



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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## Dave Bogan Honored as Honored Marshal

Past Exalted Ruler and longtime Elk member Dave Bogan was recently honored at a supper at the Hastings Masonic Lodge. He was chosen to be the Honored Marshal for this year's Veterans Recognition Parade to be held Saturday, November 6. Dave served in the Army during WWII. Elk member, Duane Norris served as this year's Master of Ceremony for this year's event. Congratulations to Dave!



### NOTICE

During our regular November 9<sup>th</sup> Lodge meeting will be voting on proposed new candidate  
Terra Meyer



*America*



MEMBERS OF THE HASTINGS DOES HELD AN END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION AT THE BLUE FORK RESTAURANT ON NOVEMBER 2ND.

*"The Faults of our Members we write upon the sand...  
Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory*



**ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 5, 2021  
DOES MEMORIAL 4:00 PM  
ELKS MEMORIAL 4:30PM**

**Please join us in remembering and celebrating the fraternal lives of those beloved Elk Members who have passed into eternal light this year.  
All Elks and family members are invited**



**HASTINGS ELKS LODGE #159 B.P.O. ELKS**  
**A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION**  
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Exalted Ruler.....Julie Rothfuss  
Leading Knight.....OPENED  
Loyal Knight.....OPENED  
Lecturing Knight.....OPENED  
Esquire.....OPENED  
Chaplain.....OPENED  
Inner Guard.....PER Joe Thompson  
Tiler.....Kent Rothfuss  
Secretary.....PER John Folcik  
Treasurer.....PER Dick Hansen

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President.....Pat DuBois, protem  
First Counselor.....NoElla Snow  
Senior Counselor.....Denise Snow  
Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits  
Secretary.....Janet Schawang  
Treasurer.....Donna Dill  
Conductor.....Pat DuBois  
Chaplain.....Lynn Folcik  
Inner Guard.....Pat Wich

**Trustees**

NoElla Snow (3yr), Janet Schawang (2yr),  
and Pat DuBois (1yr)

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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.

# November Elk Birthdays

02.....Bill Sabatka 25.....Darrell Lewis  
05...Lynn (Bud) Collison 26.....Bryan Kennedy  
05.....Monte Malouf 27.....Michael Norton  
05.....Stan Weitzel 28.....Alan Anderson  
12.....Gary Williams 28.....Robert Kayl  
14.....Dean Poppe 28.....Randy Stutzman  
16.....Joseph Novich 29.....Larry Byrkit  
19.....Lori Gion

### 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attention Deer Hunters

## Starting November 5th

**The Hastings Elks Lodge will take your deer hides. You can drop your deer hides off in the designated spot out at the lodge, located at 3050 E South Street.**

**The hides are used to make gloves for disabled veterans.**



## Julie's Message By: ER Julie Rothfuss

Happy November everyone! First, I am sorry that the newsletter is late getting out this month. I had every intention on getting this out by the 1<sup>st</sup>, but it wasn't to be. I found out mid-October that my cancer had come back. I am fortunate that it is contained to one area. Right now, I am in the process of taking 6 weeks of radiation therapy. I have been doing okay with the treatments, but I am finding that I am quite fatigued so hence therefore the newsletter wasn't out. As the treatments continue, they say I will become more fatigued so I will need to slow down and take some time off work. I am going to try to keep up with my duties as Exalted Ruler but may need to lean on our PER'S for help.

In the month of October, we had our visit from the District Deputy Jeremy Brandt and his Esquire Justin Brandt. District Deputy Jeremy was very impressed with our lodge and how far we have come in the past 2 years. Our books looked impressive with only a couple of items that we need to correct and our grounds and building only had a couple of items that we needed to correct. I can't thank all the members enough for working so hard this past 2 years to make the necessary corrections. Thank you to Brandy and Peggy as well for serving us a delicious supper.

Currently, we have 14 delinquent members. We initiated one new member in the month of October, and we have 1 new proposed member. Our average age of membership is 65 years old. Our membership keeps dropping which is not a good trend to be having. If the trend continues in 8 years, we won't have a Hastings Elks Lodge. We can't let this happen. The time is now to share what the Elks do in the City of Hastings and surrounding areas. The time is now to invite people to join the Elks and get them involved. If you haven't paid your dues this year, then please do so as this is what pays for the many programs we do throughout the year.

Looking ahead we have sent out the paperwork for our Christmas project to the agencies that help us select the families we shop for. This year we will be shopping at Kohl's Department Store for around 70 children. Just like last year I ask that you wrap your gifts and either bring them to the Elks on December 18<sup>th</sup> or drop them off at my house. If you would like to shop, please reach out to me and I will make sure you get some names. We will be delivering these gifts on December 18<sup>th</sup> in the morning like we did last year. If you would like to deliver packages, please let me know.

This year we will not be having a Kid's Christmas Party. We really wanted to try to get this going again but we are short some manpower and didn't feel we had enough time to plan everything we needed to plan. Having said that, we are needing someone to take this project on and hit the ground running with it. If you are interested, please contact either me or Jackie Norris. Until next month, God Bless

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

## Grand Lodge News

### Veterans in need sometimes let pride get in the way

By Paul R. Ryan, PGER, Commission Member

Here we are in the fall. I just received my invitation to assist during an Elks/Disabled American Veterans Deer hunt at the famous Camp Ripley in Minnesota, one of the largest National Guard training facilities in the country. This is always the time I cherish because it allows me to meet a new veteran and share his or her stories.

November is Veterans Remembrance Month for us Elks. Not that we need a special month to remember our veterans—One of our slogans is, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." However, during this month we should really pay close attention to our veterans, especially those veterans in need.

One thing I learned on my travels is that our veterans are a very proud group of people. During my Washington, D.C. visit last year, many leaders of our country who advocate for veterans acknowledge they often don't know if the people who are in the food pantry or in the shelters or looking for county or state assistance are veterans. The people are too proud to let us know, and therefore our numbers do not really reflect the true state of veterans in need. If your Lodge is having an event that feeds people of the community, make sure to ask if people are veterans. It will help us discover more realistic statistics to get our leadership in this country to realize the magnitude of what is really going on.

Recently, I was offered to put a sign in my yard for the Veteran Crisis Hotline: Suicide Prevention. This is really something we should all put up in our Lodges, our homes, and everywhere else we can. Put this number in your phone and label it so if you come across a veteran who is in dire straits, you can call it for them or share it with them. The number for Veteran Crisis Line: Suicide Prevention is 1-800-273-8255.

If you come across a soldier who has recently come home from Afghanistan due to our recent evacuation, please acknowledge them with respect and thank them for their service. They have retreated from a country with the knowledge of leaving Americans behind. This is going to weigh on them. Let them know that if they are hurting the Elks are here to help!

November 11 is Veterans Day. Plan an event in your Lodge, recognize the veterans who are members and the ones who are not. Invite veterans to come to the Lodge and have a meal or a cocktail. See if you can get them as Members, but even more importantly, show them that Elks Care—Elks Share.

## Student of the Month by: Allison Bohlen

### September Students of the Month



**Magdalen Ann Heckman** is a senior at St. Cecilia High School. Maggie was a student at Grand Island Central Catholic before coming to St. Cecilia High School. She has been active at both school in academics and activities. Maggie has been a member of speech teams, the musical and One Act at both schools. She is active in Teens for Live, AG2G Disciple, the St. Cecilia chess club and the pep band and has been a member of the GICC art Club. She is a member of National Honor Society currently serving as president and is on the Track and Field team. When Maggie is not busy at school she likes reading, playing the ukulele and guitar, painting and sketching, she loves arts and crafts, enjoys hiking, swimming, and camping. She also enjoys music and singing. Maggie is the daughter of Eric and Jonie Heckman



**Caden Alan Cerny** is a senior at St. Cecilia High School. Caden is a member of National Honor Society, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), a member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of Teens for Life. He participates in St. Cecilia High School One Act, football, basketball, and track teams. Caden is also the senior class secretary and plays in the band. When Caden is not participating on a high school team he is a hardworking lawn care worker having worked for 7 years in the lawn care industry. He has skills in gardening, sowing, mowing, trimming, and maintaining lawn and gardening equipment. He has also worked for Pioneer Agriculture since 2016. Caden is also active in his community as a youth camp counselor. His hobbies include camping, fishing, and reading. Caden is the son of Todd and Julie Cerny.

### October Students of the Month



**Megan Renee Vrooman** is a senior at St. Cecilia High School. She has been a three-year member of the National Honor Society, a three-year NSAA All State Cross County winner, a three-year Academic Letterman, and a two-year member of the Youth Leadership Academy. She is a member of the St. Cecilia FBLA, where she serves as the president, a member of the St. Cecilia Band where she plays the flute, and she is active in the One Act and Musical. She is active in sports at St. Cecilia where she has participated in Cross County, Track, Speech, Dance Team and has earned many varsity letters. Miss Vrooman is also a honored student where she has been on the Honor Roll and taken Dual-college credit course work, she has earned academic All-Conference awards for three years. She services her community in many ways, committing to Mission trips, is a Bible School Leader, Soup Kitchen volunteer, student coach for the Saints Track club, camp counselor for SKY Youth Camp, and has volunteered at the CSS Banquet and HCS

Bazaar and Chicken Noodle Dinner this service has made her a Christian Service Award winner. When she is not active at school or volunteering, Megan also works in the seed corn fields detasseling. Megan is the daughter of Lee and Kris Vrooman of Hastings



**Garrett Lee Parr** is a senior at St. Cecilia High School. Trevor is a member of the National Honor Society, Teens for Life, FBLA, Youth Leadership Academy, Future Farmers of America, and Student Council. He is a member of the St. Cecilia football team, basketball team, the track and field team, school musical and TEC Catholic retreat team. Garrett is also involved in the school musical, the local 4-H clubs and Mentoring Works student mentoring program. Garrett is a strong community service member where he has been involved in packing lunches for CSS, and volunteers for Kids against Hunger. He is a volunteer coach for youth basketball and football camps he volunteers for the school and church events, bazaars, and the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Hoop shoot. Garrett is an Academic All-Conference winner, Academic Letter, and award winner, three-year NSAA Academic All-State winner, the John McCabe Scholarship Recipient, Sherman Memorial Scholarship Recipient, and the Biglin Sportsmanship Award. When Garrett is

not hard at work at school or volunteering, he has worked in the agriculture industry in detasseling and with Sustainable Seeds Solutions. His hobbies include exercising, showing cattle and hunting. Garrett is the son of Joe and Malinda Parr.



