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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Evansdale Elk Run Heights NEWS

Masthead by Abbie Chronister

From the Desk of DeAnne Kobliska, Evansdale Mayor



The Evansdale Days event will be held September 18th & 19th, 2026.

Friday September 18th from 5-8 p.m. we will kick off Evansdale Days with a cruise that will start downtown Lafayette Rd. The cruise route will be the same as the parade route. Lafayette Rd- River Forest Rd- Central and Evans. If you just want to **show and shine, parking will be available at Evansdale Shopping Center.**

Saturday September 19th from Noon – 10 p.m. the

Evansdale Days event will be held at the Community Response Center (Police & Fire Department)

September 19th event will begin with a parade at 10:00 a.m. The parade will begin at Central Avenue, north on Evans Road, west on Lafayette Rd. and south on River Forest Rd. back to Central Avenue. If you are interested in participating in the parade, please contact Evansdale City Hall at 319-232-6683 or email mayor@cityofevansdale.org for an entry form.

Beginning at Noon until 5:00 p.m. we will host our first annual Craft & Vendor Market Place. Where you'll discover an incredible variety of handmade, homemade, and one-of-a-kind products from talented local artisans, crafters, bakers, and small businesses.

For the children in your families, we will offer the following: Rescue Row – Across the Yard, Saving Whiskers Cat Rescue & CV Pit Bull Rescue; Face Painting, Absolute Science Foam Party, Inflatable Water Slide, basketball

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From the desk of Lisa Smock, Elk Run Heights Mayor



Happy Fall Everyone,

As the seasons change and cooler weather arrives, I wanted to share a few reminders and updates.

PARK UPDATES - When you read this newsletter, the new pickleball courts at Mayor's Park should be

complete!

This wonderful addition to our park system will provide residents with another opportunity to get outside, stay active, and enjoy time with friends and neighbors for many years to come.

The city would like to extend a special thank you to Black Hawk County Gaming Association for making this project possible. Generous community funding like this allows us to complete projects that benefit our residents and improve our community.

So, grab some friends and come out to Mayor's Park for a few games of pickleball!

AROUND TOWN - The public works staff have been busy the last few months keeping up with the regular work

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Waterloo - Cedar Falls Courier Mail Boxes:

by Dottie Wear

Please know that if you have one of these in front of your house, as far as the Courier is concerned, it belongs to you and you can take it down and the white plastic box recycled. Or, add it to your "vintage" pile and let your kids throw it away someday.

The first edition of the Courier was published November 22, 1859. It was changed to a daily newspaper in 1890 and published in the afternoon every day except Saturday. At its peak

in 1983, it had over 55,000 subscribers. 2023 brought significant changes to the paper in that it became a Tues, Thurs, Sat publication and is now delivered by the United States Postal Service. It also has an online edition. And that, readers, is why the Courier boxes are no longer needed. I would love to see how folks repurpose these. Maybe there should be a prize !

QWIK STAR is continuing to make good progress at their site in Eagles Landing. Completion is slated for December, 2026. Staff photo





CLOSED Mon., Sep. 7th (Labor Day)

Fall Craft (all ages) → Sat., Sep. 12th @ 11am

Movie Night (movie based on Leonne Swann's Three Bags Full; PG) → Mon., Sep. 14th 6-8pm



Book Folding Craft (adults) → Mon., Sep. 21st 6pm-8pm

Board Game Night (adults) → Mon., Sep. 28th 6-8pm

A special thanks to M&K Dairy Cream and Evansdale Kwik Star for donating yummy prizes for our Summer Reading Program kiddos!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Sept 5

Free Food Pantry @ Country-side Vineyard 10-11

Monday, Sept 7

Labor Day

Tues. Sept 8

Elk Run Council

Mon. Sept 14

Elk Run Recycle

Tuesday, Sept 15

Evansdale Council Mtg

Friday, Sept 18

Evansdale Recycle

EVANSDALE DAYS!!! 5-8

Saturday, Sept 19

Free Food Pantry @ Country-side Vineyard 10-11

EVANSDALE DAYS!!!

10 a.m. Parade

Sept 25 Waterloo Schools - No School

Sept 28 Elk Run Recycle

Friday, Oct. 2

Next issue of The Evansdale/Elk Run News

Evansdale Days

September 18th & 19th

18th - 5-8 p.m. Cruise route same as the parade route and Show and Shine in the Evansdale Shopping Center

19th - Parade begins at 10 a.m. beginning at Central Avenue. See mayor's article for all the other events that day!!!!

Join the fun!!!



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

AMVETS Craft & Bake Sale November 7th

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

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trailers for both your teenage kids and little ones, and our first annual talent show. If you are interested in signing up for the Talent Show, please visit the Evansdale Community Day's FB page for the Talent Show link to complete the online form.

Disc Golf tournament – Deerwood Flex-play from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. event will be held at the Evansdale Disc Golf course on Deerwood Park Road.

We will also host The Black

Hawk Baggers tournament from Noon-5 p.m. at the Community Response Center.

Diamond S DJ will spin the tunes from 1-6 p.m. and from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. the lead band Stackhouse will energize us with your Rock N Roll favorites! The fantastic fireworks show will begin at 9:00 p.m.

We now have the opportunity to keep you updated every month, but please check out our website for more information at www.evansdale.govoffice.com. Thank you for being a City of Good Neighbors.

Lisa

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while also completing several projects around town. They have installed a new fountain at Shirley Park, done a lot of landscaping at city hall and installed a new flagpole at Mayor's Park. I would also like to send a special thank-you to Ricky Finger for all of his hard work this summer. We couldn't have accomplished so much this season without you!

GRASS & LAWN CARE REMINDERS - With mowing season still in full swing, I'd like to remind everyone that City ordinance requires lawns and vegetation to be maintained below eight inches during the months of May through October. This applies to all properties within Elk Run Heights, including occupied and vacant residential, commercial, and industrial properties.

*Also, please avoid blowing grass clippings or leaves into the street. It is not only a code violation, but keeping clippings in your yard helps keep our streets cleaner and safer for everyone.

Residents are welcome to dispose of leaves and other yard

waste at the Evansdale Yard Waste Area, located in Deerwood Park near the wastewater treatment plant.

The yard waste area is open year-round from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If you choose to burn leaves, please be considerate of your neighbors. Many residents have health concerns that can make it very difficult to breathe when smoke is present. Thank you for helping keep our community comfortable and safe for everyone.

STORM WATER RUNOFF - continues to be an important concern for our waterways. If you'd like to learn simple ways you can help protect our environment, stop by City Hall and pick up an informational flyer.

The next council meeting is September 8th at 5:00 pm.

Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

I hope your September is filled with fun, good times, and plenty of opportunities to get outside and enjoy this beautiful weather.

Garage Sales

End of season sales. Lots of seasonal decorations. Clothes, housewares, garden tools, wheelbarrow, lots of furniture & misc. items. Something for everyone. Reasonably priced.

**Friday, September 4th 8-5 and Saturday 5th, 8-1.
735, 736 & 748 Home Acres Ave. Evansdale**

EVANSDALE COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER

By Sandy Clements, EEDC Chairman

The Campaign to build the Evansdale Community Life Center is titled **"Celebrate Our Moments Together"**. In the next few months we'll take a look at some of the details of the proposed center.

The Center will include a large reception area, health/workout room, meeting spaces and a full catering-style kitchen. This multipurpose hub will provide room for many activities such as:

- Baby showers**
- Birthday parties**
- Classes for arts & crafts**
- Family reunions**
- Graduations**
- Group meetings**
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Evansdale Fire & Rescue

by Ryan Phillips Chief

For the month of July Evansdale Fire Rescue had 79 ambulance calls and 10 fire/rescue calls.

From July 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026 we had 768 ambulance calls and 77 fire/rescue

calls.

We are looking for new members to come help us respond to these calls. No experience is necessary.

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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!!!



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Elizabeth Collins Foundation

by Sharon King

Fourteen citizens stepped up on Monday, August 10th at 5 p.m. to clean up the shoreline at Angel's Park. The lowered water level that allows for work on the new retaining wall seemed like the perfect opportunity. The last time this was done was back when the girls went missing.

Members of the Fifty 707 Social Club organized the work project with the help of the Evansdale Fire Department, Angel's Park volunteers, Cedar Valley Jeep owners, Park Board, some Fran Street residents and other volunteers. Together we made a significant improvement. The public works furnished trash bags and picked them up the next day. Many thanks to all the volunteers that took time out of their



day to participate.

The annual Halloween Safety Event will be held at Angel's Park on October 24th from noon to 3 p.m.

Do mark your calendars for a fun packed day. The kids love the trick or treat in the parking lot and games, free food and fun on the island.

Our goal is to get some safety ideas to them while they are having fun.

Hope to see you at Angel's Park on the 24th of October.



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Our Fall Festival supporting Love INC of the Cedar Valley will be Saturday, Sept. 12th

9 - 2 pm Craft & Vendor Show with Door Prizes. This show is HUGE!

9 - 2 pm Bake Sale. Be sure to stop by before they're sold out!

10 - 12 pm Legends Car show honoring Mike Winberg, Randy Lowe, and Mike Thompson.

10:30 - 12:30 pm Beef & Noodle Dinner. Cost is \$10.00...satisfaction is priceless!!!

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





by Dottie Wear

You Know You Are From A Small Town When...

the purchase of a piece of road equipment makes the front page of your local news source, or in this case, page 6.

The Public Works Dept. of Evansdale recently acquired a new John Deere 624 p Wheel

debris and contributed to our old loaders 8,000 hours and increasing repair bills.

John Deere extended an invitation to tour their Davenport facility where their Loaders are assembled. Mayor Kobliska, Council members Clements and

Wear as well as Public Works Director Chris Schares and Foreman Shianne Rasmussen made the trip. I was impressed with all of the technology that goes into the manufacturing process. Not surprisingly, as automation seems to be the name

of the game these days.

In conclusion, this is just the sort of thing that I like writing about. It is local, impacts us and is worthy of making the Newsletter small town or not !!!

Loader, taking the place of its 16 year old predecessor. This machine is used every day, and in some cases twice a day, to push up brush at the City Brush Dump. If you encounter one of the Departments dump trucks loaded with trees, brush, or dirt, as well as rock, salt, or sand, chances are it was filled by the Loader. In addition, winter sees it being used to clear pushed up snow at intersections, making them more visible and safer.

The aftermath of the straight line wind storm that swept through the area last July resulted in overtime work clearing



Foreman Shianne Rasmussen - Staff photo

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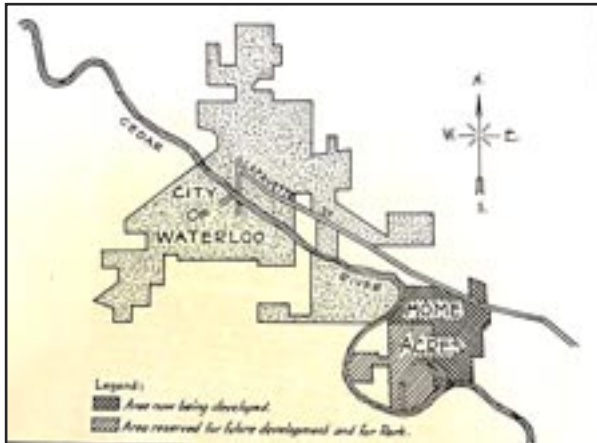


By Sandy Clements, City Council Member

Part 3 of our look at the booklet from the Home Acres Land Association, "New, Modern Homes in 'Home Acres'. A Growing Community of American Homes".

The Fox brothers (Charles & William) referred to their development as a "large, picturesque Residence Park, combining all the advantages and modern conveniences of the city (Waterloo) with the economies,

joys, and healthful benefits of the country." At the time of this printing there were already more than fifty established homes – each owner "proud of his home, proud of his community, and proud to be an important and active factor in its development". Can't you just imagine the appeal this would be to someone just having lived through the Great Depression? The map below shows the development in relation to the City of Waterloo.



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