

## Ken Rhodus honored at party

Longtime Hastings Elk, Ken Rhodus, was honored by the Lodge during his 50th Wedding Anniversary Party on July 2nd. The surprise award was bestowed on Dr. Rhodus in front of more than 150 family and friends who were attending the event.

His longtime friend, PER Denny Barker, presented the award, in honor of Ken's many contributions to the Lodge and Golf Course over the years. Many architectural features on the course, from directional markers to bridges, were designed and constructed by Dr. Rhodus.

ER Jackie Norris was also on hand to mark the award.



## In Memoriam

**Bernard Pavelka**

**June 24, 1922 - July 19, 2011**

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Bernard Pavelka, a member of Hastings Lodge #159 for 49 years. Bernard joined Hastings Elks on October 28, 1963.

He was born in Glenville, Nebraska and was a well-known local businessman in Hastings for many years.

Bernard became a Life Member of the Elks in August of 2003.

## VETERANS ACTIVITIES

It has been a year since A-Troop 1-134th Cavalry left for Afghanistan and they are ALL safely home. The families very much appreciate all the help that Hastings Elks Lodge #159 provided during that year their husbands and fathers were gone. I'd like to give a special thank you to Anita Snider, Bob Storehalder, Rich Freeman and Brad Norton for all their assistance in helping with the many events that we participated in.

There is a Marine that we will be adopting for the next year. He's Sgt. Andrew Dixon, USMC, who is also stationed in Afghanistan. He is the stepson of Patrick Jones. I'll be sending out a care package to him around the 15th of August, so anyone interested in contributing, please place your items in the "Adopt A Troop" box located by the door of the coat closet.

Don't forget, VA Bingo is on the 30th of August at 7pm. Anyone who is interested is definitely invited to participate. We play at the Grand Island VA Medical Facility, in their recreation room on the second floor.



## Americanism

This is the 10th Anniversary of 9/11, and we will be having a Flag Retirement Ceremony to commemorate this solemn occasion on September 11th. More details will follow in the September Newsletter, but if you know of anyone with a flag that is torn, soiled and no longer fit to flown, please let them know that the Elks will be retiring our Nation's emblem with dignity and proper honors next month.



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