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



Drop into the Windmill and greet our new
Windmill Manager: Shaun Sayres

For the first since arriving at Elk Horn in 1976, the Danish Windmill has undergone a transition in management. Following the retirement of long-time manager and beloved local Dane, Lisa Riggs, a new manager has stepped in to take the reins. His name is Shaun Sayres, and the following offers a brief overview of Shaun's background, how he came to work at the windmill, and future plans for the organization.

Originally from New York, Shaun grew up in the small town of Cornwall, a riverside hamlet nestled in the heart of the Hudson Valley, a quiet town beyond the noise of the city where farmlands slowly grew into strip malls over the last thirty years. He grew to appreciate New York's rich history, connecting ancient

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Right or wrong, make a decision..
The road of life is paved with flat squirrels
who couldn't make a decision..

Danish Windmill

September 16, 2022

Re-Introducing "News From The Mill"



Readers may remember the days when the Danish Windmill had regular columns in the old Elk Horn – Kimballton Review titled "News From the Mill." These columns shared all of the interesting things happening at the mill from special events and new products to the everyday experiences of visitors and staff. We are proud to say we're bringing it back. Starting this week, the Danish Windmill will have a regular column detailing anything and everything going on at the mill.

It was a busy Summer for the mill and staff. Shaun and Lisa traveled to Denmark in August to attend the Formland Exhibition in Herning and meet with millwrights. News of those meetings is on the way, but in the meantime we are happy to announce a few new Danish companies that will be part of our gift shop going forward including the return of Almuegaarden's delicious hard candies. We are especially excited about our new greeting card line, Mouse & Pen, a small company with beautiful hand-drawn Danish cards and illustrations for any occasion.

Meanwhile the windmill saw plenty of visitors in August. Phyllis has tallied up the guestbook numbers and counted guests from 48 out of 50 states (only missing Delaware and Mississippi) and nine foreign countries: Canada, Denmark, Germany, Honduras, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka.

In the gift shop, we have some new products on our shelves including rustic "Velkommen" signs and Wilson's Orchard hard cider. Wilson's Orchard, famous for many of their award winning apples, is located just east of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Stop by the windmill sometime to try one of their flavors: Goldfinch, Honeycrisp, Blueberry, Apple Cider Donut, and a new seasonal flavor, Maple Pecan.

Follow along for updates, interesting stories, and more. The windmill is on an exciting journey and we wish you all to come with us.

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

CONGRATULATIONS LOG CABIN QUILT SHOP

Great open house for Robin and Jerry. The magazine their shop is featured in was flying out the door, along with fabric! Great lunch provided as well. So happy for them and our community.



I'm on two diets...
I wasn't getting enough food on one.



The EHK Optimist had their regular meeting Sat September 10 at the Kringle Man Pastries. Nikki Bricker presented a program on Kids in the Village Daycare. Merlyn Knudsen, vice-president presented her with the t-shirts for the Thrivent Action Team which the EHK Optimist are doing to provide the day care with 2 transitional high chairs.

Punt, Pass and Kick trophies sponsored by the Optimist will be awarded to 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade winners at halftime during the last Spartan home game on September 30.

I don't know much about
birds but I can easily
identify the husband in
this picture





Scratches From The Rusty Quill

By Wava Petersen

"Mom" asked my daughter, do people still charivari newly-weds like they did back when you were young?" Since I didn't know the answer, she suggested I find out and write an article about it. I asked a man much younger than myself (in his late sixties). He thought that custom ended with his generation and proceeded to relate his and his bride's own experience. But first I checked with Webster to see if my spelling was correct. Yes, charivari is correct, but it is pronounced shivaree, which is also an acceptable spelling. According to Google, charivari comes from an old French word meaning noise from pots and pans, Shivaree originates from a Greek word for headache. How fitting!

Friends, relatives and neighbors shivareed newlyweds with an unannounced evening visit accompanied by a long and loud tooting of car horns and the clatter and banging of metal spoons on tin dishpans, kettles and pans. The mob swarmed uninvited into the house where the bride and groom were expected to provide treats to all. In our area this was usually a candy bar plus cigars for the men. While treats were being handed out, the group scattered throughout the house; wearing their most innocent expressions, they uprooted everything in dresser drawers, tied socks and under-clothing in knots, re-arranged closets, cupboards and canned foods on storage shelves. Container labels were removed and the cans then switched around to make identification impossible. Beds were short-sheeted. (Bottom sheets were not fitted back then and the bottom end of a flat sheet was tucked under at the head of the bed, spread down to the middle, then folded back up to appear it was the top sheet.) Corn flakes and rice were liberally sprinkled between the sheets. The groom's car was often the object of the demolition squad with removal of wheels, etc. being a common prank as was raising the back axle just high enough to get the wheels off the ground. With no traction, wheels just spun. When we came out of the house from one such event the groom was standing beside his car watching it being stripped of wheels and several other parts. He looked at us, shook his head and ruefully commented, "If you can't stop 'em you might as well join 'em." It was probably an act of sweet revenge as the groom had been one of the ringleaders at many a charivari.

The "young" man I visited with related their experience of hearing cars gather at the foot of the hill, then the racket of horns blaring and pots and pans being drummed as the procession neared their home. But the young bride and groom were prepared. He grabbed his shotgun and they quickly exited to the backside of an outbuilding, where they waited until cars emptied and the visitors headed for the house. One blast of the shotgun reverberated in the night sky followed by a few seconds of silence before a quavering voice begged, "Don't shoot. Don't shoot. It's just us!" After entering the house, someone suggested a game of cards; the coffee pot was put on and the party continued until the wee hours of the morning. Apparently not everyone was playing cards, however, as in the following weeks the young bride could never complete a menu until after she opened a can to find out what they were going to eat. One of the so-thoughtful "guests" even brought an unlabeled can of dog food to add to the mix.

Our personal charivari experience, other than the noisy arrival, was pretty

lackluster; our canned goods, on shelves in a cave near the house were unmolested, people just swarmed through the rooms, got their candy bars, visited a bit and quietly left. Some we attended were a little more exciting. Our newlywed friends had just settled into an old farmhouse. It had no bathroom inside or out. Someone thoughtfully brought an outhouse to the charivari and set it up just outside the front door. Ladies gathered inside were chatting away when suddenly a loud BOOM shook the house. I wonder who on earth would have done that! At least he was familiar with dynamite and set it off in a field a safe distance away. This was unlike a couple of young guys from a different area of Shelby County who planted their dynamite in a tree near the dwelling and blew out all the basement windows on that side of the house.

Talking with several long-time friends about those long-ago times elicited various responses. One couple reported a short-sheeted bed and all four wheels being removed from their car. Other friends said the guests made plenty of noise but they brought sandwiches, cakes and bars for lunch. One lady even brought her 40-cup granite coffee pot so they could make egg coffee for the crowd. Years ago a friend told me about going to a charivari. There were few chairs in the house so people stood around by the wall or sat on the floor. Several adventurous souls went upstairs where they discovered a 50 lb. sack of flour. There was a round hole in the floor for the stovepipe that would be connected to a heater when fall weather came. Somebody got the bright idea to dump that entire sack of flour down through that hole. When the dust settled, the unlucky guy standing under the hole had been transformed into the Gold Medal flour equivalent of Lot's wife.

A recent emigrant from Sweden had joined our little country church. In his mid-thirties, he fit in very well with the local Danish community although he did have a lot of trouble with the nuances of the English language. It was not long before he began courting and soon married a lovely single lady of the congregation. Church members gathered one night for a charivari at their modest little bungalow. Adults found chairs in the kitchen and living room. We teenagers found ourselves in the bedroom where we tied underclothes and socks in knots and mixed them up in various dresser drawers. Cornflakes were scattered between the bedsheets. The bride kept a spotless house and their clothes were lined up like soldiers on hangars in the closet. Their pajamas hung on two pegs directly over the gleaming white chamber pot. Somehow those pajamas ended up stuffed into the sanitized interior of that vessel. A few days later as we arrived for the weekly church service the bridegroom was in the foyer discussing details of the charivari, laughing about the pranks. As he ended the story, in his broken English he added one more comment, "But they dinna find our piyamas!" Oh yes we did!!

There's nothing like a little tomato
soup to soothe the soul..
Even if it is a cold..
Over ice..
With a celery stalk..
With vodka..

YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:33) A few weeks ago we began considering what the scriptures call, "The Kingdom of God". I would like to pursue that idea today.

What is a kingdom? Several days ago Queen Elizabeth passed away after serving as the British monarch for 70 years. She will be succeeded by her son and he is to be crowned King Charles. So, today, we have right before our eyes the concept of a kingdom. Most scholars agree that a kingdom consists of 4 things: a king, land, laws and subjects; maybe that seems quite obvious, but let's look at these four from a biblical perspective.

In the New Testament we have the word 'King' used some 85 times. It is used to designate Herod the king, Matt. 2:1; King David, Matt. 1:6; Caesar, John 19:15, Pharaoh, Acts 7:10; etc. But the overwhelming majority of uses are in relation to our Savior Jesus the Messiah, for He is the King of kings. The first usage of this title is found in Matt. 2:2 where the Magi, looking for the baby born to Mary, asked, "Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews?"

Throughout His life references are made to His kingship and even as He faced death Pilate asked Him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered Pilate, "It is as you say." (Matt.27:11). We are told in the book of John that Pilate had a notice fastened to the cross with the words, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." (John 19:19)

In the Old Testament the word king appears over 2100 times!! Of course it is used for many kings of Israel and Judah and other foreign nations. But it is also used of Jesus hundreds of years before His birth – He is not called by that name but we can be sure it is Him.

The concept of a coming King is prevalent in the Psalms; as one example we read in Psalm 145, "I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever." The Psalms from 93 through 99 are called the Kingly Psalms because of their references to 'the Lord who reigns. In Isaiah 43:15 we read, "I am the LORD your Holy One, Israel's Creator, your King." And in the Minor Prophets we see Malachi 1:14 giving a quote from God, "I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations."

In the last book of the bible, Revelation 19, we have a most wonderful description of the coming King. We see heaven standing open with one who rides upon a white horse whose robe is dipped in blood; His name is 'the Word of God' and He rules with an iron scepter and "On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written, 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords.'" (Rev. 19:11-16)

The first item that defines a kingdom is before us; Jesus Christ is the King and He will rule over the Kingdom of God!! We shall look at the other items that make up a kingdom in our future articles.

IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

There are many things concerning global warming that we should be concerned with. One of those things is the speed that it is happening. This planet has warmed and cooled many times in the past eons. But those changes have taken centuries to develop. The increase in global temperatures caused by carbon pollution is happening over a few decades. The rapid pace of warming has negated much of the actions that has protected species in the past.

Every plant species has what we would call a sweet spot. This is where the plant has the amount of moisture, sun light, and nutrients that will allow it to develop to its full potential. But every plant does not always exist just in that sweet spot.

Some will be growing where it is not as moist as it would prefer. Or where it is a little too hot or too cold. Perhaps it prefers full sunlight, but some are growing where there is partial shade. Perhaps some of the nutrients it needs are not as readily available as in its sweet spot.

This has been the plant world's defense against the natural slow process of climate change. If it becomes too hot or too cold in their original favored habitat, then the edge that was too hot or too cold becomes the new sweet spot. And the other edge is abandoned. But this process takes many years to occur. With the speed that climate change is happening the plants do not have the time needed for their survival process to work.

Now there are many other problems with climate change that will be discussed, but this one is of major importance. If you consider how vital plant life is to every other creature on this planet you will agree.

We humans are all vegetarians. Some of us directly, and the rest of us by proxy. Everything we eat is either a plant, or something that survived by consuming plants. The survival of life on land or in the waters of this blue planet depends on plant life being able to survive.

Next article we will examine some of the other problems that climate change will bring. And we should never forget that we humans have our own sweet spot!

Bob Mortenson 8-12-2022



**WHEN:**

This Saturday & Sunday: 9/24 and 9/25 from 9-4

WHERE:

Alley behind 2015 Washington, Elk Horn
(alley between back of house and north side of school)

WHAT:

Coffee tables, drop-leaf table, entry table, coffee shop tables, book shelves, wall shelves, misc.

Several Christmas decorations:

Full-scale nutcrackers, large-scale snowman, several 18" nutcrackers, many misc decorations and many figurines

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Rolling Hills Community News is looking for human interest stories:

Baby announcements**Wedding announcements****Interesting stories about local individuals****Upcoming (or past) social events****Obituaries****Recognizing a community individual****Contact information on front page of the paper**

You know..

When you buy a bag of salad and it gets all brown and soggy..?



Cookies don't do that.. !!



I haven't gotten anything done today.
I've been in the Produce Department
trying to open this stupid plastic bag.

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

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER AT THE ELK HORN LIBRARY

September 2, 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 Afterschool Adventures Storytime PreK-2nd grade 3:30pm Mental Health Mondays 3-part series 6:30pm	27	28	29 Early Out "Passport to Denmark" 1:30-3:30 3rd grade & up Dungeons & Dragons 3:30-6:30 9-12 grade	30  PASSPORT TO DENMARK 	1
2	3 Afterschool Adventures Storytime 3:30pm PreK-2nd grade	4	5	6 Dungeons & Dragons 3:30-6:30 9-12 grade Wines & Spines at the Winery 7pm	7	8
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23	24 Afterschool Adventures Storytime 3:30pm PreK-2nd grade	25	26	27 Dungeons & Dragons 3:30-6:30 9-12 grade	28 NO SCHOOL	29 Scary Movie Night Stephen King's "IT" 8pm 8-12 grade

Photo taken by a proud father when his son is receiving a diploma from his teacher



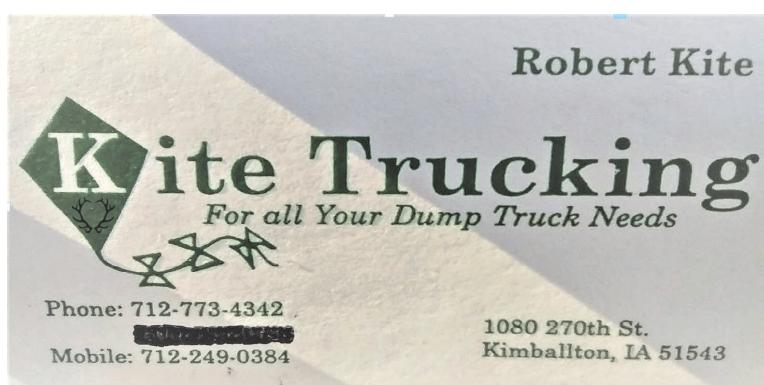
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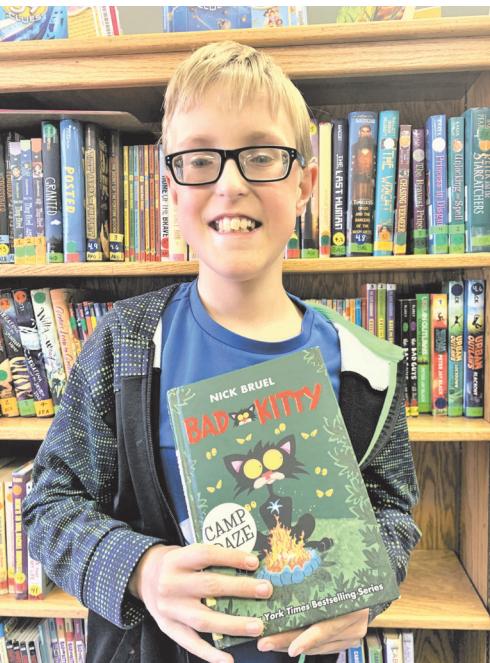
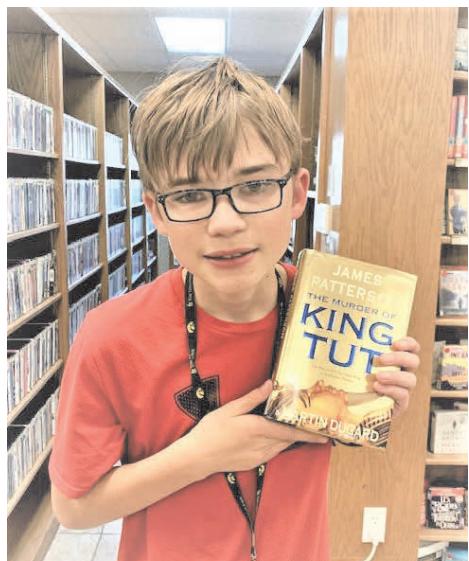
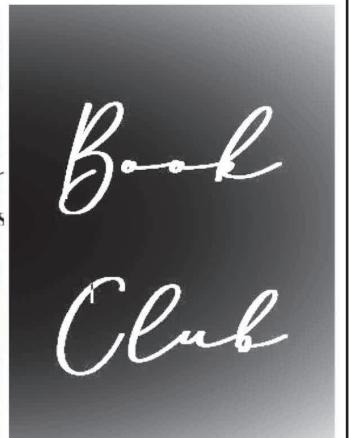
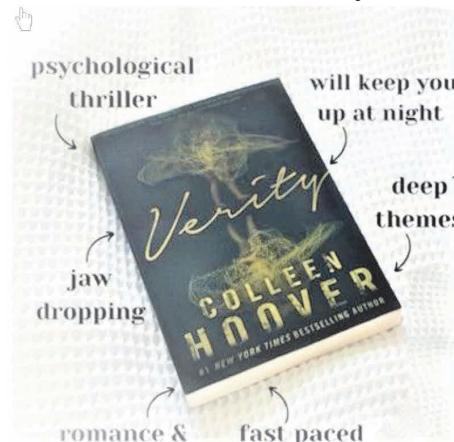


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Elk Horn Town Hall Events:

- Halloween Movie at 3PM (Sponsored by the Elk Horn Library)
 - Costume Contest at 4:30PM (Sponsored by DVIO)

Hot dogs/Chips/Drink from 4:30PM-5:00PM.**Kimballton – Monday October 31st - 5PM to 7PM**

- Pop & Popcorn Stand 5PM – 7PM (Kimballton City Park)

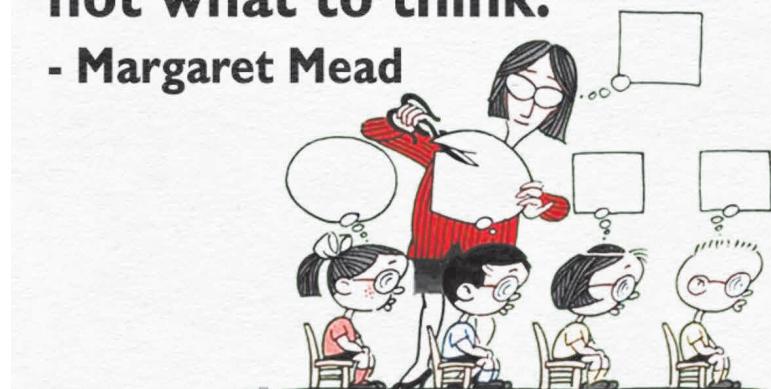
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Meet Mrs. Carrie Bauer, our Elementary School principal for the Exira-EHK Schools. This is Mrs. Bauer's second year with us after teaching for six years in Des Moines. A native of Audubon although her father and many family members graduated from Exira schools. She received her undergraduate degree from Central College in Pella, IA and her Master's in Education Leadership from Iowa State. Mrs. Bauer is married and has two children. She has taught kindergarten through 12th special education. Along with all her other accomplishments she has served on boards for Children's Nest, the Daycare Center in Audubon and the Iowa Chapter of Huntington's Disease Society of America. I asked her what her outlook for the future of the school and she said this "I want to create a place where every student feels safe and welcome and have a joy for learning."



Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.
- Margaret Mead



Exira-EHK Elementary school celebrated International **DOT Day** Sept. 15th by having the children in the school create a giant Dot. International Dot Day is a global celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration, and began when teacher Terry Shay introduced his classroom to Peter. H Reynolds' book *The Dot*.



Spartans VS Woodbine Tigers.
The final score was 41 -8 in EEHK's favor

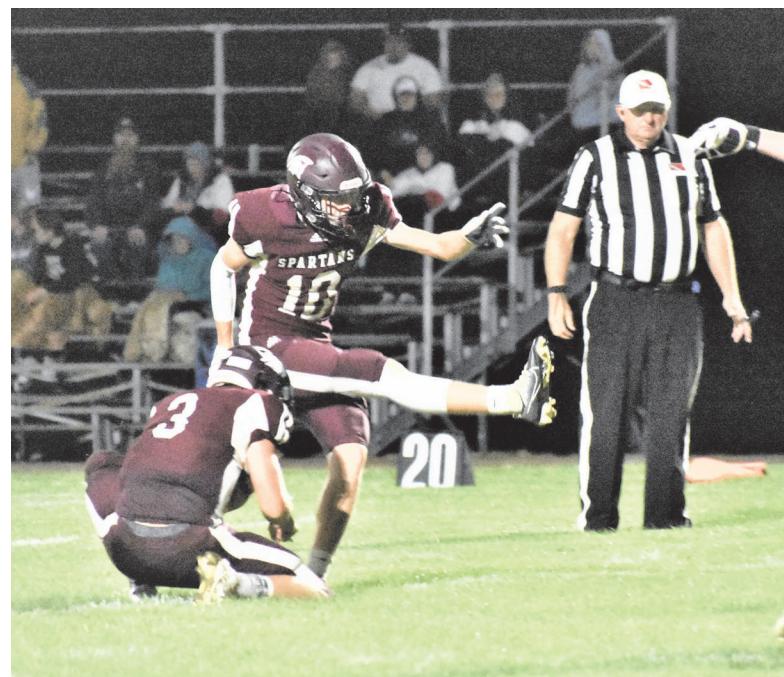


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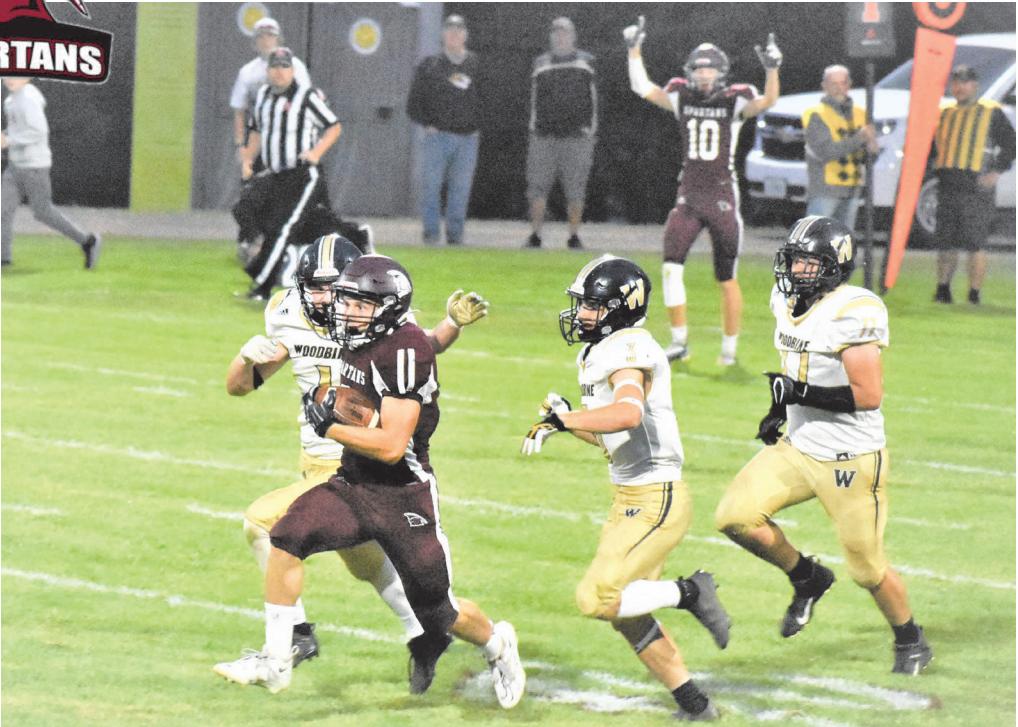
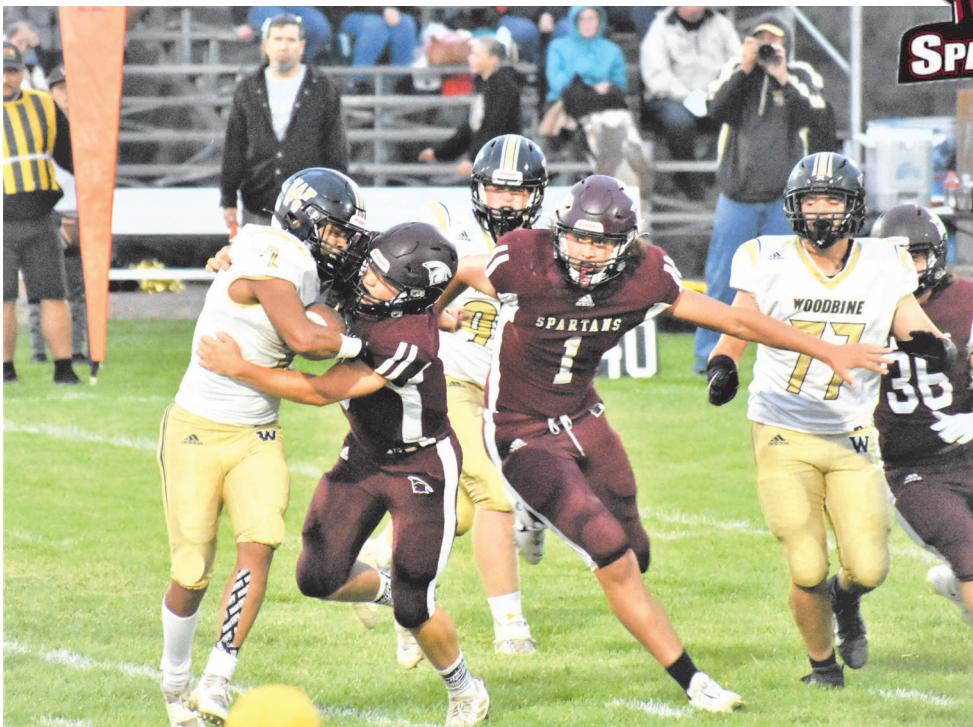
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Shaun continuation from pg 1

changes in the land to his own Dutch roots. Although raised Italian, family ties on his father's side go way back. The namesake Sayre harkens back to his Puritan ancestors who fled England for Massachusetts in the 1600s, eventually to settle down on Long Island where the colonists were arrested by the Dutch of New Amsterdam, some of whom also of Shaun's ancestry. And so although not Danish himself, Shaun comes with a familiar perspective and appreciation for heritage.

Shaun took his first official job at 16, pushing carts at the local grocery store. Once he turned 18, Shaun was thrust into the frozen department and quickly took over, not shying away from learning tasks well beyond his stock clerk job description. He continued to work the department through his first years of college, gaining invaluable retail experiences and skills.

Shaun's love for history from his youth quickly dictated his career path. He underwent his undergraduate studies at SUNY New Paltz, a local state school that allowed him to continue helping his family at home and work part-time at the store. Always in search of new experiences, he studied abroad in Cuzco, Peru in 2014, taking classes while volunteering at a local orphanage and a highland elementary school. Upon his return, Shaun began working part-time at The Home Depot to finish his undergraduate work. There he honed in on many of the skills he learned from his parents, who preferred to buy old houses and fix them up when as moved about the area. Just as before, Shaun took a keen interest in expanding his role, and quickly attached himself as assistant to the Flooring manager before running the department himself in a gap year before starting his graduate studies.

In 2016, Shaun began his Master's Program at the University of New Hampshire. Majoring in history, he would go on to write a Master's Thesis on Dutch immigration and the colonial gunpowder trade in the colony that would become New York. He graduated in 2018, and shortly thereafter visited Iowa for the first time. His girlfriend Sarah McDonald, another member of the school's excellent history program, had taken her first career job at the Shelby County Historical Museum where she continues to act as the Executive Director. Shaun visited Iowa several times after that, and even stopped at the windmill once, not knowing he would ever work there. A small wooden windmill sitting in the gift shop at the time inspired him to build his own, and it still stands five feet high, spinning in the wind, on his mother's property today.

Following the completion of his Master's program, Shaun enrolled in a doctoral program with Clark University in 2018, looking to get a Ph.D. in American history. Having completed his coursework and passed his qualifying exams with distinction, Shaun moved permanently to Harlan in 2021. He began substitute teaching at Harlan and Tri-Center while working on his dissertation which he hopes might one day

become a published history of steamboats and the nineteenth-century West.

When the position for manager of the Danish Windmill opened up, Shaun jumped on the opportunity. The job offered new challenges and presented an alluring opportunity to build on his intensive background in history education in addition to his experiences in retail and hands-on skills. The Danish Windmill fit nicely into his own deep interests in the histories of technology and migrations of people, and he enjoys sharing his enthusiasm on daily tours.

Never idle, Shaun hopes to carry on with the foundation Lisa Riggs has built while also taking the windmill in new directions. With the 50th anniversary of the windmill's arrival on the horizon, multiple exciting plans for the organization are already underway, including plans to have the mill operating regularly for educational demonstrations and workshops. Talks are already underway with a Danish firm eager to find the windmill a new set of millstones and help renovate the windmill so that it may run regularly once again. Shaun is excited for the things to come, and he hopes we are as well.

Another successful blood drive

The paper's goal is to recognize one of our local Military Veterans at least once a month. In this publication, Jo Block has contributed an article on Mike Gettler. If you have a veteran you would like to recognize, let us know. Although our "staff" is limited, we will make every effort to help you write the article.



I had the honor of meeting Mike Gettler, who is a Marine Corp. Veteran in his late 40's who was voted Veteran of the Month in July at the Salem Home. Mike was diagnosed with MS in 2015 and had an exacerbation in 2020 that put him in the home. He is waiting for some project completions in his Walnut home and finding it is difficult to get more aide assistance and Home Health Care so that he can go home. He has three children, one son just left for college!

I listened to Mike tell me some stories of his time in the service for at least one and a half hours and I didn't want to leave the poor man be! I threatened that I would be back to visit him again and much to his dismay I have kept that promise!

Mike was in the Marine Corp from 1992-1996. He started basic training in San Diego. He was transferred to Virginia for Security Force Training. This involved a lot of interesting details that you will have to get yourself when you go visit him. He has got to be tired of just seeing me! I sit and listen to his stories and lose all sense of time because he is such a good storyteller.

Within his first two years he was also stationed in a suburb of Charleston, So. Carolina to guard Navy nuclear fuel cells. I don't know what they are but I'm just glad that there are soldiers like Mike that guard those "buggers" from getting into the wrong hands! He also guarded subs and ships when they were doing fuel cell transfers.

He then went to the Marine Corps. Base Camp Lejeune, in Jacksonville, N.C. He was with the 3rd battalion, 6th Marines. He was stationed in the weapon company to be a Dragon anti-tank gunner. And, no he was not there during the "dirty, contaminated water" time, because of course I asked!

Mike then went back to California for desert warfare training for a month. He was then sent back to Camp Lajeune where he was assigned to the ship USS Austin, to go to Cuba for a month to maintain peace between the political refugees and the people threat Castro released, that included murderers, rapists, thieves etc. Until the Marines could sort out the good from the bad, they were all considered prisoners on the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base and had to be guarded.

Mike was then transferred to Okinawa for 6 months and to Mt. Fuji for cold weather training. He has a really good story about an adventure that he had there but, sorry Charlie you will have to get it from him in person because I wouldn't just spoil it!

Mike spent is last month at Camp Lajeune. I am so thankful that we have men like Mike willing to protect our Homeland! Thanks for your service, Mike and for sharing your stories with me.

P.S. Brace yourself Mike. I'll be back!

Jo Nell Steen Block



BADA-BING..BODA-BOOM

An old cat died and went to heaven. St. Peter met him at the pearly gates with words of welcome. "What," he asked, "can we do to make your life perfect?" The cat answered, "During my time on earth I always slept on cold, damp ground." St. Peter quickly gave him the warmest, fuzziest blanket imaginable.

Some time later six mice died and went to heaven. Once again, St. Peter was at the pearly gates with words of welcome. As before, he asked the mice what they needed to make life perfect. They all commented that while on earth they always had cold, wet feet. St. Peter immediately gave each mouse roller skates. He watched as they delightedly skated away.

After some time had passed, St. Peter met the cat walking down a golden street. He inquired how life in heaven was for him. The cat profusely thanked St. Peter once again for the lovely blanket. He was most appreciative, though, for the meals on wheels that had been provided for him.



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.

Open Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 and one Saturday per month. In September this will be the 24th and in October it will be the 15th.

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



OLD IS WHEN....An all-nighter means not getting up to go to the bathroom.



Duane Christofferson

1361 Little Field Dr, Elk Horn (712)249-1582

OLD IS WHEN,,, You don't care where your spouse goes as long as you don't have to go along.



Thank you

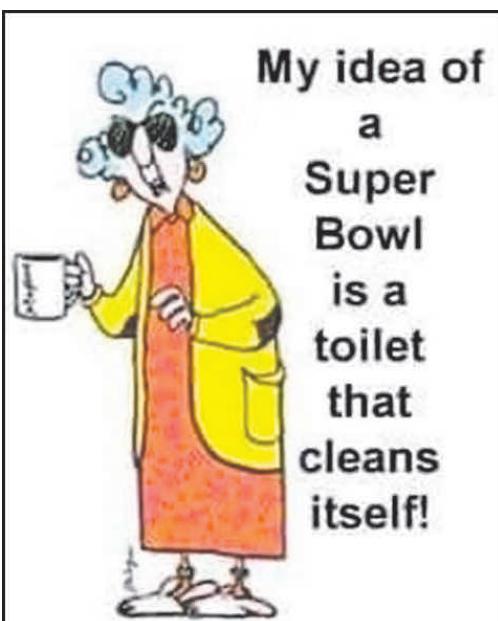
Thank you to everyone who sent cards for my 90th birthday. Thanks also to my family for the party in Omaha.
Martin Nelson

The Rye Bread Lady Says....

Fresh Ryebread available at the Egg Krate. Made with stone ground rye from the Danish windmill. Delivered on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Always fresh. Never frozen. Italian bread Delivered fresh on Saturdays.



Pre-ordered frosted cinnamon/raisin rolls and caramel pecan rolls also available. Special orders are always welcome. Please call ahead to 712-304-3606.



EXIRA'S Fall Festival

Huge Craft & Vendor Fair * Chicken Salad Lunch * Food Vendors * Decadent Desserts * Coffee * Quilt Show * Pie Baking Contest * Scarecrow Contest * Pumpkin Decorating * Car Show * Kid's Activities * Entertainment

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH 9AM-3PM

Gold Sponsors: Riesgaard Farm Supply * Asberry Trucking * Viking Construction * Farm Bureau Financial Services, Clayton Dorsey * Heritage Insurance & Real Estate * Spartan Insurance * Jensen Collision Center * Exira Plumbing & Heating * Rasmussen Farms * Exchange State Bank * Marne Elk Horn Telephone Company

Richard (Dick) Fredrick Switzer
Nov 25, 1939 to Sept 16, 2022



Richard (Dick) Frederick Switzer, 82, of Sioux Center, IA, entered his heavenly home on September 16, 2022. Dick was born to Frederick and Edna (Bode) Switzer on November 25, 1939 in Atlantic, IA. His childhood was spent in rural Cass County, Iowa where he attended Atlantic Community Schools. Dick went on to serve in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Wichita Falls, TX.

Dick married Sonja (Jacobsen) Switzer on February 23, 1973 in Red Oak, IA. Following their marriage, they resided in Malvern, IA before moving to the Omaha NE area where they lived until relocating to Sioux Center, IA in July 2021. Dick spent many years working in grain commodity sales. In 1985, Dick founded Switzer Trading Company which he continued to operate until his retirement in December 2021.

Dick was a long-time member of Gideon International, serving in Omaha and Orange City. He was devoted to church and family activities and enjoyed sports of all kinds.

He is survived by his wife, Sonja. Daughters: Kim (Phil) Herr of Syracuse, IN, Keri (Kirk) Pape of Marquette, IA. Five grandchildren: Haley (Eric) Brown and Maclain Herr of Syracuse, IN; Josh (Britlyn) Franzen, Fayette, IA, Jordan Franzen, Cedar Falls, IA, and Jerod (Madison) Franzen, Eldorado, IA. Six great-grandchildren: Goldie and Drew Brown; Kelby, Braylee, Avery, and Liam Franzen. In-laws: Roger and Mary Klopp, and Janet Hoegh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Edna Switzer, sister and brother-in-law Marilyn and Gene Hockom. Also, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Warren and Gudrun Jacobsen, Emery and Isabel Hoegh, and Leon Hoegh.

Other survivors are special friends Snigdha Peddireddy and Virinchi Peddireddy of Hyderabad, India, and many other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hull, IA at 10:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to Gideon International, Samaritan's Purse, or St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Interment will be held at Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery with Color Guard in Elk Horn, IA on Friday, September 30, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. with a coffee and bars/cookies following it.



**ELK HORN
FIRE AND RESCUE
Fire Prevention**



**Week
FUNDRAISER
Saturday, October 15th
11:00 am to 4:00 pm**

WHERE: IN THE ELK HORN CITY PARK

**FREE WILL DONATION!
DONATIONS WILL BE USED FOR EQUIPMENT UPDATES
Serving hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and beans
from 11am-2pm. Bottled water to drink
FREE DELIVERY IN ELK HORN OR KIMBALLTON**

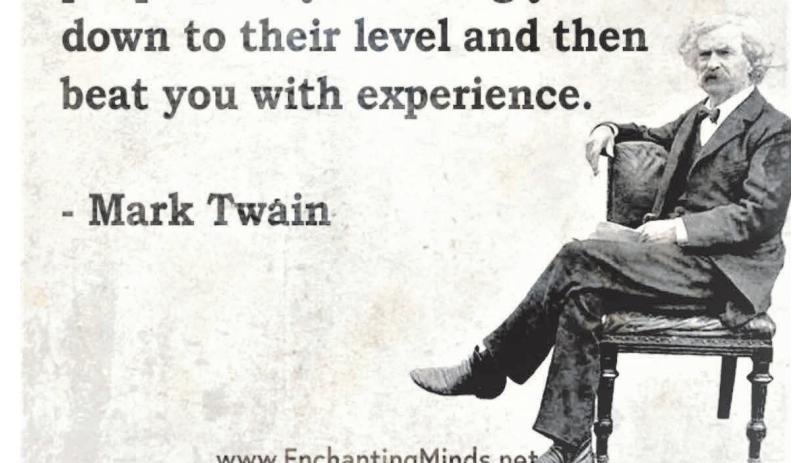
**JAWS OF LIFE DEMONSTRATIONS!
12PM AND 3PM**



**PHOTO BOOTH!! LIFENET LANDING IN THE PARK @1PM
(BUNKER GEAR PROVIDED) BOUNCY HOUSE!
11AM-4PM**

Never argue with stupid people. They will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience.

- Mark Twain



**Immanuel Lutheran's
ANNUAL
BREAKFAST**

Sunday, September 25th

**Serving 9:00am to 12:00 noon
in the Fellowship Hall**

Enjoy egg bake, pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy, rolls & muffins, fruit & yogurt, and beverages.



→ **Free-Will Offering** ←

JOIN US & bring a friend!



**BAKE SALE sponsored by
Sunday School Kids**



Getting a new roof

You probably can not recognize the owls inside the red circles. The church put these decoy owls in the nearby trees..

WHY???

Ask Larry Fajen

We believe Larry Fajen climbed these trees and set them...??
In fact:
Isn't that Larry on the roof ...?

<u>September 25th:</u>	9:00am - 12:00 Noon ANNUAL BREAKFAST @ Immanuel <i>NO Sunday School</i>
<u>October 2nd:</u>	9:00am Worship @ Bethany w/communion 10:15am Sunday School @ Immanuel
<u>October 9th:</u>	9:00am Worship @ Immanuel w/communion 10:15am Sunday School @ Immanuel 400-5:00pm Confirmation @ Immanuel
<u>October 16th:</u>	9:00am Worship @ Bethany 10:15am Sunday School @ Immanuel 400-5:00pm Confirmation @ Immanuel
<u>October 23rd:</u>	9:00am Worship @ Immanuel 10:15am Sunday School @ Immanuel 400-5:00pm Confirmation @ Immanuel
<u>October 30th:</u>	9:00am Worship @ Bethany 10:15am Sunday School @ Immanuel 400-5:00pm Confirmation @ Immanuel

Owls will attack eggs/nestlings of Hawks, Eagles, Osprey, anything else in the dead of night while the parents are sleeping. Owls like to knock sleeping adult Hawks/Eagles/etc off of their perches at night too, while they are sleeping — leaving them stunned and confused and unable to fight back.

