

# The Local Connection



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## Warm Heart Wishes

*Promo feature*

### Internet

Sign up for New High Speed Service or Upgrade from Dial-up and Receive a

**\$25 METC Gift Certificate**

(for Yourself or to Give as a Gift)

We have many warm wishes for you!

We wish to make your life more stress free with our products. We wish to give you great service, not just say it, like many companies do. And, we wish to be your technology partner - for life.

Happy holidays from our hearts to yours!

### Customer Service Corner

- Let METC help you wrap up your Christmas Shopping! Great gift ideas and FREE gift wrapping!
- We are currently updating information for our March 2010 directories. Please review your listings and contact our office with any changes.
- **FREE Classes!** See page 4 or our website for class schedules, details and registration information.

### Win a Camera!

Sign up for High Speed Internet or Cable TV to Get Registered to Win a

**Digital Camera**

### Cellular

Purchase a New or Upgrade Your Cell Phone and We will Donate

**\$10 to the Local Food Pantry**

### Phones & Cellular Accessories

Purchase a Cordless Phone or any Cellular Accessory and Receive

**20% Off**

Plus, FREE Gift Wrapping



Proudly serving the communities of Elk Horn, Marne, Brayton, Kimballton, Exira, Audubon & Atlantic



*Happy holidays from our hearts to yours!*

Phone • Internet - High Speed & Dial-up • Cable Television • Cellular

## Telemarketers can't call cell phones

Washington, DC ~ For several years there has been a rumor circulating, mostly by e-mail, that a nationwide directory of cell phone numbers will be made available to telemarketers, and that consumers will start receiving telemarketing calls on their cell phones.

There is no truth to this rumor. Cell phone numbers are not being released to telemarketers, and you will not soon be getting telemarketing calls on your cell phone.

FCC rules prohibit the use of autodialers and prerecorded messages to call cell phones without the consumer's consent. Thus, most telemarketers are barred from

contacting consumers on their cell phones.

The e-mail spreading the rumor often suggests that consumers put their cell phone numbers on the National Do-Not-Call Registry by going on-line at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or by calling 1-888-382-1222. This is the correct contact information for the National Do-Not-Call Registry.

Consumers may register their cell phone numbers as extra protection against unwanted telemarketing calls, although most telemarketing calls to cell phones would be illegal regardless of whether the number is listed on the Do-Not-Call Registry.

### For more information . . .

Do-Not-Call Registry  
[www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).

More about the e-mail rumor  
[www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/truthaboutcellphones.html](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/truthaboutcellphones.html)

## Grant awarded Grove Lodge #492



Front LtoR: Marion Reimer, lodge rep; J.D. Siebert, INS; Wilbur Hansen, lodge rep; Devin Moeller, METC board member and Janell Hansen, METC general manager. Back LtoR: Lodge representatives Dennis Goff, Alan Cranston, Donald Pelzer, Gary Newton and Bob Boots.

The Marne Grove Lodge #492 recently received a \$1,000 grant from Iowa Network Services (INS) with a \$1,000 matching grant from METC to be used toward the building of a new lodge.

INS created the grant program to increase its

service and support to the communities it serves through rural telephone companies.

For more information about the INS Grant Program, contact us at our office or visit our website. The grant information is under the 'Customer Service' tab.

## Business Spotlight: Iron Eagle Technologies, Elk Horn

### IET is planning to electrify the area with car charging stations

Things are getting down right electric around the Danish Villages these days, and if the staff at Iron Eagle Technologies (IET) has anything to say about it, electricity will extend all along the I-80 corridor.

In case you missed it, Elk Horn based IET, along with the Danish Windmill, AmericInn Motel, the Elk Horn Service Station and Carbon

Day Automotive from Chicago, will be installing four electric vehicle charging stations in Elk Horn in November and four more in 2010.

"Our goals are to raise the awareness and credibility about the use of electric vehicles and at the same time help to facilitate the development of charging sites all along the I-80 corridor from Chicago to Denver," said Trevor Schroeter of IET.

IET, a sister company to Liberty Labs and World Cal, is in the business of testing solar cell, electric vehicles and components. Trevor

said, they thought installing these charge stations would help further showcase local tourism options here in the Danish Villages.

"Marne Elk Horn has been a partner in our success at Liberty Labs and really in all the new business ventures that have sprung from it," stated Trevor.

"In the beginning, they willingly trenched services clear out to our offices in the country to get us great data services. Now, we talk with them nearly every day about something and they are always ready to help us."



Left: Mike Howard, owner of Iron Eagle Technologies. At right is an electric charging station. Find out more about Iron Eagle Technologies at [www.ironeagletech.com](http://www.ironeagletech.com) or call 712-764-2191.

## What's Ahead

Janell Hansen  
General Manager



## High Definition channels and DVRs are on the way!

We are excited to announce that we will offer an expanded cable television product by early next year. The offering will feature approximately 30 High Definition (HD) channels, including local channels AND channels like: ESPN, Fox Sports Midwest, Big Ten Network, Speed, A&E, HGTV, National Geographic and many more.

We will also be rolling out a DVR service (like TiVo), which will allow you to more easily record programming for later playback.

There will also be about 40 new digital channels for you to enjoy. Some of the new channels will be: Versus, ESPNU, Cartoon Network, Comedy Channel, Biography, National Geographic, and several different channels from Discovery and Nick.

The new digital TV product will also offer what we call 'movieplexes'. There will be multiple channels from HBO, Showtime, Cinemax, Starz and Encore, which can be subscribed to for the price of just one channel. Packages will be available to offer you discounts.

The new product will require a receiver box on the TVs where you want to receive HD channels, the expanded digital line up or the movieplexes. For TVs in your home, where the

current basic line up will do, you will not need a receiver box.

I am certain you would like to know the pricing for this great new service.

In fact, so would we. We are still finalizing our contracts with programmers, which will help us finalize the cost of the service. We expect to have

pricing and channel line ups available in mid December.

We know that many are eagerly awaiting the launch of this new product, but we also know that some might not want the extra channels or HD programming. We understand that fact and will keep our basic channel line up available, in addition to the new digital cable offering.

### 'Quilting with Julie' show on Channel 99

Watch channel 99 everyday at either 9:00am, 3:00pm or 7:00pm for the 'Quilting with Julie' show.

The first series will consist of 12 months with one block highlighted at the beginning of each month. At the end of the series, the 12 blocks can then be pieced together to make one of four sizes

of quilts, depending on the border you choose.

Actual quilt blocks are on display at our office. Prairie Star Quilts (PSQ) in Elk Horn has kits available to purchase or they can help you choose your own fabric. For details & patterns, visit our website at [www.metc.net](http://www.metc.net) or PSQ's at [www.prairiestarquilts.com](http://www.prairiestarquilts.com).



## In observance of the holidays, our offices will be closed:

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27th • Christmas - Closing at Noon on Christmas Eve & Closed on Friday December 25 • New Years - Friday, January 1

### They got a FREE t-shirt!

During our 'Accelerate Your Connection' promotion which ran from August through October, anyone who signed up for a telephone, cable TV or Internet bundle received a free t-shirt. Shown receiving hers from METC's Michelle Jens is Carissa & daughter Alaina Segebart.



Marvin and Darleen Hockenberry of Anita offer baked goods and assorted items for sale at the Exira Fall Festival. The festival, in part, was sponsored by Marne Elk Horn.

## Exira's Fall Festival

Exira's Annual Fall Festival was held Saturday, September 26th. The event included hayrides, a train ride for kids, face painting & pumpkin painting in the park, bake sales, crafts, produce and retail vendors and food stands by various local groups. Plan to join them next year!



### Visit Us

4242 Main Street  
PO Box 120  
Elk Horn, IA 51531  
M-F 8:00am–5:00pm

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### Internet Tech Support

1-866-764-6161

### After Hours Repair

712-764-6161

### Payment Info

You can submit your payment via

- Mail
- Walk In
- eBilling
- Drop Box
- Auto Bank Deduct
- MasterCard, Visa & Discover

Your local connection to it all



## Check out Channel 99!

Local events calendar, local ballgames and more!

DVD's of programs available at METC office

# Expand your horizons! Take a class

Plan to join us for a computer/Internet class this year! All classes are FREE to METC customers.

Classes are informal and attendees are encouraged to ask questions during training time. All attendees will receive a packet with course materials. Full course descriptions can be found on our website at [www.metc.net](http://www.metc.net).

All classes are held at our office at 4242 Main in Elk Horn from 6:00-7:00pm.

For availability or to register for a class, call 712-764-6161 or email [sue@metc.net](mailto:sue@metc.net).



Several students attended our first computer class - Selling on Ebay, which was held on October 20th in our office.

### Class Schedule

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Online Shopping   | Tuesday, November 17th |
| Digital Photos    | Tuesday, December 15th |
| Online Fraud      | Tuesday, January 19th  |
| Social Networking | Tuesday, February 16th |
| Child Safety      | Tuesday, March 16th    |



# The Big 10 Network

Catch all your favorite Big 10 sporting events

Find it on channel 25

## Upcoming Events . . .

### November

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|-------|--|----|---|
| 3     | Election Day<br>EH-K & Exira Early Dismissal @12:30pm                    | 7  | EH-K K-6 Winter Concert                                   |
| 6-7   | EH-K Musical "Footloose" @7pm  | 10 | Exira Elementary Winter Concert                           |
| 6     | Exira Musical "Beauty & The Beast" @7pm.<br>Dinner Theatre w/supper @5pm | 11 | Salem Homes Christmas Tea @2:30-4:00pm Dining Room        |
| 10    | RHC Vocal at Paton-Churdan   | 15 | Internet Class at METC @6pm "Digital Photos"              |
| 11    | Veteran's Day  | 14 | EH-K JH/HS Winter Concert @7:30pm                         |
| 17    | Internet Class at METC @6pm "Online Shopping"                            | 22 | Exira Early Dismissal @2:30pm<br>Resume Classes January 4 |
| 19-21 | All State Music Festival   | 23 | EH-K Early Dismissal @2:30pm<br>Resume Classes January 4  |
| 25    | EH-K & Exira Early Dismissal @2:30                                       | 24 | METC Closed @Noon   |
| 26    | Thanksgiving   | 25 | Christmas Day - METC Closed                               |
| 26-27 | METC Closed for Holiday  |    |   |
| 27-28 | Julefest Danish Christmas Celebration                                    |    |   |

### December

- 3 Exira Winter Concert
- 7 EH-K Early Dismissal @12:30pm

### January

- 1 New Years Day - METC Closed
- 4 EH-K & Exira Classes Resume
- 16 Jazz Band Festival
- 18 Martin Luther King Day - No School
- 19 Internet Class at METC @6pm "Online Fraud"