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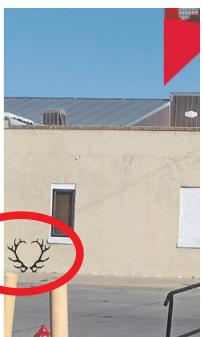
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These Elk horns are hiding somewhere in this publication. It may be small, large, a different color ...

American Legion Post 322 is celebrating the paper's one year birthday. The circulation has grown from 150 to 600 papers twice a month. Since we had absolutely NO journalistic experience, the paper has been a learning experience. We thank the community for supporting us during our learning curve. Stick with us as we are at the early stages of that learning curve.

We are VERY thankful for the business advertising, which covers the cost of the paper. Please take a moment to thank them for providing this subscription-free paper. We are also indebted to our regular contributors. Without them the paper could not succeed.

THANK YOU for your loyal support and encouraging comments throughout the year.

Lanny Olson
Commander
Post 322



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 • 121 W. Washington ...**PRICE REDUCED \$49,900**
 • 515 Westside Dr.**ACCEPTED OFFER**
 • Viking Addition Lots**4 LOTS REMAIN**
- ELK HORN**
 • 4209 Madison St.....**NEW - SALE PENDING**
 • 4244 Union St.....**SALE PENDING**
 • 1999 Washington St.**PRICE REDUCED - \$85,000**
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I choked on a carrot this afternoon and all I could think was..
 "I bet a donut wouldn't have done this to me"

I hate when I'm waiting for my Mom to make dinner...
 And then I realize that I AM THE MOM !

PLEASE Be thoughtful of your neighbors

Several complaints have been brought to the City Council regarding barking and loose dogs in town.

Per Ordinance 4-1-5 ANIMAL NUISANCES (Refer to minutes of October 3rd City Council meeting pg 14 of this paper.) The city will be notifying the violating dog owners,



When I say "The other day.." I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago

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Elk Horn - Sunday October 30th - 5PM to 7PM

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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Scratches From The Rusty Quill

By Wava Petersen

October 27, 2022

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Recently I had a call from Martin Nelson expressing his appreciation for the Rolling Hills newspaper and a suggestion that the Rusty Quill pen an article about legendary Elk Horn veterinarian, Doc Jorgensen. Every small town has a few "town characters" and "Jimmy Doc" will always be remembered by old-timers like me as one of those characters. During my childhood, kids could usually be found strolling up and down Main Street with a friend on summer Saturday nights. As we slowly paraded up lower Main Street, Doc would suddenly come up behind us, wedge his bulky self between us with an arm on each one's shoulder and escort us as far as his office. As he turned to enter the door you always found yourself with a nickel or dime in your hand or pocket. And that was big money to a kid in those days. I was told that at least once he gave a dollar to every child living in Elim Children's Home. What an amazing gift!

James P. Jorgensen, DVM, practiced veterinary medicine in the Elk Horn community for 54 years following his graduation from Iowa State College in 1906. In June, 1956 he received a gold pin from the college honoring his many years of service. In 1935, Dr. Jorgensen opened a sale barn at his place in the north part of Elk Horn on Main Street. Sales were held every Friday afternoon. In the forties Doc and his wife moved to a house in town. His office was located on lower Main Street.

Doc Jorgensen's speed in responding to professional calls is legendary. By the time a worried farmer had hung up the telephone receiver, plopped his sweat-stained straw hat on his head and started out the back door, Doc would be flying over the hill and into the driveway. Martin Nelsen recalled his arrival as a cloud of dust that nearly obliterated the car as it squealed into the yard, sending the resident chickens flying in all directions. Martin's dad would holler back to Mrs. Nelson that she'd better plan on fried chicken for dinner. One such trip nearly ended in disaster when Doc flew over a hill a few miles west of Elk Horn to the sight of a crew of men working on the bridge just below. Doc opted for the ditch and the car sailed through the air, landing in Indian Creek. Shaken and fearing the worst, the bridge workers scrambled down the embankment to the rescue, but the invincible veterinarian, virtually unscathed, was out of the car calmly trying to salvage his medicine bottles from the water in the creek.

I'd like to know if Doc's car survived that wild ride. If someone remembers, give me a call and the Quill will let the rest of the world know.

Hurricane Ian gave my family some stress filled days concerning my grandchildren residing in Florida. Sheridan and husband Chad live on the third-floor of an apartment complex in Sarasota, about 15 minutes from the gulf coast. They decided to stay put even though they were forecasted to be in the direct path when Ian landed. As it turned out they made a wise decision as the worst of the storm hit about 60 miles south. Had the kids moved inland it would probably have been to Longwood on the north edge of Orlando where the family home is. Danielle lives

there in the main house; Michael and their dad live in smaller dwellings on the same property. They were without electricity for 24 hours or so, had some roof leaks and tree limbs and trash all over. Their only palm tree suffered a fatal blow. They had no flooding but numerous streets flooded in low areas. The noise from the storm was terrific with limbs, etc. banging against the house all night. Danielle eventually groped her way through the dark to take refuge with the girl who rents a part of the house and they sat out the rest of the night together. It was as they say, "a dark and stormy night."

Chad and Sheridan never lost power and the building apparently stayed intact although she said it was pretty scary. A portion of a drain spout kept banging in the wind and Taz the cat was terrified. Her Royal Catness took shelter in the carpet tunnel in her kitty tower. Though traumatized, Taz recovered her composure but her eyes may take a little longer to get back to normal size. Sheridan, an actuarial analyst for a company that insures houses and various commercial buildings is well aware of the work load facing her in the coming weeks.

We are so thankful that our family members are all safe, but our hearts go out to those who didn't fare so well.



Very few people know that the teeny, tiny pocket above your regular jean pocket is for your paycheck after taxes



Duane Christofferson

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Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

I can't believe I forgot to go to the gym today.
That's 7 years in a row now

YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

In consideration of the four ingredients for a kingdom, the next item on our list should be "law". But I just reread the previous article and noticed the final quote, "But the man who makes Me his refuge will inherit the land and possess My Holy Mountain." (Is. 57:13) My mind immediately went to the fourth item on our list, "subjects".

GOOD NEWS!

Yes, a King must have subjects to rule over. How then shall we consider this topic? Who are the subjects? We have but to look at the above quote and we have a good idea of the answer. The one who makes God his refuge shall possess the mountain of the LORD! And not only that, but this one will inherit the land.

The topic of God's Holy Mountain is a theme that runs through the book of Isaiah ... we also find it given to us from the pen of Israel's greatest king, David. In the history of Israel, we find many types and patterns of things to come. King David is a type of the future coming King, Jesus Christ – of whom we have already spoken, two articles ago.

We also see a type or pattern for us in Psalm 15, "LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy Mount?" In this Psalm David poses the question of 'who' and then lists the requirements for being a subject of the King – the true and future King. It is a short Psalm and I will include it in its entirety; verse 2-5, "He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken."

Wow, that is quite a list. Who among us has a blameless walk and does what is righteous? NO ONE!! So how can we ever become the subjects of our God and King? Well, that is what the true good news of these articles is all about. Jesus Christ, the one who has become King of kings and Lord of lords has given His life for us. It was He that shed His blood to cover our sins. It was He that came down to earth to present Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. And so because of what He did – it is by the grace of God that redemption and righteousness has come to us through Christ Jesus.

I am reminded of the words of a song that is very dear to me, "Amazing love, how can it be, that you my King would die for me. Amazing love, I know it's true, and it's my joy to honor You." (Written by Billy Foote and sung by Guy Penrod)

Is there any other king that would die for his subjects? I know not one! Is there any other king that has the power to give eternal life to his subjects? The question is absurd!

David has much more to say on this subject and so does the Apostle Paul. Perhaps we should look deeper into this part of God's Kingdom for it is really the part that includes all of us. Until next time – reflect upon the "good news" of Jesus Christ.

Bill Rollins 10-3-2022

The squirrels must be expecting a cold winter..
They're gathering more nuts than usual..
Yesterday my sister disappeared.

IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

Last article we talked about how the farmer must receive compensation when he does something that may not directly benefit him. A good example of this happening is wind turbines.

A wind turbine and its required access road takes up about one acre of ground. The farmer does not have to till this ground. Or buy fertilizer for this ground. He or she does not have to purchase seed for this ground. Or spend time and fuel to plant this one acre. Neither does the farmer have to arrange for spraying herbicides or pesticides for this acre. And there is no worry about temperature days or rainfall amounts for this small piece of ground.

Now there may be some time and effort to work around this one acre as the remainder of the field is cropped. But beyond that, there is the need to take the annual check to the bank. Or if you really feel the need for this to be hands free, direct deposit can be arranged.

There has been in some areas pushback against having the turbines placed where they will produce the most power. Some have been saying they should not be allowed on the most productive land. But we need to understand that their placement needs to follow certain facts concerning their needs.

Wind turbines to perform need what is called "clean" air. If you notice the vanes of a turbine are positioned to interact with the wind before the wind reaches the turbine's tower. This reduces the amount of turbulence in the air flow. Another important consideration is they need the air flow at close to a forty-five-degree angle to the vanes. If there is a significant upward or downward aspect of the air flow, it causes additional load on the turbine's bearings. This can lead to premature failure of the turbine. And this is why the turbines are spaced a certain distance apart from each other.

In other words, the farmer would not plant a crop on ground that simply not suitable for it to grow. The power company isn't going to place a wind turbine where it will not perform as intended.

The existing safety considerations have been developed from actual previous installations of the turbines. And all installation are developed following the parameters set for them. Some people are concerned about the "slow strobe" effect from the shadow cast by the turning blades. It is much like experiencing the pattern of light and shadow you experience when you take a break in the shade of a tree. The wind moving through the leaves creates intermittent shadows and light. This is something we are all accustomed to experiencing. Our agricultural activities can exist with the development of clean energy installations. Agriculture is dependent on our climate conditions. It is in the best interest of agriculture to work hand in hand with science to combat climate change.

Bob Mortenson 19-08-2922

Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid..
Albert Einstein

I want to thank the community of Elk Horn and Kimballton, it was amazing the turnout we had for the fundraiser on Saturday. The fire department and rescue are both very grateful. We all had a great time and hope to do it again in the near future.

Adam McCall
President, Elk Horn Fire Department



Outlook Study Club visits “Kids in the Village”

Director Nikki Bricker of the new daycare center “Kids in the Village” accepted a check from Outlook Study Club after giving the club a tour and information about the center. What a GREAT program.



Left to right
Joni Griffin, Laura Thraen, Nikki Bricker, Barb Smith



Living in America: Observing Some Uniquely American Habits

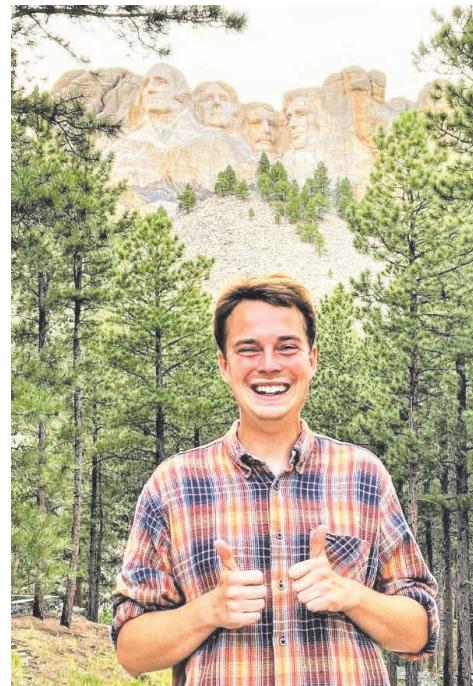
By Anders Tornøe Jørgensen

Having lived in Elk Horn, Iowa, for about four months have given me some interesting insights into American, and especially Midwestern, culture, which I have decided to reflect about in this post. With that being said, I always feel that it's hard to say something in general about Americans characteristics and habits because this nation is so diverse in every way. Whether it's culture, tradition, nature, laws, and history, the states of the United States are as different as Spain and Denmark or France and Poland just to mention a few countries of the European Union. The United States is like 50 countries in one with different regions, and even within states, there usually is a great difference between rural and urban areas. However, I hope this'll be a fun exercise, sharing a few observations about American culture. So, let's start with the first observation.

The United States is a ranch nation! And I understand why. This powerful combination of mayonnaise, sour cream, buttermilk, salt, black pepper, garlic, onion, chives, parsley, and dill have created the tastiest dressing in mankind's history. Since 1992 ranch has been the best-selling salad dressing in the United States, and according to a study, 40% of Americans name ranch as their favorite dressing. It was invented in the early 1950s by a plumbing contractor from Nebraska, who after having a lot of success working in Alaska could retire at the age of 35. While in Alaska, he came up with a dressing to keep his hungry crew happy. Anyway, he became restless in his retirement and ended up creating this work of wonders at his Californian ranch. His ranch was renamed Hidden Valley Ranch, and later, other companies began to introduce a similar dressing.

I've been hooked since the first time I was introduced to ranch dressing, which happened at a Walmart, where there was a dozen of different ranch dressings. This captures another uniquely American practice: Everything has to come in a billion different varieties and no place is it clearer than at the gigantic Walmart stores, where you can buy pretty much anything imaginable. The closest thing to a Walmart in Denmark would be Bilka. Yet, it would only be considered a little brother. While I appreciate the freedom to choose, it also feels a bit overwhelming something and makes it so hard to decide what to choose. When I had my family over on a visit, I actually showed them a Walmart, because, for better or worse, it says something about contemporary America's consumer culture. I see how convenient Walmart is, but I also think that the big chains have changed the fabric of small-town America fundamentally. Also, when doing grocery shopping, I have noticed that sales tax is not included on price tags, which is a bit manipulative.

Besides optimism and big dreams, what I always have liked about Americans, and what makes me keep coming back, is the friendliness and helpfulness. It's especially strong in the Midwestern region – and a trait that Midwesterners is quite proud off. Recently, the intern car's exhaust system was so rusted that it



literally fell off during a drive. Luckily, I was in Elk Horn, and quickly a couple came out and helped me tie it back up and find a mechanic. This example just illustrates the friendliness of Americans. In general, I often find that Americans are more approachable, curious, and helpful than many Danes. If you look confused in the United States, people will usually ask you if you need help. Also, Americans are very curious. When they hear my strong accent, they usually wonder how and why I ended up in the American Midwest. I assume, that this curiosity has something to do with America being a very heterogeneous nation with a lot of diversity, where people come from so many different walks of life. In a homogenous society, like Denmark, people have a feeling of a very shared identity, as many share the same backgrounds and traditions.

Food culture is also very different in the United States. Of course, each American region offers unique cuisines, but still, there is some national patterns. Even in small American towns, you're always likely to find a pizza, Chinese, or Mexican food. Food has always been an adventure whenever I am in the United States, as Americans are good at combining the best of both worlds, such as with surf 'n' turf, chicken 'n' waffle, or a s'more dessert pizza and in general just adding a lot of cheese. You'll also always find free water – Denmark sure could learn something there – and refills of soda (or 'pop' as we say around here.) Also, many Americans have a very strange obsession of filling their drinks up with ice, which I don't really get, as there ends up being more ice than liquid in the glass. I really like the doggy bag concept, which has gained acceptance in Denmark within recent years. It's good in the fight against food waste, and usually American portions are pretty generous, so it's nice to save some leftovers for the next day. Not that I really use it, because I am pretty much an unstoppable human trashcan whenever I eat. In some European countries it would be considered a bit embarrassing to ask for a doggy bag, while over here there's no such shame attached to a doggy bag.

Speaking of food culture, it's interesting to notice how many breakfast restaurants the United States has. Some places, usually diners, open as early as 6 AM and closes after lunch time. The abundance of fast food chains also fascinates me, including A&W Restaurants, who sell a top-notch root beer float. Furthermore, in the U.S., you have a lot of regional chains like In-N-Out Burger of California, Whataburger of Texas, and my all-time favorite, Culver's of the Midwest. And most importantly, tipping! Waiters over here do not make enough money to live solely on their paycheck, so if you don't leave a tip in the United States, you are considered a bad-mannered. Back home, leaving a tip, would probably be a little too flashy due to the Danish Law of Jante.

Another interesting thing is the car culture of the United States, especially in rural areas, which is what defines most of Iowa. Most Americans take their car anywhere they go, and public transportation is usually only available in urban areas. Many of my colleagues seem to be surprised over the fact that I walk 15 minutes to the museum every morning and back every afternoon. In the beginning of my internship, many often asked me if I needed a ride home, which was a very friendly gesture, but I actually just wanted to get some fresh air and a bit of exercise. Another note on American car culture is how Americans perceives distance. With the United States being a pretty big country, the attitude toward distances is very different. In Denmark, a two-hour drive would be considered a long drive. Iowa has roughly half of the Danish population, but within an area that is three times as large as Denmark

Also, driving around over here, has made me realize that Americans are allowed to turn right on a red light, which was quite strange to me in the beginning (and still is.) Furthermore, the grid system and the practice of attributing numbers to the streets (1st Avenue or 26th Street) instead of names, is typically American, and its usually way more logic.

Besides a difference perspective on distance, the American perception of time is another interesting topic. The United States is a young nation, especially when compared to many European countries. To illustrate this, think about how a 100-year old house old would be considered old by Americans, but relatively new for many Europeans. When Danes think about 'the past,' they may think about the Vikings or distant monarchs of the past, whereas many Americans usually think about the Founding Fathers or the Civil War, which for many historians, is considered pretty modern. Of course, American history goes way back before the Founding Fathers with Native Americans.

What the Americans may lack in ancient churches is made up by the abundance of "world's largest" roadside attractions such as Albert the Bull in nearby Audubon, Iowa, or when I met the world's largest buffalo up in Jamestown, North Dakota. Currently at least 195 U.S. roadside attractions consider themselves the "world's largest." The funniest "world's largest" experience I had was Iowa 80, the world's largest truck stop, located along Interstate 80 off exit 284 in Walcott, Iowa. This place also had a museum about trucking, which was quite interesting. In general, I have seen a lot of unique U.S. museums – sky's the limit over here, and that's why you have museums like the SPAM Museum, the National Mustard Museum and the John Wayne Museum.

Sports in the United States is something I truly recommend trying. Within the recent month I have both been to my first baseball and American football game (go Iowa Cyclones!), which is two sports that really defines the United States, and when we sang the national anthem I truly felt a sense of belonging. The rules still confuse me a bit, but I'm more of a show person, I enjoy the impressive performances by the marching band, the cheerleaders and the mascot – what a coordination and dedication it is to witness. It is often said that that everything is bigger in the United States, and the stadiums over here are really big even if it's a college or a professional sports team. And then there's the concept of tailgating, where temporary tent cities pop up in stadium parking and sports fans grills, drinks, and enjoys life. Anyway, I still need to go to a basketball game, and perhaps, an ice hockey game.

I'll end this post with some basic differences, yet they're important for daily life. In the U.S., the standard date format is month-day-year whilst across Europe, it is written date-month-year. Furthermore, the U.S. uses the imperial system for measuring weight and distance (feet, miles, and pounds) whereas Europe have the metric system (meters, kilometers, and kilos). All of these have led to a lot of confusion for me over the years, and the Fahrenheit is still pretty strange to me.

There is so many observations to make about American culture. Patriotism, bumper stickers, prescription drug commercials, Midwestern goodbyes, fascination of the British royal family, partying with red solo cups, donuts, country music, pies – the list could go on forever. But now it's time to enjoy a favorite uniquely American meal of mine: The all-American classic combination of peanut butter and jelly, the PB&J.
Have a good one!



Anders' favorite American sandwich



Anders with brother and their mother having their Aebelskiver at Juelsgaard's B&B



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Where:
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WHEN:
Sunday morning, November 6th
9:30 AM

WHAT:
Special Music
Jerry Schrader will be the speaker



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

All Veterans in the Exira, Elk Horn, Kimballton and Brayton communities, you are invited to attend our **Veterans Day Assembly on Nov 11, 2022 at 2:00pm in the Exira-EHK High School gym** in Elk Horn, IA. Thank you for your service

Veterans Day Assembly

EXIRA-EHK GYM | NOVEMBER 11TH | 2 O'CLOCK PM



ROTARY SALUTE TO VETERANS

The Atlantic Rotary Club invites all those who have served in the military to their annual Military Appreciation Lunch at the **Cass County Community Center** (805 W 10th St, Atlantic)

Friday, November 11, 2022 @ 11:45 to 1:00 PM

Nick Turner, Marine Corp retiree (now with the Air National Guard in Des Moines) will be speaking

Please RSVP by November 8th to Dolly Bergmann at 712-249-9275

We look forward to honoring those who have served our country!

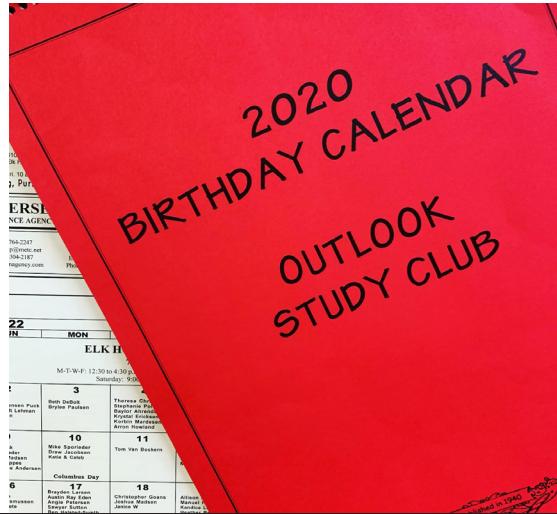


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We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.. Albert Einstein

The Outlook Study Club founded the Elk Horn Public Library in 1940 and continues to support the library as well as other community projects with proceeds from their annual Birthday Calendar. Order the new 2023 calendar for \$10 and/or just have names added for .25 cents each by contacting the library or Mary Ann Anderson by November 10th.



NEW BOOKSHELVES AT THE LIBRARY

Gene Thomsen, owner of the Old Danish Workshop, generously donated materials and his time to build the library fun bookshelves around our entryway column! Thank you, Gene! They are perfect!

PLANETARIUM AND STAR GAZING

Many thanks to Eva and Erik Andersen who were in town from New York for the Museum of Danish America's board meeting and graciously shared their astronomy passion and knowledge with planetarium and star gazing events for all ages. The kids (and even adults!) designed and punched their own constellations inside the planetarium to view! Eva Andersen is the Vice President of the Westchester Amateur Astronomy Club in New York.



A huge thank you to James Uren the Kringle Man for another awesome early out library program with Thursday's Passport to Denmark last week! All the kids enjoyed making their own kringle to take home and share!



We thank Julia Jessen, Registrar at the Museum of Danish America, for our own private tour of Bedstemor's House!

After returning to the library, we put together and delivered gift baskets and cards to all the grandmothers at the Salem Lutheran Home.

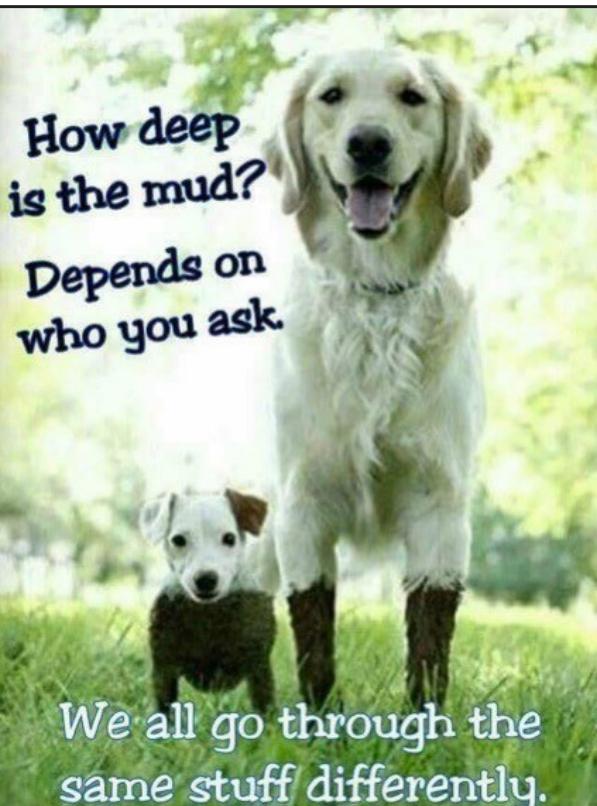
AFTERSCHOOL ADVENTURES WITH MIKE HOWARD

The kids were so engaged in listening to Mike Howard talk about being a paratrooper, and how he jumped out of an airplane. Thank you, Mike! They also studied parts of a plane, built paper airplanes, ate airplane themed snacks, and read about Michel Lotito who ate a plane and was in the Guinness Book of World Records.



I grew up living paycheck to paycheck..
But, through hard work and perseverance, I now live direct deposit to direct deposit..

I wanna be 14 again and ruin my life differently.
I have new ideas



Been shortages everywhere and late shipments. Walmart just got a shipment from 1973.



UPCOMING SOURDOUGH WORKSHOP

WITH KEN JORDEN

Thursday, November 3rd at 6pm. Local sourdough baking enthusiast, Ken Jordan, will be back to give us another introduction along with his tips and techniques to the process of making and baking sourdough bread including samples of his finished product.



Nothing spoils a good story like the arrival of an eyewitness.
- Mark Twain

You think you know stress?
When I grew up, if you missed a TV show you just missed it . FOREVER !

Thomas "Tom" Potts

February 06, 1950 - October 18, 2022

Thomas Potts, 72, of Elk Horn, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, on the family farm near Elk Horn.

Funeral Service for Thomas Potts was held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 4:00 PM at Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Elk Horn, Iowa.

Reverend Bill Rollins Officiated, Nancy Watson was Pianist and Libbie Bintner sang "Borning Cry". Recorded Selections were "What A Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong and "I Feel Good" by James Brown.

Thomas Walter, son of Kenneth and Naomi "Joanne" (Lykke) Potts, was born February 6, 1950, in Harlan, Iowa. He grew up on the farm west of Elk Horn and graduated with the Elk Horn-Kimballton High School class of 1968. He continued his education at Boone Junior College for two years. Tom then worked in bridge construction as a crane and heavy equipment operator for several years. Tom liked to hitchhike, and during this time in his life, he traveled between Elk Horn and Maine numerous times. In 1976, Tom settled back on the family farm and established a carpentry business. He took time to slow down, but still remained active in the business.

In 1979, Tom was united in marriage with Sheila Johnson and they made their home at Elk Horn. After four years, they were divorced but continued to remain friends.

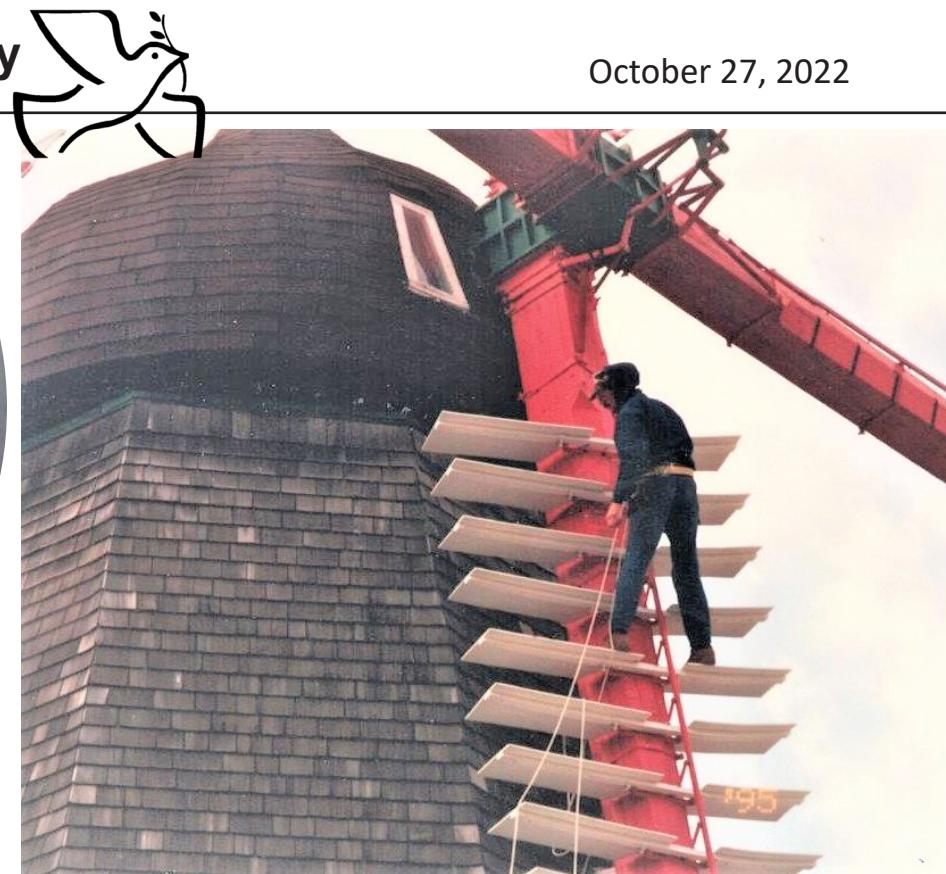
For many years, Tom was an active member of Elk Horn Lutheran Church and Luther League. He played taps on trumpet for numerous funerals, and also sang at many weddings and funerals. He liked to "freestyle," making up songs as he went. He connected with everyone and would reacquaint with people wherever he went. Tom loved his family and grandkids. Above all, he enjoyed making people smile and laugh.

Tom had a lifelong heart condition and in the last couple of months his health deteriorated. On Tuesday, October 18, 2022, Tom passed away peacefully on the Potts family farm. He was 72 years, 8 months and 12 days of age.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Ken and Joanne Potts. He is survived by his son Nate Potts and wife Carri of Elk Horn; three grandchildren: Trey Sander, Aiden Potts and Anna Potts; three siblings: Karen and husband Mark Tompkins of Ames; Gloria and husband Bruce Ahrendsen of Panora; and Tim Potts and wife Tracey of Shelby; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bill Rollins dedicates these words from a Billy Sprague song titled "This Life":

"See everyone through heaven's eyes,
every heart has a load to bear on the way to
where our cares melt into the weight of glory"

**"Here's the Deal"**

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

— Mark Twain

If only our eyes saw souls instead of bodies..
How different our ideals of beauty would be.

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

... Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "Wow! What a Ride!"



Phyllis Elaine Hoffman

March 27, 1947 to October 9, 2022

Phyllis Elaine Hoffman, the daughter of Herman and Margaret (Porsch) Schmidt, was born March 27, 1947, in Carroll, Iowa and died October 9, 2022, in an automobile accident in Exira, Iowa at the age of 75 years, 6 months, and 12 days.



Phyllis was baptized and confirmed at the Ebenezer Lutheran Church west of Audubon, Iowa. She attended rural Audubon County schools then graduated from the Audubon High School with the Class of 1965. She did clerical work for a short time then on April 4, 1966, she enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps. During her tour of duty, she served stateside and was a basic supply specialist. Phyllis was stationed in California.

On October 20, 1967, she was united in marriage to Thomas George Hoffman at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll, Iowa while she was on leave from the service. Phyllis was honorably discharged on March 6, 1968. They purchased a farm south of Elk Horn, Iowa in 1969.

Phyllis helped Tom operate the farm where they did custom hay grinding and custom farming for area farmers. Over the years they were blessed with four children Jerry, Steve, Brian, and Jen. Along with helping Tom operate their farm she was raising the children. When the children were older, she was employed as a waitress at the Danish Inn in Elk Horn for a number of years.

They sold the farm in 1989 and purchased an acreage outside of Walnut, Iowa. Phyllis became a Certified Nurses Aide and worked at the Salem Home in Elk Horn for many years and later did home health care until she retired. Tom died May 28, 2015. Phyllis lived on the acreage for a while then moved to Exira, Iowa.

Phyllis had been a member of several Lutheran Churches in the area the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn, Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Walnut, and most recently, the Exira Christian Church. She was a member of the Walnut American Legion, Post 422.

Phyllis enjoyed fishing and their many trips to fish in Minnesota and dancing with Tom. She ad a love for gardening and taking care of and decorating their yard

at the farm and enjoyed and loved the many dogs and cats throughout her life. Watching Wheel of Fortune was also a joy of hers and an absolute must at 6:30 every evening. But her passion was care giving and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her husband Thomas "Tom" Hoffman; her parents; her brothers-in-law and sister-in-law Roger Barten, Pat and husband Alvin Lengeman, and Daryl Rowedder.

Survivors include her children Jerry and wife Robin Hoffman of Elk Horn, Iowa, Steve Hoffman of Granville, Iowa, Brian Hoffman of Exira, Iowa, and Jen and husband Jeff Boelter of Schleswig, Iowa; her Grandchildren Kristen Hoffman of Creston, Iowa, Jordan Hoffman of Sioux Center, Iowa, Kelsi Hoffman of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Nick Hoff-

man and Austin Hoffman both of Orange City, Iowa, Carter Hoffman of Superior, Wisconsin, Kenzie Hoffman of Phoenix, Arizona, Josh Boelter of Vermillion, South Dakota, and Jake Boelter of Wayne, Nebraska; her great grandchildren James, Owen, Skylar, and Bentley; her sister JoAnn Barten of Audubon, Iowa; her sisters-in-law and brother-in-law Lou Meister of Hubbard, Iowa, Bev Rowedder of Manning, Iowa, and Cliff and wife Diane Hoffman of Carroll, Iowa; nieces, nephews other relatives and many friends.

The family greeted friends Friday evening, October 14, 2022, at the Kessler Funeral Home in Exira, Iowa. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steven Frock on Saturday morning, October 15, 2022 at the Exira Lutheran Church in Exira, Iowa. Interment was in the Layton Township Cemetery near Walnut, Iowa.

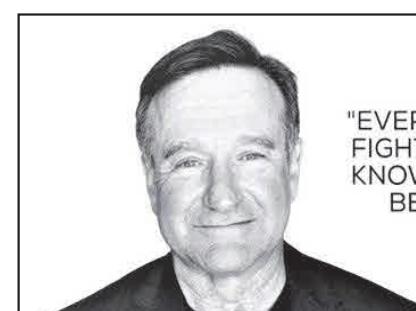
The honorary casket bearers were Kristen Hoffman, Kelsi Hoffman, and Kenzie Hoffman. The casket bearers were Jordan Hoffman, Nick Hoffman, Austin Hoffman, Carter Hoffman, Josh Boelter, and Jake Boelter.



LESSONS FOUND IN NATURE

by Bob Mortenson

While working in the yard I decided it was time to take a break. I stepped under the maple trees to enjoy the shade and the breeze. While standing there I noticed the patterns of shadow and light formed by the sunlight filtering through the leaves. And soon realized that nature was presenting a lesson. The light did not need the shadow to exist. It was always there. But without the light the shadow simply could not be. And it occurred to me that when something happens that throws a shadow on your spirit or your soul you have a choice. You can choose to focus on that shadow. You can swaddle yourself in its darkness. Or you can regard that shadow as proof positive that the light must still be there. And within that choice allow the healing to begin.



"EVERYONE YOU MEET IS FIGHTING A BATTLE YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. BE KIND. ALWAYS."

- Robin Williams

Exira Lutheran Church

WHAT:

Exira Lutheran Church Fall Supper serving STALEY'S CHICKEN

WHEN:

Friday, October 28, 4:30 – 7:00 pm

WHERE:

Exira Event Center (formerly the Rec Center), 106 N. Jefferson St.

COST: 2 piece chicken dinner w/sides, salads & dinner roll \$12.00
3 piece chicken dinner w/sides, salads & dinner roll \$15.00

This event will be **TAKE OUT ONLY**.

No sit down dining will be available.



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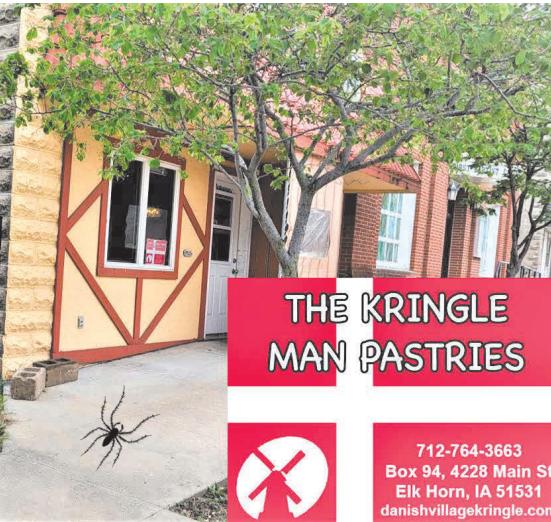
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News from the Mill

October 26, 2022



The days are going by faster and faster at the Danish Windmill. We hosted visitors from 43 states and 14 foreign countries. If you know anyone from Alabama, Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, Mississippi, South Carolina, or West Virginia, be sure to let them know of everything they're missing.

Mike Bach from MidAmerican Energy presented the Danish Windmill with a \$1,000.00 donation for being one of the winners of the MidAmerican CARES sweepstakes at the Iowa State Fair. Thank you to all who nominated us. We also want to thank the Shelby County Community Foundation for awarding us with a \$500.00 grant to help cover the cost of cutting down the large ash tree behind the mill that recently died.

The windmill enjoyed a special visit from the Rold family. Steve, Jessica, and their two kids traveled from Denmark to visit family here in Elk Horn. Steve and Jessica continue to reach new heights with their brewery, Fanø Bryghus on the island of Fanø in Denmark. Jessica, an excellent graphic designer, is also working on a new logo for the windmill which will be debuted soon.

More new products can be found in the gift shop. The windmill has picked up two new, delicious flavors of hard cider, caramel apple and peach, as well as new Iowa-themed koozies to go with them. While enjoying a nice cold beverage, why not try one of our new puzzles? Not just any ordinary puzzles though, these are puzzles with a twist and the picture you see on the box won't be exactly the same as the pieces inside. You can find a variety of PuzzleTwist puzzles here in the store including ones on Iowa, farms, travel, Christmas cookies, and gnomes. And don't miss out on our Christmas gnomes now back in stock and on the shelves including the new 'Gnome in the Home.' We've decided to postpone the gala/auction until Spring due to a number of scheduling conflicts

Student of the Month

sponsored by Spartan Booster Club and METC

October 27, 2022



Lauren Phippen - Elementary



Addison Wiemann - Middle School



Jessi Marshall - High School

Check out the new band uniforms !!



This school year, we began a student council in the junior high. We have had elections and are now planning things for our middle school students. Our election was held last Thursday, here are the results for the inaugural election of Exira-EHK's Junior High Student Council:

President - Fred Harris
 Vice President - Cooper Paulsen
 Secretary - Leah Boysen
 Treasurer - Annabelle Bagget
 Officers' Assistant - Lily Bricker



Kimballton receives Electrical Report

Kimballton owns and operates its own electrical system; this system is vital to the city's sustainability and future growth. Not only does it supply all of the electricity for the town's everyday functions, it is the largest asset that the city owns. As owners of the electrical system, the city is able to purchase electricity at a competitive rate and keep our electrical rates low in comparison to other systems. The city council currently manages the components and facilities involved in operating the system.

Recent power outages, contract failures, and AMU taking over the repairs for the electrical system have made the City council examine the viability, functionality, and longevity of the electrical system. With the help of Missouri River Energy systems, and DGR engineering from Rock Rapids, the electrical system has been assessed and recommendations have been made. Jarrod Luze, PE from DGR engineering presented the findings at the October City Council meeting.

The goal of DGR engineering was to identify deficiencies in the system, develop recommendations for improvements, provide cost estimates for fiscal planning and help develop a Capital improvement plan. They looked at the current substation, distribution system, transmission system and generation system.

The engineer determined that the substation is the highest priority. The existing substation power transformer has a significant oil leak and DGA concerns. The current concrete foundations are cracked and in poor condition. The existing switchgear and relays are very old, and have elevated risk of failure and have had no recent testing or maintenance.

Power is carried into Kimballton via a 69kV transmission system. This system was constructed in 1963 and has older poles and wire, again, the poles and lines have had very little maintenance or inspection. The existing transmission line has exceeded its expected useful life and does not meet modern NESC structural requirements. Both the transmission and substation facilities are vulnerable to single point of failure outages.

The distribution system is currently a mix of overhead and underground wiring. While most of the underground circuits are OK, the overhead circuits are in poor condition. Many of the poles and crossarms are rotted or weathered and undersized for ice and wind conditions present with bad weather.

Kimballton still owns a 1960's vintage generator with a 400kW capacity. The existing generator is very old, and there is a question as to how long the CAT motor will support this vintage of generator. The 400 kW rating does not support the load of the town (643 kW system peak). Many of the components associated with the generator are not properly supported and protected.

DGR engineering has recommended the following improvements. Eliminate all identified deficiencies, increase system reliability, equip electric system to accommodate future needs, and develop a proactive vs. reactive approach to system maintenance. Improvements have been divided into 4 phases that will be spread over several years. Phase 1 includes reconstruction and replacement of the transformer, switchgear, control equipment and steel structure. It also includes replacement of the worst currently deficient overhead distribution lines. Phase 2 is to bury all remaining distribution lines. Phase 3 and 4 involve reconstructing the 69 kV transmission line bringing power into town and replacement and upgrade the generation system.

Missouri River Energy Services is currently doing a rate assessment of Kimballton's electrical rates. These cost estimates will help the council develop and revise the city's rate schedule. Kimballton has benefited from low rates for a long time, and not kept up with the necessary maintenance and upgrades to

the electrical system, now the infrastructure needs attention. A rate increase this year is needed to build reserves to help fund the needed improvements.

Improvements will take several years to complete and are necessary. As owners of the Electrical System all citizens need to be informed of the deficiencies and improvements that are necessary. Failure to make these needed improvements could result in a catastrophic failure of the entire electrical system leaving the town in the dark for an extended period of time. A complete copy of the electrical engineers report is available at the city clerk's office.



The Rye Bread Lady Says....

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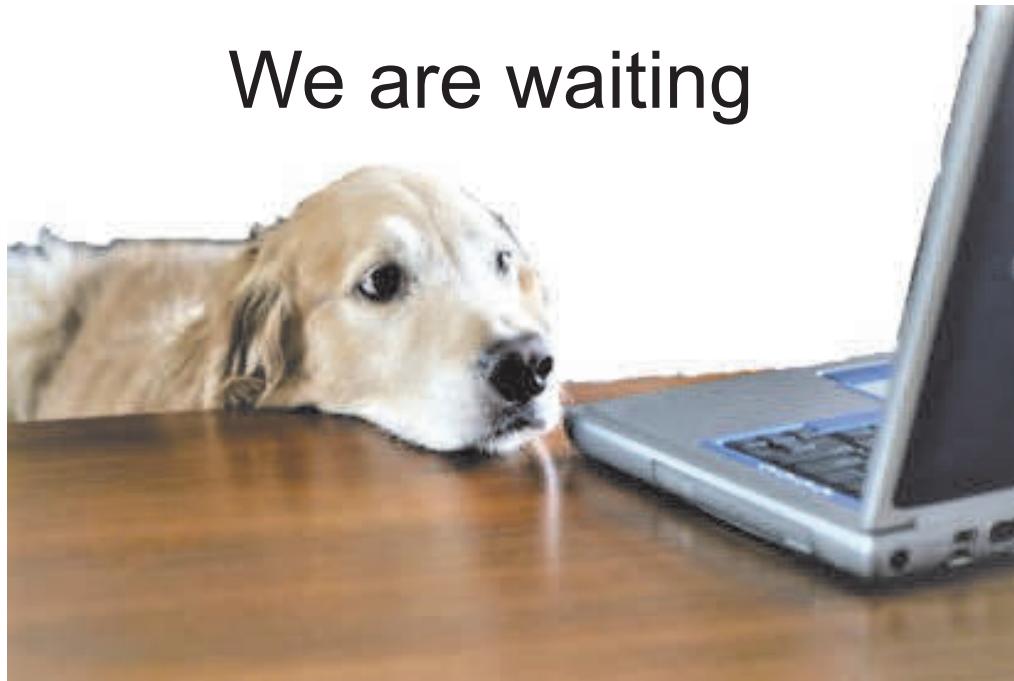
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Bench-in-the-Park

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\$400.00 to sponsor a bench around the new walking trail
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For more information or to inquire,
please call City Clerk 712-764-5514

Lifetime Sponsorships:

Putt-Putt area is \$200.00 per hole (new turf grass, side supports, and landscaping)





Howard Nels Sorensen

Howard Nels Sorensen joined the army on January 26, 1954. His first 8 weeks were spent at Fort Riley, Kansas and then to Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. It was there he volunteered to be a lineman, not knowing anything about it but his father was the director of the Marne Elk Horn Telephone Company so he thought, why not! That was when he learned how to climb a pole, incidentally without any instruction, the Sargent just showed him a pole and told him to climb it! After that he learned not to volunteer for anything.

His training consisted of learning how to fire 90mm anti air craft guns. They trained in the Texas desert, lots of sand. There was a sleeve that was pulled behind a plane and that was what they were supposed to hit. Most of the time they missed it but one day they made the captain very happy because they actually hit our target!

"When we were on these maneuvers we were there for several days camping in the desert. We had to be sure there were no snakes in our huts before we went in and in the morning for breakfast the eggs always had sand in them! No wonder I don't like to camp!"

Howard was then sent to Germany for the rest of his service to the army. Most of his time in Germany was spent in Kaiserslautern. "One day at this site the battery clerk and I went to town on an unauthorized trip to pick up some supplies. I was in the passenger seat reading the newspaper. My buddy looked over at the paper, pulled the wheel to the right, climbed right up an embankment, and rolled the truck. I was thrown out and landed about 50 feet down the hill. The Captain came by just then and told the driver to take the truck back to camp and not report it as we were in a safety program at the time. Otherwise we would have both lost a stripe. The truck just had a small dent in one fender and I only scraped my elbow. All's well that ends well."

"While I was serving in Germany I managed to go to Denmark several times to visit our relatives. I rode the train to Copenhagen. I visited with some young Danish guys on the train and we spoke Danish to each other. At one point another friend joined them and they told him not to say anything about me because I could speak Danish just fine."

"One night I was at a movie in Kaiserslautern and someone paged me. I couldn't figure out why but it was my friend from back home, John Jacobsen and his wife Barb. I didn't know until then that we would be stationed in the same place. We saw each other a few times after that. Their first daughter Suzanne was born in Germany."

"My duty in the army was over in December of 1955 and then it was time to go home. I was put on the troop ship USS Upshur. This was not the ideal time to be out on the ocean, we were in stormy weather most of the trip. Everyone got sick even the merchant marines that were used to sailing. At one point our ship received a SOS from another ship and later I found out it was the ship that my buddy John Jacobsen, his wife Barb and their daughter Suzanne were on. Luckily we all made it home. The best part of this trip was when we saw the Statue of Liberty! What a sight!"

"I was then sent to Fort Sheridan to be discharged and from there I took a train to Atlantic, Iowa. My fiance' Karma was waiting at the station for me and that was the best part of it all."

If a cookie falls on the floor
and you pick it up..
'That's a squat, RIGHT ??'



We look forward to
their 70th Anniversary



Howard and Karma were married on January 29 1956. We raised five children. Howard was the manager of Marne Elk Horn Telephone Co. for 42 years.

Fall Turkey Supper



Exira Christian Church

It will be carryout only



Meal includes turkey, homemade dressing, potatoes and gravy, creamed peas and carrots, pasta salad, cranberry salad, rolls, and delicious pies/desserts.



Saturday, November 5th

Serving from 4:00 pm until sold out



Suggested Donation: \$18.00



There will be no call in reservations accepted
this year



Shut-ins in Exira may call 712-268-5498 by noon for delivery



*Proceeds from the supper assist with the needs of
individuals and families in our community and support the
ministry of the Christian Women's Fellowship.*

Also For Sale: ~ Pecans, English Walnuts, Mixed Nuts ~



Help Wanted:

Church secretary for Elk Horn Lutheran Church. Part Time. Computer skills including Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher, Facebook, and Google Docs, needed. Willing to learn software unique to the church. Pay based on experience.

Send References and resume to Elk Horn Lutheran Church, 4313 Main St, Elk Horn, IA 51531 by October 31st



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