



THE NINETY-EIGHTER



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SEPTEMBER

9/12-Iowa vs Iowa State Football

9/19-ER Poker Run

9/20-Wiffle Golf

9/26-Does Puzzle Jigsaw Contest

Well, we got the Iowa State fair behind us which means fall is around the corner. With that being said, we'll have football season getting started and baseball playoffs. For me personally, this is my favorite time of the year. Before we know it, it will be Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In just a few weeks, we'll have one of our biggest fundraisers starting up. The wiffle ball golf tournament. This year's child is Teagan. We could use all the sponsors we can get and make sure the golf tournament is full. There will be a 50-50 raffle and silent auction. This year, we will also have an ice cream truck showing up. Ice Cream Ahoy will be donating all the profits off the sales. Please make sure you get some ice cream. State Elks Golf is September 12 and 13th in Ottumwa, with Friday September 11th will be an optional two-man best ball. You must be an elk to participate in this event. September 19th is the ER Poker Run. Please check all flyers and newsletter, we would love to see you all get involved.

The ladies in the Does Drove #25 do not get enough credit for what they do. For 2 1/2 days they had a garage sale upstairs in the lodge room. They raised in the neighborhood of \$2400.00. Very proud of all of you and thank you for all your volunteering. You all pull together and did an amazing event.

As always, I can't stress it enough, please get involved and show up for what you can. You made the choice to join our Lodge and wanted to make a difference in our community. This is why we need all of us to pull together to make things happen. We all have a voice of what happens in our Lodge. Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of every month. Please be the difference.

Respectfully submitted, Ricky Bobby



DOES DROVE



Hello DOES,

Summer is slowly coming to an end. Please watch for the children going back to school. September is the start of fall and many fundraisers.

The garage sale was a great success making \$2443. The leftovers went to several locations. The ARL received blankets and towels. Some went to the Not New Shop. The movies were taken to Community Care of Pleasant Hill care facility and hats, socks, gloves went to the homeless closet. We are making a small difference in our community.

Thank you to everyone that made the garage sale a success. This would not be made possible without all of the volunteers and donations.

The Wiffle Golf is September 20th. We are still looking for silent auction items. This would include blankets and gift cards. There is still times for golfing. The sign up sheet is in the club room. Let us support this family.

We are in preparation for the district meeting in October. Registration will start soon so watch for updates. This meeting is very important so try to make the practices.

As always watch your calendars for events.

Sincerely,

Sharon Andrews

Contact Sue Vignovich when an Elk or Doe passes away.

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Praise & Thank You	Date	Reason
Doe Cathy Jones	16-Jul	Donation in memory of her Father
Elk Jesse & Connie Uhl	26-Jul	New Grandparents
Elk Ray Langill	26-Jul	New Great Grand parent to a Boy and A Girl from 2 of his grandkids
Elk Jerry & Doe Patty Stockman	3-Aug	New Great Grand daughter
Thinking of You		Thinking of You
Doe Marlene McKim	16-Jul	" " member of Falls City Does Drove
Doe Julie Mitchell	20-Jul	Thinking of you
Elk Lonnie Thurman	20-Jul	" "
Sympathy		Family Member Who Passed
Elk Mark & Doe Sharrie Steele	20-Jul	Mark's Uncle
Elk Dan & Linda Steele	20-Jul	Dan's Uncle
Elk Joe & Doe Sharlene Humphrey	4-Aug	Joes's Brother



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

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM	2 Cavatelli By: Ricky Bobby	3 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM HORSESHOES 6:30 PM	4 Friday Night Menu	5
6	7	8 Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM Does Meeting 7pm	9 Pork Loin By: Rick Adams and Ricky Bobby MUSIC BINGO 7 PM	10 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM HORSESHOES 6:30 PM	11 Friday Night Menu	12
13	14 Lodge Meeting 7 PM	15 Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM	16 Does Meal Rarebit Burgers Fries Dessert \$12 By: Ronda Elsberry and Karen Watkins	17 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM HORSESHOES 6:30 PM	18 Friday Night Menu	19 ER Poker Run Kickstand Up 11 AM
20 Wiffle Golf Tee Times Start at 1 pm	21 BOARD AND TRUSTEE MEETING 6 PM	22 Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM Does Committees 7pm	23 Tenderloins By: West Des Moines Lodge MUSIC BINGO 7 PM	24 KITCHEN OPEN 5:30 PM HORSESHOES 6:30 PM	25 Friday Night Menu	26 Does Fundraiser Jigsaw Puzzle Contest Lunch 11:00 Puzzles 11:30
27	28 Lodge Meeting 7 PM	29 Pitch Tournament 6:30 PM	30 Tacos By: Ryan Hill and Crew			

SEPTEMBER

ELKS

NICK	JEFFRIES	01
RANDY	MCMAIN	01
BRENT	MENDEZ	02
NILE	LAFRENZ	04
STEVE	MILLER	05
JOE	BRANNEN	08
TIM	CONROY	08
GERALD	OLGREN	09
TONY	PALAZZO	09
JOHN	ROSSITER	09
ANTHONY	WALKER	09
BRIAN	SHONING	10
FREDERICK	BURR	11
TIM	DAVIS	11
SHAWN	WALLACE	11
RANDAL	WHEELER	11
DALE	BELCHER	12
ROCHELLE	CONROY	12
RICO	NIZZI	12
ROBERT	HOUSEMAN	13
DALLAS	THURMAN	13
RON	WICKER	13
CHRISTOPHER	ANDERSON	14
SCOTT	DOUGLASS	15
GARY	PATTERSON	15
MICHAEL	SHEARN	15
SCOTT	ANDREAS	16
MATTHEW	WEBER	16
LARRY	BROWN	18
JOHN	FLYNN	20
DONNA	KELSO	20
WADE	DEINES	21
DANNY	THURMAN	21
SHANE	BAIN	22
JAMES	KEUL	24
RANDALL	CHUMBLEY	25
JEFFREY	GEIKEN	26
GARY	CROWDER	27
HEIDE	MCDANIEL	27
TOM	HOCKENSMITH	28
MELISSA	PAULSON	28
CRAIG	TASSIN	29
DAVID	WOLETT	30

DOES

6	KIMBERLY	AKERBERG
4	JENNY	BRANNEN
1	SUSAN	KIRSTEIN
2	ANNETTE	COOK
5	SHANNON	KLUGHERZ
7	THERESA	KOETS
9	PHYLLIS	HARMON
12	ROCHELLE	CONROY
17	LISA	CARPENTER
17	JENNY	CRAWFORD
18	PAMELA	STEPHENS-
23	KAY	MILLER
24	JENNIFER	MORGAN
27	HEIDE	MCDANIEL
27	DIXIE	WICKER
30	CONNIE	DOUGLAS
30	RABBECCA	WRIGHT





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 8/16/26 – 510

Initiated – 26

Delinquent Members – 37 (have not paid their dues)

Down 16 from the previous month.

Keep up the great work and I know we can get majority of the 37 members back!

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 _____

FALL ER POKER RUN

SEPTEMBER 19TH

Kickstand up at 11:00am

There will be food at the lodge afterward.



- 📍 The Flamingo Lounge Norwalk
- 📍 The Talk Shop St. Charles
- 📍 Honey Lounge Drinkery Winterset
- 📍 Middlebrook Mercantile Cumming

SIGN UP BY 9/15/26

PUZZLES FOR A PURPOSE

A DOES 25 FUNDRAISER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SATURDAY 9/26/26

JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST



\$100 ENTRY FEE FOR 4-PERSON TEAM



DOES School Supply Drive 2026

There will be a tote placed under the serving table downstairs by Wednesday August 5th. The following items are usually requested by the schools but we will take whatever you donate. Collection will end on Tuesday September 15th.

Hand Sanitizer	Backpacks
Composition Notebooks	Clorox Wipes-LOTS
Crayola Washable Markers	Tissues-LOTS
Expo Dry Erase Markers	Paper Towels
Over the Ear Headphones	24 box Crayola's
Refillable Water Bottles	Pencil Boxes
Dry Erase Erasers	Glue Sticks
Ticonderoga #2 Pencils	Folders
Colored Pencils	

As usual, no ink pens or loose leaf paper.
They all appreciate anything they can get and the
DOES and Elks are the best for donating!

* SIP AND SHOP

**40+ SPOTS!
2 FLOORS!
INSIDE AND OUT!
VENDOR BINGO**

Hosted by Does #25

**MIMOSA / BLOODY MARY BAR
DOOR PRIZES
50/50 RAFFLE**



10 AM - 3 PM

SATURDAY 10.03.2026
5420 E University Ave, Pleasant Hill, IA 60327 (Elks Lodge)

Check out "Sip & Shop with Does 26" on Facebook for more details!

BBO lunch available 11-2

Does #25 Wine Tasting

ANNUAL EVENT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2026

3PM TO 5PM

LOCATION: ELKS 98 PLEASANT HILL

All proceeds go to our many families sponsored during Does #25
Season of Sharing.

Wine Appetizers RAFFLE

LIVE AUCTION



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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