



127 Years of Elkdom

PORT HURON ELKS LODGE 343

EXPOSITOR

PHONE: (810) 982-8531 • FAX: (810) 982-8743 • PRO SHOP: (810) 984-1204

ISSUE NO. 333

DECEMBER, 2023

Monthly Publication

P.E.R. Holiday Basket Food Drive

Your P.E.R. Association is asking for Your Help from our Membership again this year to fill Baskets for Needy Families in our Community. Last year our Membership helped donate 67 Baskets to needy families in our Community.

We are looking for canned goods and non-perishable items, turkeys and hams under 15 lbs.

Here is a list of suggested items for our Baskets. Items needed: corn, green beans, stuffing, canned gravy, cranberry sauce, apple sauce, potatoes, peanut butter and jelly.



We will be distributing these Baskets before Christmas on Dec. 16th. The deadline to put the baskets together is December 15th. Any questions please contact the Secretaries Office at 810-982-8531 ext.2 or Greg Hudy at 810-334-7177.

**Thank You to our Membership for
Helping us Help Others.**

Elks Special Needs Adult Christmas Party December 10th -12:30-3:30pm

Featuring: Santa Claus - David Crimmins along with Santa's helpers "Jingles the Elf" Kaylee Harris & Daniel Moore. Any questions please contact Butch & Judy Hills at (810) 300-1668 or David & Rose Howard at (810) 367-6484



Elks Children's Christmas Party December 17th -11am-1pm

Arts & crafts, games & face painting, hot dogs, chips & soda available for a light lunch. A visit by Santa Claus & his helper elf and a table full of toys.



**P.E.R.'s
Tom & Jerry Party
Saturday, December 9th
3:00 - 7:00pm**
Have a "Hot Toddy" or two!
Merry Christmas!



**Elks Memorial Service
Sunday, December 3rd
2 pm**

**A beautiful Ritual
within our Order to
remember our
departed members.
Please join us.**

**57th Annual Blood Drive
Monday, DEC. 18, 2023 - 12-5:45pm**

**Club 343 is the Place to Be!
Saturday, Dec. 9th 5pm**

**in the downstairs social quarters.
COME CELEBRATE THE SEASON
BY WEARING GREEN & RED!**

WE WILL BE ASKING MEMBERS to start helping the P.E.R. Association get ready for the "Holiday Basket Food Drive in December by making donations of canned gravy, corn, beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce, applesauce, potatoes, peanut butter and jelly. We will provide a table to drop things off. Monetary donations along with Turkeys and Hams are also needed.

**TO RESERVE A TABLE, CALL or
Text PENNY @ 810-357-8322 or KIM
@ 810-343-7886 COME CELEBRATE
THE SEASON AND GO HOME WITH
MORE THAN YOU CAME WITH.**

Kim and Al Krug & Penny and Gary Osburn

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

PER Marvin Ohrling
John Stewart • Frank Swarts • DJ Westrick

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATES

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, 55th consecutive Blood drive information. We had (47) donors presented (a new record), we surpassed our goal of 30 who arrived to provide the "Gift of Life". We had (3) donors were deferred, and (37) whole blood pints collected. Also, we collected (4 Power reds = 7 pints) for a total of 44 pints. With the support of Lodge 343, the American Red Cross, has collected over 1,883 units (pints) = over 235 gallons of blood since our 1st blood drive on January 7, 2013. We are well on our way to reaching our next goal of 2,000 pints (250 gallons). Our 55th Blood Drive has been scheduled for Monday, December 18th. To date, we currently have 18 appointments booked for the American Red Cross. Please consider registering today at <https://www.redcross.org>.



Sandy Gordon - Realtor

HOME TO SELL?
LOOKING FOR YOUR
PERFECT HOME?

I Can Help You!
CALL TODAY! 810.531.5305



Welcome NEW Members...

New Member

James True 11304

Proposed By

Matthew Graw 11140

The Local Online Magazine:

Blue Water Healthy Living

"The Heart & Soul of the Blue Water Area"

www.BlueWaterHealthyLiving.com

DOLLAR DRAW - The Dollar Draw results for the past 4 weeks are: 10/22 #8928 David Howard pot \$221 (not entered); 10/29 #10710 John Kaiser pot \$298 (not entered); 11/5 #7754 Mike Adams pot \$373 (not entered); 11/12 #10604 Jeff Bassett pot \$437 (entered!) Congrats Jeff!!

Will you be entered in the next Draw? Reminder: Each Member must enter your own \$1 and sign your own Name ONLY

Exalted Ruler's Message



Hello again brothers and sisters, as I sit in front of my computer typing, it is a typical Michigan fall day. The day started with snow, turned to freezing rain, and has now turned to all rain. Yes indeed, "Pure Michigan." Golf season has ended, except for those with "true grit", but Jeff is still in the office trying to fill those last of the season orders and planning for next year. Please stop in and thank him for a job well done this year. Will he be back

next year, yes, emphatically, yes! There was a rumor going around we were still looking for a pro for next year, not true. Jeff has done a fabulous job stepping in and has earned the right to stay on for next year, and beyond if he so chooses. He has big plans for next year, and is diligently working on next year already. The best thing is he took on the job because he truly loves the lodge. He didn't need a job, didn't want a job, he was happy being retired, but he took it on because we asked him, and he cares. So, make sure to thank him when you see him around the lodge this winter!

On the subject of golf again, we have purchased two "new/used" greens mowers, and a "new/used" fairway mower for Mark. Maybe nobody at the lodge does more with less than Mark, and frankly we owed him some "new" stuff. The course is our lifeblood, its where we meet in the summer, its where we make new friends, spend time with old friends, and have our family time. That being said, it was long overdue. The equipment was \$73,000 and paid for out of restricted funds. Thank you to the following committee chairpersons, George Murdick and the rest of the Men's Invitational Committee who donated \$35,000, Gerry Goodwin and the rest of the 2021 Queen of Hearts Committee who donated \$23,000, Jerry Thibodeau and the rest of the Wild Game Dinner Committee for donating \$5000. The rest of the money came from the Golf Raffle Committee (Carmella Robbins-Chairperson) and the Golf Equipment Fund (Joe Miller-Chairperson).

Also, just a side note, this summer is the 50th Anniversary of the Men's Invitational. I saw George at the bar the other night after our lodge meeting, and planning has already begun. You don't want to miss this one, so sign up ASAP!

Finally, as most of you know, Charlie Kott passed away last month. Thank you so much to the PER's, especially Mark Howard and Scott Perkins, who stepped up to do Charlie's Lodge of Sorrow, as myself and many of the other officers were in Kalamazoo for the Fall State Convention. Trust me we would much rather have been here to honor Charlie. I met Charlie via Queen of Hearts. He was the nice older guy who sat in the same spot at the end of the bar every Friday night while my wife and I sold tickets for Q of H at the high top just behind him. He was always engaging and a joy to talk to. He'd been around forever and always had some insight into the lodge over the past 50 years. I was a bit surprised how much his passing affected me. All the things he had seen and done in our lodge over 50 years. All the good times and probably some bad, all the joy, the laughs, the friendships, the things he had seen, truly a life well lived! Scott Perkins asked to do the 11 o'clock toast for Charlie, at Club 343 the following night, and of course I acquiesced, he was Charlie's friend. As Scott did the toast, I was looking at the guys at a particular table, the guys I call my "old timey elks", the guys who have been around forever. I saw heads bowed in solemn memory, and to a man mouthing

continued on page 3

continued from page 2

every word of the toast from memory. At that moment I could not have been prouder to be your ER. In that moment of sorrow, I saw all that was good, pure and true, in our order. Like I said in one of my prior messages, the ER has good and bad days, and that was a very bad day, but strangely one of the best days!

On a side note, Charlie's family has donated his pool table (which they are paying to have disassembled and reassembled at the lodge) and all his pool cues. They have also offered a lift chair to us that was in Charlie's house that we are working on repurposing into the lodge for the main stairway. Thank you to the extended Kott family for your generosity!

With that said, December 3rd, is our yearly memorial service for the 16 brothers and sisters we have lost this year. If you can attend, please do. It is a time to remember, and honor them for all they have done, and all they have given. I'll end this month with the 11 o'clock toast,

"You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message, "To our absent members."

In closing again, I ask that we strive to be good to each other, hold each other up, be reminded of our oath, and practice the cardinal principles of our order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. After all, "who's got it better than us, Nobody!"

Fraternally yours,
Gary L. Nesbitt II, Exalted Ruler

LET'S MAKE SOME BLANKETS!

Well it's that time of year again. Come join us in making blankets for the veterans and children. ALL ARE WELCOME! We will meet every Tuesday from 1:00-3:00pm October thru March in the social quarters at the Elks. If you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of blankets please call the Elks Lodge 810-982-8531, or drop off / mail donation to the Lodge.

EXPOSITOR PATRONS

Kenneth & Deborah Adams
Michael Adams
David & Vicki Allen
Larry & Doris Allison
Debbie & Terry Anderson
Bill Angerbrandt
John & Elaine Bacheller
Michael & Susan Bacheller
Joseph & Cathy Badley
Robert & Gigi Bailey
PER Joe & Kay Barbe
Mike & Susan Barnes
Michael Basey
Marie Belkiewicz
Judy Bettinger
Ken & Char Biessel
Horace Boddy
Cary & Kim Bowman
Jeff & Debra Brabender
Jay & Marcy Brueggeman
Jim & Sandy Bryer
Tom & Leslie Buckingham
Linda Bullis
Randall & Lynn Burgett
Marianne Campbell
Ignacio & Jean Cardenas
John Cardenas
Chad Carlisle
Pam Carlisle
Mark & Marcy Caza
Pete & Sandra Cervini
John & Laura Chambliss
Hank & Kim Chmielewski
Beverly Ciani
James Coleman
Tom & Nancy Coleman
Ron & Patty Cooley
Jim & MaryAnn Cowden
Jim & Roberta Crandall
Dave & Ann Crimmins
Willard Cripps
Sean Culler
Bev Cummings
John & Tamara Cuthbertson
Ann DeBell
Dave & Colleen DeLong
Sharron DePuey*
Rick & Vickie Dionne
Kathleen Dodge
Nancy Doehring
Richard & Mel Doehring
Stephen Draper
Mike & Cathy Duncan
Jim & Krystal Dunn
Joseph & Debbie Eagen
Larry & Barbara Eagen
Pat & Jamie Eagen
Shawn & Shylah Eagle
Kenneth & Deborah Eastman
Keith & Mary Jo Eisen
Joe & Nancy Falk
Gregory O. Farley
Jim Feher II
Claudia Ferguson
Chuck & Laura Finnie
Lou & Deb Flanagan
AJ & Flory Foster

Ann Freese
Tim & Ruth Frikken
PER Bob & Brenda Fritch
Bill & Dolly Frizzle
Dan & Judy Frizzle
William & Donna Galbraith
Thomas & Nancy Ganley
Dan Gilbert
Don & Jeanette Goddard
Poppy Goddard
PER Gerry Goodwin
Robert Goodman
Joseph Goodman
Craig & Sandy Gordon
Gary & Cheryl Granger
Tom & Kathy Green
Jim & Patty Greuber
Michael & Bonnie Grider
Michael A Halifax
Jim Hall
Pamela Hall
Jim & Sandy Harder
PER Scott & Karen Harris
Donna Hazlewood
Jeffrey Hedberg II
Joel & Brooke Heimback
David & Vicki Heino
Butch & Judy Hills
Bernice Howard
Patrick & Valorie Hudgens
PER Greg & Sue Hudy
Tim & Sharon Hutchinson
Gerald & Carol James
Thomas & Louann Jobbitt
Randy & Bev Johnston
Dennis Kandler
Keith & Kimberly Kargol
Harvey & Carol Kecses
Bob & Linda Kempf
Mike T. & Sandy Kerr
Michael D. & Robin Kerr
Bob & Jamie Kersten
Mike & Lanae Kettlewell
Lori Keyes-Vinckier
Connor Kilbourne
Daniel & Jennifer Kilbourne
Larry & Carol Klink
Loren & Jenni Klug
Jim Koob
Sandy & Erin Korich, Jr.
Pat Korth
Alan & Kim Krug
Sue Lamb
Mike Larzelere
Dave & Sandy Lashbrook
Randy & Anne Lashbrook
Tim & JoAnn Linehan
Darin & Laura Magneson
Ken & Beth Mareski
PER David & PER Gail C. Marquis
Ted & Kelly Marsh
Carlo Massobrio
Nico Massobrio
Janet Maxwell
W. Jon May
Glen & Julie McCoy

Laurie McGee-Kowalski
Char McLelland
Buzz & Becky McNash
David McNash
Larry & Jane McPhedrain
Tim & Lori Meikle
Joseph Mericka
PER Marcus Middleton
Sherry Middleton
Joe Miller & Stacey Weston
Frank Mitchell
Pamela Moran
Ron & Patty Morden
Ryan & Kristin Morgan
Michael & Lisa Motte
Suzanne Mrozek
Jim & Carolyn Munro
George & Shelley Murdick
Paul & Janice Naz
ER Gary & Laura Nesbitt
Richard & Carole Nichols
Randy & Margo Nunez
Mike & Jill O'Connor
Patrick O'Flanagan
PER Marv Ohrling
Frederick & Therese Ongie
Gary & Penny Osburn
Kris & Sandra Overly
Patrick & Sally Patterson
PER Steve & Tammy Peters
Deborah Porter
William Potthoff
Barbara Praet
Marty Prevost
Billy Pruett, Jr.
Ed & Danielle Quain
Sean & Kory Quain
Lee Reaume
John & Margaret Reed
Kevin & Kimberlee Renno
John & Denise Reno
David & Susan Repp
James & Celeste Repp
Carmella & Greg Robbins
Don & Dottie Robertson
John Robson
Bob Roth
David & Sally Rushing
David & Margaret Rushton
Ray & Sue Ruszczyński
Kurt & Amy Satryb
Eric & Mindy Saunders
Scott & Kimberly Scandalito
James & Judith Scohy
Margaret Schott
Deborah Seely
Mary Seely
Shannon Sepsey
Mary & Dave Sermo
Ian & Kelly Shaw
Scott Sheldon
Timothy & Linda Sheridan
David & Sarah Simpson
Mal & Rae Ann Smith
William & Tricia Smith
Sharon Snyder
Dennis Sox
Mike Sprague

Margaret St. John
Carl & Evie Stieler
Chad Stocker
Kevin Sturtz, Sr.
Mark Sturtz
Sylvia Szabla
Bob & Barb Tarsi
PER Scott Tatro
Ted & Marilyn Taylor
Steve & Cathy Tebay
Katherine Thompson
Thurs. Men's Pool League
Mike & Judy Toles
Jesse Torres Jr.
PER Paul Torres
Jon & Julie Tovarez
David & Laurie Vandenbossche
Mark & Lynn Ann Vandenbossche
Mark & Caryn VanderHeuvel
Donn & Desiree VanHuylenbrouck
Ron & Patti VanTreese
Joan Vercnocke
Dianne Weaver
Ryan & Stacey Welsel
Paul & Lori Wessel
Bob & Helen Weston
Penny White
Dan & Sue Wilhelm
Ken & Lynn Wilhelm
Tom & Kathie Wittliff
Richard Wyllie
Chuck & Judy Zimmer
Stephen & Rosemary Zimmer
Bob & Sharon Zmolik
Steven & Janet Zurick

Your Name Could Be Here!

If there is an asterisk behind your name, your patronage is expiring. To become a NEW patron please fill out coupon below and turn in with your \$20. **THANKS!**

Expositor Patrons, submit by mail or drop off at Lodge with \$20

Name(s) _____

☐ New ☐ Renewal

Mail to: PH Elks Lodge, 3292 Beach Rd., Port Huron, MI 48060

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR EXPOSITOR SPONSORS AS THEY SUPPORT US!



Kearns Agency
INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE
1101 PINE GROVE • PORT HURON
(810) 987-3330
kearnsagencymi.com

Team members: Ted Kearns, Mark Kearns, Tim Kearns, Denise Richard, Shannon Smith, Eric Kearns, Matt Kearns.

HURON
TITLE COMPANY

Locally Owned and Operated Since
1982

Do Business with your
Friends & Neighbors

330 Michigan Street
Port Huron, MI 48060
810-987-2141
1-800-878-4853
Fax 810-987-1317
www.hurontitle.com

Michael J. Whaling
President
Patricia J. Morden
Vice President

"The Problem Solvers"

"Come see the gals!"
FLOORING EDGE
5139 LAPEER RD., KIMBALL, MI 48074
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
CARPET - HARDWOOD - VINYL - TILE - WINDOW TREATMENTS
www.flooringedge.com **810.982.3343**
CANDACE "CANDY" EDGERTON
OWNER/COMMERCIAL ESTIMATOR
SALES@FLOORINGEDGE.COM

UNIONHOME / Promises Kept.
MORTGAGE

Caremy Snellenberger

Senior Mortgage Officer
NMLS#771040

Cell: 810.334.9456
Office: 810.985.4551
Fax: 810.222.0383
csnellenberger@uhm.com

619 Huron Avenue | Port Huron, MI 48060



GBS MEDIA Video Production
Commercials, Corporate, Training & Event Videos
- Reliable - Affordable - Professional
www.GBSMediaPro.com (810) 984-2773
2938 Pine Grove Ave. Port Huron, MI 48060

DEPENDABLE
HEATING AND COOLING
2302 WADHAMS ROAD
KIMBALL, MI 48074
(810) 987-9549 FAX (810) 987-4721
WEB SITE: dependableheat-cool.com
Chuck Finnie - Owner
Pat Finnie - Owner
Carrier
turn to the experts

Torres
Tax & Accounting
Services, LLC
209 Huron Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060
Paul Torres
Cell: 810.650.9347
E-mail: torrestax5@gmail.com
Office: 810-637.1040
Web Site: torrestax.com

St. Clair "We Care"
CHRYSLER Jeep DODGE RAM
Dave Abou-Ganim
OWNER/OPERATOR
810-329-2100
dabouganim@wecarechrysler.com
www.WeCareStClair.com • FAX 810-329-3903



The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 held our monthly CLUB 343 event. Congratulations to Sandy Hamilton (pictured) the winner of Club 343's latest raffle. Sandy won a Blackstone Griddle, a \$100.00 Meijer gift card, and a \$100.00 dollar bill.

Other winners from our November gathering are: \$100.00 Karen Barber, \$75.00 Tyler Osburn, \$50.00 Mark Howard, \$50.00 Mike Ingles, and \$100.00 Mike Halifax. Our "Share the Wealth" winners are: \$100.00 Donna Minock, \$75.00 Lance Stark, \$50.00 Al Krug, \$50.00 Tracy Cameron, and \$10.00 Mike Halifax.

The winners of the Meat bundled from "Vinckier Foods" in Wadhams are Larry Bejma, Gary Nesbitt and Connie Zeller. The Club 343 ticket winners are: Lynn Bowman, Kathy Liberty, Seth Zeller. The Elk's Lodge 343, \$25.00 gift certificate was won by Brian Duman. Door prize winners were Tracy Cameron and Pat Korth (who drew his own number).

Thank you to everyone who came out to attend our event, while honoring our Veterans as we celebrated Veterans Day.

"Club 343 is the place to be".

CLUB 343 - HELP WANTED

Club 343 is looking for new ways to make our once a month gathering more fun and exciting. If you have an idea please call or text Gary Osburn @ 810-357-6825. ***As always "Club 343 is the place to be"***



PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEERS GOT HALLOWEENIE!

The Port Huron Elks Lodge #343, along with Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge #2169 spent the morning of Friday, October 27th at RESA-Woodland Development Center in Marysville, MI. The Elks Membership and Volunteers joined in on the Halloween fun with the students, parents, student aids and staff of Woodland school showing off their fun costumes while Trick or Treating through the Pumpkin Patch Village set up in the school halls. The Elks Membership donated several treats and goodies for the kids. Woodland is a protective, nurturing environment where students with special needs, ages 3 to 26, learn the life skills that they will use in their community. It was a very rewarding experience for all to be a part of something this special and we can't wait to go back next year!

Since 1973 • 50 Years of Service



TRISTIN BALINSKI
Sales Manager &
Accounts Receivable
tbalinski723@gmail.com

(810) 388-1821
Fax (810) 388-1823

64 S. Range Road
St. Clair, MI 48079

LensPoolAndSpa.com

DESIGN • REMODEL • INSTALLATION

GRANT SMITH INSURANCE AGENCY
2916 Pine Grove Ave. Port Huron, MI
www.grantsmith.com
(810) 984-1373



HEALTH INSURANCE

GRANT SMITH
Insurance Agency
Since 1973
984-1373

VETERANS CORNER #36

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, Clawson/Troy Elks Lodge 2169, and Elks National Veterans Service Commission (ENVSC) monthly \$25.00, (2) free gas gift cards "give-a-way" program drawing took place on October 26th. Sandra Wakeham, Medical Assistant at the Yale VA, was asked to assist with the drawing. Sandra drew two lucky local Veterans. This month's winning tickets belong to John Wilding US NAVY and Fred Ward USMC. The Yale Veterans Clinic of McLaren/Port Huron Yale Community Health Center is located at 7470 Brockway Road, Yale, MI. 48097.

The Elks pledge "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further and promises service to our nation's Veterans and Military members, with a special focus on service to those in need. Since 1868, the Fraternal Order of Elks have been part of your community. Since WWI, when we formed the Elks War Relief Commission, we've made it our mission to serve this nation's veterans and military members. In 1946, we officially became the Elks National Veterans Service Commission (ENVSC). Today, our volunteers provide direct service to veterans in more than 330 facilities each month. Through our grants to Elks Lodges, we connect with veterans and military members in their communities, providing them with services where they live. We help veterans rehabilitate and thrive through adaptive sports programs and therapy craft kits. And our Welcome Home initiative is reaching out to some of our most vulnerable veterans, those who are experiencing homelessness. Website: <http://elks.org/vets>. Proving once again, Elks Care – Elks Share. To our Veterans of Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, along with our newly initiated Veteran members, to please consider sending your Military Service story to Scott R. Harris PER, DVP, ENVSC VAVS Rep at scottharris55@comcast.net for a future Veterans Corner publication.



*Sandra Wakeham
Medical Assistant, Yale VA*



2ND ANNUAL WILD GAME DINNER - REGISTRATION

Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Members still have time to register for our 2nd Annual Wild Game Dinner, on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at the Port Huron Elks Lodge 343. The proceeds of this year's event will help support our Veterans in St. Clair County. This is only a small token of appreciation we all have for the Men and Women who serve our country.

Our 2nd Annual Wild Game Dinner will be working in partnership with Whitetails Unlimited. We have an exciting line-up of Live and Silent Auctions, Games, Raffles and much more. Chef Rob and his staff will be creating an amazing meal featuring Wild Game and Traditional dishes. ONLY 304 tickets (38 tables) will be sold for this year's event.

Sponsorships are also available. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NIGHT OF EVENT FOR TICKET SALES, SERVERS & AFTER EVENT CLEAN-UP.** Questions? Contact any member of the Wild Game Dinner Committee. Chairmen Jerry Thibodeau, Co-Chairs, Scott R. Harris PER, Joe D. Miller, Stephan J. Tebay & Aliena Drummond and they will assist you.

TICKET SALES ON SALE EVERY FRIDAY 5-9PM IN SOCIAL QUARTERS

VOLUNTEERS CAME OUT TO COUNT CHANGE FOR MAJOR PROJECTS!



The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 has always been a generous donating organization to those in need. Thank you to the Elk volunteers & staff who gathered this past Friday morning to count up the miscellaneous change for our "365 Pink Banks" for the Elks Major Projects program which we support 365 days a year. The group counted and rolled over \$440.00 in change while getting it ready to be deposited.

This most recent donation puts our Lodge 343 over \$1,000.00 for the year. The generosity of our Membership and Guest will allow our Lodge 343 Officers to make a donation presentation during the Charitable Grant portion of our upcoming Michigan Elks Fall Conference in Kalamazoo. Pictured on right: (left to right) Gary Osburn, Penny Osburn, Sue Hudy, Aliena Drummond, Melissa Lieberman and Carmella Robbins for completing this task. All while proving once again Elks Care ~ Elks Share!





Americanism Essay & Coloring Contest



Calling all Elk Member Children, Grandchildren,
Nieces, Nephews, Neighbors & Friends!

ESSAY THEME:

“What the Bill of Rights Means to Me”

Essay for 5th-8th graders: 300 words or less, 3 winners picked from each grade to go onto district level, state level and national level. Contest winners in each grade can win up to \$1000 for 1st, \$500 for 2nd & \$250 for 3rd place at the National level. **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15TH!**

Coloring contest for 1st-4th graders: State level prizes: \$60 for 1st, \$40 for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd. You can find the entry forms and rules for both contests in the Elks office.



Gold Key Educational Scholarship Program - for high school seniors with disabilities

This scholarship, which is \$2000/yr and may be renewable for up to 3 additional years, is intended to aid those qualifying applicants to continue their education or training past high school at either an accredited college, licensed trade school or vocational school to help them become self-respecting, self-reliant, and self-supporting members of society. Deadline is December 15, 2023. Go online to www.mielks.org/goldkey for complete details.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ELK MEMBERS CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. The 2024 application closes on February 5, 2024 at 11:59 a.m. PST.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

For the 2024 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2021, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2021, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2024. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.

The applicant must be a high school senior.

The applicant must apply online only. The 2024 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 5, 2024, 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.

We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2024 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.

Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value. Students can accept local and state scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level.

Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Guam, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)

If you are selected as a 2024 Legacy Awards recipient, you will be required to perform three instances of service with an Elks Lodge during the four years you are receiving the scholarship.

**GO TO: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>
TO LEARN MORE!**

**Fridays are Membership Drive Nights . . . Bring friends for dinner.
If you can't be at the Lodge, please take a
minute to mention the Elks to your Family and Friends!**

2023-24 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Gary L. Nesbitt II
 Esteemed Leading Knight.....John Cuthbertson
 Esteemed Loyal Knight.....PER Greg Shannon DVC
 Esteemed Lecturing KnightJohn Woolman IV
 Esquire.....Lisa Haremza
 Chaplain.....David Vandembosche
 Tiler..... Penny J. Osburn
 Inner Guard.....Tracey Cameron
 Secretary.....PER Gregory C. Hudy
 & District 4200 Esquire
 Treasurer.....Joe D. Miller

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PER Gerald W. Goodwin

TRUSTEES

Gary A. Osburn • Shawn N. Eagle • PER Gerald W.
 Goodwin • Stephen J. Tebay • Jerry J. Thibodeau Sr.

GOLF COMMITTEE

Butch Hills (Chairman) • Mike Falter • Karl Livingston
 Hans Medina • Randy Johnston • Shawn Eagle

P.E.R. ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2023-24

PresidentRobert J. Fritch PER
 Vice PresidentSteven M. Peters PER
 Secretary/Treasurer Gregory C. Hudy PER

METRO DISTRICT 4200 CHAIRMAN - GOLD KEY

PER Greg C. Hudy, District 4200 Esquire

ELKS NAT'L VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OFFICERS

Scott R. Harris, PER, DVP - ENVSC Representative
 Stephen J. Tebay - ENVSC Deputy Representative



**GO TO FACEBOOK.COM
 FOR ALL THE LATEST
 UPDATES
 PHElksLodge343
 PortHuronElksBanquets
 phelkslodge343GolfClub**

Elk of the Year

Susan J. Hudy

Officer of the Year

Shawn N. Eagle

Outstanding Elks Members

Mark J. Howard

Eugene "Butch" Hills

Citizen of the Year

Laura Nesbitt

Sweetheart of Elksdom

Sonya Willett-Snellenberger

Couples of the Year

Gary & Penny Osburn

Elks Youth Recognition

Alayna Hyslop

Lyndsie Cameron

Jim Goodrich Lifetime

Achievement Award

Mark Pringle

Our Sponsor of the Month

*'This is an Association for
 Individuals Who Are Serious
 about Becoming Successful Landlords'*

Port Huron Area
LANDLORD ASSOC.COM

VACANCY LISTINGS
WWW.PHALA.NET

Port Huron Elks Lodge No. 343
 3292 Beach Road
 Port Huron, MI 48060

NON-PROFIT ORG.
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID
 PERMIT #343
 PORT HURON, MI

DECEMBER 2023

**KITCHEN & BAR
 HOURS: Subject to change**

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
Check out our website at: phelkslodge343.com					1 Bar 3pm-11pm Kitchen 4pm-9pm	2 Bar noon-10pm Kitchen noon-8pm
3 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen noon-5pm MEMORIAL SERVICE 2PM	4 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED	5 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED Blanket Making 1-3pm Yoga 5-6pm	6 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4:00pm-9pm LADIES DROP-IN POOL	7 Bar 3pm-midnight Kitchen 4pm-9pm MENS POOL LEAGUE	8 Bar 3pm-11pm Kitchen 4pm-9pm	9 Bar noon-10pm Kitchen noon-8pm CLUB 343
10 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen noon-5pm SPECIAL NEEDS CHRISTMAS PARTY	11 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED	12 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED Blanket Making 1-3pm Yoga 5-6	13 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4:00pm-9pm LADIES DROP-IN POOL Initiation & Lodge Meeting 6:30pm	14 Bar 3pm-midnight Kitchen 4pm-9pm MENS POOL LEAGUE	15 Bar 3pm-11pm Kitchen 4pm-9pm	16 Bar noon-10pm Kitchen noon-8pm EUCHRE NIGHT REGISTRATION 5PM STARTS 5:30PM
17 Bar noon-8pm Kitchen noon-5pm CHILDRENS CHRIST- MAS PARTY	18 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED BLOOD DRIVE 12-5:45pm	19 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED Blanket Making 1-3pm Yoga 5-6pm	20 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4:00pm-9pm LADIES DROP-IN POOL Board of Dir. Mtg 6:30pm	21 Bar 3pm-midnight Kitchen 4pm-9pm MENS POOL LEAGUE	22 Bar 3pm-11pm Kitchen 4pm-9pm	23 Bar noon-10pm Kitchen noon-8pm
24 CLOSED	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS CLOSED	26 Bar & Kitchen CLOSED Blanket Making 1-3pm Yoga 5-6pm	27 Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4:00pm-9pm LADIES DROP-IN POOL WINE BINGO 6pm doors open 5pm	28 Bar 3pm-midnight Kitchen 4pm-9pm MENS POOL LEAGUE	29 Bar 3pm-11pm Kitchen 4pm-9pm	30 Bar noon-10pm Kitchen noon-8pm
31 CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR!	Upcoming Events: 2nd Annual Wild Game Dinner - January 20th					