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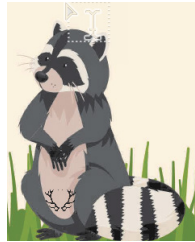
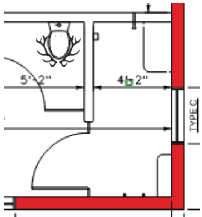
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***This publication is dedicated to the victims and heroes of 9-11-01***



In honor of our first responders and military personnel a number of local organizations are sponsoring **HONOR A HERO Day** in the Elk Horn park Sunday, September 10, 2023 - noon to 5 PM

Many family-based activities and food are planned for the day. The food and activities are not only fun, they are **FREE**.

As we enjoy the activities of the day, let us remember and pay tribute to those victims and heroes of September 11, 2001.

Please take a moment to thank the attending Heroes for their service to our community and country.



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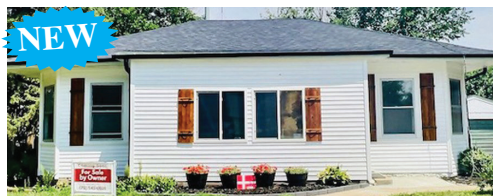
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A couple kids asked me today what it was like for me growing up...  
 So, I took their phones, shut off their internet, gave them a popsicle and told them to go outside till the street lights cam on..

**Due to the time crunch of our demo crew and the new pool house construction, Saturday August 26th will be the final day for Adult Swim. Dog Swim has been moved to Sunday August 27th from 2-4PM. Thank you!**

TEEN MURDER MYSTERY

## MURDER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON

Please Call or Email the library to RSVP

SEPTEMBER 9TH 2023  
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8th grade and up are invited to participate in a Western themed murder mystery this September. There is a 15 person minimum. If the minimum is not met, individuals will be contacted on Sep. 5th and refunded.

2027 WASHINGTON PO BOX 119, ELK HORN, IA, UNITED STATES, IOWA  
 @ 5:30 PM

# Honoring Our Heroes

**SEPTEMBER 10TH 12PM-5PM  
AT THE ELK HORN CITY PARK**

**FREE WILL DONATION**

**FOOD AND DRINKS**

**COTTON CANDY, SNO-CONES, FACE  
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**“TOUCH A TRUCK”**

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AND EMS VEHICLES**

**LIFENET LANDING AT 2PM**

**OVER 200 FLAGS WILL  
BE ON DISPLAY!**



**“Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray”**



Taking down the tree at the Legion Post memorial corner.



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE. LITERALLY.

Written by Desiree Ohrbeck

Elk Horn was founded by newcomers – and it’s survival depends on them, too.

I spent last week in Elk Horn. I had never been to the Midwest, let alone the small town of Elk Horn, a town that filled me with astonishment everywhere I turned.

“You look so Danish,” I said to the man on the bench painted to look like the Danish flag.

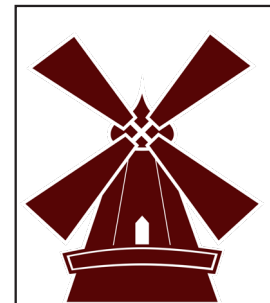
“Well, my name is Larsen,” he answered with an American accent far removed from what I imagine his Danish ancestors sounded like. The first thing that met my eye when I arrived at Elk Horn was a giant windmill, similar to those scattered around my home country, Denmark – all be it in a much better condition than the ones I grew up around. I later learned about Harvey Sornsen’s “impossible dream” that is now a very real and visible attraction and attribute to what the town is about – making dreams come true.

Elk Horn is special. Very special. I am born and raised in Denmark, have worked in four different countries, and been around various American states and cities. But never have I encountered anything like Elk Horn. It is not only the fact that most people look very Danish, nor how the flower pots have Danish and American flags. It is not because the benches on Main Street are painted in the colors of the Danish flag nor the windmill, the Museum of Danish America, the Genealogy and Education Center, Bedstemor’s House, the library, the Norse Horse, The Kringleman, the thrift store Love You More, the winery, Grace on Main, or any of the other amazing initiatives or business in Elk Horn. Sure, those are vital – but Elk Horn wouldn’t be what it is, were it not for the people who live in it.

When I arrived in Elk Horn Monday night, I hurried to the library just in time for a scheduled talk given by Warren Watson about Elk Horn and its origin. I gained an understanding of the rich history and background of the town, the immigrants, and the place they came to. It was breathtaking to learn about the hard work these people put into starting a new life while living in quarters dug out from a hillside. That hard work, I am sure, is part of the fabric of the people living in Elk Horn today carried within every single descendant of those Danish immigrants, shaping each new generation and shared with people arriving from other places to make Elk Horn what it is today. Walking down Main Street, I pictured a buzzing town when people got around in buggies, a time where gusts of wind would turn dirt roads into a dusty haze. I pictured the street lined with stores where a bell would chime when someone entered. I heard the click-clack of the women’s boots on the wood floors. I could almost see the men wearing black stove top hats greeting women in domed,

## News From The Mill

Welcome back! It has been a busy Summer down here at the Mill as expected with travelers coming from all over the world. Just last week, we had a visitor from Nørre Snede, a gentleman named Kim travelling to Minnesota with his American wife. Kim grew up in Nørre Snede when the Mill was still there, and told us a story of how when he was young he climbed to the top and etched his name on one of the beams. He has since visited the Mill in Elk Horn a couple times, and verified that the beam he marked has been replaced since the Mill was moved.



We have been enjoying the company of locals as well this Summer and seeing some familiar faces in and around the Mill. We hosted a family night on August 8, keeping the store open late and inviting Spartan Pizza to come and serve their woodfire pizza. All of our yard games were brought out onto the lawn and fresh watermelon and musk melon was served to all who wanted some. It was a wonderful evening that we hope to repeat with new activities soon.

Repairs of the fantail were completed in July and the Mill has been turning into the wind on its own since. We had favorable winds last week and were able to spin the sails a bit each day to the delight of visitors and people about town. We will continue to spin the sails in favorable wind as this is the best care and treatment to preserve them.

On that note, Erik Batenburg, millwright of Møllebygger Petersen, will be visiting us September 18-22 to inspect the Mill and develop a comprehensive plan towards restoring the functionality of the stones. We are putting together a small event to meet Erik and learn about him soon, so be on the lookout for that within the next couple weeks. Erik is happy to share about his own experience and his sharp insight on anything related to windmills including ours. He is excited to see our Mill for the first time and we can’t wait to have him with us.

But before Erik gets here, we have a much larger group coming from Denmark very soon. Erik Nørkjær will be here on August 30 with a bus tour of Danes. Some will be visiting Elk Horn for the first time, others for the second or even third time. They will be venturing in and out of town until their departure on September 2nd. A number of tours are scheduled including of the Mill, the Museum of Danish America, Kimballton’s Sculpture Park, the Elk Horn Cemetery and more.

More exciting news is on the way, thank you as always for following along.

## Velkommen to the Danish Windmill

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GOOD NEWS!

## YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

Sometimes in my meditations, I try to think of all the many adjectives that the scripture uses to describe the God we worship; awesome, gracious, loving, patient, glorious, beautiful ... the list could go on for a very long time. But if I had to boil it all down to one word to attach to the creator and sustainer of the universe I believe it would be HOLY!

This one word sets the stage for so many other things in our understanding of our Father. The word itself may be defined as “that which is set apart for a special or godly use”. That definition right there says a lot about those of us who consider ourselves to be children of the living God!! Are we holy?

But we know for a fact that God is holy; His holiness extends way beyond our ability to understand or conceive of what that really means. The word holy in all of its different forms is used over 1100 times in the scriptures. One book in the bible holds the record for its use – that book, Leviticus the book of holiness. It is used over 135 times there.

Yes, the one book in the bible that seems to bog us down when we set off to read the entirety of the scriptures. This book more than any other sets down for us the concept of God’s holiness; it might be said that the theme of Leviticus is holiness.

We learn that the institution of animal sacrifice is not just holy, but that it is MOST HOLY. Why?? Because they picture and are types of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!

When we consider God and His Son Jesus, we must first come to grips with holiness.

In Leviticus 11 after God through Moses tells us which animals He created for consumption, He lets us know that it is because of holiness that we are to abstain from eating certain flesh, “You shall not defile yourselves by any of these creatures and you shall not become unclean through them. For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.” (Lev.11:43-45) Twice, in a short span, He tells us to be holy because He is holy.

As we read through this book we see again and again the words, “be holy because I, the LORD your God am holy.” I do believe God is serious in this matter – we are to be holy and we must understand that He is holy. The holiness that He has is just the holiness we must pursue. And that is exactly the admonition we receive in the book of Hebrews 12:14, “Pursue peace with all men and holiness, for without holiness no one will see the Lord.” We are not called to consider holiness, no, we are to pursue it!!

“It is God’s will that you should be made holy ... For God has not called us for impurity, but for holiness.” (1 Thes. 4:3 & 7) It’s a large and important subject – shall we look at it some more? It is a part of that “GOOD NEWS” that we see in scripture.

Bill Rollins 8-20-23

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

— Mark Twain

## IT’S ONLY SCIENCE

As we have discussed previously there are many things that most people don’t consider as “science” that actually are a form of science. Economic and community development are two things that most do not consider science. But that would be far from factual. Communities and their discrete economics resemble living organisms in how they have grown over time. And if you study how this has occurred in the past you will notice that every now and then there has been a disruption that caused the pattern to change. It might have been a major fire, or a severe storm. Perhaps it was from a long-time business closing, or even just the loss of a community champion.

The science of community and economic development often is not to prevent disruption, but to manage it so it becomes beneficial. Many times, causing a managed disruption is the goal of the developer or group. When everything just stays the same your community no longer resembles a living organism. And that stagnation eventually means your community is slowly dying. Now you may say but what can I do about this? I stole the following from Save Your Town because I simply could not say it any better. Hats off to you Becky, you nailed it.

As a random person with no office or title, you are in the best position to make good things happen. You don’t have to follow the complicated rules of an office holder. You’re not limited by the scope of your title. You don’t have to worry about naysayers crowding your public meetings. You are you, and you get to decide what you would love to work on most. You don’t have to convince anyone of anything. All you have to do is start. Then make it easy for other people to join in. You will attract the people who most want to do good things, and those are great people to work with. That is what is called the “Idea Friendly Way”.

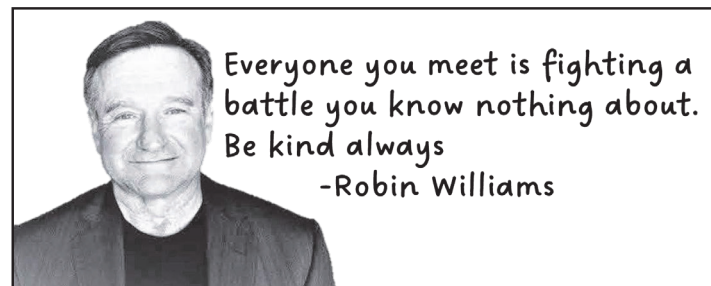
**Gather Your Crowd** - work with excited people, let the negative people do their own things.

**Build Connections** - find the things you need to use and to know by asking around, no need to budget.

**Take Small Steps** - try a tiny first step, bonus points if it is something fun.

This is how local organizations like the Danish Villages Improvement Organization are creating new opportunities for our communities to grow and prosper!

Bob Mortenson 6-24-2023.





## JOHN JOHNSON

Small communities seem to have an ability to raise individuals who make good military men. John Johnson (officially known as Wilbur L. Johnson) knew that growing up in northern Missouri was okay, but the world was definitely bigger, and a 17-year-old needed to spread his wings and take advantage of “faraway places with strange sounding names.” What better way to make those faraway places become a reality than to join the Marines. Whether a young Marine is seeing those places from aboard a ship or on land, the allure is still there.

During Basic Training John caught on that “Spit-Shine” went a long way toward making a good impression on the higher ups. He took his appearance and his demeanor very seriously. His uniform was always neatly pressed, his boots were polished to a high gloss, and his posture was ramrod straight. John continued that attitude throughout his years of service in the Marines. During his time as a drill instructor, he often had Marines under his command who were older than he was, yet they followed his orders without question. It is his belief that the emphasis he always placed on decorum went a long way toward good order. John shared a story about an envelope that arrived in his mail some

years ago. The return address was Norman, Oklahoma. The letter was from a Marine recruit thanking him for setting such an excellent example of the importance of making good decisions and doing your best. John was deeply honored. He realized the man had gone to considerable effort to locate him. He has continued to maintain contact with the Marine.

John and his family had the opportunity to be stationed in numerous beautiful parts of the world—Okinawa, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and other areas of the Orient. Each location was enjoyable and challenging in different ways. When asked which location was his favorite, his response was “Oh, they were all good, but maybe the Philippines was my favorite.” It was also the most Americanized. His children adjusted well to the moves necessitated by a military lifestyle. With one of the moves, John had to be separated from family. It was especially painful when he had to say goodbye to his little 7-day old baby and did not see her again until she was a year old.

When you are visiting with John, you quickly realize that he sees the bright side of life and puts a positive spin on every topic. That may not be the type of personality a person would expect to find with a Marine drill instructor. However, that’s exactly the position John filled for about ten years of his 20-year military career. At three different times (about 3 years per time) he was that dreaded drill instructor every new recruit faced. Believe it or not, he enjoyed the responsibility of shaping those young recruits and seeing them develop into Marines who would make anyone proud, including proud of themselves, which was a big goal of John’s.

What is about as far to the other end of the military spectrum from a drill instructor as you can imagine? How about being the Marine recruiter? Once again John remembered the spit-shine philosophy the military believes in. As a recruiter (and every day of his service), he wore his uniform with great pride. Once John and his wife were going down an elevator. A lady riding down with them mentioned the beautiful shine on John’s boots and inquired how he got that level of gloss. John said, “spit.” She suddenly didn’t seem so impressed. John always believed that when he reflected pride, he could see it making a positive impression on young people considering joining the Marines. For two different assignments (about six years total) John served as a recruiter.

During much of the time John was in the service, he served at various military bases in the southern states where prejudice against people of color was, unfortunately, alive and well. He was saddened to see the attitude held by many. It especially bothered him to observe men and women in military uniform who had fought for our country and yet they couldn’t eat at the same counter, couldn’t use the same restroom, couldn’t drink from the same drinking fountain as white people. The unfairness of this made him sick to his stomach.

When John reached 20 years of service, he had a big decision to make about his future. The Marines had been a good choice for him, but was this the right time to look elsewhere for his career? He knew, if he reenlisted, his next assignment would be Vietnam. His brother was encouraging him to come to Iowa and lend a hand in the restaurant business. John chose that route. He enjoyed many years of making good food for Iowans in Brayton and Rorbeck. He laughingly says he had the cooking part down well, but the finances caused a bit more of a headache. He kept thinking if he raised his prices, the bachelors who were such faithful customers would quit coming to eat there. He discovered, however, that when the new owners raised the prices, the bachelors kept right on eating there.

John still has a love for travel and adventure. At heart, he’s still a Marine. His son (who spent several decades in Taiwan as a missionary) tells him that at 92 years of age, a trip to visit family in Chicago is exactly what the doctor wants. John says whoever that doctor is, he may be right! Chicago might just be another one of those “faraway places with strange sounding names.” Bon voyage, John!



## Scratches From The Rusty Quill

By Wava Petersen



Already it's late summer and my mind goes back to the many tasks farm kids were expected to help with during the crop-growing and harvesting seasons.

Hay-making began early in the summer. It involved praying for welcome rain on the growing corn but keeping rain away from the hay during the process that spanned several days of mowing, raking and loading, then storing in the haymow. My dad set the grab-forks into the hay, Mom or Dale drove the team or tractor at the other end of the barn pulling a long heavy rope attached to the fork, lifting a huge forkful of hay into the haymow. At that point I came into the picture. My duty was to stand on the gate and wave at the driver, signaling when to stop so the load wasn't pulled through the other end of the barn. I imagined myself to be of major importance to the hay-making team until one hay-day I was shuffled off for my piano lesson. My feathers were quite ruffled at the thought of the very talented hand-waver suddenly being demoted to little girl status once more.

Many kids from the community, especially the town kids, joined the corn-detasseling crew in summer but my dad thought there was plenty of work right on the farm so we never had that experience. On our Saturday night trip to town you could always recognize the sunburned members of the detasseling crew; their faces were as glowing red as overripe tomatoes. I sort of envied them as I felt those shining faces were worn as a well-deserved badge of honor.

Our alternative to that higher-paying summer job was pulling cocklebur in the cornfield at ten cents a row and those rows seemed endless. Our one benefit was looking down at the earth instead of up into the bright sun. We spent most of the time on our hands and knees as we were instructed to pull every last cocklebur and many were less than an inch tall. Sometimes being short is a gift; you don't have to bend over so far.

Soybean fields were uncommon in this area before Lyle and I began farming. On visits to my mother's family members who farmed the flatland fields in northern Iowa I had seen people with hoes and hooks, bent over in bean fields like slaves, heard my relatives talk about bean walking, and thought what an awful job that must be. But it was not until we started raising soybeans on the contoured hillsides of Shelby County that I was conscripted into the bean-walkers army. That's when I discovered what a dirty, back-breaking task it really was. We started early in the morning while the dew was still on the roses. As we plunged into the dew-drenched bean field with the cool of the night still upon us it felt like diving into an unheated swimming pool in October. Soaked to the skin, bodies covered with goosepimples and shoes filled with water we slogged our way toward the other end of the field. Then around 10:00 o'clock or so the sun began to beat down on us without mercy. Sweat running in our eyes, we longed for a return of the morning dew. Awful? Well, yes. But for some crazy reason I enjoyed it. It was so quiet and peaceful out there. Dry and parched we reached the end of a round, took a long, satisfying swig from the water jug and turned around to admire the beauty of the weed-free rows just finished. The full, sweet smell of summer punctuated by an occasional bird call filled the air. It may not have been heaven but it came awfully, wonderfully close. For a few sweet moments we viewed our handiwork and pronounced it good. And then, rejuvenated, we plunged back into the beans and began the rigors of the next round of battle under the broiling summer sun.

In his life story, Reflections, Roland Petersen included a story about potato bugs: "One day shortly after the fourth of July, Dad sent the four youngest kids

out to pick potato bugs off the potato vines on the "west 60" acres. We were each equipped with a tin can and would go down the row looking for bugs. The immature ones were red and fat and round, while the mature bugs had stripes on their hard-shelled backs. Harry, being the oldest was in charge and had brought a large can that had once held carbide crystals. It was equipped with a lid. When we had made a round we deposited the varmints from our cans into the carbide can, then put the lid back on so they couldn't escape while we gathered more. When we completed the task we must have had the can about a third or maybe half full. Harry, in his foresight, had brought along a couple of six-inch firecrackers and some matches as a climax to the afternoon event. Rather than carry the load home he chose to cremate the varmints on the spot. So, he removed the lid, lit one of the firecrackers and tossed it into the can, replaced the lid and shouted, "SCRAM!" Well, we lost no time in scattering in all directions. We knew the power of a six-incher! All at once, an ear-shattering BOOM shook the earth and the lid flew high in the air. When the dust settled we went back to see what was left. What remained in the can looked like ketchup. I don't recall what reaction our dad had when he learned about the instant demise of the potato bugs."

# Exira Masons

Labor Day Breakfast

**Sunday, September 3rd**

**8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

**Brayton Town Hall**

**Eggs  
French Toast  
Pancakes  
Sausage  
Coffee and Juice**

Freewill Donation  
All You Can Eat



**LABOR DAY**

Sponsored by Exodus Masonic Lodge #342

**The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session Monday, August 7th, 2023, at 6:00 PM with the following members present:** Mayor Pro Tem Teegerstrom, Councilmen: Fredericksen, K. Petersen, D. Petersen and Hogberg. Absent: Mayor Hansen. City Employees Jeff Nelson, Chelsee Jacobsen, and Adam McCall. City Attorney: Clint Fichter.

Guests in attendance were Austin Sondag from Snyder & Associates, Sam & Brehanna Preis, Steve Turner, Jerry Hoffman, and Chad Juelsgaard.

Mayor Pro Tem Teegerstrom called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the agenda as presented, Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve July 5th and July 11th, meeting minutes. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Elk Horn Pool House Project:

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to open the public hearing on Plans, Specifications, and form of contract. No public comment received, Fredericksen moved K. Petersen seconded to close the public hearing. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Austin presented the construction bids for the project, 1 bid received. D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to reject the bid presented. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve Resolution 2023-8.2, Authorizing Bid letting for September 5th, 2023, and setting a public hearing on September 6th for the Pool House Project Rebid. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by D. Petersen, to Open the public meeting for USDA Wastewater System. No public comments received, D. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen, to close the public hearing. Ayes 5: Motion Carried. D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to apply for USDA Funds for Wastewater repairs and improvements. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Council voted unanimously to approve the American Legion to host a Park Picnic the weekend of September 9th, display of flags throughout the park, and using all 3 shelter houses.

4109 Madison Street – Homeowners stated their sewer has been backing up in their house. Jeff had AccuJet jet the sewer line and the problem has been resolved. Chelsee will file an insurance claim to see if reimbursement is available for the homeowners due to the blockage.

4116 Madison Street – Letter for structure repair, weeds and sidewalk sent to homeowner.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve submitting an offer of \$25,000 for a city truck. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve purchasing a yard waste sign for the entrance of the city waste site. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

City Clerk- Election petitions opened August 1st and are to be returned September 21st by 5PM.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve adding a stop sign on Pearl going South, and adding a yield sign on Broadway going East near the school. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Adam did city wide inspections and sidewalk repair letters were mailed out. Homeowners have contacted about being on a list for the city to hire the work

and have the homeowner pay for repairs to the company who is awarded. D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve Larsen's Sanitation contract starting October 1, 2023, for 2 years. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve a bid from ProLawn Environmental to remove 10 trees in the park and 1 on Main/Washington Street in the ROW. Ayes 4: 1 abstained. Motion Carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to approve the claims register as presented. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen, to approve 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 Hogberg to move into closed session at 8:20PM pursuant to Iowa Code 21(C) – Hotel Update. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen, to reopen the public meeting at 8:30PM. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to adjourn the meeting at 8:33PM. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

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### **The City Council of Elk Horn met in special session on Tuesday July 11th,**

2023, at 1:30 PM at Elk Horn City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Hansen (Via Phone); Councilmen Fredericksen, Teegerstrom (Via Phone), K. Petersen (Via Phone), and Hogberg (Via Phone). Also in attendance was Chelsee Jacobsen. Absent: D. Petersen

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 4, motion carried.

Resolution 2023-7.2 – Motion by Council Member Hogberg, seconded by Council Member Teegerstrom, that following fund transfers be made:

Transfer Out Transfer In Amount Purpose

125 TIF 301 Cap Project \$488,655.76 Internal Loan

125 TIF 200 Debt Service \$458,592.99 Debt Service for St Loan

110 RUT 001 General \$16,785.60 Refund for Operations

119 Emergency 001 General \$6,932.87 By Rule

121 LOT 301 Cap Project \$189,263.01 Project Funding

121 LOT 304 Cap Project \$200,000 Project Funding

600 Water 601 Water Sinking \$4,893.17 Eliminate Deficit

610 Sewer 611 Sewer Sinking \$15,718.67 Eliminate Deficit

Passed and approved this 11th day of July 2023.

Ayes were K. Petersen, Fredericksen, Hogberg, and Teegerstrom

Nays: None

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen, to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 PM. Ayes: 4, motion carried.

My mind thinks I am still 39..  
My body thinks my mind is an idiot..





Exira High School Class of 1958 Memorial Board display remembering our departed classmates.



**The Exira High School Class of 1958 held their 65th Class Reunion at the Feed Mill Restaurant south of Audubon.**

Those present included Front Row: (l-r) Bertha (Anderson) Schroeter, Carolyn (Harter) Landon, Mona (Foss) Powers, of Exira; Sharon (Anderson) Clark, Atlantic; Connie (Kline) Esbeck, Exira and Pat Nymand, teacher, Atlantic.

Back Row: (l-r) Ronnie Tibben, Loveland, Colorado; Joyce (Rubel) Jorgensen, Exira; Carolyn (Jensen) Kay, Atlantic; and Bob Powers, Exira. Not pictured are Beverly (Bro) Gunderson, Atlantic and Alice (Akers) Nielsen, Spencer, Iowa.

**Exira Graduating Class of 1963**

**The Exira Class of 1963 held their 60 year class reunion** at noon on July 1st at the Exira Events Center with Master Grilling of Kimballton serving the meal. Those in attendance were front row left to right: Curt Blatt, Harlan, Ken Phippen, Exira, Dan Josephsen, West Des Moines, Dave Nelson, Des Moines, Gale Van Aernam, Exira, Kelly Walker, Audubon, PA, Curt Andersen, Exira. Back Row: Jean Beck Petersen, Exira, Shari Smith Sorensen, Corning, Camelia Olsen Jorgensen, Harlan, Becky Johnston Shaw, Winterset, Nancy Jessen Fleming, Brooklyn Park, Minn., Sheryl Christensen Dolan, Waukee, Charlene Pedersen Shaffer, Bloomington, IL, Herluf Jensen, Des Moines, Yvonne Hess Camblin, Atlantic, Diana Hays Clark, Ankeny, Nadine Hoffert Kading, Adair, and Sylvia Anderson Andersen.



## Attend the "Honor our Heroes" event in the Elk Horn Park Sunday, Sept 10, 2023 12 noon to 5pm

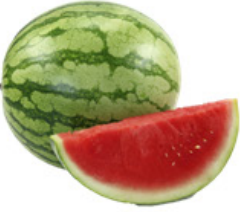


200 flags flying around  
the park walkway

Hot Dogs



Hamburgers



Snow Cones



Face  
Painting



Pickle Ball  
Tournament



Dunk-Tank



Cotton  
Candy



Special thanks for Warren Watson for his presentation "Prairie Roots Run Deep" He helped us to see all the significant locations of early Clay Township settlements in Shelby County. We learned about buffalo and elk herds and the early Danish settlers. Great turnout and great presentation!



## Earl and Libby Griffin Family Cousins Reunion

by Connie S. Esbeck

Four generations attended the reunion as descendants of Earl and Libby Griffin. The reunion was held Saturday, July 29, 2023 at the Lions Building in Exira on a beautiful sunny day.

The thirty-five guests that attended brought either a salad or a dessert while the committee, consisting of Ronda Chase and Connie Esbeck, prepared the rest of the meal. Ronda Chase donated some items of interest for a silent auction sale.

Those attending included Glenn and Connie Esbeck, Bernie Johnson, Kent Paulsen, Rich Griffin, Bev Olsen, Perry and Barb Paulsen and baby Maxine Paulsen, Travis Wilson, Bub and Jan Sorensen, Angela Sorensen-Immel, Chuck and Connie Sorensen, and Mardy Sorensen, all of Exira; Jon & Diane Esbeck, Brayton; Ronda Chase, Council Bluffs, Carolyn & Jim Wilkins, Pleasant Hill, Troy Griffin, Des Moines, Judy Jewett, Reinbeck; Phyllis Kline, Harlan; David M. Kline, David Kline II, David Kline III, Omaha and Bill and Jennifer Kline, Omaha; Sandy Tiedeman, Adel; Vicki McKibbin, Adel, Ross and Jane Johnson, Bakersfield, CA; Nathan Wilson and Lucas Wilson, Hamlin.

The oldest cousins are Mardy Sorensen (94) and Bev Olsen (93). The youngest was Maxine Paulsen, granddaughter of Perry and Linda Paulsen. The next reunion will be held July 26, 2025 led by the committee consisting of David M. Kline, Bill Kline, and Ronda Chase.



### Second Cousins

Bub Sorensen, Jane Johnson, Bill Kline, Troy Griffin, front row  
David M. Kline, Jon Esbeck, Chuck Sorensen, back row



### Third Cousins & Fourth Cousin

Travis Wilson, Angela Sorensen, David Kline II (third cousins) holding David Kline III (fourth cousin)  
Not shown: Nathan Wilson (third cousin); Lucas Wilson (fourth cousin); Maxine Paulsen (third cousin)

### Spouses

Ross Johnson, Glenn Esbeck, Phyllis Kline, front row  
Jan Sorensen, Bernie Johnson, Connie Johnson, Jennifer Kline, Jim Wilkins, Diane Esbeck, Barb Paulsen

### First Cousins

Bev Olsen and Mardy Sorensen, front row  
Judy Jewett, Sandy Tiedeman, Vicki McKibbin, Connie Esbeck, Ronda Chase, Perry Paulsen, Kent Paulsen, Richard Griffin, Carolyn Johnson, back row



Our July 11th Songs and Stories for preschoolers was "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. We had star shaped snacks, looked through a telescope and make one of our own, explored space with BeeBots, painted our own milky way, created with Light Brites and even put stars on our own star map.



Emily Bricker and Irelynd McCarthy planned a great teen summer workshop called 'Cook the Books'. They found three recipes from books and then they prepared them with other teens. The first recipe was Lembas Bread from the Lord of the Rings. It is a very nutritious bread made with whole wheat flour, oatmeal, honey and spices. It was a bread the Hobbits ate as they were traveling. The second recipe was Pasta Puttanesca from A Series of Unfortunate Events. The recipe included anchovies, kalamata olives and capers! Some new flavors to experience. Their final recipe was Butter Beer from Harry Potter. This recipe included cream soda, butterscotch syrup, butter and whipped cream! They are some fun recipes to try!



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**EXIRA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
108 E WASHINGTON ST. – CITY HALL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023**

7:30 PM

The Exira City Council met in city hall on Monday, August 14, 2023. Present were Mayor Mike Huegerich and Council Members: Dorreen Schrader, Nathan Wahlert, and Mark Paulsen. City Clerk Meg Andersen, City Attorney Clint Fichter, and Deputy Brooks were also present.

Mayor Huegerich called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

A motion made by Paulsen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the agenda. All voted aye, motion passed.

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

Deputy Brooks presented the July 2023 Sheriff's report.

City Clerk presented the library report.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Paulsen, to approve building permit at 207 N Jefferson St. All voted aye, motion passed.

Permit for 105 N Carthage will be reconsidered at the next council meeting.

A motion made by Schrader, seconded by Wahlert, to approve Resolution 23-08 Accepting Memorandum of Understanding with Iowa Department of Revenue Regarding State Setoff Program. Paulsen- Aye, Wahlert- Aye, Schrader- Aye, Borkowski- Absent, Jessen- Absent. Resolution Passed.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Schrader, to accept Snyder & Associates proposal totaling \$3,750 for Florence St. ROW abandonment survey. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Paulsen, seconded by Wahlert, to accept Snyder & Associates proposal totaling \$7,850 for street inventory and condition survey. All voted aye, motion passed.

No action taken on request for yield signage at city dump.

City Attorney presented end of fiscal year 2023 fund transfer information. A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Schrader, to approve Resolution 23-09 Various Fund Transfers. Paulsen- Aye, Wahlert- Aye, Schrader- Aye, Borkowski- Absent, Jessen- Absent. Resolution Passed.

Exira Fire and Rescue vehicle replacement schedule was discussed and will be coordinated with department.

City Clerk will discuss transfer of property at 100 N Cottage St. with owner.

City Clerk provided updates from Regional Water, as well as, JEO on Edgerton St. bridge and wastewater treatment facility projects.

A motion made by Paulsen, seconded by Schrader, to enter closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 25.1(i). All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Paulsen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve Resolution 23-10 Employee Wage Adjustment. Paulsen- Aye, Wahlert- Aye, Schrader- Aye, Borkowski- Absent, Jessen- Absent. Resolution Passed.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Schrader, to adjourn at 8:48 PM.

Mike Huegerich, Mayor Meg Andersen, City Clerk

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bell-shaped skirts - as if they had just stepped out of Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House on the Prairie novel.

At the Genealogy and Education Center on Main Street, I got a tour of the building. It was as if I was walking into hundreds of stories just waiting for someone to read as they were lined up on shelves. I could sense the families talking, sharing their intricate ties to each other and to other people in town. Running my fingers over the volumes was a testimony to how many stories are tied to a Danish American heritage – and how vital Elk Horn is to telling that story. My head was spinning thinking about what this town is made of and how many stories are out there just waiting for someone to read them.

In Washington state where I live, we have a Bavarian town called Leavenworth. In the 1960s the town was a ghost town on the brink of extinction. To survive the town decided to reinvent to attract tourists. Inspired by the alpine hills that hug both Leavenworth and German Bavaria they designed the town after German towns. Today, Leavenworth is thriving as a top tourist destination in the Pacific Northwest. Settlers came to the town for gold and timber but to survive they had to pivot and turned the area into something it wasn't originally.

I must admit that it wasn't until I scratched the surface and learned about the active community working hard to create awareness of Elk Horn and working to attract people to the various events and sites such as Tivoli Fest, Julefest and other festivities at the DVIO meeting, that I understood Elk Horn is not as dead as it appeared at first glance.

Once, Danish immigrants settled in Elk Horn. They did things differently. They created and shaped the town into what it became. To survive, Elk Horn is dependent on newcomers. Some will put down roots and do things a little differently than what has been the norm. Some will visit. All bring something new to town, whether they show what they appreciate with their wallets or whether they open a new business. The two don't have to oppose each other. They can link hands – to ensure a thriving, surviving community respecting and honoring the rich culture and heritage while embracing a new future with diverse mindsets. After all, that is what America was initially founded on.

BIO

Desiree Ohrbeck is a columnist writer for the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten and a frequent contributor in Danish media both on TV and radio. Desiree was born and raised in Denmark and has been living in Seattle for the past 13 years with her family and writes about current events from a Danish-American perspective. Read more about Desiree and her writing at [www.desireeohrbeck.com](http://www.desireeohrbeck.com)



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**Myrtue Behavioral Health Now Offering Early Morning Hours**

(Harlan) – Myrtue Medical Center’s Behavioral Health Department now provides more scheduling flexibility for the community. Appointments for therapy and medication management are now available starting at 7 am Monday through Thursday and at 8 am on Fridays. Behavioral Health will continue to offer evening options until 7 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Connecting with consistent mental healthcare can be a challenge while juggling life commitments. “We have taken several steps to make it easier to connect with services, such as adding our Starting Point Therapy Group, which provides an option to connect to therapy services within days of reaching out,” said Behavioral Health Director Lindsey Kinney, LMHC. “Adding early morning appointments is now another way we are working to provide our patients with support that works within their lives.” Myrtue Behavioral Health offers comprehensive services to address mental health needs, including individual, couples, and family therapy, medication evaluation and management, substance abuse evaluation and treatment, and community support services. To learn more, call 712-755-5056 or visit [www.myrtue-medical.org/services/behavioral-health](http://www.myrtue-medical.org/services/behavioral-health). Behavioral Health is located at 1110 Morningview Drive in Harlan.

A HUGE thank you to the Masons for hosting a breakfast this morning to raise funds for the Pool House Project! Breakfast was delicious as always!



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**State Historical Society of Iowa's mobile museum to visit the Museum of Danish America**  
**August 24 - 26 10am - 4pm**

Free tours of "Iowa's People & Places" exhibition

The State Historical Society of Iowa's mobile museum is hitting the road again as it continues its journey to all 99 Iowa counties.

Housed in a custom-built Winnebago, the 300-square-foot museum on wheels launched in 2017 and completed its first 99-county tour in 2019, making 175 stops along the way and attracting nearly 65,000 visitors, including 11,400 students. The current exhibition, "Iowa's People & Places," debuted in 2021 and will continue its 99-county journey through the end of this year.

"This traveling exhibit has been a huge success because it shares Iowa history in towns across the entire state, and Iowans are eager to have that experience in their communities," State Historical Society of Iowa Administrator Susan Kloewer said. "We're grateful to our community hosts and generous sponsors who are helping make this next 99-county tour possible."

The exhibition shares stories from Iowa's past with an eclectic array of artifacts from the State Historical Museum of Iowa's permanent collection, plus a video narrated by former WOI-TV host Jackie Schmillen.

Guests will see iconic artifacts that reflect the role of Iowans in state, national and international events, including a Meskwaki cradleboard representing the past and continued presence of Native nations in Iowa. They'll also see women's suffrage materials from the early 1900s and the pen used by Iowa Governor William Harding to sign Iowa's resolution in support of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

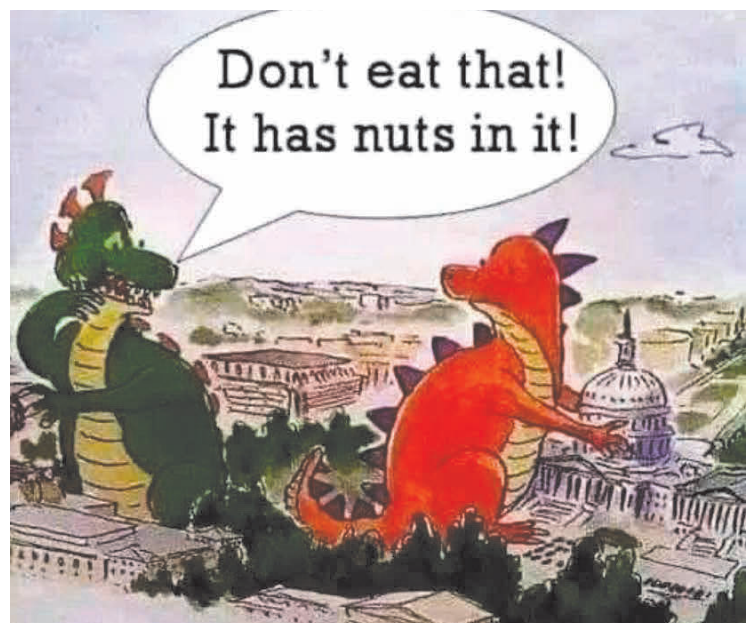
Other artifacts include a menu from a dinner held in Des Moines for Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, in 1959, as well as photos of a southeast Asian refugee and Sudanese women in central Iowa, and a flight suit that southern Iowa native and accomplished astronaut Peggy Whitson wore during one of multiple expeditions (totaling 665 days) aboard the International Space Station.

"These images and objects remind us of the role Iowans played in global events," State Curator Leo Landis said. "It's easy to overlook the significant contributions Iowans have made in promoting equality and liberty, but this exhibit can inspire all Iowans to understand and appreciate our past and promote these values."

The idea for the mobile museum emerged in 2014 from a series of community conversations. Iowans care deeply about history and made it clear they wanted new ways to access the State Historical Museum's resources.

More details are available at [history.iowa.gov](http://history.iowa.gov). Iowans can also follow the mobile museum's statewide journey on Facebook at [facebook.com/IowaHistory](https://facebook.com/IowaHistory).

The traveling exhibition presenting sponsor is EMC Insurance Companies and fuel sponsor is Casey's. Additional partner support is provided by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Winnebago Industries, Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Mike Wolfe.





### ***Cass Health Named an Iowa Rural Hospital Center of Excellence***

Atlantic, IA – Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced this week that Cass Health was awarded a rural hospital “Center of Excellence” designation. As part of that designation, grant funding to support and improve healthcare delivery in rural Iowa will provide \$250,000 in funding each year for three years, totaling \$750,000. Centers of excellence increase access to multi-disciplinary specialty care and are devoted to tackling major health needs and disparities confronting rural Iowans. Cass Health plans to use the grant to focus on fetal and maternal health services in southwest Iowa. According to the Governor’s office, the awarded funds will help regional and local health systems build and enhance systems to ensure rural Iowans have the same access to specialized care as those living in metro areas. Over the last twenty years in Iowa, there has been a major decline in the number of hospitals that provide labor and delivery services, most often in rural areas. The Cass Health Centers of Excellence program aims to improve rural maternal health services in southwest Iowa.

“Over the last three years, Cass Health has developed collaborative partnerships with Montgomery County Hospital in Red Oak, Iowa, and CHI Corning Hospital in Corning, Iowa, to continue to provide maternal health services in Montgomery County and Adams County. Cass Health has also collaborated with Adair County Health System in Greenfield, Iowa, to initiate a maternal health outreach clinic in Adair County,” stated Cass Health Chief Executive Officer Brett Altman.

This regional partnership will provide women in these communities with maternal health services, including prenatal and postnatal care, that they would not have access to otherwise. Sustaining and growing OB outreach clinics in this rural region aim to reduce transportation and financial resource barriers. This will increase routine access to prenatal and postnatal care.

“Cass Health is fortunate to be in a position where we can grow as a regional leader in obstetrics care, notably because of the outstanding team of physicians and nurses here and because of our partnerships with healthcare organizations in our region,” said Chief Human Resources Officer Kolton Hewlett.

As counties around Cass have ceased deliveries, Cass Health has increased deliveries as women and families travel to Atlantic for healthcare services. In 2022, Cass Health delivered 144 babies from 34 unique zip codes, representing fifteen counties across three states.

“Over the next three years, Cass Health will use this grant funding to continue OB outreach services in Adair County, Adams County, and Montgomery County. We have also established an OB Navigator position which will be instrumental in expanding access to care. This role will navigate expecting parents through the health system, help coordinate care, and remove any barriers the patient may encounter by identifying critical resources,” stated Hewlett.

### ***OB/GYN Dr. Marcela Pineda to Begin Outreach Clinic in Greenfield***

Atlantic, IA – Cass Health and Adair County Health System are pleased to jointly announce that Dr. Marcela Pineda will be offering an obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN) clinic at Adair County Health System in Greenfield, Iowa. Dr. Pineda will provide care to patients on the first Wednesday morning of every month.

“Cass Health continues to grow as the regional center for obstetrics care, and Dr. Pineda is one of the primary reasons behind that growth. With her outreach clinics in Red Oak, Corning, and now Greenfield, more women in southwest Iowa can receive obstetrics and gynecology care at a location that’s convenient for them. Being able to deliver care close to home increases the safety and health of our rural communities. We are proud to contribute to the well-being of our family, friends and neighbors,” said Chief Operating Officer Amanda Bireline.

Catherine Hillestad, CEO of Adair County Health System stated “We are extremely excited to have Dr. Pineda come to ACHS. We know she will be an amazing asset to our community.”

Dr. Pineda currently provides comprehensive obstetrics and gynecology care for women of all ages at the Atlantic Medical Center, Montgomery County Memorial Hospital, and Corning Medical Clinic. She completed her residency at Jamaica Hospital in Queens, New York, and she obtained her medical degree at Universidad Francisco Marroquin in Guatemala City, Guatemala. She was the recipient of the Striving for Excellence Award and Recognition by Hospital Centro Medico Guatemala for outstanding performance as a Medical Resident. Dr. Pineda is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Appointments with Dr. Pineda for all clinic locations can be scheduled by calling 712-243-2850.





## Class of 1962 Story

Who knows your life story? Who knew your siblings? Who knew your parents (and maybe your grandparents)? Who else but the kids you went to school with. Those kids who were with you throughout elementary, junior-high, and high school.

Who are these gray haired, slower-of-step adults you are eating lunch with today at Norse Horse? You guessed correctly—they are those kids you shared your school years with—your classmates.

The Elk Horn-Kimballton class of 1962 has quite a story to share. With 27 students, they were always an exceptionally close class. However, it was the 50th year class reunion that set them on a somewhat different path. As plans were being made for the reunion, a call came from classmate Gary Nelson. He had a special offer coming from a family member. Would the class like to meet for their celebration at the home of his sister and brother-in-law Jan and Larry Fajen? Of course they would!

As hoped, turnout was good. Some of the class members hadn't seen each other for years. Sitting in the beautiful backyard of Fajen's home, watching the sunset in the west, listening to birds singing, sharing stories, laughing, and crying together—it all added up to an evening that touched a spark of togetherness the class hadn't experienced for years. They were reminded again how close their class had been.

Sandra (Jacobs) Kristensen (now deceased) suggested that the class should get together much more often—like once a month! They were all retired. Why not? The idea caught on. That's right—why not? Of course, getting together on a monthly basis meant someone had to do lots of organizing and planning. Several of the girls had already been getting together on a fairly regular basis and could vouch for what fun it was.

Sandy took the challenge and ran with it. She devoted an unimaginable amount of time getting addresses current, sending out reminders, and making reservations at restaurants. Class member Judy (Nelson) Patten was a member of the Harlan Country Club. That became a convenient and popular place to meet for a number of years. Thinking it would be fun to try different restaurants and locations, several classmates recommended Elk Horn's Norse Horse. It was a hit! The restaurant staff bend over backwards to accommodate everyone, even to the point of finding out what some of their favorite dishes were and making sure every month those dishes were available.

Several years ago, classmate Mike Nielsen brought a very special guest to lunch. When former teacher Fred Maher walked in with Mike you would have thought it was the governor of Iowa who had arrived. It was obvious that he had been a very well-liked teacher. Fresh out of college, he had come to Elk Horn-Kimballton to teach math and to start a football team for the school. A football team means you need cheerleaders too. The girls from the class of '62 were delighted to help fill that position. As they laughingly reminisced with Fred, they knew how to be cheer leaders, but they didn't know the rules of football. It took lots of patience and some hours of football instruction from Fred, so the girls understood they were



not to cheer when the other team made an interception or scored a touchdown. Consistency and commitment seem to be the hallmarks of this faithful group of friends. As they now look back 61 years to their high school graduation, they appear as committed as ever to sharing time together. A number of the classmates spend winter months in the south. Therefore, the class gets together only during the warmer months. Although some of the classmates live too far away to be a regular part of the lunch group, it is amazing the distances others travel every month to share lunch together. Jean (Niklasen) Woods comes from Trenton, MO (200 miles). Bonnie (Petersen) Palmer drives from La Mars (150 miles), Janet (Andersen) Johnson travels from Des Moines, Marian (Carlson) Bailey comes from Panora. Mike Nielsen and Jerre (Sanders) Hunter travel from Council Bluffs. Hats off to local classmates: Judy (Nelson) Patten, Linda (Larsen) Reep, Terry Madsen, Ivan Andersen, Jack Krogstad and also Jim Juelsgaard (whose wife Diane (Breining) was a classmate). Although Jim was not a '62 graduate he honors his late wife and the class by still faithfully being there month after month.

Class of '62—you have set a wonderful example of friendship done right.

I am on two diets now...  
I wasn't getting nearly enough food on just one.

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*Romans 15:7*

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## CONFIDENCE ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

Pastor Tim White

The 19th Century British historian and philosopher, Thomas Carlyle, once said, "Foolish men imagine that because judgment for an evil thing is delayed, there is no justice; but only accident here below. Judgment for an evil thing is many times delayed some day or two, some century or two, but it is sure as life, it is sure as death."

I know I am seen by God to be as much a sinner as anyone, and just as much in need of His grace and forgiveness. But it often infuriates me when I learn of some particular evil being done, and the culprit seems to be getting away with it because of his or her position and influence. I want justice, but justice eludes the situation.

I have to confess I have sometimes found comfort (strangely) in reminding myself that "no one ever gets away with anything forever." Justice may be delayed days or years, but it is "sure as life" and "sure as death". But I should not take delight in the fact that a despised culprit will one day have to answer to God and suffer the utter abandonment and agony of hell. God sorrows over one sinner who is lost. Our hearts should reflect that same sorrow, and impel us to speak the good news of forgiveness of sin and eternal life by faith in Christ to lost sinners.

BETHANY/IMMANUEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 3	@ BETHANY WITH COMMUNION
SEPTEMBER 10	@ IMMANUEL WITH COMMUNION 10:15 Sunday School
SEPTEMBER 17	@ BETHANY *IMMANUEL'S ANNUAL FALL BREAKFAST SERVING FROM 9 – 12 *no Sunday School
SEPTEMBER 24	@ IMMANUEL 10:15 Sunday School
OCTOBER 1	@ BETHANY WITH COMMUNION 10:15 Sunday School
OCTOBER 8	@ IMMANUEL WITH COMMUNION 10:15 Sunday School
OCTOBER 15	@ BETHANY 10:15 Sunday School
OCTOBER 22	@ IMMANUEL 10:15 Sunday School
OCTOBER 29	@ BETHANY 10:15 Sunday School

Yet, it remains true that while justice may be elusive in this life, no one gets away with anything forever. Here's the catch: This assurance of justice in the life to come applies equally to me as to anyone, and to you. Jesus said, "For all that is secret will eventually be brought into the open, and everything that is concealed will be brought to light." Hebrews 9:27 says it this way: "It is appointed for a man to die but once, and then comes the judgment." Thomas Carlyle reminds us well that we make a grave mistake in thinking that because God's judgment seems to be in the distant future, we will somehow escape it. You or I could get hit by a bus tomorrow and thusly tomorrow becomes our judgment day.

In John 5, Jesus says that those who belong to Him by faith in Him "do not come into judgment (when they die), but they will pass from death to life." The Judgment of God is assured, but because Jesus bore our sins in himself, and paid the penalty for our sins by His death on the cross, if you love Him and trust in His sacrifice for you, you can have complete assurance of God's pardon on the Day of Judgment.

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