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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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ELLSWORTH TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

October 31, 2023

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5:30 - Hot Dogs & drink served at the Fire Station
sponsored by

The Ellsworth Community Association

6:00-8:00 Trick or Treating in the City of Ellsworth

Fire Station open for Safe Place during Trick or Treating.

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Notices:

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE: by the 25th of the month for the next months edition. Send by email to ellsworthca@netins.net or Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Ia 50075. Subscribe/ unsubscribe by email: send your request to ellsworthca@netins.net. Back issues of the newsletter can be viewed on the Museum website: ellshismuseum.us

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Birthdays This Month

ANNIVERSARIES

Kristi Busch	2nd	Preston Hocking	12th
Conner Hill	2nd	Lori Yager	12th
Alyssa Hegland	3rd	Megan Thompson	12th
Taylor Hill	3rd	Parker Hill	17th
Ronald Cook Jr	4th	Desmond Hill	20th
Joely Swenson	4th	Linda Graham	21st
Araya Nelson	5th	Shirley Evans	23rd
Ella Angove	6th	Hope Caudle	28th
Leigh Solis	6th	Kassidee Hodnefield	28th
Roger Olson	8th	Brooklyn Hill	30th
Karsyn Lande	10th		



Mary Kay & Sewlyn Rash	6th
Robin & Keith Hovick	21st

Additions/Corrections/Deletions to the Birthday and Anniversary list, please contact the Editor at ellsworthca@netins.net

SPECIAL REMINDERS

Lords Cupboard - open every Monday from 4:30-6:60 at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Jewell

Community Coffee - Tuesdays 9:30-?. Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellsworth. Everyone welcome.

Ellsworth Meals - Contact Linda Clark 515-297-3012 if you wish to have the noon meal delivered. Delivery Monday thru Friday, no holidays. Each meal \$5.00

The next Mobile Food Pantry in Jewell - November 16, 2023

ELLSWORTH HISTORICAL MUSUEM

After fighting with the present computer, a decision has been made to start a fund for a new one. A grant is being written to the "SEED Catalyst Grant" in hopes of receiving 40% of the cost. Counting money on hand, additional money needed is \$350.00. Letters have been written to local businesses asking for donations. All funding comes from donations of the public, the City does not budget money for the upkeep of the Museum. Any donations would be appreciated. They can be sent to City of Ellsworth, P O Box 330, Ellsworth, IA 50075. All donations are tax deductible. Janet Adix, Administrator

REMEMBERING THE PAST 1947

From the October 1, 1947 Ellsworth News

National Plowing Match Draws Big Attendance

Ralph Olsen hosts National Plowing Match

Over 50,000 persons and 137 airplanes were here Saturday for the WHO National Plowing Match and Soils Conservation Field Day. A two hour rain in morning delayed start of activities in the contest, but did not dampen the spirits of the crowd and made slight improvement in ground conditions for plowing.

Home Town Boy Makes Good

In the open class events, **Elston Danielson**, home town favorite, won the level land event. There was considerable interest in the soil conservation demonstrations, which included the building of terraces, preparing and seeding grass waterways and spreading lime and fertilizer. Crop-dusting from the air by helicopter and ditching were also demonstrated.

The building of a new farm-to-market road south of Ellsworth, which divides the Olsen and Thompson farms, left the land on either side in fine shape for many of these demonstrations.

Governor Here

Gov. Robert D. Blue, Secretary of Agriculture Harry Linn, Clyde Spry, Linn's assistant and heads of government agencies serving agriculture, were among the visitors, some of the latter serving as judges. Herb Plambeck, WHO Fram editor and general supervisor of the plowing contest, expressed his appreciation for the fine cooperation.

Five county girls ran for the Queen of the Furrow. The Queen Ardys Brinkema of Kamrar, was elected by the plowmen. Her court of attendants were Gleneva Stockdale of Webster City, Donna Lee Iverson of Stanhope, Dorothy Boynton of Jewell and **Patricia Olsen** of Ellsworth.

Editor's note

The 137 airplanes flew into the Howard Adix farm, two miles east of this farm and the pilots plus passengers were bused to the Olsen farm in school buses.

The road (Ubben Ave) leading to Ralph Olsen's farm was not hard surfaced at time. Ralph's granddaughter, **Leah Maass** and husband **Bob** live on the farm at this time.

SEPTEMBER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on September 11th, 2023 with Mayor Yager presiding and the following council present: Gelder, Norem and King, with Funk arriving at 8:05 pm. Absent: Sogard.

	August Receipts	August Disbursements
General Fund	11120.13	13595.38
Road Use Fund	5648.76	1339.03
Employee Benefit Fund		814.71
Emergency Fund		
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	6106.14	
Tax Increment Finance Area 1		
Tax Increment Finance Area 2		
Tax Increment Finance 1 Amend		
Bingo Fund	5290.42	1740.99
Debt Service Fund		2415.00
Capital Improv Reserve		36578.28
Capital Project-Ind. Park Rd.		
Capital Project-EL Util Impr		
Capital Project-Well Project		
Capital Project-Strm Water		
Water Fund	24160.11	7959.77
Water Sinking Fund		
Sewer Fund	6468.39	6485.36
Electric Fund	56998.08	102297.75
Electric Sinking Fund		70700.00
Storm Water Fund	4685.11 338.00	
Storm Water Sinking		3058.00
	\$120477.14	\$247322.27

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

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

- a. Motion to approve August 14th, 2023 council minutes.
- b. Motion to approve August payment of claims.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: A long time Ellsworth resident was present to express her concerns regarding the City’s decision to open bids for recycling services in town. After discussing her thoughts, another member of the public attending the meeting also agreed with the points made. The council will take the comments into consideration during the bidding process and voting come October.

An agreement was made with the property owner at 1720 Dewitt Street to grant an extension on the junk car and nuisance abatement letter that was served. The owner will now have until October 9th, 2023 to clean up the property.

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SOUTH HAMILTON SOCCER REQUEST: Ben Hayes was in attendance to provide the council with information about this year's soccer league. Currently, the league has 150 kids registered from all neighboring towns. The league is requesting a donation of \$500.00 to help offset the costs of equipment and game costs. Motion by King, seconded by Norem to donate \$500.00 to South Hamilton Soccer League. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

LIBRARY BOARD: Library Director Schmitz and members of the Library Board were in attendance to inquire about certain expenses coming from the Library budget and to request additional reports on a quarterly basis. The group discussed the process by which expenditures are paid during the year and the allocated amount the City contributes to the Library on an annual basis. The City Clerk will continue to work with the director and board to provide the additional information.

GRANTS: Janet Adix submitted a request for the Ellsworth Historical Museum to use the City as a fiscal sponsor to apply for the 3rd quarter S.E.E.D catalyst grant through the Enrich Hamilton County Foundation. The museum is in need of a new computer that allows Janet to continue to scan and copy documents and items for historical purposes. The grant requires matching funds and the City would not be responsible for obtaining those funds. Motion by Gelder, seconded by King to approve the use of the City's EIN number for this grant purpose. Roll call votes 3-0. Motion carried.

The City Clerk also discussed with the council the possibility of applying for the same grant next quarter in efforts to replace some of the equipment in the park that the City is being required to remove due to safety concerns addressed by our insurance provider. At this time, without a full-time grant writer, the Clerk suggested proposing a \$30,000.00 project cost, which would maximize the \$12,000.00 amount offered from the grant, while limiting the amount the City matched to the remaining \$18,000.00. Supervisor Vanlangen and the Clerk will look into play equipment and ground surface costs and further conversation will continue at next months meeting.

FOWL PERMIT ANNUAL RENEWALS: The Clerk reminded everyone that annual fowl permits are due to City Hall by no later than October 1st, 2023. The reminder will be posted on the City website and Facebook page. A late penalty charge will apply beginning October 5th, 2023. Failure to renew your permit will result in revocation of permission to allow fowl for up to a period of one year.

TRAFFIC ISSUE WITH TREE AT DECORA AND DETROIT: Previously there were several concerns raised about not being able to see oncoming traffic at the intersection of Decora and Detroit Street, due to a large tree obstructing the view. The tree has since been trimmed, however to prevent the problem from reoccurring, discussion took place about the possibility of placing a stop sign at the intersection. Several members of the council stated that there used to be a stop sign there and inquired about what had happened to that sign. It was decided that a stop sign would be re-implemented for safety reasons. Supervisor Vanlangen and Public Works Employee Knickerbocker will complete the work this week.

CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 105.07: Last month the council discussed the issue of littering in the City, particularly in areas surrounding Love's Travel Stop and the Industrial Park. Police Chief Turpen mentioned doing some further research on the fines imposed for the infractions and the different ways the City could enforce them, whether by ordinance or simply by traffic citation. The Clerk will contact the City Attorney and look into the enforcement requirements and report back to the council on how to proceed.

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MUNICIPAL PENALTIES: Due to numerous violations to current City policies, ordinances, and permit requirements, the council discussed the possibility of assessing penalties to those found violating any of the above-mentioned rules. The current book of ordinances does not specifically address what penalties may be assigned if policies are not followed and that has allowed the violations to continue without repercussions. The City Clerk will reach out to other cities in the area and obtain appropriate penalty amounts that will be considered at the November council meeting.

EXPENDITURE DISCUSSION: The Clerk received several invoices that either exceeded discretionary spending limits or required further explanation before payment was made. The council discussed authorization that was granted prior to one repair and that the invoice may just contain incorrect information, so the Clerk will contact the Company to confirm. Motion by King, seconded by Funk to approve payment to Fire Safety USA in the amount of \$4,603.00 for invoice #176348 and #176349 pending confirmation that the charges are for the inspection of 2 different engines. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

Additional invoices for sewer maintenance, pump cleaning and water line repairs were also discussed. The Clerk expressed concerns of already exceeding the program budgets and asked for suggestions on how to reduce future expenses and the possibility of performing some of the work ourselves.

POLICY AND ORDINANCE IMPROVEMENTS: As part of the littering and municipal penalty discussion, updating and amending the City’s Code of Ordinances was mentioned. The council has been methodically making changes to different policies and ordinances for several years, but agrees it may now require bigger, more drastic amendments. The Council, City staff and the City Attorney will work together over the next few months to complete such changes in order to produce a new and improved book of ordinances. This will also allow for the ordinances to be accessible to the public by a link on the City’s website.

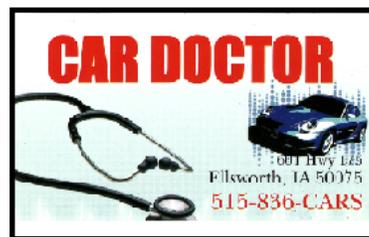
SET TRICK OR TREATING NIGHT: Motion by Norem, seconded by King to set Tuesday October 31st, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as Beggars Night. Roll call votes 4-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Yager adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

CAR DOCTOR



Barry Anksorus is the owner/operator of the Car Doctor at 601 Highway 175 in Ellsworth. Barry and his wife Vicky live in Ellsworth, Barry holding the office of Mayor for 10 years. He has been a mechanic for 47 years and owner of 2 automotive repair shops, 22 years in Ames and the last 10 years in Ellsworth.

The Car Doctor is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 to 5:00. The service includes AC, Brakes, Computer Diagnostics, Engine Repair, Exhaust, Electrical , Steering, Suspension and Tune ups. Barry also buys and repairs used cars to sell.

LIBRARY NEWS

October 2023 Salena Schmitz, Library Director

BOOK SALE OCTOBER 2nd - 31st! The Ellsworth Public Library will be hosting a book sale throughout October. Titles will range from Non-fiction to Early Kid's Fiction, AND SO MUCH MORE! The best part? Free will donation! Check it out whenever we are open.

Banned Books Week October 1 – 7! From October 2nd to October 7th, we invite you to visit our library and explore a display featuring banned books. Discover the reasons behind their censorship and reveal the book by lifting the cover. All books on display are banned in Iowa schools. You might be surprised to find some of your childhood favorites among them.

Book challenges at libraries nearly doubled in 2022, according to the American Library Association. The troubling report cited 1,269 demands to censor library books and resources in 2022, a record high. The previous high was the 729 challenges reported in 2021. The actual number of books targeted for censorship reached a record high too - 2,571 unique titles. According to the ALA, "Of those titles, the vast majority were written by or about members of the LGBTQIA+ community and people of color."

Hamilton County Public Health will be holding an Adult Walk-on Flu Clinic on Friday, October 13th at Ellsworth Public Library from 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM. Please bring your insurance or Medicare card with you. You may also pay cash at the cost of \$30 for a regular dose or \$60 for a high dose.

Adult Fiction:

- *The Night Window #5* by Dean Koontz
- *Babel* by R.F. Kuang
- *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride
- *Payback in Death #57* by J.D. Robb
- *Half Finished* by Lauraine Snelling

Non-Fiction:

- *Damnation Island* by Stacy Horn
- *Laptop from Hell* by Miranda Devine

Young Adult Fiction:

- *The Lake* by Natasha Preston

Junior Fiction:

- *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor

Beginner Reader Fiction:

- *Bear and Bird: The Picnic and Other Stories* by Jarvis

Early Reader Fiction:

- *The Forest Where Ashley Lives* by Mark A. & Ashley L. Vitosh, illustrated by John L. Smith

DVDS:

- Avatar: The Way of Water
- The Bridges of Madison County
- Guardians of the Galaxy: Volume 3