

The Elkhart Echo



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VILLAGE BOARD NEWS

Mayor Lyle Fout called the meeting to order on February 3, 2025, 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, John Galassi, Travis Moore, and Ernie Shaw. Dave Barker was virtual. Matt Fights was absent. Clerk Ann Curry, Treasurer Theresa Moore, and attorney Don Behle were also present.

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

- A. Approve meeting minutes from January 6, 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

None.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

LIQUOR

No report.

TIF REPORT

No report.

SOLID WASTE

No report.

LOCAL EVENTS LIAISON/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

There was a water meter that froze up and it was repaired.

STREETS/ALLEYS

There are a few streetlights that are out and John has been in touch with Ameren to get them fixed. John will also get in touch with Ameren about placing a street light by the side of Elkhart Station.

BUILDINGS/VILLAGE PROPERTIES/EQUIPMENT

No report.

VILLAGE PARK

No report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ernie Shaw, second by John Galassi, to adjourn at 6:37 pm. Voice vote. All yeas. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By
Ann Curry
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 March 2025 newsletter should be turned in before
5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2025

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 February 20, 2025, 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



Press Release

For Immediate Release

January 23, 2025

Elkhart, Illinois

With prospects of a long-awaited January thaw comes the happy news of the first Elkhart Historical Society dinner lecture of the 2025 season, to be given Friday, February 21, 2025.



Doors open at 5 p.m., and dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Among the “news” is the location at The Elkhart Christian Church’s Fellowship Community Center at 206 S. Gillett St. in Elkhart, Illinois 62634, where a paved parking lot awaits your vehicle. Also new, in part, is our speaker, Dr. Karl Luthin, who now may qualify as bionic, and is ready to spellbind us with tales of some of the latest historically based movies being created. His is a lifetime filled with equine vetting, re-enacting, and provisioning historically correct equipment, uniforms, guns and horse tack and, on occasion, a special horse. A superb rider, Luthin for years opened the Arabian Costume class at the Illinois State Fair by galloping his horse through the gate into the arena. The list of movies that he has been in or provided for is extensive, and includes: “Gods and Generals,” “John Adams” and “Into the West” mini-series, “Gettysburg,” “Cold Mountain,” and “Lincoln.” Luthin has most recently been involved with the filming of a new Civil War movie, “Emancipation,” starring Will Smith. Please reserve your seats early for Dr. Karl Luthin’s lecture, “Behind the Scenes: Horses in Movie Magic.”

The cost per person is \$45, which includes the lecture and dinner featuring a choice of Pulled Pork or Turkey Tetrazzini. For a complete menu and reservation form, please see the website: www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org. Reservations are required and must be made by calling 217-947-2238, no later than February 14. Please leave a message and you will be called back to confirm your reservation. Once confirmed, checks should be mailed within 5 business days to The Elkhart Historical Society at P.O. Box 255, Elkhart, IL, or dropped off at the Country Bumpkin Shop at 103 Gov. Oglesby St., Elkhart, IL. Weds-Sun 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DINNER LECTURE
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2025, 5:30P
"BEHIND THE SCENES: HORSES IN THE MOVIES" - KARL LUTHIN DVM

Name _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ cell # _____ Email _____

This program will be presented at the Elkhart Christian Church Fellowship Community Center at 206 S. Gillett St, Elkhart, Illinois 62634. Doors open at 5p, and meal service starts at 5:30pm. We bundle it into an all-inclusive package price of \$45, which includes the meal, tax, and tip, and \$15 for the Elkhart Historical Society program.

Please make your selection:

BBQ Pulled Pork _____ OR
Turkey Tetrazzini _____

Salad Dressing Ranch _____ OR Vinaigrette _____

Dessert choices: Peach cobbler with dollop of cream _____ OR
Sherbet _____

Both entrees are served with green beans, baked potato with butter and sour cream, and a bread stick. Tea, water or coffee will be provided. You will **NOT** be 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 February 14th- - 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- -Please park in the paved parking lot and come in the south doors. **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

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

Elkhart Tree Advisory Committee Update

The Committee has submitted application for Elkhart to be recognized as an Arbor Day Tree City. Our application has been approved at the State level, and we are just waiting now for Arbor Day Foundation approval.

We will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, April 26, 2025. *More tree seedlings? Perhaps!*
We will schedule an “in person” meeting in April and develop more details.

News from the Elkhart Trees and Native Plants person

Planning away on these wintery days.

- Come Mid May to Early June we will be planting the native plant sections out at the fishing pond. This was funded by the Illinois Native Plant Society. Last fall Isabelle and I placed clean cardboard and the Village helped me cover that with a heavy layer of mulch. This spring all the invasives will be dead and the ground ready to be planted. This will be FUN and I will be looking for some adult volunteer help. *Just a couple of hours if you will help!*
- Planning another **Native Plant Sale** this spring. That helps to fund hiring 2 younger helpers that will work mid May-Early August for a total of about 30-40 hours each. All the profits of the sale are held in the Elkhart Community Works non-profit. I will be looking for some adult volunteer help for the plant sale, and again, this is a fun thing!

Want to chat? Mona Maas justmona2@gmail.com

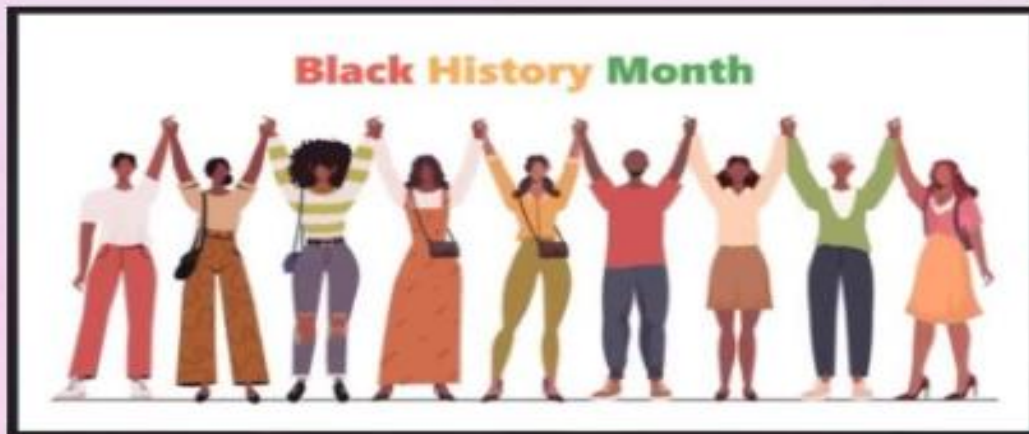
→p.s. by the time you read this, I will be completing a tour of the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuaries in the Oyamel Fir forests of Mexico!



February



Stop by the library throughout the month of February to see what we're featuring, as we put the spotlight on...



Feeling Lucky? Love Your Library?

Come join the fun with our

LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT FOR ALL AGES

K - 2nd Gr. 3rd - 6th Gr. 7th - 12th Gr. 18+

Visit the library from any time from February 17th through March 17th to participate!



Each time you complete a challenge, one ticket goes into the pot. After March 17th we'll draw **ONE WINNER**


from each age group. Play more than once for more tickets and a better chance to win!

Have questions?

Check our Facebook page or stop by the library for details!



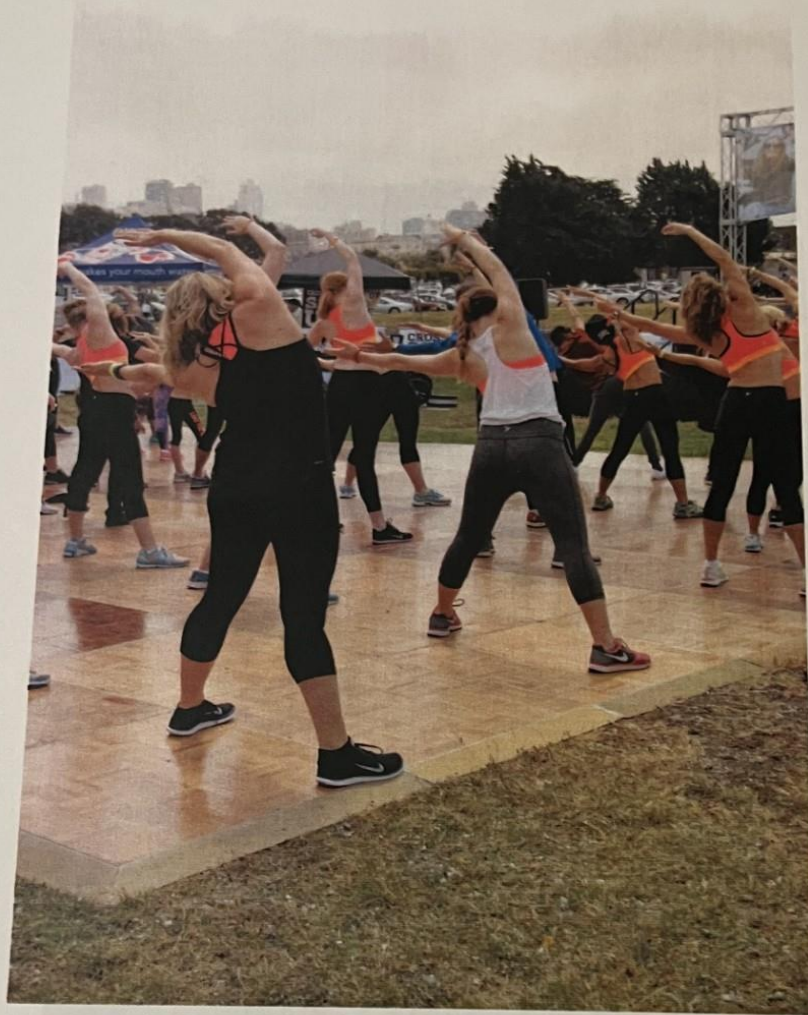
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elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us

217-947-2313

COME JOIN THE EXERCISE CLASS



When: Wednesday and Friday

Time: 9:30 AM

Where: ECC Fellowship Hall