



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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A Fraternal Organization

Hastings NE



Representing the Elks Lodge at the Memorial Day Services at the Parkview Cemetery were Officers Rich Freeman, Von Holding, Dick Hansen, Julie Rothfuss, Kent Rothfuss; ER Mike Norton, Officers Duane Norris and Don Runce.

Front Row- PER Joe Thompson, Jackie Norris, Trustee Kathy Riese and PER/Officer Russ Shaw  
Duane Norris was the MC for the program.



Exalted Ruler, Mike Norton and Does 112 Representative Donna Dill stand in front of the wreaths they placed

## **Mike's Message** by Mike Norton, Exalted Ruler

June has arrived and with it, I hope drier weather. Despite the rain our lodge was able to participate in many activities in May.

We started on May 3<sup>rd</sup> by having our annual youth banquet which was a huge success. I would like to extend my thanks to Jackie Norris, Randy Rippen, Dick Hanson, Julie & Kent Rothfuss, Don Runcie, Margo Woolman, Dick Freeling and everyone else that came out to help make this important event run so smoothly.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> we had a Mother's Day Brunch that was run by Russ Shaw with the help of Brad Norton, Dick Hanson, Randy Rippen and Julie Rothfuss. Thank you to all that came out.

Armed Forces Day was observed by our lodge on May 16<sup>th</sup> with our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Armed Forces Day Golf Outing. Congratulations to Dave Bogan for being awarded his new special golf cane. I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to everyone that gave their time and effort to make this wonderful event possible again this year.

Rounding off the month the lodge was invited to attend the memorial service ceremony at Parkview Cemetery. We had a wonderful turn out and I for one am proud of how much our members have been participating this year and I hope that we can keep it up this month.

In June we have several activities that I would love to see a lot of participation at. First up we have the ELKS 159 Golf Tournament on June 13<sup>th</sup> with a 9:00am shotgun start. The tournament will be an individual format with flights. The sign-up sheet is posted at the lodge on the golf board please come out and sign-up. The Lodge is using this event to raise money for E.N.F. and our golf facilities. The cost is \$40 per person. We will also be having our Flag Day ceremony on the 13<sup>th</sup> as well.

On June 16<sup>th</sup> we have a sandwich day scheduled at the V.A. in Grand Island at 10:30 if you are interested in helping please be there by 9:30am. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting bingo at the V.A. at 7pm. If anyone would like more information on any of our events please give me a call at (402)984-0800.

Thanks again for everyone's help and participation in May and let's keep it up.

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**Lodge Meetings:**

Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month  
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 and December (second Tuesday only)  
 Lodge Meeting time: 7:00 p.m. November-February;  
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**CLUB HOUSE NEWS**

by Theresa Hampton

**CLUBHOUSE NOW OPEN**

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**NOTICE**

Do to the resignation of Trustee member Jim Horsham.  
 The lodge will be accepting nominations for the position of  
 Three-Year Trustee at the next lodge meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>.  
 Once the lodge has at least one nominee, the lodge will  
 vote on the position the meeting following the nomination(s).

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 01. .... Donald Kissler      | 17. .... Jack Kramer       |
| 01. .... Larry Walck         | 19. .... Jack Friend       |
| 04. .... Scott McCormick Jr. | 19. .... Richard B Mooers  |
| 08. .... Eric Wheeler        | 20. .... Keith Kinney      |
| 09. .... Julie Rothfuss      | 22. .... Craig I Ferguson  |
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| 15. .... James E Oberg       | 26. .... James W Hervert   |
| 16. .... Joanna Hinrichs     | 27. .... Michael J Bauer   |
|                              | 29. .... John E. Menke     |

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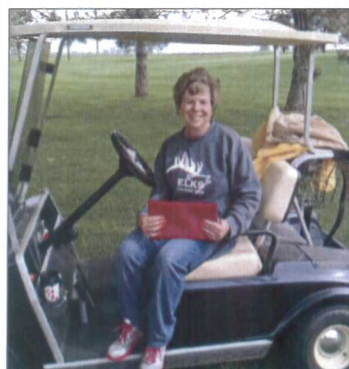
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### ARMED FORCES DAY VETERANS GOLF OUTING

By: Brad Norton, PER; Freedom Grant Coordinator  
 Hastings Elks Lodge #159 held the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Armed Forces Day Veterans Golf Outing on May 16, 2015 thanks in part to the Freedom Grant received last fall. This event is an 18-hole, two person scramble, free to veterans. A portion of our Freedom Grant is used to provide prizes, most service related items, to every person playing in this event. Added to this year's event was a pulled pork lunch provided by coordinator, Brad Norton and offered free to all veterans. I wish to add my special thanks to the volunteers who were a tremendous help setting up and running the veterans outing; Jackie Norton, Matt Norton, Bob Storehalder, Don Runcie, Rich Freeman, Dick Hansen, Kent and Julie Rothfuss, Jim Meers and especially Shirley Meers for her awesome assistance serving the lunch. Thank you to everyone who donated items and whom I recognized during the final presentations. Without your contributions/assistance this event wouldn't be possible. Due in part to chilly and very wet conditions our attendance was down to 17 teams this year, but everyone attending really enjoyed the day. We had 34 golfers and 6 volunteers participate. These numbers include 22 veterans representing the Army, Air Force and Navy, ranging in age from 25 (Kyle Gydesen) to 93 (Dave Bogan). Their service includes every conflict from WWII through the current Afghanistan Campaign, culminating in 209 years of combined military service with 15 having served in combat zones. All-in-all an impressive representation of service to our country by this small group of veterans from a rural community in the mid-west; this event symbolizes our respect and gratitude by honoring their sacrifice and with deep appreciation we say, Thank you for your service.





Left Photo: One of the residents cooking his meal Middle Photo: ER Mike Norton working with one of the residents at Maryland Living Center Right Photo: The finished product!

### Your E.N.F. donations help in our community.

By: Jackie Norris  
Youth Activity Chair

E.R. Mike Norton and P.E.R. Jackie Norris recently visited Maryland Living Center with some much needed items. At our last cooking class we learned none of the young adults there (16-20) owned a cutting board, steak knives, or measuring cups. We had supplied most of their kitchen needs earlier, but before finishing with a second trip for items we were short on, the residents made a small list of basic needs they were lacking.

These at risk teens are learning to become responsible adults, complete their education and maintain a job. We have had a lot of fun with this program, and feel we have made an impact on their road to adulthood.

This last visit for a cooking class we were met with a lot of enthusiasm and interest in what they were going to learn about. They all asked lots of questions and shared favorite recipes while we all got to know each other, We were happy to see a few faces from our first round of classes last year at this time.

This time we taught breakfast items; they all poached an egg, and made their own omelet choosing the ingredients to make them with. We try to teach cooking healthy, but they already seem to like all kinds of veggies and are very receptive to eating the right way.

This has been a fun project and very rewarding. We will have one last cooking class in June and they asked to learn some easy baking!



An Earl May representative spoke about the care of our indoor and outdoor potted plants.

## Does Corner

by Pat DuBois, President

The Does Spring lunch was held on May 19 at the Lodge. Co-Chair Donna Dill and Pat Wich served a delicious lunch.

The guest speaker for the luncheon was from the Hastings Earl May Store. She spoke to the group on care for our inside and outside potted plants and the history of Earl Mays. Following the speaker the door prizes, which were the potted plants used for table decorations were won by Sue Crabtree and Pat Wich.

We all enjoyed the first half of the 2015 session. Thanks so much to all of you that have supported us by being a member of our grand organization.

I will meet all of you, your friends and family at the Does Summer Supper gathering, "Support the Elks" Wednesday evening, July 15 at 6:15 pm at the lodge.



# Youth Awards Banquet 2015

 by Jackie Norris

Our lodge held its annual Youth Banquet on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were approximately 73 guests and a great meal of Pizza, salad and cookies were served by the officers. Thank you to all of the volunteers and our terrific staff that helped out with the event.

Our lodge was honored to have two senators, John Kuehn and Les Seiler as guests to award an Eagle Scout award to Brody Auen, and a special commendation award to two Eagle Scouts from the Governor's office to Dylan Buschow and Vince Acosta.

I had the privilege to award the State winner of our Drug Awareness Poster contest. Her name is Megan Vrooman and goes to school at St. Michaels. She was awarded a medal from the Lodge, a 1<sup>st</sup> Place Certificate and \$150.00 from the State! Her entry will go on to a National judging. We also had a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner Mark Alen Miner from Alcott. He won \$50.

We had 18 boys and girls that were awarded Student of the Month, ad Brenda Tran and Matthew Karnes was chosen as Student of the Year.

My Youth committee Chairmen, Randy Rippen and Dick Freeling, our officers and the lodge thank Nancy Henke for all of the help and leg work she does for Youth Activities. Her help is invaluable and the Plaque she received in recognition of her assistance is just a small token of appreciation for what she does for us.



Randy Rippen with the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Winners: Augustine Clark, Alexius Hartman, Carli Johnson, Samantha Karr, Benjamin Kiolbasa, and Devon Weinman



Randy Rippen with Student of the Month Award Winners present at the Youth Awards Banquet



John Folcik with Megan Vrooman the State winner of our Drug Awareness Poster Contest



State Senator John Kuehn and Senator Les Seiler with Eagle Scout Winners



Randy Rippen with Central Community College Foundation \$500 Scholarship winner Zach Strobl

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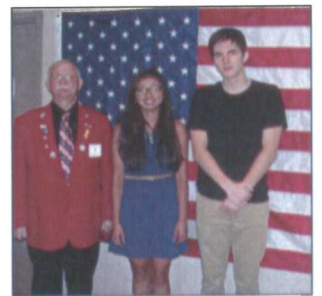
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Randy Rippen with Student of the Year winners, Brenda Tran and Matthew Karnes



