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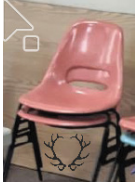
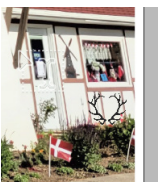
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The mystery of:  
"The Hiding Elk Horns"  
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Sorry.. almost impossible to see..

ATTENTION Rolling Hills Community:  
Let's keep the street fighting to a mimimun this weekend...  
The museum is hosting 100+ guests from the **Danish American Heritage Society** this weekend.  
**City decree:** all conversations must be in Danish during their visit. (That will keep the town silent! Finally, we will know who the REAL Danes are.)

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## Velkommen, Danish American Heritage Society "Ecologies and Ethnicity" Conference attendees, to the Danish Villages of Elk Horn and Kimballton.

We hope you take advantage of our local shops, businesses, and attractions during your stay. As the largest rural Danish settlement in the United States, we are host to several unique attractions: an authentic Danish windmill moved from Nørre Snede, Denmark to Elk Horn in 1976, The Little Mermaid & Sculpture Garden, which includes replicas of The Little Mermaid and other figures from Hans Christian Andersen's iconic fairytales, and the Museum of Danish America, a nationally accredited museum which has partnered with DAHS to bring you this conference.

We invite you to explore all that we have to offer—be on the lookout for food, fun, and activities at locations throughout town. Have you been hoping to enjoy a Danish-American breakfast of æbleskiver and medisterpølse, visit a local Viking-themed sports bar with craft brews, or sample Danish kringle and pastries? If so, you're in luck! In your "Ecologies & Ethnicity" packet, you'll find a complete list of local businesses and events.

Thank you for visiting. We hope you enjoy your time with us.  
- The Danish Villages of Elk Horn & Kimballton

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I didn't mean to push all your buttons....  
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- Guests are welcome to bring their own seating, beverages, lawn games, etc.



museum of  
danish america

## Museum of Danish America's 40th Anniversary & Sankt Hans Aften

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100 year old Rhododendron and the woman who planted it.



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Who is this?  
answer in next paper









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## Saga of Pioneer Justice, continued



Now, back to the demise and burial of S.T. Crawford. My great-grandfather, Martin Peterson, had just recently (1881) purchased 59 acres in section 10 of Clay Township where most of the final hours of the chase took place. My grandfather, Peter M. Peterson, told his children how he, as a boy of 11 years followed some of the men joining the posse across the field as they joined the hunt. He recalled how his father Martin's wheatfield was trampled in the process.

Crawford's body was brought to the original house on Martin's land. An inquest was held in the presence of J.W. Chatburn, Shelby County Coroner. The three-man jury included J.C. Cole, Ole Larson and Martin Peterson. I was told by one of the old-timers here that some of those present at the inquest wanted to dig a hole in my great-grandfather's yard and get the man buried then and there. Great-Grandpa quickly put a nix on that idea; no way was he going to have a murderer buried in his yard! The corpse was taken up the hill east of the house and interred in an unmarked grave at the north edge of the Clay Twp. Cemetery. Legally known as Oak Ridge Cemetery, and locally as Clay Hill Cemetery, it is the final resting place of six generations of my family, none quite as notorious as Crawford. When I was a youngster, our family occasionally walked through the cemetery and my dad always pointed out the spot and recalled the story.

Just a couple of years ago the Clay Township Trustees decided the burial site, being a part of Iowa history, should be marked and had a small identification plaque placed on Crawford's grave. Warren Watson, a former EH-K school teacher took up local and county history as a hobby after his retirement. He has done an in-depth history of the saga going well beyond the research I did for the Elk Horn Community History. Being adept in the art of grave witching, he used his skills to locate Crawford's gravesite on or very near the spot my father had indicated so many years ago.

And now, what about the fate of William Hardy, the other fugitive? When Crawford was shot in the wheat field, Hardy took for the timber again. He was soon apprehended under cover of a large number of guns and revolvers. He was put in irons by the sheriffs of Polk and Cass counties and as further precaution was also tied with ropes.

The State Register described his capture: "The sheriff of Polk County desired to take charge of Hardy, but the crowd was not ready to release him and the cry went up from all sides—"Hang him! Hang him!" Cooler heads prevailed for a time and Hardy was given food and allowed to speak. But the cry for "Rope" became loud again. He was led and dragged nearly a mile to a bridge over the Elk Horn Creek tributary of Indian Creek where the quick-witted Shelby County Sheriff succeeded in getting the prisoner into a buggy intentionally headed north. After several prominent men spoke in favor of letting law prevail, a vote was taken to decide his fate with those in favor of law and order being sent to the north side of the bridge and those favoring lynching sent to the south side. The sheriff reportedly termed it a vote favorable to legal justice. At the crack of the whip, the horse lunged forward at a rapid pace north through the group

less apt to stop the buggy.

Hardy was taken to the jail at Harlan to await action by the grand jury. His guilt or innocence was never determined by a regular trial. About 2:00 o'clock the night of July 24, the jail had been surrounded by about 50 men, more or less disguised, who frightened the jailor's wife into giving them the keys. Hardy was taken to the bridge just south of town that crossed the Nishnabotna River. Somewhere on the way to Harlan the lynch mob had lost the heavy rope intended for the hanging. Consequently a smaller rope was used to hang the outlaw from the bridge railing. As the prisoner dropped, the rope broke. A volley of shots rang out, a dozen or more taking deadly effect on the body of Mr. Hardy which dropped into the river below. Hundreds of people began gathering at the scene and in the confusion the mob of lynchers melted into the night.

Members of the lynch party were never apprehended and so far as is known, the lynching of Hardy was the only instance of mob law in Shelby County. William Hardy was buried in the paupers' section of the Harlan cemetery in an unmarked grave.

As for young Willis Halleck from Exira, reports went out by telegraph, newspapers and word of mouth that he had been shot to death by the fugitives. Halleck, though badly wounded, was very much alive and eventually recovered. He and his wife raised a family of three children and Halleck lived to the ripe old age of seventy-three years.

And that concludes the nutshell version of A Saga of Pioneer Justice.

Laughing at your mistakes can lengthen your life...  
Laughing at your wife's mistakes can SHORTEN it..

I remember being able to get up  
without making sound effects ...

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## **The Cowboy Statue in the Elk Horn Cemetery**

On the Northeast part of the Elk Horn cemetery there is a statue of a cowboy riding a horse. Many people ask who that is and why the statue, I am going to talk about it. It is on the grave of Charlie Andersen who was a friend of mine and a very interesting person.

I first met him in 1949 when I was about four years old. His father, Hans Andersen, rented a farm from my father, Lorens Jensen, and he used to ride his pinto pony named Billy to school and leave it at our acreage outside of town. My mother liked Charlie because he took care of his pony before he went to school. He always liked horses and later became a very successful Arabian horse breeder.

After high school he joined the Marine Corp and was always proud of that. I believe that he was a crew chief on a C-47 which is a military version of the DC-3. When he left the Corp, he came back and started farming. He was a good farmer and very progressive. He was one of the first farmers to jump on the bandwagon of drying corn. He wanted to get done early. One year there were only two farmers who were finished harvesting when a season ending blizzard stopped everybody. It was Gale Lange and Charlie Andersen.

He loved cowboy traditions and lore. He was very successful with his Arabian horses and became a judge of horse shows. When there is an Arabian horse show, there is an event where girls dress up as princes and ride in costume. He got his oldest daughter, Angie, the best costume that was green and entered her. He was so proud of her. He had another daughter named Carla who he said was a natural rider. She became one with the horse instantly.

Unfortunately, things did not always go as planned for him and he divorced his wife. This led to a serious economic problem for him and he headed for Houston, Texas. When he was there, he started a very successful business of cleaning up for builders. He even bought a Piper six place airplane and got a flying license. This leads me to one of the most interesting stories about him that shows his character. One day when he came to work, one of his men, a Mexican, was crying. He asked why and discovered that the man's mother had passed away he would not be able to be at the funeral. This was very important to him. Charlie flew him to a village in Mexico and landed on a dirt road. That is Charlie. Years later he moved back to his farm southwest of Elk Horn and rented the land out to another farmer. He continued being Charlie. He got married again but unfortunately it failed also.

He continued to have horses and on May 29th, 1995, my 50th birthday, which was also Memorial Day, he gave me a buggy ride from his farm to Elk Horn. A very memorial trip. He had a son named Matt who drove a truck and became a minister of a church. He bought the old Farm Equipment building and tried to turn it into a recording studio. He has since moved to Arkansas.

Charlie loved plants and especially trees. One time he passed a nursery in Council Bluff that had trees for sale at the end of the season. He decided to stop in and maybe get a couple. He got 20. He liked gardening and plants. He had a pond and liked his fish. I went fishing on my

birthday one year at his place.

He still had a problem with marriage. He got married a third time, but it also failed. He had four brothers. The oldest was Donald, then Charlie, Dennis, Paul, and David who everybody called Fud. His brother Dennis started the Genealogical center in Elk Horn. He had a colorful life and liked cowboys and Indian lore. He had fun and lived life to the fullest. One of the last things he did for the community was to leave a large bequest to the Lutheran Church cemetery for its upkeep and maintenance. He died on April 19th, 2019, at the age of 86. He is buried in the grave that has the horse and rider statue. The horse's name is Jack and that is Charlie on the horse. He had a colorful life and many adventures. You may hear many stories about him but always remember that he was a good man.

**OH LOOK..**

**They've started making teenager mannequins.**



Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.  
Be kind always  
-Robin Williams





AL HJELLE

True or false – if you were teaching high school during the Vietnam years when so many young men were being drafted, would the fact that you were a teacher keep you out of the draft? Al Hjelle thought it was true. He was a high school Social Studies teacher at Shelby-Tennant Schools. But things kept changing. Various subjects taught began to play an important role. Teaching Social Studies ceased to qualify a person for a deferment. The school asked Al to teach some sections of junior-high science (a subject which meant he would be able to continue his deferment and the school would not lose their teacher.) That worked for a while. In June 1970 at 26 ½ years old Al's draft notice



arrived.

Al was sent to Fort Lewis Washington for his military training. At the completion of Basic his sergeant mentioned that he had seen Al's orders. According to the sergeant, he would be staying right there at Fort Lewis. Al's heart sank. That most likely meant he would be trained in advanced infantry—those boots on the ground soldiers who faced many of the worst experiences of military life. Lucky for him, his assignment was not infantry. He would work as a clerk at Fort Lewis for the remainder of his time in the service.

A nice thing about that location was that he had family members close by. The lovely young lady from Neola he had a very tender eye for also had relatives in Washington. It was time for Sue to come visit—maybe there would be a bended knee waiting for her. Al's uncle quietly assured him that he could help Al get a very good deal on a diamond. His word was as good as gold. Al was ready.

Now the only remaining chore was to rent a car so he and Sue could sightsee, go to restaurants, and even find a nice quiet romantic spot to ask for her hand in marriage. Al went to a major car rental lot. To his complete surprise, when he told them he was in the military he was told their policy was to not rent to anyone in the military. He told them he was 27 years old—didn't matter. Still no luck. He asked if they would rent a car to a teacher. The answer was yes. "That's what I was doing before I was drafted. So can I rent from you?" Still a firm "no." Once again Al's uncle came to the rescue. He had served in the Dutch Merchant Marine and was living in Seattle. He drove a nice Swedish Volvo that he was happy to share. Sue and Al enjoyed sightseeing and driving around Seattle until they were involved in a fender bender. That was certainly not part of their plans. The only good part was that it was the other driver's fault. And what's more—that little fender bender didn't stop them from getting married in 1971.

Al was always very involved in sports, especially golf. One afternoon he and a warrant officer went golfing together. The warrant officer was very surprised at the level of golfing skill he had. Unbeknownst to the officer, Al had played three years on college golf teams—one year at Iowa Wesleyan College and two at the University of Northern Iowa. For the remainder of Al's time in the Army he was given Thursday afternoons off to golf. He was chosen to be a member of and to represent the 6th Army in their golfing tournaments. Al and one other member of the 6th Army team were nominated to go to tryouts for the U. S. Army golf team. Unfortunately, their application was entered too late, and they were not able to participate. In late 1971 President Nixon began giving 6-month early outs. Al had completed 1 ½ years. He and Sue took an early out. A very unexpected surprise was that because his rank was E-5 the military paid moving expenses for them to come back to Iowa. With the GI bill now available for education, he went to graduate school.

During his educational career, AL was always interested in and involved in athletics. When he taught at Coon Rapids, he also coached the junior-high basketball team and the girls golf team. As you can imagine, Al still has a passion for golf—give him a golf club and you have one happy camper!

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work

Will glass coffins be a success?  
Remains to be seen

To the mathematician who thought of the idea of zero.  
Thanks for nothing!



**YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!**

GOOD NEWS!

I'm sure that some of us have wondered if the bible is relevant for our day. Those of you who have been reading these articles for any amount of time must realize that I could not be more certain that it is. The reality of the scriptures being a "living word" is to me an awesome proof that the God of the bible is real and that His word to us is real.

The bible starts us out some 6,000 years ago as God (through Moses) gave us what is commonly called "The Creation Hymn", The words given us in Genesis 1 and 2 are not hard to read and they are, for the most part, easy to understand. I'm sure that everyone has heard (or read) the words, "Let there be light – and there was light". Seven days of creation pass by in a short 34 verses.

We read about the creation of man, Adam. We see that God gives him a wife, Eve. And then they sin and bring death into God's perfectly created world. Man takes it upon himself to decide what is good and what is evil rather than listen to his maker and things quickly spiral out of control from there.

Approximately 1,650 years pass by and things are so bad that God's righteous judgement is implemented through a flood. This flood 'washes everything away' except for Noah and his family. In Genesis 6:8 we find that "Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.... He was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time and he walked with God." As for the people of Noah's time, God says this, "The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Genesis 6:5)

There is a quote, the author of which escapes me, that goes something like this, "Those who fail to learn from the lessons of history are doomed to repeat them." Is our society getting close to a condemnation from God because we fail to study the history of mankind through the word of God? Are we a lazy people, today, who occupy the amazing blessings of God on this planet earth? As I look around and consider where we seem to be headed, I wonder why there is no herald among us to cry out concerning the sins we see all around us. Has our wickedness in this earth become so great that the intentions of the thoughts of our heart become only evil continually?

As Moses approached the LORD upon Mount Sinai for the second time (some 3500 years ago) God blessed Moses by proclaiming His name to him. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.' And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped." (Gen. 34:6-8)

He is a God who is slow to anger is He not? But .....!!

Bill Rollins 6-16-23

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

— Mark Twain

**IT'S ONLY SCIENCE**

When you take a moment to think about what "science" actually consists of, you begin to realize that so much of what we know about our world is "science". It doesn't matter if the information is from an electron microscope, or just the observations of focused observer about a subject. Or perhaps in the digesting of facts collected from many actual instances of something.

Tourism is one of the things that many people do not think about as being a science. Yet it is a subject that has been studied and dissected by many focused observers. And through their observations and records kept from various aspects of tourist behavior. This has resulted in some scientific facts that should be considered by those catering to tourists.

Buying habits (tourist or resident) are one of the factors that should be considered. It is a proven fact that 70% of all retail sales are made after 6 PM and on Saturday and Sunday. If your business is open 9 AM to 5 PM , Monday to Friday, you are limiting yourself to 30% of potential customers. Despite all the electronic means to advertise your business, word of mouth is still the best possible advertisement! And if that word of mouth happens to come from another business, it is the ultimate of all advertisements. This is why it is so crucial for your local businesses to promote each other!

Is your business district inviting people to walk through? Do your residents spend time in your business district? What kind of "street furniture" do you have? Are there shaded places to sit? Are there decorations, flower planters, public art, music playing softly, etc. Do you have blank spots where there are breaks in your stores, empty store fronts, empty lots, or just mostly featureless walls. These deter the pedestrian from exploring further. And unless you have a drive-thru, your business is conducted with pedestrians.

And then there is the "Rule of Four"! Thank you, Roger Brooks! Tourists expect to be able to spend four times their travel time in the area they are visiting. If you have the shopping, restaurants, and attractions to keep them occupied for four hours, you can reasonably draw folks who drive an hour to get here. In the case of the Danish Villages, if we can provide five hours of interesting things to do, that opens up both the Des Moines and Omaha Metro areas. This would open up access to over 2,000,000 potential customers.

For any of the things mentioned above to have the kind of impact to really make the Danish Villages one of Iowa's top tourism areas, we need somethings to change. The most important of all is we need our businesses to have their hours of operation posted, and rigidly adhered to. Nothing turns off a positive review from a visitor than finding the place they wanted to interact with unexpectedly closed. Another thing concerns Sunday visitors. About 60% of the US workforce has the weekend off. Another 10% has Sunday and a weekday off. If you are not open on Sunday, you have no chance to do business with those people.

Thes are just some of the most important facts about the science of tourism. We will have to work together for the Danish Villages to reach their potential for tourists and residents.

Bob Mortenson 5-18-2023.



## 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/)

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## News From The Mill

We are in the thick of the tourism season now and traffic has really picked up. We'll continue to enjoy visitors from the antique shows and the College World Series in Omaha, in addition to the Danish American Heritage Society's conference being held in Elk Horn this week. There are updates to share and exciting events coming up.

First, we have a small update on our campaign to obtain new grindstones for the Mill. We are currently coordinating a visit from Erik Batenburg this September. Erik will take several days to conduct a full assessment of the windmill, generating a report that will highlight our options and timeframe for obtaining the new stones in addition to any other recommended improvements. We hope to host Erik for a talk while he is here, so be on the lookout for additional announcements as we get closer.

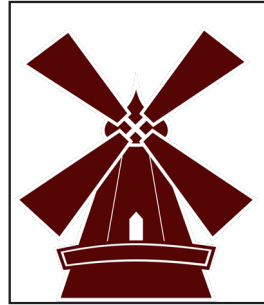
The windmill is also working on collecting a number of yard games for members to borrow and enjoy on our grounds. Some may have noticed the axe throwing game we had out this past weekend which was a big hit for visitors. We're planning to add cornhole and other games for people to enjoy. Members will have free access to any of these during business hours.

Speaking of members, our new newsletter is already set to come out in just a few weeks! We are thrilled with the response to our first issue of The Breeze and are excited to get the next one out there soon. On that note, we are still seeking submissions for our "Honorary Millwright" program. This program offers an opportunity to encourage children to think creatively about windmills and milling. Submissions can be an medium, it just has to show something related to mills. Please send any submission to [info@danishwindmill.com](mailto:info@danishwindmill.com) and be featured in our next issue! And if you missed the first issue, we still have some copies left down at the Mill.

We have some upcoming events that you don't want to miss! On Saturday, June 24 we will be hosting a book signing by Danish author, Sidsel Munkholm, who will be signing her latest recipe book, Hygge – Danish Food and Recipes. The signing starts at 2PM, and we will be having a demonstration on how to make aebleskiver using Sidsel's recipe during the signing. We are also beginning to host food trucks down at the Mill. On Friday, June 23, we will have Zemog's Mexican Kitchen from 12 – 5, and Wednesday, June 28, we will have Master Griller Catering from 11 – 2. Stop by for some great food and don't forget we have picnic tables in the back and cold drinks inside!

Finally, after some requests we received during Tivoli, a new Elk Horn shirt is on the way. Those who remember Elk Horn's "Dane Country" days might like the color.

Shaun Sayres  
Manager, Danish Windmill







### ***DAISY Award Presented to Brenna Irlmeier, RN***

Atlantic, IA – Cass Health proudly announces that Brenna Irlmeier, RN was honored with the DAISY Award during Nurses Week.

Irlmeier has had her sights set on becoming a nurse since she was in kindergarten. Brenna was inspired by her dad, who was a volunteer EMT and firefighter in the Elk Horn community. She became a nurse in January of 2019, and after working in Omaha at a large hospital, she returned to the area and began working in the Cass Health Surgery Department in August 2021.

“It is an honor to receive the DAISY award. The hard work you put in going to school, the hard work you put in each day, it’s just awesome to have someone remember what you did for them,” said Irlmeier.

This case in particular was special. “I was shocked, because of the nature of our job most people don’t remember us. This was an on-call case, and knowing it was a pediatric case, it pulls at the heart strings more. As a mom, it’s hard to put your child in someone else’s care,” she said.

She says being in surgery is a great fit for her, and she loves the team she works with. “It takes all of us as a whole to do what we do, and it’s something new every day. I love it,” she said.

Irlmeier’s nominator wrote: “Rising above all the amazing caregivers we encountered that day, was Brenna Irlmeier. Brenna was the surgery nurse that took my daughter down for her appendectomy. She came to the room, gathered a quick report, did the time out, the whole nine yards. She made sure to explain to my daughter what was going to happen and addressed her directly making sure she didn’t have any questions. Although my daughter is stoic and brave, it was then that the tears began to well and reality hit her. I looked into her eyes and could tell that she was scared, nervous, and crying. As her mother, I had to say goodbye and release her into Brenna’s care trusting that she would be in good hands. In that moment, I could see Brenna making it her highest priority to make my little girl feel safe. Although I couldn’t be present with her in the OR, I am confident that Brenna gave her best to my little girl. The first thing my daughter said to me when

she woke up after surgery was, “that nurse was so nice mommy, she held my hand the whole time.” That is when the tears started welling in my own eyes because I knew in my heart that my baby felt safe and was well cared for. I’ve been to larger organizations with my children before and I never felt that they were cared for with the same compassion and empathy as was shown to us here at Cass Health and especially shown to my daughter by Brenna.”

Brenna, the daughter of Eric and Elise Jueslgaard, lives in Elk Horn with her husband Andrew and daughter Malia.

Nurses at Cass Health are honored twice annually with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses.® The award is part of the DAISY Foundation’s mission to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate care nurses provide to patients and families every day. The DAISY Award committee at Cass Health thanks all nominators for their submissions. Each nurse who was nominated will be presented with a special pin and a copy of the nomination.

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. (DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.) The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

This is one initiative of The DAISY Foundation to express gratitude to the nursing profession. Additionally, DAISY offers J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects, The DAISY Faculty Award to honor inspiring faculty members in schools and colleges of nursing, and The DAISY in Training Award for nursing students. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>. An online nomination form is available at <https://www.casshealth.org/daisy>.




# June & July

## At The Exira Event Center

June 10- Bountiful Baskets (At Legion Ballpark)  
 June 24- Bountiful Baskets (At Legion Ballpark)  
 July 8- Bountiful Baskets (At Legion Ballpark)  
 July 22- Bountiful Baskets (At Legion Ballpark)  
 July 31- Red Cross Blood Drive

\*\*\*KITCHEN RENOVATION  
 STARTING AFTER JULY 4TH\*\*\*



# 4TH OF JULY


★ ★ **PRESALE/DISCOUNTED CARNIVAL TICKETS** ★ ★

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**RASMUSSEN, NELSON & WONIO LAW OFFICE**  
**HAIRBENDERS**



**EXIRA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**We're now accepting donations for our garage sale fundraiser!**



**All new, gently used items will be accepted.**

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

**Garage Sale August 3rd-5th**



**EXIRA IOWA**

17th Annual Tractor Ride Since 2007

# TRACTOR Show & Drive

Featuring all makes of Tractors 1972 & Older  
 East Side of the City Park

## Sunday - June 25, 2023

EVERYONE invited to come and join the fun!

8:00 am - Registration  
 9:00 am - Tractor Ride with a final stop at Waspy's for a tour with dinner provided

Commemorative plaques while they last

To reserve a plaque, pre-register with a contact listed below, by June 25th

WOMEN ENCOURAGED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
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 DENNY NELSON 712-268-9592

No Cabs, Duals, or Implements



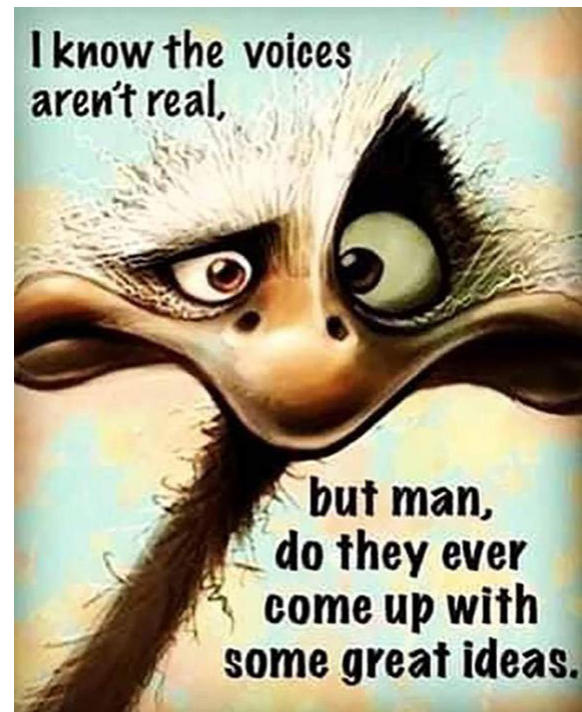
## ELK HORN POOL

# Night Swim

Get your ticket for a late night swim!  
 June 24th from 8 PM to 10:30 PM.

\$10.00 a ticket  
 includes a meal

**TICKETS MUST BE PAID FOR BY JUNE 22TH**  
**ONLY SELLING 100 TICKETS**



I know the voices aren't real,

but man, do they ever come up with some great ideas.



Wife crashed the car again today....  
She told the police the man she collided with was on his mobile phone and drinking a can of beer !  
Police explained to her that he can do what he likes in his own living room.



Cable man was on my street and asked me what time it was..  
I told him it is between 8am and 1pm...

## Remembering the Apron

June 29 1PM  
Exira Public Library



## "YOU LEFT THE TOILET SEAT UP !"




## Exira Library filled with Stinky Feet





## June 2023

**EXIRA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1 Summer Reading Begins</b> Adult Coloring 10am	<b>2 Friday Omaha Childrens Museum</b> 11am	<b>3 Saturday</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5 Will Stuck "Make Your Own MESS"</b> 1pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Science Center of Iowa 1:30pm "BOOM!"</b> Adult Afternoon Coffee 2pm	<b>8 Adult Coloring</b> 10am	<b>9</b>	<b>10 Hitchcock House</b> 10am Adult Program
<b>11</b>		<b>12 E. Mr. Stinky Feet Concert</b> 10am	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Movie Day 2pm</b> Adult Afternoon Coffee 2pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>18</b>		<b>19 Aud. Cnty Conservation "Bird Houses"</b> 10am	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Story Time with Mrs. Bintner</b> 2pm Adult Afternoon Coffee 2pm	<b>22 Adult Coloring 10am</b> Mary Gilcrest "Tree in the Middle of the Road" 2pm Adult Program	<b>23</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Farm Bureau Story Time</b> 10am	<b>28 Adult Afternoon Coffee</b> 2pm	<b>29 Adult Coloring 10am</b> "Remember the Apron" 1pm Adult Program	<b>30</b>	



**LIBRARY HOURS:**  
**MONDAY: 1PM-6PM**  
**TUESDAY: 9AM-1PM**  
**WEDNESDAY: 1PM-5PM**  
**THURSDAY: 9AM-1PM**  
**FRIDAY: 1PM-5PM**  
**SATURDAY: 10AM-12PM**  
**SUNDAY: CLOSED**

## July 2023

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<b>30</b>	<b>31 End of Summer Reading</b>					



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**SUNDAY: CLOSED**



REMEMBER when we were young, and you saw that old man and said to me, "If I ever try to leave the house dressed that way, just shoot me?"

-Shit My Husband Says-

## MEET & GREET WITH NASH ROE

**SATURDAY JULY 8TH 10AM-12PM**  
**AT THE EXIRA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

PRE-ORDERS CAN BE MADE ON NASH'S WEBSITE OR AT THE SITE LISTED BELOW. A FORM CAN BE FILLED OUT FOR EACH ITEM YOU WISH TO ORDER.

<https://www.nashsconfections.com/pre-order-hyvee-pop-up-feb-12th>

Nash is the creator of Nash's Confections and was a contestant on the Food Network's Kid's Baking Championship.

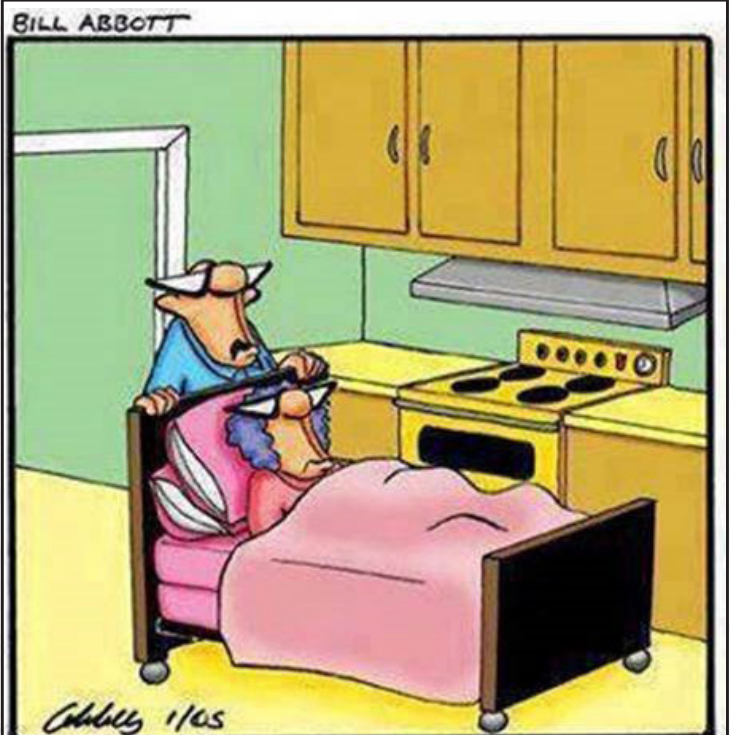




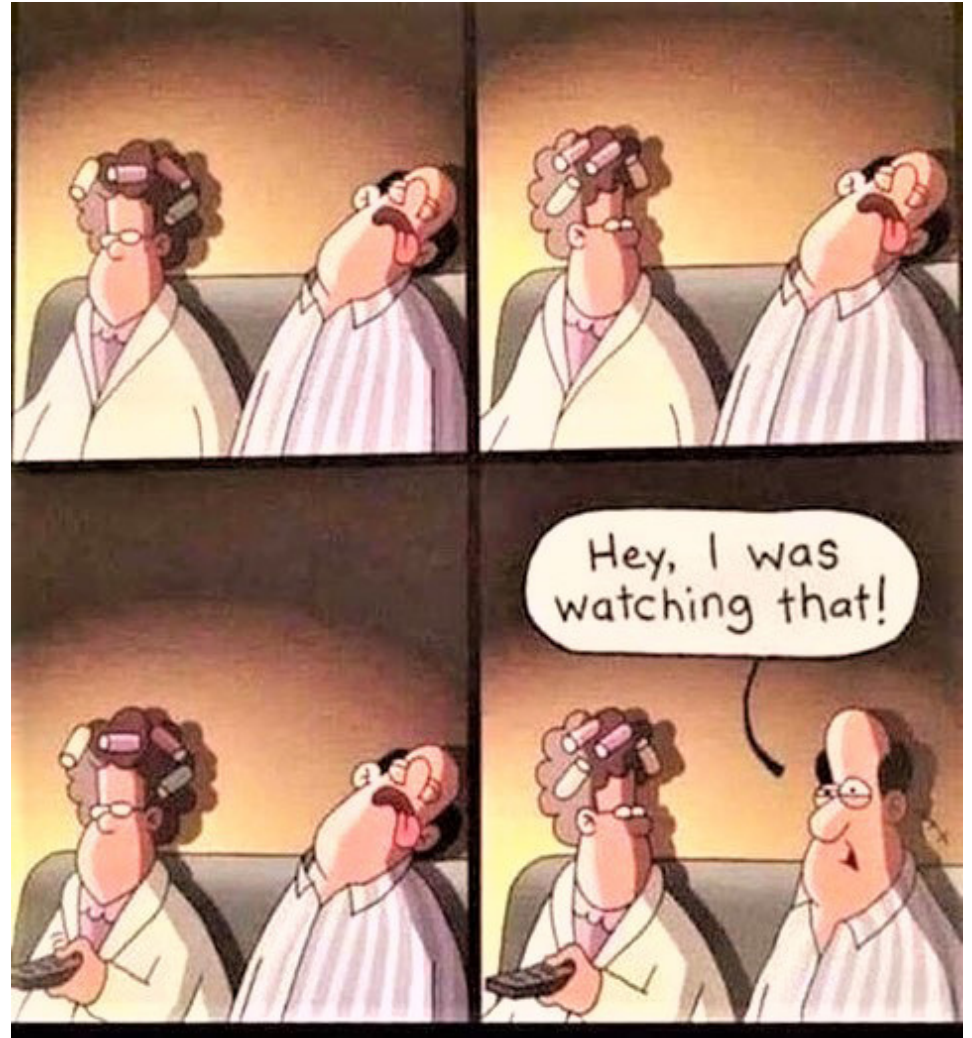


Once I went to a party with my husband, full of people he knew (from work), but I didn't. A couple came up to us. She turned to me and said, "You must be his wife." I turned to my husband and exclaimed "YOU HAVE A WIFE !?" Should have seen the looks on their faces !

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I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?







**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](mailto:rpitkin@myrtue-medical.org). The grants can be for new, entry-level, or advanced training or certifications.

My friend's new ALL-Terrain 4 wheeler



Norwegian phrase for speed bump is "Farts-humper"...



**Museum of Danish America Youth Camps**



Hands-on learning experiences in a fun and educational setting!  
Camp hours are 9am – 3pm with lunch provided.  
Pre-registration is required. \$5 discount on camps for museum members.  
Contact Alissa LaCanne at 712-764-7010 or [alissa.lacanne@danishmuseum.org](mailto:alissa.lacanne@danishmuseum.org)

**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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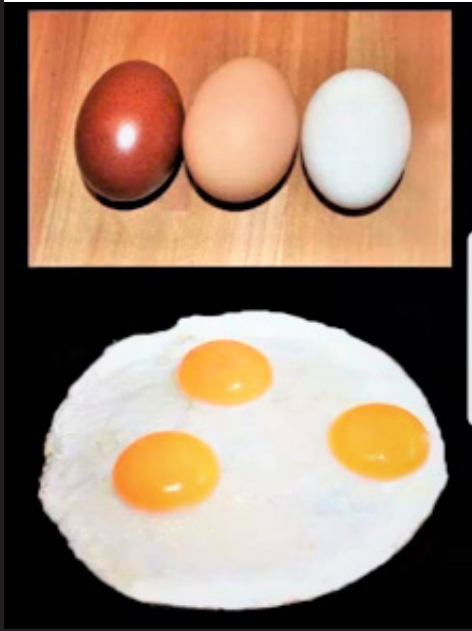
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**Independance Day**  
*Scott Eickman's 'Final Stand'*  
 July 4th, 2023, at the Auto Clinic in Downtown Exira  
 Sponsored by the Ballou American Legion Post 332



**Exira Independence Day Celebration** welcomes this life-size tribute to the American service men and women who served in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflict. At 6' 7" tall, 954 lbs, it's constructed of scrap metal found on Scott's grandfather's hog farm. Topped off with 4200+ reproduction dog tags representing the Americans that lost their lives in the conflict.

**Racism explained for dummies**



I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I'm okay.

A HUGE thank you to the Ripple Effect Grant & Marne Elk Horn!! Ripple Effect and Marne Elk Horn are proud to have donated \$10,000 to the City of Elk Horn for the city's swimming pool project! The donations will go towards the engineering costs of constructing a new ADA-compliant, family-friendly pool house facility.



**Pool House Project**

WE ARE SO CLOSE!

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**DONATE TODAY!**






## What Will Heaven Be Like?

Pastor Tim White

A Sunday school teacher posed a question to her class, "If I were to sell my house and my car, donate my possessions to charity, and give all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?"

The children unanimously replied, "No."

The teacher then asked, "If I were to keep the church clean, mow the lawn, and keep everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?"

Once again, the answer was a resounding "No."

Apparently perplexed, the teacher asked, "Well, then how can I get into heaven?"

A quick-witted five-year-old boy piped up and replied, "First you have to be dead!"

People have a lot of questions about heaven. In fact, I've met people who don't believe in heaven who have questions about heaven! It's as though they want to believe it's real and true. If you believe the Bible is the Word of God, then you ought to believe in heaven, because it's spoken of all through the Bible – over 700 references, actually.

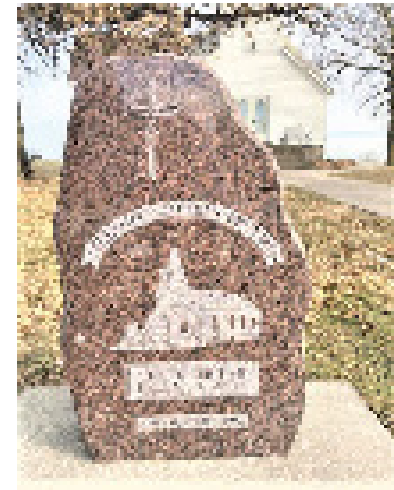
2 Corinthians 5, verse 1 says to us, "For we know that if the earthly tent (our body) we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands." A tent is a temporary dwelling. This verse says that our bodies are just for the short time we have in this world, and our permanent home is in heaven.

Many people have the impression that heaven will be like being at a church service, only it's forever. Far from unending boredom, however, heaven will be glorious and full of grandeur. We will experience profound fullness of joy, bathed in God's perfect love, and in perfect fellowship with one another. Another misconception is that we will all become angels. Many Hollywood movies and television series have perpetuated this myth. The Scriptures make it clear that angels are created beings, but entirely apart from humans (see Psalm 8:5), in fact redeemed humanity in heaven will sit in judgment of the angels (1 Corinthians 6:3).

A lot of people wonder whether heaven is a real place. The Bible speaks of heaven as a place – but there are no verses that give us a geographical location. The short answer to this question is, "heaven is where God is." Jesus once said, "In my Father's house are many rooms; . . . I am going there to prepare a place for you. And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself that you also may be where I am." (John 14:2-3) My own belief is that heaven is not like what we think of as a physical place. I think of it being in the spiritual realm. The Bible says our bodies were not made for the life to come, but that we will be given "new imperishable, and powerful spiritual bodies" in "the likeness of the man from heaven." (1 Corinthians 15:35-55)

There are many reasons to look forward to heaven. Our friendships will be richer, enhanced by the wonder and power of God's very presence. There will be no sin in heaven. Jesus has defeated sin, death and devil once and for all. So, there will be no hurtful misunderstandings, no petty tiffs between people, not even tension nor any negative "vibes". Our relationships will be open, honest, interesting, loving and uncomplicated. We will live and move with God, the angels, and one another in perfect compatibility and refreshing closeness.

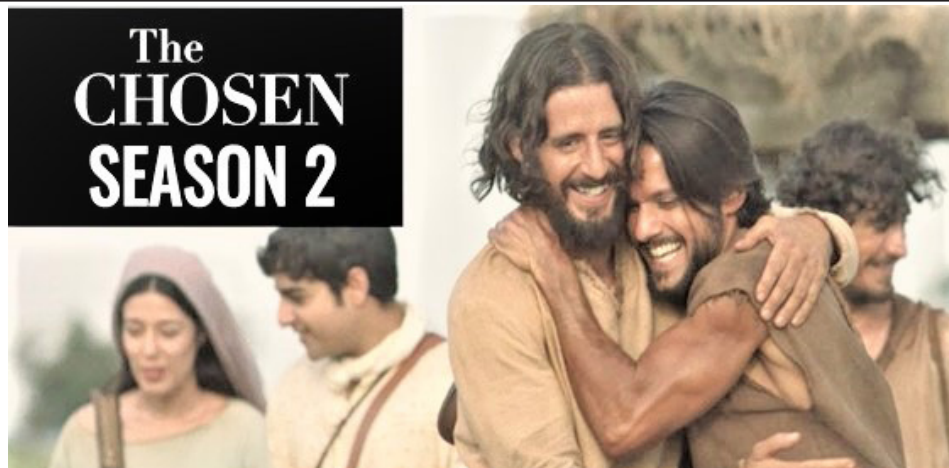
One lovely moonlit night a grandfather and his small granddaughter went for a walk. The stars were magnificent. As the grandfather named individual stars and constellations, the granddaughter exclaimed, "Grandpa, if the bottom side of Heaven is this beautiful, just think how wonderful the top side must be."



**BETHANY/IMMANUEL WORSHIP:**

July 2	9:00 at Immanuel with communion
July 9	9:00 at Bethany with communion
July 16	9:00 at Immanuel
July 23	9:00 at Bethany
July 30	9:00 at Immanuel
August 6	9:00 at Bethany with communion
August 13	9:00 at Immanuel with communion
August 20	9:00 at Bethany
August 27	9:00 at Immanuel





**The  
CHOSEN  
SEASON 2**

Everyone is invited to join us as we enjoy season 2 of THE CHOSEN. We'll watch an episode at 10:15am (after church) at Immanuel on the following dates:

\*July 2 \*July 16 \*July 30 \*August 13 \*August 27 \*September 10 \*September 24



**"Get a baby gate" they said...  
"It will keep them safe."**



A minister delivered a sermon in just 10 minutes one Sunday morning, which was about half the usual length of his sermons.

He explained, "I regret to inform you that my dog, who is very fond of eating paper, ate that portion of my sermon which I was unable to deliver this morning."

After the service, a visitor from another church shook hands with the preacher and said, "Reverend, if that dog of yours has any pups, I want to give one to my minister."

**Check it out !!**

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(712) 249-5983**

**I Want THAT ONE**

The image shows a workshop filled with various birdhouses on shelves and a red cart. A cartoon character with blonde hair and a red shirt is pointing at one of the birdhouses. The workshop has a rustic feel with wooden walls and tools.

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## WHO INVENTED THE TELEPHONE?

Alexander Graham Bell did!

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June 22nd at 1pm

The telephones will be on display the week of June 19-23.

Open for all ages to see!



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### Elk Horn Lutheran Church Food Pantry

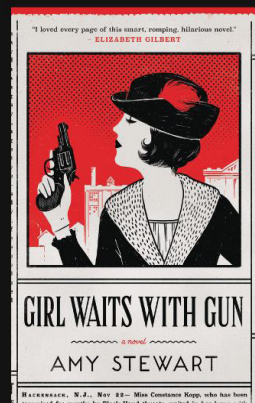
*Everyone needs help with something at some point in their lives.*

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

**Open Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30.**

(Dates may be changed for scheduled church functions.)

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



## Wines & Spines

July 6  
a the Winery  
7pm

A historical fiction book by Amy Stewart. It's the first novel in the Kopp Sisters series. The plot centers around a woman struggling to find her place in the world until the local sheriff's department enlists her help in bringing a gang to justice. It's based on the true story of one of the first female sheriffs in the United States.



Stinky Feet was here  
(Hope they aired out the library afterward)



Never too young to enjoy Stinky Feet

Elk Horn Public Library presents

# TOUCH A TRUCK

**JULY 8TH**

Elk Horn City Park 10am-1pm

Master Grillers Food Truck available for lunch

ELk Horn Pool will be selling ice cream



Read-along Sing-along with Mr. Stinky Feet



Great turn out for our **Genealogy and Family History** tonight!



GREAT IDEA..

Jerry had a "Mini Field-of-Flags" behind Their Log Cabin Shop last week.



**How to prevent your kids from using your car**



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## GARAGE sale

Friday June 23rd  
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Salem Lutheran Homes  
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**Salem's Alzheimer's Association Walk Team**

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# Amazing and Crazy cakes

ALL edible

June 22, 2023

