

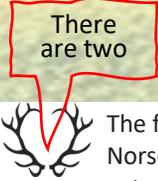


Rolling Hills Community News

Exira
Elk Horn
Kimballton
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February 9, 2023

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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 13
upper left bowling
picture: on the coat



pg 20
garbage can in
front of Troy's



RHCN Spotlight



Terry Robertson (Rescue Captain) Jeff Nelson, Chelsee Jacobsen, Adam McCall, and Mayor Keli Hansen.

We publish on the 2nd and 4th
Thursday of the month.

Deadline for content is the **SUNDAY
BEFORE.**

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The Community can feel safer and confident we have a rapid response when 911 is called. As an example: on behalf of a friend, Joan Greving called 911. Within minutes Adam and team had the patient loaded and on the way to the hospital. A group effort was made by Mayor Keli Hansen, the City Council, and Elk Horn Fire and Rescue to insure the residents of Elk Horn and Kimballton will have emergency care available when 911 is called. No longer do we need to worry about the long emergency delays we used to experience. Adam works full-time for the city and is available to respond. Elk Horn Rescue and the city have also elected to help Adam enroll in Paramedic school. He started last month. Our Volunteers are ready to respond no matter the time of day. They all put extra time in training to keep their certification's current and work hard to make sure we are providing high quality patient care.

We owe a show of gratitude to all the parties involved in making this possible.
THANK YOU Everyone

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211 W South St. Exira - \$111,000

This 3 bedroom ranch is move-in ready with its neutral color palette and recently remodeled basement that features a family room with the plushiest carpet and a true bedroom with egress and walk-in closet! Please give Abby a call (712-249-1311) to set up a showing ASAP!



2123 Broadway Ave. Elk Horn - \$879,000

Zero entry and handicap accessible with an elevator. 8,400 square feet of finished living area this is a one of a kind rare find home. All kitchen appliances will be included. Custom pantry that's hidden away for all your storage and kitchen needs. Hearth room. Dedicated dining room. Main floor family with wood burning stove. The primary bedroom and primary bath are oversized with a sitting area and another fireplace. The large bathroom features an oversized shower with jets and a towel warming rack. The walk-in closet is all custom built with cabinets and organizational storage for jewelry, clothing, shoes, etc. There are two dedicated guest bedrooms and one non-conforming on the main floor with two extra bathrooms. Main floor laundry room. This home is truly stunning! Contact Wayne, Kathi or Abby to come take a tour today to appreciate this amazing home. The seller requests only qualified buyers to tour this property.

- HOMES:**
AUDUBON:
 • 305 Davenport **PRICE REDUCED \$80,000**
ELK HORN:
 • 2123 Broadway Ave..... **NEW \$879,000**
EXIRA:
 • 211 W. South St. **PRICE REDUCED \$111,000**
 • 306 W. Washington St..... **\$19,000**
 • 204 N. Fairview St... **PRICE REDUCED \$132,000**
 • Viking Addition Lots **4 LOTS REMAIN**
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 • 512 Harmon St..... **PRICE REDUCED \$120,000**
KIMBALLTON
 • 403 W. Odense St. **NEW SALE PENDING**
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LIST YOUR ACREAGE WITH US!
 • 2458 Bluebird Ave., Kimballton..... **SOLD**
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 • 66459 750th St., Massena..... **\$195,000**
 3+/- Acre Lots to Build on **Starting at \$45,000**
 15-30+ Acres Recreational Ground **\$10,000/acre**

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As I watched the dog chasing his tail,
 I thought Dogs are easily amused.
 Then I realized I was watching the dog
 Chase his tail

“What gets us into trouble is not what we
 don’t know. It’s what we know for sure
 that just ain’t so.”
 — Mark Twain



Famous “Photo” titled:
 “Our favorite
 place to shop”



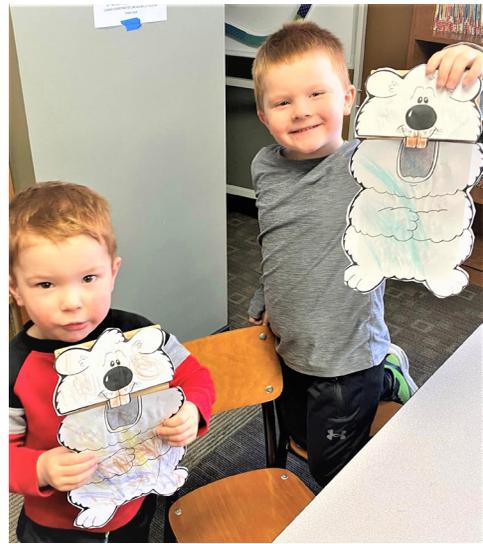
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Hours
 Monday 10 am - 5 pm
 Tuesday 10 am - 5 pm
 Wednesday 10 am - 5 pm
 Thursday 10 am - 5 pm
 Friday 10 am - 5 pm
 Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Groundhog Day at Exira Library

**Not only do the programs give the children a reason to smile...
They give us a reason to smile when we see the smiles of the children...**

Today in Story Time we read about Groundhogs Day and made groundhog puppets!





A chapter in the late Elsie Dinkla Paulsen's life story, *The Hands of Time*, tells of the era when Elsie was very young. Gypsies often wended their way across the country, stopping by her home many times. The family feared these uninvited guests because they spread out over the farmyard, going into every building. It was impossible to keep track of all of them and they made off with anything their hearts desired. Sometimes they camped nearby resulting in sleepless nights for the Dinkla family.

My encounter with the Gypsies when I was about nine years old is still very fresh in my memory. A summer Saturday night found us, as usual, in Elk Horn. The town was buzzing with word that a band of Gypsies was moving through the community. As we chatted with other kids from the neighborhood, tales of the Gypsies' misdeeds grew larger by the minute. One girl had heard that someone had seen a little girl they had kidnapped hidden in one of their wagons. That was probably stretching it a bit far but it certainly put fear in the hearts of her young audience.

It wasn't too many days later that a covered wagon and an open wagon, both pulled by horses, came down the south hill and stopped at the end of our driveway. A wizened old brown-skinned lady began walking up the muddy lane. Sandy employed his fiercest bark to notify us of her arrival. I followed Mom out of the back door staying close by her side, thinking I might need protection if Mrs. Gypsy made a grab for me.

"Do you have a loaf of bread?" she whined. "And could you spare me a little butter?" Not wanting the old crone to follow her into the house, Mom apparently instructed me to stay with the Gypsy. I stood there petrified, my heart pounding rapidly although I need not have worried. Sandy kept vigil at my side, barking furiously, every hair on his neck standing at attention. He uttered a low growl every time the Gypsy made a slight move. Sandy was ordinarily a very friendly dog, but this was not an ordinary visitor. I think he would have torn her into shreds if she had moved toward either me or the door.

Mom returned with the bread and butter but that didn't satisfy Mrs. Gypsy. "Do you have a little cream and a few eggs I could have?" she begged. Thinking that fulfilling the requests might make the beggars less likely to return in the night and raid the place, Mom obligingly produced a pint of cream and some eggs. Apparently satisfied, Mrs. Gypsy thanked us and made her way back down the muddy lane. That was the last we saw of the Gypsies but they were the talk of the neighborhood for many days to come.

Gypsies were also called Roma and traveled around rural areas in midwestern states in America in the depression days of the 1930s. Many were from Russia and the Balkan countries and came to the U.S and Canada in the late 1800s. Experts believe Roma originated in the Punjab region of northern India as a nomadic people and entered Europe between the 8th and 10th centuries. Hundreds of years ago they were labeled Gypsies because people mistakenly believed they came from Egypt. The Romanic population in the U.S. has largely assimilated into the American society. The largest populations are found in southern California, the Pacific Northwest, Texas, the Northeast and Midwest cities such as Chicago and St. Louis.

Kevin was starting to think that maybe his mommy wasn't coming back



We pulled this from the archives because it says so much to us.



LESSONS FOUND IN NATURE

by Bob Mortenson

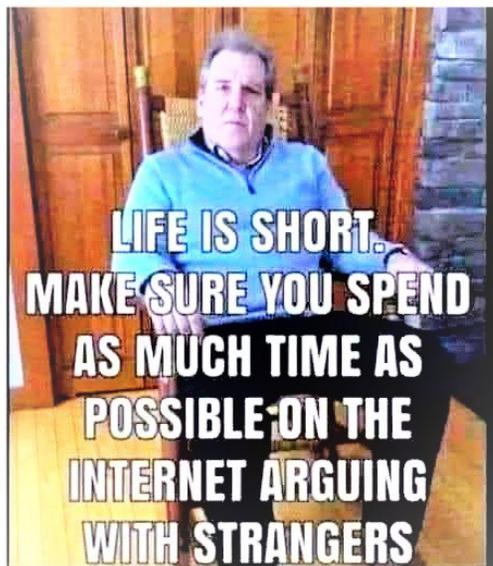
While working in the yard I decided it was time to take a break. I stepped under the maple trees to enjoy the shade and the breeze. While standing there I noticed the patterns of shadow and light formed by the sunlight filtering through the leaves. And soon realized that nature was presenting a lesson.

The light did not need the shadow to exist. It was always there. But without the light the shadow simply could not be. And it occurred to me that when something happens that throws a shadow on your spirit or your soul you have a choice.

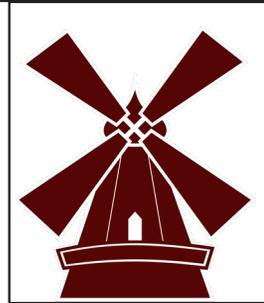
You can choose to focus on that shadow. You can swaddle yourself in its darkness. Or you can regard that shadow as proof positive that the light must still be there. And within that choice allow the healing to begin.

OXYMORONS

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on a watch called the second hand?
3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
6. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
8. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
9. Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
10. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
11. Why is it called "after dark" when it is really "after light"?
12. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
13. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
14. Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
15. Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
16. If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
17. If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
18. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
19. If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?
20. Why is bra singular and panties plural?
21. Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
22. Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
23. How come abbreviated is such a long word?
24. Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
28. Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?



News From The Mill



Our annual meeting was held on January 30th with 26 members attending. Shaun delivered his annual report and current plans for the windmill, including the debut of a quarterly newsletter in Spring. Three board members were up for re-election this year. Tony Petersen and Andy Anderson accepted nominations to serve their third terms while Brandon Baggett was elected for his first term. Brandon replaces Tim Andersen who stepped down after six years of dutiful service. Bruce Poldberg accepted his nomination in a special election to fill the vacancy left by Tami Jacobsen's resignation earlier this year. We are very excited to have Brandon and Bruce as new directors. Thank you to Tony and Andy for staying with us and to Tim for a memorable six years as director.

We would like to thank our nominations committee, Joanne Greving, Bill Rollins, and Pat Webb for their hard work in consistently finding excellent candidates to lead our organization. We also want to thank Barb Goos for donating her very delicious rye bread for the event. Most of all, thank you to all of those who attended. We encourage everyone to attend and would like to remind everyone that our annual meeting is a public event meant for all. This is a great opportunity to discuss the direction and aims of our organization with Shaun, board members, staff, and members.

We have our first school trip of 2023 scheduled for February 13th as we expect to receive a large group of second grade students from the AHSTW Community School District in Avoca, their first ever field trip to the windmill. As usual, the class will be split into two groups with one group touring the windmill while the other tours the Museum of Danish America. The groups will have plenty of time to tour both locations before we switch. We are especially appreciative for the work of Phyllis Hoegh and Alissa LaCanne in coordinating these visits for us. Supporting our local school districts is a core part of our organization's mission, and we are happy to announce that going forward, the Mill will no longer be charging schools for field trips to our museum. We need the support of future generations, and we believe we have plenty to offer to the students of our local communities as well.

With some cold and snowy weather, business has been slow these past few weeks, but we still surpassed last year's visitors' total for January with well over 300. In the interest of trying to move things along, we ran a free shipping promotion from February 1 – 9, encouraging our customers to pick up some lovely gifts for Valentine's Day. For anyone who missed it, we will still run our annual free shipping promotion in the Spring if freight rates allow it.

Looking ahead, we are very excited to be participating in Elk Horn's new, community-wide 'Hygge' event. We thank Alissa LaCanne and Shon Andersen for the creativity and are always happy to promote the town. As such, we will be partnering with Danish Countryside Vines and Wines to offer a wine and cheese night. Come on down to the windmill on Thursday, February 9th for some wonderfully 'hyggilig' samples of wine and creamy havarti cheese. Tours will be free for the day and the windmill will remain open until 8pm. And don't miss out on the debut of two new Hygge T-shirts which will be ready in our gift shop for the event. As always, all proceeds will go towards the preservation of the windmill and donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.

The windmill is also partnering with the Shelby County Historical Museum for a trivia night to be held at the museum in Harlan on Friday, February 24th starting at 7pm. There will be plenty of snacks and even some prizes including a top prize of a \$25 gift certificate to the windmill gift shop. We hope to see you there! Keep an eye out for announcements of other new events planned for this year.



My name is Lillian Niklasen. I am a 7th grader who lives in Kimballton. I am homeschooled and a part of the Elk Horn Explorers 4-H Club.

As a 4-H member, I choose to do 4-H projects and show them at the fair. Part of being in 4-H is learning to serve in our community as well. A project that I would like to accomplish this year is called “Party in a Pan.”

When I volunteered at Open Door Mission with our church, I saw how excited people got when they received a cart full of food. It made me realize that the kids in those families probably don't get a birthday party like I do. I am very blessed; I get a birthday party with cake, ice cream and gifts. I want to be able to give kids a birthday party experience. So, I decided to do a “Party in a Pan.” Each kit includes a cake mix, a tub of frosting, sprinkles, balloons, candles, a 2-liter bottle of pop and a 9x13 aluminum pan with a lid. All of these items will then be placed into a birthday gift bag with some tissue paper to make it look like a gift. It will cost about \$20 for a kit. Since I am only 12 years old and don't have a job, I am unable to afford to purchase too many kits on my own. If you don't know a lot about 4H, you have to set goals for the projects that you take to the Shelby County Fair. I would like to set a goal for 20 of these “Party in a Pan” kits. These will go to the Elk Horn Food Pantry and be passed out to families who have a child with an upcoming birthday. I am reaching out to my community for some donations. You may donate any of the above items listed that will go into the birthday gift bags or if shopping isn't your favorite thing to do, money is accepted as well to purchase items. You can drop off donations at the Elk Horn Public Library, Landmands Bank in Kimballton, Exira Public Library, and the Norse Horse Tavern. Please drop your items off by March 1st.



Rolling Hills News Challenge to the community

The paper will match dollar for dollar up to \$50.00.

also

Christofferson Pumping will donate \$1 for \$1 up to \$50.00

Please contact the paper if you are interested in matching contributions (content@rollinghillsnews.net). We will print your challenge in the next paper.

“Party in a Pan”



**Exira-EHK 2022-2023
1st Semester HS Honor Roll
High Honor Roll (3.50 and above)**

February 9, 2023



seniors Katie Andersen Gavin Bengard Shay Burmeister Maddie Christensen Quinn Grubbs McKenna Larsen Braxten Marxen Easton Nelson Zander Nielsen Oskar Olsen Ella Petersen Trey Petersen Makenzie Riley Molly Schneider Logan Schnitker Shayle Young	Juniors Hailey Berns Cole Brabham Emily Bricker Jathen Devereaux-Carlile Cash Emgarten Aiden Flathers Gemini Goodwin Riley Gross Jameson Kilworth Hannah Nelson Jaiden Pettepier Philip Reinhardt Hailie Snider Eric Wilson	sophomores Ries Andersen Gracie Bartz Hailey Bieker Brayden Burnison Jasmine Doherty Harlee Fahn Edyn Halterman Alex Hansen Cannon Hansen Hannah Jensen Levi Jessen Mayne Jorgensen Gideon King Lillian McCall Irelynd McCarthy Bella Muller Gracie Olsen	freshmen Brylie Andersen Ben Baggett Mara Christensen Gus Greving Graic Hill-Borger Sophie Kitelinger Jakob LaCanne Kaelyn Parker Jaelynn Petersen Austin Rasmussen
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HIGH HONOR ROLL
(3.50 and above)
Annabelle Baggett
Josephine Carlile
Jack Hansen
Meka Jensen
Zoey Rasmussen
Brooklynn Snider
Leah Boysen
Lily Bricker
Kaitlyn Christensen
Kylie Christensen
Brooklyn Flathers
Frederic Harris
Josiah King
Cooper Paulsen
Taryn Petersen
Slade Sandbothe
Ellie Wahlert
Michelle Wilson

HONOR ROLL
(3.0-3.49)
Mataya Bolin
Rye Butler
Jadyn Holaday
Blake Nelson
Emily Parton
Ananthony Weston
Piper Christensen
Hannah Gross
Madison Johnson
Garix Muzzy
Jersey Ratigan
Olivia Smith
Riley White
Anthony Young



**Exira-EHK 2022-2023
2nd Quarter JH Honor Roll**

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Nerf Gun WARS

FREE Event!

Elk Horn Public Library

February 24, 2023

5-6pm
For ages 8-11

7-8pm
For ages 12+

You must bring your own Nerf Gun.
DO NOT bring your own darts.
Darts will be provided by the library.
Bring eye protection if you can.
The library has some available – first come, first serve.

This event is limited to 15 kids per time session.
Please call the library to register.
Pizza slices, pop and cookies will be provided!

Parents must sign a waiver for their child(ren) to attend. Register in the library during business hours or call us at 712-764-2013.

Thank You to METC for your generous community donations. We appreciate you giving to the library each year.



Jimmy presenting to library employee Emily Bricker, library director Alissa LaCanne & library employee Irelynd McCarthy

The Afterschool Adventures group spent the month of January learning all about food: the 5 food groups and where food comes from. To go with the theme, the children’s area had a fun grocery store set-up with a shopping cart, lots of food and a check out.



FEBRUARY AT THE ELK HORN LIBRARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Adult Book Club at the Library 7pm 	3	4
5	6 Afterschool Adventures Storytime 3:30pm PreK-2 nd grade	7	8 Mommy & Me Playgroup 10:30am 	9 Early Out Bowling Program 1:30-4:30 3 rd grade & up Registration required Elk Horn Hygge Event 5-8	10	11 Breakfast Book Club 9:30am 
12	13 Afterschool Adventures Storytime 3:30pm PreK-2 nd grade	14 	15	16	17	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL Outlook Study Club 6pm	21	22	23 Early Out Bowling Program 1:30-4:30 3 rd grade & up Registration required	24  Nerf Gun Wars in the Library 5-6pm - ages 8-11 7-8pm - ages 12+	25
26	27 Afterschool Adventures Storytime 3:30pm PreK-2 nd grade	28				



**OUT OF MY WAY!
I'M GOING TO
BINGO!**



BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB

"LONG WAY DOWN" GRAPHIC NOVEL BY JASON REYNOLDS

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023 AT 9:30 AM

Breakfast Book Club for 7-12 graders
Elk Horn Public Library

"A man's character may be learned from the adjectives which he habitually uses in conversation."
 — Mark Twain



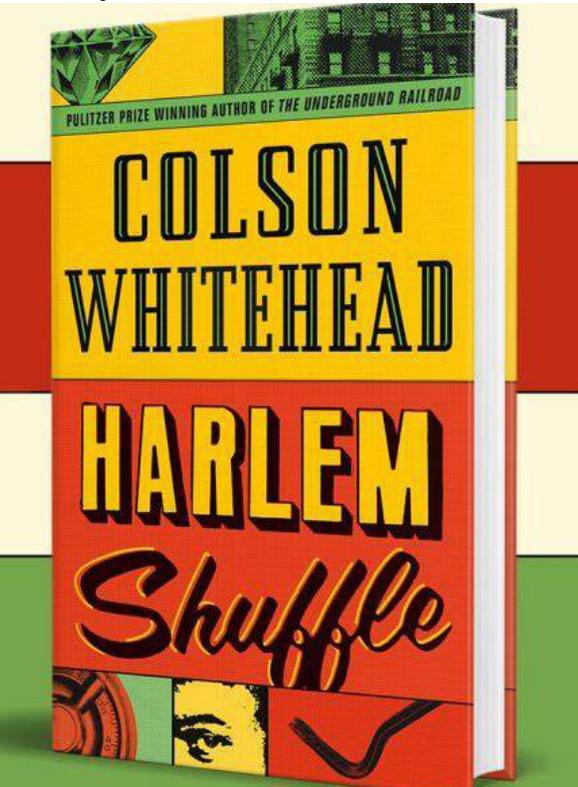
SHOP ATLANTIC AND STAY TO PLAY BINGO

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023 AT 5:30 PM
February Book Club, Harlem Shuffle**

Join us to talk about this months book club book, New York Times bestseller, Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead. We have several copies of the book for checkout at the library!



Everly had a great week with Booker!



Wednesday night's paint class was a success! Kendra was great as always. Thanks to all that came!



POSITION STARTS AT
\$11.00
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LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

Elk Horn Pool is now hiring lifeguards for the 2023 season.

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

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

PLEASE CONTACT MARIA HUGHES
712-254-3966

Please help us Welcome the 2023 Pool Manager, Maria Hughes. Maria graduated from Elk Horn in 2009 and has been a lifeguard for 7 years this year. Maria and her Husband Nick and their 3 children live just outside Elk Horn. Maria was our assistant manager for the 2022 season and was excited to become the manager for this year. Maria plans to bring new and exciting changes to the pool! Maria is excited to meet everyone and looks forward to the warm weather!

Welcome Maria!

If you'd like to become a lifeguard the starting wage is \$11.00 an hour!

Please contact Maria to get registered for classes. 712-254-3966



"Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get."
– Robert Orben.

"Nice to be here?
At my age it's nice to be anywhere."
– George Burns.

My boss calls me "the computer".
Nothing to do with intelligence, I go to sleep if left unattended for 15 minutes.

SWEETHEART *Trivia Night*

@Exira Event Center
February 18, 2023
Doors Open @ 6 - Game Starts @ 7
Up to 8 people/team- \$10/person
Cash Bar - Buckets of Beer!
Welcome to bring your own snacks
Proceeds to the Kitchen Remodel!

Coming Soon...
Mi Taquito Tex-Mex is moving into Exira's old BuckSnort building



GOOD NEWS!

YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

God opens the scriptures with the words, "In the beginning". I might be hard pressed to find someone who did not already know this. It seems logical to start a story from where it begins. But where does God begin? If we accept that the entirety of the universe was created by God, then where did He come from?

Pondering that question for too long puts my brain in a quandary!! One solution might be that He is not affected by time; and we are finite beings here on planet earth. If you are reading this, I shall assume you are not dead and so, you have life within you. If I said that God will live forever, you might not have a great deal of consternation with that statement because you realize your own future is still ahead of you and you cannot see its end.

But your own beginning had a fixed starting point – making it quite impossible to conceive of that which had no beginning. We spend our entire existence within this concept we call 'time'. And so God starts us on a journey into His Word by stating, "In the beginning". He realizes our quandary and offers us a starting point.

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Many theories and constructs have been posited throughout the ages as to when this took place – I have my own theory but for now let's just say it took place 'in the beginning'! OK! Are you with me so far? I don't want to lose anyone here.

"Now the earth was formless and void, darkness was over the surface of the deep". God lets us know, in this second verse, that the creation was not finished. We understand this because we can see our world is full of 'formed things' and we do live in a world with light. He goes on to say, "And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." The agency of God's power, His Spirit, is now introduced to us!

There are numerous places in scripture that talk of the importance of light and we can all agree that without light (which has more than one facet) we would be helpless to get anything done and so "God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." (Verse 3) Let us notice here that God did not say, let there be the sun to give us light. No, the sun as we know it was not brought forth until day four of creation. God, has here, created and brought forth that which is light.

Let's step back for a moment and consider what we have; 1) we have a starting point: 'the beginning', 2) God steps into view as the 'creator', 3) that which is set before us is dark and void, and 4) God creates that which He calls light. So far so good – and yes, God Himself proclaimed that 'it was good'!!

This is indeed fascinating but we are out of room and must continue next time.

Bill Rollins 2-2-2023

IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

Last article I said we would talk about some of the effects of climate change that we haven't covered. The massive storm that crossed the United States bringing strong winds and bitter cold was a result of climate change. The warmer atmosphere has more available energy to work with. This results in a wider swing from what we always considered normal. Heat waves are going to be more intense and likely longer in duration. Extreme cold weather with higher winds in their duration are also going to occur.

While there is little, we can do to change these facts in the short term, we can be more intelligent about our actions during these events. This last storm that stranded thousands of travelers is an example of how our decisions can mitigate some of these weather events. All of the forecast models painted the picture of what this event would be like. The models were not divergent in their portrayal of the affects this storm would create. Warnings were issued that travel would be at least difficult and dangerous due to this storm. And in many cases simply impossible.

But many people decided that surely our modern technology would enable them to travel during this storm. This is where we need to realize that beyond a point our technology cannot triumph over nature's wrath. Had the travelers refrained from going out into this extreme weather event, many of the associated problems would not have occurred.

We would not have had thousands of people stranded. We could have prevented at least some of the deaths. Areas still struggling to clear roads and streets would have been able to accomplish that task much sooner. For there would not have been hundreds of abandoned vehicles that had to be moved out of the plow's way.

We must realize that nature is still the "alpha" force upon this planet. And we must learn to respect that fact and adjust our plans accordingly!

Bob Mortenson 12-28-22

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us... at age 40, we don't care what they think of us... at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all."

-Ann Landers.

"When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old." -Mark Twain.

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

Guests in attendance was Clint Fichter, Clerk Chelsee Jacobsen, Jerry Evans, Adam McCall, Chad Juelsgaard, Jeff Godwin, Eric Jorgensen, Nancy & Terry Wilson, and Kaele Lange.

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

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes:4 Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve January 4th, 2023, meeting minutes. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve Resolution 02-2023.1 Approving Maximum levy rate for fiscal year 2024 budget. Ayes: 4, Resolution passed.

Nancy Wilson requested a public hearing upon receiving a Dog nuisance abatement letter. With further discussion, council voted 4 Ayes – 0 Nays to removing the nuisance dog from city limits. Wilson has 30 days from February 6th, 2023, to comply with the nuisance abatement.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the engineering service agreement with Snyder & Associates for a wastewater treatment facility plan due by November 2023. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Verizon Wireless would like to put up a tower in Elk Horn. Council discussed possible location of on top of the water tower. Chelsee will contact our water tower maintenance company to further discuss the possibility.

Hotel hearing has been moved to May 18th, 2023.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve the claims register as presented. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve employee timesheets January 1-31, 2023. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve the financial report as presented. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

City Clerk: Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve MPI Class (Feb 9th) and IMFOA conference (April 19th-21st) for Chelsee. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Streets: Future streets discussed, Chelsee will contact Snyder & Associates to get plans and costs to get another street project going.

Water: Jeff received Wastewater 1 Certification, receiving a \$1.00 raise. Fredericksen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve Jerry Evans's raise to \$18.00 go into effect immediately. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Pool/Park: Chelsee applied for the food license, Clint to finish up on Iowa West Grant, need to get quotes on painting the pool this year.

Fire Dept/Rescue: 3 Members taking Fire Fighter 1 class. Adam is applying for FEMA Dollars for new Bunker Gear.

Town Hall: Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve Hannah Nelson's raise to \$15.00 to go into effect immediately for cleaning the town hall.

Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Library: D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to have building repairs for the library to come out of Library budget vs City Hall. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.
Liquor License: K. Petersen moved, seconded by Fredericksen to approve Larsen's Pub & Iowa Craft Beer Tent. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Mayor: Hansen spoke with Dollar General about adding a location in Elk Horn. Hansen spoke with possible property owners about location of the building. Will discuss further next month. Mayor Hansen would like to host a Volunteer appreciation supper for Fire & Rescue members on April 22nd with a small ceremony at 6PM. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. More details to come.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. Ayes: 4, Motion carried.

Mayor, Keli Hansen

City Clerk, Chelsee Jacobsen

New CEO

If you've ever worked for a boss who reacts before getting the facts and thinking things through, you will love this!

Arcelor-Mittal Steel, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers.

On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning against a wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business. He asked the guy, "How much money do you make a week?"

A little surprised, the young man looked at him and said, "I make \$400 a week. Why?"

The CEO said, "Wait right here." He walked back to his office, came back in two minutes, and handed the guy \$1,600 in cash and said, "Here's four weeks' pay. Now GET OUT and don't come back."

Feeling pretty good about himself the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?"

From across the room a voice said, "He's the Pizza delivery guy from Domino's."

Congratulations to our December Students of the Month Susan, Gavin and Austin

Thank you to Shelby County State Bank for sponsoring this month's winners



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! Below are the events and ratings!

Division 1 Ratings:

~Ensemble Acting Performing "Elevator Games" ~ Emily Bricker, McKenna Larsen & Madison Miller

Division 2 Ratings:

~Readers Theater Performing "That's Not How I Remember It" ~ Jathen Devereaux-Carlile, Emily Bricker, Hannah Nelson; Hailey Berns, Hailie Snider, Ella Petersen; Shay Burmeister, Aiden Flathers, Easton Nelson, Cash Emgarten; Ben Baggett, McKenna Larsen, Oskar Olsen.

~Musical Theater Performing "Mama I'm A Big Girl Now"

Shay Burmeister, Ella Petersen & Makenzie Riley

~Group Improv

Gracie Bartz, Harlee Fahn & Irelynd McCarthy

~Ensemble Acting Performing "On The Porch One Crisp Morning" Harlee Fahn & Irelynd McCarthy

~Choral Reading Performing "An Ode To Social Media"

Ben Baggett, Paige Konecne, Elizabeth Miller & Madison Miller

Missing photos of Musical Theater and Choral Reading

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“First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down.” - Leo Rosenberg.

Instead of calling my bathroom the John, I call it the Jim. That way it sounds a lot better when I tell people I go to the Jim first thing every morning.



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As Valentine’s Day approaches, may we be mindful of the greatest Love this world has ever known - Jesus. His love led Him to the cross, for you, for me. John 15 says, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for His friends.”
 Happy Valentine’s Day!



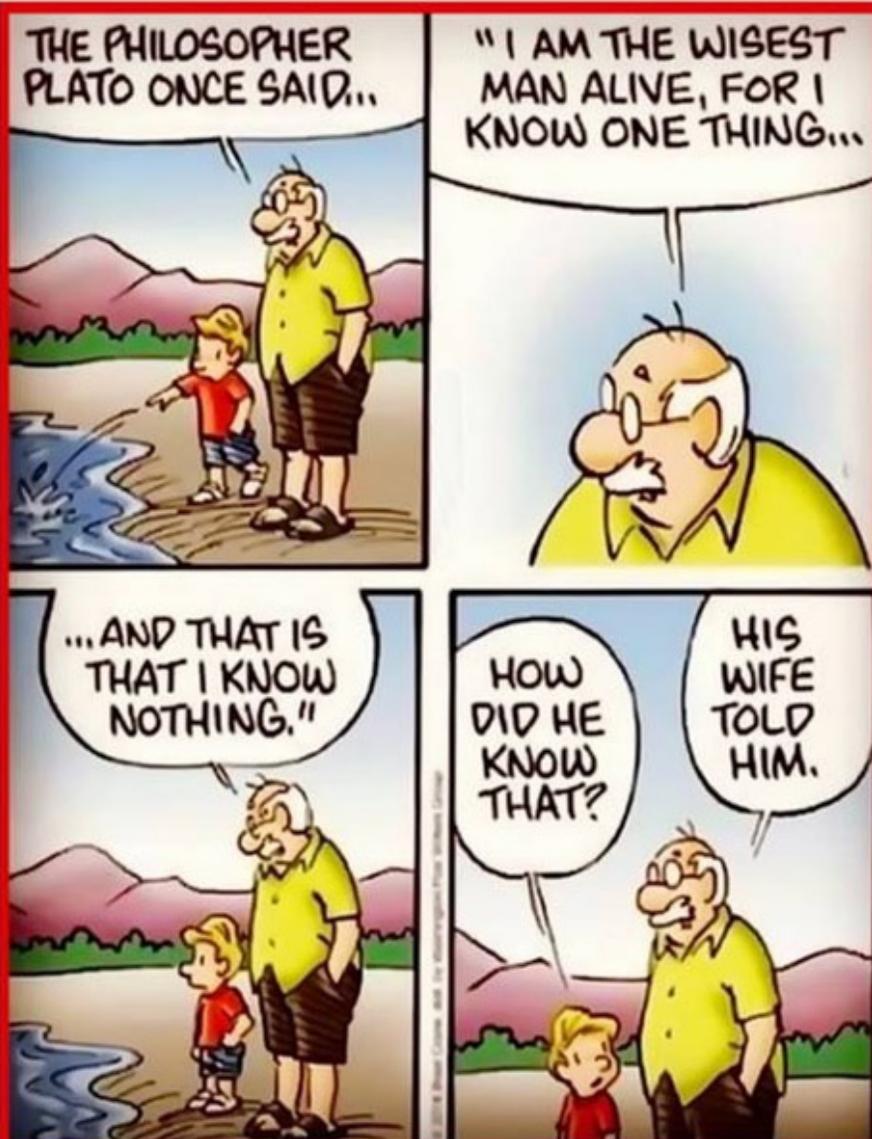
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A message from Bev Henningsen

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Words of Wisdom from Troy:

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LOYAL MOORE

Over the years how many mothers have given their young sons a hug and kissed them goodbye as they headed off to war? The tearful smiles cover up a multitude of worries. Will my son come home again? How will the war change him?

By the time Loyal Moore entered the Navy immediately after graduating from high school, he already knew all about stretching a penny, being part of a unit, and carrying his share of responsibilities. He was the youngest of four children whose mother was widowed when he was only two years old. On her shoulders fell the responsibility of caring for her young children. With personal skills and encouragement and help from a very supportive community and church, she soldiered on.

Loyal was born on May 1 which is honored in Norway as their National Day of Loyalty. What better name than “Loyal” for this new baby? His Norwegian mother

chose wisely. He proved to be loyal to family, community, and country.

With World War II raging, Loyal knew he would soon be drafted. He followed in his older brother’s footsteps and enlisted in the Navy. He boarded a troop train and headed to San Francisco. The train chugged across the Midwest Plains with hot cinders coming in the open windows. One of the many places it stopped was North Platte, Nebraska, which was a designated maintenance stop for all steam locomotives. The troops got off the train and went into the North Platte Canteen where they were treated to home-baked food and goodies.

Although Loyal did not know it at the time, the North Platte Canteen would become very famous. Numerous books have been written and several movies have been made which cover the story of the nearly 55,000 Nebraska women who never missed a single train during the entire period of World War II. Towns, churches, schools, civic organizations, and families came together to serve food and cheer to almost seven million soldiers.

When Loyal arrived in San Francisco, he was assigned duty aboard the destroyer USS Stanly. As Stanly headed out to sea with its crew of 330 sailors, Loyal learned all about sea sickness. For the next 30 days there was no letup for him. As time went on, he adjusted more to the motion of the ship. It usually traveled at about 35 knots (approximately 40 mph). Any speed above 10 knots caused some level of discomfort for him. Of all branches of the military, the Navy had the reputation for serving the best food. Loyal laughs in remembrance of how the food tasted—if you were seasick, nothing tasted good.

The USS Stanly and other destroyers patrolled a large area of the Pacific Ocean. They escorted convoys and did screening for battleships and aircraft carriers. Loyal remembers the sailors bringing down Japanese kamikaze planes and hunting submarines that were below them. If he was one of the sailors assigned to man an anti-aircraft gun, it was terrifying to see kamikaze planes heading directly toward you. During one battle American fighters and kamikazes swirled above the Stanly in a grand melee. Suddenly out of the maelstrom of planes, a rocket-powered Yokosuka MxY-7 Ohka piloted flying bomb plunged toward the Stanly at a speed in excess of 500 knots (approximately 575 mph). The great speed made counterattack measures impossible. The destroyer was struck on the starboard side of her bow about five feet above the waterline. The war head punched clear through the hull of Stanly without detonating, then passed out her port side and exploded in the water. The remains of the pilot and some wreckage were later recovered from inside the ship. The battle continued to rage throughout the day. The Stanly was attacked two more times. The memory of that day was imprinted forever on the minds of the sailors.

Among many locations in the Pacific, the Stanly patrolled near Okinawa, Saipan, and Iwo Jima. Loyal had hoped to cross the equator like his brother. However, that never happened for him.

Near Christmas time, the Stanly was back in San Francisco for repairs. Loyal took the opportunity to travel back to Iowa via the method so commonly used at that time—hitchhiking. As luck would have it, almost immediately a car stopped and offered him a ride. The driver was headed to Chicago. Loyal got a ride all the way back to Iowa.

Near the end of the war when the Stanly was in the harbor of Guam for repairs, the sailors heard that a bombing mission was scheduled for Hiroshima. When the B-29 bomber took off, the sailors were thrilled to think maybe the war would soon come to an end. Unbeknown to them, the B-29 was carrying the first atomic bomb. The sailors had to wait until a second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki for the war to end.

The USS Stanly earned nine battle stars and the “Presidential Unit Citation” for her World War II service. For a young man from the cornfields of Iowa, it was quite an experience.

Loyal returned safely from the war and immediately put his G-I Bill to good use by starting college and becoming a teacher, coach, and principal.

A special thanks to Loyal’s daughter, Kris Larsen, who assisted her dad in remembering and telling his story. Even at 96 years of age, his ability to remember is remarkable!

