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Another Successful Tivoli Fest.
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| Saturday | 10 am - 5 pm |

Thank You to all who participated in the Field-of-Flags.

A "shout-out" to neighbor Dylan for managing the night light and keeping the flags upright and flying throughout the nights, as they were constantly challenged by the heavy winds.

The 20ft tall spot-light lighting up the 200 flags through the night was a beautiful and heart-felt sight.

Please thank Ziegler Cat for donating the lighting

We appologize for not having our booth at the field, as we promised (medical issues) Next time..



If you have a picture of the flags at night.....
PLEASE send it to the paper





Scratches From The Rusty Quill

By Wava Petersen

One of my neighbors suggested that I should devote a column to a historic manhunt that culminated in this area in 1883. The Elk Horn Community History refers to it as A Saga of Pioneer Justice. It was compiled mainly from narratives found in the 1889 Audubon/Shelby and 1915 Shelby County History books and local newspapers. What I have tried to do here is whittle a long story down into a summary that focuses mainly on the events that took place locally.

On the night of July 11, 1883, Postmaster and merchant C.L. Clingan of Polk City, IA and his clerk, Mr. Hanger had worked rather late but were about to leave the store. Two masked men suddenly appeared and demanded their money. Apparently, Mr. Clingan pulled a revolver in self defense but was instantly shot and killed. The murderers quickly disappeared into the darkness, stole two horses from a nearby barn and headed in a westerly direction. After several hours of utter confusion concerning which way to go, a small group of armed men was on their trail.

Several times as the fugitives galloped west-ward they changed horses by forcing farmers at gunpoint to give up their fresh animals, leaving them their winded steeds in exchange. Eventually they reached the farmhouse of Glenn McGill in Melville Twp. in Audubon County. Then came word of a sighting at Luccock's Grove east of Audubon and another by a man named Cramer from Sharon Twp. Next word was from two men building a bridge over Indian Creek just a few rods south of the Kimballton Post Office. As the bridge was unfinished, the fugitives forced their horses to jump the stream.

Upon reaching a point seven miles northeast of Elk Horn they were turned back by the rapidly increasing number of men in hot pursuit and fled into the nearly impenetrable thicket at the edge of Elk Horn Grove. (The grove at that time covered a much larger area than it does currently.) As squads arrived from Audubon and Exira a line was formed with the men marching about 20 feet apart slowly making their way through the dense underbrush. Suddenly, Willis Halleck, a young man from Exira, called out, "Here they are!" As he raised his arm to fire, he was shot and badly wounded.

The march through the timber was called off because of darkness and the need to attend to young Mr. Halleck, but the area was surrounded by members of the continually growing posse that eventually reached 1,500 to 2,000 in number. People came from all the surrounding counties and beyond, travelling by horseback, horse-drawn conveyances, and even some arriving by train at the nearest station. Food was brought in from local farmers and residents of surrounding towns to feed the multitude.

The next morning, a Saturday, a line was again formed and the march continued. About halfway through the timber the fugitives were sighted. One suddenly raised up and shot J.W. Maddy, a Justice of the Peace and prominent businessman from Marne. He died several hours later from his wounds. The desperados broke for the prairie, running a los-

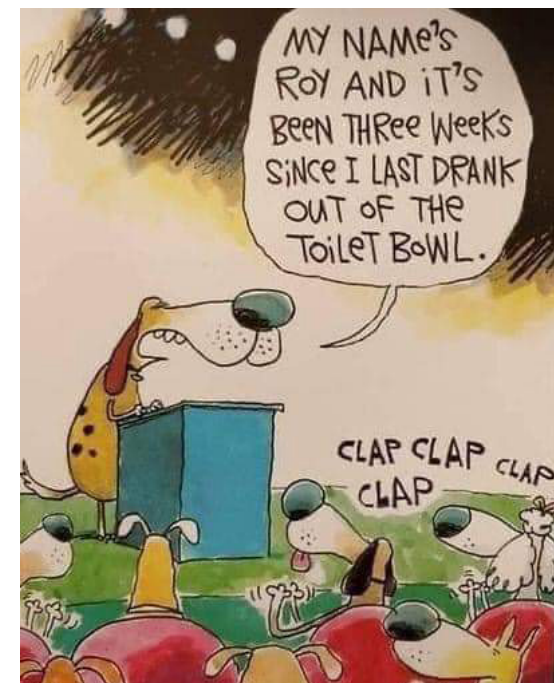
ing race for life. After going about 40 yards over a wheatfield, the leader, Simpson Taylor Crawford, was shot, dying about half an hour later from his wounds.

Following an inquest held on July 15, 1883 at the home of Martin Peterson, Crawford was buried in an unmarked grave in the Clay Twp. cemetery.

At this point the saga gets personal. Martin Peterson was my great-grandfather; it was his wheatfield that was trampled and the original house a few yards south of the house where I currently live was where the inquest was held. That part of the saga will be continued. And, what about the fate of the other fugitive, William Hardy? Read all about it in the next issue of Rolling Hills Community News.



Cop: You were going fast.
Me: I was just trying to keep up with traffic.
Cop: There isn't any.
Me: I know! That's how far behind I am.



·Drinking Water Advisory Level Yellow Press Release

Regional Water Rural Water District has declared “Level Yellow”, the second of a system of progressive levels within its Emergency Water Conservation Plan. It announced today that the following mandatory nonessential water usage restriction measures are to be observed by the users of its Avoca Treatment Plant Distribution System effective immediately. These restrictions are in response to the continued system pressure issues which began on May 25th. The affected area includes members and customers of the Association in Shelby, Audubon, Cass, Harrison, and Northern Pottawattamie Counties. Included are the communities of Avoca, Portsmouth, Panama, Earling, Westphalia, Kirkman, Tennant, Exira, Persia, and Brayton. Municipal, residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial users will be required to observe the following mandatory reduction measures:

A. No outdoors watering or irrigation of any kind between the hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. No watering or irrigation of lawns whatsoever. Watering of flowers, vegetable gardens, trees or shrubs less than four years old, and new seedlings and sod is permitted once per week, with an application not to exceed one inch and only between the hours of 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM.

B. No car washing is allowed, except at commercial establishments that provide that service as their only means of income. In these cases, hours of use will be restricted to 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

C. No water shall be used to fill private swimming pools, children’s wading pools, or similar articles.

D. No water shall be used to clean streets, driveways, sidewalks, etc.

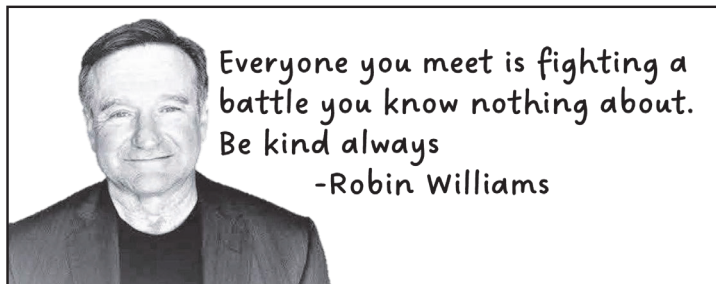
E. Large volume water users, including industries, motels, hotels, eating establishments, and livestock confinements may be requested to scale back services and/or production.

F. Schools are strongly urged to cancel their physical education activities and inter-scholastic competitions that require showers or attract crowds and take other actions to reduce water consumption.

The system is working with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to resolve the situation. For more information, please contact the Regional Water Office at 712-343-2413.

This notice is being sent to you by the Regional Water, Water Supply PWSID#: IA 8300184

Date distributed: 5-26-2023



Audubon County Treasurer’s Office

Attention: Audubon County residents who are 65 years old as of Jan 1, 2023. If you own your home and are living there then you are not only eligible for Homestead Credit but also now a Homestead exemption. Please go to the ASSESSOR’s office and fill out a new Homestead Credit form (the one below) to receive the new exemption beginning for the 2023 Assessment year. This must be done before July 1st, 2023. This is the result of new legislation passed and signed by Governor Kim Reynolds. An elderly resident, living in a care facility, who still owns their home and not renting it out for profit, is also eligible for the exemption. ***Please share this with everyone 65 or older. This is statewide, so please let others know.***

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The second Red Cross Blood Drive for 2023 was held on May 23 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. We had 42 people show up to donate, but there were 8 donors deferred for various reasons (high blood pressure, low hemoglobin, even being kicked and bruised by a cow). We were able to collect 1 Power Red unit along with 32 other whole blood products for a total of 33 units. That's something to be proud of!

Thank you to all who contributed in some way! Whether it was being a donor, working in some capacity the day of the drive, providing food, contributing dollars to purchase the extra things, or helping in advance to prepare for the drive. Every one of you are so necessary to make this possible.

Please mark your calendars for **TUESDAY, JULY 25!** The Red Cross workers will be here again from 11:30 - 5:00. You can go online to schedule an appointment (www.redcrossblood.org) or call me at 712-764-8542 or 712-249-4582. Donors with Type O are especially requested, since that type can be used for anyone needing blood. We would love to have you, and you'll feel good afterwards about helping someone in need! Thanks for your consideration!

Cindy Fredericksen



Congratulations to our scholarship winners from the class of 2023! Derek Kommes, Ella Petersen, Trey Petersen, McKenna Larsen, Katie Andersen, Easton Nelson, Makenzie Riley, Shay Burmeister and Quinn Grubbs



Honoring our Veterans on Memorial Day



GOOD NEWS!

YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

There is much to be said concerning our human status on this planet and living our lives here – I hope you would agree with me when I say that nothing is more important to that status and life than our love for and our understanding of GOD!

For the past few articles we have been considering what it means to worship God “in Spirit and in Truth”. In our previous article we saw how Jesus mentioned that God’s word is truth. Since the New Testament had not been written at that time (and would not be written for another 30 or 40 years) we noted that Jesus was referring to what we commonly call the Old Testament.

The Israelites, again and again, walked contrary to the will of God; so much so that God sent His prophets to correct them and yet they shut up their ears to those prophets. God eventually sent them into captivity – first with the northern tribes of Israel to Assyria, and then with Judah, to Babylon.

God had given them His ‘truth’ and they failed to worship Him as He commanded. They saw how the pagan nations around them worshiped their gods and followed after them. But maybe even worse than that, they combined this pagan worship of false gods with a half-hearted true worship. Isaiah puts it this way, “And the LORD said: ‘this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me is only rules taught by men.’” (Isa. 29:13)

They had broken one of the very first directives from God on how not to worship Him!! “Do not inquire about their gods, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.’ You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods.”

Wow!! This is quite an example for us NOT to follow.

Have we, as a society, taken any pagan ways and applied them to the worship of our God? Remember this; our God is a Holy God. His holiness is far beyond our comprehension. We have no holiness in and of ourselves and God knows this. Our holiness can only come from Him and that is why He has instructed us in the way He desires to be worshiped.

We are told in the scriptures to examine ourselves. Do we take this admonition seriously? I am in no way a judge of any ones heart. We all have to assess our worship of the great God we serve and so someday we will give account of it.

Are you honest (i.e.; truthful) in your worship of God? Let us worship Him in Spirit and in Truth!

Bill Rollins 6-3-23

IT’S ONLY SCIENCE

The last article talked about the basic items that must be considered when constructing a highway. And it was mentioned that many of those items must be considered when constructing a paved multi-use trail. There are actually other factors that apply to a multi-use paved trail.

One of these concerns sight distances. When a trail is about to cross another transportation corridor the distance a user can see in both directions must be considered. This is also necessary for driveways, and field entrances so the trail user has sufficient time to react to movement of vehicle or equipment from off the trail.

Another factor that must be considered is where the trail user must stop. Is there sufficient advance warning for them to be able to stop safely. There is a formula that determines the stopping distance considering the different “grip” of the paving surface. This allows for a greater distance when the paving type is blacktop or compacted stone, compared to concrete.

And of course, care must be taken to make certain that the design is ADA compliant.

Over the last several decades there has been an interest in creating a natural surface “nature” trail between Elk Horn and the “Grove”. This type of trail does not require all of the above-mentioned engineering factors to be considered. Which greatly simplifies both the construction and cost of such a facility.

The ideal route for this would be to remain on the East or South side of the Creek. This would eliminate the need for a large bridge to cross the waterway at any point. There would have to be a way to cross the road ditches encountered along its route. This would have to be considered carefully as how to best accomplish this. The short term cheapest would be to put in culverts. But one must be aware that with the occurrence of a large-scale rain event, the drift would have to be removed from the culverts in order for them to function as intended. And with Iowa’s new normal weather pattern this could be needed annually

Perhaps instead we would go with clear span bridges. Not having any obstruction in the waterway would eliminate any problem with drift build-up. This type of bridge is now available, constructed of composite materials. The components are light enough to be handled by two or three workers instead of machinery. They are put together with ¾ inch drive tools which anyone working with large farm equipment already possesses. They do require concrete parapets formed and poured at each end of the structure.

Once installed the only maintenance item would be to make certain that the bridge approaches stay even with the trail surface. Otherwise, the bridges do not require paint, they are UV resistance and should be checked for any loose bolts at least annually.

With Iowa Law stating that the landowner has “no duty of care” so long as people do not pay a fee to use their property, there really is no legal issue for the property owner.

Bob Mortenson 5-18-2023.

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

— Mark Twain

Sin in Elk Horn

It is interesting when you look back in time, you see how things change. This happens in many areas. We have memories about technical improvements and developments and fashion changes in clothes and decorating but there are other things that have changed. I have a friend from the Peace Corps who has a master's degree in sociology, and he tells me we must also look at how social beliefs change.

One of the biggest ones to see is gambling. Today it is legal but back in time it was outlawed. It was, however, present in Elk Horn. Much took place in the basement of Beck's café. That is where the murder took place in Elk Horn in the early 1950's. Saturday nights were very active.

According to the church, all card games were looked down on. My father engaged in this with my grandmother. They played a game called "Sort Peter" which is a Danish card game that my grandmother enjoyed. She had trouble seeing the cards, so they got her a large magnifying glass to use. Now cards games are played in the church basement.

Another "sin" that the church looked down on was dancing. I remember my confirmation class on Saturday mornings in 1960 and there was a discussion about it. It was not approved of. Dancing did continue in two places in Elk Horn. The first was in school for the prom and other events. There was also dancing in the town hall. The local barber named Harold Knapp had a group called the "Knapp Landers." He played the banjo and John Harold Jessen played the guitar. There was another barber named Simon who played the "bones." They would have dances in the town hall on Saturday nights. The town hall was different then. The kitchen was in the basement and there was a stage at the west end. That is where they played.

The last sin involves prohibited substances, specifically alcohol and the "evil weed" known as marijuana. A friend of mine, who shall remain nameless, told me how he got really drunk for the first time on the alcohol from the barrels at the creamery in Kimballton. I also remember a high school classmate who made rhubarb wine in a large crock. There is a story about a pastor visiting a family during probation and there was this popping sound coming from the cellar. The farmer was making his own, but they ignored it.

Marijuana is newer and became more popular in the 1960's during the Viet Nam war. It grew wild everywhere, so it was not hard to get. For some people it was a preferred sin. What must be remembered is that the active ingredient, TCP, was much lower then. Now it has been bred up and it is not the same as it was in the 1970's. It is much more potent. If someone says they tried it back in the day, it must be remembered that it is not the same now.

I don't know what we do that will be considered a sin in the next fifty years and what will be condoned but I do know that times are always changing.

Submitted by John Jensen

News From The Mill

It's hard to believe Tivoli Fest is already behind us, but we had a great time down here at the windmill from the unveiling of Tom Potts's new bench to the Saturday night fireworks. The folk dancers drew in quite the crowd as did the Vikings, who performed their annual battles behind the flags set up next to the Tivoli Inn. Windmill ballcaps were given to the first 100 visitors on Saturday, and we were happy to see them worn all throughout town during the day. It was a great time and we are already looking forward to next year.

We also have a wonderful story to share from Tivoli. As many know, we have a small exhibit dedicated to Ebeltoft Village outside behind the windmill. It consists of miniature buildings designed and built by Richard Storkfelt, a Danish immigrant living in Sharon, Massachusetts. Over time, the buildings migrated to the Fuller Craft Museum in Massachusetts, the Museum of Danish America, and finally the windmill where they stand today.

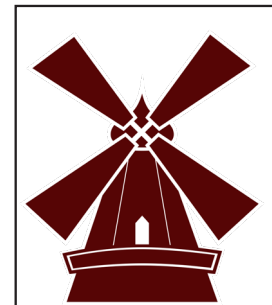
What many don't know is that Storkfelt also made townspeople to populate the town, and each person he made was based on a family member or friend. We keep the ones we have in storage since they won't last outdoors, but we don't have that many of them. That is because before the buildings were given away, many of the family members and descendants kept the people that were based on themselves or loved ones. Others didn't, and some regretted not keeping their own when they had the chance.

During Tivoli Fest, a friend of the family happened to be in Elk Horn. She found Shaun and shared this story about Storkfelt's village and how she knew a couple family members who wished they kept their part. Shaun took her down to the basement to show her the ones we stored, and since the wooden dolls look so much like the people they are based on, she picked them out instantly, including their dog. We agreed to ship the pieces back to the family and have let them know we are willing to send any other pieces back as well. They didn't even know we had them and without a proper place to display them, we are very happy to be able to send them back to family members where they will be fully appreciated and appropriately cared for.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events coming up at the windmill and in town. The DAHS conference is only a few weeks away and we are expecting quite the crowd to come through Elk Horn for the gathering. Upcoming events at the windmill include free admission during Dansk Møllelag or Danish Mill Day on June 18 and a book signing on June 24. Starting at 2PM, we will have Danish author and cuisine expert, Sidsel Munkholm, here to sign copies of her latest recipe book, *Hygge – Danish Food and Recipes*. During the book signing, we will be having an aebleskiver demonstration and sampling using Sidsel's recipe. We hope you can make it!

Finally, we want to thank everyone for their hard work in putting Tivoli together this year from the community volunteers and businesses to our staff here at the windmill. As we gear up for a busy Summer, we will continue to count on our staff here to ensure all visitors enjoy their time in the Danish Villages. They will be working hard through the whole travel season and deserve recognition for their dedication and commitment to the windmill and tourism of our communities. Please join us in thanking them for a job well done.

Shaun Sayres
Manager, Danish Windmill



40th Anniversary Tent Dinner June 24 | 5-7 PM

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Major sponsorship for this event is provided by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs & by Gordon Faber in memory of Sally, his wifey. This event is also sponsored in part by Jerry Schrader.



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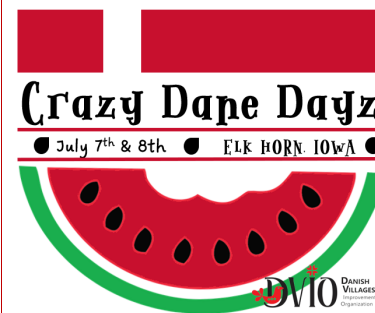
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Bring your lunch to the museum for MoDA's free monthly speaker series, made possible with financial support from former board member Dennis Andersen, Atlanta, GA.

On June 15, a pre-recorded lecture of Lise Kildegaard, a professor of English at Luther College, will be shared. Professor Kildegaard will discuss Louis Jensen's *Square Stories*. In 1992, Louis Jensen (1943-2021) set out to create 1,001 "Square Stories," which are short works of fiction that he formatted into a square. Originally published in Danish, the stories have been translated into English by Professor Kildegaard.



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TIME TO SIGN UP!
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(Please limit the information above to about 50 words)

Deadline to register is June 15th

Call/Text Debbie McClain at 712-249-7257
or email at dmccain6674@gmail.com with any questions!

BOOK SIGNING - SATURDAY, JUNE 24 - 2PM

We are excited to have renowned Danish author and recipe guru, Sidsel Munkholm with us for a signing of her latest recipe book, "Hygge - Danish Food and Recipes." Don't miss this opportunity to add a great recipe book to your collection or begin your own journey in Danish cooking. Sidsel will be with us starting at 2PM on Saturday, June 24 to sign copies and chat with fans.

As a bonus, we'll be offering a demonstration on how to make aebleskiver using Sidsel's recipe with free samples!

You can learn more about Sidsel and her work on her facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Notjustcookbooks/> or website: [http://www.sidselmunkholm.com/...](http://www.sidselmunkholm.com/)

Reserve a copy of Hygge - Danish Food and Recipes today by calling us at 712-764-7472!

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By Sidsel Munkholm

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Items not accepted include large appliances, large furniture, TVs & computers. No donations will be accepted after July 31st.

Garage Sale August 3rd-5th

Extra Public Library
Seed Sharing Program for 2023

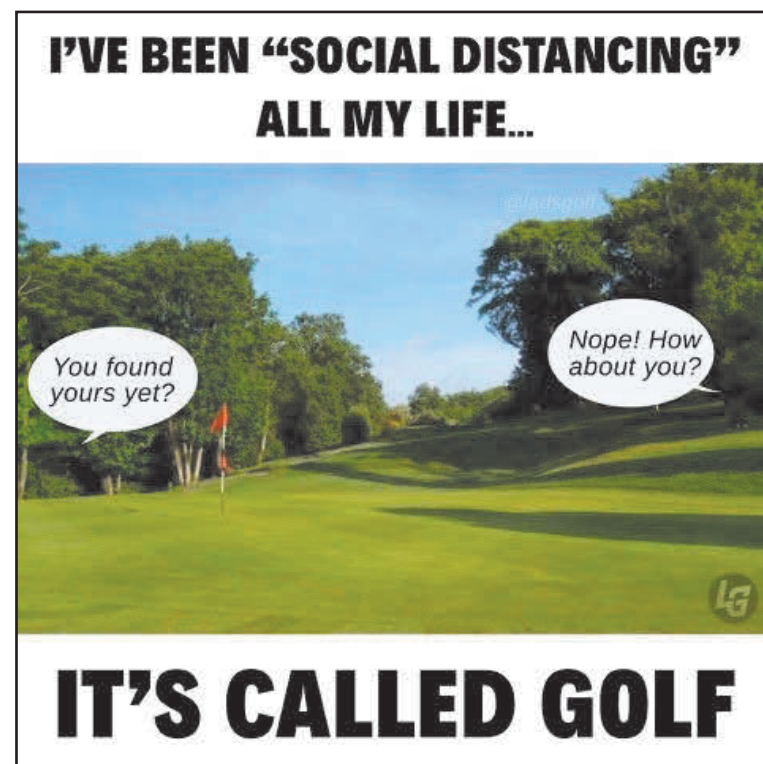
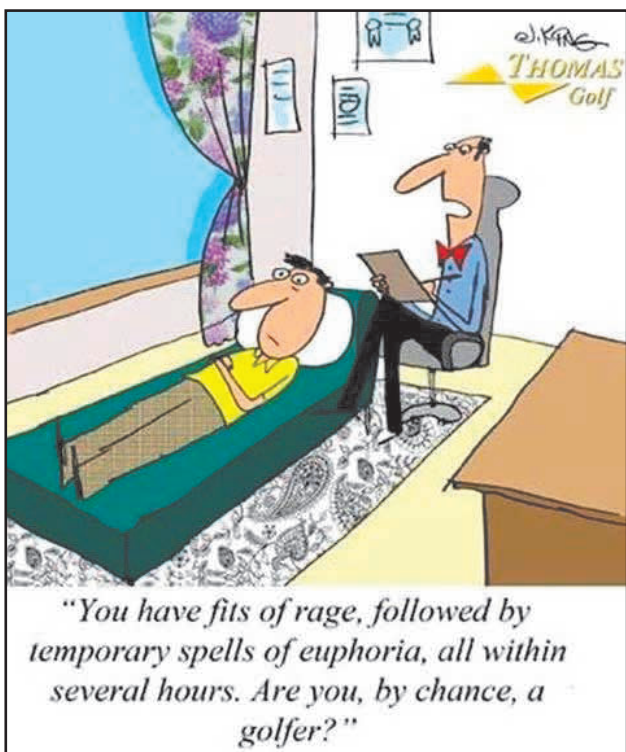
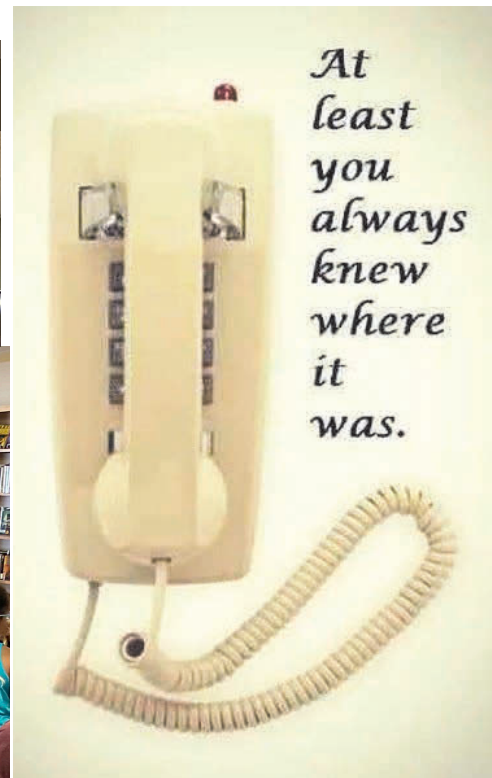
All seeds are donated to the library for the purpose of sharing with adult patrons.

Please take only one package of each seed variety.

Seeds are NOT GUARANTEED to grow. We hope everyone has a green thumb!

Our goal is for people to donate their extra seeds to this program and that it will grow each year as a give and take for many to enjoy.

Wow! What a great turn out for our first program of the summer with the Omaha Children's Museum



**Ronald Lee Petersen**

Nov 21, 1947 - May 31, 2023

A Memorial Service for Ronald L. Petersen, age 75, of Elk Horn, was held on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton with Rev. Ron Rasmussen Officiating. Recorded Musical Selection was "My Way" By Frank Sinatra

Honorary Urn Bearers were His Great-Nieces, Great-Nephews and Brandon Allen

Burial was at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, near Kimballton. Memorials may be directed to the family and a donation will be made in Ron's name.

Ronald Lee Petersen was born on November 21, 1947 to Raymond and Annabelle (Maxwell) Petersen in Harlan, Iowa. He grew up on the family farm near Jacksonville. At a young age, he developed a deep love for land and farming. He attended country school near Jacksonville and later graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1966. His activities in high school included wrestling, Future Farmers of America and working at the Soil Conservation office in Harlan. Ron went on to Iowa State University and graduated with the class of 1971, with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering.

Following his college graduation, he worked various roles in the Soil Conservation Industry for the State of Iowa. In 1979, he took a job in the Des Moines area engineering office. In 1980, Ron switched roles and worked as a project engineer in Audubon. He started farming part time in 1984. In 1993, he transferred to Atlantic, working in the NRCS. He worked for the State of Iowa as an Agricultural Engineer for over 35 years. In 2007, Ron retired from professional engineering.

Ron purchased the family home in 2008. He enjoyed raising cattle and more recently wild turkeys and peacocks. He took great pride in fixing up the land, making sure he left it better than when he acquired it. Over the years, Ron enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

Ron passed away on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, Iowa at the age of 75 years, six months and 10 days.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Lamond Petersen. He is survived by his sisters: Beverly Petersen and Marlene Wahl and their children; many great-nieces and great-nephews. Ron never married or had children of his own, but his nephews and niece held a very special place in his heart. Ron dated a special lady, Phyllis Allen, from 1998-2004 and they remained close friends throughout the rest of his life. Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton in charge of arrangements. www.ohdefuneralhome.com

The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session Monday, June 5th, 2023, at 5:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Hansen, Councilmen: Teegerstrom, Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Hogberg, and K. Petersen.

Guests in attendance were Clint Fichter, Clerk Chelsee Jacobsen, Jerry Evans, Jeff Nelson, Adam McCall, and Jeff Godwin.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. Teegerstrom moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 5, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve May 1st, 22nd, and 31st, meeting minutes. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Jeff Godwin presented the Wastewater Treatment Options. Jeff will submit the final plans at the July 5th meeting. The city will look into USDA for loans and grant funding.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve 2023 Park Street improvement engineering agreement. Ayes 5, motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve ROI Energy for \$19,439 to replace and install new lighting throughout city buildings. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Discussion for purchasing a city car, Chelsee will look at options to lease and/or buy.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve \$180,395.51 payment to Iowa DOT Farm to Market Fund / Shelby County Engineers office for Washington Street repairs, with an annual payment of \$52,144.07 for 5 years. Ayes 5, motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve Resolution accepting Street and Storm Sewer improvements and statement of final completion & owner's acceptance of work. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Clerk: Monthly council meeting for July will be held on Wednesday July 5th, at 6PM. Chelsee will get prices for yard waste signs.

Streets: D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to purchase a platform lift for the skid loader. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Water: K. Petersen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve a bid of \$19,741.00 from Cahoy to repair the deep well and bring it back in service. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Fire Dept: Ayes 5 for the fire department to sell the enclosed trailer.

Building Permits: Teegerstrom moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve 2024 Tivoli, 2113 Park St, 4214 Union, and 4209 Madison St permits. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Liquor License: K. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to approve Grace on Main liquor license. Ayes 5, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to approve Yesway tobacco license. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Council: Numerous vehicles parked on grass throughout town. Letters will be sent to owners to relocate on an all-weather surface.

D. Petersen moved seconded by K. Petersen to approve the Claims register and timesheets as presented. Ayes 5, motion carried.

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

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to adjourn the meeting at 6:21PM. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Grant applications being accepted for health care education

Grant applications for healthcare education from the Endowment for Education are now being accepted. The grants are made available through the Lucille Petersen Endowment Fund, which was established in 1988. The funds will be distributed to selected applicants seeking short or long-range educational assistance to pursue healthcare occupations.

A June 30th deadline has been set for applications to be submitted for the fall 2023 semester.

The funds will be distributed as grants—loans that will be forgiven if the recipient is employed within a 20-mile radius of Harlan in his or her specialized healthcare occupation following completion of courses. If a recipient cannot fulfill the service terms under which the loan will be forgiven, the money is subject to a five percent interest rate and repayment of principal. Application forms and more information are available by contacting Ruth Pitkin, Myrtue Medical Center, 1213 Garfield Ave., Harlan, IA, 51537, phone 712-755-4316 or email rpitkin@myrtue-medical.org.

The grants can be for new, entry-level, or advanced training or certifications.



Julie Mann, LMSW, Joins Senior Life Solutions Care Team

(Harlan) – Senior Life Solutions (SLS) is a valuable yet underused resource for individuals aged 65 and older right here close to home. This program is dedicated to providing support and promoting happiness to help seniors navigate the challenges that come with aging. To help in these efforts, the SLS Care Team is excited to welcome Julie Mann, LMSW, as their new in-house therapist. She began providing services on May 1, 2023.

Mann will be responsible for providing therapeutic services for patients while utilizing group, individual, and family therapy sessions. Anyone can refer a patient to the program, including a physician, family member, the patient themselves, or another healthcare professional.

“I am excited to be a part of a team that is dedicated to the mental health and well-being of our older adult population,” said Mann. “It is vital that we be responsive to the needs and goals of our senior population. Bringing patients hope and helping them to navigate life’s difficulties is the driving force behind the Senior Life Solutions program. I really look forward to being a part of this wonderful team!”

Mann comes to Harlan with over 34 years of experience in behavioral health, education, and human services. Recently, she has spent five years in the Psychiatric Medical Care Senior Life Solutions Program.

The SLS program at Myrtue Medical Center is an intensive outpatient group therapy program designed to meet the unique needs of individuals, typically 65 and older, experiencing depression or anxiety related to life changes often associated with aging.

For more information on this program and how it can benefit you, please call our care team at 712.755.4327.

On June 1, the Museum of Danish America held its first youth camp of the summer, LEGO Camp. Campers spent the day parachuting minifigures, experimenting with Mindstorm robotics, eating a LEGO-themed lunch, playing outside on the exercise equipment, and creating stop-motion videos.



Museum of Danish America Youth Camps



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Camp hours are 9am – 3pm with lunch provided.

Pre-registration is required. \$5 discount on camps for museum members.

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LEGO Camp – June 1

Grade 5 and up – Cost \$25

A day filled with Danish LEGO building including several STEM activities, LEGO Mindstorm robotics, and a LEGO-themed lunch.

Theater Camp – June 19 – 24

Grade 7 and up - Free

A week-long theater camp ending with a production of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling." Open to anyone 7th grade and up. Practices held Monday through Friday with a production performed on Saturday night at 7pm on museum grounds during the museum's 40th anniversary celebration.

Dane for a Day Camp – July 7

Grade 2 and up – Cost \$25

Attendees will be immersed in Danish culture for a day as they cook, bake, make crafts, tour exhibitions, and learn Danish traditions.

Summer on the Prairie Camp – July 31

Grade 2 and up – Cost \$25

A day spent exploring the outdoors learning about everything that the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park has to offer.

Camps sponsored by the Iowa West Foundation and the Shelby County Community Foundation



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Exira-EHK 2022-2023

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High Honor Roll (3.50 and above)

| SENIORS | JUNIORS | SOPHOMORES | FRESHMEN |
|---|--|--|---|
| Shay Burmeister Jaici Carlile Maddie Christensen Quinn Grubbs Derrek Kommes McKenna Larsen Braxton Marxen Madison Miller Easton Nelson Zander Nielsen Oskar Olsen Braeden Parker Ella Petersen Trey Petersen Makenzie Riley Molly Schneider Colby Smith | Hailey Berns Cole Brabham Emily Bricker Jathen Devereaux-Carlile Cash Emgarten Aiden Flathers Gemini Goodwin Jameson Kilworth Hannah Nelson Jaiden Pettepier Philip Reinhardt Hailie Snider Eric Wilson David Yoder | Ries Andersen Gracie Bartz Hailey Bieker Brayden Burnison Harlee Fahn Edyn Halterman Alex Hansen Cannon Hansen Hannah Jensen Levi Jessen Mayne Jorgensen Gideon King Lillian McCall Irelynd McCarthy Bella Muller Josh Nelson Shelbi Partridge | Brylie Andersen Ben Baggett Mara Christensen Parker Fister Gus Greving Graic Hill-Borger Sophie Kitelinger Jakob LaCanne Keagan Menter Kaelyn Parker Jaelynn Petersen Austin Rasmussen Emma Reinhardt |

Honor Roll (3.0-3.49)

| SENIORS | JUNIORS | SOPHOMORES | FRESHMEN |
|---|--|--|--|
| Cole Fahn Treaven Hill-Borger Donovan Partridge | Jordan Jensen Jonas LaCanne Xavier Prine | Olivia Dixon Gracie Olsen Timothy Reinhardt Jacey Smith | Bryce Brabham Aaron Gross Owen Juhl Josten Kilworth Paige Konecne Carter Wiemann Brooklynn Young |

Exira-EHK 2022-2023 2nd Semester JH Honor Roll

HIGH HONOR ROLL (3.50 and above)

Annabelle Baggett
Rye Butler
Jack Hansen
Meka Jensen
Emily Parton
Zoey Rasmussen
Brooklynn Snider
Leah Boysen
Lily Bricker
Kaitlyn Christensen
Kylie Christensen
Brooklyn Flathers
Josiah King
Riley Miller
Cooper Paulsen
Slade Sandbothe
Olivia Smith
Ellie Wahlert
Michelle Wilson

HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.49)

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|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Shay Burmeister | Hailey Berns | Ries Andersen | Brylie Andersen |
| Jaici Carlile | Cole Brabham | Gracie Bartz | Ben Baggett |
| Maddie Christensen | Emily Bricker | Hailey Bieker | Mara Christensen |
| Quinn Grubbs | Jathen Devereaux-Carlile | Brayden Burnison | Parker Fister |
| Derrek Kommes | Cash Emgarten | Harlee Fahn | Gus Greving |
| McKenna Larsen | Aiden Flathers | Alex Hansen | Graic Hill-Borger |
| Braxton Marxen | Jameson Kilworth | Cannon Hansen | Sophie Kitelinger |
| Madison Miller | Hannah Nelson | Hannah Jensen | Jakob LaCanne |
| Easton Nelson | Jaiden Pettepier | Levi Jessen | Jaelynn Petersen |
| Zander Nielsen | Philip Reinhardt | Mayne Jorgensen | Austin Rasmussen |
| Ella Petersen | Hailie Snider | Gideon King | Emma Reinhardt |
| Trey Petersen | Eric Wilson | Irelynd McCarthy | |
| Makenzie Riley | David Yoder | Bella Muller | |
| Molly Schneider | | Shelbi Partridge | |
| Colby Smith | | Timothy Reinhardt | |

Honor Roll (3.0-3.49)

| SENIORS | JUNIORS | SOPHOMORES | FRESHMEN |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Cole Fahn | Gemini Goodwin | Edyn Halterman | Bryce Brabham |
| Oskar Olsen | Jordan Jensen | Lillian McCall | Jaxsen Carlile |
| Donovan Partridge | Jonas LaCanne | Josh Nelson | Aaron Gross |
| | | Gracie Olsen | Bradyn Holaday |
| | | Jacey Smith | Owen Juhl |
| | | | Josten Kilworth |
| | | | Paige Konecne |
| | | | Kaelyn Parker |
| | | | Carter Wiemann |
| | | | Brooklynn Young |

Exira-EHK 2022-2023 4th Quarter JH Honor Roll

HIGH HONOR ROLL

(3.50 and above)


Annabelle Baggett
Jack Hansen
Meka Jensen
Zoey Rasmussen
Brooklynn Snider
Leah Boysen
Lily Bricker
Kaitlyn Christensen
Brooklyn Flathers
Josiah King
Riley Miller
Slade Sandbothe
Olivia Smith
Ellie Wahlert
Michelle Wilson

HONOR ROLL

(3.0-3.49)

Rye Butler
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NEW BOOK! "Gathering In: A Poetic Look at Small Town Iowa"

Joan Jessen Waske grew up on Main Street in Elk Horn and in her heart she never left.

As a child in the 1930s, Joan would sneak off down the street to join her father at work at Jessen Oil Co. She found her singing voice with her mother at the kitchen sink. A curious reader, she would spend hours with her head bent in a book. She played forward for the Lady Danes, took up the trombone in band, and sang choir.

After graduation, Joan went on to business school before falling for a handsome farmer and settling into raising a family on farmland in Union County Iowa. She spent her years managing a household of 11 kids, reading history and digging into the family's Danish ancestry, working as an administrative assistant, and playing the organ at St. Edward Catholic church.

All the while, Joan kept her eyes and ears attuned to the everyday characters and creatures that made up the world around her.

Gathering In: The Collected Works of Joan Jessen Waske is the distillation of a lifetime of quiet observation of rural life, the hard work of farming, the big job of raising a big family, a love of art and music, and a fascination with nature.

Organized by "seasons," her poems are an appreciation of small town living, where she found room to examine that which often goes unnoticed.



Myrtue ER Expansion to Move Forward in Summer 2023

The expansion and renovation of Myrtue Medical Center's Emergency Room will help address increasing demand for emergency services throughout the county. Myrtue Medical Center's Board of Trustees approved a \$7.7 million dollar expansion and renovation of the Emergency Room. With the receipt of grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the amount of \$1 million to spearhead the project, the hospital will move forward with renovation to increase space and improve workflow in the Emergency Room with the addition of patient rooms and staff work areas. Myrtue took a collaborative approach to designing the new ED. In addition to hiring Murray Company, a healthcare construction company that has designed other rural emergency departments, the planning team included Altus Architectural Studios, a healthcare industry-specific design firm.

More than 5,600 patients presented to the Hospital's Emergency Room last year. Since 2021, the ER has had a 20 percent increase in patient visits. Renovation will provide over approximately 8,700 square feet of space, an expansion of about 3,400 square feet from the ER's current footprint.

"Our ER staff has done a remarkable job of making the most of our current space," said Myrtue CEO, Barry Jacobsen. "This expansion and renovation will allow our team to more efficiently and effectively provide lifesaving patient care."

Plans include four exam rooms, two larger trauma rooms, two procedure rooms and a triage room. Two of the rooms can be converted to behavioral health rooms. The physical layout will allow for greater visibility and proximity to each patient room within the ER from a new centralized nursing station. Additionally, the design will accommodate a larger waiting room and more private check-in at admissions.

Temporary ER Entrance

Starting on July 8, 2023, the Hospital's Emergency Room entrance along Garfield Ave will close to allow for the estimated 13-month expansion. A temporary emergency entrance will be located just to the west of the existing ER, still on Garfield Ave. Exterior signage will direct patients to the new temporary ER entrance on Garfield Ave.

Patients seeking emergent care will enter on Garfield Ave. Patients will check in at a temporary lobby and waiting area. We will keep this entrance for ER and Inpatient visitors of the hospital.



Juanita's Food Pantry



This article was in the last paper. However, we felt this is important enough to repeat.

Elk Horn Food Pantry The Importance and Challenges of Fresh Foods Juanita Erickson

Food pantries across the country are doing their best to take a step away from the 'canned goods only' picture that many of us have when we think of this type of organization. There is an increasing effort to provide our guests with meat, dairy, and fresh produce.

This is because of the understanding that not all foods are equal. Highly processed foods are easier to store and cheaper to provide than fresh foods. They also give less in the way of basic nutrition. In a household with limited food dollars to spend meat purchases can be severely restricted and fresh produce is often not purchased at all because of the cost. They are always looking for ways to make their food 'stretch'. We are hoping to not only help to fill stomachs, but to help encourage healthy choices and foods for people.

There are challenges that come with this effort. The biggest is having enough of the proper type of storage for these food types. Meat needs to be in a freezer. Milk, cheese and produce need refrigeration. The shelf life for all of these foods is also much shorter than for the cans of soup and boxes of dried pasta. Fresh fruits and vegetables especially need to get to people's homes much faster than canned items do.

So, it's a balancing act. First of all, the fresher food has to be available for a food pantry to acquire. Much is obtained through the food bank, but it has to be on their inventory to be able to get it. Some produce comes from local individuals with gardens. Last summer and fall the food pantry in Elk Horn received local donations of apples, watermelons, tomatoes, peppers, carrots, cucumbers and green beans. This spring we have already gotten some fresh asparagus. Some produce items received from the food bank are oranges, potatoes, sweet potatoes, peppers, mangoes, avocados, and onions. The most recent order adds apples, watermelons, and pineapples to that list. We have been able to order a variety of meats as well. Some examples are chicken hindquarters, ground beef, ground pork, ground turkey, ham, pork loins, pepperoni and venison.

Then, assuming that a food pantry can actually get that food they face several limiting factors on quantity. There must be adequate room to store it to maintain quality and safety. There must be enough funds or donations to acquire it. The third factor is getting it out to people in a timely fashion. Having the food does no one any good if it becomes unusable. Throwing away good food seems especially offensive when there are so many who could use it in our communities. This is a very real concern with produce.

We have several freezers and refrigerators at the food pantry to store frozen and perishable items. In an attempt to get the produce out to people as quickly as possible we distribute it somewhat differently than we do the majority of food items. A family can shop in the regular food pantry once each month. They may come weekly, however, to get bread and bakery items that are donated by HyVee as well as any fresh fruits and vegetables that we may have on hand. We try to get the word out about what we will have available so they don't miss something that their families can really use.

The Elk Horn food pantry serves families in the Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton school district. Our goal is to make a positive difference in the lives of our neighbors.



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