



Calling all Elks

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Elks Deer Hide Collection 2022



On Saturday, February 19, Deer Hide chairman Kyle Gydesen, Veteran's chairman Kent Rothfuss, Dick Hansen, and Julie Rothfuss prepared and boxed up the deer hides that were donated by area hunters to our deer hide program. Approximately 70 hides were collected this year by the Hastings Elks Lodge. Collection of these hides began the 1st day of hunting season in November and wrapped up in January. Throughout this time period Kyle and his helpers cleaned the hides and made sure there was plenty of salt placed on the hides to preserve them. The above average temperatures this year made it difficult to process the hides in a timely manner, so a few hides were not useable. After being boxed up the hides were transported to the farm of Dale Nielson from the Grand Island Elks Lodge near Chapman to be transported to the drop off point in Ansley at a later date. From there they are shipped to Tennessee where they are tanned and manufactured in to gloves for wheelchair bound veterans. The gloves are made for winter and summer time use.



In 2020, 885 hides were collected in Nebraska and approximately 17,000 collected nationwide.

Grand Lodge News

Junior Golf Program is fair way to reach green golfers

By William M. Wiseman, Committee Member

With spring now here and summer just around the corner, our Lodges need to step up and help rejuvenate our old youth programs and promote new ones. Our Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, and Junior Golf programs are ideal for the Lodge to become involved without a major financial effort.

The Junior Golf Program provides your Lodge an excellent opportunity to interact with area youth through fun, instruction, and participation. It also serves as an excellent pastime to get our children away from all of their electronic devices for a time. For your Lodge, a program can be as simple as contacting your local golf course and working with the course's golf pro to set up a program for teaching young golfers' skills and etiquette. The Lodge can also collaborate with existing national and state programs.

Nearly every state has a junior golf program, including lessons and competitions in which the Lodge can participate.

Here are a few national programs available to the Lodges.

- Drive, Chip & Putt Championship is centered on the fundamentals of the sport. Competition starts in May and runs through August, ending with the top 80 youth competing at the Masters. (drivechipandputt.com/)
- First Tee introduces the game of golf and its inherent values to young people. (thefirsttee.org)
- American Junior Golf Association partners with USGA to present the Leadership Links program, which encourages young men and women to develop charitable giving skills and service-oriented practices. (ajga.org)
- USGA produced some guides for non-profit golf programs over the years. (usga.org)
- PGA Junior Golf Camps have nearly 180 locations nationwide, all with world-class PGA facilities. (pgajuniorgolfcamps.com)

There are numerous opportunities to start or expand the Junior Golf Program at your Lodge. The Activities Committee is diligently working on upgrading the Junior Golf Program brochure and developing new Junior Golf Program guidelines. We urge all Elks Lodges to participate and promote the Junior Golf Program.



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Loyal Knight.....OPENED
Lecturing Knight.....OPENED
Esquire.....OPENED
Chaplain.....OPENED
Inner Guard.....PER Joe Thompson
Tiler.....Kent Rothfuss
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Treasurer.....PER Dick Hansen

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Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits
Secretary.....Janet Schawang
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Conductor.....Andrea Towler
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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.

March Elk Birthdays

02.....Edward D Johnson 16.....Glenn Kramer
06.....Christopher A Long 16.....Jerry Spady
06.....Kerrie Oreskovich 17.....Blake E Samuelson
06.....Zach Oreskovich 18.....Tom Pokaluk
07.....Leland H Buescher 19.....Bradley G Norton
09.....Richard S Giddens 23.....Virgil L Naggatz
10.....Les Seiler 24.....Michael A Shada
14.....Larry D Butler 25.....Fred Hansen
14.....David Miller 26.....Ralph Aldinger
14.....Gayle Schlachter 29.....Edward J Schlachter
16.....Ronald Boston 31.....Randall Rippen

BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in March.
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 #: _____

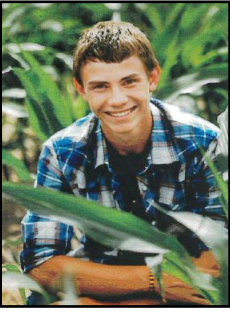
Does your team have the luck to find everything on the list?

Hastings Elks Club Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 2022
Taco Bar at 6:00pm
\$8.00 for all you can eat
followed by the Scavenger Hunt
at 7:00pm
Teams of 4 people with
one being a designated driver
each team will receive a list of items & will then go to area bars to try to get all the items on the list and be the 1st to return with all of the items

Hastings Elks Club
3050 E South Street

March Student of the Month-By: Allyson Bohlen



Brock James Karr is a senior at Silver Lake Public Schools in Roseland, Nebraska. Brock is a member of the Silver Lake National Honor Society. He is the Vice President of the school's Student Council, treasurer of the FBLA chapter and an outstanding actor in the One Act program. Brock is also a member and captain of the football team and was named to 6-Man Coaches Ass. All State 2nd Defensive Team. He has been honored with as an All-Star Game in 2022. Brock is a member and captain of the basketball team and a finalist in hurdles in district track. Brock is a 4-H member and volunteers for Junior Leaders Club. Brock is the son Tracey and Brant Karr of Roseland.



McKinsey Elizabeth Long is a senior at Hastings High School. McKinsey is a member of the National Honor Society, on the Honor Roll is an Academic All State participant, was named on the Lincoln Journal Star – All academic teams and Super State member. She is an NSAA and GNAC Academic Team member, and a Nebraska State Colleges Multi-Activity Student award winner. McKinsey is a three-year Academic Letter winner and was named to the Nebraska Wesleyan Honors Academy. Academics is not the only thing she has excelled in, she is a four-year letter winner in Varsity Soccer, Softball and Basketball. She has been a member of HHS conference, district and state Championship or Runners-up teams in Soccer, Basketball, and Softball. She has been named to numerous all conference and all state teams in Class B for Basketball and Soccer for both the Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. McKinsey is the daughter of Cory and Jami Long of Hastings.

Julie's Message By: ER Julie Rothfuss

It is now March and so we have hit the last month of our Elk's year. I first want to say THANK YOU. Thank you Jackie Norris for taking on more of the youth committee than you anticipated. Thank you John Folcik, Dick Hansen, and my husband Kent for always willing to lend a hand and for helping wherever need be. Thank you to anyone who helped by being on committees, doing programs or filled in at lodge meetings. Lastly, but not least I want to say a big thank you to our outgoing Trustee Pat Markle. Your dedication to the lodge, clubhouse and golf course has not gone without notice. I thank you for looking over the finances during your time on the board and getting so many loose ends cleared up. You will be missed on the board.

With that being said nominations for lodge officers and 5-year trustee was held during our 1st meeting in February. There were no contested spots, so the following people were elected.

- Secretary-John Folcik
- Treasurer-Dick Hansen
- 5-year Trustee-Margo Woolman
- Lecturing Knight-Aaron Martinez
- Exalted Ruler-Julie Rothfuss

We have the following chairs open to anyone willing to serve: Esquire, Chaplain, Loyal Knight, and Leading Knight. Please contact either me or John Folcik if you are interested in any of these positions. I have begun to fill committee spots for the upcoming year. If you would like to help on a committee please reach out to me. We especially need help on the youth committee, the deer hide program, auditing committee to name a few.

Next year's dues letter and form was sent out on March 1st by US mail. If you have not received your notice by now please contact John Folcik. As the notices states the grand lodge dues had an increase making the total dues more than previous years. Remember when paying for your dues please pay lodge dues to John Folcik and if you are a golfer and lodge member pay your golfing membership to the clubhouse.

For the upcoming year our focus will continue to be, to bring new members into the lodge and reach out to those who have dropped in previous year for whatever reason and encourage them to reinstate. Each year we drop at least 9-11 delinquent members and on an average lose at least 3 to 4 members to deaths. If this trend continues it won't be long and we won't have a lodge, without a lodge then no golf course. If you are a paid-up golfing member and a paid-up lodge member there is an incentive starting this upcoming year of \$150 gift card. This is an excellent way to invite someone to become an Elk Lodge member if they are already a golfing member at the Elks.

Having said all that, another issue that we are facing in our lodge is no one is coming to our lodge meetings. In order to have a quorum we need to have at least 9 people. Lately we are lucky to have 7. I realize that meetings are the last thing people want to attend but it is important as this is where decisions are made. It has been discussed to possibly change to a different night for the lodge meeting and/or to change the bylaws of the lodge so that meetings start all year around at 8pm. We are open to suggestions.

Finally, I want to say I will do my best again this coming year to be the best leader of our lodge and to be a good representative of our lodge in our community. Until next month, God Bless!

