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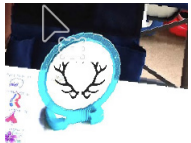


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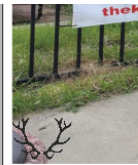
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Here is the progress on our Pool House Project. As of today, the building is completely torn down. The footings are being dug up in pieces - 4 foot deep and 36 inches wide in some spots ! Once the demo crew is done, next comes concrete of the new building. We hope to stay ahead of schedule so we can hopefully get the building up and open before July 1, but the company building it is allowed til July 1st, 2024. We do have Good news, We have reached \$250,000 in donations/grants! The project total accepted by bid was \$331,000. Thank you to everyone for your donations, this amenity means so much to the past, present and future of Elk Horn and wouldn't be possible without your support!



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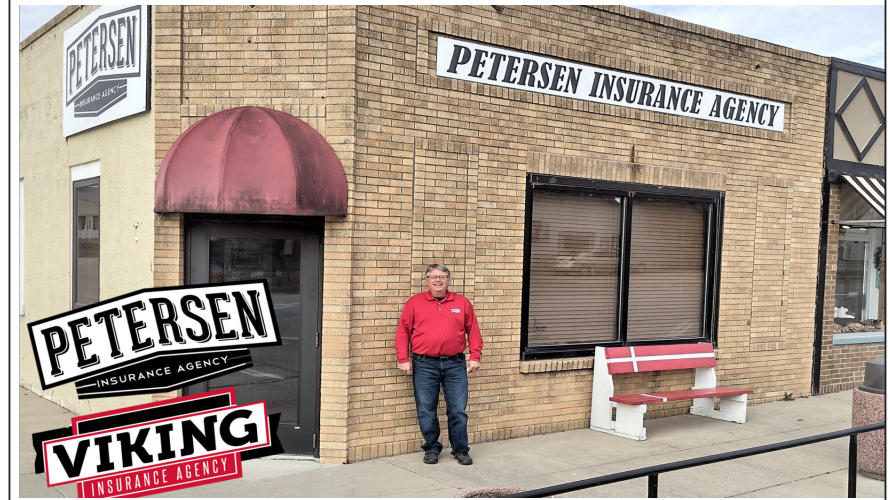
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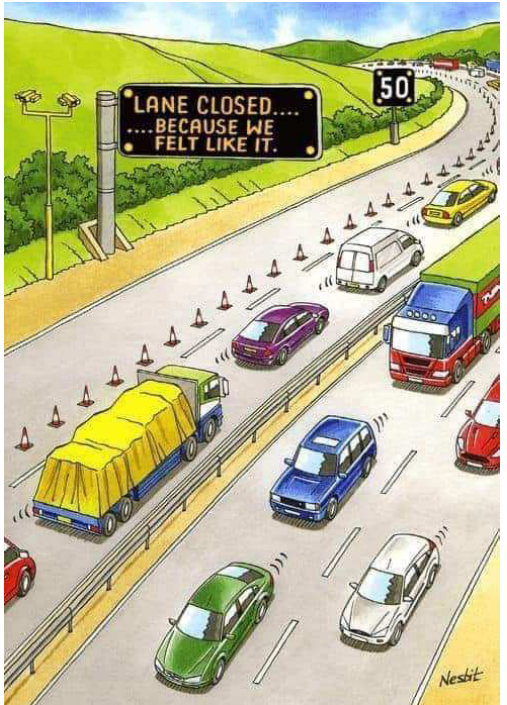


Mickey Bolitar, 15, tries to figure out why his new girlfriend, Ashley Kent, stopped coming to school and has seemingly vanished. Mickey turns to a couple of fellow students for help. All the while, Mickey deals with having to live under the same roof as his estranged uncle, Myron, while his mother is checked into rehab for a drug addiction. Also, a strange neighbor woman who lives in an eerie mansion tells Mickey that his father is alive, even though Mickey saw him die in a car accident more than a year ago.

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News From The Mill



We have some big news to share this week. Last week a millwright from Denmark, Erik Batenburg, visited Elk Horn to conduct a full inspection of our windmill. We had a great time hosting Erik here and showing him both the windmill and the town. While September has been another busy month with quite a bit going on, we want to use this opportunity to introduce you all to Erik and our future plans with him.

Erik isn't actually Danish. He was born and raised in Schiedam, an urban borough of Rotterdam in the Netherlands. Schiedam is famous for having the tallest windmills in the world that were once dominant in the genever industry. Of the 200 or so windmills that once dotted the city, 7 remain. The tallest easily clear over 100 feet tall. Most are still fairly old as well, having been built between 1770 and 1803.

Erik's father worked on these windmills all his life, and raised both Erik and his twin brother, Bas, to be excellent millwrights themselves. When the boys turned fourteen, their father gave them each a key to a windmill and told them to play with them. Both boys had been learning about windmills since their early days, building their own models out of Legos before going to work with their father to watch him operate. As a result, Erik and Bas both are accomplished millwrights today. Bas now runs his retired father's company in the Netherlands, while Erik works with Møllebygger Petersen in Denmark.

But Erik's career wasn't so straightforward. He spent the first years of his adult life building replica schooners and other wooden ships based on 17th- and 18th-century Dutch models. It was during this time that he learned how to work with wood and historical woodworking techniques that are invaluable to millwrights today. He and his brother still race these ships in contests off the coast of Amsterdam on a regular basis.

Erik and his wife moved to Denmark nine years ago. After vacationing there for many years, it was his wife's idea to move there permanently and escape the crowded city life. The two live on a farm with their daughter in Løgum Kloster, a small hamlet outside of Tønder in southern Jutland. After spending some time as a dairy farmer, Erik met Morten Anker Petersen, eventually accepting Morten's offer to come work for him at Møllebygger Petersen. The two make quite the team with Morten handling the business operations while Erik oversees the "hands-on" work.

Møllebygger Petersen, as a construction company, has been in Morten's family for six generations. When Morten learned of the company's previous history in rebuilding windmills in the 1920s and 30s, he decided to return to the industry. His passion for windmills and historic buildings is second only to Erik's. Over the last five years, they've restored countless windmills and watermills in Denmark to good working condition. However, as we are aware here in Elk Horn, restoration is only the first step. What Morten and Erik came to realize after restoring these mills, was just how

infrequently they would be used and run. This is especially detrimental since maintaining a windmill, like any sort of machine, is typically best accomplished through regular use and maintenance. As a result, the company is expanding its focus onto education. Today, the groundwork is being laid for an institute, to be run by Morten and Erik, that will teach new generations of Danish millwrights how to build, operate, and care for historic mills.

It's this line of work that makes partnering with Møllebygger Petersen so special. They aren't just an ordinary company or even specialists. They care immensely about the longevity of their work and the mills they help restore may continue to self-sustain themselves. Today, it is more likely for a Dane to see our windmill operating than a windmill in Denmark, and that is what they hope to change. We're thrilled to be part of this historic transition, and firmly believe that Erik's recent visit with us will be foundational to one of our own.

Erik spent three days inspecting and working on our windmill last week. The inspection began in the cap on Tuesday where Erik immediately noticed misalignment in the brake wheel, a potentially hazardous situation, which he immediately addressed. The rolling thunderstorm made for some interesting weather, and Shaun and Erik spent the day working through the cap of the windmill, making sure all bolts were tightened and that everything was in good working order. Some serious issues were noted, and these will be addressed in more detail in the near future.

On Wednesday, the inspection of the cap was finished. Erik then took some time to climb outside and inspect the fantail. Some issues were noted and will be addressed soon, but overall everything was considered to be in good shape and he made some helpful suggestions for further preserving the massive oak beams that hold everything together. Once completed, we moved down to the second floor to check the shutter mechanism and the wings. As it turns out, the wings that were replaced in 2018, were severely imbalanced which affects the windmill's ability to turn in the wind. Mike Mortensen of Mike's Welding in Kimballton lent some industrial clamps for us to attach weight to the beams and figure out how much would have to be added later on. One beam required 29.5 lbs, the other only about 6.5. The difference with the weighted beams was immediately noticeable as the sails began to turn with just a low breeze of 5 mph gusts. We've since returned the clamps to Mike with plans to add permanent weights to the sails soon.

The rest of Erik's time on Wednesday and Thursday were focused on the stones. More will be said on this in the future, but for now we can happily announce that their condition was better than expected and we will be able to get at least 5-7 years out of them before a new set is required. Erik did some work to get them properly balanced, and the make-shift lever our builders put in was modified to be more accurate and functional. Every nook and cranny got new grease and the pieces went back together nicely. And when it seemed like the wind for the day had gone, the gusts picked back up just in time for Erik to test out the stones and see how they performed. We ran the stones through a full bushel of rye the rest of the afternoon. With more time, Erik probably would have found the proper settings to get the flour to his liking, but the results were still more than

YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

Holiness! Just what is holiness, anyway? God says, “Be holy because I am holy” (1 Peter 1:15-16) and so perhaps, the best way to see this holiness is to consider who God is.

Sometimes, as I visit with people who are interested in the things of scripture and the ways of God, I get the sense that a grasp of the nature of God and of scripture is quite underplayed in their thinking. What I mean by this is, they do not have an appreciation of the magnitude of a God who has no limits!

I am reminded of a book I read many years ago entitled “Your God is too Small”. I believe it was written by J. W. Philips sometime in the previous century. The gist of the book was that we humans will often consider our God to be just as we are – and that is a monumental mistake. Entertaining the idea that God is some elderly and kindly grandfatherly type is just wrong; considering Him to be some kind of genius engineer or scientist is quite plainly blasphemy.

God, through the psalmist Asaph, says this about such thoughts, “You thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.” (Psalm 50:21)

Thoughts like this are what got Job in trouble with God. Toward the end of this extraordinary book, the LORD God confronts Job with some 70 questions to which Job has no answer. A small sample of these questions should cause us to realize how small we are in God’s sight: God says, “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundations? Who watched over the birth of the sea? Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? What is the way to the abode of the light? Can you bind the beautiful Pleiades? Or can you loose the cords of Orion? Who endowed the heart with wisdom or gave understanding to the mind?” (Job 38:4-36)

Job indeed had no answer and neither do we. God’s questions go on for several chapters, letting Job and us know how small we are in the universe and how simple we are in all of our actions. We can be foolish, sometimes, in our assessment of our Holy, mighty God!

Holiness in its fundamental Hebrew definition means, ‘to be set apart’ and yet it has a very strong religious connotation. God Himself is at the forefront of its application. Let us look at an example from the book of Exodus 15:11, “But who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you – Majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?” Another example is found in Isaiah 57:15, “For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.’”

The bible is truly filled with references and examples of the Holiness of God. The only true act that we humans might consider as we think about this Holiness is to prostrate ourselves before Him with our face bowed down and naught but praise upon our lips!!

Bill Rollins 9-21-23

ITS ONLY SCIENCE

One of the reasons that some people just do not trust science is because of an old maxim. The one that states, “figures don’t lie, but liars figure!” So many times, a fact is presented, but not other information about that fact. And many articles never tell you who is behind the article being created. And often that could have alerted you to look a little deeper.

A good example is all the articles trying to convince everyone that electric vehicles are either bad for the environment, or simply won’t work for some reason. I will tell you straight up the electric vehicles are not the perfect solution to reduce carbon pollution. But they are the best solution that we have right now.

I have read articles that we simply do not have the electrical resources to re-charge all the EVs. Yet if you are an electric power company, our local power company will actually pay you to take some of their wind energy in the early morning hours. This is because they can only get a federal payment for that energy if it is used. If we are re-charging our EVs at that time, we are solving a problem for them.

Another article attempts to tell us that there isn’t enough raw materials for all of the battery packs. Yet many different companies are developing ways to re-cycle those materials. And battery packs already made from re-cycled materials are proving to be just as good, and sometimes better than the ones made with “virgin” materials.

Another misleading article talks about sub-2.5-micron particles. Because EVs are heavier they believe that the tires will wear quicker than those on a lighter vehicle. Tire wear creates sub-2.5-micron particles. And with EVs using regenerative braking that will cause even more of the particles to be created. But they do not mention that an internal combustion engine creates a large number of those particles. And sorry fellas, but those that believe real pickups don’t have sparkplugs, those are the worst offenders. Regenerative braking will not cause more particles than regular brakes, but they will not cause heavy metal particles that disc or drum brakes create.

And I saw another article about all the pollution caused by the manufacture of the battery packs. Yet studies that have already been done state that it is minimal and actually improving as the manufacturers find better ways to build them.

My advice, check who would have a reason to promote just part of the truth. Once you know that, the bias becomes obvious.

Bob Mortenson 9-25-2023.

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

— Mark Twain

Last week we had the pleasure of hosting Erik Batenburg, millwright of Mollebyggerpetersen in Denmark. Erik was here to provide a full inspection of our windmill including the state of our millstones, and we got to spend 3 days with him learning about our windmill.

More news will be broken on this inspection soon, but for now we can happily say that we are in a good position to begin grinding regularly and hosting public programs for people to see just how windmills work.

We want to thank Erik and Morten Anker Petersen for taking the time to come see our windmill and we look forward to working with them in the future on how we can best improve its functionality while also working to restore its authentic Danish qualities inside and out. Lastly, as always, thank you to all of the local people that made this visit both possible and productive.

We'll have plenty of exciting updates on Erik's visit and what it means soon, so be sure to follow along. And if you really want to get involved, become a member today to receive the upcoming issue of our newsletter, *The Breeze*. If you have questions about any of the images posted and what processes they capture, leave a question in the comments and we'll happily answer them as soon as we can. Thank you for following along and stay tuned for more!



Scratches From The Rusty Quill By Wava Petersen



Books: A gift of wings! Formal education for my brother and myself began in the spring of 1938. It would be Ruby Potts' (the late Tom Potts' aunt) last year teaching at Clay #2 country school southwest of Elk Horn before her move to Canada. She apparently sensed the need for some taming of the two little Peterson savages before turning them loose on a young, inexperienced teacher. I don't remember much about Miss Potts but I do know I owe her a debt of gratitude. In that short six-week period she taught me how to read.

The ability to read introduced me to the wonderful world of books. To me the four-foot long, three shelf library of Clay #2 was an adventure of major proportions just waiting to be lived. I devoured those shelf #1 volumes as avidly as my increasing reading abilities would allow. Books!! It was as if Pandora's box had come ajar, not spewing out all the evils of the universe, but a whole new wonderful world to explore. Truly I had been given wings.

As my reading skills were honed, I read everything I could get my hands on. The depression was still taking its toll on people's lives and therefore our home library was quite limited. Several publications by our denomination, a few farm magazines and the Elk Horn paper provided most of our reading materials. The Des Moines Register was a daily staple in our mailbox. Dale and I spread out the comics section on the floor every night to keep up with our daily "funnies." Among my favorites were Dagwood and Blondie Bumstead. The Blondie comic strip first appeared in 1930 and the couple married in 1932. Their first child, a son, was named Alexander. When I began reading, they were still calling him Baby Dumpling. Suddenly a baby girl appeared in the family. It was the era when kids were told that the stork brought babies and I don't recall Blondie gaining an ounce before the new baby arrived, not that I would have noticed. There was a contest for readers to send in suggested names for the new baby and perhaps a bit of fanfare when the name Cookie was chosen. We had very few books. I devoured my mother's State Board Nursing Exam book, becoming well-versed in the medical terms and procedures of the day, not that I comprehended much of what it meant.

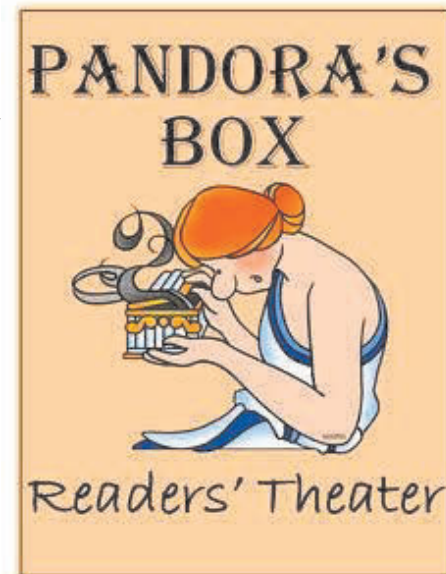
My mother had purchased an exciting volume, *That Book in the Attic* by Helen K. Oswald that detailed the author's conversion to a different faith and ostracism by her family. From cover to cover I read and re-read this fascinating book. One of the highlights of my childhood was meeting Ms. Oswald in person at a tent meeting held in the Iowa Great Lakes region where my mother's family lived. After the service, Mama took me by the hand and led me down the center aisle to where the author was standing, introduced us and told Ms. Oswald how much I enjoyed her book. Then, wonder of wonders, this gracious lady reached down and shook my small hand. I was speechless with awe. It was almost overwhelming to meet face to face with a real, live author.

When I was in 3rd grade we moved across the section to my present

home and transferred to Clay #5 school. I was ready for shelf #2 where I discovered my very favorite childhood book *Beautiful Joe*, the story of a mongrel dog abused by a cruel master. The editions available now are washed down, softened up condensed versions. The book I got from Shelf #2 was the original unabridged version in all its gory. When he was eventually taken in by a sympathetic family, body mutilations had left him so ugly that he was given the name *Beautiful Joe* by the kind and lovely Laura. Joe (and I) worshipped Laura from that day hence. The story, most likely based on a true episode was told in 1st dog by *Beautiful Joe* and I was spellbound each time I read it.

My favorite reading spot in our new home was behind the door between the kitchen and dining room. There I could keep track of the comings and goings of family and still be hidden away in my own little sanctuary.

Books, magazines and newspapers have been my special friends throughout my many years, always there to help me brush the dust of everyday life from my brow and ease me over the "stubbed toe and bruised ego" times of my life. They share their treasures with me through the good times and bad. From arousing a hearty belly laugh to sending a wellspring of tears cascading down my cheeks, they evoke the wide range of my emotions. Books have given me endless adventure. I may have lived a sheltered life, seldom travelling far beyond the confines of the local community, but the places I've been and the experiences I've lived vicariously through the minds of others will, for me, suffice.



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

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satisfactory for our purposes. They now sit balanced and hungry for regular use, which we hope to carry on soon.

Other notes and suggestions were taken as Erik laid out his ideas on how to improve the mill's operation and aesthetic qualities. More importantly though, he was pleasantly surprised with the solid state of the mill general and even more stunned by just how well it had been built by our volunteers in 1976. He returned to Denmark on Friday confident that the mill is in good condition and safe to use, which we will continue to do as we work with Erik and Morten to develop a plan for improvements over the next several years.

Some of these ideas were discussed Thursday night at the Town Hall when we hosted a small, informal gathering for townspeople to meet Erik and learn about his background. We want to thank everyone that came out to meet Erik and ask questions about his thoughts on the mill and what our plans are. Erik and Morten will now begin preparing a full report based on his observations, which we will receive in the coming weeks. This report will be the basis for our strategic plan for the windmill as we map out necessary or desired upgrades and improvements for the next several years, culminating with the acquisition of a new set of stones several years from now. We will be hitting the ground with a comprehensive fundraising campaign as soon as possible.

We are thankful that Erik was able to spend some time with us and are confident his visit will be a massive turning point for our organization as look towards the future of the windmill. We also want to thank a number of local people that made his visit run smoothly while he was here including Mike & Lisa Riggs for offering Erik a place to stay and copious amounts of food, Mike & Lou Howard for treating Erik to a fun evening of Mexican food, and our staff here at the windmill for keeping the shop open so Shaun could shadow Erik and learn from him through the whole process.

There is more that can be said, and will be in due time, but for now we hope this short update reinvigorates local passion for the mill and what it means for all of us to have it working again. Further updates will be provided in our upcoming issue of *The Breeze*. There are some big steps forward coming our way, and we want you all here for it.

Shaun Sayres
Manager, Danish Windmill



JUST THINKING

I wrote about the Friend's Walk to the Museum and how nice an experience it provided. But it is much like traveling through a state on the interstate. It gives you a glimpse of what there is to see and learn. But the mowed pathways are like the back road and byways in a state. You can actually immerse yourself into the experience.

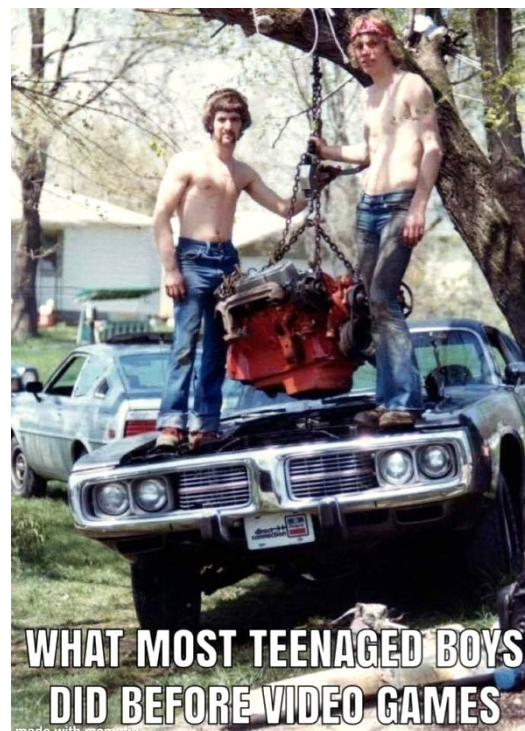
With every 100 yards off the paved path, you seem to travel about 100 years back in time. And soon it isn't hard to imagine what Iowa was like several hundred years ago. With a sharp eye you can spot where the creatures of the field have bedded down by flattened hollows in the prairie grasses. And enjoy the varied scents of the different flowers and foliage as you walk along.

Soon you can imagine what it must have been like for the Mormon pioneers as they headed West. With their handcarts loaded with their worldly possessions the prairie grass must have seemed to be an endless sea confronting them. How did they manage to just keep on in those conditions? It was because they were seeking a place to practice their religious beliefs without interference from other religions. It is a shame that they had to make this trek in order to find a place like our Country's forefathers had wanted. Where the separation of church and state was complete. Where laws could not be passed by one religion to restrict another religion.

In the United States today, that is too often exactly what some Legislators wish to do. To control other religions with different beliefs by passing laws. And a super majority of the citizens do not approve of such actions. Perhaps we need to think of the ballot box as our handcart. We can use it to create that place where church and state are once more fully separate.

For it does not matter by which name we refer to our deity. It does matter if we are using our beliefs to make this a better place. We should forget about which letter appears after a candidate's name. But be concerned about what they seek to accomplish. If they wish to remove programs to help the needy in order to give more to those with more than enough, is that really what we desire in a candidate? We should worry less about what they say they are against and be more concerned with what they wish to do.

Bob Mortenson 9-24-2023.



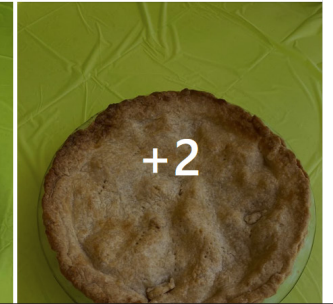
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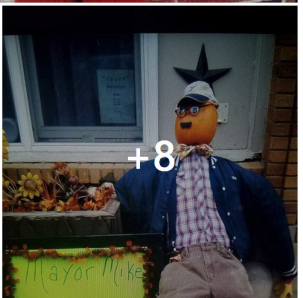
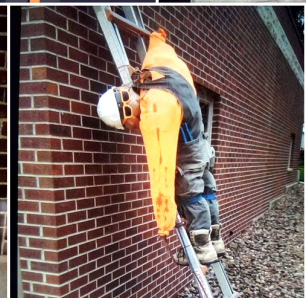
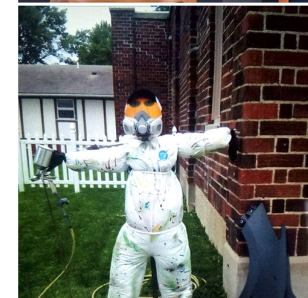
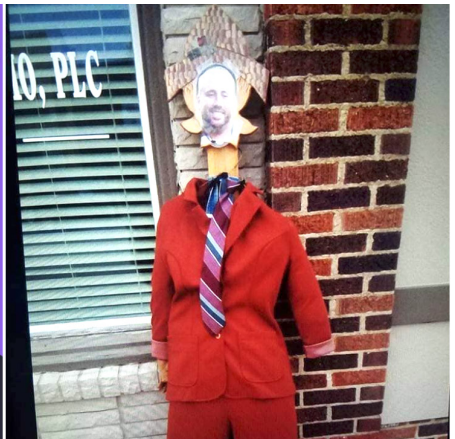
****Calling All Bakers**** Enter your favorite homemade pie in our Annual Pie Baking Contest at the Fall Festival for a chance to win prizes from Doe A Deer and gift cards to local businesses here in town! Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded. Check out some of our previous years entries!



Contest will be held in the Exira Public Library meeting room. Drop off your pie at the library by 9:30 am. Winners will be announced at 12pm. Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place can be picked up at the Event Center!



****Businesses of Exira**** Be sure to participate in our Scarecrow Contest to win gift cards to treat your fellow employees to lunch at Mi Taquito Tex Mex Restaurant! Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded! Check out some of the past years entries!



Exira's Fall Festival Show & Shine Car Show

Saturday, September 30th, 2023
 10am - 3pm

- North side of the City Park.
- No registration fee.
- Participants can enter a chance to win a car accessory gift basket!



MIKE GETTLER

(A special thank you to the staff at Salem Lutheran Home for the respect and honor they show the veterans who live there. Mike Gettler is the youngest of the seven veterans who currently call Salem their home.)

Mike Gettler was eager to get started in the Marines. At 17, his dad had to sign a waiver for him to enlist. His father had served in the Army in Vietnam as a tank driver. Although most service men flew over to Vietnam, Mike's dad had gone by Navy ship. The sailing experience had been very positive. He encouraged Mike to go Navy, not Marines. However, Mike's heart was set on the Marines.

During Mike's growing up years, his family lived in Adair, Iowa, which was west of the Mississippi River. Therefore, as a young high school student who signed up for the Marines it meant he would go for Basic Training to San Diego, California. If Mike had lived east of the Mississippi River, he would have been sent to Parris Island, South Carolina for training. Either location was guaranteed to toughen up a recruit. During the years 1992-96 while Mike was on active duty there were many locations both east and west of the big river where Marines could "show their stuff."

Although the Marine Corps is considered an independent branch of the U. S. Armed Forces, if a person looks at the fine print it is regarded as part of the Navy (an act of Congress that goes back to 1834). It is the Marines (not the sailors) on board Navy ships who do guard duty. Because Mike had been trained in infantry, he was hopeful that he would pull assignments as a guard aboard ships. It appeared that was exactly what would happen. As luck would have it, he pulled orders to guard the USS Constellation. With orders in hand and an active imagination thinking of places the ship would sail, imagine his surprise when word came down the line at the last minute that instead of sailing, the USS Constellation was being decommissioned.

Much of Mike's service time was spent in the southern states. He laughingly claims that a guy can't be stationed in Charleston, South Carolina and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and not pick up that great sounding southern accent that girls, for some reason, seem to be attracted to.

Mike spent many months guarding various areas where very high security was needed. One of his assignments was to guard an area where nuclear energy, used to fuel submarines, was stored. The com-

pound was enclosed with five watch towers. Three vehicles constantly drove the perimeters to help ensure safety. They were always on the alert for foreign terrorists, for domestic thieves, and for environmental activists.



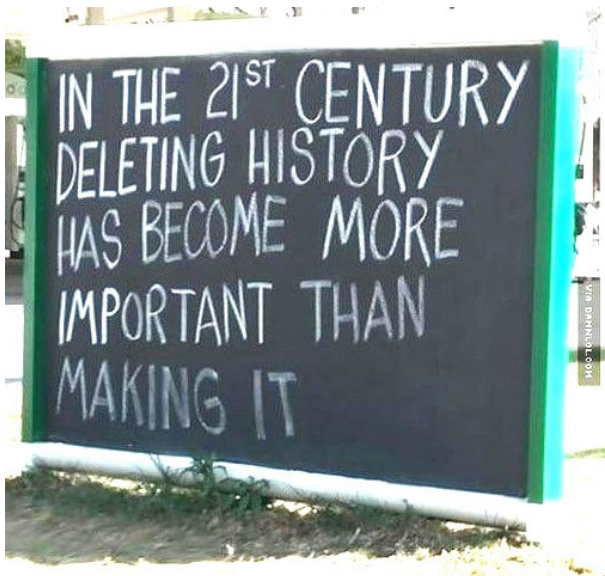
Mike spent about a month as a guard at Guantanamo Bay. His time there was before 9/11 so the prison was very different at that time. Many Cubans were risking their lives in unsafe boats in an effort to escape Cuba and get to Florida. A more enjoyable guarding assignment was his 6-month assignment in Okinawa. While there, he was deployed to Mount Fuji (Japan's highest mountain) for cold weather training.

When asked if he would serve again, there was absolutely no hesitation to his "I certainly would." Although he felt it a privilege to serve his country, he remarked how tight the brotherhood of Marines becomes when you serve together. The big picture is honoring our country and the up-close- and-tight picture is being there for your Marine brothers. Semper Paratus – for Mike it's a way of life.

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<p>Participate in our Halloween Seek and Find in local businesses!</p>				<h2>October 2023</h2>		<p>Stop in to see our Halloween Decorations starting October 2nd!</p>	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 After School Adventures 3:45-4:30 4 Year olds – 2 nd grade	3 Day Care Reading Program 10-11	4 Wild Wednesday-Agriculture Grade 3 and up	5 Beyond the Book Club 6:30 at the Library 'We Have Always Lived in the Castle'	6 	7 Teen Book Club 9:30 -11am at the library 'Shelter'	
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I want one !!

This morning in Elk Horn the Museum of Danish America hosted a tour for the Gamarai group. 26 Model A cars came through town. The club is traveling 500 miles in 5 days!



I MISS BEING ABLE TO SLAM MY PHONE DOWN WHEN I HANG UP ON SOMEBODY!



VIOLENTLY PRESSING 'END CALL' JUST DOESN'T DO IT FOR ME.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

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, 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



The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session Wednesday, September 6th, 2023, at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Hansen, Councilmen Teegerstrom, Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Hogberg, and K. Petersen. The guests in attendance were Clint Fichter, Clerk Chelsee Jacobsen, Jerry Evans, Jeff Nelson, Adam McCall, Austin Sonntag, Troy Petersen, Brandon Bagget, Neta Sander, Nikki Bricker, Paulette Madson, and Cindy Pigeon.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom approved the agenda as presented. Ayes 5, motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve August 7th, 2023, meeting minutes – to amend adding Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve Lucky Wife Wine Slushies liquor license. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve adding dental insurance to Adam McCall and his spouse for \$935.76 a year (Dental Plan 4). Ayes 5, motion carried.

Pool House: Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve resolution 9-5.2023 – Award of Contract to CJ’s Excavation LLC bid for demo on the pool house at \$7,500.00. Ayes 5, motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve resolution 9-4.2023 – Award of Contract to Precision Concrete Services, INC bid for concrete work of the new pool house at \$100,000.00. Ayes 5, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve resolution 9-2.2023 – Award of Contract to Viking Construction Inc bid for construction of the pool house building at \$223,500.00. Ayes 5, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve resolution 9-3.2023 – plans, specifications, and form of contract for the new pool house. Ayes 5, motion carried. The total amount to rebuild the pool house is \$331,000.00.

2023 Park Street Improvements: Final plans and specifications were presented for the Park Street improvements. Fredericksen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve resolution 9-6.2023 – authorizing the bid letting for September 28th, and setting a public hearing for October 2nd, 2023. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen, to Open the public meeting for USDA Wastewater System. No public comments received, K. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to close the public hearing. Ayes 5: Motion Carried. K. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to apply for USDA Funds for Wastewater repairs and improvements (Resolution 9-7.2023). Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve resolution 9-1.2023 - adding Atlantic News Telegraph as a legal newspaper for publishing. All meeting information and public hearings will be submitted to Atlantic News Telegraph at this time. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve the 2022-2023 Street finance report. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Hotel Update: The court hearing was August 24th, the city was awarded title of the property. The council stated we need to get water to the property as soon as possible once court orders have been finalized.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve being a Platinum sponsor of \$230.00 for the 2023-2024 yearbook for E-EHK. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Tree/Sidewalk Update: Sidewalk Letters have been sent with a completion date of June 2024. Residential Tree notices have been addressed to homeowners to be taken down.

Water: Wells are doing fine. All water samples are being recorded and MOR/DMR are completed for the month.

Pool/Park: Brandon Bagget provided the year end financial update. The pool board discussed needing to update lifeguard chairs to be mobile chairs and addressed the condition of the slides and to possibly replace them. The pool board would like to create a pool policy, form a chain of command, and see what other cities pool boards have for ordinances. Brandon presented a letter from a pool staff member regarding actions by the Mayor.

Fire/Rescue: Adam stated 0 Fire Calls for August and Rescue answered 9/13 calls for August.

Library: Paulette Madson, Library Director, presented a preliminary 28E Agreement with the City of Kimballton for Library Services. Clint and Paulette will work on getting the agreement finalized. Paulette will address Kimballton Council Members.

Council: Fence Ordinance – Tabled till next meeting. Clint will send out a nuisance abatement notice to 4101 Madison Street for weeds and excessive grass growth, removal of rubbish, integrity of garage structure and abandoned/junk vehicles. Clint will follow up with the nuisance abatement for 4116 Madison Street.

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

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the timesheets for August 2023. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the financial report as presented.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by K. Petersen to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. Ayes 5: Motion Carried.

Keli Hansen, Mayor Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk

Housing ad from 1955.

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HOSPICE HONORS ELITE



Myrtue Medical Center Hospice Department is Named as Prestigious 2023 Hospice CAHPS Honors Elite Recipient

Myrtue Medical Center’s Hospice Department has been named a 2023 Hospice CAHPS Honors Elite Award recipient by HEALTHCAREfirst, a leading provider of revenue cycle management services, CAHPS and bereavement surveys, and advanced analytics for hospice organizations. This prestigious annual review recognizes agencies that continuously provide positive patient and caregiver experiences and high-quality care. It acknowledges the highest-performing agencies by analyzing the performance of the Hospice Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey satisfaction and quality measures.

Honors Elite is a special recognition awarded to those hospices that score above the national performance score on 100%, or all twenty-four, of the evaluated questions. Myrtue is honored to receive the Honors Elite award.

“We are excited about being named a 2023 Hospice CAHPS Honors Elite Award recipient. This award is a testament to our unwavering commitment to the quality patient care we provide to our community and meeting the unique needs of those in our care,” said Dr. Brelje, Hospice Medical Director. “Receiving the Elite Honor by scoring above the national average is exceptional and recognizes our care as among the best.”

The Myrtue Medical Shelby County Hospice Department has a tradition of providing compassionate, high-quality care to our community. The Hospice Department performed over 5,800 visits, including various services such as nursing, physical therapy, social worker, and home care aide.

In October, SPARK! will be held on October 3 at 10 am. October’s theme is “Tailgate and Celebrate.” SPARK! attendees will partake in tailgating food, drink, conversation as well as make a gnome craft. SPARK! is cultural programming designed for people in the early to mid-stages of memory loss to attend with their family or care partners. **SPARK! is held on the first Tuesday of every month from 10 to 11:30.**

To register or find out more about the museum’s SPARK! program, call 712.764.7001 or email alissa.lacanne@danishmuseum.org. This program is sponsored by the Shelby County Health Foundation and the Shelby County Community Chest.




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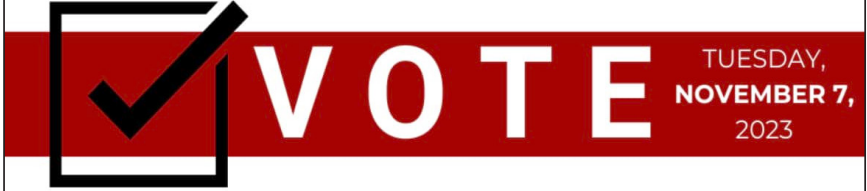
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- Wednesday, September 27th | Shelby Community Center
- Thursday, September 28th | Elk Horn Town Hall
- Tuesday, October 3rd | Defiance Parish Center
- Thursday, October 5th | Harlan Therkindsen Center



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Bread:	25 cents

Looters have it easy today. It was a lot harder to run with a Color TV in 1968.



ISMS

- SOCIALISM:** You have two cows. Give one cow to your neighbor.
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- NAZISM:** You have two cows. The government shoots you and takes both cows.
- ANARCHISM:** You have two cows. You keep both cows, shoot the government agent and steal another cow.
- CAPITALISM:** You have two cows. You sell one cow and buy a bull.

Athletic Trainer Andy Niemann Named a Hospital Hero For Immediate Release

Atlantic, IA— Andy Niemann, MS, LAT, ATC was selected as one of the Iowa Hospital Association's Hospital Heroes for demonstrating exceptional commitment to care and service. He is one of 10 employees of Iowa hospitals to receive the 2023 recognition and will be formally recognized in October in Des Moines.

Niemann was nominated for a multitude of reasons, one of which is his role in protecting athletes during competition. During emergencies, we often think of doctors, nurses, and paramedics answering the call and rushing in to help. Often overlooked, athletic trainers are right there on the front lines of protecting athletes on and off the field. Niemann is no exception — his quick reflexes, extensive training and skill, and leadership abilities were all put on display during a particularly scary moment on the football field — the kind of moment every parent prays will never happen. Even though there were paramedics and physicians standing by, he is the expert in these situations. Andy took charge, called the shots, directed the team around him, and ensured the player was safely cared for, transferred, and monitored for weeks to come.

Off the field, Niemann is a valuable utility player for Cass Health. His versatile role sees him in the operating room collaborating with orthopedic surgeons, providing patient care in clinic, and managing the athletic training room at Atlantic High School.

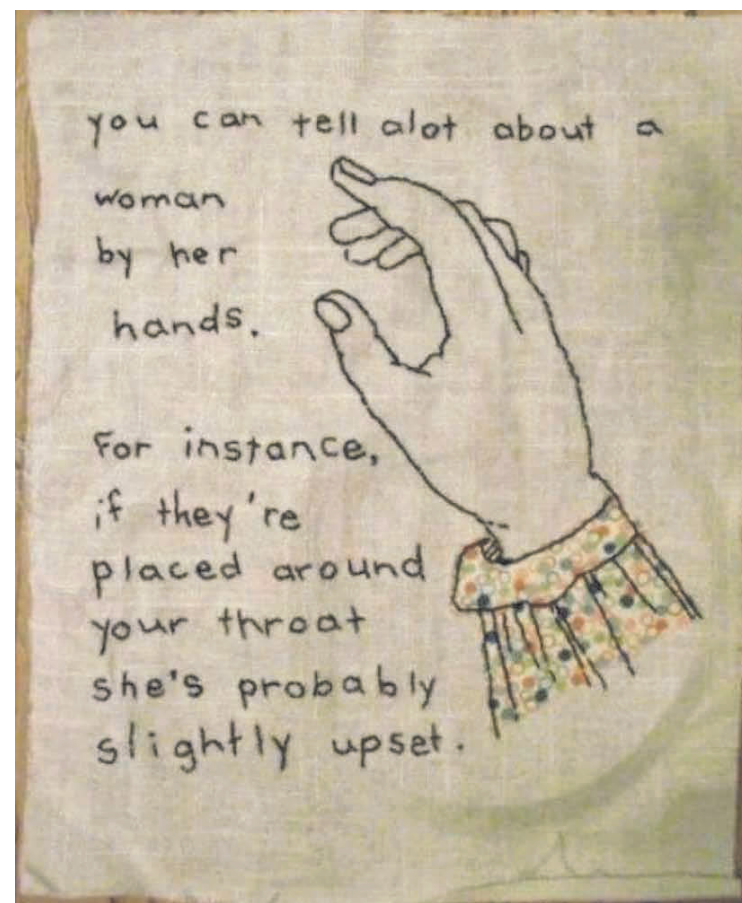
Beyond his professional duties, his passion for sports and wellness is evident. Having played football, basketball, baseball, and golf during his youth, he internalized valuable life lessons from his coach, including the motto "It's a great day to get better." A personal injury ignited his interest in sports medicine, leading him to pursue a career that blends health care and sports.

Niemann's impact extends beyond the hospital as he engages in community service. He spends quality time with his family, participating in outdoor activities, and contributes to his church and local youth sports organizations. His focus is on imparting fundamental skills and fostering a love for sports among children and coaches.

Since 2007, the Hospital Heroes program has celebrated employees who have acted courageously in a moment's crisis or who have selflessly served their hospitals and communities throughout their careers. Hospital Heroes are nominated by their peers – more than 30 nominations were submitted this year – and award recipients are selected by other state hospital associations.

The Iowa Hospital Association is a voluntary membership organization representing hospital and health system interests to business, government, and consumer audiences. 117 community hospitals are association members.

Coaches from Atlantic High School came to help present the IHA Hospital Hero Award to Andy Niemann. Left to right: Lee Saathoff, Joe Brummer, Kat Niemann, Andy Niemann, Dan Vargason, and Matt Mullenix.



It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's a monarch butterfly at the Museum of Danish America's Brown Bag Lunch! This month we had the pleasure of listening to Brad Rasmussen discuss monarch butterflies, their migration practices, and how to facilitate a better environment for them. Following his presentation, staff and attendees ventured outside to tag monarchs and participate in the Monarch Watch Tagging Program, a large-scale community science project used to better understand the dynamics of the monarch's fall migration through mark and recapture! Needless to say, everyone had a great time swinging nets and walking through the prairie. We would like to thank Brad for his very knowledgeable and animated presentation and all those in attendance!



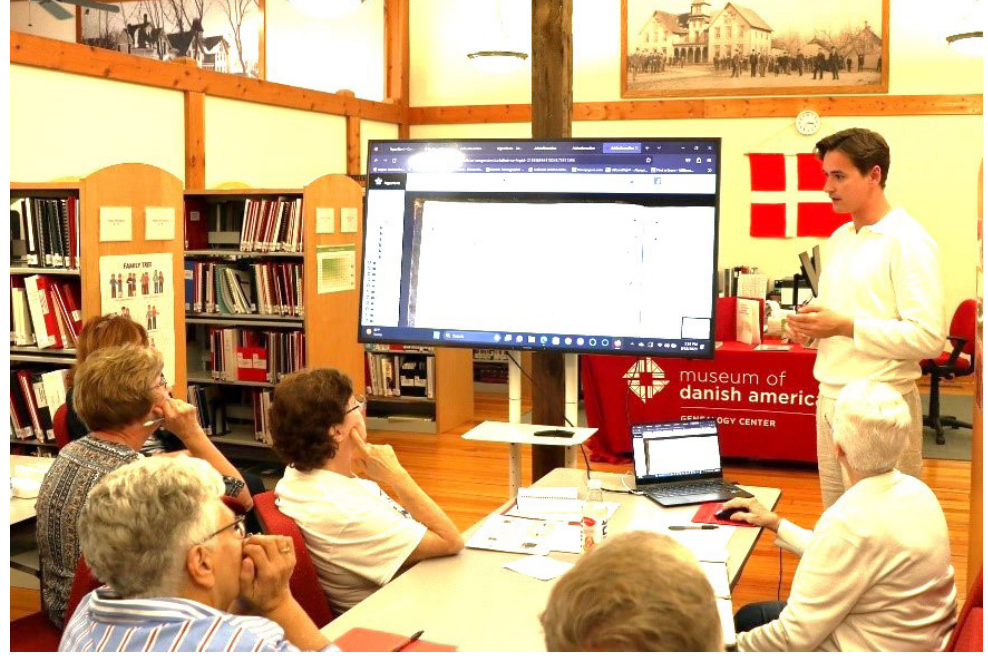
A BEAUTIFUL day for Model A's!

The Museum of Danish America had the pleasure of being a pit stop for Gamarai 2023! Gamarai is the Great Annual Model A Ride Around Iowa and is celebrating its 26th year. Seeing these wonderfully restored cars and listening to the horns' "ahooga" makes us more than a little sentimental. Gamarai's visit also gave us the perfect excuse to bring the museum's own Model A out of storage for the day!



Genealogy Workshop Series

During the month of September, attendees were able to learn more about the Genealogy & Education Center's resources and the services offered, share stories about where their own genealogy research has taken them, learn about the many online databases to assist in your research and how to access and utilize them. Marius, our Scan Design Foundation intern, also spoke to the group about the translation services we offer. This three-part series is made possible with funding from the J. Brent Norlem Memorial Fund. If you missed the series, do stop into the Center, and we'd be happy to show you the resources and services available!

***An Evening at Joslyn Castle***

Museum members and friends gathered at Joslyn Castle in Omaha, Nebraska to celebrate the museum's 40th anniversary, and what a celebration it was! If only we could spend every night of the week in such great company!

With beautiful music from Harpist Omaha resonating throughout the stately castle, guests enjoyed an array of beverages, scrumptious hors d'oeuvres from Main Street Market, a screening of *Dwight in Denmark*, a Jens Jensen banner exhibition, and one another's company. For those who attended, we hope you loved the event as much as we did! Our 40th anniversary is a cause for celebration, and we wholeheartedly thank you for supporting the museum and attending our many events across the country. Our final event is in Yorba Linda on October 1!



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A few more pictures from the 9-11 event

A Helicopter landing in the Park ???!



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(and skills) at the 9-11 event

