



## President's Message

Greetings fellow Elk Members,

Fall has been beautiful allowing many to get all their outside jobs caught up before the snow. I know have enjoyed the extra days of warmth when out working in the corrals and getting in a few lodge visits on good roads. Hopefully District Deputies are able to get visits in while the weather is good.

I have started my visits and have really enjoyed meeting the members in their home lodges. Some lodges are doing well while others are struggling financially and member-wise. I have been impressed by the lodges that have many young members that are very involved in their lodges bringing with them new ideas and ways to raise money and get more involved in their communities. Unfortunately, with the rising cost of utilities, many lodges, that own their own buildings, are also finding it difficult to pay their bills and continue to donate in the community. If there is one thing I know, Elks are resilient and will find a way to move forward. Some lodges were initiating new members which is encouraging. I hope to see an increase in new members across Alberta.

I am looking forward to visiting more lodges in the New Year, meeting with their members, gathering new ideas and making new friendships.

Sincerely,

*James Zimmer*

James Zimmer  
Provincial President  
Alberta Elks

### Upcoming Visits

Nov. 6 – Valleyview #321	8p.m.
Dec. 4 – Round Hill #71	8p.m.
Dec. 5 – Halkirk #361	8p.m.
Dec. 7 – Medicine Hat #412	8p.m.

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS !!

The Alberta Elks Communications Committee love sharing your stories. We invite all lodges to share their coming events, donations, projects and more.

Submissions for the newsletter are due on the 25th of each month. When submitting an article we ask that you **send pictures as a JPEG upload and write up separate.**

If you do not send information with the photo your photos will no longer be published in the newsletter.

Example of information to send:

- Lodge Name and Number
- Who's in the photo
- Information about the project your donating to
- How much the donation is
- What the project is



# Foundation News

## What is a Disaster Victim Assistance Grant?

Upon knowledge of a disaster to a family (for example, a fire to the their principal residence if burnt or destroyed), a Lodge can contact the Alberta Elks Foundation Secretary either by phone (780-504-7605) or email (albertaelksfoundation@gmail.com ) to request financial help for the family.

Each household will be allowed one grant of \$500. Lodges are encouraged to contribute at least an equal amount if at all possible.

Any further assistance will need to be applied for as a Personal Assistance grant application found on the Alberta Elks Association website.

Financial assistance will be made available upon the receipt of the phone call / request. Once contact has been made with the Foundation Office, a cheque payable to the family involved will be prepared and immediately mailed to the Lodge for presentation to the family.

At the first Lodge meeting following the request for the grant, a motion will be passed by the Lodge authorizing the application for assistance. A copy of the minutes is to be forwarded as soon as possible to the Foundation Office along with the application form found on the Alberta Elks Association website. The financial assistance will be recorded as a grant from the Foundation.

**Note that natural disasters, affecting a large area and population will not be eligible.**

The application for Disaster Victim Assistance shall only be made by Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Alberta Elks Association.



Dear Alberta Elks Foundation,

My name is Emerald Schreier and I am honoured to be a recipient of the Dr. Einer Boberg / Alberta Elks Foundation Memorial Graduate Award for the 2023/2024 year.

While completing my first year of the graduate program in speech-language pathology at the University of Alberta, I have been volunteering for the past year with iStar as a communication volunteer. Since taking a class on stuttering in my college program to be a speech-pathology assistant, my interest has been sparked in this area of the field and has only grown stronger with my volunteering and continued coursework in the master's program. Receiving this award means that I am able to stay in the Edmonton or Calgary area post-graduation, with the goal of continuing at ISTAR in some capacity and ideally doing work to support those who experience stuttering.

Please accept my sincerest thanks for granting me this award for stuttering treatment and research.

With warm regards,



Emerald Schreier



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# Mighty Lil' Elk Program

In a world where emergencies can strike at any moment, the Alberta Elks Foundation is here to help. The Mighty Lil' Elk Program (MLE) took flight in February 2023 and has provided hospital survival bags to families in three Alberta Regional Hospitals: Medicine Hat, Red Deer, and Grand Prairie. The initiative was met with resounding success and helped 53 families within the first three months. The program was designed to ease the burden of families in emergency situations by providing them with hygiene products like shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, and much more. Also included in the bag is a universal phone charger to keep them connected with their loved ones during their time of need.

Now, the MLE program is expanding its wings further and will be offering our services to Lethbridge Regional Hospital, Peace River Health Centre, and Fort McMurray Health Centre. The program is also opening up to lodges, providing them with the opportunity to purchase MLE bags through the Foundation to distribute to their local hospitals. The ordering lodge will be responsible for the cost of the bag as well as shipping if it is required. A fillable order form and letter will be sent to your lodge secretary's in the near future.

Please note, in the interest of complying with AGLC spending specifications, Mighty Lil' Elk bag purchases need to be from the lodge's general account.

Let's work together to make a difference in the lives of families in need.

Warm regards,

Kelly Sanford  
Chairman, Mighty Lil' Elk

## FLOAT CHAIR NEEDED



Alberta Elks Foundation is looking for an individual in rural Alberta which has an area to store the enclosed trailer which houses our float (golf cart)

If you can help or for more information please contact Joanne  
Telephone 780.504.7605  
email: [albertaelksfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:albertaelksfoundation@gmail.com)



A huge shoutout to Jasper Place Legion #255 for donating a whopping 205 kgs of tabs for the Tabs for Tots program. You've warmed our hearts with your generosity! We appreciate your support immensely.

# District No.14



On October 15, Past District Deputy Aurel Baudin was awarded his PDD Jewel at the District 14 District Meeting by DD Ken Lengyel. PDD Aurel served as DD of District 14 from 2018-2021. PDD Aurel is currently the Exalted Ruler of Kimberley Elks #90 and is busy preparing for that lodges 100th Anniversary in 2024

# Vulcan Elks No. 121



Denis Machacek, the second gentleman from the right, representing the Vulcan Elks Lodge #121, hands over a generous \$10,000 cheque to Richard Ellis of the Vulcan AG Society. The donation is set to fuel the upcoming AG expansion project. The photograph captures the moment perfectly, with Harold Lewis, Duane Felt, and Lee Sommerville also beaming with pride.

# Leslieville Elks No.351



Leslieville Elks Lodge #351 supporting the David Thompson Playschool in their time of need.

With the local David Thompson Playschool building sustaining water damage over the summer, it was overwhelming to the Playschool committee that they may not have a place to hold the Playschool Program until the building was repaired or replaced, and with an unknown timeline for this repair it was very disparting to the Playschool committee. With a Sept 2023 school start date quickly approaching, it was a very easy and quick decision to open up our local lodge for this great community program to continue on with no interruptions to their schedule and maintain this program for local children in the area.

## Lets Keep Curling!

### Alberta Elks 2nd Provincial Floor Curling Tournament



Hosted by: Vegreville Elks Lodge 143

When: February 23 & 24, 2024      Cost: \$300 per team  
Starts – February 23 @ 7 pm      Includes Saturday  
(First Curling Draw @ 8 pm)      Lunch and Dinner  
Ends – February 24

Where: Vegreville Senior Citizens Sunshine Club  
(4630 – 49 Street)

Register By: January 19, 2024

Maximum of 20 teams

Minimum 12 teams required  
(2 Elk Members and 2 Non Member per team permitted)

Registration form and information available from:

**Al Kornicki**

email: [alkornicki1402@hotmail.ca](mailto:alkornicki1402@hotmail.ca)

Ph.780-632-9296

**George Childs**

email: [glchilds@telus.net](mailto:glchilds@telus.net)

Ph. 780 632 6406

Tournament will follow Alberta Floor Curling Association  
Floor Curling Game Procedures and Rules



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# Sundre Elks Lodge No. 338



With tickets for the fourth annual Marathon Bingo sold out in advance, organizers' expectations seem to have been exceeded.

"We ended up with 71 players," said Michelle Engelman, Sundre Elks Lodge No. 338's Exalted Ruler.

"We were hoping for 70," she said, adding the turnout might yet have been even higher had it not been for a few who at the last moment ended up being unable to make it out.

Located on First Avenue SW across the road from the Sundre & District Museum, the local Elks hall was a busy place on Saturday, Sept. 30, with the marathon running all day from 1-8:30 p.m., although doors had opened that morning.

After expenses, about \$2,000 was raised for the Sundre Community Van Society, said Engelman.

Asked where proceeds have previously been allocated, she said the Elks implemented a new system this past January and explained that other community service groups have the option to approach the Elks to provide a helping hand every Tuesday for three months in exchange for a contribution.

This past year, she said the Elks donated about \$2,300 to the Sundre Nutrition for Learning Society, a little more than \$3,000 for the Chinook Arch Victim's Services Society, as well as approximately \$2,400 for the Grade 8 sailing group.

"We've really upped our game," she said.

From a local perspective, she said the Elks are focused mainly on identifying and helping to address the needs of children in the community, while also endeavouring to cater to the needs of seniors. The Marathon Bingo came on the heels of a golf tournament fundraiser that was held on Aug. 20 at the Forest Heights Golf & RV Resort. That charity event brought in about \$3,500, which ended up being disbursed among half dozen groups in roughly \$500 sums, she said.

"Our biggest goal is to just do what we can to give back to the community," she said.

"That's my favourite part of this. We put a lot of work into it, and to be able to give back is such a great feeling," she said, adding that being able to help other community groups makes the effort worthwhile.

Praising the helping hands of all ages who volunteer to ensure such events go off without a hitch, she invited anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Elks to consider dropping by the hall during a regular meeting, which are held every second Thursday at 7 p.m. Engelman also expressed gratitude to the business community for its continued and unwavering support.

"We have had an awesome response from the businesses," she said, adding the Elks had enough doors prizes during the bingo marathon to give a door prize to everyone who came out.

And bingo fans who were unable to participate in the marathon, are welcome to drop by regular bingo nights every Tuesday at the hall, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and games generally getting underway by 7 p.m.

Simon Ducatel



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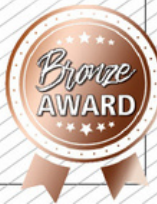
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*Sundre BPO Elks  
Lodge No 338*

Favourite Local Cause



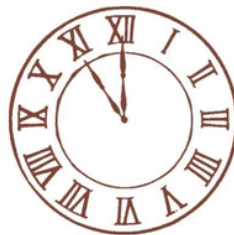
**The Albertan**  
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*Michelle Engelman-  
Sundre Elks Lodge*

Favourite Volunteer



***With sadness we share with you the following***



***"It is the hour of eleven when all Elks cease from their labours and again renew within their hearts their obligations to each other with special regard to our absent and departed Members"***

In Loving Remembrance



*Pauline Florence Gervais*

Sister Pauline Gervais

August 17, 2023

McLennan Royal Purple Elks



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