



# Calling all Elks

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#159



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## A Very Busy Christmas Time At the Hastings Elks Lodge



Again, this year the Hastings Elks lodge teamed up with a couple of local agencies who deal with families with children 0-12 years of age to brighten their Christmas. With the help of Gordmans Department Store in Grand Island, we were able to buy clothing for approximately 75 low income children. Shopping was done by the following Elks: John and Lynn Folcik, Brandy Archer, Angie Pedroza, Terri Gartner, Joyce Gydesen, Lynn Keogh, Carol Thompson, Delta Norton, Kerrie Oreskovich, Kent and Julie Rothfuss, Donna Dill and Dick and Nancy Freeling.

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, Elks members gathered out at the lodge to wrap and distribute the packages to each family. Those helping to wrap the gifts were Donna Dill, Dick Hansen, John and Lynn Folcik, Lynn Keogh, Jackie Norris, Margo Woolman, Angie Pedroza, Carol Thompson, Julie Rothfuss, Kerrie and Willoh Oreskovich. Delivering the gifts in the afternoon were John and Lynn Keogh, Joe and Linda Thompsom, Dick Hansen, Margo Woolman, Bill and Jan Mooney, John Folcik, Jackie Norris and Julie Rothfuss.

The project is totally funded by the generosity of the Hastings Elks lodge members not the ENF. We are still taking donations for this wonderful project. If for some reason you did not receive your mailer regarding this or if it was return undeliverable and you would like to donate, please contact lodge secretary John Folcik at [HastingsElksLodge@gmail.com](mailto:HastingsElksLodge@gmail.com) or mail your donations to him at Lodge Secretary, 3050 E South Street, Hastings, NE 68901.

## CASA Christmas Project

By: Jackie Norris

This year our Lodge is using part of the Beacon Grant a little differently. CASA now created what they call "The Toy Store", and we contribute to their project much the same way we have in the past. The object of The Toy Store is to have available several rooms full of toys, games, baby needs, craft and art projects, comfort needs, and gift type items. This is available for families who have experienced a tragedy, victims of natural disaster, fires, or just struggling due to job loss, and need to replace toys, or need to purchase gifts for a special event.



I was joined by Lynn Keogh, Julie Rothfuss, Joyce Gydesen and son Leighton, Brandy and Darian Archer with their granddaughter Morgan at Walmart to purchase gifts on Thursday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. We all went in different directions and purchased items that target age groups of 12 -18. Some of the items we purchased were hoodies and colorful socks, perfume, manicure and shaving sets, art and science sets, puzzles and water bottles. Thanks so much to all of them for helping during such a busy time of year and making it so much fun too! I also purchased Dairy Queen, Wendy's, and Subway gift cards.



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Tiler.....Kerrie Oreskovich  
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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

**January Elk Birthdays**

02.....George E Hasley 23.....Gary L Aadland  
02.....Gayle D Hurst 23.....John Laird  
07.....Louis M Kully 26.....David Crecelius  
11.....Scott M Friend 27.....Larry J Faimon  
11.....Robin Koozer 27.....John R Keogh  
16.....John D Bogan 27.....Leah Ostrander  
18.....Lloyd L McIntyre 28.....James D Freeburger  
18....Creighton F Uridil Jr. 28.....Eugene Shaw  
22.....Kurt B Perry

**BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON**

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in January.  
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)



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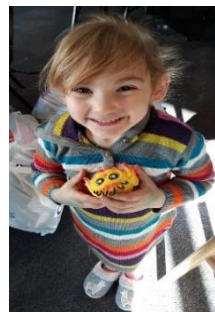
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**Does Corner** By: Pat DuBois

December 3<sup>rd</sup> was the date for the Hastings DOES Christmas Party. This year it was held out at the Elks Lodge. NoElla Snow made Chicken Cordon Blue and Potatoes, with the officers bringing potluck dishes. Pat Wich set and decorated the tables. Donna Dill brought the favors for each place setting. Donna also entertained us with the bingo games and prizes. She awarded everyone with some unique gifts.

**January 7 11:30am.** Installation of officers.  
Hope to see you there. Happy New Year!!



*There is something to do,  
even for  
the smallest volunteer at the  
Hastings Elks Lodge.*

*Get involved  
You will be glad you did!*

## Zach's Message By: ER PER Zach Oreskovich

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We had a busy month of December with many activities out at the lodge. I want to thank the many volunteers who helped with each of these activities, without your help many of these activities could not be done.

I also would like to thank the many people who sent in their donation to help fund the Christmas Project. The Christmas project is one of the oldest charity projects we do. We reach almost 75 children and help provided a nice Christmas party for the special need's adults in and around Hastings. The funding is totally funded by local donations not ENF. Again, this year we had trouble with the mailing of the donation letter so if you did not receive your donation letter and you would like to donate, we are still taking donations. Please contact Secretary John Folick regarding this.

Many of you most likely know but for those of you that don't, we do have different management for the clubhouse. Brandy Archer and Angie Pedroza are co-managing. Brandy and Angie are both Elk members as well as previous employees of the clubhouse. Please contact of them for all club related matters and they will be happy to assist you.

In the month of January, we go back to meeting twice a month for our lodge meetings with our first meeting on January 14 starting a 7:00pm. If you haven't attended in a while, please feel free to come. I am still needing 4 officer positions filled. Contact me if you are interested in filling one of these spots.

## Elks Clubhouse Winter Hours

Sunday.....Closed  
 Monday.....Closed  
 Tuesday.....12noon-6:00pm  
 Wednesday.....12noon-10:00pm  
 (Wing Nights starts at 6:00pm)  
 Thursday.....Closed  
 Friday.....12noon-10:00pm  
 Saturday.....12noon-sundown/event  
 Hours subject to change based on weather  
 and club events.



## Grand Lodge News

### Award recognizes Members who spread Scouting

By MICHAEL T. OHREN  
 Committee Member

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee invites all Lodges to nominate one candidate for the Marvin M. Lewis Award, the highest award for scouting presented by the Elks. This is awarded to those Elks Members who have been strong promoters of Scouting in their Lodge and have an extensive history in working with Scouts. Four Elks each year are given this prestigious award.

Marvin M. Lewis Awards are presented annually at the Grand Lodge Convention. In addition, presentations can be made at events such as Boy Scouts of America Local Council, an Elks State Convention, or a Local Lodge meeting.

When selecting a candidate for the Marvin M. Lewis Award, candidates must have the recommendation of their Local Lodge and their local Scouting Council to be eligible. A Lodge should consider Elks who:

1. Have brought Scouting to many young people.
  2. Have assisted Lodges in forming Scouting units.
  3. Are fully trained in the skills of Scouting and are outstanding role models.
  4. Have contributed significantly to Elks and Scouting by bringing the two movements together to serve the community.
  5. Have offered Scouting to all youths regardless of race, creed, or income level, and have been instrumental in organizing Scouting units, especially in inner-city or other low-income communities.
- A Grand Lodge selection committee will review candidates and choose qualified recipients. Applications for this award can be found on the Elks website under Grand Lodge Committees and are due on or before March 1. Lodges that applied in the past and were not selected are encouraged to resubmit.
- If you have any questions concerning the application contact Activities Committee Member Michael Ohren at [White-tail@cox.net](mailto:White-tail@cox.net), Richard Belmore at [american@flash.net](mailto:american@flash.net) or William Sternberg at [bigjockeywing@yahoo.com](mailto:bigjockeywing@yahoo.com).

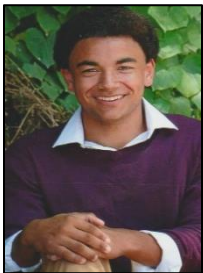


## STUDENT OF THE MONTH by Allison Bohlen

### November Student of the Month



**Madison Nicole Trindle** is a senior at Hastings High School. She is a member of National Honor Society, Skills USA, DECA and plays in the Orchestra. She volunteers as a Jr. Volunteer at Mary Lanning Healthcare and volunteers as a mentor with Mentoring Works in Hastings (Formerly Big Brothers Big Sisters). She also participates in Beyond School Walls, the Grace United Methodist Youth Groups and plays piano at school. Her hobbies include camping, reading, painting, hiking and traveling. Madison is the daughter of Michael and Sheryl Trindle.

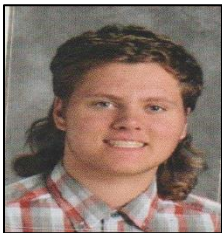


**Nathan Robert Nordby-Bryson** is a senior at Hastings High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society, on the A Honor Roll, and a member of the HHS football team where he has served as a two-time captain. He has also been a member of HHS baseball, basketball and boys track teams. During his athletic career he has earned several awards which include: 2019 State track medalist, GNAC All-Academic All-Conference, a member of the TEAMS Best State Team and as a Tiger Ambassador. Nathan volunteers as a YMCA Youth Flag Football Coach, a mentor for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student through Mentoring Works, has volunteered for the Hastings Blood Drive, Hastings Kids Against Hunger and at the Local Food Pantry Drive. When Nathan is not at school or volunteering, he works at Russ's Market as a Courtesy Clerk. Nathan is the son of Candice Nordby.

### December 2019 - Student of the Month



**Jaden J Lewis** is a senior at Silver Lake High School. She is a member of Student Council, FBLA and FFA where she has served as both the Vice President and Historian. She is on the volleyball and basketball teams. She also participates in Speech, Vocal Music and the Honor Roll. She has served as a leader of the Cheer Squad as a Co-Captain. When she is not active at school with extra-curricular organizations, she volunteers for the Red Cross blood drives. Her hobbies include traveling, going to the lake and spending time with family and friends. Jaden is the daughter of Jason and Jennifer Lewis.



**Anthony Joesph-Daniel Niemeyer** is a senior at Silver Lake High School. He has been a member of FFA where he has served as the Treasurer and Parliamentarian. He also participates in weights, basketball, band, golf, and one-act play. Anthony is a member of 4-H where he has served with Junior Leaders and volunteers with Heart and Hands Against Hunger. He enjoys participating in Science Fairs. When he is not busy at school his hobbies include, making model rockets, producing videos, creating 3-D printings, writing stories and creating multi-media art projects in drawing and sculpting. Anthony also enjoys climbing and working with cattle and sheep. Anthony is the son of Daren and Buffy Niemeyer.

### 2019 Kid's Christmas Party

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Hastings Elks lodge hosted a kid's Christmas party. Organizer, Jo Meester and her helpers did a wonderful job with stations of different crafts for the approximately 36 children to do, along with refreshments and a visit from Santa. Thank you, Jo, and all the ladies that help make this possible each year.







