



Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge
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Hastings Elks Lodge Presents Check to CASA



Hastings Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Julie Rothfuss and PER Jackie Norris, Youth Activity Chairman present RuAnn Root of CASA two checks totaling in the amount of \$3500 on November 4, 2020. One check in the amount of \$300 was used for National Adoption Day to purchase items for baskets to give adopted children (see article below) and the other check in the amount of \$3200 will be used for CASA's Suitcase program. This program is a program in which CASA purchases suitcases and gym bags and fill it with immediate needs a child would need if removed quickly from a home and is relocated to a temporary family situation.

This money is made possible by the Grand Lodge Beacon Grant and the generous donations to ENF by our lodge members.

Hastings Elks help make baskets for National Adoption Day

By: PER Jackie Norris, Youth Activity



Filled Basket full of goodies for families who adopted children in 2020

This year, National Adoption Day looks a little different. Due to our uncertain times, our committee felt that it was not a safe environment to hold a celebration this year. We instead, chose to put together baskets for every family who adopted in 2020.

Volunteers from the Kearney and Hastings DHHS, CASA and Hastings Elks Lodge came together at our lodge on Wednesday November 4th to assemble the baskets. There were 23 baskets and the assembly of them were a source of curiosity to the Wednesday night crowd that came in for wing night! Every agency contributed something to put in the baskets. One of the items our lodge contributed was a special book about being adopted and is an important guide for newly adopted children.

Our own John Folcik and Dick Freeling helped put together sacks full items from our organization promoting drug awareness; items such as frisbees, pencils, rulers, balloons, bracelets, and key chains. They also helped distribute the gifts that the other

organizations brought. Those items were games and toys, age appropriate, umbrellas, pacha soap, YMCA family passes, a picture frame, and a few other small items.

I once again thank all of you that contribute to ENF, which makes contributing to our community possible.



John Folcik and Dick Freeling fill bags of goodies supplied by the Hastings Elks Lodge to be put in the baskets

NOTICE

Due to Adams County being in the severe risk category for Covid-19 and by the recommendation of our District Deputy Jeremy Brandt, the December 8th Hastings Elks Lodge meeting will be held virtual instead of an in-person meeting at the lodge.

Invitation information to the Zoom meeting will be sent out to members prior to December 8.

We will reevaluate in January as to whether we need to continue with Zoom Meetings or meet in person.



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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

December Elk Birthdays

03.....Randy Gartner 22.....Vernon Tweedie
03.....Zach Hollister 23.....Billy Riese
04.....Angella M Pedroza 26.....Deane C Moeller
11.....Dale Christen 27.....Steve W Ernst
14.....Larry Aden 27.....Larry D Hagemeyer
19.....Joe Frink 27.....Jim Heyen
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20.....Robert J Arndt 29.....Karen Spurling
21.....Don Runcie 31.....Eric Schmitz
22.....Ron Psota

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 #: _____



Due to Adams County being in the severe risk category for Covid-19 and the directive from Grand Lodge, the Memorial Service for our departed members of Hastings Elks Lodge 159 scheduled for December 6, 2020 has been postponed until a later date out of concern for the families of our departed members, the performing officers of Hastings Elks Lodge 159 and the members of our order.

We regret postponing the ceremony but sincerely belief it is in the best interest of all.

Julie's Message By: ER Julie Rothfuss

The month of November brought sadness and more changes due to Covid-19 restrictions. We are now in a citywide mask mandate as well as restrictions of the amount of people we can have in a gathering. We will now go virtual for our one and only December meeting and reevaluate for our January meetings. We have decided to postpone our annual Memorial Service scheduled for December 8. Lastly, the Hastings Elks Lodge lost 2 great servants this month. One being Dick Friend and the other Jim Horsham.

I never had the pleasure in meeting Dick Friend, but I knew from the correspondence I received and the looking at the history of the lodge he was of importance to our organization. Dick served as an Exalted Ruler in 1977, a Trustee and he was an avid golfer out at the Elks at one time. He was named Officer of the Year in 1999 and was Elk of the Year in 2000. He was most known for being instrumental in helping to move the lodge and golf course from in town to our current location. Dick's passion as a lodge member was with our youth program.

Jim Horsham was another faithful servant to the Hastings Elks Lodge and golf course. Jim served as Exalted Ruler in 2000, Trustee, he was past Central Nebraska Lodge Activities Chairman, Deer Hide Chairman, Past PER Chairman and was an avid golfer. Jim was named Officer of the Year in 2003. Jim was passionate about the Deer Hide Program and up until the time he became ill was still planning on training current deer hide chairman, Kyle Gydesen. Jim was extremely helpful to me as I moved up the chairs, often giving me words of encouragement during difficult times. I knew I could go to him and ask for advise and he was always willing to listen. He will be deeply missed!!

I write about these two men because of the dedication they had to the Hastings Elks organization and I want to challenge our younger Elk members to be as passionate as they were to serve. We have many spots and programs for you to get involved with and we would love to have you help.

In closing, thank you to all that have already sent in a donation to our Christmas Drive. Things will need to be done different this year as far as the shopping, wrapping and the delivery of packages because of Covid but the families we help are so appreciative and that is what it is all about.

Until next month, may you have a blessed Christmas with peace and love- Stay Safe. God Bless!



**From the Desk of the Lodge
~Secretary, John Folcik ~**

As I write this message; our city is implementing new policies in response to Covid-19 and the area Public Health Department has placed Adams County in the severe risk category. I am not sure how this will affect our one and only Lodge meeting on December 8th. Check our Facebook page for the latest details.

It is December and it is a busy month. We have Christmas shopping for those children who are in need. As has been the case for the past several years we are partnering with Mary Lanning Healthy Beginnings Program and The Bridge Mom and Me Women's recovery Program. Everyone should have received the Christmas Fund Drive letter by now I am asking if at all possible please consider responding to this worthwhile program. It is our longest community program that the Hastings Elks lodge has been involved with. With regards to Christmas delivery we will be following all guidelines and will provide contactless delivery this year.

**Do you have a change of address,
phone number or email?**

Do not forget to notify our Lodge Secretary!

Communication with our members is important to us, whether it be a fund raiser like our Christmas Project, a dues statement, or our newsletter we want you to have all the information you need to support our local Elks Lodge. Even if it is a temporary change, let us know when you are leaving and when you plan to return. The post office does not forward our mailings paid by our permit, instead they return them postage due with either an updated address, or for you snowbirds, it just says temporarily away.

Please send address, email, and phone number changes to hastingselkslodge@gmail.com

I hope you have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lodge Membership/Lapsation Report

Beginning Membership Total 04/01/2020	210
Increases	
Initiated	5
Affiliated	0
Reinstated	1
Sub Total	6
Decreases	
Dropped	2
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	5
Sub Total	7
Calculated Membership Total	209
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Average Age	65.25

November 2020 - Student of the Month By: Allison Bohlen



Miss Madison M. Miller is a senior at Silver Lake High School. Madison is a member of FFA (Future Farmers of America) and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). Madison is also a varsity member of the Volleyball team, Basketball team and Track team for Silver Lake High School. Her hobbies include playing sports, spending time with her family and hanging out with friends. Madison is the daughter of Tara Blythe and Scott Miller.



Mr. Canten Jon Jameson is a senior at Silver Lake High School. Canten is a member of FFA (Future Farmers of America). Canten is a member of the Silver Lake High School Football and Basketball teams. He participates in High School vocal music and the local Trap Shooting team. When he is not busy at school his hobbies include hunting, fishing, and working on vehicles. Canten is the son of Jamey and Shannon Jameson.

Deer Hide Program Underway



For the 2 weeks of deer season that we just finished up on we have approximately 75 deer hides, and 2 elk hides donated. First year deer hide chairman Kyle Gydesen is doing a fantastic job of keeping up with all the deer hides that have come in. If you would like to help him please contact him.

We would love to beat our last year's total of approximately 87 hides, so we need more hides. During the next couple of months, we will continue to take deer hides. Deer hunters can take their hides and drop them off at the designated spot out at the Elks Lodge. (The shed behind the gas pumps) The hides are cleaned, salted, and eventually will be transported to make gloves for disable veterans.



****Note:** If you are bringing out deer hides please do not leave them in plastic garbage sacks, simply dump them into the designated barrels. If left in the garbage sacks they become to warm and it ruins the hide.



The Elks Lodge Christmas project is underway.

This year again we partnered with Mary Lanning Healthcare's Healthy Beginnings and the Bridge to provide new clothing for approximately 70 children that are in their programs. Several Elk members will be doing shopping at Kohl's department store. Due to Covid-19 restrictions and to limit crowd sizes we will not be doing a wrapping day like we have in previous years on December 19th but instead asking those that are shopping to wrap their gifts and drop them off at either Julie Rothfuss or John Folcik's home before December 18th. Gifts will be sorted out at the lodge at 10:00am on December 19th and then distributed to their designated recipients between 11:00am-12noon.

Shopping list have been all handed out, but we need 3 or 4 more people to deliver gifts on December 19th. Delivery will be porch side delivery (no contact) If you are interested please contact Julie or John.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Tom & Jerry's	
				7		
3	4	5	6		8	9
			Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Freeling Crew)			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Wing It Wednesday Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Theresa & Terri Crew)			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Mooney Crew)			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Duane Crew)			
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