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

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picture

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Maria's dress



RHCN Spotlight

**American Legion Post 322 presents
the first Annual
Elk Horn Field of Flags Event**



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**From May 23 to May 28, 2023 The Legion will be
flying 130+ flags on the lawn south of the Tivoli
Hotel. Come dedicate a flag and sign up for the
2023 Flag-Days** program**

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Come dedicate a flag and sign up for the 2023 Flag-Days** program

The 2023 proceeds go to "The Main Street Project" And Continued support for Rick Burns' Karadah project

***A Flag is placed in your front yard six times throughout the year

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Scratches From the Rusty Quill

By Wava Petersen

Backyard mini-flocks of chickens have become ever so popular in cities and towns where they are allowed. My grandson's family got caught up in the rush to join the avian fanciers and produce their own eggs. All went fairly well until a hungry fox forced its way into the henhouse. It was, however, a great learning experience for the entire family and the eggs were a major plus.

My chicken experience began as a barefoot kid of the dirty thirties on the farm. I learned at an early age that chickens are not fastidious in their personal habits. For one thing, they bathe in dirt, shaking it through their feathers. Another thing is their appalling lack of bathroom manners as they deposit their waste whenever and wherever they choose. The chickens had the run of the farm and it was quite revolting to be running barefoot through the yard and suddenly plop your foot down on a fresh gob of you know what.

Various articles I've read produced some interesting facts about chickens that are supposed to be true, They are quite interesting but maybe some should be taken with a 'grain of salt'. Chickens live 6 to 8 years and produce eggs 3 or 4 years, laying just one egg a day. Most commercial layers are kept only 2 or 3 years because egg production decreases after this time. Chickens can dream. They have better color vision than humans. They know their owners and can recognize up to 100 human faces. They also have social hierarchies and a pecking order. If a chick is the only one of a different color in the pen it will most likely be the object of many sharp little beaks and be at the lower end of the social order.

There were no fences protecting lovely green lawns surrounding the houses where I grew up. Sun-baked and solid, the unfenced farmyard was blessed with only an occasional blade of green and a straggly weed here and there. The scavenging chickens populating the premises soon devoured any sprig of grass daring to stick its head above ground. Mother had a few old-fashioned lavender and white petunias protected by chicken wire in the corner by the porch. Woe to any marauding hen that discovered a way to get inside that fence and scratch in her petunia bed.

Evening chicken chores involved feeding, watering and gathering eggs. I enjoyed collecting the eggs from every nest, counting each one as it was placed in a bucket although I was quite unnerved by the few broody hens that guarded their eggs, as a crabby hen could administer a mean pluck on the hand with her beak.

Chickens were shut in the chicken house through the winter months. What a sight it was to watch as the door was flung open in the early spring to let the hens out after their winter confinement. Warily they eyed this strange opening in their abode until a brave soul or two ventured out, voicing their happiness at discovering again the wide, wide world beyond. Soon the doorway was filled with hens flying or running



in all directions, cackling wildly in their newfound freedom. They returned to their nests to lay their daily egg, then flew off the nest cackling and singing to announce its arrival. In the summertime you could hear the hallelujah chorus of a couple hundred hens singing with joy now that their morning's work was done. There is no other sound quite like that; it just does something for your soul!

In spring many of the hens became broody. Some were taken to another building, provided with straw-filled nests and allowed to hatch out baby chicks. After 3 weeks' incubation the baby chicks pecked their way out of the shells, ready to begin their life on the farm. It was so special to watch a mother hen with a dozen or so little balls of fluff obediently staying near her feet. I especially enjoyed watching her gather her chicks under her wings. Tucked up under her feathers they were nearly invisible except for an occasional tiny head with beady eyes peeking out over her wing. If a marauding hawk circled in the sky the chickens instinctively ran for the nearest shelter. Should one not have time to seek cover she flattened out as near as possible on the ground, trying to appear lifeless and inconspicuous. Baby chicks ran for the cover of their mother's outstretched wings.

Most of our baby chicks were purchased from a commercial hatchery. They came in partitioned boxes to keep them in small groups. Nickel sized holes in the sides and tops provided air circulation. It was always a red-letter day on the farm when they arrived. Lifting dozens of tiny balls of fluff into a fresh new pen heated by a brooder stove was another sacred rite of spring on the farm.

I found that I have been happier since I changed from coffee in the morning to orange juice. My doctor explained that it's the vitamin C and natural sugars but I really think it's the vodka.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **February 6, 2023**

Exira-EHK Residents to Vote on Renewal of PPEL, Revenue Purpose Statement March 7 No Additional Tax Implications.

Approved ballot measures would allow the district to address its most urgent safety, facility needs

ELK HORN, IOWA — Residents of the Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School District will vote on both a Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL) and a Revenue Purpose Statement on Tuesday, March 7.

If these measures are approved, the district would prioritize the most urgent and required repairs throughout its school buildings. These include updating facilities, roofing repairs, safe and secure entrance improvements based upon our vulnerability assessments, technology, transportation etc.

“As we address key facility needs throughout our schools, the district and board are seeking ways to protect the investments our community has made in our buildings while respecting the needs of our property taxpayers,” said Trevor Miller, Superintendent. “If both of these measures are approved in March, we will be able to repair systems and facilities throughout our schools, which will help us ensure a safe and secure learning environment for our students.”

A voted PPEL is a voter-approved levy that generates funds a school district can use for infrastructure and equipment repairs, purchases and improvements. Funds may be used only for these purposes. The PPEL must be renewed every 10 years and is anticipated to have a maximum property tax rate impact of \$1 per year on every \$1,000 of taxable property value. The voted PPEL has been in place in the district for 10 years. Both measures are renewals and neither of these votes have an additional impact on tax rates. “We are not asking for additional funds as we will maintain our current funding mechanism,” said Trevor Miller.

A Revenue Purpose Statement allows a school district to use statewide one-penny sales tax dollars (through a program called [SAVE](#)) toward construction projects. It does not represent a tax increase. Rather, it simply changes how the district can use these dollars.

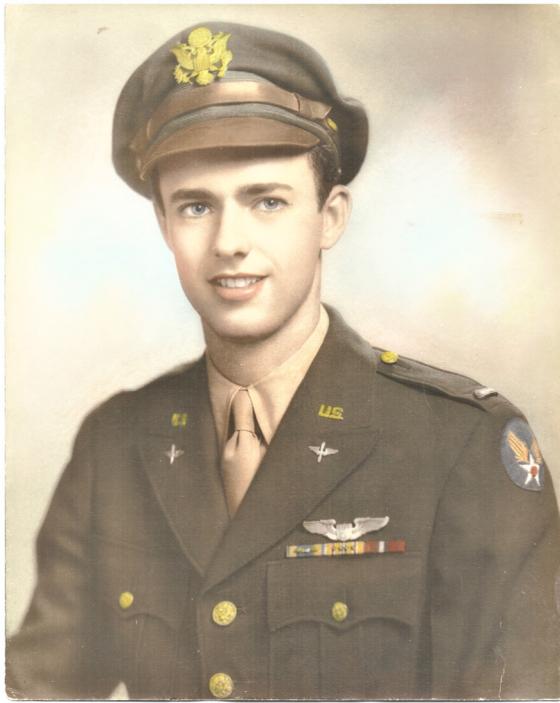
The district and board will share more information on the voted PPEL and Revenue Purpose Statement in the weeks ahead.

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Vint Jensen

**103 years old
and
Still flying an airplane !!!!**
(read on)



103 years old! Yes, you read that correctly. On January 11 Vint Jensen celebrated his 103rd birthday. That's 37,621 days (including 26 extra days for leap years)! That's more living than anyone else at the Exira Care Center has experienced. World War I had ended only two years before his birth. He experienced the Depression, World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, man's first landing on the moon, President Kennedy's, Robert Kennedy's and Martin Luther King's assassinations, the Vietnam Conflict, 9/11 Attack, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. Vint doesn't need to read it from a history book—he lived it.

Vint recalls always having plenty to eat during the Depression years. His father was a skilled mechanic who was willing to exchange work for food. Although the farmers didn't have money to pay for repairing their farm equipment, they had big gardens, eggs, and meat. His family didn't really feel the effects of the Depression until 1933 when the banks began to close.

The government believed the U. S. needed additional pilots. They developed a program that cost \$15. Upon completion, a person would become a licensed pilot. At the time Vint was attending Simpson College. When he became aware of the program, he added it to his class load. It was a tough challenge to find \$15 extra dollars. Upon completion, he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps. He was sent to California for training on a number of different types of planes. Because he was already a licensed pilot, he had a head start on many of the other airmen. His first day in the desert of southern California the temperature was 120 degrees. Vint thought the war wouldn't kill him—it

would be the desert heat. Being young and in good health, it was only a few days before he had adjusted and was playing softball in the heat during the evening hours. At the completion of all his training, he was assigned to be a pilot for B-25 bombers.

Vint's enlistment into the military meant he would be leaving behind his young bride, Phyllis (to whom he was married for 77 years until her death in 2016). She was able to come visit him one time before he left California and headed to South Carolina for additional training for the B-25 bomber. At the end of her short stay, he kissed her goodbye and watched her head back east to Iowa—seven months pregnant with \$10 in her purse. When little Michael was born Vint got to see and hold him for the first time when he was 2½ months old. His little boy would be 3 before he was in his daddy's arms again. Vint missed his first steps, his first words, and all those special things a baby does during early life.

Vint was stationed part of the time in New Guinea, but mainly in the Solomon Islands. New Britain Island was a big target where Japanese attacks came regularly. The B-25s always flew in formation with five planes or six planes when the lead plane had a bombardier on board. On one mission while they were under heavy attack a shell hit their plane and came through the space between Vint (the pilot) and his co-pilot. They stayed in the air and landed later with one tire blown out. Vint flew 58 missions. He spent 300 hours beyond the "bomb line." This was the area where anything seen—a plane, a ship, a submarine, etc. was considered enemy and was to be shot down.

Near the end of the war Vint began to have dizzy spells and was hos-

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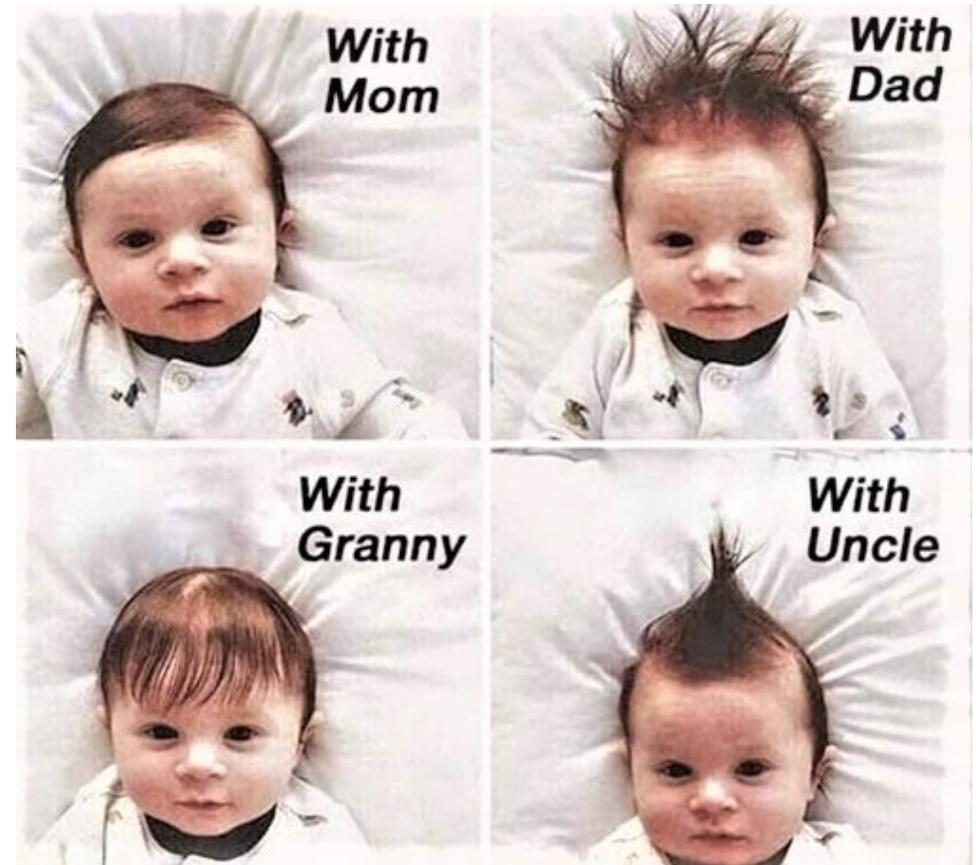
pitalized for ten weeks. During that time, President Roosevelt died, and Harry Truman became the U. S. president. Vint reflected upon what a heavy decision Truman had to make. Either way – use the atomic bomb or not – many lives would be lost.

Vint's experience in war caused him to question deeply about the role of God. In one day's time he lost 13 of his best friends—friends who were good people, who were serving their country, who had life ahead of them. The war experiences caused him to go through a depression. Ronald Reagan once said, "Most of them were boys when they died, and they gave up two lives – the one they were living and the one they would have lived." Vint has chosen to live a Christian lifestyle because he believes strongly in the Golden Rule. In his life work as a mechanic, he has taken every opportunity to be honest, to be helpful, and to be a positive influence in the community.

Two individuals have "adopted" Vint and become angels to him. Sue Wede and Kylie Stroehrer have given him love, time, tenderness, and everything that friendship can offer. They continually add sunshine and happiness to his life. He is so very grateful.

On Sunday, February 5, one of those angels (Sue Wede) called Vint and told him to dress warmly and comfortably because they had an outing to Omaha planned for him. Vint thought that sounded like a day at the Zoo, which he would certainly enjoy. However, instead of heading to the zoo they drove to the Millard Airport. Sue had done some behind-the-scenes work in checking with Vint's doctor about the possibility of him flying an airplane. The doctor had assured her it would be fine. Sue's friend, a pilot, was ready and waiting. To Vint's incredible delight he was soon flying an airplane. Although he was not involved in the take off or landing, he was thrilled to be piloting the plane. Of course, he wanted to see if he could still make coordinated turns (using hands and feet together). Sure enough—after all those years he could. After returning to the Exira Care Center, he was still floating on cloud 9. Who knows—centenarian Vint may decide it's time to renew his pilot's license.

A friend suggested putting horse manure on my strawberries... I'm never doing that again, I'm going back to whipped cream.



I need to re-home a dog. It is a small terrier that barks a lot. If you are interested let me know. I will jump over the fence and get it for you

YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Believe in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." (John 12:35-36)

In our previous article we talked about how God spoke light into existence; "God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." (Gen. 1:3) We mentioned that this entity of creation was not the sun; for the sun was not created until the 4th day and the sun is a producer of light but is not light itself.

Some 4,000 years later, Jesus is on the earth telling His disciples to walk in the light; that they will have the light only a 'little while longer'. His testimony here is a shadowy reference to His death which was only a short time away. But He wanted them to understand that the light that He was must be comprehended by them. There is a darkness that permeates the world and they needed to remain in His light.

In the book of John alone, we are to find 16 references to Jesus Christ being the light or being connected to light. In John's opening statement he makes this comment concerning Jesus, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5) It is the life of our Savior that brings us light.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." This quote is from the book of Psalms 119:105. I previously mentioned that the idea of light might have several facets. Jesus, the Son of God and Son of man, is referenced as light as well as the word of God, that is, the bible is also mentioned as light. So what was this 'light' that was spoken of in the opening of the book of Genesis?

The Apostle Paul takes note of this term 'light' in a very curious way. In 2 Corinthians 4:4, he writes, "The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Paul's reference here to 'the god of this world' is of course Satan. He tells us, in this letter, that Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers. But we must understand that it is God, our God who brings light, who gives sight, who informs us of the vision of His Son and who opens up our hearts to this "light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of His Son." He would have us understand that it is Satan who would cover up the real truth of the good news. Are your eyes open? Remember, the real life of Jesus Christ is the light of men!!

Bill Rollins 2-17-23

IT'S ONLY SCIENCE

The State of California has received a huge amount of rain over the course of just a couple of weeks. The total amount of rain was enough to make an impact on their continuing drought. But not nearly as much as one might expect. The fact is that around 80% of that moisture went straight into the ocean. They did not have enough of the type of facilities to capture more of it.

Which brings to mind that the weather experts have said that with climate change our rainfall will not occur as it had before climate change's effects. We are likely to have fewer rain events occurring at random intervals than we are accustomed to experiencing. Most will be much larger than in the past and probably come at a faster pace. Yes, there will be small amounts on occasion, but these will not be of great agricultural significance.

Agri-scientists know about how much moisture each crop type needs to be able to produce a good yield. But how we count that moisture will have to be adapted to the new reality. We are going to need to determine how much "retained" moisture we have received. If we get 6 inches of rain in an hour and a half, we cannot count that entire amount. This is because we know much of it, like in California, has ran off without sinking in to our cropland.

This means that while we have treated stormwater as something to be disposed off when there is more than we need at the moment. That attitude needs to change. Not only does it increase the possibility of dangerous flooding down stream from us, but it may make the difference between the survival of our crops and livestock if we retain it, or the heartbreak of failure if we do not.

Agriculture has met many challenges and has changed its practices continually over the centuries. I am certain once this new challenge is accepted agriculture will continue to provide food for the world.

Bob Mortenson 1-24-23

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

— Mark Twain

A boy went with his father to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he told his mother there were two boys and two girls.

"How did you know that?" his mother asked.

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This week's Reader of the Week is Joseph Yock!! Joseph is nine years old. His favorite book series is Harry Potter, but he also likes nonfiction books as well! His favorite thing about the library is, he doesn't have to keep the book when he's done reading it!



I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.



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As I've grown older, I've learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but pissing everyone off is a piece of cake.



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Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School District



Available Positions for the 2023-2024 School Year:

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

[Click here to apply online today!](#)
Application materials can also be sent directly to the building principals.

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

WHAT IS A VOTED PPEL?

A voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) is a voter-approved levy that generates funds a school district can use for infrastructure and equipment repairs, purchases and improvements. *Funds may be used only for these purposes.*

On **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**, Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton residents will vote on renewing the district's existing PPEL. If approved, it would continue to generate authority at the equivalent of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable property value.

WHAT IF THE VOTED PPEL IS RENEWED?

With a renewed PPEL, the district would prioritize the most urgent and required repairs, including:

- Updating & Maintaining Facilities
- Possible Secured Entrances
- Transportation
- Technology
- Other Deferred Maintenance



NO PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

The Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School District is asking residents to renew the voted PPEL already in place. Therefore, there would be **no property tax increase** with an approved vote.

WHAT IS A REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT?

Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) – also known as the statewide one-cent sales tax for education – allows Iowa school districts to ask voters to approve a Revenue Purpose Statement to continue investing sales tax funds in school infrastructure projects.

On **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**, EHK residents will vote on a proposed Revenue Purpose Statement. Approving the statement would have no impact on local property taxes, nor would it affect the sales tax. It would specify where and how the School Board may use SAVE funds.

An approved statement would extend the district's RPS as long as allowable by current legislation. The extension would take immediate effect upon voter approval.

HOW WOULD THE DISTRICT USE THESE FUNDS?

If voters approve the Revenue Purpose Statement on March 7, funds could be leveraged for the following purposes:

- Information technology infrastructure
- Remodeling, reconstructing, repairing, expanding or improving school buildings
- Purchasing and improving grounds
- Furnishing and equipping district facilities
- Leasing or lease-purchasing a building, equipment, technology or transportation
- Repairing transportation
- Implementing energy conservation measures
- Building or opening school buildings
- Making emergency repairs due to natural disasters
- Providing property tax relief



NO PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

An approved Revenue Purpose Statement would **NOT** lead to a property tax increase. The sales tax would also not be affected.

Lenten Midweek Message Series:

“Amazing Words”

(Excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount)

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville

“Beatitudes – Poor in Spirit”

(Matthew 5:1-12)

Wednesday, March 1st – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton

“Not What You Think”

(Matthew 5:27-32)

Wednesday, March 8th – St. Paul Lutheran Church, Irwin

“The Second Mile”

(Matthew 5:38-48)

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

“What You Really Ought to Worry About”

(Matthew 6:19-34)

Wednesday, March 22nd – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville

“Never Give Up on God”

(Matthew 7:7-12)

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

“Bedrock”

(Matthew 7:21-29)

Holy Week Lenten Services

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

Holy Communion

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

Holy Communion

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

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

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



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 26	9:00 am Worship @ Bethany
	10:15 am Sunday School @ Immanuel
March 5	9:00 am Worship @ Immanuel
	10:15 am Sunday School @ Immanuel
March 12	9:00 am Worship @ Bethany
	10:15 am Sunday School @ Immanuel
March 19	9:00 am Worship @ Immanuel
	10:15 am Sunday School @ Immanuel
March 26	9:00 am Worship @ Bethany
	10:15 am Sunday School @ Immanuel

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

The Rye Bread Lady Says....

Fresh rye bread available at the Egg Crate on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Made with stone ground rye from the Danish Windmill. Always fresh
Never frozen



To special order rye bread, please call 712-304-3606.



“Action speaks louder than words but not nearly as often.”
– Mark Twain

Check it out !!

Old Danish Workshop
Reglue Chairs • Repair - Refinish Furniture
Custom Building • Cribbage Boards
Birdhouses/feeders • Butterfly Houses
Crosses • Toys • Canes... and more!

Gene (Beaver) Thomsen
(712) 249-5983

I Want THAT ONE



Lillian's List

Cake Mix	Can of Frosting
Sprinkles	Balloons
Candles	2 liter bottle of pop
9x13 aluminum cake pan with lid	
Birthday gift bag	Tissue paper

Isaiah 11:6 “And a little child shall lead them”

During the last 6 months of serving as the director of the food pantry I have received a great many telephone calls. One of the most heartwarming of these calls came from a 12 year old girl.

Lillian Niklasen phoned to tell me about her planned 4H project of making birthday cake kits for the children our food pantry serves. She wanted to make sure that every child could have a birthday party. This inspiring young lady recognized a need in our community and came up with a plan to address that need.

The last edition of the Rolling Hills Community News included an article she wrote about her project and a request for donations of the items she needs to complete it. Let's help Lillian help our community.

Sunday, March 5th will be Super Birthday Sunday at Elk Horn Lutheran Church. We challenge members of the church and community to bring one thing on Lillian's list to church that morning. If you can't attend services on the 5th there will be a Birthday Box set up at the church on Friday and Saturday, March 3rd and 4th. Let's have a birthday party! Thank you all.

To donate money to Lillian's cause, either take it to Elk Horn Lutheran Church during the above days, or mail it to Rolling Hills News: 4208 Madison St, Elk Horn IA 51531. Please Note “Lillian 4H project”. Remember: Your donations will be matched by the organizations listed below.

M&L Cattle Mini Herefords
has also agreed to donate \$1 for
\$1 up to \$50
Thank You Laura

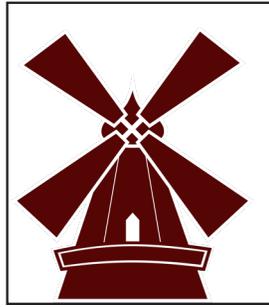


Rolling Hills News Challenge to the community

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.



News From The Mill

February is never one of the windmill's busier months, but there is still plenty of exciting news to report. Warmer days bringing travelers have offered a tease of the Spring to come, but still the biting Winter winds have limited visitor traffic.

Participating in Elk Horn's first 'Hygge Night' offered a nice change of pace. We enjoyed seeing many locals again and even some families from out of town eager to partake in the cozy festivities. Our new t-shirts were an instant hit and we're excited to bring more new merchandise out for the upcoming tourist season, so keep an eye out for those and what is to come. Faye did a wonderful job re-decorating the gift shop for the event and continues to keep displays looking fresh and new. We would like to thank Danish Countryside Vines & Wines for partnering with us to offer samples of their fine wines for the event.

We hosted our first school trip of the year on Monday, February 13th as second-graders and their chaperones from the AHSTW Community School District toured the windmill and the Museum of Danish America. The kids enjoyed learning about the windmill and its history as well as a tour of the vikinghem. This was also the first school visit that the windmill hosted entirely free of charge and we intend to maintain that benefit for our local schools for the foreseeable future. Supporting our community schools, teachers, and students is central to our mission and we hope to see many of our young visitors again with their families soon. We would like to thank Alissa LaCanne and Phyllis for coordinating the visit.

We are very happy to announce that the Mill has been awarded a grant of \$6,000.00 by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. This money will be put directly towards technological improvements to ease operations and ensure we are fully capable of serving our visitors, patrons, and members. This includes upgraded computers, a new color printer, and a chromebook for visitor use in the welcome center. Our mail order computer has already been replaced and Julie is processing and shipping orders faster than ever.

A substantial portion of the grant covers necessary funds for our new membership management software, an essential part of our transition as we work to modify and expand our membership program this year. It is our hope that a more robust membership program will encourage more engagement from both community members and far-flung visitors eager to learn about and further support our organization. As Jo and Tami continue to field and process membership renewals for this year, we again want to extend our gratitude to those who have continued to support us. And if you aren't yet a member and want to learn more, just give us a call. Additional benefits coming this year will include a free subscription to our forthcoming newsletter.

Finally, in an overdue note, we want to express our deep appreciation for Steve and Dusty Turner for keeping this newspaper running. It is an important news outlet for the community and for our organization. We could not be more grateful for their efforts and those who support them.

The City Council of Elk Horn met in special session on Thursday, February 16th, 2023, at 5:30 PM at Elk Horn City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Hansen; Councilmen Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Teegerstrom, K. Petersen and Hogberg. Also in attendance was City Clerk Chelsee Jacobsen.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM Fredericksen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

Mayor Hansen presented the Audubon County Urban Renewal Plan. D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve the urban renewal joint agreement WHEREAS, a portion of the 2023 Addition Property is situated within and/or within 2 miles of the boundaries of the City of Elk Horn, IA. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

Council reviewed the 2015 Ordinance book, Chelsee will get a final quote to start the updating process and will review at the March 6th, 2023, meeting.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the 2021-2022 Annual Urban Renewal Report as presented. Ayes: 5, motion carried. Elk Horn's Urban Renewal plan projects are Replacement of Water Lines throughout town and Street repair. Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen to adjourn the meeting at 8:02PM. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keli Hansen, Mayor Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk



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.

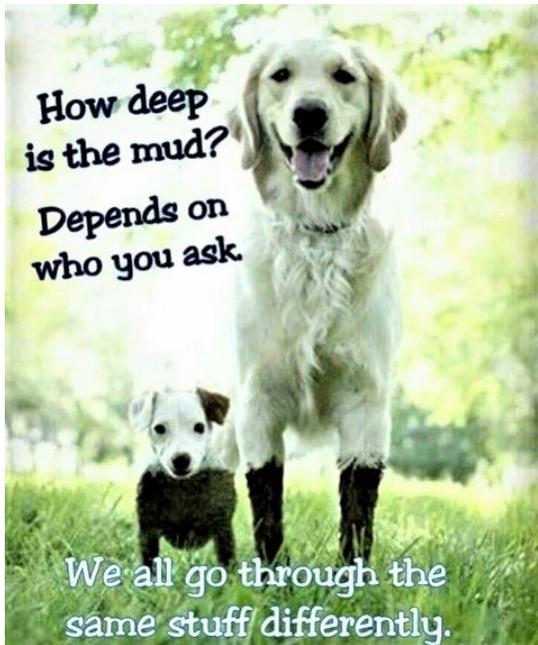
(Dates may be changed for scheduled church functions.)

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





Our Exira-EHK Freshman and Sophomore TAG students had the opportunity to tour the ISU campus and listen to a preview of Iowa State. Our students viewed the various building programs, lecture hall/classrooms, dorms, library, dorms, athletic facilities, bookstore and eating in a dining hall. They received information about the program they were interested in pursuing as a career. "Students hopefully gained knowledge of their future educational path. The TAG students have been researching their future career and hopefully this university visit can motivate them to take the HS core classes they need for success," stated Lisa Dreier, HS TAG Instructor. Left to right front row-Sophie Kitelinger, Hailey Bieker, Jacey Smith, Gracie Olsen, Brylie Andersen, Mara Christensen, Lisa Dreier 2nd row, Austin Rasmussen, Alex Hansen, Gideon King and Brayden Burison



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The Outlook Study Club is on the hunt for any historical documents that belong to them. Should you have them or know where they might be please contact: Linda Simson at 712-304-2697.



A boy came home with two black eyes. "Fighting again?" his mother exclaimed. "Didn't I tell you that when you get angry you should count to 10 before you respond?" "I did" the boy replied, "but the other boy's mother told him to count to 5."



The Outlook Study Club met on Monday the 20th of February for a night of Bingo and white elephant gift exchange. The Bingo games were fast paced and fun with everyone a winner. The white elephant exchange was filled with lots of good-hearted stealing of gifts from each other. Vera Petersen introduced her therapy dog Lucy who is a great Pyrenees mix. Lucy recently received her AKC Canine Good Citizen program award and is finishing up getting registered as a therapy dog through Alliance of Therapy Dogs. She was very sweet and well behaved! We also celebrated Adrienne Spyridakos birthday with delicious red velvet cupcakes.

ATTENTION:
Anyone missing a child in an orange coat...
PLEASE come to the Lingerie dept...
Your child is hungry !



- The Elk Horn Library celebrated Valentine's Day at the Kids in the Village Daycare with a visit from the Love Monster puppet for storytime along with a craft! We can't wait to come visit again!



Another great early out bowling program!
Thank you Norse Horse Tavern for sponsoring!



Words of Wisdom from Troy:

You don't get smarter when you become older..
There just aren't as many stupid things left you haven't done

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My mind is like an internet browser. At least 19 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.



On Feb. 9, ten Elk Horn businesses hosted a Hygge event — Get Cozy the Danish Way — which featured creative demonstrations, cozy items (perfect for Valentine’s Day!) and festive food and drink. This Danish expression is an attitude towards life that emphasizes finding joy in everyday moments and celebrates coziness, warmth, family and mindfulness, especially during the winter months. Attendees were invited in to sample warm drinks, eat Danish foods and watch creators at work. This was heard from one local participant “Fun time Thursday night taking part in the community Hygge event. It was a fun evening, ending with a delicious meal at Grace on Main. Special appreciation to all the businesses who went above and beyond, just to serve customers. We are a fortunate community!”

Featured businesses included:

- Copenhagen Friday, a curious nook for those that enjoy art, fashion and interesting things, featured discounts on cozy items.
- Danish Countryside Vines & Wines was open for tastings and sold specialty chocolate and Valentine’s Day artwork.
- The Danish Windmill revealed their new Hygge tee shirt designs as well as samples of Danish havarti cheese.
- The Egg Krate offered vendor specials on their antique treasures.
- The Genealogy and Education Center had a demonstration of their local antique letterpress from the Museum of Danish America’s collection with make and take cards as well as a pop-up shop with local custom apparel, drink ware and accessories made by Erin Andersen of Little Grey House Designs pop-up shop with custom apparel, drink ware, and accessories.
- Grace on Main served a specialty Glogg drink (a warm, spiced wine) and featured discounts on their cozy swag.
- The Kringle Man bakery cooked up a Danish meal of aebleskiver (Danish round pancakes) and medisterpølse (Danish sausage).
- The Elk Horn Library had a quilt giveaway, a hot chocolate bar and board games/puzzles on the tables for people to play.
- Log Cabin Quilting featured a hardanger (a type of embroidery) demonstration with Karma Sorensen.
- The Norse Horse Tavern served up a hot buttered rum specialty drink.

(compliments of Audubon County Advocate Journal)

