine, heat, cold – they ride their motorcycles and stand flag lines for deceased military with grateful hearts filled with appreciation for the services veterans have given our country.



Love You Mor has moved next door into the old First Baptist Church. Come check out their new location on Main Street in Elk Horn.





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Submit bids to:  
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Bids must be postmarked by Wednesday, May 1, 2024 to be considered.

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Polls are open for Tivoli Fest  
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# 2024



Cast your vote by April 19th at one of the following locations:

- SCSB
- Danish Windmill
- Elk Horn Post Office
- Elk Horn Library
- Marne Elk Horn
- Kringleman Bakery

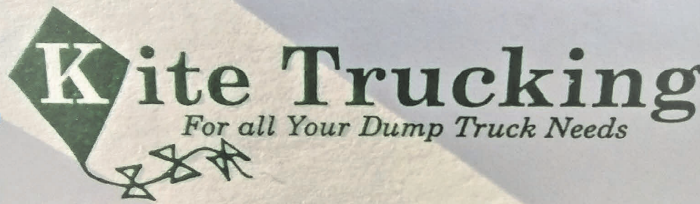
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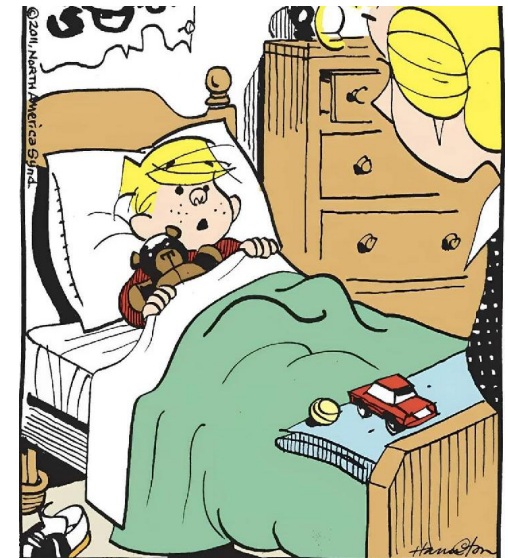


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