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COMMUNITY CONNECTION Evansdale Elk Run Heights NEWS

Masthead by Abbie Chronister

From the Desk of DeAnne Kobliska, Evansdale Mayor



October is National Fire Prevention Month.

Fire Prevention Week 2026 will be from October 4–10. The theme for Fire Prevention Week 2026 is “Safe Charging Is a Superpower

– Charge into Fire Safety.” The goal of this year’s campaign is to educate people on the importance of making smart choices every time you plug in. Everyday charging habits can help prevent lithium-ion battery fires.

Use your Charging Superpowers:

Cheap charger? Don’t chance it. Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer. Why it matters: Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the chance of fire. Cheap or off-brand chargers may not meet important safety standards.

Soft Surface? Hard Pass. Charge on a hard, flat surface like a table, desk or bare floor. Why it matters: Devices

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From the desk of Lisa Smock, Elk Run Heights Mayor



Hello and happy fall! Halloween is just around the corner! Trick-or-treating in Elk Run Heights will take place on October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

It is always so much fun to see how many children come out to celebrate Halloween in Elk Run Heights.

To me, that says something very positive about our community! Let’s all do our part to keep Halloween a fun and safe tradition for everyone.

If you are driving through our neighborhoods that evening, please slow down and pay close attention to all of our little ghosts, goblins, princesses, superheroes, and other trick-or-treaters.

I would like to extend a very BIG thank-you to Black Hawk County Gaming for their generous support of Elk Run Heights! Their funding made it possible for us to complete our new pickleball courts, and we truly appreciate their investment in our community.

Pickleball has become so popular with people of all ages, and it has been wonderful to see our residents out enjoying

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Evansdale Days



Evansdale Public Library

by Abbie Chronister, Librarian

Autumn Craft (all ages) → Sat., Oct. 10th @ 11am

Book Folding Craft (adults) → Mon., Oct. 20th 6pm-8pm

Movie Night (movie based on Joanne Fluke's Hannah Swensen Mystery series; TV-PG) → Mon., Oct. 19th 6-8pm

Board Game Night (adults) → Mon., Oct. 26th 6-8pm

No School Fun Day Drop-In Halloween Activities (all ages) → Fri., Oct. 26th 6-8pm



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

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 06	Countryside Vineyard
Evansdale City Council	10-11
Saturday, Oct. 10	October 26
Free Food Pantry @	Elk Run Recycle
Countryside Vineyard	October 29
10-11	Waterloo Schools ...
October 12	NO SCHOOL
Elk Run Recycle	October 30
October 13	Waterloo Schools ...
Elk Run City Council	NO SCHOOL
October 16	Evansdale Recycle
Waterloo Schools ...	October 31
NO SCHOOL	Trick or Treat ... Elk
October 16	Run ... 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Evansdale Recycle	Trick or Treat ...
Tuesday, Oct. 20	Evansdale ... 6:00 to
City Council Mtg, 6:00	8:00 pm
pm. City Hall	Friday, Nov 6
Saturday, Oct. 24	Next issue of The Evans-
Free Food Pantry @	dale/Elk Run News

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Club Opens at 3:00 Tuesday-Friday.

Check our Facebook Page AMVETS Post 31 for additional times and events.

AMVETS Craft & Bake Sale November 7th

- Steak Fry Saturday October 3, 5-7
- Tenderloin Supper Saturday October 10, 5-7
- Oct 31 Halloween Kids Party 3-5 pm, Trunk or Treat 5 pm till treats are gone





CVYSA
TRUNK OR TREAT
& Bake Sale
 Saturday, October 24th
 2pm - 4pm

Bring the kiddos in their costumes!

Homemade Goodies

Support CVYSA!

Happy Halloween!!

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EVANSDALE COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER

By Sandy Clements, EEDC Chairman

Last month we started to take a look at some of the details of the proposed Evansdale Community Life Center, but it has occurred to me that we should review the need for a center before continuing to look at the details. For decades, citizens would call City Hall looking for a place to gather for events and the only answer was a shelter in a city park. The last building we had was the YMCA Outpost on the corner of Evans Rd. & Central Ave.

Today, there is even greater significance to our celebrations. The pandemic in 2020

revived the importance of special events and memorable moments in our lives...from milestone birthdays to rite-of-passage graduation parties to celebration of life remembrances, and every moment in-between!!

Yet when Evansdale residents need to gather, they are forced to travel to other cities to find a venue that is accessible, open to the public, and affordable. So, there has never been a better time for Evansdale to build a much-needed place for people to gather, closer to home, and part of our community...a place to celebrate our moments together!!

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 202 W. Gilbert Drive, Evansdale

DeAnne

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and chargers create heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces like beds, pillows, and couch can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause a battery to overheat.

Feels Hot? Stop using it. Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smells strange, leaks, smokes, or makes popping or hissing sounds. Why it matters: A damaged battery can overheat and start a fire.

Fully charged? Time to unplug. Unplug your device when it is fully charged. Why it matters: Leaving a device plugged in can increase heat and stress on the battery.

For tools and rides, Charge Outside. Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging. Why it matters: These batteries are larger and store more energy. Fires can grow quickly if the battery fails.

Out of sight? Not in flight.

When on a plane keep devices where you can see them while charging. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on the plane. Tell a flight attendant if you notice a problem with your device, such as if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking, or has a strange smell. Why it matters: If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to be able to respond quickly.

~ **Working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan can help make a life-saving difference.** ~

I would also like to take a moment to show our appreciation to the volunteer firefighters/EMT's that have devoted several years of their life "volunteering" for Evansdale Fire & Rescue! Our volunteers are on call several times per month and receive a small stipend if they go out on a call. Which is a true dedication to service!

Save the date - Evansdale Safety Fair



The Evansdale Safety Fair event will be held at Angels Park/Island, South Elmer Ave., October 24, 2026 Noon-3:00 p.m. Dress up the kiddos and come out for trunk or treat, chances to win a bicycle, pumpkins, kids fun zone, free food, fun while learning safety from the firefighters, police officers, & others, DNA/Fingerprinting kits. Parking at the Fire Station. Transportation to the park will be provided.

Right: Mayor Kobliska and Kendyl Demry



Hey You! Yes You!!!

What are Your Kids Being Taught?

It is no secret, our world has changed. Things that we were taught are wrong and despicable as children are being held up as right and noble today. But if we are honest with ourselves, we older people remember a completely different world. A world in which people didn't lock their homes, in which people could walk down the street, in which the unborn weren't denied their chance at life. This terrible change in our culture didn't take place by chance. No it was orchestrated by those who hate God. The Bible makes it clear that a parent MUST teach their children God's truth. Proverbs 22 says "TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT." Is your child being taught God's truth or just the lies and ways of our fallen world? We are hoping to start a Youth Ministry at New Life Fellowship Church. Please join us to determine where God is leading your family and children in this regard.

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

Lisa

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the courts together. If you haven't had a chance to check them out yet, take advantage of these last warm days of October and give pickleball a try!

Fall is a beautiful time of year at Mayors Park. As the leaves begin to change, I encourage everyone to get outside and enjoy our parks. Take a walk, have a fall picnic, enjoy the changing colors, and take some photos with your family. It is a wonderful place to enjoy the beauty of the season before the colder weather arrives.

Sometimes the simplest moments like an afternoon walk, a picnic, or time together as a family make the best memories.

Please join us for our next regular Council meeting on Tuesday

October 13th at 5:00 pm. Your involvement and interest in our community are always appreciated!

As we move into the heart of fall, I hope you take some time to slow down, enjoy the beautiful season, and spend some time with the people who mean the most to you.

Wishing everyone a wonderful October filled with beautiful fall colors, happy memories, and many cozy moments with family and friends.

Thank you for making Elk Run Heights such a fantastic place to live, work, and serve..

Mayor Smock

Wishing you all a beautiful fall season full of happy and cozy moments spent with those you love most! Thanks for making Elk Run Heights a fantastic place to serve!



Above: Evansdale Committee: Brittini Larrew, Dottie Wear, DeAnne Kobliska, Angie Everts, Troy Everts.

Missing: Rick & Deb Nolan



Above: Countryside Vineyard Church - Mayor's Choice Award

KWIK STAR is getting closer to their December opening date.



Above: Fareway - Below: Ted's Hardware



Elizabeth Collins Foundation

The Elizabeth Collins foundation was honored to be a part of the National Day of Remembrance for murder victims on September 24th at Angels Park. Hannah and Melissa from homicide & Other Violent Crimes program did an exceptional job in putting the evening together.

A big thanks to the foundation's donors who made it possible to provide the food and refreshments. This day of remembrance is free and open to the public.

Many families shared pictures of loved ones lost. Some shared their stories. It was a very meaningful evening as we gathered together in unity of spirit.

A reminder of the upcoming Halloween safety event on Oc-

tober 24th, at Angels Park from noon to 3 PM. If there is rain or extreme weather, the event will be held at Evansdale Fire And Police Station. Park your vehicle for free at the station and rides will be provided to the park.

Trunk or Treat will be held in the parking lot at the park. On the island we will have lots of fun activities. There will be a chance to win a bicycle. In addition, there will be pumpkins, kids fun zone, free food, and lots of fun while learning safety from firefighters, police officers, and many others.

We all enjoy seeing the kids wear all their cute costumes. Hope you join us.

Come on October 24 to enjoy this fall full day.



10th Annual Halloween Festival & Customer Appreciation Event

Saturday, October 31st

9 AM to 12 PM

3562 Lafayette Rd., Evansdale

Schedule:

- 10:00 AM costume contest.
Categories: 0-6 yrs, 7-12 yrs, 13-17 yrs, 18+, and pet
- Prize raffle
- Raffle drawings start at 11:15 AM - MUST BE PRESENT to win.
- Tickets can be purchased at the Farmers Market throughout October, up until 11:15 AM on the 31st.
- Raffle tickets \$3 ea or 4 for \$10
- Earn 1 raffle ticket for every \$5 purchase from vendors throughout October
- Canned food drive for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank Bring 3 non-perishable food items and get 1 free raffle ticket.

Throughout the entire festival there will be complimentary foods/drinks, kids games, food trucks, trick or treating, and locally grown or produced foods and products for sale.

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Lofty's Has A New Owner

by Dottie Wear

I recently talked to Jamie Wirtz who purchased the business from Kenny and Sharon Loftus. one of the oldest family owned businesses in Evansdale.

Lofty's has served the community (literally) since 1984. The couple had reached the point in their lives where they were ready to turn the business over to someone younger and more energized. That more than describes the new owner. Jamie has plans to remodel & create a

new designated event space as well as a game lounge. She also hopes to feature more live music.

The hours and menu will remain the same for now, as will the 3-6 pm Happy Hour. Look for the kitchen to be open on Sunday afternoons this fall in time for the football crowd.

We wish Jamie the very best and if hard work determines success, she's got nothing to worry about.



Above: CV Youth Softball - Best Theme Award

Below: K-Properties - Most Creative Award





Trick or Treat!!!

**Lots of events going on for the holiday!!!
Plenty for the kids and parents to do
October 24**

Trunk or Treat & Bake Sale - 2-4 p.m. at CVYSA - see ad for more information

Angel's Park noon - 3 p.m. See article for more information

Sunday, October 25

Prince of Peace Trunk or Treat from 3-4 p.m. See ad for more information

October 31

Farmer's Market - 9 a.m. - 12 pm. See ad for more information

AMVETS Kids party 3-5 and Trunk or Treat 5 p.m. til gone. See ad for more information

Trick or Treat ... Elk Run ... 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Trick or Treat ... Evansdale ... 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Lofty's 6-8 p.m. Trick or Treat. See ad for more information

Halloween Costume Party for the adults 8:30-Midnight. See ad for more information



TRIVIA:

Frank & Ethel Mars owned a prominent horse breeding farm in Tennessee. In 1939, their favorite horse, SNICKERS died just before the release of the Mars Candy Company's new candy bar and so was named after the animal. The cost, in 1930, was 5 cents.



Happy Halloween!!!

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our little ones while they are
out having fun
trick or treating!!**





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Come and join us for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 25th from 3 - 4 pm.

Vehicles will be decorated in the large parking lot off of Lafayette Road and kids can walk from trunk to trunk in a safe and friendly environment, where parents can be sure that the treats are heavenly!!! Park in the lot near the Lafayette Road entrance or in the lot on the north side of the church, with access from Miner Dr. or Saunders Ave.

Sunday Services: 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service & 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service

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

Wednesday evening children's session: POP's Disciples

5:30 p.m. for Pre-K thru 5th Grade on the following dates: Oct. 7, 14, 21 and Nov. 4





by Dottie
Wear

Because
of weath-
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cerns,
events
making
up the
city's an-

nual celebration were cancelled this year. Fortunately, some of the events, like the parade entries, were able to be relocated downtown later on in the week and trophies awarded.

Mayor's Choice Award
Countryside

Vineyard Church
Most Creative Award
"K" Properties
Best Theme Award
CV Youth Softball League

The 36 Marketplace vendors were generously invited to set up, last minute, at Loftys. Thank you Jamie !

Luckily, the weather cooperated on Fri so that the Car Cruise could take place. Vehicles followed the parade route through town and even sported THE HAYDEN FRY BUS (more about this unique item in next month's Newsletter.

Evansdale Days 2026



Bottom left: Countryside Vineyard Church - Mayor's Choice Award

Above Top: K Properties - Most Creative Award

Above Bottom: CVYSA - Best Theme Award

Staff Photos

Lofty's LOUNGE

Bar Open:

Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m. - 2 a.m.

Saturday - 8:30 a.m. - 2 a.m.

Sunday - 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.

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Halloween Costume Party!!!

Saturday, Oct. 31st - 8:30-Midnight - Admission \$10

Live performance from country and classic rock cover bands!

Costumes & bootscootin are highly encouraged!

Trick or Treat Time 6-8 p.m.

Band Members will be helping pass out the treats!!

**Hot Beef coming
back October 7th!**

Did You Know?



By Sandy Clements,
City Council Member

Part 4 of our look at the booklet from the Home Acres Land Association,

"New, Modern Homes in 'Home Acres'. A Growing Community of American Homes":

As stated in August, it appears this booklet was written in 1938 or 1939, and no doubt was used in some form during the 1940's and 1950's. The soldiers and sailors returning from WWII and Korea were looking to settle down and raise a family. My parents arrived in the 1940's and the following paragraph is probably what convinced them to move from Waterloo.

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"Its appeal is to the wage-earner, the professional man, the business man, the retired farmer or city man, and to all, in fact, who love the land for its beauty, utility and the protection it affords."

WOW!

I can hear Scarlett O'Hara giving her passionate performance about the land on Tara!!! I think many of us feel pride in our homes in Evansdale, don't you? No matter how many years we have lived here!



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