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The first two people to show Diane at the Norse Horse where the horns are hidden get a drink token...

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If you have never heard the trill and cadence of an auctioneer, you should take the time to see Wayne Hansen auction. He says it has been one of the greatest joys of his career. Wayne Hansen was born in 1962 and was raised just northwest of Kimballton, IA. In 1976 his family moved to Kimballton. His Dad had purchased Kimballton Livestock Auction in 1973.

Following his father's footsteps, Wayne attended auction school. Graduation day came on March 13, 1983. Within 3 days of graduation, Wayne was selling cattle. Just days later (April 2, 1983), he had his first machinery auction – paying him a whopping \$154.00.

When his children were young, he did ten auctions a month. Wayne has performed hundreds and hundreds of auctions over his 40 years. Wayne's favorite event is the Audubon County 4H auction, which he has done for the last 40 years. It is near and dear to his heart. He states, "I will always do that one".

Wayne has enjoyed a wonderful career in auctioneering. He reflects on the many wonderful people and friends he has made through the profession. They are a big part of where he is today.

Even after 40 years and hundreds of auctions, he still gets nervous prior to an auction. One would certainly not realize that, as he is fun, entertaining and "silver tongued" while cleverly convincing people to part with their hard-earned money.

In 1988 he received his Real Estate license and opened a Real Estate office, which has flourished. He also received his Crop Insurance certificate in 1997. I would venture to say that Wayne Hansen likes selling and has made a lucrative career out of it.

Wayne and Janell Sorensen were married in 1984. They have enjoyed raising three children: Aaron 31, Kristin 29 and Jared 26. They have two grandchildren: Hans and Adaline. They like to spend as much time as they can at their lake house in Storm Lake. Wayne likes to fish but mostly likes sitting in his pontoon on the water.

He stated that he could not have enjoyed these fulfilling careers had it not been for his wife, Janell. She "carried the load" while Wayne was getting his start as an entrepreneur.

Wayne has been involved with many aspects of the Elk Horn community for years. His belief is that "you should put more into your community than you take out". Thank you, Wayne, for doing just that!!

Fun fact: Even after 40 years, he still practices auctioneer calls in the shower.



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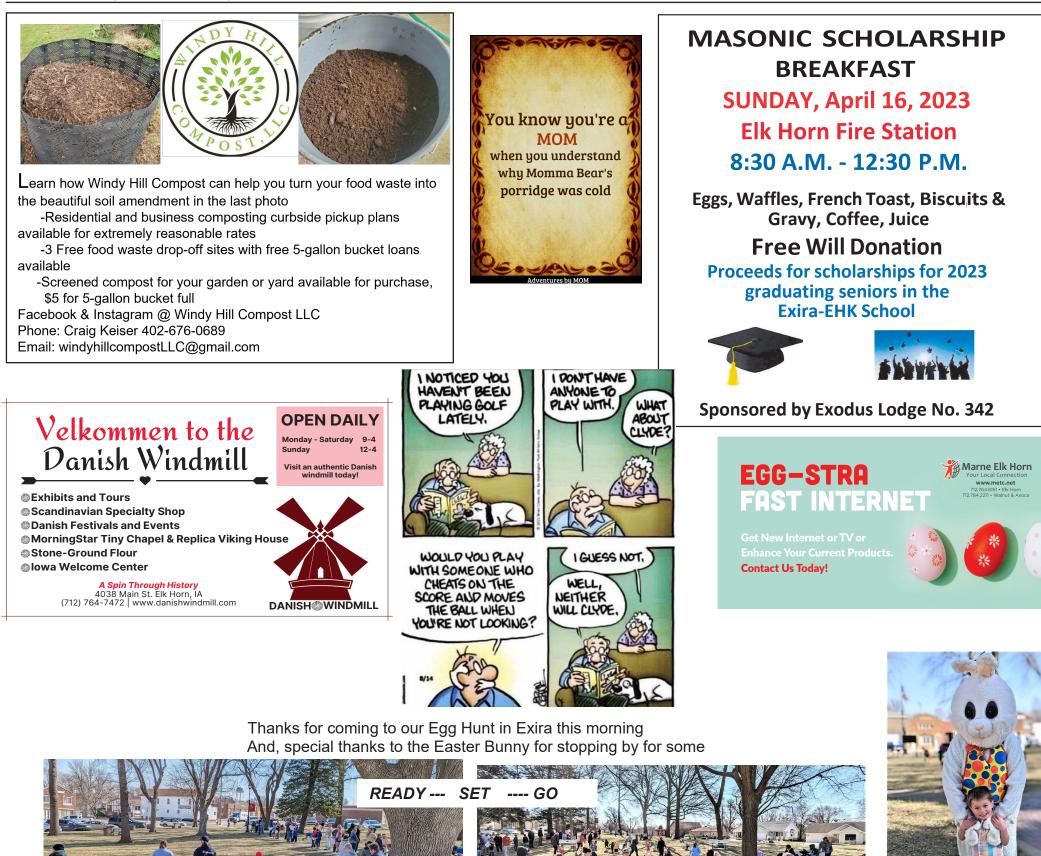
"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dotg." – Mark Twain

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### Scratches From The Rusty Quill

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By Wava Petersen

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The Elk Horn swimming pool is in need of TLC? Surely it isn't that old yet! Those were my thoughts when I first heard of preliminary plans for major repairs and upgrades. Doing a bit of elementary math, I quickly realized the pool has been a part of Elk Horn for almost 57 years. Maybe it's about time we, as a community, gave serious thought to what is needed and how to meet the cost of bringing our pool up to today's legal requirements and also remake



the pool house. How did our small community raise enough funds way back then to build a swimming pool? This is how it was accomplished: The planners held a community meeting, took a great leap of faith and plunged right into fund-raising. Volunteers went from door to door asking each local family to donate \$100. Within three weeks \$23,000 had been raised and total donations came to \$28,000. Entire cost was approximately \$34,300 with only \$3,000 being obtained through a bank loan. A hundred dollars was not a small sum in those days and many families including ours had to turn our pockets inside out to come up with a hundred bucks. But the pleasure that investment gave our community for all the years since far outweighs the sacrifices made in 1966.

Can we come together again like we did 57 years ago and dig deep into our pockets to provide the community with a pool that meets the state safety and health standards, and a re-constructed pool house worthy of the community's pride? Are enough people willing to take the necessary training to become lifeguards and devote their summers to keeping swimmers safe? Many pros and cons face the decision makers. Will there be a public meeting where all facts about costs, fund-raising, etc. will be laid out on the table? Hopefully, feasible plans can be made and the project can go forward.

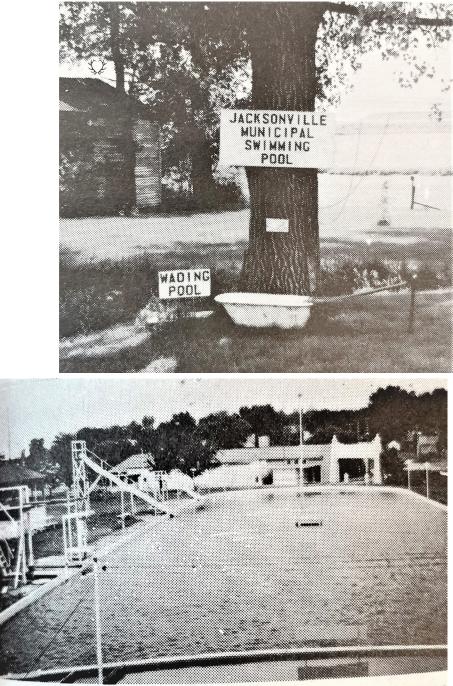
Thanks to beginner classes for adults and teenagers our four member family progressed from mediocre splashers to reasonably proficient swimmers, also learning how to dive, first from poolside, then from the low diving board. On my personal bucket list was jumping off the high diving board and I finally got nerve enough to climb the steps to the top. There the railings ended and that narrow board appeared to stretch from here to eternity. Chicken Little backed slowly down the ladder. I still regret not taking the plunge. Daughter #1 did the same routine, reaching the top, looking down and chickening out just like her mother. As she began to back down, she found one of her classmates blocking her way. It was impossible to get around him. He was a big boy, both lengthwise and in width and in no mood to let her do anything but move forward. He kept urging her on until her only choice was to jump screaming off the end of the board. She survived but I don't think either one of us ever set foot on that ladder again.

What is the history of swimming pools in our area? Atlantic, Audubon and Harlan have all had pools for many years. But what about the smaller towns? For many of us country kids the cattle tank served the purpose on hot summer days. Proper apparel was optional. Kiddie pools adorned many a back yard and small creeks were a great place to play. Kimballton had a beautiful oval pool. Built in 1925 by T.G. Jensen, well-known owner of Jensen Construction Co. of Kimballton, the pool measured 70 by 225 feet and had a sand bottom. It was the very first of its kind in this part of the country. Quoting Jensen's son Erling's story of the pool as recorded in the Kimballton history book, "It was an extremely hot summer which, I believe, inspired Dad to decide Kimballton needed a swimming pool. Construction was started about the middle of summer and the pool was built by six of us young fellows just out of high school. Excavation was done with horses and scrapers. The only other equipment was

a concrete mixer. Water was pumped from Indian Creek and piped to the pool. Using creek water was quite costly as it necessitated purification using chemicals."

Located in the southeast part of town, the pool was surrounded by T.G. Jensen Park, a large hall, refreshment stand and a bathhouse. It was a popular place for many local and area social events during summer months. The Kimballton pool was closed permanently in the early 1940s as demands of state regulations became too difficult to meet. The pool area later became the site of the Kimballton Auction Sale Barn.

West of Kimballton a few miles, the village of Jacksonville also boasted a swimming pool for a while. Located near the late Everett Greve's filling station an antique bathtub sat under the canopy of a shade tree. On the tree was posted a sign that advertised: JACKSONVILLE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL. As everyone who knew him was aware, Everett had a great sense of humor. And I doubt he ever had to deal with any government red tape concerning his pool.



### GOOD NEWS! Shared Thoughts

#### IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

#### YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

Are you one who worships God, the Almighty Creator, who is eternal, who is perfect in Holiness and righteousness? Are you one who worships the God of the universe, mighty in power and perfect in wisdom and knowledge?

Wow!! That sounds like a tall order. How can we, who live in the flesh with all of its shortcomings and problems, understand the first thing about worshiping such a one as God? Well, first of all let's consider what the concept of 'worship' entails.

The Hebrew word that is translated 'worship' in the bible literally means 'to prostrate oneself in homage'. OK! Let's break that down shall we? "Worship portrays the act of bowing down in reverence, honor or respect by an inferior before a superior." Now that's a definition we might work with but only in part. What do we do while we are bowing down?

King David might be one who could instruct us in this endeavor; He was a true worshiper of the Most High God. After bringing the arc of God to Jerusalem (see 1 Chronicles 15) he was so excited and grateful that he penned a beautiful and lengthy Psalm of thanksgiving and worship. We do not have room here to discuss the entire poem but perhaps we could reflect upon a few of his thoughts.

"Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!" (1 Chron. 16:8-10)

I told you David was excited!! And yes, David had worship on his mind in writing this. Let us skip ahead to verse 23, "Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be held in awe above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are but vanity, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. Ascribe to the Lord, O clans of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

Can we learn anything from David in this work of his? I hope and pray that we can; it is a marvelous piece of true worship and it is much longer that I have included here.

I know I said that worship portrays the act of bowing down and some of us may have a hard time with that – but God knows our frame and its limitations. He knows our hearts and the desires we have even though limited, so just sit in your chair or in your bed and worship God with David's words; I believe he would be pleased if we did!! Let's continue this topic next time.

Bill Rollins 4-7-23

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." — Mark Twain Last article we covered some of the ways moving to electric vehicles would require some adjustments from our current ways of doing business. In the transition period where we have many remaining fossil fueled vehicles it will be quite interesting.

We will still need gas stations along with EV charging stations. As the transition progresses some of the gas stations will no longer have the patronage to remain profitable. Some will think ahead and install EV charging points at their property. But some will not have the option to do this due to limitations of their location. These will be the first to close. And that can be a major problem in a small town as they may have been the only source of groceries in that community.

Another problem is from the fossil fuels companies past performance they are going to maximize their profits. As there are fewer and fewer gas stations open fuel prices will rise dramatically. During our current inflationary period they have not been satisfied with their normal levels of profit. But have reported record profits while many people were having major financial difficulties. So as their customer base erodes their prices will keep going up and up.

In a small town where it is frequently necessary to travel to another town for things or services not available there, people have often needed a second vehicle. And with the price of EVs higher than the vehicles they are replacing used car prices will also rise. There will not be a large pool of used EV,s for some time so that second car will likely be a gas model. Or perhaps we will see large numbers of cargo bikes or street legal golf type carts to serve those needs. But they will not be safe to operate on higher speed limit roads. This would be where a second transportation tier could be developed. Giving those types of vehicles a safe route to use.

We have to remember that while moving to EV,s will cause us some headaches with new problems to solve, unchecked climate change will cause us greater problems. For it not only will have dire effects on us, but also on every other living thing on this planet! We Americans have always been known for our "can do" attitude. We should lead the world to a healthier existence by our example!

Bob Mortenson 3-15-2023.

Do you have land that needs to be burned off this spring? Elk Horn Fire Department is here to help. Please call Adam at 712-304-7397 to get on the schedule.



### **School News**

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*Manning Regional Healthcare Center* We had a great time hosting 23 students and 5 faculty from Exira-EHK Schools last week for a Healthcare Career Camp! Thanks to everyone for helping make this a memorable day! The students and teachers who attended said they loved all the hands-on activities in all the stations. The students were split into 5 groups and rotated throughout these 6 stations: 1. Ambulance (ER Bay)

- 2. ER
- 3. Lab/Radiology
- 4. Surgery
- 5. Clinic/IC/Specialty Clinic

6. Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy, 1st Aid, and a Q&A We are excited to host another camp for IKM-Manning students on April 27th!





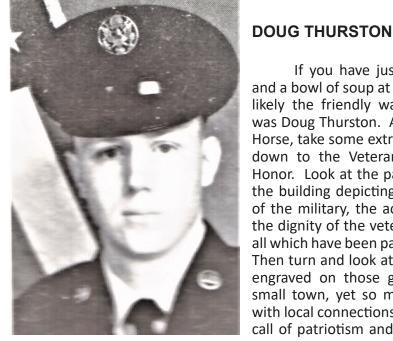




Member of the Month

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If you have just enjoyed a sandwich and a bowl of soup at the Norse Horse, most likely the friendly waiter who helped you was Doug Thurston. As you leave the Norse Horse, take some extra time and head south down to the Veteran's Memorial Wall of Honor. Look at the paintings on the side of the building depicting the various branches of the military, the activities portrayed and the dignity of the veterans in their uniforms all which have been painted with such talent. Then turn and look at the long list of names engraved on those granite slabs. Such a small town, yet so many names of people with local connections who have heeded the call of patriotism and have given service to our country.

**American Legion** 

Among those names look for "David Thurston." (David goes by his middle name "Doug.") It's interesting to hear Doug tell how, as a California guy, his name ended up on Elk Horn's Wall of Honor. After spending 10 years in the Air Force, and "seeing the world" he decided the quiet, peaceful place he had dreamed of finding was right here in Elk Horn. It fits the bill—an hour's drive to either Omaha or Des Moines but surrounded by quietness and friendly people. This community would be his new home. He would add his name to Elk Horn's Veterans' Wall of Honor.

Doug grew up listening to his uncle tell of experiences while serving in the Air Force during the Vietnam Era. Those stories help Doug make the decision to also join the Air Force. He headed to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio for training as an aircraft mechanic, working on the fuel system. He remembers the training instructor starting down the line of recruits asking, "Why did you join the Air Force?" The first airman said, "To see the world." The TI's response "NO!!" Next airman answered, "To get an education." Again, the TI's response, "NO!!" Doug was third in line. His response, "To serve my country." The TI's response, YES!" And for a decade Doug served his country.

Although Doug's goal was to serve his country, he also got to travel the world. During his years in the Air Force, he was stationed in Germany, Texas, UK, and Washington state. He also had numerous temporary assignments which allowed him to see wonderful parts of the world. These included Turkey, Norway, Spain, and the Azores. Each location gave him an opportunity to meet and become friends with wonderful people who had different world views, dressed differently, ate different food, and spoke different languages. During his years spent in Germany the American military was warmly accepted. At that time Germany was still a divided country with East Germany under Communism control. The West Germans, according to Doug's taste, had some of the best food and beer he had ever encountered. In the evenings many times the airmen would go out walking. Almost without exception they would soon get an invitation to join some Germans for beer and

food. Although they spoke different languages, the language of friendship is universal.

While on assignment in Norway, Doug had an opportunity to visit Bergen. He did not know then that his grandmother's family was originally from Bergen. Laughingly he says he is a true Heinz 57 and almost every place he was privileged to visit during his mili-



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tary service he could claim some bloodline connection to.

During Doug's years of military service, the political situation in the Middle East was building up to war. The United Nations and the U.S. were involved in "Operation Desert Shield," in an effort to prevent a war from happening. When Iraq, under the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein, invaded Kuwait other Arab countries called upon the UN and the US to intervene. The first Gulf War (called Operation Desert Storm) lasted about 100 hours before a truce was called and President H. W. Bush ordered a cease-fire.

Following Desert Storm Doug spent time in Turkey while the U. S. military was helping protect and assist the Kurdish people (called Operation Provide Comfort). Once again, he found the Turkish locals to be incredible people. Although they were extremely poor, they welcomed the military and offered the best of their food and drink. Doug's enjoyment of Middle Eastern food and his appreciation of Turkish hospitality has stayed with him.

Fun highlights as an aircraft mechanic were the times Doug had the opportunity to teach other mechanics. If you see the Thunderbirds flying the F-16s and doing the fantastic performances at air shows you might need to tip your hat to Doug. A few years back those jets just might have been kept in tip top shape by him or one of the mechanics he taught.

submitted by Nancy Krogstad



### Workshop at the Genealogy and Education Center 4210 Main Street, Elk Horn, IA Saturday, April 22, 2023, 10 am - 12 pm \$20 Members, \$25 Non-members

Join Jody LaCanne, Lead Pressman for the Des Moines based letterpress studio, Moglea, for an introduction to the art of letterpress printing. During this two hour workshop, you will learn the basics of working with a Chandler and Price letterpress and produce handmade cards. Each participant will learn about basic care and set up, print

preparation, inking and printing techniques, and clean up procedures.

Participants will be able to print and take home their own set of 12 unique notecards in 4 different designs. All necessary tools and materials are provided. Dress for an inky, artistic environment, and prepare to get your hands dirty! Open to ages 14+. Class size is limited to 10. Call the museum to register at 712-764-7010.

#### History of the Chandler and Price Letterpress at the Museum of Danish America

In 1999, the Museum of Danish America was gifted an early 20th-century Chandler and Price letterpress that was formerly used in the local newspaper office, the Elk Horn-Kimballton Review. The newspaper's

owner called it the "jobber" and used it to print things such as the Elk Horn community calendar. The letterpress was recently moved out of museum storage and put on display at the Genealogy and Education Center with the intent to conserve, educate, and showcase letterpress printing machinery and equipment and keep the knowledge and skills of letterpress printing alive for present and future generations.

Letterpress printing is a technique of relief printing that produces many copies by repeated direct impression of an inked, raised surface against individual sheets of paper. Originally, wooden or metal types were used and put into the "bed" or "chase" of a press. To create an impression on the paper, these types were inked and pressed against the paper to transfer the ink from the type. Modern letterpress printing uses plates made of polymer which allows designs to be created on a computer. Within the last few decades, letterpress printing has been making a comeback in greeting cards, wedding invitations, and other stationery products due to the unique look of modern letterpress printing.

To help sustain this artistic tradition here, the museum recently received a Folk Arts Learning Grant through the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. This grant requires the letterpress and workshops be led by a Master Artist, and the museum is fortunate to have an employee from Moglea, a Des Moines-based design and letterpress studio, in Elk Horn. Jody LaCanne is Moglea's Lead Pressman, and he played a vital part in moving the press to the Genealogy and Education Center.

In addition to the letterpress workshop this month, a demo-and-souvenir activity is also planned for the annual Tivoli Fest celebration on Memorial Weekend and the museum's 40th anniversary celebration in June.





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

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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.

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### Whatsahapinin at The Elk Horn Library

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March was all about the Post Office for Afterschool Adventures along with a dramatic play area to play in. Our Mondays were spent learning and doing so many different things. We started off learning addresses and making envelopes recycled from magazine pages. Next, kids learned about the postage stamp, designed their own, and played with stamps and ink. We ended up with a fun field trip to the Elk Horn Post Office. The kids got to see how it works, learn how important postal carriers are, and even got to check out the vehicles that the mail carriers drive. Thank you Kristine and Becky, for taking time to teach the storytime kids!



After two snow days on early out days, we finally got to go bowling yesterday again! Thank you to our library patrons, Keith Madsen and Kent and Marge Ingerslev, for donating to our children's programs. We also want to thank Windy Hill Compost (Craig Keiser) for helping sponsor the bowling trip. The kids had a great time!

We had a surprise at Afterschool Adventures Monday! Our April theme is farm animals and we kicked off this first Monday of the month with horses. The kids learned the proper way to brush and saddle a horse, and had time to pet the horses while asking questions. We ended the storytime with a book about horses while enjoying a horse snack! The Elk Horn Public Library wants to thank Josie, owner Pinoak Acres, for bringing her horses out for the kids to see!







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A wild bunch of boys at the library for another nerf gun war with LaJissa! Darts were flying everywhere, and we're sure that we'll be finding darts in the bookshelves for a long time!



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May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30am

Avery has no idea why—or even who Tobias Hawthorne is.

Murder Mystery Party at the Deadwood Saloon (aka the Danish Winery)! Thank you to everyone who attended, helped out and made the event so much fun!



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Congratulations to our Tivoli Fest Prince and Princess drawing winners - Theo King and Laila Niklasen! Theo's favorite book submission is Wild Rescuers by Stacy Plays, and Laila's favorite is Millie Waits for the Mail by Alexander Steffensmeier. Picture of the royalty coming soon!



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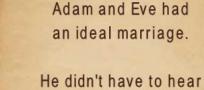
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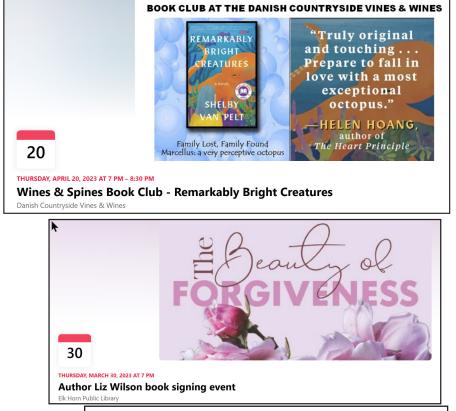
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about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.



TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 AT 7:00 PM All-State Speech presentations by Irelynd McCarthy and Emily Bricker with coach, Cody Parmley Elk Horn Public Library



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The Legion Post and Legion Auxiliary greatly appreciates the huge amount of support from the area and wants to use this opportunity to thank everyone for this success. THANK YOU!!!! This year's event is also supported with contributions from Atlantic Hy-Vee, Atlantic Coca Cola, Mel's Diner, Pour House, Wiota Steak House and Food Land of Audubon.







### UPDATED EXIRA CITY CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8:15-3:00 Tuesday 8:15-3:00 Wednesday CLOSED Thursday 8:15-3:00 Friday 8:15-300 Saturday CLOSED Sunday CLOSED \*closed daily from 10:45-11:45 for preschool pick up & lunch\* \*hours may also vary due to city errands and/or emergencies\*

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April 22 4:30-6PM @ The Elk Horn Fire Station with a short program to follow!

#### March 23, 2023 WESTERN IOWA'S MUSEUM OF DANISH AMERICA CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY WITH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN JUNE

ELK HORN, IOWA — A 40th anniversary celebration and an international conference cross paths in this western Iowa village, a hub of all things Danish, in June.

The Danish American Heritage Society will meet June 22-24 at the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn. The conference coincides with museum celebrations marking its 1983 organization and its annual Sankt Hans Aften midsummer bonfire festivities. Organizers anticipate a turnout of 300 participants for all events in the community of 600 midway between Des Moines and Omaha.

Registration is underway. Conference attendees may register for a single day, or all three days. The deadline for early registration and a discounted fee to the full conference is before April 1. The regular registration deadline, including for separate tickets to the 40th anniversary celebration dinner, is May 31.

The Danish American Heritage Society's conference theme is "Ecologies and Ethnicity." "The Museum of Danish America looks forward to welcoming friends from all over

the United States and from Denmark to enjoy Elk Horn and the surrounding communities," said Tova Brandt, executive director of the museum. "Iowa at midsummer offers a beautiful setting to explore the themes of Ecologies and Ethnicity."

The opening dinner and keynote presentation June 22 features Morten Kabell, Copenhagen's former mayor of technical and environmental affairs. He was instrumental in pumping up the Danish capital's global brand as a cycling city. He will speak on issues of environmental sustainability.

Speakers June 23 and 24 include:

 Pete Berthelsen of Elba, Nebraska, on prairie restoration in Nebraska and the Midwest.

— Charly Frisk of New Haven, Connecticut, on her documentary film, "Frø: Nordic Seed Heroes." The film explores the intersection of people and seeds from the Arctic Circle to a Danish wheat field.

 Kevin Mason of Forest City, Iowa, on European-style land use and ecological transformation in western Iowa.

— Anders Bo Rasmussen of Odense, Denmark, winner of the inaugural Danish American Heritage Society Book Prize for his "Civil War Settlers: Scandinavians, Citizenship, and American Empire, 1848-1870."

— Virginia Small of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Danish immigrant Jens Jensen's legacy in American landscape architecture. Jensen was a colleague of Frank Lloyd Wright and the father of the Prairie School of landscape architecture.

— Warren Watson of Elk Horn on the history of the community and its founding Danish immigrants. Elk Horn and neighboring Kimballton are known as the "Danish Villages."

Staff from Joslyn Castle in Omaha will speak on Jensen's work at the historic mansion's conservatory and grounds.

Other activities include a tour, dinner and entertainment at Hausbarn Heritage Park in nearby Manning, Iowa. The site features an authentic 1660s house/barn from the Slesvig-Holsten borderlands between Denmark and Germany.

There will be guided prairie walks, gallery talks, behind-the-scenes museum and Genealogy Center tours, musicians, authors, film screenings, group singing, and Danish kringle pastry breaks and an æbleskiver (Danish pancake balls) breakfast.

Sankt Hans Aften events include the traditional midsummer bonfire on the rim of the 30-acre Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park, live music, open galleries, lawn games, s'mores, and more.

The museum's origins date to 1983, when a Danish American Heritage Society committee imagined a national museum dedicated to the history and legacy of Danish immigration to the United States.

The result was The Danish Immigrant Museum, now the nationally accredited Museum of Danish America. The museum complex opened in 1994 on the west edge of Elk Horn, about six blocks from the village's landmark Danish windmill.

Iowa and Nebraska attracted significant numbers of Danish immigrants in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, said John Mark Nielsen, president of the Danish American Heritage Society and director emeritus of the Museum of Danish America. The region's deep Danish roots continue to pay cultural dividends. For example, the Danish American Heritage Society's three sister organizations, the Museum of Danish America, the Danish American Archive and Library, and Grand View University, are located within a two-hour drive of each other, in Elk Horn, in Blair, Nebraska, and in Des Moines, respectively.

"The conference is an opportunity to celebrate the Museum of Danish America and the many Danes who settled in the Midwest even as we explore issues of sustainability today both here and in Denmark," Nielsen said.

More information about the conference, including schedules, registration forms and lodging options, are available the Danish American Heritage Society's website at www.danishheritage.org. Information also is available at the museum website at www.danishmuseum.org.

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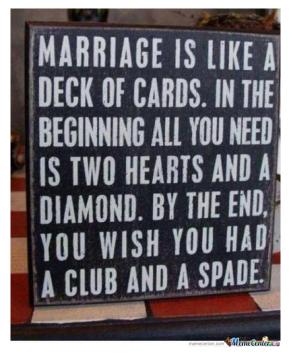
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### In Loving Memory



**Dalton J. Gregersen** March 23, 1926-March 26 2023

Dalton J. Gregersen, age 97, passed away on March 26, 2023, at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn. Burial with military honors was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church Cemetery.

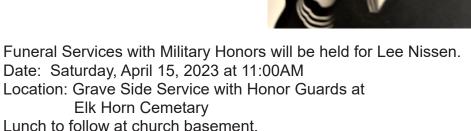
Dalton was born on March 23, 1926, near Exira, Iowa on the farm of his parents. Dalton was the son of Martin and Thyra (Jorgensen) Gregersen. He started high school in 1940, then quit school to help his parents on their farm. In 1945 Dalton was drafted into the U.S. Army Airforce. He was later honorably discharged in 1947. Dalton was united in marriage to Norma Bauer on may 26, 1948, at Avoca Lutheran Church. He and Norma lived in the Elk Horn area and farmed from 1948 until 1982. They moved to Ellsworth in 1983, where they owned and operated Mom and Pops Bar. All of their patrons thought of them as their "Mom and Pop." They moved to Ames in 2010.

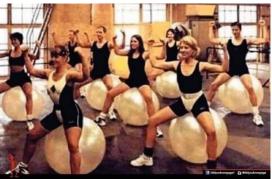
Family was very important to Dalton. He enjoyed attending his children and grandchildren's sporting events. Dalton loved dancing to "Big Bands," reading and watching western TV programs, playing pinochle, and yearly camping trips with the family.

Dalton is survived by his children: Alan (Mary) Gregersen of Lakeville, MN, Craig Gregerson of Apple Valley, MN, Mark (Teri) Gregersen of Ames, and Terry Gregersen of Ames; eight grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren, sisters; Shirley Beier, Carolee Hopkins, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Norma; a son, Timmy Lee Gregersen. Grandson, Cory Gregersen; brother, Bernal Gregersen; and brother-in-law, John Beier.



#### Funeral Services Lee Allen Nissen



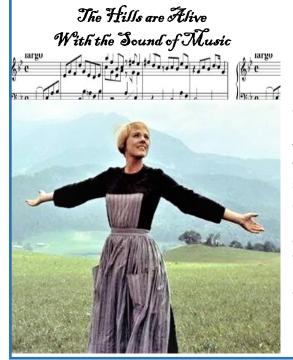


This picture was given to Class II Children and they were asked to suggest a headline. The winning entry was:

'Never swallow your chewing gum'

### 🔔 BREAKING 🔔

British man killed by shark whilst honeymooning in Australia. Reports say he didn't suffer for too long as he'd only been married 5 days.



### *Farmers..* Save money on fertilizer

In 1960 botonist George Smith planted two sets of corn seeds in flats in his greenhouse. Both sets were treated identically, with the exception that one set "listened" to George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" 24 hours a dayl.

Result: The Gershwin plants sprouted earlier and were healthier. The next year, Smith continuously broadcast music to a small plot of corn. The plot yielded 137 bushels an acre, versus 117 for an identical plot kept in silence. It's time to cast your ballot for Tivoli Fest 2023 King and Queen! Ballot boxes are available at METC, Elk Horn Post Office, Elk Horn Library, Shelby County State Bank or Danish Windmill. Voting will end on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> with the Coronation Dinner on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 5 – 8 pm at the Elk Horn Fire Station. Staley's Chicken dinner will be served!



Shaun presenting Wayne with "The Golden Mic" at the Windmill auction event.





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### The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session Monday, April 3rd, 2023,

at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Hansen, Councilmen: Teegerstrom, Fredericksen, D. Petersen, and Hogberg. Absent: K. Petersen

Guests in attendance were Clint Fichter, Clerk Chelsee Jacobsen, Jerry Evans, Jeff Nelson, Adam McCall, Don Struve, Chad Juelsgaard, Jeff Godwin, Terry & Nancy Wilson. Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Fredericksen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes:4 Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve March 6th & March 23rd, 2023, meeting minutes. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Mayor Hansen opened the public meeting for Budget FY 2023-2024, no public comments received. Mayor Hansen closed the public meeting.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve Budget 2023-2024. ROLL CALL: 4 Ayes, Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the Water construction permit from Snyder & Associates. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve Pay App #1 to Bluffs Paving & Utility. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Ryan Brodersen from the Shelby County Community Chest presented their need for securing donations to help be able to provide grants within Shelby County. Brodersen stated employees could set up auto deduct from their payroll as an option. Chelsee stated we have a few larger businesses that would support this cause as well.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve Chelsee's PTO request equaling to 48.5 hours and having Hannah Nelson work in the absence of Chelsee roughly 2 hours a day. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

4211 Union Street – Property owner expressed concerns with the amount of gravel washing down the approach on Washington St coming from the City alley going into the storm drains during heavy rainfall. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to have the concrete fixed to prevent future gravel washouts. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve purchasing a valve exerciser & diffuser to maintain the water system. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve ProLawn's quote for \$3690.00 to remove and stump grind 3 dead ash trees from the park. Ayes: 4, Motion carried. Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the 2023-2024 Pool House engineering agreement with Snyder & Associates. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Adam stated the timeframe for a new ambulance is up to 2 years out and would like to possibly discuss a new one in the future.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve a \$25.00 cleaning fee for nonprofit rentals at the town hall. This fee will be applied to new rentals going forward. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Fredericksen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve Don Struve as Library Board President and Joel Schleuter as a library board member. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve 4402 Main Street Building Permit – height not to exceed 42 inches in the front yard and 60 inches on the side yard. Ayes: 3, 1 abstained, Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the Accounts payable as presented. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve timesheets as presented. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Fredericksen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the financial report as presented. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Mayor, Keli Hansen City Clerk, Chelsee Jacobsen

#### **City of Elk Horn**

#### March 27 at 2:12 PM ·

**The City Council of Elk Horn met in special session on Thursday, March 23rd**, 2023, at 5:30 PM at Elk Horn City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Hansen; Councilmen Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Teegerstrom, K. Petersen and Hogberg. Also in attendance was Chelsee Jacobsen, Jeff Nelson, Adam McCall, Clint Fichter, Nancy & Terry Wilson, and Chad Juelsgaard.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

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

Building Permit 4402 Main St was discussed. The homeowners are to talk with the DOT and council will revisit at the April 3rd, 2023 meeting.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve Olive or Twist (Tivoli) and Danish Windmill liquor licenses. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve Adam McCall to be paid 40 hours a week, 3-8 Hour days for city work, 1-8 Hour day for class at IWCC, and 1-8 hour day for clinical for his medic course. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve the resignation of Alissa La-Canne as library director effective May 31st, 2023. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve continuing with EnCode Plus ordinance updating subtracting the legal review as city attorney will complete that part. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

Clint stated we will request proposals from potential buyers. Court is still set for May 18th, 2023.

Budget - FY 2023-2024 was reviewed, final review and approval set for April 3rd meeting.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to adjourn the meeting at 6:54PM. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

Keli Hansen, Mayor Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk

#### The Rye Bread Lady Says....

Fresh rye bread available at the Egg Krate on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Made with stone ground rye from the Danish Windmill. Always fresh

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### MEN BEWARE

Women often receive warnings about protecting themselves at the mall and in dark parking lots, etc. I wanted to pass this incident to you in case you haven't heard about it. It's a 'heads up' for those men who may be regular customers at Lowe's, Home Depot, Costco, or even Wal-Mart.

This caught me totally by surprise. Over the last month I became a victim of a clever scam while out shopping. Simply going out to get supplies has turned out to be quite traumatic. Don't be naive enough to think it couldn't happen to you, or one of your friends.

Here's how the scam works: Two very beautiful, young women will come over to your car or truck as you are loading your purchases into your vehicle. They both start wiping your windshield with a rag and Windex, with their breasts almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. (It's impossible not to look).

When you thank them and offer them a tip, they say 'No' but instead ask for a ride to McDonald's. You agree and they climb into the vehicle. On the way, they start undressing. Then one of them starts crawling all over you, while the other one steals your wallet.

I had my wallet stolen February 4th, 9th, 10th, twice on the 15th, again on the 17th. Also March 1st, 2nd, twice on the 9th, and it very likely will happen again Monday and Wednesday next week.

So tell your friends to be careful. What a horrible way to take advantage of us older men. Warn your friends to be vigilant.

BTW, Wal-Mart has wallets on sale for \$2.99 each. I found even cheaper ones for \$.99 at the Dollar Tree and bought them out in three of their stores.

Also, you never get to eat at McDonald's. I've already lost 11 pounds just running back and forth from Lowe's to Home Depot, to Wal-Mart. So please, send this on to all the older men that you know, and warn them to be on the lookout for this scam. (The best times are just before lunch and around 4:30 in the afternoon.)

Worst right turn lane of the week ...





## Windmill News

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### News From The Mill



We want to thank everyone who came to the WIndmill Gala & Charity Auction.

It was a great time and we raised over \$8,000 towards repairing the windmill and obtaining a new set of grindstones!

Thank you for the Elk Horn EMT and Fire Station crew for hosting us. Thank you to Father Kelley Pedersen for a moving speech and prayer.

Thank you to Wayne Hansen for managing our auction once again. We were proud to be part of his own special day in celebrating 40 years of auctioneering.

Thank you to Master Griller Catering for providing such delicious food.

Thank you to all of our donors and business partners that made this event possible. Every single item sold and we were happy to show off the talents of our artisans local and abroad.

And thank you to Hans Christian Andersen for sharing his special day with us!

Mange tak!



Spring is here at the windmill and we are very excited for the coming of the tourist season! The days are getting warmer and our visitor traffic has been steadily climbing. We will be staying open until 5pm soon and the Vikinghjem and MorningStar chapel will be opened for the season.



The Mill did run into an issue a couple of weeks ago when a gearbox connecting our fantail to the windmill cap failed. This gearbox is part of a mechanical system that translates the vertical movement of the fantail into the horizontal movement of the windmill's cap. It's an essential piece to ensure the windmill remains turned into the wind. Steve and Raydene Mathisen of Audubon provided the lift service for us and Steve and Mike Riggs took the box down. It was brought over to Mike Mortensen's shop in Kimballton. Mike opened the box and found it filled with water which appears to have caused the bearings to break apart. Thankfully the gears themselves are

fine. We expect to have the box repaired by the end of this week and we will have the windmill turning again soon.

On Sunday April 2, we held our Windmill Gala & Charity Auction at the Elk Horn Fire Station. 85 people attended and together we raised over \$6,000.00 towards our current capital campaign to get a new set of grindstones for the Mill. We are very thankful to the support of our community and business partners who donated items for the auction, and we sincerely appreciate everyone who took something home that day on our behalf. It was a great day and we appreciate everyone for coming out. And congratulations to Wayne Hansen on 40 years of auctioneering! A huge thank you is owed to our hard-working staff that made this event possible and the board of directors that volunteered their time. Thank you also to Joanne Greving and Joni Griffin for delivering meals, to Justin Nelson for volunteering to run the drinks table with Julie, and to Faye Farley for volunteering to run the store while we were out.

We have more changes on the way. Our picnic tables provided in-part by an Iowa West Foundation grant have arrived and will be set up on the grounds this week for the entire season. We have also received our 2022 grant from the Shelby County Community Chest for changing stations in the restrooms. For those who aren't aware, the Community Chest is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fundraising for local organizations in the county. They are struggling to maintain sources of funding. We want to thank the Community Chest for their support and hope they can find a way to keep going.

We also have some new items in the store and more on the way. Two new t-shirts made it into our gift shop this week. We also have branded bottle openers, and ballcaps will be coming soon. There are new puzzles, Spring gnomes, new soft drinks and beer. Stop in some time and see everything there is to offer!

Finally, our quarterly newsletter, The Breeze, is finally here and going to print! Be on the lookout for this inaugural issue, going directly to all current annual and lifetime members. Read about Shaun and Lisa's last trip to Denmark and see some of the exciting offerings we hope to maintain in our newsletter going forward. We are very happy to see this finally come to fruition and we hope to see it circulating very soon.

Shaun Sayres Manager, Danish Windmill

## **School News**

### February Student of the Month Sponsored by Danish Windmill

Elementary-Paisley



Middle-Lily



#### Exira-EHK 2022-2023 3rd Quarter HS Honor Roll ligh Honor Roll (3.50 and above

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#### Honor Roll (3.0-3.49)

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	Jordan Jensen	Timothy Reinhardt	Owen Juhl			
	Jonas LaCanne	Ashlyn Sickler	Josten Kilworth			
	Desiree Lopez	Jacey Smith	Paige Konecne			
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	David Yoder		Brooklynn Young			

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Exira-EHK 2022-2023 3rd Quarter JH Honor Roll

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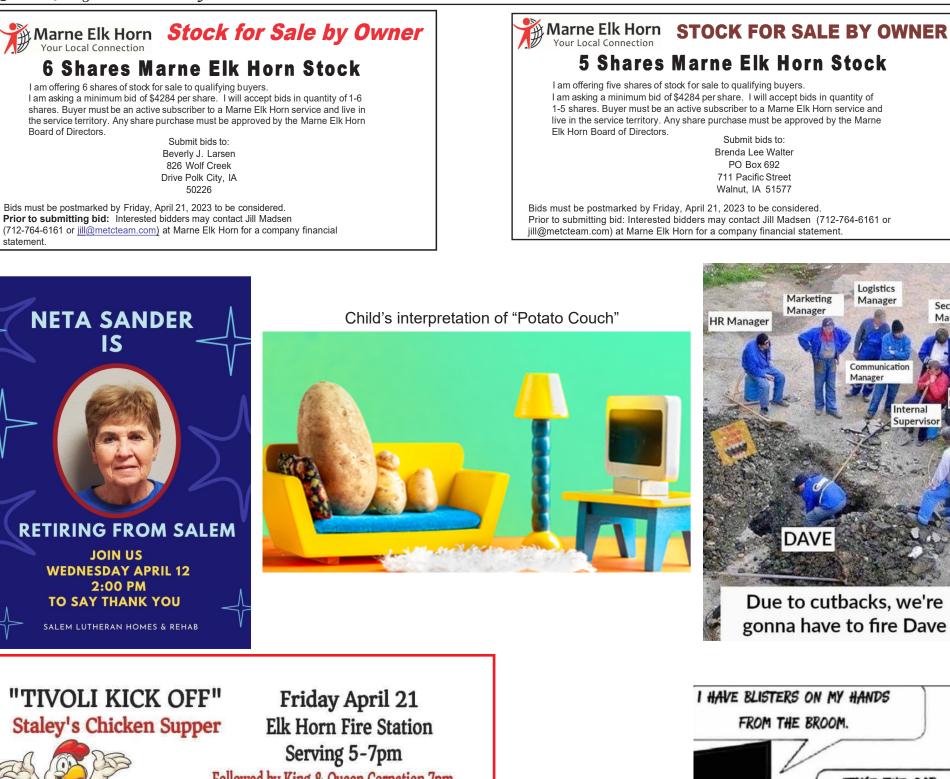
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