

Important Numbers

Evansdale City Hall ..319-232-6683
 Elk Run City Hall319-232-0020
 Dispatch319-291-2515
 PD Business319-232-6682
 Emergency911

Volume 3—July 3, 2026

Contacts

Dottie Wear - 319-290-2496 - thefarm5532@gmail.com
 Linda - 319-287-7748 - WdRoseLady@aol.com
 Published by Creative Impact Co., Evansdale, IA

July Issue

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Evansdale Elk Run Heights NEWS

Masthead by Abbie Chronister

From the Desk of DeAnne Kobliska, Evansdale Mayor



The Few Feet That Matter: Keeping Evansdale Safe, Clean, and Looking Great

When it comes to maintaining your property, most residents know they're responsible for their lawn, landscaping, and keeping things tidy. What sometimes comes as a surprise is that your responsibilities extend a few feet beyond your property line—and those few feet can make a big difference.

Under Evansdale City Code, property owners are responsible for maintaining the publicly owned area between their property line and the curb. If there is no curb, that responsibility extends to the portion of the street used for vehicle traffic. While the City owns these areas, property owners are responsible for keeping them safe, free of hazards, and well-maintained.

Think of it as being the steward of your neighborhood's "front porch."

That maintenance includes:

Mowing grass and controlling weeds

Trimming trees and shrubs

Picking up litter and debris

Keeping the area free from hazards, obstructions, and nuisances

The goal isn't just curb appeal—although a well-kept street certainly makes a good impression. Proper maintenance improves visibility for drivers, enhances pedestrian safety, and helps create a neighborhood everyone can be proud of.

But maintaining the right-of-way isn't just about what should be there. It's also about what shouldn't.

Evansdale City Code 135.03 makes it unlawful to throw or deposit glass, bottles, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, leaves, grass clippings, or other debris onto any street or alley. In other words, the street is designed for traffic—not as an extension of your compost pile, storage area, or cleanup strategy.

While a few grass clippings or leaves may seem harmless, they can create bigger problems than many people realize. During a rainstorm, yard waste and debris can wash into storm drains, causing blockages that interfere with proper drainage and increase the risk of localized flooding.

Storm sewers are remarkably efficient at moving water. They are considerably less enthusiastic about handling grass clippings, sticks, and last autumn's leaves.

Debris in the street can also create safety hazards. Broken glass, nails, wire, and other materials can damage vehicles, injure pedestrians, puncture bicycle tires, or harm pets. Nobody enjoys discovering a flat tire courtesy of someone else's yard cleanup.

By keeping right-of-way areas maintained and streets free of debris, residents help:

Prevent storm SEE DEANNE/Page 3

From the desk of Lisa Smock, Elk Run Heights Mayor



July 2026

Hello, and happy summer!

First, let me take a moment to wish everyone a happy Independence Day! It provides a great opportunity to reflect on the many blessings we enjoy because we live in the United States. Local govern-

ment as we know it would not exist if the Second Continental Congress had not declared our independence from Britain.

As many people choose to celebrate this holiday with fireworks, we ask that you please be respectful of your neighbors and observe the permitted hours. Fireworks are allowed from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on July 3 and July 4.

Summer construction projects are underway! The City Council has approved an overlay for Johns Drive and a portion of Gray Street, road rehabilitation work on Sunrise Lane, and repairs to a few smaller roadway issues that needed attention. We also plan to move an unused shelter to Mayors Park, replace the original water lines throughout the park, and make improvements to SEE LISA/Page 3

The Boys Of Summer

Ty Timmerman & Chase Stanic are working for Public Works this summer as **seasonal workers** helping keep up with the over **200 acres** that requires mowing in our city. When you see these guys, give them a wave.



The City of Evansdale is replacing the retaining wall at Angels Park/Meyers Lake. The lake has to be lowered in order to complete the task. We apologize for any inconvenience.



America's 250th Craft (all ages) → Saturday, July 11 @ 11am

Book Folding Craft (adults) → Monday, July 20 6pm-8pm

Board Game Night (adults) → Monday, July 27 6-8pm



Allen College Dean's List

WATERLOO, Iowa – The administration and faculty of Allen College are pleased to congratulate students named to the Allen College Dean's List at the completion of the spring semester of the 2025 - 2026 academic year.

Bachelor's and Associate's students named to the Allen College

Dean's List must complete at least 12 semester hours and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Johnny Duarte of Elk Run Heights earned a AC - Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Congratulations!

Happy Summer!

by Amy Schilling

We are excited to share that the Saveraid Park Fund is now officially live through the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. You can learn more about the project by visiting: New Fund Established to Support Park in Elk Run Heights

While the City of Elk Run Heights is supportive of these improvements, a portion of the project funding must be raised by community members to help assist the city in making this upgrade possible. Thanks to generous local support, we have already made meaningful progress. In 2025, two community fundraisers raised over \$1,500, and local business donations contributed an additional \$2,800 toward the project. These combined efforts are helping move the project forward, but additional support from local businesses is essential to bring this vision fully to life.

As we continue fundraising, we would appreciate it if you would consider making a donation through Saveraid Park Improvement Special Project Fund and sharing our Fund Flyer at your business, with friends, family, neighbors, or anyone who may be interested in supporting this

Upcoming Events

- July 4**
America's 250 Year Celebration
- July 7**
Evansdale City Council
- July 14**
Elk Run Heights City Council
- Saturday, July 18**
Free Food Pantry @ Countryside Vineyard 10-11
- July 21**
Evansdale City Council
- Friday, Aug. 7**
Next Issue Of The Evansdale/Elk Run Heights News

community project. Every contribution helps bring us one step closer to making these improvements a reality. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Thank you for your time, generosity, and understanding.

Warm regards,

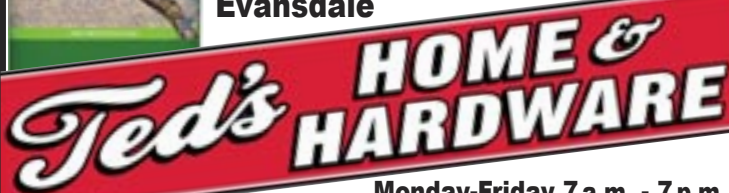
Amy Jensen and Fellow Neighborhood Moms

Proud community members dedicated to improving Saveraid Park



Wild Bird Food \$15.99 for a 40lb. bag

3550 Lafayette Rd. Evansdale



Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. • Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

EVANS CROSSING PHARMACY

Where Personal Care is Our Promise
3506 Lafayette Rd Evansdale, IA
319-233-3395

Local Care & Free Delivery!!
Seasonal flu and COVID vaccines now available!

Truck Outfitters Plus
Truck Toppers & Accessories

Keith & Renee Bumgardner
"From Grille to Gate We'll Treat You Great!"

Truck Toppers, Tonneau Covers, Tube Steps, Running Boards, Bugshields, Spray In Bedliners, and much more.

Order Online www.truckoutfittersplus.com

319-234-3544 3435 Lafayette Rd.
sales@truckoutfittersplus.com Evansdale, Iowa 50707

Evansdale AMVETS

706 Colleen Ave. **Post 31** 319-234-9688

Club Opens at 3:00 Tuesday-Friday.
Check our Facebook Page AMVETS Post 31 for additional times and events.

Blood Drive July 14 noon till 5:00

Room Rentals: Graduations, Weddings, Anniversaries, Celebration of Life, Birthdays, Showers, Funeral Dinners

Veterans Coffee & Donuts: First Monday of the month 9 a.m. at Club. All Veterans Welcome!

Memorial Bricks: Available for Veterans - bricks laid at Post 31 Memorial Park.

DeAnne

Continued from page 1
 sewer blockages
 Reduce flooding concerns
 Improve neighborhood appearance
 Increase pedestrian and traffic safety
 Protect vehicles, bicycles, and pets
 Preserve community pride

It's also important to remember that property owners may be liable for damages resulting from a failure to properly maintain adjacent public property or right-of-way areas. While nobody hopes to discuss liability over their morning coffee, routine maintenance is a simple way to avoid bigger problems later.

The good news is that keeping Evansdale looking great doesn't require extraordinary effort. A few extra minutes with the mower, trimming overgrown vegetation, and making sure leaves and grass clippings stay out of the street can have a significant impact.

At the end of the day, community pride isn't built through grand gestures. It's built one mowed strip, one trimmed shrub, and one litter-free curb line at a time. When everyone does their part, streets stay safer, storm drains work as intended, and Evansdale remains a place we're all proud to call home.

After all, grass belongs on lawns, leaves belong in yard waste containers, and storm sewers would much prefer to stick to water.

Lisa

Continued from page 1
 the original restroom located at the back of the park.

Utility Rate Increase

Utility rates will increase beginning with your September bill. This is never a fun topic, but it is necessary to ensure our utility systems remain financially sound. The combined water and sewer charges will increase by \$1.82 per month.

Many factors are considered when preparing our utility budgets, including current operating expenses and planning for future maintenance and replacement needs. Much of our water system is original and nearing the end of its service life. If you have any questions regarding this increase, please feel free to call or stop by City Hall.

Office Closures

The City Office will be closed on Thursday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

The office will close early on Wednesday, July 23, and remain closed on Thursday, July 24.

Upcoming City Council Meetings
 Monday, July 14

Monday, August 11

We wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and happy Independence Day and hope you have a wonderful summer!



EVANSDALE COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER

By Sandy Clements, EEDC Chairman

4th OF JULY CELEBRATION

If you are reading this issue hot off the press, you are in luck! You can still plan on coming to our Country's 250th Anniversary Celebration, at noon on Saturday, the 4th of July. This will be a patriotic look at the founding of our Country, and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Cost is \$25.00 per adult and \$15.00 for kids 12 and under. Proceeds go to the Community Center Project.

See the June article for more details or call 319-231-6795. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

If you are reading this after noon on the 4th, I'm sorry to say you missed a fantastic opportunity! I know I will have had a fun time...contact me at 319-232-8152 if you want to be put on a contact list to hear about all the future fundraising events!



Here is a picture showing one of the possible uses that our Community Center would offer you!!!!

SELF STORAGE
 5X10 - 10X10 - 10X20
K PROPERTIES
 BROWN STREET - EVANSDALE
 319-231-6795 or 319-231-6049

ROBS RESIDENTIAL GLASS LLC
 EVANSDALE, IOWA
 319-215-5552
 robwroeglass@gmail.com
 Rob's Residential Glass

Betty Wroe
 REALTOR®
 319.215.5945 319.277.5005
 bettywroe.oakridge.net
 betty.wroe@oakridge.net
 3313 Terrace Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613
 #1 IN THE CEDAR VALLEY

Free Community Meal
New Day Church
 2nd Tuesday of Every month
 From 5 PM-6 PM
 644 Home Acres
 Evansdale, IA 50707
 Join us for food, company, fun and prayer!
 Everyone Welcome.

ADVANCED AUTOMOTIVE
 319-232-7658
COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR & SERVICE
 or TEXT 319-250-5421

- Heating/Air Conditioning
- Engines
- Transmissions
- Tune-Ups
- Brake Service
- Computer Diagnostic
- Lube, Oil & Filter
- Shocks & Struts
- Alternators
- Electrical
- C.V. Joints
- Exhaust

Digital Inspection Reports
 202 W. Gilbert Drive, Evansdale



Evansdale Police Department

By Sgt. Ben Neuman

May 2026
Calls for Service: 464
Arrests: 46
Reports/Investigation Initiated: 43
We have had an uptick in car burglaries and car thefts. As much as we would love to believe this

stuff does not happen in town unfortunately it does. Please lock your doors, to date we have not worked a forced entry burglary or car theft. These are easy targets for these criminals to prey on. Please remove all valuables, purses, gifts, guns, computers, etc. Have a great month.

Evansdale Fire Rescue

In May Evansdale Fire had 58 EMS calls and 7 Fire/Rescue calls.
Ryan Phillips
Chief

Sweeten your 4th of July at:

M&K DAIRY CREAM

Open daily at noon Lobby closes at 9:00 Drive-Thru closes at 9:30

3640 Lafayette Rd, Evansdale, IA

4-926-39



Here is the new entrance to the bridge area to the Angels Park Island.
Left: Shianne Rasmusen helped make it possible, along with Chris Schares & Brandon Secor

Hey You! Yes You!!!

Be Honest! Does Your Church teach what the Bible Really Says?

If we are truthful to OURSELVES about things, our world has drastically changed. Things which we grew up knowing are wicked and evil are now lifted up as noble and right in our modern day society. Sadly this Woke Agenda has been brought into many churches and denominations. The gospel these churches teach will not save those caught in its web of untruth. Jesus warned the Path to Destruction is wide and many are on it and encourages Us to seek the Narrow Path, the Straight Way, which leads to Salvation. Sundays we preach and teach what God's Word Really Says. Come and Hear!!

New Life Fellowship is a Conservative, Non-Judging Fellowship of Believers Who Love God and Others

We Invite You to Come Worship God with Us on Sunday Mornings!

We have a **Coffee Fellowship**: Every Week after the morning Worship Service. The First Sunday of Each Month: We have a **Potluck**. Come and Get to Know Us! We would Love to get to Know You!!!



New Life Fellowship Church

“Teaching God’s Word In Fullness”

204 McCoy Road, Elk Run Heights
Worship Services – Sundays 9:30 AM

3-8-26-93

Elizabeth Collins Foundation

By Sharon King

It is a busy time of year for the foundation with many plans. **The 14th Ride & Drive for Lyric & Elizabeth will start & finish again this year at Lofty's in Evansdale. It will be held July 11th with registration 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and kickstands up at 11 a.m. All vehicles are welcome** Traditionally we pull out and go by a silent tribute at the entrance to Angel's Park where loved ones hold pictures of their victims of homicides who were lost to violent crime. Returning after the ride, will be many activities. We have silent auctions, 50/50, Scheels gift card drawing, a bake sale and much more.

This is our fundraiser for the year. With it we support our local police departments, Crime stoppers, victims of violent crimes, Angels Park, the Halloween Safety Event, and other needs in our community. If you haven't been out to Angels Park this year, take a few minutes to check out the new entrance to the bridge area to

the Island.

To give you an idea of the time and labor these people put into some rocks & a plaque, here are the people who made it possible: Linda at Creative Impact helped to get the plaque plan and ordered. Gary at BMC gave us the go ahead to pick out rocks from their Waterloo South Quarry. Terry at BMC's Waterloo South Quarry for walking the rocks & helping us pick out the perfect ones. Joe at Kemp Trucking for picking up & hauling to deliver the rocks to the park. Chris Schares, Shianne Rasmusen, and Brandon Secor from Evansdale Street Department for using their training, abilities and equipment to place the rocks just the way we thought they would look the best. Chris at Borcherding Masonry for putting the plaque on the rock when the weather got warm enough.

Many thanks to a community that care and use their talents to make this a great place to call home.

Ready for a better banking experience?

JOIN THE CREDIT UNION THAT PUTS you FIRST!

WHY CFCCU?

- Local service.
- Friendly faces.
- Financial solutions that fit real life.

Become a member today and see the difference!

CFCCU

GROW WITH US

Downtown Cedar Falls Branch

123 W 4th St.
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
319.266.7531

Industrial Park Branch

420 Viking Rd.
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
319.277.3690

Evansdale Branch

3466 Lafayette Rd.
Evansdale, IA 50707
319.232.0808

2-7-26-61

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

4031 Lafayette Road, Evansdale

Phone: 319-233-1452

Pastor: Steven Klawonn

Facebook: Prince of Peace Evansdale

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL RUN JULY 20-24 FROM 9:00-11:30 AM!

Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God, is the title of our program this year, having fun while learning about God is the plan in progress!

VBS is open to kids of all ages. There is no charge to attend.

Call Rachel Mount during office hours to register your children.

Sunday Services:

8:45 a.m. Traditional Service

10:00 a.m. Coffee & cookies Fellowship, Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study

11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service

Office hours: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday-Friday

Email: office@popevansdale.org



11-4-26-93

Introducing M&K Dairy Cream New Owners



by Dottie Wear

loved it. What followed, for the young couple was a four year stint in the Army for Kat, marriage, and four daughters. They were approached by the Gutes as possible buyers, and after much consideration, decided that it would be a good fit for their young family. Though they currently live in Dunkerton, they have strong ties to Evansdale and feelings of community involvement.

Presently, the couple's goals are to provide good service and product to their customers while at the same time, streamlining the process for more efficiency. Micah's background as a soft-

ware developer dovetails with that nicely. One goal of theirs, and their 10 part-time employees, has been to reduce the time between a drive thru order and pickup. Right now, in a non rush hour, that is 1:20, with the busiest times being 2:30 and

7:30 pm.

A suggestion box sits inside the front door and **suggestions** are encouraged.

Standing at the counter, you can't help noticing how kid friendly the place is, from crayon drawings displayed to pictures included with menu items that children can pick out at a glance.

All in all, the Azbills are a hard working family with modern ideas on how to keep their business relevant & successful. And that is a great thing because it means that all of us can continue to go for **ICE CREAM !**

This Month, I Want To Introduce The Owners Of M&K Dairy Cream.

Since 2007, this community has had to travel no further than 3640 Lafayette for delicious soft serve ice cream. And, thanks to **Micah and Kat Azbill**,

that can continue.

When Brandon & Christine Gute decided to retire, they looked for a buyer that would keep the location as an ice cream shop. In an interesting twist of fate, that ultimately turned out to be Micah & Kat. Back in 2014, as high schoolers, they both worked at Four Queens for several years and



Kat & Micah Azbill
Marceline, Melody, Moxxi , Mabel

M&K is open Mon-Sun: 12:00 to 9:00 pm for Lobby and 12:00 to 9:30 for Drive Thru

"We're excited to keep serving the community and creating a place where families can make memories together."

Choose Lofty's for all your Dining and Entertainment Needs.



Lofty's Lounge
3480 Lafayette Rd.
Evansdale, IA
50707
319-236-3986

Lofty's Lounge offers so much to the Evansdale Community

- Wedding Reception Hall seating up to 250 people
- Bar Open: Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m. - 2 a.m.
Saturday - 8:30 a.m. - 2 a.m. and Sunday - 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.
- Grill Hours: Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
- 7 pool tables and 6 dart boards
- 7 Big Screen TVs
- NFL Package
- Texas Hold'em - Monday-Friday 1-3 p.m.

Did You Know?



By Sandy Clements, City Council Member

Last month we explored some of the highlights of the 1930's in Evansdale, before we were a town or city. This month I want to delve into what I consider to be the foundation that Evansdale was built on. I'm referring to the Fox brothers, Charles and William (Bill), whose vision for developing what was to become Evansdale has to be considered beyond extraordinary! They started to develop the Home Acres area in 1921, but it was in the tough 1930's that their approach to home ownership

echoed their integrity and love for the people who would become the "settlers" of our beloved City! As I mentioned in a previous article, Bill would go on to become our third Mayor.

I was privileged to grow up in the 1950's just two houses from Bill, his wife Catherine (?) and a sister to one of them (I believe it was Bill). The reason I sound so unsure is because to all the neighborhood kids they were just Grandpa and Grandma Fox, and Aunt Ellie!

Next month we'll explore this statement from the marketing book from the Home Acres Land Association, "New, Modern Homes in 'Home Acres'. A Growing Community of American Homes".



11-4-26 - 39 234

2026-39

Member FDIC EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

319-235-6731
FSSOnline.com
3600 Lafayette Rd, Evansdale, IA

Hometown Friends You Can Count On!

- ATM and Debit Cards
- Internet and Mobile Banking
- Consumer and Commercial Loans
- Mortgages
- Certificates of Deposit

Chartered in Evansdale in 1962

3-8-26 93

“People make the difference at People’s!”



Adam Morris
Owner



451 LaPorte Rd Waterloo Ph. (319) 232-0140

Founder Jim Morris entered the appliance business in 1948. He opened the Morris Appliance Center in 1961 in the newly built RE Morris Shopping Center. He moved to the current location in 1964 to better serve you. Sons Brad and Fred took over in 1990, Brad retiring in 2014 and Fred in 2019. Fred’s son, Adam, joined us in 2002, and is now sole owner for the 3rd generation. We service what we sell and are ready to serve you with all your appliance needs. We were born, raised, and still live in Evansdale!



Visit us on the web: peoplesappliance.com