



THE NINETY-EIGHTER



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AUGUST

8/1--Chicken & Corn Feed/Does Jail & Bail

8/6-8/8--Garage Sale-Does

8/13--State Fair Night

8/22-3rd Annual Veteran Cruise In Car Show

8/29-Bags Tournament

Well, we're in the heat of summer. Give us six more months and we'll be complaining about the cold. Over the Fourth of July, we had national convention in Chicago. It was definitely a blast. We started out by taking the Amtrak train and ended up in downtown Chicago at Union Station. Sharon and I did so much walking and sightseeing. If you're just spending time in your hotel room you're missing out. Next year Grand Lodge will be in Denver, Colorado. We shared our adventures with our friends. I think they are ready to do it with us next year also.

Right before Grand lodge, we invited The Food Bank of Iowa to a Wednesday night meal. We were able to provide them with a check for \$5,000.00. It was great to have them just sit down with us and get to know us rather than receive a check and take off. Annette sat down with us and got to know a few of us around the tables in her area.

July 18, the Elks's and Doe's had a Family Picnic Day. The kids had an awesome time on the giant slide. I think the adults had a great time with the dunk tank, while dunking Sharon and I. We didn't mind as it was a very hot day. The ice cream truck was a blessing. Thank you all that attended and supported your Lodge.

July 25th was Pleasant Hill Summerfest. We started off with the parade first thing in the morning. Pulling the drug awareness trailer, and we were represented as Pleasant Hill Citizens of the Year. This is something that we have been very proud of. This is proof that we are more than just a club room. I've always been very proud of my Elks family. You all should be very proud of yourselves. I know I am.

As always show up so we can get to know you and make the most of your lodge membership. Get active, find a committee that best suits you. We're always looking for volunteers and a new set of ideas on events. I love people's input and different ways of looking at things

Respectfully submitted, Ricky Bobby



DOES DROVE



Hello DOES,

The meaning of August is inspiring, grand, majestic, or supreme dignity. This is how I see our DOES. We ask of you all so many times and you answer with such generosity.

The DOES want to thank Cathy Dakovich-Jones who donated \$700 in her father's name John Dakovich.

The garage sale is on August 6,7 and 8. Please keep the donations coming until August 5. We need assistance in setting up before the sale and after cleaning up. I will be at the lodge on August 1 starting to set up and taking donations. We will start cleaning up on Saturday by 1. The money raised will help with the district meeting and ongoing charities.

The wiffle golf is September 20th. This is for baby Teagan. Please get signed up to golf, buy a sign for \$10 or sponsor a hole. We are also in need of baskets and gift cards for the silent auction.

I want to express my gratitude to Sue Vignovich and the ladies that help with the lodge's Celebration of Life luncheons. If you need assistance with a luncheon contact Sue Vignovich at 515-669-1931.

We are starting to look for DOES chair offices for next year. We are looking for a junior counselor and president. Please reach out to Sharon Andrews or Ronda Elsberry.

Sincerely

Sharon Andrews

Contact Sue Vignovich when an Elk or Doe passes away.

515-669-1931 svignovich@aol.com



THE NINETY—EIGHTER



Praise & Thank You

Date

Reason

Elk Mike Ross

6-Jun

New Great Grandbaby

Thinking of You

Thinking of You

Elk Duane Cooper

6-Jun

" "

Doe Janice McMurray

12-Jul

" "

Doe Sue Sotter

12-Jul

" "

Elk Mike Kulisky

12-Jul

Sympathy

Family Member Who Passed

Doe Donna & Elk Gary Young

21-Jun

Donna's Brother

Elk Shawn Sherman

21-Jun

His Mother

Elk Bob & Doe Carol Schmacker

2-Jul

Their Daughter, Terry

Family of Elk Don Johnson

7-Jul

Elk Don Johnson

Elk Dick Overholser

12-Jul

Wife Doe Frankie

Kathy & Elk Duane Sabin

12-Jul

Kathy's Sister

Doe Patti Ochanpaugh

12-Jul

Her Brother

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 CHICKEN & CORN FEED 6 PM DOES JAIL
2	3	4 Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM	5 Pulled Pork Sandwich Coleslaw Chips Dessert By: Lonnie Hamby	6 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM HORSESHOES 6:30 PM Garage Sale	7 Friday Night Menu Garage Sale	8 Garage Sale
9	10 BOARD AND TRUSTEE MTG 6 PM	11 Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM Does Meeting 7pm	12 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Salad Bread Dessert By: Lonnie Hamby MUSIC BINGO 7 PM	13 STATE FAIR NIGHT HORSESHOES 6:30 PM	14 Friday Night Menu	15
16	17	18 Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM	19 Does Meal Chicken Salad Sandwiches Pea Salad Chips Cookies By: Becky Patton Quigley	20 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM HORSESHOES 6:30 PM	21 Friday Night Menu	22 3rd Annual Veteran Cruise In Car Show 3 PM
23 30	24 Lodge Meeting 7 PM 31	25 Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM Does Committees 7pm	26 Baked Potato Bar Taco Meat Chilli Fixings By: Lonnie Hamby MUSIC BINGO 7 PM	27 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM HORSESHOES 6:30 PM	28 Feature Item: BLT Friday Night Menu	29 Bags Tournament Registration 11 AM Starts 1 PM

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

ELKS

DOES

BRENDA	BEVERIDGE	01
DUANE	COOPER	01
SCOTT	WILLIAMS SR	02
MICKEY	CHUMBLEY	03
RONALD	ROBBINS	03
ANTHONY	ANDERSON	05
MARK	NEYENS	05
JEROMY	GEIKEN	06
RUSSELL	LANE	06
JACOB	VAN OORT	07
JOE	RIDING	08
CHARLIE	SODERQUIST	08
DAVID	VANZEE	08
RICHARD	OVERHOLSER	09
DOUGLAS	BLEECHER	11
DONALD	NEFF	11
JAMES	SWACKER	11
RANDY	JACKSON	12
TWANA	SONGER	12
DANIEL	BECK	13
RICHARD	WALLINGFORD	13
MANDY	DEVRIES	14
PATRICK	FLAHERTY	15
RICH	REDBURN	15
LARRY	COX	16
MARK	ANDERSON	17
MATT	PALAZZO	17
ROBERT	JULANDER	18
MIKE	LINDE	18
KENNETH	DEEVER	19
KARL	RITLAND	19
MATT	STEPHENSON	19
CRAIG	JANKOWSKI	20
TIMOTHY	SHARP	20
JERRY	STOCKMAN	20
SCOTT	BROWN	21
LUCAS	SHIELDS	21
BEN	CRAWFORD	22
RYAN	NAVRATIL	22
ROBERT	HOMANN	23
RANDY	BROEHL	25
JUSTIN	BUMGARDNER	25
SCOTT	KIRSTEIN	25
CHARLES	LEE	26

4	CROWDER	LINDA
4	THOMAS	KONII
4	VIGNOVICH	SUE
5	MUCHMORE	PAULA
7	HALE	SARAH
8	ALLRED	MARCY
8	CLEMENS	DEBRA
11	PETERSON	MARY KAY
13	CART	CASSADEY
14	JONES	CATHY
14	THOMAS	POLLY
16	MEHRL	KIMBERLY
18	NORTON	TRACEY
19	GOODRICH	JAYME
22	JOHNSON	SHERRI
26	VANWYNGARDEN	JENNIFER
27	CHAK	CARMEN
29	FRIEND	JESSICA
30	SHARP	SALLIE
31	BOERS	SUE



<https://www.facebook.com/Elks98>

JEAN	SAVICK	26
WES	CHRISTIENSEN	28
NICOLE	MASON	28
RANDY	HANSEN	29
BRIAN	MADDY	29
DUSTIN	YOUNG	29
KARL	ANDERSON	30
SHAWN	BRINCKS	30
RAY	WOODARD	30



Jam out to snippets of top music while playing competitively against other music lovers.

Music Bingo on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month!

We will be playing 4 rounds - single Bingo, double Bingo, picture frame, and blackout from 7-9pm with prizes increasing alongside the level of difficulty to achieve

B-I-N-G-O!

!!!Call for Ideas for Fundraisers and Events!!!

We are looking for ideas for events, activities, fundraisers.

Bring ideas to meetings, talk to your officers and trustees.

Get Involved and Volunteer with the Elks!!!

As we begin the new Elks Year, a reminder there are many ways to get involved in the lodge. These include volunteering for committees, Wednesday night meals, or helping with different events at the lodge and in the community. Please reach out to your lodge officers and trustees if you are interested in helping out!

Pay Your 2026-2027 Dues Online!

It's faster and more secure than checks and cash

1. Go to <https://www.elks.org/payonline>
2. Search and Select Des Moines Lodge No 98
3. Choose "Make a Quick Payment"
4. Simply enter your Member Number to get started

If you need help making a payment please contact Heide McDaniel

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Members at the beginning of year 4/1/26 – 493

Total members as of 7/20/26 – 507

Initiated – 23

Reinstatements—3

Losses—12

Delinquent Members – 53 (have not paid their dues)

Down 19 from the previous month.

If you know any member that has not paid their dues, please reach out to them.

The lodge has already paid their State and Grand Lodge dues.

This is money the Lodge relies on to operate!



Need your help!!!! Looking to Volunteer????

The Elks and Does are looking for someone who likes to garden and could take over the Memorial Garden on the west side of the building.

Let Rick or Sharon Andrews know if interested!!!!

Kitchen Fee Update

Beginning September 1,
Kitchen Fee will be increasing to \$50.

**VISIT THE NEW
ELKS 98
WEBSITE**

Scan the QR code to shop the latest Elks 98 clothes and accessories.




**DOES 25
ELKS & DOES
LOGOS TO CHOOSE FROM!**

CLOTHES & ACCESSORIES

If assistance is needed, please see Tia.

ELKS 98 VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE elkslodge98.vermonpromo.com



JOIN THE FIDELITY CLUB!

Automate your giving to the ENF with a monthly donation through your bank account or credit card.

Being a member gets you exclusive benefits like:

- A pin and pin attachments
- A sticker for your membership card
- Access to sneak peeks about ENF news
- An invite to a special open-house breakfast at the Elks National Convention
- The knowledge that your support builds stronger communities

Learn more at secure.elks.org/FidelityClub.



DES MOINES ELKS LODGE #98

GET YOUR BRICK

ONLY 60 BRICKS LEFT



HELP REBUILD OUR REMODEL FUND!

\$100 PER BRICK INCLUDES 3 LINES OF TEXT
13 CHARACTERS INCLUDING SPACES

Your name _____

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Elks #98 Chicken and Corn Feed

Date: Saturday August 1, 2026

Time: 6:00pm

Cost: \$12



Come out and Enjoy!

DOES will be providing delicious desserts too!

Does #25 JAIL & BAIL

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2026

At 6pm – Until all culprits have done their time

Warrant Costs

- 10 minutes - \$2
- 30 minutes - \$5
- 60 minutes - \$10



DOES #25 GARAGE SALE

DONATION DRIVE

Upstairs in the Lodge Room

STOP! CLEANING OUT YOUR HOUSE? STOP!

STOP! THINKING ABOUT TAKING ITEMS TO GOODWILL? STOP!

STOP! INSTEAD, STOP AT THE ELKS LODGE AND DONATE YOUR ITEMS TO DOES #25!

We are collecting donations for our upcoming garage sale fundraiser. Your donations help support Does #25 projects and charitable activities throughout the year.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Household Items
- Small Furniture
- Home Décor
- Seasonal Decorations
- Kitchen Items
- Toys
- Toys & Games
- Collectibles
- Books
- Gently Used Treasures

GARAGE SALE DATES & TIMES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
8:00 AM – NOON

Have Something to Donate?
Please call or text Does President **SHARON ANDREWS**
515-689-7783

One Person's Clutter is Another Person's Treasure!

STATE FAIR & HORSESHOE NIGHT

at ELKS LODGE #98

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026

FOOD VENDORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

BEER JUST LIKE THE FAIR!

FOOD JUST LIKE THE FAIR!

POP CORN

Come enjoy an evening of State Fair fun right here at Elks 98! BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COMPETITIVE SPIRIT FOR A NIGHT OF GREAT FOOD, COLD DRINKS, AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION!

IF INTERESTED IN BEING A **FOOD VENDOR**, see Bobbi Thomas.

Everyone Welcome!

\$20 ENTRY

THIRD ANNUAL VETERAN CRUISE IN

5420 NE 12TH AVE, DES MOINES, IA 50327
ELKS LODGE #98 | AUGUST 22ND 3-8 PM

\$5 Meals | **Trophies for Top 10 and Veteran's Pick**
\$3 Beers | **Horseshoe Tournament.**
50/50 Raffle | **Dash Plaques to First 100 Cars**

***ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ELKS VETERANS SERVICES**

ELKS LODGE #98 BAGS Tournament

ENTRY FEE: \$25

SAT, AUG 29, 2026

PLEASE COME JOIN US AT ELKS #98 FOR A BAGS TOURNAMENT!

THIS WILL BE A BLIND DRAW DOUBLE ELIMINATION RACE TO 21. GUARANTEED 2 ROUNDS OF PLAY.

CASH PRIZES FOR FIRST THREE PLACES!

FUNDRAISER IS FOR BUILDING AND OUTBUILDINGS MAINTENANCE.

REGISTRATION 11:00AM – 12:30PM | **STARTS AT 1:00PM**

DOWNLOAD THE SCOREHOLIO CORNHOLE APP AND SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

VENMO YOUR \$25 REGISTRATION FEE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT: @bobbiou62

4 Person Best Ball Wiffle Golf Tournament

Come out to Elks Lodge 98 and support Teagan! Daughter and Sister of Brandon & Madison Johnson along with big brother Calum.

Bring your own clubs. Balls will be provided.

Sign-up sheet will be the on-bulletin board in club room at Elks 98 or contact Bobbi Thomas at 515-238-6657 to register. Silent Auction during the tournament, contact Sharon Andrews to donate. We will also be selling signs \$10 each for advertisement and support to put around the patio and \$30 Sponsor a Hole signs. Please contact Jon Breheny at 515-423-8034 to purchase.

Date: Sunday September 20, 2026 / Cost: \$10 a person / Lunch available for purchase.

Tee Times start at 1:00pm and go every 10 minutes until 5:00pm. (We will add earlier and later times if needed)

Make checks to Elks 98 with Teagan Wiffle Golf in memo area or Venmo to @bobbilou62.





Small but Mighty: Helping Teagan Thrive

Our daughter. Our fighter. Our inspiration.

♥ On April 14, 2026, at 6:38 a.m., our beautiful daughter, Teagan, entered the world weighing 8 pounds, 0 ounces. From the moment she was born, doctors knew something wasn't right. She was born with no skin on several of her fingers and blisters on her calves, leading to an immediate admission to the NICU.

♥ Doctors quickly suspected Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), a rare genetic disorder that causes the skin to be extremely fragile and blister from even the slightest friction or trauma. Because of the severity of her condition, Teagan was transferred to Iowa City, where specialists and the pediatric dermatology team began searching for answers.

♥ On May 11, genetic testing confirmed that Teagan has Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa (JEB) caused by a LAMB3 mutation. This rare form of EB affects the proteins that hold the layers of skin together, causing painful wounds and blisters that require constant care and monitoring.

♥ On that same day, we also received news that no parent ever hopes to hear. After reviewing her results, doctors explained that Teagan's JEB is considered severe. While every child with JEB is different, we were told that many children with severe JEB often do relatively well during their first year of life before facing additional complications and health challenges as they grow.

♥ This news was heartbreaking, but we remain committed to doing everything possible to provide Teagan with the best care, comfort, and quality of life. We continue to work closely with specialists who are helping us understand what lies ahead and how best to support her.

♥ Our medical team has connected us with specialists in both Iowa City and Chicago, including one of the nation's leading experts in EB. As part of her ongoing care, we will be returning to Chicago for a scope procedure to determine whether there is any involvement of her airway. The results will help guide future treatment decisions and help her doctors better anticipate and manage potential complications.

♥ Since her diagnosis, our lives have changed dramatically. Every diaper change requires careful bandaging, ointments, and wound care. Simple daily tasks that most parents take for granted require extra time, specialized supplies, and extreme caution to protect Teagan's fragile skin.

♥ While insurance helps cover some of Teagan's needs, many essential items are either only partially covered or not covered at all. Protective bandages, ointments, Vaseline, gloves, and other wound-care supplies are used daily and quickly become a significant expense. Frequent trips to Iowa City and Chicago bring additional costs for fuel, lodging, meals, and time away from work.

♥ We are also facing uncertainty regarding employment. Teagan requires constant, hands-on care every day. At this time, we are unsure whether Madison will be able to return to her position as a sixth-grade teacher this fall, as we do not anticipate finding a childcare provider capable of meeting Teagan's specialized medical needs.

♥ Despite everything she has already endured in her short life, Teagan is the strongest little girl we know. She continues to amaze us with her resilience, determination, and sweet spirit. Through the pain, appointments, bandage changes, and countless unknowns, she continues to remind us what true strength looks like.

♥ We recognize that this journey will present significant challenges, but Teagan will never face them alone.

The Elks Wiffle Golf Fundraiser will help alleviate the financial burden associated with medical supplies, specialized wound-care products, travel to appointments in Iowa City and Chicago, lodging, lost income, and other expenses related to Teagan's ongoing care.

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS COVER

 Medical Supplies Daily wound care and protective supplies	 Travel Expenses Trips to Iowa City and Chicago for specialized care	 Lodging & Meals During medical appointments and procedures	 Lost Income Time away from work to care for Teagan	 Ongoing Medical Care Tests, procedures and long-term monitoring
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ELKS WIFFLE GOLF FUNDRAISER

All proceeds from the Elks Wiffle Golf Fundraiser will directly support Teagan and her family.

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Every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference in Teagan's care and quality of life.

Thank you ♥ FOR HELPING TEAGAN THRIVE ♥

Thank you for taking the time to learn about Teagan's story. Your compassion, prayers, encouragement, and support are deeply appreciated and mean more than words can express. Together, you are making a meaningful difference in Teagan's life and helping her continue to thrive.

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