

ALBERTA ELKS NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION

Congratulations to the Hanna Elks and the Conference Committee on hosting an outstanding Alberta Elks Association Conference and Alberta Elks Foundation AGM. Your hospitality, organization, and dedication made the event a tremendous success.

On behalf of the Alberta Elks Foundation Board of Trustees and committee members, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Foundation over the past year. Your generosity and commitment have enabled us to continue assisting individuals, supporting lodges, investing in community projects, and expanding our Foundation programs. This year's Foundation cheque presentations highlighted the incredible impact of your support.

Together, we were able to provide:

- \$41,900.00 in Alberta Elks Foundation grants and assistance
- \$30,273.00 to the Fund for Children
- \$8,000.00 in support of ISTAR
- \$2,235.15 through the Tabs for Tots program
- \$78.50 to support the Mighty Lil' Elks program

Although ISTAR representatives were unable to attend the AGM, it was encouraging to see the continued commitment of Alberta Elks members to this important partnership.

The Tabs for Tots program remains strong, with many lodges now delivering tabs directly to local recyclers. Congratulations to this year's award recipients:

- Highest Tabs Collected: Okotoks Lodge #31, Sundre Lodge #338, and Stavely RPE #99.
- Top Miscellaneous Metal Collections: Trenville RPE #248, Brooks Lodge #77, and Red Deer Lodge #85.

The Mighty Lil' Elks program continues to exceed expectations, with 500 kits distributed this year and demand creating a waiting list. Thanks to your support, we hope to expand the program in the coming year.

A special thank you to Sister Margo Ward for coordinating another successful Foundation Raffle and helping redistribute ticket books to maximize fundraising opportunities.

Finally, thank you to the Foundation members who re-elected me and the Board of Trustees for another year. My first year as Chair has been both rewarding and inspiring, and I look forward to continuing our work together to strengthen the Alberta Elks Foundation and the communities we serve.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



VERMILION ELKS RAFFLE!

1ST PRIZE:
EDMONTON OILERS GAME PACKAGE (2 CLUB TICKETS)

GAME PACKAGE INCLUDES:
NOVEMBER 7, 2026
VS. VANCOUVER CANUCKS
2 CLUB SEATS

2ND PRIZE:
FRAMED & SIGNED DRAISAITL JERSEY

ELKS HALL OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!

Support Your Community!

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE VERMILION ELKS!



Fernie Elks Lodge #81
Sanctioning Partner Chinook Mud Racing

MUD RACING / BOGGGING EVENT

September 12, 2026

Location: Lions Demolition Derby Site
Gates Open: 11:00 am Races Start: 12:00 pm
Entries Open: 9:00 am Tech: 10:00 am

7 Mud Racing Events:
Stock, Super Stock, Pro Stock, Modified, Super Modified, Open & X Class

4 Mud Boggging Events:
Stock, Modified Stock, Pro Stock & Open

Event Entry Fee: \$75.00
Attendance Fee: \$20.00
(Children 13 and younger - FREE)

Find us on Facebook @ Fernie Elks Lodge #81
CONTACT FRED: 250.423.3230



Save The Date

ISTAR's 40th Anniversary Dinner Gala

Join us for a special evening to celebrate 40 years of hope, compassion, and changing lives.

Saturday October 3, 2026
University Club of the UofA
Details TBD

Because every voice matters
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4th Annual BASSANO ELKS CORNHOLE Fundraiser

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

\$100 PER TEAM
includes supper at 6:00 PM

PRE-REGISTER before Sept. 30
CALL GINA
403-633-0905

REGISTRATION 9:00 AM
BAGS FLY 10:00 AM
★ BAGS PROVIDED ★

PRIZE PAYOUT

1 ST	BASSANO PLUMBING & HEATING	\$500
2 ND	BASSANO BUILDING CENTRE	\$300
3 RD	ROADSIDE GRILL	\$150

Spaghetti Dinner
CAESAR SALAD & GARLIC TOAST
Everyone Welcome!
SUPPER AT 6:00 PM

\$15 PER PLATE

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

BUCKET DRAWS	50/50	PULL TABS	SILENT AUCTION	DOOR PRIZES	PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME	BEER GARDENS	CONCESSIONS
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FUNDS RAISED TOWARDS KITCHEN UPGRADES



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MEDICINE HAT ELKS



Have you ever wondered what 190lbs of tabs looks like? Thank you Medicine Hat!!

With your help your Elks Lodge #412 was able to donate \$125 to the Tabs for Tots program.

SHERWOOD PARK ELKS



The Sherwood Park Elks were proud to support the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) at a recent community barbecue.

BGC staff and volunteers arrived early to set up tents, tables, chairs, and the cooking area, ensuring everything was ready before guests arrived. Their preparation helped the event run smoothly throughout the day.

Sherwood Park Elks members volunteered in a variety of roles, including grilling, serving food, managing the refreshment station, and assisting with clean-up. They also helped ensure safe food handling practices were followed while creating a welcoming environment for everyone in attendance.

To add to the fun, members organized games and crafts for children, helping create a family-friendly atmosphere where the community could come together, connect, and enjoy the day.

BOW ISLAND ELKS



Bow Island Elks are happy to supply Charlie the Elk stuffies to the Bow Island Hospital for kids who need something for comfort during a challenging time.

DRAYTON VALLEY ROYAL PURPLE ELKS



Exalted Ruler Ethel Mankow and Leading Knight Lilly Mayhew present Valerie Thompson at the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre with Mighty Lil Elks care bags and stuffed animals.



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STAVELY ELKS



Kelly Fowler accepting \$1000 for the WCCHS Cobras Football Development Camp. Exalted Ruler Tim Nelson. Charlie Milazzo from the Claresholm Soup Bowl, accepting \$1000 for the Soup Bowl's 3rd Anniversary celebration, to be held in June.

HYTHE ROYAL PURPLE ELKS



Hythe Elks Lodge 236 Bro Greg Gayton flanked by two daughters of Ken Brandsater originator of the Volunteer of the Year Award presented to recipient, Teresa Boudreault and Hythe Royal Purple Elks Lodge 106 HRL Shirley Preuss at presentation at Hythe Rural School May 27, 2026.

EDMONTON ELKS



The Edmonton Elks had the pleasure of visiting Kenilworth School to pick up the tabs collected through their support of the Tabs for Tots program. The students and staff did an outstanding job, collecting an impressive number of tabs. A special congratulations goes to the student pictured holding the jug, who collected the most tabs during the campaign.

The enthusiasm shown by the school was truly inspiring, and we are pleased to share that they are already planning to continue their efforts next year, with tab collection set to begin again in September.

Thank you to everyone at Kenilworth School for supporting this important initiative and helping make a difference in our communities. A special thank you also goes to Monica for coordinating the program with the school and helping ensure its success.



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STAVELY ELKS



Past Exalted Ruler Brian Nelson presenting a sponsorship check for \$2500 to Rhonda Anderson, Charlotte Anderson, Saraya Temperli, and Logan Anderson of the Nanton Marlins Swim Club. On the right is Brydon Saunders accepting a check for \$2500, for the Claresholm Transportation Society, towards a new van.

STRATHMORE ELKS



Bro. Steve Rafuse and Exalted Leader Greg Whiteley present a cheque for \$1,500 to Matt with Cystic Fibrosis Canada from funds raised at the 20th Annual Strathmore Oilmen's Golf Tournament held on June 11, 2026. present a cheque for \$1,500 to representatives of the Busy Bee Preschool from funds raised at the 20th Annual Strathmore Oilmen's Golf Tournament held on June 11, 2026.

DAWSON CREEK ELKS



May 12, 2026 the Dawson Creek Elks #289 donated \$2,000 to the Dawson Creek Seniors Citizens' Association.

Pictured is Elks Recording Secretary Lorraine Sumners, President of the Seniors Association Fern Hansen and Elks Treasurer Fred Sumners.

DIDSBURY ELKS



Great fun supporting the youth in our community.

Supporting the Mountain View Youth Darts to travel to the National Youth Darts Championships in Montreal starting May 13, 2026.

The Elks are proud to support the Didsbury High School Scholarship Fund with their annual donation



COMMUNITY EFFORT RESULTS IN THOUSANDS OF TABS COLLECTED !

A remarkable community effort has resulted in the collection of approximately 16.2 kilograms of pop tabs—an estimated 55,000 tabs—for the Alberta Elks Foundation's Tabs for Tots program.

The majority of the tabs, 15.9 kilograms, were collected by Albert Jukams through the support of the Lacombe community, Rio Terrace Community, and even collectors in Red Deer. Albert was introduced to the initiative just a few years ago and enthusiastically embraced the project, inspiring others to get involved and significantly expanding the collection effort.

After being introduced to the Tabs for Tots program just a few years ago, Albert embraced the initiative and inspired others to join the effort.

This marks Albert's second donation to the Tabs for Tots program, a testament to his continued commitment to supporting the Alberta Elks Foundation and helping make a difference for children and families.

The accompanying photo shows Albert proudly presenting the collected tabs. His dedication, community leadership, and continued support of the Alberta Elks Foundation's Tabs for Tots program are greatly appreciated. His efforts are a wonderful example of how one person's commitment can inspire an entire community to make a difference.

Thank you, Albert, and everyone who contributed to this outstanding initiative. Every tab collected helps support the important work of the Alberta Elks Foundation.



THANK YOU!

We Couldn't Do This WITHOUT YOU



A huge thank you to the Wetaskiwin Elks for sponsoring our year-end awards for the Wetaskiwin Olympians Swim Club! Your support helps us celebrate the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our swimmers this season.

PINCHER CREEK ELKS



Thank you to the Pincher Creek Elks Lodge #474 and the Alberta Elks Foundation Tabs for Tots program, who donated funds in order to purchase a Difficult Airways Cart for the Pincher Creek Health Centre.

Left to Right: Diane Burt-Stuckey (Trustee), Tracey Correia (Site Manager), Charles Price (Elks), BJ Scott (Vice-Chair), Elsie Neumann (Elks), Rita Spencer (Trustee), Suzanne Curran (Chair), DonaLee Smith (Trustee), Harley Crowshoe (Trustee)

HAIRY HILL ELKS



The Hairy Hill 4-H Club would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Hairy Hill Elks for their generosity.

The Elks' commitment to supporting community initiatives and helping local youth thrive aligns perfectly with the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better." Through leadership, service, and community spirit, organizations like the Hairy Hill Elks help our members continue learning, growing, and giving back.

We work along side these leaders at their Bingos which has fostered a very special relationship. We are incredibly grateful for your support of our club and our future leaders! 🍀❤️

DAWSON CREEK ELKS



In June 16, 2026 the Dawson Creek Elks #289 presented two bursaries in the amount of \$1,000 each to two student recipients.

Pictured is Abigail Murray, Elks Secretary Doug Becotte and Alice Clerk. We wish them all the very best in their future educational endeavors.



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you!



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OKOTOKS ELKS



June was a busy and rewarding month for Okotoks Elks #31 as we celebrated youth involvement and community support through two special events.

On June 20, members of our Junior Elks Program proudly participated in the Children's Parade. We are excited to share that the program continues to grow, with 20 young people now registered as Junior Elks. Their enthusiasm and community spirit are a wonderful reflection of the values we strive to promote through our Lodge.

SHERWOOD PARK ELKS



The Sherwood Park Elks and partnering organizations are coordinating a volunteer effort for the Longest Day Food Drive across Strathcona County.

This initiative unites lodge members, community volunteers and local partners to collect, sort and distribute non-perishable food items and essential supplies to individuals and families facing food insecurity.

OLDS ELKS



Olds Elks #100 has donated \$2000 to the upcoming Student Leadership Conference being hosted by Olds High School.

Receiving the donation was Zoe and Iris.

Good Luck on your conference from the Olds Elks

ST. PAUL ELKS



This summer, we're feeling extra grateful! The St. Paul Elks Lodge has generously donated \$500 towards this year's Summer Reading Program! Thank you for supporting the St. Paul Library!

Your generosity helps us continue to offer accessible programming, supplies, and community to St. Paul! Wishing everyone at the St. Paul Elks Lodge and all of our supporters a beautiful, sunny summer!

