



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION  
AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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FARMERS  
MARKET  
WEDNESDAY  
5:00-7:00  
1525 DEWITT ST

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Come support the Farmers Market every  
Wednesday night.

Lots of baked goods including gluten free  
cupcakes, pasta sauce, salsa, homemade  
chips, handmade jewelry, wax melts and  
rooms sprays.

# August 2023

SUNDAY							MONDAY							TUESDAY							WEDNESDAY							THURSDAY							FRIDAY							SATURDAY						
<b>JULY</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31							<b>SEPTEMBER</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30							<b>1</b>							<b>2</b> Farmers Market DeWitt Street 5:00-7:00							<b>3</b> Library Board Meet 5:30							<b>4</b>							<b>5</b> Bingo Community Center 5:00						
<b>6</b> Lutheran & Methodist Churches 9:00							<b>7</b> Purple Heart Day							<b>8</b> Community Association 7:00 Library							<b>9</b> Farmers Market DeWitt Street 5:00-7:00							<b>10</b> Backpack Giveaway Lutheran Church 6:00-8:00							<b>11</b>							<b>12</b> Bingo Community Center 5:00						
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<b>20</b> Lutheran & Methodist Churches 9:00							<b>21</b> Firemen Meeting 7:00							<b>22</b>							<b>23</b> Farmers Market DeWitt Street 5:00-7:00							<b>24</b>							<b>25</b> Homewood Cemetery meet TLC 10:00							<b>26</b> Bingo Community Center 5:00						
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## Notices:

MATERIAL DUE: by the 25th of the month for the next months newsletter. Send by email to [ellsworthca@netins.net](mailto:ellsworthca@netins.net) or Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Ia 50075. Subscription/unsubscribe by email: send your request to [ellsworthca@netins.net](mailto:ellsworthca@netins.net).

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# Birthdays This Month

Deb Naber Senn	2nd	Erin Hill	10th
Marcy Olson	2nd	Noah Laube	10th
Tom Swenson	4th	Betsi Danielson	12th
Lauren Olson	8th	Brian Henderson	23rd

## ANNIVERSARIES



Molly & Brian Henderson	7th
Teresa & Lauren Olson	14th
Liz & Ryan Hill	14th
Janelle & Todd Hill	15th
Joely & Tom Swenson	26th
Holly & Don Adix	28th

July Question  
Have you attended a County  
Fair? 23  
Have you exhibited at a County  
Fair? 19

August question - to reply go  
to [ellsworthca@netins.net](mailto:ellsworthca@netins.net)  
Replies confidential  
  
Public School?  
Private School?

## REMEMBERING THE PAST

**Taken from an August, 1953 Ellsworth News issue -**

Turkey Day Float Theme—Song Titles.

Song titles must be submitted by August 29th in order to avoid duplication of floats. Please call or see **Esther Mansager, Mrs Scott Brinton** or **Mrs Ray Thompson** to make sure that each title is recorded.

Divisions and prizes.

Organization Floats 1st 5.00 2nd 3.00

Commercial Floats 1st 5.00 2nd 3.00.

Farm and family floats 1st 5.00 and 2nd 3.00

Horses 1st 3.00 and 2nd 2.00

Ponies 1st 3.00 and 2nd 2.00

Decorated Bicycles 1st \$3.00 and 2nd 2.00

Decorated Tricycles 1st \$2.00 and 2nd 1.00

Decorated Doll Buggy 1st 2.00 and 2nd 1.00

Sweepstake winner (honorable mention)

**From Brownie's column:** It's not like in the old days—an item clipped from September 11, 1924.

"The housewives of Ellsworth state that there is a very severe epidemic of late suppers in this burg since the evening passenger train has changed time. It arrives a few minutes before six o'clock, and if a person then waits for the mall—well, it's a late supper, that's all."

Very few now days eat at six, any time from five to eight is supper ???



Inside the plant on a working day in 1953

Thompson Hatchery turkeys are the first to start the 1953 season at the Central Cooperative Turkey Producers plant. This year the first three carloads of turkeys through the plant go for government meat.

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: MENDED HEARTS



Angela Wirth is the founder and owner of Mended Hearts Quilting & Boutique. Her business is located on the family acreage, 3212 300th St, Ellsworth, IA or 2 miles east of Ellsworth on Highway 175. The shop is filled with beautiful bolts of fabric and all the supplies needed to quilt and sew. They also sell and service Janome Sewing Machines. You are welcome to visit Monday thru Friday 10:00 to 6:00, Saturday 10:00-2:00 or by appointment. Phone 515-836-4280, cell 515-291-5681. Web site: [www.mendedheartsquilting.com](http://www.mendedheartsquilting.com)

Angela's family consists of husband, Jason Wirth, sons Eddie & Thomas and daughter Grace.

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## HOMWOOD CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT ASS'N

It has been brought to the attention of the Association, owners of spaces/lots at Homewood Cemetery do not have the most recent rules and regulations. A question was presented at a meeting about the burial rules.

Funeral Director, Personal Representative, Estate trustee, Executor or next of kin must give the Superintendent of the Cemetery (Jayson Evans - 515-836-8535) 48 business hours notice before burial takes place. All lots must be paid in full and a death certificate showing death must be provided the Cemetery Superintendent prior to a burial. Opening and closing of graves may only be conducted by a Cemetery designated business. Burial of Cremated remains may be conducted by a Cemetery designated business or approved individual by Superintendent to do the work on behalf of the family. Cremated remains are not permitted to be scattered on the grounds of the cemetery.

Also, there are several Avenue of Flags, flags and poles that have not been adopted by families. If you would like to adopt a flag & pole and have a plaque engraved with family names, please get in touch with President, Lisa Hovick, 515-290-6845. The cost is \$125.00.

## JULY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with Mayor Yager presiding and the following council present: Norem, King, Sogard, and Gelder. Absent: Funk.

	June Receipts	June Disbursements
General Fund	11490.61	15221.27
Road Use Fund	7842.45	1223.64
Employee Benefit Fund	457.00	1103.24
Emergency Fund	167.66	
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	5850.35	
Tax Increment Finance Area 1		
Tax Increment Finance Area 2		
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend	31405.03	
Bingo Fund	3804.09	1630.16
Debt Service Fund	660.75	16262.21
Capital Improv Reserve		
Capital Project-Ind. Park Rd.		
Capital Project-EL Util Impr		
Capital Project-Well Project		
Capital Project-Strm Water		
Water Fund	27316.14	10619.65
Water Sinking Fund		95807.50
Sewer Fund	6737.81	7249.68
Electric Fund	64673.72	56548.07
Electric Sinking Fund		
Storm Water Fund	3980.97	55.65
Storm Water Sinking Fund		<u>-10789.21</u>
	<u>\$164386.58</u>	<u>\$194931.86</u>

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion by King, seconded by Gelder to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Norem, seconded by King to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

- a. Motion to approve June 8<sup>th</sup>, and June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve June payment of claims.
- c. Motion to approve Fire Truck Payment due August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in the amount of \$11,349.00, including principal of \$8,811.10 and interest of \$2,537.90.

Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried and claims hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** None.

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**FARMERS MARKET:** There was a request by local community members to bring a small farmers market into the Ellsworth community. Currently vendors host markets in Jewell, Webster City and other surrounding towns and were seeking permission to host here, one evening a week. Vendors were looking at Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Mainstreet starting in June through September depending on the popularity. At this time, there would be between 5 to 7 different vendors offering a variety of goods from jewelry, soaps, chips and salsa, to pasta sauce, bakery items and art. Motion by Sogard, seconded by Gelder to allow the vendors to set up on Mainstreet. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

**AMERICAN SANITATION:** Shawna Schmidt with American Sanitation was present to discuss with the council the offering of a recycling program being provided by American Sanitation. Currently, a \$4.00 charge is automatically assessed to each utility bill for recycling services and recycling is picked up on Fridays. The City in turn compensates the recycler each month for those services based on the number of utility bills with recycling charges. Adding American Sanitation as a second recycling option would establish a secondary recycling pick up date, as they would pick up on their garbage date of Thursdays and would also create a billing issue with the utility bills and billing software. The Clerk requested additional time to research what other cities have come up with as a solution for this scenario.

**VANWERT INC:** Due to the Representative not being able to attend the meeting, the conversation will be tabled until August's meeting.

**CITIZEN COMPLAINT 548 DES MOINES:** A complaint was filed with the City Clerk regarding junk and junk vehicles at a neighboring property. The Clerk is already in the process of sending nuisance abatement letters in regards to junk/ junk vehicles/ mowing and weeds and will include the property in her list.

**CITIZEN COMPLAINT 1413 DELPHI:** The City Clerk received another complaint from the property owner of 1413 Delphi Street regarding usage of the south side of his property by other drivers. Due to the owner not being at the meeting, the council was unable to take any action at this time. The complaint will stay on file for 90 days.

**BALL DIAMOND USAGE AND VENDOR:** A group of local residents has formed a co-ed softball group that is looking to play games at the Ellsworth ball diamond Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm. At this time, the group consists of 2 teams and play is for fun, but they are hoping to add teams in the future. They also have a vendor that has inquired about the possibility of offering hot dogs at the game. Motion by Gelder, seconded by Norem to approve the diamond usage and allowing the vendor to bring the cart to the games with no cost incurred by the City. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

**METER CHANGE OUT FEES:** The Clerk updated the council on the number of meters yet to be changed out throughout the City and reaffirmed that those utility customers not complying with the numerous changeout requests would begin to incur the monthly fee beginning on their July bill.

**1520 DEWITT STREET:** Previously the council had discussed options pertaining to the property located at 1520 Dewitt Street. A local resident had also inquired about the possibility of purchasing the property and requested information from City Hall regarding ordinances and setbacks. Discussion took place regarding certain electrical upgrades that were not previously completed as requested and how that affected future decisions. Attorney Montag will look into details of property ownership by the city and report back to the City.

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**CITY PROJECT FOLLOW UPS:** Robb's Tree Service was back in Ellsworth over the last month to complete the removal of Emerald Ash trees and electrical line trimming. With minor stump grinding work to complete, the City will continue to utilize tree services on a yearly basis but look at having a longer-term contract set up, so that its not such a large undertaking all at once.

**FISCAL YEAR END:** The City Clerk reviewed revenues and expenditures with the council for the end of Fiscal year 2022/2023. In looking ahead, she also discussed several expenses already incurred for the 2024 fiscal year and the possibility of a Capital Improvement Plan moving forward in hopes of better plan for future upgrades and replacement of equipment and facilities.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

/s/ Dolorus Yager, Mayor

/s/ Amy L. Zeman, City Clerk

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## BACKPACK GIVEAWAY NIGHT

Trinity Lutheran Church

1629 DeWitt St.

Ellsworth, Iowa

6:00-8:00

This is open to all South Hamilton  
students in need of school supply  
assistance

## ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

### August 2023 Salena Schmitz, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Did you know about our service called Interlibrary Loans? We can request books for our patrons and fill requests from other libraries using the Inter-Library Loan System that connects us to most of the libraries in the state of Iowa. It works for more than just books! It we can get audiobook, movies, and others! Call or email the library today to see what we can get for you!

\*\*\* The spotlight book of the month *The Peacock Emporium* by Jojo Moyes. \*\*\*

In the sixties, Athene Forster was the most glamorous girl of her generation. Nicknamed the Last Deb, she was also beautiful, spoiled, and out of control. When she agreed to marry the gorgeous young heir Douglas Fairley-Hulme, her parents breathed a sigh of relief. But within two years, rumors had begun to circulate about Athene's affair with a young salesman. Thirty-five years later, Suzanna Peacock is struggling with her notorious mother's legacy. The only place Suzanna finds comfort is in *The Peacock Emporium*, the beautiful coffee bar and shop she opens that soon enchants her little town. There she makes perhaps the first real friends of her life, including Alejandro, a male midwife, escaping his own ghosts in Argentina. The specter of her mother still haunts Suzanna. But only by confronting both her family and her innermost self-will she finally reckons with the past--and discover that the key to her history, and her happiness, may have been in front of her all along.

#### Adult Fiction:

- *Little Faith* by Nickolas Butler
- *When No One is Watching* by Alyssa Cole
- *The Five-Star Weekend* by Elin Hilderbrand
- *Meet Me in Paradise* by Libby Huscher
- *The Last Sinner* by Lisa Jackson
- *The Road to Roswell* by Connie Willis
- *Unbound* by Stuart Woods #44
- *Wild Card* by Stuart Woods #49
- *Contraband* by Stuart Woods #50

#### Biography:

- *Going There* by Katie Couric

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Non-Fiction:

- *The Talk* by Darrin Bell

Young Adult Fiction:

- *I Think I Love You* by Auriane Desombre

Beginner Reader Fiction:

- *Pug Blasts Off: Diary of a Pug #1* by Kyla May
- *Pug's Snow Day: Diary of a Pug #2* by Kyla May
- *Paws for a Cause: Diary of a Pug #3* by Kyla May

Early Reader Fiction:

- *Watercress* by Andrea Wang, pictures by Jason Chin

DVDS:

- The Super Mario Bros Movie - PG
- Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves - PG-13
- The Fablemans - PG-13
- 80 for Brady - PG-13
- The Banshees of Inisherin - R

AUDIOBOOKS:

- *Thick as Thieves* by Sandra Brown
- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *The Whistler* by John Grisham
- *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah
- *A Last Goodbye* by J.A. Janice

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**American Cream Draft Horse** presentation was given at The Ellsworth Library/ Museum on July 8th. There were 39 present to hear about the development of this breed of horse in the Jewell/Ellsworth/Radcliffe area. The Yancy family was highlighted in the growth of the American Cream Draft Horse. There were representatives here of the Yancy family from Delaware, Arizona and Minnesota. All are descendants of the Lakin family and Lakin's Grove. Barbara Knox Homrighaus was the presenter.