

The Does Corner

The first Does meeting of the fall was held Sept 20th at noon at the Elks Club. The District Meeting is October 23-24th, in Ainsworth.

Our own Connie Goochey from Ainsworth is the Supreme President. Several of us are planning to attend.

Our next meeting will be October 18th, at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served by the Elks. We would like to see more Does come out for the meetings.

If you need a ride, please call Janet Schawang, and she will see that you have a ride.

New Member

The following new Member will be voted on at the October 11th Lodge Meeting:

• *Donovan Schultz of Hastings, proposed by Randy Rippen*



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I would like to thank all the members that came out and witnessed the Flag Retirement Ceremony that was held on September 11, 2011 to help commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the September 11th tragedy. A special thanks goes out to Jim Horshum, Brad Norton and Joe Thompson for their participation in the event along with the Boy Scouts from Troops 99, 192 and 229. These young men not only assisted with the burning of the flags, but also with the planting of the tree that was provided and dedicated in remembrance of 9/11 by the Officers of Hastings Elks Lodge No. 159. Thank you Exalted Ruler Jackie Norris for spear-heading the tree planting and PER Jim Horshum for suggesting that we do the Flag Retirement Ceremony to honor all those who lost their lives on that fateful day.

VETERANS ACTIVITIES

by Reta Norton, Vets Chair



I would like to thank Joe and Carol Thompson, Rich Freeman and Brad Norton for helping with the Sandwich Day at the VA on September 26, 2011. We served 90 sandwiches along with iced tea, potato chips and packages of M&M cookies. The veterans, their family members and the staff at the medical facility really appreciated and enjoyed the sandwiches and were

very appreciative that we took the time and effort to provide the meal to them. We will again be serving sandwiches on November 14, 2011 in honor of Veterans Day, so if you are interested in helping let me know.

Hastings will again be hosting a Veterans Recognition Parade on November 5, 2011 in downtown Hastings. All veterans are encouraged to participate and our Lodge will again have the only float that actually floats. The staging area is on Minnesota between 2nd and 4th Streets and we will have the float out there around 8:30 a.m. with the parade starting at 10:00 a.m. This year we will also be serving cinnamon rolls and kolaches to the veterans along with hot drinks. If anyone is interested in helping with serving these let me know.

The parade committee is also asking if our Lodge could provide 10 to 15 street barricades to put up

street barricades then stand on that street corner until the end of the parade and take them down again. The barricades will already be on the corner, so all we do is put them up and take them down. There will be a sign up sheet at the Lodge starting the



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