

## **VILLAGE BOARD NEWS**

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on March 7, 2022 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: Dave Barker, Matt Fights, Abby Fletcher, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Attorney Don Behle and Clerk Ann Curry were also present. Visitors present were John Sawyer, Kyle and Esther Farmer.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from February 7, 2022
- B. Approve submitted bills and bill sheets
- C. Approve employee reimbursements
- D. Approve Treasurer's report

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

### **RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC**

John Sawyer with Fehr Graham will now be doing the Motor Fuel reports.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

The trash discussion will be held next month, but it looks like it will not be a good deal.

Water permit is approved with the EPA.

Jeff Kutz will be retiring from doing the newsletter.

### **POLICE**

No report.

### **ATTORNEY**

Ordinance violation letters were sent out but there was no response.

### **LIQUOR**

No report.

### **TIF REPORT**

No report

### **SOLID WASTE**

No report.

### **LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No report.

### **WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

No report.

### **STREETS/ALLEYS**

Pot holes need to be taken care of.

### **BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT**

No report.

**VILLAGE PARK**

Abby will be looking into handicap assessable playground equipment.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

No report.

**FINANCE**

Dave passed out the preliminary budget and it will be ready for passage at the April meeting.  
For the April meeting Dave will also have a letter of engagement from Phillips, Salmi and Associates, LLC to be signed for the audit.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Pike Creek Wind Farm sent Attorney Behle a preliminary ordinance but it didn't have the road concerns addressed in it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**ORDINANCE**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Abby Fletcher, second by John Galassi to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay.  
Motion carried.

Submitted By

Ann Curry  
Village Clerk

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**NEWSLETTER INFO**

All material for the April 2022 newsletter should be turned in before  
**5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022**  
Please email your article in Word or as a PDF to [jcikkutz@frontier.com](mailto:jcikkutz@frontier.com)  
If there is any event that needs added to the calendar,  
Please call (217-899-5306) or e-mail the information.

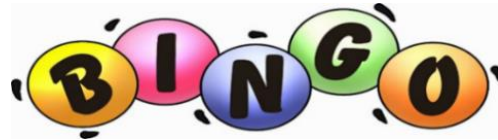
## Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Elkhart Senior's Lunch will be held on March 16 at Gina's Talk of the Town at 11:30am.

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



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Tuesday, April 5 – 2pm at the Elkhart Village Hall

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**We Need Volunteer Firefighters!!!**

**Come Join Us!!**



bad pay



crappy hours



tough working conditions

GREAT SATISFACTION!!

WHO WILL ANSWER THE CALL?

ELKHART VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Jay Akers 217-737-6500

Assistant Chief: Paul Hayden 217-871-0121



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Elkhart Rural Fire protection district is accepting bids to mow the Fire Department Grounds.

Please contact Roger Bock, 217-341-3867.



# Elkhart Public Library District

Hours:  
Mon 4-8 pm  
Tues & Fri 9-11 12-4pm  
Wed & Thurs 9-11 12-8pm  
Sat 9-1pm

## March 2022

**Spring is about growth, and we're seeing it on the library calendar!**

### The Month of April:

Pick up FREE flower seeds (sunflowers + annual/perennial mixed flowers) to help expand the Elkhart monarch butterfly population. A specially-crafted display will make it EASY to take seeds home.

### 10am APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>

**Calling all Kiddos (and adults):** Bring a parent or guardian and wear your gardening clothes. The one and only Mona Maas will be here to teach us about how seeds grow, how the flowers feed the butterflies, and why that's important. Then walk with us to the butterfly habitat where we will get those seeds in the ground!

**BONUS:** There will be native plant seed packets of your very own to take home.

Check out Mona's page for more information...

### Speaking of seeds...

Planting season means farm equipment like

### Tractors

and we have a special exhibit! Details are on our other page, don't miss it!



Know what is going on at your library

"Like" Elkhart Public Library District on Facebook!

### Congratulations Tim Rotherham!

Tim was the lucky winner in the February drawing for the bust of Abraham Lincoln!

We hope you'll keep us posted on where Honest Abe eventually takes up official residence. We'd love a picture! (Hint hint ☺)



**Thank you  
Anonymous for  
your recent  
book and DVD  
donation!**



Did you see this **flag display** we had on loan for President's Day in February? The two with George Washington were made in **1932** to celebrate the bicentennial of his birthday! The one in the center has 42 stars and was made in the **1940s**. Each of these drapes is 12 feet long! (Pssst...they looked even better in person.)

Our **current** flag was made in **1897!** (Yes, that's an *EIGHT*.) This has special significance beyond its age alone. This flag was made the same year that our library was started, 129 years ago! To find out just how big it is and how many stars it has, come and see us!



# Get Ready For A BIRTHDAY!!!

Who's having a birthday? **The LIBRARY!**

One year from now on **March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023** the Elkhart Public Library will be  
**130 YEARS OLD.**

*(That's old.)*

There will be **SPECIAL THINGS TO SEE and DO** to celebrate all year long as we build up to the big day. Keep an eye on the library website and Facebook page as we announce **projects, events, and contests** for you, friends, and family (near AND far).

We have some neat things planned, with more to come.

Have an idea for how we can celebrate? We're happy to take suggestions and see what we can do!

**In the meantime, check out some unique opportunities below...**

## **Special Display: MARCH**

The library is proud to host an exhibit of antique farm toys and memorabilia made between the 1930s to the 1960s! This collection represents some of the items used locally over the years.

Perhaps there's something to point out to a child or grandchild that YOU remember?

You never know ... you'll just have to stop by and ...

Check It Out!

## **Special Project (and CONTEST) Begins** *Memories From The Past*

**PROJECT:** What's your memory of our library? What does it mean to you? What was it like as a child? Did you attend an event? Do you remember a story from someone no longer with us? *Anything* and *everything* is worthwhile, and you can submit more than one! We want to make a collection to keep these memories alive.

Not sure how to say it? Noooo problem. Get in touch with Sarah at the library and she'll help you get the memories written, she loves that sort of thing!

**CONTEST:** At the close of submission (2023), prizes will be awarded for VARIOUS categories including: memory from the farthest distance, with a bonus prize for the *local person* who involves the one from farthest away! More categories and prize details to come, so ...

START THINKING!

## **Elkhart Monarch Flyway/Habitat news**

In APRIL we begin to partner with the Elkhart Library! We will have free flower SEED at the library; STOP IN, see our April seed display and take-home seeds for Sunflowers, annual and perennial mixed flowers along with instruction.

On Saturday, April 30 we meet at the library to host children (and adults) to visit subjects of seed germination, pollination, and *more!* We plan to proceed down to the habitat and plant in the new seed bed there.

*Packets of Native Plant seed go home with the kids!*

Saving the Date\*for the Native Plant Plug giveaway\*on Friday, May 20, 4:30-6:30 at the Flyway. Adults, bring your kids...grandkids, neighbor kids!

We plan to teach and learn with fun activity sessions throughout the summer, *come join us!*

→Keep in touch! *You know Sarah the Librarian,* I am Mona Maas at [justmona2@gmail.com](mailto:justmona2@gmail.com), and you see me on FB in the Elkhart Residents Group, can IM me←

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## **Community Mosaic News**

Please keep saving those clean \*plastic caps and lids\* all sizes, all colors\* for our ELKHART CAP MOSAIC! You can drop them off at the Elkhart Library, the Country Bumpkin, or in the "Plastic Cap" can in front of the Elkhart Village Hall. *Any caps that we don't use will be donated to Mt. Pulaski's project to recycle caps for benches.* Thank you!

*--If details interest you, keep reading. Here's a tentative plan. Dates and times will be a bit spontaneous---*

**Join me if you CAN! In April/May, dates to be determined, but it will happen! ☺**

- a) Organize more caps. Separate into colors, weigh, some counting. *It won't take long.*
- b) Protective paint on bases, "project" design onto boards for outlines, paint background colors.
- c) Start screwing the caps down with battery powered drills. Approximately 7,000 caps.

Then it's ready for installation by the Village (*Thank you, Lyle and Village*)! I would LOVE to plan a big REVEAL at the Elkhart Monarch Flyway/habitat on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the GIVEAWAY of children's native plant kits, but the REVEAL date will depend on how it all comes together, and will have to be determined.

→Keep in touch! I am Mona Maas at [justmona2@gmail.com](mailto:justmona2@gmail.com), and you see me on FB in the Elkhart Residents Group, can IM me←



The Elkhart Historical Society is celebrating the Irish- - Sunday March 20 by offering the traditional Corned Beef and cabbage dinner between 11a and 12:30p at Horsefeather's Wild Hare Café for \$15 a person, followed by Irish, Celtic and Appalachian music at the Gillett Chapel on the Hill at 2pm for an additional \$15. Combine both events for \$30 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217-947-2238 no later than March 12<sup>th</sup>. Reservation forms are available at the Elkhart Historical Society web site: [elkharthistoricalsociety.org](http://elkharthistoricalsociety.org) Forms are also available at the Country Bumpkin in Elkhart.

"The Blarney Boys," Joe Readnour and Dan Grover will be combining their talents again this year. This marks the fourth year Joe Readnour has brought his superb abilities to Elkhart. His musical expertise is well known in the area having played with the St. Andrew-Springfield Pipe Band for 10 years. Not only well versed in the music, but Joe also shares his knowledge of the many

instruments and songs he brings to us.

Dan Grover singer/songwriter played both guitar and bass with the Cactus Ranch Band and loves to entertain. These long-time musician friends will bring music to Elkhart on Sunday March 20th.

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## **ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS**

The Elkhart Historical Society is very pleased to announce the arrival of the 2022 Calendar. The late arrival can be blamed on Covid, but in reality, it was due to the magnitude of this 18-month, full color calendar. This mammoth issue covers 34 years that the Elkhart Historical Society has been in existence. Events such as the Christmas Candlelight services which started in 1988, and continue to grow in popularity. Among the other inclusions are Recycling, History Day at the Elkhart Grade School, Chautauqua's, Senior Salutes, Halloween festivities, Wildflower and Bird walks, the filming of "From Surveyor to President, A. Lincoln in Logan County"- - and more. You will recognize many faces, including your children, new friends and old, some no longer with us. A full index of 34 years of the calendar is included as well. This issue should not be missed.

The calendar is free to all new or renewing members, and extra calendars can be purchased for \$20. Rest assured, if you have already paid for a calendar, it will either be mailed to you or you can pick it up at The Country Bumpkin which is open Weds-Sat 10-3p, Sunday 11a-3p. Delivery depends on what you chose when you paid for your membership. Call 217 947 2200 with questions.

We are in search of photographs of additional Elkhart Historical Society events, like the Wood Choppers Day, and their participation in community events such as the Homecoming hayrides. Photos can be brought in to the Country Bumpkin and scanned while you wait.

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Mt. Pulaski High School Board Minutes – February 23, 2021

<https://www.mtpulaski.k12.il.us/article/667777?org=cusd23>

**The next regular board meeting is Wednesday, March 21, 2021 at 6pm**

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## **MPHS BASEBALL 2022**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday	Mar. 21	@ Central A & M Schools	Central A & M Schools	4:30PM
Tuesday	Mar. 22	Nokomis High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Thursday	Mar. 24	@ Pawnee High School	Pawnee High School	4:30PM
Friday	Mar. 25	Blue Ridge High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Tuesday	Mar. 29	@ Illini Central High School	Illini Central High School	4:30PM
Wednesday	Mar. 30	Okaw Valley High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Thursday	Mar. 31	Lutheran School Association HS	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Friday	Apr. 01	Clinton Community High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Saturday	Apr. 02	@ Eisenhower High School ( JV/V)	Eisenhower High School	10:00AM
Tuesday	Apr. 05	Arthur-Lovington High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Wednesday	Apr. 06	@ Petersburg Porta High School	Petersburg Porta High School	4:30PM
Thursday	Apr. 07	Delavan High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Saturday	Apr. 09	@ MacArthur High School	MacArthur High School	10:00AM
Monday	Apr. 11	@ Edinburg Jr/Sr High School	Edinburg Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Tuesday	Apr. 12	@ Cerro Gordo High School (@ Bement)	Cerro Gordo High School	4:30PM
Wednesday	Apr. 13	Argenta-Oreana High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Thursday	Apr. 14	Midwest Central High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Saturday	Apr. 16	@ Lexington High School (DH- V/JV)	Lexington High School	10:00AM
Monday	Apr. 18	Riverton High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Tuesday	Apr. 19	Heyworth Jr/Sr High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Thursday	Apr. 21	@ Illini Bluffs High School	Illini Bluffs High School	4:30PM
Friday	Apr. 22	Springfield Southeast High School	Veterans Park	4:30PM
Saturday	Apr. 23	@ Lanphier High School ( JV/V DH)	Lanphier High School	10:00AM
Monday	Apr. 25	@ Lutheran High School	Lutheran High School	4:30PM
Tuesday	Apr. 26	@ Hartsburg-Emden Jr/Sr HS	Hartsburg-Emden Jr/Sr HS	4:30PM
Thursday	Apr. 28	@ LeRoy Junior High School	LeRoy Junior High School	4:30PM
Friday	Apr. 29	Cornerstone Christian Academy	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Saturday	Apr. 30	@ North Greene Unit District # 3 (V/JV)	North Greene Unit District # 3	10:00AM
Monday	May. 02	@ Meridian High School-Macon	Meridian High School-Macon	4:30PM
Wednesday	May. 04	Athens Jr/Sr HS	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Friday	May. 06	Fisher High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Monday	May. 09	Tri-City High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Wednesday	May. 11	@ Havana Jr & Sr High School	Havana Jr & Sr High School	4:30PM
Thursday	May. 12	El Paso - Gridley High School	Mt. Pulaski Jr/Sr High School	4:30PM
Friday	May. 13	@ Warrensburg-Latham High School	Warrensburg-Latham High School	4:30PM
Saturday	May. 14	@ New Berlin District #16 (DH- V/JV)	New Berlin District #16	10:00AM

## **MPHS TRACK 2022**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday	Mar. 02	@ Mt. Zion High School ( <i>Field House Indoor Track Meet</i> )	Mt. Zion High School	TBA
Saturday	Mar. 12	@ Rantoul High School ( <i>Rantoul Invite</i> )	Rantoul High School	10:00AM
Saturday	Mar. 19	@ Urbana High School ( <i>Gene Armor track meet</i> )	Urbana High School	TBA
Monday	Mar. 21	@ Athens Jr/Sr HS <i>Boys</i>	Athens Jr/Sr HS	4:00PM
Monday	Mar. 21	@ Last Chance Indoor Meet @ IWU - Shirk Center <i>Girls</i>	Last Chance Indoor Meet @ IWU - Shirk Center	4:00PM
Tuesday	Apr. 05	@ Midwest Central High School	Midwest Central High School	4:30PM
Thursday	Apr. 14	@ Porta High School ( <i>PORTA Invite</i> )	Porta High School	4:00PM
Tuesday	Apr. 19	@ Midwest Central High School	Midwest Central High School	4:30PM
Monday	Apr. 25	@ Pleasant Plains High School	Pleasant Plains High School	4:30PM
Tuesday	Apr. 26	@ Clinton Community High School	Clinton Community High School	TBA
Thursday	Apr. 28	@ Tomahawk Conference Meet	Tomahawk Conference Meet	TBA
Tuesday	May. 03	@ Argenta-Oreana High School	Argenta-Oreana High School	4:30PM
Thursday	May. 12	@ IHSA Girls Sectional Meet	IHSA Girls Sectional Meet	TBA
Thursday	May. 19	@ IHSA Girls State Meet	IHSA Girls State Meet	TBA
Thursday	May. 19	@ IHSA Boys Sectional Meet	IHSA Boys Sectional Meet	TBA
Thursday	May. 26	@ IHSA Boys State Meet	IHSA Boys State Meet	TBA

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### *College Scholarship Opportunities*

**Blaum Scholarship Available for Nursing and Agriculture Students**

[http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL040222\\_BLAUMSCHOLASHIP.shtml](http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL040222_BLAUMSCHOLASHIP.shtml)

**General Federation of Women's Clubs accepting applications for multiple scholarships**

[http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL031922\\_GFWCSCHOLARSHIPS.shtml](http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL031922_GFWCSCHOLARSHIPS.shtml)

**Lincoln-Logan Crime Stoppers taking applications for 2022 scholarship awards**

[http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL040122\\_CRIMESTOP.shtml](http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL040122_CRIMESTOP.shtml)

**Lincoln Woman's Club Scholarship opportunity**

[http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL030222\\_LWCSCSCHOLARSHIP.shtml](http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL030222_LWCSCSCHOLARSHIP.shtml)

**Illinois Sheriffs' Association Announces Scholarships**

[http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL031622\\_ILSHERIFFS.shtml](http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL031622_ILSHERIFFS.shtml)

**Illinois Agri-Women announces 2022 scholarship opportunities**

[http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL040122\\_agriwomen.shtml](http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL040122_agriwomen.shtml)

**Illinois DCFS offers college scholarships to current and former youth in care**

[http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL040122\\_DCFSSCHOLARSHIPS.shtml](http://lincolndailynews.com/Features/TL040122_DCFSSCHOLARSHIPS.shtml)