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**PORT HURON ELKS LODGE 343**  
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**3RD ANNUAL WILD  
 GAME DINNER**  
**January 18th**

Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Members still have time to register for our 3rd Annual Wild Game Dinner. The proceeds will help support our Veterans in St. Clair County. We have an exciting line-up of Live and Silent Auctions, Games, Raffles and more. Our food crew will be creating an amazing meal featuring Wild Game and traditional dishes.

**LIMITED TICKETS LEFT!!!!**

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.

**LIONS GAME POTLUCKS!**

How about them Lions! How about we start celebrating the victories together with Sunday Game Day Potlucks!

Every Lions game that is on a Sunday – we will be having a potluck in the social quarters starting 1 hour before the game. Wear your Lions gear, bring some food to share, and cheer on our team!

Lions vs. Vikings = Sunday January 5th – game time TBD

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PER Super Bowl Party &  
 King of the Hill Pool Tournament**  
**Sunday February 9th**

Super Sunday King of the Hill Pool Tournament & Party will be on Sunday, February 9th. Play will begin at Noon or closely thereafter. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board next to the bar. In person late signup will be allowed prior to 12:00pm on Sunday. The tournament will cost \$10 per player for 8-ball double elimination play. The bracket will be limited to 24 players. Horse races will begin approximately at 2:00. 50/50 & football squares may be available. The kitchen will be closed for this event. Please bring your favorite dish to pass for the Pot-luck table.

PER Bob Fritch & PER Steve Peters co-chairs

**Club 343 is the place to be!**  
**Saturday, January 11th - 5pm**

In the downstairs Social Quarters. Club 343 will be hosting the first get together of the New Year !

**THEME: Wear your favorite  
 "Winter" shirt or sweater!**

So you ask, "What new fundraising idea does Club 343 have for the New Year"?

Tickets will be available at various Elk social events, at the downstairs bar and Friday evenings from 5 to 7pm in the social quarters.

To reserve a table or get tickets call or text Penny @ 810-357-8322 or Kim @ 810-434-7886

**COME JOIN  
 THE FUN!**

**CLUB 343**  
*presents*  
**Detroit Red Wing  
 game tickets  
 Raffle**

**SAT, FEBRUARY 8TH @ 1PM  
 RED WINGS VS TAMPA BAY**

**RAFFLE WINNER WILL RECEIVE**

- 4 TICKETS - SEC. 121 ROW 15
- FREE PARKING PASS
- ENTRY TO PRIVATE REHMANN CLUB
- FREE UPSCALE FOOD, WINE, AND DOMESTIC BEER AT REHMANN PRIOR TO AND DURING THE GAME
- \$100.00 SPENDING CASH
- TOTAL RETAIL VALUE: \$1000.00

**RAFFLE TICKETS**  
 1 FOR \$5.00  
 5 FOR \$20.00  
 DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON  
 FRIDAY, JAN. 24TH @ 6PM  
 BEFORE THE QUEEN OF HEARTS

*Sponsored by Central Hardware - Precision Sports - 1500 Tiquila*

**70th Consecutive Blood Drive**  
**Monday, JANUARY 27th - Noon-5:45pm**



**Queen of Hearts  
 Begins 1/10/25!**

The Queen of Hearts is a lot of fun on Friday nights. Members and guests continue to anticipate whether the Queen of Hearts will come out of hiding. Come on down to support the Lodge by purchasing your tickets!

**May the Queen live long!**



### In Remembrance of our Departed Members

**Carleton (Otto) L. Graham #7310**

Initiated: 12-26-1974  
Born: 7-22-1944 Died: 7-25-2024

**Richard L. Foltz #7654**

Initiated: 10-14-1976  
Born: 3-18-1935 Died: 12-11-2024



### In Sympathy

Our prayers to the families who have lost loved ones...



- Brendan Vani - Loss of Mother
- James Vani - Loss of Mother
- Kevin M. Vani - Loss of Mother
- Randy & Ann Lashbrook - Loss of Father

## SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

PER Marvin Ohrling • John Stewart • Vicky Perkins  
Rose Howard • Frank Swarts • DJ Westrick • Teresa Conroy  
Greg Farley

## Welcome NEW Members...

### New Member

James Baker 11351  
William R. Penrod 11352

### Proposed By

Gerry W. Goodwin 10115  
Scott R. Harris 10259



The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 initiated 2 members into our Fraternal Order during our most recent initiation ceremony on Monday, December 9th. Please welcome James (Jim) Baker & William (Bill) Penrod into our order.

## DOLLAR DRAW RESULTS

The Dollar Draw results for the past 4 weeks are: 11/17 #11169 Pat Reid pot \$502 (not entered); 11/24 #11155 Al Krug pot \$556 (Winner!!) Congrats Al!; 12/1 #9593 Raymond Johnson pot \$26 (not entered); 12/8 #10783 Brad Burda pot \$71 (not entered).

**Reminder: Each Member must enter your own \$1 and sign your own Name ONLY!**

*Will you be entered in the next Draw?*

## Exalted Ruler's Message



Hello again brothers and sisters, I hope this finds you well. I write these messages about two weeks before they actually come out so it's still the middle of the holiday season. As we were running errands the other day I heard an old Garth Brooks song on the radio, "The Change." The song is about how one good deed, an act of faith, helping someone

in need, changes not the world, but keeps us from being changed by the world. That with all the pain and misery the world has to offer, that by "by saving just one", we can show the world that love, mercy, and the spirit of human dignity can still prevail. It is in fact why we exist as "The Brotherhood of Elks."

The Elks was originally founded as a social club called the Jolly Corks. Then shortly before Christmas in 1867, one of its original members died leaving his wife and children destitute. The Jolly Corks decided that in addition to good fellowship, they needed a more enduring organization to serve those in need. Then on February 16, 1868, they established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as not only a social club, but to serve those in need. One of the great privileges I have as the Exalted Ruler is seeing all the things that get done behind the scenes that make this such a great lodge. We have had countless donations over this holiday season for a multitude of events (Special Needs Christmas Party, Kids Christmas Party, PER Baskets for the Needy, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and many more). I would mention every one if I could, but frankly most of our donors and organizers are so humble and modest, that they would be embarrassed if I singled them out. So...I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for what you do on a daily basis, and am reminded of this section of the initiation ritual; "As Elks, we teach not alone the charity of alms, but the higher and nobler charity of thought, word and deed. Our whole influence in life is determined by the good deeds we do rather than by the emotions we feel. The kindest feeling may vanish, the best resolve may be forgotten; but the influence of a good deed, honestly and promptly performed, will continue forever."

Thank you again, for showing the world that, "As long as one heart still holds on, then hope is never really gone", and "What I do is so, this world will know, it cannot change me."

A couple reminders for January - the New Years Eve Party is December 31st. Get your tickets before it sells out (they are getting close). Queen of Hearts starts January 10th, the Whitetail Unlimited Dinner is January 18th, and Lions Gameday potlucks are Sundays. Please come out and support our lodge in the winter months, we miss seeing you!

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

# NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Attention all members in good standing. This message is to notify you of our upcoming elections for the 2025-26 Lodge year. If you would like to become an officer, please read the following section from our Local Lodge By-laws.

**Nominations are being taken now for the Port Huron Elks Lodge #343 2025-2026 Officers. Nominations will be closed after Monday, February 10th Lodge meeting. Voting will take place Monday, February 24th at the Lodge meeting.**

## ARTICLE VII NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Nominations for offices to be filled at the annual election in Lodges shall be made in the order in which they appear in Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Order at any regular meeting of the Lodge on or after the 1st day of January if meetings are held monthly, or otherwise after the 1st day of February and prior to the date of the annual election. If no nomination for a particular office shall have been made prior to the date of such election, or if all candidates previously nominated for a particular office shall have declined or withdrawn, nominations for that office may be made on the date of election. If a Member has been nominated for more than one office, they must declare that they accept one nomination and withdraw from the other nomination before the close of the last regular meeting of the Lodge prior to the regular meeting at which the election is to be held, and if they do not do so, they must accept only the first nomination. No Member, unless nominated in accordance with this Section, shall be eligible to election at any such annual election. Only a Member in good standing shall be eligible for nomination to office in the Lodge of which they are a Member.

# EXPOSITOR PATRONS

Kenneth & Deborah Adams	Keith & Mary Jo Eisen	Randy & Anne Lashbrook	Timothy & Linda Sheridan
Michael Adams	Joe & Nancy Falk	John & Julie Lusk	James & Bethany Shoffner
Michael & Jennifer Aguinaga	Gregory O. Farley	Paul & Christine MacKay	Mal & Rae Ann Smith
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Debbie & Terry Anderson	Jim Feher II	Michael & Alicia Mancini	William & Tricia Smith
Bill Angerbrandt	Claudia Ferguson	Ken & Beth Mareski	Sharon Snyder
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William & Penny Bowman	Craig & Sandy Gordon	Sherry Middleton	PER Scott Tatro
Jeff & Debra Brabender	Thomas & Joanne Grace	Joe Miller & Stacey Weston	Ted & Marilyn Taylor
Steve & Becky Branch	Gary & Cheryl Granger	Matthew Mills	David Thiele, Jr.
Jay & Marcy Brueggeman	Tom & Kathy Green	Frank Mitchell	Katherine Thompson
Tom & Leslie Buckingham	James & Patricia Greuber	Pamela Moran	Thurs. Men's Pool League
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Pam Carlisle	Joel & Brooke Heimbach	Richard & Carole Nichols	Ron & Patti VanTreese
Mark & Marcy Caza	David & Vicki Heino	Randy & Margo Nunez	Joan Vercnocke
Pete & Sandra Cervini	Butch & Judy Hills	Kathleen O'Connor	Dianne Weaver
John & Laura Chambless	Bernice Howard	Patrick O'Flanagan	Paul & Lauri Wessel
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Dan & Mary Croteau	Keith & Kimberly Kargol	Billy Prueett, Jr.	
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Ann DeBell	Michael D. & Robin Kerr	John & Denise Reno	
Bill & Brandi DeBell	Bob & Jamie Kersten	David & Susan Repp	
Dave & Colleen DeLong	Lori Keyes-Vinckier	James & Celeste Repp	
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Rick & Vickie Dionne	Daniel & Jennifer Kilbourne	Don & Dottie Robertson	
Nancy Doehring	Larry & Carol Klink	David & Margaret Rushton	
Richard & Mel Doehring	Loren & Jenni Klug	Ray & Sue Ruszczynski	
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Mike & Cathy Duncan	Pat Korth	Margaret Schott	
Jim & Krystal Dunn	Alan & Kim Krug	Deborah Seely	
Joseph & Debbie Eagen	Chris Lafata	Mary Seely	
Pat & Jamie Eagen	Sue Lamb	Shannon Sepsey	
Shawn & Shylah Eagle	Mike Larzelere	Ian & Kelly Shaw	
	Dave & Sandy Lashbrook	Scott Sheldon	

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

New  Renewal

**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.

**Have YOU brought in a new member this year? Membership is the lifeblood of the Elks!**



## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DEPARTED MEMBERS

Thank you to our Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Officers, Trustees and Past Exalted Rulers, who honored our departed members who passed this year with our annual Elks Memorial Ceremony this afternoon.

Thank you to PER Scott Perkins for his moment of remembrance rendition of the 11 o'clock toast and to PER Scott R. Harris with providing the ceremony's eulogy.

A special thank you to musician, Cliff Erickson and bagpiper, Dave Barber, for their very moving performances during the ceremony. *Pictured above: Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Officers, Trustees and Past Exalted Rulers gather after performing the annual Memorial ceremony. Top right: Musician, Cliff Erickson and bagpiper, Dave Barber take a moment prior to the Memorial ceremony.*

<b>Terry M. Sargent</b>	<b>8600</b>	<b>Charles Armstrong</b>	<b>8742</b>
<b>Stanley P. Jacobs</b>	<b>10622</b>	<b>Antoine Houle</b>	<b>8878</b>
<b>Richard Kretchman</b>	<b>10797</b>	<b>Robert F. Brenton, PER</b>	<b>7643</b>
<b>Michael Toles</b>	<b>8142</b>	<b>Ronald W. Radatz, PER</b>	<b>7656</b>
<b>Charles F. Gray</b>	<b>6767</b>	<b>Richard L. Simmons</b>	<b>10135</b>
<b>Scott T. Plant</b>	<b>11199</b>	<b>Delbert R. Jackson</b>	<b>8381</b>
<b>Richard D. Harju</b>	<b>6157</b>	<b>Daniel J. Wynn</b>	<b>8883</b>
<b>Gerald Theisen</b>	<b>9308</b>		



## THANK YOU BRIAN DUMAN & TIM AINSWORTH!

Many of our Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 members take pride in our facility, doing what they can to keep our LODGE looking fresh. Longtime Elk member Brian Duman is one of those true members. Always lending a hand, volunteering, doing what he can to make a difference. Brian recently volunteered to power wash the rear exterior walls of our facility giving it a fresh look starting this morning.

Thank you, Brian, for all you do and thank you to Elk member Tim Ainsworth owner of TMA Electric for loaning the motorized power lift, to make Brian's job a little bit easier. When you see these guys, thank them for their efforts. Brian and Tim just proving once again, Elks Care ~ Elks Share!

## CLUB 343 Celebrates a Successful Holiday Gathering!

On December 14th, over 100 people came together at Club 343 to celebrate the season with great food, beverages, and a spirit of giving. Guests not only enjoyed a festive atmosphere but also contributed to meaningful causes, including sponsoring the Baskets for the Needy and donating to the Salvation Army Red Kettle.

The event featured exciting giveaways, with club ticket holders winning various prizes: Sandy Gordon won \$100, Heather DesSnyder took home \$75, Tim Frikken and Jerry Cameron each won \$50, and new member Kurtis Carl snagged the last \$100 prize. In addition to the club ticket prizes, Share the Wealth winners included Jeanette Bennett and Jon Carson, each winning \$100, followed by Leslie Benaska with \$75 and Paul Collins and Butch Hills, both taking home \$60 each. Other fun prizes were awarded as well: Scott Perkins won the last Club 343 ticket, Mark Howard received a \$25 gift certificate to the Elks, and Lori Meikle won \$125 from the square sheet. Karen Barber created beautiful Christmas wall decorations, which were awarded to Linda Dane for the women's prize, while Gary Niver took home the men's door prize.

A huge thank you goes out to our talented chefs: Jason, Ian, Alex, and Brian, who prepared delicious cuisine for the evening. We also appreciate the outstanding table service provided by Melissa and her staff, including Sophie, Mary, Stacey, Ashley, and Ashley G.

Wishing everyone a wonderful New Year!

Kim and AL Krug, & Penny and Gary Osburn  
\*\*\*Remember, Club 343 is the Place to Be in 2025!\*\*\*

## 2025-2026 Dues Membership Statements

Grand Lodge will be mailing out Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 2025-2026 Membership Dues Statements. They will be mailed in January. All payments are to be mailed to, or paid at the Lodge. Any questions, please call Sue in the Membership Office 810-982-8531 ext.2.

## 2025-2026 Golf Membership Forms

Golf Membership forms will be mailed Feb 1st to All Members that had purchased a 2024 Golf Membership, along with Golf Raffle Tickets for purchase, if you are interested.

For All other Members, Golf Membership forms are available at the Lodge or can be emailed to you. Also, Golf Raffle Tickets are available at the Lodge.

## 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 2, 2025 at 11:59 a.m. PST.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

For the 2025 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, 2025. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. The applicant must be a high school senior.

The applicant must apply online only. The 2025 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 2, 2025, 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.

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 2025 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>**

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ELKS LODGE 343  
**DADDY  
DAUGHTER  
Dance**

7th February 2025  
6pm-8pm  
3292 Beach Rd,  
Port Huron MI 48060  
RSVP: (810)982-8531 Ext.4

**Join us for a fun night  
of Dancing! Pizza Bar.  
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**Adult & Child  
Admission  
\$35  
Additional  
Child \$10**



2 American Girl  
Doll Raffle

## VETERANS CORNER

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Past Exalted Rulers (PER) Association and Veterans Committee sponsored the Military Appreciation Night at the Port Huron Prowlers Hockey Game on Friday, November 1st against the Motor City Rockers. All proceeds raised from this Veterans & active Military event were donated to our Elks Lodge 343 Veterans Fund. The Port Huron Prowlers game worn "Elks" Jerseys, purchased by the PER Association were auction off immediately after the game. Other fund raisers included Basket Raffles donated by local businesses in our community.

The Elks Lodge 343 Veterans committee would like to give a very special thank you to Lodge 343 staff member Bridget C. Smith, Port Huron Prowlers trainer, for organizing and overseeing this great event. We would like to recognize Elk 343 members Sonya Snellenberger for singing the National Anthem, Jason Hills, who donated the Port Huron Minor Hockey Suite, which was raffled off prior, won by Elk 343 member Lisa Motte who generously donated it to the VNA/Blue Water Hospice. Thank you to all the Elk 343 Members who donated the baskets, volunteered their time and to those who attended the game while assisting throughout. Also, thank you to Elroy the Elk (Josh Burke, Lodge 343 staff member) who also showed up to entertain the crowd. A fun event for all and as always, proving once again Elks Care ~ Elks Share. *Pictured below: Elks Lodge 343 PER Scott Perkins drops the "ceremonial" puck. Center: The SCC Honor Guard present our nations flags while Sonya Snellenberger proudly sings our anthem. Right: Elks Lodge 343 members volunteering their time for a great cause.*



Congratulations to our very own Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 member E-9 Chief Master Sergeant Linda Bullis for being honored during the Detroit Lions game today, being recognized as our "Home Town Hero"! *Pictured right.* Congratulation and well deserved Linda, we're all proud of you.



The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 and the Elks National Veterans Service Commission hosted a free Hot Dog Roast on Thursday, November 7th at the Yale VA, Veterans Clinic. Over 65 Veterans stopped by and enjoyed each other's company and a bite to eat.

Thank you to Lodge 343 Veteran volunteers who hosted the event. Monica Franks, Gary A. Osburn, Penny J. Osburn, and Scott R. Harris, PER. Veterans Dave Wagner, US Army (retired) and Patrick Lanthier, US Coast Guard (retired) assisted the volunteers all day as well. Stewart Israel, 2023 Grand Lodge National Veterans Volunteer of the Year from Plymouth-Ann Arbor 325 stopped by to support the team.



To our Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 Veterans and newly initiated Veterans, your time served is very interesting to us, please consider sharing your Military Service story to Scott R. Harris PER, ENVSC VAVS Rep at [scottharris55@comcast.net](mailto:scottharris55@comcast.net) for a future Veterans Corner publication.

## BLOOD DRIVE UPDATES

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343, 69th blood drive held on Monday, December 16th collected 43 pints for the American Red Cross. Working together, with the Red Cross we've collected over 289 gallons since our 1st blood drive on January 7, 2013. With our next goal of 375 gallons while in providing the "Gift of Life". Our 70th Drive is scheduled for Monday, January 27th. Please consider registering today at <https://www.redcross.org>.

## Craft Show was a Success!

December 23rd Port Huron Elks Lodge held its 11th annual Craft Show, and what a Show it was! We had approximately 1103 attendees plus Volunteers and many New Crafters! There was something for everyone, and sometimes too many choices to make (or not), if you know what we mean! Once again, we had so many of our Membership volunteer in so many ways! The Craft Show Committee THANK YOU so much!! To Everyone who helped get the Craft Show Information out with an advertising yard sign at your home or Business; or hung a Craft Show Poster at your Business or place of employment, gave out the colored 4x6 colored fliers to friends, family, or co-workers, or passed the word by text, Facebook, or by the old-fashioned word of mouth, the Craft Show Committee Thanks You All! We couldn't be successful without each and every one of you helping in the month before and the day of the Craft Show: Thank You to Steve Peters, Gary Nesbitt, Dave & Karen Barber, Aliena Drummond for Thursday measuring & taping of the floors upstairs, as well as setting up chairs for all Crafters & any tables rented. Special Thank You to Aliena for Friday night Computer/Reports/Registration help, AND bringing Pizza for Craft Show Committee! Thank you to Melissa, Gary Nesbitt, Dan McVety, & Carmella for clearing Social Quarters of tables, chairs & furniture, and for taping the floor after dinners were eaten Friday! Thank You to All Volunteers for Saturday throughout the day: Sonya Snellenberger, Dawn Rowling, Aliena Drummond, Carrie Woolman, Jane Dennis, Sandy Lashbrook, Sandy Gordon, Lori Allen, Shelley Murdick, Penny Osburn, Gloria Traub, Charlene Biessel, Sally Biernasz & Liam Twiss. Thank You to Carmella, with the help of our Kitchen Staff: Jason M, Brian C, and Alex O & Melissa, & Jeannette Bennett for replacing tables and chairs, pulling tape from floors downstairs and to Dave & Karen Barber, Steve Peters, Carmella, MaryFran, & Aliena for doing the same upstairs Saturday after the Show.

Thank You All!!!

The Craft Show Committee was able to make donations to:

- Jeffrey Hills Memorial Special Needs Adult Christmas Party \$500
- Young Marines of Marysville \$1000
- Hannah Winkler Foundation \$500 and
- Wreaths Across America (Port Huron Twp Cemetery wreaths for Veteran gravesights) \$500.

The Craft Show Committee is also looking to help donate towards replacing the rail along the sidewalk to the Handicap Entrance in Sylvie's. It won't be but a couple of months and we'll be planning for next year's Show.

**Save the Date: November 22, 2025.**

2024 Craft Show Committee:

Karen Barber, MaryFran Deachin, Sue Hudy, Carmella Robbins, & Halee Harwood

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 annual Children's Christmas Party with Santa & Jingles on Saturday, December 14th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Lodge Grand Ballroom. Maria Garza won the Scooter, Peyton Peters won a bike, Elena Garza won a bike, Joe Miller won the Big Red Stocking filled with toys. A huge thank you to Len & Kim Balinski and Kevin & Tristin Balinski owners at Lens Pool and Spa Inc. for the Generous donation of the (2) Bikes and Scooter. Thank you to Committee Chairs, Tristin Balinski, Amber Garza, our Music DJ's Don & Gwen Rutkofske and event help from Kevin Balinski, Tracey Cameron, PER Robert J. Fritch, PER Scott R. Harris, Dave Crimmins (Santa), Kaylee Harris (Jingles) & Jason Mathews. Next year's Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 21, 2025 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Elks Lodge 343 Grand Ballroom. *Pictured above: Jingles with face painting.*



## SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!

The Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 annual Jeffrey Hills Memorial Special Needs Adults Christmas Party took place on Sunday, December 8th. Over 45 guests from 8 group homes arrived to enjoy a pizza luncheon, snacks, and soft drinks and a special visit from Santa & Jingles the Elf. Each guest left the Christmas party with a special gift bag. Our guest enjoyed music & dancing, a picture with Santa & Jingles and a relaxing afternoon. Everyone had a great time as always. Thank you to event hosts, Committee Chairs Butch & Judy Hills along with our event volunteers, Bob & Sandy Hamilton, Donald & Gwen Rutkofske (DJ), Shelley Murdick, PER Scott R. Harris, Kaylee Harris (Jingles), and David Crimmins (Santa). Also, a big thank you to Drew Jacobs, Jon Tovarez & Aliena Drummond for setting up Sylvie's room and dance floor.



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**JANUARY 2025**

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>WEEKLY MENU - Wednesdays - Italian; Thursdays - Nite Bites; Fridays - Fish Fry; Saturdays - Steak Nite</b>			<b>1</b> CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR	<b>2</b> Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm Men's Pool	<b>3</b> Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8pm	<b>4</b> Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm
<b>5</b> Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED Lions Game Potluck	<b>6</b> BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED	<b>7</b> BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	<b>8</b> Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm Ladies Drop In Pool	<b>9</b> Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm Men's Pool	<b>10</b> Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8pm QUEEN OF HEARTS BEGINS 7PM	<b>11</b> Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm CLUB 343
<b>12</b> Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	<b>13</b> BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Initiation/Lodge Mig 6pm	<b>14</b> BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	<b>15</b> Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm Ladies Drop in Pool	<b>16</b> Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm Men's Pool	<b>17</b> Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	<b>18</b> Bar noon-11pm Kitchen noon-8pm EUCHRE 5:00pm 3RD ANNUAL WILD GAME DINNER 4PM
<b>19</b> Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	<b>20</b> BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Brd of Dir. Mtg-6:30	<b>21</b> BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	<b>22</b> Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm Ladies Drop in Pool	<b>23</b> Bar 3pm-12am Kitchen 4-9pm Men's Pool	<b>24</b> Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8PM QUEEN OF HEARTS RED WINGS DRAW	<b>25</b> Bar noon-11pm Kitchen CLOSED
<b>26</b> Bar noon-8pm Kitchen CLOSED	<b>27</b> BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Lodge Meeting 6:30pm BLOOD DRIVE 12-5:45pm	<b>28</b> BAR & KITCHEN CLOSED Blanket making 1-3pm	<b>29</b> Bar 3pm-10pm Kitchen 4-8pm Yoga 4-5pm Ladies Drop in Pool	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Bar 3-11pm Kitchen 4-8PM QUEEN OF HEARTS INDOOR PUTT PUTT CHALLENGE	<b>1</b> Bar noon-11pm Kitchen CLOSED INDOOR PUTT PUTT CHALLENGE

Upcoming Events: Super Bowl Party & King of the Hill - 2/9; Veterans Coffee & Donut Day at Yale VA 2/12; Euchre Nite 2/15; 72nd Blood Draw - 2/15; Euchre Night 2/15; MEA State President's dinner 3/21 starting at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm. Hosted by Clawson-Troy Elks Lodge 2169.