

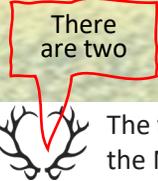


# Rolling Hills Community News

Exira  
Elk Horn  
Kimballton  
Brayton

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**The mystery of:  
"The Hiding Elk Horns"**  
In the Dec 8th paper

These Elk horns are hiding some-  
where 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...

Page 1:  
Thought I was being clever..  
Even I could not find it !!

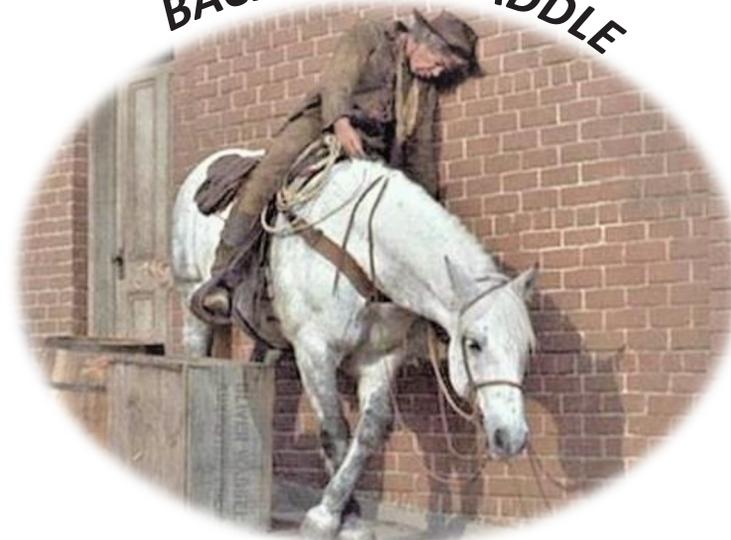
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We are back from our unanticipated extended "vacation". Since we were unable to timely share the Holiday activity, we have included some of it in this issue.

Hence, the paper is a bit larger than normal.

The American Legion Post 322 thanks the community for sharing stories and pictures throughout 2022. PLEASE keep them coming for 2023.

We often hear "my story is not interesting". YES it is! We love to hear about gatherings, events, anniversaries, reunions, interest stories, etc.

BIG thanks to our article providers. Let them know you appreciate their contributions to the paper.

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**Time to “Clean House”**

by Pastor Tim White

Immanuel and Bethany Lutheran Churches, Kimballton, Iowa

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is an offensive way in me, and lead me to the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24

If you are like me, you have a significant accumulation of material things that take up space in every room of your house, not to mention the basement, the garage, cabinets and drawers, perhaps even under a couple of your beds. You keep some of this stuff because you deem it to be important or necessary (if not essential). Also, some of what you have is in the category of “useful” – you don’t need those things right now, but you will likely make use of them in the future. There are still other things you’ve held on to just because you like them. They are of no real use to you, other than that you can admire them. Perhaps they’re of sentimental value to you, or you admire them because they’re beautiful or well-crafted. Whatever the reason, they give you pleasure, and it pleases you to own them. One more category of stuff you’ve accumulated (if you are like me) is all the things that are of no possible use to you ever, and they just sit there taking up space.

Having all this stuff can in various ways become burdensome. It never ceases to amaze me how all the stuff accumulates until I finally decide that it’s time to “clean house,” and I begin by taking an inventory to decide what stays and what has to go. It’s a kind of triage process on everything. Some is designated to be saved. Some of it is given away to family members, neighbors or to charity. Some of it is worth holding on to for a future sale, and the rest just goes into a dumpster.

When it comes to our relationship with God, there can be many things that burden us and inhibit our spiritual well-being. The Bible says that our sin actually separates us from God because God is righteous and holy. Being holy and righteous, He cannot abide sin, so He distances Himself. Sin also causes shame and self-reproach which can leave us vulnerable to believing the lies of the devil, like when he tells us that God could never love us as we are. Our sin breaks God’s heart – yet, in His love for us He yearns for us to repent of sin and return to Him.

The good news is, God helps us to “clean house.” He’s given us a way to “let go of everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles us” so that we might pursue the kind of life God calls us to (See Hebrews 10:1-3). We are forgiven of our sins through faith in Jesus Christ who paid the penalty for our sins FOR US on the cross. Further, the Bible says that, by our faith in Christ, His Spirit dwells within us and empowers us to live differently – with love for God and with love that puts the welfare of others before ourselves.

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



We are all brave in our own way...  
For instance, I am not afraid of raw cookie dough

<b>January 29th:</b>	<b>9:00am Worship @ Bethany</b> <b>10:15am Sunday School @ Immanuel</b>
<b>February 5th:</b>	<b>9:00am Worship @ Immanuel w/communion</b> <b>10:15am Sunday School @ Immanuel</b>
<b>February 12th:</b>	<b>9:00am Worship @ Bethany w/communion</b> <b>10:15am Sunday School @ Immanuel</b>
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<b>February 26th:</b>	<b>9:00am Worship @ Bethany</b> <b>10:15am Sunday School @ Immanuel</b>





The holiday season and the Rolling Hills hiatus have ended. Time now to sharpen up the quill and get back to work.

The majority of church-goers have most likely experienced an embarrassing moment or two while attending services. Yours truly was not immune. It was the first meeting after the annual selection of officers. One of my duties as church secretary was preparing the typed list of nominees which the pastor then read aloud for approval by the members. I was quite satisfied with my error-free publication until he paused in the middle of reading the list, did a double take and with a chuckle announced, "Looks like we've got a Dead Deacon."

It had been a long, hot day putting up hay at my uncle's farm but there was a special meeting at our church that evening and I was chosen to go with their family. My aunt did a quick change from sweat-stained jeans and did a rapid clean-up job on herself and two small boys. There was no time to fix hair so she piled it all under a her wide-brimmed "picture" hat. We were among the last to arrive and had to sit well up front. My aunt looked every inch the lady until the restless young son on her lap reached up and knocked her hat into the seat behind. The gentleman sitting there must have caught it mid-air as a huge hand appeared with the way-ward hat and a very embarrassed lady quickly plopped it back onto her head.

In Roland Petersen's Reflections memoir, he told of his mother sending him with his father to town because he needed a haircut. His dad asked him how much it would cost. "Well," Roland said, "I heard Shorty the barber would cut kids' hair for a quarter if he could cut it all off at once." Dad grinned and gave me a quarter and off to the barber shop I went. When the barber finished clipping my head, he turned me around so I could see myself in the mirror. I was shocked at what I looked like without any hair, but it was too late and the damage had been done. I paid him and walked out. When I put my cap back on, it was all too large and fell down over my eyes. Dad didn't even make any remarks about it. When I got home I put a safety pin in the back of my cap to shorten it up so I could keep it on my head. I felt so conspicuous!"

"A few days later it was time for the church picnic. I had memorized a speaking piece for the program. As I walked to the raised platform I left my cap on so nobody would see my bald head. Well, one of the church elders was sitting on the edge of the platform. Just as I turned and was ready to speak, he reached out and pulled my cap off. The crowd roared in laughter. I was so embarrassed I forgot everything I had learned, so I turned and ran off the platform and back to my dad and buried my head in his lap. I never did speak that piece."

One of my cousins had just graduated from high school, taken a job as an aide on the night shift at the local nursing home, and was dealing with a bit of "jet lag." I was sitting beside her in church when suddenly her arms and legs flew out in all directions, books and papers she was holding clattered on the hardwood floor. As we both gathered up her things we tried to keep some semblance of dignity. I thought I was doing pretty well until she handed me a handwritten one sentence note: I dreamed I had a frog on my lap. That's when we both nearly lost it.

I was at lunch with an old friend and pointed at two elderly men across the room and said, "That's us in 10 years." He said, "that's the mirror."



**Duane Christofferson**

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A teenage boy was advised by his father to bring his grades up, study his Bible and get his hair cut if he wanted to start using the car. The boy did the first two but kept his hair long. Dad questioned why. The boy said, "I notice in the Bible people had long hair - Samson, even Jesus." Dad replies, "Yes, and did you notice they all walked everywhere they went?"



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MY KID: I feel like you are always making up rules and stuff

ME: Like What?

MY KID: Like, if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.

ME: Well, that is what happened to your older brother

MY KID: What older brother?

ME: EXACTLY

The Danish concept of “hygge” (pronounced HUE-guh) embraces life’s simple pleasures, feeling relaxed, cozy and surrounded by the warmth of family, friends and community during the long winter months. Join us for an evening of good food, drink, creating and maybe pick up a Valentine gift or two!

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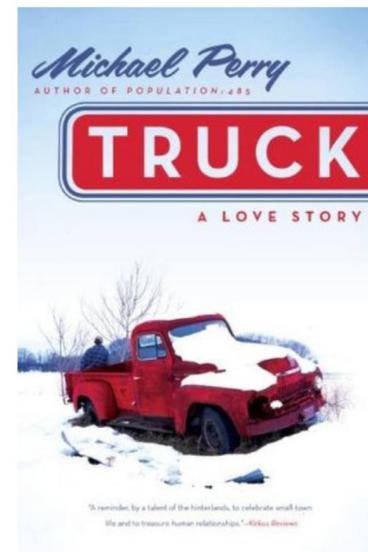


## BOOK CLUB

### at the Elk Horn Library

FEBRUARY, 2ND AT 7PM

Michael Perry is a humorist, radio host, songwriter, and the New York Times bestselling author of several nonfiction books. He lives in northern Wisconsin with his family.



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“LONG WAY DOWN”  
GRAPHIC NOVEL  
BY JASON REYNOLDS



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**Breakfast Book Club for 7-12 graders**

Elk Horn Public Library

## YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

A new year, as man declares it, has arrived. We have a 'new number' to get used to writing – 2023. So where have you been this past year and what have you accomplished? It seems that our society delights in considering the things of the past. Our magazines, newspapers and TV reports spend much time discussing the topic of '2022' and what went on therein.

Have you taken any trips of note this past year? Sally and I put about 3300 miles on our Buick La Cross in our travels 'back east' to visit family and to attend our grandson's wedding. But like all of you, we managed another trip of much greater proportions – we all went on a collective journey of approximately 586 million miles around the sun!! Written out, that's 586,000,000 miles!!

That's a big number, so let me break it down to something more manageable – each 24 hour period (one day) we traveled slightly more than 1.6 million miles at a speed of about 67,000 miles per hour. And it didn't even mess up our hair! Truth is, we really didn't even notice the movement. God saw fit to provide us with the gravity and atmosphere we need that allows us to 'live and move and have our being' (Acts 27:28).

It's a long trip that we take each and every year; and each and every year we come back to the spot from which we started (in relation to the sun) without mishap. How does God do that? How has He ordered all things such that we do not even take notice of the fantastic journey of the earth's orbit around the sun? Oh, some of us take notice of the sun's progression from south to north and back again, but we really don't feel the movement.

King David said it like this in the 131st Psalm, "I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother." What a beautiful picture that is!! God's thoughts and God's ways are higher than our thoughts and ways – higher than the heavens are above the earth. (Isaiah 55:9) I desire to be as David was, not clever enough to understand the wonderful things of God, yet stilled and quieted in my soul. God is sovereign over all.

So I'm thinking that with the start of a new year let us go back to the beginning of things and take a look at Genesis 1:1; let me quote just the first 4 words of the bible, "In the beginning, God ..." it might be said that these are the 4 most important words of the entire bible. How so? This four word phrase lays all the ground work for what follows. Simply put, NO GOD - NO NOTHING. We have no existence without the one who is self-existent! He is the creator, the one who said, "Let there be light and there was light".

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Let's spend some time this New Year looking at our God.

Bill Rollins 1-3-2023



## IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

Last article I wrote about the problems the low river levels are causing concerning barge traffic. And that the historic low river levels were allowing salt water to reach farther upstream. With climate change causing ocean levels to rise this is not the only problem that will occur.

Those once favorite oceanside hotel and resorts will end up being flooded. Coastal states will lose significant amounts of useable land as the waters move onshore. Many homes will have to be abandoned because of flooding. Major cities like New Orleans will be in what the Dutch refer to as a polder. Land that is actually below ocean level but is kept dry by levees and constant pumping.

And these are not the only problems that climate change will create. Sadly, the longer we wait to take meaningful action to combat climate change the more stringent the measures will have to be. Carbon levels in the atmosphere must be lowered in order to slow or hopefully stop the rising temperatures. While you might think that changing one thing couldn't have a beneficial effect, you need to consider one thing. Have you ever seen the wiring diagram for a TV set. There are a multitude of different electronic parts. Resistors, diodes, control modules, etc. If any one of those parts doesn't work as intended the TV set will not work as intended. Or it may cease to operate at all. Why just one small part can cause all those problems is because that TV set is a closed system. The only outside inputs are the supply of electricity and signals. But the TV only reacts to those inputs they do not change the way it operates.

Now let us examine our planet. The Earth is a closed system. The only inputs are heat and light from our sun. But in the case, we and our activities are the parts of the closed system. If our activities cause changes in what has been normal, then we must expect the system to react in a different manner. We have introduced millions of tons of carbon that was once sequestered into our atmosphere. We have freed thousands of cubic feet of methane from underground that also acts as a greenhouse gas. And the rising temperature has increased the evaporation of water from our lakes, streams, and oceans. Water vapor is also a greenhouse gas

What each of us can do ourselves may not make a large impact on solving this situation. But when thousands upon thousands of us take action that does make a large impact. And in that fact is where hope lies for our descendants.

Bob Mortenson 11-19-22

Doctor:

What motivates you to get up in the morning?

Me:

Mostly my Bladder

The City Council of Elk Horn met in special session on Thursday **January 19th, 2023**, at 5:30 PM at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Hansen; Councilmen D. Petersen, Teegerstrom, Hogberg and K. Petersen; Absent Fredericksen. Also in attendance was City Clerk Chelsee Jacobsen, Clint Fichter, Adam McCall, Jeff Nelson, Molly & Terry Robertson, Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 4, motion carried. Council discussed a new starting wage for the lifeguards for the upcoming season. Teegerstrom moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve \$11.00 for new lifeguards and returning lifeguards get a .50 cent increase. Council voted 4-0 to approve paying for the lifeguard class reimbursement at the end of the season. Ayes: 4, motion carried. Budgets were discussed with Departments – Clint advised to think of future projects for tax increment financing to be applied to. Max Tax Levy Hearing set for February 6th at 6:00PM. K. Petersen moved seconded by Hogberg to approve the Paramedic Contract with Adam J. McCall. Adam is now under a 5-year contract with the City. Ayes: 4, motion carried. Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to adjourn at 6:30PM. Ayes: 4, motion carried.

Keli Hansen, Mayor    Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk

#### 2023 City of Elk Horn Appointments Council:

Mayor Pro-Tem: Nolan Teegerstrom

Streets and Sidewalks: Tim Fredericksen, Kendall Petersen

Water and Sewer: Dan Petersen, Nolan Teegerstrom

Buildings: Derick Hogberg

Park: Nolan Teegerstrom

Pool: Derick Hogberg, Kendall Petersen

Fitness Center: Derick Hogberg, Tim Fredericksen

Planning and Zoning: Dan Petersen

Boards:

Chairperson is listed first.

Community Development (Motif Board): Larry Fajen, Terry Petersen, Jill Madsen, Michelle Jens

Planning and Zoning: Lee Esbeck, Lisa Riggs, Troy Smith

Library: Faith Petersen, Don Struve, Vera Petersen, Nancy Watson, Deb King  
Pool: Nikki Bricker, Nate Potts, LaJissa Niklasen, Neta Sander, Brandon Baggett

Park: Carrie Potts, Roger Rasmussen, Stan Jens

Tree Board: Nate Potts, Dan Petersen, Mike Riggs

Tourism Board: Lisa Riggs, Bob Mortensen, Lou Howard

Fitness Center: Jimmy McCarthy, Jeremy Christensen, Derick Hogberg

Official Appointments

Financial Inst.: Shelby County State Bank (not to exceed \$900,000)

IPAIT (not to exceed \$600,000)

City Attorney: Clint Fichter

Official Newspaper: The Harlan Tribune,

Treasurer: Allison Buckholdt

City Clerk: Chelsee Jacobsen

Fire Chief: Adam McCall

The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session Wednesday, January 4th, 2023, at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Hansen; Councilmen Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Hogberg, K. Petersen and Teegerstrom.

Guests in attendance was Clint Fichter, Clerk Chelsee Jacobsen, Jerry Evans, Jeff Nelson, Adam McCall, Ryan Larsen, Alissa LaCanne, and Nancy Watson.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes:5 Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve December 5th, 2022, meeting minutes. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

Employee raises for FY 2023-2024 were discussed. Fredericksen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve Resolution NO. 2023-01.4. Wage adjustment for the employees will be effective 7/1/2023, and wage adjustment for Jeff Nelson \$27.30, Josh Nelson \$8.40, Adam McCall \$25.20, Chelsee Jacobsen \$21.00, Hannah Nelson \$15.00 (Town Hall Cleaning), Alissa LaCanne \$21.00, Jonas LaCanne \$10.75, LaJissa Niklasen \$14.50, Irelynd McCarthy \$10.00, Neta Sander \$12.60, Emily Bricker \$10.00, Jerry Evans \$18.00. ROLL CALL: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Resolution Passed, Motion Carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve removing Lexi Christensen from the SCSB ACH/IPERS accounts. Ayes: 5, Motion carried. K. Petersen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to add Council Member Derick Hogberg to SCSB ACH & IPERS accounts. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve Loan Resolution authorizing Water Utility Indebtedness. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

Hotel Update: A new trial will be set. The recent buyers have decided not to purchase.

Ryan Larsen informed council about his plans for his building on Main Street – no zoning code issues were discovered.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the Claims register as presented. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve the timesheets as presented and approve any hours worked on the actual holiday to be paid as double time. Ayes: 5, Motion carried. Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen approve Jeff Nelson's vacation from February 23rd to February 28th. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

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

FY 2023-2024 discussed. A special meeting is set for Thursday January 19th, 2023, at 5:30PM. All department heads will be encouraged to attend. Max Levy hearing set for February 6th, 2023.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve 2023 City Appointments. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

Streets/Sidewalks: Need to clarify what sidewalk repairs need done for residents that got a letter. Adam stated the Orange Dump truck is having major mechanical issues and the city should consider looking for a replacement truck.

Water/Water Samples/Sewer: Well #10 was repaired. Brine tank at the water plant is needing repaired also.

Pool/Park: Clint applied for the Iowa West foundation grant for the pool house. Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen to offer the 2023 Pool manager position to Maria Hughes at \$15.00 an hour. Hughes substantially accepted the position. Ayes: 5, Motion carried. Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve the increase for lifeguard wages to \$10.50 to start, with \$.25 increase each year they return. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

Fire Dept/Rescue: Fire Dept physicals are being done January 4th & 5th.

Fitness Center: The donated equipment will be here January 6th. Planning to keep our existing equipment as a backup with possible sealed bid later.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to adjourn the meeting at 8:28PM. Ayes: 5, Motion carried.

Keli Hansen, Mayor

Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk

On January 14th the Knotty Ladies quilt group hosted a quilt retreat at the Exira Rec Center. These ladies have a retreat four times a year. All proceeds go to Relay for Life, a non-profit cancer organization. This January event was the largest yet with fifty-nine quilters participating. This quilters retreat started in October of 2016 and has been going strong under the supervision of Tammie Jens, Team Leader. The retreat offers fellowship, prizes, good food and the opportunity to learn techniques and exchange ideas. This time we got some statistics on the participants. We had many groups from Omaha, Des Moines etc. But the person who came the farthest was Jamie Raft, Warren County. The youngest participant was Allie Brooks and the oldest was Karma Sorensen (also the most knowledgeable). We had a couple teams working on the same quilt together. The biggest being a grandmother, mother, daughter and baby in the works! (see picture)

The next retreat is March 25th, 2023 in Exira. Information regarding the retreat will be posted in this paper and on Facebook. Come join the fun!!



The school called today and said..  
 "Your son is telling lies..  
 "Well", I replied..  
 "He must be REALLY good because I don't have any kids"..

My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner..  
 So I took the battery out of the smoke alarm..



## The Typical Food Pantry Client

By Juanita Erickson

So what does a typical client at a food pantry look like? Many people may visualize someone who is, as a driver of an old car that is barely making it down the road or even as the homeless person depicted in the movies who sits and eats at a soup kitchen. Yes, individuals like this do visit food pantries. However, the majority of pantry clients are far from these stereotypes. Unfortunately, with the popular mindset that only those who have nothing should utilize these services, many who honestly do need some help putting food on the table may stay away and think that since they aren't completely destitute that they shouldn't go. Another issue is with other people thinking that someone shouldn't be a food pantry client based upon what they think they know about them. What they do not know is the full story. That nice car that a father of four may drive could have 250,000 miles on the odometer, but he keeps it looking good because he needs it to last for another 100,000 miles. The name brand clothes that the 38 year old lady wears come from the thrift store. The family that took the big vacation last year just had someone in the household diagnosed with severe depression and their health insurance doesn't cover the care they need.

The truth is that food pantries serve people who are representative of their communities. The clients are as diverse as the communities they live in. We serve families headed by individuals who are retired, disabled, employed, and unemployed. Household sizes range from single people to large families. Some come every month, others sporadically and some only once to get through a tough time. Some families use the food pantry because their SNAP benefits don't last through the month. Other families don't qualify for those benefits, but don't make enough money to buy sufficient food for the month. Others come in when unexpected bills rear their ugly heads and the dollars just won't stretch that far. There are single parents who aren't receiving any child support, widows and widowers who have to choose between their medication and the grocery store, two parent families who struggle to pay the rent and daycare, and the individual who just had his or her hours cut at work, or moved, or got a divorce, or whose car just died, or that life just happened to.

We asked Juanita Erickson the following:  
Are you able to keep up with the needs of the people?

Juanita's response

So far we are able to serve those who have come to us needing help. There is definitely a need even in our small communities. We have been blessed with donations of both food and money from a wide range of people and groups. Without the help of the many who step up we certainly wouldn't be able to do what we do. There have been times when the shelves are getting bare in the past, but somehow it works out to keep going forward. I certainly pray that it continues to do so.

To really find a picture of the typical food pantry client all you really need to do is to look around your community. The typical client is your neighbor, a worker at your favorite restaurant, the family of your child's best friend, the person sitting at the next desk in your office, or your mother, father or cousin. It is someone who loves their family enough to take what steps are necessary to feed them. It is a person who is very aware that others need to use the pantry to help feed their families as well and is very conscious of not taking too much and who may even apologize for being there and needing the help themselves. It is also a person who will think to pick up a little extra at the store when their circumstances improve and donate it to the very food pantry who helped them when they needed it. In short, the typical client at a food pantry is simply a person who needs a little help and kindness.



### Elk Horn Lutheran Church Food Pantry

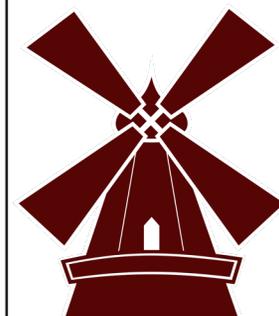
*Everyone needs help with  
something at some point in their lives.*

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

**Open Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30.**  
(Dates may be changed for scheduled church functions.)

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





## Windmill News from Shaun

### News From The Mill

The annual ritual of inventory is upon us here at the windmill. As we wrap up what has been a blissful holiday season and a wonderful year, let us extend a show of thanks to all of those who supported and contributed to the windmill this year, from the readers of this column to our own staff, volunteers, and board members. We are thankful for each and every one of you and look forward to many years ahead together. For those keeping score, the final numbers are in. We received over 65,000 visitors this year from around the country and the world. The top attendance states include Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Minnesota, and California. We hosted 20 large group tours that ranged from 3rd grade field trips to senior bus outings. Travelers from 38 different countries visited during 2022, with at least 359 visitors from Denmark.

As we head into the New Year, we feel it especially prudent to acknowledge the part-time staff that has worked very hard to keep the business moving this year: Faye Farley, Joanne Greving, Julie Nelson, Phyllis Hoegh, and Tami Jacobsen. Every day these women are called upon to help in near every facet of our operation and each and every one of them meets that call with unmatched energy and determination, an unquestionable devotion to the mill akin to those who brought it here 46 years ago. Without their help, the windmill would not still be here today. They are an integral part of the windmill and our community.

We still have ample Christmas décor left for those already planning next year's festivities. And if you are looking for party treats for the New Year, we have some of the creamiest Havarti cheese at just \$9.00 per pound, a wonderful companion to some of our wines bottled locally at Danish Countryside. We have some winter-themed puzzles for those snowy days and a wide assortment of mugs for the perfect warm beverage.

Looking ahead, we have our annual meeting coming up on January 30th at the Elk Horn Town Hall. We start at 7 p.m. and all are free to attend. This is a great opportunity to hear from Shaun and the Mill's Board and Staff about current and upcoming plans. We will also be participating in the first 'Hygge Walk' on Thursday, February 9th from 5-8 p.m. We'll be serving fresh samples of creamy Havarti cheese with some delicious red and white wines in addition to our famous Viking meads. We'll also be debuting two new Hygge t-shirt designs just for the occasion to make sure to get one before they're gone. Stay tuned, there is much more to come.

I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps, got lost on the way back, now I have no idea what's going on

Check it out !!



I Want THAT ONE



### NATURE'S LESSONS

A few years ago, in late October I had the chance to spend some time in the prairie. Only a few of the late bloomers still clung to their flowers. All the rest had set seed to insure the next generation of their kind. You could tell that the prairie was ready to pull up a blanket of snow and sleep through that long night that we call Winter.

For that is what Winter is to the vegetative world. A time to rest, collect resources, and prepare for the following Spring. But even as the prairie sleeps it is still being of value to the world. It is preventing erosion of the precious topsoil. Its long roots are holding open the channels for the life-giving rains to soak deeply into the earth. And even its now lifeless vegetation is providing sustenance and sometimes sanctuary for the creatures of the field.

But in a few short months, with the warming of the air and the lengthening of the day, that first tender green sprout will appear. Like a timid toe testing the water. And shortly after that the prairie will explode with renewed vigor from its rest. And each and every plant will strive to become the best example of its species.

If we humans were to be resolute in following these simple lifeforms lead, can you even imagine the results. Our descendants would inherit a world much different from what exists today. It would be the greatest legacy that we could bestow to them.

Bob Mortenson 12-1--22

Exira Public Library hosts

## ALL ON BOARD!!

Ever wanted to make your own charcuterie board, but didn't know where to start? We've got you covered! Join Jill Christensen, creator of All On Board as she shows us first hand how to make our own boards!

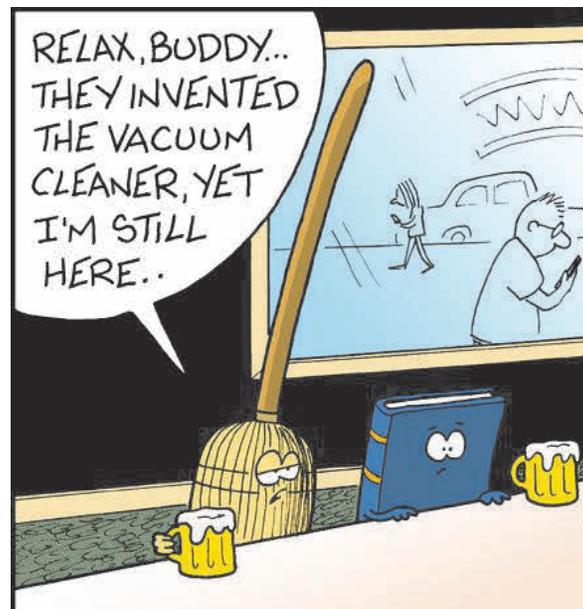
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH @ 5:30PM IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM. PERFECT TIME TO MAKE THOSE SUPER BOWL BOARDS! SEATING IS LIMITED SO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.



\$50 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. THIS PROVIDES THE BOARD AND EVERYTHING THAT WILL GO ON IT! PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING A GOOD, SHARP KNIFE TO USE AT THE PROGRAM.



## Paint Night With Kendra Exira Public Library Wed, Feb 1, 2023: 5:30 PM



*I'm no longer taking orders for cinnamon rolls, cookies etc.*

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Applicants must be 15 years or older. Complete RED CROSS Certification course. (Classes are \$175)  
\*Practice oportunites are available\*

Classes to be done in March dates TBD.  
APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2023

**PLEASE CONTACT MARIA HUGHES  
712-254-3966**



**Outlook Study Club** met on January 16th at the library. Once again, we had a great evening of Fun and fellowship. We sang Happy Birthday to Shar, had some delicious treats and a holiday book exchange.

Thank you to Klare Chapman for sharing your photos and story of your trip through Spain on horseback with your mom, Kristi. What a wonderful presentation. The once in a lifetime trip was a surprise for her mother. They traveled 106 miles stopping every 9-11 hours at hostiles or private homes for rest and wonderful food. I cannot describe the beautiful scenery we saw through pictures and video but to say they were beautiful would not be enough.

Next Outlook Study Club is Feb. 20th, meet at 6:00 at the library...we are going bowling!!



Thank you to the McCarthy family for their book donations and new bookshelves in the children's section in honor of Ayzlee's birthday this month.



### INTRO TO THE FITNESS CENTER

A very informative evening with Aaron Allen and Holly demonstrating how to use all the machines with proper form at the Elk Horn Fitness Center.

Stay tuned as Aaron is starting his own personal training business- Dominion Strength and Fitness. Aaron can be reached at 712-579-2623 for any questions or to begin your personalized fitness plan at any age!



## LIBRARY BOWLING LEAGUE

We kicked off the new year with our first early out bowling league trip to the Audubon Rec Center. We want to give a special thank you to Express Charter for donating their time and sponsoring today's bus trip!

The kids loved the party bus with all the lights, the music playlist and being able to use the bathroom on the trip. □ Thank you Express Charter for this great opportunity and if you need to rent a party bus they can be reached at 712-235-6138 for reservations and pricing! We highly recommend!



. During the spring of 2022, Amelia Teegerstrom's high school graphic design class all participated in a logo contest for us, and our library staff and board of trustees chose Easton McCarthy's design. We also want to thank Deborah King for contributing her time and talent to work with the class and tweak Easton's work to make it perfect for our library!

Items are available for purchase from the circulation desk to show your library love! Proceeds from merchandise sales help support all of our programming and events!

- Youth T-shirts \$14 (small - XL)
- Adult T-shirts \$15-\$18 (small - 3x)
- Youth Hoodies \$30 (small - XL)
- Adult Hoodies \$42-46 (small - 3x)
- Bags \$18
- Ceramic Mugs \$10



## Exira-EHK 11th Annual School Spelling Bee

Congratulations goes out to the 42 students who participated in the 11th Annual Exira-EHK School Spelling Bee this week. Brooklynn Snider (7th grader) is our Exira-EHK School Spelling Bee Champion. Our runner-up is Aubrey Nelson (6th grader). Our Elementary (grades 1st-3rd) co-winners are RayLeigh Smith, Summer Pedersen and Harper Rasmussen. Brooklynn's winning word in round 12 was 'dissolute'. Brooklynn will have the opportunity to compete in Scripps State Spelling on March 18 at Omaha Sports Commission.

Big Thank You goes out to the students and parents for raising over \$1,300 in this year's Spartan Spelling Bee Fundraiser!!! Our Elementary students in 1st-5th grades received donations from family and friends. We will use the money towards our Elementary Spartan Pride Store and educational programs. Thank you to our judges, Connie Jessen, Jen Petersen and Brenda Hansen and those who helped with the event (Beth Peppers, Lexi Griffin, Connie Jessen, Riann Hansen, Jen Petersen, Shelli Nelson, Courtney Peppers, Brenda Hansen, and teachers). "Congratulations goes out to Brooklynn and all the students who competed in this year's School Spelling Bee! Spartan Nation is very proud of these students for representing academics in our school. Thank you to our amazing staff who helped with this educational spelling program and fundraiser. Good Luck, Brooklynn, at the State Spelling Bee!" expressed Lisa Dreier, TAG Instructor.



Brooklynn Snider (1st place) Lisa Dreier, Aubrey Nelson (runner-up)



Harper Rasmussen, Summer Pedersen and RayLeigh Smith



Father Murphy walks into a pub and asks the first man he meets, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'  
 The man said, 'I do, Father.'  
 The priest said, 'Then stand over there against the wall.'  
 Then the priest asked the second man, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'  
 'Certainly, Father,' the man replied.  
 'Then stand over there against the wall,' said the priest.  
 Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'  
 O'Toole said, 'No, I don't Father.'  
 The priest said, 'I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?'  
 O'Toole said, 'Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now.'



### An Event for Women!

**April 23**  
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11 AM VIP Registration, 11:30 General Registration & Shopping; 3 PM - 5 PM Program

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 February 15, 2023**



## Lee Allen Nissen ww

April 7, 1948 ~ December 24, 2022

Lee Allen Nissen, son of Irvn (Mickey) Nissen and Marjorie (Murray) Nissen, was born on April 7, 1948 in Atlantic, Iowa. Lee passed away on Saturday, December 24, 2022 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, Iowa, attaining the age of seventy-four years, eight months, and seventeen days.

Lee was baptized and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn, Iowa. He attended grade school and graduated from

Elk Horn-Kimballton High School with the Class of 1967.

After graduation, Lee enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving on the Navy Ship USS John R. Craig (DD-885, Destroyer). During the Vietnam War and later in Korea, having achieved the Rank of MM3 E-4, Lee was Honorably Discharged from the military after four years.

Lee lived in Las Vegas, Nevada for one year before moving back to his hometown of Elk Horn, Iowa. Lee worked for American Builders in Atlantic, Iowa for sixteen years until they closed and for Fence Master in Manning, Iowa for four years until they closed. Lee then worked for the Kimballton Auction Company in Kimballton, Iowa and for Nissan Sanitation in Elk Horn, Iowa until he retired.

Lee was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and Harry Albertsen Am Vets Post #51 in Kimballton, Iowa.

Lee is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his daughter, Rachel Lee Larson and husband, Jason Larson, and his grandchildren: Landon Larson and Ella Larson, all of Atlantic, Iowa; his brother, Danny Nissen and wife, Frannie Nissen, of Elk Horn, Iowa; his niece, Ginger Jensen and husband, Brian Jensen, and their two children: Grace Jensen and Gavin Jensen, all of Bennington, Nebraska; his niece, Wendi Renteria and husband, Michael Renteria, and their child: Taylor Renteria, all of Omaha, Nebraska; his good friend John Jensen of Gulfport, Mississippi; aunts, uncles, other relatives, and many friends.

## Ray Erickson

April 5, 1969 — December 26, 2022

Ray Erickson, 53, of Atlantic, IA, formerly of Jefferson, SD, passed away peacefully December 26, 2022, surrounded by family and friends at UNMC in Omaha, NE.

Raymond Harlon, Jr. was born on April 5, 1969, in Sydney, Australia, the eldest son of Raymond, Sr and Patricia (Hyland) Erickson. In June of 1970, the family moved to the United States. He graduated from Jefferson High School in Jefferson, SD; later joining the Navy serving on the USS Iowa. His love for the Navy and his country remained close to him throughout the rest of his life. After his honorable discharge he settled in Atlantic, IA in 1990. This is where he met the love of his life, Vicki Thompson, the couple married on September 24, 1990.

Ray worked at several nursing homes within the area, including Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn working as a CMA/CNA. Due to health reasons, he retired in 2016.

Ray and Vicki enjoyed traveling as a couple and also taking the grandchildren on adventures. A few of their favorite trips included visiting family in England and several cruises. His grandchildren, nieces and nephews were his world; and the time he spent with them was precious! Ray is survived by his wife of 32 years, Vicki; grandchildren, Lily George and Max Hickman; brothers, Samuel Erickson and Bill (Kelly) Erickson; sister, Jaclyn (Cory Moore) Saltzgiver; mother-in-law, Judy Thompson; brother-in-law, Jeff Thompson; nieces, Kylee Saltzgiver, Eva Saltzgiver and Trystan Erickson; nephews, Zeik (Kristen) Johnson and Garrett Erickson; lifelong friend, Corey Dennison; and special family friends, Sue Fischer, Samantha George and Ethan Christensen.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond, Sr and Pat Erickson; sister in infancy, Rose Marie, father-in-law, Cliff Thompson; sister-in-law, Debbie Buscher; niece, Madeline Erickson; and nephew, William Erickson.

A Celebration of Life Memorial service was held January 6, 2023, at Roland Funeral Home in Atlantic. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family for designation at a later date.

Roland Funeral Service is caring for Ray's family and his arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.rolandfuneralservice.com](http://www.rolandfuneralservice.com).





### **Robin Thomsen**

January 28, 1936 - January 10, 2023

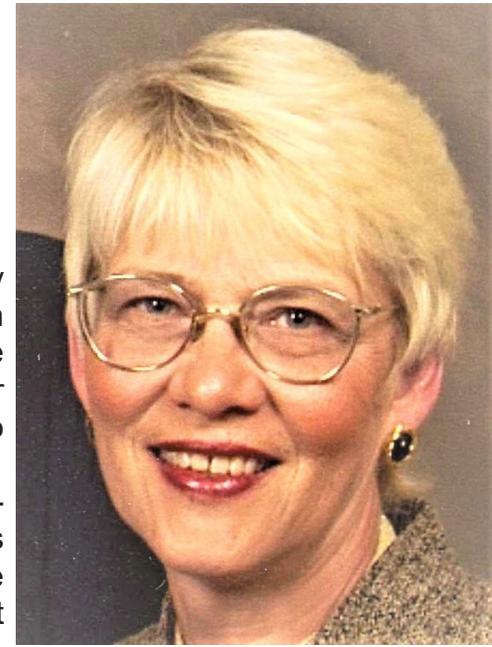
It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Robin Thomsen of Atlantic, Iowa, born in Monroe, Nebraska, who passed away on January 10, 2023, at the age of 86, leaving to mourn family and friends. Family and friends are welcome to send flowers or leave their condolences on this memorial page and share them with the family.

She was predeceased by : her parents, Arthur Larimore and Elsie Larimore (Schilling); her siblings, Don Larimore, Phyllis Bintz and Colleen Rutenbeck; and her siblings-in-law, Hattie Larimore, Earl Bintz and Charles Rutenbeck.

She is survived by : her husband Gene "Beaner" Thomsen of Elk Horn, IA; her daughters, Lori Petters (Paul) of Omaha, NE, Dawn Schueman (Dave) of Avoca, IA and Sally Jacobsen of Avoca, IA; her grandchildren, Emily Blake, Maggie Wenndt (Joe), Tessa Randolph (Evan), Sam Schueman (Jenna), Davis Jacobsen (Josie), Ben Jacobsen (Caitlyn) and Hana Smoot (Cody); and her great grandchildren, Maysen, Lucas, Genevieve and Lane. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation was held on Monday, January 16th 2023 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Immanuel Lutheran Church (204 W 2nd St, Kimballton, IA 51543). A memorial service was held on Monday, January 16th 2023 at 11:00 AM at the same location.

Mrs. Susan Steen  
November 23, 1950 ~  
January 14, 2023 (age 72)



Susan (Crazy Sue) Kay Steen passed away January 14, 2023, at Jennie Edmundson Methodist Hospital in Council Bluffs, IA, due to complications with renal failure, but her kids think she was finally done listening to Al's (husband) stories.

Susan started her career as an RN at Jennie Ed Hospital until she met a man that was going to need full time care (Alan) for the rest of his life and promptly left nursing, but never stopped caring for others.

Her heart was filled with creativity, enthusiasm, and she loved nurturing kids. She was an in-home daycare provider, preschool teacher, and for 22 years she was the school nurse/teacher's aide at Fullerton Public School.

Susan was the proud grandma of 7 grandkids: Ashton, Emily, Garrett, Lily, Isabel, Gavin, and Natalie. Susan was the type of grandma that would get on the ground and play with her grandkids, jump in the pool holding their hands, and was constantly doing crafts and science experiments with them.

Grandkids thought she was the best cook ever because everything she fed them came from the dessert menu and was the only adult that would take them to Golden Corral for all you can eat cotton candy and the chocolate fountain.

Susan was also an avid reader. It's no secret, smut books used to be her favorite genre but after 50 years of marriage with Al, she switched to murder mystery books and forensic shows. Probably for research.

And of course, if anyone knew Susan, they all knew how much she loved Halloween and anything macabre. She had a closet full of costumes and her idea of a family outing would be walking through a creepy cemetery telling ghost stories. She even wanted her ashes stored in a pumpkin cookie jar before being spread in the ocean.

To a devoted wife, loving mother, and "crazy" grandma this is the legacy we have from you! May your playful soul shine on!

She will sorely be missed and survived by: her husband, Alan Steen, her Kids Nikki (John) Bricker, Nathan (Elizabeth) Steen, and Mindi Fincham; her seven grandkids, Ashton, Emily, Garrett, Lily, Isabel, Gavin and Natalie; and brother Wallace Killion.

She is proceeded in death by her parents Betty and Neil Killion.

No services are planned at this time as the Ocean off the North Carolina coast is calling her name. The Schmidt Family Funeral Home in Atlantic, IA is caring for Susan and her family at this time and condolences can be sent at: [schmidtfamilyfh.com](http://schmidtfamilyfh.com) or mailed to P.O. Box 523 in Atlantic, IA 50022

## Fall American Quiz Bowl

Our Exira-EHK Middle School recently competed in the Fall American Quiz Bowl. The tests are self-scoring, computer contests of 100 multiple-choice questions. Areas covered include math, geography, government, sports, spelling, science, literature, English, history, general information and just plain fun trivia. It is meant to be a team activity with all takers around one computer. Two chances to answer correctly are given. Points are awarded based on how fast they answer as well as on accuracy. Therefore, teams who do well usually are teams who can come up with a consensus answer quickly. An adult is needed to monitor but no adult help can be given. The 6th grade Advanced Proficiency team and 7th/8th grade Advanced Proficiency /TAG team contests differ in question difficulty. This year's Advanced Proficiency students in grades 6th were Aubrey Nelson, Katelyn Warnaca, Olivia Poldberg, Joshlyn Jacobsen, Jacob Porter, Lillian Andersen, Brooklyn Bradham, Travis Burnison, and Gavin Renstrom. Our 6th graders scored 733 points and got 67% correct. This year's Advanced Proficiency /TAG students in grades 7/8th were Meka Jensen, Rye Butler, Zoey Rasmussen, Josephine Carlile, Brooklyn Snider, Cameron Dixon, Jack Hansen, Leah Boysen, Josiah King, Slade Sandbothe, Cooper Paulsen, Fred Harris, Kylie Christensen, and Lilly Bricker. Our 7/8th graders scored 996 points and got 85% correct "Our MS Advanced Proficiency/TAG students did extremely well in the tough academic competition which usually consists of larger schools! I truly enjoy their strategies they take in the Fall American Quiz Bowl! Good job! expressed Lisa Dreier, MS TAG Instructor.



6th Grade front row left to right Aubrey Nelson, Katelyn Warnaca, Olivia Poldberg, Joshlyn Jacobsen, Jacob Porter,  
2nd row -Lillian Andersen, Brooklyn Bradham, Travis Burnison, and Gavin Renstrom



7/8 grade front row left to right- Meka Jensen, Rye Butler, Zoey Rasmussen, Josephine Carlile, Brooklyn Snider, Cameron Dixon, and Jack Hansen  
2nd row left to right- Leah Boysen, Josiah King, Slade Sandbothe, Cooper Paulsen, Fred Harris, Kylie Christensen, and Lilly Bricker

I visited a monastery and as I walked past the kitchen I saw a man frying chips..  
I asked him "Are you the friar?"..  
He replied "No, I'm the chip monk"

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### Students of the Month



Elementary-Tucker Melanson



Middle-Aubrey Nelson



High-Jace Hill

**Our HS Junior TAG students** (Emily Bricker, Hannah Nelson and Hailie Snider) wanted their service project to help our new Kids in the Village Daycare. They sold over 800 Christmas Santa Bags to the entire school and staff. Plus the entire HS TAG students, Spartan Youth Leadership Club students and some Leo Club students help color the bags, fill the bags and deliver all of them to the entire school. We appreciate that the Spartan Booster Club made sure all students and staff received a Santa Bag. The girls gave the Kids in the Village a check for \$1080 which they will purchase for new indoor play equipment. "Big thank you to these three young ladies who created this service project, all help from the HS TAG students, few Leo students and Spartan Youth Leadership Club and to our awesome Spartan Booster Club! We know our Village kids will have fun on their new indoor play equipment!" expressed Lisa Dreier.



When I die I want me last words to be " I left a million dollars under the ..."

I was going to cook alligator for dinner tonight.. But I realized I only had a Croc pot..

**Our HS Freshman and Sophomore TAG students** made over 60 handcrafted Christmas Wreaths for the Salem Nursing Home residents for their service project. The HS TAG students are Hailiy Bieker, Gracie Olsen, Irelynd McCarthy, Alex Hansen, Gideon King, Shelbi Partridge, Mara Christensen, Sophie Kitelinger, Austin Rasmussen and Brayden Burnison (not pictured is Brylie Andersen and Jacey Smith). They delivered them to the home residents, shared their personal information (long term goal) and sang a short version "We wish you a Merry Christmas!" "I am very proud of these students for showing our local nursing home residents they care with this Christmas Wreath and sharing some comments with them. I'm sure the residents loved their visit!" stated Mrs. Dreier, HS TAG Instructor.



**Our HS Junior TAG students (Hannah Nelson, Emily Bricker and Hailie Snider)** came up with selling Santa Christmas Bags (Kool-Aid pouch, Oreo cookies, and candy cane) for their service project and all proceeds would go to the Kids in the Village Daycare for purchase of new indoor play equipment. The Santa Bags were a big hit because they sold over 800 of them. Plus the HS TAG students, Spartan Youth Leadership Club students and some Leo Club students help color the bags, fill the bags and deliver all of them to the entire school. Big THANK YOU goes out to our Spartan Booster Club for purchasing Santa Bags for students and staff who did not receive one. Thank you goes out Beth Peppers and Connie Jessen for helping with this project. "What an amazing service project that will benefit our Kids in the Village Daycare! So proud of every student who helped on this project. It was a team effort and a lot of fun for everyone! Our Spartan Booster Club continues to do awesome things for our kids too!" stated Lisa Dreier, TAG Instructor.





**First place: DMACC Carroll Career Academy**

Kyle Sundrup (second from left), a junior at Kuemper Catholic School in Carroll, and Joshua Despenas (second from right), a senior at Exira-EHK Schools, brought home first-place honors for the DMACC Carroll Career Academy team with a final score of 497 points in the 31st Annual #DMACC High School Hands-On Automotive Skills Contest.

As the contest winners, Sundrup and Despenas each received a \$1,000 DMACC scholarship, a trip to the 2023 New York Auto Show and an automotive tools/equipment prize package.

They were joined at the competition by team alternate Carter Wieland (far left), a senior in the Carroll Community School District, and their team instructor, Eric Wollesen (far right).

“All three students spent a lot of their own time outside of class studying, practicing and performing diagnoses of all eight areas of the automobile,” said Wollesen, who is an Automotive Instructor at the DMACC Carroll Campus. “I’m very proud of their hard work and dedication that paid off for them. These guys are on their way to becoming top technicians.”

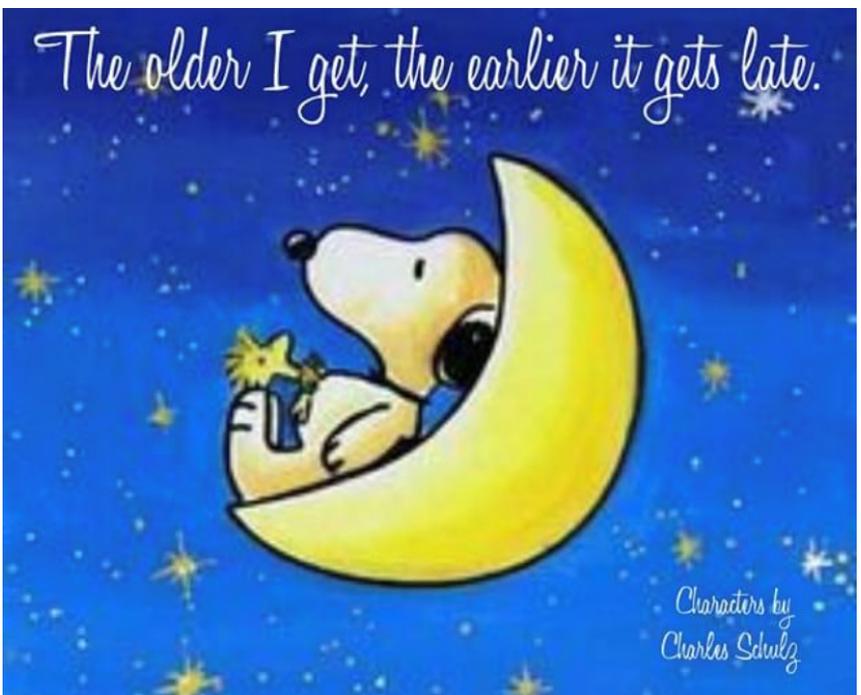
The plumber said:  
 “Why haven’t you paid the bill for the work I did last Friday?”  
 Paddy replied:  
 “Well it was not what you quoted”  
 The plumber said:  
 “I didn’t give you a quote?”  
 Paddy replied:  
 “Yes you did. When I asked what day you could come, you said you were free on Friday!”

Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

**Words of Wisdom from Troy:**

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is, once you get old you stop being polite and start being honest.

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**Red Cross Blood Drive**

January 17, 2023

***The first Red Cross Blood Drive for 2023 was an utter success!*** Our goal was set at 36 units, and we surpassed the goal by 6 units! Hooray! I was leery, following in the steps of Ann White. I worked with Ann for some years, but she did the main things and I just assisted. I had the easy part! Plus, she was so successful at getting donors! There was a lot of expectations to live up to. When she retired at the end of 2022, I wasn't planning to take over as the chair of the blood drives, but thanks to Joni Griffin volunteering to assist, I changed my mind. We really need to keep sponsoring the blood drives because there are so many people in our area willing to donate! Here are the statistics from our January 17 drive:

39 heroes registered to give blood; 42 units of life saving blood were collected, thanks to 5 donors giving the Double Red; 126 lives were impacted or saved; only 2 donors were unable to donate; and we had 1 first time donor.

We couldn't have done this without the help of all donors, all workers and helpers, all food providers, and the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. Many thanks to all of you!

The March Blood Drive will be sponsored and held at the Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton High School. Our next drive at EH Lutheran Church will be May 23. Please consider donating! Thank you!

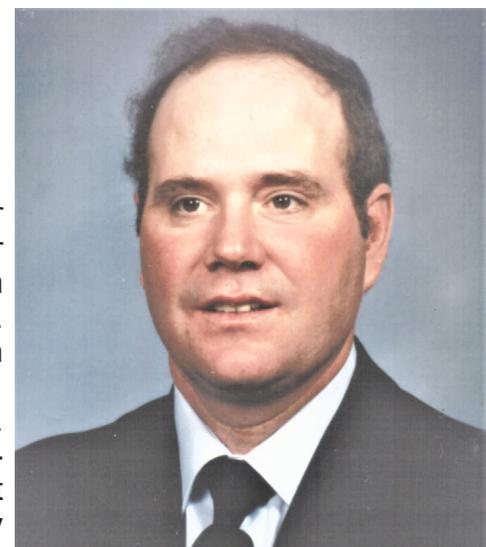
Cindy Fredericksen

Mark...

You are going to run out of blood if you keep doing this !!

***If you were you born between 1930 & 1948***

- You are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war that rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.
- You are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves.
- You saved tin foil and poured fried meat fat into tin cans.
- You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" on the porch.
- You are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, you "imagined" what you heard on the radio.
- With no TV until the 1950s, you spent your childhood "playing outside." There was no Little League.
- There was no city playground for kids.
- The lack of television in your early years meant that you had little real understanding of what the world was like.
- Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party lines), and hung on the wall in the kitchen (no cares about privacy).
- Computers were called calculators; they were hand-cranked.
- Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ribbon.
- 'INTERNET' and 'GOOGLE' were words that did not exist.
- Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news was broadcast on your radio in the evening.
- New highways would bring jobs and mobility.
- The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands.
- Your parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into working hard to make a living for their families.
- You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all-consuming family focus.
- They were glad you played by yourselves.
- They were busy discovering the postwar world.
- You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where you were welcomed, enjoyed ourselves and felt secure in your future although the depression poverty was deeply remembered.
- Polio was still acrippler.
- You came of age in the '50s and '60s.
- You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland.
- The second world war was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with unease.
- Only your generation can remember both a time of great war and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty.
- You grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better...
- More than 98% of you are either retired, and you feel privileged to have "lived in the best of times!"

**VERNIE VENTEICHER**

When the Army builds its bases does it always pick locations where the weather conditions are next to intolerable? Vernie might answer with a hearty yes. For him, Fort Lewis Washington made Carroll County Iowa's snowy winter days seem mild compared to the daily rain and snow he slopped through during basic training. Doing the low crawl in winter's freezing mud certainly made him wish he had been drafted in the springtime.

By 1970 the Army was using randomly drawn numbers to assign who was drafted. The numbers went from 1 to 366, with the lowest being called first. Vernie's number was 189. He and another young man (who had 190) went together to the draft board induction station in Omaha. The highest number called from Carroll County was 189. His friend's "luck of the draw" 190 meant that he returned home and was never called to serve in the Army. Vernie was Carroll County's last person drafted that year.

At the Omaha Induction Center, the inductees were told the Marines needed more recruits. Anyone interested in joining the Marines instead of the Army was asked to step forward. No volunteers. The sergeant then asked everyone to number off one to four. Each number four was assigned to the Marines. As they were going down the line, it appeared that Vernie would be a number four. Instead, he was a three.

In Basic Training one of the unwritten, but very well understood rules, was if a soldier got treats from home, they were to be shared with everyone, no exceptions. Vernie remembers a young soldier who was only seventeen, was married and had a child back at home. He received treats (a jar of mayonnaise and sandwiches) and hid the food in his footlocker without planning to share. Drill sergeants have eyes in the front, the sides, and the back of their head. Poor kid was discovered. The sergeant dumped all the mayonnaise among his clothes. As the mayo was doing its job of soiling the clothing, the soldier was out at the low crawl pit getting quite a workout.

For Advanced Individual Training (AIT) Vernie went to Fort Bliss Texas for training in use of the Hercules surface to air defense missiles. After completion, he was stationed in Germany where he spent his time divided between duty in a guard tower guarding the missile compound and working on the missiles to keep them in top working condition. The hope, of course, was that the missiles would never be used. Tensions suddenly became very high during the 1972 Olympics when a group of Palestinian terrorists stormed the Olympic village and massacred eleven members of the Israeli team. All American soldiers stationed in Germany were placed on high alert.

Many of the American soldiers who were stationed in Germany during the 1972 Olympics got tickets to attend some of the events. Vernie and several friends went to the soccer match that East Germany was playing in. At that time East and West Germany were divided with East Germany having a communist government. Many people tried to escape. If they were caught, they were often killed. As Vernie watched the soccer game, he struck up a conversation with the man sitting next to him. The man was from California. As they visited, Vernie learned that some years earlier the man had been a successful escapee from East Germany. He eventually got to California, married an American and became a U. S. citizen. Vernie and his new German acquaintance could look down to the bleachers below and see where the East German citizens were seated in a square. The German man explained that the casually dressed men seated at the four corners were actually armed military guards positioned to prevent any attempted escape.

Being at the right place at the right time can sometimes have huge payoffs. Not far from the military base was a little restaurant that served wonderful chicken. It was a favorite hangout for the soldiers. Vernie and three of his friends had gone there to enjoy the good food. They were seated at a large table, laughing, joking, and having a relaxed time together. The soldier seated next to Vernie reached his arm out and let it slide down Vernie's arm. Thinking the fellow was wanting more chicken to be passed his direction, Vernie didn't pay much attention. Then the fellow reached over again. This time he collapsed toward Vernie. Instinct immediately kicked in. Vernie suddenly realized the guy was choking. He hit him very hard between the shoulder blades and a piece of chicken flew out of the soldier's mouth. It happened so quickly that it took some time for Vernie to realize he had just played a part in saving a man's life.

During the eighteen months Vernie spent in Germany he picked up a small amount of German. He especially enjoyed listening to John Wayne speaking German (via voiceover). It gave those westerns a new twist of adventure. One thing he wishes, in retrospect, is that he had taken time to do some family research. At that younger age he was not as interested in family history as he has become in later life.

One of the highlights of being stationed in an area of the world where there was not a war going on was that the soldiers were able to travel and sightsee. Of the countries Vernie traveled through Switzerland was his favorite, followed closely by Austria. They camped out, sleeping on picnic tables close to their car. If a bear chose to visit during the night, they could take quick cover. Of special interest was his visit to Adolf Hitler's Eagle's Nest. The lodge, at the Austrian/German border, was erected atop a beautiful rocky outcrop that rises to a very high elevation. It was used exclusively for the Nazi party.

During the entire time Vernie was in Germany he did not meet another Iowan. When he was mustering out, he met his first Iowan, who was from (of all places) – Brayton. Small world.



Linda Goos has shared a few great action-shots of the EHK v West Harrison game this week.



### Town Visitors over the Christmas Season

Santa, Frosty and The Grinch hanging out at the Firestation



Frosty making The Grinch give back a lady's purse.



Frosty and The Grinch resting after a hard day's work



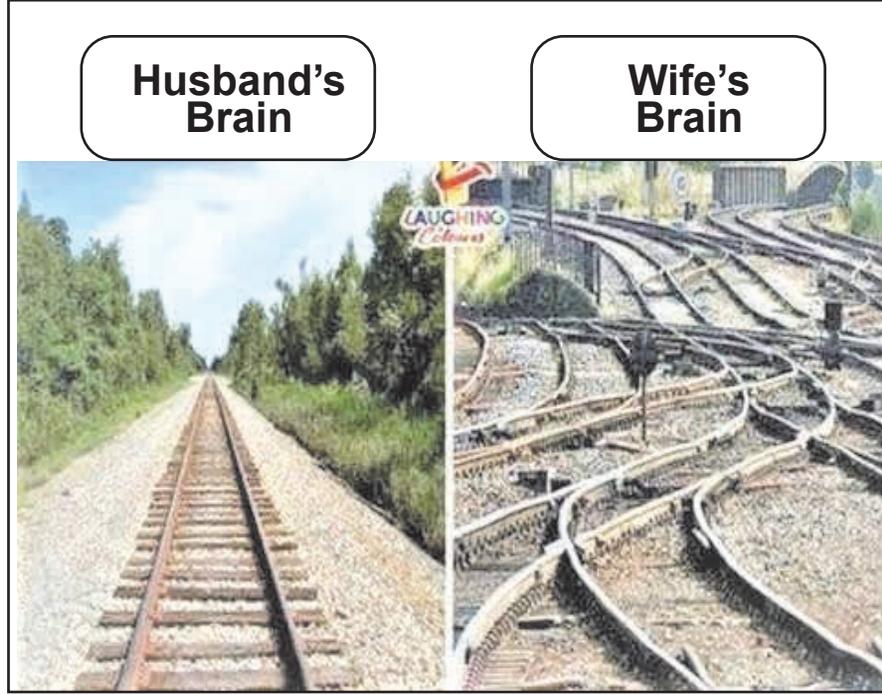



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