



Elk-A-Zette

ELKS GIVE – ELKS LIVE

August-September 2026

A Message from the Exalted Ruler



Hello Elks, and welcome back from your summer vacations!

We have been busy here in town, and we owe a huge thank you to all our members for making everything we do worthwhile. Whether you've helped at an event, participated in our activities, volunteered your time, or simply stopped by to show your support, you are the reason our lodge continues to thrive. I am looking forward to all our upcoming events, as we head into a busy fall season.

August was especially active for our lodge. A special thank you goes out to Tom Crist for doing a tremendous job organizing and running the Grange Fair booth in support of Pennsylvania Home Service. Tom had plenty of help from our dedicated volunteers, and together you kept the booth staffed, welcomed customers, and helped make the event a success. The Grange Fair continues to be an important fundraiser, and we appreciate everyone who gave their time and energy to support it.

While the Fair was underway, the lodge also served some fantastic meals. These dinners not only brought members together but also directly benefited the Club. You'll be seeing more Tuesday night meal specials in the coming months. These events help us keep the lodge financially strong while continuing to offer great value to our members. If you haven't attended one yet, please consider stopping in and supporting these special dinners. The community's young athletes also turned out in great numbers for this year's Soccer Shoot. Despite the summer heat, we had an excellent turnout and another group of outstanding volunteers helping to make the event possible. It's always rewarding to see local youth participate so enthusiastically, and we are proud to continue supporting programs that encourage sportsmanship, confidence, and healthy competition.

The Charity Committee has continued its efforts to support the local food bank through our "We Care Wednesday" meals. The food bank provides a much-needed service to members of our community, and every donation helps ensure that assistance remains available to those who need it most. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed, whether through donations, volunteering, or simply attending our events.

We are also excited about our upcoming ham sandwich fundraiser. Proceeds from this event, combined with funds raised through our earlier charitable efforts, will be used to purchase books for students in the Bellefonte Area School District. Our goal is simple but meaningful: to help ensure that every child has a book of their very own. Not a borrowed book, not a used book, but a brand-new book they can call their own and enjoy for years to come. As we move into September and the fall season, I am looking forward to our upcoming events and fundraisers, as well as the return of our popular Home Service Breakfasts. These events are not only important fundraisers, but also great opportunities for fellowship and community involvement.

Please consider jumping in and helping during the upcoming fall and winter months. Whether you can spare a few hours at an event, lend a hand with setup and cleanup, or join one of our committees, your support makes a difference. The success of our lodge depends on members working together, and there is always room for new volunteers and fresh ideas. Thank you again to everyone who volunteers, participates, and supports our lodge. I can't wait to see what we accomplish together in the months ahead.

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

AUGUST - The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 continues to push forward with its membership drive, as three new members were initiated into the Order. Shown here are Peter Sorensen, Patty Hillard, and Michael Contino, following their Initiation into the Bellefonte Elks.



SEPTEMBER - The Officers of Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 recently initiated eleven (11) new members into the Order. New members included, first row, from left to right: James Favero, Jackie Voltz, Connie McCahan, Charlotte Hubbard, Marcia Richards, and Jackie Hook. Back row, from left to right: Timothy Cleary, Matt Cartier, Peter Perciaccanto, George Callahan, and Chuck Hook.



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ELKS GIVING

Consistent with its outreach to community service, the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094, through its Garver Fund, recently donated \$2,000 to the UNDINE FIRE COMPANY, one of two fire companies serving Bellefonte and the immediate environs. Shown here, from left to right, back row, Elks Trustee and PER Terree Holsing, Elks Trustee, Cathy Hoffman, Chief Gary Lohr, Captain Colby Lohr, Elks Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards, Junior Fireman Jeremiah Shaffer; Front row, from left Captain Chris Whitaker and Fireman Josh King.



The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 has once again demonstrated its commitment to its service area, through a donation to the UNIONVILLE BOROUGH. The donation of \$2,600, made through the Bellefonte Elks Garver Fund, will enable the Borough to purchase a piece of replacement playground equipment at its Community Park.

Shown here, from left to right, are Unionville Borough Council representative Ben Narehood, Unionville Mayor Don Hassinger, Elks Trustee, Garver Fund Manager, and PER



Dale Moore, Unionville Borough Council representative Allen Runkle, Elks Head Trustee Patrick Corbett, and Elks Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards.

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 Trustees administer the Garver Fund for the Lodge. A recent recipient of a Garver Grant, the CENTRE COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, used a \$1,500 Garver Fund grant, to purchase an AED and associated equipment for the Academy. Shown here at the grant

award ceremony are, from left to right, front row, representing the Academy: Vach and Kira, second row, left to right, and also from the Academy: Kristy Smith and Persephanie Imler, back row, from the Elks: PER, Trustee, and Garver Fund Manager Dale Moore, Head Trustee Patrick Corbett, and Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards.



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.



TROY'S FUNDRAISER GIFT CARDS

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

COMMUNITY RELATED EVENTS

CLUBS CONNECT FOR A CAUSE

Bellefonte Elks members came out strong to support the BOWLING EVENT for CLUBS CONNECT FOR A CAUSE! Eight members formed two teams, Kim Chambers, Kelly Chambers, Anita and Matt Nixdorf, Tom and Beth Crist, Rusty Koleno and Steve Koch, and competed against other clubs to raise funds for the tournament. The fall tournament is extra special to our Lodge because our very own member Dale Moore is a recipient. This event raised over \$1,160. Everyone had a great time, and it was wonderful to have Dale and Kim there cheering on the teams! Thank you, bowlers, and thank you to those who came to support our teams, Mary Ellen Show, Amanda and Landyn Koch, Scott McKee and Terree and Ray Holsing. Thank you to Amy Allison for putting such a great event together!



The CLUBS CONNECT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT will be held on Saturday, September 19th! The Elks will be playing in the tournament and one of the recipients is member Dale Moore.



SOCCER SHOOT

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 recently hosted its Annual Local Lodge Soccer Shoot competition, during which they brought together young athletes to test their goal-scoring skills, in a fun community-oriented event. Young people compete in a variety of age groups, U-8, U-10, 12, U-14, and U-16, and gender-specific groups, as well.

Winners and participants in each age group are as follows:

BOYS U8

- 1st - Maverick Thompsom
- 2nd - Kevin Buckley
- 3rd - Nolan Thal



Pictured: Left to Right: ER Evan Edwards, Nathan Dick, Tripp Gurtz, Kevin Buckley, Nolan Thal, Connor Buckley, Maverick Thompson, Wyatt King, Zayden Snare

GIRLS U8

- 1st Place - Brooke Conrad

Pictured are ER Evan Edwards and Brooke Conrad



BOYS U10

- 1st Place - Colin Stewart
- 2nd Place - Henry Maris
- 3rd Place - Wyatt Nasoni

Pictured Left to Right: 1st row: Luke Conrad, Colin Stewart, Henry Maris, Wyatt Nasoni, Landen Pennino, Parker Oravis 2nd row: ER Evan Edwards



GIRLS U10

- 1st Place – Lauren Kulig
- 2nd Place – Kaylee Hackett
- 3rd Place – Carolina Rawding

Pictured, left to right: ER Evan Edwards, Lauren Kulig, Kaylee Hackett and Caroline Rawding



BOYS U12

- 1st Place - Aiden Thomas

Pictured are ER Evan Edwards and Aiden Thomas



GIRLS U12

1st Place - Stella Aberegg
2nd Place - Avery Spotts
3rd Place - Lucy Wertz

Pictured, left to right: ER Evan Edwards, Stella Aberegg, Lucy Wertz, Avery Spotts, Quinn Patterson and Alexa Kulago



BOYS U14

1st Place - Landon Stewart
2nd Place - Judah Knepper
3rd Place - Maximus Aberegg

Pictured, left to right: ER Evan Edwards, Landon Stewart, Maximus Aberegg, Sam Pollick and Judah Knepper



GIRLS U14

1st Place - Camryn Miller
2nd Place - Ava Pennino
3rd Place - Isabella Oravis

Pictured, left to right: ER Evan Edwards, Isabella Oravis, Ava Pennino and Camryn Miller



BOYS U16

1st Place - Lincoln Aberegg
2nd Place - Austin Mauk

Pictured, left to right: ER Evan Edwards, Austin Mauk and Lincoln Aberegg



ELKS GOLF SHOOT

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 is pleased to congratulate Cayden Mix, as he won the Boys ages 10-12 Golf Challenge (Putting, Chipping, and Target) at the Philipsburg Elks Lodge and Country Club, while representing the Bellefonte Elks. Cayden won all three Challenges in his age group, and the Overall Plaque in that age bracket.

Cayden is shown here with his many plaques earned during the Tournament. Congratulations, Cayden. We are so extremely proud of you.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094, and other organizations in the local area, joined the Bellefonte Police Department, POLICE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. This effort took place in and around Talleyrand Park in Bellefonte and was designed to focus on connecting with community organizations and letting the community know what these organizations do in our community. Kids and families visited our booth and made visors, pin wheels and received drug awareness items, water bottles, bracelets, frisbees and information pamphlets.

Shown here is Lodge member Kim Chambers, as she works with a youngster on a craft project, sponsored by the Bellefonte Elks.



GRANGE FAIR BOOTH & RAFFLE



A big thank you to all the volunteers who worked at our booth at the week-long Grange Fair. Raffle tickets sold benefited our state major project, PA Home Service! Elks Care, Elks Share!

NATIONAL PATRIOTISM DAY

Bellefonte Mayor (and an Elk member) Buddy Johnson recently signed a local proclamation declaring the week of September 7 through 13, 2026, as National Patriotism Week, in partnership with the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094. In alignment with National Patriotism Day remembrances, the Proclamation urges all citizens to express gratitude for their national heritage, support local veterans, and honor first responders who serve their communities. Shown here is Mayor Johnson (left) with Bellefonte Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards.



CLUB NEWS

PAST EXALTED RULERS MEETING

Most organizations are established with a board of directors which provides guidance and support to the establishment. The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 is no different and operates with a Past Exalted Rulers Association. This group provides advice and counsel to Lodge officers on operational and business matters, as called upon so to do.

Shown here are a group of Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 Past Exalted Rulers, at a recent meeting, seated left to right: Terree Holsing, Ray Holsing, Lorna Spearly, and Richard Mulfinger. Standing, left to right: Scott King, Dale Moore, James Park, Rick Zerby, Adam Rawding, and Chris Shuey.



SKILL GAMES IMPORTANT DEADLINE APPROACHING

Our lodge operates Skill Game machines and all should be aware of the critical **October 13, 2026** deadline following the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's ruling that these devices are considered slot machines under state law. The Legislature has limited time remaining to pass legislation before the deadline. If no legislation is enacted, Pennsylvania State Police and other enforcement agencies have indicated that enforcement actions may begin immediately. These actions could include machine confiscation, fines, criminal charges, and penalties affecting liquor licenses or Small Games of Chance authorizations.

We have been strongly advised that simply unplugging or covering machines is **not** considered compliance. If Skill Games remain on the premises after October 13, they may still be considered unlawful.

Lodge leadership is not relying solely on advice from vendors suggesting machines can remain in operation.

State regulatory and enforcement agencies will determine compliance requirements.

Bottom line: If no legislation is passed by October 13, 2026, Skill Game machines should be completely removed from Lodge property to avoid potential legal, financial, and licensing consequences.



Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.

MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Apply if you are:

- ✔ A current high school senior
- ✔ A United States citizen
- ✔ Planning to attend a four-year undergraduate degree program at an accredited U.S. college or university



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Have you heard about the Most Valuable Student scholarship? We will award 500 scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$30,000 over four years. No relation to the Elks is necessary to apply.

With this scholarship, students gain more than just financial aid—they gain an appreciation of service, a network of like-minded peers, and an [#ElksFamily](#) for life. Find eligibility requirements and other important details at enf.elks.org/mvs



Always ready to step forward to assist with a cause, the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 recently supported a local need by conducting a spaghetti dinner to help raise funds. The dinner raised \$1,067, which was combined with other funds raised through CLUBS CONNECT FOR A CAUSE events. These dollars were donated in support of local needs.

Among those supporting the dinner through their services were, from left to right: John Leiter, PER Terree Holsing, Tammy Thal, Amanda Koch, Matt Cartier, PER Lorna Spearly, and Sue Garner. Back row, from left to right: PER Adam Rawding, Kim Chambers, Greg Garner, PER Dale Moore, and Rhonda Leiter. A sincere and heartfelt "thank you" to all who purchased spaghetti dinners in support of this event.



Bellefonte Elks #1094

TUESDAY NIGHT Dinner Platters:

SEPTEMBER 8	SPAGHETTI DINNER Fundraiser Clubs Connect for a Cause
SEPTEMBER 15	SPAGHETTI DINNER Fundraiser Bellefonte Cross Country
SEPTEMBER 22	PORK CHOPS
SEPTEMBER 29	CABBAGE ROLLS

Meals served 5:30PM – 7:00PM

★ Elks Care....Elks Share ★

Bellefonte Elks Presents:

We Care Wednesday

SEPTEMBER ITEMS

- ♥ Sugar
- ♥ Flour
- ♥ Pickles
- ♥ Mustard
- ♥ Ramen Noodles
- ♥ Salad Dressing

and receive a **\$5 COUPON OFF YOUR DINNER!**

5:30PM – 8:00PM

WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2 ND	SEPTEMBER 9 TH	SEPTEMBER 16 TH	SEPTEMBER 23 RD	SEPTEMBER 30 TH
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Benefits the **BELLEFONTE FOOD BANK**

MUSIC BINGO

with Troy Breon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

7:00PM – 9:00PM

KITCHEN OPENS AT 5:30PM

Bellefonte Elks

★ The Bellefonte Elks PER Assoc presents ★

The Ed Dyke LEGACY CHICKEN BBQ

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

11AM-1PM

Pick up at the Elks

Dinner consists of HALF CHICKEN, MACARONI SALAD, BAKED BEANS AND ROLL

★ **TICKETS ARE \$12** ★

Benefits PER Assoc Charities

Bellefonte Elks PER ASSOCIATION

will hold a

VETERANS LUNCHEON

ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**

at the Lodge following the **VETERANS DAY CEREMONY.**

★ **All Veterans are welcome to attend.** ★

Volunteers are needed for set-up, serving and clean-up.

Bellefonte Elks sponsoring a

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

Wednesday, November 18th

11:30am-2pm

Seniors from the Bellefonte and Snow Shoe Senior Center are invited to attend, must register through them.

Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, fruit cup, salad, roll and pumpkin pie will be served.

Accepting donations of turkeys and pumpkin pie

Volunteers needed to help with this event.

ONGOING EVENTS AT THE LODGE

HOME SERVICE

breakfasts have continued with the new Lodge year, with Leading Knight, Tom Crist, heading the charge! All proceeds benefit the PA Elks Home Service Program. Home Service Breakfasts resumed September 13. We will have the same great menu with new fun additions and monthly specials. Volunteers are also welcome and needed to help with the breakfasts. Please contact Tom if you are interested in helping, thomascrist73@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.

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.

Also, veterans who are interested in receiving a "Quilt of Valor", please contact Terree Holsing, who will take your information and submit it to the Centre County Chapter of the Quilts of Valor. The quilts are issued to any veteran who is on active duty or received an honorable discharge. These quilts are handmade and are beautiful! For more information about the quilts of valor, please visit their website at www.qovf.org.

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.

STILL NEED TO PAY YOUR DUES?

Click this QR code to pay your dues, quick and easy! Just scan the QR code, which will take you to the elks.org website, where you can sign in and see a blue button on the home page that says "Pay My Dues". If you do not already have a log in for elks.org, you will need to create one. The process should take 60 seconds, and your membership is updated that quickly! You can access your digital membership card immediately and use that to access the Lodge until the Secretary can get your paper card mailed to you. It's that simple and easy! Renew your membership today and come into the Lodge for all our great events, fundraising, food and drink!



REGULAR CLUB HOURS

WWW.BELLEFONTEELKS1094.COM

Monday – Friday, 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am – 9:00 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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Cathy Hoffman (cath1028@hotmail.com)

Trustee (5 year term) – **Vacant**

EVENTS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER

September 13- Home Service Breakfast

September 14 - Lodge Meeting

September 19 – Clubs Connect Softball

September 21 – Trustee Meeting

September 22 – Bar Bingo

September 27 - District Meeting, Philipsburg

September 28 - Lodge Meeting

OCTOBER

October 3 – Amazing Race

October 6 - Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

October 8 – Music Bingo

October 8-11 - Fall State Convention

October 11 – Home Service Breakfast

October 12 - Lodge Meeting

October 20 – Bar Bingo

October 24 - PER Meat and Seafood Raffle

October 26 - Lodge Meeting

October 31 - Fall Festival (Halloween)

October/November - District Soccer Shoot

NOVEMBER

November 5 – Music Bingo

November 7 – Chicken BBQ

November 8 - Home Service Breakfast

November 8 - District Meeting Clearfield

November 9 - Lodge Meeting

November 10 – Bar Bingo

November 11 – Veterans Luncheon

November 18 - Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon



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