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The mystery of:
"The Hiding Elk Horns"
In the Feb 9 paper

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



The first two people to show Diane at the Norse Horse where the horns are hidden get a drink token...

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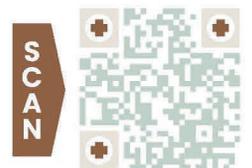
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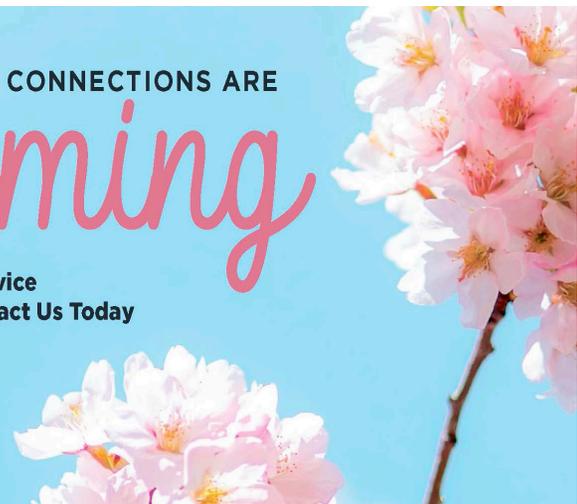
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"The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." - T.S. Elliot

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Just a day or so ago I finished filling the tiny boxes on my numerous tax prep forms (with the aid of a magnifying glass), got everything sorted and heaved a mighty sigh of relief. Decided to reward my accomplishments with a bowl of potato soup. Using my last two small spuds, chopping some onion, a little celery and a few mini carrots for color, the pot was soon bubbling. When the vegies were tender, I took the box of milk from the fridge and began pouring. But something definitely didn't look right. The soup had a disgusting light-brownish color. What was wrong with that milk? I can tell you one thing for certain, cows don't give orange milk and white milk doesn't come in a box labeled orange juice. The next generations of my family will probably have a few good laughs about the day Great Grandma made "Agent Orange" potato soup. Well, I salvaged the soup by draining it and rinsing it with hot water, then added real milk. Actually, it was very good. I guess it doesn't pay to cook with an over-taxed brain. So, with the gray-matter still numb and the quill in need of sharpening, I'll draw on some family history for this article.



Lyle's mother, Grace, was a very special person in my life. I often, tongue in cheek, told people I married Lyle to get this truly gracious lady for a mother-in-law. Her family was her first love but wallpaper hanging was her second. She began her lifetime career as a paperhanger at the tender age of eight. She and her six year old sister, with their mother gone for the day, discovered rolls of new wallpaper and decided to surprise their mother by papering the kitchen. Apparently they did a reasonably good job as Grace didn't recall her saying much about it when she came home. That was the beginning of a career that lasted until Grace hung up her brush and paste bucket at the age of eighty two. Her paperhanging wasn't just a job, it was an art. Skillfully she wielded her brush in one hand while the strip of paper unfolded from the other as she skipped nimbly across the narrow board while pressing the paper to the ceiling. To watch her was to view poetry in motion. She also taught both of our daughters the art of papering during their teen age summers. In my younger years we spent many a long, blistering hot summer day walking the bean fields. We came in at night dead tired and dirt covered but I never was as tired as the one and only day I helped my mother-in-law hang wallpaper. And Grace just seemed to be re-energized as she stood back to view her creation. I think she could have easily conquered another room or two yet that night.

My father-in-law, Gerhart, at times assisted his wife with her occupation. He never let her forget the day they were papering the Lutheran parsonage in Jacksonville. Grace preferred pasting the strips on a newspaper-covered floor. But the preacher had provided a table in a small alcove where the ceiling angled down to meet the outside wall at a less than head high level. He insisted they use the table. Every time Grace arose from bending over to paste a strip of paper she banged her head on the sharp, inverted corner. Grace never used profanity, but after the umpteenth time, even Grace's saintly patience had worn thin and she exploded loudly, "This is a helluva place to paste." Just then the preacher walked by. Grace, trying to regain her composure, glanced sheepishly at Gerhart who was nearly doubled over in a fit of laughter. The preacher wisely refrained from saying a word.



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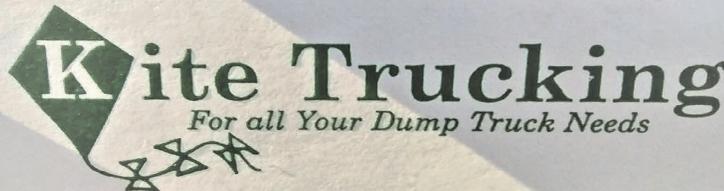
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YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

Allow me to bring forth a quote from our previous article, "It is the life of our Savior that brings us light." This is in reference to John's opening remarks in his gospel, that Jesus is the light of man. Having experienced this 'light' in my life these past 44 years I cannot conceive of walking in the darkness that is the fleshly/sinful aspect of this world!

Paul says it this way in his letter to the Colossians, "We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." The light of the kingdom is mine!

Those who understand and accept the salvation that is from God, through His Son Jesus Christ, know full well the difference between darkness and light. Everyone reading this article understands the difference between walking into a dark room and a well-lit room. The darkness may cause us to stumble over some object we can't see. But turn on the light and behold, all is visible. So it is when we walk through this morally dark world around us. Without the light of life that exists in the Savior to guide us, we stumble, we fall and we know not how to navigate our lives.

I know some folks who do not accept God in any way; by definition we might call them atheists. They are very nice people; and they seem to follow a set of ethics and moral values as they make their way through life. But I wonder where it is that they have found these morals and ethics. Are they built into the fabric of humanity? They would probably say yes to such a question. But who built these morals into us? Who decided that we should not kill one another; steal from one another; lie to each other? Is it just 'dumb luck' that leads us to such laws?

Paul answers these questions in his letter to the Romans (7:7-8), "What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." Paul here tells us that it is God's law that informs us of sin and John lets us know that "Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4)

God gets the credit for the laws that govern society – we humans are not the author of morality. The 119th Psalm, (which is the one that glorifies and praises the law of God) tells us in the 105th verse, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

But God's law is not only a pathway for us as we negotiate our life in society. In His system of laws we also find out how He desires to be worshiped. This is an interesting aspect of these "laws of light". We, who are a part of God's creation, could never understand how the Creator should be worshiped. It is God who gives us the blue print for such an endeavor and it is a part of that 'light' of His word. Shall we consider the good news of worship in our next article? Stay tuned!!!

Bill Rollins 3-3-23

IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

As we move away from fossil fuels in order to reduce carbon pollution there are many other changes to be made. Some, like needing robust charging infrastructure, are obvious. Others not so much.

The move to EV's will cause different results in urban areas than in rural areas. It has been forecast that vehicle ownership will decline. While this may turn out to be factual in urban areas, I doubt it will prove true in rural areas. In the large cities much of the transportation needs could be met by public transit. And most cities have cab, Uber, or Lyft services available as well. Many businesses offer delivery services within the city limits for groceries, medical supplies, and even home appliances and hardware.

And there are manufacturers who are pushing autonomous vehicles as the poster child of the future. Quite frankly these are not ready for prime time. An autonomous vehicle detects someone approaching a crosswalk. What it actually sees is a moving tall rectangle that it recognizes as a person. But is someone in a wheelchair or on a recumbent bike still a tall rectangle? When we see someone approaching a crosswalk we already have an idea of their gender, and general age. We can see if they are paying attention or are they staring at their cell phone. What about when on a residential street a ball suddenly bounces out in front of us. We know to watch for anyone chasing that ball. The autonomous vehicle thinks that once the ball clears its path everything is fine. Now manufacturers have proposed that we humans should be required to carry a beacon so the car will know we are there. My personal opinion is machines should not make requirements of humans!

Another train of thought is electric cargo bikes will become a popular replacement for what was once the family's second car. Or perhaps golf carts or "city cars" will become prevalent. The problem there is one of safety concerns. Is it safe to mix these forms of transportation with 5,000-to-9,000-pound vehicles that can travel at much higher speeds. As our vehicles have grown in size the fatality rate for pedestrians and cyclists has increased dramatically. The large vehicles have many blind spots in their field of view which can make it difficult for even as alert driver to see everything in their path.

Should we be considering a second tier of transportation facilities. A place to operate these carts, bikes, and city cars separate from large vehicles. These would not be necessary everywhere, but where higher speed traffic exists or where these types of vehicles are prohibited. Think about how our auto-centric society has moved many of our businesses out along the major highways. While it could be easy to shop for groceries with on of these, it could not happen if they are not permitted to go there. Next, let's talk about the changes needed for rural areas.

Bob Mortenson 2-24-23

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

— Mark Twain



DAN PETERSEN



It's in the DNA! No question about that! When you stand in Dan's study listening to him talk and looking at all the keepsakes he has saved, it is easy to see that patriotism runs deep through the generations of the Petersen family. Among the pictures is one of Dan's great-grandfather standing proudly in Danish uniform as a member of the King's guard. His grandfather's WWI uniform and hat appear to have been handled with TLC through all the years. The uniform worn by his father during WWII is hanging, neatly covered, and preserved in the antique wardrobe that contains so many military treasures belonging to the family. Dan's father had received 4 Bronze Battle Stars. He saw and was involved in heavy battle action. Mementos from Dan's year in Vietnam fill space in the study. And still another generation of Petersen patriotism is evident by looking at the keepsakes displayed



that belong to Dan's son, Brian, who served in the Middle East with the Air Force during Desert Storm. With the shock of the 9/11 attack, patriotism in the family rose again. Dan's younger son, Mike, already 26 years old, immediately enlisted in the Marines. Some years earlier he had suffered a serious knee injury which, regretfully, caused him to be unable to continue in training. Five generations have heeded the call of service to country.

When Dan graduated from high school, it was his intention to join the Marines. His father's advice had been for him to join whichever branch of the military he chose before he was drafted into the Army. However, the six steel pins in his foot from an earlier accident caused the Marines to reject him. At the age of 19 he was quite surprised to receive a draft notice. With a doctor's letter in hand, he went to the Omaha Induction Center fully expecting to be turned away. The Induction sergeant simply looked quickly at the doctor's letter, wadded it up, and tossed it into the wastebasket. The Army wanted him. Speaking from experience, his dad advised him – "don't volunteer for anything!" Also "expect the worst and hope for the best."

Dan was seriously dating a young girl who he hoped to marry. Although Garnett was still in high school, they married during the summer before her senior year. Dan headed to Fort Lewis Washington for training and Garnett headed back to high school for her senior year. During Basic Training Dan was given a battery of tests. He was told that he had the skills to do well as an aircraft electrician. He was somewhat puzzled because, at that point, he knew nothing about aircraft or electronics.

Shortly before Dan was heading for Vietnam, several family members wanted to spend some time together. They decided to have an evening out and to attend a movie. They chose "The Green Berets." That was not a good choice of movies for them, especially given the fact that, at the end of the movie, the young soldier who was killed was named Petersen.

Upon arrival in Vietnam, Dan was assigned to a base in Phu Loi which was north of Saigon. He worked seven days a week covering the "graveyard shift" - 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. All the training he had received at Fort Eustis, Virginia to become an aircraft electrician had been done on a large piece of plywood. Now in Phu Loi he faced real aircraft. The soldier he was replacing headed home to the U.S. a few hours after Dan's arrival on post. He was on his own.

For the first nine months of the year, Dan lived in a barracks-type dorm called a hutch. The food was "acceptable," not great. During the entire 12 months he was in Vietnam, he did not have a warm bath or shower. Vietnamese ladies (called momma sans) washed their clothes in cold water. During his time at the Green Beret camp the soldiers often wear their clothes for weeks at a time without changing.

Dan waited almost nine months to request R&R in Hawaii where he could spend time with Garnett. Although a soldier could take R&R after six months, he kept hearing others talk about regretting that they hadn't waited longer. It made their remaining time in country seem so long. If R&R wasn't taken by nine months' time in country, it wasn't allowed. Dan was glad he waited.

With three months' time left to complete his year in Vietnam, he was moved from Phu Loi and sent to a very small, very isolated Green Beret camp near the Cambodian border. Here he slept in a tent with 11 other soldiers. They had one hot meal a day. Mostly their food consisted of C-rations. Ask Dan if he would like powdered eggs again and he will most likely answer with a hardy "No." Pulling guard duty at this location meant 12 hours of extreme tension and alertness. Every sound, every movement and the absolute pitch darkness added additional fear.

Upon completion of his year in Vietnam, Dan was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky where he and Garnett lived until his three years of service ended. He was especially glad for this location because he had an uncle, aunt, and cousins who lived nearby. His uncle, a Korean War veteran (who had received 5 Bronze Battle Stars), was a great source of advice for a young man returning from war. He continually encouraged Dan to talk to other veterans. Join VFW and American Legion. Don't keep it inside! Other veterans know and understand in a way that no one else can, even those family members who love you dearly. It was a wonderful way to end his service with family close by.



Ramona Andersen

November 23, 1931 - February 26, 2023

Her graveside memorial service was on February 28, 2023 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church Cemetery, Elk Horn, Iowa followed by coffee (of course!). Ramona M. Andersen was born on November 23, 1931 near Greenfield, Iowa. She passed away at Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn, Iowa on Sunday, February 26, 2023. At the age of 91 years, Ramona out-lived many. Ramona Mae, daughter of Ole and Alma (Andersen) Blatt, grew up southeast of Elk Horn. She went to work after finishing

the 8th grade. She always told her children they were blessed to ride a bus to school; all she had was her feet and sometimes a horse. Her mother, Alma, died in 1948 when Ramona was 16 years old, and that started her working days.

On April 10, 1949, Ramona was united in marriage with Earl Delbert Andersen in Atlantic. They spent their first few years in California as Delbert served in the armed services during the Korean War. In 1952 DeEtta was born and loved by all their beloved Army friends. In 1954 they returned to Iowa and began farming the family farm just west of the Kimballton Creamery. The bank would not loan them the money to get started, so Uncle Earl loaned them \$5,000 dollars at 4% interest. With that money they were able to purchase a new 50 John Deere tractor, 5 sows, a harrow, cultivator, disc, corn planter and some tools, and got ready to work hard! Ramona worked hard alongside Delbert and loved it.

In May of 1954 their son Dwight was born and in 1959 their daughter Carla was born. Ramona's love was given to her husband, children, grandchildren and the family farm. As the farming operation grew, and Delbert was able to hire extra help, Ramona's gift of hospitality to all the extra hands grew. She always had a cup of coffee and sweets to share with all. She recovered beautiful furniture she sometimes pulled out of the dump, bringing new life to the wooden pieces. She also raised Norwegian Elk Hounds and Pug dogs for extra money. She managed the Hilltop Restaurant in Kimballton and Ramona's Train Depot in Elk Horn for a few years, but her favorite place was her home. She helped restore and decorate 3 older houses in Elk Horn. For many years after the farm was sold, she worked at Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton. She was the well dressed, kind, beautiful lady who welcomed and comforted many people. Her green thumb and pink petunias were envied by many. When young, her dream was to become a hairstylist or nurse. You might think that she gave up those dreams for the farm, but you would be wrong. She did all of the "home" nursing before we went to the doctor and most of the extended family received really good haircuts from her, and the family hasn't been able to remember how many ears she pierced! She gave her heart to Jesus in 1974, and never stopped asking questions or trying

Ramona was preceded in death by her parents; husband E. Delbert Andersen in 2015; son Dwight Andersen in 2019; siblings: Don Blatt, Bob Blatt and Jean Myers. She is survived by her daughters DeEtta Goettel and Carla Hoegh, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and friends. The family suggests memorial donations in Ramona's honor go to the Elk Horn Lutheran Church or Hospice.

Ramona's family would like to thank the Salem Lutheran Homes and hospice for helping her through her final difficult days. Thanks also to all of her special friends who visited her and brought cookies, and to those who prayed her way into heaven.

Bernard Kaltoft

September 13, 1954 - February 24, 2023

Visitation with the family of Bernard Kaltoft was held on Friday, March 3, 2023 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. The Funeral Service was also held on Friday, March 3, 2023 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton, with Rev. Tim White, Officiating. Congregational Hymns were sung with Janell Hansen playing the organ.

Honorary Bearers were Mercedes and Jason Ray, Chrysalis and Daniel Grodhaus, and Kodiane and Joshua Jernberg.

Burial was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton.

Bernard Bruce Kaltoft was born on September 13, 1954 to Leland and Helen Jo Kaltoft at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, IA. He lived his childhood in Kimballton.

He attended Kimballton Independent School for his elementary education and continued his studies at both the Audubon Community Schools as well as the Elk Horn-Kimballton Schools. In 1970 he moved to Omaha, NE where he graduated with his high school degree from Pratt School of Individual Instruction. He then continued his education at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. Bernard will always be remembered for his exceeding intelligence and memory.

Following college, Bernard worked in bridge construction. His experiences and accomplishments were as vast as the additional relationships he established.

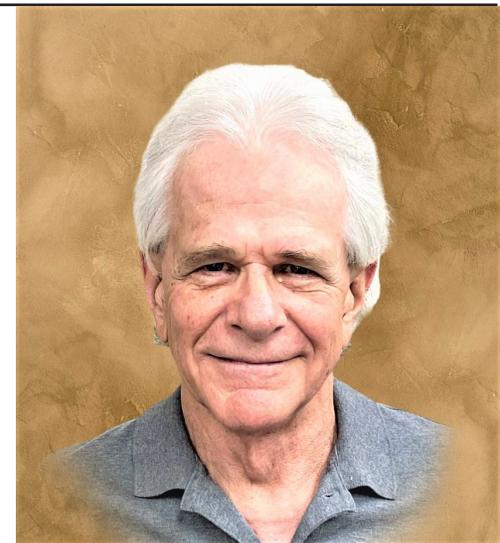
Like many of us, Bernard's younger years were full of adventure. In 1987 that changed when an accident left him paralyzed from his chest and down. From that time on, he continued to live his life independently at his residence in what he referred to as "Beautiful Downtown Kimballton". He never wanted to be viewed as 'disabled' and never wanted anyone to know when he was sick. He was an extremely social person, had a strong independent personality, and would do anything he could for someone else, however he struggled to ask for help himself unless he could somehow repay.

His ambition, overwhelming intellect and concern for others never changed. Since 1998 Bernard served our entire community as a member of the Marne Elk Horn Telephone Company board with enthusiasm and commitment.

Bernard had a large poster in his kitchen for many years, a picture of Albert Einstein with his famous quote, "I want to know God's thoughts, the rest are details."

On February 8, 2023 Bernard was presented with a diagnosis of sarcoma. Although his reduced physical strength preceded that for a short period of time, his mind remained strong. He was ever so grateful for the help he received during the last few weeks of his life. Bernard developed strong relationships with so many people who will never forget him. His love for his family and friends was powerful. On February 24, 2023 Bernard passed away at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, IA.

He is survived by his sister Gwendolyn Kaltoft; sister and brother-in-law Anitra and Steve Buller; 3 nieces and families as well as other family members and friends. We will all miss his physical presence.





Aaron Lugene Christofferson
July 29, 1959 - January 15,
2023

Aaron Lugene Christofferson, 63, of Yale, IA peacefully left our world at 12:02 pm, January 15, 2023. He was surrounded by his loving family, just as he envisioned his final moments. Aaron was a highly skilled carpenter for more than 40 years, working in Guthrie County and the surrounding areas with his partner, Chris Reynolds, and their business R&C Construction. Together they made dreams come true building homes and other structures from the ground up for their customers to create their own family memories.

ers to create their own family memories.

Aaron fought a long, courageous battle with Stage IV colon cancer for 7.5 years. Despite his initial prognosis of a less than 5% chance of living 5 years, he beat the odds with his stubborn will. Aaron was tough as nails and his love for his grandchildren kept him battling to see them grow. He held on long enough to meet his newest granddaughter just two days before his passing. True to his generous and loyal spirit, he was selfless until the end. He never complained during his cancer journey and always thought of others first, even when he was in pain. Anybody who knows him recognizes that despite his stoic presence, he was truly tender at heart.

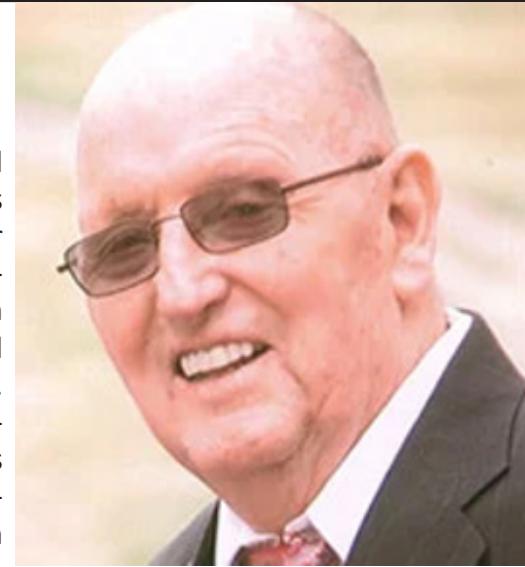
As a boy, Aaron grew up on his family's farm in Elk Horn, IA where he helped milk cows, rode motorcycles, and enjoyed getting coffee with his father. As an adult, Aaron's passions outside of his family included socializing with his friends, camping, fishing, hunting, gardening, riding side-by-sides, throwing horseshoes and hiking 14ers in Colorado. He prided himself on preparing smoked brisket, pulled pork and beans for everyone on the smoker that he fabricated himself. He was a staple in the community of Guthrie County and loved by all. If you were close to Aaron, please know that he loved you, even if he did not say it aloud or if he gave you the "dumb end" of the tape measure. Aaron was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Darlene Christofferson, and grandparents, Harold and Florence Sheeder. He is survived by his greatest joys, daughter Jamie (Mike) Moellers, son Jeremy (Elizabeth) Christofferson, daughter Stacie Schneider, daughter Shay (Levi) Derry, his 5 grandchildren (Madilyn, Marshall, Kane, Kora, and Isla), and his brother Brent (Joann), niece (Bailey) and nephew (Logan), along with other extended family. Ultimately, his final project was putting the finishing touches on a job well-done, a family that will build on the foundation he left behind. His friends and family will miss him dearly.

Aaron wished to be cremated and have a celebration of life, which was held on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Guthrie Center Activity Center, 209 State St, Guthrie Center, IA 50115. Lunch and beverages were provided.

In lieu of flowers or other contributions, his family prefers that you donate to a cause of your choice, plant a tree in Aaron's honor.

Roland "Rollie" Eugene Hansen
April 24, 1936 - February 28, 2023

Roland Eugene Hansen, son of Clifford and Emma E. (Rattenborg) Hansen was born on April 24, 1936, on a farm near Audubon, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Audubon. He attended country school and graduated from Audubon High School. After high school, Rollie joined the United States Army. On May 28, 1955, he was united in marriage to Peggy Lou Andersen, while he was home on a leave from the army. He was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, where they lived until he was deployed to Germany during the Korean War. After his discharge, he and Peggy moved to a farm near Poplar, Iowa. They farmed there and near Kirkman until moving to a farm near Kimballton. Rollie along with farming, was a substitute mail carrier for Frank Lange. When Frank retired in 1979, Rollie took over his mail route. In 1979, he and Peggy moved into their new home in Elk Horn, Iowa. He served several years on the Iowa Rural Letter Carriers Association board, traveling to Washington, D.C. 5 times during his years as President and State Steward. In 1999, Rollie retired, followed by Peggy in 2000. In retirement they were able to enjoy traveling together, visiting Denmark twice, and spending many years traveling anywhere from Arizona to Battle Lake, Minnesota to Hollie and Wade's fishing resort. They made it to 49 states, all except Alaska. Rollie was a Sunday School teacher, served on the church councils (Bethlehem and Elk Horn Lutheran). He was on the City Council and was mayor of Elk Horn from 1996 to 2000. Rollie and Peggy were Tivoli King and Queen in 2005. He served on the School Board, Salem Lutheran Home Council, Better Elk Horn Club, and was a member of the American Legion, the Danish Windmill Corporation, and the Danish Museum. He helped organized the Awanas Club. He also helped on the Rescue Squad in Elk Horn, and officiated baseball, softball, and basketball games until his kids started to participate. At a couple of games he needed to call them out! He enjoyed "cheating at cards" (his words), golf, woodworking, and watching his grandkids grow up. He was a Big Cub Fan, "Go Cubbies" again his words. And Iowa Hawkeye both Men and Women's teams. Hoping to see Jan Jensen, their Godchild on TV. Rollie became a resident at Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, where he passed away on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, attaining the age of eighty-six years, ten months, and four days. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings Lowene Nelson, Dalton Hansen, and Betsy Nelsen. He is survived by his wife of 67 years Peggy Hansen of Elk Horn, Iowa; children Keli Hansen of Elk Horn, Iowa; Steve Hansen (Julie Brewer) of Greenfield, Iowa; Hollie (Wade) Mills of Cape Coral, Florida; 9 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; sister Mardelle (Duane) Mortensen of Ankeny, Iowa; brothers-in-law Tom Nelsen of Audubon, Iowa; Jerry (Sharol) Andersen of Atlantic, Iowa; nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends.



We have an opening for a Library Board Trustee. If anyone is interested, please stop in or contact us before Friday, March 24th.

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT THE LIBRARY AND GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY? THE ELK HORN PUBLIC LIBRARY SEEKS A NEW MEMBER TO HELP GUIDE THE LIBRARY IN ITS MISSION.



LIBRARY BOARD OPENING

Advocate for the library and the community we serve

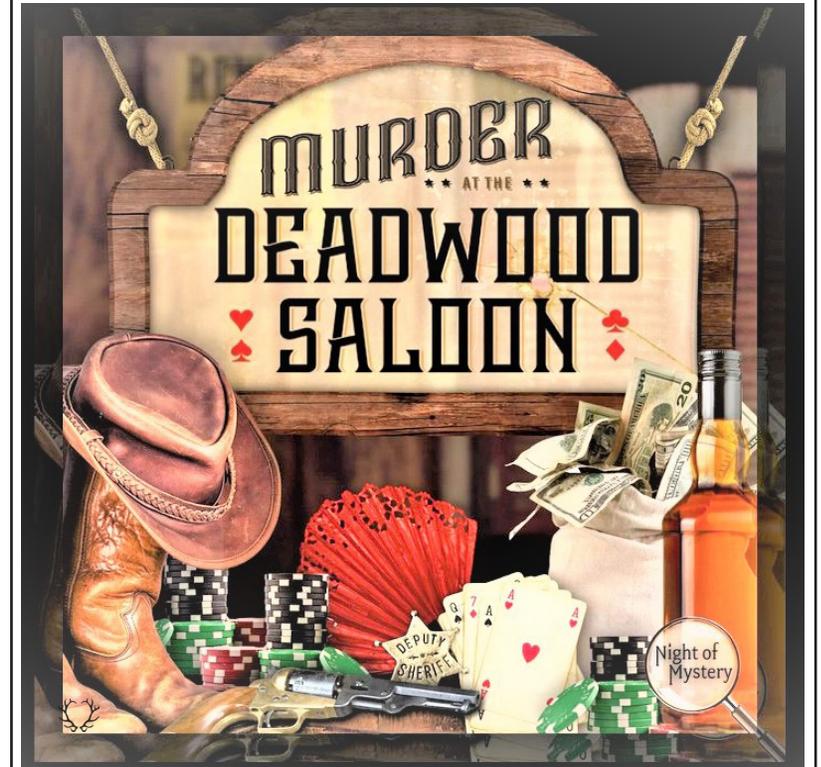
Participate in the decision-making process for the library

Attend monthly meetings

Must be 18 or older and a resident of the E-EH-K school district

Nerf Guns + boys = a loud, crazy time at the library this month with darts flying in all directions! They were all so creative using the building materials and furniture to create barricades and shields, too! After the battle they enjoyed some pizza and cookies - a great inside activity on this cold night! **Another Nerf Gun event is scheduled for Friday, March 24th. Call for details!**

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. Saturday, March 25th at the Danish Winery. Join us for a fun night of sleuthing, because who doesn't love a whodunnit? You can choose how you want to play! Do you feel comfortable immersing yourself in a character? Then consider joining us in a more major role. If you are more of an observer who really wants to solve the mystery but don't want to be on display, join us as a background character. Limited space! After registration each guest will receive a detailed character description along with some background information on the party. Please contact the library to register. \$30/person includes dinner provided by Master Grillers with a cash bar available.



American Legion Ballou Post 332 Plans 2nd Annual Lenten All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry

On Friday, March 24, 2023, the Ballou Post is having their 2nd Annual Lenten fish fry. This is one of several fund raisers the Post sponsors through the year. The proceeds from this dinner are helping to replace the outfield fence at the baseball field.

Serving begins at 5 P.M. featuring a larger menu of baked potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, fluff salad, dinner rolls, dessert and, of course, plenty of deep-fried Pollock. They also offer a children's menu of mac n' cheese with Pollock, no charge carries outs and a cash bar available. As an added precaution, condiments- sour cream, butter and tartar sauce will be offered in packets. Water and lemonade will be bottled. Covid and flu bugs still create a winter problem for everyone and hopefully this prohibits the spread. No one goes home hungry!

Advance tickets available at the Exchange State Bank, Exira Library, Exira City Clerk, Hair Benders, Pour House and Legion members: Scott Kilmer 515-943-0098, Perry Paulsen 712-563-6013, Tom Benton 712-304-1940, Dale Huegerich 712-304-5799 and Charlie Wheeler 913-660-8481. Tickets are \$16 or \$18 at the Events Center Door.

The Legion Post and Legion Auxiliary greatly appreciates the huge amount of support from the area and wants to use this opportunity to thank everyone for this success. THANK YOU!!!! This year's event is also supported with contributions from Atlantic Hy-Vee, Atlantic Coca Cola, Mel's Diner, Pour House, Wiota Steak House and Food Land of Audubon. See you on the 24th and be hungry!



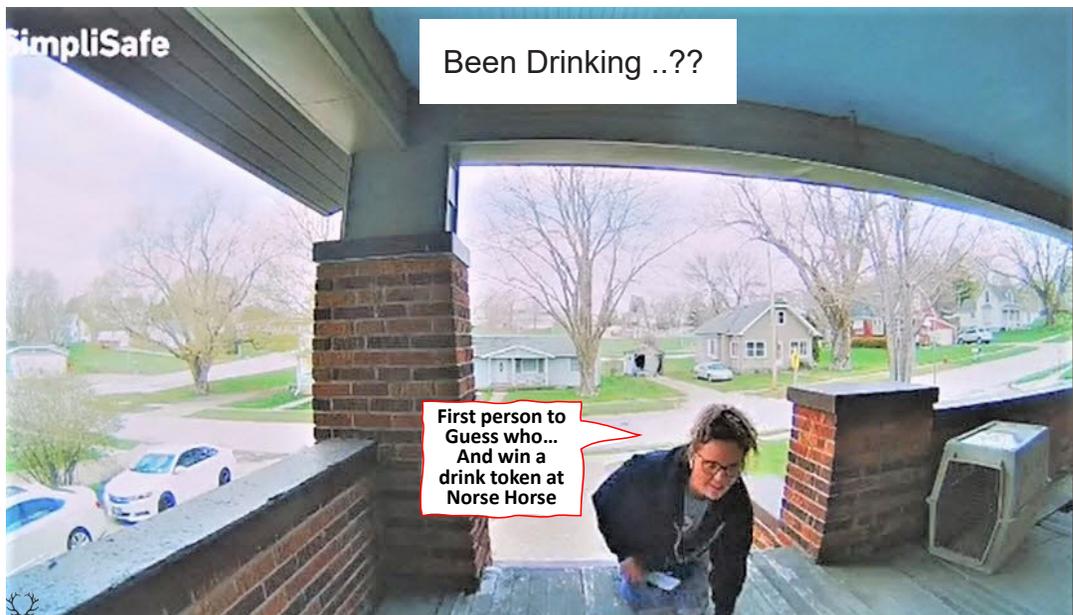
Cash Bar - Carry Outs - Children's Menu - larger Menu, includes DESSERT!

Early Bird Tix Available At:
Exchange State Bank, Library, Exira City Clerk,
Hair Renders, Pour House, &
Legion Members; Scott Kilmer, Perry Paulson,
Tom Benton, Dale Hnegerich, or Charlie Wheeler

**Ballou Legion Post 332
2ND ANNUAL LENTEN
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
FISH FRY**

**Exira Events Center
Friday, March 24th, 2023
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Early Bird Tickets \$16
\$18 At the Door
Children 10 & Under \$8**



**The Kringle
Man Pastries**

712-764-3663
Box 94, 4234 Main
St
Elk Horn, IA



Pastor Laura Webb was installed and began her pastoral ministry duties serving the Elk Horn Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 5, 2023. Welcome Pastor Laura to Elk Horn Lutheran and the community of Elk Horn!

Pastor Laura Webb was born and raised in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan near the region known as the Copper Country. She received her call to pastoral ministry at a young age and being a pastor was always her career goal. Laura was involved in many church activities throughout her childhood and teen years. After high school, she completed her undergraduate studies in Christian Ministry at Rochester College (now Rochester University) in Rochester Hills, Michigan, graduating in 2018. After graduation, she returned home and began working as a special education aid/teacher at the local public school plus assisted with youth evangelism and education in her home congregation in Covington, Michigan.

Pastor Laura enrolled in seminary at Sioux Falls Seminary Luther House of Studies in January 2020 and will complete her seminary studies later this year. She comes to Elk Horn after a year-long internship serving in two churches in Odessa and Midland, Texas.



I don't know how to act my age -
I've never been this old before.



A FLUSH BEATS A FULL HOUSE!

Duane Christofferson

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

The preacher was completing a temperance sermon - and as he closed, and with great expression, he said: "So if I had all the beer in the world, all the wine; all the whiskey - I'd take it and throw it into the river." As he sat down, the song leader cautiously stood and announced, with a smile, "For our closing hymn, let us sing #365 - 'Shall We Gather At The River'.



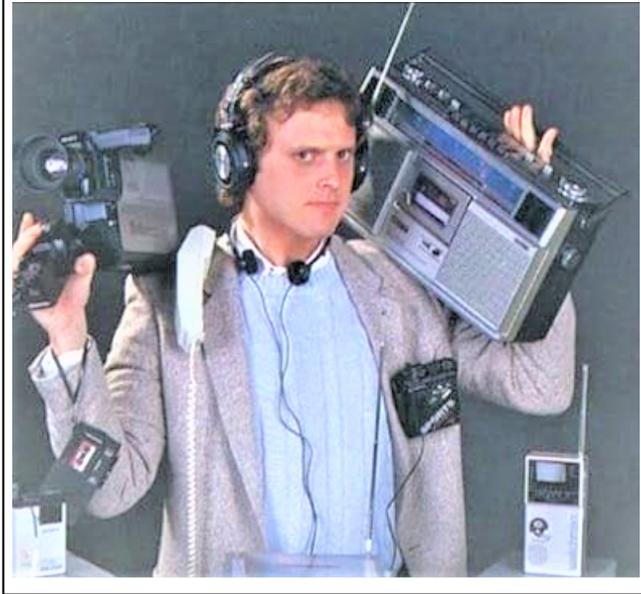
Sometimes God calms the storm,
but sometimes God lets the storm rage
and calms His child.

The Circle of Life



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20 years later...
All of these things fit in your pocket

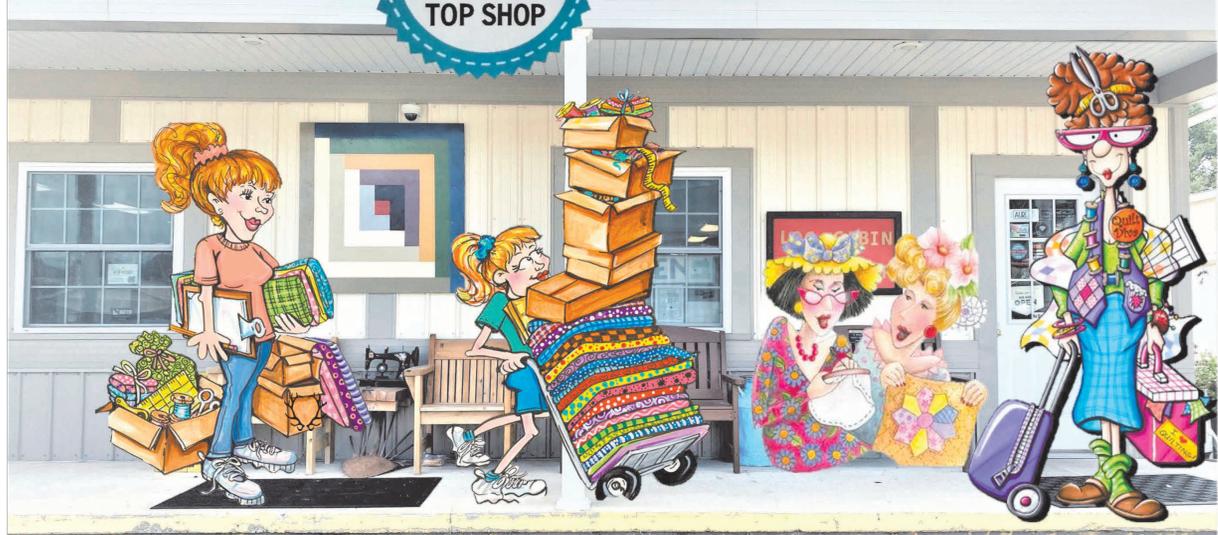


An Owl's eyes are so well developed, they are not eye *balls* but elongated tubes. It is for this reason they cannot roll or move their eyes and can only look straight ahead (which is why they have adapted an extraordinary range of movement in their neck).

Log Cabin Quilt Shop



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 Address
 Log cabin Quilting
 2109 Broadway Ave, Elk Horn, IA 51531

Hours

Monday	10 am - 5 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 5 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 5 pm
Thursday	10 am - 5 pm
Friday	10 am - 5 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm



Fresh snow absorbs sound, lowering ambient noise over a landscape because the trapped air between snowflakes attenuates vibration. That's why it gets so quiet when it snows.

The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session Monday, March 6th, 2023,

at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Teegerstrom; Councilmen Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Hogberg, and K. Petersen. Absent: Mayor Hansen.

Guests in attendance was Clint Fichter, Clerk Chelsee Jacobsen, Jerry Evans, and Jeff Nelson.

Mayor Pro Tem Teegerstrom called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Fredericksen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve February 6th and February 16th, 2023, meeting minutes. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

Attorney Clint Fichter stated there are 3 interested parties for the purchase of the hotel. Clint will update after meeting with the other attorney and interested parties.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve the Claims Register as presented with holding back enCode Plus invoice as clarification is needed. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve timesheet as presented. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve the financial report as presented. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to revise Vacation/Sick time in the employee handbook removing sick hours and only having Paid Time Off (PTO) as follows: Employment length: 90 days to 1 year – 5 Days for full time employees only. Employment length: 1 year(s)-3 years is 15 days, and Employment length 4 years and subsequent years is 20 days. PTO will start over on employee’s anniversary date and not roll over. Council will revisit in one year.

Elm/Pearl/Main Street project is scheduled to start mid to end of March weather pending. Homeowners on Elm Street will be notified of garbage arrangements.

Brine Tank/Water Softener – Jeff ordered the part to fix the brine tank. Needing to find a company to install the part and get the 2nd water softener up and running.

Pool/Park- Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve the quote from Dreyer Painting for \$29,640.00 plus up to \$3000.00 in repairs to paint and repair the pool. Ayes: 5, Motion carried. Teegerstrom moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve Petersen Contracting quote for \$2800.00 to build the wheelchair accessible ramp for the pool. Ayes: 5, Motion carried. Teegerstrom moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve adding a handicap lift for entering the pool. Ayes: 5, Motion carried. Teegerstrom moved, seconded by K. Petersen to provide 2 life-guard shirts to each guard this season. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

Council would like to extend the information of how much it costs to

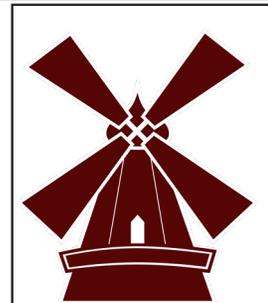
keep the pool and would like to let anyone know donations are always accepted for pool costs. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can be wrote to the city of Elk Horn – Memo: Pool Donation.

Mayor Hansen (Absent) would like to host on April 22, a Free Will Donation Appreciation Spaghetti Supper at the Elk Horn Fire Station for the volunteers of Elk Horn Fire & Rescue and Kimballton Fire Department with a short program to follow recognizing our Volunteers within the Villages. This will be from 4:30 to 6:30 with a short program to follow. All in the community are invited to come show your support.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to adjourn at 8:43PM. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

 Mayor Pro Tem–Nolan Teegerstrom City Clerk – Chelsee Jacobsen





News From The Mill

Some early warm days have allowed traffic to trickle into the windmill gift shop these past few weeks. Tourists are eager to get back out and we're eager to welcome them all to our Danish villages. The Mill co-hosted trivia night at the Shelby County Historical Museum on February 24th. We thank the participants who came out despite the cold. Mary Mickelson Ahrenholtz won the viking helmet for the top score in the Danish round. Rachel Birks won the top prize, a \$25.00 gift certificate to our gift shop. Congratulations to all our winners. It was a fun night for everyone.

Speaking of the gift shop, some new items are on the way. Our PuzzleTwist fans will be delighted to know we have stocked up on a number of Spring and Summer-themed puzzles for the changing season. We have also received more viking necklaces, cookware, and even socks with windmills on them. Our 2023 collectibles are also in and we have plenty of Royal Copenhagen and Bing & Grøndahl plates including the Christmas plates, the Mother's Day plate, and the Children's plate. Some of the 2023 figurines have also arrived. And if you aren't ready for Christmas just yet, we've got you covered. Figurines from Klarborg's 2023 Spring collection will be here soon including ducklings, bunnies, and lambs. If you are looking to impress guests with some unique decorations, you don't want to miss these.

Lastly, the windmill was informed in January that our distributor was going to stop carrying the Viking Blod mead from Denmark. We're delighted to say this decision has since been reversed and we will be able to get more Dansk mjød in soon.

In other news, our Windmill Gala & Charity Auction is just around the corner! After postponing the event last Fall, we have gone for a refresh. Join us on Sunday April 2nd for some good food and silent and live auctions of some very unique and wonderful items. Master Griller will be catering and Wayne Hansen will be the auctioneer. April 2nd also happens to be Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, and it has been awhile since he's been thrown a proper celebration. Tickets are just \$20 a person, and the event kicks off at 11:30AM, it might be the most fun lunch you'll have all year! Tickets are on sale at the windmill, METC, and SCSB in Elk Horn. Follow our updates on social media for more details and sneak peaks at some of the items up for auction. This is our most important fundraiser of the year and we are thankful for the support of our community members and businesses. This year's theme is the Mill Man, inspired by a paper-cut character created by Andersen in his storytelling days.

That's it for now! Stay tuned for announcements of other upcoming events and some new merchandise we're working on. We are currently working on new t-shirts and other windmill apparel for the upcoming tourist season, and ball caps as well. Our newsletter is also in development and will debut in April. Finally, in acknowledgement of International Women's Day on March 8th, we would like to express sincere gratitude and admiration of the women on our staff and everything they do to keep our organization going. More news is on the way, thank you for staying with us!

Shaun Sayres
Manager
Danish Windmill

Recently get engaged over the holidays and now you're looking for a place to hold your event? Consider reserving the Exira Event Center to hold your shower or wedding reception at. We have an open main hall, a bar/lounge area and kitchen available for use. We offer different rental options ranging from Daily Rentals to Weekend Packages. And some of our Weekend Packages even include use of our tablecloths in the price. For more information or to schedule a tour, please email us at: exiraeventcenter@gmail.com

*** Please note that this is 100% run by a volunteer group. We appreciate your consideration and patience in working with us. Thank you! ***

(Wedding decor & centerpieces in pictures are not included in rentals.)

EXIRA EVENT CENTER

Weekend Packages

BASIC

~ Access from 12pm, Friday to 2am, Sunday.
~ Includes bartenders for up to 8 hours.

PRIME

~ Access from 12pm, Thursday to 1pm, Sunday.
~ Includes bartenders for up to 8 hours, 20 tablecloths and use of backdrops.

ALL ACCESS

~ Access from 12pm, Wednesday to 1pm, Sunday.
~ Includes bartenders for up to 8 hours, use of all tablecloths, chair covers and backdrops.



Various add on options available for all rentals.

SEND US AN EMAIL FOR PRICING & MORE INFO.

Contact- Stephanie Petersen
exiraeventcenter@gmail.com

Exira Library News

March 9, 2023

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Today we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday in Story Time! We read stories, colored, painted and had cupcakes! A special thanks to Joy, Annie and Davin for all of your help today!!

This weeks reader of the week is Pat Hansen! Pat's favorite author is Jennifer Chiaverini that writes the Elm Creek Quilts series . When we asked her what her favorite thing about the library was, she said all of the things!





We're Hiring!

Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School District



Available Positions for the 2023-2024 School Year:

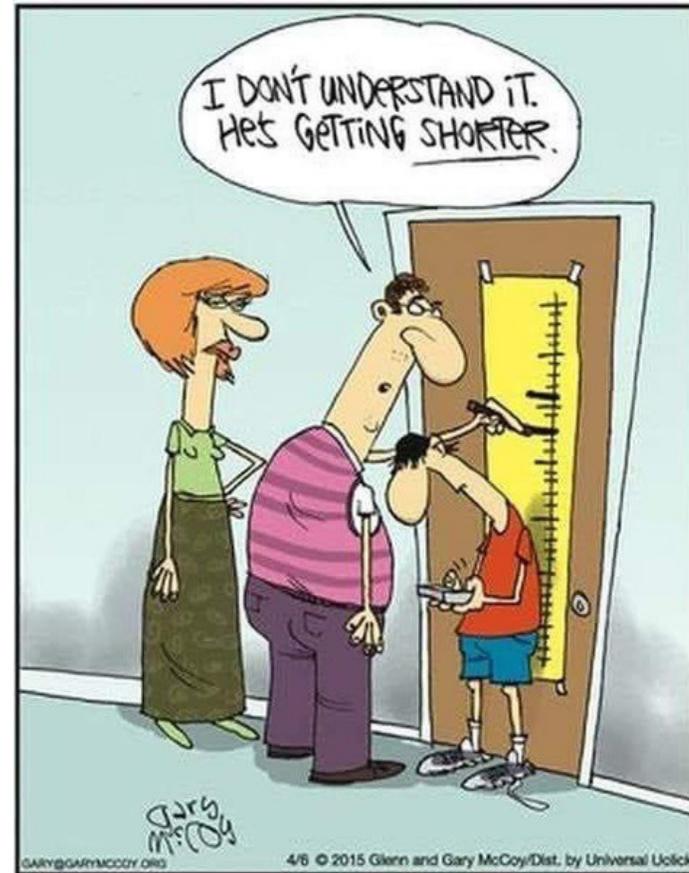
Elementary School	Middle/High School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Grade Teacher • .5 Art Teacher • .5 Title Teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary English Teacher • HS Science Teacher • HS Head Football Coach

[Click here to apply online today!](#)

Application materials can also be sent directly to the building principals.

Questions?

Elementary Positions: Carrie Bauer, PK-5 Principal, (712) 268-5318, cbauer@eehkspartans.org
MS/HS Positions: Erika Van Cleave, 6-12 Principal, (712) 764-4616, evancleave@eehkspartans.org



SATURDAY, APRIL 1st
6 AM – 8 AM
WEST SIDE OF CITY PARK ALONG
JEFFERSON STREET

HAPPY CLEANING ☺

Appliances: \$15

Computer Monitors, Laptops, TVs: \$25

Tires: Car \$3, Truck \$5, Semi \$10, Tractor \$20



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Exira Residents, mark your calendars!



Lenten Midweek Message Series:

“Amazing Words”

(Excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount)

Wednesday, March 15th – Bethany Lutheran Church, Rural Kimballton

“What You Really Ought to Worry About”

(Matthew 6:19-34)

Wednesday, March 22nd – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville

“Never Give Up on God”

(Matthew 7:7-12)

Wednesday, March 29th – Bethany Lutheran Church, Rural Kimballton

“Bedrock”

(Matthew 7:21-29)

Holy Week Lenten Services

April 6th, Maundy Thursday – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Irwin

Holy Communion

April 7th, Good Friday – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton

Holy Communion

Wednesday Lenten Suppers each week, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. (Wednesdays Only)

NO LENTEN SUPPER SERVED ON ASH WEDNESDAY – Feb. 22nd

Midweek Worship Services all at 7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 12	9:00 am Worship @ Bethany
	10:15 am Sunday School @ Immanuel
March 19	9:00 am Worship @ Immanuel
	10:15 am Sunday School @ Immanuel
March 26	9:00 am Worship @ Bethany
	10:15 am Sunday School @ Immanuel

**OUR TIME IS SHORT****Pastor Tim White**

As you read this, we are in the midst of the Season of Lent, historically a time of personal introspection, reflection on Christ and His journey to the cross, and repentance from sin. Lent helps us put our lives and what we live for in perspective. As we think on the lessons Jesus gave to us in His teaching, and on what He subjected Himself to for our salvation, we are called to recommit our lives to loving Him, and living in obedience to His commands. Jesus said that he came “to seek and to save the lost.” So we are to carry on that mission – to bring the good news of salvation in Christ to those who are lost.

A while ago, there was a New York Times article by Oliver Sacks, a professor of neurology at the New York University School of Medicine. Sacks was diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer, and it was terminal. One day he was swimming a mile, and a week later, he was told that he was dying. Life is like that...full of unexpected turns. Dr. Sacks was told that he had just months to live.

In the article, he talked about what he planned to do with the rest of his life. It made me realize, Jesus knew that He only had months to live. Soon He would journey to Jerusalem. He was going to His death, His death on the cross. For this reason, His ministry was intense, and He remained focused.

This Lent we are hearing about what Jesus did with the rest of His life. We are also reflecting on some of His critical teachings from the Sermon on the Mount. Our time in this life is short. Pray that, as we drink from His Word, and draw closer to Him, we will be renewed in spirit and refocused to fulfill the mission Jesus left to His church.

From Shirley Ross

A man finds his dog with a dead rabbit in his mouth. He realizes that the rabbit is a pet of his next-door neighbor. In a panic he cleans the rabbit up and sneaks it back into its cage, hoping his neighbor will think their pet died of natural causes.

Next day he spots his neighbor digging a hole in the flower beds and goes over to investigate. “What are you doing?” asked the man.

“Burying my rabbit AGAIN”, replied the neighbor.

“There are some SICK people around here. The rabbit dropped dead yesterday and I buried it”. Some sick person dug it up, washed it and stuck it back in its cage”



Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.
Be kind always

-Robin Williams

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Brown Bag Lunches

Our brown bag lunches are always open to the public. Bring your lunch and enjoy stories and news about the museum!
More information will become available as we get closer to the dates

Spring / Summer 2023

March 30 - Young Concert Artists Performance

April 13 - Visual Storage Project

May 11 - Behind the Scene of MoDA's Social Media with Emmelie

June 15 - Square Stories with Lise Kildegaard



museum of
danish america

danishmuseum.org (712) 764-7001

ALTAMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

SERVING FROM 4:00 - 7:00PM

516 QUINCE ROAD, HARLAN

Selection of soups to include

- Cheeseburger
- Chili
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Oyster Stew
- Vegetable Beef Soup
- White Chicken Chili

EVERYONE WELCOME!

A free will donation will be collected with proceeds going toward parsonage repairs.



B I N G O

BINGO THURSDAY EVENINGS
DOORS OPEN 5:45 PM; PLAY STARTS AT 6:30 PM
ATLANTIC ELKS LODGE
411 WALNUT STREET

(For further information, contact Atlantic Elks Lodge via FB messenger or call (712) 243-4788)
 Paid for by the Atlantic Community Promotion Commission

"When I was young, I was called a rugged individualist. When I was in my fifties, I was considered eccentric. Here I am doing and saying the same things I did then, and I'm labeled senile."

ELK HORN FIRE & RESCUE

ELK HORN FIRE DEPT
2023 SOUP CONTEST

Congratulations to Coffeegirl for winning the first annual soup contest! They submitted Cheeseburger soup. Thank you to all who came to taste and vote and especially our local businesses who donated soup for the event. All soups were delicious!

Master Griller Catering and Concessions
 The Norse Horse Tavern
 Om L.L.C Hypnosis, Healing, and Transformation
 S&M Repair
 Larsen's Pub

We are grateful to have such wonderful businesses within our Village!

Danish Villages' Annual
Easter Egg HUNT
Saturday, April 8th @ 11:30AM
 Kimballton, City Ball Diamonds

Hot Dog Lunch + Free Will Donation
 Followed by Hunt

We Need Your Help!
 Drop off candy to Norse Horse or Marne Elk Horn Tele Co. by March 31st

Hosted by:
DVIO DANISH VILLAGES Improvement Organization

Senior moment from Shirley Ross

An elderly lady did her shopping, and upon returning to her car found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs: "I HAVE A GUN AND I KNOW HOW TO USE IT.. GET OUT OF THE CAR NOW!!!"

The four men didn't wait for a second threat - They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. After many attempts, she realized why; It was the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat. A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces further down. She loaded her bags into her car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed. The moral of the story ? If you are going to have a senior moment - make it memorable !!!

Congratulations to all of the Exira-EHK Speech Students during the contest this past Saturday in Creston! Exira-EHK faced some tough competition, some rough weather leading up to the competition, but all groups showed great improvement! This year we had a total of 13 new students involved and took 21 total!! So with that we had some great growth! We hope that these students will continue to use their speaking and acting skills in the future!! A special thanks goes out to Brandon Baggett for his help in preparing the Readers Theater Group! Groups receiving a division 1 rating now advance to the Southwest State Competition held at Waukee on Saturday February 4th!



I BELIEVE
(from a reader)

- I BELIEVE YOU CAN'T FIX STUPID, BUT YOU CAN VOTE THEM OUT OF OFFICE.
- I BELIEVE EXERCISE MAKES YOU LOOK BETTER NAKED. BUT SO DOES ALCOHOL
- . WELFARE SHOULD BE A BRIDGE, NOT A PARKING LOT.
- I BELIEVE IF YOU HATE POLICE OFFICERS, THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE IN TROUBLE, CALL A CRACK-HEAD.
- HERE'S A FREE TIP, COPS WILL LEAVE YOU ALONE IF YOU DON'T DO STUPID THINGS.
- . I BELIEVE 400,000 BODIES BURIED AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY ARE THE REASON YOU SHOULD STAND FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

It's time to cast your ballot for
Tivoli Fest 2023 King and Queen!

Ballot boxes are available at
METC, Elk Horn Post Office, Elk Horn Library,
Shelby County State Bank or Danish Windmill.

Voting will end on Friday, April 14th with the
Coronation Dinner on Friday, April 21st, 5 – 8 pm
at the Elk Horn Fire Station.

Staley's Chicken dinner will be served!

KING

QUEEN