

# West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752

## April 2024 Newsletter

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### Message From Your Exalted Ruler



**Ladies and Gentlemen, Esteemed Members, and Honored Guests,** I stand before you today, humbled and deeply grateful, as I accept the honor of serving as your Exalted Ruler. This moment is not just about me; it's about the collective spirit of our lodge, the bonds we share, and the legacy we uphold. First and foremost, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Roger Fiori and all of the other Past Exalted

Rulers, whose dedication and leadership have paved the way for us. Your tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on our lodge, and I promise to build upon that foundation with unwavering commitment.

To my fellow officers, thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. Together, we form a team—a family—united by our shared values and a common purpose. Let us work collaboratively, supporting one another, as we steer our lodge toward greater heights.

Our lodge is more than just a physical space; it's a sanctuary of camaraderie, compassion, and community service. As Exalted Ruler, I pledge to uphold our noble traditions, foster inclusivity, and create an environment where every member feels valued and heard.

In the spirit of Elkdom, let us continue our charitable endeavors, reaching out to those in need, lifting up the less fortunate, and making a positive impact in our local community. Our motto, "Elks Care, Elks Share," resonates deeply with me, and I invite each of you to join me in living it every day.

As we embark on this journey together, let us remember that leadership is not about titles or accolades; it's about service. I am committed to leading with integrity, transparency, and compassion. Together, we will celebrate our successes, learn from our challenges, and grow stronger as a lodge.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you—the heart and soul of our Elks family. Your unwavering support and dedication inspire me, and I promise to serve you with honor, humility, and a whole lot of Elk pride.

Thank you, and may our lodge continue to shine brightly, guided by the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity.

**Fraternaly yours,**  
Michael Buckley, Exalted Ruler

### 2023-2024 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Michael Buckley  
*exaltedruler@wdmelks.com*

Leading Knight.....Chrissy Ellis

Loyal Knight..... Rich Kreitzinger

Lecturing Knight..... Vicky Taylor

Esquire ..... Greg Weinschenk  
Tiler..... Mike Holbrook  
Inner Guard..... Nina Steele  
Chaplain..... Michele Brandt

Treasurer.....Craig Crossland, PER  
*treasurer@wdmelks.com*

Secretary..... Toby Charloe  
*secretary@wdmelks.com*

### Trustees

1 Year Trustee.....Mark Radosevich  
2 Year Trustee.....Jeff Garrison, PER  
3 Year Trustee.....Tim Pettit  
4 Year Trustee..... Becky Young, PER  
5 Year Trustee.....Roger Fiori, PER



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## A message from Vicky Taylor, Lecturing Knight

I am excited to join my friends as a member and as Lecturing Knight for our lodge although I think Lecturing Princess would be more sparkly sounding.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all the spouses of members, associate members, widows and widowers that have made our lodge warm and inviting. Without their enthusiasm and energy we won't have Bunco , Wine Night , Holiday singalong or any of the countless impromptu events we all enjoy.

These individuals are so important and I am grateful for their commitment. THANK YOU one and all.



### Membership Dues payments were due on April 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 ELK year!

Door Keys will be shut off on May 1<sup>st</sup> for those that have not paid!

Many members are late paying dues. Please pay your dues by May 1st so you don't lose access to your Lodge.

- Regular member dues \$144
- Life member \$54
- Associate Member \$20
- A door card for a spouse or widow(er) is \$20 per year

Thank you to the majority of our Members who have paid their dues!  
If you have not paid yet - please do so as soon as possible to save the Lodge the expense of additional mailings! You can pay by mail or pay in the Club Room.

### Get the MyElks App!

Android: [Click Here](#)\* to download the App for your Android phone from the Google Play Store.

Apple: [Click Here](#)\* to download the App for your APPLE phone from the Apple Store.

Remember, when asked... We are Lodge #2752

*\*tough to click if you are reading this on paper! ...but Search your Google Play Store - or Apple Store for the MyElks App!*



# Bake Sale Contributions - and Purchases are Making a Huge Impact!

At our monthly breakfast held the 2nd Sunday of each month we hold a bake sale.

Proceeds from the bake sale go to fund our Charitable Projects:

Veterans Projects - Welcome Home Veterans and Christmas for needy Veterans' children.

Crestview Elementary School

Clive Community Services - Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

WDM Elks Lodge #2752 Heritage Scholarships

Grimes Food Pantry

Easter Seals - Respite Care



A huge thank you to each and everyone who baked and donated foods for this project.

This fiscal year, April, 2023 through March 31, 2024 OUR Bake Sales took in \$6,268.00 for our Charitable Projects.

We could never accomplish our goals without your support every month!



Did you Know playing Pool Is FREE at the Elks!  
That's Right!  
No Quarters Needed!



## Here is the Schedule for the State Convention Meetings for anyone attending!

### Friday, April 26, 2024

8:00 – 10:00	PSP Advisory Meeting	Room 397
10:00 – 4:00	Registration	Courtyard
10:00 – 12:00	State Trustee's Meeting	Room 397
12:00	Lunch Break	
1:00 – 2:00	Division Chairs Meeting with President-Elect Whipple & Pres.-Elect Designate Steer	Room 175
1:30	Secretaries Meeting with State Secretary Armstrong	Iowa B & C
2:00 – 3:00	Vice Presidents-Elect Meeting with President-Elect Whipple & Pres.-Elect Designate Steer	Room 175
2:00 – 4:00	District Deputy Designates, Esquire Designates meeting with PGER Ryan, SDGER Neeley, District Leaders & Special Representatives	Room 396
3:00	Division Chairs meet with all Committee Chairs	Ballroom North & Central
3:30 – 5:00	State Committee Meetings for all State Committeemen	Ballroom North & Central
3:30 – 5:00	Major Project Committee Meeting for all interested Members	Iowa E
4:00 – 5:00	New Lodge Committee meet with PGER Ryan, SDGER Neeley, President Elsberry, Pres. Elect Whipple & Pres.-Elect Designate Steer	Room 358
8:00 – 11:00	Entertainment – Eric Deery, DJ	Courtyard

### Saturday, April 27, 2024

Registration	(If needed, contact Roger McQueen, Room 260)
8:15 – 11:30	Division Meetings & Training Seminars
	Exalted Rulers & Charitable Trust Annual Meeting
	Leading Knights, Lodge Directors, Treasurers & Club Managers
	Loyal Knights
	Lecturing Knights & Secretaries
8:45 – 9:15	Exalted Ruler Spouses meet with Jessica Whipple, Stacey Ryan & Jill Neeley
9:50	Brunch
11:30 – 1:00	Lunch Break
1:00 – 3:00	General Business Session
3:30 – 4:00	Memorial Service
4:00 – 4:30	Installation of Officers
4:30	Designated Lodges meet with PGER Ryan, SDGER Neeley & Respective District Leaders
4:45	Catholic Mass
5:00 – 6:00	President's Reception
6:30 – 8:30	State Association Banquet
8:45 – 11:00	Entertainment – The Hepperly Band

**Paul Stiles  
West Des Moines  
Lodge #2752  
Elk of the Year  
2023-2024**



West Des Moines Lodge #2752 is proud to nominate Paul Stiles for Elk of the Year.

Paul was initiated into our order on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003 and holds member number 545. He was interested in becoming an Elk because he admired the fact that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is dedicated to Veterans and our communities. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force and is proud to say that enlisting was the best decision he ever made.

After becoming a member, Paul immediately became involved in Lodge Leadership and moved through the Officer Chairs and served as our Exalted Ruler for the Elk Year 2006-2007. The high point of his year as ER was getting our Lodge moved from a small, slightly run down building that stood in front of a rather seedy motel into a much nicer space just a short distance away. At the time, the move was controversial with even our State Sponsor questioning the validity of the move but in the end, with Paul's perseverance, a vote was taken and all 78 members in attendance voted for the move.

Paul has also served as a Trustee of the West Des Moines Lodge for a total of 12 years, often times making tough decisions that no one else wanted to make but were for the betterment of our Lodge. He is a faithful and tireless volunteer and has willingly given many hours of his time in numerous capacities around the Lodge. He has acted as club manager, kitchen manager, food and supply orderer, Bingo seller, bartender, dish washer, janitor, painter, audio-visual set-up and repair-the list goes on and on. If there is something that has needed to be done, rest assured, Paul has done it. In addition, he and his wife, Rhonda, prepare and serve at least one Wednesday night dinner a month. He readily steps up to provide mentorship to the officers and trustees who have followed him.

Paul Stiles exemplifies the tenets of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks-Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. West Des Moines Lodge #2752 is very appreciative of his diligence, knowledge and dedication and is proud to nominate him for Elk of the Year, 2023-2024.

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## Lodge Rentals

All non Elk sponsored functions being held at West Des Moines Lodge #2752 must be vetted through our rental coordinator, Becky Young. This includes Birthday, Retirement, Anniversary and Graduation Parties; Bridal and Baby Showers; School and Family Reunions; and Celebrations of Life. We do this to make sure that the preferred date is available, to have enough bartenders working, and assign an officer or trustee to attend the event to ensure that everything goes smoothly.

West Des Moines Lodge #2752 is not an Events Center and we do not rent to the public but we do allow members to rent our facility for parties. Our rental rates are very reasonable and charges are as follows: the Clubroom is offered during normal operating hours at no charge if the number of attendees are estimated to be less than 60 people. If the number of people will exceed 60, we will need a second bartender for a charge of \$100. If an event is scheduled during non business hours, we charge \$100 for opening the building and hiring a bartender. Aronson Hall may be rented at a charge of \$350 regardless of whether it is during normal operating hours or not. The kitchen may only be used with prior approval. The member who is renting the facility must be present for the entire event and is responsible for all cleanup.

In addition, all rentals are subject to a fee of approximately \$175 for a one time event insurance policy. This extra insurance protects our Lodge against any liability resulting from a non Elk event.

Please contact Becky Young with any questions pertaining to renting our facility. She may be reached at (515) 314-0923 or via email at [rebecca.young624@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.young624@gmail.com).

Roger Fiori, PER, Head Trustee



# MARCH PANCAKE BREAKFAST BUFFET AND BAKE SALE RESULTS!



Our March 10<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast Buffet was very exciting as the Easter Bunny was here (played by non-other than our own Nina Steele) who gave 44 children cotton candy (home made by Karla and Roger Fiori) and assorted candy in a bag decorated with Easter Bunnies and Easter eggs and tied with a red ribbon. The kids loved the Easter Bunny and all had a super fun time.

Wow! We served 227 Members, Neighbors and guests. Wow!! Again.

We served complimentary breakfast to six Clive Fire Fighters, one Clive Police Officer, and 20 Veterans who were transported to our Lodge from the Des Moines VA Hospital (Domicile). We as always thanked them for their service and sacrifice. They all appreciated our hospitality.

This couldn't happen without our continued support of our fantastic volunteers: Dwight Taylor, Vicky Taylor, Nicole Hagerman, Toby Charloe, Brian Becker, Gloria Riesberg, Lannie Hale, Doug Laird, Dan Norris, Nina Steele, Dallas Morris, Kathy Peterson (Bar), Larry Cramer and Mark Bergmann who continues to take out and bring in our breakfast signs. You all are Rock Stars.

Nina Steele, month after month, continues to take our leftover food to the Bethel mission which helps feed the homeless men in our downtown community. Thanks Nina

A continuing thank you goes out to our bake sale crew as they work very hard organizing and getting everything ready for the bake sale including coming in on the night prior to get everything set up.

Thanks to Nancy Newcomb, Jen Becker, Deb Brandt and Jan Peter who makes all of the calls and asks our members for Baked Donations. This month our Free Will bake sale brought in in \$600 in which \$300 will be donated to our many Veteran programs and \$300 will be donated to our scholarship program.

We also invited girl scout troop 778 in Johnston an opportunity to sell their Girl Scout cookies which brought in \$288 (48 boxes of cookies) to help support their troop. A job well done ladies.



**Our next  
Pancake  
Breakfast Buffet  
and Bake Sale  
will be Sunday  
April 14<sup>th</sup>**





# Best wishes for a Great Year!



## Congratulations to the 2024 - 2025 Officers

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# IOWA ELKS LEATHER PROGRAM

## IOWA DEER CLASSIC

MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> THRU 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024

Greg “Radar” Weinschenk PER West Des Moines, Roger Fiori ER, West Des Moines and Larry Cramer PER, West Des Moines, worked the Iowa Elks Deer Classic Booth to help promote the Iowa Elks Leather Program on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:30 until closing at 7 pm.



Greg “Radar” Weinschenk PER, Roger Fiori ER, and Larry Cramer PER.

Many deer hunters throughout Iowa and neighboring states came to visit the many exhibits and vendors. Dennis Walker (State Chair for the ELKS Veterans Leather Program) used this opportunity to get the word out about the many benefits of our great winning program.

### OUR WINNING PROGRAM IS:

- A win for the hunter who donates the hide.
- A win for the deer hide transformed into tanned leather.
- A win for the veteran for Wheelchair gloves and leather crafting.

Did you know that by donating your deer hides to your local Elks lodge you can help thousands of disabled veterans?

- 3,460 pairs of Wheelchair gloves were donated to disabled veterans
- 7,592 square feet of crafting leather was donated to Veteran Hospitals and clinics.
- 49,789 Crafting and Occupational Kits were manufactured and given to disabled veterans
- 68,429 square feet of crafting leather was given to help heal our veterans.
- 4,216 deer hides were collected this year in Iowa.

THESE THERAPEUTIC KITS AND GLOVES ALL START WITH YOUR DONATED DEER HIDES.

Thanks Dennis for all that you do to promote and organize this great program and a big thank you to other Iowa Elks who worked and participated in the Deer Classic. A job well done. Thank you, Dennis.

“SO LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS, THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS WILL NEVER FORGET THEM”



# CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER (Best Ever)

March 9<sup>th</sup> 2024

## ANOTHER FANTASTIC ST. PADDY'S DAY

We continue to serve the best Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner in the city as those who attended can attest. This year we served 140 delicious mouthwatering dinners.

We started out our St Paddy's Day Dinner with fantastic entertainment by the Foy School of Irish Dancers (K-12) lead by Kelly Schulty. All guests enjoyed this young group of dancers.

Once again let's take this opportunity to thank the entire St. Patrick's Day volunteers (26 in all): Prep crew, cooking crew, meat cutters, servers, kitchen serving crew, take out crew, bussing and table clean-up crew, and decorations (which added up to another festive and delightful dinner).

**The following fantastic volunteers deserve all of the credit for continuing to make our St. Paddy's Day dinner the best ever:**

Doug McCune – Prep, cooking, bussing tables	Lannie Hale-Server and clean up
Kristy McCune – Prep and Bussing tables	Gloria Riesberg-Server, desserts and clean-up
Tim Conlan-Prep	Debbie Shepard-Server
Russ Youngquist- Prep	Joyce McMickle-Server, deserts, and clean up
Vickie Taylor-Prep	Greg "Radar" Weinschenk- Kitchen, take out, & clean-up
Rich Kreitzinger-Prep, Meat cutter & cooking	Toby Charloe- Take out and clean-up
Larry Cramer-Prep, cooking, take-out/clean-up	Gloria Criswell-Desserts
Dwight Taylor-Meat cutter	Marge Porter-Desserts
Doug Laird-Meat cutter	Greg Osby- Tickets, flyers, Promotion
Butch Duske-Meat cutter	Merideth Fiori & Ben Poole- Bartenders
Nina Steele-Decorations	FAREWAY Grocery- Corn Beef (discount price)
Kitty Cirks-Decorations	Jason Elliot & Michael Buckley -Loffredo Foods- Cabbage
Julie "Red" Ehrhardt- Bussing tables	

Several of the above volunteers started at 7:00 a.m. and didn't stop until after 9:00 p.m. Great job guys, you are the best.

Thanks also to those who brought in much needed roasters: Larry Schweitzer, Ralph Young, Chrissy Ellis, Jana Castelone, Ron Grey, Lisa Gleason, Nina Steele, Brian Wright, and Lannie Hale.

A special shout out goes out to Tim Conlan and Larry Cramer as they picked up the Corn Beef from Fareway Grocery Friday morning at 8 a.m. They set up 10 Roasters for the 200 lbs. of corn beef and 40 heads of cabbage, filling them with water which saved much needed time, along with 15 gallons of Irish potatoes. Even though Bob Young has passed, he is still working behind the scene. His recipe and organization provided another terrific St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Thanks again to all of our terrific volunteers who keep the tradition of our St. Patrick's Day dinner so successful which started 33 years ago with Ed Mullen and Bob Young.

Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration was Another BIG Success! Special Thanks to the *Foy School of Irish Dancers!*





**Crestview Elementary is located at 8355 Franklin Avenue, Clive, IA**

**They serve 572 students in grades PK - 6. Minority enrollment is 61% of the student body (majority Hispanic) which is more than the state average of 22%.**

### **School Supplies**

**Pease leave school donations in the Club Room.**

*Elks Care - Elks Share*



### **Items In Need:**

<b>Crayola Crayons 24 count</b>	<b>Kleenex</b>
<b>Colored Pencils 12 count</b>	<b>#2 Pencils</b>
<b>Pump Hand soap</b>	<b>Glue Sticks</b>
<b>Washable Markers 8 count</b>	<b>Scissors 5" and 7"</b>
<b>Black Dry Erase Markers</b>	<b>3 X 5 Notecards</b>

#### **CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Teachers and Students sincerely appreciate the school supplies donated by our Elk Members throughout the year. Your kindness and generosity helps our children have the tools available as they learn and grow. *They are our future! Please continue to help as you can.***

## **Clive Community Services**

Our Lodge continues to support Clive Community Services They are back in business and open Monday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM & Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Clive Community Services offers clothing to all in need. All of our clothing comes from community donations. They do their best to offer high-quality, seasonal clothing in infant to adult sizes. The Clothes Closet is open by appointment.

### **Donate Plastic grocery bags?**

The food Pantry and Clothes Closet uses hundreds of plastic bags to enable their recipients to get their Items home. If you have plastic grocery bags that are clean and do not have holes in them, Please bring them to the Lodge and place them in the small bingo room. We will deliver them to the center.

**April's Items of the Month**  
Socks and Underwear (youth to adult) and Canned Meat.

**Food Pantry Items In Need:** Baby Food, Formula, Jasmine Rice, Canned Vegetables, Ramen Noodles, Canned Fruit packed in juice, Dry Beans, Fresh Produce. Unopened packages; nothing expired please.  
**Non-Food Items In Need:** Soap, Shampoo, Lotion, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, Mouthwash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toilet paper, Tissue, Paper Towels, Sanitary Napkins, Baby Food, Diapers especially sizes 4, 5, & 6, Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap.



*Distinct by Caring*

## **Clive Community Services**

*Food | Clothing | Medical | Education | Gardening*

Pantry Hours: Mon 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Fri 9:00 AM - Noon  
Clinic Hours: First & Third Monday of the Month 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



# WDM ELKS SPRING Style Show Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 6th, 2024**  
**10:00am - 2:30pm**

**WDM Elks Lodge #2752**  
**2060 NW 94th Street | Clive, IA**



Tickets: \$15



Reserved Table: \$140  
*(includes 8 tickets)*

**PLUS DOOR PRIZES & FANTASTIC VENDORS**

**Proceeds benefit the Elk's Veterans' Projects.**

**For more information contact: Karen (515) 577-6804**

# IT'S ELKS MEMBER



TO SUPPORT THE ELK'S  
NATIONAL FOUNDATION!!!

**Join us on Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM for  
a fun evening of Member's BINGO!**

**BINGO packets will range from \$25-\$60 with all the  
proceeds going to support ENF.**

**Each game will pay \$25  
and there will be 2 blackout games that will pay \$50 each.**

The Clubroom will be open and don't worry about dinner, the BINGO concession stand will open at 5:30 with lots of good things to eat. All proceeds from the concession stand will go towards ENF!

**Have a friend that likes to play BINGO?  
Please invite them to join you!**

*Please Join Us Thursday Night*

*April 11th at 6:30pm*

*For our monthly WDM*

*Elks Wine Experience*

*Join us to relax and enjoy some wine!*



**Only \$15 Per Person**

**(Includes 1 glass of wine and samples!)**



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***Join us for our Monthly Breakfast & Bake Sale!***

**Sunday April 14th! Serving from 8am till Noon.**



**Our delicious breakfast buffet still 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 - only \$3.50.

**Only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.**

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

**Yes! This Fundraiser Is Open To The Public!**



Your Host: Kirk Jorgensen!

*Join us Thursday Night,  
April 18th at 6:30 PM  
For our monthly Bourbon Night!*

Tickets are just \$15 the night of the Event!  
Sample 2 - 3 drinks. From Bourbon, Whiskey  
and the occasional specialty drink.  
Proceeds will go to our Scholarship Program.  
New Bourbons and Whiskeys each month!



**Join us for BUNCO Night!**  
Tuesday Night  
April 2nd & 16th at 6:30pm!  
\$5 Entry - all proceeds go to the winners!  
*Ready, Set, Roll! It's Easy to Learn,  
Easy to play! Bring a snack to share!*

**We have BINGO Openings!**  
We are only asking for a few hours of your  
time, one day per month.  
Call Nancy Newcomb at (515) 681-0852

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**Card Night  
At The Elks!**

**Tuesday April 9th  
at 6:30pm**

**We will be playing  
“Sweep!”**





**Hey Members!**



# ***Karaoke & Dance Music!***

***Friday Night - April 19th***

***From 6 till 10pm***



**Come on over to the  
Club and Sing &  
Dance to all your  
favorites!  
Bring your  
requests!**

***...By Dj LiL i - Ivan Sarsoza***  
**LiL i Pro Dj Entertainment**





**LODGE SPRING  
CLEAN UP DAY!  
INSIDE & OUT**

# Join us for our Spring Clean up!

**Saturday - April 20th**

**8:00 - 12 NOON  
LUNCH TO FOLLOW**

**SIGN-UP SHEET  
IN CLUBROOM**

***Any Questions Call:***

***Jeff Garrison  
515-229-3246***



# Kentucky Derby Party

*Please join us to celebrate*

*“The Run for the Roses”*

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Doors Open at 4:30**

**Race Starts “Around” 5:45 PM**

**Dancing Until 9pm**

**Hat Contest, Racing Game, Food, and**

***Music by Jim Wachuta!***

***Sloppy Joes will be available***

***Bring your favorite Snack to Share***



# Cinco De Mayo



Taco Bar at the Lodge  
Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm  
Free will donations accepted

Hosted by Ciel and Gary Friess and Toby Charloe

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## Spring Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2024**

It's that time of year again. The Spring Highway clean-up on I-235 is scheduled for Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 A.M. to approximately 9:30 A.M.

We will meet at Drake Park (24<sup>th</sup> Street and Cottage Grove) at 7:30 A.M. We will be met by the DOT who will take us to Keoway. We will then walk to Cottage Grove on I-235 (West Bound) where we will pick up paper and debris. It takes less than two hours and we always have a fun time.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the lodge. Thanks in advance for your much appreciated support.

ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE



GOOD  
*Friday*

# FISH FRY

**Join us Friday Night  
March 29th  
at 6pm  
For a Delicious  
Dinner!**  
*Only \$12*



Our Fish Fry will be hosted by Dwight and Vicky Taylor, Chris and Lynette Murphy, Joe and Tammy Bechen, and Michael Buckley.

# BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS!

**Tuesday**  
**April 23rd**  
**at 6pm**

# IT'S MY BIRTHDAY MONTH

*Come Celebrate with me!*



01 Julie Ann Cherry	12 Curtis Foust	22 Susan Schweitzer
01 Kathy Stanford	12 Douglas Laird	24 Russ Eggers
01 Greg Weinschenk	13 Frankie Tenborg	24 Diane Hooten
01 Trudy Sattizahn	14 Christy Gooding	25 Brett Almburg
01 Kathy Stanford	14 Greg Ostwinkle	25 Dallas Morris
02 Timothy Huff	15 Vernon Chiles	25 Mark Tigges
02 Joseph Kafer	16 Forrest Laidlaw	26 Brian Bertness
02 Daniel Ketelsen	17 Lester Davis	27 Gary Dudley
03 Teresa Bazzocco	18 Julie Ehrhardt	28 Cindy Arnold
04 Kit Cartwright	18 Teri Mundell	28 Philip Deats
04 Kelly Michael	18 Nancy Newcomb	28 Barbara Glantz
06 Kevin Marean	18 Richie Hall	28 Richard Kinsey
06 Mary Bergmann	19 Kevin Conner	28 Debra Shepard
07 Deron Stender	19 Jean Schwab	28 Lannie Hale
07 Cari Van Winkle	19 Joni E. Dorfman	28 Brenda Carolus
09 Jason Larreau	20 Marlene Higdon	28 Linda Schroeder
10 Robert Clark	20 Sarah Kinsey	29 Robert Christensen II
10 Ronald Osby	21 Clark Byers	
11 Sandra Wych	22 Michael Welch	

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 miss your birthday – please let us know!*  
[news@wdmelks.com](mailto:news@wdmelks.com)



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# April 2024



All listings are tentative – watch for email updates!  
 If you don't receive emails – Let us know!  
[news@wdmelks.com](mailto:news@wdmelks.com)  
 All Meals are \$11.00 and served  
 at 6:15 pm unless stated otherwise.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Open 1pm – 7pm <b>Play Pool @ 1:30!</b> <b>Bingo 2pm</b> Sell: JC Criswell Call: Patti Bond Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Jen Chambers	Open 4:30 – 9:00  <b>Board/House Meetings</b> <b>6:30pm</b> All Members welcome	Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us  <b>Bunco</b> <b>in the Clubroom!</b> <b>6:30pm - Join the fun!</b>	Open 4:30 – 9:00 3 No Scheduled Dinner (We need more Crews!) Stop in and enjoy a drink and maybe a pizza!	Open 4:30 – 9:00 4 <b>Bingo 7pm</b> Sell: Greg Weinschenck Call: Roger Fiori Check: Brook Wade Conc: Shelly Poole	Open 4:30 – 9:00 5 <b>Spring Style Show</b> <b>10:00am – 2:30pm!</b> Fashion show at 11am with Models Lunch follows	Open 4:30 – 9:00 6  <b>See You at The Elks!</b>
Open 1pm – 7pm <b>Play Pool @ 1:30!</b> <b>Bingo 2pm</b> Sell: JC Criswell Call: Patti Bond Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Jen Chambers	Open 4:30 – 9:00 8  <b>Lodge Meeting</b> <b>7:00pm</b> All Members welcome	Open 4:30 – 9:00 9  9 to 5'ers meet at 9am  <b>Card Night 6pm</b> <b>playing "Sweep"</b>	Open 4:30 – 9:00 10 <b>Lasagna with Minestrone Soup</b> Salad & Dessert Kathy Peterson, Tony & Kitty Cirks, Doug & Kathy Winger	Open 4:30 – 9:00 11  <b>Wine Night</b> <b>Join Us – 6:30pm</b> <b>Bingo 7pm</b> Sell: Jason Larreau Call: Roger Fiori Check: Mike Rosenberg Conc: Mary Spoerl	Open 4:30 – 9:00 12 <b>Members Bingo</b> <b>for ENF!</b> <b>Doors Open 5:30</b> <b>Games Begin 6:30</b> <b>Members &amp; Guests!</b>	Open 4:30 – 9:00 13  <b>See You at The Elks!</b>
<b>Elks' Breakfast &amp; Bake Sale</b> <b>8am till noon!</b> <b>Bingo 2pm</b> Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Dwight Taylor Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Mike Rosenberg	Open 4:30 – 9:00 14  <b>LAC</b> <b>Lodge Activities Meeting 6:00pm</b> <b>Come share your ideas and get involved!</b>	Open 4:30 – 9:00 15 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us  <b>Bunco</b> <b>in the Clubroom!</b> <b>6:30pm - Join the fun!</b>	Open 4:30 – 9:00 16 <b>Fried Chicken</b> Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, vegetable, Salad & Dessert Rhonda Stiles and Crew	Open 4:30 – 9:00 17 <b>Bourbon Night!</b> <b>Join Us – 6:30pm</b> <b>Bingo 7pm</b> Sell: Kathy Peterson Call: Andy Hansen Check: Joyce McMickle Conc: Gloria Riesberg	Open 4:30 – 9:00 18 <b>Karaoke Night</b> <b>w/DJ Ivan Sarsoza</b> <b>6pm till 10pm</b> <b>Members &amp; Guests!</b>	Open 4:30 – 9:00 19 <b>Spring Clean-up</b> <b>8am till Noon!</b>  spring cleanup
Open 1pm – 7pm <b>Play Pool @ 1:30!</b> <b>Bingo 2pm</b> Sell: Carla Sanburg Call: Larry Schweitzer Check: Deb Brandt Conc: Jen Chambers	Open 4:30 – 9:00 21  <b>Lodge Meeting</b> <b>7:00pm</b> All Members welcome	Open 4:30 – 9:00 22 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us <b>Birthday Night</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Birthday Cake Provided</b> <b>Members &amp; guests welcome!</b>	Open 4:30 – 9:00 23 <b>Tenderloin Sandwich</b> Fries, Salad & Dessert Chris & Lynette Murphy, Mike & Paula Venema, Mark Radosevich, Eric & Heather Carey, Lee Ann & Tim Platt Jean Schwab	Open 4:30 – 9:00 24 <b>Bingo 7pm</b> Sell: Joe Bechen Call: Greg Osby Check: Joyce McMickle Conc: Mike Rosenberg	Open 4:30 – 9:00 25 <b>Elks Spring Convention</b> <b>Hospitality Night!</b> <b>at Holiday Inn on Fleur Dr</b> <b>Right Here in Des Moines!</b>	Open 4:30 – 9:00 26 <b>Elks Spring Convention</b> <b>Meetings Day &amp; Dinner Night!</b> <b>at Holiday Inn on Fleur Dr</b> <b>Right Here in Des Moines</b>
Open 1pm – 7pm <b>Play Pool @ 1:30!</b> <b>Bingo 2pm</b> Sell: JC Criswell Call: Larry Schweitzer Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Gloria Riesberg	Open 4:30 – 9:00 28	Open 4:30 – 9:00 29  9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us	Open 4:30 – 9:00 30  <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</b>	<b>Dinner Crews Needed!</b> <b>Could you help out?</b> <b>Call</b> <b>Becky Young at</b> <b>515-314-0923</b>	<b>Could you help out one BINGO session per month?</b> <b>Call</b> <b>Nancy Newcomb</b> <b>at</b> <b>515-681-0852</b>	 <b>Happy Elks New Year!</b> <b>Congratulations to our New Officers!</b>