

ALBERTA ELKS NEWSLETTER

April 2025



Celebrating Our Volunteers The Heart of the Alberta Elks Association

April is Volunteer Recognition Month, a time to celebrate the incredible individuals who dedicate their time, energy, and passion to making a difference. Across Alberta, members of the Alberta Elks Association and the Elks of Canada embody the true spirit of volunteerism, strengthening communities through service, generosity, and commitment.

Since its founding in 1912, the Elks of Canada has been built on the principle of helping others. From supporting local families in need to funding essential healthcare programs, Elks volunteers have always answered the call to serve. Here in Alberta, our members continue this legacy through fundraisers, community projects, and countless hours of volunteer work that positively impact lives every day.

What makes our volunteers so special? It's their dedication to community service—often without seeking recognition. Whether it's organizing a charity event, mentoring youth, or assisting those facing hardships, Elks members give selflessly to make their towns and cities better places to live.

Across Alberta, Elks lodges have been instrumental in:

Supporting Local Charities – Raising funds for essential causes such as hospitals, food banks, and disaster relief.

Helping Children & Families – Through initiatives like the Mighty Lil' Elk Program, which provides support for children's programs.

Strengthening Community Bonds – Hosting events that bring people together, from family fun days to senior support programs.

A Heartfelt Thank You to every Elks member who volunteers their time—you are the heart and soul of our organization. Your kindness and dedication ensure that the Elks of Canada continues to thrive and make a meaningful impact.

As we celebrate Volunteer Recognition Month, take a moment to appreciate the volunteers in your lodge and community. A simple "thank you" can go a long way in recognizing the incredible work they do.

If you're looking for ways to get more involved, your local Elks lodge is always looking for helping hands. Whether you have a few hours a month or want to take on a bigger role, every effort counts in making our communities stronger.

Thank you to all our Alberta Elks volunteers—your service inspires us all!

Sincerely,
Alberta Elks Association Communications Committee



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Trenville Elks WALK FOR CHILDREN



In Support of the Fund For Children

**SATURDAY
MAY 10TH**

Ways to join in:

1. Raise pledges and walk
2. Enjoy Home-cooked Hotdogs and Salads & Desserts
3. Buy 50/50 Tickets Or do ALL 3!

Volunteers Needed! If interested, contact Lynn at 403-350-1156.

Elnora Legion
Located on 4th Ave
Registration opens at 10am
Walk at 10:30am

REGISTRATION IS \$20.00
KIDS UNDER 12 - \$5.00 & INCLUDES

STAVELY ELKS 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY JULY 19th, 2025
STAVELY COMMUNITY CENTRE
5109 52 St, Stavelly

BROTHERS, SISTERS AND YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER
ARE INVITED TO JOIN STAVELY ELKS LODGE #112
FOR A PRIME RIB DINNER TO CELEBRATE
100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

COCKTAILS 5:30 PM DINNER 6:30 PM

\$25 per person

Accommodations nearby at Claresholm, Nanton, High
River and Stavelly

Please RSVP to PER Brian Nelson by July 5 to
403-625-0965 or ben1052@gmail.com

Trivia

Answers to last months Trivia

- 1) Sponge2) Hip Hop 3) Starfish 4) Birth 5) And

New Trivia Questions

- 1) A father's child, a mother's child, yet no ones son. Who am I?
- 2) I am tall when I am young, and short when I'm old. What am I?
- 3) I shave everyday, but my beard stays the same. What am I?
- 4) I help you from head to toe, The more I work, the smaller I grow. What am I?

Chauvin Elks



The Chauvin Elks Lodge #261 was delighted to sponsor a school trip to the Tyrell Museum in Drumheller for the students of Dr. Folkins Community School, specifically those in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8. The Elks generously covered the expenses for both the bus and the museum admission.



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Stavelly Elks



From left to right:

- Claire, Elizabeth, and Susie receiving \$1,000 for the Kraken Swim Club in Claresholm.
 - Casey Mandel accepting \$500 for the Yellow Rose Futurity Junior Barrel Race in Claresholm.
 - Shea Christie receiving \$500 for the Chinook Singers & Players in Nanton.
- Exalted Ruler Jordie Bronson.

CAMROSE ELKS #70

MEMBERSHIP INFO NIGHT!

Join us May 24th for a Sausage and Perogie Dinner! Learn about the Elks and how we serve our community!

COCKTAILS 5PM - SUPPER 6:30PM
\$20 Per Person

Call or Text Leo for more info: 780-678-9003



Trenville RP Elks



On April 12, 2025, the Trenville Royal Purple Elks #248 will proudly celebrate its 65th anniversary. I want to express my gratitude to all members, both past and present, who have contributed to this achievement. A special thanks goes to the Anniversary Committee for organizing this event: HRL Loretta Fraser, Christine Hunter, and Marilyn Rich. Thank you to everyone who has RSVP'd; I'm confident we will have a wonderful time together.

Beaver Lodge



The Beaverlodge Elks made a donation of \$4,105.00 to the Beaverlodge Fire Department for a new automatic external defibrillator. Lt. Braden Lucas of the fire department said the department is updating equipment that will assist in providing a better level of care for the community.



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Vegreville Elks

On March 22, 2025, members of the Vegreville Elks Lodge No. 143 came together to celebrate Brother Orest Fodchuk, honoring him for his remarkable 75 years of service as an Elk Lifetime Member. A heartfelt ceremony took place at Brother Orest's residence, Heritage House in Vegreville, attended by Lodge members, family, and close friends. Brother Orest Olineck shared an impressive overview of Brother Orest Fodchuk's contributions to the Lodge. Throughout the years, Brother Orest has played a vital role in organizing and delivering activities and programs for the Lodge. Even until a few years ago, he actively participated in meetings and was an invaluable source of knowledge regarding the Lodge's history. Many inquiries have been resolved by simply asking Brother Orest about his memories of the various challenges the Lodge has faced over the years. Congratulations to Brother Orest on his 75 years of devoted service!



Members from the Vegreville Elks Lodge celebrating

Bro. Orest Fodchuk's 75 years of service.

Back Row: Brothers Ed Ahlstrom, George Childs, Bernie Florkow, Robert Bennett, Orest Olineck, Paul Bosse and Marshall Stewart.

Front row: Brothers Steve Kuchik and Orest Fodchuk.

Okotoks Elks



Eliane Domingue, Darrin Parkin, and Pam Stirling from High River Hospital were the recipients of 30 Mighty Lil' Elks Bags, graciously presented by Okotoks Elks Treasurer, Krystof Lindenback. "We appreciate the bags. They will provide comfort to our families and patients during a time of great need."



Rose Marie Litwin, the Secretary, presented a cheque to Krystal Hoover from Rowan House.

The Rowan House Society is a charitable organization committed to ending the cycle of domestic violence and abuse in communities throughout Southern Alberta. Founded 25 years ago, it provides a variety of services, including a 24-hour support line, emergency shelter, children's programs, outreach initiatives, legal resource navigation, preventative education, and the Safe at Home program.



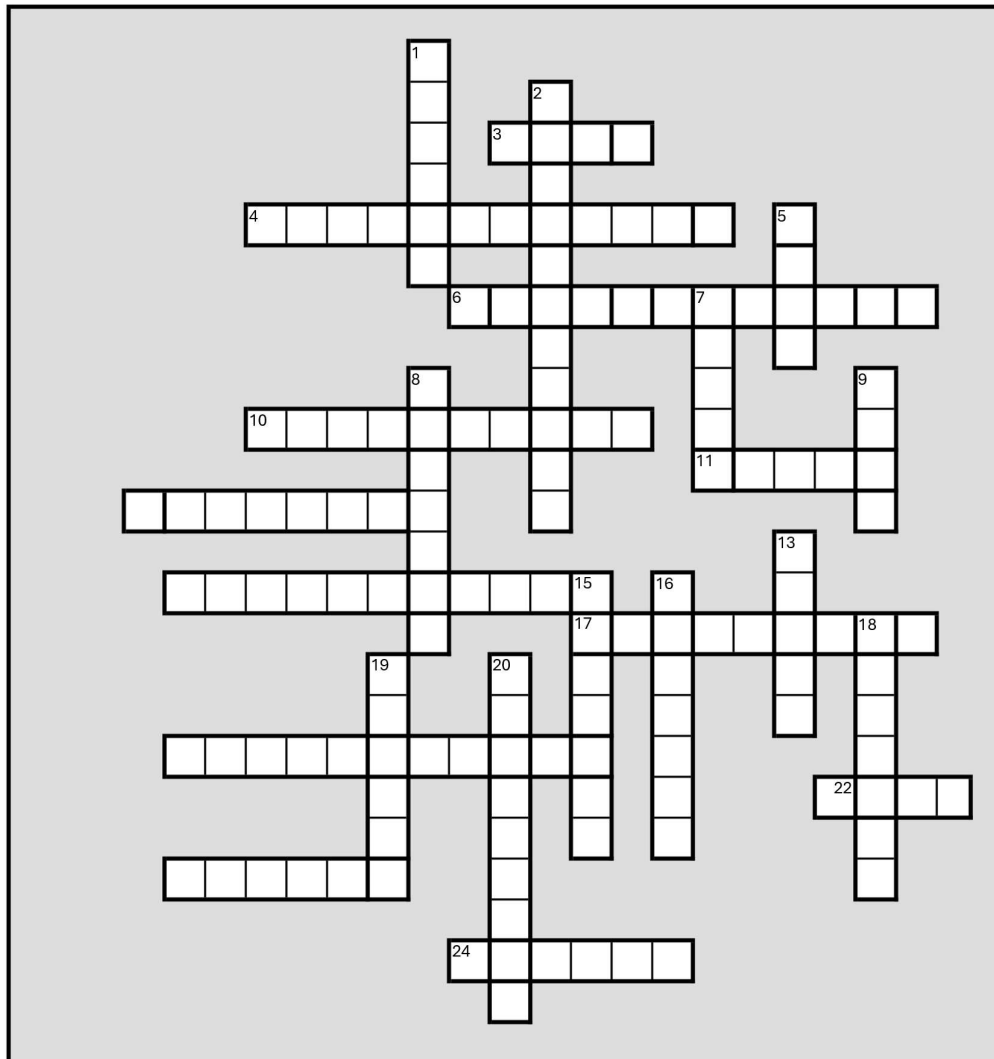
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ALBERTA ELKS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Down

- 1 All lodges follow this ____
- 2 What the Elks do best
- 5 Number of most GERs from one lodge
- 7 Member of Judiciary
- 8 GER in 2022/2023
- 9 Month Conference is held
- 13 Color of GER Fez
- 15 Largest Lodge outside of a city
- 16 Who holds an Annual Bullarama
- 18 Care bags are made for this Program
- 19 One of the main colors of the Elks
- 20 What Lodge runs Chase the Ace

Across

- 3 Member that belongs to more than one lodge
- 4 Last National Patrol Team Champions
- 6 Highest position in a Lodge
- 10 Where the Canada Elks gather
- 11 Who held Snow Golf Tournaments
- 12 Edmonton Elks original Lodge number
- 14 Program under the Foundation
- 17 What Lodge travels for Gowns4Grads
- 21 Home of the Elks Rodeo
- 22 Where is the Conference in 2025
- 23 Where was the last AB Conference held outside Alberta
- 24 Which lodge had Paul Brandt as the main entertainer





Welcome to the NEW Secretary / Treasurer for the Alberta Elks Foundation MONICA KRULL



The Foundation is pleased to welcome a **NEW** Secretary/Treasurer – **MONICA KRULL**. Monica will be starting with the Foundation **April 1, 2025**

Monica is married and has two children; her husband is a serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), which has provided them the opportunity to live in many parts of Canada as well as most recently overseas. Monica and her family moved back to Canada, settling in Edmonton during the summer of 2023. Monica works full time supporting military members and their families as they transition from the CAF to the civilian world after service. Monica is a diligent, detail-oriented person, with a great deal of non-profit and volunteer experience. Including volunteering within her children’s schools as well as sitting on the European Board of Directors for 4 years, serving as chair for 2 years. She enjoys reading, visiting with friends and vacationing with her family.

Monica is a member of the Edmonton Elks Lodge # 11 as of November 2024.

You will start to see information coming from Joanne Siemens/Monica Krull as they are in the transition process. Once all changes to the mailing address and phone number are finalized, lodges will be notified.

Please join us in welcoming Monica to her new role and position with the Alberta Elks Foundation.

Alberta Elks Foundation Executive

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REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

56th ANNUAL RAFFLE

First Prize
\$30,000 CASH

Second Prize
\$10,000 CASH *TICKETS*

Third Prize *\$2.00 each* or
\$5,000 CASH *3 for \$5.00*

PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE ENABLE US TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO:

ISTAR - Institute for Stuttering Treatment & Research
Training, Research & Treatment of Stuttering in Children and Adults

Local Community Projects
Support Local Minor Sports, Youth Groups, Playgrounds, etc.

Assistance to Underprivileged Children
With Equipment to Live and Learn in Special Schools

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children
Supply Hearing Aids and Test for Canadian Children

30% of all ticket sales go directly back to the selling Lodges to invest in their communities

Early Bird Draws
March 13, 2025

3 prizes of \$750.00 Each

FINAL DRAW DATE JUNE 26, 2025
All draws to take place at the Didsbury Elks Hall, 1914 - 20th St. Didsbury, AB

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Local Contact www.elksofalberta.ca

78,200 TICKETS PRINTED Tickets may only be purchased or sold within the Province of Alberta. Tickets are not to be sold to anyone under the age of 18 years. LICENSE 098092

Mighty Lil' Elks



The Brooks Elks proudly volunteered their time and energy to pack 350 Mighty Lil' Elk comfort bags, to support the Alberta Elks Foundation's continued commitment to supporting families in times of need. This year, bags were shipped to hospitals in Grande Prairie, Red Deer, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat—thanks to the generous support of a local business that donated all shipping services.

A limited number of bags remain available for purchase. If you would like to provide comfort to patients and families in your local hospital, we encourage you to get in touch and help us extend the impact of this heartfelt initiative.



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“Let’s Thrive in 2025”

Alberta Elks Association Conference

June 12 - June 14, 2025

Olds, Alberta

You are warmly invited to join us at the Alberta Elks Association and Alberta Elks Foundation Conference, taking place in Olds, AB, from June 12 to June 14, 2025.

To help us plan your visit, please remember to register early for the Alberta Elks Association Conference 2025. All sessions will be held at Evergreen Hall (5237 – 52 St.).

Stay tuned for more details, which will be shared in the Newsletter and on our website as they become available.

ALBERTA ELKS ASSOCIATION ADVERTISING

The pricing for the Conference Booklet is as follows:

- Business Card: \$30.00
- ¼ Page: \$45.00
- ½ Page: \$80.00
- Full Page: \$150.00

The deadline for submissions to the Booklet is May 1, 2025.

You are welcome to create your own ad or message digitally in PDF format and send it to the Conference Advertising Chair, Margo Ward, at:

- Email: meward25@telus.net
- Mail: Box 147, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0



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