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"The thing always happens that you really believe in; and the belief in a thing makes it happen.

~ Frank Lloyd Wright, American architect, designer, writer and educator

June 2024

If you have items you wish to be included in the Astonisher, you can send them to marge.ormsby@hastingskiwanis.org OR Astonisher@hastingskiwanis.org



Upcoming Meetings & Events ~ June

- Thur. 6 - 3rd Annual Cancer Walk & Butterfly Release, Scott Bokelman
- Wed. 12 - Board Meeting, Hastings Public Library, Room A ~ All members welcome
(note new location)
- Thur. 13 - Honor Guard, Dick LeBeau
- Thur. 20 - Watch your email for information
- Thur. 27 - Watch your email for information

Upcoming Event: 17th Annual Golf Scramble August 3rd ~ Elks Country Club

This is the second largest fundraising activity we host other than Pancake Day.



Contact Greg Schultz, Neil Grothen, or Jim Krebsbach to help with recruiting \$100 hole prizes, flag prizes, organizing teams, helping day-of: check-in, sell raffle tickets, Double Your Money, greeters and set up, photography.

***** VOLUNTEER POSITIONS *****

If you are unable to attend Thursday noon meetings to sign up for volunteer opportunities, you can log into the website.

Ongoing service projects include:

- **Hearts & Hands Against Hunger** – dates and times TBA
- **Meals on Wheels** – every Friday, 11:15 a.m. – 2 routes, approx. 30-40 min.

HEARTS & HANDS AGAINST HUNGER

PEACE Center, 622 N. Lincoln, South side
(former Middle School manual arts bldg)

****Please arrive 30 minutes prior
to the scheduled start time****



**HHAH received \$17,147 from 102 donors on Give Hastings Day 05-02-24.
It placed 19th of 109 non-profits participating.**

Sunday, June 9 ~ 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ~ 20 people
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Holdrege
& E-Free Church

Friday, June 14 ~ Sertoma 8-Man Football Teams
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ~ 60 + coaches
This could be the final event for the season
as they will probably use all remaining supplies.

Hearts & Hands Against Hunger, P O Box 1293, Hastings NE 68902-1293 * 402-460-8627



MEALS ON WHEELS – This is quick and easy!
We have two (2) routes on Fridays for this service project.
Two volunteers from Kiwanis are needed.
Sign-up sheets are available at Thursday noon meetings
or sign up on the website.

**Meals are picked up at 11:15 at the Senior Action office, 212 W. 3rd St.
(block east of the Post Office ~ 3rd & Minnesota) and delivery usually takes 30-40
minutes. They have the routes set up for the most efficient delivery.**

June 7 – Marge Ormsby – Dale Musgrave

June 14 – *Need 2*

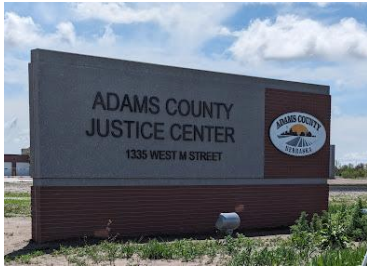
June 21 – Russanne Hoff – *Need 1*

June 28 – George Howard – *Need 1*

**Marge Ormsby is the Club Coordinator. Please notify me by text or call if you cannot
make it or will be late. 402-469-3296**

ICYMI ~ May 2024

May 2 – Skip-A-Meal: Tour of Justice Center – \$10 donation to HHAH



View from the North ... east to west
Sallyport is on the left ... public entrance to the right of the flags



Public entrance, northwest corner of building



Public entrance, inside waiting area



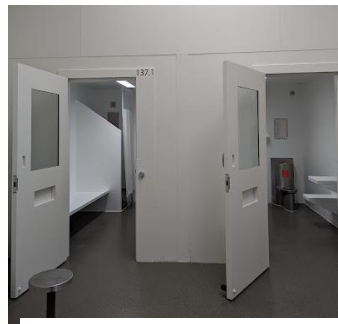
Main Control Room, partial



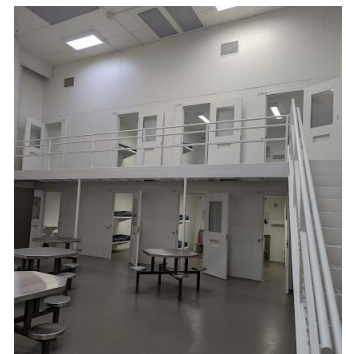
Individual hall monitoring



This is about 1/3 of the kitchen



2 cells, one room ... shared "day" room



Multi-cell block with shared dining/day space

About 30 members and family attended this most informative tour. \$240 was raised for HHAH.

We were divided into three groups; yours truly was part of the group guided by Jail Administrator Rick Farenholtz. We started at the southeast corner of the building. First up was the Training Room for officers and staff. Next, the Master Control Room contained a huge bank of computers and large monitors where attendants could view all areas of the jail. Each monitor can view multiple areas at once. In addition to the Master Control room, each hall has a separate Control Room to more closely monitor those cells or rooms.

On the northeast corner of the building is the sallyport (secure, controlled entryway), the massive garage area

where inmates are brought in. It is also where ambulances would arrive. Entering the building, an x-ray scanner is first used to detect any objects or drugs an inmate might have hidden. Then a medical screening is done. This facility will handle both male and female, adults only. Hastings has access to the federal IAFIS fingerprint and criminal history system (Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System), one of the few jails in Nebraska that has it. Besides checking for past or current warrants, this also gives them access to photo arrays for witness identification of suspects. This area also has the lockers for inmate property inventory and safekeeping. Also a Bond Window is located here.

The inmate then proceeds to Booking. There are a few holding cells in this area, including a “safety cell” with padded floor and walls, an ADA holding cell that can be for long-term if needed, two detox cells, and two regular holding cells.

Next on our route was the Laundry Room with massive washers and dryers. Farenholtz said they have as many as the Lincoln jail. It is run by staff, with possible assistance from inmates who have attained trustee status.

We then went to the Professional Services wing where the nurse, dental, and barber will have spaces. There is no regular dental service such as cleaning; someone will be called in only if an inmate reports pain.

The Plumbing Chase, a long enclosed “hallway” with lots of dials and levers and buttons, provides access to all plumbing connections. It is computer controlled; water can be shut off at any cell from this location. There is a large shredder of some kind below that will take care of anything an inmate might choose to try and plug up a toilet.

There are both Contact Visit locations, where an inmate can meet in person with their attorney or receive other services, and Non-Contact Visit locations, where the conversation is by phone through a window. The Video Arraignment room allows for judges to remain at the Courthouse.

There are a few different cell arrangements. There is an area where two cells are connected, one person per cell, locked separately, with a joint small day room with table and TV. Each cell has a lavatory.

There are also 8-cell blocks and 16-cell blocks. Each cell block has a small day area with tables and two TV screens. One monitor will display jail rules and announcements, and the other is for regular viewing.

Those with work release or trustee status have a separate bunk area with lavatory where they sleep in bunk beds as a group and have their own day room.

The kitchen is massive and the three cooks are excited for the new equipment and space. Food can be served in individual cells or cell blocks. There is also a common area where some may eat, again with monitors for jail information and TV viewing.

The public lobby and entrance is on the northwest corner of the building. This is the waiting area if you were to come to visit someone. There is a completely enclosed receptionist area surrounded by bullet-resistant

glass above and ballistic panels below. The rest of the glass to view the outside is ordinary glass. This lobby will be shared with the sheriff’s office if it comes out in the future.

The maximum population of this new Justice Center is 154, with about half designated each for male and female. In the past all Adams County female inmates have been housed in other locations, such as Hamilton county, Holdrege, North Platte. Presently the combined inmate count is 87, with only 30 being housed locally at the current Courthouse location, and the remaining 57 contracted to other jails at an average cost of \$65/day per inmate. The annual budget for contractual housing has been roughly \$800,000. This new facility will provide the opportunity to bring all inmates back here, as well as be a resource for other jails that have a shortage of space. They hope to open in June; there are several inspections yet to take place, and ongoing familiarity training for staff and testing of systems before inmates will be brought in.

An individual might be jailed for up to one year in a county jail. By this time they will usually have been sentenced and time completed, or sent on to the penitentiary. They might be here longer than a year if they are awaiting trial.

As for staff, they hope to have 38 correctional officers, with another 20 administrative staff. They work 12-hour shifts. The entire Justice Center is connected by fiber optics to the courthouse so that business can be conducted by video. All personnel will have new radios for communication with the sheriff, fire, and police.

Tidbits:

- All glass is mirrored – inmates cannot see out of any space, and cannot see into control rooms.
- Phone calls are recorded.
- Inmates are shackled and cuffed, as well as use of a transport belt, any time they are moved around the facility.
- There is a double entry to each area with a call pad for the officer to request entry.
- Cells are checked every hour.
- Inmates get 1 hour per day to use the rec room.
- They have 6 minutes to shower.
- There is a commissary for personal items an inmate may need.
- There is a library.

May 9 – Running Marathons (26.2 miles) in All 50 States, Steve Wolford



Steve has been an engineer in Hastings for 43 years. He started running in high school and usually came in 4th or 5th. He continued running in college and ran his first marathons in 1982 and 1984. Then kids came along and he stopped. His third marathon was not until 2004.

He described motivation, according to experts, as the

“desire to act in service of a goal.” It is the crucial element in obtaining an objective. There are two basic types: **extrinsic** – motivation by outside sources/rewards, and **intrinsic** – motivated by internal forces, a genuine enjoyment or interest in the activity. He enjoys the social aspect of the endeavor and has several buddy runners that he meets up with every week. Plus there is a medal and a t-shirt received at each marathon. And his wife always requests that he choose a marathon near a beach so they can make a vacation of it. Each marathon has a filing fee; \$75 was the least expensive.

The Utah marathon scheduled in March of 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic. The medal created for that was a moose with a mask. He still got the medal and a t-shirt and a hat.

The marathon in Kentucky was at Churchill Downs. Hawaii in 2019 was his slowest time by an hour. The humidity was terrible and he walked to the finish. In Salisbury, Maryland in 2021 he and one guy from Omaha were the only two from Nebraska; they randomly ran into each other at a gathering [pun intended]. His last marathon was the Hastings/Grand Island marathon.

His 50th state was Illinois in November of 2022. That was his favorite. They had attended a wedding in

DesMoines and then headed to Vienna, Illinois for the marathon. His buddy runners surprised him by making the trip, as well as his daughters, son, and grandkids. They held up signs along the route cheering him on.

He has run every day since Memorial Day 2019, except for one day when his son had surgery. Yes, during the winter too.

His best time was his first marathon in Lincoln 1984 at 2:59:26 and his worst in Hawaii 2019 at 5:47:02.

May 16 – TeamMates, Miranda Schumacher



Miranda is from Petersburg in northeast Nebraska. She went to college at UNK and moved to Hastings three years ago. She is Program Coordinator for TeamMates, overseeing all data in and out. She does this part-time from home while being a fulltime stay-at-home mom.

TeamMates was started in 1991 by Tom Osborne; beginning in Hastings in 1999. It is available for students in grades 3-12 or pursuing a post-secondary education. It operates in five states in the Midwest and over 40,000 youth have been affected since the beginning. Ten thousand youth are currently enrolled across the whole program.

It is a school-based mentoring program between students and safe, caring adults in the community. They meet at school during school hours for 30-60 minutes once a week. They do not meet during the summer.

Important concepts:

- Mentoring is for everyone. Every child can apply, not just low-income. Both parents and the student fill out an application.
- Mentors must be passionate about their school district and being a friend to youth. Four schools participate: Adams Central, Hastings High, Hastings Middle School and St. Cecilia. Again, mentoring is for everyone. No special qualifications. Just “Be There” for their mentee.
- Mentoring creates friendships; safe, adult friends. It is a non-judgmental meeting.
- Mentors serve as strength-finders; do not focus on what the student may have done wrong. Helps to build confidence in the youth; helps them discover their worth.
- Lets the student know their mentor is there to support them.

“Being there” means to be a good listener; be an advocate; be a safe, adult friend; be present when with



the youth. Activities can be whatever the two decide for the day ... play basketball, board games, eat lunch, crafts, whatever, or just talk. Sometimes the student just needs someone to support them through a hard conversation they need to have with an adult in charge over an incident at home or at school.

There were 81 matches in Hastings this past year; there were 35 on the wait list in 2022. They are typically short on mentors. Currently there are seven mentors needing matched, and six children needing matched. Both mentors and mentees fill out applications that include hobbies, interests, skills, and life experience, and matches are made based on that information, as well as gender.

Upon being matched, mentees will watch a 5-minute video outlining the rules and boundaries. Mentors have a 1-hour video plus a 1-hour in-person training. Two steadfast rules are that no money or gifts can be exchanged, and the meetings must be on school grounds.

A recent survey of Hastings mentors disclosed that: 98% report leaving their mentoring time in a better mood than when they arrived; 98% feel more engaged when they get back to work or home; and 96% feel more hopeful about the future.

The mentee survey disclosed that: 98% said they trust their mentor; 98% said they feel their mentor cares about them; and 95% say they have a higher level of hope for the future.

TeamMates is mostly funded by independent donations, the United Way, and Give Hastings Day, as well as other fundraisers. They gleaned over \$8,000 this year at Give Hastings Day.

To apply, go to TeamMates.org and complete the application. A background check is required. Remember, you don't have to be an expert, just have to “be there.”

May 23 – Annual Meeting & Moments in Time, Les Harms

Annual Meeting: Secretary Dave Kempf presented the following proposed slate of officers and board members for 2024-2025:

President – Frank Koch

Immediate Past President – Michelle Musgrave

President-Elect – Elizabeth Musgrave

Vice President – Dr. Mike Johnson

Secretary – David Kempf

Treasurer – Jim Krebsbach

Board, 1-year Term: Russanne Hoff, Kathy Hohensee, George Howard, Taylor Musgrave

Board, 2-year Term: John Boltz, Brandon McDermott, Casey Mohler, Dale Musgrave

Motion by Dale Musgrave to elect the proposed roster as presented; second by Kathy Schultz. Motion passed. Congratulations!

Moments in Time ~ Les Harms



Les is a Hastings Kiwanis member living in Manhattan, KS. He provides a radio broadcast by phone through KHAS radio on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 6:50 a.m. and again at 8:40 a.m. These are 7-12 minute segments of Adams County history. He explores the study of us and why we are here, our

triumphs and failures.

In 2017 Les was on the board of the Adams County Historical Society. A discussion centered on how to get more exposure for ACHS. Les suggested they do a radio broadcast similar to what Bill Sole had done on Hastings' anniversary (Hastings was founded in 1872.) So of course they told Les to run with it!

What does he talk about? He talks about:

- The Bizarre. Like John O'Connor who had a \$100,000 estate that no one knew about. The judge ordered Livingston Brothers Mortuary to maintain the body for two years in viewable condition. Ultimately the State of Nebraska got the money because no "family" who came forward could prove it.
- The Circus. For many years it was held at Duncan Field because the railroad ran on the North side and that is how the circus travelled.
- Tourists. In 1923 Prospect Park (now Chautauqua) opened for camping. Prior to the invention of the automobile, people didn't travel more than 10-20 miles from home. A 1923 *Tribune* reported that over 10,000 tourists had camped at Prospect Park from 10 different states. The Ford Model T arrived in 1924 and

that opened other options for travel coast to coast ... at 25-30 mph on dirt roads.

- Decades. In the **1920's** Hastings was growing by leaps and bounds recovering from WWI as the hub for several railroads. The **1930's** were notable for the drought, dust storms, and Great Depression. A Ford Roadster could be bought for \$435 and gas was \$.18/gallon. Prohibition in the early '30's gave rise to illegal bootleg liquor. The **1940's** were the War Years and the NAD became a valuable resource for the war effort.
- Highways. The Detroit Lincoln & Denver Highway (DLD, now Hwy. 6) went through downtown Hastings. It was finally graveled in 1924 – 28 miles at a cost of \$60,000.
- Service Stations. Before WWII there were 47 different service stations that pumped your gas, cleaned the windshield, and checked the tires and oil.
- Grocery Stores. At one time there were 49 corner grocery stores in Hastings, as well as in all the villages around. Now Kenesaw is the only village with its own grocery store.
- People. **Hayes Fuhr** graduated from the Univ. of Illinois in 1919. He took a music instructor position at Hastings College and stayed 49 years. He developed the community performance of "The Messiah" during the Depression and re-developed music in Adams County. **Mabel Dixon** was the first female dentist in the area and suffered a great deal of discrimination. She was also known for the 97 varieties of roses in her garden.
- Rural Schools. Adams County had 100 districts at one time with 1-room schools.

In July of 2018 Les woke up and knew something was wrong. He spent three weeks at Mary Lanning and KHAS did reruns of his broadcasts. The family suggested he join them in Manhattan, KS for rehab. KHAS wanted him to continue his broadcasts from there

and they worked out a way to do it by phone. It can be accessed on the internet or KHAS radio. He has gotten lots of positive feedback. He says the future is unknown,

and ended his presentation as he signs off the broadcast: "So ends another segment of Adams County history. Thank you for listening."

May 30 – Skip-A-Meal: Tour of YMCA - \$10 donation to YMCA



About 30 people attended the tour of the renovation and new construction at the YMCA. \$330 was raised for donation to the "Y". The 18th Street facility will be closed the week of June 10th for moving to the new 16th Street location. The new facility will open on Monday, June 17th with reduced hours. Normal hours will begin June 24th. The group was split into three with tours being led by Troy Stickels, Ty Lebar, and Caleb Hahne.

Ground was broken for the remodel and new construction in June of 2021, with most of the work being done by local contractors. The initial budget was \$14 million, but due to the time lag caused by the pandemic, that figure has grown to over \$20 million. Some items had to be eliminated, such as the indoor turf field. Funding has all been raised except \$600,000.

\$6-7 million was spent on HVAC. More toilets and more parking were deemed a necessity. There are now multiple water heaters and boilers; before there was only one. Each area is separate so if there is trouble in one area, not everything is down.

Members will use the same main entrance as before, however there is a second door where they must scan their member card for entry. Safety has been a priority consideration throughout the whole process. Extended hours will be available for weights and cardio at a secondary outside access door.

On the east side of the entrance is a social gathering space, and on the west is the Child Watch area for children 6 weeks – 7 years. The cost is included in the "Y" membership. Children can be left for up to two hours while the parents are participating in activities. It is also available for staff at a fee of \$9/day. It is much larger than the previous space and has its own kitchen and bathrooms. The entrance wall is completely glass with a bullet resistant coating. A large jungle gym occupies part of the space.

The weight room occupies the former gym space. T-L Irrigation is the biggest donor for this space. There will be five personal trainers who will instruct on how to use

the equipment. Further services will have a fee. One can see an upper loft with 22 treadmills.

Stairs take you to the new gym. (There is also an elevator.) The new gym was designed for multi-use. It contains two full-size basketball courts, but each can be split into two giving them four mini-courts. It will also be used for pickleball and volleyball. I counted 12 BB hoops.

There is a public access walking track overlooking the gym at no charge. That was an agreement with the City of Hastings as part of its joint funding arrangement. There will be a special membership category for the track, and entrance will be with a special card only accessible to the track. Eleven laps will equal a mile, rather than 30 laps as before, and direction will reverse daily.

The Family Fun Center is available for rent for birthday parties, etc. A brand new adventure challenge climbing structure inhabits part of this space.

The new Child Care Center opened on Tuesday, May 28th. It is on the north side of the building with its own entrance and parking. It includes an outside playground and commercial kitchen, and its own bathrooms. Only day care staff will have access, not even other "Y" staff. It is available before and after school until 6:00 p.m. for anyone grades K-5, although members have a lower rate. They pick up children from Alcott, Hawthorne, Longfellow and Watson. Adams Central and Lincoln have onsite "Y" programs.

All directors and coordinators will be located in the area for which they are responsible. All areas have been designed for multi-purpose use. All fitness equipment is new.

The new Aquatic Center includes a zero-entry ramp. There is a hot tub, steam room, and sauna. There are private changing stalls and private restrooms for families. There is a massive locker area which can be rented or used for the day.

A Fitness Studio is for group exercise. The Cardio Room contains stair climbers and elliptical equipment. There is a Cycle Training room. The Golf Simulator space was still in progress so we didn't get to view that.

There is a meeting/conference room, and a STEM room for those activities such as robotics and cooking class. It is a beautiful, shiny new facility!

OUR MISSION To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



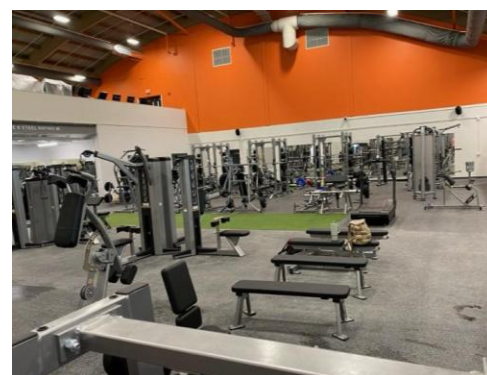
the Y YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
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WELLNESS CENTER RULES

- No one 10 and under is allowed in the weight room.
- Youth 11-13 can be alone in the Wellness Center, but must be able to present the correct YMCA identification from Youth Equipment Orientation.
- Wipe down equipment after each use.
- Do not slam or drop weights.
- Unload and re-rack your weights when finished.
- Be respectful of our equipment. If you do not know how to use a piece of equipment please ask for help.
- Be respectful to members and staff and do not use abusive language.
- Please avoid monopolizing several pieces of equipment during busy times.
- No food is allowed in the Wellness Center.
- No chalk is allowed in the Wellness Center.
- No third party training is allowed in our facility.
- Report any issues to a YMCA staff member.
- Unwanted recording, photography, and other multimedia of members is not permitted in the Wellness Center.

Dress Code:

- Wear proper exercise attire when utilizing the YMCA.
- Graphics on clothing must be free of profanity, drugs, or alcoholic references.
- Wellness Staff have final say in what is appropriate.



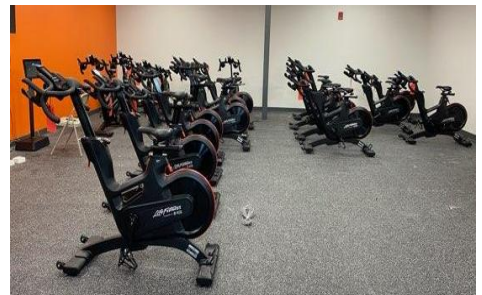
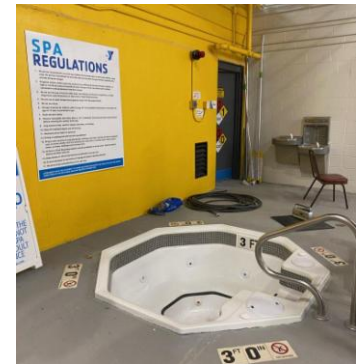
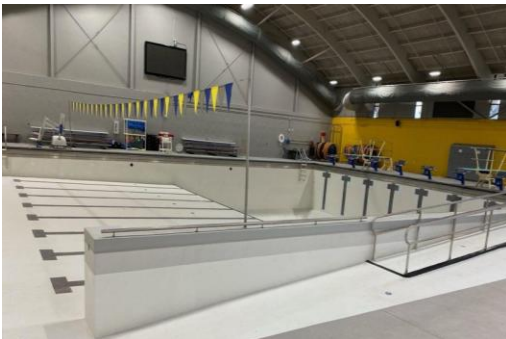


WALKING TRACK RULES

- Members 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- Strollers are allowed when used appropriately.
- Walkers use the inside lane, runners use the outside lane.
- No spectating from the walking track.
- No throwing items from the walking track.
- No weights on the track unless working with YMCA staff.
- Approximately 11 laps = 1 mile.

Please notice the track directions for each day:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Clockwise
- Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday - Counterclockwise



May 16 – Hastings Parks & Rec Citywide Track Meet

The weather was beautiful and there appeared to be a good turnout of youth. Those who assisted at this event were Kathy Schultz, Linda Stark, and Marge Ormsby at concessions. Providing event assistance were: Neil Grothen, Ashley Hajny, Chuck Hastings, George

Howard, Mike Johnson, Jim Lewis, Mark & Lynette Moul, Dale Musgrave, Tom Musgrave, Dan Rutt, Greg Schultz, and honorary member Dale Schultz. [Hoping this is correct.]





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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4 Tom Musgrave
15 Frank Koch
27 Jim Lewis
28 Caleb Hahne
30 Dr. Mike E. Johnson

**RETIREMENT
CEREMONY**
June 15th 2024



IN HONOR OF
Major's Dale & Sandra Brandenburg
24 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Salvation Army
400 South Burlington Ave.
Hastings, Nebraska

- Open House: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Food & Fellowship
- Ceremony @ 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US
RSVP 1-765-461-1553 Kristi Oliver

A vertical flag on a wooden stand, featuring a red field with a blue border and a yellow star with a cross in the center. The top of the flag has a blue section with a white cross.

