



# Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge  
#159



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## Hastings Elks Lodge receives award from Overland Trails Boy Scout Council

By: Dick Freeling, Scout Chairman

Tyson Coble (Park Ranger) presented the Dale Young Service Award to Hastings Elks Lodge #159 for Elks projects at Camp Augustine during the Overland Trails Council Recognition Dinner held at Lockland Country Club, March 18, 2018.

Accepting the award for our Lodge were Dick Freeling, scouting chairman; PER Mike Norton and PER Jackie Norris, youth chairman.

ENF Gratitude Grant funds enable our Lodge to provide this support. Thank you to all our members for their continued support of ENF.



## Hastings Elks Casino Night Raises Money for Scholarship Program

The Hastings Elks Lodge hosted a Casino night on Saturday, March 10 at Lodge to help raise money for their Elks Scholarship and Student of the Month Program. A nice size crowd was treated to several casino games run by various Elk members. Guest could purchase \$10,000 funny money for \$20 to play with throughout the evening and try to increase their winnings so that they could use their funny money to win a nice selection of prizes during the 2 auctions held during the event. A special thank you to Trint Bottolfson from Biddin Time Auction for being the Auctioneer for this event. A total of over \$1200 was raised for the Scholarship and Student of the Month Program.

**Casino Committee:** Bill and Jan Mooney, chairman, Ed and Ronda Johnson, Jim and Nancy Horsham, Dick and Nancy Freeling, Don Runcie, Julie Rothfuss and Jackie Norris and thanks to Margo for all her help the last 6 years. **Volunteers:** Jimmie and Shirley Meers, Rich Gion, Dick Hansen, Randy Gartner, Brandi and Darren Archer.



# ELKS HIGHWAY CLEAN UP



**Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am**

**Free Lunch after: Pizza**

**Water & Equipment provided**



**Contact Aaron Martinez with any questions 402-984-4951**

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Loyal Knight.....Julie Rothfuss  
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Tiler.....OPENED  
Secretary.....Brandi Archer  
Treasurer.....PER Dick Hansen

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President.....Andrea Towler  
First Counselor.....NoElla Snow  
Senior Counselor.....Rose Kehn  
Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits  
Secretary.....Janet Schawang  
Treasurer.....Donna Dill  
Conductor.....Pat DuBois  
Chaplain.....Lynn Folcik

**Trustees**

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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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;  
8:00pm March-October

**Nominations are now being accepted for 5 year  
Trustee. Contact ER PER Mike Norton if you are  
interested.**

**(open until the end of April 10<sup>th</sup> Lodge meeting)  
During the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting voting will take place  
for the reinstatement of Ronald Boston.**

**April Elks Birthdays**

01.....Preston Davis 19.....Lloyd Muhle  
01.....Richard Gion 21.....Kenneth Froschheuser  
02.....Gayle Johnson 22.....Matthew Friend  
05.....L Anderson 22.....Robb Woodward  
05.....Richard Freeling 23.....Dave Helmick  
08.....Leslie Lawless 23.....Donald Johnson  
09.....Robert Ackles 23.....Harry Nicolai  
09.....Dennis McPherson 23.....Bradley Novich  
11.....Brian Graviette 24.....Jimmy Meers  
11.....Aaron Martinez 26.....Tom Ackles  
11.....Douglas Snow 27.....Daniel Mantas  
11.....Murray Wilson Jr 28.....Richard Heinrich  
12.....Richard Freeman

**BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON**

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in April.  
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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mike's Message

By: ER PER Mike Norton

Hello and happy new year to everyone. As I am sure we all know April 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of a new Elks year and with it comes another year of excitement. I would like to start the year by thanking our newest Past Exalted Ruler Aaron Martinez for his outstanding performance as our leader this past year. He has without a doubt left a hard act to follow. I will be striving diligently to retain all the amazing activities that he introduced this past year and introduce even more. I am always looking for new ideas in how to make our lodge even better. My best source for ideas of course is our members. Please, if you have a suggestion or anything you would like to see come back that you feel has gone by the wayside over the years please let me know.

As many of you may not be aware we are looking for quite a few officers for this year. I would like to encourage members that have not been involved before to please come and join our ranks. Some of the best help our lodge has ever received has come from members that have not been involved in the past. The positions that we would like filled are not a ton of work and from my experience they help you to build strong long-lasting friendships in the lodge. There is no experience required and we will help you every step of the way. So, if you think you would be interested please let me know and I would be happy to bring you on board. One of the positions that we are looking to fill is the position of 5 yr. trustee I have currently nominated Aaron Martinez for this position, but nominations remain open until the end of our April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting where we will also be voting on Ronald Boston for reinstatement.

Finally, I will be doing everything that I can this year to increase our Elks membership. We are planning to have our second annual open house in April. Please invite as many people as you can think of to come and see what all that our fantastic lodge has to offer, also, please come out yourself and take a look at the activities that you might not know that we are doing and see if there is something that you might want to participate in as well. If you do find something you have my promise that we will get you involved. The best way to get the most out of being an Elk is to get involved and have fun. So, in closing, I hope that everyone has a great year.



# Scavenger Hunt!!



Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>

Taco Bar 6pm Rules 6:45pm

Hunt Begins at 7pm

Teams of 4 players (one designated driver) will visit various bars in Hastings while trying to acquire items on their team list!

Gather your friends and meet at  
Hastings Elks Golf Course



## Plans are being made for the Cristal Johnson Benefit Golf Tournament

May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM

Anyone interested in donating prizes, auction items or cash please contact the clubhouse.



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## JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



**Kaila Avent** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honors Society. She is a member of marching band, symphonic band, jazz ensemble, and orchestra. She is President of Improv Club, belongs to Drama Club, Debate Team and Speech Team. Kaila founded Gender-Sexuality Alliance Club as a Junior and is currently co-President. She is a member of Swim Team. She participates in Quiz Bowl, Skills USA and Actions Day at CCC. Her community service includes Hastings Symphony Orchestra member, Teen Court worker, Sunny D's, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mayor's Youth Council, blood donor, Council Member for Girl Scout Spirit of Nebraska and accompanist at First Christian Church. She has been a Girl Scout since Kindergarten. Her work experience includes two fast food businesses and mowing and cleaning for an elderly couple. She is one of eight Western Nebraska students selected to travel to India next year in a Rotary Youth Exchange, after which she will study at Princeton University. Her hobbies are drawing, reading, cooking, baking, dog walking, working out, running, biking and watching "The Office". She is the daughter of Kathy Rysiew and Glenn Avent.



**Joshua Brooks** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of National Honors Society. He participates in Freshmen Mentoring Program, Nebraska Wesleyan Honor Band, Hastings College Honor Band and University of Nebraska Lincoln Winter Winds Festival. He is a member and trumpet section leader of marching band and symphonic band. He is principal trumpet in orchestra. He is vice-president of Chamber Choir and a member of Madrigals. He plays American Legion baseball. His community service includes United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, Kids against Hunger and Open Table. He has worked as Scorekeeper for Smith Softball Complex, Hastings Parks and Recreation and detasseling. Joshua's hobbies are ice skating and helping his father with projects. He is the son of Brent Brooks and Erica Brooks.

## FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**Benjamin Howie** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of National Honors Society. His sport is Tennis. He is a member of marching band, jazz band, symphonic band and orchestral winds and percussion. He participates in Hastings College Honor Band, Nebraska Wesleyan Honor Band, Skills USA, All-Academic GNAC and Quiz Bowl. Benjamin is a founding member of eSports Club. His community service includes Kiwanis Christmas shopping and Hands & Hearts against Hunger. He has worked as grocery store cashier and FDA tobacco compliance checks. His hobbies include Rubic's cube solving, bike riding, and composing music, playing piano and listening to classical music. His parents are Michael and Denise Howie.



**Justise Propp** is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is President of National Honors Society and a member of National Society of High School Scholars. She participates in Freshman Mentoring Program, Wesleyan Honor Choir and Nebraska All State Choir. She is Captain of Dance Team. Her community service includes Hearts and Hands Against Hunger, soap packager, Red Cross Blood Drive data collector and First St. Paul's Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School instructor. Her work experience includes server at SummerTime Snowflakes, detasseler and checker at Pioneer. Justise's objective is to become an Optometrist and own an eye-care clinic. Her hobbies are reading, watching classic Disney movies, outdoor activities including sand volleyball, bike riding and star gazing. She is the daughter of Scott and Brenda Propp.



**Hastings Elks Lodge ER Ball  
&  
Installation of Officers  
Saturday Evening, April 7, 2018  
5:00PM**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Does Garden Party 11:30 AM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Freeling Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Leadership Hastings Alum. 1 PM Hastings Mixer 5 PM	
		Ladies Association Golf 4:00 PM	Senior Golf - 1:00 PM		Couples Golf 6:00 PM	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Youth Banquet 6:00 PM	Monday League 6:00 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Horsham Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Couples Golf 6:00 PM	Cristal's Benefit Golf - 1:00 PM
		Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Senior Golf - 1:00 PM			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Graduation Party	Monday League 6:00 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Mooney Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Couples Golf 6:00 PM	Armed Forces Golf 9:00 AM
			Senior Golf - 1:00 PM			Baptism Party-5 PM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Baby Shower	Monday League 6:00 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Duane Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Couples Golf 6:00 PM	
		Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Senior Golf - 1:00 PM			
27	28	29	30	31		
Memorial Day Scramble	No Monday League	Ladies Association Golf 4:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Margo Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM		
			Senior Golf - 1:00 PM			