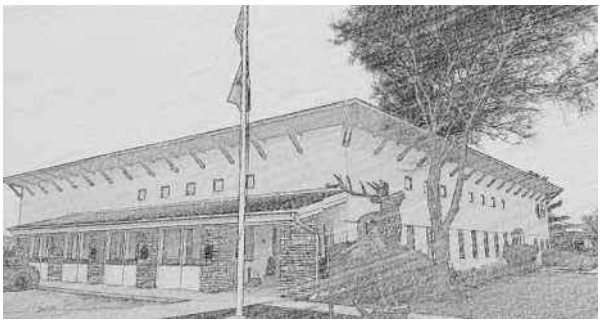
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November 2026 Newsletter
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Message From Your Exalted Ruler



Hello Everyone,

Volunteers are the heart of our Elks Lodge. Every successful dinner, event, and community project depends on members who give their time and talents.

Whether you help in the kitchen, decorate, set up tables, clean up afterward, or lend a hand wherever needed, your efforts make a difference. To everyone who volunteers- THANK YOU.

On Wednesday November 11th we will hold our Veterans Day ceremony, with dinner to follow. This is an opportunity to come together and honor the men and women who served our country, including the veterans in our own lodge. Their service, sacrifices, and continued contributions to our community deserve our Gratitude.

Looking ahead to December we are planning a festive membership drive by turning our lodge into Santa's Workshop-with Christmas decorations over the top! We want to fill the Lodge with holiday cheer and create a welcoming place where members, friends, family, and prospective members can experience the fun and fellowship we share.

We would love all of your help in bringing it all to life! From decorating and preparing for events, to welcoming guests and inviting someone new. Let's make this a Christmas season to remember!

Your Exalted Ruler
Richard C Kreitzinger



2026-2027 Lodge Officers

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exaltedruler@wdmelks.com

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A Change in the Air…….



Fall is here and we have already had a taste of colder weather. The Trustees want to remind everyone to be patient as the temperatures start to change on a daily basis. The fluctuation in the temperatures outdoors make it challenging to keep the lodge comfortable for all inside. We will try our best to keep the lodge temperature comfortable while the temperature swings.

Along with the colder temps come the chance of snow, freezing rain/sleet or ice. Please take care during these weather events. We will try very hard to keep the snow and ice off the sidewalks and parking lot as best we can and as timely when we can. Our lot and sidewalks are usually clear within 24 hours of the snow ending. Please be careful when traversing the parking lot and sidewalks.



Please join us for our next breakfast and Bake Sale Sunday, November 8th, 2026.

We will be serving 8:AM to noon which includes Biscuits and Gravy, French Toast, Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage patties, Cheesy Potatoes, and of course all you can eat Pancakes (including Blueberry and Chocolate chip pancakes), Orange juice, Milk, and Coffee. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa for only $3.50.

We are serving from 8:00 a.m. till noon, only $11 for adults and $5 for children 10 and under. All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities.

See you at our next Sunday Breakfast and Bake Sale, November 8th .
Bring your friends and neighbors. Again, thanks to all of our volunteers!



Please pay the bartender for your breakfast.

WDM Elks Lodge #2752

Community Breakfast & Bake Sale



Monthly Breakfast Buffet

Join Us - Sunday, November 8th

8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa – only $3.50

- Pancakes (Blueberry & Chocolate Chip)
- French Toast
- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon & Sausage
- Biscuits & Gravy
- Cheesy Potatoes

... price includes Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee!

Bake Sale

Homemade Treats & Baked Goods for Sale



Adults – $11 ♥ **Kids 10 & Under – $5**

All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities !

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Our Elks Wine Committee Never Disappoints!
In October they celebrated wineries that support Breast Cancer.







Our Elks Bourbon Committee Never Disappoints!
In October they celebrated The Good Stuff.







Our October 11th 2026 Pancake Breakfast and Bake sale went well serving 89 members, guests and friends which included 13 complimentary breakfasts to 6 Clive Fire Fighters and 7 Veterans which were transported to our lodge from the Des Moines VA Hospital (Domicile). We welcomed them to our lodge and again thanked them for their service.

We can't say this enough but our lodge does have so many great volunteers that volunteer for our lodge's many activities and fund raisers. Our hats are off to all of them. This month our Breakfast volunteers were: Gloria Biesberg, Rosie Subber, Brian Becker, Nina Steele, Alice Jensen, Forrest Laidlaw, Dallas Morris, Neil Davies, Ted and Beth DuPuy, MJ(Bartender), and Larry Cramer. Thanks everyone.

Thank you to Larry Cramer for taking out our breakfast signs and to Ted DuPuy for bringing them in. Thank you to Nina Steele for taking our left-over food to the Bethel Mission to help feed the homeless.

Our October 11th free will bake sale brought in $228 which will be given to our annual "Children's Christmas Giving Project." Our Bake Sale volunteers were: Jean Shade, Jen Becker, Nancy Newcomb, Gloria Criswell, Mary Jo Plutt and our many lodge volunteers who provided delicious pastries, pies, and cookies.

Our October Bake Sale was our last lodge bake sale until further notice. Over the last 14 years we have made at least 4 to 6 thousand dollars per year which was distributed to our many lodge charities. We can't thank Nancy Newcomb enough and the many bake sale volunteers for making our bake sale such a success. Thanks to all of you, you are special.

Our next Sunday Breakfast will be November 8th which includes Biscuits and Gravy, French Toast, Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage patties, Cheesy Potatoes, and of course all you can eat Pancakes (including Blueberry and Chocolate chip pancakes), Orange juice, Milk and Coffee. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa for only $3.50. We are serving from 8:00a.m. till noon, only $11 for adults and $5 for children 10 and under. All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities.

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Elks Care - Elks Share

Giving Back to First Responders

Lodge Activities Committee

LAC Meeting Minutes—October 19, 2026

Attendance: Julie Kafer, Tammy Bechen, Brenda McAllister, Dave Kroeger, Jean Shade, Mary Ann Kreitzinger, Dick and Judy Cordle, Nina Steel, Becky Young and Chrissy Ellis.

Special Activities for November:
All activities are on the monthly calendar on the last page of this Newsletter.

November 5,	Thursday	**Thirsty Thursday**. $2.50 Well Drinks Beer and Burger Baskets
November 6 & 7,	Fri & Sat	**Fall Convention.** Holiday Inn South Side
November 8,	Sunday	**Sunday Breakfast / Bake Sale**
November 10,	Tuesday	**Blue Star Mom Even**t
November 11,	Wednesday	**Veteran's Day Dinner** / Tenderloins
November 12,	Thursday	**Wine Night** 6:30 pm
November 14,	Saturday	**Shari Laird Celebration** of Life 2-6pm
November 19,	Saturday	**Bourbon Night** 6:30 pm
November 20,	Friday.	**Christmas Giving Tree – CANCELED EVENT** Money collected this year will still go to the Veteran's children
November 21,	Saturday	Set up a **Christmas Set up for Santa's Magical Workshop** All invited to decorate the whole Lodge 10 am
November 24,	Tuesday	**B-Day Night** 6 pm
November 26,	Thursday	**Lodge Closed - Thanksgiving**

Coming Up In December:

December 4,	Friday	**Hoop Shoot** Stilwell Junior High School. 5-8 pm **Need Volunteers**
December 6,	Sunday	**Memorial** Service 10 am
December 9,	Wednesday	**Marge Porter Cooking & Caroling** 6pm
December 11,	Friday	**Christmas Party / Cookie Exchange / Ugly Sweater Contest**
December 23,	Wednesday	**Santa Crawl with Bus.** There will be a sign up sheet for this.
December 25,	Friday	**Lodge Closed – Christmas**
December 31,	Thursday	**New Year's Eve Party / Band: is Rivieras**

Next LAC Meeting—Monday, November 16th at 6:30pm
LAC Chair, Julie Kafer



ELKS ANGELS



The Elks Widows will meet
Tuesday November 10th, 1pm
for lunch at Outback Steakhouse
10901 University Avenue
Clive, IA
Please come join us. We have happy talks, laughs and lots of fun! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you!

The Blooming Onion is on me!

Marge
(515) 371-3158



Our 2026 annual golf took place on August 29th.
We had a great day ~~ if you don't count the 1 hour rain /lightning delay.
In spite of a little rain, great fun was had by all. Doug Laird's team won the big money but we had 10 other teams that also took a little prize money home. We had ribeye steak this year with a little help from Fareway and a delicious meal was complete with some help from Hy-Vee. On behalf of the golf Committee, I would like to thank all those that helped make this a terrific event. **We raised $17,000 for our charities including Veterans Homeless Project, Sunnyside Children's Camp, Easter Seals Respite Care, Heritage Local Scholarships, Urbandale and Clive Food pantries, First Tee of Central Iowa, St Vincent DePaul, our children's Christmas Party and a local First Responder's project to be determined.**



Team Marean



Team Zediker



Team Andrews - Lodge #98



Team Crossland







Team Morris

Firsty Thirsty Thursday!

Thursday, November 5th



Firsty Thirsty Thursday is ONLY on the first Thursday of the month.

$2.50 Well Drinks all evening.
$10 Burger Baskets

We will be offering our
Hamburger or Cheeseburger Basket with fries

We will also have Chicken Tenders Basket or Chicken Tender Salad.
Other appetizers will also be available for purchase.

Food served from 5pm until 7pm. Yummy!!

GAME NIGHT At The Elks!

Tuesday November 3rd
and
Tuesday November 17th
at 6:30pm

We will be playing Sweep!
Plus, bring your favorite game board games, cards, etc. Attendees will agree upon what games to play together!
Join Us!



Marshalltown Veterans Home
Annual Fall Dinner
2026
West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752 Volunteers


Elks Volunteers Serving


Marshalltown Veterans Home



West Des Moines Elks Volunteers

On **October 17, 2026, 11 volunteers** from West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752 met at **8:00 a.m.** and carpooled to the Marshalltown Veterans Home to help with the Annual Fall Dinner.

Our volunteers helped bring **90 wheelchair patients** from their rooms to the dining room, helped serve food, carried trays, cleaned tables, and returned residents to their rooms.

The Marshalltown Veterans Home is home to approximately **375 Iowa veterans and spouses**, with space for **400 residents**.

A delicious **steak meal** was served, including scalloped potatoes, applesauce, rolls, coffee, tea, milk or water, and ice cream.

The event was sponsored by the **Iowa Elks Association** and prepared, cooked, and served by **67 volunteers from many lodges**. A total of **375 patients** were served, including meals delivered to some patient rooms.

Special thanks to **Gary Barrett** and **Laurel Degelau** of **Marshalltown Lodge #312** for organizing and orienting volunteers and for changing the menu from pork to steak.

Special thanks to **Steve Heck** and **Jerry Anderson** of the **Perry Lodge** for cooking the steaks.

Our Impact at a Glance

11 **Volunteers** from West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752

90 **Wheelchair Patients Assisted** to and from the dining room

375 **Veterans & Spouses Served** including meals delivered to patient rooms

67 **Elks Volunteers from Many Lodges** prepared, cooked, and served the meal

"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

OFFICIAL ELKS PLEDGE SINCE 1946

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Thank you to all volunteers who gave their time in service to Iowa's veterans.


Elks
Elks Care
Elks Share
DEER HIDE
COLLECTION CAMPAIGN
SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS
THROUGH THE IOWA LEATHER PROGRAM
IOWA
NUMBER ONE
IN THE NATION!
The 2026 Iowa Leather Program has started another season. Remember to ask family and friends to save their deer hides and bring them to the lodge.
This will be the 27th year that our lodge has participated in this program. Our lodges in Iowa did an outstanding job last year collecting approximately 3825 deer hides in which we were number one in the nation! Our lodge alone collected a total of 115 deer hides last year.
All of the deer hides will be tanned and given to our Veterans at Marshalltown and other VA hospitals for their leather craft programs. The veterans in turn make leather crafts such as belts, billfolds, purses, coats, gloves, gun cases and many other leather items such as wheelchair gloves.
Deer hunters, please bring your deer hides to our lodge or call Larry Cramer at 515-783-5262 and we will come and pick them up.
We appreciate your support and look forward to another great year.
Elks U.S.A.
"AS LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS, THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS WILL NEVER FORGET THEM."



Come watch your favorite NFL team
Every Sunday at the West Des Moines Elks

The Lodge Clubroom will open at 11:00AM so you can catch all the games.
We have the ability to watch three separate games at the same time!
Get hungry during the game?
The Grill is open every Sunday in November—except Breakfast Sunday!
Plus you can always order one of our delicious pizzas
or visit the Bingo Concessions (Opens at 1PM)
for a variety of sandwiches, snacks and sweets.
Grab your jersey, your family and your friends and join us!

THANKFUL FOR WINE

Pairing Wines with Your Thanksgiving Dinner

West Des Moines Elks Lodge

Thursday, November 12 • 6:30 p.m.

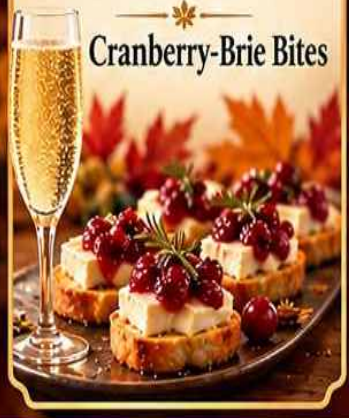
$15 per person

Includes 4 wine samples + 1 full glass



Gloria Ferrer Sonoma Brut

Cranberry-Brie Bites



Chateau Ste. Michelle Riesling

Sweet Potato Rounds



Bogle Pinot Noir

Turkey & Stuffing Sliders



Taylor Tawny Port

Mini Pecan Pie Bites



Fun Door Prizes!

WEST DES MOINES ELKS LODGE #2752

BOURBON NIGHT

THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 19, 2026







BOURBON HARVEST SEASON

It's that time of year... time to HARVEST! What better way to celebrate Iowa's beautiful corn harvest than a night of bourbon made with corn! Join us for great spirits, great company, and a whole lot of fun.

BOURBON RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA!

Raffle tickets will be sold: one ticket for $5 or five tickets for $20. All raffle proceeds will go directly to helping veteran families during the holidays. We have several wonderful prizes lined up for our cause.

We love our bourbon enthusiasts! Bring a guest - they may just become an Elk! Come share the bourbon love. ♥



Help us Turn the Lodge Into SANTA'S MAGICAL WORKSHOP!

West Des Moines Elks Lodge

Join us at the West Des Moines Elks Lodge on **Saturday, November 21,** starting at **10 a.m.** for a festive day of Christmas decorating, holiday cheer, and merry-making!

We're decking the halls and transforming our Lodge into a twinkling winter wonderland where the Des Moines community can come together and enjoy the magic of the season—**and we need your help!**



WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR

Christmas lights, garland, and Christmas balls.

If you have extra decorations you'd like to donate, we'd be thrilled to give them a new home in Santa's workshop!

Bring your holiday spirit, a helping hand, and maybe even your favorite Christmas playlist. Whether you can stay for an hour or the whole day, every bit of help will make our Lodge shine brighter!

Lunch will be provided!

For questions, please call or text **Maryanne Kreitzinger** at 515-559-4049.

Let's make this holiday season merry, bright, and full of Christmas magic!

WDM ELKS LODGE #2752

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

ELKS HOOP SHOOT

Hoop Shoot Competition

Help us make our Hoop Shoot event a success!

Date: Friday, December 4, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Stilwell Junior High, WDSM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

3-4 Registration Helpers	Welcome participants and assist with check-in.
6 Scorekeepers	Record scores and help keep the competition running smoothly.
4 Rebounders	Retrieve basketballs during shooting rounds.
4 Line Judges	Monitor shooting lines and ensure fair play.

SIGN UP TODAY!

A volunteer sign-up sheet is available at the Lodge.

For more information or to volunteer, contact:

Karla Fiori

515-201-6708

fiori_karla@msn.com



YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Volunteering is a great way to support local youth, build community spirit, and help create a fun and memorable event for all participants.

Thank You for Your Support!





Black Friday
November 27th
The Club will open at 11am for the Big Game!

Iowa Hawkeyes
Vs
Nebraska Cornhuskers

BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS!

Tuesday, November 24th at 6pm

All Members and their guests are welcome to join us and help celebrate all of this month's Birthdays!

Appetizers & Birthday Cake are provided!



Come Celebrate with me!

01 Robert Jackson, Sr	10 Mindy Wiltse	18 Randy Stanford
01 Donald Jones	11 Roger Fiori	19 James Wells
01 Steven Williams	11 Jean Shade	20 James Stewart
02 Shane Huston	12 Kitty Cirks	21 Richard Pullen
02 Patrick Perkins	12 Audrey Gomez	21 Edward Rise
02 Brenda Scholten	12 Cheryl Blythe	22 Kathryn Bennett
03 John McCleary	13 Karla Fiori	22 Joseph Fazio
04 Thurman Mills III	14 Brent Holum	22 Rex McClaflin
05 Thomas Gaard	15 Mashelle Bollie	22 Timothy DeGroote
05 Timothy Gootee	15 Wendi Rague	23 Rex Hild II
05 Douglas Winger	16 Lisa Gleason	23 Darlene Hunt
06 Michael Ficcola	16 Bev Thorpe Reinier	26 Michael Loffredo
07 Dave Koets	16 Kathie Wolfe	27 Richard Sanders
08 Joan Warren	17 Veronica Meeink	29 Jerry Criswell
08 Diane Hawn	18 Clayton Brinker	29 Kristine Fidler
09 Daniel Dvorak	18 Rick Ludwig	30 Kathy Kaplan
10 Teresa Smith	18 Ted Neuser	30 Steven Schmidt

Wish these Elk Members
& Spouses a special
Happy Birthday!
when you see them
at the Lodge this month!

The individuals listed above can stop in for a free "birthday cocktail, beer or soft drink" anytime during the month in which they are recognized in our newsletter!

If we missed your birthday – please let us know!
news@wdmelks.com

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November 2026

All listings are tentative – watch for email updates!
If you don't receive emails – Let us know!
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All Meals are $11.00 and served at 6:15 pm unless stated otherwise.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Open 11am - 7pm **Come Enjoy the Game** **We have the NFL Ticket** **Burger Basket Menu!** **Serving from 12 till 5pm** Play Pool - 1:30 **Bingo 2pm** Sell:Paul Stiles Call: Patti Bond Team:Mary Spoerl, Rita Lans **NAV, Need A Volunteer!**	**2** Open 4:30 – 9:00  **House/Board Meetings** **6:30pm** **All Members welcome**	**3** Open 4:30 – 9:00 *9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM!* **GAME NIGHT** ***6:30 PM***	**4** Open 4:30 – 9:00 ***Cranberry Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes, Salad, Bread & Dessert*** **Team: Barton** *Serving at 6:15pm*	**5** Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close **Firsty Thirsty Thursday** **$2.50 Well Drinks** **Burger Basket 5pm till 7pm** **Bingo 7pm** Sell: Jason Larreau Call: Larry Schweitzer Team: Gloria Criswell, Jen Hushagen & JenChambers	**6** Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Elks State Convention Holiday Inn on Fleur Dr	**7** Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Elks State Convention Holiday Inn on Fleur Dr
8 Open 11am - 7pm ***Elk'sBreakfast & Bake Sale*** ***Served 8am till Noon*** **Bingo 2pm** Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Radar Team: Mary Spoerl, Rita Lans, Jen Chambers	**9**  **Lodge Meeting** **7:00pm** **All Members welcome**	**10** Open 4:30 – 9:00 *9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM!* ***Elks Angels*** *1:00pm Lunch at The Soggy Frog in Polk City* ***Blue Star Mom Event***	**11** Open 4:30 – 9:00 ***Veterans Day Dinner*** ***Tenderloin Sandwich, French Fries, Salad & Dessert*** **Team: Murphy** Serving at 6:15pm	**12** Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close **Wine Night** **6:30pm** **Bingo 7pm** Sell: JC Criswell Call: Larry Schweitzer Gloria Criswell, Jennifer Hushagen **NAV, Need A Volunteer!**	**13** Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close	**14** Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close **Shari Laird's Celebration of Life 2pm to 6pm**
15 Open 8am - 7pm **Come Enjoy the Game** **We have the NFL Ticket** **Burger Basket Menu!** **Serving from 12 till 5pm** ***Play Pool - 1:30*** **Bingo 2pm** Sell: Carla Sanburg Call: Roger Halbur Team: Mary Spoerl, Rita Lans, **NAV, Need A Volunteer!**	**16** Open 4:30 – 9:00 **LAC** **Lodge Activities Meeting 6:30pm** ***Come share your ideas and get involved!*** ***Treats provided***	**17** Open 4:30 – 9:00 *9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM!* **GAME NIGHT** ***6:30 pm*** ***Join Us!***	**18** Open 4:30 – 9:00 ***Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad & Dessert*** **Team: Friess** *Serving at 6:15pm*	**19** Open 4:30 – 9:00 ***Bourbon Night!*** ***6:30 pm*** **Bingo 7pm** Sell: JC Criswell Call:Roger Fiori Gloria Criswell, Jen Hushagen Beth Kneeskern	**20** Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close	**21** Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close ***Decorate the Lodge for Santa's Magical Workshop 10 am***
22 Open 11am - 7pm **Come Enjoy the Game** **We have the NFL Ticket** **Burger Basket Menu!** **Serving from 12 till 5pm** Play Pool - 1:30 **Bingo 2pm** Sell: JC Criswell Call: Patti Bond Team: Gloria Criswell, Rita Lans & Jen Chambers **NAV, Need A Volunteer!**	**23** Open 4:30 – 9:00  **Lodge Meeting** **7:00pm** **All Members welcome**	**24** Open 4:30 – 9:00 *9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM!* ***Birthday Night!*** ***6:00 pm*** ***Join Us!***	**25** Open 4:30 – 9:00 *No Scheduled Dinner* *Save room for the Turkey!*	**26** Lodge Closed ***Happy Thanksgiving!*** ***NO BINGO!***	**27** Open 11:00 – 9:00/Close **Club Opens at 11am for the Iowa Game!**	**28** Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close
29 Open 11am - 7pm **Come Enjoy the Game** **We have the NFL Ticket** **Burger Basket Menu!** **Serving from 12 till 5pm** Play Pool - 1:30 ***NO BINGO!***	**30** Open 4:30 – 9:00		**Dinner Crews Needed!** Could you help one Wednesday Night per month? **Call Roger Fiori at 515-201-6707**	**Bingo Volunteers Needed!** **Lots of NAVs!** Could you help at one BINGO Session per month? **Call Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852**		

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