



Rolling Hills Community News

Exira
Elk Horn
Kimballton

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...



And So It Begins ...

The Elk Horn American Legion Post 322 is pleased to announce the first publication of the Rolling Hills Community News. Initially the paper will publish two times a month. Given sufficient content, advertisement and **help**, we hope to publish weekly. The publication will be available (free) throughout the three townships as well as digitally on the three city clerks/library facebook pages. Other than the cost of printing, all involvement is voluntary. Our advertising prices will cover the cost of running the paper. Any residual revenue will be dedicated to improving the paper or adjusting the advertising prices (up or **down**) to accommodate a break-even goal.

The papers' content will cover human-interest, business-spotlight, school activity, events, and a bit of "humor". Since we are a "news-room of volunteers", we need each township's help in providing content. We are "newbies" at producing a paper. We ask for your patience and suggestions as we grow. A very special THANKS to Linda for providing her expertise and direction with the publication of the paper.

In an effort to control costs and cover time-sensitive events, it required we move several advertisements and content to the next publication - which should be out on or about Nov 4. We apologize to those we "bumped". We look forward to adding more topics.

Any comments or suggestions can be emailed to content@rollinghillsnews.net

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Deadline for next publication: October 31

RHCN Business Spotlight



Copenhagen Friday - Today's business spotlight! Shon has an interesting story behind her business.



Copenhagen Friday
A Curious Nook
art ~ fashion ~ fun

"It really won't take much to make this into a darling building," I told my husband Rick, while he was staring at a stuffed chipmunk on the counter of the past news paper office. "All it needs is a new ceiling and the carpet tore up. The paint job by the Larsen's is amazing."

And so the endeavor began. When the boys and Rick and I and my mother-in-law were done, there was Copenhagen Friday on Main street in Elk Horn, Iowa. Why Copenhagen Friday? That is actually a sweet little story. When I was in first grade my dad had stopped at Burton Esbeck's store for some plumbing parts. The kids on my school bus said Robert was just across the street so I got off the bus and joined him. Before we left Elk Horn that February afternoon Dad and I went up the brick steps to Joanne Potts place called The Peddler. While watching Dad and Joanne visit I remember thinking to myself how neat that Joanne owned her own store. We left with a purchase of a box of Valentines.

A few summers back Rick and I were staying in St. Louis, Mo. We were browsing in the boutique shops that lined the street of our hotel. Again, I was intrigued with the gals who owned these specialty

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Halloween Events throughout the community



DVIO DANISH VILLAGES
Improvement Organization

Inspiring growth in the Danish Villages through social connection, economic development & community promotion

HALLOWEEN in the Danish Villages!

COSTUME CONTEST & KIDS DANCE

KIMBALLTON
Saturday, Oct 30th

Contest @ Town Hall 7:15pm
Dance to follow till 9pm

ELK HORN
Sunday, Oct 31st

Citywide Trick or Treat 5-7PM

Get Involved & Make New Friends

DVIO has a variety of projects, events, and economic development initiatives that need your help. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Email us at dvio@metc.net for meeting details!

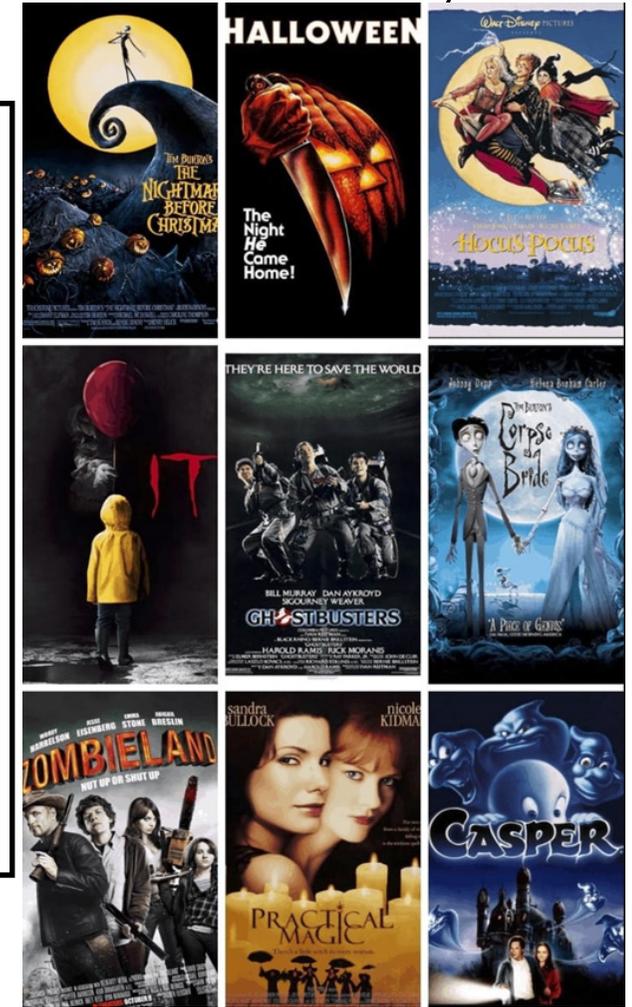
Strategic Planning Survey is Open NOW

Give feedback for the Danish Villages' future!



Scan Me!

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The Exira Community Club and Exira Public Library plan to offer a double-feature movie night at the Exira Event Center on Saturday, October 30th complete with popcorn, candy and drinks! (Admission will be FREE - just pay for your snacks)

>>>> We need your help to choose which movies to watch (we'd like to do a family friendly one at 6pm and offer a scarier one at 8pm!!!) <<<<<

Here are just some ideas to get you thinking - please comment below which movie you'd like to come watch! We'll announce the final movies next week!

MORE AWESOME NEWS: We'll be hosting a costume contest and walking tacos on Sunday the 31st at 4pm prior to Trick-or-Treating!! More details will soon be posted on an Event Page!

Boo's and Tattoo's!



Main Street Elk Horn will be busy with special events this Halloween weekend. Once the kids are done trick-or-treating and celebrating at the DVIO kids' dance in Kimballton, head back over to Elk Horn for your turn to dance the night away. The Norse Horse Tavern is hosting a no-cover Halloween dance party from 8-12pm on Saturday, October 30. Costumes are not required to attend, but the best costume will win a Norse Horse Gift Certificate, so attendees are highly encouraged to find something funny, cute, or scary to wear (we saw what you guys were wearing to the 80s dance party last month—some of those outfits might qualify as funny, cute, AND scary!) Watch for food and drink specials all week long. Check out The Norse Horse Tavern Facebook page for more information, or follow our bartenders on Instagram @behindthenoho.

JOIN US FOR SPOOKTACULAR TRICK OR TREATING!

KIMBALLTON
OCTOBER 30th, 5PM TO 7PM

ELK HORN
OCTOBER 31st, 5PM TO 7PM

COSTUME CONTEST KIMBALLTON TOWN HALL
SATURDAY @ 7:15PM.

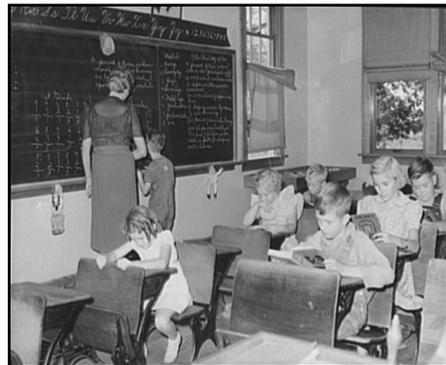
KIDS DANCE TO FOLLOW
7:30 to 9:00 PM!



What better morning after remedy to start a Halloween Sunday? Why a tattoo of course! Odin's Eye Tattoo will be hosting a walk-in special on October 31st from 11am-3pm. In honor of 31st day of October, Kate will be offering \$31 flash tattoos, first-come, first-served. One color included, \$10 for each additional color. Flash options will be posted on Instagram and Facebook that week, so make sure to follow Odin's Eye Tattoo for more details. You'll be sure to look Boo-tiful by the end of the weekend!

The One-room Country Schools

- By LW Johnson



One room schoolhouses were once a common feature of the Great Plains. One teacher, typically a young single woman, taught farm children in grades 1-8 in a small building on the prairie. The number of students varied from six to as many as forty. The youngest children sat in the front and the oldest in the back. Reading, writing, arithmetic, history and geography were the subjects taught. Students memorized and recited their lessons. Penmanship and neatness were stressed.

Support for rural public schools originated with the Federal Land Grant ordinance of 1785, which began the land surveys that laid out Townships and sections across the growing Nation. By the early 1900's one room schoolhouses dotted the countryside. The schoolhouses were situated so students didn't have to travel more than two miles to get there. Most of the sites were 1/2 to one acre lots, some purchased from the farm they were located on, usually on the corner of the section. Other sites were from railroad grants. Construction of the early buildings in some cases was of adobe, though most were of wood. Occasionally limestone or brick was used. Most were heated with wood or coal fired stoves. Some had basements, most did not. Small caves near the schoolhouse served as shelter from severe storms. Usually another small building stored the wood or coal for heating. Some of the sites had wells for

water though many did not. In that case, generally two of the older boys were tasked with going to the closest neighbor's farm armed with a five gallon cream can filling it with water and hauling it back to be emptied into a crock for drinking and washing hands. Toilets were the "outhouse" kind which was the common on all farms. When a student had to "go" it was usually raising a hand with one finger for the "small" job, two fingers for the "large". School time started at 9:00 A.M. and was "let out" at 4:00. A fifteen minute recess in the morning, half an hour noon break, and another fifteen minute recess in the afternoon completed the day, unless you got caught "breaking the rules" and had to stay after. Woe to the student that had to stay after—the punishment at home would be worse!!

More on country schools will follow, the teachers, duties, responsibilities, where they stayed, etc. Games played and other activities within the school time. We welcome readers that went to country school to write of their memories and experiences.

Submitted by LW Johnson

What's Happening at Elk Horn Lutheran Church?

Community Choir Rehearsals: every Monday at 7:00 p.m.
 Women's Bible Study on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
 Men's Bible Study on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday Adult Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.
 Julefest Concert on Saturday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Worship services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with communion celebrated on the 1st and 2nd Sunday each month. Live Streamed on Facebook and delayed broadcast on METC channel 99 and 399 every day.

Have a community event?

Let us know and we'll put it on our electric sign out front!
 We are collecting winter coats for the Open Door Mission in Omaha, and our goal is 100 of them, as of this writing we are almost halfway there!

**We have a food pantry available
 for those who might need an extra hand.**

Rolling Hills Community News

The Rolling Hills Community News is sponsored by The Elk Horn American Legion Post 322 as a community service. The paper's coverage includes the Kimballton, Elk Horn and Exira triangle.

Our goal is to provide a weekly circulation, starting with every two weeks. The "paper" will be available as news-print as well as digital. The digital "paper" will be available on the rollinghillsnews.net/news website (to be developed) and the facebook pages of your local library. The production of the paper is completely voluntary. This is a new endeavor for most of us.

As content provides, we plan to increase the number of pages (and circulation). PLEASE contact us if you have any suggestions for content. We are ALWAYS looking for content providers.

How to get your content to us:

We would appreciate your content be sent to us in digital form via our email account. Our email is content@rollinghillsnews.net. We would appreciate:

- your content (pictures and text) sent as an attachment to the email.
- The pictures separate from the text
- The text be in Microsoft Word or similar format (PDF is fine)
- You include contact information to resolve any issues

Deadline for content in upcoming paper is November 31.

Any questions, comments or suggestions..

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shops. This time my imagination took root and the idea of owning a shop myself began to grow, and Copenhagen Friday was created.

Copenhagen Friday is a curious nook where jewelry is found among the flowers. While music gently plays in the background, it is a place where both your wardrobe and areas in your home can be refreshed. Every little room is filled with surprises for Grandpa and Dad, for the son-in-law and the brother-in-law. There are tips and tricks for the kitchen, birthday presents for children, and swaddles and cuteness for babies as well. We all have a 'save the date' card posted in our homes somewhere. Copenhagen Friday has just the items to create wonderful memories for the newly weds and the brides to be.

Speaking of memories, I have another to share for this occasion. After the shop was purchased I was visiting with my Aunt Janet, sister to Phylis and Barb. She was letting me know her mother ran a restaurant in my store years ago. My shop is two stores combined. One side was my Aunt's mother's restaurant and the other side was a saddle/leather shop. Stop in sometime and I will show you the old layout. Also, while visiting with Paulette from Kimballton, she shared with me her husband Rick's mother also used my building as a restaurant too!

Such precious memories the towns in these surrounding areas hold. Such precious people the homes in these surrounding areas hold.

Groaners

- A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months
- A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two-tiered
- Dead batteries are given away.. free of charge
- When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate
- Police were summoned to a day care center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered



YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

The first thought I have today, in the realm of good news, is that we once again have a community newspaper enjoy!! Thank you Linda Goos for the many years you labored to produce the weekly Danish Villages News. And now we have a new beginning.

The concept of something new causes me to think of a verse in scripture, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing.

Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isa. 43:18-19) What is this new thing that God says He is doing?

In the book of Ecclesiastes Solomon says that there is "Nothing new under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9). What shall we make of these two verses? Maybe we should take a closer look?

I believe the problem here can be solved by noting Solomon's words, "under the sun"! This phrase is used by Solomon in the book of Ecclesiastes some 29 times and it appears to be his catch phrase for the place where mankind resides without God. It concerns the things mankind does without any use for God in their lives. In chapter 1 verse 14 Solomon says, "I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind." Let me state emphatically here that nothing God does or has His hand in is meaningless or a chasing after wind. We'll talk about this enigmatic book of Solomon's in a future article.

But for today, let's consider the new thing God is doing.

I would like to take us all the way back to the days of Abraham. You see, there was a promise made to him in Genesis 12 that gives us a clue: "I will make of

you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." I see here a seven-fold blessing given to Abraham. In many ways, this man Abraham began the lineage of the one we call Jesus Christ.

Some people consider the nation of Israel to be the chosen of God; many consider the Jews to be the chosen; but really the story of those chosen of God begins with Abraham long before the nation of Israel existed!

And even the Gospel of Matthew sheds some light upon this by beginning with these words, "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."

But why would we be looking all the way back to Abraham to understand this 'new thing' that God is doing? Well, that is a long and interesting story, but ones that is integral to our desire for Good News. Hope you're here next week – it is good to be back!

Bill Rollins 10-7-2021

Interesting facts

California is America's #1 producer of both almonds and **cow farts**.

Particles ejected by solar flares can travel at speeds of up to 620 miles per **second**

The inside of a cucumber can be 20 degrees colder than the outside

White-faced capuchin monkeys greet one another by sticking their fingers up each other's nose

About 400 million years ago, mushrooms stood as tall as trees

Australia has the world's largest wild camel population

China is only about 5% larger than the U.S. but has four times the population

from *Uncle John's Bathroom Reader*



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Offer valid October 1-31, 2021



Local 322 would like to welcome Jack Krogstad back home to Elk Horn and as a new member of the post. Jack and his wife, Nancy, returned to Elk Horn in July, 2020 and are living in the home Jack grew up in until high school graduation. Jack served as a medic in Vietnam from 1968-1969. He returned to University of Nebraska to earn his PHD in 1975. We are pleased and proud to have Jack as a member of our post..

Lanny Olsen
Commander post 322

Barb Retires After 14 Years



Barb Goos has been a tireless parish secretary at Elk Horn Lutheran Church since 2008. She retired this month and we thank her for her efforts throughout the years. Barb is not only a great organizer but a wonderful, thoughtful and faithful worker in the church. She made many personal sacrifices for our congregation that will never be forgotten! Thank you, Barb, for being a blessing to this church and the whole community we serve!



TWELFTH ANNUAL HARVEST MEAL FOR THE MILL AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, November 13th, 2021

Drive thru pickup from 4 to 6 pm at the Elk Horn Fire Station

ONLINE AUCTION

11 am November 1 — 11 am November 13
View & Bid Online 32auctions.com/mill2021

Auction items will be posted online where they can be viewed and bid on until November 13 at 11am. After that, items and bid sheets will move to the Silent Auction. Purchasers will be responsible for shipping charges on items purchased.

SILENT AUCTION

November 13 | 4-6 pm
View & Bid at the Elk Horn Fire Station

Items will be moved to the Fire Station for a Silent Auction Saturday from 4 to 6 pm. Enjoy a glass of Iowa wine or gløgg while you browse items and place your bids!

All CDC recommendations for social distancing, mask wearing, etc. will be observed. Please bring your own pen to bid with. Thank you!

DANISH FRIKADELLER DINNER-TO-GO

Starter
Pickled Herring with Havarti Cheese and Rye Bread

Main Course
Danish Frikadeller, Boiled Potatoes with Brown Gravy, Red Cabbage

Dessert
Ablekage

Tickets \$25



There are only 125 meals-to-go available for this hygge evening in your own home so reserve your tickets soon! Contact the Windmill at 712.764.7472 or purchase online at danishwindmill.com

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IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

by Bob Mortenson 10-7-2021

The atmosphere today has more moisture in it than it did 30 years ago. This is because it is warmer now than it was then. When you look at your weather report in the morning it might say it is 68 degrees outside and the dew point is 68. The relative humidity is 100%. This means the air cannot hold any more moisture. A while later the temperature has warmed up to 70 degrees and the dew point is still 68. But the relative humidity is now 94%. The air can now hold an added 6% moisture. Why is that fact so important? You can think of the atmosphere as a "bucket". If you put one gallon of water in a bucket you can pour nearly a gallon out of it. I say nearly because the bucket is still damp. If you have two gallons of water in the bucket you can pour nearly two gallons out of it. Once again because the bucket is still wet. This is what your TV Weatherperson would refer to as available rainfall potential.

This means that unusually high rainfall amounts are possible. We need to consider this fact in our planning for many things. It may affect our choices for how we plant our crops. Or how we design our stormwater facilities. When we construct a new building, we may need to consider how it will manage an extreme rainfall event. Or even how it will cause added stormwater to run off that could cause problems.

And something we often forget; water vapor is a "greenhouse" gas. But more about that in another article.

Submitted by Bob Mortenson

BENEFIT BREAKFAST FOR THE CORY HALEY FAMILY

Sunday, October 24th

8:30am – 12:30pm

at the Exira Lions Building

Hosted by the
Exira Lions Club & Exira Masons

-Serving-

French Toast, Pancakes, Scrambled Western Eggs, Regular Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Juice & Coffee

FREE WILL DONATION

Silent Auction & Bake Sale...



Please come support our efforts in helping the Haley family. Cory has spent over a month in the hospital with Covid-19 related problems and the family could use our help! All proceeds will go to the family.

CALLING ALL CHAIRS GIFT BASKETS-PIES-QUILTS-AND MORE



Donations are now being accepted for the 12th Annual Chair-ity Auction to benefit the Danish Windmill

Online Auction
November 1-13 at 11 am



Silent Auction & Frikadeller Dinner To-Go
Saturday, November 13th — 4-6 pm
at the Elk Horn Fire Station



For more information and to donate chairs or items for the auction, please contact the Danish Windmill at 712.764.7472.

TICKETS ON SALE SOON!
DANISH FRIKADELLER DINNER-TO-GO



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Elk Horn City Council Minutes

The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session on Tuesday, October 5th, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Jens; Councilmen McCarthy, Fredericksen, D. Petersen and Teegerstrom. Also in attendance was Clint Fichter, Andy Ring, Chelsee Jacobsen, Dereck Hogberg, Jerry Hoffman, and Keli Hansen. Absent: Council member K. Petersen.

McCarthy moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL: Ayes 4. Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the September 8th, 2021, meeting minutes. ROLL CALL: Ayes 4. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the claims register. ROLL CALL: Ayes 4. Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by McCarthy to approve financial report. ROLL CALL: Ayes 4. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Water/Sewer: Ring stated that Anthony with Cahoy pump has been working to get more water to town from our wells. The pressure is improving but still asking to refrain from using any additional water. Any questions please call the Clerk's office to clarify.

Pool/Park: Tree's on the West side of the park need attention. The city will obtain 2 bids for removal of the Maple trees in the Northeast corner, trim the trees over Park Alley Street to 15-foot clearance and grind out stumps on removed trees.

McCarthy moved, seconded by D. Petersen to certify the special assessment on 4200 Main Street to the owner Barb Goos's property taxes over a term of 7 years.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen to put the council meeting minutes in the new Rolling Hills Community News newspaper sponsored by the Elk Horn American Legion Post. This newspaper will cover Elk Horn, Kimballton and Exira.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by McCarthy to approve Pay App #2 to Howrey Construction Inc for \$93,138.05.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve BW Gas & Convenience Retail, Danish Windmill, and Elk Horn Fire & Rescue liquor licenses.

McCarthy moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the 28A agreement for Washington Street with Shelby County.

McCarthy moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve resolution # 2021.10-1, Resolution adopting the Shelby County joint multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan for the city of Elk Horn, IA.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to adjourn meeting at 6:00PM

Stan Jens, Mayor

Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk

VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE! Election November 6 Elk Horn City Council Candidates



I would like to introduce our candidates for Elk Horn City Council for the 4 year term beginning January 2022. Left to right - Derick Hogberg, Kendall Petersen, Nolan Teegerstrom, and Jerry Hoffman.

1. Why are you running for council? 2. What is one goal you have for the city?

Derick:

1. I was raised in Elk Horn and my wife and I are now raising our young children here. I care deeply about the success of my home town.
2. The goal that I have for the city is to make Elk Horn a stronger community. To make sure Elk Horn stays sustainable, relevant, and attractive to our residents and to visitors.

Kendall:

1. I am interested and excited to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes of running a town like Elk Horn.
2. I would love to see someday some smaller new construction homes be built in town to encourage single/newlywed couples to move to town.

Nolan:

1. Having served almost 6 years, I am re-running for city council in hopes that I can continue to do my part to help out the community that I live in and have served in.
2. A goal that I have for the city is to improve the Park and Pool House.

Jerry:

1. I want to be on the city council to be an advocate for improving all aspects of our city. I feel that I can personally assist to accomplish this goal by working with citizens and business people to assess needs of our community and working with others to access resources and work on projects for our community.
2. I want to complete some projects to improve safety, infrastructure, building on the businesses we already have with new opportunities, and family resources while still being fiscally responsible as a representative of our community.

The election will be November 2nd, at the Elk Horn town hall.

Respectfully submitted

-City Clerk, Chelsee Jacobsen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Haunted Library

Monday, October 25 - Saturday October 30



Stop in during library hours and tour our annual Haunted Library room. Each year during the week of Halloween, the high school Leo Club helps to decorate and volunteer their time for school group tours, which includes storytime, snacks and activities. For all ages! Also, new this year, middle school students are invited to try their hand at our Haunted Library Escape Room!

NEW LIBRARY MURAL!

The Elk Horn Public Library received a Shelby County Community Foundation grant to complete the landscaping and beautification of the west side of our building after the programming room addition was complete. We are so thankful for the local talent of Deborah King for her lifelike murals, and the retaining wall and landscaping done by Kevin Petersen of Prolawn Environmental!



Elk Horn Library News



Request for HELP !!!

The Library is hoping to decorate pumpkins for one of our afterschool programs in November. Would anyone have an overabundance this year that they would be willing to donate around 25 pumpkins measuring 8-12 inches? Thanks so much!

ONGOING EVENTS

Children's After School Programming on Mondays and Wednesdays during the school year

MONDAYS 3:30-4:30

"AFTERSCHOOL ADVENTURES" Stories, activities and snacks each week! For age 4 – 2nd grade.



WEDNESDAYS 2-4 "WHATEVER WEDNESDAYS"

Each Wednesday of the month is a different activity! For 3rd grade and up.

1st Wednesday -
Makerspace Activities
(\$5 supply fee)



2nd Wednesday -
Workout Wednesday



3rd Wednesday -
Cooking Camp
(\$5 supply fee)



4th Wednesday -
Game Day



5th Wednesday -
Movie & Popcorn



WEDNESDAYS 2-4
SUPER Wii WEDNESDAYS
Play the Wii or Xbox 360 –
alone or with a group of
friends! For all ages.

According to *Uncle John's Bathroom Reader* (great book for bathroom reading):
Every year, Americans spend about \$330 million on halloween costumes...FOR THEIR PETS



Teachers in all buildings in the Exira-EHK district were asked to nominate a student of the month. These students are selected by showing Spartan Pride, stepping up, being respectful, or standing out by doing the right thing. After nominations for the month occurred, three students were selected to represent each district building. Local businesses donate so that each student receives a \$10 gift card. Congratulations to these exemplary students!

In the elementary building
Logan Wedemeyer
was honored



In the middle school
Jaxsen Carlisle
was chosen



in the high school
David Yoder
was selected



Welcome our new Exira-EHK principle

Exira-EHK is under the direction of new leadership this school year. Nate McDonald was hired as the secondary principal for the district and has already been making an impact this fall.

McDonald obtained his bachelor's degree at Morningside University where he played football. He received his masters at Northwest Missouri State University. His background in education includes being a classroom teacher, coach, athletic director, and now secondary principal. McDonald started as a classroom teacher and coach at Marcus-Meridan-Cleghorn. He then went to Logan Magnolia where he was a teacher,

coach, and athletic director. McDonald, an avid supporter of athletics, has coached football, basketball, and track, before bringing his talents to Spartan Country.

What brought him to the Exira-EHK community was the dedicated and passionate staff. McDonald has really enjoyed getting to know the great students of the Exira-EHK district. He has been attending events and is thrilled about the community support he is seeing. "It is truly an honor to be a part of Spartan Nation," McDonald noted.

Outside of school, McDonald is happily married to his wife, Taylor. They have one son named Henry who is a little over a year old. The McDonalds moved outside of Exira this summer and enjoy taking walks and playing outside with Henry. McDonald is a huge fan of the Iowa State Cyclones, the Green Bay Packers, and of course, the Exira-EHK Spartans.

McDonald has many goals for this school year, but one of them is to create a great environment for both students and staff. To do this, he has started to create new traditions in the building. One of these is "Roctober." This school month, students listen to staff member's favorite rock songs and guess who they are. He also brought in breakfast for the staff while rock music played. Thank you for all you do and welcome to our district!

A hunch is creativity trying to tell you something
Frank Capra

