



Elk-A-Zette

ELKS GIVE – ELKS LIVE

April - May 2026



A Message from the Exalted Ruler

Hello All,

I have the great honor to introduce to you the Officers for Lodge year 2026/2027. Please join me in welcoming our Esteemed Leading Knight Tom Crist, Esteemed Loyal Knight Brenda Kephart, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Ray Holsing, Inner Guard Janice Watson, Chaplain Adam Rawding, and Esquire Donald Townsend. I would like to thank each of them for volunteering their most valuable asset, their time.

Now, let me introduce myself. My name is Evan Edwards, your newly installed Exalted Ruler. I moved to Bellefonte 15 years ago. Here, I found and made a home with my wife of 13 years, Kathleen, our 7-year-old son Ethan and our one-and-a-half-year-old daughter Hannah. I was approached while working part time at the Spikes by Ray Holsing about joining the Elks. After a few trips to the club, I started to recognize a lot of faces I knew from other places-- from Liz Toukenon, who at the time was a Trustee here and an officer in Rotary with my wife-- to Terree Holsing, my supervisor at the Spikes and the BJC. Just knowing those two people and how much they were willing to give to this organization told me all I needed to know.

I have learned a lot working through the chairs here at Bellefonte Elks. From our drug awareness programs to our youth sporting events and running the Home Service fundraising this past year. There is always something to do at the Bellefonte Elks. With so many things going on, I look forward to getting more members involved in all we have to offer the community. You don't have to get involved in everything, just look to one thing that appeals to you. Many hands make light work.

This year I hope to continue in my predecessor's example and continue to grow our membership. I want to continue to build the community I have found with the Elks for my kids and for every family that walks through the door. Bring your friends, family, and coworkers in for dinner or for one of our amazing activities led by Trustee and PER Terree Holsing.

I am also looking for members that want to get more involved by joining some of our committees, such as the newly established Charity Committee. This will be a group looking to put something back directly into the community- like raising funds/collecting food for the Food Bank or searching out other needs in the community we can put our resources behind. Elks Care- Elks Share. I am also looking for members interested in helping at meetings twice a month, by becoming our Tiler. This is an important role that is there to assist the officers, but mostly to learn what we do and how we function. This is the role I started out in, just a few years ago.

I look forward to this new Lodge year together. I am excited for what we can do together with all your help and support. I know we will continue to move this lodge forward to bigger and better things.

Fraternally,

Evan Edwards

Exalted Ruler

"If anyone would like to receive emails or discontinue receiving emails, please contact Dale Moore at dkccmoore@aol.com to be added to the weekly emailing list or to be removed from the emailing list. Emails are sent out twice a week and include information like upcoming events, announcements, menu changes and more. Thank you."

NEW MEMBER INITIATIONS

March 2026

While presiding over the final Initiation service of her year in the Exalted Ruler chair, Exalted Ruler Lorna Spearly administered the oath to nine American men and women, as follows: front row, left to right Tyler Holzworth, Tayla Miller, Michele Moore, Elijah Vandzel, and Sean Albright, and Rear Row, left to right, Sandy Murray, Terry Baumgardner, Terry Novosel, and David Mulfinger. The Bellefonte Elks congratulates its new members.



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The Bellefonte Elks has a **NEW WEBSITE** and a new look! The web address is bellefonteelks1094.com. Jeff Jenkins and Kim Cutler have been working on our new website, and it looks really great! If you have not yet checked it out, you really should! It has information about our Lodge, the programs we do, the Community that the Elks supports and much more! You can find the most current newsletter there, as well as upcoming events, the new Lodge Officers with

pictures and names and even a link to join the Elks! Thank you Jeff and Kim for all the work you have put into the website, it is much appreciated



Janice Watson, Inner Guard at the Bellefonte Elks Lodge, was recently recognized for her service to Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094. Janice was honored for her twenty (20) years of service as an Officer of the Lodge, having served as Inner Guard. Congratulations Janice! Shown here is Janice (right), with Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards (left).



The Elks "Fly the Flag Program" is part of the Elks Americanism Initiative and encourages the proper display of the U. S. Flag. The Bellefonte Elks recently recognized Trader Joe's for its role in the proper display of the U. S. Flag. Shown here with Bellefonte Elks Past Exalted Ruler Lorna Spearly are, from left to right, representing Trader Joe's are Daniel Han, Dan Hesil, PER Spearly, Gary Tetro, Jennifer Rudolph, and Herbert Moller.

INITIATION OF NEW OFFICERS



It was a very memorable evening at the Lodge Saturday evening. Evan Edwards was installed as the 2026-2027 Exalted Ruler, along with Tom Crist as Leading Knight, Ray Holsing as Lecturing Knight, Donald Townsend as Esquire, Janice Watson as Inner Guard, Ed Evock as Secretary and Lorna Spearly as Treasurer. Adam Rawding will be installed as Chaplin and Brenda Kephart will be installed as the Loyal Knight at the Lodge meeting on Monday evening. Thank you to the installation team, and to the families and members who attended the ceremony. A fun meal of pizza and wings were served after the ceremony, thank you to Greg and Ashley for preparing the dinner. It was also a great pleasure and honor to have PSP David Edwards and his wife Linda who join us for the ceremony.



A **KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY** was held at the Lodge on Saturday, May 2nd! Members enjoyed a special menu for the Derby that contained a few new menu items; cheesesteak egg rolls, crispy caesar sandwich, pretzel logs and much more! All were delicious! Everyone watched the Derby and cheered on their favorite horse! Following the Derby, a game of Derby Trivia was played and prizes awarded to the winning team and to those who came dressed in a Derby hat! Congratulations to Golden Tempo for winning the Derby and to his trainer Cherie DeVaux for being the first woman trainer to win the Derby!



CINCO DE MAYO was celebrated at the Lodge on Tuesday, May 5th! A special menu was prepared featuring tacos, burritos, quesadillas and much more! Jeff Jenkins emceed Music Trivia! And we had some visiting Elks from Lewistown Lodge. Everyone had a great time! Pictured are the Trivia winners Ray Holsing, Dorothy Neff, Terree Holsing, Jesse Jenkins and Laurie Jenkins.

SIP & PAINT

A great afternoon at the Elks! On Sunday, April 19th, the Elks hosted a Sip N' Paint where 20 ladies painted wine glasses! Thanks to everyone who came out to the event! The ladies painted some beautiful wine glasses that they can use while relaxing with a glass of wine! Thank you to Charlene for coming to the Lodge to assist with this event! Everyone enjoyed the refreshments and the fun atmosphere. Hoping to schedule a Sip n' Paint sometime soon for flower vases!



TUESDAY NIGHT FUN!



Tuesday evenings at the Elks are packed with fun and fellowship! One of our most popular traditions, **BAR BINGO**, has quickly become a Lodge favorite. Once a month, the kitchen will offer a meal platter starting at 5:30 PM, with all proceeds going to the Activities Fund. Please see Terree Holsing if you are interested in preparing a meal or donating a dessert! Bingo follows, beginning at 7:00 PM. Five games are played each night, three regular games and two special games. Each card (with three games per card) is \$5, and the winning pot is based on participation, with 90% going to the winner. Be sure to mark your calendar for the next Bar Bingo night. Our next Bar Bingo is May 19th.

MUSIC BINGO at the Lodge!



One of the Club's most popular events is Music Bingo—and it's easy to see why! There's nothing better than enjoying a great meal while listening to oldies and favorite hits from the '70s and '80s with friends. Before you know it, folks are dancing in their seats, singing along, and marking song titles on their Bingo cards!

DJ Troy Breon brings the Lodge to life, spinning our favorite tunes. Each Music Bingo night features at least four games, including two regular games and two

special games. The first person to shout "BINGO!" wins a prize!

Watch for upcoming Music Bingo dates on our Facebook page and in the Bellefonte Elks email. We hope to see you there—this is one event you won't want to miss!

ELKS LODGE PINS



As we start traveling season, and you plan to visit any Elks lodges in your travels, be sure to take our Lodge pin to trade and bring a pin back for the map! If you are planning to trade pins, there is no charge for our Lodge pin, but if you plan to trade and keep the visiting Lodge's pin for your own collection, the pins are \$3.00 each. Happy travels! Visiting Lodges is a great way to network and see what's happening in Elkdom!

ELKS GIVING

Garver Fund

The Garver Fund is a generous endowment gifted to our Lodge through the estate of David B. Garver.

Our Lodge is incredibly fortunate to have received this endowment and takes great pride in using it to support and uplift our community.

If you would like more information about how to request a donation from the Garver Fund, please contact Dale Moore at dkccmoore@aol.com.

SUMMER SOUNDS FROM THE GAZEBO IN TALLEYRAND PARK are a staple in the Bellefonte summer activity menu. This series began in 1981 and brings nine free concerts every Sunday from June to August at 7:00 p.m.

Concerts are sponsored by Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association (BHCA) supported by a gift of \$1,500 from the David B Garver Charity Fund, Bellefonte Elks Lodge. BHCA also receives state arts funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.



Shown here, front row from left: Elks Trustee Terree Holsing, Elks Trustee Cathy Hoffman, Summer Sounds Board Member Bonnie Leathers, and Summer Sounds Board Member Tom Wilson. Back row, from left: Elks Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards and Elks Trustee, PER, and Garver Fund Manager Dale Moore.

Every month, the **GREATER BUFFALO RUN VALLEY FOOD PANTRY** faces the challenge of providing for the increased demand of new families needing food supply assistance. The Food Pantry demand has grown from the high twenties to over forty families to whom the Food Pantry provides food assistance. Instituting assistance through its Garver Fund, the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 has provided Food Pantry support in the amount of \$1,000 to the Greater Buffalo Run Valley Food Pantry.



Shown here are, front row, left to right: Elks Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards, Food Pantry Representative and long-time volunteer JoAnn Hager, Elks Trustee and Garver Fund Manager Dale Moore; back row, left to right: Elks Trustee Cathy Hoffman and Elks Trustee Terree Holsing.

Moore; back row, left to right: Elks Trustee Cathy Hoffman and Elks Trustee Terree Holsing.

Recently the Bellefonte Elks donated \$3,000 to **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER CENTRE COUNTY**. The money came from the Bellefonte Elks Garver Fund and the Bellefonte Elks Lodge. The money was earmarked for a program to help the needy in the Bellefonte area with essential home repairs.



Shown in the photo, from left to right are Bellefonte Elks Lodge Leading Knight Thomas Crist, Lodge Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards, Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Stephanie Fost, and Lodge Past Exalted Ruler and Trustee Dale Moore.

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Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 has once again stepped up to support the 74th Annual **BELLEFONTE ROTARY CHILDREN'S FAIR** with a donation of \$1,000. This historical community event scheduled for Saturday, June 6th offers games, food, and entertainment, with proceeds from the event supporting Bellefonte Borough

playgrounds and parks. Shown here are Elks Lodge PER and Trustee Dale Moore and Lodge ER Evan Edwards, Bellefonte Area Rotary Past



President Kathleen Edwards, and Bellefonte Area Rotary Past President Liz Toukonen.



The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 has reaffirmed its commitment to local youth by donating \$1,250 in support of the **BELLEFONTE TEENER LEAGUE** baseball team. The

donation to the Team provides crucial financial support for the upcoming season. The donation highlights the longstanding partnership between the Lodge and local youth sports programs. The Elks are dedicated to supporting our community and our youth said Evan Edwards, Exalted Ruler of the Bellefonte Elks Lodge. Shown from left to right are: Elks Lodge Head Trustee Patrick Corbett, teammates William Hoover, Harrison Hoover, David Anderson, Blaine Casper, and Team Manager Jacob Hoover.

The **EASTER BUNNY** made a visit to the Lodge Sunday, March 29th to provide fun and create great memories. Doughnuts and juice were provided, and each child was given an Easter basket filled with toys and candy. Thank you to the Easter Bunny for taking the time out of your busy schedule to visit.



Also, a huge thank you to John Leiter and Terree Holsing for everything you provided to make this day special.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ENF!



A heartfelt thank you to all of our amazing members for your continued support of the Elks National Foundation! Through your participation in the small games-of-chance marked “Benefits ENF,” you have helped our Lodge raise more than double the \$5.15 per capita requirement—an incredible accomplishment!

Because of your generosity, we are now eligible for the Gratitude Grant, which will allow us to give back even more and make a meaningful difference for families right here in our community. That is what being an Elk is all about! Elks Care, Elks Share.

A very special thank you goes out to Terree Holsing, ENF Chair, for her leadership and for spearheading this wonderful initiative. Your dedication and creativity have truly made an impact!

The Elks National Convention will be held in Chicago from July 5th to July 8th. The 2026 Elks National Convention will celebrate one of the most powerful moments in our Order’s history - the 100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial. Members will experience a week filled with inspiring events, Grand Lodge sessions, exhibits, and unforgettable celebration honoring a century of service, unity, and ELKDOM pride.

On July 4th, a ceremony celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial Building will be held. The convention is a great opportunity to connect with members from Lodges across the Nation and to share ideas and fellowship! There is no other event where you can learn what is new in ELKDOM, what is happening at Grand Lodge, and to see firsthand what the Elks are all about!

The other grants that the Lodge is eligible to apply for as of April 1st are: Beacon Grant: Lead an active, charitable project; Spotlight Grant: Shine a light on important community issues; Impact Grant: Run a large-scale community service project with member participation; Freedom Grant: Meet the needs of today’s veteran’s and military members.

The Beacon Grant and the Spotlight Grant are generally used for the Christmas Food Baskets that the Lodge partners with the Food Bank over the Christmas Holiday. If you have any ideas or suggestions for these grants that fall into these categories, please reach out

to any Officer. For more information about ENF, please visit the elks.org website.

A small games-of-chance has been added to benefit the Elks National Foundation. The funds raised from these games will go towards the member per capita fee. With over 900 members in our Lodge, our Lodge is required to pay \$4700.00 to the ENF Foundation. This is very important, because the eligibility for the Gratitude Grant depends on the Lodge making this member per capita donation. The game is marked with “Benefits ENF”. Please consider supporting this game, which will help meet the Lodge requirement for ENF.

The Fidelity Club is also a great way to support ENF through a monthly donation through your credit card or bank account. To join the Fidelity Club and support the Foundation, scan the QR code below to get started. A donation of as little as \$5.00 a month is a great start. For more information about ENF, please visit the elks.org website.

We are so proud to be part of such a caring and committed Lodge. Thank you for all you do!



THE TREE OF LIFE

Members is growing! The tree holds over 370 leaves! These leaves have names of members who have been Elks for 30+ years. The tree is a way of thanking and recognizing these members for their loyalty and dedication to the Elks, to show appreciation for being an Elk.

The idea for this tree came from a Lodge in Brooksville, FL, Lodge #2582. The Lodge had a tree painted on the wall that displayed their Past Exalted Rulers. I really liked this idea and brought the idea back to our Lodge with the idea of displaying our Life Members with a leaf on the tree. We honor our members when they pass; but I felt it was also important to remember those who are Life Members, who have supported the Lodge for over 30 years.



CALLING ALL VETERANS!!



Something new is coming to the Bellefonte Elks! Veterans Chairman Rick Hoffman is putting together a Veterans Get Together on Sunday, May 17th from 10am to noon! Refreshments will be provided!

Come and share your stories or just to chat! Bring along your fellow veterans' friends! Hoping to make this a regular event! If you have any questions, please see Rick Hoffman.

CHARITY COMMITTEE

At the first Lodge meeting for Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards, ER Edwards created a new Charity Committee. The purpose of this committee is to hold events to raise funds to support Community charities. Members who are interested in joining this Committee should contact Evan.



A Charity Committee meeting will be set up soon to get started! Here are a few ideas for fundraising events; Charitable Wednesday's, sandwich sales and bake sales.



The Amazing Race has been postponed until later this year. Stay tuned for new date!

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and lunch will be provided!

A big thank you to Terree Holsing, Steph Grove and

Rhonda Leiter for their planning!

MEMBERSHIP

The Bellefonte Elks ended the 2025-2026 Lodge year with a gain in membership. Currently, we have 951 members, the Lodge has gained a total of 100

new/affiliated/reinstated members. Twenty-eight delinquent members have been removed from the membership, one transfer and 18 deceased, leaving Bellefonte with a total gain of 53! Well done!

A few more members have proposed three new members and will be eligible for the GER pin. This runs on the GER year, so that will end on June 12, 2026. A new year will begin on June 30th or July 1st, whenever the new GER is installed.

Membership is the lifeline of our Club and Lodge. Bringing in new members is important to the existence of the Lodge, having more volunteers for the Community programs the Elks offers and helping to build a stronger Lodge. Please invite family and friends to the Lodge for dinner or to any of the Lodge Events to see what our Lodge is about firsthand. Share with them the great works of the Lodge, the support given to the Community, Youth and Veterans and how they can be a part of a great organization!

THE 2026 NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT COMPETITION

was held in Chicago April 16th to the 19th. The 72 best youth free throwers in the nation will step up to the line at Wintrust Arena, home of the Women's Basketball Team, Chicago Sky, to vie for a national championship title. The Regional Champions arrived on Thursday and received a special t-shirt and their very own trading cards! The contestants and their families attended a Cubs game at Wrigley Field on Friday and competed on Saturday for the National Hoop Shoot Title. The six Hoop Shoot National Champions will have their names listed alongside their picture in a brand-new digital exhibit in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. Here are the National Winners! Congratulations!

Boys 8-9:

Kion Montoya Artesia, NM Lodge No. 1717 (14/15)

Girls 8-9:

Marina Abou-Daoud, NJ Lodge No.1070 (Marina is from our PA, NJ and NY region.)

Boys 10-11:

Tre Estes Anaconda, MT Lodge No. 239

Girls 10-11:

Ainsley Weaver, OH Lodge No. 52

Boys 12-13:

Duncan Walker, NV Lodge No. 2802

Girls 12-13:

Logyn Parkinson, MI Lodge No. 48

THE 120TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION, of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association, was held at the Eisenhower Hotel, Gettysburg, from April 29 – May 3, 2026.

This convention offered a full schedule of events, including business sessions, committee reports, and awards. Also there were seminars and committee meetings to discuss plans and goals for the coming year. In addition to the above, there was plenty of free time to enjoy yourselves in the All-State Hospitality Room.

We voted on several Association By-Law Resolutions; here is a summary:

Resolution 2026-01: PASSED - To require the results of all election contests be made public and available to the members of the Association participating in that election contest, both the candidates and the delegates. Agreements between the candidates to keep results private would no longer be permissible.

Resolution 2026-02: FAILED - To determine a new system for qualifying candidates to the position of President-elect of the Association, by creating two Areas, Area 1 and Area 2, assigning districts to those Areas, qualifying Areas to elect a candidate every other year, and requiring elections among the districts of each Area first.

Resolution 2026-03: PASSED - To simplify the description of members who are qualified as delegates and voting members of the Association at regular and special meetings.

DELINQUENT MEMBER DUES

Dues statement for the 2026-2027 Lodge year was mailed in January 2026. We are enrolled in the dues billing program through the grand lodge. If you have not received your dues statement, please contact the secretary at eevock@gmail.com.

Listed are members who have not yet renewed their Elks Membership. If you have paid online, it might not have reached the Secretary yet. Please bring in your receipt to show the bartender that you are current or bring up your digital membership card on elks.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the lodge. We certainly miss you, so please renew your membership today! Thank you!!

Allison, Amy Jo	Klobe, Lindsey
Aukerman, Daron	Krape, Seth
Bailey, Richard	Kuhlman, Robert J
Barton, William	Larkin, Paul
Baxter, Larry J	Lee, Eric Young
Boscaino III, James R	Lu, Endi
Bowersox, Robert E	Lucas, Jeremy
Brace, Chris	Lucas, Jon
Brauser, Gregory M	Maich - Lee, Katherine
Brown, Charles C	Malafarina, Joseph J
Bublinec, Greg	Maney, Rodney C
Catherman, Brenda	Masters, Nicole
Chandler, Terriell D	May, Andrew
Coble, James R	McCool, Patrick A
Comly, Brian E	McGhee-Wegner, Tana
Confer, Timothy W	Mills, Samuel L
Cramer, Mary Ann	Naylor, Todd D
Davidson, Thomas E	Paddison, Robert A
De Cusati, Paul	Perry, Robert R
Elnitski, Jeff	Pfaff, David
Emery, David J	Pletcher, Tracey L
Folk, Jean	Rarrick, Sean
Gentzel, G William	Reed, Herbert E
Genua, Jadyne	Saburn, Robert
Genua, Talyn M	Sapia, Anthony C
Gessner, Patricia L	Saxion, Stan L
Ghaner, Michael	Seeger, Kyle
Gray, Samuel J	Selfe, Stephen R
Grover, Lee Duane	Shawley, Stephen
Guizer, Jon	Shuey, Michael A
Haagen, Neil B	Shuey, William S
Haagen, Neil B	Slagle, Gerald W
Haines, Dana E	Slenker, Frank T
Haines, Jason D	Smith, Cody
Hammond, Daniel L	Smith, N Kent
Heckendorn, Susan J	Sunday, David
Herlocher, Tarynn L	Taylor, Joseph A
Heverly-Ferenchick, Linda	Taylor, Todd M
Hipple, David A	Thomas, Blake
Hoffman, Jeremy	Trexler, Raymond
Hombosky, Melissa	Uhler, K Alan
Hook, Thomas K	Vancas, Kristopher
Huntington, Sierra Lynn	Weaver, Kenneth C
Jabco, Jonna K	Wegner, Chad F
Jackson, Karen	Williams, Gregory
Jackson, Rich	Wilson, Thomas J
Jones, Debra S	Young, Cody
Klinefelter, Michael	

COMMUNITY RELATED EVENTS

CLUBS CONNECT FOR A CAUSE

Clubs Connect for a Cause will be held on Saturday, May 16th at the Milesburg Legion Fields, Sickie Park. The first game began at 9am and the flag ceremony was at 10am. The Bellefonte Elks will be returning to play for this wonderful cause along with the Howard VFW, Bellefonte Legion, Undines, Bellefonte VFW, Milesburg Legion, Pleasant Gap Legion and Centre Hall Legion.

The recipient this year will be Ashlee Kochik. Ashlee is a 36-year-old woman from Pleasant Gap. In November 2025 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a double mastectomy in January 2026. After a fall, it was discovered the cancer had moved to her bones. She is currently receiving radiation treatment. Ashlee and her husband Brian have two boys, Bowen, 9 years old and Locklyn, 5 years old.

Please consider supporting this very worthy cause! There are many ways you can help! There will be a basket raffle (basket donations accepted) and a 50/50 during the games, as well as the concession stand being open with all your ballpark favorites! Come to the field, support the Elks, and enjoy a fun day! Monetary donations will be accepted as well, please make checks payable to *Clubs Connect* for a Cause. We send a big thank you to Steve Koch, our Team Captain.

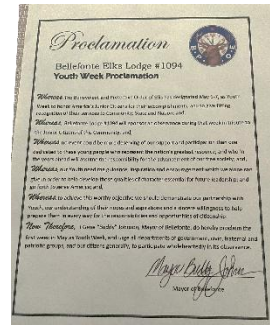
VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge # 1094's Veterans Service Committee recently filled and distributed forty-five (45) Easter bags, containing a veteran door plaque, a USA Flag window cling, a word search book, a pen, and a pencil. These veterans reside at Centre Care in Centre County. The Lodge also donated garden and bowling supplies for use by the veteran residents.



Shown with several of the Centre Care veterans are far left, Lodge Veterans Service Committee Chair, Rick Hoffman and Lodge Trustee Cathy Hoffman.

YOUTH WEEK PROCLAMATION



During the first week of May, a nationwide effort takes place, to honor the accomplishments, leadership, and service of America's junior citizens. This effort is designated by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) as Elks National Youth Week (May 1-7, 2026). This is more than just

a celebration. It is a dedicated time for local lodges and communities to focus attention on, and recognize the potential of, the next generation of leaders. It is a time for local leaders to shine a spotlight on, and join forces with, Local Elks Lodges, to highlight the accomplishments of our local young people.

With that in mind, Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards (left) joined with Bellefonte Mayor Buddy Johnson (right), in signing a 2026 Elks National Youth Week Proclamation, designating National Youth Week as May 1-7, 2026.



In recognition of the ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK, the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 recently held a Meet The Police event at the Bellefonte Elks Club.



Shown here are

First Row: Kneeling, School Resource Officer Bret Hanlon and Stella, Ethan Edwards, Hannah Edwards and Lodge Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards Second Row: Officer Macy Neideigh, Bellefonte Police, Crpl Kelly Chambers, PA State Police, Landyn Koch, Officer Shelly Stevick, Penn State Police, School Resource Officer Scott Rossman, Officer Adam Rawding, Sheriff's Office. We are so pleased these young people attended this event.

Bellefonte Area High School

TEEN OF THE MONTH



April 2026 – Cameron Lucas

In the classroom, Cameron is a dedicated and thoughtful student. He takes his academic responsibilities seriously, comes prepared, and puts forth genuine effort in his work each day. Cameron asks questions, participates in discussions, and demonstrates a level of maturity and accountability that is admirable.

Outside of the classroom, Cameron is equally impressive as a student-athlete. As a member of both the golf and baseball teams, he has proven himself to be a dependable and hardworking competitor. More importantly, he is a leader among his peers. Cameron leads by example with his work ethic, positive attitude, and the respect he shows to teammates and coaches. He understands the importance of teamwork and consistently supports those around him. Congratulations, Cam!



EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE ★ ☆ ★



The Elks will be participating in the Bellefonte 250th American Parade on Friday, July 3rd, parade steps off at 5:30pm.

Volunteers are needed, there is a sign-up sheet at the Lodge. We are also doing a t-shirt fundraiser sale for the event. Anyone can purchase a t-shirt. They are \$18 and proceeds benefit the PER Association, and order forms are at the bar.

We have a fun theme planned for the parade, we are highlighting Governor Andrew Curtin and his wife Katherine in the parade, recognizing our Lodge as the former home of the governor and his family. Candy donations or monetary donations will be needed for the parade. We will have some drug awareness materials to hand out, as well as some other fun things! Any questions, please contact Terree Holsing.

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Elks had the honor of hosting three very special young people and their families at the Lodge for dinner! Austin Mauk, Virtual SOCCER SHOOT winner, placing 1st in the boys U14 division, Izzy Oravis, Virtual Soccer Shoot winner, placing 2nd in the girls U14 division and Cayden Mix, placing 1st in the DRUG AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST for the 5th grade level!

It was a real pleasure to have them at the Lodge and share with the membership the accomplishments of these young people! Congratulations to all three! We are very proud of each of you! Pictured are Austin Mauk, Izzy Oravis, Cayden Mix and Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards.



ONGOING EVENTS AT THE LODGE



HOME SERVICE breakfasts have continued with the new Lodge year, with Leading Knight, Tom Crist, heading the charge! The first breakfast of the new lodge year was held on April 12th, serving 52 meals! What a great start to the Home Service Breakfast fundraiser! The Mother's Day breakfast, honoring the women of the Lodge with a ½ price breakfast, will be held on May 12th. Mother's Day gifts will be given to all in attendance! The June breakfast will honor the men of the Lodge, also with a ½ price breakfast, which will be on June 14th. All proceeds benefit the PA Elks Home Service Program! Volunteers are also welcome and needed to help with the breakfasts. Please contact Tom if you are interested in helping, thomasrist73@gmail.com.

LIMITED-EDITION LODGE PRINTS

Take home a piece of Bellefonte Elks history while supporting a great cause! Beautiful, hand-drawn 11x14 prints of the Lodge, each signed and numbered by the artist, are now available for purchase. These limited-edition prints are being sold for \$20, with all proceeds benefiting the Home Service fundraiser.



Prints may be purchased directly at the Lodge. If you are unable to stop but would still like to purchase one, prints can be mailed for a small additional charge. To request a mailed copy or for more information, please contact Evan Edwards at evan.elks1094@gmail.com.



TROY'S FUNDRAISER GIFT CARDS

Available for purchase \$12.00 each Benefits Lodge Activities Available at the Bar

VETERAN'S BOARD



If you haven't yet seen the new Veteran's Board displayed in the atrium, we warmly encourage you to take a moment to stop and view it. This special display proudly honors the men and women of our Lodge who have served in the Armed Forces — individuals whose courage, dedication, and sacrifice have helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy every day.

If you are a Veteran and have not yet submitted your information to be included on the board, we would be honored to recognize your service. Please contact Terree Holsing at tmichel0902@gmail.com to be added.

Thank you to all who have served. Your dedication and sacrifice will always be remembered and honored.

PLAN YOUR NEXT SPECIAL EVENT

Did you know the Club is available to rent for special occasions? The Dining Room is a wonderful space for a variety of gatherings, including birthday parties, baby showers, bridal showers, retirement celebrations, family gatherings, and more. This past year, the Lodge even hosted a beautiful wedding and reception!

Room rental Fees:

- \$75 — Lodge Member
- \$150 — Non-Lodge Member

The rental fee is waived when using the Lodge Caterer. To inquire about availability, please complete the Lodge Rental form, available on the Lodge website, and return it to the Lodge or email it to Cathy Hoffman at cath1028_@hotmail.com.

REGULAR CLUB HOURS

WWW.BELLEFONTEELKS1094.COM

Monday – Friday, 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Sunday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Monday, \$1 dog night

Tuesday, \$8 meal platter (volunteers needed)

Wednesday – Friday, Tavern Menu and Specials,
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

LODGE OFFICERS (2026-2027)

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Tiler---Vacant

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Trustee (5 year term) - Vacant

EVENTS SCHEDULED

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

10th – Home Service Breakfast, Mother's Day

11th – Lodge Meeting

13th – Police Memorial Luncheon

13th – Denny Taylor

15th – Music Bingo

16th – Clubs Connect Softball

17th – Veterans Get Together 10AM

18th – Trustees Meeting

19th – Bar BINGO

21st – Michael Yeany

JUNE

4th – PER Meeting

8th – Lodge Meeting

9th – Music Trivia

14th – Home Service Breakfast, Father's Day

14th – Flag Day

15th – Trustees Meeting

19th-20th – Bellefonte Cruise Open House

22nd – Lodge Meeting

27th – PER Chicken Dinner (Tentative)

JULY

3rd – 250th American Parade, line up 5:30pm

4th-8th – Elks National Convention, Chicago

