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These Elk horns are hiding somewhere in this publication It may be small, large, a different color ...

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

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RHCN Spotlight

ELK HORN IRRARY

You are invited to help us honor our library director...



Alissa LaCarre

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Tivoli Field-of-Flags Week

We have expanded the original Flag Day program. From May 23 thru Tivoli Fest, all of the "Front-Yard Flag Days" flags will be flying on the lawn South of the Tivoli Hotel. Please come by and enjoy the patriotic spirit of 200+ flags flying. We will have a "booth" on location. You will be able to sign up for 2023 "Front-Yard Field Days" as well as dedcate a "Field-of-Flags" flag to a loved-one.



Field-of-Flags Week does NOT replace "Front-Yard Flag-Days" (which runs throughout the year)

Front-Yard Flag-Days donation request this year is \$45.00. Checks can be made out to American Legion Post 322. You can mail to: Steve Turner 4208 Madison St, Elk Horn IA 51531

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By Wava Petersen

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By Wava Petersen

May is here! As I write, the sun is shining, tractors are running to and fro and I am still recovering from the highs and lows of a very challenging April. April 7th was the high point of the month with the news of the birth of my 7th great grandchild, Benjamin Alex-

ander DeLong. He weighed in at 7 ½ pounds and will be known as Benji. He is the first grandchild in my late daughter Julie's family; his parents are Chad and Sheridan Shea DeLong of Bradenton, FL.

The low point of that month was the death of my brother Dale Peterson of Lincoln. I was privileged to visit with him a few days before his passing. I was asked to write a few memories of our years growing up for the funeral service, and a friend here in the community asked me to share that eulogy with Rolling Hills readers. It appears in a separate article. I would also like to share a summary of Dale's life as told by his granddaughter, Victoria Dey.

For two years beginning in 1950, Dale attended Union College in Lincoln NE. The Korean War was underway and he was drafted into the Army in 1951 and stationed at Fort Sam Houston in Texas, being trained in heavy artillery. Dale really wanted to be a Medic; with the help of a Chaplain he was reassigned as a Medic and transferred to Fort McCoy, WI where he completed the course for OR Tech. in 1953. The war ended before he was sent overseas. He was transferred as a Surgery Tech. to the 388th Evac Hospital at Fort Riley, KS. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in March, 1954 and discharged in September, 1954.

Dale married his sweetheart, Lila Brown November 17, 1954. They made their home in Lincoln and Dale worked at a variety of jobs including helping construct runways at Lincoln Air Base, various other construction projects, milking cows at a local dairy, and working nights as an orderly at the Lincoln prison facility. He also found time to continue his education and graduated from Union College with a degree in Education.

The Peterson family then moved to Holbrook, AZ where Dale had taken a teaching position at Holbrook Indian School on the Navajo Reservation. They were there four years and had two small children. It was time to move back to Lincoln.

In late 1963 Dale began classes at Bryan Memorial Hospital, graduating as a Medical Technologist, beginning his career at Bryan June 1, 1964. It was the early days of open-heart surgery and Dale was chosen to assist two doctors in pioneering the open-heart surgical program at Bryan Memorial. They traveled together around the United States observing and training. Dale became the first perfusionist in Lincoln. He used his skills in training many other Med Techs how to run the heart/ lung machine. He was also played major part in the development of many other advancements in cardiac and pulmonary care. Dale had spent a total of 32 years at Bryan Health at the time of his retirement.



Memories Of My Brother – Dale Peterson By Wava Petersen

It was suggested by Dale's family that I share with you some of my memories of our growing up years on the farm. Dale's life began June 15, 1931 in a ramshackle house southwest of Elk Horn, Iowa. His beginnings were not impressive as he weighed in at a mere two and three-fourths pounds. His cradle was a shoebox placed on the pull-down oven door of the cob and wood-burning kitchen range. Heated corn ears were placed around him to keep him warm when the fire burned low.

A bit over a year later his sassy little sister arrived. We were constant companions and partners in crime as we grew up together. Dale and his accomplice once greased his coaster wagon, using up much of a five-gallon pail of axle grease. Aunt Gladys, who had the job of cleaning us up, said we had so much grease on our faces that our noses were barely visible.

Dale must have had a penchant for lubricants. Our neighbor Clifford, who operated the local road maintainer, parked his behemoth in our yard one evening and left it overnight. What a wonderful piece of machinery for a six-year-old farm boy to explore! He soon discovered every possible orifice in the cab. And then, Ah-Ha, he spied the oil can. Dale made sure every hole, large or small, was given not just one squirt but several: The shifting mechanism, the steering apparatus, door handles, everything including a hole in the upholstery on the seat. The cab was still dripping oil when Clifford arrived the next morning. It didn't take long to figure out who the culprit was.

Christmas was always a special time even though it wasn't any grand affair with fancy ornaments or expensive gifts. We kids spent many December evenings on the kitchen floor, studying the Sears and Montgomery Wards Christmas catalogs, poring over the multitude of toys beckoning from the pages, choosing those we hoped to get. Deep down, I'm sure we knew it was just wishful thinking but hope always springs eternal in a child's mind. One thing we did know, or pretended to know was that Santa came Christmas Eve when we were sleeping and filled our stockings with goodies: Always a large Brazil nut in the toe, then an orange, lots of other nuts and hard candy, etc. And he always left a gift for each of us. One Christmas Day we got to wondering what if we hung up our stockings again Christmas night, would Santa come back and fill them again? So, up went the stockings once more. Next morning we raced bare-footed down the cold stairs in our pajamas. Oh, YES, Santa did come back. Our stockings were bulging, but not with goodies; they were filled to the tops with corncobs.

Formal education began for both of us at the same time in country school Clay Twp. Number two. In 1940 we moved to the original Peterson farmstead which has been in the family since 1881. That is where Dale and I grew up. Our elementary education continued in Clay Twp. number five.

There was never a boring day on the farm for a couple of country kids. Our dad had a motto, "When it's corn planting time it's barefoot time." Off came the shoes and sox and out of the door we raced. But we didn't run far. The solid ground was rough and gritty and our feet had been tenderized by comfy foot-wear through the winter season. We minced painfully over the sun-baked yard until eventually the soles of our feet were as tough as whang-leather.

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We explored the outbuildings and looked for eggs in the haymow, shaking each one up by an ear to see if it was rotten. Once Dale shook one a little too hard and it exploded right beside his ear. Yes, it was definitely rotten.

At an early age we both learned how to milk a cow. Dad set us on T-shaped milk stools, one of us on each side of the old "blue" cow with a pail underneath. She was a gentle cow and easy to milk. The colors of her hide were blended to produce a beautiful bluish roan. It didn't take long to get into the rhythm of milking and we soon had a small amount of milk in the pail and a lot more on ourselves and the ground.

The cats and kittens nearly outnumbered the pesky flies on the screen door and we always had a dog or two. Later on we raised goslings, ducklings and turkey poults, becoming surrogate parents to these fascinating little creatures and spent many hours with them in their pens. Dale constructed miniature farms in the yard and we explored the creek just south of the house or daydreamed while swaying in the chain swing that hung from a limb on the huge maple tree. A swim in the cattle-yard water tank was a great way to beat the summer heat. Winter brought snow men, snow forts and sleigh-riding. Though we had been warned, Dale learned the hard way that it's not a good idea to put your tongue on the frozen metal of the water pump in winter. He also learned it's not a good idea to be nosy and smell your neighbor's cactus. It took Elva quite a few painful minutes to get those thorns out of Dale's nose.

Farm chores were added to our agendas with Dale gradually being introduced to field work as well as chores. At a young age he was sent out to mow hay with the horse-drawn mower and assist with the process of getting the hay into the barn. He gradually mastered the fine arts of tractor driving and general field work. He was not quite as proficient in gardening. The first time Mom sent him out to plant pumpkin seeds she instructed him to mound up some fine soil like a gopher mound, then, with a sawed-off broom stick, press a half dozen seeds into each mound. He followed her instructions to the letter but no pumpkins ever came up. Eventually Mom asked him how deep he planted them. "You said to press them in with the broom stick so I poked them in as far as I could," Dale replied

My brother was something of a daredevil. On the walk home from visiting a neighbor kid we had to cross a wooden bridge over a medium sized creek. The distance from the bridge railing to the bottom was quite a few feet. Dale took a crazy notion to walk that 6-inch plank railing. I couldn't talk him out of it and he climbed up on that railing and started out, slowly placing one foot ahead of the other. I held my breath until he safely reached the other end and jumped off.

On one occasion punishment for our misdeed was unnecessary. We scared ourselves out of our wits. The electric iron had a cord that unplugged from both the iron and the wall plug-in. Mom had unplugged it from the iron, leaving it plugged into the source of electricity. A pair of sharp-nosed barber shears had been left on the ironing board causing us to wonder what would happen if we poked the shears into the open end of the cord. Dale, always the brave one, gave the open end of the cord a shove onto the scissors.

Fire instantly shot out of the cord with sound effects to match. Fortunately, Dale had the common sense to grab the cord and pull it off the shears that now had one blackened curled up tip. Mom had gone out to do chicken chores and we agreed it would be best not to tell her what happened but mothers always find out. Coming into the house she took one look at us and demanded, "What happened to you kids, your faces are white as sheets?"

A brand-new full-sized boy's style bicycle appeared in our yard one summer day when we were nine and ten years old. With our short, little stumpy legs, we had to stand on an overturned bucket just to get on the thing. There were no training wheels and no instructions except to "turn in the direction you start to fall." Somehow, we both mastered the beast without killing ourselves. Later on, I found myself at the top of the big hill, not realizing it might be wise to use the brake coming down. That bike went absolutely berserk and I landed in a heap at the bottom of the hill. One handlebar was wedged behind the seat and I had a big, bloody gash on my knee. A couple of weeks later Dale decided to prove he could conquer that mountain without brakes. He, too, landed in a heap at the bottom of the hill and ended up with what was probably a major concussion. Eventually the local doctor was called. He examined the patient briefly, then turned to Mom and solemnly gave the diagnosis: "I think he has Intestinal Flu." Mom learned later the old doctor diagnosed anything he wasn't sure about "Intestinal Flu." And Dale eventually recovered with no ill after-effects.

During our years at Elk Horn High School many memories were made. A bit over-the-hill, Miss Bakke was no match for the farm boys in typing class, including Dale, who found many ways to befuddle her. Placing caps, (a small explosive for a toy gun, similar to a tiny firecracker) in his typewriter, he then released the carriage. The result was a loud POP accompanied by a puff of smoke. "Miss Bakke, Miss Bakke," Dale frantically called. "My typewriter is on fire." Miss Bakke never did figure that one out.

Then came high school graduation and Dale and I went our separate ways. I was so proud of him when he was chosen to operate the heart-lung machine (that re-circulated blood during surgery) as part of the team that pioneered open-heart surgery at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, NE. And all the other accomplishments he achieved throughout his life.

There is just one more story that I must include before I stop. Dale was water-skiing. As they whizzed around the lake, he noticed how other skiers let go of the ropes and glided gracefully toward the beach, stepping lightly off their skis into the shallow waters. "If they can do that, I can, too," thought Dale. So-saying, he dropped his tow ropes and headed for shore where the sandy beach was populated with numerous sunbathers on their blankets. Trouble was, Dale didn't slow down or make a graceful exit. He went full-speed ahead right up over the crowded beach, terrifying the sun-bathers who were wildly scattering in all directions.

Many thanks, Dale, for being so patient with your sassy sister and for making life so interesting growing up on a farm in Iowa. As the Danes say it, Farvell, Farvell my brother, until we meet again in heaven.

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Shared Thoughts

YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

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"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:23)

For the past few articles, we have been considering the topic of how we should worship God. We have written of David, of Isaiah and even of Moses and how much God meant to them. But here in the gospel of John we read that Jesus offers to a Samaritan woman, and to us, a directive on how the Father seeks to be worshipped.

Notice that Jesus is telling us how the Father desires to be worshiped. He does not tell us that we may worship any way we please! The Father Himself is seeking "true worshippers" and they must worship Him in a certain way – "in Spirit and in Truth"!

How are you doing with that?? I don't know about you, but if God himself tells me to do something in a certain way; perhaps I should ponder His directive! I must comment here that these are not my words telling us how to worship, but they are the words of Jesus Himself and He is the Son of God. The word of God, given to us in the scriptures, is our only true source of understanding, wisdom and knowledge.

So just what does it mean to worship in this way?

'Worship in Spirit': In the book of Acts 2:38 we read, "Peter said to the crowd, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Is it possible to worship our Heavenly Father without having His Holy Spirit dwelling in us? I believe it is. A lost soul cries out to God in praise and worship, asking Him for mercy and grace and God listens to him. But that individual obviously desires to seek God and to know Him more and to come into His presence – and yet one cannot come before God, in His holiness, without the righteousness of Jesus Christ being imputed to him and that can only happen, as Peter said, through repentance and baptism. Righteousness is imputed, the Holy Spirit is imparted and a pure act of worship may ensue.

A couple of scriptures to go along with this thought (we really have no ability to come to know God without respecting His word): Eph. 2:18, "For it is through Him (Jesus Christ) that we both have access to the Father by one Spirit." Romans 8:15, "For you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father'!". Gal. 4:6. "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father'!"

The Spirit of God dwelling within us is a gift of awesome proportions that enables us to worship in the Spirit! God willing, we will look at worshiping in truth next time.

Bill Rollins 5-7-23

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

IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

If we look back to a few decades ago we can see how the automobile has changed the development of our cities and towns. The auto has caused the center of business to move away from the town center. In the desire not to cause any reason for an auto to be required to slow down meant moving highways out of town. And where the autos went the new businesses went. Which in turn made the auto even more important in our daily lives.

In the 1950s if you examined a 12 square block of a "residential" area it did not just contain residences. There would be a barber shop, a beauty parlor, probably a laundromat that also offered dry cleaning service as well. The would be at least one Mom and Pop grocery in that area. Likely you would find a coffee shop or small restaurant offering a gathering place for the neighborhood. And, yes, there would be a gas station or two offering tire repair, oil changes, and other minor automotive needs.

And there would be a plumber, an electrician, perhaps a carpenter or handyman operating out of their homes. You might have someone who repaired small engines and sold lawn equipment. In short, there wasn't a great need for people to have to make use of their autos every day. Many of the things often needed were within walking distance.

And this was the era of people occupying their front yards and porches. So that walk to the corner store ended up being a chance for some pleasant conversation and swapping of the latest news. The "grapevine" ran along every sidewalk in the neighborhood.

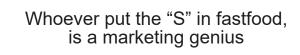
Another thing about that time was because you did not need to take your auto for everything, the traffic in these areas was very light. And with the front yards and porches occupied a reckless driver was taken to task immediately!

This resulted in the now unheard of "Free Range" children. Kids walking, running, biking, playing street hockey, or baseball in the street. The neighborhood was just an expansion of family watching out for all of the children. And the kids knew that they should heed any concerns voiced to them from the extended family.

As we look to reducing our greenhouse emissions, perhaps we need to rethink some of our zoning restrictions. What harm does a home-based business create? Do we need to restrict areas for just single- family housing? Would creating a denser population in an area be the key for some of these businesses to return to their traditional settings? And would that be a way to reduce the conversion of prime farmland to housing projects? Perhaps creating these denser population areas could be a means of actually creating affordable housing.

It has been said that you cannot correct today's problems with yesterday's solutions. But sometimes referencing what used to be can give you an idea of how to use today's solutions.

Bob Mortenson 4-13-2023.



GOOD NEWS

City of Elk Horn

The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session Monday,

May 1st, 2023, at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Hansen, Councilmen: Teegerstrom, Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Hogberg, and K. Petersen.

Guests in attendance were Clint Fichter, Clerk Chelsee Jacobsen, Jerry Evans, Jeff Nelson, Adam McCall, Don Struve, Paulette Madson, Chad Juelsgaard, Alex Behnke and Joey Maiers with Goldfinch GEO, and Kraig Jackson.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Fredericksen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve amending the agenda adding 2012 Washington Street building permit. Ayes:4 Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve April 3rd, 2023, meeting minutes. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Alex Behnke and Joey Maiers with Goldfinch GEO presented a geographic mapping system. This includes water mains, curb stops, sanitary sewer lines, manholes, storm lines and sidewalks. The council will discuss in the future the need for Elk Horn.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve certifying \$2,930.40 to 2011 High Street for concrete work to property taxes. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to approve Blue 1500 plan for Adam and his wife, \$1,219.00 monthly paid by the city. Adam's wage will decrease \$3.00 down to \$21.00 an hour for taking city health insurance. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

The council voted unanimously to not go with the Union Street service agreement for Snyder & Associates and would like to price asphalt with concrete curb and gutter going down Park Street.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the USDA Change Order for 2022 Street & Storm Sewer Improvements for \$12,815.22. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve USDA Pay App #2 – Bluffs Paving (Sub Final) for \$42, 779.88. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen to not approve subordinating the CDBG lien for 2018 Elm Street. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

Clerk: Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve a \$40.00 a month phone stiped for Chelsee's phone. Ayes:5 Motion carried. Chelsee will put together a RFP for the upcoming annual examination audit.

Streets: D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve purchasing \$1,000.00 skid forks for the skid loader. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

Pool/Park: Fredericksen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to purchase a sprayer for weeds. Ayes:5 Motion carried. All the supplies for the putt putt area have been ordered and delivered. Pool House Schedule presented, construction to start in September. Chelsee stated \$217,631.25 has been raised with more grants applied for.

Town Hall: July 7th & 8th -Opening the town hall for \$10.00 a table for those who want to participate in the garage sales but don't have the space.

Library: Fredericksen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve hiring Paulette Madson at \$19.00/HR as the new Library Director. Wage to increase to \$19.50 at 3 months with a positive evaluation and increase to \$20.00 at 6 months with a positive evaluation. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

Building Permit: K. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve permits for 4304 Main, 4244 Union, 4406 Bornholm, 2021 Tivoli, 2012 Washington. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

Mayor: Mayor Hansen spoke with Dollar General, encouraged DG to work directly with property owner for plans.

Council: Ordinances need to be enforced. The council has received numerous complaints about not following codes.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve the Claims Register as presented. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to approve employee timesheets as presented. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to approve the financial report as presented. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to enter Closed Session at 7:12PM Hotel Update- pursuant to Iowa code 21.5i. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to open the regular meeting again at 7:49PM. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

The council will have a special meeting on May 22nd, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the town hall for moving forward with RFPs for the Hotel.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

Keli Hansen, Mayor

Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk



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Elk Horn American Legion Tribute to Veterans of All Wars

Monday May 29th Military Service

Clay Township 9:30am Monroe Church 10:00am Elk Horn Church 11:00am Followed by Military Service at the Elk Horn Cemetery

Followed by Lunch in Fellowship Hall Everyone Welcome * Free Will Donation IF MY KIDS KNEW THERE WAS A LIGHT IN THE OVEN, THEY'D LEAVE THAT ONE ON TOO.

MEMORIAL DAY is ONLY ONCE A YEAR but our gratitude is endless.....

Crazy Dane Dayz July 7th & 8th
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Registration fee of \$10.00 places your name/business & sale information on the Danish Villages Map. The fee helps cover the costs of advertising and map printing.

Mail your \$10.00 Registration Fee, payable to: Danish Villages Improvement Organization c/o Debbie McClain 4205 Sjaeland Street Elk Horn, IA 51531

Please include a sheet of paper with the following information:

Your Name Your Address Dates/Times of your sale Summary of items for sale (Please limit the information above to about 50 words)

Deadline to register is June 15th

Call/Text Debbie McClain at 712-249-7257 or email at <u>dmcclain6674@gmail.com</u> with any questions!

FEELING LEFT OUT ..??

Don't have a place to have a garage sale but want in on the fun!?

We are going to open the Elk Horn town hall for \$10 a table! Pre-register required and man your own station. Set up will take place Monday 7/3 or Thursday 7/6 by appointment. *Call the City Clerk's office to sign up!* 712-764-5514.

- * Deadline to register for tables is June 2nd.
- * You will not need to put your information on the map as the town hall will be one stop! (Listed as a Multi-family Sale)
- * You can buy more than one table!
- * You do not have to be a resident of Elk Horn to register.
- * Ideal time open will be
- 8 5 PM Friday
- 8 11 AM Saturday

** Any unsold items must be removed by the owner at the end of the sale.

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What's going on @ Exira Library..



We had a very busy day in story time today! We started off with a dance party, read a silly story called Aliens Love Underpants, went outside and played with sidewalk chalk then finished up with popsicles!! This was our last Story Time for the year before we kick off Summer Reading. What a great group of kiddos!!



What's going on @ Exira

GLEN LUDWIG



2023 4TH OF JULY THEME

🗶 HOMETOWN PRIDE 🚽

I could swear he is doing it wrong, but since I dont own a boat, Im going to keep my opinion to myself!





We recently held our 4th of July Kickoff Fundraiser and had a great turnout. We hope everyone enjoyed the evening and had fun! We also announced our 2023 4th of July Celebration Theme and Grand Marshal.

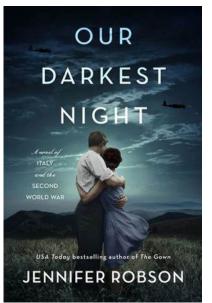
THEME- Hometown Pride (Shirt design and ordering option coming soon) GRAND MARSHAL- Glen Ludwig (Part of the write up submitted about Glen in the pictures)

- Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our event.
- Thank you to all who donated items to our silent and live auctions. Between individuals and local & surrounding area businesses, we ended up with 58 items that people were able to bid on.
- Thank you to Master Griller Catering for the delicious food!
- Thank you to the bartenders who worked that evening.
- Thank you to Wayne for auctioneering.
- Thank you to the Junior Class for helping clear tables.
- Thank you to Dueling Pianos, Andy & Mike for the fun entertainment.

• Thank you to anyone we missed giving a shout out to that helped with our event. As always, we appreciate the community's continued support. Without it, our events aren't possible. So again, thank you!!

> Our next book club book is Our Darkest Night by Jennifer Robson. We have several copies at the library for check out! Our next meeting will be Wednesday May 31st at 5:30pm. We are hoping to meet at Mi Taquito Tex-Mex Restaurant! Book synopsis below!

> It is the autumn of 1943, and life is becoming increasingly perilous for Italian Jews like the Mazin family. With Nazi Germany now occupying most of her beloved homeland, and the threat of imprisonment and deportation growing eve... See more



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Member of the Month

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Nicknames. Who chooses them? Why do some people have them and other people do not? Why do some people hate their nicknames and other people are very fond of them? If you are the youngest of ten children, the chances of you having a nickname are high. Especially if you have older brothers who like to kid around with you. Gene doesn't remember a time when he wasn't called "Beaner." Even his pastor called him Beaner. That nickname has stuck with him his entire life. And he is a-ok with that. Walk into his woodworking shop, call out a cheery "Hello Beaner," and a friendly conversation immediately follows. He will explain which pioneer farmer's barn the wood for a particular birdhouse came from and, sometimes, he even knows the year that old barn was built. Pick up one of his marble puzzles and see if you can figure it out. Most people need clues. Then they laugh at how simple it is and ask themselves why they didn't catch on. Look at the old pieces of furniture he has so carefully repaired. Don't hurry. Take your time. Beaner's woodshop is the perfect place for conversations.

During Beaner's early years he lived in Kimballton, Iowa. The United States was fighting WWII. Many of the young men were being called up for military duty. At various times all of his older brothers did military service. Besides Beaner, three were in the Navy and one in the Army. The brother who was in

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the Army had been sent to Korea. One of Beaner's sisters (a nurse) joined the WAAC. In 1942 President Roosevelt signed into law a bill that created the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps which gave women the same rights and benefits afforded to male soldiers. It would be interesting to know if any other women from Kimballton joined the WAAC. Of the ten Thomsen children, six served in various branches of the military. All returned home safely.

Beaner tells a fun story about his brother who was serving in Korea. His brother deeply missed family and home. He decided pen pals would help fill that void. One of the girls from Beaner's high school class became a pen pal, then a sweetheart, and lately, his brother's wife.

In 1944 the Thomsen family left Kimballton and moved to California for work opportunities. Beaner discovered that school in California was quite different than it had been in Iowa. Although he attended 6th grade through high school out there, his heart was always back at home in Iowa. After graduation he returned and worked for two years. At that time, he was drafted into the Army.

He was sent for training to Fort Riley, Kansas. Although he had expected that very likely he would be sent to Korea, the war ended, and a peace treaty was signed before he had completed training. Instead, he was sent for about six months to Ogden, Utah where his job was to inspect canned goods used by the military to see if they had expired or were still good for usage.

Beaner's next assignment took him to Fort Lawton near Seattle , Washington, where he began training with the 78th Transportation Company. Their main responsibilities were to load and unload the ship they would be stationed on. This LST (Land and Sea Transport) ship that he was on for the next three months had the duty of resupplying military bases in Alaska, north to the Arctic Circle and west all the way to the Aleutian Islands (known as the back door to the United States). Even though the work was hard, his Private First-Class rank paid him only \$99 a month. When he was doing sea duty and was on a ship, his pay was increased by \$50 monthly. Beaner was fortunate that sea duty did not make him sick because the sea, in that area, was very rough. The water was whipped by notorious winds and battered by huge waves. During the time his ship was sailing above the Arctic Circle the sun never set.

When he asked, "when will the sun set?" he was told "July 23." (The sun actually did set for a few minutes, then came right back up.)

After Beaner had completed three months on ship, he went back to Fort Lawton and worked in the recreation area provided on base for the servicemen

Upon completion of his two years of military service, Beaner returned to lowa. He and his wife, Robin, were married for 66 years until her death in 2023. He spent his career selling insurance. In one sense, he has never retired. Although he no longer works in the insurance business, his hobby of woodworking finds him busy from sunup to sundown and enjoying every minute of it.

It's been a bit of a strange day.. First, I found a hat full of money.. Then I was chased by an angry man with a guitar...

Two little boys were at a wedding when one leaned over to the other and asked, "How many wives can a man have?" His friend answered, "Sixteen... four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."

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.



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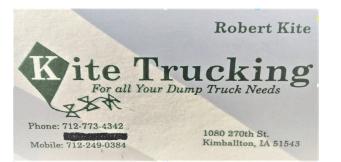
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SCAVENGER HUNT

For Tivoli Fest 2023

We are trying something new. Some area businesses are hosting a hunt of some fun, a little obscure and Scandinavian themed items. Have fun as individuals, groups or families, local or visitors. The clues will lead you to the numbered items on the list all at the businesses on the list. Have fun visiting some of the things that our community has to offer. Most importantly, have fun with it. Take some selfies, share the experience with others. Turn in your completed list after completed. To wrap this up we will draw for winners at Saturday nights dance.

Scandanavian Scavenger Hunt May 22nd - 27th, 2023

A Photo Op with a Viking Ship
 A Danish Day of the Week
 Pastry Version of Scandinavian Letters
 A Danish Squirrel Looking For Pizza
 Snuggling with Scandinavian Love
 A Miniature of an Elk Horn Landmark
 Danish "Dancing on the Ceiling"
 Grand Danish Music with Victor Borge

9. Scandinavian Crown

Participating Businesses

Copenhagen Friday . Egg Krate . Grace on Main Kringleman . Log Cabin Quilt Shop Love You Mor . Museum of Danish America Norse Horse Tavern . Old Danish Workshop

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Tivoli Rhubarb Contest







NEW! Rhubarb Contest

"Sift" through Grandma's Recipe Book 3 Categories - Pick One or Do All 3

- 1. Baking Samples: Cookies, Bars, Cake
- 2. Sauces Samples: Jams, Pudding
- 3. WTR (What The Rhubarb) Misc. Pickles, Ice Cream

All entries prepared at home & delivered to the Elk Horn Town Hall Friday, May 26, 2-5 p.m. Judging to commence at 5:30 p.m. Prizes awarded to 1st & 2nd Place in each category. All entries to be transported to the Fire Station and put up for sale. All proceeds to Elk Horn Fire Department. **Contact: Chad Juelsgaard (651) 280-0401**





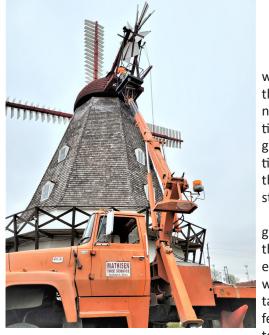




Stewed Rhubar

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Mathisens Keep Volunteer Tradition Alive at the Danish Windmill

Way back on March 14, following a weekend of heavy winds, we noticed that the Danish Windmill in Elk Horn, Iowa was not turned into the wind. A quick investigation of the fantail revealed that the lower gearbox was not working. The fantail continued to spin, but the shaft was not driving the gears, keeping the windmill at a standstill.

Servicing a windmill isn't easy. The gearbox would have to be disassembled in the air, taken down, and brought to a welder for repair. It stands 50 feet in the air and weighs over 150 pounds. We needed a lift tall enough to reach the upper gearbox 6 feet above, and with a bucket strong enough to hold two people and the gearbox.

Thankfully, Steve and Raydene Mathisen of Mathisen Tree Service in Audubon were up to the task, and came with glowing recommendations from people around town. Two weeks after the breakdown, Steve and Mike Riggs of Elk Horn were up in the air, wrestling and wrangling with the gearbox trying to disconnect it. The lift stretched as high as it could go. It took a few hours, some elbow grease, and a bigger hammer, but eventually they got it done. The gearbox was shunted off to Mike's Welding in Kimballton where it would be opened and repaired.

A few weeks went by as we waited for the repairs to finish, slowed by the annual need for repaired farm equipment and bearings that are hard to come by. Over several years, moisture accumulated inside the gearbox through the breather hole, and condensed into water, ruining all of grease and oil inside. The bearings gave out and began chipping away at the teeth of the brass gear wheel. Mike Mortensen resharpened the wheel and replaced the oil before finally reassembling the housing once the bearings arrived. All the while, Steve and Raydene regularly checked in with Mike and with the windmill, keeping a watchful eye on our progress as we readied for the final repair.

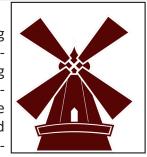
On Friday, May 5, Steve was back up in the air, this time with Chad Juelsgaard of Elk Horn. They had some wind to contend with, but after stopping the fantail from spinning, they managed to get the restored gearbox back into position. Slowly, the windmill began to adjust itself into the wind. A collective sigh of relief was felt about town as the windmill was working once again.

Running and repairing windmills is by no means cheap. Lift services are expensive, and the time taken from operators also needs to be compensated. These are costs we must prepare for as part of the job, but still, are not easy to meet when dealing with the rising costs of staying open from merchandise to utilities to wages.

When the Mathisens informed us they would be donating their time and labor to the windmill, we had to find a way to say thank you. It was that same spirit of community volunteerism that brought our windmill here in 1976, and we are both proud and awestruck at how that same spirit continues today in those who have volunteered their services to the windmill over the last several years. We want to extend our most sincere thanks to Steve and Raydene for their exemplary character and willingness to give. They have been foundational members of this area for many years, and it is safe to say their reputation precedes them everywhere they go.

News From The Mill

On April 27th, we had the privilege of hosting a large group of EEHK students and faculty for the annual Earth Day program. Everyone spent the morning on the grounds, cleaning up leaves and brush, planting flowers, and preparing the outdoor exhibits for the coming season. Bruce Poldberg, Tami Jacobsen, and Lisa Riggs all helped supervise. The kids did a wonderful job, and want to thank the school district for



continuing this important program. Everyone was given a choice of a free t-shirt or candy for their efforts. Thankfully, we had a lot of candy.

After several weeks, the windmill was briefly restored to working order on Friday May 5th. The Mill contracted Mike Mortensen of Kimballton who was able to find the replacement bearings and sharpen the brass wheel in the gearbox. Steve and Raydene Mathisen of Mathisen Tree Service in Audubon graciously volunteered their lift to reinstall it, and with the help of Chad Julsgaard, the gearbox was hoisted back its place on the fantail. We are beyond grateful to so many who have donated their time and labor to the windmill over the years and could not be more proud to see our traditions of volunteerism continued so many years later.

It wasn't until after the installation finished that new problems became apparent. A bolt holding together the mechanism that opens and closes our shutters fell out of place, causing one of the sails to completely close. Not long after, the fantail stopped working. The lower gearbox is still working fine and the windmill can manually be turned, but the higher gearbox that was left on the Mill while repairs were being made, has since failed. It will need to be taken down and brought in for repair. We are doing what we can to restore the Mill as quickly as possible.

As we gear up for Tivoli, we are pleased to announce the return of the Vikings this year who will be marauding all over the grounds that weekend. They intend to make some repairs to the Vikinghjem in addition to providing demonstrations and battles. The windmill will also be totally open for Tivoli this year with free admission, so it's a great opportunity to come by and see everything going on. There will be opportunities to have pictures taken in front of the windmill, and staff is working very hard to get the gift shop fully stocked and ready. We hope to see you then!

*The Danish Windmill is looking for a new location for a private directional sign on the south side of i80 East. Contact us at 712-764-7472 for more information. Shaun Sayres

Manager, Danish Windmill



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Judith Ann Leistad December 12, 1939 - April 27, 2023

Judith Ann Leistad, age 83, of Pearland, Texas and formerly of Elk Horn, passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center in Houston, Texas. Funeral services were held May 6, 2023, at Elk Horn Lutheran Church. Burial was at the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Judith Ann, daughter of Marvin and Ebba (Beck) Jacobsen, was born December 12,

1939, at Exira, Iowa. Judy was raised by her mother Ebba and stepfather Arnold Nissen. She grew up and attended school in Exira. Judy later earned her GED. On May 31, 1956, Judy was united in marriage with Ronald Leistad at Exira Lutheran Church. Three children were born to this couple. The family farmed west of Elk Horn where Judy was a stay-at-home mom and helped Ron in his contracting business. Judy and Ron went where his business took him. They lived in Spirit Lake, Iowa; Houston, Texas; and then Glenwood, Iowa, eventually retiring in Pearland, Texas. After leaving Elk Horn, Judy worked at various retail and furniture stores and Judy became a top salesperson for Lazy Boy.

Judy had a wonderful style and an eye for design. She enjoyed shopping and creating a beautiful home. Judy always looked forward to the holidays with family and traveling back to Iowa. Her favorite outings were to grandchildren's activities, sporting events, dance recitals, birthdays, graduations and weddings. When she was not able to attend in person, Judy appreciated being able to watch them online or listen on the radio. When her illness interfered with travel, she considered herself blessed to enjoy holiday parties at Reed and Janelle's home.

On Thursday, April 27, 2023, Judy passed away, following a lengthy illness, at Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center in Houston, Texas, at the age of 83 years.

Judy is survived by her husband Ronald Leistad of Pearland, Texas; three children: Beth Winquist of Schleswig; Joni (Jerome) Irlmeier of Norfolk, Nebraska; and Reed (Janelle) Leistad of League City, Texas; nine grandchildren; Tara Alexander; Erica (Robert Schweller) Hansen; Mori Hansen; Katie (Justin) Broderson; Anna (Paul) Hammes; Joseph (Megan) Irlmeier; Brad (Jordyn) Irlmeier; Lindsey Leistad and Ashley Leistad; nine great-grandchildren; a brother Andy Jacobsen of Fort Smith, Arkansas; two sisters Kathleen Johnston of Green Valley, Arizona and Vicky Oakley of Deltona, Florida; and by many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons-in-law Richard Hansen and Sydney Winquist.

Dennis Craig Lange February 3, 1950 - May 3, 2023

Dennis Craig Lange, age 73, passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

Dennis was an active member and Deacon of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church where he attended for 41 years.

He was born and raised in Atlantic, lowa and raised in Kimballton, lowa. He attended lowa State University, graduating in 1972 with a Degree in Industrial Education. After graduating he moved to Gainesville, Florida where he met his



wife, Gwen Lange. They were happily married for 48 years. Dennis and Gwen began their family and had two sons, Chad and Justin.

He loved information Technology where he spent most of his career until his retirement in 2020. Prior to his IT career Dennis enjoyed teaching High School Shop and Coaching Tennis. Dennis and Gwen relocated to Knoxville, TN. in 1981. He was an avid lover of family, college sports, camping and biking. Papa "D' as he was known by his grandsons, Jackson and Isaac, never missed a chance to watch them compete in their many athletic events.

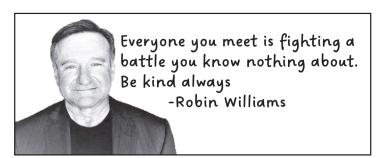
Dennis will always be remembered for his gentle spirit, positive attitude, and quick wit.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Shirley (Mathisen) Lange; brother, Rick Lange; and son, Justin Lange.

He is survived by his wife, Gwen Lange; son, Chad (Jessica) Lange; and grandsons, Jackson and Isaac Lange; brother, Randy (Christy) Lange; sister in law, Frances Lange; nieces, Jessica Lange O'Connor, Megan (Nick) D'Amico and Rikki (Victor) Lara; as well as many numerous cousins.

Services honoring and remembering Dennis were held May 8, 2023, at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA. 22116-7023, or Knox Area Rescue Ministries (KARM), P.O. Box 3310, Knoxville, TN. 37927.



Whatsahapinin at The Elk Horn Library

May 16, 2023

The Elk Horn Library invites you to help us honor our library director Alissa LaCanne for 9 years of service making the Elk Horn Library excellent! Alissa will be stepping down from the library position but will still be bringing her creativity to our community from the Museum of Danish America.

Our new library director, Paulette Madson, will be available in June to assist you in checking out books. She will bring her own flair to the library! She and LaJissa, our children's librarian, have a great summer reading program ready, so come check that out!

Stop in Thursday, May 25th for come and go refreshments and share with Alissa how she has inspired YOU toward reading and lifelong learning. **Thursday, May 25th 12:30-6:30pm**





Tivoli Fest - Memorial Weekend

Don't miss the Tivoli fun at the library on Saturday, May 27

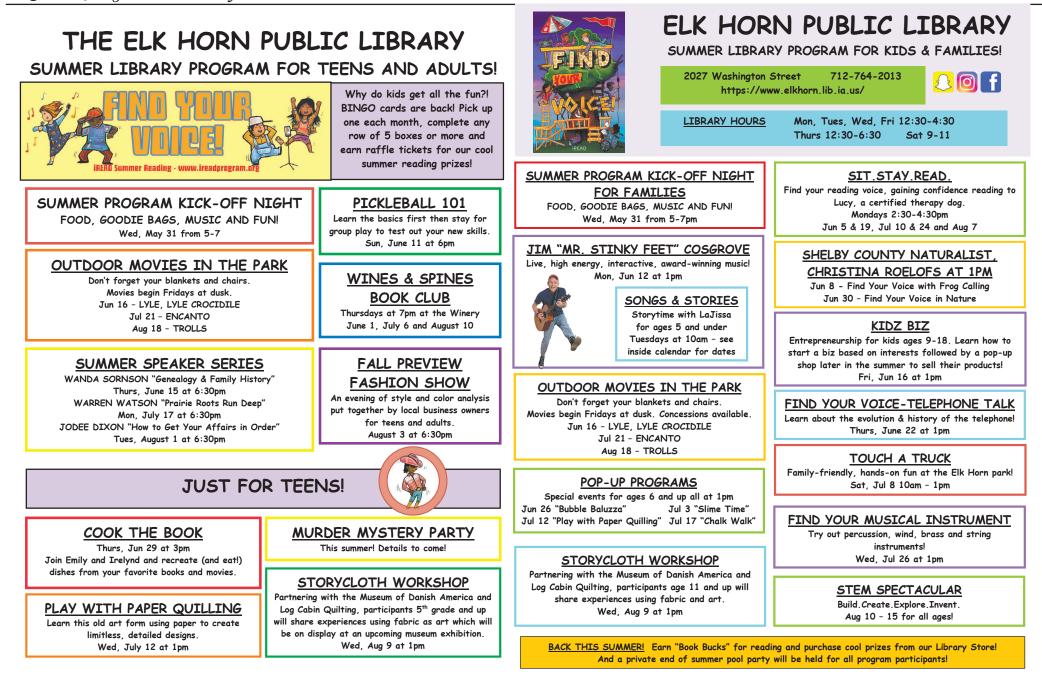
Children's Activities at the Elk Horn Public Library after the 11:00 parade until 3pm include:

LEGO Building Contest on display, GIANT indoor/outdoor games, Cat Tales, Face Painting by Cathy Meyers AND DON'T MISS THE FIREWORKS AT DARK !

Congratulations to our scholarship winners from the class of 2023! Derek Kommes, Ella Petersen, Trey Petersen, McKenna Larsen, Katie Andersen, Easton Nelson, Shay Burmeister and Quinn Grubbs



May 16, 2023



National Library Week kicked-off at the Elk Horn Public Library with a visit from the Shelby County Chamber joined by the Parian Masonic Lodge #321 from Harlan to present the library with a \$200 donation. Thank you to all who the week with us! We so appreciate those of you who stopped in to attend events and also to those who offered such kind comments on our social media pages. A special thank you to our Outlook Study Club members, Joni, Paulette, Marge, and Mardell for bringing in delicious treats, too! We are very thankful for a community that supports all we do at the Elk Horn Library!



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The Elk Horn Public Library invites LEGO builders to enter our 2023 Tivoli Fest LEGO contest. The Tivoli theme this year is "Skol to Tivoli <u>Fest</u>"

*Entries can be made using LEGO bricks at the library or brought from home in 2 categoriesfreestyle or kit. *A person can have 1 entry in each class. *Teams of no more than 2 can enter. *The contest is open to all ages *Prizeswill be awarded to winners in a variety of areas.

Entries may be brought into the library from Wed, May 17th until Thurs, May 25th. They will be on display at the <u>Library</u> from 12-3 on Sat, May 27th during Tivoli Fest, where the Library will also be hosting other children's programming, including many giant outdoor games!



ALLOWED:

Leaves, Grass, Twigs, Small Branches

NOT ALLOWED:

Logs (Greater then 6 In.) , Construction Materials, Appliances, Concrete, Garbage, ECT!

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