



Calling all Elks

Hastings Lodge
#159



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Hastings, NE

2018 Installation of Officers and Award Night

On Saturday evening April 7 the Hastings Elks Lodge was the setting of this year's ER Ball. This year because the on-coming ER had already served as an ER it was decided to do something different and have the installation of officers before the meal. Past Exalted Rulers of Hastings Elks Lodge 159 had the duty to install the new officers for 2018-19. Those past exalted rulers were Rich Freeman, Jim Horsham, John Folcik, Margo Woolman, Brad Norton, Dick Hansen and Jackie Norris. Mary Brooks, PER from the Lincoln Elks 80 was the honorable ER and installed newly elected Exalted Ruler Mike Norton. (Mary is the fiancé of Mike's father Brad Norton)



Officers being installed were Zach Oreskovich, Leading Knight; Julie Rothfuss, Loyal Knight; PER Rich Freeman, Inner Guard; Brandy Archer, Secretary; PER Dick Hansen, Treasurer and Mike Norton, Exalted Ruler.

Following the installation of officers, a delicious meal was served by the staff of the Hastings Elks Club. Approximately 22 guests were in attendance for the evening.

Three awards were handed out that evening. The following awards were given.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: Nancy Heinke

Nancy has been a big part of the Youth committee for many years. She is the one that handles all the press releases for Student of the Month each month. She works along side Jackie Norris, youth chairman each Spring to make sure the Youth Banquet goes smoothly and the invitations to the banquet get out to all the student winners. Nancy also volunteers her

time for the Youth Christmas Party in December. She has been an active member of the Hastings Elks Ladies Association and served as secretary for two years.



ELK OF THE YEAR: Bill Mooney

Bill has been an Elk for many years. He has donated his time and resources to help make sure things run smoothly at the Elks. Bill has been the chair for the Casino night and has successfully helped to make Casino one of the main money makers for the Scholarship Fund. He has served the lodge well by being a trustee for 5 years and chairs a cooking crew on Wednesday night plus has helped on Friday night cards in the Winter months and Friday night couples golf in the Summer months



OFFICER OF THE YEAR: PER Aaron Martinez

Aaron was chosen by the PER committee for his outstanding service to the Elks in 2017-18 Aaron's leadership was top notch in serving our lodge as well as the Hastings committee. Aaron was responsible for two fundraisers during his time as Exalted Ruler. He successfully helped raise funds and collected supplies for Hurricane victims in Texas. With the help of two of his officers, he drove these items to Texas as well. Aaron also was instrumental in bringing in a hypnotist for a fundraiser for the Scholarship Program. With the help of his officers he planned and coordinated for a well written article by the Hastings Tribune about the Hastings Elks Lodge and the Elks 150th Birthday.

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Loyal Knight.....Julie Rothfuss
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Junior Counselor.....Catherine Willits
Secretary.....Janet Schawang
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Conductor.....Pat DuBois
Chaplain.....Lynn Folcik

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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

May Elks Birthdays

01.....James W Connely 11.....Robert Wallace
01.....Dennis Stark 12.....Jeff McCoy
07.....Darrel Stromer 12.....Robert Storehalder
09.....Harlan Schlachter 15.....Jordan McIntyre
09.....Casey St. John 16.....Richard D Hawthorne
10.....Aaron Adams 17.....Ronald Ross
10.....Christopher Beekman 20.....Scott Trutna
11.....Milo Kocourek 25.....Larry Thomas
27.....John Harman

BIRTHDAY PARTY COUPON

We congratulate all Elks who have birthdays in May.
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
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Mike's Message

By: ER PER Mike Norton

We have had a great start to the new year so far. We have had our installation of officers and some nice weather for some golf as well. At the state convention held April 27th - 29th our very own Past Exalted Ruler Brad Norton was elected State President for the 2018 2019 year. Also, Aaron Martinez was appointed State Tiler and Dick Hanson is our new state chair for lodge activates committee, congratulations to you all!

We have a lot coming up this month as well starting with a vote for the 2018 - 2019 budget that will occur at the lodge meeting May 8th. We have all the Lodge Membership cards printed and they are in the lodge secretary's office. We are currently waiting on this year's key cards to arrive before mailing them out. The reason we are waiting for the key cards is because as soon as the cards arrive and are mailed out to our members, the lodge will be locking the members side doors. As a Lodge member you will want to make sure to bring your card out anytime you come to the lodge from now on. We will continue to attempt to keep Wednesday open to the public and are working on being able to have the doors unlocked during men's golf league, but again please be sure to carry your key cards with you at all time once you receive them.

This month will also be the start of a lot of special golf tournaments so please come out and join us for all the fun that we will be having at the lodge this month

Does Corner

By: Pat DuBois



Hastings Does held their first meeting of the new year on January 19, 2018 at the Hastings Elks Lodge. President Andrea Towler presided over the meeting. All new 2018 officer were in attendance.

On February 6, 2018 the Hastings Does held their regular meeting with Andrea Towler hosting an awesome Valentine's Party for those that attended. Conductor Pat DuBois and Chaplain Lynn Folcik draped the charter for past 5-year officer secretary, Colleen Obert. A round table discussion was held for our remaining 2018-year activities.

Due to snowy weather we were unable to have our March 6 Does meeting.

Our April 3rd meetings was held at the Hastings Elks Lodge. President Andra Towler read an invitation from the Grand Island Elks to practice for the Nebraska Central District Convention in October on April 15. Invitations to our Hastings Spring Luncheon to be held May 1st are being sent out to all Does. Please make sure to make your reservations and bring a friend. April hostess, Lynn Folcik served taco salad with all the trimmings and chocolate brownies.

Congratulations to Past Exalted Ruler Mike Norton, who was installed for a second term as Exalted Ruler and his 2018 officers who were installed April 7 at the Hastings Elks Lodge 159. It was a real beautiful evening, enjoyed by all.



Award Presented to Bob Neeman

During Wednesday night Wing Night recently Bob Neeman was presented the Outstanding Service Commendation Award for his continuous service to the Hastings Elks Lodge by PER Aaron Martinez.

Bob Neeman can be found every Wednesday Wing Night helping whatever cooking crew is cooking by taking everyone's order back to the kitchen and doing whatever is necessary to make the night go more smoothly. Thank you, Bob for your dedication.

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MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH By: Nancy Heinke



Riley Nelson is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of National Honors Society. He is a member of History Club, Tiger Cub Online and Tennis team. He participates in Freshman Mentoring Program, Quiz Bowl and Skills USA. His community service includes blood drive volunteer, soap packager, Hastings Museum photographer, Henry Doorly Zoo frog testing project and Adams County Teen Court. He works as deli cashier and pumpkin patch customer service specialist. Riley's hobbies include reading, photography, writing bike riding, ice skating, listening to music and watching television. He is the son of Kathy and Brent Nelson.



Jaiden Kully is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honors Society, Student Council and choreographer for Dance Team. She participates in Freshman Mentoring Program, Post-Graduation Committee, Beyond School Walls and DECA. Her community service includes Big Brothers Big Sisters, Lunch Buddy for Elementary Students, Hearts and Hands Against Hunger, soap packager and Salvation Army bell ringer. Her work experience includes nanny, dance teacher, and school tutor. Her hobbies are dance, volunteering with children, reading, photography and mentoring. Her parents are Jennifer and Jeff Kully.

APRIL STUDENT OF THE MONTH By: Nancy Heinke



are running, graphic design, reading, dog training, bike riding, writing, photography and volunteering. Her parents are Ann and Gregory Mays.

Emma Mays is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honors Society. She is captain of the Tennis team and Basketball team, member of Cross Country team and a member of Camps Farthest Out Council Ring. She is photography editor, advertising editor and writes for the Tiger Cub Online. Emma did extensive research for the History Day project she wrote. She participates in Freshman Mentoring Program. Her community service includes Kids Against Hunger, organizing blood drive, soap packaging, canvassing for mayoral candidate, kids' basketball camp leader, middle school tennis camp leader, prom decorating and organizing, charity color run organizing and alumni volleyball/basketball tournament. She has worked at a golf shop and detasseling. Emma's hobbies



Joshua Coe is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is a member of National Honors Society. He participates in symphonic band, jazz band, orchestra and Hastings College Honor Band. His community service includes Kids Against Hunger, highway clean-up, Soul Patrol and XYF for church group and he went on mission trips to New Orleans and South Dakota. Joshua's hobbies include practicing instruments, gaming, volunteering and training. He is the son of Amy and Scott Coe.

MAY STUDENT OF THE MONTH By: Nancy Heinke



Emily Beave is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. She is a member of National Honors Society. She participates in Choir, Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Marching Band and Pep Band. She is Drum Major of the Hastings High Band and Show Choir Dance Captain. Emily is a member of 2017 All-State Chorus and Hastings College Honor Band. Her community service includes Youth Leader at First United Methodist Church. She has worked as a cashier in a retail store and detasseling. Her hobbies are music, reading, outdoor activities, cooking, gardening and volunteer work. Her parents are Mary and Erin Beave.



Thomas Kerr is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. He is secretary of National Honors Society. He is a three-year member of Student Council. He is captain of the cross-country team and a member of the track team. He received a Greater Nebraska Athletic Conference-All Academic Award and Lincoln Journal-Star Academic All-State. He participates in Freshmen Mentoring Program, Tiger Ambush Leadership Group and History Club. His community service includes Church Youth Group, Kids Against Hunger, United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry volunteer, Hastings Youth Leadership academy, cross country camp volunteer/coach, highway clean-up, pumpkins and bingo with elderly and mentor/reader with elementary students. He has served on First Presbyterian Go and Serve Committee and has done a mission trip. He works at Hastings Aquacourt. His hobbies include running, academics and history. Thomas is the son of Robert and Michelle Kerr.

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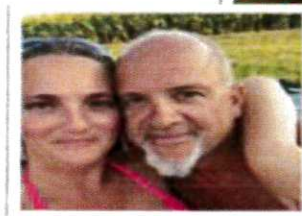
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June 2 4pm-10pm**



**6pm-10pm Live Music By Blue Collar Band
Silent Auction, Raffles, Door Prizes
Pulled Pork Sandwiches With All The Fix'ins... Free Will Donation
Hastings Elks Golf Course & Reception Hall**

Last fall Vaughn was in a terrible roll over accident that severed his spinal cord. After 6 months of medical treatment and extensive rehab at Craig Hospital in Denver, Vaughn is finally home! Now home, he and his family are facing new challenges and he is in desperate need of house modifications and an automobile that is wheelchair accessible.

Please support this cause ANY way you can, donate items for raffle or auction, send financial support, Come Out To The Event!!

All items/monetary donations can be sent to: Hastings Elks Golf Course & Reception Hall ATT: Theresa Hampton
3050 East South St Hastings NE 68901 or call 402.462.6616 and someone will pick up your donation!!

5 Years at Maryland Living Center

By: PER Jackie Norris, youth chairman

This will be the 5th year that we will be teaching cooking classes to displaced teens and young adults at Maryland Living Center. We partnered up with CASA on this project for Maryland Living Center in its 1st year open, and I think it has been a worthwhile way to use the Beacon Grant. There is a different group of kids generally every year, and I think we all learn from each other. Some kids have no idea how to cook for themselves, and others cook better than us! We all share ideas while they learn how to make breakfast meals, chili, salads, pizza, casseroles and even how to grill!

This is part of the mission of the Center, to teach them how to live on their own. They go to school and work, as well as take part in different clinics and classes at the facility. Each teen has their own apartment, and we supply most of what they will need when they move in to stock a full kitchen, and they are theirs to keep. This year I was joined by John Folcik, and Brandi and Darian Archer, at Walmart and we filled 3 carts with loads of dishes, pots and pans, utensils dishrags, towels, etc. We were only able to get about 2/3rds of what we needed, so the rest was ordered on line.



ER Mike Norton and PER Brad Norton help with the cooking class

Our 1st Vice Brad Norton and his fiancé Mary Brooks joined me at Maryland Living Center on March 1st to set up for our first cooking class. The House Manager, Steve, lets us use his apartment to cook, and there is plenty of room for the kids to sit and watch, or take part in the cooking process. Brad helped me the first year we did this, and it was fun to have him back. Mike Norton joined us as well. We had chili and made grilled cheese and mac and cheese and how to use leftover chili in different ways. Dick Freeling delivered the kitchen provisions as we were starting and got help from the kids to unload. They had no idea it was for them! He then came in to meet the kids and help.

After we were done eating the kids got to come into the foyer and pick out whatever they needed.

They were so surprised and excited to take all these things they needed to keep for themselves. I was impressed that they were careful not to take something that they already had. One of the kids was disappointed that we were not

coming back until May. This was a great group of kids, and we all really enjoyed the experience.



Two residents of Maryland Living Center getting ready to eat what they fixed in their first cooking class

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Hastings Elks Lodge 159 is taking donations for the following new or used items for the Maryland Living Center.

Contact Dick Hansen or Julie Rothfuss if you could donate any of these items.

Lamps (table lamps or free standing); Coffee Tables; Small Kitchen Tables; Dressers; Rugs for Bathrooms, Bath Towel Sets, Shower Curtains/Shower Curtain Hooks; Waste Baskets, Laundry Baskets, Laundry Detergent, Alarm Clocks, Sheets Sets (Twin or Queen); Storage Containers, Pots and Pans; Dishes; Dish Towels, Dish Clothes, Kitchen Utensils, measuring cups, whisk, Dish Soap, Small Kitchen Appliances-Coffee Makers, Toasters, Trivets for hot pans/ Hot Pan Holders.

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	Graduation Party
		Ladies Association Golf 4:00 PM	Senior Golf - 1:00 PM		Two Couple 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	Two Couple 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 Guest Stagette 6:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Burgers, Wings, Beer (Mooney Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Two Couple 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	Two Couple Golf 6:00 PM	
		Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Senior Golf - 1:00 PM			
27	28	29	30	31		
Memorial Day Scramble 1:00 PM	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		
			Central Ne. Seniors-1PM			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Two Couple Golf 6:00 PM	Vaughn Holding Benefit
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Baby Shower 12:00 PM	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM Wings, Burgers, Beer (Grothen Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Two Couple Golf 6:00 PM	Viper Rendezvous 3:00 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Senior Golf - 9:00 AM		Mom Prom Fundraiser 7:00 PM	Mobile Bar 4:00 PM
	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM Wings, Burgers, Beer (Freeling Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Two Couple Golf 6:00 PM	Womens Open 4 - Lady Scramble 10:00 AM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Senior Golf - 9:00 AM			Sertoma BBQ 1:30 PM
Miller 2 Man Scramble 9:00 AM	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM Wings, Burgers, Beer (Horsham Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Two Couple Golf 6:00 PM	Poker Run for Cristal Johnson
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Senior Golf - 9:00 AM			Mobile Bar-4:00 PM
	Mixed League 6:00 PM	Ladies Association Golf 4:00 PM	Wing It Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM Wings, Burgers, Beer (Mooney Crew)	Mens League 6:00 PM	Two Couple Golf 6:00 PM	Grip It N' Sip It 2-Day Tourney 9:00 AM
		Lodge Meeting 8:00 PM	Senior Golf - 9:00 AM		Glow-Ball TBA	
July 1st						
Grip It N' Sip It 2-Day Tourney 9:00 AM						