



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
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## State Army of Hope Receives Donation



Pictured above: NEA Army of Hope Chairman Brad Norton; Human Resource Manager for West Pharmaceuticals, Mike Bursaw; Hastings Exalted Ruler Mike Norton and NEA Past State President and current State Trustee John Folcik



Brad Norton receiving the donation from Mike Bursaw for the NEA Army of Hope at the November 24 lodge meeting.

Mike Bursaw, Human Resource manager for West Pharmaceuticals Services in Kearney presented a check for \$11,680 to Chairman Brad Norton for the Nebraska Elks Association (NEA) Army of Hope program at our regular lodge meeting on November 24, 2015.

Each year West Pharmaceuticals conducts fundraisers nationwide to donate to organizations that provide support to either youth or veterans programs in local communities. This spring the NEA Army of Hope was referred by the Nebraska National Guard Family Assistance Center due to our substantial and continuous support to military families and returning soldiers across the state, especially in the Kearney and surrounding area. Brad interviewed with the company, giving a detailed briefing on the Elks immense involvement and dynamic promotion of veterans programs across our country over the past century with emphasis on the current purpose, goals and across our country over the past century with emphasis on the current purpose, goals and assistance provided by Nebraska Elks Army of Hope program since its inception, spearheaded by the late Reta Norton in 2009. As a result the NEA Army of Hope was one of two organizations selected by West Pharmaceuticals to receive funds raised this year.



*"The faults of our members we write upon the sand....  
Their virtues upon the tablets  
Of love and memory."*

**Elks Memorial Service  
Sunday, December 5, 2015  
4:00 PM**

**Please join us in remembering and celebrating  
the fraternal lives of those beloved Elks Members who  
have  
passed into eternal light this year.  
All Elks and family members are invited.**

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**Lodge Meetings:**

Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month  
except July and August (fourth Tuesday only)  
and December (second Tuesday only)  
Lodge Meeting time: 7:00pm November-February;  
8:00pm March-October

**MIKE'S MESSAGE**

By: Exalted Ruler, Mike Norton

We had our annual District Deputy meeting and review on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and I am happy to report that everything went very well. DDGER Daryl Reynoldson was very impressed by all of the activities that our lodge participates in and commends our members that participate in all of the hard work to make the programs possible. The only thing that he was concerned with was our audit. I can now say thanks to the diligent works of 5 yr. Trustee Kathy Riese, Secretary Russ Shaw, Treasurer Kent Rothfuss and our accountant Chuck Whitney our audit has been completed. Steps are now in place so that the audit should not take nearly as long to complete in the future. So all and all the entire visit and was a huge success. I would also like to thank Russ Shaw for cooking the wonderful meal we had, Carol Thompson for hosting Carol Reynoldson during our meeting, and our wonderful staff for their hard work during the visit.

Coming up this month: On Thursday, December 3, we will be hosting "Our Special Friends" Christmas at the Lodge. Our annual Elks Memorial Service will be held on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We will have only one Lodge meeting in the month of December on the 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Our lodge Christmas party will be on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Festivities begin at 6:30 pm followed by gift exchange at 7p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a \$15 wrapped gift for the same sex. Christmas present wrapping and delivery will take place on Saturday, December 19 starting at 9am. For those of you buying presents if you are unable to attend that day you can drop off your purchases at the John Folcik or Kent Rothfuss home. Finally on December 31 we will be hosting bingo at the VA in Grand Island at 7 pm and we will also be having our New Year's Eve Party at 8:30pm. Kent and Julie will be cooking breakfast again for the party. I truly hope to see as much attendance as we had at the outstanding Halloween Party that Jackie Norris put on. And let's not forget Tom and Jerry's on New Year's Day. As you can see there is a lot to do out at the Lodge even during the winter so please come out and have fun with us.

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**ELKS STAGE & STAGETTE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month**

**Starting at 6:30PM**

**Come out and Enjoy!!!**

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01.....Brandon Fisher	20.....Robert J Arndt
01.....Gale Hager	21.....Don Runcie
06.....Joe Swift	22.....Ron Psota
11.....Dale Christen	22.....Vernon Tweedie
11.....Justin McKenna	23.....Billy Riese
11.....David V Osborn	25.....Richard Dickerson
12.....Tyler Poppe	26.....Dwane C Moeller
13.....Mark R Canada	27.....Steve W Ernst
14.....Larry Aden	27.....Larry D Hagemeyer
15.....Wayne Kimminau	27.....Jim Heyen
16.....Wesley R Keebler	27.....Tom C Taylor
19.....Joe Frink	28.....Robert E Neeman
19.....Glen L Larsen	28.....Paul Spady
19.....Robert D Moderow	28.....Daniel J Yurk
19.....William H Spielman	29.....Karen Faber
19.....Sam Whiteman Jr.	31.....Brandon J Kinney
	31.....Eric Schmitz

### BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in December. We invite you and your family to celebrate with us!

Just present this coupon and a paid-up Membership card. \$5.00 will be DEDUCTED from your evening meal ticket as well as the ticket of one guest.  
(Any night food is served)



## The Elks takes part in National Adoption Day

By: PER Jackie Norris, Youth Chairman

On Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> Adams County held the 11<sup>th</sup> annual National Adoption Day. National Adoption Day was spearheaded 11 years ago by Judge Offner and aided closely by C.A.S.A. Fellow Judge and good friend Judge Mike Burns has taken over Judge Offners' duties as organizer and officiator of the ceremony. This event has grown and evolved over the years to a wonderful celebration of families adopting children that day, as well as all the families who had adopted that year. All adoptive families from the past are also invited as well to celebrate with people who all share a special bond.

Our lodge participates in the planning, set up and assists in some of the cost of the event. The adoptions were held in the Judge's chambers. This year there was a "red carpet" theme decorating the entrance into the court room, so the child and families really felt special. Judge Burns lined his bench with teddy bears, which were given to every child attending the party. I also have the pleasure of presenting a special book to the younger children adopted that year and Journals to the older children as a Keep sake of that day.

Margo Woolman helped me this year to put together gift bags of our Drug Awareness coloring books, pencils, frisbees, balloons, and stickers, and helped me hand them out to all of the children at the event. There was a giant bouncy house, face painting, and books for all ages that were there for all of the kids attending, to take home.

Following the adoption everyone gathered at the Hastings YMCA for lunch. The YMCA kindly donates their facilities to host the event each year, as well as their resources. C.A.S.A. had a lunch of Pizza, pop, cake and ice cream for everyone. It was a touching event that I am glad we are a part of.

Bring in the New Year  
at the

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dance the night away from

8:30 PM until 12:30 AM

followed by breakfast

COVER CHARGE OF \$8.00

must be 21 years old to attend-ID's will be checked



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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## October Student of the Month



**Adolfa Diaz-Vargas** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of National Honors Society, Multicultural Club and Science Club. He participates in Skills USA where he placed first in State and second in Nationals this year. He plays Football and was 2015 Homecoming King. Adolfa's hobbies include lifting, drafting and running.

His parents are Victor Carreon and Martha Vargas.



**Sophia Pankratz** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She participates in Freshman Mentoring Program. She plays Basketball, Softball and Track. She is a member of National Honors Society. Sophia is Vice-President of Student Council. Her community involvement includes Governor's Youth Advisory Council, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and a mission trip.

She is the daughter of Dr. Todd Pandratz and Dr. Jessica Meeske.

**ELKS LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015**

**FESTIVITIES START AT 6:30PM**

**GIFT EXCHANGE AT 7:00PM**

**PLEASE BRING A \$15 WRAPPED GIFT**



*Elks Care - Elks Share*



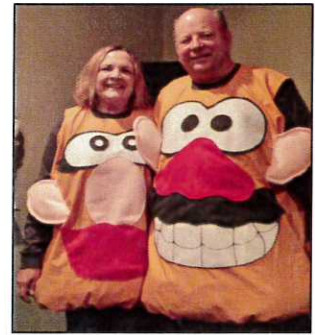
## ELKS ARMY OF HOPE HAUNTED HALLOW

By: State Chairman PER Brad Norton

The Nebraska Elks Army of Hope supported the Nebraska National Guard Family Support Child and Youth Program again this year at their annual Haunted Armory events in Omaha and Lincoln on 29 & 30 October, respectively. I'm pleased to report that members from both Omaha and Lincoln Elks lodges volunteered with the booth and helped pass out candy and Drug Awareness items to a combined total of 250 military children plus 224 family members in attendance at these two events. The kids always have fun playing the bean bag toss and Brad Norton, as Elroy, received lots of hugs in Omaha while Harry Montag from Lincoln Lodge 80 represented the Elks as Elroy the next evening. Supporting events like these promotes a very positive image of the Elks in our communities across the state. I would again like to thank Aaron & Erica Martinez and John Folcik for their help with the Haunted Armory held in Grand Island on 16 October.

# ELKS HALLOWEEN PARTY 2015

By: PER Jackie Norris, Chairman



On Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> our Lodge held its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Halloween Party. We had lots of new faces making it a good size crowd and a good time was had by all. Steve's Lightning provided the music. Steve and his assistant Tyson joined in the Halloween fun and I think everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Thanks to everyone that brought snacks to share! There was plenty to eat.

Costumes were, as always, creative and really add to the fun of the GhouL race each year. First Place in the Single division went to Russ Shaw- "Big Baby". First Place in the Couples/Group went to Jim and Nancy Horsham- "Belly up to the Buffet".

Bill Mooney does a great job being our M.C. and motivating the crowd. Thanks to all who come each year and make the night so fun!



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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Kids Christmas Party 1:00 PM Elks Memorial Service 4:00 PM	CLOSED	Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Margo Crew)	CLOSED	Elks Christmas Party 7:00 PM	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Craft Vendor Show Annual Golf Membership Meeting 7:00 PM	CLOSED	Sandwich Day G.I. Vets 10:30 AM	Family Night 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grothen Crew)	CLOSED	Ladder Golf 7:30 PM	Gift Wrapping Delivery 9:00 AM Private Christmas Party 4:00 PM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
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