

The Elkhart Echo



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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on April 1, 2024, 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: Kyle Farmer, Matt Fights, John Galassi, Travis Moore, Dave Barker, and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle, Clerk Ann Curry, and Treasurer Theresa Moore were also present. Visitors present were Mark Moughan and Larry Wise.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from March 11, 2024
- 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

Mark Moughan said he had purchased the old laundry mat building. He is wanting to get a liquor license so he can have gaming in there. We will need to amend the Liquor Ordinance. Don will work on this for next month’s meeting.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

LIQUOR

No report.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

Electronic Recycling will be April 22-26, 2024 in Lincoln.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Karen Conn asked Lyle if the Spring Fling could be June 1, 2024. The Board said that would be fine.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

When UCM did the highway work last year, there was a discrepancy with the amount of water they said they used. This year, we will have a meter installed so the amount will be correct.

STREETS/ALLEYS

No report.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

Lyle has only one bid for fixing the roof at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE PARK

Aquatic Control will let Lyle know when they will shock the pond.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

Dave passed out and went over the proposed budget. It will be ready for passage next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Ernie Shaw, to approve the roof bid from Rilla Rite LLC for \$4000. Roll call vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Wise – American Legion Commander received an email from a NAG member with a copy of the Maintenance Agreement for Veterans’ Park. Larry had no idea this even existed. He was informed that NAG is too old and wanted the Legion to take over their duties. He said the average age of the Legion members is around 70. He also indicated that the Legion may disband. Lyle said he would look into this matter and take care of it.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Travis Moore, second by Kyle Farmer, to adjourn at 6:49pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry
Village Clerk

NEWSLETTER INFO

All material for the May 2024 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on May 8, 2024

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.



The registration period for 2024-2025 Golf Cart/UTV/ATV renewals has begun. The permit will be valid from June 1, 2024 thru May 31, 2025.

RENEWALS: All that is required is photo or photocopy of the operator(s) Driver's License and Insurance Card with the covered vehicle listed. Text, email, or Facebook message me to make arrangements for payment and delivery of your permit. The fee is \$40. A check payable to the Village of Elkhart or an exact cash payment is accepted.

NEW MACHINES: Please print and complete the application provided on the Village website. www.elkhartillinois.com/cart-utv-atv. You must also provide a photo or photocopy of the operator(s) Driver's License and Insurance Card with the covered vehicle listed. Text, email, or Facebook message me to make arrangements for inspection per the Safety / Requirements Checklist also found on the Village's website. The Permit will only be issued once the inspection has been completed. The fee is \$40. A check payable to the Village of Elkhart or exact cash payment is accepted.

Contact Ernie Shaw by text at 217-314-9103, email at erndog_66@yahoo.com, or on [Facebook](#) messenger

Deadline for renewals is May 31st 2024

Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Elkhart Senior's Lunch will be on April 17, 2024, at 11:30am at Talk of the Town.

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



Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – March 18, 2024

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/o/mpgs/article/1514532>

The next regular board meeting is Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:00pm.

ANDERSON LAWN CARE

CONTACT CHRIS ANDERSON @ 217-737-9607.



Elkhart Community

Senior's Bingo

(the over 55 crowd)

Sponsored by NAG

First Tuesday of each Month

2:00 pm

Village Hall



Elkhart Pollinator Habitat – Seasonal Maintenance Help

If you are

- over 13 years old
- enjoy working outdoors
- receptive to learning and sharing about our natural world- plants/pollinators
- can show up on time and arrange your own transportation
- dress appropriately for outdoor work
- bring your own water, gloves if you need them
- respect our time and leave your cell phone at home

Then let's talk! I am looking for another Helper for the Habitat for the 2024 summer season. I will do all the above *and* have a plan for the work and bring the tools needed.

We usually work in 2-hour sessions, not more than 3, and the day and time varies.

Our “peak season” is May/June and we usually meet twice a week.

It slows down as it gets hotter, but continues until school begins in August.

I do try to work around church/school/sports schedules.

The Habitat can pay \$10 an hour.

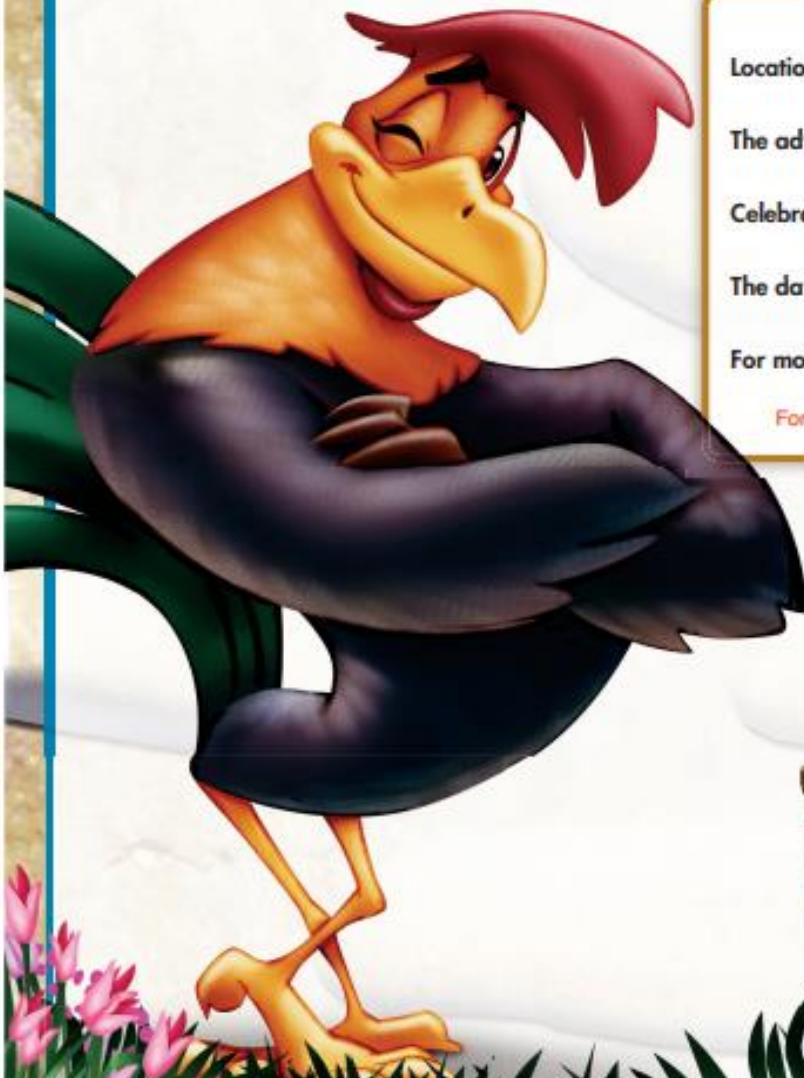
If you are interested, please email me at justmona2@gmail.com

The funding for this is earned with our different plant/recycling fundraisers.

Isabelle and I plan to begin mid-April as we prepare plant plugs for the upcoming Native Plant Sale on April 26 & 27.

This VBS is something worth crowing about!

Join us in Hometown Nazareth, where we'll explore what life was like when Jesus was a kid. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Jesus' mom, Mary, and eat foods just like the ones Jesus ate. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!



Location: Elkhart Christian Church-FCC Building

The adventure will last: June 3 - 7

Celebration begins at: 9:00 AM

The day's adventure ends at: 11:30 AM

For more information, call: Kay Faucon 217-947-2747

For children ages 4 years old to entering into 6th grade



Native Plant Sale AND Arbor Day Celebration!

Friday April 26 & Saturday April 27, 2024

Elkhart Village Hall, 209 Gov. Oglesby Street, Elkhart, IL 62634

Friday 10 a.m.-6 'ish, Saturday 8 a.m. -2 'ish

We ask for your \$4 donation, to fund the Elkhart Pollinator Habitat and it's young maintenance helpers this summer.

-->We have **50 OAK SEEDLINGS** - PIN OAK and BLACK OAK in 15" Seedling containers!

Let's get more OAK trees (a Keystone Species) in the ground!

-->We have a supply of 50 pots of EACH of these 7 species of **NATIVE PLANTS**, in 3.5" pots:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Sun?	Moisture?	Height	Bloom Season	Color
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Rose Milkweed (aka Swamp)	Full, Partial	Wet, Medium Wet	4 feet	June, July, Aug	Pink
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Milkweed	Full, Partial	Medium, Medium-Dry, Dry	2 feet	June, July, Aug	Orange
<i>Monarda bradburiana</i>	Bradbury's Monarda	Full, Partial	Medium, Medium Dry	4 feet	June, July	Pink, Purple
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Beardtongue	Full, Partial	Medium, Medium Dry	3 feet	June, July	White-Pink
<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i>	Sweet Black-eyed Susan	Full, Partial	Medium Wet, Medium, Medium Dry	5 feet	August, Sept, Oct	Yellow
<i>Silene regia</i>	Royal Catchfly	Full, Partial	Medium, Medium Dry	4 feet	July, August	Red
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain	Full, Partial	Wet, Medium Wet, Medium	5 feet	July, Aug, Sept	Blue-Purple

Elkhart Public Library District

APRIL

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE *this Monday,* April 8th @ 2pm

We won't see another total eclipse until the year **2044!**

Unfortunately, the 2044 total solar eclipse won't have the broad reach across the U.S. as the 2024 eclipse.

Make This One Memorable.

If you haven't already, stop by the library ***TOMORROW*** (Saturday the 6th) to pick up your set of

Essential Elkhart Eclipse Equipment

- ✓ Easy to hold eye protection
- ✓ Snacks & Drinks



NOTE: We have LOTS of glasses, but snacks & drinks are limited and will be on a first come, first served basis.

Toddler Time

Tuesday, April 16th
9:30am - 10:15am

Bring your 18-month to 4 year old little one and join us for fun, songs, snacks, and sensory time.

Spring Book Sale April 8-13

Just SOME of the authors included:

ADULT / YA FICTION:

Jeannine Cummins *Kitty Fitzgerald* *Joanne Fluke*
John Grisham *Stephanie Meyer* *Danielle Steele*

NON-FICTION:

Edward Baldwin *T.S. Eliot* *Wyatt Funk*
Tim Graham *Kevin Davis* *Bridgett Walker*

Jr. FICTION / CHILDREN:

Tedd Arnold *Judy Blume* *Steve Jenkins*
Barbara Park *Beatrix Potter* *Timothy Roland*

PAYMENT: DONATION

Children's Book Week May 6-12

Children's Book Week is a national week-long event that celebrates books for young readers. 2024 is the 105th anniversary of this beloved program, and this year's event slogan is:

No Rules. Just Read.

This event is perfect to encourage reading for pleasure in kids and kids at heart. Come into the library any time during the week and celebrate with us. You can also celebrate using all the amazing free resources at EveryChildaReader.net.

Follow #NoRulesJustRead online for more.

May 6 - 12, 2024

**CHILDREN'S
BOOKWEEK**



elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us



**NAG
ANNUAL PLANT
SALE**

**Elkhart Village Hall
Elkhart, IL**

Friday May 3

10am-6pm

&

Saturday May 4

8am-12pm

Proceeds to benefit [Lifelines](#)

A Tribute to American Patriotism

Elkhart Historical Society

May 24, 2024 Dinner Lecture

Charles “Chuck” Fricke, a local businessman for over 50 years in Logan County and popular speaker, will be welcomed back to the podium for the Elkhart Historical Society’s dinner lecture event on Friday, May 24, 2024. The dinner lecture will be held at the Wild Hare Café, Elkhart, Illinois, 5:30 p.m.

Chuck will share his love of country with a tribute to American patriotism, the history of Old Glory (including the design and symbolism of the different U.S. flags), and faith in its heritage. He will also share the untold/unknown historical facts of a medical corpsman during World War II, serving under General Patton and General Bradley, as they toured through Africa and Italy.

Chuck is a 1973 graduate of Chicago Worsham Mortuary School and University of Illinois (Springfield) with a business degree in Organizational Management. He served as the State’s youngest president of the Illinois Funeral Directors’ Association in 1983. He later served as a Board Examiner on the National Funeral Directors’ level, as well as being appointed to the State Board of Examiners by the governor in 1984.

Chuck graduated in 1973 from the State’s first Emergency Medical Technicians’ Assistance Program (EMT-A), and he later served as Director of the Emergency Service Disaster Agency in Mt. Pulaski, Illinois.

Reservations must be made by calling 217 947 2238. After receiving confirmation, fill in the reservation form indicating your choice of entrée and dessert, and mail it in within 5 business days with your check to The Elkhart Historical Society. The inclusive cost per person is \$45, and covers the meal, tax, and tip, of which \$15 is for the Elkhart Historical Society program. The deadline for reservations is May 13th. For complete menu information and the reservation forms go to www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org

Doors open at 5p and dinner service begins promptly at 5:30p. Additional parking is one block east of the restaurant on Gov. Oglesby Street.



**ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DINNER LECTURE
FRIDAY MAY 24, 2024, 5:30P
"A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN PATRIOTISM" BY CHUCK FRICKE**

Name _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ cell # _____ Email _____

The Wild Hare Café provides all the delicious meals for our Elkhart Historical Society functions as well as providing a homey atmosphere. We bundle it into an all-inclusive package price of \$45, for the meal, tax, and tip, which includes \$15 for the Elkhart Historical Society program.

Please make your selection:

Coq au vin _____ OR
Beef bourguignon _____

Dessert choices: fruit cobbler with dollop of cream _____ OR
Ice Cream and chocolate sauce _____

Both are served with herbed mashed potatoes, baby carrots, green beans and grilled artisan bread as well as a selection of tea or coffee. You are invited to bring wine or beer; glasses and openers will be provided.

Reservations are required as space is limited and can only be made by calling 217-947-2238

no later than May 13th- - 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- -Additional parking one block east by the Village Hall.

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.

