

Colorado State Soccer Shoot Winners



The State Soccer Shoot was held on October 11 and 12. The kids and their families enjoyed an evening of tacos and swimming. Sunday saw the competitors working to become the winner representing their age group on November 1 in Kansas City. Following the Soccer Shoot, the participants and their families enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers before they headed back to their homes. See more pictures on our Facebook Page.

Florence Elks 611

Annual Chicken Wing Cook-off

November 16, 2025

All entries must be turned in by 2:00pm

Judging will begin at 3:00pm



Winners in two divisions, Spicy and Not Spicy! Guest judges! Bring enough for the judges and to compete in People's Choice! Wings must be prepared at home and brought to the lodge in a crockpot or other warming dish. Tasting and voting for People's Choice will be \$.50. 1st Place in each category will receive 30% of the pot and a special prize 2nd place in each category will receive 20% of the pot People's Choice will receive a free drink.

Questions? Ask Kim Bungard 719-225-3486

BINGO

EVERY TUESDAY!
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
EARLY BIRD AT 6:45
GAME STARTS AT 7:00PM

Progressive
 Pot
 Flaming Balls
 New Games

Open to the
 Public

Food Served
 until 8pm

Florence Elks
East Front Street, Florence
719-784-3892



Clothing Drive

We will be putting the big box out this weekend for the annual clothing drive. The clothes are given away on Thanksgiving Day during our annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Drop your gently used clothes off at the Lodge! Please and Thank you



2026-2027 Activities

Attention Members! We will be meeting to begin planning events and activities for the upcoming year on Wednesday, November 19 at 4pm.

We will be looking at what might need a Public Use Permit for the upcoming year. Bring your ideas!!

THE 2025 FLORENCE ELKS LODGE #611 HOOP SHOOT



Registration:

Saturday, December 6
9:30 am to 10:15 am

Hoop Shoot kicks off at 10:30 am
The old Florence High School
Aka Emergent Campus
215 Maple Avenue, Florence

THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS

Winners will receive medals as well as the opportunity to compete against other district champions at the next level of competition.

Age categories (as of April 1):
Boys and Girls 8-9
Boys and Girls 10-11
Boys and Girls 12-13
Girls shoot against girls and boys against boys in each of these categories.

Come on down and show your free throw skills at the Elks Annual Hoop Shoot!
Questions? Call Steve Channel at 719-989-8043

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sherri Buza
- 1 Gary Stendahl
- 2 James Canterbury
- 3 Justin Gindro
- 3 Kelly Kirkman
- 5 Kathryn Nabors
- 6 Lane Johnston
- 8 Daniel Burns
- 9 Jody Bufmack
- 9 Richard Mowers
- 11 Jeffrey Coutts
- 11 Ronald Lhamon
- 14 Cortlyne Huppe
- 16 Christine Kilpatrick
- 17 Howitt Underwood
- 18 Joseph Tamburello
- 20 Cory Bungard
- 25 William Scrimshaw
- 26 Melissa Baluch
- 26 David Burrous
- 26 Richard McCandless
- 28 Daniel Cornella
- 28 Steven Schutte
- 30 Jason Hall
- 30 Joy Smith

Any member who is having a birthday in the month of NOVEMBER please come into the club and receive your ... FREE DRINK

ALL AMERICAN LODGE CONTEST

All American Lodge Contest 'Afrom' Opens

By MICHAEL L. KENNEDY

Committee Member Each year, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks celebrates the outstanding achievements of its Lodges across the country through the prestigious All American Lodge Contest "A". This national competition recognizes Lodges that exemplify excellence in community service, Member engagement, and organizational leadership.

What Is Contest "A"? Contest "A" is designed to spotlight Lodges that go above and beyond in fulfilling the Elks' mission of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. Lodges are evaluated on a range of criteria, including:

- Community involvement and charitable contributions.
- Membership growth and retention.
- Lodge activities and programming.
- Public relations and visibility.
- Financial stewardship and governance.

Our Lodge is participating this year. So far we have 19 new members. We have been an extremely busy Lodge, providing for our community in a variety of ways. Working with our community through the Chamber of Commerce and the Schools, we have increased our presence in the school. We have worked hard to be good stewards of our finances. We are off to a great start, let's go out with a bang!

The contest encourages Lodges to reflect on their accomplishments, share best practices, and inspire others within the Elks community.

Participation Highlights

The most recent year of the All American Lodge Contest "A" saw an impressive turnout, with 154 applications submitted from 33 states. This widespread participation underscores the dedication and pride Lodges have in their work and the value they place on national recognition.

Other Lodges in other states could have participated only if they filled out the All American Contest "A" Certification Form and submitted it.

Such strong engagement also reflects the diversity and reach of the Elks organization, with Lodges from coast to coast showcasing their unique contributions to local communities. Why It Matters Winning or placing in Contest "A" is more than just a badge of honor—it's a testament to a Lodge's commitment to excellence and its impact on the lives of others.

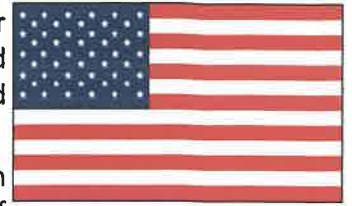
Recognition through this contest can:

- Boost morale and pride among Members.
- Strengthen recruitment and retention efforts.
- Increase visibility in the local community.
- Encourage continued innovation and service.

Looking Ahead As Lodges prepare for the next round of submissions, the Elks Grand Lodge Headquarters encourages all eligible Lodges to participate. Whether you're a small-town Lodge with a big heart or a bustling urban Lodge with expansive outreach, Contest "A" is your opportunity to shine. For Lodges considering entering this year, now is the time to start gathering data, documenting achievements, and celebrating the incredible work done throughout the year.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AMERICAN FLAG TO ELKS

This Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was founded "To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship."



It is fitting that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was the first fraternal organization to observe Flag Day on June 14th, the anniversary of the Continental Congress's adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America in 1777. Grand Exalted Ruler Henry A. Melvin recommended the observance of Flag Day by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in his report to Grand Lodge in 1907. This recommendation was acted upon by the Membership at the July 1908 Grand Lodge National Convention in Dallas, Texas. In 1911 the Order approved the mandatory observance of Flag Day by all Lodges.

Clem and Evelyn Audin Update

This month our lodge was able to assist a toddler who was recently placed in her Grandmother's care due to an abusive situation. We spent \$250 on clothes, diapers and other basic needs. If you know a child in need please contact Kim Bungard at 719-225-3486.

Opportunity to Volunteer

Are you wanting to help the lodge but not sure how? **BINGO** is in need of helpers. We need ticket sales, callers, food runners. One Tuesday a month would be great. We feed you dinner and it's a great opportunity to help the lodge and meet some really great people. If you are interested just let Cory Bungard know.



WHAT IS ENF?

Elks National Foundation was started in 1928 by the then National Elks President John F Malley. It was started because Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind."

Today ENF contributes to many charitable causes. Grants and scholarships are dispersed to lodges across the United States. This year \$18 million is allocated to the Community Investment Program which gives lodges the opportunity to apply for grants.

The ability to apply for grants is based upon our local members helping to meet the per capita donation requirements. **The goal this year is to donate \$5.15 per member to ENF.** Meeting these goals has given our lodge the opportunity to apply for grants over many years.

Since 2020 Florence Elks 611 has used the Community Investment Program grants to put \$39,200 directly back into our community. We have used this money to serve our veterans by helping newly homed veterans buy home goods. We invite the elderly and disabled to come to our lodge every year for Christmas in July. We have helped Girl Scouts earn their Gold Awards while also giving back to our local Humane Society.

Our members' contributions allowed us to support food banks and first responders during the pandemic using CIP grant funds. The list goes on and on. Last year our lodge donated \$11.64 per member to ENF. With 331 members during the last Elk year that means we donated \$3,852.84. We received \$10,000.00 back in grants for charitable projects in our community.

Meeting our per capita goals also qualifies us to receive a \$1000.00 scholarship from Colorado State Elks Association.

While a lot of this charitable work may seem to go on in the background of what we do, it is important for our members to know that their donations and dues are paying back to our community in a huge way!



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						MEMORIAL 2PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
POKER 2:00 KING OF KLUBS 3:00 POTLUCK	CLOSED	BINGO 5:30	TACOS 4:30	STATE QUARTERLIES CLUB BINGO 5:00	STATE QUARTERLIES OPEN 4:00 QUILTERS 12:30 FRIDAY FUN FOOD— TARA 5PM	STATE QUARTERLIES OPEN 2PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
STATE QUARTERLIES POKER 2:00 KING OF KLUBS POTLUCK LISA QUINLAN BABY SHOWER 1PM	TRUSTEE MEETING 5PM INITIATION PRACTICE 5:15	BINGO 5:30	TACOS—4:30 UNION NIGHT ORIENTATION 4:00	LODGE 7PM	OPEN 4:00 QUILTERS 1:00 FRIDAY FOOD FUN—KIM 5PM	OPEN 2:00 BOWLING FUND RAISER 1PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
POKER 2:00 KING OF KLUBS POTLUCK INITIATION—12:30 CHICKEN WING CONTEST 2PM	CLOSED ACTIVITIES 6:00 BOD 7:00	BINGO 5:30	TACOS 4:30	CLUB BINGO 6PM	OPEN 4:00 FRIDAY FUN FOOD—BARB 5PM	OPEN 2:00
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
POKER 2:00 KING OF KLUBS POTLUCK	CLOSED	BINGO 5:30 HOLCOM VOTING 2:30	THANKSGIVING MEAL PREPA- RATION	COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER	OPEN 4:00	OPEN 2:00
30						
POKER 2:00 KING OF KLUBS POTLUCK						