



Newsletter

Man-of-Honor Society

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Man of Honor Celebrates 14 Years of Dedication to Local Vets 8, 9, 10 June 2018 At The Eagles Club

Written By Bernie Knippel, Retired E-8, First Sergeant, USAF

Once again Tom Fust volunteered to head up the 2018 MOH Raffle. Dan Rigney was again Co-chair and their day began on Wednesday when they and many others began to set up. Those two continue to do a great job. I was busy setting up the Bar assisted by Billy (Mouse) Kucil. Bill Fenhaus was busy getting the "Dollars" ready to help everyone get started and rest assured he had things under control.

"Vixter" Harness was ready for the 50/50 and as our unit photographer she will take hundreds of pictures before its all over. Lots to do for her but she always manages to get the job done regardless of the big load. John "The Barker" had everything in place and the raffles were ready to go. Always a good day with "The Barker" at the helm. "Chewy" Mathwich in to do the job on Saturday since John decided to go on the Honor Run. It appears we have another guy you cannot give a microphone to. WOW!. He had a great day "selling his wares" and a tip of the hat to Chewy who did a terrific job. Cortney and John Heck along with Cathie (Toot) Morgan had things ready for the kids to do and were ready to roll. "Bring 'em On". Also on opening day Bev Bain and Char Goretski managed some hundred square boards and the results were just great. The winners went home with some very nice prizes. Nice work ladies.

Friday was opening day and the weather did not cooperate as well as we would have liked. A little windy and cool but still not a bad attendance. The Whitehouse Players took over at 6 p.m. and of course that brought some people in. They put on an outstanding performance as they usually do and lead singer Shelby once again dazzled everyone with a brilliant performance. Everything went well on Friday but again things were a bit slow because of the weather.

On Saturday the weather was nice and a different day began. The troops were formed up for the flag raising ceremony at noon. I was able to convince Sara Dewitt to start it off. She sang the national anthem and had everyone in awe. A beautiful voice from a pretty young lady. She did a wonderful job once again this year. A little after 4 p.m. approximately 135 bikers rolled in the Eagles parking lot headed up by Mary Mulder. The Honor Ride once again successful and Mary deserves the credit for managing the entire Ride. A beautiful site to see watching the bikers (and those who rode along). President Jeff Morgan and I honored them as they rode in by Saluting the entire bike ride which many of the bikers appreciated. Some of the bikers stepped up to the bar while others were famished from the ride and decided to have something to eat. Connie Masterson and Donna Gosse were in charge of the food area, did a great job and were ready for everyone who lined up to eat. At 6 p.m. HYDE started to play and the place was packed. All the bartenders that Mouse and I had on the job were working out..

Around 9 p.m. I gathered everyone up to start our annual ceremony. Kaylee, the lead singer of HYDE was introduced by President Jeff Morgan and then she sang the national anthem. I was very honored that she volunteered to sing for us and her beautiful singing did not let us down. Thank you so much Kaylee. The Ceremony started and I was asked to take over. I said a few words about the MOH and just before we started to honor all our fallen members I read a quote from General George S. Patton,

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every two months.*

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**Letter
from the
Prez**

**Jeff Morgan
SFC E7, ARNG, Re-
tired**



Hello everyone! THANK YOU all for all you do. Thank You for the giving of your time and talents. Through out the year we partake in many different activities and many of you volunteer to help or to be part of whatever it is we do without any hesitation especially this past 6 or 7 weeks.

The month of May Man of Honor was involved with the giant flag raising at Gander Outdoors. I saw some pictures on our MOH web page. I don't know how many or who were there to help raise that flag.

21 May was the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. I was very pleased to see so many White Caps there to welcome home our Hero's.

The 26th many MOH people and family and friends gathered at Marathon Park to be part of Memorial Day Parade. Joe Nikolai again brought his 1929 Model " T " and Ric & Rosie Carr came with their 2008 Chrysler Convertible.

May 28th the MOH assembled at Restlawn Cemetery Veterans Field of Honor. This year we did a brief history of the Branch Service Flags and the POW/MIA Flag.

As you may have noticed, these few sentences are just high lights. The man with the " Golden Pen " has offered to write the stories for most of this newsletter which is mainly

about the raffle. I'll have a few articles as well to thank the people who were involved in the activities mentioned above. These events won't get done without your involvement. THANK YOU! Thank You, Secretary Bernie Knippel for writing the articles for this newsletter. Now I would like to give a very special thank you to all who helped in any way shape or form in making this raffle such a success. I cannot do this by names in case I might forget someone. THANK YOU to all who helped work in the Kitchen, Bar, Games, Set-up, Tear-down and everything in between. Thank You to friends and families who helped in any way. I'd like to thank and acknowledge the main players that make this raffle so great. In no particular order:

Vicki (Vixter) Harness: MOH Photographer

Bernie Knippel, Billy (Mouse) Kucil: Bar

Donna Gosse, Connie Masterson: Kitchen

Cortney & John Heck, Cathie (Toot) Morgan: Kids Games

Peggy Wold, Bev Bain, Gerri Knippel, Vickie Harness: Basket Raffles

Mary Mary Mulder & David Nowak: Honor Ride

White House Players: Friday Night Music

Hyde: Saturday Night Music

Polish Connection: Sunday Music

John S. Fust: Barker

Ryan (Chewy) Mathwich: Stand-in Barker

Sara Dewitt: National Anthem

Jonathon Lactin: Saturday Night taps

Scott Zoromski: Fire in the Sky Fireworks

Rosie Carr: All the work she does year around.

The Man of Honor Officers

Thank you *Wausau Eagles Club and staff*

Most important thank you, *Tom Fust*, MOH Raffle Chairman and all around swell guy.

Thank you everyone. God bless you and the United States.

INTEGRITY-HONOR-CONCERN

Nice Job!

Written by Bernie Knippel, Ret, E-8 First Sergeant, USAF

A special "Thank You" to Mary and Charlie Sapp along with Billy "Mouse" Kucil for the absolute super job they did on the MOH meeting room. Scrubbing floors, mopping floors and moving tables and chairs all over the place is a tough, time consuming job. They did it all with a smile on their faces and our hats are off to them for a job well done.

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that I thought very appropriate. Quote:

IT IS FOOLISH AND WRONG TO MOURN
THE MEN WHO DIED; RATHER WE
SHOULD THANK GOD THAT SUCH MEN
LIVED.

Kevin Zahurones rang the bell after I read the names of each of our fallen members. Taps was then played by Jonathon Landin and he could not have been better. Then came the fireworks thanks to Scott Zoromski which the crowd very much enjoyed.

Then back to HYDE to complete the evening. Every member of that band is an extremely talented individual and it shows. Bradley, for example, rocks that guitar and you will have to go a long way to get someone to even come close to him. HYDE you are the best!!!

Sunday once again came early and all the folks were ready to polka as today the Polish Connection would put all their talents to use. Once again a fantastic performance and everyone was loving it. Donna Gosse and Connie Masterson were ready to put on the \$5.00 chicken dinner and that they did. People were lined up for the meal and I saw some real satisfied faces as they finished their meal. Peggy Wold was very much involved in the dinner as she prepared all the chicken for the gals. Don Masterson ran the side raffles and did a great job. On to the baskets. Peggy, Gerri Knippel and Bev Bain were hard at it with a great deal of help from Donna Vetterkind.

Time for the drawing. Mayor Robert Mielke was our Guest of Honor and when asked to draw the winning tickets he said he "Would be honored to do it". We met at the Eagles Lounge and briefed him on what was about to take place and we were off and running. Prior to the drawing I once again introduced Retired U.S. Army Airborne Archie A. Drake (my

brother at heart). He is the father of associate member Cortney Heck and father-in-law of member John Heck. Archie is wheel chair bound and unable to walk yet he makes it a point to support the MOH in all we do. He shows up for the ceremony with a Man of Honor white cap and white shirt. The officers all lined up in front of the stage as I introduced this proud veteran to several hundred people in attendance. President Morgan introduced Mayor Mielke and the drawing began. When it was over there were a few frowns on some faces and some smiles on others. John Fust had a huge smile as his wife won the new Jeep. A very special thank you to Mayor Mielke who honored us by finding the time in his busy schedule to be part of our annual event.

After the drawing it was time for taps. All the troops began to line up for the finale. Archie Drake was brought to the front of the formation and myself and John Heck stood by his side while two members of the Polish Connection played echo taps. They did a brilliant job on the taps I might add. The troops were all saluting and Archie raised his arm and rendered a fine salute. Difficult as it was for him he "got er' done ". The 2018 Man of Honor Raffle is now history.

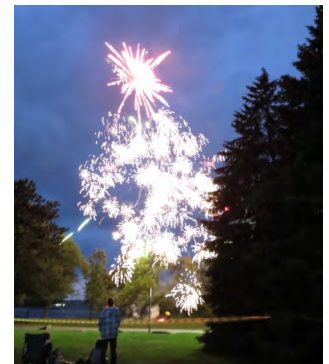
The Officers of the MOH Society want to thank each and every person who was involved in the raffle. There are way too many people to name, but you know who you are and you all deserve a pat on the back. A special thank you to Merle Kelch, head of the Eagles Club for his outstanding support during our raffle. You are priceless. Once again, to all the MOH members and those people who believe in our cause, we thank you for all you did and for your support. The 2018 MOH raffle was an absolute success.

THANK YOU ALL!!!!

Friday - June 8, 2018



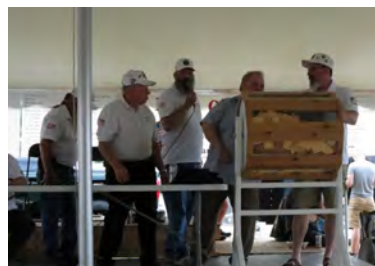
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Honor Ride - Saturday June 9, 2018



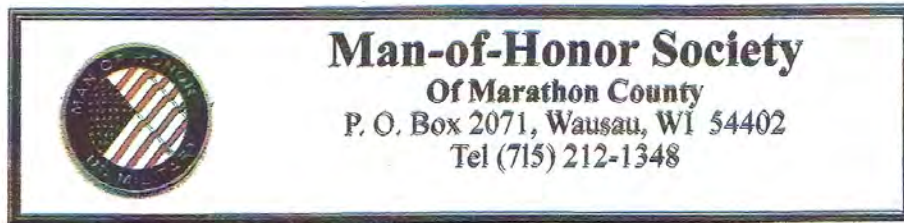
Sunday - June 10, 2018



A 9 Year Old Boy to Remember

Written by Bernie Knippel, Re USAF, E-8 First Sergeant

Raffle Appreciation Day was held on 16 June 2018 at the MOH Clubhouse starting around 1 p.m. Myself, Gerri Knippel, Don & Connie Masterson, Mary and Charlie Sapp and Billy (Mouse) Kucil made sure everything was ready to go. Members and families started to arrive around noon. President Jeff Morgan was on the grill and the brats and burgers were ready to go. The refreshment center was in full swing with Lt Dan Rigney and Mouse Kucil at the helm. I made arrangements to have Casey Welk, a 9 year old boy and his PaPa Don to be at the clubhouse to receive a Letter of Appreciation I had written on behalf of the officers, who all signed the letter. I read the letter to him and to the audience and then President Morgan presented him with a MOH coin. I then gave him a MOH Jacket (which he decided to keep on while there). What this 9 year old boy did touched many of us deeply and I was honored to make his day complete. The letter that follows explains it all.



Mr Casey Welk

16 June 2018

The Man of Honor (MOH) Society of Marathon County was honored to receive your donation of \$104.08. We were advised that you have been saving that money for the past two years and you wanted to make a donation to military people.

It is unheard of for anyone your age to make such a sacrifice. We know there are many things a young man can spend his money for, but for you to decide to donate it to military Veterans is absolutely beyond belief. The Man of Honor Society members hope that when you become of age you will follow in our footsteps and join the military service and become a Veteran someday, having honored your Country.

Casey you are quite a young man and the members of this society will never forget what you have done.

Once again, you have honored us by your unbelievable donation and for that we Salute you.

With Great Respect:

FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE MOH SOCIETY

Bernie Knippel

John First

Jeff Morgan

Bill Ferkus

Van Rigney



Memorial Day Parade-May 26, 2018

Written by Jeff Morgan, President



People and vehicles started showing up at Marathon Park in the Midway about 9 a.m. Marching bands, Fire Trucks all the things one

needs for a parade. What a beautiful late morning it was to be in the Memorial Day Parade. Man of Honor van & trailer was there and decorated with banners and flags. Lots of members and their families and/or



friends attended and handed out small flags to the parade watchers.

Wausau Police Department lead the parade with their Flag Detail, followed by a Wausau Fire Truck. Next



was a Hearse to symbolize that we must never forget our fallen. The MOH was next in the lineup, with many behind us and we made our

way to the former VFW property where the orator was Ron Jones.



Got to say, Ron, you did an outstanding job!!

Restlawn Cemetery Memorial Day Service-May 28, 2018

Written by Jeff Morgan, President



Man of Honor was again invited to Veterans Field of Honor at Restlawn Cemetery for their Memorial Day Celebration in Honor of our lost Brothers and Sisters, or in memory of our Veterans.

In the past, we did the 13 folds of the US Flag or the Ceremony of the Missing Man Table. This year to change it up a bit, we did a brief history of our Branch Service Flags, including the POW/MIA Flag. Start-



ing with the Army Flag, as the flag bearer came to center stage, dipping the flag so \$Bill Fenhaus could hold it open, I read a brief history for each flag including the POW/MIA flag. A very nice ceremony.

Guest Speakers kept their speeches to a minimum.



Thanks to all who came to be part of that celebration.

Never Forgotten Honor Flight May 21, 2018

Written by Jeff Morgan, President



Ron Jones, Richard Knoeck, and Al Morasch II were the Man of Honor Members on the 21 May Never Forgotten Honor Flight. The Man of Honor was well represented. Just about two dozen members were there to welcome home our Hero's. This was

the last of the Spring Flights.

Fall flights are September 17th then again October 15th. Come on down to CWA in Mosinee - 9 P.M. is early enough. The plane comes in around 10:00 p.m. or just a bit later. White Shirts, White Caps. See you there.

A Ton of Paper Donated from Packaging Corporation of America

Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director

We would like to thank Packaging Corporation of America for the donation of paper for our newsletter/flyers and regular printing paper that we desperately needed.



Dan Toivonen, a member of the MOH, donated his time and found a Corporation who would donate the paper we needed. He also took his truck to Boise Mill in International Falls, MN and picked it up and

coordinated with us to bring it back to Wausau. It took him 3 hours to get to Wausau. All in all, it was an entire pallet of approximately 20 boxes of news-letter paper and 20 boxes of regular paper. We should have enough of both kinds for a while. Thanks again Dan Toivonen!!



Also thanks to all who helped unload the paper. It was greatly appreciated.

Flag Raising at Gander Outdoors May 19, 2018

Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director

Man of Honor took part in raising the flag at Gander Outdoors. It was 6 times bigger than Perkins, 40 x 80 feet. They needed 70 or more people to help



bring the flag to the pole. Veterans, Law enforcement, Fire Fighters all were there to lend a hand.

It was surely a sight to witness!



Rest In Peace



Written by Rosie Carr, PR Director

Obituaries published will include military and Associate members and their family. Their family is defined as parents, in-laws, spouse, children (adopted and step-children) and siblings.

**Contact: Rosie Carr
ricosiecarr@charter.net or 715-571-9620.**

Judi E. Bluhm, 74, of Wausau, passed away on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at her home.



Judi was the mother of Rob Bluhm, MOH member.

Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bluhm family.

Funds Committee Update

Written by Ron Jones, Funds Committee Chairman

The Funds Committee had requests that were paid by the Man of Honor Society for May and June 2018.

Appliance	\$ 210.98
Food	\$ 100.00
Funeral - Rob Bluhm's Mother	\$ 200.00
Mortgage	\$1,199.34
Mortgage	\$1,087.04
Rent	\$1,250.00
Rent	\$ 480.00
Utilities	\$ 913.00
Utility Bill	\$1,600.00

Utility, Rent	\$ 906.00
Wheelchair lift	\$ 650.00
Work tools	\$ 82.05

Total this period \$11,223.41

Total Paid 2018 \$31,536.70

Total paid 2017 \$18,175.14

Scholarship Program

Written by Ron Jones, Funds Request Chairman

Scholarship recipients 2018

1. Colton Esker, DC Everest, going to UWMC, grandson of John Krukowski
2. Elizabeth Reedy, DC Everest, going to NCTI, granddaughter of Ric and Rosie Carr
3. Rhyan Lang, Wausau West, going to U of Minnesota, grandson of Denis Lang
4. Misty Wolff, Wausau West, going to UW Green Bay, daughter of Peter Wolff
5. Lindsay Nehls, Farmington Hills, MN, going to U of Minnesota, granddaughter of Robert Paul
6. Noah Bolling, Merrill High School, going to UW Madison, grandson of Jim Wadzinski
7. David Bagby, Wausau West, going to UWMC, grandson of Larry Vinson

Man of Honor is very proud to award a \$200 scholarship to each of these fine young people.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE GRADUATING SENIORS.

Happy Birthday



July

- 3 - Larry Seidl, US Navy
 - 5 - Joe Hoppa, USAF
 - 6 - Scott Pavlow, USAF
 - 9 - Kurt Gray, USMC
 - 12 - Scott Wanta, Associate
 - 12 - Catherine Sowinski, US Navy
 - 13 - Charles Shipway, USAF
 - 15 - Cindy Hendrichs, Associate
 - 16 - Randy Hoppe, US Army
 - 16 - James Mc Fann, US Army
 - 16 - Joel Szablewski, US Army
 - 17 - Richard Kloppenburg, US Navy
 - 17 - Nathaniel Stepp, US Navy
 - 18 - Austin Harris, Army NG
 - 18 - Howard Iwen, US Army
 - 18 - Butch Russ, USMC
 - 21 - Richard Hubert, USAF
 - 21 - Michael Neidigh, US Navy
 - 21 - Bryan Thacker, USMC
 - 24 - Sue Fenhaus, Associate
 - 24 - Allen Hotchkiss, US Army
 - 25 - Anastasia Sebourn, Army NG
 - 25 - Jason Yonker, US Army
 - 26 - Joe Nikolai, Army NG
 - 27 - Duck Mallard, US Army
 - 27 - George Webb, USMC
 - 28 - Shirley Bickford, USAF
 - 29 - Robert Burton, USAF
 - 29 - Kevin Krueger, US Army
 - 31 - Ray Bender, US Army
 - 31 - Don Genrich, Army NG
 - 31 - Henry Meverden, US Army
- 6 - Gary Olson, US Army
 - 7 - Thomas Buhs, US Navy
 - 7 - James Landowsky, US Navy
 - 8 - Sue Rasmussen, US Army
 - 10 - Tom Traska, US Navy
 - 11 - Dan Brezovar, US Army
 - 11 - Greg Brezovar, US Army
 - 11 - Jeff Morgan, Army NG
 - 11 - Rodney Rein, US Army
 - 11 - Roger Zynda, US Army
 - 12 - Tom Fust, USMC
 - 13 - Vernon Vetterkind, US Army
 - 14 - William Fenhaus, NG
 - 15 - Jacob Petterson, US Army
 - 15 - Todd Zunker, US Army
 - 16 - Chad Jirovec, USAF
 - 17 - Lynda Fust, Associate
 - 17 - Roger Kohn, USMC
 - 17 - Kent Wesner, US Army
 - 18 - Clarence Guralski, USAF
 - 18 - Felix Lucero, US Coast Guard
 - 19 - Lloyd Borgh, US Army
 - 20 - Jeff Dehnel, US Army
 - 20 - Jeffery Oelke, US Army
 - 20 - Kevin Zahurones, Army NG
 - 21 - Ron Detert, US Navy
 - 22 - Daniel Paul, USAF
 - 22 - Charlie Sapp, US Army
 - 23 - Jason Rumbaugh, US Army
 - 24 - Bernie Knippel, USAF
 - 24 - Edward Marek, USAF
 - 24 - Arleigh Utecht, US Army
 - 25 - Cathie Morgan, Associate
 - 25 - Jack Treu, USMC
 - 26 - Edward Benzing, US Navy
 - 26 - David Campbell, US Army
 - 26 - Elaine Hanson, US Army
 - 27 - Gregory Falkowski, USAF
 - 27 - Vicki Harness, Associate
 - 27 - Kraut Kersemeier, USAF
 - 29 - Robert Hood, USMC
 - 31 - Brian Heier, US Navy

August

- 1 - Rick Beck, USMC
- 2 - Roger Wunsch, US Navy
- 3 - Les Kucksdorf, USAF
- 4 - Tyra Chlebowski, USAF

The birthday winners who attend-

ed the May 12th meeting received \$25 for May was Ben Chrusniak, USMC and for June was Jim Neitzke, US Army.

Their were 4 ticket winners and received \$170 each. Lucy Cota won a beautiful wooden plaque.

Thanks for attending.

New Members

We have 8 new members in our society which brings it to a total of 453. Let's welcome the following:

Lloyd Borgh, US Army
David Carroll, US Navy
James Lake, National Guard
Felix Lucero, US Coast Guard
Scott Pavlow, USAF
Catherine Sowinski, US Navy
Marshall Swanson, US Navy
Lloyd Utecht, US Army

We are always looking for new members to help on our many functions, such as: raffle, selling raffle tickets, parades, committees, building maintenance, and much more.

Thank You to all who made donations for our raffle.

*Submitted by: Bill Fenhaus,
Treasurer*

I'm sure this has been said by others in this newsletter, but again Thank You for whatever you did and continue to do. The raffle would not be a success without your hard work and sacrifice of your time. Thank You for making the MOH raffle a complete success.

Coming Events:

July 14, 2018 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

July 28, 2018 - Golf Tournament at Trapp River Golf Course. Starting time is 9:15 a.m. Cost will be \$60 per person or \$240 per team. \$240 per team must be paid not later than 12 July 2018. Those that have not paid by then will be dropped and replaced by one of those on the waiting list.

Contact: Bernie Knippel at 715-803-8039 or Billy (Mouse) Kucil at 715-574-1337.

September 8, 2018 - Meeting at the Clubhouse at 1425 Townline Road, Wausau, WI 54403 at 2:00 p.m.

September 17, 2018 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight Mission #33 at CWA. Meet at the airport at 9:00 p.m. in uniform White Caps, and White Shirt. If you only have the White Caps, come anyway!

Let's honor the hero's when they come home!

October 15, 2018 - Never Forgotten Honor Flight Mission #34 at CWA. Meet at the airport at 9:00 p.m. in uniform White Caps, and White Shirt. If you only have the White Caps, come

Flag retirement drop off box at the "Clubhouse" and "The Jim"

anyway!

Let's honor the hero's when they come home!

MOH Item's For Sale

Anyone interested in purchasing one or more of the following items, they are available at the Clubhouse. You already have the MOH white hats so if you like to purchase the uniform which consist of the MOH white shirts, and fleece jackets they are available. To purchase see one of the Officers or Larry Andreski at 715-574-9357 or Gerri Knippel at 715-359-6178 or Donna Gosse at 715-297-0510.

Fleece Jackets	\$25.00
White Shirts	\$15.00
White Replacement Hats	\$10.00
T-Shirts	\$10.00
Sweatshirts	\$20.00
Wool "Beanie" Caps	\$5.00
Car Flags	\$10.00
Garden Flags	\$20.00
Hitch Covers	\$10.00
Koozie Cups	\$1.00

Congratulations to the winners! Man of Honor 14th Year Raffle 2018

- 1st: Jeep - Lynda Fust
- 2nd: Harley - Lisa Schroeder
- 3rd: 4-wheeler - Lyle Kurtzweil
- 4th: John Deere - Brian Housley
- 5th: \$500 - Mark Mugavero
- 6th: \$500 - John Deppe Jr.
- 7th: \$300 - Sandy Kozlowski
- 8th: \$300 - John Meyer

9th: \$300 - Cheryl Falkowski

10th: \$300 - Cory Miller

11th: \$200 - Darrell Nueski

12th: \$200 - Paula Schultz

13th: \$200 - Anthony Ott

14th: \$200 - Cassandra Lang

15th: \$200 - Linda Conn

16th: \$100 - Betty Hoenisch

17th: \$100 - Caroline Sell

18th: \$100 - Gladys Cebula

19th: \$100 - Dennis Borchardt

20th: \$100 - Debbie Maly

21st: \$100 - Jim Whitehead

22nd: \$100 - Bill Lammers

23rd: \$100 - Roger Kessler

24th: \$100 - Kim Roz-marynowski

25th: \$100 - Bonnie Linder

We would like to thank the business and or people who sponsored/donated to our raffle.

We would also like to thank the announcer's, bartenders, food servers, cooks, advertisers, basket sellers, ticket seller's and buyer's, those who organized the event, etc. and most important part of all is the people who supported us by attending.

Thank you for another successful year!

Check in with Gerri Knippel at the front desk prior to the meeting.