

The Elkhart Echo



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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on August 3, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at the Elkhart Village Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Karen Conn, Kyle Farmer, Travis Moore, John Galassi, and Matt Langan. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Jacinda Noltensmeier, and Treasurer Amy Roberts were present. Not present Matt Fights.

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Matt Langan, to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, and D.

- A. Approve meeting minutes from July 6, 2026
- B. Approve submitted bills and bill sheets
- C. Approve employee reimbursements
- D. Approve Treasurer's report

Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No one was present.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

CLERK and/or TREASURER

No report.

ATTORNEY

Don has sent letter to property owner about cleaning up the yard. The Village Board is going to have further discussion on people having chickens.

LIQUOR

No report.

TIF REPORT

Audit is done.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Homecoming was a success. The Village Board would like to thank everyone who helped put the Homecoming on.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Village is having water program issues for the water bills. The water bills will be estimated again. May have to look at getting a new water bill program.

STREETS/ALLEYS

The street signs are in, and the Village will be putting them up soon.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

The Village received five benches from Route 66 to be displayed in Elkhart. The board will get them put together soon to be displayed.

VILLAGE PARK

Travis reported that the ditches have been mowed and maintenance continues.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Dumpsters will be here August 8th and 9th. Please only put the objects in the right bins.

FINANCE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Wind Turbine Agreement: Matt Fights was not there to discuss. Prairie Pointe: Matt Fuller wants additional lots. The Village Board must meet with the surveyor regarding the lots that Matt is wanting to purchase. Family purchased lots and building permits to build a Barndominium.

NEW BUSINESS

Bike Trail Proposal: Karen Conn has been attending the Logan County Board meeting regarding the bike trail from Williamsville to Elkhart. Karen is going to continue to go to the meetings and bring more information back to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Tax Deeds: The Village has 5 lots on the tax deed sale and Karen Conn made a motion to have a max bid of \$1500 and Travis Moore second it. All yays and no nays. Karen will bid on the Tax Deed Sales for the lots this week.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

7:18p.m. Motion by Karen Conn, second by Matt Langan, to adjourn. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Next meeting – 9/14/26

Submitted By: Jacinda Noltensmeier Village Clerk

*****Items for the newsletter MUST be turned into Sarah by 5:00 pm on the Wednesday following the Village Board Meeting. If they are not received by 5:00 pm, they will not be in the newsletter. *****

**Thank you!
Elkhart Village Board**

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the September 2026 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on September 16, 2026

Please email your article in Word to sarahvball@hotmail.com

If there is any event that needs added to the calendar,

Please call (217-494-0059) or e-mail the information.

Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Elkhart Senior's Lunch will be on August 20, 2026, at 11:30am at The Wild Hare.

For questions, please call Anita at (217) 341-0167.



We Need Volunteer Firefighters!!!



bad pay



crappy hours



tough working conditions

Come Join Us!!

GREAT SATISFACTION!!

WHO WILL ANSWER THE CALL?

ELKHART VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Jay Akers 217-737-6500

Assistant Chief: Paul Hayden 217-871-0121



Elkhart Community

Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

Sponsored by NAG

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



Please contact Anderson's Lawn Care if you need your lawn
mowed

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Chris & Keigan Anderson
217-737-9607



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 5, 2026

Elkhart Illinois Historical Society Presents “Lincoln: The Man, The Myth, The Legend”

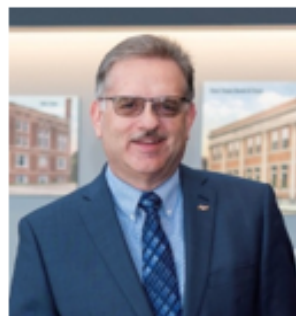
The Elkhart Illinois Historical Society invites the public to *Lincoln: The Man, The Myth, The Legend*, a dinner lecture presented by **Rick Klinedinst**, exploring the many myths and conflicting stories about the events that took place during Lincoln’s Lifetime.

For instance, did he have a dream about his death just days before his assassination? Were bankers behind his assassination? Did he really consider using elephants in the Civil War? Are there hidden messages at his memorial in Washington DC? LLC favorite Rick Klinedinst of Mid-America National Bank will explore these along with other myths, truths, and misrepresentations about Lincoln throughout history.

This event will take place on **September 25th**, which includes dinner followed by the lecture.

Dinner will be served at the **Wild Hare, 104 Governor Oglesby St., Elkhart**. Doors open at **5:00 p.m.**, with dinner served at **5:30 p.m.**

Entrées for the event are dark meat coq au vin in white wine sauce, or roasted pork tenderloin in red wine sauce, both will be served with mashed potatoes, green beans, baby carrots, and grilled artisan bread. Dessert options are fruit crisp with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce.



Tickets are **\$50 per person**. Reservations **must** be made by calling **217-947-2238** by **September 18th**. More details are available at <https://www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org>.

About the Speaker

Rick Klinedinst’s extensive career in banking spans 48 years, starting at MidAmerica National Bank in Canton at age 15, where he currently serves as President/CEO for the past 16 years. He holds a Bachelor of Business from Western Illinois University and earned a professional diploma from the Graduate School of Banking program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, focusing on advanced management education.

Beyond his professional life, Klinedinst has a passion for local history and is the co-author of the book, *Camp Ellis - Once a City/Not Forgotten*, which chronicles the largest WWII medical training and POW camp. He wrote an article, “Banking on Victory: How Abraham Lincoln Funded the Civil War” that is featured in the *North & South* magazine. Rick also shares his historical interests as an avid Lincoln enthusiast, regularly giving talks on the 16th president throughout Central Illinois.

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ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DINNER LECTURE
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2026, 5:30P
LINCOLN: THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND – RICK KLINEDINE

Name _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ cell # _____ Email _____

This program will be presented at the Wild Hare Café in Elkhart. Doors open at 5p, and meal service starts at 5:30pm. We bundle it into an all-inclusive package price of \$50, which includes the meal, tax, and \$15 for the Elkhart Historical Society program.

Please make your selection:

Dark Meat Coq au Vin in white wine sauce _____ OR
Roasted Pork Tenderloin in red wine sauce _____

Dessert choices: Fruit Crisp with whipped cream _____ OR
Vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce _____

Both entrees will be served with mashed potatoes, green beans, baby carrots and grilled artisan bread. Tea, water or coffee will be provided. You **ARE** able to bring alcohol to this event

Reservations are required as space is limited and can only be made by calling **217-947-2238 no later than **September 18th** - Once you are confirmed, print this form, fill it out and mail it with your check **payable to:** The Elkhart Historical Society, P.O. 255, Elkhart, IL 62634
Prompt payment is required as **RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE HELD LONGER THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS WITHOUT PAYMENT.** Doors open at 5p- - **After** placing your reservation, you may also fill out a form and submit it with your check at The Country Bumpkin (Wed-Sun 10-3p) Additional information and reservation forms for this & other upcoming events can be found on the Elkhart Historical Society website: www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org**

"RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT"

If you are joining others and wish to be seated with them please list their names below.

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Elkhart Public Library District

elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us (217) 947-2313



New for Notary Services

Notary services at the library are available to the public every
Tuesday - Friday between 12pm & 4pm.

Unable to stop by during the weekday? Hours now are extended on
THURSDAYS until 8pm

for your convenience. We're happy to help!

(Please note: Appointments aren't necessary but it's good to call ahead as
schedules can change due to vacation, illness, or caring for a senior parent.)

Back to School, Back to Basics

Whether it's a young reader who's gotten a little
rusty over the summer or someone headed to class
for the first time, we're here for you. Come grab a
comfy chair and get some help, with

Hot Dots

HOT DOTS is a FUN way to practice letters, sounds
(phonics) and reading basics, and it's simple.

Touch the pen to the correct dot and be
rewarded with lights and sounds! Incorrect?
Different lights and sounds encourage you to
keep going and keep learning.

**Reading
levels:**

Kindergarten
through
3rd Grade



Flu Shots

As soon as we learn that
vaccines are available, we'll set
the date for our ever-popular
Flu Shot Clinic (with curbside service).

Watch for details in the
September newsletter.



Reminder

**The library will
be closed on
Monday, Sept. 7th
for Labor Day.**

