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OF

# The Herd

## CHARLEVOIX ELKS

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Terry Largent,  
Manager

"Jolly Cork Room"

Summer 2024 Hours.

Monday-Thursday  
4-12 pm

Friday & Saturday

4-2 am

Sunday

12-8 pm

\$7 Burger Night Friday's  
(See Calendar-Almost  
every Friday)

\$1 Chicken  
Wings/Thighs every  
Sunday

SEE CALENDAR FOR  
SPECIAL EVENTS/HOURS



## Congratulations To Our 2024-25 Officers!

L to R: Inner Guard Shawn McDonough, Secretary Vicki Koteskey, Three Year Trustee Jesus "Chuy" Torres, Lecturing Knight Lori Hart, One Year Trustee Margie Tamminga, Leading Knight Dave Koteskey, Exalted Ruler Jerry Willis, Tiler Dan Monteith, Chaplain Dave Krueger, Treasurer Mary Southwood, Loyal Knight Al Southwood.

## Come Out and Enjoy Your Lodge

As the season changes, we can look back at all that was accomplished by the members of the Charlevoix Elks number 2856 over the winter. We updated our By-Laws, which is to be done every five years. We hired a new CPA. We updated our security system and upgraded our speaker system to include the outside. There are many more projects still going on, these are just a few.

Beyond the physical upgrades we did, don't forget about the many charitable projects that we cultivate. The Charlevoix Christmas Project continues to be a community project that helps needy families in our area, and I am proud that the Elks are a big part of that. As Elks, we will continue to support our veterans, students, and community. As the year moves along, I look forward to the many events we will be hosting. We are resurrecting our Hoop Shoot program this fall. This is a competitive basketball free throw contest for boys and girls between the age of 8 and 13.

Every week there is something going on that enhances our lodge and brings our members together. There is something for everyone so please come out and enjoy your lodge.

Let's not forget the cardinal principles of our Order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. They are the fundamentals that we desire to achieve.

Jerry Willis, Exalted Ruler



## Audit Committee Report

Well the annual audit of the Charlevoix Elks is completed and it is great news. All areas of financial management were reviewed and the lodge is in great shape. There are a few minor recommendations, but all in all the Secretary and Treasurer are doing great and consistent efforts are in place to ensure everything stays this way. The Charlevoix Elks Audit Committee is comprised of Martha Papke (Chair), C.T. Martin, and Lindsay Brey.



### Your House Committee

Chairman Don Papke

Stacey Price

Del Hart

Jeff Young

Jessica Bell

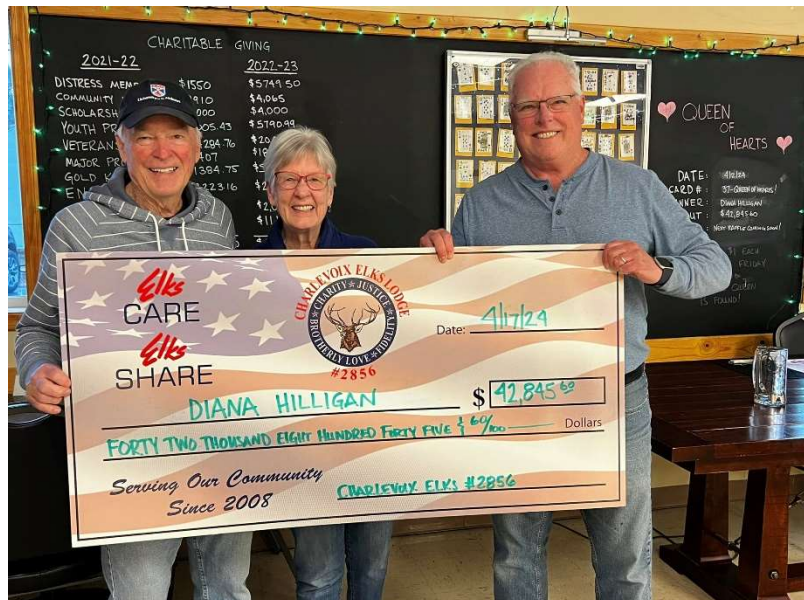
Stop and talk with any of them to share your ideas or see how you can help.



Jones, Kamm, Papke, and Chuy inspected the pulley and restrung the flagpole.

A new flag was hoisted as well as a new POW/MIA flag.





## Diana Hilligan found the Queen of Hearts!

## Newsletter Submission Deadlines

June Issue – May 24<sup>th</sup>  
 July Issue – June 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Aug. Issue – July 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Sept. Issue – Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Oct. Issue – Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Nov. Issue – Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Dec. Issue – Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>

Of course you can  
 always submit articles  
 earlier. You don't have  
 to wait until the last  
 minute.

## A Note From Our Secretary

Hello members,

Just a reminder, if you have not paid your dues yet, you still can! Your yearly dues help us to be able to help our community, veterans and children in our area.

If you have an address change, please let me know. I have received a few statements and membership cards back in the mail. I may need an update of your address, email or phone number.

If you have paid your dues and have not received your card in the mail, please reach out to me.

I am sending out a weekly email. If you have not been receiving it please let me know so I can add you to the mailing list or re add you. Please email me your information.

I can always be reached by email, phone or text.

Sincerely,

Vicki Koteskey

Secretary

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## How do you teach students about drug abuse?

### 8 Tips for Talking to Kids About Drugs

- 1-Keep it Age-Appropriate. ...
- 2-Be Clear About Rules and Reasons. ...
- 3-Lay Down the Law. ...
- 4-Talk About Immediate Consequences (Not Just Punishment) ...
- 5-Mention How Expensive a Substance Habit Is. ...
- 6-Explain Addiction. ...
- 7-Emphasize Responsibility in Young Adults. ...
- 8-Don't Stop Talking.

Brought to you by your  
 Elks Drug Awareness  
 and Prevention Program



## A Tip of The Antler

This month's Tip of The Antler goes to Randy and Matt Price. They brought in their tractors and pushed over trees, graded roads, and backfilled holes in our campground area. Two great guys that are always ready to lend a hand. Thank you, and a tip of the antler for all you do for the 2856, Randy and Matt!



PER Jessica Bell presented 4 very well-deserved awards for the 2023/2024 year. Shawn McDonough and Phil Muma were presented with Outstanding Service Commendations. Martha Papke was named Elk of The Year. Al Southwood was named Officer of the year. Nancy LaCroix received the Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award. Thank you all for your selfless contributions to our lodge, our community, and the B.P.O.E.



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## Memorial Day Parade 2024

Last year we had fantastic Elk presence in the parade. Many were wowed by the red, white, and blue vehicles, banners, and flags. The emotionally powerful Lee Greenwood song, "God Bless the USA" rang out from Jessica Bell's Bronco and elicited cheers, applause, and a few tears of pride. Children were handed their own flag to wave by our Elk walkers. It was a highly emotional experience for me. Our group received many positive comments regarding our display of American patriotism.

Hopefully, Elk participation in this parade will be an annual event. The parade begins at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Elk participants need to be on E. Garfield Street in front of the dentist's office (formerly the VFW hall) between 9:30-9:40 a.m. decked out in your Red, White and Blue!! I will have flag bandanas for all, so jeans and a white shirt will also suffice.

I encourage you all to mark your calendars and join in this fun and poignant tradition our beautiful town enjoys. Join us in the 2024 Charlevoix Memorial Day Parade and God bless the USA. -Sandy Willis



## Americanism Committee

Michigan's Grand Lodge's Americanism Chairman, Jason Manke sponsored a youth coloring contest for grades 1-4 this past Fall. Postcards were sent to every elementary school in Michigan. I followed through by contacting the principals at Charlevoix Elementary and St. Mary's Elementary. Also, I had information on our bulletin board in the social room and in a Fall newsletter for Elks who may want their children or Grandchildren to participate.

Entries were collected and judged in December. Five winners entries were sent to our district Americanism Chair for Judging. From there, winners will go on to the state chair where small monetary prizes can be awarded. We've not received word yet on those competitions.

All our Charlevoix participants received a frameable certificate. Winners were given medals. The children were very pleased with their awards. – Sandy Willis



Lodge Volunteers spent a Saturday cleaning up our Campsites and woods.  
L to R: Del, Kamm, Papke, Rob, Dave, Al, Bridget, Peter, Chuy, Jerry, Todd, Bryan, and Jeff.  
Missing from photo is Greg Denzinger.



Friday nights are little quiet at the Lodge with no Queen drawing!

Never fear, at the next Lodge meeting, we will ask for another 54-week license and start back up in June!

Your Queen committee needs a little rest after 50 weeks of excitement! Looking for a few more to join the crew in June - if you have 3-4 hours to spare on a Friday evening once in a while, let Rochelle or Vicki know!

Remember, your contribution greatly helps our building fund grow! So get ready to buy some tickets in June – build that pot!



## Charlevoix Lodge #2856 Donated \$1,000. To Lake Charlevoix EMS



## Charlevoix Elks Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee has chosen four (4) recipients for our Scholarships this year. Winners will be notified, and the scholarships will be issued in May. Two (2) recipients are students entering college and one (1) is for a student entering trades. The scholarship in conjunction with the Gus Schmidt/VFW Scholarship is being given to a current student enrolled in nursing school. With all our great fundraising efforts this past year, we were able to expand our scholarship awards to \$3000. each. Thank you to everyone that supported a Scholarship event and know your support is helping four (4) great young adults. The Charlevoix Elks Scholarship Committee is comprised of Martha Papke (Chair), Lori Mitchell, Sandy Willis, Cherie Montieth and Val Ramage.





## Charlevoix Elks Campground

Well, the vision of a campground has really moved to the next level. As you know the rustic campground was opened the middle of the summer 2023. This Spring the next level of beautification occurred with a great group of Elk volunteers removing dead damaged and dead trees, cutting and removing downed trees, and clearing underbrush. We had a great turnout and within five (5) hours there was a pronounced change.... going from a tangled mess to a park like area that connects the Lodge backyard to the campground area. A special thanks to Randy and Matt Price (not pictured), who brought in some heavy equipment to handle some major trees and put a new and beautiful grade to the area and access roads. All-in-all over 100 yards of dead trees, brush and debris was cut and removed! Please take a stroll out back to check-out the area, you will be very pleased with the improvements.



## CHARLEVOIX ELKS EVENTS COMMITTEE

The 2024/2025 Charlevoix Elks Committer Members are:

Cherie Monteith (Co-Chair)	Brenda Jones	Lisa Smith
Stacey Price (Co-Chair)	Laura Oliver	Sandy Willis
Jessica Bell	Brenda Scott	Tari Herrera

### ***Bar Olympics.***

The Events Committee is always looking for new ways for our members to come together to enjoy our Lodge and have fun. The Committee was thinking on what to do for the membership during the cold, Winter months. So, in February, March, and April we hosted something we call “Bar Olympics”. Each event involved playing 4 new games within the Social Room of the Lodge. Participants paid a \$5 entry fee, with all money being paid out as prizes. We had 15 people competing in April and it was so much fun...you could hear the laughter throughout the social room! These events were such a success that we now have plans to host more Bar Olympics outside this summer. Please look at our Facebook page (Charlevoix, Mi. B.P.O. Elks Lodge #2856), and posters around the Lodge for upcoming games. The more the merrier.

### ***Vendor Sale.***

With all the talented members within the Lodge, the committee decided to host a “Vendor Sale”. Well as all good doers do, we did.... on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> we had our first Vendor Sale. The success was amazing as we had a packed houses with 27 different Vendors selling their items! This turned out to be a great success for vendors as well as the Lodge, as we were able to raise \$555 from entry fees, and donations, with all the proceeds going to the Lodge’s Available to Give Fund.

If anyone has any questions on events you wish to attend or ideas for new fundraising events, please see one of the Event Committee members, as we are always willing to help or take ideas.

***Up Coming from your Events Committee (please watch our Facebook Page for further details, “Charlevoix, Mi. B.P.O. Elks Lodge #2856);***

May 5<sup>th</sup> Tacos and Trivia

May 11<sup>th</sup> Senior Party Euchre Fundraiser

June 1<sup>st</sup> Bingo

June 8<sup>th</sup> Euchre

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Lodge Open House / Member Appreciation