



Flat Rock Elks Newsletter

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ER Message

Well, it looks like Mother Nature showed us who is boss, please be safe out there in the snow. Bernie the "Bear" Schaller had another huge success with his annual wild game dinner. If you have never been you must put this on your calendar for next year. Remember this is always planned for the weekend before the super bowl. The PER's just had their Muskrat Dinner, I guess it's an acquired taste. I would like to thank all of you for all your hard work. We also had our 365 Dinner Dance which was a huge success. These functions really help out our lodge financially, so please do your support. If you haven't sent your photo in for the love page in the newsletter time has run out. There are a lot of fantastic things going on down at the lodge. Make sure to drop by so you don't miss anything. Until next time
Fraternally yours,

Exalted Ruler – Todd W. Estes

Secretary Message

Our Elk year is coming to an end. April 1st starts our new year. If you know anyone who is delinquent please let them know they are about to get dropped from membership. All members are important to the lodge and with everyone's help we can continue to give back to the community. Your membership is important. Even if you can't make to the lodge for a function your dues help support functions. This year alone we have given over \$15,000 to special needs children and six scholarships of \$500 each to area students. We also participated in giving the disabled Veterans bingo every month at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, and held Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans and their families in the lodge hall. This is just some of the things we give back to our community with your continued support.

Also, remember our fish fries are now going on now and the gun raffle tickets for April are on sale behind the bar. Please support our Elks Lodge so we can continue our great work.

Lodge Secretary – Mike Wrobel



**Howard wants
the snow to
just go away!**

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Leading Knight Message

Members all:

The annual 365 dinner was a great success thanks to so many. I want to thank everyone who came out to support our event, donated raffle items and anyone who helped out in any way. I truly appreciate all the many people that came out and especially to those people that got involved in this event. You have my sincere thanks as I could not have done this event without all of you. A special thank you goes to the happy faces in the picture below for their winning of the **365 Tie Auction**.

Please keep an eye on the calendar as there are so many other great events going on all the time. I know its already February and we are all very much looking forward to spring, as it just can't come quick enough. However, we can fight these winter blues by visiting the lodge and enjoying some good company and food as we wait for the warmer temperatures to get here.

Esteem Leading Knight Scott Thornberry

The **365 Tie** has been Auctioned off every year during the 365 Dinner Dance to help support Michigan Major Projects for Needy Children



Chad & Tina, Paul & Sue, Bob & Corrie, Brian & Michelle

April 2018 Flat Rock ELKS Gun Raffle

FLAT ROCK ELKS LODGE #1731 Presents
A GUN A DAY IN APRIL 2018
Price \$20.00

Raffle Starts 4/1/18 through 4/30/18

Winning Numbers will come from Michigan Evening 3 Digit drawing
if winning number is not sold there will be a drawing from the pool of ticket stubs sold at the
Flat Rock Elk lodge that night between 7:30pm - 8:00 pm

Need Not to be Present to win (Prizes subject to change)

Winners can redeem prize at: Cabelas Dundee, MI 734-529-2700

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Tickets are available at the lodge, buy early they will go fast!!!

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Happy Valentine's Day Everyone !

Sliver



"Stealing Papa's heart"

Charlotte

Kathy

Ken



My love, my life

4-ever

Cavill's

Recker's

Messler



BE
MINE

BE
MINE

TRUE
LOVE

Happy Valentine's Day from 4 generations

Keith (Pops)

Kathy



Loving each other for 50 Years



Together since 1928 - 90 Years

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Happy Valentine's Day
From Dave & Brenda



Scicluna



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Wild Game Dinner

Bernie "Bear" Schaller P.E.R has been a member for 38 years. He was born and raised on an 80 acre farm in Flat Rock. The farm had all kinds of things such as: wheat, oats, corn and soybeans. They also had livestock: cows, horses, pigs, ducks and chickens. Perhaps his interest in hunting began on the farm. At only 8 years old he was too young to hunt deer, back then you had to be 16. So he hunted pheasant, rabbits and squirrels. He became an avid hunter over the years. His adventures took him far north into Canada where he bagged 3 caribou on a day that was 34 degrees below zero.

It was back in 1996 when Bernie and a few other guys came up with the crazy idea to have a Wild Game Dinner. Tickets were \$10 each and only 20 people showed up. Dinner wasn't served until 4:00pm because there was no prep done in advance.

Well, they must have done something right because that crazy idea caught on and it's become a huge success. This year marked the 22nd anniversary of the Wild Game Dinner. "It's not like other wild game dinners advertised because this one is authentic."

Every year the crew makes improvements and has become more organized. Although 90% of the menu stays the same from year to year, they do try new recipes to keep it interesting.

But how do hunters so willingly give up their prized meat? Bernie says it's because they realize it wouldn't be possible to hold the event if not for those donations. Donations consist of rabbits, ducks, geese, deer, pan fish and walleye. The most unusual donation was musk ox from the Arctic Circle. At one point they also use to get 40 pounds of halibut from Alaska. Just as important are the 30 to 35 volunteers it takes to pull this event together. It typically takes 3 days to do all the prep work. Some begin making their specialties weeks in advance.

The buffet style dinner gave members and their guests the opportunity to sample many great recipes. There were several venison dishes to choose from. Other tasty choices included: Game Hen and Pheasant Reuben, Sweet and Sour Duck and Goose, Cajun Wild Turkey and Goose, Creamy Rabbit Alfredo, Braised Squirrel and Noodles, and deep fried Perch, Walleye and Pan Fish. They even had a hind quarter of bear that was roasted.

Door prizes are included. Two guns (a Black Powder Gun and a Gammo Air Rifle), gift baskets and other prizes are raffled.

Gift cards are awarded to the youngest and oldest guys and gals that shot a deer.

A lot of work goes into making the Wild Game Dinner such a great success. Over the 22 years Bernie and his crew's hard work and dedication have raised thousands of dollars to help pay the bills and maintain the lodge.

It takes a lot of donations to feed the 200 "Outdoors People" who attend this great event. So if you are interested in making donations or volunteering your time, contact Bernie at 734-552-1411.

Flat Rock Elk's Special Reporter
BS Woman

What did you think about your dinner?



You're kill-in me!



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FROM THE DESK OF SANTA & MRS. CLAUS OFFICIAL NOTICE

Dear Elk Member Families,
Ho, Ho, Ho from the North Pole!

I hope this letter finds you in having lots of winter-time fun in Michigan! We have been having lots of fun up here in the North Pole! We have been building snowmen, going sledding and even drinking lots of hot chocolate beside the fire.

Of course, we are relaxing from all the hard work that we prepared for making your toys. We would also like to Thank you for inviting us to the Elks Lodge for your party. It gives us such joy having you come see us. Whether it is asking for a Truck, Barbie, Baby Dolls, Microscopes, or saying nothing at all and giving us his or her smile. It makes our day. This year we had a wee one tell us she was going to "Pray for Santa and Mrs. Claus". Oh, and don't forget Photo Time. Pictures with us are so much fun whether you are big or small. So, here comes a Snow Ball of Photos from the North Pole. Hope they reach you soon, to enjoy!

And of course, we hope you enjoyed the special present we brought you with Candy Canes and Lunch.

Well, I better go find some carrots for Rudolph and the other reindeer. They really can't get enough of those things!

Thank you,
Santa & Mrs. Claus





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Santa Photos



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Basketball season at the Elk's

Basketball season is very special for "**Special Athletes**" from Jo-Brighton and ARC Downriver when they play basketball teams from two of our local high schools, Carlson and Woodhaven. As you will see within the next few pages of this newsletter not only how important it is for these "**Special Athletes**", but how much it impacts our high school students in our community. Flat Rock Elk Members also participate in helping to make these tournaments memorable by providing lunch and helping during these events.



7th Annual Warrior Basketball Game

We have now sponsored our 7th ARC Special Athletes and Woodhaven High School Warrior Basketball Games. This event has gone from 3 quick basketball games to the current day of 8 games played, a Skills Clinic and a Dance Party that everyone enjoys. This year we had a fantastic Elks turnout. I would guess we had about 20 Elk participants on and off throughout the day. We had about 50 athletes from ARC and the same amount from the Woodhaven High School basketball teams. Both the boy's and girl's Varsity and JV teams participated. We saw a lot of familiar faces, and a few new athletes and parents. Again, the Elks were thanked over and over for our participation and help. We were even graced with a few of the Michigan Major Projects Elk State Representatives showing up to the games for a quick view, and meet and greet with the head of ARC and some of the board members. A great day was had by all. Thanks to all the Flat Rock Elks that turned out to support this event.

Article by: Jeff Recker

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"Shooting with the Stars"

Smiles were a common sight on the faces of all who attended Gibraltar Carlson's fourth annual Jo Brighton Shooting With The Stars game. Both the Marauders girls and boys basketball programs hosted the Bulldogs of Jo Brighton in an eventful day of fun, friendship, and basketball. Each Carlson player was paired with a Jo Brighton player and the pairs bonded, ate lunch together, played basketball games, and simply made memories throughout the day. The occasion was kicked off with Jo Brighton's own Maddie Walsh performing the national anthem. Her partner, Carlson senior Julie Hughes, stood beside her proudly as her voice touched the hearts of the whole gym. "Shooting With The Stars is the best day of our season. I am so grateful that through our basketball program I am given so many great opportunities like this one", Hughes said. Julie was not the only one moved by this extraordinary day of the year. All in attendance gave nothing but positive feedback about the interaction between the Carlson and Jo Brighton students. I am a senior at Carlson and have always looked forward to this day each year. The games that our basketball program plays with the stars of Jo Brighton are far more important than any of the 20 games on our schedule. Shooting With The Stars is such a memorable day because the Jo Brighton students are some of the kindest, most radiant people I have ever interacted with. This event is much more than just basketball. It is all of the laughs I share and the lasting memories I have made with the Jo Brighton students. It is the dance parties that the players from both teams enjoy together. It is the smiles on everyone's face as each Jo Brighton athlete is awarded with a medal to conclude the event. Most importantly, though, it is the happiness and gratitude that we all leave the gym with at the end of this remarkable day.

Bailey Mruzik

Senior at Carlson High School

**Maddie Walsh
&
Julie Hughes**



A special "Thank You" to my wife Kathy, Christian & Cecelia Cuevas and Ed Nuttmann for helping feed some hungry athletes and band members. Food donated by Flat Rock Elks.....

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Coach Rob, Sam
and Carlson High
School Students,
We say **Thank You**
from the Flat Rock
Elks for the signed
framed picture
below of the 2017
Basketball
Tournament. This
will be on display
for everyone to
see at the Elks.

Dear Friend of the Shooting with the Stars Basketball Game,

We have a small gift in appreciation of your donation and support it is a picture frame signed by many of the players that were part of this wonderful event. We just want you to see some of the names and smiling faces of the children in what for many is the best experience of their athletic careers. Each year the purpose of this competitive event is to inspire and motivate young members of both schools to realize their full potential as student athletes and hopefully build lifelong relationships between the athletes of these two schools. We want to thank for your donation and we look forward to your continued support of the Shooting with the Stars Basketball game hosted at Carlson High School with the students from both Carlson and Jo Brighton. We also invite you to come and enjoy the game next year with us.

Thank you again for your generous support of our athletes,

Best wishes,

Rob Raymond
Director of Shooting with Stars Basketball Game



Coach Rob Raymond & Sam Camilleri are responsible for creating and running "Shooting with the Stars" Basketball competition between Jo-Brighton Special Athletes and Carlson High School teams.



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