



ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY
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APRIL NEWSLETTER

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OPEN HOUSE

Hors d'oeuvres

1525 DEWITT ST,

Drinks

APRIL 15TH & 16 - NOON - 3:00PM



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April 2023

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NOTICES

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE by the 25th of the month for the next months newsletter. Send by email to ellsworthca@netins.net or Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272 Ellsworth, Ia 50075

COMMUNITY COFFEE at Trinity Lutheran Church every Tuesday morning at 9:30 to ?

LORD'S CUPBOARD - open every Monday 4:30-6:30 at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Jewell.

DUMP YOUR JUNK - June 24, 8:00 - noon

Birthdays This Month

Jacob Nicholson	1st	Josh Angove	15th
Jim Hill	3rd	Veronica Olson	18th
Cole Berg	4th	Austin Busch	19th
Colton Hill	4th	Adalynne Hill	20th
Jaclyn Hill	8th	Ronda Olson	21st
Kasen VanLangen	9th	Brandi Nelson	23rd
Zachery Campbell	10th	Mary Hill	23rd
Diane Holt	10th	Michael Eckers	26th
Cory Nelson	11th	John Lovell	27th
Dawn Hegland	12th	Davien Henderson	29th
Elizabeth Hill	14th	Debbie Caudle Chaviera	29th
Gail George	15th		

ANNIVERSARIES



Marcia & Danny Anderson	4th	Brain & Kristal Johnson	10th
Konni & Doug VanLangen	4th	Leah & Bob Maass	17th
Janet & Tony Lindseth	5th	Tory & Jessica Hetland	26th
Barb & Wayne Patterson	7th	Staci & Jason Thompson	27th
Linda & Dale Graham	8th		

To add or correct Birthday and Anniversary dates, please send the changes /additions to ellsworthca@netins.net

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:



515-203-9420

NHance is a business located at 3019 300th St, Ellsworth, IA. The owner, Jesse Klein, and his wife moved to their home in 2009 and have been married for 19 years, They have 4 boys that are dual enrolled at South Hamilton. Jesse is a US Navy veteran and has a passion for woodworking and refinishing. He has been doing this type of work as a hobby for 17 years. In 2020 he decided to put it into a business. In 2021, they received the “Rookie of the Year” award by their franchisor and last year were nominated for the “Rising Star” award. A feature article was written by Franchising USA Magazine recently about Jesse and his passion. More details of NHance can be found on their web site: www.nhance.com/ames



OPEN HOUSE

ADAMS CELEBRATION OF LIFE



You are invited to come meet the Adams. Danni and Damon Adams have opened a satellite office of their business in Iowa Falls “Celebration of Life”, in Ellsworth. This location is licensed for funeral services. They will be designing and selling monuments with displays here. Danni is licensed to sell pre need policies. The Adam’s will provide funeral services at the time of need. This location is where they would make arrangements but then would utilize a venue of the families choice to hold the service.

REMEMBERING THE PAST

APRIL 1943

Jury list for April term announced:

Clyde Dalbey
Mrs. Mary Farwell
Mrs. Willard Johnson
Mrs. Carroll Kuhfus
F. G. Richardson
Mrs. Iver Valem

Question of the month:
 Have you been called to Jury Duty?
 Have you had to serve on the jury?

SECTIONAL MUSIC CONTEST

Soloists from Ellsworth:

Margery Tyler, Patty Olsen, Dixie Lou Johnson, Lester Handeland, Harry Hussong, Don Farwell,

April 1963

NEW POST OFFICE

Plans to acquire a new post office in Ellsworth were announced April 4th. The building in Ellsworth will be located on the west side of DeWitt Street, just north of the Legion building. Plans call for 1842 square feet of floor space, with an area of 7500 square feet for parking and movement of postal vehicles. When completed it will serve people in the area and it will replace the present inadequate facility.

APRIL 1993

Meeting in regular session, the Ellsworth City Council learned that games have been scheduled for the summer program for the boys and girls of Ellsworth. **Sandy Hertzke** will coach the T-ball program and **Lisa & Joel Hovick** will coach the girls soft ball program. A coach for the boys baseball was not announced yet.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

Taylor Hill son of Charlene and Rolan Hill
Gail Patterson daughter of Wayne and Barb Patterson
Andrea Marie Hill daughter of Eldyn and Teri Hill
Susan Hovick daughter of Marilyn Hovick
Marty Naber son of Maris & Carol Naber
Kelly Greenfield daughter of Debra & Roxy Greenfield
Cain Clefish son of Leland & Deborah Celfish
Nathan Dalbey son of Larry Dalbey
Shana Ellwood daughter of Tom & Helen Ellwood
Samantha Cook daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Cook

Bob & Marcella Olson of Ellsworth are the happy parents of a son, **Nicholas Lee** born March 31, at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames. He was welcomed home by 8 year old brother, **Jonathan**.

Jason & Sue Ellen Hyland of Ellsworth were blessed by the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Jaden Sue**. She was. Born March 31, in Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames.

Richard Neuman, 43 died of a brain tumor, April 13 at his home. Funeral services were held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Jewell. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery near Ellsworth.

MARCH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on March 13th, 2023 with Mayor Yager presiding and the following council present: Norem, King, and Funk. Absent: Gelder and Sogard.

	February Receipts	February Disbursements
General Fund	17625.05	13525.53
Road Use Fund	5808.50	1761.01
Employee Benefit Fund	91.33	602.64
Emergency Fund	33.50	
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	12954.32	
Tax Increment Finance Area 1		
Tax Increment Finance Area 2		
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend		
Bingo Fund	4846.71	3635.47
Debt Service Fund	48.00	5473.00
Capital Improv Reserve		
Capital Project-Ind. Park Rd.		
Capital Project-EL Util Impr		
Capital Project-Well Project		
Capital Project-Strm Water		
Water Fund	23138.39	13148.94
Water Sinking Fund		
Sewer Fund	7078.35	7155.69
Electric Fund	65433.47	57087.48
Electric Sinking Fund		
Storm Water Fund	3896.41	55.65
Storm Water Sinking Fund		<u>0.00</u>
	<u>\$140954.03</u>	<u>\$102445.41</u>

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Norem, seconded by Funk to approve the agenda. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

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

- a. Motion to approve February 1st, February 13th, and February 28th, 2023 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve February payment of claims.

Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried and claims hereby made a portion of these minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: Linda Clark was back at March's meeting to update council on the progress the association has made in moving forward with the Dump Your Junk Event. The event has been scheduled for Saturday June 24th, 2023 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Coop. There will be two 40-yard dumpsters located on the west side for garbage and two 30-yard dumpsters located on the east side for metal, one being specifically for appliances. The cost will be \$25 per truck load with no trailers or dump trucks aloud. The load must not exceed the cab of the truck. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time from City Hall by cash or check. Any questions can be directed to Linda Clark at 515-297-3012.

1413 DELPHI: Previously, the property owner had filed a complaint with the City regarding a planter he had sitting on top of a concrete block that a city employee had moved. The planter has since been moved back to its original place and no further complaints have been filed. Rick was not present at the meeting to discuss anything further.

1814 DAYTON: Dan and Kayla Knippel had filed two complaints with the City regarding the unfinished alley behind their house causing people to drive onto their property and also the standing water that continues to accumulate after a large rainfall or the snow melts in their backyard. The council discussed the policy regarding unfinished alleys and that it states if the property owner lays the original gravel, the city will maintain the alley. The council suggested they reach out to the other home owners on that block and inquire whether they would like to help with the cost of the gravel and if not, discontinue using the alley and driving onto their private property to get through. In regards to the standing water issues, the council discussed that the back yard currently has a large dip in it and perhaps filling that with dirt and making it more level would help with the accumulation that is seeping through the foundation walls. Supervisor Vanlangen will also continue to monitor the storm water drain and make sure it is kept free of debris.

UTILITY BILLS: Due to the recent upgrades to the utility meter system, the City experienced unanticipated software issues which prevented bills from being issued. We have been diligently working to rectify the situation and anticipate bills to process through the postal service by Monday March 20th, 2023. Due to this extended delay, the council has voted to make a few temporary adjustments in an effort to help ease this transition.

Motion by King, seconded by Funk to make the following changes: The next bill you will receive will be for a 45-day billing cycle instead of the normal 30-day billing cycle. This bill will include billing dates from 1/23/23 through 3/8/23 and will not be due until Monday April 10th, 2023. The following bill will be for a 15-day billing cycle instead of the normal 30-day billing cycle. This bill will include billing dates from 3/9/23-3/23/23, will issue on 3/31/23 and be due on April 24th, 2023. The City understands this is very complex situation, however in hopes to get back to the "normal" billing cycle as soon as possible, it is necessary to follow these steps and billing dates. The council has also voted to waive any finance charges resulting from late payment on these bills for the next two billing cycles. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Community Center Repairs: Supervisor Vanlangen obtained a quote for the replacement of all 4 doors at the community center from Commercial Construction Products Co. in the amount of \$11,682.00. Motion by King, seconded by Funk to approve the expense. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

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Additional Budget Requests: After receiving 2 quotes on different composite samplers, there was a motion by Norem, seconded by King to approve the purchase the Teledyne ISCO 5800 Sampler for the amount of \$9837.00. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

Budget Changes: Due to recent changes in legislation, the City’s budget for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 was required to be changed. There was a statewide loss in Property Taxable Valuation that affected all city, state and local budgets. Conversation regarding what this means for the revenues for the City moving forward and possible impacts of other revenues that filter in from the state were discussed. At this time, Ellsworth is choosing to use reserve funds that were set aside for other projects to offset the loss of revenue.

Setting the FY23/24 Annual Budget Hearing: Motion by King, seconded by Funk to set the FY23/24 Annual Budget hearing for April 10th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #621 AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO AUTOMATIC TRAFFICE ENFORCEMENT: Motion by Norem, seconded by King to fail Ordinance #621 due to issues within the Statehouse and too many questions regarding the regulations of imposed fines. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED WATER REVENUE LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH RESOLUTION #918: The Ellsworth City Council set this time and date for a public hearing on a proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. Notice was published March 1st, 2023 in The South Hamilton Record News. Mayor Yager declared the hearing open. After giving all present an opportunity to be heard, Mayor Yager closed the hearing. Motion by

Norem, seconded by King to adopt Resolution #918 Taking additional action with respect to a water revenue loan and disbursement agreement and authorizing, approving and securing the payment of a \$300,000.00 water revenue loan and disbursement agreement anticipation project note. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #919: Motion by Norem, seconded by Funk to adopt Resolution #919 Amending the depository resolution of the City of Ellsworth for funds not to exceed an amount of \$5,000,000.00. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Signed by: Amy Zeiman

Dolorus Yager

MISSING - There is one picture album missing from the Ellsworth Historical Museum. The album contains pictures of families in group pictures, wedding pictures, Christmas card pictures. It would be appreciated for the album to be returned to the Museum. The book can be dropped in the outside Library book drop, no questions ask.

LIBRARY NEWS April 2023 Salena Schmitz, Library Director

2022 Summer Library Program! This summer the library will have a program every Tuesday in June from 10:30-11:30. We will also be providing theme weeks in July. Each week will have a new theme, and you can stop in anytime throughout the week to participate! Stay tuned next month for more details, or checkout our Facebook page! If you have any questions, call us at (515)836-4852.

*** The spotlight book of the month is, *The Shadows* by Alex North. ***

You knew a teenager like Charlie Crabtree. A dark imagination, a sinister smile—always on the outside of the group. Some part of you suspected he might be capable of doing something awful. Twenty-five years ago, Crabtree did just that, committing a murder so shocking that it's attracted that strange kind of infamy that only exists on the darkest corners of the internet—and inspired more than one copycat. Paul Adams remembers the case all too well: Crabtree—and his victim—were Paul's friends. Paul has slowly put his life back together. But now his mother, old and suffering from dementia, has taken a turn of the worse. Though every inch of him resists, it is time to come home. It's not long before things start to go wrong. Paul learns that Detective Amanda Beck is investigating another copycat that has struck in the nearby town of Featherbank. His mother is distressed, insistent that there's something in the house. And someone is following him. Which reminds him of the most unsettling thing about that awful day twenty-five years ago. It wasn't just the murder. It was the fact that afterward, Charlie Crabtree was never seen again...

NEW BOOKS

Adult Fiction:

- *Puppy Kisses* by Lucy Gilmore
- *If You Just Say Yes* by Reon Laudat
- *Remembrance* by Mary Monroe
- *The Peacock Emporium* by Jojo Moyes
- *Encore in Death* by J.D. Robb

Adult Non-Fiction:

- *Food: What the Heck Should I Eat?* by Mark Hyman, MD

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Biography:

- *Becoming a Grandma: The Joys and Science of the New Grandparenting* by Lesley Stahl

Junior Fiction:

- *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps

Beginner Reader Fiction:

- *Forever Friends* by Amy Hest, illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton

DVDS:

- *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish* - rated PG
- *The Spongebob Movie: Sponge on the Run* - rated PG
- *Thor: Ragnarok* - rated PG-13
- *Thor: Love and Thunder* - rated PG-13



Ellsworth Community Association Membership Form

Send to:
 Ellsworth Community Assn.
 PO Box 272
 Ellsworth, IA 50075-0272

Our Community needs your skills and fresh ideas. You could be the change we need! Dues are \$20 for a single or family membership. Fill out the following and include a \$20 Check or cash.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY the following information for our records

Name _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone () _____ - _____
 Mobile Phone () _____ - _____
 Email _____

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Janet's Journal

As many of you know by now, I, Janet Adix, am the new “old” editor of the Ellsworth Newsletter. Old as in age and been here before, done this. I started the Newsletter in 1985 and was editor for 9 years. My work as Postmaster got in the way of the work in collecting and organizing the material and had to hand the volunteer job on to others. Thanks to **Sue Schmitz, Kris Groth, Heidi Nye, Sue Norem** and **Pastor Jon & Laura Rollefson** as Editors for keeping the newsletter going all these years. And thanks to the residents that have given donations towards the expense of getting a copy to all homes.

The March edition told of the new format the Ellsworth Community Association would be using, making the issues available to everyone. The email list is growing for those wanting the editions sent on their computers. Also, a copy will be on the City of Ellsworth web site (ellsworthiowa.org) and the Museum web site (ellsworthia.us) by the first of the month. Hopefully, those that do not have computers available will read the newsletter at the businesses listed: City Hall, Public Library and Telephone Office. Copies can be made.

New to the newsletter will be a page “Remembering the Past”. Hopefully the articles will be interesting to all. A question will be included each month for you to answer if you wish by email (ellsworthca@netins.net) or PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Ia 50075. The results will be printed in the next month's issue. No names will be included in the poll.

Suggestions/corrections/happenings welcome.

**Answers to last months question:
Ridden in RAGBRIA: yes 4, no 13
Ridden all the way: yes 2
None had ridden in all 50 years.**

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