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BUSINESS HOURS

Wednesday 5pm-8pm

Thursday-Friday

5pm-12am

Saturday 11am-12am

Sunday-Monday -

Tuesday - Closed

Closing times may

vary if business is

slow.

August Dining & Events

*Tuesday, August 1st – Tuesdays in the Garden – 6pm

*Friday, August 4th – Friday after 5

*Tuesday, August 8th – Tuesdays in the Garden – 6pm

*Friday, August 11th – Friday After 5

*Tuesday, August 15th – Tuesdays in the Garden – 6pm

*Friday, August 18th – Friday After 5

*Tuesday, August 22nd – Tuesdays in the Garden – 6pm

*Friday, August 25th – Friday After 5

*Tuesday, August 29th – Tuesdays in the Garden – 6pm

*Friday, September 1st – Friday after 5 & Fish Fry 6pm

FRIDAYS AFTER FIVE 2023 Concert Series

DATE	BUSINESS SPONSOR	NON-PROFIT	MUSICIAN
MAY 26	CRESTON ELKS	CRESTON ELKS	JUSTIN GOODCHILD
JUNE 2	FIRST NATIONAL BANK	CRESTON KIWANIS	QUINTON COX & B.
JUNE 9	PCSB	CRESTON LIONS CLUB	UNION COUNTY TRIO
JUNE 16	FIRST NATIONAL BANK	LEAD UC	EMMA BUTTERWORTH
JUNE 23	STALKER AUTO GROUP	MATURA	RIDIN' SHOTGUN
JUNE 30	CRESTON VISION & KILGORE'S	CRESTON ROTARY	JAKE KEMBLE
JULY 7	IOWA STATE SAVINGS BANK	DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS	JOHNPOL BURTCH
JULY 14	STATE SAVINGS BANK	CARE	CORRY WALLER DUO
JULY 21	UNION COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	UNION COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	GARRETT & THE RELICS
JULY 28	WILLETS, BAIRD & CO + PAULUS CONCRETE	PARK & REC POOL FUNDS	DUSTIN BAIRD
AUG 4	CHRIS LANE AGENCY	CRESTON AREA LITTLE STUFF	BRUCE DAY
AUG 11	CODY DOWNING & DEKALB SEED	EXPRESS WRESTLING	THE BOND BAND
AUG 18	FIRST NATIONAL BANK	CRESTUBILEE	TYLER FOLKERTS
AUG 25	AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE & OUR TOWN REALTY	SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE	GARRETT & THE RELICS
SEPT 1	B. ROOTED	ST. MALACHY FOUNDATION	BRIAN CONGDON

Music!

Drink Specials!

Food!

TUESDAYS IN THE GARDEN

AUGUST 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH

6PM

Beers 2 for \$5
 Seltzers 2 for
 \$6

August Birthdays

1	Lisa Hagle
3	Allen Rager Todd Stofferahn
4	Jill Neeley
5	Bill Oetken Nick Jannings Jim Mahan
6	Doug North
7	Ryan Draper
8	Ron Woolsey
9	Steve Wintermute
11	Daniel Downing
12	Melford Johnston
13	Nathan Haley
14	Wayde Ross
15	Sherri Seago
16	Travis Turner
18	Kerry Grumley Kim Mullin Marvin McGinnis
19	Donna Stringham Carey Lynam
23	Michael Bruce
25	Leslie Carlson Stephen Montague
26	Dennis Carter
28	Jayrd Merritt
29	William Harris

Birthday Special

Thursday or Saturday...One free drink and either \$1.00 off sandwich or \$2.00 off dinner entrée.
Good for one visit during the month of your birthday.

Get Ready for Fall Football at the Elks!



Plan to come watch
Iowa and Iowa State
on Saturday, Sept 9th!

Greetings fellow Elks,

The Fourth of July had me reflecting on American history. I spent the holiday in Minneapolis, MN at the National Elk's Convention. The patriotism at the convention hit home on our fortune to be born in this great country, and even more so on SW Iowa's culture. But for some reason, John F Kennedy Jr resonated the most. His famous line, "Ask not what this country can do for you, but what can you do for your country" struck a chord.

Looking back on the Creston lodge's history I can see a clear line of people, past and present, that did what they could for the lodge without expecting anything in return. The most surprising thing I have learned is that the lodge used to have around 1,000 members. We currently have 317 members, down from the 384 we had when I joined the lodge. The two main reasons I hear that people no longer want to be members is because they don't get back enough for their \$119 annual dues, or they aren't volunteering/doing enough to be a member. I understand both statements, but you just have look back to JFK's line and know what we do isn't for ourselves. I have no ties to the Elks lodge prior to moving to Creston, but I joined because I wanted to be involved and help the community that I live in. Members and their dues are what keeps us going to give back to the community. Volunteers are always welcome; I can be reached at 515-344-9213 if you want to get involved. I can also reach out individually if that is needed.

We are currently in need of a Lecturing Knight and Loyal Knight. We need more members, and we need more members to be involved. Whether it be volunteering time or coming to support events that the lodge is involved in. With minimal individual efforts we can get our lodge back to the lodge of yesteryear. To give comparison, Iowa City's lodge has around 700 members and West Des Moines is working hard to grow past 500 members. I think we are resourceful enough in rural Iowa to do our part and do more for our community!

The dues are also important because we do pay in to the National and State Elk's as well at the beginning of every year. We pay \$35 for every member, and currently there are 55 members that haven't paid their dues, meaning we have paid \$1,925 even though we haven't received dues. The Elk's lodge has been in Creston over a century, and we will not be quitting because of challenges. This lodge has been/is an integral part of our community. Let's work together to continue the good work and help the community where we can.

Respectfully,

Ryan Samo, Exalted Ruler

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 The Garden open at 6pm Beer & Seltzer specials	2	3	4 Friday After 5!!	5 No Celebrity Bartender No Saturday Night Dining
6	7 Closed	8 The Garden open at 6pm Beer & Seltzer specials	9	10	11 Friday After 5!!	12 No Celeb Bartender No Saturday Night Dining
13	14 Closed	15 The Garden open at 6pm Beer & Seltzer specials	16	17 7pm Gov Body 8pm Lodge Members Night	18 Friday After 5!!	19 No Celebrity Bartender No Saturday Night Dining
20	21 Closed	22 The Garden open at 6pm Beer & Seltzer specials	23	24	25 Friday After 5!!	26 No Celeb Bartender No Saturday Night Dining
27	28 Closed	29 The Garden open at 6pm Beer & Seltzer specials	30	31	September 1 Friday After 5!! Fish Fry - Devin Anderson, Mike Mullin, Jason Cook, Andrew Gordon	2 Celeb Bartender Briar Wynn No Saturday Night Dining

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