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60 YEARS AGO – 1964  
 NEW TOWN SIGN AND BROCHURES

The Earlham Economic Development Committee had undertaken two tasks during the past four months, each of which has now been completed. The first was the construction of a sign to be placed at the Intersections of 232 and 6. The second was the printing of a town brochure describing in pictures and words the community of Earlham.

The sign, which was built by Roy Knight and the Earlham Lumber Co., is 24 feet long and four feet high. The red enamel letters, EARLHAM, stand three feet high on a white background with each letter bordered with reflective tape. When the interstate highway is completed, the sign will be transferred to the intersection of highways 232 and 92 south of Earlham.

The brochure, which many people have already witnessed, gives a picture of the Earlham community. Many business letters leaving the community will contain copies of this pamphlet. Anyone wishing personal copies may obtain them at the Post Office or the Care office.

The Earlham Economic and Development Committee is an informal group of local businessmen interested in promoting the community. In addition to assisting with the community's involvement in the Earlham Care Program and the Earlham Farm School, the committee is hopeful for additional community growth and recognition by its sponsorship of the sign and brochure. Also, it should be recognized the committee has no regular or fixed source in obtaining funds. Any gifts or contributions to alleviate the committee's expenses in promoting these two projects will be greatly appreciated. Already gifts of \$85.00 have been received and more are anticipated and needed.

Should one be interested, he may make a donation to the Earlham Economic & Development Committee and present it either to Charles Fry, Les Goeldner, or at the Care office.

70 YEARS AGO – 1954  
 SCHOOL COMMITTEE HAS THIRD MEETING

The third meeting of the school advisory committee was held Friday, May 21 in the schoolhouse with Ivan Pryor, chairman calling the meeting to order.

Reports of group meetings held in Madison No. 8 and Jackson township were given and a meeting for Penn township was set up. This meeting for Penn township is to be held in the Penn Center church on June 3 at 8:00 p.m. All Penn township residents who are interested are urged to attend.

Mr. Pryor reported that several districts were ready for individuals to contact residents as to the preference of schools of each family, in order to set up boundary lines for a proposed new district. Each family will be consulted and any person who does not wish to join with Earlham will be left out, provided he is not surrounded by pro-Earlham neighbors. In this case the democratic process will prevail, and the area will go where the vote indicates.

After the boundary lines are set to most people's satisfaction petitions demanding a vote will be circulated and presented to the County Board of Education for their action. The vote will be taken in all interested outside areas and inside the district at the same time. Seventy-five per cent of the eight districts which will presumably be involved will have to vote favorable. The districts voting against the reorganization can be left out, however if more than 25% vote negatively, the whole reorganization plan fails. Each district must pass by 51% of the vote cast.

The remainder of the evening was spent in discussing legal technicalities involved in reorganizing the district.

MORE ABOUT SNOW

Verda Kenworthy says she remembers it snowed on the Fourth of July in 1875, when she was a child. Her father often told her to remember the date as it would be something to tell her grandchildren. Others report they remember snow near Memorial Day in the early part of this century. In 1910 all the leaves froze and fell off the trees. That summer the foliage was very sparse.

**OBITUARIES**

**Carrie Andersen**

Carrie Marie Andersen, who had unwavering faith and was the protector and caretaker of her family, passed away on May 11, 2024, at her home in Newton, Iowa. She was born on July 24, 1961, to Charles and Joan (Modsen) Sorensen. Carrie's life was one filled with faith, love, and family. A Time of Celebration and Visitation will be held at a later date. The Pence-Reese Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Newton is in charge of the arrangements.



Carrie's journey through life came with many health issues but she handled them with so much grace and determination. Carrie's education started in Audubon, Iowa. She graduated in 1980. Once she graduated, her journey took her to Ankeny, Iowa where she attended DMACC for graphic design. Carrie was an excellent artist whether she was painting, drawing, designing with in photoshop, or creating special projects for her family.

Carrie's faith is what kept her grounded all these years. She was baptized at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon, Iowa. She was confirmed in the Hamlin Lutheran Church in Hamlin, Iowa. Her life brought her to the Methodist Church in Earlham, Iowa where she served on many committees, but her favorite was sharing her faith with the youth group.

Through her faith and some divine intervention, she was married to Terry Dale Andersen on September 4, 1982. Their love story was one that wasn't without bumps in the road but as Carrie would say "God is leading our path and we serve him." Terry and Carrie had 41 amazing years of marriage. This marriage was blessed with two children and 5 grandchildren. Her children are Heather Davidson (Joe) and Justin Andersen (Stephanie). Carrie's favorite title was Grandma. She was blessed with 5 amazing grandchildren who are Connor, Colton, Owen, Payton, and Jordan.

Carrie loved her family and absolutely loved get-togethers. She always said that family time was good for her soul. During these family get-togethers, especially birthdays, she was tasked with making the cakes for her

grandchildren. She loved making them because she would ask each grandchild what design they wanted each year. She was fiercely creative with her cakes from princess castles and farm fields. Her eyes would light up each time the grandchildren got excited for the cake. Beyond her amazing cake decorating, she was an avid sports enthusiast whether it was her own children's activities or her grandchildren's activities. You could find her sitting in the bleachers most evenings and weekends. She was an Iowa State Cyclone fan through and through. She did give Terry a run for his money because he is an Iowa Hawkeye fan. This was definitely a house divided. Carrie would want us to live our life to the fullest but knowing that God has our lives in his hand. She was a firm believer that she was going to heaven. She shared this with others many times. She would want you to know that it is okay to be sad but know she is two-stepping with God and the angels.

Carrie is survived by her loving husband Terry, her children Heather (Joe), Justin (Stephanie), her 5 grandchildren Connor, Colton, Owen, Payton and Jordan, her mom, Joan Sorensen; brother Larry Sorensen (Vicky); sister, Nadine Buffaloe (Robert); father-in-law Dale Andersen, sisters-in-law, Sherry Lockhart and Jerri Riesberg (Randy); step sisters-in-law, Diane Hovey, Deb Holm (Kevin). She has many cousins, aunts, nieces, nephews, and friends who love her.

Carrie was preceded in death by her father Charles Sorensen, mother-in-law Carol Andersen, step mother-in-law Betty Andersen, brothers-in-law Barry Andersen and Dave Lockhart.

We leave you with her favorite scripture to take with you.



ORDINANCE NO. 453

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EARLHAM, IOWA, BY AMENDING THE ELECTRIC FRANCHISE

WHEREAS, the City of Earlham, Iowa, and MidAmerican Energy Company entered into an electric franchise agreement for Electric Ordinance No. 450, adopted by the City Council on February 12, 2024, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Earlham and MidAmerican Energy Company agree the franchise must be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Earlham, Iowa, as follows:

1. That Section 13 of Ordinance No. 250 is hereby struck and the following Section 13 is substituted therefore:

Section 13. There is hereby imposed upon the customers a franchise fee of one and one-half (1½) percent upon the gross revenues, minus uncollectible accounts, generated from sales of electricity and distribution service, pursuant to the Tariff, by the Company within the corporate limits of the City. The franchise fee shall be remitted by the Company to the City on or before the last business day of the calendar quarter following the close of the calendar quarter in which the franchise fee is charged.

Passed and approved by the Council on the 13th day of May, 2024.

Jeff Lillie, Mayor  
 ATTEST: Mary Sue Hibbs, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 455

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EARLHAM, IOWA, 2017, CHAPTER 92 WATER RATES

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Earlham, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION AMENDED. Chapter 92.02(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Earlham, Iowa, 2017, pertaining to water rates in the City, shall hereby be deleted and replaced with the following:

1. Monthly Rates:  
 A. First, 1,500 gallons used per month @ \$34.25 (minimum bill);  
 B. Next 8500 gallons used per month @ \$13.97 per 1,000 gallons;  
 C. All over 10,000 gallons used per month @ \$16.71 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION 2. SECTION DELETED. Chapter 92.02(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Earlham, Iowa, 2017, is hereby deleted.

Passed and approved by the City Council of Earlham, Iowa, this 13th day of May, 2024.

Jeff Lillie, Mayor  
 ATTEST: Mary Sue Hibbs, City Clerk/Treasurer



April Monthly Report

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	5
TRAFFIC STOPS (SPEED)	31
TRAFFIC STOPS (OTHER)	18
ARRESTS	1
ASSIST EARLHAM FIRE/RESCUE	5
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	2
ASSIST MOTORISTS	3
JUVENILE CASES	2
DOMESTIC DISPUTES	2
CIVIL CALLS	4
WELFARE CHECKS	1
ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED	1
ANIMAL CALLS	1
HOUSE CHECKS	2
ALARMS	1
911 CALLS	4
PUBLIC ASSIST	6
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES/SUBJECTS	5
DISTURBING THE PEACE & QUIET	2
UTV/GOLF CART REGISTRATIONS	15
WARRANT	1
INTELL CALL	7

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