

West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752

September 2026 Newsletter

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Message From Your Exalted Ruler



Hello Everyone
 I hope everyone is doing great.

General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Jr. said this quote "True courage is being afraid, and going ahead and doing your Job." In the month of August we had some really fun things we did during the fair. The First thing we did was provide a float with veterans and spouses on board showing that the WDM Elks is a proud sponsor for all our veterans and current Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Coast Guard and Marines.

I would like to thank our Lecturing Knight, Jodi Greene, for arranging this event and getting everyone in place; it was a great day! Thank you Jodi.

And then on Thursday we again had a fun time at the fair with the Spot Shoot on the grand concourse; again I would like to thank Larry Cramer for putting this together, it also shows that we support the Kids in our community. Thank you Larry.

That was two of the things we do during the fair Thank you for all the WDM Elks involved on those two days I wish I could name them all but then this letter would be too large.

Your Exalted Ruler
 Richard C Kreitzinger

2026-2027 Lodge Officers

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 4 Year Trustee..... Michael Buckley, PER
 5 Year Trustee..... Chrissy Ellis, PER



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TRUSTEE CORNER



The lodge has over 500 members. Everyone of them have made the comment that they joined because they wanted to give back to veterans, youth and our communities.

Our BINGO program allows us to do what we do for veterans, youth and our communities without having to ask our members for additional financial assistance. (No, the dues you pay do not go towards our charitable giving; dues go towards supporting our lodge.)

We have about 24 people who work our BINGO program. They help staff the roughly 10 sessions of BINGO we have each month. Several of them do multiple sessions. Several are spouses of members. That's roughly 4% of our membership and spouses that helps us do everything we do for veterans, youth and our communities.

Prior to COVID we had about 300 members and had enough volunteers to support 3 sessions of BINGO a week. After COVID we struggled to get volunteers to help work 2 sessions with over 500 members. The biggest need is for volunteers to call BINGO. We also need people to sell bingo packets and work concessions.

If every member of our lodge worked one session of BINGO we would have enough to cover almost every session. So PLEASE make the decision to volunteer 1 session of bingo every year so we can keep doing what ELKS do best...Support veterans, youth and our communities!

To Volunteer, please contact Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852.



**A message from
your Lecturing Knight,
Jodi Greene**

**The Premier Charitable and Patriotic
Organization in the Nation**



Greetings all! I can't believe it is September already. I wanted to reach out and thank those that attended and helped us celebrate our Veterans and Thank our Veterans who came out and spent the day with us, at the Iowa State Fair on Monday, August 17th. We had a wonderful time and looking forward to helping with it again next year.

Secondly I wanted to let you all know that we are going to open an online apparel store and have some other options that you can order. The storefront is being built. I will get it posted on our Facebook page and we'll get it posted on the TVs in the bar at the Lodge. We have three images that can be added to anything that you would choose. I also have worked with a local individual and she has printed us some Koozies that are available for purchase at the bar. They are for the skinnier cans and I also have some that will fit the pint beer glasses as well.

Please stop by and take a look. I just wanted to say that I had an absolute honor in riding with our Veterans on the float and seeing the hundreds of other Veterans at the fair. Look forward to seeing you all soon!



Wednesday Night Dinners - Team Stiles

We had another great dinner on July 22nd, prepared and served by Paul Stiles and his team. The meal consisted of chicken cordon bleu, au gratin potatoes, corn, salad and dessert. It was delicious and we had a good turnout.

Paul's hardworking crew was made up of Brian and Denise Wright, Kevin Marean and Chrissy Ellis, salad maker Carla Sandberg, and Jaedyn Stites, who is the granddaughter of Shelly and Mark Stites and one of this year's Heritage Scholarship winners.

Please plan to attend our future Wednesday night dinners. Our dinner crews took the month of August off, but meals are back on the calendar for September so please check your newsletter for dates and menus.

These volunteers generously give their time to provide their fellow members with a great dining experience. **If you see any of the meal crew members around the Lodge, please be sure to thank them.**





What a day we had at the State Fair on Thursday, August 20, 2026! The weather cooperated and no rain. Our lodge volunteers entertained approximately 188 bubbly kids who participated in the spot shoot, many shooting numerous times.

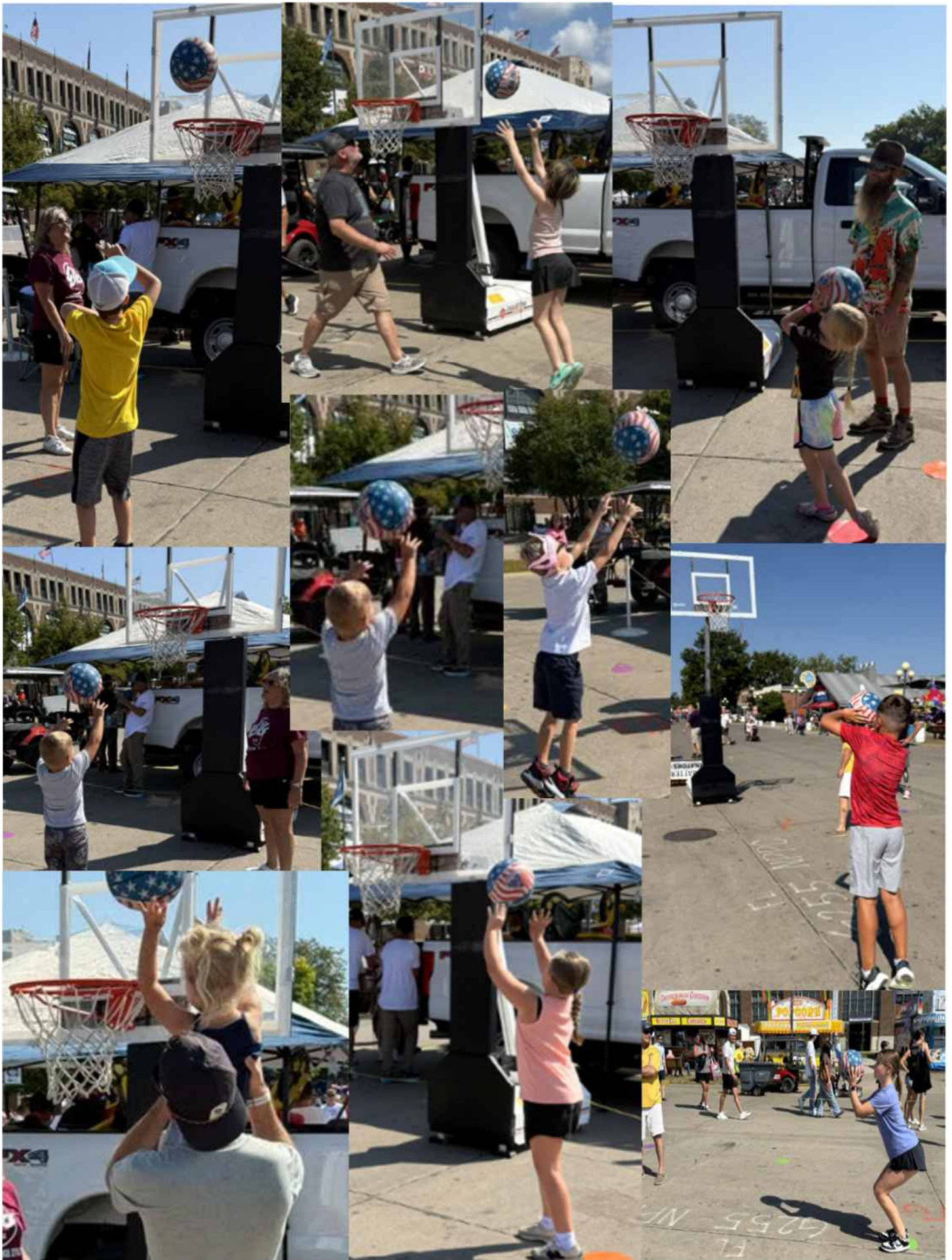
Along with the fun of shooting baskets at five different positions, the kids received Drug Awareness coloring books with crayons attached and participation ribbons. Their smiles and eyes lit up after receiving the ribbons. We also educated many fair goers by raising awareness of the Elks Hoop Shoot Program and the Drug Awareness Programs.

Our terrific 19 volunteers continue to make our State Fair Spot Shoot a success: Greg "Radar" Weinschenk PER, Steve Leisen, Tammi Leisen, Chrissy Ellis PER, Kevin Marean, Darlene Schluter, Toby Charloe, Rich Kreitzinger ER, Mary Anne Kreitzinger, Mary Stiles, Jill Stiles, Kristi McCune, Doug McCune, Wayne Faux PER, Linda Faux, Gary Gaskins, Sherri Gaskins, Roger Fiori PER and Larry Cramer PER.

A special thanks also to our volunteers who helped load and unload the mobile basketball hoops which are stored at Nadine Ludwig's residence (thank you Nadine) on Wednesday night and Friday morning: Greg "Radar" Weinschenk PER, Roger Fiori PER and Larry Cramer PER. We could not have done it without you. Thank you for your extra effort, it was much appreciated.

Thanks again to all of our volunteers and to the Iowa Parks and Recreation for their sponsorship. At the end of the day everyone had a good time. And, because of our volunteers the kids will continue to have fun at the State Fair! See you next year for another great Spot Shoot. You guys' rock!







Our Sunday August 9th 2026 Breakfast and Bake Sale brought in 102 members, guests and friends including 25 complimentary Breakfasts to 7 Clive Fire Fighters, and 18 Veterans who were transported in from Des Moines V.A. Hospital (Domicile). Nina Steele handed out packets of toiletries to all of the Veterans. They are always appreciative for the items they receive.

Our numbers were a little down but considering the Adel Corn Festival was the day before our breakfast and the State Fair the day after, it wasn't too bad.

Our fantastic volunteers continue to do their thing month after month.

This month give a shout out to: Doug Laird, Dallas Morris, Neil Davies, Forrest Laidlaw, Brian Becker, Gloria Reisberg, Alice Jensen, Michael Schieffer, Beth DuPuy, Ted DuPuy, Nina Steele, MJ (Bar Tender), Toby Charloe, and Larry Cramer. Thanks again guys.

Also, a big thankyou goes out to Nina Steele for taking our left-over food down to the Bethel Mission to help feed the homeless. And, also to Mark Bergmann for taking out and bringing in our Breakfast signs.

Our Bake Sale brought in \$278 from free will donations which will be given to our Veterans Children Giving project. Our Bake sale volunteers were: Jean Shade, Jen Becker, Nancy Newcomb and Gloria Criswell and our many lodge volunteers who provide the delicious pastries, pies and cookies.



WDM Elks Lodge #2752

Community Breakfast & Bake Sale

Second Sunday of Every Month

🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Please join us for our next breakfast and Bake Sale Sunday, September 13th , 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, September 13th . Bring your friends and neighbors. Again, thanks to all of our volunteers!

Please pay the bartender for your breakfast.



Elks



**INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS
EVERY
MEMBER...
STARTS
AS A
GUEST**

Lodge Activities Committee

LAC Meeting Minutes No August Meeting

LAC Minutes: NO August Meeting.

Special Activities for September:

All activities are on the monthly calendar on the last page of this Newsletter

September 1, Tuesday. Game Night
September 3, Thursday. Thirsty Thursday
September 7, Monday. Labor Day - The Lodge closed.
September 10, Thursday. Wine Night 6:30 pm
September 11, Friday. 9/11 Serving food for Veterans and first responders Etc. In our parking lot.
September 12, Saturday. Iowa/Iowa State Game 6:30pm/Bring an appetizer to share.
September 13, Sunday. Breakfast/Bake Sale
September 15, Tuesday. Game Night
September 17, Thursday. Bourbon Night 6:30 pm
September 22, Tuesday. B-Day Night 6 pm
September 25, Friday. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6 pm

Upcoming Events in October. Mark your calendars:

October 3, Saturday. Fall Vendor Show. 9 am- 3 pm. Stop by and shop!!
October 9, Friday. Potato Bar and the Olympics with teams. Medals given.
October 17, Saturday. Hog Roast in Marshalltown Vet's home.
October 30, Friday. Annual Halloween Costume Party. The band is Monkey 4.
You won't want to miss this one!

Next LAC Meeting. Monday, September 21, 6:30 pm
LAC Chair, Julie Kafer



ELKS ANGELS

The Elks Widows will meet Tuesday
September 8th, 1pm. for lunch at
Brazil Terra Grill Steakhouse
Clock Tower Square
West Des Moines, IA

Please come join us. We have happy talks, laughs and
lots of fun and would love to see you!
Marge (515) 371-3158

Firsty Thirsty Thursday!



Thursday, September 3rd

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

\$2.50 Well drinks all evening.

\$8.00 Burger Basket Specials

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 September 1st
and
Tuesday September 15th
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!





Jimmy Buffet Night was such fun!

DJ Dave played some great music and there was lots of dancing. We played Beach Bingo, found lost shakers of salt and even gave prizes for the best dressed. The 5 gallons of fresh Margarita's were sold out.

I would like to thank my helpers, Brenda McAllister, Clark and Dee Peterson, Lucy Norton and Doug McCune. I couldn't have done this without such great volunteers. We also had a fabulous selection of things to eat. Thanks to those that brought something to share.

Sincerely, Julie Kafer, LAC Chair





1st Place Winner: Marj Slevin
 2nd Place Winner: Tammy Bechen
 3rd Place Winner: Sheila Morris

The Back to School Fundraiser

held July 24th was a **BIG Success!**

I cannot thank everyone enough for the huge support on this Fundraiser. So many Elk's brought school supplies into the Lodge. Many were ever so generous. We also collected \$565 in cash.

I want to give a shout out to Rich Kreitzinger for helping me with the shopping at Sam's club and Walmart. Many more supplies were bought with this money.

The school supplies have been delivered. They were ever so grateful with these generous donations. There were a lot of boxes to be delivered.

I want to thank Becky and Ron Young, and my grandson Dylan for helping me deliver these supplies.

Fun was had by all with Mike Aceto playing some great music. We made sack lunches for the event.

Thank you Becky and Ron Young, Rich and MaryAnn Kreitzinger for helping with this.

We hope to do this Fundraiser again next year. Thanks again for your support!!

Julie Kafer, LAC Chair



WEST DES MOINES ELKS LODGE #2752

2060 NW 94TH ST, CLIVE

WINE NIGHT

Women Who Own Wineries

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 10

\$15
PER PERSON
INCLUDES
1 GLASS OF WINE
& SAMPLES

SIP • SAVOR • SUPPORT WOMEN IN WINE

LIGHT APPETIZERS
PROVIDED



18473

FORESTA RED TEMPRANILLO



Tempranillo &
Cabernet Sauvignon

13.5% ABV

Castilla,
Spain

An approachable, well-structured Spanish blend harmonizing rich local Tempranillo fruit with robust Cabernet Sauvignon. It shows dark berry characteristics balanced with smooth, soft tannins, offering a highly versatile option for casual dinners or barbecues.



18475

TWO TUXEDOS CHILEAN SAUVIGNON BLANC



100% Sauvignon Blanc

12.5% ABV

Central Valley,
Chile

A crisp, mineral-driven white wine originating from high altitudes. It greets the palate with vibrant bursts of green gooseberry, lime juice, and hints of ripe stone fruits, leading to a clean, lively finish.



18477

NAPA BY NAPA *Michael's* RED BLEND



Proprietary
Red Blend

13.5% ABV

Napa Valley,
California

A robust, multi-vintage "kitchen sink" style blend celebrating five generations of family winemaking tradition. It features a complex, layered core of black cherries, plums, and sweet vanilla oak wrapped in firm tannins.



18478

SOTO DEL VICARIO ORANGE MARROWS



White Blend

13.0% ABV

Bierzo,
Spain

An authentic skin-contact amber wine showcasing a traditional style of white winemaking. Extended maceration infuses the wine with dried-flower aromas, smoky complexities, and a taut, lightly tannic structure balanced by citrus brightness.



*Raise a glass to
Passion, Purpose & Perseverance!*

COME ENJOY GREAT WINES, GREAT COMPANY,
AND SUPPORT AMAZING WOMEN WINEMAKERS!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT REBECCA YOUNG 515-314-0923





FOOTBALL TAILGATE PARTY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

BAR WILL OPEN AT 4:30 pm

KICK-OFF at 6:30 pm

Bring friends and food to share and enjoy the game.

Prizes for best dressed Cyclone fan & Hawkeye fan.



***50/50 Raffle to benefit our
WDM Heritage Scholarships***



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Community Breakfast & Bake Sale



Monthly Breakfast Buffet



Join Us - Sunday, September 13th



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 !



BOURBON NIGHT

Thursday, September 17th

Bourbon Night will be once per month
always on the 3rd Thursday of each month.



WE WANT YOU!

At Bourbon Night!

Get your bourbon shirts on and come
to the Elks Bourbon Night!
You are sure to have a good time!
Can't wait to see you there!



WEST DES MOINES ELKS LODGE #2752

VOLUNTEER *Appreciation* DINNER

FRIDAY | 9/25 | AT 6 PM

Celebrating the amazing volunteers
who give their time and talents
to make our Lodge the

≡ *special place* ≡
it is.

We couldn't do it without you!



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VENDOR *Fair*

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2060 NW 94th St, Clive

SATURDAY
October 3rd, 2026

•• 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM ••

SECURED VENDORS INCLUDE

- Pink Zebra
- Johnny Salsa
- LB Lane
- Flatzilla
- Vicki's Fragrance Friends
- Tastefully Simple
- Pampered Chef
- Salon Classique
- Dana Dahl with her Stained glass
- Sinful Pastries



Drinks and concessions available in the bar area.



Come shop local, support small businesses, and find something special!



shop ♡
Support
enjoy!

We're still looking
for a few vendors!

Please contact Becky or Chrissy. ♡



Becky Young
515-314-0923

or

Rebecca.young624@gmail.com



Chrissy Ellis
515-710-2495

**SHOP
LOCAL**
♡

BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS!

Tuesday, September 22nd at 6pm

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

**IT'S MY
BIRTHDAY
MONTH**

Appetizers & Birthday Cake are provided! Come Celebrate with me!

01 Christi Irelan	09 Garry Schrage	21 Craig Crossland
01 Jeri Hammen	09 Robert Willemssen	21 Tonya Brady
02 Barbara Bouley	11 April Fredericksen	21 Dawn Mallory
02 Ciel Friess	11 Stephen Shaffer	22 Carla Sanburg
02 Marjorie Slevin	11 Gracyn Smith	23 Lyle Hawn
02 Jackie Pullen	11 Denise Wright	24 Toby Charloe
02 Janet Schutt	12 Mark Ramsey	24 Steve Werning
03 Tyler Pohren	13 Jodi Einck	25 Cory Holland
04 Tonya Hazel	14 Susan Rasmussen	25 Gary Sams
05 Hunter Schneider	15 Dena Johnston	26 Neil Davies
05 Kristi McCune	15 Gary Sacker	26 Timothy Trausch
06 Keith Kuennen	16 Sheila Stevens-Schneider	27 Michael West
06 Linda Friedel	17 Chad Kleppe	28 Lon Anderson
06 Carla Stuber	18 Terrill Eastin	29 Gary Hermann
07 Theresa Koets	19 Denny Carlson	29 Kris Magnani
07 Mike Petersen	19 Stephen Gonseth	29 Jennifer Meehl
07 Julie Ostwinkle	19 Brian Mathis	29 Gloria Criswell
08 Robert Horak	19 Terry Vrieze	29 Erica Holms
09 Kim Correy	20 Chuck Cunningham, Jr.	30 Jack De Haai

***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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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
	Bingo Volunteers Needed! Could you help at one BINGO Session per month? Call Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852	Open 4:30 – 9:00  9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! GAME NIGHT 6:30 PM	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Scheduled Dinner Pizza Night! Stop up and Enjoy a Pizza! No Scheduled Dinner	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Firsty Thirsty Thursday \$2.50 Well Drinks \$8 Burger Baskets Bingo 7pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Radar Gloria Criswell, Jen Chambers, Jen Hushagen & Nancy Newcomb	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Labor Day Weekend! Club is OPEN!	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Labor Day Weekend! Club is OPEN!
Open Noon – 7pm Play Pool - 1:30 No Bingo! Labor Day Weekend! Club is OPEN!	 Labor Day - Lodge Closed	Open 4:30 – 9:00  9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM!  House/Board Meetings 6:30pm All Members welcome	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Tenderloin Sandwich, French Fries, Salad & Dessert Team Murphy Serving at 6:15pm	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Wine Night <i>Women Who Own Wineries</i> 6:30pm Bingo 7pm Sell: Jason Larreau Call: Larry Schweitzer Nancy Newcomb, Jen Chambers & Jennifer Hushagen	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Serving our Heroes: Our Lodge will Once again be serving meals gratis to Police, Fire, EMT workers etc! Serving from 11am till 6pm!	 Tailgate Party Bar Open at 4:30pm Kick-Off at 6:30 pm
Open 8am – 7pm Elk's Breakfast & Bake Sale Served 8am till Noon Bingo 2pm Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Roger Halbur Nancy Newcomb Rita Lans and Mary Spoerl	Open 4:30 – 9:00  Lodge Meeting 7:00pm All Members welcome	Open 4:30 – 9:00  9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Elks Angels 1:00pm Lunch at Gilroy's Restaurant 1238 8th St WDM GAME NIGHT 6:30 PM	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bacon Wrapped Pork Chop, Oven Fried Potatoes, Asparagus & Dessert Team Morris Serving at 6:15pm	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bourbon Night! 6:30 pm Bingo 7pm Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Larry Schweitzer Gloria Criswell, NAV, Need A Volunteer! NAV, Need A Volunteer!	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Our Lodge will be presenting a check to our Blue Star Moms at the DMACC Car Show	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Our Lodge will be presenting a check to our Blue Star Moms at the DMACC Car Show
Open Noon – 7pm Play Pool - 1:30 Bingo 2pm Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Patti Bond Team: Gloria Criswell Rita Lans and Beth Kneeskern	Open 4:30 – 9:00  Lodge Activities Meeting 6:30pm Come share your ideas and get involved! Treats provided	Open 4:30 – 9:00  9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Birthday Night! 6:00 pm Join Us!	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Special Dinner: Thanksgiving Dinner in September! Team Stiles Serving at 6:15pm	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bingo 7pm Sell: Joe Bechen Call: Larry Schweitzer Team: Gloria Criswell, Jen Hushagen, NAV, Need A Volunteer!	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6pm	Open 4:30 – 9:00/Close Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6pm
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