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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...

RHCN Business Spotlight

The Egg Crate
Elk Horn IA
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Linda and John Goos

But What is The Egg Crate, Exactly?

Tucked neatly between Main Street and Union, stands a long-time fixture of Elk Horn. In its early years, it was known as Elk Horn Produce - a family-owned egg candling warehouse which not only marketed eggs on a national level, but employed a countless number of people in, and around, the Danish Villages.

With Elk Horn Produce closing its doors in the 1980s, the one-time hub of activity became dormant, until finding new life as a consignment shop known as The Egg Crate - the name paying homage to the building's community history.

The original consignment items primarily focused on antiques, over the course of the past 25 years (and a few different owners). The Egg Crate has come to be known for so much more, with approximately 50 vendors from a variety of locations, helping to procure a diversity of inventory.

"We get fresh baked Danish Rye bread in twice a week, made with rye from Elk Horn's own Danish Windmill. We also carry locally baked Kringle, as well as honey from Kimballton; jams and fudge from Audubon," said Krate owners John and Linda Goos.

"We also have a vendor with strong connections in Denmark, allowing us to offer an extensive collection of items that tie back to the heritage of the Villages."

While the Goos family is pleased to have these



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Thank You again for your continued support and content

Lanny Olson
Post 322 Commander

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Comedy Night at The Norse Horse Tavern *This Friday Dec 17*

Friday - December 17, 2021. Show starts at 8PM

21 and over.

Presale tickets are available for \$15, or \$20 at the door. Tickets are sold to maximum seating. Table reservations are available. No minimum drink orders. Doors will open at 7pm and the kitchen will stop serving at 7:30. Show starts at 8pm. Please call (712) 764-6646 to buy tickets or for any questions. The NoHo is looking forward to an awesome turnout and the first of more nights like this to come!

When Diane found out that longtime performer Kristi McHugh would be in town for the holidays and would be willing to do a show at the Norse Horse, it was all hands on deck to make it happen. The Norse Horse Tavern will reinvent itself as a comedy club on Friday night, December 17th, similar to what folks would see at the Funny Bone in either Des Moines or Omaha. However, it will still be a small-town venue compared to the places Kristi McHugh has previously played.

Kristi McHugh is a Hollywood comedian, actor, and writer with Midwestern roots. She started out her career playing the Laff Shack in Okoboji, but has since been seen at the Comic Strip Live in New York, the Ice House in Pasadena, and the Hollywood Improv. She has shared the bill with stars such as George Wallace, David Brenner, Drew Carey, and Arsenio Hall. Kristi has also appeared in the films such as Disney's Jack of All Trades and Ace Bigelo, Male Gigolo with Rob Schneider. Her television credits include The West Wing, Discovery Channel's Scene of the Crime, Spike TV's I Hate My Job, and the upcoming More Kristi, Please. Kristi can also be found on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, usually cheering on her beloved Iowa Hawkeyes.

THE NOHO PRESENTS...

Stand up Comedy Night

with
**Kristi
McHugh**



This Midwestern girl may have started with shows at the Laff Shack in Okoboji, but now both a movie and tv actress, she performs at the Comic Strip Live in New York and the Hollywood Improv. Here in Elk Horn one night only!

**THE NORSE HORSE TAVERN
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021
SHOW STARTS AT 8PM**



- What are these ..?
- Why did Beaner make them...?
- Why would they be a GREAT Christmas Stocking stuffer..?

Find the answers on page 20

John's Cream Separators

I am preparing to move to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Mississippi and have property to dispose of. Part of that is my collection of cream separators that I have been collecting since 1998. I wound up with one at a sale that nobody wanted and got it real cheap. I began to realize what that machine had done for Elk Horn, Kimballton, Iowa and the country. I met Dr. Paul Dettlof, DVM at a swap meet at Waukee, Iowa and bought his book. The more I studied cream separators, the more they intrigued me.

Cream separators made it possible for farm families to have an income. With that they could buy farms, equipment, groceries, and other necessities of life in the old days. There used to be four families per section (One square mile) and they would come to town with some cream and eggs on Wednesday and Saturday nights and buy supplies. Cars were made with trunks that would hold a case of eggs. The MOST important business in the area was Chrystal Springs creamery in Kimballton, Iowa.

I wound up with 56 separators and had to decide what to do with them. I contacted Dr. Dettlog and he said his collectors club would take them. I hitched my trailer on the back of my van and made many trips to Arcadia, Wisconsin to a farmer's barn used to store them. I told him that some of my separators were newer and not too antique. That was fine with him. He told me that some of the later separators made by International Harvester that had a hand crank and motor are still used in third world countries. The club might refurbish some of them and send them there. These separators are a godsend to those people. It turns out that some of the separators might still be used in the future.

I am glad I collected cream separators. It gave me a better understanding of how people lived and survived in the past. It was funny when I told some women that I collected separators and they would look at me and say "Cream separators! I hated that damn thing! I had to wash it every day." That was a job. Some people had wood stoves, so they had to start them every day to get hot water for washing them. Still, when I looked at them, I wondered, which one of these made it possible for a farmer to make a mortgage payment on a farm, which one helped a lady buy curtains and wallpaper for the house, and which one made it possible for the parents to buy their little boy a new choo-choo train or their little girl a new dolly for Christmas. The answer is probably all of them.

John Jensen



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items to offer to regulars and tourists alike, they are just one part of the Krate's focus on local.

"When Fajen Lumber closed, we recognized there was still a need in the community, and expanded our tool and hardware inventory to include not just hand-tools, but power tools and some hardware as well. While we obviously can't offer a full selection, we frequently hear people say we saved them a trip to Atlantic or Harlan. The same goes for floral arrangements - when fresh flowers were no longer readily available, we were able to add a silk flower artist to our vendor roster, offering professional grade silk arrangements for gifts or seasonal decor." Speaking of decor ...

The Egg Krate still houses an extensive array of antique, vintage and mid-century furniture, decor and collectibles, as well as modern day household items.

"It's definitely the largest selection in all of Elk Horn," chuckled Goos. "But seriously, we believe you would have to travel to the city before even coming close to finding the selection we have, and I think you'd still be hard pressed to find it all under one roof."

If you've never experienced The Egg Krate, or even if it's just been a while, it's well worth a visit. Located at 2104 West Broadway Street in Elk Horn, normal business hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and from Noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Coffee is readily available, lingering is encouraged, and the support of a small, family business - whether its the business of eggs, or antiques - will always be appreciated.

Linda and John



First person to tell Diane who this is in the picture....
Gets a free drink token (Andy.. you can participate in this one).
Maybe it is a mannequin

The EHK Optimist Fun Night held at the EEHK High School Fri Dec 3 was a big success.

The EHK Optimist Fun Night held at the EEHK High School Fri Dec 3 was a big success. The Bounce Houses and the Cake Walk were the favorites. Thank you to Insurance Services, Petersen Insurance Agency and State Farm Insurance-Clark Ahrenholtz for sponsoring the Bounce Houses. Also a thank you to Tim and Mary Waymire for doing the Cake Walk, which they have been doing for about 30 years. We appreciate the parents who bring the children to participate. The Optimist members need to be thanked for sponsoring, setting up and bringing the items for the Cake Walk. It was also supported by an Action Team from Thrivent.

Thank you to Bruce and Calla Poldberg for representing the Outlook Study Club at the Optimist Family Fun Night. Such a fun event for the kids that has been happening for 30 years now! Bruce is pictured with Peyton Madsen and the prize wheel.



The City Council of Elk Horn

December 6, 2021

The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session at the Town Hall on Monday December 6th, 2021, at 6PM with the following members present: Mayor Jens; Councilmen McCarthy, Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Teegerstrom and K. Petersen. Also in attendance was Clint Fichter, Andy Ring, Chelsee Jacobsen, Tom Kallman from Regional Water, and Keli Hansen.

Mayor Jens called the public hearing to order at 6PM, McCarthy moved, seconded by Fredericksen to open the public hearing to appoint a new mayor as of December 7th, 2021. McCarthy moved seconded by Teegerstrom to accept Mayor Stan Jens's resignation following the December 6th meeting. No public comments were made, and no citizens were present to object. D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to accept Keli Hansen as the new mayor as of December 7th, 2021. D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to close the public hearing. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Motion carried.

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

D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve November 1st & November 9th, 2021, meeting minutes. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the claims register. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Motion carried. McCarthy moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve financial report. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Elk Horn's 2022 Max Levy Hearing will be January 12th, 2022, at 5PM.

McCarthy moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve paid holiday's off for part time employees who work more than 20 scheduled hours per week. Staff members can only use normal scheduled hours for paid holidays off. Roll Call: Ayes 5. D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve the City Appointments for 2022.

Council discussed raises for city employee's effective July 1st, 2022. Andy Ring stated he would like to see another full-time helper to help with day-to-day operations. Council stated we as a city cannot afford to have 2 full time city guys but would consider a part time 20 hours a week employee. Council stated Chelsee has been beneficial to the city and would like to see her wage increase to match surrounding clerks. Chelsee expressed she would like to be full time (32 hours/week) as a 5-year goal, also taking on more responsibility to fill those hours. City Employee raises will continue to be discussed as we move forward into our FY 2022-2023 Budget.

McCarthy moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to remove Stan Jens, and approve to add Keli Hansen to the account at Shelby County State Bank. Roll Call: Ayes 5.

McCarthy moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve Pay App #3 to Howrey Construction for \$11,764.72. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Fredericksen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve Snyder & Associates to submit our Water PER to USDA. Roll Call: Ayes 5.

Department Reports:

Streets- McCarthy asked that Broadway St. going West from Log Cabin Quilting be considered for patch work next spring.

Water- Tom Kallman from regional water came to introduce himself as the new general manager and expressed he is readily available for the city's needs. Andy stated the city's water issue has been resolved and hopes to be live on

our own produced water within the next week.

Solid Waste- Clint and Chelsee will work on updating Larsen Sanitation's contract for the new FY July 1,2022.

Library- Teegerstrom moved, seconded by McCarthy to approve the library to purchase carpet for the children's area not to exceed the amount of \$2500.00. Alissa had received a grant from Shelby County for the remainder balance of \$1500.00. Roll Call: Ayes 5.

Fredericksen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the library to be closed from December 28th and reopen January 3rd. Audubon Furniture Mart will be installing the new carpet during this closure.

Next Council meeting TUESDAY, January 4th, at 6PM.

McCarthy moved, seconded by Fredericksen to adjourn meeting at 7:15PM

Stan Jens, Mayor

Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk

Pumper Tales from DC



A FLUSH BEATS A FULL HOUSE!

Duane Christofferson

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A country preacher was asked to sing at a homeless man's burial. He got lost and was late getting there. When he arrived, only the diggers and crew were left. Even though the vault lid was already in place, he decided to go ahead and sing. He sang his heart out and the workers gathered around. They began to weep. The preacher wept. When finished, he prayed a benediction and walked to his car. As he opened the door, he overheard one worker say, "I've been putting in septic tanks for 20 years, but never seen nothin' like that before!"



Once again this year we have a giving tree in the narthex at Elk Horn Lutheran church! If you would like to shop for a child to help make their Christmas better feel free to come and pick a paper ornament from the tree that has the child's age on it and on the back is an item that they either need or would like to have for Christmas. Please bring the gift unwrapped and the paper so we know who it's for to the church by December 19th Thank you so much!!! Because of your generosity others can have a blessed Christmas!

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December 24

Christmas Eve Service - 4:30 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day Service - 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Dinner - 11:00 a.m.

Elk Horn Lutheran Church



**Elk Horn Lutheran Church
Pastor Keith Menter**

HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE

These are the themes of Advent. They are themes that run counterintuitive to the worldly narrative we have running today. You would think everyone would like to have hope, peace, joy, and love. But what do these words really mean? What kind of hope are we talking about? What kind of peace are we trying to attain? When we talk about joy are we talking about personal joy, or the joy that we can bring to others? And what about love? Is this self-love? What are the things we're supposed to love? When is love appropriately applied?

HOPE

The hope that Christians look for is not some pie-in-the-sky, wish things would just get better down here. Christian hope has its basis and foundation in its faith in God - the belief that God himself has revealed himself to the world, and has expressed his love to us in the form of his Son brought down to earth, the Incarnation. It is the Hope grounded in Christ's teaching, his death on the cross, and his resurrection. It is based on the spiritual truth that although we are sinners and we cannot stop sinning, we have an advocate in heaven who opened the gate to eternity for us. This is the kind of hope that the Bible says "does not disappoint."

PEACE

Once again, when we talk about peace, we are not talking about the kind of peace the world could bring us. Jesus says, "My peace I leave with you, my peace I give you I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid." This peace is the peace that passes all understanding. When we have this peace from God, we can employ it no matter how troubling the world is around us. We are secure in God's commitment to us and his love for us that regardless of circumstances, we can remain at peace.

JOY

Here we learn that Joy is the product of the other three themes. In Advent it is represented by a pink candle. Romans 15:13 says: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." James 1:2-4 says: "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." When was the last time you rejoiced when trials came? And yet this is what God promises us when we seek His kingdom first.



LOVE

And finally the love of God is an all encompassing self-sacrificial love. In John 15:13, Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." This is exactly the love that Jesus had for us. By laying his life down for us we can be with God forever. Finally, the message of Advent and Christmas is not only that we can attain these things, but we are called to share them with our neighbors. In order to attain these things we do not have to work or strive for them, we just place our trust in God, and the Holy Spirit does the work. My prayer for you is that our Lord give you all these things so that you may be a light to the world around you. May God's hope, peace, joy and love be with you always.

Be sure to read the historic record of the birth of Jesus Christ this season. You can find it in the Gospels of Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 2:1-20.

Jesus Christ was unlike any other baby, born in Bethlehem, he was unique in all of history. He was not created by a human father, he was created by God himself in the womb of a young woman named Mary, and he was fully God and fully man.

He had a heavenly pre-existence (John 1:1-3, 14). He is the Creator of the universe (Philippians 2:5-11). This is why Jesus (and Christmas) is called the incarnation, which is a word that means "in the flesh." In the birth of Jesus, the eternal, all-powerful and all-knowing Creator came to earth in the flesh.

Why would God do such a thing? Why would he come as a baby, instead of appearing in power and majesty? Why make himself a true man and live among us, when he knew full well how terribly he would be treated?

It was LOVE! It was necessary, if we are to be saved!

IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

Let's look at what makes a heat pump work. One fact is that everywhere there is more of something it wants to go where there is less. We had already covered how heat moves by conductance. But we need to understand two more facts.

When you compress a gas, it heats up. And when you allow that same gas to expand, lowering its pressure, it cools down. Now knowing these four facts we can discover how they work together to allow a heat pump to provide a 70-degree house from a 50-degree source.

When the thermostat calls for the heat pump to turn on it starts to compress the gas in the "cool" side heat exchanger which causes it to warm up. It is then forced through the "warm" side heat exchanger bringing it up to more than 70-degrees. The house air from the cold register vents is blown through the warm side heat exchanger removing some of the heat from the compressed gas. Now when the gas is allowed to expand some of its heat has already been extracted. So, when it moves to the cool side heat exchanger it is now colder than the 50-degree source. Since heat wants to move to where there is less of it, it now warms the gas, replacing the majority of the heat that was extracted. Now when it is compressed it will once again be warmed enough to be more than the 70-degree house air.

Of course, there is a major amount of engineering and design that causes the heat pump to work as intended. It actually produces more energy than it consumes. This makes a heat pump one of the most efficient ways to heat a home. But they are not the answer for all dwellings. If the dwelling has a high amount of outside air infiltration a heat pump may not hold the desired indoor temperature. This is because it provides warm air, not the around 90-degree air that a regular furnace provides.

by Bob Mortenson 11-22-2021

Dead skin cells are a main ingredient in household dust

According to researchers at Imperial College London, humans shed around 200 million skin cells each hour—and they have to go somewhere when we're indoors.

Thoughts by Jack Krogstad

This week I would like to share a story written by one of my favorite authors - Kurt Vonnegut, an American author:

When I was 15, I spent a month working on an archeological dig. I was talking to one of the archeologists one day during our lunch break and he asked those kinds of "getting to know you" questions you ask young people: Do you play sports? What's your favorite subject? And I told him, "no I don't play any sports. I do theater, I'm in choir, I play the violin and piano, I used to take art classes."

And he went "WOW. That's amazing!" And I said, "Oh no, but I'm not any good at ANY of them."

And he said something then that I will never forget and which absolutely blew my mind because no one had ever said anything like it to me before:

"I don't think being good at things is the point of doing them. I think you've got all these wonderful experiences with different skills, and that all teaches you things and makes you an interesting person, no matter how well you do them."

And that honestly changed my life. Because I went from a failure, someone who hadn't been talented enough at anything to excel, to someone who did things because I enjoyed them. I had been raised in such an achievement-oriented environment, so inundated with the myth of talent, that I thought it was only worth doing things if you could 'Win' at them."

- Kurt Vonnegut
American author

Shared by Jack Krogstad

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

— Mark Twain



Freshman JV team-
Gracie Olsen, Shelbi Partridge, Gideon King and Irelynd
McCarthy

Exira-EHK TAG students represented their school at the Boyer-Valley Quiz Bowl this past weekend in Dunlap.

They had five rounds of questions referring to these academic categories; Literature/Language Arts: Novels, Spelling, Grammar and Languages.

Social Science: World History, World Geography, and Government.

Science: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Anatomy.

Math: General math, Geometry, Algebra and Calculus.

Potpourri: Music, Theater, Television, Sports/Games, and General Knowledge.

“Our students were engaged in an academic Quiz Bowl that challenged our Rolling Valley Conference which also opened the tournament to other schools from Ankeny to Sioux City Schools! Our Exira-EHK teams did extremely well but did not make it to the finals! We had a great day expressing their knowledge and engaging in academics!” stated Lisa Dreier, HS TAG Instructor.



Sophomore JV team-
Hannah Nelson, Jameson Kilworth, Eric Wilson,
Hailey Snider and Emily Bricker



Varsity team left to right
Kate Hansen, Katie Andersen, Ashley Hansen and Davis
Larsen

Congratulations to our **October Students of the Month** Hailey Bieker and Kaitlyn Christensen and Broderick Clayton Sponsored by Copenhagen Friday.



Congratulations to our **November Students of the Month** Ben Paulsen (High School), Austin Rasmussen (Middle School) and Brenna Nelson (Elementary). Sponsored by Barn Burner in Brayton





Windy Hill Compost, LLC, combines my background growing up on a farm with my concern for waste reduction and mitigating methane production in our landfills. Each year the US alone sends about 35 million tons of compostable waste to the landfill each year where it rots, creates methane gas, and sends harmful leachate discharge into our waters. I started the business officially in early 2020, just prior to the pandemic but I have been composting my family's food waste for about eight years. It started as a very casual process but once I noticed the impact of using it on our vegetable garden and the noticeable reduction in our trash volume, I knew I wanted to learn and do more with composting. I attended the Midwest Compost School conference in Stevens Point, WI in both 2018 and 2019 where I learned more about the process itself and how others have built the collection of food/yard waste into a business. This season I attended the Produce in the Park in Atlantic and the Elk Horn Farmer's Market to talk to folks about composting their food and yard waste and gave out 5-gallon buckets to anyone wanting to bring back to the market for no charge. I also have a drop off location at Grace on Main in Elk Horn and hope to have one or two in the Atlantic area in the next few weeks. In addition to free dropoff sites, I am offering weekly and biweekly residential and business collections for as little as \$20 per month, based on location. To date, with the help of our great communities, we have saved over 1600 pounds of food scraps from heading to the dump. In the spring, I will be selling finished compost back for use on gardens, etc. Besides being a great natural fertilizer, compost is often utilized to filter stormwater runoffs and reduce erosion due to its amazing water retention properties. If you would like to learn more, please contact me on Facebook or Instagram @WindyHill-Compost or reach out via email at windyhillcompostllc@gmail.com.

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Rachel Birks presents Tyler Christensen, head wrestling coach at Audubon High School with a donation in memory of Steve Peterson.



Bev Larsen of Elk Horn and Rachel Birks of Irwin recently donated to the Audubon High School wrestling program. The donation was in memory of Steve Peterson. Steve wrestled for Elk Horn-Kimballton HS in 1968-1969, the first school year that EH-K had wrestling as a varsity sport. He achieved third place at the State wrestling tournament.

Currently, athletes from Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton and IKM-Manning schools join Audubon athletes as part of the Audubon wrestling team.

Steve Peterson was the son of Bev Larsen of Elk Horn. (Rachel's brother.)

Steve grew up on our farm east of Elk Horn and went to EH-K. He was a veteran of both the Army, where he was a Green Beret. Later, he joined the Navy. He lived in California most of his adult life after the service, then returned to Elk Horn 10 years ago.

He entered the Salem Home in April of 2021 and died there in October. He was not married and did not have any children.

Rachel Birks

Is Dean there? NO..

Well then, can I talk to Dean? NO, he is not here either...

Then, how about Dean? OK, just a minute, I will get him...

Back row from left to right

Father- Corgan Petersen, Hartley, IA

Grandfather - Charles Petersen, Atlantic, IA

Great Grandfather- Calvin Petersen, Alta, IA

Front - Great Great Grandfather - Ronald Petersen, Elk Horn, IA

Holding Jeremiah Petersen

Jeremiah's parents - Corgan & Alyssa Petersen

All are first born sons and all have the middle name Dean.

Thank you,

Glenda Rasmussen

FIVE generations of "Deans"....!!



**YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!**

Sometimes, friends and brethren, as I sit to write another article, I am overwhelmed by the width, the depth, the length and, oh yes, the vastness, of the number of topics we might pursue when considering these articles. In many ways, God's word is infinite. I am convinced that no human being could ever exhaust the study of the things our Father has for us in His word. So let's just pick up the thread we have already started.

In our previous article I mentioned that Jesus quoted from the prophet Isaiah saying, "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." (See Isa. 29:13 and Matt. 15:7-9) In this quote, Jesus was railing against the Pharisees and teachers of the law, but I must ask the question, does this apply to us today?

Each and every one of us must answer this question for ourselves. Growing up in a rather large metropolitan area on the eastern seaboard, I was taught to accept those things that were imparted to me in my religious studies. Sometime later I was challenged by a teacher to question the ideas that had been drilled into me. I started to see some major incongruities and hypocrisies in those things I had been taught. I fled from religion but still kept a loose understanding of God in my heart.

It was about 7 years later that I felt like God was drawing me back to Him. I fought that feeling, that calling of God, for another 2 years. God was patient! God was persistent! I had to look into His word for myself and in that word, I found so many wonderful things that I had no recourse but to answer His call. I will be very honest with you, in that day I wanted nothing else but a true and close relationship with my Heavenly Father and with His Son. I have not changed my mind.

I believe that the 27th Psalm might say it best. This Psalm was written by King David and he was

known to be 'a man after God's own heart'. Here is what David wrote in verse 7&8, "Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you 'Seek His face! Your face, O LORD, I will seek.'"

David put it this way in Psalm 24:5-6, "He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God His Savior; for such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob."

How about you? Have you ever considered it your life's goal to seek the face of God and so find a close and personal relationship with Him? The word 'seek' in the previous scripture literally means to 'beat a path toward'!! I think we understand what it means to beat a path toward something. If we walk through tall grass to get to the barn only once, we merely disturb the grass. But if we go back to that barn through that tall grass again and again and again, we begin to beat a path through the grass. And my friends, so it is with God and with His Son. Never be satisfied with a so-so relationship. Beat a true and everlasting path to Him; oh what joy that will bring! Seek His face.

Bill Rollins 12-10-2021

Do You Remember ??

Summer Saturday nights in Elk Horn. Cars lined up all the way up and down Main Street. Men visiting at the feed store, implement dealers or barber shop as men waited for a hair cut. Some of the men stopping in Ott's tavern for a "beverage". Others at the White Cafe for the same or to play pool. Women shopping for groceries or visiting in each others cars. Kids running up and down the street. Music students entertaining the crowd by playing in the band stand (where the Fitness Center is now) and people honking car horns in approval. After the performance the band members getting a free treat at Ras's cafe downtown. Some of the "cool" young guys "Cruising Main" for no other reason than just driving. (and making sure no rival town guy's snuck in to court one OUR local girls!) One young lad was counted making 102 round trips - don't know who was counting! Pollution wasn't a problem then and gas was cheap at 10 or 15 cents a gallon. I'm sure this scene was played out in many other communities as well. A sign of the times!

Submitted by LW Johnson

THANK YOU FROM THE KISSEL FAMILY

I would like to express my utmost gratitude for all those that took the time to attend Andrew's memorial service on December 11 and all who sent cards.

I want to especially acknowledge the guys from the American Legion! I honestly meant to acknowledge their presence in the church, but unfortunately my mind wasn't engaging. So please except my gratitude and apology! Again, many thanks to all!

Fern Kissel

♥ ENGAGEMENT ♥



HUNT/KAPTURE
Sue Kapture and Carry Kapture of



Crapp - Beer

Dennis and Esther Crapp of Lancaster would like to announce the engagement and

Emily graduated from Lancaster High School and from Southwest Wisconsin Technical College. She is currently employed at Mercy Medical Center in Dubuque and works as a registered nurse in Ambulatory Surgery.

Travis graduated from Danville High School and from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He is currently employed at Hempstead High School in Dubuque and teaches Technology Education.

They plan a 1:30 p.m. wedding at St. Patrick's Church on July 28, 2007 with a



Smelley-Bacon

Mr. and Mrs. James Kenneth Smelley of Pleasanton, Texas are proud to announce their daughter, Coral Gaye Smelley, to Alan Bacon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bacon. Coral is a graduate of Incarnate Word University and works as an elementary counselor in San Antonio, Texas. She is a graduate of UTSA and is an Associate in an architectural and engineering firm of N



Poore-Sapp

Greenville, South Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Austin Cadden of Greenville, SC announce the engagement of -



Joel Berger and Elizabeth MacDonall, wed Aug. 21
MacDonald-Berger

Engaged

Gross-Pantti

ROCKLAND, Mich. — Brooke Gross and Kevin Pantti, of Rockland, have announced their engagement.

The future bride is the daughter of Ronald and Sharon Gross, White Pine. She is a 1999 graduate of Ewen-Trout Creek schools, and is employed at Grand View Hospital in Ironwood, as a certified nursing assis-



Broeker - Nuckles



Hardy-Harr

Rachel Kathryn Harr and Daniel Jacob Hardy were married Saturday, Oct. 21, at Morningside Inn in Frederick, Md.

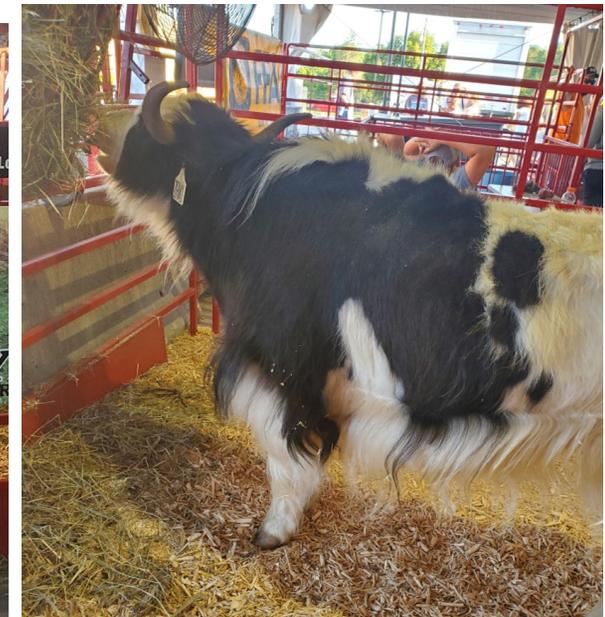
The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Alice Harr of Hagerstown, and Nancy and Jerry Wolfe of Boonsboro. The bridegroom is the son of Ron and Amy Hardy of Boonsboro, and Susie Hardy and Irene Smith, also of Boonsboro.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Boonsboro High School and is a senior at Shepherd University, studying elementary education.

The bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of Boonsboro High School and is employed with RFD Washington.

They live in Boonsboro.

Yakity-Yak.. Don't talk back



This is Strawberry... She won first prize in her category at the State Fair..

When you think of Western Iowa, typically you think of rolling hills and fields of corn and soybeans and pastures filled with cattle and perhaps a few horses or sheep. Seldom does the image conjure up visions of Tibetan Yaks whose origins are half a world away. This is unless you are neighbors to Neal and Lisa Meseck, owners of Iowa Yak Ranch. The hairy bovines have been making their home just north of Exira, IA since December of 2020.

At that time Bryn and Amelia, two of the Meseck's cows, were both pregnant. Bryn had a bull calf in March, named Gus, the first Tibetan yak born in the State of Iowa. Amelia had a heifer calf in May, named Clara. They are currently at 10 head.

The Mesecks raise yaks for three purposes. That being for food, fiber, and fun. They have fiber for sale right now, as well as fiber being processed into yarn. In the fun category, they've had a pair of yaks at the Audubon County Fair, the Iowa State Fair- Avenue of Breeds as well as a yak at the Fallapalooza at Nathaniel Hamlin Park. It's the food category where they are waiting to check the box. "That's just a matter of time though", Lisa says. "It will be a little bittersweet the first time we do take one to the locker because you really do get to know them and their personalities."

If anyone wants to see the yaks, they are happy to show them and answer questions. They've had a couple tour groups out and a few classes of kids as well. Neal says, "I hope everyone went home knowing just a little more about these "hairy cows" than they did before and had a fun time learning." Don't look for a yak statue to go up next to Albert the Bull anytime soon. Then again, if you're going to dream, dream big!

The Rye Bread Lady Says...

"Merry Christmas everyone.

Thank you for your support.

I plan to continue baking rye bread and delivering to the Egg Krate on Thursdays and Saturdays. **(Special orders please call 712-304-3606.)**

Here's wishing each and everyone of you and your loved ones a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Thank you and God Bless,

Barb "



DANISH WINDMILL VOTED “PEOPLE’S CHOICE”, “BEST DISPLAY” AND “MOST AUTHENTIC” AT CHRISTKINDLMARKET DES MOINES

Elk Horn, IA—Christkindlmarket Des Moines announced the results of the 2021 vendor of choice awards. The Danish Windmill of Elk Horn took first place honors as “People’s Choice”, “Best Display” and “Most Authentic” at the European-style open air holiday market that was held this past weekend December 2-5 at Principal Park in Des Moines.

The Windmill’s manager, Lisa Steen Riggs, said, “There was record attendance and the sales of our Scandinavian products were exceptional. Attendees who shop our collection of traditional decorations, food and gifts get to experience the genuine coziness and hygge of the Danish Christmas time, just as we know it. We enjoy participating in the Christkindlmarket and appreciate the Rasmussen Group’s sponsorship of our booth.”

Mill Manager Lisa Steen Riggs, Julie Jensen Soll and Mike Riggs worked the booth in Des Moines.

If you missed seeing them at the Christkindlmarket Des Moines, you can shop at the Danish Windmill’s museum store in Elk Horn or online at danishwindmill.com.

***Flubbed Headlines***

- Sewage Spill kills fish, but water safe to drink
- Planes forced to land at airport
- Top Secret Mission to Launch Tuesday
- Local children are winners at dog show
- Tylenol Bottles: Hard to open for 30 years
- Hospitals Resort to hiring Doctors
- Starvation can lead to health hazards

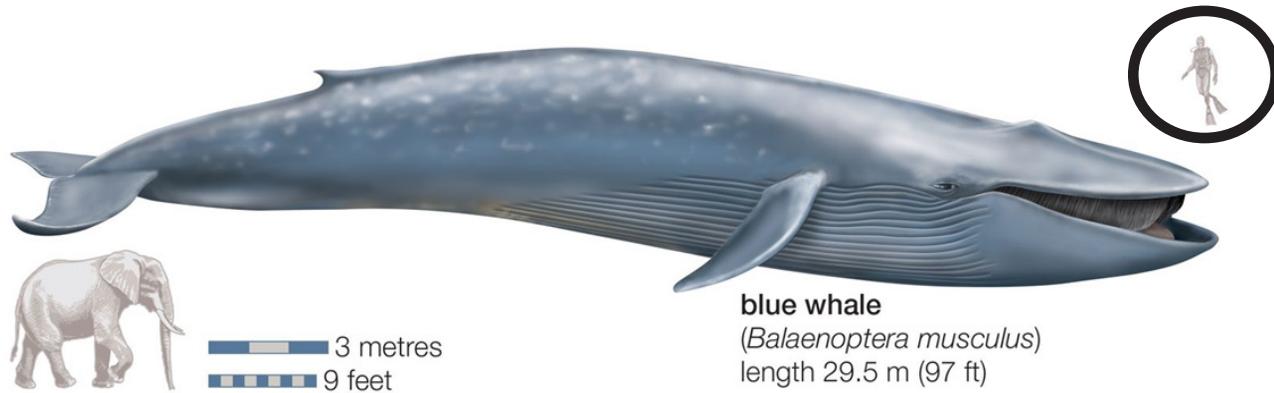
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A human could swim through a blue whale's veins.

The blue whale is the largest living creature—it's even larger than most dinosaurs. The biggest blue whales can be over 100 feet in length and weigh more than 100 tons. Their hearts alone can weigh 1,300 pounds, and are the size of a small car. Unsurprisingly, blue whales have enormous arteries, which pump blood through their massive hearts and into their vital organs. These arteries are so big that a fully grown human could swim through them, not that you should try it



blue whale
(*Balaenoptera musculus*)
length 29.5 m (97 ft)

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Thoughts while trying to go to sleep

- If you want something new, you have to stop doing something old
- The most important thing in communication is to hear what is NOT being said.
- The best way to predict your future is to create it
- A well thrown curve ball can dive as much as 17 inches as it approaches the batter.
- Radio waves travel at the speed of light.
- If you traveled at the speed of light, you could circle the equator 7.5 times in 1 second.
- No number before 1,000 contains the letter A
- Giraffe tongues can be 20 inches long
- The inventor of the microwave appliance received only \$2 for his discovery
- There is no word that rhymes with orange.
- There is no word that rhymes with purple.

“Never argue with stupid people, they will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience.”

— Mark Twain

“If voting made any difference they wouldn't let us do it.”

— Mark Twain

“Politicians and diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason.”

— Mark Twain

Spanning 2,340 miles, the Mississippi River is the third-largest watershed in the world. That's one long stretch of water. So long, in fact, that it takes one drop of water approximately 90 days to travel its entire length.

“Good judgement is the result of experience and experience the result of bad judgement.”

— Mark Twain

“In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice. Then he made school boards.”

— Mark Twain

NEW LIBRARY HOURS!

Monday	12:30-4:30
Tuesday	12:30-4:30
Wednesday	12:30-4:30
Thursday	12:30-6:30
Friday	12:30-4:30
Saturday	9-11

At Afterschool Adventures on Monday, the kids made Christmas gifts. We didn't want to spoil the surprise with pictures of the finished products, but as you can see, we all had a messy and glittery fun time!



We are hoping to create a Milk Jug Igloo at the library! If you have any clean 1/2 gallon or full gallon plastic milk jugs, we would love to take them off your hands! Thank you in advance!

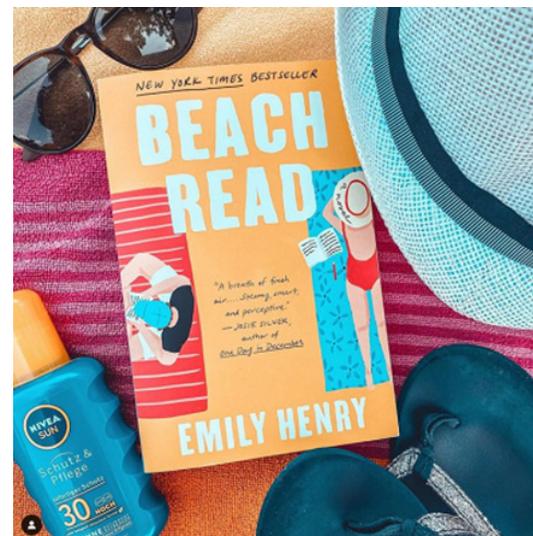
**WHAT A GREAT
IDEA**

**UPCOMING EVENTS*****Whatever Wednesday Christmas Movie**

Celebrate the holiday season and the early dismissal from school with a Christmas movie for all ages on December 22nd at 2pm.

***Book Club at the Norse Horse**

Join us on Saturday, January 29th at 2pm discussing "Beach Read" by Emily Henry. Escape the winter weather with this warm read! Copies are now available for checkout at the library.





Activities for adults as well



NO more burning yourself sliding that hot dish in or out of your oven!!!



AND... Just a sample of more “stuffers” hand-made by Beaner waiting for you...

