



Calling all Elks

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Margo's Message by Margo Woolman, Exalted Ruler

Wow, what a busy month October was! I would like to Thank Rich & Lori Gion for the work they do preparing for the local and State Soccer Shoots, Bob Storeholder for all his work on Highway Cleanup and also Rich Freeman for his help, Jim Meers for running Friday Night Pitch, Christy Yackley for putting on the 2nd Annual Chili & Wing Cookoff, and Jackie Norris for her talents on the Halloween Party. These are just a few, so I would like to thank all the volunteers who give of their time and talents to the many events held at the Lodge. You are what make these successful!

The month of November is Veteran's Month. The Elks serve our country by reaching out to those who defend it. Since the early days of Elko, the Veterans Service Commission has patriotically served those who have fought for our great nation. It's one of our most important commitments as a National Organization - and as a Lodge. You probably know the rich history of the Elks in serving those who defend our freedom.

When vets returned home from the First World War, the Elks made a huge...literally history-changing commitment. As an organization, we provided job training and scholarships that allowed thousands upon thousands of those early 20th Century soldiers to build a better life.

In fact, it was the Elks program for returning WWI veterans that was the model for WWII's G.I. Bill - which gave a generation of baby boomers the education and opportunity to make America the economic engine that drove prosperity around the world.

The Elks have a saying: "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will NEVER forget them." Through programs like Adopt-A-Vet, where our members forge a friendship with a Veteran in the hospital or long-term care facility...or our monthly Bingo trips to the VA Hospital in Grand Island...and our Army of Hope activities for the families of currently deployed soldiers...it is a promise we are keeping at Hastings Lodge #159.

Be sure to check the calendar for all Veteran's events to be held in November!

Hint of the month: If you know someone who has served, or is now serving, in our military, tell them "Thank You" and invite them to the Elks!



The Elks Highway Cleanup Crew was out again the morning of October 20th. Pictured, (L-R, Back): Dick Freeling, Dave Frink, Rich Gion, Chairman Bob Storeholder and Dale Grothen. (L-R, Front): Jordan Frink, Brad Norton, ER Margo Woolman, Jackie Norris.

Notes From the Secretary by Joe Thompson

Reminder: There are two (2) Lodge meetings in November, and one (1) Lodge meeting in December. (November 13th & November 22nd & December 27th.)

DEER HUNTERS, THE HIDE PROGRAM HAS RESUMED SAVE YOUR DEER HIDES AND DONATE THEM TO THE ELKS. Drop off area by cart shed. We will then salt and send the hides to a tannery. In return, tanned hides will then be given to hospitalized veterans for their use.

Winter hours and closed days take affect in november check your calender. Also, don't forget, THERE ARE A FEW DATES AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY PARTIES - CHECK WITH MANAGER FOR A TIME!

From the Trustees by Butch Lyons, Chairman

We are still having some very nice days (well, at least, when I wrote this) going into November. So, don't put your clubs away yet!

Even though Golf has slowed down, there are other things to do. Keep your golf sharp by coming out and playing the Optishot. (you need to call ahead, so the staff will have time to set it up.)

Come out on Friday nights, there is a full menu to pick from, and then stay for the 4 point pitch starting at 7:30.

The first Tuesday of each month come out and enjoy stag night. On Wednesday there is family night. Come out and enjoy some good food from a limited menu.

Coming up later is the Lodge Christmas Party, New Years Eve party, Tom and Jerrys on New Years day. Also in December The Elks deliver gifts to children in the area. There are other activities at the Elks, you can check the calendar and the Newsletter for upcoming events.

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