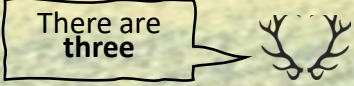




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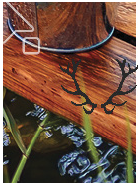
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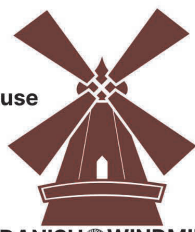
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GOOD NEWS!

It has been quite some time since we've considered this topic of good news here in our local newspaper. I want to take a step back and review with you just why these words "Good News" are used in our title. There is more to it than using the antithesis to the words 'bad news' which seems to be all we hear in our news laden society.

I would imagine that somewhere around 98% of all those who read this article have heard and understood the word "Gospel" as it is used in a religious/biblical sense. But do we know the literal meaning of the word?

From the book of Matthew to the book of Revelation the word "gospel" is used slightly over 100 times. It is translated from a Greek word that literally means "good message". And it is precisely that good message that was received from Jesus Christ as He went about Galilee preaching the good news of the kingdom.

In the gospel of Matthew we find John the Baptist, who had the duty of "Preparing the way for the LORD" (Matt. 3:3), proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". Jesus Himself, in Matt. 4:17 calls out the same message.

In many ways we see the death of Jesus Christ on the cross and the taking away of our sins as the good news. But better yet we see His resurrection from the grave as the good news. And then we have His ascension into heaven to be seated with the Father as good news. But it is interesting that both Jesus and John understood that the real good news concerned the reality of the Kingdom of God set up here on earth!

But wait; there's more!! Putting all that together we must understand that by the removal of our sins, Jesus imputed unto us a righteousness that allows us to enter into that coming kingdom and to claim citizenship there. That kingdom is an everlasting kingdom – eternal good news!!

"And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Rev. 21:2-4)

In our previous installment I ended with this, "He died that we might live. And that life we will live is a "new life". Perhaps we should delve into that newness in our subsequent article." So here it is, "***And He who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'***"

This troublesome society we live in is only the beginning – we can have the promise of great things and superior good news ahead of us. AMEN! And who wouldn't want that!

Bill Rollins 5-6-24

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

ITS ONLY SCIENCE

Did you ever think about the complex mathematics involved in forecasting where a total solar eclipse will happen? We are talking about computing the exact path and speed of one body with another body orbiting it, while both of them orbit around another body. Each of these are already moving through space at tens of thousands of miles an hour. Yet the scientists can tell you exactly when and where you can view the eclipse. And no one disputes their findings.

When another group of equally qualified scientists point out that global warming is taking place, and that human activity is the primary cause of this, it is a different story. When they say we should leave every ounce of fossil fuels in the ground that we can, again a much different story. But this warmer atmosphere has a higher level of energy than it did before global warming. They have told us that extreme weather events are much more likely now.

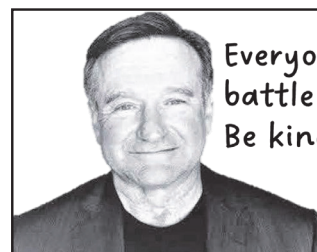
We just had a multi-vortex tornado develop in our area. The people of the First Nations had given these a name. They called them "Death Walking"! These more powerful storms may even cause damage to conventional storm shelters. Once again the predictions of the scientific community have been proven as fact.

There are enough of the population working to at least slow the rate of global warming that we can see some progress. The Ag industry has made some strides in reducing their carbon emissions. The emissions from the livestock industry has shown between a 12% to 15% reduction in their operations. Although some groups are trying to tell the public that we should move away from animal-based proteins, the fact is that humans are designed to be omnivores! And the Ag industry only creates around 4% of the carbon pollution in this country.

It is when we look at structures and transportation that we find the largest contribution to our carbon footprint. This is where we should focus on how we can reduce carbon emissions in these sectors. A reduction in carbon emissions here will make the largest overall effect on global warming.

The experts agree that electrifying many of our vehicles is a good first step. Ethanol can provide a cleaner source of fuel than gasoline. But it still has a carbon footprint and should not be regarded as the final solution. Hydrogen can be a decisive step in de-carbonizing. The infrastructure to safely and cleanly produce and transport it will take decades to construct. The production of hydrogen will require a tremendous amount of clean electricity for it to be truly carbon free. We must continue to construct wind, solar, and even tide or current based generation in order to meet the demand for electricity.

Bob Mortenson 4-20-2024.



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

EXIRA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
108 E WASHINGTON ST. – CITY HALL MONDAY APRIL 22, 2024

The Exira City Council met for a meeting in city hall on Monday April 22, 2024. Present were Mayor Mike Huegerich and Council Members: Clark Borkowski, Dwight Jessen, and Nathan Wahlert. City Clerk Meg Andersen, City Attorney Clint Fichter, Mike Lauritsen from public works, and a resident from the community were also in attendance.

Mayor Huegerich called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Jessen, to approve the agenda. All voted aye, motion passed.

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

Mayor Huegerich opened the fiscal year 2025 budget hearing at 7:04 PM.

Mayor Huegerich opened the fire truck loan public hearing at 7:05 PM.

The council received written and verbal public input about vacating the alley south of South St.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Jessen, to approve a deck building permit for 116 E South St. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve Casey's nicotine sales permit. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Borkowski, to have Viking Construction Inc. manage the Homes for Iowa building processes. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve reimbursement of \$1300 to property owner at 210 N Cottage St for right-of-way tree removals. All voted aye, motion passed.

Request to vacate the unopened east west alley south of South St. was denied. Request for easement in same alley was denied.

Housing options at 304 S Carthage were discussed.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Jessen, to approve the purchase of a new Toyne fire truck totaling \$448,889.90. All voted aye, motion passed. City Clerk will submit Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau Loan application and organize fundraising efforts.

Mike Lauritsen updated council on the status of water system repairs. Public works department to proceed with flushing of water mains.

Public works replacement equipment was discussed.

Mayor Huegerich closed the fire truck loan public hearing at 7:54 PM. No comments written or oral were received.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Borkowski, to approve Resolution 24-06 04.22.24 Authorizing a loan agreement for the essential corporate purpose note, series 2024A and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Roll call vote: Borkowski- Aye, Jessen- Aye, Wahlert- Aye, Resolution passed.

Mayor Huegerich closed the fiscal year 2025 budget hearing at 7:57 PM. No comments written or oral were received.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Borkowski, to adopt City of Exira fiscal year 2025 budget with a combined tax levy rate of \$24.25. All voted aye, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 1, 2024 at 7:30 PM.

Mike Huegerich, Mayor Meg Andersen, City Clerk

EXIRA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
108 E WASHINGTON ST. – CITY HALL WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2024

The Exira City Council met for a meeting in city hall on Wednesday May 1, 2024. Present were Mayor Mike Huegerich and Council Members: Clark Borkowski, Dwight Jessen, Mark Paulsen, Dory Schrader, and Nathan Wahlert. City Clerk Meg Andersen, City Attorney Clint Fichter, Tim Wahlert from public works, Deputy Klein, and members of the community were also in attendance.

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

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

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

Deputy Klein presented the April 2024 sheriff's report.

Housing plans at 304 S Carthage St. were discussed.

The council received questions and reviewed the downtown revitalization grant process.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Schrader, to approve building permit for 229 W South St. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Jessen, to approve reimbursement of \$650 to property owner at 300 E Harrison St. for right-of-way tree removal. All voted aye, motion passed.

City Clerk presented the April 2024 Librarian's report.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Jessen, to approve City of Exira Utility Billing Policy. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve changing Verizon cell phone plan to include city clerk and all public works employees. All voted aye, motion passed.

Right-of-way tree planting requires permit and tree must be on approved tree species list.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Paulsen, to approve Resolution 24-08 05.01.24 Fiscal Year 2025 Employee Wages. Roll call vote: Borkowski- Aye, Jessen- Aye, Paulsen- Aye, Schrader- Aye, Wahlert- Aye, Resolution passed.

A motion made by Paulsen, seconded by Jessen, to set Fiscal Year 2024 budget amendment hearing for May 20th 2024 at 7:30 PM. All voted aye, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Mike Huegerich, Mayor Meg Andersen, City Clerk

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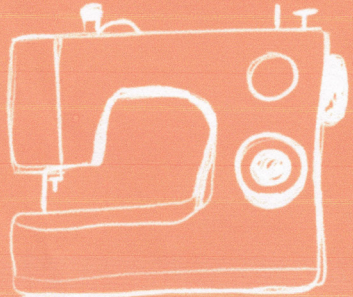
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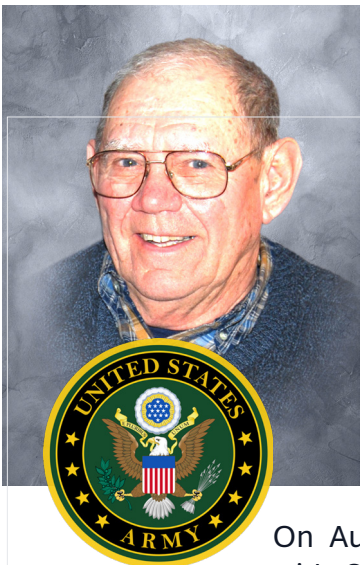
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Dalton "Chris" Christoffersen

August 22, 1933 — April 30, 2024

Dalton "Chris" Lavern Christoffersen, son of Andrew and Anna (Christensen) Christoffersen, was born August 22, 1933 in Harlan, Iowa. He grew up on the family farm west of Kimballton and attended rural school Jackson #6. Chris attended high school in Harlan and graduated with the Class of 1951. In 1954, he enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Korean War until his honorable discharge on August 13, 1956.

On August 10, 1954 Chris was united in marriage with Sylvia Ann Osbahr at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Six children were born to this union: Calla, Randy, Terri, Lori, Ricky, and Rodney. The couple made their home in Audubon before moving to Denison, at which time Chris began his career working for several Ford dealerships. He worked at Cornelison Ford in Atlantic, and this is where Chris and Sylvia raised their family, on an acreage north of town. Through the years, Chris worked at Valley Motors in Atlantic, Larsen Ford in Exira, and Markel Ford in Omaha, NE. Chris's knowledge and experience with automobile parts soon lead him to become known as the "go-to guy" for automobile repair. He could recite part numbers and know what troubles lie under the hood just by listening to the sound of the engine. Chris and Sylvia were able to make lasting memories traveling to Hawaii, Spain, Mexico, and Venezuela during his working years.

After his retirement, Chris drove a bus for Southwest Iowa Transit Agency (SWITA) for nine years. It was more than just a job for Chris, but a way to serve the people. He was known to share treats and special cards with riders. He also enjoyed helping the 4-H kids at fair time, restoring Ford tractors, keeping up with current events via CNN and FOX news, as well as watching old westerns. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren and attending their various sports, music, and church activities. Chris loved the Lord and was a dedicated member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Atlantic for 65 years –where he helped with ushering, mowing, and picking up members to bring them to and from church services.

Chris went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at the Exira Care Center, Exira, Iowa, having attained the age of 90 years, 8 months, and 8 days at which time he was under the care of Gentiva Hospice.

In addition to his parents, Chris was preceded in death by his infant son Rodney Eugene Christoffersen, brother Emery Christoffersen, sister Darlene Hansen, granddaughter Laura Turner, brother-in-law Donald Lee, Sylvia's parents Harold and Irene Osbahr and her siblings and their spouses, Robert (Sally) Osbahr and Kenneth (Faye) Osbahr.

Chris is survived by his wife of 69 years, Sylvia Christoffersen of Atlantic; children: Calla (Todd) Johnson of Elk Horn; Randy (Jodi) Christoffersen of Atlantic; Terri (Bruce) Turner of Hortonville, WI; Lori Robertson of Amana; and Ricky (Susan) Christoffersen of Atlantic; grandchildren: Jason (Tammy) Jensen and children Hannah and Mason of Elk Horn; Scott (Amber) Jensen and children Olivia and Evan of Marne; Brett (Madison) Johnson of Des Moines; Eric (Rachel) Christoffersen of Firestone, CO; Tyler (Madison) Christoffersen of Waukee; Rachel Stankevitz of Green Bay, WI; Travis (Kirstin) Robertson and children Keighan, Rory and Kinnick of Council Bluffs; Amanda (Rich) Thompson and children Ariyah and Lilah of North Liberty; Sara (Brad) Strouth and children Macy and Drew of Atlantic; Justin (Megan) Sorensen and children William, Timothy and Benjamin of Slater; sister Ardyce Lee of Westminster, CO; sister-in-law Ruby Christoffersen of Kimballton; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11AM on Monday, May 20, 2024 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Atlantic. Visitation will be held the hour prior to the service from 10AM to 11AM. Inurnment with Military Honors will follow in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Chris's name.

To order [memorial trees](#) or send flowers to the family in memory of Dalton "Chris" Christoffersen, please visit our [flower store](#).

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Lila Mae Kelley
February 20, 1939 — April 25, 2024
Jacksonville

Lila was born on February 20, 1939 to Paul and LaVerne (Mueller) Russmann at Walnut, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed at the Peace Evangelical and Reformed Lutheran Church in Walnut. She graduated from Walnut High School in 1957 and worked for a year at Farm Service Co-op in Harlan.

On September 7, 1958, Lila was married to Perry Kelley of Harlan and four children were born to this union: Connie, Perry Jr., Jerry, and Larry. Perry and Lila 's first home was a furnished upstairs

apartment in Harlan while they were remodeling their country schoolhouse on his father's farm. That was their home until highway 44 was reconstructed in 1987 when the state relocated them to the acreage by Jacksonville where they purchased more acres to add to their farming.

As a stay-at-home mom she was kept busy doing chores for the various animals and poultry they raised, helping with the field work, growing a big garden for canning and freezing, to keep food on the table. While Perry was working in the town, Lila farrowed pigs and sold them at the Avoca sale barn. Perry would come home by noon to help load them and take them to the sale barn. She would go to the sale, collect the checks and take it to the bank. Some of the men didn't like it when her pigs brought more than theirs.

Many people will remember the ducks and geese she raised and dressed for their holiday meals. She used the feathers and down and made pillows as gifts for family, friends and also to sell. For over 30 years she helped at the Mickels

restaurant at catering jobs.

In earlier years, Lila was on the state 6 on 6 girls basketball team for Walnut Highschool and was involved in 4-H. She enjoyed the Saturday Night Couples Pinochle Card Club and the Tuesday Ladies Chatter Club. After joining the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, she was a member of the lady's circle. Lila lived a simple life but worked so hard at it.

On Thursday, April 25, 2024, Lila passed away peacefully at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, attaining the age of 85 years, 2 months, and 5 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and LaVerne Russmann; and her sister, Marilyn and her husband Gene Olsen. Lila is survived by her loving husband, Perry Kelley Sr. of Walnut; her children: Connie (Kevin) Paulsen of Anita, Perry Jr. (Mary Ellen) Kelley of Harlan, Jerry (Karen) Kelley of Harlan, and Larry Kelley of Council Bluffs; 5 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 2 step-great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Harold and his wife, Gretchen Kelley of Newton; special friends: Marlene Hipnar, Jeanie Voege, and Marilyn Krohn; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Visitation was held 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 30, 2024 with a Prayer Service at 6:30 PM. at the Therkildsen Activity Center in Harlan, Iowa. Chaplain Kathy Soetmelk served as officiant of the service. Serving as honorary urn bearers were Sarah Paulsen, Tambri Paulsen, Caitlin Embree, Tara Kelley, Andrea Guyer and Rya Klein. Serving as urn bearers were Brandon Paulsen, Clinton Paulsen, Walker Embree, Michael Kelley, Vince Guyer and Adam Klein. Services were entrusted to the Heartland Funeral Home in Harlan, Iowa.

Happy Arbor Day, Spartan Nation! Yesterday, 5th grade, middle & high school students worked together to plant 16 trees around the elementary. After a short demonstration from the DNR rep, the students and adult volunteers were off and running. A huge thank you to all who helped!



LtoR: Craig Smith, Lori Hoflen, Jim Hoflen, Kevin Hinners, Jean Hinners, Annette Madsen, Molly Robertsen, Jerry Hoffman



May 19-25, 2024 marks the 50th Anniversary of EMS Week. This year's theme, "Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future," reminds us to acknowledge the foundational work of those who came before us, while also striving to build and lead the EMS system we envision for our future.

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Kimballton City Council

FY 2024-2025 Budget Public Hearing & Special Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 25, 2024

PRESENT: Millette Shores, Mayor, Tony Petersen, Adam Larsen, Terry Nelson, Trisha Bell

ABSENT: Scott Lange, James Mortensen

Mayor Millette Shores called the Public Hearing for Budget FY25 to order @ 6:45 pm

Motion to Approve Resolution 04-2024-04 for FY25 Budget – Motion to Approve – Petersen, 2nd Larsen – Carried Unanimously

Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing @ 6:46 pm – Motion – Petersen, 2nd Larsen - Carried Unanimously

Mayor Millette Shores called the Special Meeting to order @ 6:47 pm

Motion to Approve Agenda for Special Meeting – Motion – Larsen, 2nd Nelson - Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve Specialty, Concrete LLC Proposal for repair of the Street and Little Mermaid – Motion – Larsen, 2nd Petersen - Carried Unanimously

Motion to Approve Resolution 04-2024-03 – Property Tax Levy on 108 W 2nd St for unpaid Utility Bills – Motion – Larsen, 2nd Petersen - Carried Unanimously

Motion to Adjourn Special Meeting at 6:59 pm – Motion – Petersen, 2nd Nelson - Carried Unanimously

Approved: Millette Shores, Mayor Trisha Bell, City Clerk

The Season of Hunger

By Juanita Erickson

During the months of June, July and August of this year, the food pantries located at the Exira Christian Church and the Elk Horn Lutheran Church will be working to help reduce summer hunger affecting school age children in the Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton school district.

Thinking of summertime brings to mind thoughts of kids playing outside, vacations, family time at the local swimming pool, picnics and fun. For many families it's also a time of increased worry and hunger.

Throughout the school year lower income families can count on their school age children being able to eat up to 10 meals a week at school. Summer changes all of that.

If they are old enough to stay at home when their parents work or if they have a stay at home parent there is suddenly an increase of 40 meals per child every month that must be provided. That's almost doubling the number of meals these kids eat at home. In these families money is always limited. All too often the grocery list can be what takes the hit.

Research shows that food insecurity can have numerous negative effects on children. Both their physical and mental health can suffer and if it occurs when school is not in session then the "summer slide" can be worsened and kids can lose even more academic ground than their classmates do over the same period.

In families that are dealing with food insecurity meals might be missed. Oftentimes a parent might skip meals so that their children can eat although there are definitely cases where the children miss meals as well. The food will probably not be as nutritious as the children need. Fresh food is especially expensive and families may very well resort to high carbohydrate fillers to get food in everyone's stomach. Even if the parents do manage to stretch the food by whatever means they can, the worry still exists. Kids are smart and they observe. They see their parents skipping meals, and the stress of trying to juggle bills and buying food can't be hidden from them. The children see these things and worry themselves. This can have a profound effect on their health as well.

Thanks largely to a donation from Apex Energy, our local food pantries will be providing additional food for eligible students in the Exira-EHK district during the upcoming summer months. To qualify, students must reside in the school district, be entering grades K-12 in the fall of 2024, and the family must be within certain income guidelines. Those students who receive free or reduced priced meals at school automatically meet the income test.

An emphasis will be placed on providing as many healthy options as possible while keeping the preparation of the food simple so that older kids can prepare the meals themselves. Individuals with questions can call the Exira Christian Church at 712-268-5498 or the Elk Horn Lutheran Church at 712-764-5678.



Elk Horn Lutheran Church Food Pantry

Everyone needs help with something at some point in their lives.

The Food Pantry at EHLK is available to assist people in the Exira – Elk Horn – Kimballton school district who

Open Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30.

(Dates may be changed for

To make an appointment please call Juanita Erickson 712-249-6135



NEXT MEETING:

June 12th (the 2nd Wed of the month).

Do you have a chronic illness that keeps you from living a normal life?

Come join our community and get...

Support to:



Our Mission: To connect those living with incurable chronic medical conditions with a community that supports, educates and empowers them to improve their quality of life.

We meet monthly in the Exira Library Meeting Room or you can join us online at www.facebook.com/groups/healiowa/

Call (712) 304-5779 with questions.

Elk Horn's Wooden Gem

As one might expect, it isn't always easy to operate a windmill in a small town like Elk Horn. There is no lumberyard or hardware store. There aren't many craftsmen with the time to help with maintenance or repairs, and the people most willing or able to help are stretched too thin. But one community member the windmill has counted upon time and time again still finds creative ways to contribute to our organization and help us grow: Gene "Beaver" Thomsen of Old Danish Workshop.

Gene's woodshop is a hop, skip, and a jump from the mill. He might be in his 90s, but he's still there almost every day, tinkering with reclaimed furniture or barnwood, carving out his signature wooden toys, or building a rustic birdhouse. He makes canes, crosses, dollhouse furniture, and decorations like wooden evergreens. Most are simple in design and capture the inviting energy of Gene himself. Perhaps the most interesting items you can find in his shop are his oven squirrels, which can be used to safely pull baking sheets out of the oven or prop the oven door open.

No matter how busy Gene keeps himself with his wood projects, he always makes time for others. Locals frequently rely on him to fix up damaged tables or chairs, outdoor benches, or whatever else might need a joint replacement or patch. He's a Dane through-and-through, not only because his birth certificate is in Danish, but also owing to his tireless ability to help others.

The windmill has depended on Gene significantly over the years. Having access to his shop for something as simple as a missing nail or wood glue is a greater luxury than it might seem. Even now, he still offers his help with random wood projects whether it's new shelves for the store or something a bit less routine. This year alone, Gene's skillful hands helped us out with two unique projects.

The first was a shadow box to display a retired Danish flag. Earlier this year, with the help of some local high school students, we changed out the display cases inside the windmill. In doing so, we uncovered a moldy box that contained two 3x5 flags, American and Danish. These flags were the first to be flown outside the windmill in the 70s and had been presented to the windmill's original Board of Directors by Senator Tom Harkin. Before that, the American flag had flown over the Capitol building. Displaying an American flag is straightforward, provided you can fold it properly, but displaying a Danish flag required some research. The Dannebrog is retired differently from an American flag. Rather than folded into a triangle, it is folded length-wise and rolled up, so that no white can be seen. Finding the correct box to display it was also challenging, and so we approached Gene about having one custom made. In no time at all he was done, and it's displayed inside the windmill today.

The second project was just last week and another odd request. Now that we're grinding in the windmill again, we've encountered newer problems that otherwise weren't as much of an issue before. A major one is the overwhelming number of flies that trap themselves inside, and they die on every surface from the second floor up. We're hoping the UV trap we installed last week helps with this issue, but we still had to deal with the problem at hand: how to seal the grain in the hopper when the millstones aren't being used.

Between sessions, this grain sits completely exposed, and this results to dead flies dying in the bin and being crushed into the flour. Just because there are bugs in peanut butter and chocolate doesn't mean they have to be in our flour, too. So, we went to Gene again, asking if he could make a top for us that would help keep the bugs out but still match the aesthetic of the craftsmanship of our millstone casing and hopper. He had it done in a day.

If you plan to stop in Elk Horn soon, Gene's shop is a must-see wonder. It's filled with quality trinkets and crafts that couldn't have been made by a kinder soul. He's full of surprises, too, and loves keeping his visitors on their toes. Behind the counter you'll see his custom rack for 50-cent coins sorted by year. He stocks them as mementos and surprises his unsuspecting customers by gifting ones with their birth years. Beyond his ability with a saw, Gene's grace and thoughtfulness towards others has made him a treasure in our community. He is truly one of a kind and we're proud to have him with us. He loves what he does, and we could not imagine our town without him.





To encourage art is to foster its future. On Sunday, April 21, we welcomed pianists, families, teachers, and guests for our annual Victor Borge Legacy Award. This piano recital series is meant to introduce young musicians to the comedy, music, and enduring legacy of Victor Borge. These piano students, in grades 9-12, are acknowledged and awarded for their excellence and are asked to perform on Victor Borge's first piano, a 1929 Hindsberg grand piano that he purchased in Copenhagen as a young musician. As these young musicians continue their musical journey, we sincerely wish them every success.



Thank you to all of our volunteers!

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.” -Elizabeth Andrew

We are so thankful for our many, many volunteers! Since its establishment in 1983, the Museum of Danish America has been profoundly impacted by volunteers and their countless hours of service. From translating documents and conducting genealogy research to organizing events, assisting on Earth Day, baking cookies, and creating the Sankt Hans Aften witch, our volunteers do so much for us. You are stewards of this museum and a testament to the world's humanity, and we can't thank you enough!





Runes & Runic Inscriptions Brown Bag Lunch Program Thursday, May 16th at Noon

What are runes? What does runic writing teach about our Scandinavian ancestry? This presentation by Loraine Jensen will provide an overview of the thousands of runestones existing today, primarily in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, with some being researched in North America. Examples of runes in pop culture will be shared along with highlights of a recent "Rune Round" that took place in Denmark with a group of Americans and Canadians, coordinated by Loraine.

Bring your lunch to the museum for MoDA's free monthly speaker series, made possible with financial support from former museum board member Dennis Andersen, Atlanta, GA.

Museum of Danish America

Dust off your recipe books! The museum is hosting an æbleskiver cooking contest for [Tivoli Fest Elk Horn Iowa!](#) Classic, apple-filled, sticky toffee, chocolate truffle, jelly donut, banana-rum, fig and prosciutto, salmon and dill, we'll try them all!



Creative Æbleskiver Baking Contest New Event at Tivoli Fest!

You've made traditional æbleskiver, now it's time to get creative with your recipe! Savory or sweet, we'll taste them all! Enter 6 æbleskivers prepared at home and deliver them to the Elk Horn Fire Station on Friday, May 24th between 3-5pm. Judging will begin at 5:30pm by the Museum of Danish America staff and volunteers. 3 winners will be chosen for 3 categories – Best Tasting, Most Creative, and Best Presentation. Winners will be announced between the 2 bands at the Fire Station that evening at 7:30pm

THEATER CAMP AT MODA

**JUNE
17-22**

JOIN THE FUN AND GAIN EXPERIENCE AT A WEEK-LONG THEATER CAMP THAT CULMINATES IN A PRODUCTION OF 3 SHORT HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN PLAYS

**PRACTICES HELD JUN 17-21
FROM 9AM-NOON
WITH A LIVE PERFORMANCE HELD
JUN 22 AT 7PM
AT THE MUSEUM OF DANISH AMERICA**

FREE & OPEN TO ANYONE 6TH GRADE AND UP

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
ALISSA LACANNE AT 712-764-7008
OR DIRECTORS BRANDON BAGGETT
& CODY PARMLEY AT THE E-EHK HIGH SCHOOL



KIDS CAMPS AT MODA

**JUN
12**

LEGOS & BOTS 9AM-3PM GRADES K-3
FOR LEGO AND ROBOT LOVERS WHO WANT TO BRING THEIR CREATIONS TO LIFE WITH AGE-APPROPRIATE AND FUN STEM CHALLENGES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ISU EXTENSION & OUTREACH.

**JUN
17-22**

THEATER CAMP
JOIN THE FUN AND GAIN EXPERIENCE AT A WEEK-LONG THEATER CAMP THAT CULMINATES IN A PRODUCTION OF HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN PLAYS. PRACTICES HELD MONDAY-FRIDAY 9-12. LIVE PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY NIGHT. FREE FOR 6TH GRADE-ADULT.

**AUDITIONS
MAY 6TH 4-5:30PM
4210 MAIN STREET**

**JUL
19**

VIKING CAMP 9AM-3PM GRADES 4-8
AN ADVENTUROUS DAY SPENT LEARNING ABOUT WHAT DAILY LIFE WAS LIKE FOR A VIKING INCLUDING MANY HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FROM FOODS AND CRAFTS TO BATTLES AND GAMES.

**JUL
30**

KIDS RUN THE MUSEUM DAY
9AM-3PM GRADES 4-8
EXPLORE THE MUSEUM'S STORAGE VAULT, LEARN HOW TO SAFELY HANDLE ARTIFACTS, CURATE YOUR OWN EXHIBITION, CREATE SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT, AND MORE WHILE WORKING ALONGSIDE DIFFERENT MUSEUM STAFF MEMBERS.

**9AM-3PM DAY CAMPS - \$25 WITH LUNCH PROVIDED
\$5 DISCOUNT FOR MUSEUM MEMBERS
REGISTRATION REQUIRED - SPACE IS LIMITED**



Register online!

ADULT & FAMILY PROGRAMS AT MODA

STORYTIME IN THE PRAIRIE

CELEBRATE LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE'S TV SERIES 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH STORIES READ BY THE EH LIBRARY AND SNACKS AND ACTIVITIES TO MATCH MONTHLY THEMES. FREE FOR GRADES K-3 AND THEIR FAMILIES. 10AM ON JUN 13, JUL 18, AND AUG 8.

YOGA IN THE PRAIRIE

GRAB YOUR YOGA MAT AND JOIN INSTRUCTOR KATIE SANDQUIST FOR MONTHLY COMMUNITY WELLNESS SURROUNDED BY THE BEAUTY OF NATURE. ALL LEVELS WELCOME. \$8/SESSION OR \$6/MEMBERS. 10AM ON JUN 15, JUL 13 AND AUG 10.

JUL 21 PAINTING IN THE PRAIRIE

GUIDED PAINTING OUTDOORS WITH ARTIST, TERI TEMPLETON CADMAN. ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. AGES 16 AND UP. 9AM-NOON. \$55 FOR NONMEMBERS OR \$50 FOR MEMBERS.

AUG 3 COMMUNITY MOSAIC PROJECT

LEAVE YOUR CREATIVE MARK & CREATE A STEPPING STONE WITH US AS PART OF MODA'S GREEN ROOF STONE PATH. 10AM-12PM. FREE FOR ALL LEVELS & AGES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ALISSA LACANNE AT 712-764-7008
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SPACE IS LIMITED



Register online!



MENTAL HEALTH ACTION DAY
THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

Mental Illness Simulations & Resource Fair
1 PM - 4 PM
Petersen Family Wellness Center
1213 Chatburn Avenue

- Experience an immersive simulation of depression, anxiety, addiction, or ADHD
- Connect with area resources that support mental health for you and your loved ones

Community Walk
5:30 PM - 7 PM
Pioneer Park in Harlan
Pine Street Shelter

- Hear Chris Adcock from NAMI Southwest Iowa share her lived experience with a mental illness
- Decorate the walk with a sign in honor or in memory of a mental health warrior
- Gather as a community to support mental health with interactive activities, food trucks, and more!

MYRTUE Behavioral Health | NAMI Southwest Iowa
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Drake Relays Honor

Aidan Jacobsen, grandson of Deb & James Bieker, recently had a great showing at the Drake Relays in Des Moines. He is a senior at West High in Iowa City and the son of Ryan Jacobsen and Melissa Jacobsen. He won the 400 m Hurdles and also the Distance Medley with team mates Todd Rent, Isaiah Loveless & Moustafa Ties. Aidan was honored to win the Robert Kramme Award as the top men's high school performer at the Relays this year. Aidan happened to wear his late grandfather Dean Jacobsen's wedding ring on a chain around his neck. Deb commented "I gave Dean's wedding ring to our son Ryan a few years after Dean's death in 2001. A couple of years ago Ryan gave it to Aidan. It is especially touching to both Ryan and to me. His grandpa Dean ran track too, and his Dad Ryan was an especially good hurdle runner as well. That ring had been lost in the yard at Monte Hoegh's farm for many, many years and later found and returned". Aidan was born five years after his Grandpa passed away. Aidan has signed to run track next year at Iowa State.



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HAPPY NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK 2024, MAY 12TH - 18TH



This past Sunday we held our annual Daddy Daughter Dance! We loved seeing everyone all dressed up. Thank you to everyone who came. We hope you had a wonderful time!!



Scratches From the Rusty Quill

By Wava Petersen



It was my class reunion and all through the house,
I checked in each mirror and begged my poor spouse
To say I looked great, that my chin wasn't double,
And he lied through his teeth, just to stay out of trouble.
Said that 'neath my thick glasses my eyes hadn't changed,
And I had the same figure, it was just rearranged.
He said my skin was still silky 'though looser in drape,
Not so much like smooth satin, but more like silk crepe.

I swallowed his words hook, sinker and line
And entered the banquet feeling just fine.
Somehow, I'd expected my classmates to stay
As young as they were on that long ago day
When we hugged farewell hugs. But, like me through the years
They'd added gray to their hair and pounds to their rears.
But as we shared a few memories and retold class jokes
We were eighteen in spirit, but resembled our folks.
We turned up hearing aid volumes and dimmed down the light,
Rolled back the years and were young for the night.

By the time this hits the Rolling Hills we will be well into May. So, I ask, did anyone hang at least one May basket this year? Or has that custom completely died out in our rural community?

The practice of hanging May baskets on the first day of May was an early European tradition. May Day celebrations originated in medieval Europe to mark the beginning of spring. In America, celebration of the first day of May was born out of the eight-hour work-day movement in 19th century Chicago. (A sixteen-hour shift was not uncommon at that time.) Making and hanging May baskets is still a cherished tradition for some Americans, although not well known and observed today.

What is a May basket, you ask? It could be anything from an exquisite florist's bouquet, but usually was just a small, simple basket made from construction paper, the lower part of a milk carton, or any other suitable material. It was hand made and had to have a handle. This creation was filled with spring flowers, candy or other small gifts. Then it was hung on the door knob of a neighbor, family member or someone you admired. When it was delivered, the giver sneaked up to the door, hung the basket on the knob, then gave several loud knocks on the door or rang the doorbell a couple of times and ran away before the occupant could see who was there.

My only recollection of hanging a May basket goes back to fifth grade in Clay #5. Each student had created a basket. The morning of May first, Miss Nelson crammed us into her car and we made the rounds to each student's home. A friend and I got out at the end of our lane, sneaked around to the back of the house, hung the precious basket on the door knob and gave a loud knock on the door. Then we turned and ran as fast as we could down the lane. (I've always had the feeling that my mother watched every step of our little escapade.) My memories of 5th grade and Miss Nelson are all pleasant but the memory of that May morning stands out as one of the best.

Of the six girls in my mother's family, Ethel was the oldest and first to marry. She was a rather large woman. On the other hand, her husband, Walter, was rather short. In fact, his five sisters-in-law always let it be known that he was four feet eleven inches in his stocking feet. Is it any wonder he was known as Shorty throughout his entire life?

One day, that just happened to be May first, several of Shorty's cows got out. Along in the afternoon his search for the missing cattle brought him to a neighbor's door. The lady of the house was waiting inside. It was nearing the time the neighbor lad would be getting out of school and bringing her a May basket and this year she was determined to catch him. Just then she heard a loud knock and the top of a head appeared at the bottom of the window in the door. She flung the door open and enveloped the startled "child" in a smothering bear hug, screaming, "Oh, I gotcha, I gotcha." Not until she released Uncle Walter from her crushing grip, did the large, robust lady realize, to her complete embarrassment that her visitor was four-foot-eleven-inch Shorty.

May is a busy month in the community with Mother's Day, graduations, Tivoli Fest and occasionally a class reunion or two. Here's a shout out to all you mothers out there and a fond remembrance of all the mothers who are no longer with us. Mothers are truly a gift from God.

And now I'll finish this off with a poem, Class Reunion, that I wish I had written, but didn't; fortunately, some unidentified person did.



The One Reality TV Series I Actually Like Pastor Tim White

I've never been a huge fan of "Reality TV". For me, a show in which a bachelor is supposed to find his true love by spending a few hours on highly produced "dates" with a whole series of women, one at a time, in front of television cameras, is a bit too contrived, to say the least. Likewise, there is an apparently popular show in which chefs compete for a head chef position by cooking abnormal recipes while under duress imposed on them by an abusive, cursing "renowned chef". I have to say, when I HAVE watched this show, I felt like an accessory to a crime.

One of the few exceptions to my self-imposed ban on reality shows is the series, "Alone". Each season of this series begins when ten participants are dropped off, far apart from each other, in an extremely remote part of the world. They are allowed to bring only the clothes they wear and just 10 items they each deem essential to their survival. From the time the helicopter leaves them, they are entirely alone and on their own. It is up to them to construct a shelter, find food, start a fire, etc. All the while they have to film themselves doing just about everything they do, which complicates every task. The contestant who can outlast the other nine wins a half-a-million dollars!

At any time, these adventure seekers can decide they've had enough and "tap out" by calling the producers on a satellite phone. Contestants have "tapped out" for every reason you might imagine – from suffering a serious injury, to losing their fire-starter after only two days, to fear of large predators nearby. Many of those who tap out have done so because they just couldn't find enough to eat. But, for me, what's really compelling is that many others have tapped out for the simple reason that they missed their loved ones. Even contestants who appeared to have positioned themselves to win the whole thing, chose to give up a legitimate shot at a half million dollars because they could no longer take being away from someone close to their heart.

For me, when I see how often this has occurred each and every Season of this series, it underscores an important spiritual truth – that we have all been made to be in relationship. When God made us, we were never meant by Him to endure life alone. In the creation story in Genesis 2, after God had made Adam he said, "It is not good for the man to be alone, I will make a helper for him," and so he made Eve. God established marriage and family which are meant to serve as emotional support for us, and provide a nurturing environment for children. Jesus established his church on earth to more effectively fulfill his mission mandate together with other believers, and so also to strengthen and grow us in our faith. Hebrews 10:24-25 give this instruction to followers of Christ: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, . . . but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." God knows how having loving relationships enhances our emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

But, the fact is, there are a good many people who find themselves alone simply because of life circumstances – death or divorce, or estrangement can happen when things go wrong within families. And there are others who know the pain of "feeling alone in a crowd." Though we might have family members and friends who love us, we can be set upon with emotionally crippling issues which make us feel isolated – even desperate. To us God says, "When you

pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you." (Isaiah 43:2) Jesus said, "Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Then he says, "I am with you always to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

God did not just make the earth and everything on it, spinning us out into space and forgetting about us. He dearly loves his creation, and so he dearly loves you, and he is ever-near. You are never alone.

Bethany/Immanuel Worship Schedule for May

May 5	9:00 worship at Bethany with communion
May 12	9:00 worship at Immanuel with communion
May 18	5:00 worship at Bethany NOTE CHANGE!
May 26	9:00 worship at Immanuel

A great opportunity in our community!

The Central College Choir will be performing at Elk Horn Lutheran Church on May 13th! Please mark your calendars and come and see Kamryn Waymire, in one of her final concerts as a student at Central College! Kamryn graduated from Exira-EHK in the Spring of 2020. Come and see her and her Spartan Success!!

CENTRAL COLLEGE PRESENTS

A CAPPELLA CHOIR CONCERT



MONDAY
MAY 13TH
7:00 PM
ELK HORN LUTHERAN
CHURCH

DIRECTED BY
MARK BABCOCK
FEATURING
ELK HORN ALUMNI
KAMRYN WAYMIRE

We are thrilled to be working with the Audubon County Extension office to offer this wonderful opportunity for our patrons over the age of 60. Join us every Tuesday in May for one hour sessions on healthy ways to Stay Independent. This program is at absolutely no cost and we will even provide light refreshments! Just comment on this post, or give us a call at the library to register. Also, please share this post with any anyone you know that may benefit from this program.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach
Human Sciences



STAY INDEPENDENT: A HEALTHY AGING SERIES

for adults age 60+

Join us for any or all
of the classes!

Spot, Stop and Avoid Fraud | May 7th
Protect yourself and others from being a victim of fraud. Learn about common scams and warning signs and how to take action to protect against theft of money, property, or belongings.

1:00pm-2:00pm

Cost: Free

Brain Health | May 14th
Healthy habits support healthy brains! Explore MIND diet recommendations for eating well, the importance of social connections, and activities to exercise the body and brain.

Please contact the Exira Public Library to let them know you plan to attend!

712-268-5489

Thriving in Place | May 21st
Put plans in place now that support your ability to continue independent living for the years ahead. Identify your priorities, assess your current environment, and explore home modifications.

Final Arrangements | May 28th
Thinking about mortality—your own or that of a loved one—is difficult. Making final arrangements involves more than planning a funeral.

More information online:
go.iastate.edu/LWNQFH



The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the Human Sciences County Extension Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext. HS 66

[LOCATION]

Exira Public Library
114 W Washington St
Exira, IA 50076

[MORE INFORMATION]

Allie Brooks
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arbrooks@iastate.edu



EXIRA'S 4TH OF JULY Carnival Ticket Sales

Tickets available at
Exira Public Library
City Clerk's Office &
Community Club Members

April 28 - May 13 **BEST DEAL******
Buy 2 sheets of tickets, get 1 FREE...\$15
Buy 2 wristband vouchers, get one 1/2 off...\$50

May 14 - July 2
Sheet of 10 tickets...\$7.50
Wristband voucher...\$20

July 3, 4, 5
Sheet of 10 tickets...\$10
Wristband voucher...\$25

Tickets purchased before the carnival begins directly contribute to lowering the Exira Community Club's cost of hosting the carnival. All tickets bought during the carnival benefit Scott's Amusements. Help us and save a few bucks by purchasing advance sale tickets, so we can continue to put community club funds back into our community events.

We appreciate your continued support!
The Exira Community Club

CARNIVAL JULY 3, 4, 5
Wristband Hours
July 3: 6-9 PM
July 4: 2-5 PM & 6-9 PM
July 5: 6-9 PM

RIDES FOR ALL AGES

Book Club Wednesday, May 29 6PM



Happy birthday to our sweet little Harper. We hope you had the best day



Robert Kite

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Mobile: 712-249-0384

1080 270th St.
Kimballton, IA 51543

Shelby County Emergency Management

Shelby County State Bank is working with the Shelby County Community Foundation and has gotten an account set up. If you would like to make a donation you can do that at any one of the SCSB branches. There will be a QR code available tomorrow and other electronic options. Thank you to everyone that has helped get this set up and to those that are willing to donate to it!

SHELBY COUNTY TORNADO RELIEF FUND

Donations can be made
at any SCSB location.

**News From The Mill**

It is finally May and visitor traffic is hitting a stride. Despite some weird weather, April proved to be a busy month for us. We had over 1,000 visitors at the Mill and 483 travel groups. We had visitors from 46 different states and at least 6 foreign countries. We also have some new local products in the store including Elk Horn and Kimballton mugs featuring the windmill and mermaid respectively. Both designs were done locally by Deborah King and we sourced the mugs through MyWay Design in Audubon. We love finding ways to support local businesses and the mugs have been added to our growing 'shop local' section in the gift shop. We've also finally restocked our Iowa souvenirs.



In April, we held our first It Takes A Village fundraiser. Every Sunday of the month we donated all of our tour admissions for the day to our local Kids in the Village daycare center. We opened the windmill early, had it running all day, and partnered with local food vendors that were willing to devote a Sunday each of their own time for the cause. After some bad weather on 4/28, we held our final session on Sunday, May 5 and altogether we raised \$1,147 towards the daycare. We want to thank Kringleman Pastries, Norse Horse Tavern, Master Griller Catering, and Hungry Spartan Pizza for their cooperation. We also want to thank those in town, even members that typically enjoy free admission, who came out in support. It is our hope that the windmill may continue to be used for this purpose and that we continue finding creative avenues to help support other vital organizations in town. In our eyes, that is why the windmill was brought here, and we're more than ready to keep that vision going.

And speaking of community engagement, another Earth Day has come and gone. This year we had 10 high school students and two teachers join us at the windmill to plant flowers and prepare the grounds for Spring. The weather was windy and a little wet, but that played to our advantage with Atlantic's 3rd grade class trip happening at the same time. Every class got to see the millstones grind and the sails turn, and we still stopped the mill for a moment to let each group do a lap of the catwalk. The kids and chaperones alike were amazed to see the windmill going. For many of the teachers that have been making the trip for years, it was their first time witnessing it.

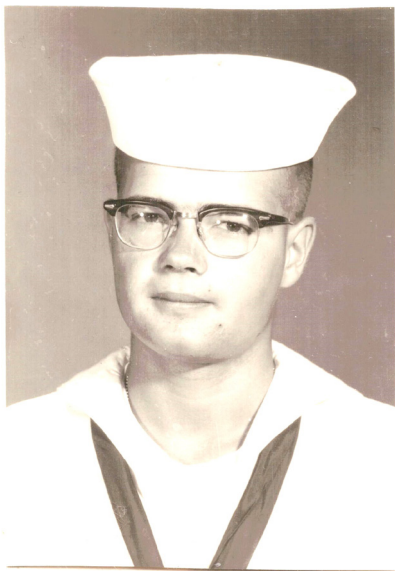
It might seem hard to believe, but Tivoli Fest is almost here. This year we fully intend to run the windmill and the millstones all weekend long. Our new exhibit panels are installed in the windmill and we're ready to demonstrate to the crowd just what our intrepid machine can do. We will also have our folk dancers again this year and an enhanced live Viking encampment with dozens of Vikings pillaging around the area. You can find all the information for Tivoli over at our nw website: tivolifest.com. The festival schedule will also be posted there once available. The windmill will be selling the new Tivoli Fest t-shirts throughout the festival except Friday night after closing when they will be available for purchase that evening at the Elk Horn Fire Station. The shirts are also available on our website and we've even had people from Denmark order them already. Get yours while we have them because they are going fast.

Finally, we do want to assure our friends and supporters that newsletters are going out soon. April was a busy month between the fundraiser and Tivoli preparations, and it is difficult to find the time to write and design it during business hours. Nevertheless, it will be going out soon, and we think the feature article will pique everyone's interests. In the meantime, we will continue filling up the gift shop and decorating the store for Tivoli Fest. If you're driving through Harlan, Exira, Atlantic, Denison, or Carroll, you might even see one of our billboards.

Shaun Sayres
Manager
Danish Windmill



RICHARD JORGENSEN



I thought Richard served in the Navy. You are right—he did. Just a minute, I thought he served in the Air Force. You are right—he did. How often do you find a young fellow who serves his country in one branch of the military and then serves again in a different branch? That's what Richard's story is.

In 1957 four young men from Exira's high school graduating class made the decision to join the Navy. Together they headed to Omaha to enlist. The next step was to board a train and head west to California. For two and a

half days Richard and his high school friends (now his Navy buddies) were in a Pullman car that was filled with young men who had joined either the Navy or the Marines. Some of fellows were quiet, reserved, and polite. Others were full of spitfire and vinegar. It didn't take Richard long to figure out that the "fireballs" were Marine recruits, and the "gentlemen" were Navy recruits. He thought it was very interesting to observe how different personality types were drawn to the two branches of service.

To Richard's surprise, it seemed a great number of other young men had decided to enlist immediately after graduation. In fact, there was such a surplus of recruits that he had to wait three weeks before he started training. Unfortunately, during Richard's time in Basic, the Asian Flu hit with a vengeance. Training went on in spite of how sick almost everyone was. He remembers one poor fellow who, while the group was marching, passed out and fell face first on the concrete.

Although Richard did not become a Navy pilot because he did not have 20/20 vision, he spent every second he could inside the planes. He had always been fascinated by everything about planes. As he continued his airman fundamentals training and how to be safe around and preflight the planes and their role on Navy ships, he came to appreciate and respect to an even greater degree the skill required for a pilot to take off and land on a carrier. During the years Richard was serving in the Navy, the war being fought was the Cold War. All branches of the military devoted much time to increasing the skills necessary in the event an actual war was declared. The Navy kept an especially sharp eye on Cuba. On one occasion two Marine Combat Companies were brought to Key West and moved into an unused barracks next to Richard's barracks. Their top sergeant was from Mason City. A sad event that happened during this time was that the commanding officer of HS-1 CDR Braithwaith was killed, along with the Electronics Officer in a Lockheed Electra airline crash in Virginia. Richard was selected as part of the enlisted crew to attend the funeral at Arlington National Cemetery.

Richard ended his time in the Navy in 1960 with a deep desire to return home and take the training to become a private pilot. That was exactly what he did. He found great enjoyment in now being the one in charge—the pilot. Two years after he had left the Navy, he was attending

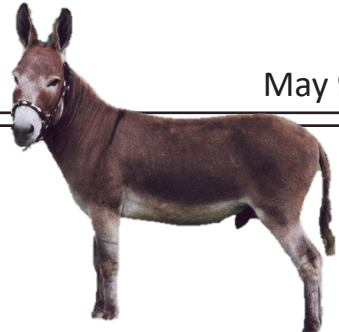
a softball game in Omaha and happened to start talking with two fellows who turned out to be Air Force recruiters. Before they parted company, Richard had made the decision to give the military another round of service, this time in the Air Force. Those recruiters had dangled some appealing conditions. The big one was that he could come into the Air Force without having to go through any basic training. He would be sent to Keesler Air Base in Biloxi for training in navigation and airborne radar systems.

While Richard was at Biloxi, Joyce and other family members came down to Mississippi where he and Joyce got married. They left Gulfport and headed to Biggs AFB in El Paso where he was assigned to the 431 Tactical Refueling Squadron. Two years later he was sent to Shaw AFB in South Carolina. Richard was on his way to Thailand when the Dominican Republic Revote took place. His squadron was re-routed to Puerto Rico for mapping and support. Richard's next turn was to go to Saigon. However, because he had a short amount of time left in service, he didn't go. He left the Air Force and went to college.

Three experiences that Richard had involved people he felt quite lucky to cross paths with. At NAS Olathe, being a new sailor, he was sent to the Leading Chief for additional duty. The first three sailors went to Mess Cooking, the second three went to compartment cleaning. The Chief said, "Jorgensen, can you still type 30 WPM?" Richard replied that he could. Because of his typing skills, he ended up in the flight training office working as a yeoman. He worked close to the CO who was a WW2 Carrier Flying Ace (12 shot-down) in the Pacific. His second experience was when he was stationed at Key West. He played on the Squadron tennis team. The team decided to go to the Dairy Queen for a malt. Who should they see there but LCDR Alan Shepard, the first American to travel into space. The third was in El Paso. He knew JLK was in the city and might pass by the apartment where he and Joyce lived, which would give them a good spot to view him. They saw a couple of cars and a big black limo coming up the hill with, of all people, Texas Governor John Connally and President John F. Kennedy. Richard said it still give him goosebumps to realize these two would be together about six months later in Dallas, where JFK would be assassinated.

Richard's love of flying and being a pilot continued for many years as he continued to fly in whatever time he could spare while teaching school. He eventually became a commercial pilot/flight instructor at Audubon and Atlantic. He then got a position flying and teaching at Iowa State University. He flew transportation flight for administration, extension, and athletics.





Mary Lange won a Mule !

Members of the Pony Express hold a fund-raiser raffle each year, and this year, Elk Horn resident **Mary Lange was the winner.**

Member Mick Fay explained in past years the group held a raffle drawing for a horse trailer, but has since changed to a raffle drawing for a four wheeler. **This year's model was a 2023 Kawasaki 4010 Mule.** Fay was the one who sold Lange the winning raffle ticket, and said this is only the second time that someone in his area has won the raffle drawing.

Proceeds go to help individuals with disabilities, including the Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside. Since 1968, the group has raised over \$12 million. Fay said the group is always looking for more members, and individuals don't have to own horses to be part of the group.

Pictured are Mick Fay and Mary Lange. Lange purchased tickets from Fay for a Pony Express Raffle Drawing for Four Wheeler, and Lange won the raffle drawing.

(article and photo contributed by Atlantic News)



Monday, **May 13th** at the **Exira Event Center** from noon-6pm. You can make an appointment online at [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) or call Charlie at (913) 660-8481

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Monday, May 13, 2024
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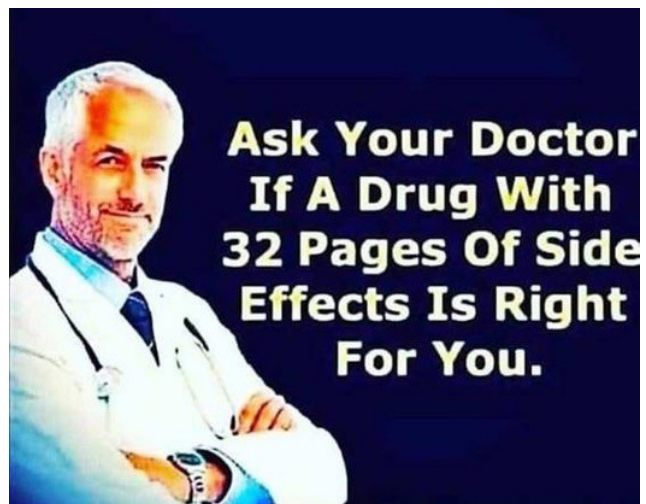
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Earth Day Tour



Last week we had the pleasure of hosting groups from two school districts. EEHK High School students and teachers stopped by for our annual Earth Day gathering. Students, teachers, and paraeducators join staff and volunteers at the windmill to help prepare the grounds for Spring including planting flowers, cleaning up leaves, and spreading fresh mulch. We have fun every year, even if the weather doesn't always cooperate. At the same time, we had our annual 3rd-grade fieldtrip from Atlantic! Nearly 100 students plus their teachers and chaperones came to Elk Horn to tour the windmill, museum, and Bedstemor's house. We had so much wind that we were able to drive the mill and stones and each group got to see the windmill grinding in action. We don't have many school visits during the year these days, so it is always a special treat when the opportunity comes. We would like to remind everyone that the windmill no longer charges for school trips of any size, whether its for public, private, college, or homeschool. Education should be free and the windmill belongs to the communities of the Danish Villages. Our mission depends on our service as an educational institution for the preservation of Danish culture and traditions. If you have a school group you would like to bring to the windmill, give us a call. Our tour options are flexible and we will even coordinate with other local organizations you would like to visit. Above all else, education should be a free. At the Danish Windmill, it always will be.





Exira-Elk Horn Kimballton High School 2024 Graduation Information

Graduation Ceremonies:

- Awards Night: Tuesday May 14th 6:00p.m. – Exira-EHK Multi-Purpose Room
- Baccalaureate: Wednesday May 15th 7:00p.m. - Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Elk Horn
- Commencement: Sunday May 19th 1:00p.m. – Exira-EHK West Gymnasium

Senior Class Flower:

White rose

Senior Class Color:

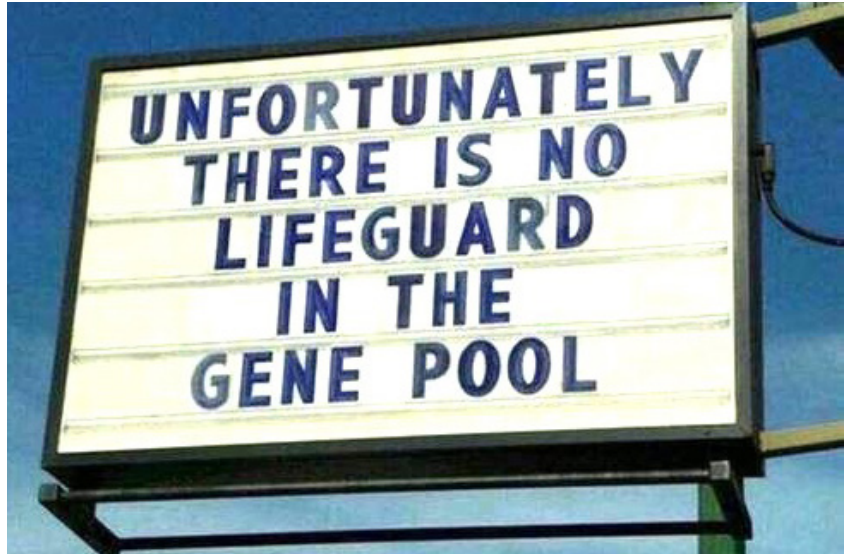
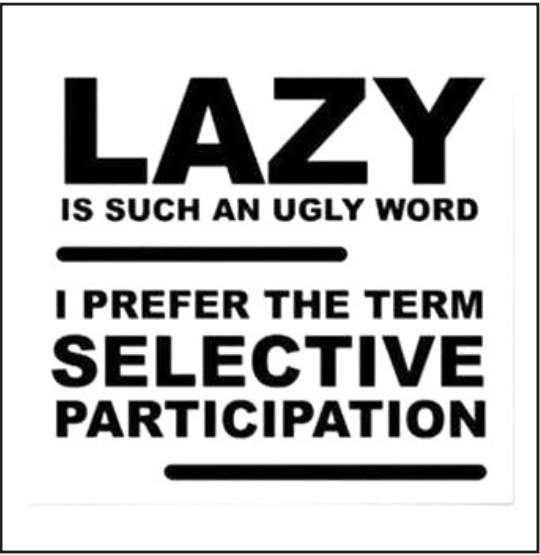
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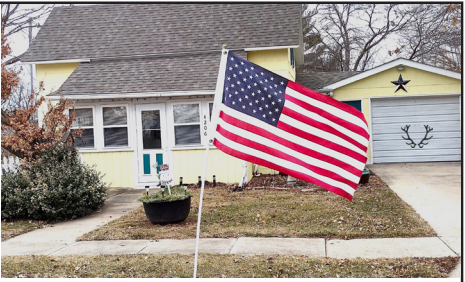
"That's all folks" – Looney Tune

Roster of Graduating Class:

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| 1. Hailey Berns | 18. Hannah Nelson |
| 2. Cole Brabham | 19. Jaiden Pettepier |
| 3. Emily Bricker | 20. Xavier Prine |
| 4. Kolten Christensen | 21. Jackson Radcliff |
| 5. Jathen Devereaux-Carlile | 22. Philip Reinhardt |
| 6. Cash Emgarten | 23. Chase Schwab |
| 7. Tyson Ewing | 24. Jake Showers |
| 8. Aiden Flathers | 25. Aydan Shupe |
| 9. Gemini Goodwin | 26. Hailie Snider |
| 10. Riley Gross | 27. Mariah Traver |
| 11. Justin Hansen | 28. Jonathon Weilenman |
| 12. Hannah Hodges | 29. Quintinn White |
| 13. Jordan Jensen | 30. Eric Wilson |
| 14. Jameson Kilworth | 31. David Yoder |
| 15. Jonas LaCanne | |
| 16. Desiree Lopez | |
| 17. Bella Muller | |



To our "Front-Yard Flag Days" participants, We are asking for a \$45.00 tax deductible donation this year. Many flags need replacing along with higher costs. This year's donations will be used to help pay for the 9-11 "Honor our Heroes" event in the City Park (planned for Sept 7th). The year will start with "Walk-in-the-Park" (May 23 to May 26). The first "Front-Yard Flag Day" will be on Memorial Day, with the final day on Veterans Day. For renewals and new participants, please make your \$45.00 donation to American Legion Post 322 and note "2024 Flag Days". Please provide your name, address, and phone number. Please send your donation to Post 322, Steven Turner 4208 Madison St. Elk Horn 51531 We would like to point out that this is a donation. if you are unable to make the donation but still want to participate, just let us know. We will have a flag flying in your front yard as well. The flags will be flown in your front yard 5 days of the year: Memorial Day (May 27), Flag Day (June 14), Fourth of July, Patriot Day (Sep 11), Veterans Day (Nov 11). They will also be flying in the park from May 23rd to 26th, and Sept 5th to 8th. Thank You again for your support, American Legion Post 322



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THANKS to all for the cards, calls and prayers since my stay at the hospital. Also to my family for my birthday party and for all the food and gifts. Thank You Pastor Tim and Cindy for the visits. It was a wonderful day and I enjoyed it SO VERY much.
Nadine Jacobsen

I ENJOY A GLASS OF WINE EACH NIGHT FOR ITS HEALTH BENEFITS. THE OTHER GLASSES ARE FOR MY WITTY COMEBACKS AND FLAWLESS DANCE MOVES

I only do what the voices in my wife's head tell her to tell me to do

As we all know, it takes a village to raise a child! Therefore, John and I would like to thank you all for being our village and being a part of Emily's story! We also would like to invite you to enjoy some brunch with us, as we celebrate the next chapter of Emily's story at the Elk Horn Public library, on May 18th, from 9am to 12pm.

-The Brickers



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AREA STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS FROM IOWA MASONS

Rolling Hills Community News
4208 Madison Street
Elk Horn, IA 51531



Exira-Elk Horn Kimballton High School student Emily Jo Bricker will be awarded a \$5000 scholarship from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

26 outstanding Iowa high school students were selected to receive a scholarship award from a pool of over 335 applicants. Iowa Masons award scholarships each year in recognition of a student's academic performance, community activities, leadership, and financial need.

Since the program's inception in 1970, the Grand Lodge of Iowa has awarded \$4,023,400 in scholarships to over 2,616 students. This year \$102,500.00 in scholarships were awarded from an endowment fund established to recognize the accomplishments of young Iowans and to promote the education of future state leaders.

Masonry is an organization dedicated to building character among its members. Membership is open to men 18 years old and older. There are 217 Masonic lodges in communities across the state. For more information about Freemasonry in Iowa, visit www.grandlodgeofiowa.org.

Come Celebrate The Next Chapter of My Life



Saturday May 18th at the
Elk Horn Public Library
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90th birthday shower for Rosie Petersen.
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