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

RHCN Community Spotlight

The mystery of:
"The Hiding Elk Horns"
In the August 11 paper

Pg 7
top/right picture
left arm

Pg 11
James' shirt



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The STOP signs are back in business..
The parking lot is full again..

A new year...

New principle, new staff..

New Rolling Hills reporter..

Dusty Turner is the paper's new liaison to the school and the community.

Bottom line: while the rest of us are sipping coffee, she will be collecting interesting and insightful material from the school and community.

HOWEVER...

She will not initially be wearing a "press fedora"...

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- 504 2nd Ave..... **PRICED REDUCED - \$72,500**
- 308 1st Ave. **PRICE REDUCED - \$197,500**

EXIRA:

- Commercial Building in Exira..... **\$55,000**
- 515 Westside Dr. **NEW - ACCEPTED OFFER**
- 510 E. Washington St **SOLD**
- Viking Addition Lots **4 LOTS REMAIN**
- 206 N. Fairview St. **SOLD**

ELK HORN

- 4304 Main St. **NEW - SALE PENDING**
- 2026 Elm St. **NEW - \$119,000**
- 2113 Park St. **PRICE REDUCED - \$249,000**
- 4411 Main St..... **SALE PENDING**
- 2021 Elm St. **SALE PENDING**

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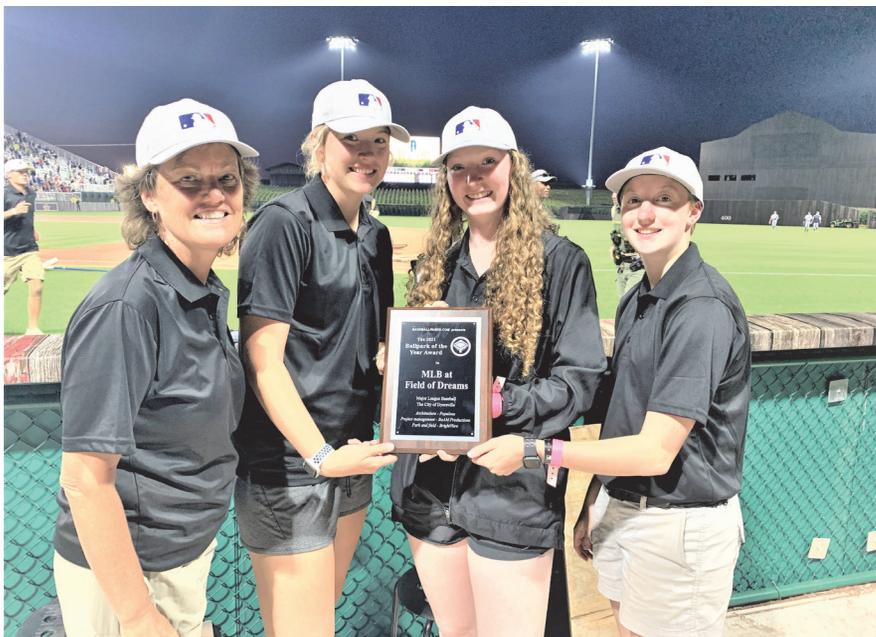
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Field of Dreams

The Exira-EHK TAG/Leadership students (Kate Hansen, Macy Emgarten, Hannah Nelson) and Lisa Dreier (TAG sponsor) had a spectacular service trip of a lifetime! They worked at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville the past full week to make this awesome Iowa event possible. The students had some amazing opportunities of service work to help the Major League Baseball (MLB) and BrightView staff that they will cherish the memories forever. They appreciated Chad Olson (Exira Alumni Student and field management of BrightView who oversee this Field of Dreams baseball diamond). The students worked on the Tarp/Grounds Crew of the Field of Dreams for the Minor and MLB Major games. They had practiced many hours to tarp the baseball field for a time under 2:00 minutes in case it rains, many hours to spray down the infield, daily field work for the two games, individual responsibilities for each big game, and many long hours of preparation for the big baseball games. They even brought in the stage for the Walker Hayes concert after the Cubs vs the Reds Major Baseball game. They had front row seats to the events too! "A Big Thank You to Chad and our girls for the hard work and fun week! The people were wonderful to work with and get to know along the service trip! Wonderful memories of a lifetime! Is this heaven... No, it's Iowa!" expressed Mrs. Dreier, TAG Instructor.



left to right -Kate Hansen, Macy Emgarten, Chad Olson, Lisa Dreier and Hannah Nelson



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Scratches From The Rusty Quill

By Wava Petersen

It's back to school time again. Buses are fueled up; classrooms, hallways and floors are spotless; desks are once more ready to be occupied by sun-tanned students, some happy to be back, a few wishing the carefree days of summer could last forever. The August mornings when classes resume for another year are always hectic in the secretary's office and back in my previous life mine at EH-K was no exception. Swarms of excited students bolted out of the buses and stampeded into the office to pick up lunch tickets and other supplies, grownups wandered in and out; the phone rang constantly. Kindergarten kids were a varied lot with most ready for the new adventure while a few clung desperately to their mothers. It was wild but I enjoyed the challenge. One particular day stands out sharply in my memory: A little girl who had moved with her family to another state a few years previously suddenly appeared in the doorway. With a smile that stretched from ear to ear, expressing such pure joy that it filled the room with sunshine, she loudly announced for all to hear, "I'm Ba-ack"! And I welcomed her with open arms.

My only memory of the very first day of school for me and my year older brother is holding my mother's hand as she walked us the one-half mile up the dirt road to Clay #2 to begin our formal education. I remember nothing of the school day itself but it must have been good; I apparently was up and ready to go every morning from then on. Formal education brought a new and wonderful dimension to my life.

There is another element of country school life that also produced fond memories. We moved across the section to my current home when I was in third grade. The walk to Clay #5 was three-quarters of a mile. The frosty fall mornings brought a nip to the air and roses to our cheeks. The sounds of the season could be heard from far away: The thwack of corn ears against the bangboard as farmers got an early morning start hand-picking corn; the mournful cry of the train whistle in Marne when the weather was just right; and, best of all, the melodic guam-guam-guam hum of the telephone poles as we pressed our ears close to a pole to get the full impact of their rhythmic beat. Spring mornings brought the songs of the meadowlarks from atop the telephone wires. Spring also brought flowering of the plum brush and greening of the trees and roadside grasses, a visual feast. September brought ripening of the wild plums and we lingered on our journey home, gorging ourselves on their juicy sweetness. Our arrival home was a special time each day that is best described in a poem I wrote a number of years ago.

The Kitchen Table

When you see a field of dandelions you can either see a hundred weeds or a thousand wishes.

From the past I well remember those 'back to school' days of September;

The long walk home each day down the dusty road.

Sandy ran down the lane to meet us, Mama stood at the door to greet us—

On the kitchen table we dumped our daily load:

Lunch pails, papers, wilted flowers, wild plums crushed in pocket bowers—

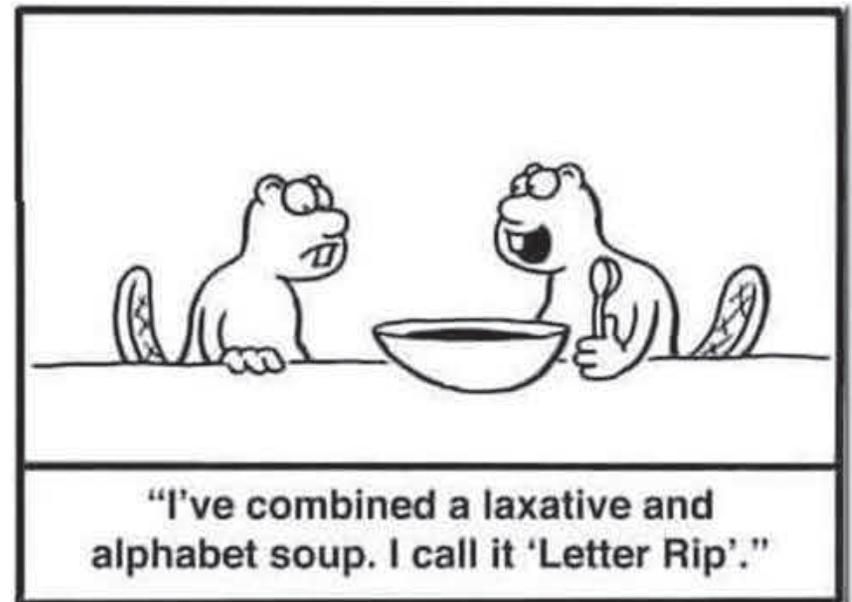
Mama's oilcloth covered table held them all!

We washed our grubby hands and faces, at the table took our places, Mama never was too busy, I recall - To pour milk in mis-matched glasses as we talked recess, grades and classes - And serve us (on chipped plates dulled from daily wear),

Home-made bread from wood-stove oven, crusty, hot and made with love in While she listened to the school-day tales we'd share.

Yes, the past I well remember—Those country school days of September - And that kitchen table with its plain array.

Napkins, crystal were unheard of but we had Mama's time and her love - Awaiting our arrival home each day.



"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

— Mark Twain

YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

There are many things that one can seek in this life. There is the immediate search when you've lost your car keys and you seek for them until you find them – search over! Then there is the lengthy search of seeking to become proficient at playing the piano. For many years you will take lessons and you will practice for days on end until you are satisfied with your musical capabilities with the piano.

There are intermediate searches also: you need a new car and so you do your research on the new or used models you prefer and it's time to take your homework to the dealership to seek an agreement for the best price for the car you have selected.

There is also a lifelong search: in Matthew 6:28-34 Jesus tells a story concerning someone who is seeking out some new clothing and another who is seeking something to eat and drink. He tells the crowd listening to Him that they should not worry about such things; God knows that we need them. The point to His story is told to us in verses 33 and 34, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness is to be our first order of business if we desire to follow the Son of God. Wow! This seems to be a tall order; how do we do this and where do we begin? I'm glad you asked – let's explore this because it is a many faceted concept.

First, Jesus is comforting those who may worry about such things as food, shelter and clothing. His Father is more than equal to the task of providing the things we need. We all may, at times, wonder where the next meal will come from. But straight from His lips, which can only tell the truth, Jesus lets us know that we should be examining our hearts to see if we are sincere about our faith in God. Are we really seeking God's Kingdom? Again I ask, what does it mean to seek His kingdom and how do we do it?

There is an interesting word in the Hebrew language (and yes, Jesus spoke Hebrew) it is "darash" and it literally means "to tread or trample". This word is translated "seek" about 90 times in the scriptures. In Psalm 34:10 we find a fitting example for the discussion we are in, "The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing." The word "darash" is used here.

We who live in Iowa know that sometimes we must tread through tall grass to get to a farm shed. When we go there once we may turn around and see our path for we have disturbed the grass. But tomorrow the wind has turned those blades about and the path we took is no longer seen. However, if we go back and forth through that grass often, we will eventually trample it down and beat a new path to the shed. So it is with our seeking God and His kingdom. It is not a onetime event; if we are serious about our commitment to Him we must seek Him daily. Yes, one might say that we must beat a path to our God because that is how we seek His kingdom. Don't go away folks, there's still more to come.

Bill Rollins 8-19-2022

ITS ONLY SCIENCE

Last article we talked about what actions we should be taking to combat global warming. Not only as individuals but as governments. Let's consider a few important actions that as individuals we can employ. When someone is in a hole and wonders what to do next. The smart advice is to quit digging. That action alone keeps things from getting worse. So how can we, as individuals, stop digging? Or in this case reduce the carbon emissions we are personally creating.

We can plan ahead when we need to do some shopping. Bundle our trips to reduce the number of miles we are driving. And obey the posted speed limits. Driving the posted limits by itself can add up to 5% to your vehicles fuel milage. It also reduces the wear and tear on suspension parts, reduces tread wear of your tires. Maintaining the proper following distance behind other vehicles reduces the need to slow down and accelerate providing additional milage savings. Another thing we can do is if we can easily walk or bike to a close by destination, walk or bike there. A modern vehicle creates as many pollutants in the first mile it travels as it does in the next ten miles. Every time we can take a short walk or bicycle ride to run our errand it is like we drove ten fewer miles to our environment.

Buildings in the United States contribute nearly 40% of the carbon pollution. There are some simple things we can do to reduce our building's carbon footprint. Just closing the drapes or shutting the shades on the sunny side of our homes can make a measurable difference in how hard our air conditioners must work. Smart thermostats can reduce power usage and therefore carbon emissions by allowing the building to warm or cool as needed. If we are using a fan in the rooms while we are in them, a temperature several degrees higher will still be comfortable.

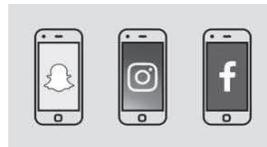
Are you ready to stop digging? Our next generations will be proud of you!

by Bob Mortenson 8-05-2022



ELK HORN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Adult Programming at the Library

<https://www.elkhorn.lib.ia.us/>

SEPTEMBER

Thurs, Sept 1st at 5:30pm

Adult Dutch Oven Cooking with Christina Roelofs

Christina will go over some Dutch oven basics, then we will make several different dishes to eat together when finished cooking. The cost of the class is \$10.

Preregistration is required and space is limited. Please sign up by calling the library.

September 12th, 19th, and 26th at 6:30pm

Mental Health Mondays

The Library presents a 3-part series in September on mental health

Sept 12th – The Grieving Process with Robyn Plocher. Robyn is the St. Croix Hospice Chaplin and will be discussing where to find support for yourself or others in the grieving process whatever way most comfortable.

Sept 19th – Mindfulness exercises for self care with Vera Petersen. Vera is currently a Licensed Mental Health Practitioner and a Certified Professional Counselor in the state of Nebraska, and a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in the state of Iowa with a local practice located in Exira.

Sept 26th – I Walked the Darkest Valleys to Freedom with author David Pedersen. At the suggestion of his therapist, David journaled his inner monologue and chronicled his lifelong struggles with depression and anxiety as an opportunity to get in touch with his feelings, which he turned into a book to comfort and encourage others. His book appeals to those interested in authentic accounts of overcoming despair, military separation, being at wit's end, and death in the family to progressing forward in marriage, career success, emotional healing, and growth in faith, hope and freedom.

“There was never yet an uninteresting life. Such a thing is an impossibility. Inside of the dulllest exterior there is a drama, a comedy, and a tragedy.”

— Mark Twain

Hi! My name is StopThat...



But sometimes they call
me GetBackHere!



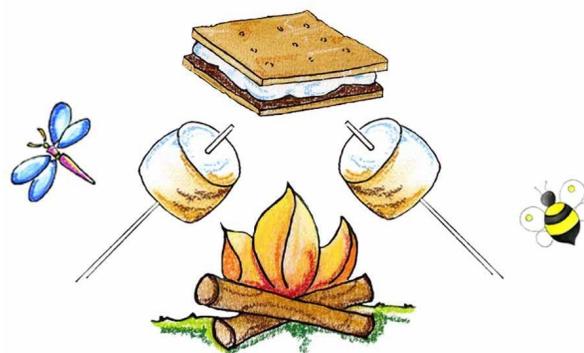
“Your call is very important to us..
Please enjoy this 40 minute flute solo...”

A busy Friday night wrapping up the summer library program! We braved the rain and started with a pizza pool party. Then moved the outdoor movie indoors with 2 screens showing the movie RV. Thank you to the Elk Horn Explorers 4-H Club for sponsoring the movie and selling delicious ice cream treats and popcorn to support the Elk Horn pool!



And that's a wrap! The Library just finished another great summer of reading, and we want to thank everyone who made this possible by volunteering their time and services to help make this year's summer reading program a success. A warm thank you to the following:

Barb Smith
Christina Roelofs – Shelby County Naturalist
Connie Petersen – Master Gardener
Danish Countryside Vines and Wines
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Elk Horn Explorers 4-H Club
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Kayla Petersen
Keith Menter and Cathi Menter
Kent Ingerslev
Melanie Bruck – Ag in the Classroom
Nishna Valley YMCA
Rachael Andersen - Namaste with Rae
Rae von Holdt
Shar Steen
Shelby County ISU Extension & Outreach



Thank You!

We also were able to fund a huge portion of our programming thanks to a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation! Thank you!

Kids programming returns September 12th

Stay tuned for upcoming information on Monday's Afterschool Adventures for ages 4-2nd grade, Thursday early out day programming for 3rd graders and up, and our monthly dramatic play area!

**One thing no one ever talks about when it comes to being an adult..
Is how much time we debate keeping a cardboard box, because it's, you know....
A really good box..**

The Rye Bread Lady Says....

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**The difference between
Humans and animals?**

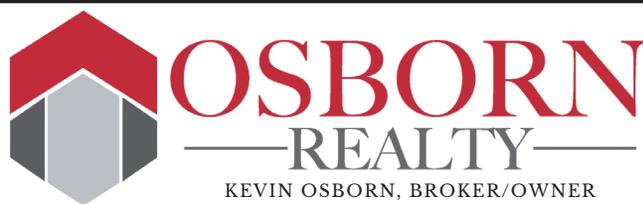
**Animals would never
allow the dumbest
ones to lead the pack.**



Front left to right
Hailey Bieker, Ellen Rath, Shay Burmeister, Mayne Jorgensen, Quinn Grubbs, McKenna Larsen
Back Left to Right
Gemini Goodwin, Harlee Fahn, Hannah Nelson, Makenzie Riley, Gracie Olson, Jaelynn Petersen

2022 GIRL'S SPARTAN VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	T.O.D.
9/03	Missouri Valley Tourn	Missouri Valley	9:00	7:05
9/10	Griswold Tournament	Griswold	TBA	7:20
9/15	CAM	Elk Horn	6:00	
9/17	Guthrie Center Toun.	Guthrie Center	TBA	
9/20	Ar-We-Va	Westside	6:00	
9/22	Paton Churdan	Elk Horn	6:00	
9/24	Corning Tournament	Corning	TBA	
9/27	Glidden Ralston	Elk Horn	6:00	
9/29	West Harrison	Mondamin	6:00	
10/1	JVTournament	Logan	TBA	
10/4	CRB	Elk Horn	6:00	
10/6	Woodbine	Woodbine	6:00	
10/11	Boyer Valley	Elk Horn	6:00	
10/13	Conference JVTournament	Coon Rapids	TBA	
10/15	Conference Tournament	West Harrison	9:30	
10/17	Regionals	TBD		



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Welcome Home

I hate it when people are at my house and ask, "Do you have a bathroom?" What do they expect? "No, I poop in the yard?"



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Duane Christofferson

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One of a farmer's favorite Bible verses as he sows the seeds and waits is Mark 5: 36: "Don't be afraid. Just believe."



2022 SPARTAN CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	SITE	START TIME	T.O.D.
9/01	Stuart	4:30	
9/13	AHSTW	5:00	
9/15	Panora	5:00	
9/20	Tri-Center	5:00	
9/22	Audubon	4:30	
9/26	O-M	4:30	
9/29	IKM-Manning	4:30	
10/03	Conf. Meet Woodbine	4:30	
10/10	Ida Grove (OABCIG)	4:30	
10/20	State Qualifying	TBD	

2022 SPARTAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	T.O.D.
8/26	Griswold	Exira	7:00	
9/2	West Harrison	Mondamin	7:00	
9/09	Woodbine	Exira	7:00	
9/16	Audubon	Audubon	7:00	
9/23	Bedford	Bedford	7:00	
9/30	CAM	Exira	7:00	
10/07	Boyer Valley	Dunlap	7:00	
10/14	Coon Rapids-Bayard	Exira	7:00	

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WHEN?

Friday August 26th, 8 am to 5 pm and Saturday August 27th, 8 am to 1 pm

WHERE?

Barb Smith's, 2019 Tivoli St, Elk Horn

WHAT?

Selling homemade goodies including: 3 kinds of salsa- regular, peach and mango/peach/ pineapple; spaghetti sauce, pizza sauce, bread & butter pickles, 2 kinds of relish, a dozen varieties of jams and jellies. Will also be some home decor items and very gently used baby boy/toddler clothes. Watch Facebook PLEASE.... iballton Area Swap page for pictures closer to the date JUST one piece Dad.???



Potluck Mondays

every 1st & 3rd Monday 6-8pm

Elk Horn Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Everyone Welcome!

Bring your favorite dish!
drinks provided

Bring a neighbor & enjoy some good food & conversations



WOW..

The Monday Night Potluck is taking off like a rocket !! There were over 50 people sharing good food and great fellowship at the August 15th potluck night. It was a great success, and ALWAYS room for more. We would like you to join us at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church basement - and bring a friend.

PLEASE....
JUST one piece Dad.???



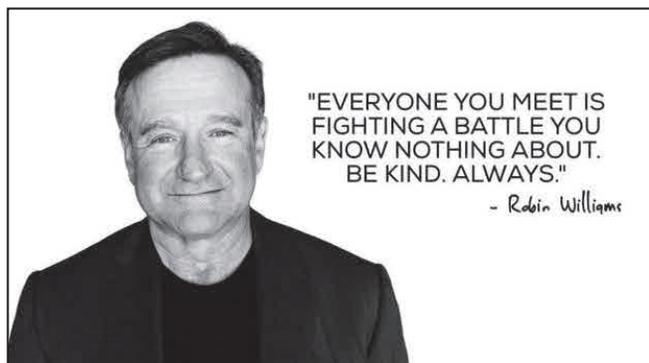


Elk Horn Lutheran Church Food Pantry

Everyone needs help with something at some point in their lives.

The Food Pantry at EHLC is available to assist people in the Exira – Elk Horn – Kimballton school district who need a little help putting food on the table.

To make an appointment please call
Juanita Erickson 712-249-6135



I hate it when I am singing along and the artist gets the words wrong..

Monday Afternoon Quilters



Left to right
 Joyce Smith, Mary Copp, Mary Secress, Kim Lockershire, Barb Goos, Mardell Walter
 Absent : Rosie Petersen and Jackie Andersen

Several ladies gather at the Elk Horn Lutheran church on Mondays for an afternoon of quilting. We place the tops and the backs together; the pieces are then ready to be sewn. At this point they are ready to be tied, folded and sent off.

The places we send our quilts to are, Okoboji Bible Camp for their auction/fund raiser and Salem Lutheran home auction in October. We always give to the senior members of our church. This past May we gave six quilts to our senior graduates. We also give to the Food Panty which is located in the Elk Horn Lutheran church. Others we give to are, Myrtue Medical Center, Home Health, West Central Community Action, Shelby County Community Hero Action and New Hope Village in Carroll. Several are boxed up and sent to missions.

We welcome any donations for making the quilts such as, sheets, blankets (any size) fabric or anything that can be used in making these quilts. There is always a source and use for quilts. We give a big thanks to you all.

We would like to give a big thank you to the fellow who built the railing going up to the stage.

We usually end our afternoon of great fellowship with a cup of coffee and a bite to eat.

GOD BLESS ALL QUILTERS.

Mardell



- August 28 Immanuel at 9:00**
- September 4 Bethany at 9:00 with Holy Communion**
- September 11 Immanuel at 9:00 with Holy Communion**
- September 18 Bethany at 9:00**
- September 25 ANNUAL CHURCH BREAKFAST from 9:00 to 12:00 at Immanuel**
- September 11 and 18 Sunday School at 10:15 at Immanuel**
All are welcome!



A Lesson From King Canute

Pastor Tim White

King Canute ruled over Denmark, Norway, and England more than one thousand years ago. A wise ruler, he worked diligently to make the lives of his subjects better.

As is often the case, he was surrounded by those who sought to gain influence and prominence with him, and according to the ancient story, he grew tired of their continual flattery and determined to put an end to it. He ordered that his throne be carried out to the seashore and gathered his courtiers about it.

By the sea, the king commanded the tide not to come in. Yet soon the waters were lapping around his legs as the tide did not heed him. According to one historian's account, King Canute rose up from his throne and said, "Let all men know how empty and worthless is the power of kings, for there is none worthy of the name, but He whom Heaven, earth, and sea obey by eternal laws."

You have to admire a king who doesn't take himself too seriously. According to the Bible, even the One whom heaven, earth, and sea obey was "gentle and lowly." (Matthew 11:29) Jesus is the gold standard of humility. This doesn't mean He was lacking in leadership, assertiveness, or courage. But He reminded people that He came "not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

There is great wisdom in the Bible on the value of having a humble spirit – literally scores of Bible verses and stories throughout the Scriptures. Here are just two verses:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)

Before a downfall the heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor. (Proverbs 18:12)

With the wealth of teaching on humility everywhere in the Bible, we don't have to read very far before we clearly see that pride and arrogance are incompatible with Christian faith. In fact, humility is what makes it possible to live the life to which believers are called by Christ.

Pride gets in the way of forgiving those who've wronged us, while humility says holding a grudge is not our right. It also enables us to apologize for our own wrongs, seeking forgiveness from others. Pride inhibits our love for people. Pride leads to discord in human relationships, while humility makes peace and cooperation possible. Humility enables generosity because it subordinates our own desires to the needs of others.

Pride also comes between us and God. It can keep us from acknowledging God's blessings. Humility allows us to celebrate God as the Giver of everything good. Without humility we cannot sincerely worship God but being humble allows us to know and worship God for who He is. Even more, God will not forgive us if we are not "broken and contrite" in our confession of sin: "A broken (humbled) and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." (Psalm 51:11)

I believe humility is a God-given character trait. It appears as one of the "fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5. The nearer you are to Christ, the more His Spirit imparts these God-given characteristics, so that we might better represent Christ himself to the world around us.

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella... THAT is faith..

Minutes of 54th Annual Exira High School Alumni Reunion

The 54th annual Exira High School Alumni Reunion was held on Sunday, July 3, 2022, at the Elementary School in Exira, IA. Glenn and Connie Esbeck sat at the registration desk to register fifty-eight alumni and guests. The tables were decorated with various colors of table coverings, 4th of July decorations and various years of older annuals.

With Greg Jensen presiding, the meeting was called to Order at 2:00 P.M. The minutes from the 2001 reunion were read by Connie and approved. She also gave a treasurer's report which was also approved.

The class of 1972 was the 50-year honored class with 14 of the class members in attendance.

President Jensen mentioned that if anyone would like to sponsor a sign recognizing old country schools that were or may still be standing, they may still do so. The cost is \$50/sign.

The election of officers was held for the next reunion which will be July 2, 2023 (always held on the Sunday closest to the 4th of July.) Greg Jensen agreed to serve as President for another year. Connie elected not to serve another year. Judi Ballou was then elected Secretary.

A coop lunch of sandwiches, cookies, bars, snacks, chips, lemonade and cake made by Connie to honor the Class of 1972, was served by Patsy Hansen and Susan Osvald. They also agreed to serve as the lunch committee for another year.

Those attending the reunion by year of graduation are as follows:

1943: Phyllis (Walker) Hensley
 1946: Betty (Wulf) Simonsen
 1949: Dee (Roberts) Anderson
 1950: Harvey Anderson
 1956: Glenn Esbeck
 1948: Connie (Kline) Esbeck; Bertha (Anderson) Schroeter
 1959: Larry Johnston
 1960: Darlene (Anderson) Johnston
 1961: Charles Paulsen; Gary Rasmussen, John Johnston
 1963: Roger Nelson, Kelly Walker; Charlene (Pederson) Schaffer
 1965: Steve Hays; Dale Beck
 1967: Susan (Wulf) Osvald; Tom Godwin; Diane (Layland) Berkley; Fayle (Littlefield) Hays; John Ballou; Steve Nelson
 1968: Patsy Hansen; Bruce Hoegh; Betty (Wahlert) Wiemann;
 1969: Denny Nelson
 1970: Greg Jensen, Larry Littlefield
 1972: Judy (Jensen) Littlefield; Debbie (Rubel) Peppers; Richard Johnston; Sharon (Rathbun) Ballou; Craig Hansen; Connie (Schlater) Bevil; Jill (Curry) Henningsen; Tim Bintner; Phyllis (Wulf) Schulte; Shirley (Christensen) Garnett; Carolyn (Hansen) Frazer; Jo (Evans) Nelson; Roxi Nance; Wendie (Wahlert) Cooper
 1974: Roger A. Nelson
 1976: Linda (Madsen) Flathers
 1977: Judy (Ballou) Nelson; Ken Akers
 1979: Shelly (Tipken) Davis
 1980: Tracy (Petersen) Johnston

Jerry and Kathryn Hoover Descendants Reunion Held

by Connie Esbeck

Descendants of the Jerry and Kathryn Hoover family, hosted by the committee consisting of Richard Griffin, Ronda Chase, and Glenn and Connie Esbeck, was held at the Old Park Hotel in Audubon, IA, on July 8-10, 2022. Approximately sixty-five guests were registered during the 3-day reunion.

Guests, mostly from out-of-state begun arriving on Friday afternoon. The committee prepared and served the evening meal to a larger group of thirty. The afternoon was spent meeting and greeting relatives; some not seen for several years as the reunion had been postponed two years ago due to COVID. Items began coming in for the family auction to be held on Saturday evening.

Saturday morning breakfast was catered by Jan's Catering of Audubon while the committee prepared the noon lunch. Everyone had two hours of free time before it was group picture time; a tradition for many years. Jerry and Kathryn (Bauer) Hoover had eight children. They were Alice (Hoover) Bartelt; Elizabeth (Libby) and Earl Griffin; Emma and Harry Graham; Chris and Laura (Mikkelsen) Hoover; Fanny & William (Willie) Hammann; Nora and Carius Jacobsen; George and Alice Mae (Hunt) Hoover; and Ellowene & Alfred Mitch. Descendants of this group came from Iowa; Minnesota; Colorado, Georgia; and Nebraska. After pictures many of the group played Bingo while others went shopping. Olivia Elliott, daughter of Tara and Gray Elliott, assisted Ronda in calling the numbers. She is the daughter of Gray & Tara Elliott and granddaughter of Randy and Kelly Esbeck. A "play" table had been sent up for the younger generation to color and make crafts. More auction items had been brought in and everyone was seeing what they would like to buy. The auction money is used to defray expenses connected with the reunion.

By Saturday evening, most everyone had arrived in time to eat a delicious meal catered by Jan's Catering. When the meal was finished Mary Porter and Susie Q entertained the group for an hour. As always, Susie Q could get you to do or say something that would cause you to laugh. In the photo you will see (back row) Sam Houston and Sandy (Griffin) Tiedeman. In the front row is Richard Griffin and Ronda (Paulsen) Chase. Susie Q had them simulating being in a car. Each of them had a clue when they were supposed to do an action that represented the clue such as making a horn honk, applying the brakes, etc. As you can see, Ronda is the driver while the other three are passengers. The small children interacted with Susie Q as well.

Following the entertainment, it was time for the business meeting and auction. More items had been brought in and there was a good selection for a purchase. Gray Elliott and Keith Hockgraber were the auctioneers. After the auction, more visiting until it was time to leave for the night.

Sunday morning a hot breakfast was prepared and served by the committee. Some stayed to help the committee clean up before leaving for home; tired, but affirming that we had such a good time.

Guests attending were: Keith and Pat Hochgraber, Detroit Lakes, MN; Carolyn & Jim Wilkins, Pheasant Hill, IA; Judy Jewett, Reinbeck, IA; Sandy Tiedeman, Adel, IA; Sam & Karen Houston, Erie, CO; Sharon Duran, Lakewood, CO; Denny & Jacque Hoover, Guthrie Center, IA; Jon & Diane Esbeck, Brayton,

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IA; Trudi Crosby, Omaha, NE; John & Pam Jensen, Melrose, MN; Marlys Winter; & Carol Emerson, both of Moorhead, MN; Tara, Gray, Olivia and Freddie Elliott; Suwanee, GA; Randy & Kelly Esbeck, Cumming, GA; Michelle & Savanna Jenks and friend Josh Ford, Washington, IA; R.J. Shimon II; North Liberty, IA; Nathan, Jessica, Zach, & Trent Criswell; Gilman, IA; Ashley Criswell, Brandon Bonschmit and children Kinsley, Raelynn; Grinnell, IA; Jennifer & Tatum Henrichs & Adam Cross; Williams, IA; Landon & Katy Faust, Newton, IA; Dani Esbeck, Duncombe, IA; Allen & Linda Piece, Guthrie Center IA; Perry and Barb Paulsen, Bruce Johnson, & Mardell Sorensen, all of Exira, IA; David & Dianne Ellis, Prole, IA; Glenn & Connie Esbeck; Exira, IA; Dennis Esbeck, Gordon, NE; Ronda Paulsen, Council Bluffs; Phyllis Kline, Randy & Ann Doran, Harlan, IA; David & Deb Kline; David Kline II and son, David Kline III, & friend Sydney & Dawson Kline & friend, Sarah; Drew Kline; & Ava Kline, all of Omaha, NE; Richard Griffin, Exira, IA; Troy Griffin, Des Moines, IA; and Dean & Mary Porter & Susie Q, Panora, IA.



Olivia Elliott, daughter of Gray & Tara (Esbeck) Elliott helps Ronda Chase call out Bingo numbers.



Mary Porter, holding Susie Q, gives clues to those in a "make-shift" car, as to when to honk the horn, apply the brakes, start the car, etc. Ronda Chase, driver with passenger, Rich Griffin. Sam Houston and Sandy Tiedeman were back seat assengers. Olivia Elliott looks on.



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**CHRISTIANA BOWLIN**

April 23, 1973 - August 9, 2022

Christiana Louise Bowlin, daughter of Doug and Linda (Miller) Jensen, was born April 23, 1973, in Harlan. Christiana grew up in Kimballton and attended school at Elk Horn-Kimballton, graduating with the class of 1992. During high school, she excelled in basketball and still holds some three-point records at the state tournament. Chris then attended Southwest Iowa Community College in Creston where she majored in basketball and studied Beer 101. On March 30, 1997, Christiana was united in marriage with Brian Bowlin at Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Jacksonville. Besides raising her children, Christiana worked for several years with CDS Global in Harlan. In 2009, the family settled on an acreage east of Kimballton where they enjoyed getting animals ready for the fair, especially cattle, pigs and sheep. Christiana enjoyed talking politics, playing the tennis game on her phone, eating Mexican and taking pictures. She was at her happiest when she was with her family and friends and going to the fair. On Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, Christiana passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Iowa at the age of 49 years, three months and 16 days. Christiana is survived by her husband Brian Bowlin of Harlan; four children: Alex (Nick) Hansen of Laurel, Neb.; Danielle Bowlin of San Diego, Calif.; Jayda Bowlin and Ty Bowlin, both of Harlan; three grandchildren: Krew and Kylan Hansen and Taylen Bowlin; her mother Linda Jensen of Ida Grove; Brian's siblings: Jeff Bowlin, Lonnie McGraw, Chad Brewer and Allie Frank, all of Indianola; her two mothers-in-law Nancy Wheeler of Stuart and Dixie Bowlin of Indianola. She was preceded in death by her baby Jesse; her father Doug Jensen; her grandmothers Marilyn Gray and Lois Bowlin and her grandfathers Tom Bowlin and Maynard Miller. A Celebration of Life for Christiana Bowlin was held Saturday, Aug, 20. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton in charge of arrangements. Published by Atlantic News Telegraph on Aug. 19, 2022.

**American Red Cross****Red Cross Has Opening for Blood Program Leader**

Coordinators help plan drives, recruit donors and provide support at the drive.

AUGUST 18, 2022 — Donating is not the only way people can support the efforts of the American Red Cross to collect lifesaving blood. Volunteers are needed to support blood collection and ensure the needs of patients are met.

Currently, the Red Cross has an opening for a Blood Program Leader in Elk Horn. Blood Program Leaders are crucial to the efforts to collect lifesaving blood. The chain from blood donor to a patient starts with Blood Program Leaders, who play a vital role in blood drives that are held throughout the community. These positions help schedule and promote blood donation appointments, and assist in executing successful drives.

Anyone interested in this rewarding volunteer opportunity as a Blood Program Leader should reach out to Katie Tellus at katie.tellus@redcross.org.

Donated blood is the only source of blood for patients in need. The Red Cross collects about 40% of the nation's blood supply. In order for the Red Cross to continue to provide blood to patients, blood drives need to take place. Volunteers are needed in order for blood drives to be held.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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

— Mark Twain



INFLUENZA CLINICS



Please wear a mask.

Appointments required at clinics held at Myrtue's Community Health. Appointments are not needed at other locations.

Call 712.755.4422 or visit shelbycountyclinics.com to schedule.

Please wear clothing that will allow a shot, such as a short-sleeved shirt.

COVID-19 vaccinations also available at clinics held at Myrtue's Community Health.

Drive-up clinics will be utilized at Community Health and some of the larger clinic locations. Upon arrival, just call from your car and our staff will come to you. Consents are available at Public Health, 2712 12th St. Harlan, or online at myrtuemedical.org.

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Harlan	Thursday, September 15th	9 AM - 1 PM	Community Health, 2712 12th St. (drive-up)
Harlan	Wednesday, September 21st	10 AM - 2 PM	Community Health, 2712 12th St. (drive-up)
Portsmouth	Tuesday, September 27th	8 - 9:30 AM	St. Mary's Parish Hall, 412 4th St. (drive-up)
Avoca	Wednesday, September 28th	7:30 - 10 AM	Avoca Public Library, 213 North Elm. (drive-up)
Elk Horn	Monday, October 3rd	5 - 8 PM	Ayzlee's Clinic, E-EH-K School, 4114 Madison St.
Westphalia	Wednesday, October 5th	8 - 9 AM	St. Boniface Parish Hall, 403 Duren St.
Panama	Thursday, October 6th	8 - 9:30 AM	Panama Church Hall, 200 North 2nd St. (drive-up)
Harlan	Thursday, October 6th	11 AM - 2 PM	Community Health, 2712 12th St. (drive-up)
Irwin	Tuesday, October 11th	10 - 11:30 AM	Irwin Community Building, 404 Front St.
Defiance	Wednesday, October 12th	8 - 9:30 AM	Saint Peters Community Hall, 402 5th St.
Earling	Wednesday, October 12th	10 - 11:30 AM	St. Joseph's Hall, 118 Main St.
Harlan	Saturday, October 15th	8 AM - 12 PM	Vet's Auditorium, 1104 Morningview Dr. (drive-through)
Harlan	Friday, October 21st	3 - 7 PM	Community Health, 2712 12th St. (Ayzlee Family Night) (drive-up)

- Flu vaccinations can be billed by Medicare Part B, Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Aetna if you bring your card. Those with other private insurances must pay for the vaccine and a receipt will be given to you for insurance reimbursement.
- The Vaccine for Children (VFC) program provides influenza vaccine at no cost for children 6 months through 18 years of age for those who qualify. Eligible children are those who are uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid recipients or children who are Native or Alaskan American. Donations are accepted to help defray expenses. For those who are underinsured, please bring your insurance card.

Time for Influenza Vaccine

Myrtue Medical Center's Department of Public Health reminds all residents that it is time to prepare for the upcoming influenza season by being vaccinated. Influenza is a contagious disease that can lead to serious illness, including pneumonia. Even healthy people can get sick enough to miss work or school for a significant amount of time or even need hospital care. An annual flu vaccine is recommended for everyone six months of age and older. Pregnant women, young children, older people and people with certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes and heart disease are at an increased risk of serious flu-related complications. Getting a yearly influenza shot is particularly important for these vulnerable people. Additionally, influenza vaccine has been associated with lower rates of cardiac events among people with heart disease.

While the timing of influenza season is unpredictable, seasonal activity usually begins in late fall and winter and can last as late as May. Timing of the flu vaccine is important to make sure you are protected before influenza viruses start to spread in the community and throughout influenza season. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for immunity to develop, making late September or October a great time to get the influenza vaccine.

Public Health nurses will provide influenza clinics throughout Shelby County so all residents have access to influenza vaccine. Clinics will be held at a variety of times and dates throughout the fall, including two Ayzlee Clinics (clinics held in Elk Horn and Harlan) and a mass vaccination clinic at Veteran's Auditorium in Harlan on October 15th. These evening or weekend clinics help anyone, including working adults and their families, make time to get immunized and fight the flu!

There are so many healthy reasons to be immunized! Please schedule your influenza vaccine at www.shelbycountyclinics.com or call Public Health at 712.755.4422. We have several vaccines that help meet your individual needs based on your age, risk factors, and immunization preferences.

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