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Get the inside Information

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...

The mystery of:

“The Hiding Elk Horns” & “The Tin-man”

In the Feb 10 edition:

See page 16 (last page)

Wava Petersen:

We are particularly fortunate to have Wava Petersen (Scratches from the Rusty Quill) writing articles for Rolling Hills News. Wava co-authored (with Norma Lange Nelson) “Elk Horn Community History” - an extensive, detailed history of Elk Horn (570+ pages). Her first article is on page 13.

FLAG DAYS:

Please remember to get your checks in for this year’s “Flag days”

Our next publication is **March 10, 2022**

Deadline for content is Sunday: **March 6, 2022**

We REALLY APPRECIATE the content you have been sending. We would ask that you try your best to get it to us by the deadline - Earlier is MUCH appreciated.

Please send your content in digital form to our email:

content@rollinghillsnews.net.

We would appreciate:

- Content pictures sent as an attachment
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- Text in Microsoft Word or similar format.
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Questions? Contact: Steve or Dusty Turner: (712)764-3441(home) (510)205-8840 (Steve’s cell)

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RHCN Organization Spotlight



Library History and the Outlook Study Club



On June 14th, 1940, seven ladies with “a vision toward the future” met to organize a new Federated Club which was named the Outlook Study Club. The aim of the club was to facilitate literary and recreational advantages for the members of the club and community. The charter members, as well as those who joined during the first year, can be credited with the founding of the Elk Horn Public Library, which began in the back of the old Shelby County State Bank at 4200 Main Street. This area soon became too small and two years later it was moved to the upstairs room of Henry Aagaard’s store,

The Mercantile, located at the corner of Washington and Main.

In 1949 the club launched a new project called “Build a Library”. A lot was purchased on Main Street for \$100.00 and with many donations and a lot of volunteer man hours a building was erected. The new library was ready for an open house in February 1951. For twenty years the Outlook Study Club financed and supported the library. Finally the club was no longer able to meet the costs of maintaining the library and turned it over to the City.

In 1973, the library was moved to the basement of the town hall were it continued to thrive and grow. New laws requiring handicapped-accessible buildings made it necessary to move the library from its basement location. After extensive remodeling in August 1985, it was moved to the west end of the city’s maintenance building at it’s current location.

In 1995, the library board embarked on a project to expand and improve the library with a fund raising campaign. The entire maintenance building was remodeled to house a modern library opening in the fall of 1998. By 2002, the library was again needing additional space and a 28’ x 32’ addition was built. That new area houses the children’s area. And, in 2019, a 900 square foot programming

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64868 Jackson Rd. Atlantic, - \$215,000

Located just 6 minutes southeast of Atlantic on the paved Jackson Rd., this acreage has had lots of updates over the years and has plenty of room to roam outside. Kitchen cabinets, butcher block counters, apron front farmhouse sink, white subway tile backsplash and appliances were put in less than 10 years ago. The cozy living room has plenty of natural light with sliding doors to the south and a working woodburning stove. The french doors open to what is now used as the master bedroom (no closet). Main floor laundry is just off the spacious and charming bathroom which has 2 sinks, separate shower and a cast iron tub to soak in. The upstairs has 2 more non-conforming bedrooms. New windows have been ordered, roof was summer of 2021. The oversized 3-car attached garage provides more than enough room for all your things, including a camper or RV. Furnace and AC were replaced 7-8 years ago. There is fiber to the home and the full basement does have a walk-out door to the backyard. Call Abby to schedule your tour.

**HOMES:
 EXIRA:**

- 601 Thielen St. **SALE PENDING**
- 219 N. Kilworth **SALE PENDING**
- 113 Knutsen St. **SOLD**
- Viking Addition Lots, **4 LOTS REMAIN**

KIMBALLTON:

- 304 W. 3rd St. **SOLD**

GREENFIELD:

- 201 NW 6th St. **SALE PENDING**

ACREAGES:

LIST YOUR ACREAGE WITH US!

- 1610 Littlefield Dr. Exira **SALE PENDING**
- 420 Zennia Road, Exira **\$180,000**
- 3162 Pheasant Pl., Exira **SALE PENDING**
- 64868 Jackson Rd., Atlantic **NEW \$215,000**
- 63373 Pella Road, Atlantic **\$550,000**
- 2751 Dove Ave., Elk Horn **SOLD**
- 515 Westside Dr. Exira **SALE PENDING**
- 50788 590th St, Atlantic **SALE PENDING**

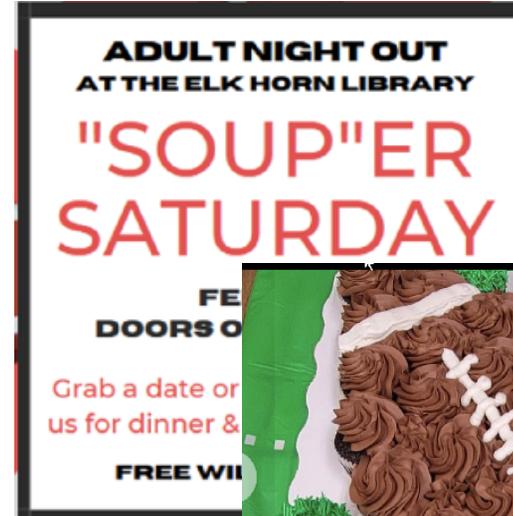
WE NEED NEW FARM LISTINGS

ADVANCED NOTICE LAND AUCTION

Thursday, April 28
 Joanne Potts Estate
 152 acres m/l, Section 5, Clay Twp.,
 Shelby County,
 Elk Horn Town Hall,
 Wayne Hansen Real estate LLC
 and Osborn Auction, Auctioneers.

We would love to list your home, acreage, or farm! Give us a call today!

Last week's SOUPer Saturday night was VERY enjoyable. Great food, Great entertainment and games. The homemade soups were ALL fantastic. What a pleasant evening listening to the music while others played table games after the meal



Cupcake football to kick-off the Sunday Super-Bowl.



FUN music



THE KRINGLE MAN PASTRIES



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Music Month

Afterschool Adventure kids are learning about music all month long. They used rhythm sticks and learned 3 different rhythms and played along to the song Red, Red Robin.

Thank you to the McCarthy family for their donation to purchase the colorful floor cushions so that the kids all have a designated spot!



A young patron finished our round puzzle. Stop in to see the next puzzle we've started, or check one out to work on home.



Cooking Camp

These girls had fun making Valentine cookies for cooking class...and eating them, too!



YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.' And there was evening and there was morning – the second day." (Gen. 1:1-6)

We know that God created light on the "first day" but for our intents and purposes we need to consider the second day when God was working with water! Now let us jump all the way to the last book of the bible, Revelation. In the final chapter, 22:1 we read this, "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city." Toward the end of this final chapter, verse 17, we read, "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life."

We read about water in the first chapter of the first book of the bible and we again read about water in the final chapter of the last book of the bible. Do you think we might find references to water elsewhere in scripture? Indeed we do!! There are over 700 references to water in the Old and New Testaments. We have neither the time nor the inclination to check out all these scriptures but perhaps we might ponder a few of them.

In our previous article we saw Jesus speak of the living water as though it would flow from within God's people as a river. (John 7:38) John informs us that, "by this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive." This receiving of the Holy Spirit is perhaps the highlight of the third phase of the Gospel.

I don't believe I have to elaborate upon the idea that water is essential to life. Every one of us has at some time or another been thirsty – perhaps even to the point of fainting. Our bodies are over 60% water and we are told over and over again to make sure we stay hydrated. Drinking a sufficient amount of water each day is vital to good health.

We know this from a physical point of view but how about from a spiritual point of view? Much of the time when one of the authors of the bible talks about life, they are using a word that should lead us to understand the reality of our spiritual life. In the New Testament Greek the word used is "zoe" (pronounced 'dzo-ay'). From Vine's Greek dictionary of the New Testament we find this definition: "Zoe means life in the absolute sense; life as God has it, and which the Father has in Himself. It was from this life that Adam and Eve became alienated as a consequence of the fall."

There are 3 words from the Greek which are translated 'life' in scripture: Zoe, Bios, and Psuche. Bios is the word from which we get our English words, Biology (the study of life) or Biography (the 'mapping out' of one's life). Psuche simply means 'breath' – that which all living things need. And so we have a lesson in Greek – Zoe is the spiritual word we are seeking and we will consider it next time.

Bill Rollins 2-16-2022

IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

Last article it was brought up that having electricity available at all times is going to be crucial in a brief time. As more of our daily lives and work is powered by electricity having an outage of significant length is going to really to cause problems.

In the Armed Forces, if there is an installation that they have determined to be vulnerable to a certain threat, they find a way to protect against that threat. They call this process "hardening". And that is what the electric companies need to do. They need to harden their facilities against the new threats posed by climate change. And they need to be able to isolate problem areas and still maintain power to areas that are safe. By doing so, they can shorten the amount of time that their customers are without power. Let's theorize how this could be done. Electric power is distributed from their generating sources through a grid of power lines. If there is a problem between that grid and your location, you lose power. The local grid in your area may not be damaged but the problem in the main grid must be solved before your power can be restored.

In the last article we mentioned that the power companies were going to have to get into the storage of electricity. This could be one way they could minimize disruptions to your power. Instead of huge storage facilities they could create smaller one within a "micro" grid. This would allow undamaged areas to use that reserve power until the "Macro" grid problems are corrected. I know that many have said that we do not have enough of the rare metals to provide batteries for vehicles and storage. But the facts are there are other battery chemistries that will work just as well or even better in some respects. If you do not need to transport the battery, how much it weighs is not a problem. So, using the alternate chemistries saves the rare metals for where the weigh is a problem.

As more wind and solar installations are brought online there is a strong likelihood that more transmission lines will need to be erected. With climate change causing a more energetic atmosphere these will have to be constructed to withstand higher wind speeds and even types of precipitation not normally encountered in their area. And the power companies will need to harden their existing facilities to meet these new weather conditions.

Next, are we going to need to change our building codes?

by Bob Motenson 1-6-2022

"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

OK..OK.. So we were supposed to include the answers **with** the puzzle in the previous paper .. Lesson learned. The answers to last paper (Feb 10) is below. **Answers to this puzzle are on Page 12.** Also, we doubt that anyone understood the previous crossword, so this one should be more "practical". Remember, we have NO experience with these, so ALL comments/suggestgions are appreciated.

FreeDailyCrosswords.com

12th February

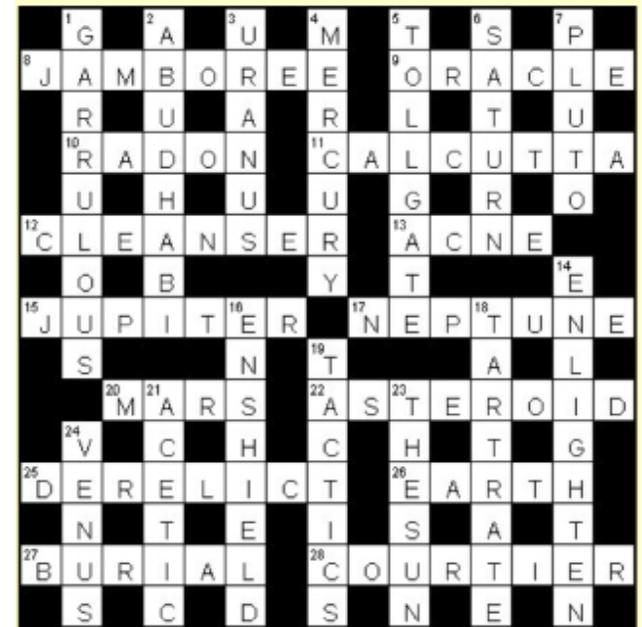
ACROSS

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| 1) Barn attics | 43) Bone-dry |
| 6) Gemstones for some Libras | 44) Get in |
| 11) Prankster with pointy shoes | 46) Measuring tube (var.) |
| 14) Be useful to | 48) Misfortune |
| 15) High hideaway | 49) Some signatures of old |
| 16) Postal motto conjunction | 51) Kind of helmet |
| 17) Definitely not now? | 52) Egyptian cobra |
| 19) Word with "cents" or "faced" | 53) Square dancer's need |
| 20) Longoria of TV | 56) Mariners' assents |
| 21) Title of respect, abroad | 58) Current or former court org. |
| 22) Decaf alt. | 59) ___ of Good Feelings |
| 23) Roof supports | 60) Movie, in Hollywood lingo |
| 27) Groups of four | 61) Ticket word |
| 29) Sculler's item | 62) What a convict seeks |
| 30) Enormous birds of myth | 68) Keogh alternative |
| 32) In a minute | 69) Form of lyric poem |
| 33) Canton that borders Bern | 70) Cornball |
| 34) Casino machines, briefly | 71) Yorkshire's home |
| 36) Postgame segment | 72) Supergiant in Cygnus |
| 39) Lushes | 73) Kitchen wrap |
| 41) More in need of liniment | |

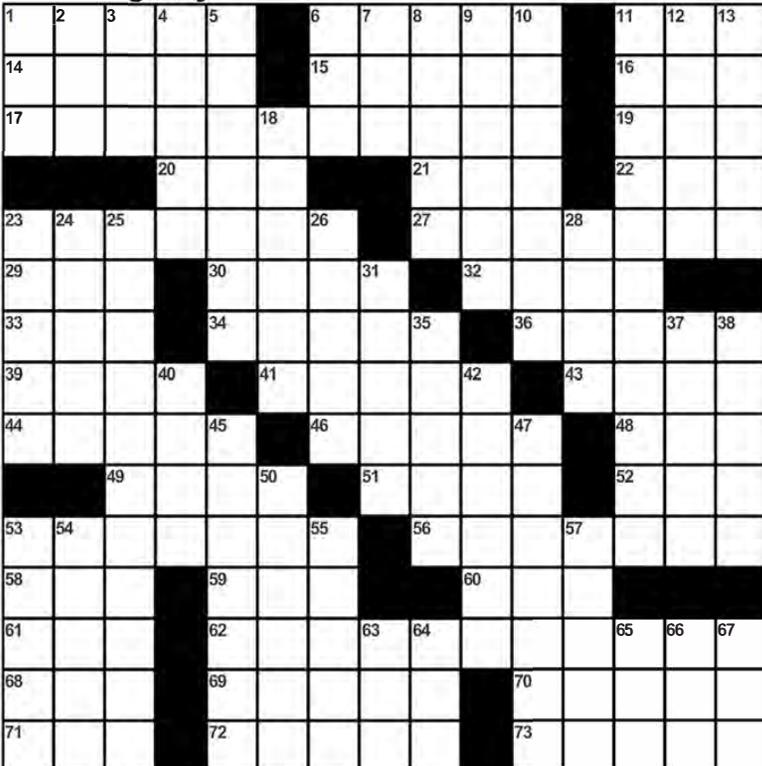
DOWN

- 1) Judges lay it down
- 2) Caesar's salad ingredients?
- 3) Wray of "King Kong"
- 4) Lhasa is its capital
- 5) Drools
- 6) Acorn producer
- 7) Seat at the wedding
- 8) Buddhist in Nirvana
- 9) Feudal vassals
- 10) Washington, D.C. resident
- 11) Threshold location
- 12) Emulated a cow
- 13) Leaping amphibians
- 18) December ditties
- 23) Force out
- 24) Brother of Moses
- 25) Squander slowly
- 26) Ice-cream portion
- 28) Reddish deer
- 31) Get naked
- 35) Brown tone
- 37) Sprang up
- 38) Makes baby chick sounds
- 40) Canonical hour
- 42) Fix a word-processing error
- 45) Continued a subscription
- 47) Some believers
- 50) Outerwear in Sonora
- 53) Home to Notre Dame
- 54) Cancel, to NASA
- 55) Synthetic fiber
- 57) African coastal capital
- 63) Poem of homage
- 64) Four winter wks.
- 65) Gas-station offering, sometimes
- 66) Bake sale organizer, for short
- 67) Suffix for "Hallow"

Answers to LAST paper's crazy puzzle



Della Knightley



- Mark Twain, one of America's best-loved authors, dropped out of school when he was 12 years old, after his father died.
- Honey is the only food that won't spoil.
- There's 293 different ways to make change for just 1 dollar.
- A Jiffy is an actual unit of time. 1 Jiffy = 1/100 of a second.
- A Rubik's Cube can make 43,252,003,274,489,856,000 different combinations!

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room was built off the southwest side, complete with a kitchen, an additional bathroom and a basement for storage.

The Outlook Study Club still remains active and responsive to the community after 80+ years. Sponsorship of the library, the birthday calendar, and other community projects are the major contributions of this organization. The Outlook Study Club continues to meet the third Monday of each month from September thru May featuring different topics and programs. If interested in joining, the dues are only \$20/year, and anyone is welcome to visit any of the scheduled meetings.

**-- Alissa LaCanne --
Voted the number ONE librarian
in ALL of Shelby County
by the readers of Rolling Hills Community News
(and her family)**



Deb Bieker

Yesterday at 11:45 AM · 🌐

What a fun morning we had at the Elk Horn Library today for our Outlook Study Club annual brunch. We had a feast of delicious food and a great turn out. Missing in the photo is Verlene Childs who arrived late. Our group gives back to our community by way of donations and scholarships. Like to join? Contact Barb Smith or [Alissa Jody LaCanne](#) at the library!



couple on left: assistant librarian Lajissa Niklasen and husband Dain Niklasen
couple on right: Librarian Alissa LaCanne and husband Jody LaCanne

They are in! If you ordered a copy of The Silent Patient to purchase through the library for Book Club they have been delivered! \$12 a copy. Our hours for the rest of the week are...

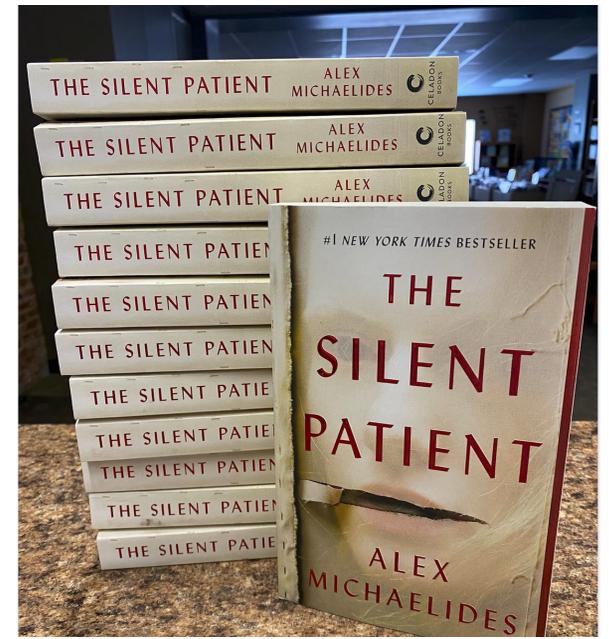
Wednesday 1pm-5pm

Thursday 9am-1pm

Friday 1pm-5pm

Saturday 10am-12pm

BOOK CLUB INFORMATION: The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides was the winner for our first book that we will read! Our first official meeting will be Wednesday, March 23rd at 5:30 PM in the library meeting room. You are welcome to purchase a copy of the book on your own, however for \$12 we can order a copy for you to keep. We will also have a few copies of the book, as well as the audiobook at the library for check out. PLEASE LET US KNOW BY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18th if you would like us to order a copy for you to purchase. Also please comment below if you plan to participate so we have any idea of how many will be there. ALSO, if the meeting time does not work for you but you would still like to participate in the reading of the book please do so. We can always give you a copy of some of the discussion questions ahead of time! THANK YOU!!



Exira Public Library
Yesterday at 10:52 AM · 🌐

♠️♦️♣️♥️ Looking for something to do on Monday afternoons? Join us for Open Card Mondays! We provide decks of cards, cribbage boards etc. and you decide what you play! Bring a friend along and play a game or two! ♠️♦️♣️♥️



Exira Public Library

OPEN CARD MONDAYS

CARDS AND CRIBBAGE BOARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE AND THE COFFEE WILL BE ON! PICK ANY GAME

Every Monday beginning Monday February 21st, 2022 from 3:00pm-5:00pm

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend and play a few games!

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WHAT'S GOING ON...

EXIRA PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONDAY: Open Cards. Decks of cards and cribbage boards are provided. Anyone welcome. 3-5pm

TUESDAY: Preschool Story Time. Children ages 3 to 5. 10am & 11:15am

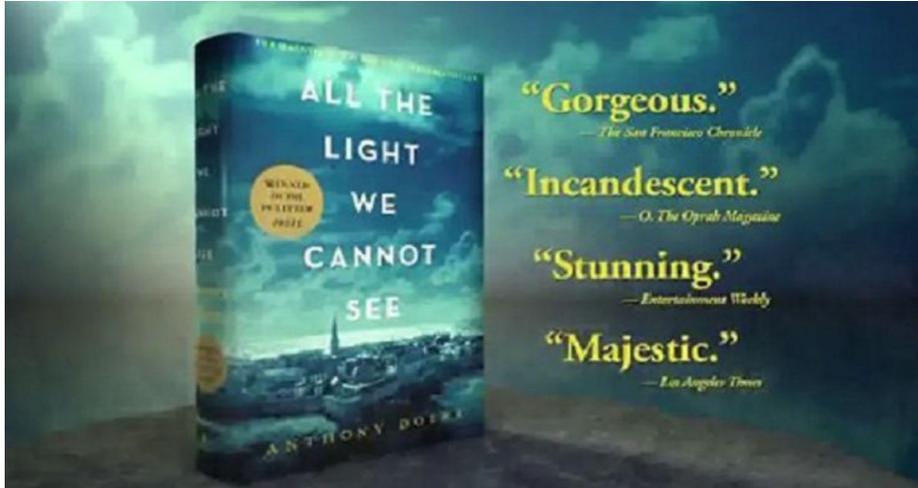
WEDNESDAY: Afternoon Coffee Group. Everyone welcome. 2pm

THURSDAY: Adult Coloring. Supplies provided. 10am

“Big People Stuff”

Book Club – Saturday, March 12th at 2pm

Join us at the Norse Horse Tavern to discuss “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library.



SAT, MAR 12 AT 2:00 PM CST

Book Club - All The Light We Cannot See

The Norse Horse Tavern

10 people interested



During the month of February, tell us why you love our library and be included in our window display! Participate in our survey, too!



HELP WANTED: LIFEGUARDS

The City of Elk Horn is looking for lifeguards for the 2022 season. Training expenses will be covered by the city. Application may be picked up at the City Clerk’s Office or Emailed to you. Please contact 712-764-5514 for more information.

**The American Red Cross certifies people who are 15 years old or older to be lifeguards, so you’ll need to provide proof of your age when applying for a lifeguard position.



GUESS WHAT'S FOR DINNER



Elk Horn Public Library

January 28 at 1:06 PM · 🌐

Pinochle Club

Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:30-4:30



The men’s pinochle group is looking for more players. All levels are welcome to drop in and give it a try. Coffee and refreshments are served as well! Contact the library with any questions.

In Loving Memory

Janet Jensen of Elk Horn



Funeral services for 74 year old Janet Jensen of Elk Horn will be held on Monday, February 29, 2022 at 10:30 AM at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Kimballton. The Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton in in charge of arrangements where visitation with the family greeting friends will be held from 3 to 5PM on Sunday, February 27, 2022. Memorials may be directed to the family. Janet Jensen died on Friday, February 18, 2022 at her home in Elk Horn.

Left to cherish her memories are her children: Amy and her husband David Hoffmann of Walnut; Jerod Jensen and his wife Jennifer of Earlham; and Corey Jensen and his wife Tanya of Waukee; 7 grandchildren: Hillary and her husband James Shughart, Travis Hoffmann, Ellie Hoffmann, Alexis Jensen, Skyler Jensen, Maizie Jensen, and Cora Jensen; 2 great-grandchildren: Hunter Shughart and Jalynn Shughart; brothers: Darwin Larsen and his wife Betty of Harlan, Lynn Larsen and his wife Doreen of Kimballton, Randall Larsen of Walnut, Dale Larsen and his wife Tonia of Marne, Neal Larsen and his wife Brenda of Kimballton, and Todd Larsen and his wife Marcy of Kimballton; Sister-in-law Verlene Childs of Elk Horn; other relatives and friends.

www.ohdefuneralhome.com



A pilgrimage brewing for this summer

If there's something Ray McCalla dislikes, it's all the divisions that separate Christians of various traditions. And if there's something Ray McCalla likes, it's traveling. So, what better way to fix the former than to engage in the latter!

"I want to bring Christians together, and we do that by going on an adventure together." It's not just tourism, though. It's pilgrimage.

In 2019, Ray, who teaches at Iowa Western Community College and pastors a church in Atlantic, led a pilgrimage to Israel. The group visited various sites from the Old and New Testaments. Along the way, they strengthened their faith and their bond together as Christians.

"We had believers from all different backgrounds on that trip. But when we went to Bethlehem and Jerusalem, there was no difference as we bowed down in worship," said McCalla, a native of Clarinda.

And now, there is another pilgrimage brewing for this summer. Ray is organizing a pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece, to visit sites associated with the apostle Paul and the apostle John, especially the churches mentioned in Revelation. Destinations include Istanbul, Pergamum, Ephesus, Smyrna, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini, Athens, and Corinth. The trip is scheduled for June 16-26, and the price tag will be about \$4,550, plus odd fees.

"I know that lots of people are concerned about covid and traveling, but as of now, there shouldn't be anything to prohibit our trip. Travel insurance will be important this time around."

For more information, please visit <https://www.amitravel.com/groups/> (or <https://www.amitravel.com/groups/group/?id=619a522e46afd50004d24929>), or contact Ray McCalla: raydemccalla@gmail.com (712) 250-1607.

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Rolling Hills Community News thanks **Peggy Mortensen** for taking the time to create and share this fantastic update on Kimballton. She does not know this, but we should convince her to accept the title of “Kimballton Oracle” for The Rolling Hills Community News.



NEW FACES IN KIMBALLTON



Welcome Robin Menzies as Kimballton’s new City Clerk. Robin recently moved to Kimballton from Arizona and is feeling quite at home in our community. She has 1 daughter and son in law and 1 granddaughter who live in Lake Havasu City Arizona. Robin lives with her 2 cats and enjoys working on her new house. Her bookkeeping experience and outgoing personality make her well suited for her position as the Kimballton city clerk. Robin is in her office right now every day from 1 – 5, she will be working with some other clerks as well as doing some training in the future which may take her away for a day or two. Stop in and introduce yourself if you see her sitting behind the desk at the City Clerk’s office.

Dylan Petersen has accepted the position as Kimballton Utility Supervisor. Many people already know Dylan as a “local.” He and his wife Katie live near Jacksonville with their twin sons Jack and Tyler. Dylan has been a member of the Kimballton Fire Department for 10 years. If you’re a racing fan you’ve probably seen Dylan and his family at the Harlan Race track where he races the #44 in the sport mod class. Dylan graduated from DMACC where he studied mechanics. His mechanical experience and knowledge will certainly be an asset for the community. He has started the process of getting his water and wastewater certificates and hopes to be fully certified as soon as possible. You may see Dylan around town working or reading meters, please tell him “HI” and introduce yourself if you see him.

2022 was welcomed in with changes in the village of Kimballton

The city council swore in 3 new members, James Mortensen, Scott Lange, and Terry Nelson. Glen Hoegh was also sworn in for another 2 years of service as mayor. With the resignation of the city clerk and the utility supervisor the city council was put to the task of filling these 2 important positions. After applications were reviewed, and interviews completed the positions have been filled.

As the weather warms up you’ll see other changes happening around the North Village. Phase II of the water system upgrade will begin construction. This includes the construction of a new water tower!! The new tower upgrade construction is slated to begin as soon as the ground is warm enough to pour the concrete and should help with some of the water pressure problems people that live “on top of the hill have.” The bidding process for Phase III will also take place in early spring. In this phase the current water treatment equipment will be upgraded as well as

a water meter upgrade for the whole community. This will insure that our drinking water is safe and that all meters are working correctly. Funds for this entire project are coming from a CBDG grant, and a USDA low interest loan.

Upon the recommendation of the Auditor, the State Auditor, the State department of management, Snyder and Associates and the League of cities, the City Council approved the purchase of new accounting software. The new software, g-works, is the software used by the majority of City Clerks in the state. The program is more “user friendly” than our current program and is also more compatible with the State and Engineers reporting and budgeting systems. The new system will also be compatible with the new water meter reading program, making that system more accurate and efficient. Because most other city clerk’s in our

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area and the State use g-works Robin will be able to reach out to any of them for help and support. The council and Robin are working on using part of our Covid relief funds to pay for the upgrade.

The citizens living on South 2nd street will be seeing construction on their street this spring as well. The entire block's street will be removed and replaced. This project is being funded by our road use tax dollars as well as a grant funding.

The City Council is excited to work to continue to make improvements. The committee's are bringing ideas to the table on how to improve our streets, parks, library, and utilities. Engineers will be in town in the next month to look over our aging electrical system and make recommendations for a system upgrade. This will be a big project, but one that is necessary to avoid a "catastrophic" electrical failure.

All announcements, agenda's and minutes will be posted in the city clerk's office, as well as on the message board outside the town hall. The minutes of the meetings are published in the Audubon paper and we are working on getting them into the Rolling Hills Community News Paper as well.

The Kimballton City Council wants to throw out a huge THANK YOU to all of our citizens who moved their vehicles off of the street during snow removal and to the volunteers who moved the snow while we were without an employee to run the truck. We are moving forward with a lot of work ahead but with a positive attitude, we are all committed to making Kimballton the best place possible for everyone to call home.

- A normal piece of paper cannot be folded in half more than 7 times.
- Water expands 9% when it is frozen!
- One tree can provide enough oxygen for 2 people to live off of for their whole lives.
- The lowest place in North America is Death Valley at 282 feet below sea level.
- A dentist invented the electric chair!!!
- The female black widow's poison is 15 times deadlier than a rattlesnake's!
- The inventor of the Pringles can is now buried in one.



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Welcome Home

Marriage is a mutual relationship where one person is always right and the other person is the husband

*If you think your job stinks...
how about mine?*



Pumper Tales from DC

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A FLUSH BEATS A FULL HOUSE!

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We all have the power to change at least one thing a day....

Please make it your underwear.

**The City Council of Elk Horn
February 17, 2022**

The City Council of Elk Horn met in special session on Thursday, February 17th, 2022, at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Hansen; Councilmen Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Teegerstrom, Hogberg, and K. Petersen. Also in attendance was Clerk Chelsee Jacobsen.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to change D. Petersen's employment status to Temporary (Section 2 of the Employee Handbook). Those who are hired as interim replacements to assist in the completion of a specific project or for vacation relief. Employment beyond any initially stated period does not in any way imply a change in employment status. Temporary employees retain that status until they are notified of a change. Ayes 4, motion carried.

Fiscal Year budget 2022-2023 was discussed. The city received \$61,500 from USDA for our street projects. The city will finalize the budget at the March 7th, 2022, meeting.

Public Works Director applications were reviewed. The city received 11 applications. Second interviews have been set up by council.

Chelsee will get in contact with Mike's welding in Kimballton to replace the storm drain cover located on the Northwest Corner of Washington and Main Street.

Bids were received for a drop ceiling in the townhall to help reduce the echo. Chelsee will look into other sound proofing options.

K. Petersen moved seconded by Fredericksen to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM.

Keli Hansen, Mayor

Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk

JOANNE POTTS ESTATE, Owner
152 Acres M/L –
SHELBY COUNTY LAND AUCTION
THURS., APRIL 28, 2022 • 10:00 A.M.
SALE LOCATION: 4212 Main St., Elk Horn, IA
(Elk Horn Town Hall)
152 Acres M/L - Clay Twp. – Section 5
Cropland Acres M/L – 146.12
CSR2 – 70.9

(The acreage has been surveyed off and not included.)

Terms: The successful bidder or bidders will sign purchase agreement on the day of sale at which time 10% down payment with balance due on closing date of Sept. 8th, 2022. The new owner will be credited the 2nd half cash rent of \$21,600 at time of closing. Full Possession on March 1st, 2023.

Closing Attorney: Marcus Gross, 712-755-3141 • 711 Court St., Harlan, IA

AUCTION CONDUCTED BY: OSBORN AUCTION LLC, 712-579-4824
• WAYNE HANSEN REAL ESTATE LLC, 712-249-1785
• www.osbornauktion.com & www.waynehansen.com

Della Knightley

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Winter of '36

contribution by Janis Fajen

So you think this weather is so bad ???

You think it's awful cold ??? ---

Well, you should have seen the Winter of '36.

That was the year the temperature in the Audubon county area dropped to below zero for 33 days in a row.

And the final day of those 33 below-zero days was February 19. Four days later the temperature went up to 50 degrees above zero and melted all of the snow.

All of this information comes from Martinus Nelson of Kimballton, who took the weather records from the daily cash book of the Green Bay Lumber Co. at Kimballton. Back in those day (Nelsen was employed at the lumber yard) there was a spot in each day's page in the daily cash book to write down the weather.

Years later, Nelsen copied the records of that severe Winter of '36 and brought it in to The Nishna Valley Tribune this week. Here is the daily account of the 33 days of below zero weather:

Jan 16: 4 degrees above zero; seven inches of snow	hours
Jan 17: 19 degrees above zero; blizzard, badly drifted	Feb 10: 16 below
Jan 18: 1 degree below zero	Feb 11: 14 below
Jan 19: 10 below	Feb 12: 4 below
Jan 20: 21 below	Feb 13: 6 below; another snow storm
Jan 21: 2 below	Feb 14: 20 below;
Jan 22: 16 below	Another blizzard. ALL highways blocked. No trains into Atlantic or Harlan for 2 days
Jan 23: 13 below: 3" snow	Feb 15: 10 below;
Jan 24: 5 below	Most snow and cold weather for 117 days
Jan 25: 19 below	Feb 16: 16 below;
Jan 26: 20 below	One car of coal reached Atlantic last night for the Green Bay Lumber Co. in Kimball- ton. It was being trucked next day (Sunday).
Jan 27: 18 below	The railroad from Atlantic to Hamlin was blocked. This car of coal was delivered in smaller portions to each customer that was low on coal.
Jan 28: 2 below: 2" snow	Feb 17: 10 below;
Jan 29: 6 below: 2" snow	Another car of coal reached Atlantic for Kimballton today. It is also being delivered in small loads. No one suffered for need of coal. The Green Bay Lumber Co. was down to ½ ton of coal in their bins when these last two cars arrived.
Jan 30: 2 below	Feb 18: 14 below
Jan 31: 5 below	Feb 19: 23 below
Feb 1: 6 below	Feb 23: 50 ABOVE zero; water, water every- where; Over 30" of snow had fallen during this winter period.
Feb 2: 6 below	Recorded by Green Bay Lumber Co., Mar- tinius Nelsen, Kimballton, Ia.
Feb 3: 4 below, blizzard, bad wind, badly drifted	
Feb 4: 18 below; another bad blizzard	
Feb 5: 22 below	
Feb 6: 6 below	
Feb 7: 4 below	
Feb 8: 12 below; the worst blizzard in many years; No trains into Atlantic for three days	
Feb 9: 24 below; blizzard lasted 30+	

Scratches From the Rusty Quill

By Wava Petersen

Welcome, Rolling Hills Community News. And congratulations to those hardy souls brave enough to start a new venture. We need a local newspaper. To me the printed page is the glue that binds a community together.

It's been several years since I have written anything for publication. Age continues increasing while meager talents, typing abilities and computer skills merely regress into a rusty scrap pile. But I'm willing to give it a try. So where to begin?? I don't have a picture but I do have a couple of family wedding announcements to add to the mix.

My mother-in-law's aunt married a man by the name of Gus Long. Their daughter married a man whose last name was Sloppy. Yes, you guessed it; the newspaper headline read, "Long-Sloppy Wedding". My grandma Johnson's maiden name was Nott. She had a brother Will Nott and a sister named Maude May Nott. Maude married Lanny Balm thus becoming Maude May Nott Balm. What a blast!

I've enjoyed Johnnie Jensen's discourses on cream separators. They brought lots of personal memories back to me, a farm child of the great depression. Our separator was located in the basement; milk was carried in from the barn morning and night. Often it was kid-power that was used to operate that wonderful yet disgusting machine. My brother Dale and I sometimes teamed up to get that long handle moving. The first rounds were the hardest and oh, the pure joy when the bell quit dinging and we knew we were over the hump, just exerting ourselves enough to keep it at that speed.

My dad came in the house one morning carrying two full buckets of fresh milk, tripped on the top step and went headfirst down those steps, landing on the buckets at the bottom. Maybe he floated down in the river of white. Dad was a five foot seven well rounded 200 pounder which probably softened the landing. He didn't really have any major injuries but did a lot of moaning and groaning and moved pretty slowly the rest of the day. My mother spent the rest of the morning cleaning up the awful mess. I don't remember whether any separating was needed that morning.

Washing that beastly machine rated even lower than washing dishes on a kid's chore priority list. The first time I was assigned that task on my own my mother gave me a few instructions, stressing "Always remember to drain the bowl before loosening the ring on the top". That warning still rings in my ears! Well, I didn't drain the bowl and the instant I turned the screw milk shot out all over the place. And, yes, Mother always does know best.

God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece





We will also be holding mid-week services in conjunction with Bethlehem Lutheran of Jacksonville and St. Paul's Lutheran of Irwin. That schedule will be posted on our Facebook page: Immanuel/Bethany Family

The Seven Wonders of Faith

Sunday Message Series for Lent and Holy Week

March 6th, 9:00 a.m. (at Immanuel Lutheran Church)

“I Wonder If God Exists.”

March 13th, 9:00 a.m. (at Bethany Lutheran Church)

“I Wonder Why Bad Things Happen to Good People.”

March 20th, 9:00 a.m. (at Immanuel Lutheran Church)

“I Wonder Why Prayers God Unanswered.”

March 27th, 9:00 a.m. (at Bethany Lutheran Church)

“I Wonder About God’s Will for My Life.”

April 3rd, 9:00 a.m. (at Immanuel Lutheran Church)

“I Wonder About the Miracles in the Bible.”

Palm Sunday

April 10th, 9:00 a.m. (at Bethany Lutheran Church)

“I Wonder About the End of the World.”

Easter Sunday

April 17th (at Bethany: 6:30 a.m. — at Immanuel: 8:45 a.m.)

“I Wonder About Life after Death.”

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204 W 2nd Street
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Mongolian Beef Ramen

prepped by Dusty and
approved by Steve

YIELDS:	PREP TIME:	COOK TIME:	TOTAL TIME:
4 SERVINGS	0 HOURS 10 MINS	0 HOURS 0 MINS	0 HOURS 30 MINS

Mongolian beef is a popular American-Chinese takeout dish often made with thin slices of flank steak, accompanied by veggies, spiked with ginger, soy sauce, sugar, garlic, and scallions. Here, I obviously took many liberties adapting the original stir-fry steak dish into a meatball and ramen skillet. One thing I kept the same: cornstarch. It makes the meat crispy and caramelized on the outside, and it helps thicken the sauce, giving it a velvety texture. If you don't have any on hand (or you forgot to pick some up), feel free to skip it. But make sure to use it next time! (Rest assured, there will be a next time!)

Ingredients

3 packages instant ramen, flavor pack discarded
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 lb. sirloin steak, sliced against the grain
2 tbsp. cornstarch
1 tbsp. toasted sesame oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. minced ginger
1/2 c. reduced-sodium soy sauce
1/4 c. lightly packed brown sugar
1 c. low-sodium chicken (or beef) broth
Pinch red pepper flakes
1 large head broccoli, cut into florets
1 carrot, peeled and cut into matchsticks
3 scallions, thinly sliced
Toasted sesame seeds, for garnish

Directions

Cook ramen noodles according to package instructions. Drain and set aside.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Toss beef with cornstarch. Add to skillet and cook until seared about 2 minutes per side.

Bountiful baskets is a food co-op where a group of people choose to pool their money and purchase produce in large quantities at deep discounts. This allows people to have more fresh produce for less money. We joined bountiful baskets a year and a half ago to offer this service in Exira and surrounding communities. Participants may contribute every two weeks for a hearty basket of 50% fruit and 50% vegetables.

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Transfer to a plate.

Reduce heat to medium-low. Add sesame oil to skillet and stir in garlic and ginger. Cook until fragrant, 1 minute then add soy sauce, brown sugar, and broth. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until the sauce is thickened, 3 to 5 minutes.

Add broccoli and carrots then cover the skillet with a tight-fitting lid and cook until the vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes.

Return beef to skillet and stir until completely coated in sauce. Stir in cooked ramen noodles and scallions.

Garnish with toasted sesame seeds before serving.

Check out delish.com

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THE HIDDEN HORNS

this one does not count.. it was a mistake

The "Tim-Man Challenge" was presented by Larry Fajen. His directions to the Tin_man are: from Jacksonville, take 1000th St East for one mile. There is a Tin_Man on each side of the bridge