



Livingston Elks Lodge No. 246  
January 2019

# The Northern Herd

## A Message From Your Exalted Ruler -

The new year is upon us. As Elks we have made the effort to be positive members in our community. It is humbling to see those individuals who have the passion to rise, regardless of the challenges. For with the spirit of Elkdom that dwells within, only the positive unfolds. Persistence is the building block of our success. Embracing projects which better our fellow citizens and regardless of our differences, the common goals bond us as Elks.

We are in our 100<sup>th</sup> year as Livingston Elks Lodge 246! *Wow!* Think about the efforts of those who came before to begin this honorable society. A little town in the western-most region of the northern plains, with our small population and miles between, all under the Big Sky. We have the same make up as the founders; never knowing who may encourage or inspire yet knowing those that have provided the vision that touched us to be more. As the New Year unfolds, we see efforts and activity that re-enforce us with the inspiration to continue along this road.

We are privileged to be hosting the state Elks convention this summer and we will open our home lodge to those Elks to enjoy the brotherhood we all share right here in Montana. We are witnessing a growing relationship with the Livingston Police Department through the Drug Awareness Program which is on the threshold of becoming an on-going partnership. In addition, service Veterans which we continually behold are always in our hearts and a focus of our support.

The arts, Elks Hoop Shoot, youth scholastic scholarship, food drives and partnerships that provide holiday baskets to those in need...these are but a few of the contributions our lodge is involved. Yes, there is much work ahead but the milestones of our accomplishments are the foundation to our success.

We look back and take note of all the accomplishments that we were able to achieve as well as the goals to achieve that remain on the horizon. In this newsletter, we acknowledge those that have been by our sides while we bow our heads with the tender thoughts and memory to those who no longer are present. It is with their spirit we hold dear, providing us with confidence, tradition and commitment. Yes, this is a short life, yet we all play an important role in those that remain.



Jack Schuler

1932-2018

John (Jack) Schuler died peacefully Dec. 8, 2018 in Longmont Colorado. He was born in 1932 in Warren Pennsylvania to Emoree and Kathryn Schuler. He graduated from Warren High School in 1950 and enlisted in the Air Force. In 1956 he met his future wife Mary Jean Robinson. They married in Livingston in 1958 and spent the next 16 years traveling the world as Jack continued his military career. Their daughters, Kathy and Linda were lucky to share the adventure with them. Along the way, Jack completed his B.S. in Accounting from Montana State and his M.B.A from Michigan State. He spent 24 years serving in the Air Force and retired in 1974 as a Major. He was very proud of his service.

Upon retiring, the family moved to Livingston to allow the girls to complete high school in one location. Jack took and passed the CPA examination and worked as a CPA into his 80's. Jack was a lifelong member of the Elks. He had the pleasure of serving as Exalted Ruler for the local lodge, district deputy for several terms and Exalted Ruler for the State of Montana from 2002 – 2003. He never was far from Elks Lodge 246 when he was in Livingston.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife Mary Jean, his father, mother and his two brothers Clare and Gene. He is survived by his daughters Kathy (Dennis) Korpela, and Linda (Russ) Bachmeier; grandchildren Rory (Bernice) Korpela, Krista (Kelly) Allard, Josh (T.J.) Korpela, Mackenzie Bachmeier and Sara Bachmeier; and great grandchildren Olivia and Leland Korpela and Brooke and Mason Allard.

Jack had many wonderful friends. The family appreciates all the love and support he had while living in Livingston. The family would like to give special thanks to Gary Schuler, Mary Weamer, Clara Gillard, John Gannon, Joan Bozlee for your love and friendship through the years and the Livingston Elks Lodge #246.

A celebration of Life will be held in Livingston the week of July 4, 2019 (details to follow). We hope his friends will be able to join us in remembering Jack. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Elks National Foundation or the charity of your choice in his name would be appreciated.



## Elks Hoop Shoot Continues!

**On Saturday, January 5, the Elks Hoop Shoot District Finalists met in Big Timber to fight for a spot in the state contest. Contestants total score out of 25 shots were as follows:**

- 8-9 Girls: 1st Place Gaige Taylor (Wilsall) 8/25  
2nd Place Luella Wallila (Roberts) 5/25  
3rd Place Emma Wiechmann (Bozeman) 2/25
- 8-9 Boys: 1st Place Max Venhuizen (Manhattan) 19/25  
2nd Place Brae Schaible (Joliet) 11/25  
3rd Place JV Novotny (Big Timber) 9/25
- 10-11 Girls: 1st Place Abby Schwend (Bridger) 18/25  
2nd Place Camdyn Holgate (Manhattan) 17/25  
3rd Place Taylor Speake (Livingston) 14/25
- 10-11 Boys: Blake Bentle (Belgrade) 17/25  
2nd Place Tyce Schaible (Joliet) 14/25  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Koyle Malone (Pray) 1/25
- 12-13 Girls: 1st Place Kameryn Ketcham (Big Timber) 17/25  
2nd Place Emily Jehle (West Yellowstone) 13/25
- 12-13 Boys: 1st Place Fischer Brown (Manhattan) 22/25  
2nd Place Gage McGillvray (Big Timber) 18/25 3/5 5/5  
Quade Boggio (Red Lodge) 18/25 3/5 4/5

**1st Place Winners advance to the Montana Elks State Hoop Shoot Contest on Saturday, February 2, 2019 in Livingston, MT.**









Elks Christmas Food Baskets 2018





Over 300 food baskets were delivered in Park and Sweet Grass counties in 2018. The largest delivery of food baskets, since the beginning, in 1983. The baskets have changed since the beginning, to fit the needs of today. The first Food Basket distribution started as a local radio auction and was held in 1983...and has continued non-stop ever since. It was founded by Dean Holmes and Wally Chezik. Both had lived in Miles City and were active in the Miles City Lodge's auction. When the auction started, several phone lines were connected in the Lodge. Elk volunteers manned the phones. Community donations were live auctioned, over KPRK, Livingston's radio station, at that time. The public also participated at the Elks, by bidding on donated items.

Over the years the auction has grown, but also the needs at Christmas has also grown. The baskets included meats, usually turkey, potatoes, vegetables, some types of canned goods along with toys and clothing when the need was identified and sometimes provided by other community groups. The baskets always were large and contained ample amounts of holiday foods to help families in need.

Whenever possible, the Elks encouraged

other groups and organizations to participate and make it a coordinated effort to provide special help at the holidays. Because of special people, merchants and friends of the Elks, the auction has provided more than \$150,000.00 in help to your community. It sounds like a lot, but when you consider the costs and needs over these past years, many times it was touch and go to fund what was needed and requested.

To our community, thank you for continuing the dream of two men, which started thirty five years ago.







## Elks National Foundation Update

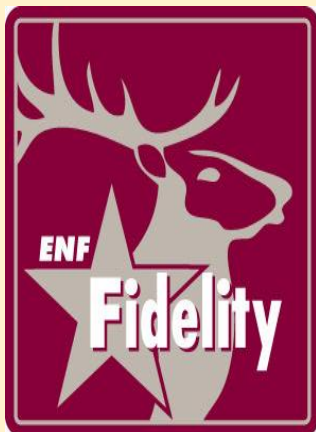
### The Bakeless Bake Sale

Many is the time I heard you say  
I would rather give a "Dollar" than bake today  
And so, we are asking you to help more or less  
To make our Bakeless Bake Sale a big success.

Just send us the money that it would take  
To Bake a loaf of bread or a beautiful cake  
Or send in the amount of money it takes to buy  
A dozen rolls or maybe a pie  
We know you can help us if you will but try.

Buy as much as you want we will never be late  
You never gain weight because it will  
never be baked

**The Elks National Foundation Anniversary  
grant for \$1500.00 was divided in half  
\$750.00 for Rise MT and \$750.00 to Youth  
Dynamics.**



### Happy January Birthdays!

Robert Gersack  
Jack Grundhofer  
Robert Jenkins  
Dennis Springer  
Robert Anderson  
Dean Hendrickson  
Joseph Becker  
Khristopher Dodgin  
Wayne Hansen  
James Phelps  
Chris Bruha  
Parks Reece  
Rudy Greger  
Ray Yardley Jr  
Benjamin Downs  
Jerry Jacobsen  
James Ricci  
Dain Rodwell  
Robert Dattila  
Caleb Dennison  
Larry Eddy  
Melvin Anzick  
Dean Flatt  
Channe Libbey II  
Bruce McKnight

January / February 2019 EVENT CALENDAR

January 16<sup>th</sup>

Lodge Meeting

January 18 & 19

State Elks Mid-Winter Convention, Lewistown

February 6<sup>th</sup>

Lodge Meeting

February 20<sup>th</sup>

Lodge Meeting

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

State Hoop Shoot - Livingston



Thank you to all who helped our Elks Christmas Basket distribution!



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STATE ELKS  
CONVENTION

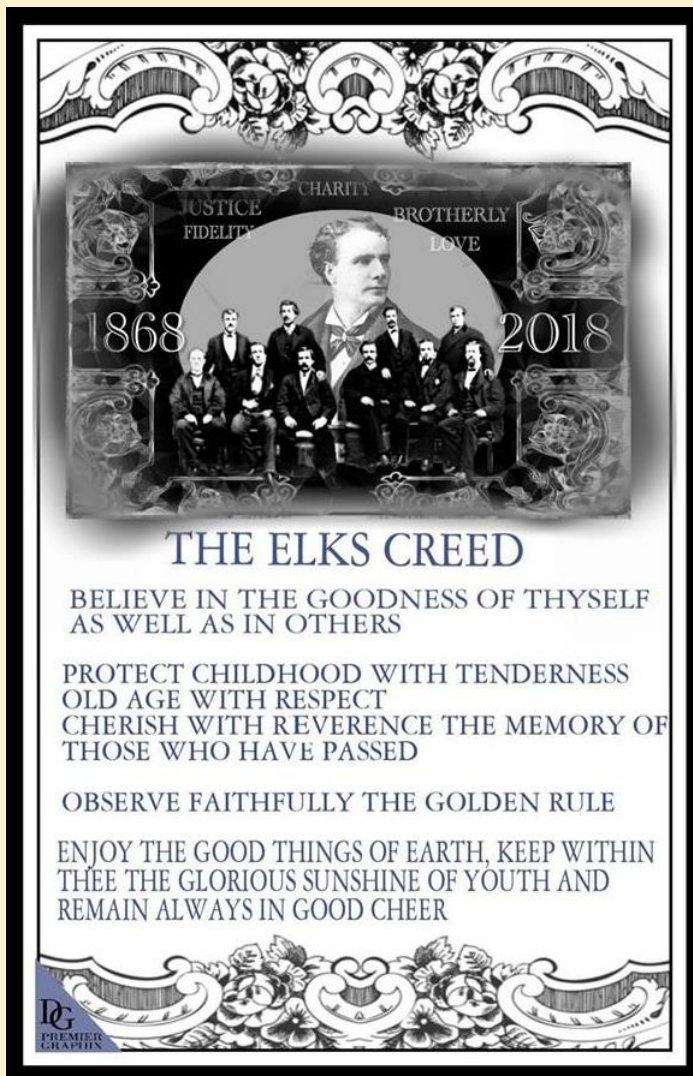
JULY 11-13, 2019



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Livingston, MT







You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to impress upon you that with us the hour of eleven has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message: "To Our Absent Members."

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