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Get the inside Information

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Now, onto the paper:

With so many past and future events, we increased this publication to 20 pages and still have to reassign some

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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 UGLY SWEATER IS BACK



The beginning of the ugly sweater festival was December 2016 at the Log Cabin Quilt Shop in Exira, IA. The sale day started as an annual fun sale for valued customers with the requirement of wearing an ugly sweater to receive the discount. Fast forward to December 2019. This is when the collective retail group of Elk Horn and Kimballton joined in. This brought additional sales of retailers and events at the library, town halls, and the Cottonwood Barn. Another fun part of ugly sweater was for businesses to decorate a plywood cutout sweater for a fun holiday decoration. Santa and carriage rides were additional holiday happenings. An annual quilt raffle with donated materials and labor is a part of the event as a fundraiser to continue and expand additional activities. That brings us to this year's festival: - **December 11th**. The fire department breakfast from 7-10AM and the ugly sweater festival dance featuring a local band **Third Wish** on the evening of December 11 from 8-11PM with doors opening at 6PM. We trust all participants will have a fun and memorable holiday experience.

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Door prizes baskets with items from each vendor - free sign up at the door



UGLY SWEATER VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

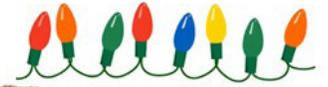
Saturday, December 11th
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Elk Horn Town Hall
4211 Main St, Elk Horn, IA

Stop out and enjoy shopping with local crafters,
home based vendors, and more!

Vendors include:

Pampered Chef, Norwex, Scentsy, Color Street,
Tastefully Simple, Barn Quilts, Rag Quilts, Wreaths,
Board Signs, Lighted Blocks, Crocheted Items, Resin Art,
Hand Crafted Bath & Body Products, Hair Accessories,
Homemade Clothing, Vinyl Home Décor and more!



Light up the

Holiday Lights Contest

Danish Villages!

Leave your lights on for Santa's Elves
Monday, December 13th

Decorate your home or business with
holiday lights & decorations

Send us pictures with your
address for the community
to vote!

Awards for Elk Horn & Kimballton

- ❖ 1st Place \$50 Dane Bucks
- ❖ 2nd Place \$25 Dane Bucks

Winners announced Dec 22nd

Facebook 
@danishvillages

Hosted
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Get New Internet
or Upgrade Your
Current Service

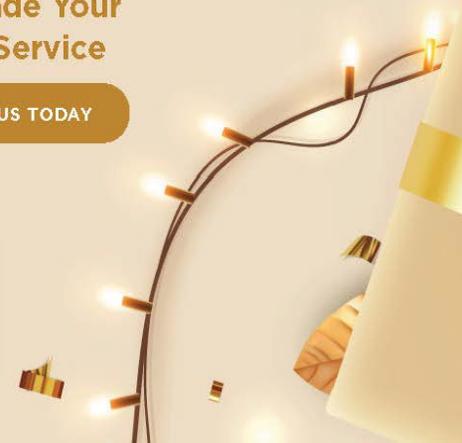
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Ugly Sweater Contest

The Norse Horse Ugly Challenge



When you spot your favorite ugly sweater (not a person!!) hurry to the Norse Horse and cast your vote. The First Place winner gets six drink tokens. The Second place winner gets three drink Tokens. The third place winner gets to watch the other two drink their beer.

To ensure your sweater is noticed, come to the Norse Horse between 6-8PM and enjoy the food and drink.

BUT WAIT: There is a condition:

You MUST be wearing your sweater while enjoying your drink.



MOTHER

Tis oft been said and is surely true,
A mother's work is never through.
From early dawn until setting sun,
It's this or that and run, run, run!

Dishes, cleaning, washing, and then,
It's time to start all over again.
But there's a growing girl or a little boy,
And they need a mother with love and joy.

But when daughter's giggles are no longer heard,
And junior's memory is slightly blurred,
What then, pray tell, does a mother do,
To still feel needed and not get blue!

Perhaps with vision, her eye can see,
They'll always need her, she'll never be free.
While life goes on, and kids grow up,
There's more spilled milk and broken cups.

Little feet again patter across those floors.
They still break toys and still slam doors.
But other feet too, now grown and gone.
Still walk to the tunes she sang so long!

Though silver haired and steps more slow,
She's filled with the love only her children know,
And if she looks back, it's clear to see,
Her work's not for earth, but for eternity.

By Jack Krogstad
Written Christmas Day, 1986

**IT'S ONLY SCIENCE**

Last article we talked about how when water evaporates it carries away heat. This time let us talk about how heat moves. Most people think the way heat moves is it rises. And that is true in a liquid or a gas. That process is called convection. In fact, the Model T Ford did not have a water pump. It depended on the heated coolant in the engine block to rise. In doing so it pulled coolant from the radiator into the engine block which in turn made room for the hot coolant to enter the radiator. This process is called a thermo-siphon.

Heat also moves in all directions by radiation. When you walk by an electric heater glowing and you feel the heat it is emitting, that is radiation at work. In the nature of things wherever there is more it wants to go to where there is less. It has been said that nature abhors a vacuum, but actually it just wants to even things out. No matter if we are talking about heat, or pressures, or parts per million in a liquid or gas, it will try to reach an equilibrium. If it were not for that fact, we would never have that welcome breeze on a summer day.

Heat will also move by conductance. This is the direct transfer of heat by contacting something hot. We have learned you do not grab with bare hands a roaster from the oven. Or remove a radiator cap from an overheated vehicle.

Knowing these facts and making use of them are essential tools in how things work. From HVAC systems to home appliances and even how we can improve our home's energy efficiency relies on this knowledge.

Next article let us delve into how a heat pump can provide a 70-degree home from a 50-degree ground or water source.

by Bob Mortenson 10-28-2021

**YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!**

Many of us reading this article would perhaps call ourselves 'Christians'. And if we are truly following our Savior Jesus Christ, we would be correct in calling ourselves this.

It is in the book of Acts that we first find the term 'Christian'. In chapter 11 verse 25-26 we read this, "Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul (aka Paul), and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch". As an historical note, Antioch is in, what we know of today as, Syria. It is about 350 miles north of Jerusalem and was considered to be Paul's home base. He either began or ended all of his missionary journeys there. Antioch was the third leading city in the Roman Empire - just behind Rome and Alexandria.

Being called a Christian in this hugely pagan city of Antioch was not necessarily a compliment. Most commentators believe this designation to be a derogatory term. In some areas of the Roman Empire the disciples were called 'the followers of the Way' or simply 'a sect of the Jews'.

And so today, being called a Christian is more and more becoming a thing that brings persecution in many parts of the world. Even here in the USA the term Christian is being looked down on and if we are honest, we can see the seeds of persecution being planted.

So, are you calling yourself a Christian? How deep is your conviction? In John 15:20 Jesus says, "Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master'. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also They will treat you this way because of my name." In Matthew 10:22 we read, "All men will hate you because of me."

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Ugly Sweater Festival

Saturday, Dec. 11th • Elk Horn, IA



Wear your ugly sweater to get sales in businesses



Gnome Quilt Raffle
\$1.00 per ticket or
6 for \$5.00



Ugly Sweater Dance
8-11pm at Fire Station
Music by Third Wish
Free Will Donation
(wear your ugly sweater and join in on the fun)



Elk Horn Library
Holiday Make & Take Craft
View train display
10-2



Food by Mastergrillers
Drinks by the Fire Dept.
Doors Open and
Food starts at 6

What's Happening at Elk Horn Lutheran in December



- Dec 5 Worship with communion at 9:30 a.m. - Children's Christmas Program rehearsal
- Dec 6 Community Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. (Come join us!)
- Dec 8 Council Meeting
- Dec 9 4H meeting
- Dec 12 Children's Christmas Program at 9:30 a.m. : Blanket Tie Party 11:00 a.m -1:00 p.m.
- Dec 13 Community Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. (Come join us!)
- Dec 16 Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 18 Community Choir Concert - "Were You There on that Christmas Night? - A Christmas Musical by Lloyd Larson at 2:00 p.m.
- Dec 19 Worship at 9:30 a.m., Azylee's Blankets-Fell. Hall 11:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve worship with communion at 4:30 p.m.
- Dec 26 Worship at 9:30 a.m.

The Rye Bread Lady Says....



"I will be taking special orders for Homemade Dinner Rolls, Frosted Cinnamon Rolls and Peppernuts through Christmas. Contact: 712-304-3606.

Fresh Rye Bread continues to be delivered to the Egg Crate on Thursdays and Saturdays."

First one to tell Diane what movie this came from gets one free drink token



Gnome Quilt Raffle
\$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00



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content to the December 16, 2021 publication.

Ugly Sweater Day:

The best part of Ugly Sweater Day is that I can wear my favorite clothes without my wife telling me to “take that ugly thing off !”.

A bit of “Ugly Sweater” background is in order:

Several years ago, The Ugly Sweater team “commissioned” Bear-er (Old Danish Workshop) to cut out a 3ft by 4ft “torso” from a sheet of plywood.

The group offered the cutout to local establishments, challenging them to dress and display their “Ugly Sweater”. The resulting “sweaters” were quite creative, colorful and funny. Naturally, a day of recognition was in order; hence “Ugly Sweater Day”. Covid put a hold on the event. This year, the team revived the program with a number of exciting events(December 11).

As you flip through the pages please take note of the Vendor Fair, Firemans’ Dance, the Ugly Sweater contest, and many more events.

Throughout this paper are pictures of ugly sweaters, of which some are duplicates. Diane (of Norse Horse) is waiting for the first person to tell her how many DISTINCT sweaters are displayed. The first one to be correct gets to wash dishes for one month. Not really- that person gets a drink token.

She has suggested an additional challenge, which will be presented later in this print.

RHCN Business Spotlight

This publication’s Business Spotlight has been commandeered to “The Ugly Sweater” event. We will return to the Business Spotlight next print.

The Post is very grateful for the support of the Rolling Hills community. Your response to the paper has been overwhelming and deeply appreciated. We will continue to strive to meet the needs of our community. We greatly appreciate and thank those that have reached out to us with content and suggestions. Please remember: We are here for you. REMEMBER - The paper is available (FREE) throughout your town.

Kimballton: FirstLine Outdoor Power, Luggers, City Hall, Landmands Bank, Post Office

Elk Horn: Marne Elk Horn Tele, Norse Horse, Post Office, YesWay, Grace on Main, Library, City Hall

Exira: Library, City Hall, TJ’s Pour House, Buck Snort, Dollar Saver

Brayton: Barn Burner, Mel’s Diner

Thank You again for your continued support and content

Lanny Olson

Post 322 Commander

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“Whoa Bill, I thought this article was about good news!!!” And it is, so let’s read on concerning some of these passages. In Luke 6:22 Jesus says, “Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.”

The disciples remembered these words of their Master when in the book of Acts chapter 5, we read that they were thrown in prison and flogged for the name of Jesus Christ. “The Apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.” (Acts 5:41-42)3

But you and I must be careful because in Matthew 15:7 we read these words of Jesus, “You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: ‘These people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men’.” We’ll talk more on this next time.

Bill Rollins 11-28-2021



Did you know?

- Only male turkeys gobble. Females make chirping or clicking noises instead.
- During most of Earth’s history, the North and South Poles had no ice
- Camels have three eyelids
- Cockroaches have white blood
- All spiders are cannibals
- Hold on ! The Milky Way galaxy is moving at 170 miles **per second**

Esther Dorothy Andersen
 March 8, 1933 - November 14, 2021



Esther Dorothy Andersen, the daughter of Arthur and Esther (Andersen) Andersen, was born March 8, 1933, at the family farm northeast of Kimballton, Iowa near Bethany Lutheran Church and died November 14, 2021, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, Iowa at the age of 88 years, 8 months, and 6 days. Esther's mother died during childbirth and Esther was raised by her maternal grandparents.

Esther was baptized and confirmed at the Exira Lutheran Church in Exira, Iowa. She attended rural school Sharon #7 and then attended the Elk Horn High School. Esther then cleaned houses for people. They moved to Exira and Esther continued to clean for several people and also cleaned for Rasmussen and Nelson Law Office and a beauty salon. In 2003, she moved to the Salem Lutheran Home where she has resided for the past 18 years.

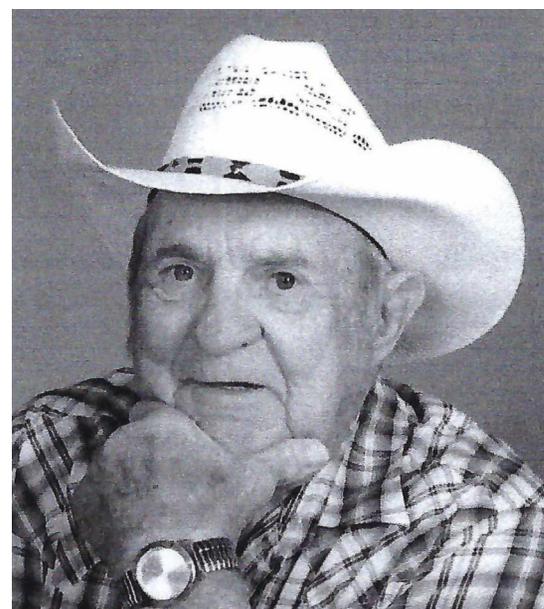
Esther was a member of the Exira Lutheran Church. She enjoyed doing embroidery work and loved to send and receive cards from her many friends.

Preceding her in death were parents; her grandparents, Thomas and Petrea Andersen, and Martin and Karen Andersen; her cousins, Ivan Hansen, Lyle Hansen, Janice Jacobsen, and Howard Juel.

Survivors include her cousins, Charles Hansen of Atlantic, Iowa, and Deb and husband James Bieker of Elk Horn, Iowa; other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 1:00 P.M. at the Exira Lutheran Church in Exira, Iowa with Pastor Steven Frock and Chaplain Kathy Soetmelk officiating. Inurnment was in the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery northeast of Kimballton, Iowa.

RICHARD L. "Dick" BONNESEN
 March 15, 1941 - November 18, 2021



Richard Lee "Dick" Bonnesen was born March 15, 1941, the son of Folmer John and Martha (Knudsen) Bonnesen at Elk Horn, Iowa. He attended school in Elk Horn and graduated in 1959. He served in the Army Reserve and the National Guard Reserves. On April 14, 1962 Dick married Deanna "Dee" Faye Johansen at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, Iowa. The family moved to Carroll in 1964, and later moved to Aurelia. Dick drove truck for a total of 50 years, starting at Walnut Grove, IA, for 32 years, then for Decker for four years, and for Christensen Brothers of Cherokee for twelve years, retiring in 2013. Dick was a member of the First United Methodist and the Aurelia Golf Club. He spent winters in Weslaco, Texas, for 16 years. He enjoyed golf, cards, football parties, playing pool, and working outside and being in the sun.

Dick died Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the Accura Healthcare in Aurelia where he became a resident on Monday, November 15. Preceding Dick in death were his parents, his wife Dee on July 12, 2000, and one brother-in-law, Daryl Fischer.

Survivors include his children; Sue and her husband Mark Sangwin, and Bruce Bonnesen and Karla Solko all of Aurelia, eight grandchildren; Mason and wife Steph Sangwin and their son, Stetson, of Cherokee, Trevor and wife Jacee Sangwin of Aurelia, Alex Sangwin of Aurelia, Douglas Bonnesen and Courtney Johnson of Cherokee, Kurtis and wife AshlInn Bonnesen and their children Brynlee and Kai of Aurelia, Tiffany Bonnesen and Howard Henkelvig of Emmetsburg, IA, Jacey (Solko) and husband Jacob Spieler and their children Fallon and Vada of Marcus, and Skylar Seiko and Nailea Valdivia of Des Moines. Also surviving are one sister, Janet and husband Galan Johannsen of Harlan, two sisters-in-law; Mary Ellen Fischer of Ankeny and Clarann and husband Steve Burgess of Clive, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

December

ELK HORN PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 12:30-4:30 Thurs 12:30-6:30 Sat 9-11

Youth Programming

ALL MONTH LONG!

Children's Dramatic Play Area
This Month's Theme:
HOT COCOA SHOP



MONDAYS 3:30-4:30

"Afterschool Adventures Storytime"

For age 4 - 2nd grade
Stories, activities and snacks each week!

WEDNESDAYS 2-4

"Whatever Wednesdays"

For 3rd grade and up

- 1st Wednesday - Makerspace Activities (\$5 fee)
- 2nd Wednesday - Workout Wednesday
- 3rd Wednesday - Cooking Camp (\$5 fee)
- 4th Wednesday - Game Day
- 5th Wednesday - Movie & Popcorn



WEDNESDAYS 2-4

"Gadgets & Gaming"

For 6th grade and up

Defy reality with our new VR Headset!
Play the Switch, Xbox 360, or Wii on the big screen - alone or with a group of friends.

A concession stand is available at the library for those wanting a snack after school!

CONCESSION
STAND



Bring the family to see Pastor Menter's annual Christmas train village up and running through the end of the year!

Adult Programming

BOOK CLUB AT THE NORSE HORSE



Thursday, December 2nd at 7pm
"West with Giraffes"
by Linda Rutledge
Copies available at the library.

PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, December 7th at 6pm
Order online or attend in person to purchase items and help provide quality kitchen tools for our children's cooking class!

EMBROIDERY HOOP MAKE & TAKE CRAFT

Saturday, December 11th 10-2

Stop in the library anytime between 10-2 during the Ugly Sweater Festival in the Danish Villages and create an embroidery hoop holiday ornament or wreath. 3 different sizes available. Please limit one per family. Sponsored by the Outlook Study Club.



Ken Jordan

Such an informative and delicious program with Ken Jordan teaching on his process of sourdough bread baking. Stay tuned for follow up workshops from Ken in the future at the library!

THE KRINGLE
MAN PASTRIES



712-764-3663
Box 94, 4228 Main St
Elk Horn, IA 51531
danishvillagekringle.com

At **Afterschool Adventures**, we learned about the Mayflower. We did some Mayflower Measuring of things that might have been on the ship using barrels to measure with, and we built Mayflower ships and used corn to see if our ships would float. Then we had races!



Thank you, Donna McClain...

For sponsoring our children's cooking camps with a generous donation in memory of her husband Jim. Each kiddo was able to make and bring home supper! - Chicken Noodle Soup with corn muffins. They were also able to use some of the items donated from the Pampered Chef party, which you can still get in on through December 7th!



DECEMBER AT THE ELK HORN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Whatever Wednesday "Makerspace" 2-4pm Gadgets & Gaming	2 <u>Book Club</u> at the Norse Horse 7pm	3	4
5	6 Afterschool Adventures Storytime 3:30pm	7 Pampered Chef Fundraiser 6pm	8 Whatever Wednesday "Workout" 2-4pm Gadgets & Gaming	9	10	11 Embroidery Hoop Make & Take Craft 10am – 2pm
12	13 Afterschool Adventures Storytime 3:30pm	14	15 Whatever Wednesday "Cooking Camp" 2-4pm Gadgets & Gaming	16	17	18
19	20 Afterschool Adventures Storytime 3:30pm	21	22 Whatever Wednesday "Movie Night" The Grinch 2-4pm	23	24 Holiday Hours Closed December 24th & 25th 	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 



Thank you to Mike (and Lou) Howard for sharing your paratrooper team's mission to "Honor, Remember and Serve" WWII veterans with your experiences of many jumps out of authentic aircrafts and demonstrating a historically accurate uniform and equipment at a recent Outlook Study Club meeting. We thank you for your time and your vision to keep the stories of WWII veterans alive.



On November 27th Julefesters attended Elk Horn Lutheran's annual concert to a respectable crowd.

The crowd joined in on some classics as well, then had coffee, hot cocoa and cookies while dancing around the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Menter MC'd serenading the audience with '50's and 60's classics like "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?"



His wife Cathi joined him, finally overcame her stage fright to sing "Baby it's Cold Outside," and "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas."



Crystl McCall sang "Where Are You Christmas,"



Monte Hoeg, famous for whistling came to offer a rendition of "O Come All Ye Faithful." He explained to the crowd why he whistles: "I whistled all my life on the farm. It became a little more meaningful when my mother was no longer able to go to church with us. My wife and I would then go visit her after church and I would whistle the hymns that we sang that day, mostly because I can't sing

Marne Elk Horn accepts \$4.5M award to expand fiber internet further in western Iowa

In the next several years, underserved Internet customers in western Iowa will be served with Marne Elk Horn fiber Internet after the company completes fiber projects in the region. The company announced today that they have accepted the \$4.5 million grant award from the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant program, which was announced in September, as well as the locations of the fiber projects they will be doing.

According to Rachel Hamilton, CEO of Marne Elk Horn, in 2022 the company will complete the fiber project in the City of Neola, which it started in 2021 as part of the company’s vision to serve all customers in their services areas with fiber. Also next year, they will begin work in the community of Exira and the Iowa grant awarded area near Underwood (see map for details of the project area). The company already has fiber to the community and rural areas of Brayton, Elk Horn, Marne, McClelland, Kimballton, and Walnut. Additionally, in the communities (and some rural areas) of Avoca, Underwood & Neola.

“Projects like this are tremendous for customers and exciting for us to do, and we’re pleased to announce details of all we have been working on,” said Hamilton. “It’s important to remember that under normal circumstances projects of this size take a couple of construction seasons to complete.

Right now things aren’t normal. It’s more difficult to acquire materials, electronics and contractor crews, which impacts our ability to build these projects as quickly as we’d like. But we won’t let that hinder our efforts.”

Today, broadband (fiber Internet) is as important as electricity was in the 1930s. The disparity of available broadband Internet offerings across the state has left many rural residents and businesses without the reliable, ultra-fast fiber Internet that most Marne Elk Horn customers already have. This fact was exacerbated and exposed further by the pandemic when people needed to work and attend school from home. “Rural Underwood is in need of internet options and upgrades in order for our regional community to stay progressive and competitive with the shift to remote workforce and the need for speed to run more technologically advanced applications. Marne Elk Horn’s project will meet this need, and we are thrilled,” said Angie and Jim J. of rural Underwood. “Marne Elk Horn’s investment will also benefit Underwood Schools and our rural student population.”

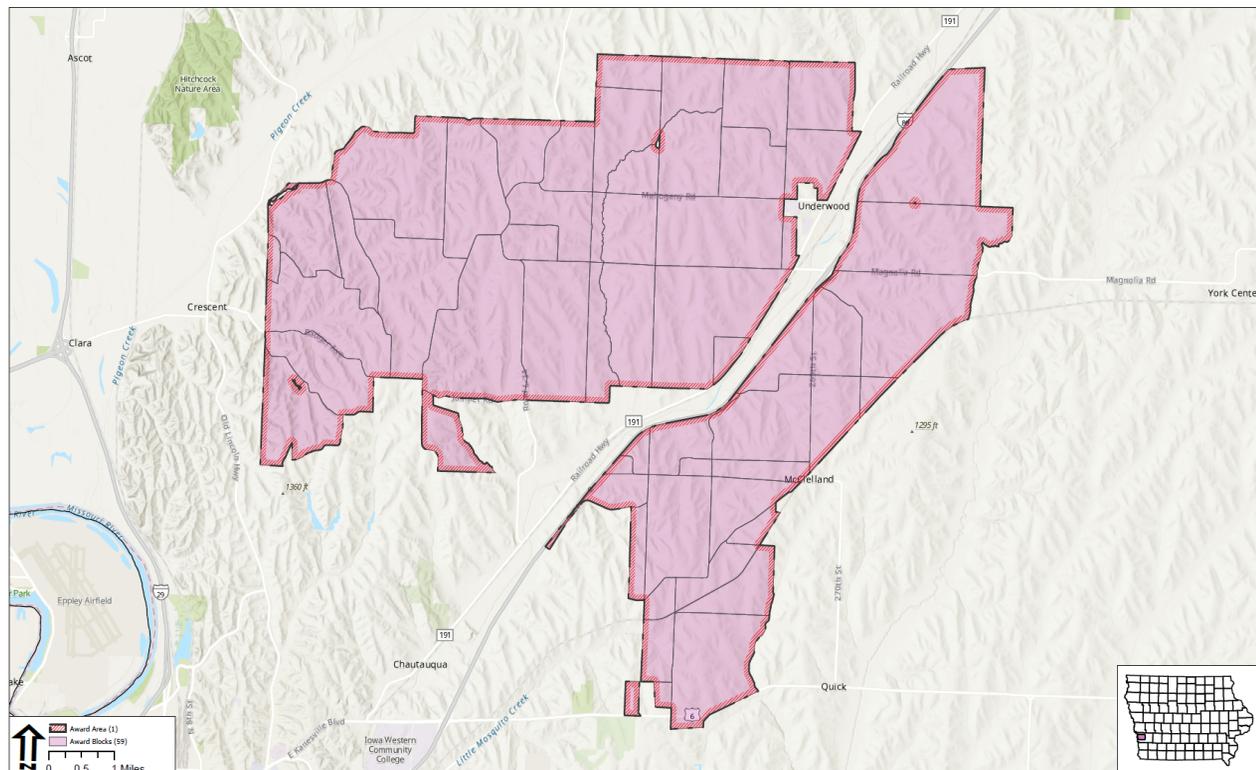
Zach Kerber, who has Marne Elk Horn service at his machine & design shop in McClelland said, “I was very happy to hear that they are expanding their fiber and soon I’ll be able to get service from them at my home. At the office, Marne Elk Horn saved us from very poor service from a previous provider, and I can’t wait to have Marne Elk Horn fiber at home too.”

Hamilton said that Marne Elk Horn is excited to continue to bridge broadband gaps with these projects, some made possible only because of grant funds. “Because of the tremendous cost to build fiber networks, without grants or other low-cost funding sources, it would be tough to make a business case to build fiber into these rural neighborhoods,” stated Hamilton.

“The Marne Elk Horn team is excited about 2022. We know our fiber projects will positively impact the day-to-day activities of rural residents who live here and we can’t wait to welcome you to our services and team. If you live in one of these areas you will be hearing more from us soon,” concluded Hamilton. This project was supported by funds made available through the State of Iowa, acting by and through the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). Points of view expressed herein are those of the author and speaker and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the State of Iowa or endorsement of the project.

68.69% (\$4,550,861.64) of this project was financed with State funds.
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OCIO NOFA006 Broadband Grants Program - Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Program
Office of the Chief Information Officer 416731 - Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company



IN LOVING MEMORY

Andrew Stephen Kissel

August 4 1936- November 24, 2021

Age 85

Proceeded in death by parents, 2 daughters and 1 son

Survived by wife Fern, children: John, Michael (Christy) and Karen, bothers David and John, and 4 grandchildren

Served in the military for 22 years in both Navy and Army

There will be a celebration of Life at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Atlantic at a later date

Must-Know facts

- Flamingoes can **only** eat with their heads upside down
- Stretched end-to-end the blood vessels in your body would circle the earth 2-1/2 times
- Peregrine falcons can dive at speeds up to 240 miles an hour
- At birth, a Panda is smaller than a mouse
- Your tongue has 9,000 taste buds
- Horse meat is more popular in Sweden than lamb
- Stop signs were not used in the U.S. until 1927
- George Washington liked to tell dirty jokes
- Snails can sleep for 3 years without eating
- By age 60 you will have lost about 50% of your taste buds and 40% of your sense of smell
- Donkeys have the loudest farts in the animal kingdom



The end of the one room schools was inevitable



Town schools were not only able to offer grade school but also high school with more advanced subjects, music, organized sports, and life skills. Rural roads were improving and transportation to and from school followed

The late '40's and early '50's saw most of them closed. Maybe it was just my observation, but it seemed kids coming from country schools excelled, in some small measure, academically; Certainly, in discipline! Even in earlier times, in my parents generation, town kids bullied the country kids. They quickly found out farm boys were "hardened" doing farm work and not easy prey!

My years in country school were through World War II and just beyond. Patriotism ran high during this period. Raising the flag and pledging allegiance was a daily exercise as well as singing patriotic songs. On one occasion we had a "skip day". All students including the teacher scoured the neighborhood picking milk weed pods, putting them in gunny sacks which were turned in to the county. The pods were then processed and used in floatation devices for service men when being shipped overseas.

As the number of students increased in E.H.K. some of the country schoolhouses were brought in and placed near the town school. One was used for Ag. and shop class, another was used for Home Ec.

This ends my stories on the one room schools. I'm sure I've skipped many things about them and those times. I hope this has sparked recollections in some of you and will prompt to add your memories in future issues. For me, it has been a trip remembering those days, fellow students, teachers, first love, fun games, sledding, and snowball fights. I hope these musings of mine have brought back, mostly fond memories for those of you that had the rich experience of attending "Country School".

Submitted by LW Johnson

The City Council of Elk Horn

November 9, 2021

The City Council of Elk Horn, Iowa met in special session on Tuesday, November 9th, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Jens, Council Members: Fredericksen, McCarthy, D. Petersen, K. Petersen, and Teegerstrom. Also in attendance was Chelsee Jacobsen, Clint Fichter, Derick Hogberg, and Keli Hansen.

McCarthy moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL: Ayes 5. Motion carried.

ARPA Funds (American Rescue Plan Act) - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds due to Covid-19. Council would like to further discuss where they would like to dedicate the money to. Discussion was towards the pool, library, town hall, fitness center, and park.

Clint presented the 2021 Annual Finance Report, Fredericksen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve the AFR and submit it to the State of Iowa.

Clint presented TIF for 2021, D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the TIF resolution 2021.11-1 Authorizing advances to Tax Increment Financing Funds.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by McCarthy to adjourn the meeting at 6:00PM.

 Stan Jens, Mayor

 Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk
***A letter from our Retiring Mayor: Stan Jens***

I can't believe it was 14 years ago that I first became the mayor of the greatest town in Iowa. There have been great times and a few very trying times, but overall, it has been a great experience and I have really enjoyed working with everyone, over the years, as well as the all the residents of Elk Horn. I will continue to help and volunteer where I can, but for the first time in 14 years, you will call someone else the Mayor of Elk Horn. It has been an honor to represent you all. Thank you!!

Flubbed Headlines

- Astronaut Welcomes Baby from Space
- 28M gallons of sewage into Mianus
- Most doctors Agree Breathing Regularly is Good for you
- Lawmaker disagree over why they can't agree
- Big Rig carrying fruit crashes on Hwy 210: Creates Jam
- Elderly woman found using GPS
- Parking lot floods when man bursts
- Road Rage Leads Police to murder victim's boyfriend
- Bans on children aim to stop swine flu spread

“Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

— Mark Twain

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- Record and edit the minutes of city council meeting and distribute them to appropriate officials and staff.
- Plan and direct the maintenance, filing, safekeeping, and computerization of all municipal documents.
- Issue public notification of all official activities and meetings.
- Prepare meetings & agendas.
- Respond to requests from the public.
- Prepare ordinances, resolutions, and proclamations.
- Perform general office duties.
- Handle complaints, settle disputes and negotiate with others.
- Prepare Annual Budget and Reports

Skills:

Time Management

Communication

Understanding Work Related Documents

Communicate Information

Knowledge:

Administrative and Clerical Procedures

Business Management

Laws, Legal Codes, Court Procedures.

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Experience in general maintenance, minor reports, operation of lawncare equipment, heavy equipment, dump truck, loader and skid steer are desired.

This position includes all aspects of a municipal public works department, including but not limited to, water and sewer operations, snow plowing, mowing and maintenance of City facilities. Certificate of Iowa Class B CDL w/ air brakes is required or the ability to obtain within 60 days.

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Five Regional Arts And Cultural Projects Receive American Rescue Plan Grants



Projects in Jefferson, Guthrie County and Elk Horn have received funding as part of more than \$1.5 million in grant awards from the American Rescue Plan. The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs announced these dollars will benefit the state's arts, culture, history and creative sector for more than 236 individuals and organizations, which represents 70 communities and 56 counties. The grants were made possible through the agency's state and federal partnerships with Arts Midwest, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. There were more than \$4.1 million in application requests for the grants. "It's encouraging to see the return of the arts and culture sector, part of the broader tourism industry working to rebound after a challenging year," says Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Director, Chris Kramer. "We're proud to be able to award these grants through our agency's state and federal partnerships." Two grant awards were identified for the City of Jefferson. The first is to the Jefferson Matters Main Street Tower View Team, who will be using the \$2,500 award to hire an artist to produce their sixth rooftop art installation in the downtown district. These rooftop murals are designed to be viewed from the Mahanay Bell Tower, which was named a top Iowa tourism destination in 2021. The Greene County Historical Society has also received \$13,000 for job support and the Guthrie County Arts Council will expand job opportunities with their \$4,500 award. The community of Elk Horn had two grant recipients. The New Century Art Guild will use \$7,500 for their Vet-X-Press art workshops for veterans and the Museum of Danish America has been granted \$18,000 for exhibitions and program staff support.

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the Fall American Quiz Bowl



7 TAG front row left to right- Michelle Wilson, Lily Bricker, Elaina Nelson
2nd row left to right- Kylie Christensen, Leah Boysen 3rd row left to right- Josiah King, Cooper Paulsen and Slade Sandbothe



6 TAG- front row left to right Josephine Carlile, Rye Butler, Jack Hansen Back row left to right Liv Inman, Brooklyn Snider, Meka Jensen, Zoey Rasmussen, Cameron Dixon

Our Exira-EHK Middle School recently competed in the Fall American Quiz Bowl. The tests are self-scoring, computer contests of 100 multiple-choice questions. Areas covered include math, geography, government, sports, spelling, science, literature, English, history, general information and just plain fun trivia. It is meant to be a team activity with all takers around one computer. Two chances to answer correctly are given. Points are awarded based on how fast they answer as well as on accuracy. Therefore, teams who do well usually are teams who can come up with a consensus answer quickly. An adult is needed to monitor but no adult help can be given. The 6th grade Advanced Proficiency /TAG team and 7th grade Advanced Proficiency /TAG team contests differ in question difficulty. This year's Advanced Proficiency /TAG students in grades 6th were Josephine Carlile, Rye Butler, Jack Hansen, Liv Inman, Brooklyn Snider, Meka Jensen, Zoey Rasmussen, and Cameron Dixon. The 7th graders were Michelle Wilson, Lily Bricker, Elaina Nelson, Kylie Christensen, Leah Boysen, Josiah King, Cooper Paulsen and Slade Sandbothe. Our 6th graders scored 960 points and got 84% correct. Our 7th graders scored 809 points and got 78% correct "Our MS Advanced Proficiency/ TAG students did extremely well in the tough academic competition which usually consists of larger schools! I truly enjoy their strategies they take in the Fall American Quiz Bowl! Good job! expressed Lisa Dreier, MS TAG Instructor.



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Spartan Teacher Supply Crate Project



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The Exira-EHK HS TAG service project benefited both our students and staff in this school year. Last school year, **Ashley Hansen and Macy Emgarten**, two high school TAG students, worked towards this goal of supplying students and teachers with items that they need, called a "Spartan Teacher Supply Crate." The crates included the essential supplies needed for their students' school year such as Crayola markers, dry erase markers, crayons, glue sticks, pencils, scissors, erasers, kleenex tissues, and more. In recent years, teachers have had to use their own funds to support their students in need of more supplies. Due to last year's circumstances, we have come to find out that our students are in dire need of these supplies. They gave out these Spartan Teacher Supply Crates at this year's Open House.

Our TAG students shared their project idea with our local businesses, clubs and individuals and their donations totaled over \$2,520 for purchasing these supplies for each teacher. "A big THANK YOU goes to all these businesses, clubs and individuals who were the Exira Lions Club; the Spartan Leo Club, Spartan Booster Club; Precision Concrete Services; Shelby County Bank; TJ's Pour House, Danish Mutual Insurance; Rasmussen, Nelson & Wonio, PLC; Waspys Truck



Stop; Spartan Insurance LLC; Exira Care Center Corporation; Exira Plumbing, Heating & Electrical LLC; Myrtue Medical Center; Exira Exchange Bank; Landmands Bank; Ohde Funeral Home; Margaret Olson; Doris Jones; Laura Hunt; Trisha & Bruce Boehm; Lisa Dreier and Connie Jessen who the donated funds for this project . Our TAG program will make sure each donation gets used wisely and distributed to the teacher throughout the year. Another big THANK YOU goes out to the two high school TAG students for an amazing service project!." expressed Lisa Dreier, high school TAG instructor.



Exira-EHK Spartan Youth Leadership Club

Exira-EHK Spartan Youth Leadership Club has 22 new members in 5th grade this school year. Ashley Hansen and Macy Emgarten help sponsor the club with monthly activities and service projects. They made the HS football team a good luck posters, flags for each veteran for our school Veterans Day Assembly and hand made turkey craft for residents of the Exira Care Center. "We have a great group of young leaders in the club. They will get opportunities to do community service and activities for our school. Our HS sponsors Ashley Hansen and Macy Emgarten are good role models for this club," stated Lisa Dreier, Elementary TAG Instructor.



Picture and names of all the members-

Front row right to left- Travis Burnison, Teagan Muzzy, Ryder Diccico, Chloe Koeneke, Brooklyn Brabham, Andi Reisguard, Ryleigh Anthofer

Second row- Lillian Anderson, Katelyn Warnac, Bridger Smith, Aubrey Nelson, Kaylee Krough, Hannah Pedersen, Brayden Moore, Chet Boysen, Trent Young, Ashley Hansen

Third row- Karson Johnson, Thomas Petersen, Madison Romich, Joshlynn Jacobsen, Addison Weimann Not pictured- Gavin Renstrom

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