

# ALBERTA ELKS NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023



## Alberta Elks Association President Brother James Zimmer



As summer comes to an end and the kids head back to school and lodges get back to business my job as president truly begins.

I am looking forward to getting on the roads starting in October to visit lodges. I won't make it to all the lodges but I would like to remind lodges that the Alberta Elks Association has services available to all lodges to access. The Communications Committee is available to make posters for lodges, assist with advertising events or even advise on how you can advertise on your own. The Membership Committee is available to assist with membership drive ideas as well as membership retention. Do not hesitate to reach out to the chairs of each committee should you wish. Contact information is available on the Alberta Elks Association website under contacts.

As this new term begins let's do our best at making things happen in our communities and enjoy doing what we do.

All the best,

*James Zimmer*

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Provincial President



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#### President Zimmer's Schedule October to December 2023

Date	Lodge	Time
October 3	Elk Point #460	8:00
October 4	Hairy Hill #304	8:00
October 5	Heisler #305	8:00
October 9	Lloydminster #171	8:30
October 10	Vermilion #131	8:00
October 26	Westlock #330	8:00
November 2	Irma #366	8:00
November 6	Valleyview #321	8:00
December 4	Round Hill #71	8:00
December 5	Halkirk #361	8:00
December 7	Medicine Hat #412	8:00



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# Foundation News



Brother and Sister Elks, as the new cycle of the Elks year begins, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of your Alberta Elks Foundation and of what it does and can do for you and your community.

One of the questions that we are often asked is just what the Foundation does. For those members who have been around for a number of years it is easily answered but for our newer members it is a mystery. While it would take up too much space to outline all our functions and grants, I would encourage you to access the website and learn more about what **YOUR** foundation does.

As a thumbnail sketch let me point out without going into detail the areas that we are involved in. The following are some of the areas that we are involved in: I.S.T.A.R. grants and scholarships, the float and Charlie the Elk, General grants for capital expenditures, Personal Assistance grants, Tabs for Tots program, emergency fire assistance, Annual Raffle, Casino, Toy Drive, and out latest start up the Mighty Lil Elk. These are some of our programs and we are always open to new ideas and suggestions for areas to look at being involved to enhance and support our lodges in their communities.

If you are unaware of any of these programs or how they operate or are accessed, please reach out to an experienced lodge member, your District Deputy, a Provincial officer either present or past or go to the website and see a detailed explanation and forms to apply to a specific grant area.

Hoping that the year will bring you challenges and many opportunities.

Sincerely,  
Bill Ward  
Foundation Chair



Rimbey Hospital Legacy Committee  
Box 440, 5228 - 50 Ave  
Rimbey, AB T0C 2J0  
Phone: 403 843 2271  
www.rimbeyhospitallegacycommittee.com

July 13, 2023

Dear Alberta Elks Foundation:

**RE: Donation**

**Thank you!** Thank you for your support, these funds will go towards purchasing new blanket warmers for the Rimbey Hospital and Care Centre.

This helps patients receive enhanced health care in the Rimbey Community. Your contribution is at work, funding equipment and enhancements to help our health care providers improve quality of life for your family, your friends and your community.

A charitable receipt is attached below for income tax purposes.

**Thank you for being a champion of health care.**

Warm Regards,



Patrick Rurka  
Chair, Rimbey Hospital Legacy Committee

\*\*\*Please note: All receipts will be generated by the Wetaskiwin Health Foundation, for any questions or concerns, please contact them directly at (780) 361-4130.\*\*\*



Wetaskiwin Health Foundation  
5910 - 47 Street, Wetaskiwin, AB T5A 3N3  
Phone: 780-351-4130

Receipt No: RI-177  
**OFFICIAL RECEIPT FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES**  
Charity Business Number: 115295416RR0001

Receipt Date: 6/28/2023  
Gift Date: 6/19/2023  
Sponsorship Amount: \$5,000.00  
Receipt Amount: \$5,000.00  
Less Advantages:  
Fund: Rimbey Greatest Needs



Lee Fredeen Kohliert, Board Chair

For information on registered charities in Canada under the Income Tax Act please visit: Canada Revenue Agency @ www.canada.ca/charities-giving



**HAVE YOU UPDATED  
OUR ADDRESS?**

The ALBERTA ELKS FOUNDATION address is  
**NOT**  
the Alberta Elks Association address.



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When you send information for the Foundation to the Association, The Association has to forward your mail and it takes longer for the Foundation to receive and respond, than if you sent it DIRECTLY to the Foundation.

**PLEASE** update our address for **ALL** Foundation Correspondence.



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# Breton Elks #402



Well, hello everyone again, as everyone may have noticed we are certainly experiencing a true meaning of hazy days of summer. We can only hope better days are coming soon. In the meantime we need to enjoy our flowers, potatoes and tomatoes.

Meanwhile we need to do a follow up on July 1 st parade float. Under the direction of Kathryn Muller and Alan Baines a beautiful float was put together. They were assisted by some future Elk members, Aayliath ,Ciara, Mattea, Jack, Brandon, Tanner and Brayden. The theme of the float was serving our community year round. An attempt was made to pay tribute to the efforts of Breton Elks to operate the R.V. Park in summer and the Ice Rink in winter. A special thank you to Aayliath and Ciara in taking the devoted time to ride on the float. Thank you to all who were involved. A great job for sure.



The Breton Elks and the Alberta Elks Foundation donated \$3,800.00 for an "owl" to facilitate zoom meetings at our new Community Centre. It enhances the audio/video equipment we had installed previously. Accepting the cheque are our Mayor and Councillors

# Breton Elks #402



Stavelly Elks Lodge 112 presented the check for \$5000 to the Stavelly Ag. Society, for their outdoor pole structure venue project. The Ag Society president, Ryan Hall is in the back row, to the right of Past Exalted Ruler Brian Nelson.

We have received the matching \$5000 from the foundation, and will be presenting it to the Ag Society as well. Once we have done that, we'll send a photo of the presentation and the required form too the office.

The lodge wishes to thank the foundation for their matching donation.



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# Carstairs Elks #556



The Elks are in our communities to help, and that's just what the members of the Carstairs Elks #556 spent the summer doing.

The Carstairs Elk's helped with the Tornado Fundraiser at Rocky Mountain Motorsports Track. It was a great day cooking smokies and helping with the parking. It was great to watch all the cars as they gave rides around the track.

They also deserve a round of applause for coming out to help with cooking for the Mountainview Tornado fundraiser

# Coronation Elks 360



The Coronation Elks would like to thank everyone who attended our Kids Can Catch event today! The wind was rough but it looked like people had a blast!

We would like to send a special thank you to the Fish and Wildlife officer who made an appearance and dropped off some amazing new gear, and to Coronation Industrial for the donation of water bottles for our lunch.

# Elk Point Elks Lodge #460



At our last meeting on June 6th, we managed to finish up some of our on-going projects.

Some of our donations this Spring included \$1000.00 to the Elk Point Emergency Services fund, \$600.00 to the Youth Unlimited Group (Mountain Movers Youth), \$250 to Camp He Ho Ha, \$500.00 to the Alberta Elks Foundation, \$1530.00 to our Play 2 Learn Daycare, Manager Katelynn Coran who we are fortunate to have in our Elks Hall.

Certificates to Luke Germain for the E. H. Bjornstad Scholarship and Shaylyn Klatt for the Steve Kuziv Memorial Award. Both will receive \$1000.00 upon entry into their post-secondary institutions. Congratulations you two for great efforts in your Grade 12 year.

Finally, former Order of the Royal Purple Lodge member Vicki Brooker made a donation from the Mother's Day Library Tea event. Have a great summer everyone and we'll see you all in September

# Acme Elks # 216



Exalted Ruler Brother Corry presenting a \$500 donation to Jackson and Eden Wade to purchase free swimming on Sports Day.



## Dawson Creek Elks #289



Doug Becotte on behalf of the Dawson Creek Elks #289 recently presented two \$1,000 bursaries. Receiving the awards were Brianna Shuman and Eyra Jasmine Pasia. We wish them the best in their future education endeavors.

## Breton



Another amazing donation in Breton The Breton Elks, the Breton Royal Purple Elks, and the Alberta Elks Foundation were delighted to present a cheque for **\$20,000.00** to the Rimbey Hospital Legacy Fund; for the purchase of three blanket warmers. Working together brings great results.

## Fernie Elks Lodge #81



On behalf of the Fernie Elks Lodge, I would like to thank the Alberta Elks Foundation for their support of a local charitable organization, The Ghost Rider Adventure Camp.

Our local lodge has been most impressed with the work done by this local group with disadvantaged children. We can assure you that the additional funds provided by the Elks Foundation has been put to good use !

## Coronation Elks 360



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The Lodge had a wonderful turnout for the highway clean-up in August, and we had the honor to present the checks to our local Ukrainian evacuees.

Many thanks to Tryna Skrypka, Yevhenii Skrypka, Oksana Lobash, Viera Romashevsk, Bohdan Podoliak, we hope this will help your transition, and welcome to our Community!!

Thank you to all who helped out with the highway cleanup

## Acme Royal Purple #76



Acme Royal Purple #76 celebration with a the Elks Strawberry feed. During the celebration Sister Gail Schrock received her 50 year service pin. Sister Lois Snyder and Sister Veronica Eskenen were presented their 15 year pin. Sister Lisa Berry, receiving her 10 year pin.



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# Okotoks #31 Elks Club



EXTRA EXTRA Read all about it... Okotoks Elks just donated \$2,500.00 to the School Lunch Program. Keeping our kiddos fed and happy is our priority

# Carstairs Elks #556



Carstairs Elks #556 had some summer fun! A fun morning participating in the Carstairs Beef and Barley Days Parade, Exalted Ruler Erik Vester did a fantastic job as mascot Charlie the Elk

# Elk Point Elks Lodge #460



Wow! Another extremely beautiful morning for our annual Canada Day Parade of 2023. This year, our Elk Point Elks Lodge #460 paired up with the Haying in the 30s Cancer Support Group to put a float together for the parade.

Below are photos of the event and the float itself. As a Comment below the first photo, I have placed the names of those people who worked to get this all together. Thanks to all who contributed

# Hanna Elks



During the summer the Hanna Elks hosted their annual Pancake Breakfast for Seniors. It was a beautiful day and a wonderful morning for all involved.

# CHARLIE....



If you happen to be in the Okotoks #31 Elks Club region, pop by and see the new mural on the building- it is amazing!

# Brooks Elks #77



Members of the Brooks Elks cooked 4000 burgers in plus 30 weather for the Canada Celebration hosted by the City of Brooks.



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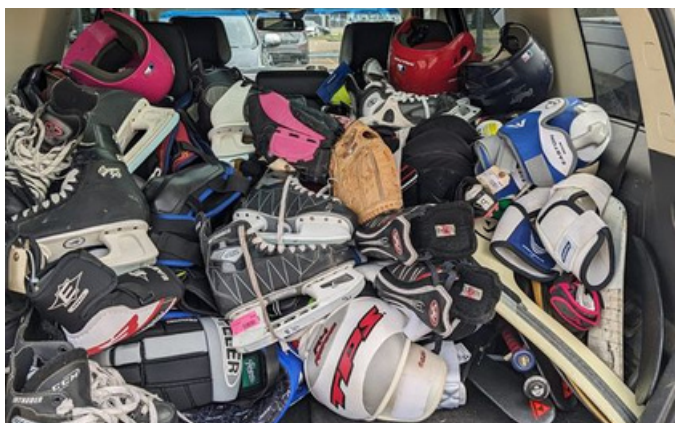
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## Stavely Royal Purple Elks #99



Florence Husted (Secretary and Past Honoured Royal Lady) presented our cheque for \$1200 to Stephen Ulrich for the Claresholm Health Foundation's Chaplaincy Fund on behalf of the Stavely Royal Purple Elks #99

## Coronation Elks 360



Coronation Elks 360 has a Kids Can Play program;

The Coronation Elks 360 would like to thank Totem Outdoor Outfitters of Edmonton for their wonderful and patient staff as well as their most generous manager who has helped [#kidscanplay](#) stock up for a second consecutive year!

We appreciate absolutely every piece of equipment donated but without our financial contributions, we could never have grown, expanded, and helped youth be active in the demographics we proudly serve.

## Acme Elks # 216



Cory Ward, Lisa Berry and Jim Northcott at the Beiseker Sports Day in June. The Lodge won First prize for their entry. Acme Elks are going places

## Camrose Elks #70



Camrose Police Service Chief dean LaGrange drew the winning Elks Cash Raffle tickets with past exalted ruler Gerry Czapp as a witness.

Back row from left, Royal Purple and Elks members Marian Czapp, Ken Rispler, Irene Gartner and Gerry Czapp presented winner, from row from left, Glenda Herle with \$3,000, Theodore Mattes with \$1,500 and Eleanor Fair with \$500. All three winners are from Camrose and 7,288 tickets were sold.

## CHARLIE....



Wainwright Liquor & Cold Beer hosted a Stampede BBQ in June and it looks like a great time was had !

A huge thank you to the Wainwright ELKS and the Wainwright Food Bank staff for helping serve With proceeds donated to the [Wainwright Food Bank](#)



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