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FREE PAPER

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Masthead by Abbie Chronister

From the Desk of DeAnne Kobliska, Evansdale Mayor



The City of Evansdale including Evansdale City Hall, the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department, Wastewater Department, Building Inspection, Code Enforcement, and Animal Control are all part of the daily activities of the city. Evansdale Water Works is a separate entity run by their own board and staff.

On November 04, 1953, an election was held, asking voters, “Shall the City of Evansdale, Iowa place the management and control of its Water

Works in the hands of a board of trustees?” The ballot question to the voters of this city passed by a vote of 629 aye to 207 nay votes. A 3-person Board of trustees was formed and has independently managed the water utility since 1954.

The Evansdale Water Works is still overseen by a board of 3 trustees, appointed by the mayor with council approval. They serve a 6-year term. Of the 3 trustees they have, one member is a business owner and a whiz financially, especially when it comes to assisting with the budget for the water works. The other 2 members currently are DNR certified in water treatment and both work for the Waterloo Water Works. As a matter of fact, since the incident back at the beginning of April, Waterloo Water Works has been a “Good Neighbor” by allowing their staff to work here during business hours to ensure we

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From the desk of Lisa Smock, Elk Run Heights Mayor



Hello residents! The month of June will be pretty busy around the city as we continue to work on grant and maintenance projects throughout the city. The city-wide clean up day was a success! Many residents took advantage of the opportunity to drop off junk and unwanted larger items. I would also like to thank everyone who came out to help with the park and Creekside clean-up! It was especially nice to see the younger kiddos learning about the importance of taking care of our part of nature. We hauled many tires, a bike, a

few totes and lots of trash from the creek! Thank you to the guys who brought their waders and really went after debris in the water. It was so nice to see residents come out to make a difference.

Garage sales are this weekend! June 7-9

4th of July Fireworks

The ERH council has approved fireworks for residents on July 4, 5 & 6 only. Please be respectful of your neighbors as you enjoy celebrating our country’s independence with fireworks. And be safe!

Library services

We have changed our library service provider. We now have an agreement with the Evansdale Library to provide services to our residents. Please stop into the library soon to check it out and see what services you might benefit from. ???

Creek Days

Will be on Saturday August 10th. SEE LISA/Page 2

Evansdale enjoyed live music by Never the Less at the Gallagher Bluedorn sponsored Block Party held Friday, May 31st at Angel’s Park. Food trucks, and other vendors were available. It was a great turnout. Photo courtesy of Dottie Wear





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CRIBBAGE CLUB

Come join the fun at Cribbage Club held every Saturday from 12:30-2:30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., May 11th @ 6:30pm → All Iowa Reads Virtual Author Visit Watch Party.

Sat., June 15th @ 11:00am → Father's Day Craft.

Sat., June 22nd @ 11:00am → Craft time for all ages: Garden Markers.

Thursday, June 27th 4-6pm → Escape Room for ages 12 and up.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Please stop in and sign up for the Summer Reading Program—READ, RENEW, REPEAT—happening all month long in July. You can also register at <https://www.evansdale.lib.ia.us/summer-reading-program/>

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Upcoming Events

Every Sunday at 5 p.m.
there is a free **Waterhawk Ski Show!!!**

June 6-9: Elk Run Heights Garage Sales

Evansdale Spring Clean-up Friday the 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday the 8th from 7:30 a.m. to noon at 130 Brown Street.

June 8: Free Food Pantry at Countryside Vineyard Church

June 22: Free Food Pantry at Countryside Vineyard Church

July 15-19: VBS at Prince of Peace Lutheran - PreK-8th grade, 9-11:30 a.m. Call 319-233-1452 for more info.

July 26 & 27th, 2024 Evansdale Fire Dept 75th year celebration

Aug. 10: Elk Run Heights Creek Days

Lisa

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Please join us for a FREE, fun, family-friendly event! It truly is a fun day to visit with neighbors and friends at our beautiful Mayor's Park. There will be a couple new attractions this year. We will have Bingo at our new shelter and a bags tournament at the tennis court! Come out to check out the car show first thing in the morning and enjoy live music, food

vendors and the beer tent throughout the day. We hope to see you there!

A huge thanks goes out to Eric Weber, Cahne Weber & Chad Rogge for volunteering a day to apply the brick to our new Mayor's Park sign. We couldn't make improvements without dedicated volunteers like you!

Thanks for making Elk Run Heights such a friendly place to live!

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Wednesday & Friday night BINGO opens at 5 and runs 5-7 on Fridays. Food is available. **Everyone Welcome!**
Steak Suppers are on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays each month from 5-7. No steak supper the 3rd Saturday of June. **Everyone Welcome!**

Need vendors for Craft Show September 14th, call Becky 319-404-1155 for a spot and info.

Blood drive July 9th



Left: Terisa Dawson and Lennie Baxter

Earth Trail Clean Up Day
Right: Left to right: Bruce Givens, Mary Kay Kane, Cathy Klein, Susan Regenold, Randy Kane, Dottie Wear



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Class of 2024 Graduates

by Shannon Jensen

Here are the names of the Evansdale/Elk Run Heights students for the class of 2024.

Evansdale - 33
ERH - 5
Evansdale Expo - 3

Evansdale

Alstat, Kaitlyn
Averhoff, Ethan
Becker, Tiyana
Boose, Meiling
Buenrostro, Oscar
Buls, Aliyah
Bumgarner, Caeto
Cahoe, Evin
Clark, Zach
Conrad, Jack
Cranston, Madison
Edsill, Gavin
Furman, Nicholas
Garcia, Frankie
Gilson, Kyle
Gustafson, Levi
Hadley, Carter

Harn, Maeve
Hert, Emma
Kastli, Carter
Mangrich, Kaeden
Menuey, Adyson
Mercado, Casper
Mull, Owen
Norman, Alea
Norman, Miah
Pankow, Owen
Pederson, Brayden
Vaughan-Martinez, Skiller
Velic, Adnan
Walker, Tristan
Young, Calliegh
Young, Kerian

Elk Run Heights

Coleman, Shamara
Gil-Sanchez, Jesus
Lentzkow, Hunter
Niedert, Blake
Schutte, Jenna

Expo Graduates

Lucas Edmonson
Elliott Phelps
Madison Smith

Elizabeth Collins Foundation

by Sharon King

One of the projects that the Foundation supports is the maintenance and upkeep of Angels Island. A joint effort by the City of Evansdale and many, many Island volunteers, started in 2013 and completed 5 years later, turned an unused island into a place of peace and beauty, the community's way of honoring

those lost much too soon. That effort continues today. Annual spring cleanup and planting is happening now, along with the usual weeding and mowing. Again, this is all done by a group of volunteers who meet at the Island every Tuesday morning. These folks have donated more hours than can be counted over the years

in order to make this a place of beauty that all of us can enjoy and be proud of.

Anyone wishing to join the group, purchase bricks, or make inquiries can contact Sharon King @ 319-232-8154. For information on purchasing solar lights, granite benches, or planting a tree, contact Drew Collins @319-961-3376.



Thank you so much to everyone who made the Walk, Bike & Roll to School Days so successful! We had a beautiful morning and a lot of families who were able to participate!! Even with the rain, students still had an amazing time on the walk/ride home!

Officer Dan Taylor leading the bicycle riders to Poyner Elementary Schools



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Did You Know?



By Sandy Clements, City Council Member

The end of the year is fast approaching.

Not the calendar year...the fiscal year! A calendar year starts on January 1 and ends December 31. A business or governmental body may choose to operate on a fiscal year basis. A fiscal year runs for 12 consecutive months ending on the last day of any month except December. The dates of a fiscal year are determined by a business's activities. A retail business may be super busy during the holiday season, so to avoid clashing with filing year-end reports, it may choose other dates. The Federal government used to run from July 1-June 30 but changed it in 1974 to allow Congress more time to agree upon a budget each year. It now runs from October 1-September 30. Our City and State remain July-June.

Typically, if any of the utility charges/fees that the City governs (sewer, garbage, storm water, waste water treatment plant fee) need to be adjusted, it will start with all bills due on July 1st and continue for the

fiscal year. The only item listed above that will increase this year is the WWTP Fee. The upgrades to the sewer plant will be completed this year and unfortunately that means the annual loan payments on the plant project will now include principal as well as interest. The quarterly WWTP fee on your utility bill will increase from \$37.50 to \$85.80, an increase of \$48.30.

Is anybody happy with this... NO! Are we the only city facing sewer plant upgrades... NO! This was mandated by the Federal government.

To help offset this hit to your budget, you could apply for your garbage fee to be waived which would save you \$39.00 on your quarterly bill. The City has offered this assistance for years, and the guidelines are based on your gross monthly income including certain benefits you receive (such as food stamps, Social Security, or Section 8), and the number of people in your household. The income limit was raised so if you were denied in the past, you may qualify now! The committee that approves applications meets in July and January. Contact the business office at 319-232-6683 for further information and the July filing deadline.



The Evansdale Block Party featured the band, Never The Less

DeAnne

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were up and running safely and meeting all the DNR guidelines.

Evansdale Water Works bills for the city's garbage, wastewater, storm water, and Wastewater Treatment Plant fee along with their charge for water as you see on your bill every 3 months. We appreciate Water Works doing this for us as it saves the city on software expenses and additional staff. We work hand in hand to serve you, our residents. If you need to speak to someone about your water or water charges, contact the Water Works at 319-233-5524. For all other city-related inquiries, please contact Evansdale City Hall at 319-232-6683.

Events to remember: Spring Clean-up will be held Friday the 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday the 8th from 7:30 a.m. to noon at 130 Brown Street. The following items will not be accepted: regular household trash, tires, concrete, rocks, batteries, hazardous waste, yard waste, and large quantities of building materials. Stop down to Evansdale City Hall if you need to purchase an appliance sticker, cost is \$12.

Evansdale Fire Department Celebrates 75 years of Service!

Evansdale Fire Department will be celebrating their 75th

Anniversary on the 26th & 27th of July 2024. "Sound the Alarm, Grab your Gear and **Help Evansdale Fire Celebrate their 75th Year!**"

The event will include a parade, fireworks, and a DJ on Friday the 26th. Mud Volleyball, kids' games, food vendors, and bands in the early afternoon into the evening hours on the 27th.

There will be more information coming soon so make sure you either check the Evansdale Fire Department FB page or City of Evansdale FB page for more details as we draw closer to the events.

The City of Evansdale is now accepting applications from Evansdale residents for the exemption from garbage collection fees.

Approved applications are good for one year, unless your income or number of people in the household has changed. Application deadline is July 11, 2024. To request an application form or for income guidelines, call 232-6683 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The application can be returned by mail or delivered in person to Evansdale City Hall, 123 N Evans Road, Evansdale, IA 50707, before the deadline stated above. The name of the person on the application for the exemption must be the same as the person who signed the contract with Evansdale Water Works for water, sewer and garbage services.

Happy Father's Day!!! June 16th

Storage Unit Auction

The following units located at 1627 S. Elk Run Rd., Elk Run heights, IA. will be held at auction online at www.storageauctioneers.com starting June 20th and ending June 27th, 2024.

10x15 consisting of toys, totes, roaster, folding chairs, air compressor, precious moments, punching bag, cooler, printer and other misc.

10x10 consisting of a tv, chairs, table, tote, storage shelf and misc.

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FREE SUNDAY SKI SHOWS



Pre-Show at 5:00 pm, Main Show at 6:00 pm

Check www.Waterhawks.org for schedule

FREE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

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by Dottie Wear

Evansdale is home to a multitude of parks designed to meet the needs of anyone wanting to spend quality time outdoors. Budgeting & administration are the responsibility of the 5 member elected Park Board. Public Works manages day to day maintenance operations of all parks except for Deerwood Campground and ball diamonds.

- 1. BUNGER PARK...** Home to Willow Run Off Leash Dog Park featuring Lg & Sm dog enclosures, water fountain, and shelter. It is located at McCoy & Lafayette Roads and a permit is required.
- 2. CASEBEER PARK...** Located on 6th St and features playground equipment. Named for Jack Casebeer, a Waterloo restaurant owner who developed the area in the 1920's.
- 3. DEERWOOD PARK &**

Evansdale Parks System

CAMPGROUND... The campground offers 160 full hookups as well as tent sites, shower house, playground equipment & horseshoe pits. Registration fees and firewood sales cover most of the basic operating cost for all city parks.

4. DISC GOLF COURSE... Est. in 2002 and renovated through a joint effort between members & the City in 2023, the course consists of 18 baskets & 36 holes. It is part of the Cedar Valley Disc Golf League. Mike Kindschi can be contacted @ 319-239-6045 for further information.

5. FULLERTON PARK... Located where Jones, Thomas, and Leonard meet, this small neighborhood park has become known as "Triangle Park" and is equipped with modern playground equipment and picnic tables.

6. GARDNER PARK... Found at the corner of Ayers/Central, it offers several

sand volleyball courts. Future plans call for restrooms and off street parking.

7. MEYERS LAKE/ANGELS PARK... The park offers fishing, boating (no gas motors), bike & walking trails, and state of the art playground equipment. Shelter houses can be reserved through City Hall (319-232-6683). Angels Island was established through community effort to honor the memory of Elizabeth Collins & Lyric Cook as well as to all those who have been lost to us too soon. Featuring gazebos, sidewalks, and gardens, it has become a calm & beautiful place to visit.

8. PHIL MUEHL MEMORIAL SKATE PARK... At 895 Gilbert , it is equipped with 7 jump ramps and is open from dawn to dusk.

9. YOUTH SOFTBALL COMPLEX... Run by members of the Cedar Valley Youth Sports Assoc, in partnership with the City, the complex features 8 softball diamonds, restrooms, and concession stand.

The Park Board works hard to ensure that all Evansdale resident have a park system that meets their needs as well as attracting others to our community. For questions, comments or compliments, contact Tom Nichols @ 319-232-9647 and leave a message.



Park Board - L-R: Rick Nolan, Joe Wright, Tom Nichols, Dennis Sweering. Not pictured : David Ames.

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Waterhawks Ski Team



by Dottie Wear

The Waterhawks Ski Team is an amateur sports organization that competes in regional & national competitions. Formed in 1958, they started out practicing & performing on the Cedar River. Then, in 1993, they purchased Eagle Lake as joint tenants with Rick & Margaret Reuter which allowed it to grow into the club it is today. Visible from Highway 380, the lake was recently widened, creating an extra acre of boatable water. With this improvement, the Waterhawks can now bring bigger tournaments to the area.

Each year the team chooses a theme to compete with for the season. This year it is SPACE JAM TRILOGY. Every Sunday night between June 2 and August 25 at 6:00 p.m., the public can come out and watch a FREE performance. That and a visit to the concession stand makes for an enjoyable summer outdoor experience that is close to home.

October sees their hugely popular Haunted Hayride Fundraiser.

For up to date information on the Waterhawks, go to www.waterhawks.org.

Located at 100 Waterhawk Road

A Memorial Service for John will be held June 8, 2024 at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4031 Lafayette Rd, Evansdale with visitation at 10 a.m. and a service at 11 a.m.

Obituary



John K Myers

John Kimball Myers was born June 11, 1951 to Robert and Dawn Myers in Riceville, IA. After high school he attended Iowa Community College in Fort Dodge for an Associate Arts degree. After college graduation, he started work at the Grocery Store in Evansdale, and shortly after changed into law enforcement, joining the Black Hawk County Sheriff Office in Waterloo as a part-time Reserve Officer, and becoming a full-time Deputy in 1973. He started the computer department and wrote his own software for the Civil Division. This led to starting his own company, JMS Software, selling his WinCivil Software to many Counties in Iowa. John retired after 32 years as a Captain in 2005.

John married Monica Schievelbein on February 14, 1976 and

established their home in Evansdale. They enjoyed Square Dancing and camping while working around their full-time careers. John became part of the Evansdale Volunteer Fire Dept for some 20 years retiring as Assist. Chief in 2007.

Winters were spent @ Llano Grande Resort.

He started workamping in the I.T. Dept in 2011, working until his death, and also helped with the Sound system for the Church and served on their Board for 14 years.

John left this world December 28, 2023 after suffering an unexpected massive heart attack. He is survived by: His wife, Monica; Daughter, Nicole; Grandsons, Zach Hippe and Alex Myers; Sister, Diane (Dave) Stark; Brother, Bob (Rena) Myers; Father-in-law, Lendall Schievelbein, Sister-in-law, Jeanne (Bill) Zittergruen; and many relatives and friends.

John was preceded in death by: an infant son, Amos; his parents, Robert and Dawn Myers; an infant nephew, Fredrick Zittergruen and Mother-in-law, Fern Schievelbein.

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