

DAILY GRIND

TIVOLI FEST 2026 - A YEAR TO REMEMBER



Ambassador Jesper Møller Sørensen recognizes Stacie Larsen (Claire Petersen Photography)

This was certainly a Tivoli Fest to remember! From the great weather to the special guests to the enormous crowds all over town, we could not be happier (and more relieved) to have made it through.

Denmark's Ambassador Jesper Møller Sørensen gave public remarks on the windmill's 50th anniversary before bestowing gifts to Stacie Larsen for her enduring commitment to preserve local folk dancing traditions. We're proud of Stacie's work and everything she has achieved.

Record numbers were experienced all over town including visitor counts at both the museum and windmill.

Congratulations to Mike & Lou Howard for their well-deserved recognition as this year's Tivoli King and Queen. And congratulations as well to Bruce and Calla Poldberg, this year's Grand Marshals.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this special event possible, from planning to clean up, it is a remarkable feat every year.



NEWS FROM THE MILL

Shaun Sayres

May has become Tivoli Prep month, so it's hard to recap much else that took place. From groundskeeping to inventory, May is always packed with tasks to complete if we want to have a good festival. Last year was a record year for us and one we weren't sure how we might match again. We're elated to say that this year's weekend completely shattered last year and almost certainly was the best weekend we ever had. We couldn't be happier and we wish to thank all of our staff and volunteers who made it possible. Joni, Joanne, Phyllis, Tami, and Julie all worked incredibly hard the entire weekend (including Sunday) and we would not have pulled this off without them. We also wish to thank Annabelle Baggett, Justin Nelson and Sarah Sayres for volunteering on Saturday.

Knowing this year would be a special one, we hired a photographer to capture as much of it as

possible. We thoroughly enjoyed working with Claire Petersen, and can't wait to see the rest of her photos. A preview batch has already been shared on our Facebook page. A big point of emphasis for us this year was the parade. With Annabelle's help, we gave away hundreds of parade flags to give the parade a red tint and it looks like that might be something we'll continue to do going forward as the flags were everywhere.

Finally, on Sunday the windmill hosted an encore of events including our Rise & Grind Breakfast and the return of the Tour de Tivoli Bike Ride. Between these two events, we raised over \$3,000 to be put towards our Grind campaign. We again wish to thank the volunteers who helped setup and run these events including SCSB's Allison Buckholdt, Nicole Butler, and Robin Menzies; Aaron and Bruce Poldberg; Jimmy Cogdill, Cloid and Faye Farley, Jody LaCanne, Justin Nelson, and Sarah Sayres.

Finally, we sold out of Dane Country and at this point we are not getting more. It is possible Steve might have another batch in September, but we are looking to gauge public interest first.

SPARTAN SPECIAL

Contributions from EEHK High School

Track/Sport Update

Track season wrapped up this month with two students qualifying for the state meet. Senior Austin Rassumsen qualified in the mile while junior Taryn Petersen qualified in the 400m dash. Taryn Petersen ran the 400 dash at the state meet on Thursday, May 21st. She finished 17th overall with an all-time personal best of 1:01.42. Austin Rasmussen ran the mile on Saturday, the 23rd, and finished in 16th place with a school record time of 4:38.18. He broke the record that was set in 2018 by Evan Wilson. Congratulations to both of our Exira-Ehk Spartan Track qualifiers!

Exira-EHK Schools is Hiring!

Open positions:
Head Football Coach
Assistant Football Coach
Food Service Cook
Band/Music Director
HS Boys Head Basketball
HS Boys Assistant Basketball

Send Resume to: Agriffin@eehkspartans.org

Summer Baseball and Softball Home Schedule

Varsity Softball in Audubon

6/1 5:00 VS Riverside (Kimballton)
6/4 5:30 VS Treynon
6/8 5:30 VS Missouri Valley
6/15 5:30 VS Tri-Center
6/18 5:30 VS Lo-Ma
6/22 5:30 VS Underwood
6/26 5:30 VS Earlham
6/30 5:30 VS Newell Fonda

Varsity Baseball in Elk Horn

6/8 5:30 VS Ar-We-Va
6/12 5:30 VS Woodbine
6/15 5:30 VS Coon Rapids
6/19 5:30 VS Boyer Valley
6/22 5:30 VS Glidden Ralston
6/26 5:30 VS CAM

SCHOOLS OUT! ENJOY THE SUMMER SPARTAN NATION!

Bulletins

Blue Star Mothers of Iowa Meeting on the Road

Saturday, June 6 |
10:00AM
Larsen's Pub

All military moms
welcome. Bring a friend
join to share our mission.

American Legion Post 322

The local Elk Horn Legion has seen its membership decline due to aging and the passing of members. At the February meeting, lodge members took a serious look at its future.

In looking for ways to increase membership, the Legion would like to support a program labeled Sons of the American Legion. Membership is open to sons, step-sons, and adopted sons of past and present Legion members. If you have interest in this program, please contact Post Commander Gene Mardesen (651-295-9235), Post Adjutant Larry Fajen (712-249-4140), or Alan Hjelle (712-764-7992).

Rockett Fuel BBQ Returns

Rockett Fuel BBQ is returning to Elk Horn for the Summer. They will be posted at the Danish Windmill on Thursday, June 11 and Thursday, June 26!



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ELK HORN LIBRARY LANTERN

Shining the light on what is going on at your library!



The Friends of the Library meal and Presentation on June 15th will be Author Ron Rosmann. Our meal will be Sloppy Joes and Potato Salad and Coleslaw. Plan to join us!

Local History Junkies have meetings to discuss our local history every third Thursday from 3 – 4 pm.Bring newspaper clippings, photos, books, ideas and share them with the group! Warren Watson has put together an amazing Rorbeck story. We will be meeting in our new room, plan to join us!

Please join us for our Kimballton and Elk Horn Coffees-open to EVERYONE! Enjoy the fellowship!

We had an amazing Tivoli with lots of events and great attendance. Thank-you all for your support!

- Here are our June and Juy Schedules:
- June 1 – Monday Matinee 1 – 3 pm
 - June 2 – Toddler Tuesdy 10 -11 am
 - June 2 – Ladies Pinochle 1 pm
 - June 3 – Storytime at the Pool 9:30 am
 - June 3 – Balanced Bookshelf: ‘A Good Seed Indeed’ 1 – 4 pm
 - June 6 – Adult board Games 6 – 9 pm
 - June 8 – Monday Matinee 1 – 3
 - June 9 – Salem Coffee 10 am
 - June 9 – Ladies Pinochle 1 pm
 - June 10 – Kimballton Kaffee 9 am
 - June 10 – Storytime at the Pool 9:30 am
 - June 19 – Balanced Bookshelf: ‘Been Cool and Confident’ 1-4 pm
 - June 13 – Teen Fun 6-8 pm Cooking Up a Storm
 - June 15 – Monday Matinee 1-3 pm
 - June 15 – Friends of the Library-Author Ron Rosmann-Meal 5 Presentation 6
 - June 16 – Toddler Tuesday 10 -11
 - June 16 – Ladies Pinochle 1 pm
 - June 17 – Storytime at the Pool 9:30 am
 - June 17 – Balanced Bookshelf: ‘Be Grateful’ 1-4
 - June 18 – Local History Junkies 3 -4 pm Be a History Hero-Share your local history!
 - June 19 – Storytime on the Prairie 10 am ‘Summertime in the Big Woods’
 - June 20 – Young Adult coffee and Silent Books Club 2- 4 pm
 - June 22 – Monday Matinee 1 -3 pm
 - June 23 – Trustees Meeting 12 noon
 - June 23 – Ladies Pinochle 1 pm
 - June 23 – Cabinets of Curiosity with Mocktails and MODA-Kimballton Townhall 6 – 8 pm
 - June 24 – Community Coffee 9 am
 - June 24 – Storytime at the Pool 9:30 am
 - June 24 – Balanced Bookshelf: ‘Eggcellent choices, Eggcellent Me’ 1- 4 pm
 - June 26 – Movie in the Park: ‘Zootopia 2’ 8:30 pm
 - June 27- STEAM Fun at the Library 10 -12
 - June 29 – Monday Matinee 1-3 pm
 - June 20 – Toddle Tuesday 10-11 am
 - June 30 – Ladies Pinochle 1 pm

We are missing some 80’s and earlier EH-K yearbooks, if you have any you would be willing to donate we would love to complete our collection.

We have our summer plans in place, stop in to get a brochure!

EGG KRATE’S FEATURED ANTIQUE



J. C. Higgins bicycle with odometer and book rack

Price: \$110

IT’S ONLY SCIENCE

Bob Mortenson

There is such a thing as “business science.” It of course is a combination of many related observations and experience. Tourism could be classified as an import/export business. Tourism imports money from outside of an area and exports pleasing experiences. Understanding what makes this work has been the study of many distinct factors that tourism encompasses.

With schools no longer in session, tourism traffic has moved off the shoulder and into the fast lane. Why did I phrase this in this manner? Most people think of tourism as being from Memorial Day to Labor Day. And that is when the flow of tourism traffic is at its highest. But those who know tourism will tell you that tourism has two shoulder seasons. After Labor Day there are many pleasant weather days and those without children enjoy the less crowded tourism venues. Many of the attractions are still open in September and October. And so are the motels and campgrounds. Many of these offer reduced rates in the shoulder seasons. Later in the year, those people who go South for the winter are still looking for things to do and places to see along their journey.

Then after the Winter holidays the next shoulder opens. With skiers and snowboarders traveling to the mountains for their winter fun.

YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

Bill Rollins

The article “Yes there is good news” began as a newspaper column in 2016 and so is in its eleventh year of being published. The paper itself has gone through a few changes throughout that time. But the GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom of God will forever stay the same.

God, through the prophet Isaiah gave to His people (who lived in the 8th century B.C.) a sketch of this kingdom and of the one who would reign over the Kingdom. In Isaiah 9 starting in verse 6 we read, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and with righteousness from that time forth and forevermore.The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.” This is a tremendous prophetic statement!

Imagine! ... This prophecy was given some 720 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. But then again the bible tells us that God knows ‘the end from the beginning’. Isaiah 46:8 “Remember this and stand firm, ... remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times

FOOD CHANGES

Sheila Partridge, the new owner of Larsen’s Pub, has dove headfirst into the waters this year, opening the pub for the lunch hour Tuesday through Saturday.

Norse Horse Tavern has also made changes, redirecting their focus towards a Sunday brunch menu (9am - 2pm). The move comes at a critical time as Sunday travelers will be looking for a place to eat. As a result, they are no longer open on Monday and Tuesday over lunch.

The Kringleman continues to see a rise in visitors since committing to a steady breakfast menu. They will also be serving hoagies on Mondays for lunch to cover the gap in our tourism traffic.

These changes help fill in some of the gaps our seasonal tourists have been experiencing the last few years. We hope everyone’s efforts pay off as we head right into our business travel months of the year.

Finally, it sounds as though Kaffehus, the cafe situated inside the new Kulturhus by Pauley Jones is slated to open in July.

And those warm days within the winter season give the more local folks the urge to get outside and do something. Then with the beginning of Spring the snowbirds are heading home. And they will once again be visiting interesting places on their journey.

There are some people who believe because their business does not provide services for the tourists that tourism does not provide any benefit to them. When actually they reap many indirect benefits from it. It brings tax dollars to the area. Which helps local governments fund programs and improvements without raising taxes in order to fund those programs. They support your local attractions, keeping them not just surviving but thriving. The tourists provide extra “covers” that keep your favorite restaurants profitable. Covers is the restaurant term for meal served. Fitting because these are what cover the operating expenses. And the flow of tourists enjoying what your area has to offer instills a sense of pride in your community. And community pride drives the residents to support improvements that ensure your town’s future.

What can we, as individuals, do to help keep those tourist dollars flowing? Take pride in your property. Volunteer to help with community projects. Learn about your local attractions. What do they offer and when are they open? Become an ambassador for your community. Never pass on an opportunity to tell the story of your town!

things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’”

God is the only one who can and does tell the end from the beginning. There is none like Him.

There is an interesting correlation between the gospel/good news and the kingdom of God. In the book of Luke chapter 9:1 we read, “And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal...” 6 And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.”

Jesus sent them out to proclaim the KINGDOM and so it says they preached THE GOSPEL. I am just going to make a guess that most folks who proclaim to be Christians would say that the gospel has to do with Jesus’ death and resurrection. But the apostles, at this time, knew nothing about Jesus sacrificing His life for them. It wasn’t until He was raised from the grave and appeared to them that they believed.

And yet, a couple of years earlier, they were sent out to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, Hmmm? That is why I began this article by making the statement “The GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom of God will forever stay the same”.

Shall we look at the Kingdom and consider why these 12 men preached the good news of the Kingdom and not the good news of the sacrifice of “The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world? Until next time remember, there is good news!

ELK HORN WELCOMES ÆRØ ARTS

We’re incredibly grateful to everyone who stopped by, shopped, and helped us bring this little dream of ours to life during Tivoli Fest weekend. Your support means so much to us - and a heartfelt thank you to Shaun Sayres of the Danish Windmill who's been cheering us on since day one!

At Ærø Arts, our goal is to create a space that not only supports artists, but also celebrates and strengthens the creative spirit of our community. We’re now open for summer hours Wednesday–Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and we invite you to stop in and see all the talent, creativity, and craftsmanship that make our area so special. You'll find an ever-changing collection of local and regional artwork, including pottery, jewelry, sculpture, wall art, textiles, books, and more. Every piece has a story to tell and reflects the passion, skill, and creativity of the artist behind it.

We look forward to seeing you at Ærø Arts!

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Open Wednesday - Saturday, 10AM - 4PM