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Hastings Elks Participate in National Adoption Day By: Jackie Norris, Youth Chairman



Pictured with Judge Burns and Mead are Kim Krueger from Health and Human Services, PER Dick Hansen, Per Margo Woolman, Per Jackie Norris, Ruan Root, Director of C.A.S.A, Judge Michael Burns and Judge Michael Mead. Not Pictured- ER Aaron Martinez



On Saturday November 18th, our Lodge participated once again in the 15th Annual National Adoption Day celebration. Hasting Elks earned a Beacon Grant thanks to the generosity of our members giving to E.N.F. This is a special day in our community, and we proud to assist with the planning and execution of this celebration! Every family that was part of an adoption in the last year is invited.

The day begins in Judge Michael Burns chambers, with the family and their guests, as well as some of the case workers and volunteers from some of the organizations involved in the Adoption process. This year a family from Superior chose to come to Hastings for the adoption, so they could be a part of the celebration held at the Hastings YMCA. Judge Michael Mead, who helped the family in Superior, helped officiate the adoption with Judge Burns. As always, the court bench had lots of teddy bears there for the children to pick from,

as a keepsake. Judge Michael Offner started this tradition from the beginning. Mrs. Offner, his widow has continued supplying the teddy bears in his name. This was his baby, and is very important to her and Judge Michael Burns that it is continued as he intended.

We are thankful to the YMCA for donating their gym for the celebration, and lets the families that come use the facilities free of charge for the day! C.A.S.A donates the money for the wonderful magician too entertain the kids who also makes amazing balloon hats, animals and giant pirate swords. He is a huge hit with the kids!

Our role, besides helping plan the event, is to supply pizza, pop, paper goods and cake for lunch. Dick Hansen and Margo Woolman helped with set up and tear down, as well as helped serve lunch. Our E.R. Aaron Martinez came to help serve lunch and put away many tables and chairs. They all handed out bags with frisbees, balloons, rulers, pencils and coloring books from the Elks Drug Awareness Program to all the kids that attended the party. I also gave to each adopted child a Christmas ornament for 1st year adopted families. The family from Superior was such a wonderful group of people and were so grateful to be a part of the celebration.

Judge Burns and the C.A.S.A. workers are very thankful to what we contribute, and the presence of the Elks has become very important to the event. I am so thankful to all of you who support E.N.F. and make such a project possible. Thank you to Margo and Dick who have been there every year. I really could not do this without them, as well of the others who have lent a hand over the last 5 years.



Taking part in National Adoption Day was Cecily, Jasmine and Preston, who were adopted by Amber and Matthew Major from Superior, NE. The three children were all siblings.

NOTICE

There will be a General Membership Meeting of the Hastings Elks Lodge and Golf Course on Sunday, January 14, 2017 starting at 5:00PM at the Hasting Elks Lodge

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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

Aaron's Message

By: ER Aaron Martinez

Hello everybody! Is everybody still stuffed from Thanksgiving? We had a pretty busy November out at the lodge with the nice weather and all the events we had going on. We held our National Adoption day at the YMCA, our District Deputy dinner & meeting with Paul Loy, we started the Wing Wednesday's, and the Veterans Day parade. Be sure to keep checking the calendar for what we are doing the next couple months, I know we have a lot of great events coming up!

The Veterans Day parade was a great success this year! We had a full float plus a rider in the tow vehicle. It was a great Saturday morning with perfect weather and the crowd was huge. Thank you to Dick Hansen and Rich Freeman for helping me set up the float as well as Gary Jerman of LCL Truck Equipment for letting us use a trailer for a float again this year.

Our District Deputy Paul Loy came to visit us this month for his annual inspection on the 14th. He did not realize how many programs we have going on every month in our community and was very impressed with everything we have been doing. Thank you everyone who came out to the meeting and dinner and helped welcome Paul and his guests into our lodge.

On December 3rd we will be holding our annual Memorial Day service for all the Elks we have lost this year. The Does will start at 4pm and the Elks will follow immediately after.

Just a reminder that we will only have 1 meeting in December on the 12th at 7pm. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



ER Aaron Martinez presenting District Deputy Paul Loy with a gift during his visit to the Hastings Elks Lodge

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December Birthdays

01.....Brandon Fisher 21.....Don Runcie
 01.....Gale Hager 22.....Ron Psota
 03.....Randy Gartner 22.....Vernon Tweedie
 03.....Zach Hollister 23.....Billy Riese
 04.....Angellam Pedroza 25.....Richard Dickerson
 06.....Joe Swift 26.....Dwane C Moeller
 11.....Dale Christen 27.....Steve W Ernst
 11.....Justin McKenna 27.....Larry D Hagemeyer
 11.....David V Osborn 27.....Jim Heyen
 12.....Jeremiah Lepird 27.....Tom C Taylor
 18.....Garry Barham 28.....Robert E Neeman
 19.....Joe Frink 28.....Paul Spady
 19.....Glen L Larsen 28.....Daniel J Yurk
 19.....Robert D Moderow 29.....Catelyn Haller
 19.....William H Spielman 31.....Brandon J Kinney
 20.....Robert J Arndt 31.....Eric Schmitz

DOES CORNER by Pat DuBois,

The Hastings Does met on November 7 at the Hastings Elks Lodge. The Election of Officers was held with the following people being elected as officers.

- President: Andrea Towler
- First Counselor: NoElla Snow
- Senior Counselor: Rose Kehn
- Junior Counselor: Lynn Folcik
- Secretary: Jan Schawang
- Treasure: Donna Dill
- Conductor: Pat DuBois
- Chaplain: Sue Crabtree

Final plans for December 3 Memorial Service were made. The memorial will be at 4pm at the Elks Lodge. We will be honoring Pat and Diana Dickerson.

Jan Schawang showed us the cards she will mail out to all Hastings Elks Does.

Our 2017 donations were voted on for distribution. Treasure, Donna Dill will be issuing the checks. Senior Counselor Elect Rose Kehn will purchase the Elks Christmas Gift for our DOES.

All 2018 meetings changed to first Tuesday of each month. Because of conflicts with everyone's schedule, our January 2 meeting will be January 9, 2018, 11:30am. We will be installing our 2018 Officers at that time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in November. 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)

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Membership #: _____

DID YOU KNOW.....

Right now, if your name is drawn for the Good of the Order drawing held at each Lodge Meeting you could be \$250.00 richer.

Four lucky names are drawn each time, but you must be there to claim your money. During the November 27th meeting, four names were drawn but they weren't present, so no money was given out.

Will your Name be next?
 Come to the next Lodge Meeting on December 12th to find out.



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November Student of the Month



Anastasia Theoharis is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honors Society and Nebraska Wesleyan University Honors Academy. She is President of Student Council. She participates in Freshman Mentoring Program. She is captain of the Softball team. Anastasia is a member of Key Club, Orchestra, Madrigals, is President of Chamber Choir and Co-Editor of Tiger Club Online Newspaper. Her community service includes President of Mayor's Youth Council and volunteering at CROP Walk, Kids Against Hunger, Good Samaritan Village of Hastings and Student Council. Her work experience includes Hastings Aquacourt, detasseling and babysitting. Her hobbies are piano, guitar, baking, viola, singing, softball, tennis, writing, painting and reading. She is the daughter of Sara and Pete Theoharis.



Alexander Ceperley is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of National Honors Society and attended Cornhusker Boy's State. He participates in Orchestra, Debate and Quiz Bowl. His sports are Track and Swimming. He works at Godfather's Pizza. Alexander's hobbies are reading and playing table-top games with friends. He is the son of Amy Morris and Drew Ceperley.



To our Christmas Elks,

Just a little note from Healthy Beginnings as the holiday season approaches to let you know how appreciated and needed your gifts are. The families that we work with that benefit from your generosity face many hardships. Our families are considered high risk. This means that they are struggling in some way. The ways that qualify them for services from us are the following: Teen pregnancy, single parenting, homes with physical abuse, court ordered visits, homes with addiction, children in foster care, homes that are dealing with mental disease, homes with parents that are low functioning, and homes where families have physical disabilities. The families we work with are encouraged to work toward self-sufficiency going to school or finding employment. Most that are successful in finding employment are not able to make more than minimum wage providing and income insufficient to sustain a family. Usually the children are the ones that suffer. Most do not have nice clothes to wear or winter coats. Your group has made such a difference to them. The clothes you buy are nicer than anything they have had and many times when coats are requested, you deliver the coats early because you know it is getting cold. This is amazing. These children literally are being wrapped in blankets for warmth to leave the house. Your generosity not only warms the bodies of these little people, but it warms their hearts as well.

Many of the families do not have people that care about them enough to help them, and you – strangers to them, are willing to reach out and help them. This is amazing and foreign to them and in helps them to believe that they are worthy of being cared for. It also teaches them the importance of that type of outreach. We have even had families that will donate the items back for another family to use when their child outgrows them. You have taught them the joy of giving. Thank you so much for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Susan Danehey
 Manager, Healthy Beginnings
 Mary Lanning Healthcare

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Elks Christmas Party - 6:30 PM Ugly Sweater Contest \$15 Gift	Private Christmas Party - 6:00 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Kids Christmas 1:00 PM Memorial Service 4:00 PM	CLOSED	Stag/Stagette 6:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Duane Crew)	Private Party	Private Christmas Party - 6:00 PM	Private Christmas Party - 4:00 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
CLOSED	CLOSED	Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Margo Crew)	CLOSED	Private Christmas Party	Gift Wrapping Delivery 9:00 AM Private Christmas Party
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CLOSED	CLOSED		Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Grother Crew)	CLOSED		CLOSED
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
CLOSED	MERRY CHRISTMAS		Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Freeling Crew)	CLOSED		
31	1					
New Years Eve Party	January - 2018 Tom & Jerry's					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Tom & Jerry's NOON	Stag/Stagette	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Horsham Crew)	CLOSED		Wedding Reception 6:00 PM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Opti-Shot Indoor Virtual Golf 1:00 PM	CLOSED	Does Meeting 11:30 AM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Mooney Crew)	CLOSED		Private Party 6:00 PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Opti-Shot Indoor Virtual Golf 1:00 PM	CLOSED	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Duane Crew)		CLOSED		Throw Back Party 7:00 PM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Opti-Shot Indoor Virtual Golf 1:00 PM	CLOSED	Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Margo Crew)	CLOSED		
28	29	30	31			
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