



# BULLETIN

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Annual Golf Outing

Wed, July 22

Sandy Ridge

10 am Shotgun Start  
Includes steak dinner  
at club

\$60/person; \$240/team  
Non-members welcome

Sign-up now

at the Club –

Entries due July 17

For more information:

Gary Reisig

989-631-4042



Invite your friends!  
Invite your coworkers!  
Invite your family!

The lodge needs your  
participation in this  
major fund raiser which  
is a critical contributor  
to our annual budget.

## LODGE CONTACTS

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## MIDLAND ELKS IN ACTION

**Vets Bingo:** Our district of the Michigan Elks Association Veterans Committee assist with bingo at the Aleda Lutz Veterans Memorial Hospital. In June, it was the Midland Lodge's turn to help the veterans with their bingo cards, call back the winning numbers, and award coupon book prizes. Attending were Linda Woods, Bob Woods, Ryan Ruzala, Art Vasold, Terry Hanley, Shelia Jensen and Shelia's son Thomas. Our lodge also donated playing cards and toiletries to the Veterans. So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.

**Michigan Major Project:** The Midland Lodge received a request from a mother who's six-year-old son was born prematurely with a speech defect and other health issues. Her request was to pay for a speech clinic at Central Michigan University this summer for \$600. Michigan Major Projects will be picking up the cost. Please turn in your 365 banks so we can continue to help meet children's needs.

**Elks National Foundation:** Since we reached our goal of \$4.50 per capita with contributions to Elks National Foundation, we qualified for a gratitude grant of \$500. We are using that money to buy a care package for the National Guard troops fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are sending socks, toiletries, snacks, etc. If you would like to donate any items please bring them to the lodge.

Please get you \$10 donation in for Elks National Foundation.  
Remember *Elks Care, Elks Share.*

**Flag Day:** The Midland Elks joined with American Legion Post 165 and Boy Scout troop 767 to make a fitting ceremony in commemoration of Flag Day. Additional photos will be posted at [elks1610.org](http://elks1610.org).

Arthur Vasold, PER

Ryan Ruzala, PER



## CLUB MATTERS

### TO BE SMOKE-FREE OR NOT TO BE SMOKE FREE, THAT IS THE QUESTION

I held two "town hall" meetings recently to get your feedback about having a smoke-free club. About a dozen of our lodge members showed up to express their views. The views expressed were mixed: some preferred smoke-free; some wanted to allow smoking; some didn't smoke themselves but didn't care if others smoked.

Because of the small amount of PARTICIPATION in the discussion, the lodge officers do not know if going smokeless will hurt or help business at the club. Before making a final recommendation on the question of having a smoke-free club or not, we need to hear from many, many more of you. To make it easier for you to have your voice heard, I have included a small questionnaire in the bulletin. Please fill it out and return it within two weeks of getting the bulletin. Your PARTICIPATION is needed.

John Cole

Exalted Ruler



**Have a safe and glorious  
Independence Day holiday!**

# ELKS CALENDAR – JULY/AUGUST 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Club 4 pm - 10 pm	Club 4 pm - 10 pm	Club 4 pm - 10 pm Elvira's Mexican	Club 4 pm - 10 pm	Club 4 pm - 10 pm Fish Fry	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open daily as indicated (note hours above) <input type="checkbox"/> Closed			1	2	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <b>Lodge – 8 pm</b>	22	23 <b>Golf Outing</b>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 <b>Lodge – 8 pm</b>	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Please complete this questionnaire on smoking and return it to the lodge within two weeks.

How many months out of the year do you live in the Midland area: \_\_\_\_\_

When in the Midland area, how often do you come to the club now (check one):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Every day
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 or 3 times a week
- \_\_\_\_\_ About once a week
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 or 3 times a month
- \_\_\_\_\_ About once a month
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 or 6 times a year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hardly ever
- \_\_\_\_\_ Never

Which statement(s) best reflects your preference on the smoking issue (check all that apply):

- \_\_\_\_\_ The entire club/lodge facilities should be completely smoke-free.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There should be a separate, well isolated section in the club that is reserved for smoking.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our Elk members who want to smoke should be allowed to smoke in the club.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There should be no change in the smoking rules as they are now.
- \_\_\_\_\_ It makes no difference to me if the club/lodge is smoking or non-smoking.

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