



Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge #2350

The Corral Newsletter: May, 2025

Save the Dates:

Dinner With
the ER

May 2, 2025

6pm

Ribeye \$16 or 2
Piece Fish (\$18)

May 9, 2025

Dinner and
Music with Bob
Villa

Elks Care
Elks Share

A Message from the Exalted Ruler

Dear Elks Members,

As we step into May, I want to thank each and every one of you for the continued energy, enthusiasm, and heart you bring to **Coolidge/Florence Elks Lodge #2350**. April was a month to remember - especially our **Easter Event on April 13th**, which was a huge success! We welcomed **50 children and 28 adults** for a day of fun, laughter, and community spirit. A big thank-you goes out to all the volunteers who made it possible.

I'm also proud to share that myself, **Exalted Ruler**, along with **Leading Knight Mark Blackwell** and **Loyal Knight Stephen Hotz**, and our spouses, recently volunteered at the **Jack C. Warter Camp**, where we cleaned **8 of the 13 cabins** and helped prepare the grounds for upcoming summer programs. This camp supports youth groups like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and church organizations, and it felt great to contribute directly to a place that makes such a big impact.



Most exciting of all - we're honored to present a check for **\$6,319** to [Arizona Elks Major Projects \(AEMP\)](#)! These funds were raised through our TAD concerts, Good of the Order donations, and \$5 from each member's dues. This donation helps support vital programs like the [Steele Children's Research Center](#) and the [Jack C. Warter Camp](#).

Additionally, **Robert Beck, PER** and **Angie Schenk, Secretary** attended the **District Deputy Clinic in Tempe**, where it was announced that our **5th Grade Americanism Essay** contestant and **4th Grade Drug Awareness Poster** contestant have advanced to the **State Competition Committee**. We'll be cheering them on when winners are announced at the AEA Convention in Tempe this May!

And now, some truly amazing news - Coolidge/Florence Lodge #2350 is **currently ranked #1 in membership growth** in the East District at 18.96%! We're **also #2 in the entire state**, just behind Scottsdale Lodge #2148 at 28.03%. This is an incredible achievement, and it's all thanks to your efforts in recruiting, welcoming, and engaging new members.

Let's keep this momentum going! I encourage every member - whether you're new or a long-time Elk - to find a small way to get involved. Whether it's helping out twice a month in the kitchen, with maintenance, on a committee, or even just picking up a broom or lending a hand with landscaping - **it all makes a difference**.

On **Friday, May 2nd**, I will be at dinner and would like to have open discussions to answer any questions you may have, suggestions for new events, things we need to do better, etc. I want to hear from our members. We will be serving **6oz Ribeye for \$16 or 2 piece Fish for \$18** with baked potato, green beans, salad and a roll.

Let's show Arizona what Coolidge/Florence Elks are made of.

Fraternally,

Chad Knutson

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Exalted Ruler: Chad Knutson

Leading Knight: Mark Blackwell

Loyal Knight: Stephen Hotz

Lecturing Knight: Cameron Gilliam

Treasurer: Susan Hunt

Secretary: Angela Schenk

Esquire: Christine Perry

Inner Guard: Dan Martin

Tiler: Thomas Grubb

Chaplain: George Hickman

Trustees:

Robert Beck (5)

Richard "Moe" Moline III (4)

Bonnie Hundley (3)

Robert Hundley (2)

Debra Neely (1)

(#) Indicates the # of years

[Past Exalted Ruler's & PER Association](#)

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Lodge Hours

Sunday:	Closed
Monday:	Open from 3pm – 7pm
Tuesday:	Open from 3pm – 7pm
Wednesday:	Open from 3pm – 7pm Dinner served 5pm – 6:30pm
Thursday:	Open from 3pm – 7pm Queen of Hearts 6:30pm
Thursday:	Open from 3pm – 7pm
Friday:	Open from 3pm – 8pm Dinner served 5pm – 7:30pm
Saturday:	Open from 1pm – 5pm

Online Resources



[Facebook](#)

Listing of upcoming events including Bingo, Queen of Hearts, dinners and any other upcoming events.



[Our Lodge - Coolidge-Florence #2350](#)

Access to our calendar of events, membership, lodge history, our approved Grants, etc.



[Arizona Elks Association](#)

Information on our Arizona Elks [Major Projects](#): Children's Research Center, and Youth Camp in Globe, AZ.



[Grand Lodge](#)

Learn more about the Elks.

[Register online](#) for access to our Lodge

The Corral Newsletter

Please submit any articles or suggestions to: dflattum@live.com

Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge #2350

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Phone: 520-723-3832

Newsletter Committee:

Gail Smith, Debbie Knutson



Are there any changes we should make to the newsletter? If yes, please take a few minutes to fill out our [online survey](#).



MEMBERSHIP



Invite a friend to join the Elks

\$129 Membership Dues Were Due April 1st

You can drop off a check, pay with credit card or cash with the bartender, or



Pay using the Zelle app.

Use BPOE2350@gmail.com as the recipient.

or



Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge 2350
PO Box 1033, Florence, AZ 85132

We thank you for your membership and value all you do for the Children's Charities, Veterans and the Lodge.

wELKcome New Members

On Tuesday, April 15th we initiated **8** new members. We are thrilled to have you join the "Lodge of the Year".



Front Left:	Mark Powell	Lori McChesney	Dennis Schmidt	Lynne Olsen
Back Left:	Mark Platt	Karen Platt	Melissa Campbell	Tim Chilson

We are so excited to welcome you to our Elks community! Here, we cherish the values of fellowship, service, and creativity, and we're thrilled to have you join us.

We encourage you to [register](#) online to learn more about the Elks and our Lodge including information on volunteer opportunities, events and activities. You will need your Membership Number to Register.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out. Our goal is to make your Elks experience both rewarding and enjoyable.

New Members for Proposal

Joel Mellinger, proposed by Steve Johnson
Kim Moser, proposed by Ron Becker
Mark Fagg, proposed by Paul Roberts #299
Ralph Lundquist, Transfer Dimit Casa Grande #1957
Dennis Bohl, Transfer Dimit Casa Grande #1957
Brian Downing, Transfer Dimit Casa Grande #1957
Edward Lindgren, Transfer Dimit Casa Grande #1957

Harold Long, Transfer Dimit Casa Grande #1957
Jerry Weaver, Reinstatement
Cynthia Gautreau, Certificate of Release Franklin #1280
John McClure, Transfer Dimit Apache Junction #2349
Marc Brower, Certificate of Release Winchester #867



Membership Stats

are available on our web site.



MEETINGS & CHARITABLE GIVING



All members are encouraged to attend.

Friday, May 2nd

Chad Knutson, ER will be at dinner and he would like to have open discussions with everyone. Let's plan on a **Start, Stop and Continue** evening. What should we start doing, stop doing or continue doing?

Dinner: We will be serving 6oz Ribeye for \$16 or 2 piece Fish for \$18 with baked potato, green beans, salad and a roll. Don't forget to make a reservation.

Monday, May 5th

Board Meeting: 5:00

This is the **officers' meeting**. All members are encouraged to attend and observe the discussions.

Any agenda items can be brought up to a board member in advance, or fill out the [Board Agenda](#)



Tuesday, May 6th & May 20th

Member Lodge Meetings: 6:30pm

All members are encouraged to attend.

Charitable Giving - April, 2024

The **Veterans Fund** was used to donate **\$500** to the Sun City Veterans Club. The donation supports the Honor Guard which assisted in our Veterans Honor Park Dedication, Veteran Treatment Court Program, Community Youth Programs and Community Veterans Events.

National Guard Food Pantry

Spotlight Grant

\$2,000 in June and \$3,946 in March was donated to the National Guard Food Pantry.



Honoring/Hiring/Helping Our Heros (HOHP) of Casa Grande

Focus Grant

\$1,162.26 was donated to the HOHP Pantry in March.





DRUG AWARENESS - MAY 2025

Chair: [Christine Perry](#)

National Prevention Week May 11-17, sponsored by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#), is a public education platform showcasing the work of communities and organizations across the county that are preventing

May 10th - National Fentanyl Awareness Day

The DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) has announced that May 10 is also National Fentanyl Awareness Day. This day is an effort to educate individuals about the dangers that fentanyl poses to the safety and health of Americans.

- Traffickers often mix fentanyl with other drugs like cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine. It can also be found in vape pens, counterfeit pills, and ecstasy.
- Fentanyl is about 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine, according to the DEA.
- Most people don't realize drugs can be laced with fentanyl, or with how much, resulting in overdoses.



The Elks Drug Awareness Commission's goal is to reach every child in our communities and educate them on the dangers of illicit drug use and abuse of legal drugs. We want our children to make informed decisions, not just during the month of May, but every day of the year.



TEACHER APPRECIATION MONTH - MAY

Teacher Appreciation Month is in May. **Teacher Appreciation Week** runs from May 5 - 9, 2025, and **National Teacher Appreciation Day** is Tuesday, May 6th.

Why Celebrate?

Teachers today face an array of challenges that often go unnoticed by the public. They're tasked with adapting to rapidly changing technologies while simultaneously delivering effective lessons. Many educators find themselves providing emotional support to students dealing with personal issues, stretching limited resources to create engaging learning experiences, and balancing an overwhelming workload that extends far beyond regular school hours.

This is why it is important to acknowledge our teachers in May. We would like to celebrate our Elk members that are teachers.



Chris Knutsen
Superintendent - Florence School



Roger Blede
Florence School District
Vice President Governing Board



Deanna Potter
Principal - Florence High School



Robert Edwards
Principal—Mountain Vista Academy



Robin Tobar
Assistant Principal - San Tan
Foothills



Bonnie Hundley
Business & Computer Technology
26 Years



Dawn Winsor
Director of Secondary Curriculum,
Instruction & Assessment



Michelle Bladt
Secondary English Arts and Science
Curriculum & Technology Integration
Specialist

Anthem K-8 Para's

Jeanette Bradeen
Angela Drazkowski
Bonnie Rabelhofer
Debbie Reimer Substitute

We sincerely apologize if we missed any of our teachers or para's. Please let us know who we may have missed. Email: BPOE2350@hotmail.com

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Each month, the Corral Newsletter will feature Elk members who routinely volunteer at Lodge #2350. We love to highlight those dedicated volunteers as well as to demonstrate how YOU can make a difference, too.

MEET: Mike Mulliken

Mike moved here from Moses Lake, WA and has lived in Florence, AZ for 8 years. His wife's name was Joyce, she passed away in 2021. They would have been married for 57 years. Mike is retired now but was an operations manager for a local refuse company in Eastern WA for 25 years.



Mike is a Veteran of the Army, 55G Vietnam, he served 3 years and received the Purple Heart, the oldest military award that is still in use and is a symbol of sacrifice and valor.

He transferred here from Moses Lake, WA lodge and has been a member of our lodge for 7 years and an Elks for 52 years. Over the past 7 years he has recruited 7 new members. Over his tenure as an Elk, he has served as a Tiler and a Chaplain. He is very proud and honored to be an Elk and is currently on the Cleaning Crew, worked at the Country Thunder booth, on the Veterans committee volunteering for any activity that involves Veterans and is also the chair for the Americanism Subcommittee. You can also find him on BINGO nights selling the 50/50 raffles.

Mike says that it has been a great joy being a member of this great lodge and meeting so many great members.

MEET: Meet Richard Pengiel





















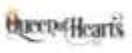









Richard moved here from Chicago, IL 10 years ago when he retired from his position as a ventilation contractor for the gas company where he worked for 50 years. He was in the Army for 6 months. He was a member of the American Legion for 4 years but decided to change over to be an Elk. He has been a member here for 1 year and has brought in 3 new members.



Richard is quite active here at the lodge. He is on the BINGO committee and is here religiously selling the 50/50 raffle tickets with Mike. He also helps on Monday mornings cleaning the lodge, is on the Veterans committee, and has even helped the AEMP committee with their booth this past month at the "Road to Country Thunder" promoting lodge 2350.

He also has a side gig working the door at the Union Center and enjoys taking the bus to spend some time in Maricopa at the Ak-Chin Casino once per month. He is very happy that he made the move over to our lodge and we are happy to have him here.

Thank you to our featured Volunteers!

May						
Lodge Hours: Mon-Thur 3-7:00 Fri 3-8:00 Sat 1-5:00						
Dinner is served Wed & Fri beginning at 5pm. Our regular Menu is Available						
New bar snack menu available						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bar Snacks Game Night 5:00 & QOH 6:30pm 	2 Dinner with the ER 6 pm : 6oz Ribeye or Fish, Baked Potato, mixed veggies, Salad & Roll	3 Bullies & Balls Banquet 5pm 
4 	5 Board Meeting 5pm 	6 Bar Snack Lodge Meeting 6:30 	7 Fiesta Night 	8 Bar Snacks Game Night 5:00 & QOH 6:30pm 	9 Dinner/Music Bob Villa 6oz Ribeye or Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad & Roll 	10 PCACC Dog Walking 7am  Craft Day - Beaded Bracelets 1:30 - 4
11 Mother's Day Ceremony 10:00 - 1:00 Including Free Breakfast 	12 BINGO 	13 Vet Meeting 5:30 	14 Dinner: Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Salad & Roll 	15 Bar Snacks Game Night 5:00 & QOH 6:30pm 	16 Dinner: 6oz Ribeye or Fish, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad & Roll 	17 
18 Breakfast 8:00am-12:00pm 	19 Scholar Night 6-9pm 	20 Bar Snack Lodge Meeting 6:30 	21 Dinner: BBQ Ribs Cowboy Beans, Coleslaw & Corn Bread 	22 Bar Snacks Game Night 5:00 6:30 QOH 	23 	24 
25 	26 Memorial Day 	27 Bar Snacks 	28 Dinner: Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Salad & Roll 	29 Bar Snacks Game Night 5:00 6:30 QOH 	30 Dinner: 6oz Ribeye or Fish, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad & Roll 	31 

On “**dinner nights**” please watch the weekly update and Facebook for menu items.

We have a [Bar Menu](#) that is available on Tuesday’s, Thursday’s and also on dinner nights when only 1 item is available to order.

Please support our Lodge as much as you can for dinner and events. This is especially important during the summer months.



Follow us on Facebook

Follow our Lodge on Facebook to find out about our events, photos of our members, and our community involvement.

Help us grow our audience by

- liking a post, share a post or repost.
- tagging a friend.
- Commenting on the post



MAY SPECIAL EVENTS



Date: Friday, May 2nd

Dinner with the ER - Chad Knutson

Ribeye 6oz \$16 Or 2 piece Fish for \$18

Served with Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad & Roll

Bring your suggestions and questions. What would you like to see changed?



Make your Reservation [Online](#)



Country, Classic Rock
Blues, Originals

Date: Friday, May 9th

Dinner & Music with Bob Villa

Ribeye 6oz \$16 Or Chicken \$13 +\$5 Non Members

Served with Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad & Roll



Make your
Reservation
[Online](#)



Sunday, May 11th

Mother's Day Ceremony

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Complimentary Breakfast

On Sunday, May 11, we will honor ALL Mothers whose influence is a continuous force in our lives. Mothers are an ever-present inspiration at our side, keeping pace with us along life's winding trail, holding us firm and pure, and making us better and nobler persons.



Make your
Reservation
[Online](#)



MAY DINNER & MUSIC



Wednesday	Friday
	May 2nd Ribeye 6oz \$16 Or 1 Piece Fish \$14 2 Pieces \$18 Served with Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad & Roll Dinner with the ER at 6pm – Bring your Questions 
May 7th Fiesta Night — Menu Prices	May 9th +\$5 Non Members Music: Bob Villa Ribeye 6oz \$16 Or Chicken \$13 Served with Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad & Roll 
Sunday, May 11th Mother's Day Ceremony 	Time: 10:00 - 1:00pm Ceremony including a Free Breakfast
May 14th Chicken Fried Steak \$14 Served with Green Beans, Salad & Roll	May 16th Ribeye 6oz \$16 Or 1 Piece Fish \$14 2 Pieces \$18 Served with Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad & Roll
Sunday, May 18th 8:00am - 12:00 Breakfast 	Will be held the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Menu is coming soon.
May 21 BBQ Ribs \$20 - Served with Cowboy Beans, Coleslaw and Corn Bread	May 23rd 
May 28th Hot Turkey Sandwich \$13 Served with Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Salad & Roll	May 30th Ribeye 6oz \$16 Or 1 Piece Fish \$14 2 Pieces \$18 Served with Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad & Roll



COMING SOON TO THE LODGE



Be recognized, Be remembered,
Be proud
Get your official Elks Lodge
Name Tag Today



Cost:

\$5 each



ORDER NOW

We will have a metal plate where you can keep your name tag at the Lodge, so you will have it when you come in and you can leave it when you leave.

- Allow 1 week for processing.
- You will be notified when your name tag is ready.
- Please pay the bartender upon receipt.

Thank you Kathy Hotz for the idea and making it happen!



Serving Breakfast May 18th
In June we will be serving on the
1st & 3rd Sundays
Hours: 8:00am—12:00pm

BINGO & QUEEN OF HEARTS



Burger Baskets: \$12
Includes cheeseburger, chips, and a drink
(well, domestic beer, or soda)

MAY 12TH

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED

Ticket Sales begins at 4:00 pm
Calling begins at 5:30 pm

\$10 – 3 cards for 10 Games

Avg payout has been \$110
Maximum payout of \$200

\$5 – one card for final Black Out Bingo

Avg payout has been \$850
Maximum payout of \$1,000

70% Divided out on winnings; 30% to the Lodge
Class B Bingo License prohibits any game payout of over \$1,000,
and total payout for the night of \$3,000



\$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20
Queen of Hearts—60% of the Pot
Jokers—\$200
Face Cards or Aces—\$100
All Other Cards—\$30

- To be eligible to play you must be a current card-carrying member, spouse, or widow in good standing with any Elks Lodge.
- Ticket sales end at 6:00 pm on Thursday's drawing. At 6:30 pm a ticket will be drawn from the tickets purchased for that week.
- You will have from 6:30 pm until 7:00 pm to present your matching ticket stub for that Thursday evenings drawing to claim the 100% prize value for the card drawn.
- After 7:00 pm, that ticket will be posted in the position on the board and will be available for a 50% prize payout until the following Thursday.
- If unclaimed, that tickets prize value will be rolled into the current jackpot at its 100% value.

April Winners:

4/3/2025



Kenny Gough \$30

4/10/2025



Roy Mizia \$100

4/17/2025



Jean Thorson \$30

4/24/2025



Lynne Olsen \$100



SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, 4/26/2025

We hosted 23 Elk Riders in the Casa Grande Valley Elk Riders Poker run as they donated all proceeds to their scholarship fund.

We had 23 Elk Riders. They were served by Mark & Karen Blackwell, and greeted by Bob Beck, PER, Trustee.



The Art of Beading (2) Bracelets with Lisa Jones

Date: 5/10/2025

Time: 1:30 - 4:00pm



Seascapes & Landscapes Painting by Lee Howard

Date: 6/21/2025

Time: 1:30 - 4:00pm

Max # of Attendees: 10

Do you have a craft that you would like to share with others?

If yes, we would love to have to come and teach a class.

[Register Online](#)



Or Text Gail Smith
860-424-6605



Line Dance Lessons

Thank you **Patti Granning** for volunteering your time and helping the Elks raise money by teaching us all how to Line Dance. We look forward to seeing you again in the fall.



IN THE NEWS



Elks Magazine, May 2025

Donation

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Our Lodge donated \$500 to the
Central Arizona College Rodeo Team



Pictured are Debra Neely, Elks Trustee,
Kayce Mahoney, Assistant Rodeo Coach
and ER Robert Beck

Junior Parada Parade

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Lodge members and Elroy, the Elk
participated in the Junior Parada Parade.

The members distributed drug awareness
coloring books, wristbands and pens to
about 150 children.

[See all Elks Magazine Issues](#)

PUPPY LOVE



As of April 28, 2025 Dog walking is currently paused.

Updates are available on the [PCACC website](#).

Please consider donating food, treats, bedding, etc. We have a donation box at the Lodge.



[Facebook](#)
[Foster Programs](#)
[American Wishlist](#)
[Monetary Donations](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are a volunteer lodge and cannot do this without our members.

Kitchen Volunteers Needed

Committee Chair: [Robert Hundley](#)
602-616-2379

Every month, we are looking for volunteers to help on Wednesdays & Fridays.
We have approximately **48 spots** to fill for our dinner nights during the month.

Position	Description	Start Time	Wednesday End Time	Friday End Time
Server	Setting the tables, taking food & drink orders, billing,	4:00	7:30	8:30
Hostess	Greeting members at the door and seating them. Assist with bussing the tables.	4:30	6:30	7:30
Salad	Setting them to be delivered and making more if you run out.	4:30	6:30	7:30
Expo	Preparing the final plate to be delivered	4:30	6:30	7:30
Food Runner	Delivering plates to the customer and assist on bussing the tables.	5:00	6:30	7:30



[Volunteer SignUp](#)

Meet your New Kitchen Manager

Debbie Knutson



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Easter Event

On Sunday, April 13th, the Coolidge Florence Elks Lodge's youth committee held their very first free Easter Event for the children in the community. It was attended by **50** children and **28** Adults. They had an egg hunt, cookie decorating, games, raffles, and a hotdog & chip lunch.



Pictured left to Right

Stephen Hotz: Loyal Knight

Tricia Hotz: Youth Committee Chairperson

Christine Perry: Drug Awareness Chairperson

Missing in the picture is Kathy Hotz



The drug awareness committee, was also there handing out coloring books and crayons as well as a guess the number of candies in the jar.

Christine Perry: Drug Awareness Chairperson



YOUTH AWARDS

May 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Join us for Scholars Night.

These funds are made possible through our Children's Charities Programs.

We will be celebrating our students for the following:

- 8th grade Outstanding Student
- Juniors District Scholars
- Senior Scholarship winners and our State Americanism Winner

We have One Elk National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship and one Elk National Foundation Legacy Scholarship.

Please come help us celebrate these recipients and all Elks Lodge Scholarship recipients and all Elks Lodge Scholarship recipients, they are our future leaders.

District Scholars

Each quarter we award \$50 to an outstanding junior from all of our High Schools. At the end of the year, one of the 4 students from each school will be selected as our Most Outstanding District Scholar and awarded \$150.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor Griffin Porter

On Sunday, 4/27/2025, Robet Beck presented Griffin a certificate on behalf of Coolidge-Florence 2350, signed by Chard Knutson ER, and also presented him a 3x 5 American flag.

There were about 10 members of troupe 777 plus 35 family &



DONATIONS FOR VETS

First Delivery will be on May 13th.
This will be an ongoing collection at our Lodge.

Elks Lodge #2350

DONATIONS FOR VETERANS

Join us in spreading kindness!
Your donation can make a difference!



ITEMS NEEDED:

- *SOCKS
- *SHIRTS
- *BLANKETS
- *HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- *BOARD GAMES
- *CROSSWORD/WORD SEARCH BOOKS

The illustration shows an orange cardboard box with a black label that says "DONATIONS" in yellow. Inside the box, there are several items: a green blanket, a yellow shirt, and some white socks. Next to the box is a stack of folded clothes, including a green shirt and a yellow shirt. The background is a light beige color with several yellow starburst shapes and floral patterns.

Wreaths Across America

[Article](#) published
on Thursday, 4/17



On Saturday, April 19th our Elks Lodge hosted the 4th annual [Wreaths Across America](#), 2025 kickoff dinner fundraising event.

This fundraiser provides an opportunity to educate the community about Wreaths Across America. Wreaths Across America has gone to 4,500 cemeteries across the U.S. with three in Pinal County.

This is all about remembering and honoring the veterans that have passed and educating the youth that freedom isn't free.

We raised enough money to place a wreath on every soldiers grave.

Thank you Legion Post 54, DAV, VFW Post 3713 and [HOHP](#).



ARIZONA ELKS ASSOCIATION (AEA)

Founded in 1910, the Arizona Elks Association (AEA) mission is the same today as it was then, “to provide service to our communities and country”. We have two “Major Projects” that help us support that very mission; The **University of Arizona’s Steele Children’s Research Center** and the **Jack C. Warter, Jr. Youth Camp**.

Steele Children’s Research Center

Donations are needed by **Monday, May 12th**

Please consider donating to the Steele Children’s Research Center.

We need:

New Books (Non-Religious)

New Coloring Books

Crayons

Gift Cards

Diapers (Larger Sizes)

There is a box at the Lodge.



Jack C. Warter, Jr. Youth Camp Cleanup

The weekend of April 12 was the first of 2 cleanups to the Jack C Warter camp to prepare it for their upcoming season.

Representing Coolidge Florence 2350 was Mark Blackwell: Leading Knight and his wife Karen, Chad Knutson: Exalted Ruler and his wife Debbie, and Stephen Hotz: Loyal Knight.

Thank you, Dennis and Debbie Appel, for being such great hosts!



Learn More...

[AEA Newsletters](#)

[Arizona Elks Major Projects Website](#)



1 Rich DeVries	11 William Case	18 Alice Robertson	23 Kathleen Klein
1 Angela Schenk	11 Bookard Dooley	19 Clifford Gustafson	23 Teri Warda
4 Robert Renning	11 Alfonso Felix	19 Carey Koch	26 Kevin Callier
5 Dolores Freeman	11 Barbara Myers	19 Janet Mondello	26 Dawn Winsor
5 Sharon Heiney	13 Wanda Smith	20 Glenn Durrance	27 Michael Bowers
5 Troy Ness	14 Bruce Dekker	20 Chad Knutson	27 Joseph Bulwa
5 Richard Pengiel	14 Cathy Rapoza	20 Richard Ollinger	27 Norden Cegelske
6 Greg Crist	14 Vernon Willson	20 Ronald Peterich	27 Robin Freund
6 Richard Thorn	15 James Mealey	20 John Romero	29 Kenneth McGilvray
7 Jeff Herrold	16 Amy Hotz	21 Kermit Hollingshead	30 Tony Buzzard
9 Paul Granning	16 Larry Mattingly	22 Steve Hudson	30 Jill Martinez
9 James Timperio	17 Thomas Dati	22 Phyllis Page	31 George Hickman
10 Mark Stephens	17 Karen Johnston	23 Tim Giddens	



Lodge of Sorrow:

Linda Schumann, 9/15/1947 — 3/15/2025

If you know an Elk's member who has passed away, please let us know by sending an email to:

BPOE2350@hotmail.com.

Thank you Elks #2350 Business Sponsors for your support!

If you wish to place an ad, contact Lodge Secretary [Angie](#)



JIM GARRETT

SALES: (877) 272-6295

