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Get the inside Information

**The mystery of the
"Hiding Elk Horns":**

The January 13 edition:
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of Red Hat picture



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



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

RHCN Business Spotlight



The Norse Horse Tavern

4224 Main St, Elk Horn, IA 51531

(712) 764-6646

Owners

Dave and Diane Thompson

Jodee and Arron Dixon



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Dave and Diane Thompson moved here from Sacramento, CA in April of 2007. Dave was born in Harlan, to Charles and Ruth (Rold) Thompson (yep, he is a Rold.) His family moved to Sacramento when he was 6 years old, so he grew up there but always came back to visit his grandparents and cousins often. He knew he always wanted to move back. Dave and Diane met, married, and raised their two kids, Jodee and Jared in Sacramento. When Dave retired, they decided that it would be a good time to move back to Iowa. Jodee and her husband Arron followed by moving here in 2011.

Dave and Diane have always been community-minded and were concerned with all of the empty storefronts on Main Street in Elk Horn and Kimballton. They firmly believe that small towns need many open businesses to thrive and keep growing. In early 2018, after searching and negotiating unsuccessfully in a couple of different locations, Arron

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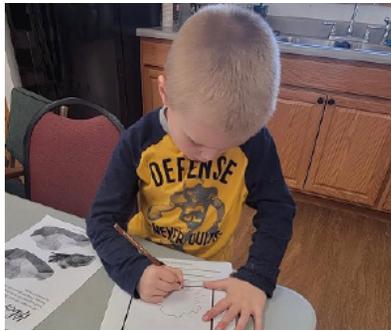


Playing in the 'Snow'

"Afterschool Adventures" kids making their own fake snow using baking soda and shaving cream. This recipe is cold to the touch and even feels real, so they played with polar animals and built habitats for them to live in.

**Animal Hibernation**

"Afterschool Adventures" kids learning about animal hibernation.

**Cooking Class visits The Kringle Man**

"Whatever Wednesday's" cooking class had a real treat! We got to visit The Kringle Man to make and take home our own Kringle. Thank you, James, for such a great experience for the kids!



"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened."
— Mark Twain



"Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life."
— Mark Twain

Outlook Study Club

Thank you to Kinsey Phifer and Deborah King for presenting at Outlook Study Club in regards to Kinsey's recently published book "Variations of Normal" featuring Deborah's artwork. If you missed it, you can purchase a copy of the book by contacting Kinsey or through Amazon.

**UPCOMING EVENT**

**ADULT NIGHT OUT
AT THE ELK HORN LIBRARY**

**"SOUP"ER
SATURDAY**

**FEB 12TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**

Grab a date or some friends & join
us for dinner & live acoustic music!

FREE WILL DONATION

ONLINE CARD CATALOG

Did you know that you can access our card catalog from home? Not only can you see if we own what you are looking for, but with your library card number and password (like you use to access Libby) you can also:

Find out what's new in our library

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Call us with any questions, and we'd be happy to walk you through it!

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**Welcome to the Elk
Horn Public Library
Catalog!**

My wife is singing in the house

I am sitting out here so the neighbors
don't think I am hitting her

HELP WANTED:

The City of Elk Horn, Iowa is accepting applications for a Public Works full-time position. Experience in general maintenance, minor reports, and operation of heavy equipment. This position includes all aspects of a municipal public works department, including but not limited to, water and sewer operations, snow removal, mowing and maintenance of City facilities. Certificate of Iowa Class B CDL w/ air brakes are required or the ability to obtain within 60 days. Water/wastewater certifications must be obtained within 12 months. Willing to train the right candidate. Must possess high school diploma or GED. Rotating Weekends/Holidays required. Family Health insurance offered after 30 days of employment. Applications accepted until position is filled, please submit a resume/application to 2027 Washington Street, Elk Horn, IA 51531, or email ehclerk@metc.net for an electronic application.



The Danish Villages Improvement Organization has many events during the year and are looking to add volunteers! Some of our upcoming events include our annual Easter Egg Hunt (April), Crazy Dane Days (July), Halloween Costume Contest (October), and Soup with Santa (December)! Please call Chelsea at 712-304-1734 if you would be interested in helping with these events! It takes a village to be successful and help is welcome!



We have hired a director and on-site supervisor

We are working towards our DHS License, employee handbooks, and contracts for parents!

As we complete these stages, we want to make sure we are prepared and organized to fully meet the needs of all our families! An official registration form will be posted soon once we can nail down an open date! Please send an email to KITVdaycare@gmail.com if you would like to sign your child up and we will make sure we get you all the necessary paperwork needed to register your child when we get a little closer.

Thank you for all your support! We are still in need of donations to help us get the doors open!! Our goal is to open in the spring of 2022!! We greatly appreciate all of you for making this possible! If you would like to donate to Kids in the Village, checks can be mailed to PO Box 214, Elk Horn, IA 51531. Thank you!!

-Kids in the Village Board

The City Council of Elk Horn January 24, 2022

The City Council of Elk Horn met in special session on Monday January 24th, 2022, at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Mayor Hansen; Councilmen Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Teegerstrom, Hogberg and K. Petersen. Also in attendance was Chelsea Jacobsen, Jerry Evans, and Joel Schleuter.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve the amended agenda to add the annual library report.

Alissa LaCanne and Calla Poldberg presented the annual library report. Alissa reported the library is 1 in 4 libraries in the State of Iowa to be rated a 5-Star library for the 3rd year in a row. Alissa had completed several grants that awarded them with carpet in the children’s department, a children’s learning computer, and finishing all the landscaping on the West side of the building. Alissa had asked for a council member to sit in occasionally on their board meetings as a liaison to the city. Calla mentioned that the library staff and board of trustee’s have really done a great job in promoting our library and offering children’s programming and adult activities also. Janice Greve has stepped down as the board secretary and was replaced by Don Struve. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve Don Struve as a board member for the library. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

The public works director starting wage was discussed, Jerry Evan’s stated all the licenses that must be obtained are Commercial Driver’s License with air brake endorsement, Grade I water treatment Certificate, Grade II water treatment Certificate, Grade I Distribution Certificate, Grade I wastewater lagoon Certificate, and Certified Pool Operator (CPO).

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D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to start the public works director at \$21.00/HR with a \$1.00 increase for every certificate obtained as listed above. The City of Elk Horn will cover the cost of classes completed by the public works director, with the agreement of signing a 5-year contract of employment once the certifications are obtained. If at any time the director is terminated or resigns in the 5 years from certification date, the employee will be required to pay back a percentage of the cost of classes. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve the hiring of somebody to fill in for weekend water chores at \$11.50/HR. Jerry Evans and Chelsee Jacobsen will be rotating weekend water chores at this time until somebody is hired. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

Current wages for Jerry Evans \$15/HR, Chelsee Jacobsen \$16.64/HR, Neta Sander \$10.00/HR, Laura White \$12.50/HR, Alissa LaCanne \$17.00/HR, LaJissa Niklasen \$12.00/HR, Jack LaCanne \$7.75/HR, and Jonas LaCanne \$7.75/HR.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve Resolution NO. 2022-01.3, wages for employees to go into effect immediately, Jerry Evans \$15.00/HR, Chelsee Jacobsen \$20.00/HR, Neta Sander \$12.00/HR, Laura White \$13.00/HR, Alissa LaCanne \$18.00/HR, LaJissa Niklasen \$12.50/HR, Jack LaCanne \$8.00/HR, Jonas LaCanne \$8.00/HR. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

Pool Manager Laura White has agreed to come back for the 2022 pool season, if Laura obtains her CPO certificate and signs a 2-year contract, the city will pay for the cost of the CPO class, she will receive a \$1.00 wage increase to \$14.00/HR. All lifeguards will start at \$10.00/HR with a .25 increase for every year they return.

Council discussed wages to help with snow removal this winter, Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to pay Dan Petersen \$15.00/HR to help Jerry Evans with snow removal. Ayes: 4, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to adjourn the meeting at 7PM. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

Keli Hansen, Mayor

Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk



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suggested looking at the current location. He tracked down the out-of-town owner to see if the owner had plans for the property besides using it for storage. The building required some pretty extensive clean up and restoration (and garbage hauling.) After lots of elbow grease, hard work and help from local contractors, the doors were opened for business on December 1, 2018.

Everyone always asks, "Where did the name come from?" Dave and Jodee were looking for a name to go with a Danish Viking theme, and they thought Norse mythology seemed to go with Danish folklore. They thought the logo of Sleipnir, the name of Odin's 8-legged horse, would be neat to incorporate, but decided that Norse Horse was easier to say and remember.

Everyone at the Norse Horse wasn't sure if the establishment was going to make it through COVID, as the pandemic has been extremely hard on all bars and restaurants. They had to make some serious pivots in order to stay in business, including running on shorter hours and smaller staffing. The whole crew expressed, "We apologize for any inconveniences that anyone may have experienced. We deeply appreciate all of the support we have received from our customers who have continued to show up during these difficult times. We look forward to finally getting through all of this at some point and getting back to having fun again."

Why do they say "raw sewage"?
Do some people actually cook that stuff?

Pumper Tales from DC



A FLUSH BEATS A FULL HOUSE!

Duane Christofferson

1350 280th Street

Cell: (712) 249-1582

Until you've eaten a sandwich right after cleaning out a septic tank, you've never worked a dirty job.

At The Zoo





Ronald Dean

Funeral services will be planned at a later date. Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton in charge of arrangements

Ronald Dean, son of Daniel and Jessie (Petersen) Petersen, was born January 9, 1936, on the family farm near Poplar in Audubon County, Iowa. He grew up on the family farm

and attended country school at Jackson #1 through the eighth grade. Ronald then took over the family farm as his father became ill.

On December 16, 1955, Ronald was united in marriage with Adrienne Hansen at Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada. Two children were born to this couple. Ronald and Adrienne farmed the family farm for many years. Ronald also worked as an adjuster for Farmers Mutual Hail Association. Towards the end of their working years, Ron and Adrienne refinished and sold wood furniture. They enjoyed going to sales with their motor home pulling a trailer full of furniture to sell. When traveling became too much for them, they still enjoyed refinishing pieces that were brought to them.

Throughout the years, Ronald was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Iowa Packard Car Club. He enjoyed playing cards with his friends at the library, tending his big garden and working in his workshop. Above all, Ronald loved his family.

For the last year, Ronald was on dialysis and his age caught up with him. On Thursday, January 20, 2022, he passed away at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was 86 years and 11 days of age.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson Gregory Petersen, and three sisters: Florence Rasmussen, Verda Kefer and Marilyn Gray.

He is survived by his wife Adrienne Petersen of Elk Horn; two children: Calvin (Sharon) Petersen of Alta and Glenda (Doug) Rasmussen of Colorado Springs, Colorado; 6 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; many friends. www.ohdefuneralhome.com

Ohde Funeral Home
108 1st St ~ PO Box 247
Manning, IA 51455
712-655-3416



Mrs. Leona Bernice (Weems) Hemminger

April 22, 1925 ~ January 10, 2022 (age 96)

Leona B. Hemminger, age 96, of Elk Horn, IA, passed away on Monday, January 10, 2022, at Cass Health in Atlantic, IA.

Leona Hemminger, daughter of Earl and Mabel (Crouch) Weems was born April 22, 1925, on the Wooster Farm east of Irwin, Iowa. Leona attended Country School at Jefferson #6 Shelby County. After eighth grade, she went on to graduate from Irwin High School in 1943. She received her teaching certificate by attending summer classes in Atlantic, Iowa. Leona taught rural school for five years. During the summer months, she worked or traveled.

In 1949, Leona was united in marriage to Lewis Hemminger in the Manning Methodist Church where she was a member. In 1959, they joined the Elk Horn Lutheran Church.

They lived on a farm south of Manning and also in the Atlantic area until they purchased the farm northeast of Elk Horn in 1957. In 1968, she started work as a bookkeeper at Warin Oil Company truck stop, I-80 and Highway 71. In 1979, they retired from the farm and moved to the home in Elk Horn. Leona worked for eight years at the Salem Retirement Home. For the next ten years, Leona and Louie spent the winters at Alamo Park in Texas.

Lewis passed away November 22, 2006, and Leona continued living in her home until January 2022. In her later years, Leona enjoyed playing cards, Red Hats Club, Sudoku puzzles, photo albums, and meeting friends at the local restaurants.

Above all, she enjoyed her family, children, grandkids, and great-grandkids. She loved to have them come to her home and enjoyed their conversations.

Leona was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis; her parents, Earl and Mabel Weems; her daughter Diane, Diane's husband Phillip Flores, and grand-daughter Natasha Flores.

Leona is survived by her son and daughter, Rick Hemminger of Elk Horn, Iowa and Rhonda Jamshidi (husband Moe) of Lincoln, Nebraska; three step-children – David Hemminger of Iowa, Sallie Davis of Nebraska and Richard Hemminger (wife Kathy) of California; five grandchildren, Brandy Bowling, Josh Hemminger (Misty), KiTon Gares, Carl Jamshidi (Emily), and Devin Jamshidi (wife Laine); ten great-grandchildren, Anthony Herron, Kayla Herron, Avah Hemminger, Landyn Hemminger, Alahna Gares, Aliyah Gares, Lexi Priest, Leo Jamshidi, Ari Jamshidi, and, Leela Jamshidi. Several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and family members.

Funeral service for Leona will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn, IA with Rev. Keith Menter officiating. Burial will be held at the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. A luncheon will be served following the services on Tuesday also at the church.

Open visitation with family present will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 17, 2022, at the Schmidt Family Funeral Home in Atlantic, IA.

Memorials may be directed to the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in honor of her name and may be mailed to the Schmidt Family Funeral Home P.O. Box 523, Atlantic, IA 50022.

Condolences may be left at www.schmidtfamilyfh.com. The staff at Schmidt Family Funeral Home of Atlantic, IA is handling the arrangements for the Hemminger Family.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mrs. Leona Bernice (Weems) Hemminger, please visit our floral store.

**YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!**

Who in the world said that there were four phases to the Gospel of Jesus Christ? OH! I believe that I said that in our previous article. So let me just say that this is an opinion of mine; but it is an opinion based on the scriptures.

Today we are to consider the third phase – let us do just that.

In approximately 33 AD our Savior, having finished His ministry, gave up His life for you and me. Thus the second phase was over, i.e. He shed His blood on the cross in order to redeem us from our slavery to sin. After three days in the grave we know that Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. (We read this in Matthew 28.) As they approached, they felt the earth quake and an angel of the LORD rolled away the stone. The tomb was empty. The angel told them that Jesus had risen from the dead and that He would meet them in Galilee.

In Acts 1:3 we find that He appeared to the disciples for 40 days. After these 40 days, we read in verse 9 that He was taken up before their eyes into heaven. We now turn to Hebrew 1:3 and read that, “After He had provided purification for sins; He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High”. And yes, the news of His sacrifice was good news but this turn of events is ‘really, really GOOD NEWS!!

In John’s first epistle, 2:1, we find that “Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, sits as a counselor to the Father on our behalf”. We also read this statement by Jesus in John’s gospel chapter 16:7, “Unless I go away, the Counselor (that is the Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you”. The coming of the Holy Spirit was contingent upon Jesus resurrection and ascension into heaven. Phase three had begun!!

In Acts chapter 2:37, when the crowd asked Peter what they were to do with his message to them, he replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

This repentance and baptism would be the beginning of a new life for those who would believe. The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Romans 6:1, says it like this, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” Paul says that they are not to continue in sin, for they have had to repent of their sins and repentance is not just feeling sorry for sins, but a turning from that kind of life and toward a new life abiding in the Savior.

Wow!! We’ve said a mouthful (or at least Paul did) and there is a lot to digest here; so until our next issue let me remind you that we do have good news.

Bill Rollins 1-19-2022

BEATING THE WINTER BLUES

Pastor Tim White

Immanuel and Bethany Lutheran Churches, Kimballton

Iowa Living in the upper Midwest, we get to experience true changes from one season to another. I’ve always appreciated these transitions because each season of year brings its own beauty, and changes in the weather often trigger warm and wonderful memories of seasons past. That said, each season of the year has its meteorological extremes. Spring ushers in “Severe Weather Season” and the chance of destructive thunderstorms and tornados. Summer has its heatwaves and, in some years, drought. Autumn can come with an early killing frost, or a rogue October blizzard.

And then we have winter, which I suppose is in a category of its own with deep cold, whiteouts and icy road conditions. What makes transitioning to winter especially hard is that it comes right on the heels of December, a month of the year noted for blazing yule logs, houses bejeweled in colorful lights, people singing joyful songs, and other forms of merrymaking. Then with a flip of a calendar page we find out we are already ten days into winter and didn’t even know it.

December finds most people out and about shopping and going to Christmas events and parties. Then it isn’t long before winter weather more seriously sets in and many people, increasingly, stay cooped up in their homes. The isolation, together with the cold, less sunshine and the bleak grayness of winter can lead to a case of the “winter blues”.

But who says it has to be that way? Behavioral experts recommend a number of steps we can take to beat the blues, such as regularly doing kind and thoughtful things for others, being intentional about attending community events, staying in a routine of physical exercise, and returning to a healthier diet. In fact, January represents a time of new beginnings. It’s the start of a new year, a perfect time to put the past behind us and begin with a clean slate.

Did you know that God gives us a clean slate every day? “(His) mercies are new every morning; great is (his) faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22) Just as the coming of spring renews the earth with new life and growth, God longs to bring refreshment and renewal to the spirit. His Word in the Bible is replete with references to forgiveness, growth in faith and in love, and new beginnings generally. He is the God of second chances.

Pastor Tim

“Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.”
— Mark Twain

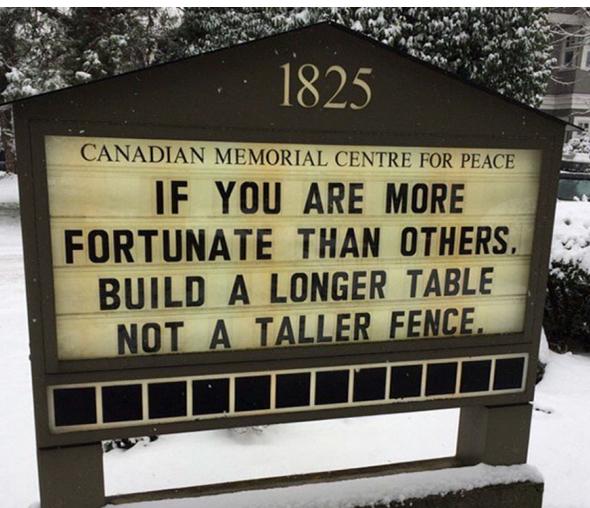
Festive Christmas Wonderland for kids

Last month the Elk Horn Townhall was transformed into a festive Christmas Wonderland for kids in our community! As soon as the kids walked through the red streamers they bursted with excitement with all they seen! The afternoon was filled with laughter and joy! While the kids excitedly waited for their turn to Christmas shop they took part in making Christmas ornaments, writing on cards, enjoying snacks, and coloring pictures! The anticipation of shopping was the definite highlight! Each child was able to shop for his/her siblings and parents in the Christmas shop and each item was priced at \$.25! After the items were carefully selected and the hushed whispers of keeping it a secret the kids checked out with the cashier and were off to the gift wrapping station! Everyone left with huge smiles, a full tummy, some Christmas decor, and an armload of gifts!

An exciting thought by Katie Andersen, brought to the Elk Horn Explorers 4-H meeting was the start of this event! Lots of time and planning went into Kid's Shopping Day but it would never have happened without all the generosity of those in our community! A HUGE thank you to all who donated new/gently used items for the store, wrapping paper, ribbon, snacks, juice, and more!! We want to thank Katie Andersen, Emily & Lily Bricker, Mara Christensen, Ries Andersen, Molly Schneider, Ella Petersen, and Lillian Niklasen for making this a memorable day for the kiddos! Also thank you to the Elk Horn Explorers for their help with a quick clean up crew!



If jealousy had a face





Every Wednesday afternoon at 2:00pm a group meets in the library meeting room for coffee and goodies. **Everyone is welcome to join!** From left to right, Judy Hill, Shelley Davis, Gloria Hackwell, Jean Petersen, Mary Lee Jensen, Annette Peppers, Ruth Barton

EXIRA PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHAT'S GOING ON....

TUESDAY - PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
10AM & 11:15AM
CHILDREN AGES 3-5

WEDNESDAY - AFTERNOON COFFEE @2PM
EVERYONE WELCOME

THURSDAY - ADULT COLORING @10AM
EVERYONE WELCOME

Monday: 1pm-6pm

Tuesday: 9am-1pm

Wednesday: 1pm-5pm

Thursday: 9am-1pm

Friday: 1pm-5pm

Saturday: 10am-12pm

This is Geraldine Kommes from Exira. She is a longtime patron of the Exira Public Library. Throughout the years we have had the pleasure of delivering many books to her. Recently, at the young age of 97 years old, Gerri read her 1,000th book! She continues to read, especially her favorite author Danielle Steel. Congratulations to her on this wonderful accomplishment from all the staff at the Exira Public Library!

THE KRINGLE MAN PASTRIES



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Our preschool story time here at the Exira Public Library.

We read Snowmen All Year, made cotton ball snowmen, did an exploding snowman experiment and ate snowman pudding cups! This was a story time group we had last week at the Exira Public Library. We read the book Snowman all Year, did an exploding snowman experiment, made snowmen out of cotton balls, and had snowman pudding cups for snack!



Jessie Wheeler, Exira Public Library Director & Katie Wheeler, Exira Public Library Children's Librarian



. Lainey Young, Jonzie Christensen, Emma Olsen



Jaxin Hansen, Elijah Hansen, Weston Griffin, James Wilkerson, Calvin Rasmussen, Dawson Jackson



Rylee Petersen, Abigail Andersen, Madeline Andersen



Axlie Akers, Reagan Haley, Charli Phippen, Robert Harris



Maverick Heinrichs, Macey Webster, Emmalyn Gross



Our exploding snowman experiment

Snowman cups for snack



This week we read *The Snowy Day*, did a snow melting experiment, and made snow paint for our craft!





Thank
you

I want to thank all the donors and volunteers that came to the American Red Cross Blood Drive in Elk Horn, January 18, 2022. There were 45 donors that helped us collect 39 much needed units. It also takes many volunteers to help make the drive run smoothly. This time we had the following volunteers that spent many hours helping:

Registration - Cindy Fredricksen

Kitchen - Connie Andersen and Shirley Esbeck

Canteen -Doris Jones and Muriel Petersen

Help setting up the Town Hall - Lynn Juelsgaard, Mark Smith, Wayne White and Mark White.

The lunch was provided with donations from Duane Christofferson, egg salad was made by Deb Madsen with eggs furnished by Keith Madsen, and the bars were provided by Elk Horn Lutheran Church.

It is very much appreciated. We had a great crew from the American Red Cross to work with. They were very professional.

Thank you to the very supportive community once again,

Ann White, American Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator



Dessert Auction February 4, 2022

The junior class at Exira EHK will be holding a facebook and in person dessert auction as a fundraiser for the junior class and after prom. If the timing works for you to publish this information in the Rolling Hills Community News that would be greatly appreciated!

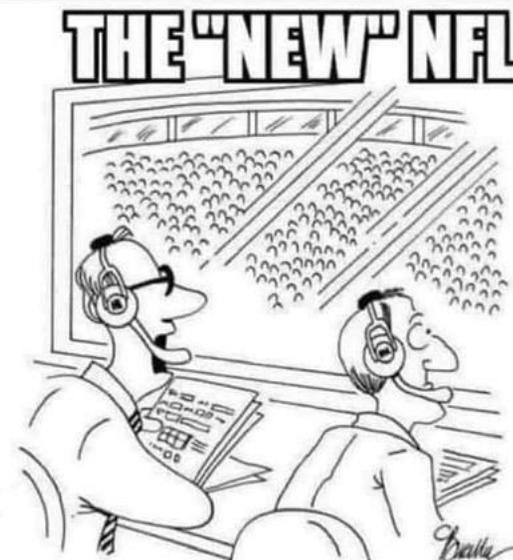
Delicious baked goods will be available by auction both on Facebook and In person during the Exira EHK basketball game on February 4, 2022! The facebook auction and in person auction will be done separately. Facebook auction ending times will be posted and all in person bidding ends after half time of the boys game. Items need to be picked up by 8:30 p.m. on February 4th in the Elk Horn School cafeteria! All proceeds will go to the Junior Class! For more information look for this event on the Exira-EHK Schools Facebook page or come join us in person on February 4th from 5-8 p.m.! If there are any bakers out there who would like to donate a dessert to be auctioned please contact Cara at cara.andersen@hotmail.com.

Thank you so much for your support!

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word.

An earlier discussion had led to an argument and Neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, The husband asked sarcastically, 'Relatives of yours?' 'Yep,' the wife replied, 'in-laws'



"It's not his knee. It appears his feelings have been hurt an they've called the new 15 yard "butt-hurt" penalty. The psychologist is attending to him on the field now."

IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

With the recent unprecedented storms, it is time to take a close look at some of the problems that climate change will bring. And yes, climate change is real, and it is mainly due to the actions of us humans. That is a fact. As John Adams once said, "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence." The fact is that the warmer and wetter the atmosphere becomes, the most energetic it becomes. What once was unheard of can become normal weather events. Ask the folks around Cedar Rapids about living through three 500 years rain events in one decade.

Acting concerning climate change is much like trying to lose weight. For instance, you have a high school reunion coming up in a couple of months. You step on the bathroom scales and notice that if you lost 2 pounds you could brag that you weigh the same as when you graduated. You decide to skip having a donut with your morning coffee break. And in two months you have lost those two pounds. Now that wasn't a big deal, it only took a small change, and it just wasn't a big deal.

But if you haven't been feeling well and you go see your doctor. He checks you out and runs some tests. When the test results come back, he gives you some unwelcome news. Not only do you have a serious health problem, but you need to lose 50 pounds. And losing those 50 pounds needs to be done as quickly as possible for it to give you the best benefit. Now you have to make a lot of changes. Some of your favorite foods are now taboo. You have to start an exercise routine. You have to drastically reduce your caloric intake. This is now a noticeably big deal and requires a lot of changes.

It is the same with combatting climate change. The sooner we take meaningful actions the less drastic those actions can be. The problem is we have postponed those meaningful actions for decades already, the easiest things we could have done are now not enough. We have to take action to reduce the amount of carbon we are putting into the atmosphere. Next article lets examine some of our choices and some of the unfamiliar problems that must be taken care off.

by Bob Motenson 12-24-2021

The Story of Stone Soup

Once upon a time, there was a great famine (which means there wasn't enough food to go around). The people in one small village didn't have enough to eat, and definitely not enough to store away for the winter. People were afraid their families would go hungry, so they hid the small amounts of food they did have. They even hid their food from their friends and neighbors. One day a wandering soldier came into the village. He asked the different people he met about finding a place to eat and sleep for the night. "There's not a bite to eat in the whole county," they told him. "You better keep moving on. "Oh, I have everything I need," he said. "In fact, I would like to make some stone soup to share with all of you." He pulled a big black cooking pot from his wagon. He filled it with water and built a fire under it. Then, he reached slowly into his knapsack and, while several villagers watched, he pulled a plain gray stone from a cloth bag and dropped it into the water. By now, hearing about the magic stone, most of the villagers were surrounding the soldier and his cooking pot. As the soldier sniffed the stone soup and licked his lips, the villagers began to overcome their lack of trust. "Ahh," the soldier said aloud to himself, "I do like a tasty stone soup. Of course, stone soup with cabbage is even better." Soon a villager ran from his house into the village square, holding a cabbage. "I have this cabbage from my garden." he said as he held it out for the soldier. "Fantastic!" cried the soldier. The soldier cut up the cabbage and added it to the pot. "You know, I once had stone soup with cabbage and a bit of beef, and it was delicious." The butcher said he thought he could find some beef scraps. As he ran back to his shop, other villagers offered bits of vegetables from their own gardens--potatoes, onions, carrots, celery. Soon the big black pot was bubbling and steaming. When the soup was ready, everyone in the village ate a bowl of soup, and it was delicious. The villagers offered the soldier money and other treasures for the magic stone, but he refused to sell it. He had many offers for a cot to sleep on that night.

The next day he traveled on his way.

(Adapted from the classic folktale from the Aarne-Thompson folktale system)

sent in by John Jensen

Do You Believe.. ?

- There are worms in Australia that are over 4 Feet Long!
- The weight of all the termites in the world outweigh the weight of all humans 10 to 1!
- Only male crickets can chirp.
- Baby robins eat 14 feet of earthworms every day!
- About 80% of the Earth's creatures are insects!
- The common garden worm has five pairs of hearts.
- Dragonflies can fly up to 50 miles per hour.
- Some male spiders pluck their cobwebs like a guitar, to attract female spiders.
- Your fingernails grow almost four times as fast as your toenails.
- Half your body's red blood cells are replaced every seven days.

to The Rolling Hills Community Paper



Pastor Tim White and his wife Cindy



Pastor Tim White began his ministry at Bethany and Immanuel Churches in July. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force, where he served as a chaplain. He has also served churches in Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Iowa. He and his wife Cindy currently live in Omaha. Their family includes two daughters and sons-in-law and seven grandchildren. He enjoys watching sports and hunting. We are so happy to have them join us in our ministry!

Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life...



Are pointed away from Earth

February 6	<u>9:00am WORSHIP @ Immanuel</u>
	10:15 Sunday School
February 13	<u>9:00am WORSHIP @ Bethany</u>
	10:15 Sunday School
February 20	<u>9:00am WORSHIP @ Immanuel</u>
	10:15 Sunday School
February 27	<u>9:00am WORSHIP @ Bethany</u>
	10:15 Sunday School



**Exira-EHK 2021-2022
1st Semester HS Honor Roll
High Honor Roll (3.50 and above)**

seniors	Juniors	sophomores	freshmen
Justice Doherty	Katie Andersen	Hailey Berns	Ries Andersen
Macy Emgarten	Gavin Bengard	Cole Brabham	Gracie Bartz
Brody Haag	Shay Burmeister	Emily Bricker	Hailey Bieker
Ashley Hansen	Madelyn Christensen	Cash Emgarten	Jasmine Doherty
Kate Hansen	Quinn Grubbs	Aiden Flathers	Harlee Fahn
Zander Kraus	McKenna Larsen	Gemini Goodwin	Alex Hansen
Davis Larsen	Madison Miller	Jameson Kilworth	Cannon Hansen
Easton McCarthy	Easton Nelson	Desiree Lopez	Levi Jessen
Alisa Partridge	Ella Petersen	Hannah Nelson	Mayne Jorgensen
Aiden Potts	Trey Petersen	Jaiden Pettepier	Gideon King
Mollie Rasmussen	Kylie Renstrom	Philip Reinhardt	Irelynd McCarthy
McKenzie Yoshida	Makenzie Riley	Myrna Schneider	Bella Muller
	Molly Schneider	Hailie Snider	Gracie Olsen
		Eric Wilson	Shelbi Partridge
		David Yoder	Anna Potts
			Ashlyn Sickler
			Jacey Smith

Honor Roll (3.0-3.49)

seniors	Juniors	sophomores	freshmen
Savanna Bacon	Jaici Carlile	Kenyen Bolin	Brayden Burnison
Tyler Kingery	Cole Fahn	Jathen Devereaux-Carlile	Olivia Dixon
Jack LaCanne	Ashtin Hill	Tyson Ewing	Hannah Jensen
Trisha Nichols	Derrek Kommes	Jordan Jensen	Lillian McCall
Madalinn Oldham	Jessi Marshall	Jonas LaCanne	Joshua Nelson
Jackson Shores	Braxton Marxen	Skylar Nelsen	Timothy Reinhardt
	Braeden Parker	Jackson Radcliff	Dayton White
	Logan Schnitker	Chase Schwab	
	Kyera Vodicka	Mariah Traver	
	Shayle Young	Jonathon Weilenman	

1st Semester JH Honor Roll

HIGH HONOR ROLL (3.50 and above)		HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.49)
Leah Boysen	Ellie Wahlert	Gavin Anthofer
Lily Bricker	Michelle Wilson	Madison Johnson
Kaitlyn Christensen	Brylie Andersen	Elaina Nelson
Kylie Christensen	Benjamin Baggett	Jersey Ratigan
Brooklyn Flathers	Mara Christensen	Olivia Smith
Frederic Harris	Augustus Greving	Jaxsen Carlile
Josiah King	Graic Hill-Borger	Owen Juhl
Cooper Paulsen	Josten Kilworth	Jakob LaCanne
Taryn Petersen	Sophie Kitelinger	Kaelynn Parker
Slade Sandbothe	Austin Rasmussen	Carter Wiemann



2nd Quarter HS Honor Roll High Honor Roll (3.50 and above)

seniors	Juniors	sophomores	freshmen
Justice Doherty	Katie Andersen	Hailey Berns	Ries Andersen
Macy Emgarten	Gavin Bengard	Cole Brabham	Gracie Bartz
Brody Haag	Shay Burmeister	Emily Bricker	Hailey Bieker
Ashley Hansen	Madelyn Christensen	Cash Emgarten	Brayden Burnison
Kate Hansen	Quinn Grubbs	Aiden Flathers	Jasmine Doherty
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Alisa Partridge	Ella Petersen	Skylar Nelsen	Levi Jessen
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	Molly Schneider	Hailie Snider	Bella Muller
		Eric Wilson	Gracie Olsen
		David Yoder	Shelbi Partridge
			Anna Potts
			Ashlyn Sickler
			Jacey Smith

Honor Roll (3.0-3.49)

seniors	Juniors	sophomores	freshmen
Savanna Bacon	Cole Fahn	Kenyen Bolin	Olivia Dixon
Tyler Kingery	Ashtin Hill	Jathen Devereaux-Carlile	Edyn Halterman
Jack LaCanne	Derrek Kommes	Desiree Lopez	Lillian McCall
Trisha Nichols	Jessi Marshall	Jackson Radcliff	Joshua Nelson
	Braeden Parker	Myrna Schneider	Timothy Reinhardt
		Chase Schwab	Dayton White
		Mariah Traver	
		Jonathon Weilenman	

2nd Quarter JH Honor Roll

HIGH HONOR ROLL (3.50 and above)	HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.49)
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Kaitlyn Christensen	Leah Boysen
Kylie Christensen	Madison Johnson
Brooklyn Flathers	Jersey Ratigan
Frederic Harris	Bryce Brabham
Josiah King	Jakob LaCanne
Cooper Paulsen	Joslyn Webb
Taryn Petersen	Carter Wiemann
Slade Sandbothe	Brooklynn Young
Ellie Wahlert	
Michelle Wilson	



Exira-EHK 10th Annual School Spelling Bee

Congratulations goes out to the 42 students who participated in the 10th Annual Exira-EHK School Spelling Bee this week. **Emma Reinhardt** (8th grader) is our Exira-EHK School Spelling Bee Champion. Our runner-up is **Mara Christensen** (8th grader). **Brooklyn Snider** (6th grader) and **Aubrey Nelson** (5th grader) finished 3rd and 4th. Our Elementary (grades 1st-3rd) co-winners are **Logan Weidermeyer** and **Thomas Johnson**. Emma's winning word in round 21 was aversion. **Emma** will have the opportunity to compete in Scripps State Spelling on February 26 at Omaha Sports Commission.

Big Thank You goes out to the students and parents for raising \$3741.35 in this year's Spartan Spelling Bee Fund-raiser!!! Our Elementary students in grades 1st-5th grades received donations from family and friends. We will use the money towards our Elementary Spartan Pride Store and educational programs. Thank you to our judges, Connie Jessen, Shelli Nelson and Brenda Hansen and those who helped with the event (Beth Peppers, Lexi Griffin, Riann Hansen, Jen Petersen, Courtney Peppers, Kristi Madsen, Jacqueline Phippen and teachers). "Congratulations goes out to Emma and all the students who competed in this year's School Spelling Bee! Spartan Nation is very proud of these students for representing academics in our school. Thank you to our amazing staff who helped with this educational spelling program and fundraiser. Good Luck, Emma, at the State Spelling Bee!" expressed Lisa Dreier, TAG Instructor.

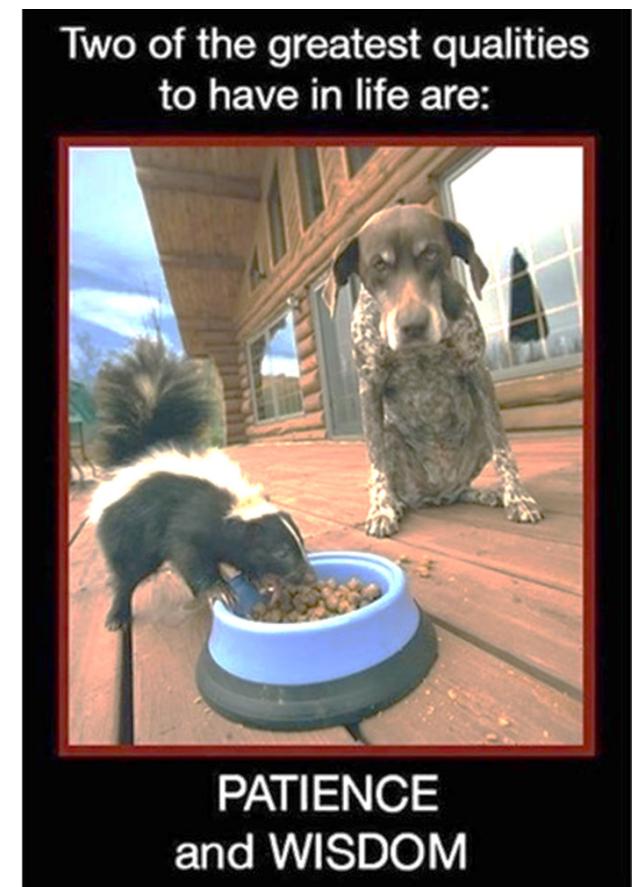
2022 Spelling Bee Elem and MS Test Results



left to right Mara Christensen, Lisa Dreier, and Emma Reinhardt



left to right Logan Weidemeyer, Lisa Dreier and Thomas Johnson





1st row left to right -Hannah Weidemeyer, Hadley Andersen, Cooper Melanson, Harper Rasmussen, Summer Pedersen
 Huxley Gross, Amelia Creek, Theo King, and Bo Bartz
 2nd row left to right -Lexi Brown, Nora Bieker, Caden Akers, Pey Madsen, Clara King, Brey Hansen, Logan Weidemeyer,
 Thomas Johnson Joseph Yock, and Lane Christensen,
 3rd row- left to right- Zoey Rasmussen, Brooklyn Snider, Liv Inmann, Jack Hansen, Jaylen Malloy, Joshlynn Jacobsen,
 Brooklyn Brabham, Aubrey Nelson, Olivia Poldberg, Ryleigh Anthofer, Karson Johnson and Addison Wiemann
 4th row left to right - Michelle Wilson, Brooklyn Flathers, Fred Harris, Kylie Christensen, Skylee Krogh, Emma Reinhardt,
 Sophie Kitelinger, Austin Rasmussen, Jaelynn Petersen, Mara Christensen and Carter Weimann

2022 Spelling Bee Elem and MS Test Results

1st grade- 1. Huxley Gross 2. Amelia Creek 3. Theo King 4. Bo Bartz	2nd Grade 1. Hannah Weidemeyer 2. Hadley Andersen 3. Cooper Melanson 4. Harper Rasmussen 5. Summer Pedersen	3rd Grade 1. Brey Hansen 2. Logan Weidemeyer 3. Joseph Yock 4. Lane Christensen 5. Thomas Johnson	4th Grade 1. Lexi Brown 2. Nora Bieker 3. Caden Akers 4. Peyton Madsen 5. Clara King
5th Grade 1. Joshlynn Jacobsen 2. Brooklyn Brabham 3. Aubrey Nelson 4. Olivia Poldberg 5. Ryleigh Anthofer 6. Karson Johnson 7. Addison Wiemann	6th Grade 1. Zoey Rasmussen 2. Brooklyn Snider 3. Liv Inmann 4. Jack Hansen 5. Jaylen Malloy	7th Grade 1. Michelle Wilson 2. Brooklyn Flathers 3. Fred Harris 4. Kylie Christensen 5. Skylee Krogh	8th Grade 1. Emma Reinhardt 2. Sophie Kitelinger 3. Austin Rasmussen 4. Jaelynn Petersen 5. Mara Christensen 6. Carter Weimann

An upcoming Sleigh Ride event hosted by Brayton Lutheran Church

SLEIGH RIDES!

- Sunday, January 30, 2022
 - At Brayton Lutheran Church
 - Following Sunday service around 12pm
-
- Join us for sleigh rides and hot cocoa
 - Hosted by Glen Nelson and Brayton Lutheran Sunday School



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DELICIOUS HOMES OF THE ATLANTA REFRESHING

Coca-Cola

TO DISPENSE

The first bottle of Coca-Cola from 1894 contained around 3.5 grams of cocaine.

Explains why our parents & grandparents could walk to & from school, uphill, both ways, in the snow, barefoot. 🤔🤔🤔

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