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October 26, 2023

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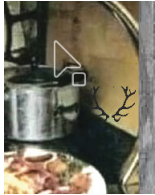
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The mystery of:  
"The Hiding Elk Horns"  
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Come see the town's newly acquired hotel,  
shown by Mayor Keli Hansen.  
Open house to the Public, Sunday October  
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Now that we own it, let's have fun deciding what the town should do with  
it at the open house. The crazier the better ...

- 1) Turn it into rescue center for displaced horses. Each horse can-  
have its own room with a toilet and running water..
- 2) Turn it into a Halloween Haunt
- 3) A shopping Mall
- 4) ....



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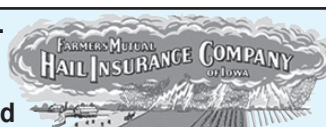


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**NEW**



**SALE PENDING**

**115 N Main St. Kimballton, IA**

This is a turnkey, clean property that is very efficient and affordable. Don't miss out on this two bedroom, one bath home all on one level with all appliances included. It is located next to Kimballton's gazebo in a park like setting. You'll enjoy low maintenance, a shed in the back for storage, and a payment that's affordable. Seller has done many updates including all new paint, roof, new electrical panel, new kitchen flooring, and insulation. This is a great investment or affordable option compared to renting.

Contact Kathi Kilworth at 712-249-5233.

**NEW**



**SALE PENDING**

**614 Hwy 173, Elk Horn, IA**

Here is a handyman's dream! Country living with almost 2 acres on the edge of town on a hard surfaced road makes this property very appealing. You'll have room for hobbies, gardens, animals, or just look at the countryside while sitting on the deck. The house has 3 bedrooms, a large eat-in kitchen, Main floor laundry, 1 full bath, and the upstairs bath has the plumbing in place. Come take a tour today! Property is being sold in As Is Condition.

Contact Kathi Kilworth at 712-249-5233.

**HOMES:  
 ACREAGES:**

- 42246 265th St., Exira ..... **NEW \$125,000**
- 2133 Hwy 44, Harlan ..... **NEW \$175,000**
- 1478 200th St, Audubon .... **PRICE REDUCED \$189,000**

**EXIRA:**

- 402 E. Main ..... **NEW \$160,000**
- 303 W Washington ..... **SALE PENDING**
- Viking Addition Lots ..... **4 LOTS REMAIN**

**ELK HORN:**

- 2123 Washington St. .... **NEW \$249,000**
- 2123 Broadway Ave. .... **PRICE REDUCED - \$799,000**

**DEXTER**

- 8439 Rosewood St., Vacant Lot ..... **\$10,000**

**ADAIR**

- 904 Guthrie St. .... **NEW \$219,000**

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**

- 2109 Broadway ..... **\$350,000/\$650,000**
- 4124 Main St. Elk Horn - ..... **SOLD**
- 4218 Main St. Elk Horn, ..... **\$29,000**

**CASS COUNTY LAND:**

- 66459 750th St., Massena ..... **SOLD**

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### Words of Wisdom from Troy:

When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old.  
 – Mark Twain

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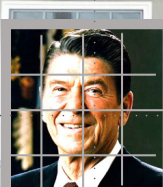


The most interesting information comes from children, for they tell all they know and then stop.  
 -Mark Twain

Pres Nixon



## Log Cabin Quilt Shop



Who is this?



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 2109 Broadway Ave, Elk Horn, IA 51531

**Hours**

- Monday 10 am - 5 pm
- Tuesday 10 am - 5 pm
- Wednesday 10 am - 5 pm
- Thursday 10 am - 5 pm
- Friday 10 am - 5 pm
- Saturday 10 am - 5 pm



## Fall Turkey Supper

Exira Christian Church

Carryout Only

Meal includes turkey, homemade dressing, potatoes and gravy, creamed peas and carrots, pasta salad, cranberry salad, rolls, and delicious pies/desserts.

Saturday, November 4th

Serving from 4:00 pm until sold out

Suggested Donation: \$20.00

There will be no call in reservations accepted this year.

Shut-ins in Exira may call 712-268-5498 by noon for delivery.

Proceeds from the supper assist with the needs of individuals and families in our community and support the ministry of the Christian Women's Fellowship.

Also For Sale: ~ Pecans, English Walnuts, Mixed Nuts ~



ELK HORN — Derek Bowman's hobby and interests take him to events from about April to October, and he packs up his gear to travel to events to share his interests with other members of his group and with the public.

Derek is a member of The Skjaldborg, or Shieldwall, a Viking period Living History Group. According to The Skjaldborg's Facebook page, the group is "comprised of individuals, other groups, and individual members of other groups. No politics, no power struggles, no hierarchy. We are freemen and women with common interests, who get together to learn from one another, share with others at public events, and explore aspects of living history, Norse culture, and Viking weapons and warfare."

Derek said his interest in Living History actually didn't start with Vikings. After laying the groundwork watching Star Wars, Robin Hood and old Disney movies like Sword in the Stone, he always wanted to do medieval style combat, and went to Sleepy Hollow Renaissance Fair where he watched the knights jousting.

He thought, "Where's the excitement," when knights charged each other, but didn't engage in sword fights on the ground.

As he went further into the fair, Derek met a man named Sam Shoults, who had visited Elk Horn with his Viking ship, the Yrsa. After talking with Shoults and taking pictures of the ship, Derek asked where he could join a group and "do Viking stuff," and Shoults directed him to a group further down in the fair.

"I met the group while they were doing a combat demonstration," Derek said, "There was a man with a spear, fighting with a man with a sword, and the swordsman cut the tip off of the spear, and it went winging out into the crowd at our feet, and the rest is history."

"That was what I wanted to do," he said, "I thought, 'here I go,' and that was where I started." He has been with the group for 17 years, but the group itself will be celebrating 30 years next year, Derek said.

The Skjaldborg visited Elk Horn on Saturday, Oct. 14, for the day, and working on the Viking Hjem, the Viking house at the Danish Windmill, and was getting prepared for their last big event coming up at the end of this week in north eastern Missouri.

"(on Oct. 14 in Elk Horn) we will be in full kit," he explained, meaning the reenactors will be dressed in the clothing of the time period.

Bethany Farm's  
**HARVEST PARTY**  
FUN FOR THE FAMILY  
28 OCTOBER, 2023  
5:00 - 9:30PM  
SOUP CONTEST, BONFIRE, HAYRIDE, HOT CHOCOLATE, S'MORES, PUMPKIN CARVING, GAMES FOR THE KIDS!

Joanne Greving's  
Come & Go Birthday Party!

Saturday 1-4pm  
October 28th

Elk Horn Town Hall



NO GIFTS!

But please bring a card with your favorite Jo memory!



**Help for Stuttering is as Close as Your Library**

Thanks to generous donors, the Stuttering Foundation has donated books and DVDs to public libraries across the country, including the Elk Horn Public Library.

Stuttering Foundation books are directed to parents of children who stutter, adults who stutter, speech pathologists, pediatricians, family physicians, nurses, health care professionals, hospitals, schools, clinics, day-care centers, and all those concerned with the problem of stuttering. The DVDs feature some of the world's leading therapists with children who stutter. Since the original publication, Foundation materials have reached millions of individuals worldwide.

More than three million Americans stutter, yet stuttering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of The Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

Sixteen books and DVDs produced by the 76-year-old non-profit Stuttering Foundation are available free to any public library. The Foundation has provided free materials to over 20,000 public libraries nationwide. A public library that will shelve them can e-mail [info@stutteringhelp.org](mailto:info@stutteringhelp.org).

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Since 1947 - Helping Those Who Stutter

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology course. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!"  
After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up.  
The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Johnny?"  
"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself".

**News From the Windmill**

We are grinding again! This past weekend, visitors crowded around the millstones, watching them grind rye grain into flour as the sails spun outside. It was fun to show everyone the full milling experience and the kids especially loved it. We hope to grind regularly in the future, but in the meantime it is nice to squeeze in a session when we can. The quality of the flour is improving, too, and should continue to get better as the stones get more use.



Traffic at the windmill hasn't slowed down just yet. Some unusually warm weather has emboldened travelers to venture out just one last time, and as a result we've been busy fielding countless visitors by the day. In fact, our impact as an official Welcome Center were recently recognized for our outstanding service to visitors and state tourism. We continue to do what we can to boost tourism in our community and the region, encouraging our visitors to shop local and stop frequently at all of the amazing things to see and do in our state. We even hosted a new school field trip this week when 17 ecology students from Mercy High School in Omaha visited Elk Horn to learn about the history of wind energy. We want to thank the Museum of Danish America for facilitating their visit and Alissa LaCanne specifically for her efforts to reach new audiences far and wide. They are paying off now, as the teacher already wants to make this trip an annual visit.

Meanwhile, our Denmark shipment arrives this week! Stop by the windmill to see everything we've brought in. We're particularly excited about two items: full cast-iron aebleskiver pans and stainless steel rul-lepølse presses. We'll be fully stocked on vimpels, glass Christmas ornaments, and more. We've also expanded our own lines of merchandise and souvenirs in the store including new burlap tote bags and stainless-steel tumblers for coffee, wine, or any drink of choice. Our wool sweaters and socks are in, and of course we still have the buy-it-for-life Duckfeet boots.

Our Fall newsletter is on its way, as is our Christmas catalog. The focus on this newsletter is Erik Batenburg's visit in September and our future plans for the windmill. As always, members will receive their own copy electronically or by mail, and it's never too late to sign up. We're also debuting a new Christmas catalog this year which should be mailed out this week. It will feature all of our signature collectible lines plus fun holiday gifts, souvenirs, cookware, and everything else to have a hyggelig Christmas.

Finally, we want to thank everyone that came out for Throwback Thor's Day last week as well as Norse Horse and the Museum of Danish America for collaborating with us to offer something new and fresh to our community. Norse Horse sold out of their Danish meals, the Genealogy Center's printing press produced special 40th anniversary prints, and the windmill's sails spun until dusk when the wind finally quieted down for the evening. It's an event we would like to have more often, and we need your support to make it happen.



GOOD NEWS!

## YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

Is holiness an attribute to be grasped, or is it a path for us to walk? In considering this, we saw in our previous article that Paul tells us “righteousness leads to holiness”. Righteousness is the attribute to be grasped, and that takes place at an individual’s repentance and baptism. Holiness is then a pathway to walk.

The pathway of holiness is shown to us in a beautiful section of the book of Isaiah. In chapter 35 of this book, God, through His servant Isaiah, lays out before us a most amazing description of our Christian walk.

Consider, for a moment, a life without the presence of God; it really might be compared to a desert wilderness. Now I am sure no one who is living a life absent from the presence of God, would think that they are a barren wasteland. And yet, is there a purpose in human existence outside of the knowledge of God? I once lived in that condition and as I look back on my “pre-faith” life I see no true purpose, it was only all about me – just a piece of flesh walking around. Jesus Himself addresses this idea in John 6:63, “The Spirit gives life; the flesh profits nothing.”

So let’s take a look at this section of Isaiah. “The wilderness and the parched land will be glad; the desert will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.” Here we find Isaiah applying human attributes to inanimate objects in a very beautiful poetic setting, and so he continues: “The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. ... For water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ... And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. ... But only the redeemed will walk there and the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.” (Is. 35:1-10)

Yes, the Way of Holiness is the path that the redeemed of God shall walk. As we said in a previous article, we must take upon ourselves the righteousness of our Savior. The blood of Jesus Christ must be understood to have covered all our sins. And so we may walk! What an awesome picture for those who are redeemed!!

I do not know who reads these articles. I do not know where your heart is as you read. I only know that if you do read them, and you find in them “the good news of the kingdom” there is a reality for you in this kingdom. This kingdom will be set up on the earth and our King, Jesus Christ will rule for a thousand years.

We who accept this reality today have the opportunity to begin the walk of holiness right now. Is God calling you into the righteousness of His Son? Does this passage in Isaiah tug at your heart? The “Good News” can be yours.

Bill Rollins 10-19-23

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

— Mark Twain

## ITS ONLY SCIENCE

While the wind turbines in Iowa produce a growing amount of electricity, there hasn’t been much talk about the importance of including solar in the mix.

At the height of the wind turbines evenings and over night is when the wind velocity is the steadiest. And of course solar power isn’t producing at that time of day. When the wind is the least reliably blowing is when the solar panels are producing the most. When you have enough of each source of power is when you can reduce, if not eliminate, fossil fuel produced energy.

I know there are those who are steadfastly against having wind turbines anywhere near to them. Funny thing about that, it is a Human thing. Livestock doesn’t seem to be uncomfortable around or even under them. But enough said about that.

Solar panels do not produce noise. They do not cast a flickering shadow across the land. They do not produce glare because they use non-reflective glass. They can be mounted high enough above the ground to allow livestock to pasture under them. Installed in that manner if vegetable crops are planted under them the benefits are similar to what the high hoop structures offer.

There are those that rail against them because they contain certain elements that could be harmful. But those elements are safely encapsulated within their structure. Companies are still developing ways to extract these elements when it is time to recycle the panels. And they are finding it to be a difficult task even when they are deliberately trying to remove them. The likelihood of this happening by accident in miniscule.

And then there are those that say but we will lose so much land in order to have enough of these. Let me offer a comparison to panel versus crops. One acre of land in solar panels creates an equal amount of energy as 100 acres planted in corn for ethanol production. And this comparison does not include the factor of energy used to plant, fertilize, spray, harvest, and transport to an ethanol plant.

I guess if you don’t like the looks of them, well truthfully are power plants that attractive?

Bob Mortenson 10-13-2023.



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



# The Community



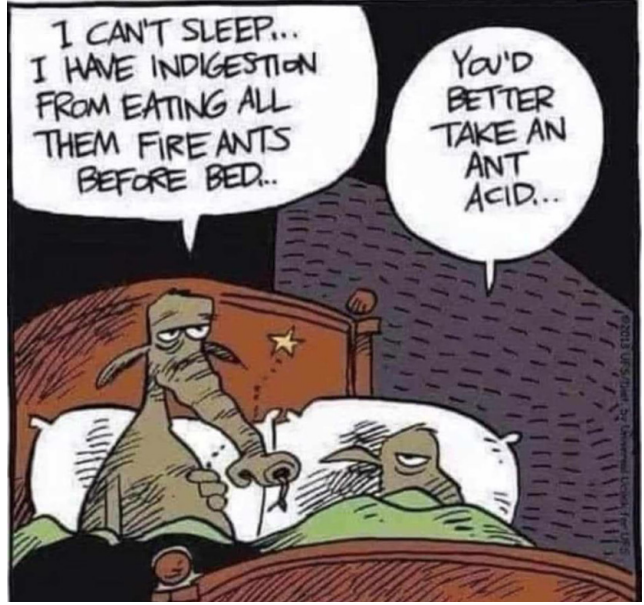
### Bells of Peace

WWI officially ended on June 28, 1919, with the signing of the "Treaty of Versailles". The cessation of fighting ended at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918, which came to symbolize the war's end.

As word of the Armistice spread, people filled the streets in cities and towns throughout the world to celebrate. Church bells rang for hours!

"Bells of Peace" marks a national remembrance initiated on Nov. 11, 2018, to honor the Armistice on the 100th Anniversary.

Ever since, tens of thousands have rung the "Bells of Peace" slowly and precisely, tolling 21 times, at 11 a.m. local time on Veterans Day, to salute all Americans who served the nation in conflict and peace. This year, the bells will toll on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023.



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## Scratches From the Rusty Quill

By Wava Petersen



“We are here to add what we can to, not to get what we can from Life.” Just a simple, but profound quote, it was followed by a short inspirational message for the day: A couple on a trip through the southern states had stopped for gas at a rural service station in Arkansas. Taking advantage of the stop the wife headed for the ladies’ room. As she opened the door to the clean but rather dingy room with outdated fixtures, she noticed a shelf above the wash basin. On the shelf was an old coffee can, painted green and filled with a huge bunch of colorful yard flowers. She was astonished by the presence of the big, bold flowers in that shabby rest room. Almost immediately, however, her astonishment turned to appreciation and something in her soul was deeply touched. Someone in that remote area cared enough about the unknown travelers to gather fresh flowers and place them on that rustic shelf.

Then she noticed a little hand-printed sign. “Take One,” it said, so she broke a blossom from the bouquet and took it to the car to enjoy as they traveled. She knew that no matter what beautiful places they might visit on their trip, nowhere would she see a lovelier or more impressive scene than in that country service station’s rest room.

There are several old sayings that come to mind such as “Bloom where you are planted” or “It’s more blessed to give than to receive.” The person who painted that old coffee can and filled it with fresh flowers was literally blooming where she was planted.

It was to be the last day of our vacation in Wisconsin, or so we thought as we headed homeward in our little 1981 Citation. Suddenly the power steering gave up the ghost. A dealership was found several miles away and they assured us our car would be ready to go by late afternoon so we took off on a walking tour of the town. Looking around in a furniture store, we were approached by the proprietor. We informed him we weren’t buying, just browsing and explained our predicament. After a short conversation he suggested that we visit a museum about a mile out of town. Pulling the keys out of his pocket, he suggested, “Here, take my car. I won’t be using it today.” We protested. He insisted. We were escorted out the back door to a spotless new upscale vehicle equipped with all the bells and whistles you could ever wish to own in a car and spent several relaxing hours enjoying the museum. That gentleman’s generosity and trust in a couple of wayfar-ing strangers has never been forgotten. If his kindness isn’t an example of blooming where you are planted then I don’t know what is.

Speaking of blooms, I’ve certainly been the honored recipient of many bouquets from a florist shop from my husband, family and friends. But the flowers I remember most fondly are the drooping dandelions held out to me in the grimy hands of two little girls who grew up all too soon. Add to those the impromptu offerings Lyle would bring on the way in for his morning cookie and tea-- a handful of the first violets of spring, or maybe a few pussy-willow stems, two or three lilac blossoms; in summer a few wild rose blossoms and an occasional four-leaf clover; a pocketful of wild plums in September; the first bright red apple in the fall and numerous ears of corn as they approached maturity and harvest. Those are the gifts that I remember with gratitude.

But what about the blessings of giving? It was Christmas morning and we were anxious to reach our destination, still several hours away, in Or-

lando, Florida to spend the holiday with our daughter Julie. Lyle had already delivered our room key to the motel office. After one last look around to be sure we hadn’t left anything, the locked door clicked shut behind us. A short distance away in the hallway stood the custodial staff, an older tan-skinned man and lady, he with the vacuum, she with the laundry cart. Suddenly it dawned on us that we hadn’t left a tip. This was in the days when a dollar or two was considered an adequate amount to leave on the dresser. Neither of us had any dollar bills, but Lyle fished around in his billfold and found a ten that he handed to me. As I approached that little couple, their furrowed and careworn faces painted a picture of a life of poverty and hard work. Were they refugees, I wondered, starting life over in a new and unfamiliar country? With a “Merry Christmas” I placed that ten-dollar bill in that little lady’s wrinkled hand. Her face broke into a smile that lit up the whole corridor. Waving that meager gift, she ran over to show her husband. You would have thought they had just won the lottery, while to us it amounted to just another meal at a restaurant. Rushing back to my side, she threw her arms around my waist as she expressed her appreciation in a language foreign to us, yet completely understood. It was a Christmas morning never to be forgotten as we travelled on to our destination.

And, yes, as we experienced it that Christmas morning, it is definitely more blessed to give than to receive.

## 40 ACRES M/L CASS COUNTY LAND AUCTION

Melodi Jenkins, Jan Jensen, Ashley Jensen, Owners

Thursday, November 30th, 2023 • 10:00 A.M.

SALE LOCATION: Kimballton Town Hall

205 N. Main St. Kimballton, IA

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**CSR2: 65.9**

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EXIRA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
108 E WASHINGTON ST. – CITY HALL  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023

The Exira City Council met for their regular meeting in city hall on Monday, October 9, 2023. Present were Mayor Mike Huegerich, Council Members: Dwight Jessen, Clark Borkowski, Dorreen Schrader, Nathan Wahlert, and Mark Paulsen. City Clerk Meg Andersen, City Attorney Clint Fichter, and public works team Mike Lauritsen and Tim Wahlert were also in attendance. Blake Birkel and Dallas Schechinger of JEO Consulting Group, and Blake and Claire Asberry were also guests for a part of the meeting.

Mayor Huegerich called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

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

Mayor Huegerich opened the public information meeting regarding intent to apply for USDA funding for wastewater treatment upgrades at 7:32 PM.

Blake Birkel reviewed wastewater treatment system upgrade options. A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Jessen, to select aerated lagoons with NitrOx treatment system and UV disinfection to upgrade the wastewater treatment process. All voted aye, motion passed.

Dallas Schechinger reviewed Edgerton St. bridge replacement options. A motion made by Paulsen, seconded by Borkowski, to proceed with a custom single span 71'-8 x 30'-0 (PPCB) bridge with 5'-0 sidewalk. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Wahlert, to have the City of Exira act as the applicant for the IEDA Catalyst Grant for the property at 107 W Washington St. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Schrader, for bronze sponsorship of the Exira EHK yearbook. All voted aye, motion passed.

City Clerk presented the October 2023 library report.

A motion made by Schrader, seconded by Wahlert, to approve a fence building permit at 406 Church St. 4 ayes, 1 nay, motion passed.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Borkowski, to approve a garage addition permit at 113 Knutsen St. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Schrader, seconded by Paulsen, to proceed with sewer liner placement on Edgerton St. and root removal from sewer pipe on S Kilworth St. by Accujet. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Wahlert, to ap-

prove final Region XII GAX Payment totaling \$6,535.00. All voted aye, motion passed.

The city will proceed with the Derelict Building Grant Application for 109 W Washington St.

Mayor Huegerich closed the public information meeting regarding intent to apply for USDA funding for wastewater treatment upgrades at 8:46 PM. No comments written or oral were received.

A motion made by Paulsen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve Resolution 23-11 Intent to Apply for USDA Funding for Wastewater Treatment Upgrades. Roll Call Vote: Paulsen-aye, Wahlert-aye, Schrader-aye, Borkowski-aye, Jessen-aye. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Borkowski, seconded by Jessen, at 8:55 PM. All voted aye, motion passed.

Mike Huegerich, Mayor Meg Andersen, City Clerk



## ROTARY SALUTE TO VETERANS

The Atlantic Rotary Club invites all those who have served in the military to their annual Military Appreciation Lunch at The Venue (307 Walnut Street, Atlantic)

**Tuesday, November 7th, 2023**

**11:45 to 1:00 PM**

Ben Bartholomew, a Cass County Deputy Sheriff & Former Platoon Sergeant in the US Marine Corp will be speaking.

Please RSVP by November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Dolly Bergmann at 712-249-9275

*We look forward to honoring those  
who have served our country!*







### Red Cross Blood Drive News

Elk Horn Lutheran Church hosted a Red Cross blood drive in September. Our goal increased by about a dozen units, due to the need for more blood, but was not met. O positive and O negative are the types of blood they are requesting, due to its universal use. That's not to say that they don't want the other types, however. Every unit they collect can be a life-saver. We were able to collect 30 units. 5 people were below the hemoglobin requirement and therefore unable to donate. Others had to cancel due to illness and some were working in the fields.

**Kudos to Tom Cannon! Tom gave his 175th unit of blood!** Now that is real dedication and the largest donation amount I have ever seen. It takes about an hour to donate, from start to finish. And that includes a delicious homemade snack. Thank you so much, Tom! And thank you to anyone who helped in some way to make our drive successful! You know, we can't do this without your help!

The next Elk Horn drive will be at the Exira-EHK High School on Monday, November 20, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The next drive at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church will be on January 19, 2024. PLEASE GIVE if you can! You may save a life!

Cindy Fredericksen

**I TRAINED MY DOG TO FETCH BEER.  
IT MAY NOT SOUND TOO IMPRESSIVE**



**BUT HE GETS THEM  
FROM THE NEIGHBOR'S FRIDGE!**

**Julia has two passions in life:  
alcohol and horses.**



**White, black, man, woman, straight, gay,  
Catholic, Muslim, American, Mexican...**



**...all taste like  
chicken**

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The **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** of every month from **6pm-8pm**

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## The Spiritual Significance of Israel Today

### Pastor Tim White

In 1948, when Israel became a nation again, after almost 2,000 years of not being a nation, many Christians rejoiced along with the Jewish people. After Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. surviving Jews became dispersed around the world. In every generation that followed they grieved the loss of their homeland and yearned to set foot again on the land God had given to their forefathers. A little over 100 years ago, the British took on responsibility for Palestine on behalf of the League of Nations. Prior to that the Ottoman Turks controlled the territory for over 400 years but had sided with Germany and Austria-Hungary in World War I, and so had to give up their territories.

Through the next two decades, over 100,000 Jews resettled in Palestine. Then after World War II when the reality of Nazi Germany's genocidal murdering of 6 million Jews emerged, there was strong public sentiment for reestablishing Israel as a nation. President Truman, in May of 1946, declared his support for creation of a Jewish state. Various proposals were tossed around, by the British, the Arab world and the U.N., for dividing the territory (that had been under British control) between Jews and Arabs. Through it all President Truman remained steadfast in his resolve for the modern state of Israel. When Jewish leader David Ben-Gurion announced in May of 1948, the establishment of the State of Israel, Truman recognized the new nation on the same day.

Many Christians celebrated the rebirth of Israel for the sake of the world's beleaguered Jews, but what really excited many was that all this had been foretold in biblical prophecy – the destruction of Jerusalem (Daniel 9:26, Hosea 3:4, Jesus in Mark 13:1-2, Luke 19:41-44, and Luke 21:6, 20-24), the people of Israel scattered (Leviticus 26:32-33, Hosea 9:1-3, Hosea 9:17, Jesus in Luke 21:24), and that God would call His scattered people from the four corners of the world, and return to them the land He had promised to Abraham and His descendants (Genesis 12:4-7, Genesis 17:7-8, Ezekiel 31:11-13, Jeremiah 16:14-16, Isaiah 11:10-12).

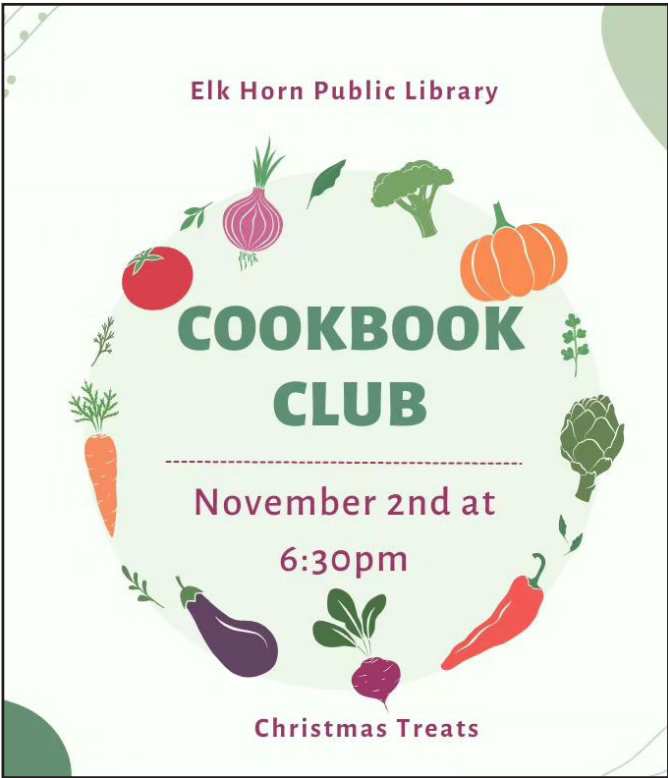
There has never been a nation that was utterly destroyed, its people scattered everywhere, and then 2,000 years later become a nation once again. It has never happened in history, EXCEPT FOR ISRAEL! The God of the Bible is the God of history. He causes nations to rise and to fall. These direct fulfillments of prophecy are confidence boosters to people of faith – that God brings to pass that of which He speaks, and that Jesus is exactly who He said He is. God is faithful to His promises, and He has promised that Israel will be at the center of the monumental events in the last days leading up to the second coming of Christ.

As we know, Israel is engaged in yet another fight for their survival as a nation. But Hamas is doomed to failure. Israel will not fade again into distant history. There are multiple prophecies in Scripture indicating that a third Temple will yet be built in Jerusalem, that Israel will one day recognize Jesus as their Messiah, that in the last days there will be "wars and rumors of war" involving Israel, and that Israel will still be around for the great apocalyptic Battle of Armageddon. In fact, the Lord himself will come and stand atop the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. The whole world will see Him when He comes, and He will sit on David's throne.

I've come to believe we are living in the last days. But when I look at prophecy and current events, I take a long look. Jesus said no one will know the hour of His coming. I don't make predictions. But we are told to be watchful, to know the signs that will precede His coming, and to be ready at any moment. Are you ready? Do you know in your heart that Jesus died on a cross for your sins? Does His Spirit live in you, and has he changed you? Open your heart and surrender your all to His Lordship. You can pray: "Dear Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and that in You there is forgiveness and salvation. I believe you gave your life for me for my forgiveness. Dear Savior, come into my heart and make me new. Conform my thoughts and my will to Yours. I give you my life. Help me to live my remaining days in Your service, and for Your glory. Amen."







## Join Us for Family Fun Night: A Carnival Extravaganza!

**Kimballton-Elk Horn**

Date: Friday, November 10th (11/10/23)

Time: 5 pm to 7 pm

Location: EEHK High School in Elk Horn

Get ready for an evening of laughter, games, and pure joy because the Kimballton-Elk Horn Optimists are thrilled to announce the return of our much-anticipated "Family Fun Night!" Mark your calendars for a spectacular carnival-style event that promises fun for the whole family.

### A Night of Endless Entertainment

Family Fun Night is all about creating cherished memories and fostering a sense of community spirit. Join us for an evening packed with carnival games, exciting prizes, free hotdogs for kids, and loads of laughter. Whether you're young or young at heart, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

### The Famous "Cake Walk"

Our signature attraction, the "Cake Walk," is back and better than ever. Don't miss the chance to win delectable locally baked cakes in this thrilling game of chance. It's a hit with both kids and adults, and you could be the lucky winner of a mouthwatering masterpiece. To make this event a sweet success, we're seeking cake donations from our generous community members.

### Be a Cake Hero

Donating a cake to the "Cake Walk" is a simple yet impactful way to support our community. If you're a talented baker or just love spreading joy through dessert, we welcome your delicious contributions. Your cake will not only bring smiles but also help raise funds for our community-focused initiatives.

To donate a cake or for more information about Family Fun Night, please contact Brandon Baggett at [bbaggett@eehkspartans.org](mailto:bbaggett@eehkspartans.org) or by phone/text at 712-304-2486. We appreciate your generosity, and together, we can make this event a delightful experience for all.

Family Fun Night is a testament to the spirit of optimism and community in Kimballton and Elk Horn. It's an evening where we come together, celebrate our shared values, and create lasting memories. Join us, and let's make this event a resounding success!

Don't miss out on the fun and the chance to win scrumptious cakes. We can't wait to see you there!

Our Pinochle Card Players are working on recruiting!  
They meet Tuesdays and Thursdays  
12:30-4:30pm if you want to play!





Yesterday in storytime, we celebrated fire prevention week! A huge thank you to Steve Hocamp for giving the kids a ride in the fire truck! They absolutely loved it!!



Last week was Aaron's turn to take Booker home from Story Time!! Booker got to help build Aaron's new bed, learn how to play prodigy, and read all Aaron's books from the library!



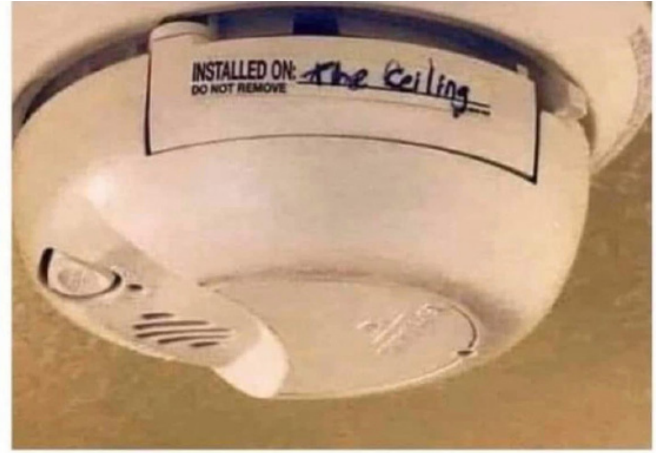
Happy Birthday to our sweet little Josie from story time



Story time was all about ghosts



*I think they meant the date !!*







# SPARK!

CULTURAL PROGRAMMING  
for PEOPLE WITH MEMORY LOSS

**The Museum of Danish America is excited to announce the implementation of a free monthly cultural program for those with early- to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners called SPARK!**

Thank you so much!

Alissa LaCanne

Youth and Community Educator

MUSEUM OF DANISH AMERICA'S GENEALOGY & EDUCATION CENTER

E: ALISSA.LACANNE@DANISHMUSEUM.ORG | P: 712.764.7010

4210 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 249, ELK HORN, IA 51531

**Reprint from  
April 27th publication**

The Museum of Danish America represents the first museum to host SPARK! in Iowa. SPARK! is free cultural programming partners designed to keep the participants actively engaged in their communities.

Modeled on the successful "Meet Me at MoMA" program at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, SPARK! has continued to grow and foster experiences in a welcoming environment with trained museum staff who engage participants in lively discussions, object-handling and other multi-sensory activities.

Research conducted in New York City and at the original partner organizations of the SPARK! Alliance has shown the benefits of SPARK! participation for people with memory loss and their care partners. Earlier this year, the Museum of Danish America staff completed trainings to learn more about those with memory loss and how to provide programming for them.

SPARK! programs begin at the museum on May 2 from 10-11:30 am with the theme

"Lights, Camera, Action!" SPARK! will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Each monthly program is unique and will include a variety of topics.

Registration for the SPARK! programs can be made by calling the museum at 712-764-7001.

This program is sponsored by the Shelby County Health Foundation and the Shelby County Community Chest.



On Tuesday, November 7th, from 10-11:30, the museum is hosting a SPARK! program. Since beginning this program in May, we typically have about 8 people attend from the local nursing home including staff there. The activities director mentioned that it would be nice to honor veterans for our program in November, and I didn't know if a few of the American Legion members would want to stop by for a quick program...I don't even know what that would look like, but I'm open to ideas/suggestions. It doesn't have to be long; 20-30 minutes/whatever would be totally fine.

The museum does have a quilt in the collection that was made by a local woman to honor her son and all others from the EH-K area who served in WWII with the names stitched on it. (I attached a screen shot of the top half of it). I am planning to show that to the attendees that day and talk about it for a bit. We will also have coffee and some type of snack/treat. Even if just a few legion folks stopped to have coffee and conversation with them might be nice.



Meet our 2023 Council Seat Candidates!  
Why are you running for City Council?  
What is one goal you have for the city?

**Kendall Petersen-**

After serving for the last two years, I am re-running for city council because I plan to continue advocating that Elk Horn remains a thriving and desirable community for people to move to and be a part of.

One goal that I have for the city is to get more trees planted on city-owned property, and to find ways that will encourage homeowners to do the same.

**Kayla Creek-**

I am running to be a voice of the Elk Horn citizens and help strengthen our town in a time where small town Iowa life is getting more scares. This includes promoting our town, so businesses and people want to make this their home like we all have.

One goal is to meet with all the town boards and learn about their roles and functions. Also, I want to learn what is going right, what could be improved and what opportunities for each board.

**Dan Petersen –**

As a current council member and serving 12 years on the City Council, I enjoy serving the people of the community. I help and volunteer anytime I can around town with various projects.

I am currently on the water & sewer board. My goal is to keep the water treatment plant up to date, so the city continues to have safe drinking water.

**Rick Sloth-**

I was on the city council when I lived in Manilla. I found it to be a learning experience, and everyone has different ideas about how things should be done. I thought I might be able to bring new ideas to the table and maybe use some of the things we did there here in Elk Horn.

One goal I would also like to figure out is a way to bring down property taxes.

**Office term to start January 1st, 2024 for a 4 year term. Please be sure to vote on November 7th at the Elk Horn Town Hall.**

L-R Kendall Petersen, Kayla Creek, Dan Petersen, Rick Sloth





## Seven Week Bible Study

# “When You Pray”

All Women Are Welcome

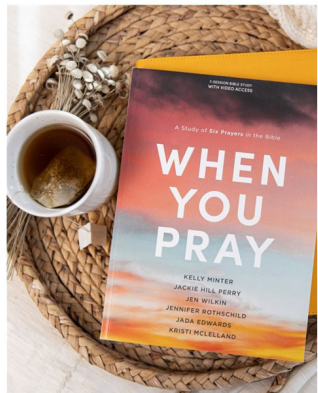
### TWO OPTIONS:

Each Sunday Beginning  
October 15th, 6:00-7:30 pm

OR

Each Monday Beginning  
October 16th, 1:30-3:00 pm

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## HISTORICAL CEMETERY WALK

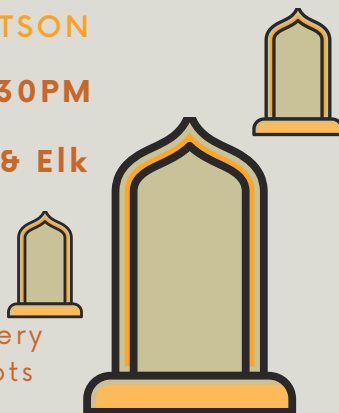
PRESENTED BY WARREN WATSON

Thursday, October 26 @ 6:30PM

Elk Horn Lutheran Church & Elk Horn Cemetery  
4313 Main St., Elk Horn

History of the Elk Horn Cemetery  
Self-Guided Tour of Family Plots

HOSTED BY: **SHELBY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM**




**The Kringle Man Pastries**  
712-764-3663  
Box 94, 4234 Main St  
Elk Horn, IA



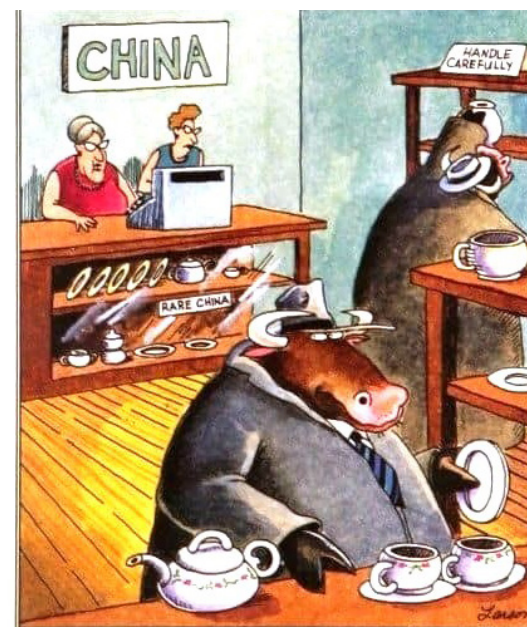
## Reader Opinion



Sent in from a subscriber

Just asking:

- Why is it that when archaeologists find human remains, they always determine that they are either male or female and none of the other dozen genders?
- How is it that the government can't control petrol prices...but the weather is something they can fix?
- We're churning out a generation of poorly educated people with no skills, no ambition, no guidance, and no realistic expectations of what it means to go to work.
- Why were we told to lower our Air Conditioner usage on hot days to prevent overwhelming the electric grid while simultaneously being told to trade in our petrol cars for electric vehicles?
- Why is cancelling student debt a good idea? Does it make sense to reward people who do not honour their financial commitment by taxing the people who do?
- Are we living in a time where intelligent people are silenced so that stupid people won't be offended?
- Why is talking sexually in the workplace considered sexual harassment to adults...but talking about sexuality to children in Grade 3 at school considered education?
- If your electric car runs out of power on the motorway, do you walk to a charging station to get a bucket of electricity?
- Why are we running out of money for Medicare and not for welfare?
- Mice die in mouse traps because they do not understand why the cheese is free. Just like socialism.
- The most powerful governments on earth can't stop a virus from spreading...but they say they can change the earth's temperature if you pay more taxes.
- If you don't want to stand for the National Anthem, perhaps you should give your legs to a veteran who lost his. That way a real man can stand in your place.



**"I got a bad feeling about this, Harriet."**

In May of 2022 it was brought to the attention of the city council by the EMA director of Shelby county that Elk Horn Rescue had responded to less than half of the 911 calls for the previous year. Most of the missed calls were during daytime hours. To be exact, Elk Horn Fire and rescue missed 63% of the daytime emergency calls, which left the patient waiting 20+ minutes for a response team. The Elk Horn city council and mayor worked with the EMA team to create a position for a full time EMS person to be available during the day to respond to 911 calls. This position was filled in June of 2022, which reduced the response time from 20+ minutes to less than five. Our full-time EMT was just weeks from Advanced Life Support (ALS) Certification (Paramedic), which meant we were no longer subject to the delays of Harlan's ALS service.

On October 2 council meeting it was voted to terminate employment of the individual that was in this position.

How has this changed things for Elk Horn?

Unfortunately, this puts us right back to not having many daytime responders. We are thankful for every one of our volunteers and the time they put into making our community a safer place. But they can't be available 100% of the time. We will, likely, return to the previous situation of missing 50%+ of the calls. If someone calls 911, and Elk Horn rescue cannot respond, the patient will have to wait for Medivac ambulance from Harlan, Iowa which will take 20+ minutes.

Did the council take into consideration the needs of the community when they made the decision to eliminate our on-site 24/7 EMT (soon to be paramedic certified)?

Did they not consider how critical a few minutes can be in an emergency? What now, when you or a loved one needs emergency care and minutes can be life or death?

Did the council consider this issue, or did they simply focus on eliminating one person to save two [reference: Specifically stated in the Elk Horn City council meeting of Oct 2]?

We are fortunate to have Medivac as a guaranteed response. The current Medivac contract expires in 2026. Shelby County has a vote coming up in November for essential EMS. This vote, if passed, does two things; 1) It raises our taxes slightly. 2) The additional taxes will fund a Shelby County based service that will provide guaranteed response to all smaller communities like Elk Horn in the event volunteers are not available or if advanced life support is needed [see reprint of Harlan paper article on page 20]. Keep in mind, there will still be a substantial delay as the team is based in Harlan.

Name withheld by request



The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session Monday, October 2nd, 2023, at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Hansen, Councilmen Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Hogberg, and K. Petersen. Absent Teegerstrom

The Guests in attendance were City Attorney Clint Fichter, Clerk Chelsee Jacobsen, Jerry Evans, Jeff Nelson, Jerry Hoffman, Steve Turner, Nancy & Terry Wilson, Jean Hinnners, Dave Sturm, Chad Juelsgaard, Rick Sloth, Marie Nelson, Paulette Madson, and Johnny Weilenman.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

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

Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve September 6th and September 18th meeting minutes. Ayes 4, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen, to open the public hearing for Park Street Improvements.

Dave Strum presented the plans, specifications, and form of contract. Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen, to close the public hearing. Ayes 4, motion carried. Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve Resolution 10-2023.1 – Approving Plans, Specifications and Form of contract. Ayes 4, motion carried. Dave presented the construction bids from 4 companies. D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve Resolution 10-2023.2 – Making award of contract to United Construction in the amount of \$158,575.60 for Park Street Improvements. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Fredericksen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve METC, MidAmerican Energy, Wex Fuel, On the Clock LLC, Verizon, Capitol One, SCSB ACH Fee, and Nishnabotna Valley to be paid online monthly. Ayes 4, motion carried. Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve Chelsee to attend MPI / IMFOA training. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Demo (Phase 1) has been completed of the pool house project. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve Supplemental Agreement for Additional Services #1 to Snyder & Associates for \$6,750.00 for additional work completed due to the Pool House Rebid project. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Fire/Rescue: Jerry Hoffman stated there is a staffing issue and he is Interim Fire Chief due to resignations of members of the department. Jerry would like the council to help with retaining members. Jean Hinnners stated she would like to provide help with driving the ambulance when needed as she used to be an EMT. K. Petersen stated the Ford is out of the station being fixed currently. Jean would like to see somebody go to the school to potentially recruit. Chad Juelsgaard asked, "Why are we going through this and have no fire department members or rescue members." Chelsee stated she has stepped down from the fire department & rescue for personal reasons. D. Petersen stated it's not mandatory to force people to be on the fire department, it is strictly volunteer. Jerry Hoffman stated he would like to work through this to retain past members and new members. Anyone that would be willing to join the department please contact Jerry Hoffman.

Paulette Madson presented the updated 28E agreement for library services with Kimballton. K. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve the 28E agreement. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Terry & Nancy Wilson presented a nuisance abatement they received regarding a dog that was ordered to be removed from city limits in January 2023 due to attacking another dog in two different instances but brought back into town recently. Section 4-1-5 Animal Nuisances: It shall be unlawful for any person to permit an animal under such person's control or within such person's custody to commit a nuisance. An Animal shall be considered a nuisance if it (C) causes a disturbance by attacking or interferes with persons or other domestic animals.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve The Norse Horse liquor license. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Adam McCall requested an open session prior to the meeting pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(i) - Attorney Clint Fichter stated there is extreme discord amongst staff members. The Attorney and Council tried to create a work schedule to separate employees. The attorney stated this issue needs to be addressed. The Attorney has discussed the operating arrangements with the employees and determined it has not worked. When

speaking with Adam, he does not acknowledge there are any issues and Jeff Nelson and Chelsee Jacobsen feel that there are strong issues within the workplace. The current situation will only get worse and not resolve itself. The Attorney believes that the city would then lose all employees or some. The attorney stated we cannot operate the city effectively with the way things are right now between staff members. The attorney recommends from what he has witnessed that the best course of action to avoid having to rebuild staff would be to terminate Adam McCall. Chad Juelsgaard stated the community has established that because of members bailing on the fire department of their first responder responsibilities. Jerry Hoffman stated this issue has created great trouble with staffing, either we lose a guy in paramedic classes or lose fire fighters, drivers, and an EMT. This whole issue has forced 3 fire fighters to resign from the whole department. The attorney stated the issue started with statements being made online and to people directly that were defamatory and that those statements should be recognized as being a catalyst for the entire issue and Adam does not believe that there was anything wrong done and if the city cannot start there on some level of agreement of what we are trying to solve. The Attorney stated from the employer's side that we could continue to try to manage the situation there is a possibility that we are being managed into a potential liability situation and that it's not feasible to get through the issue without losing 1 or all the employees. The attorney asked Adam McCall prior to the meeting if he would be willing to resign in lieu of not having to repay his paramedic contract back and Adam did not respond. Adam had sent the request of the city attorney to his attorney. Mayor Hansen stated this is a no-win situation for everybody. Hogberg stated the compromise that was put into place would be for the employees to work more individually. The attorney stated the city did not punish Adam in any sense of his employment, what they tried to do was create a situation that he could still succeed in his position in the city and the structure could work if everybody would buy into it and the attorney doesn't believe that is the case currently. The attorney's discussion with Adam specifically stated, "My wife did nothing wrong and that there was nothing wrong here" and that why should he be forced to do these things. The attorney stated we needed to try to deal with it in some way that is necessary and that anybody in this situation would expect him to cooperate with that and the attorney stated he didn't get the sense that would happen. Marie Nelson stated she worked in concessions with Chelsee at a football game and numerous people were asking Chelsee about the instances that had happened. Marie has been a witness numerous times to Chelsee not being able to go anywhere without being questioned about the situation even in front of her kids. The attorney doesn't want to see anybody employed to regress. The attorney wants to create harmony as much as we can to keep people focused on what matters which is the service to the community. Chad Juelsgaard stated that Adam submitted documentation of 3 complaints of personnel matters, Attorney stated those would be discussed in closed session. Chad asked if the complaints would be investigated by the attorney, council, or a 3rd party. The attorney stated that the complaints would be up to the council to act on. D. Petersen stated the council does not want to lose any employees. No further comments were received at this time.

D. Petersen moved seconded by Hogberg to enter closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(i) at 7:15PM. Ayes 4, motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to re-open the public meeting at 7:34 PM. Ayes 4, motion carried.

The attorney presented options on staffing recommendations, Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to authorize the mayor to offer Adam McCall his resignation in lieu of termination with his paramedic training costs being forgiven by the city, and if Adam fails to accept such resignation in lieu of termination that Adam McCall will be terminated effective October 3rd, 2023. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen, to approve the claims register, time sheets and financial report as presented. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Fredericksen moved, seconded by D. Petersen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Ayes 4, motion carried.

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Keli Hansen, Mayor

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Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk



Congratulations to our Spartan Booster Club Students of the Month for September. These students have shown Spartan Pride in and out of the classroom and are sponsored this month by S & M Repair in Elk Horn. Elementary-*Staci Partridge*, Middle-*Andi Riesgaard*, High-*Owen Juhl*.

***Spartan Nation!***  
 We wanted to celebrate and share highlights on our commendable first semester and share some of our achievements and opportunities for our students. We are so proud of our students and teachers!



On October 10th, Iowa State Extension sent Jack & Nate to do a Water Rocks presentation to Kindergarten-5th grade. They learned about ecosystems, biodiversity, clean & dirty water, and protecting nature. They did a great job!



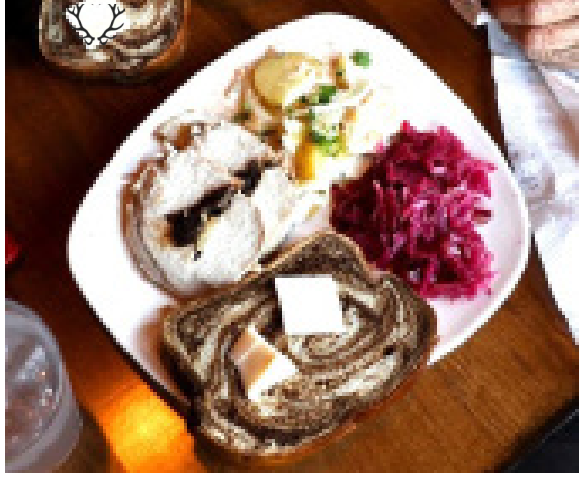
Spartan Pride Certificate recipients







We threw it back for Throwback Thor's Day with the Danish Windmill & The Norse Horse Tavern! The Genealogy & Education Center stayed open late and held printing press demonstrations while the Danish Windmill had extended hours and The Norse Horse Tavern had a special Danish meal of stuffed pork loin, roasted potatoes, and red cabbage. Yum! The food was lovely, not to mention the company! Main Street was busy, and we couldn't be more content (or eat another bite of food). Tusind tak!



### High School Ecology Class Visit

This month, we had the pleasure of interacting with 17 students and 4 chaperones from Mercy High School in Omaha. They began the day by touring the Danish Windmill and learning about how it functions, its history, and how this particular windmill came to turn its sails in Elk Horn. The group stopped at Kringleman Pastries for tasty treats before arriving at the museum where they were welcomed by Diya and given a tour of the Nature-Culture/Natur-Kultur exhibition. Next, it was down to the Bro Room where groups of students and chaperones competed to see who could design and build the most powerful miniature wind turbine. The record for the day was 54.6 microvolts. It was a heated competition and quite entertaining to watch! To finish off their day in the Danish Villages, the group visited The Norse Horse Tavern for lunch. Special thanks to Brown Electric, who helped with the wiring for the motors.



### Free Day for Families!

Museums are for everyone, and on October 27 from 10 am to 4 pm, admission is FREE for families at the Museum of Danish America! This is a great opportunity to see a giant, recycled troll hand and swan sculpture, introduce young people to exhibits and history, have a campfire or outdoor picnic, go for a walk on the prairie, build something at our LEGO station, or play on outdoor exercise equipment. We look forward to seeing you and your family on October 27!





**SHELBY COUNTY— Shelby County voters will decide on a measure to fund county-wide Emergency Medical Service, which would give the people the best care possible for their tax value, according to the Shelby County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Advisory Council.**

The EMS Advisory Council consists of Chairperson, Tim Plumb, Shelby County ESA; Bryce Schaben, Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors; Alex Londo, Secretary, EMA; Roger Bissen, Fire Chief, City of Harlan; Karen Schlueter, City of Shelby; Janice Gaul, City of Earling; and Barry Jacobsen, Myrtue Medical Center (MMC).

The measure focuses on two major aspects, patient care and safety, and support for the county's volunteer departments, said MMC's Emergency Department Manager Jennifer Lefeber, RN BSN TCRN.

Currently, when someone in Harlan calls 911, the private ambulance company Medivac responds. If the call is outside of the Harlan response area, the nearest EMS volunteer squad is dispatched, along with Medivac, if needed. Since the early 1970's, all Shelby County citizens have been served by a combination of volunteers and paid EMS providers. Local volunteers staff ambulances and provide basic first-response emergency care.

However, the owners of Medivac are retiring. Under the law signed by Gov. Kim Reynolds in 2021, counties may levy up to 75 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property for EMS after the Board of Supervisors deem EMS an essential service. The Shelby County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in June declaring EMS an essential service.

"Our current EMS system is not sustainable," said Karen Schlueter. "It's not so much how often we rely on Medivac for assistance, it's that it is readily available coverage 24/7."

Schlueter said Shelby Fire and Rescue, along with the other departments in the county, tiers with Medivac Paramedic Ambulance Service. When Advanced Life Support (ALS) service is needed, or when the departments are short of volunteers, Schlueter said Medivac is always readily available. "They have been a huge service to our county in ensuring greater outcomes for our citizens," Schlueter said.

"There are many volunteer departments in our county that struggle to have EMS volunteers available," Schlueter said. Presently, 75% of Iowa's Emergency Medical Service personnel are entirely volunteer based, including approximately 48 in Shelby County. "These volunteers are a valuable resource for all Iowans," Schlueter said.

The City of Shelby has two city employees serving as dual position employees, one is a Paramedic and one an Advanced EMT. "This is a huge advantage for our citizens during the weekday daytime hours," Schlueter said. "We also pay for weekend on-call pay so we can provide those EMS services with a guaranteed responding person at the BLS (Basic Life Support) level."

"We have to keep reaching out further and further to other communities to get ambulances in a time where minutes count," Tim Plumb said. "Right now, there is no guarantee an ambulance will show up."

"The numbers of volunteers continue to decrease, and the funds continue to decrease."

As of now, the county's volunteer rescue departments are not tax funded, and often rely on fundraisers to purchase equipment and supplies. This measure will change that. The measure has earmarked \$90,000 of the tax dollars for volunteer departments to use for equipment, training, or other supplies. The council hopes this will give the volunteer departments group buying power, enabling them to get supplies cheaper, and to be able to move supplies throughout the county to better utilize the supply on hand.

"The proposed plan will rely on the volunteers just as much as we do now," said Alex Londo. "The measure would provide a guaranteed response to both the rescue departments and citizens of Shelby County."

Londo also noted the lack of volunteers, especially during daytime hours. "People in need are going to be waiting, and the waiting is what we want to avoid."

Schlueter agreed. "The potential of not having anyone show up to aid citizens in a medical crisis can be very heartbreaking for our citizens," Schlueter said. "A tiered response model provides the most effective delivery of emergency care, with volunteers supported by a paid EMS service." Schlueter said without this, the hospital would have to increase their tax base and contract with a third party service, increasing the cost for the patient. "This would also harm the citizens that would need inter-facility transports to major medical centers in the Omaha metro area with highly specialized critical care equipment and personnel," Schlueter said.

Schlueter said the EMS Advisory Council wants to ensure all citizens and visitors of Shelby County have access to all emergency medical services, meeting the minimum standards set forth by the State of Iowa and/or Shelby County ordinance.

If passed, the county-wide service will consist of two fully staffed crews of one supervisor, six paramedics and six EMTs. Shelby County currently owns two of the ambulances used by Medivac, while the remaining ambulance and the building would be purchased. The council hopes the service will be operating by 2026.

"This is what the future of EMS needs to be for Shelby County," said Roger Bissen. "Just imagine if we didn't have it."

The Advisory Council is currently holding townhall meetings throughout the county, with meetings held Panama, Shelby, and Elk Horn this week. The council will be at the Defiance Parish Center at 7 p.m. October 3 and CG Therkildsen Center in Harlan October 5 at 7 p.m. Information is presented during these meetings, attendees have the opportunity to ask questions, and funding for the measure will be explained. The meetings will also be live-streamed on Facebook. Voters may also find more information at [shelbycounty.iowa.gov/departments/ems](http://shelbycounty.iowa.gov/departments/ems)

Londo said the council has received positive feedback on the measure. "People feel EMS is important," and he encourages them to vote November 7. "Every vote counts and matters." Schlueter feels the measure not passing is "not an option". "We simply cannot afford to go backwards in our EMS service," she said.

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