



**Wyoming Elks
ASSOCIATION**




NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021 • Cody Wyoming

WYOMING STATE OFFICERS

President Barbetta Hernandez Riverton 1693
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 2nd Vice President Rex Tollman Lusk 1797
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 3 Year Trustee Pat Russell Lusk 1797
 2 Year Trustee Marilyn Lane Worland 1908
 1 Year Trustee Shane Green Lander 2317
 WY East District Deputy Rex Tollman Lusk 1797
 WY SW District Deputy Ken King
 WY NW District Deputy Laura Laughlin Cody 1611

Custom Hand Painted
Moose Hide Raffle



Drawing will be during the May Convention Banquet.
This is a truly very beautiful piece of art.

Only 300 tickets will be sold.
\$20 each
Tickets can be purchased at the bar
All proceeds benefit our Veteran Services.
Donated by Marci Williams.

Mission Statement of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A. A Fraternal Organization

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that

Elks Care And Elks Share.

WEA Committees

Accident Prevention and Insurance Risk Management
Josh Soper Casper 1353, Jim Siwik Lander 2317
Americanism Dani Goncalves, Worland 1908,
Auditing Robert Tharp Worland 1908
Basketball Hoop Shoot. Frank Luers Casper 1353
Bylaws Michael Pettigrew Torrington 1726
CLMS. Jim Siwik Lander 2317
Credentials Kevin Green Lander 2317
Dictionary Program.Cindy Marchitelli Laramie 582
Disaster Relief. Vacant
Distinguished Elks Brad Smith Cody 1611
Drug Awareness Nathan Soper Casper 1353
Elks Angels Marilyn Lane Worland 1908
Elks National Foundation Beth Luers Casper 1353
Frontier Days Water Booth. . .Gary Mckee Cheyenne 660
Government Relations Kevin Green Lander 2317,
Grand Lodge Housing Jerry Fritz Cody 1611
Hides for Vets Jeff Cotter Cody 1611
Historian Kerri Kilgore Torrington 1726
Law Officer of the Year .Clayton Kilgore Torrington 1726
Lodge ActivitiesJosh Soper Casper 1353
Lucky Knight Shoot Out. . . Cindy Whisnehunt Torrington
1726
Major Projects Youth Pat Russell Lusk 1797
Membership/Lapsation. Ed Tirado Lusk 1797
New Lodges Jerry Fritz Cody 1611
Protocol Jim Robinson Cheyenne 660
Public Relations Brad Smith Cody 1611
Publications. Karen Gee Cody 1611
Resolutions Rex Tollman Lusk 1797
Ritual Committee . . . David Whisnehunt Torrington 1726
Scholarships Louise Wrage Greybull 1431
Site Selection Laura Laughlin Cody 1611
Soccer Shoot Justin Baily Cody 1611
Veterans Service
Cheyenne V.A. Jim Robinson Cheyenne 660
Sheridan V.A. Lenus Nielsen Sheridan 520
WEST Trustees
1 Year Darla Darla Knuth Riverton 1693
2 Year Jim Robinson Cheyenne 660
3 Year Robert Senitte Cody 1611
WEST Trustees (ex Officio) Marilyn Lane Worland 1908
Wyoming Elks State Trust. Wendy Degroot
Wyoming Elks Website. Brad Smith Cody 1611
Youth Activities Deb Meredith Lander 2317

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Members!

I would like to thank all of you for a wonderful year! I have had the opportunity to visit other State Associations and Lodges. It is interesting to know that we all do the same thing but in different ways. I know that this year has had its struggles, but we are bouncing back!

I am proud to have been your President this last year. I have met many new people and been part of a great organization. I have learned so much from other States, Lodges and Members. I am glad I kept notes so I can remember and possibly help implement what I have learned.

We all must remember we are part of the same organization. We need to work together to keep ourselves strong and united. We are here for Veterans, Youth and our Community.

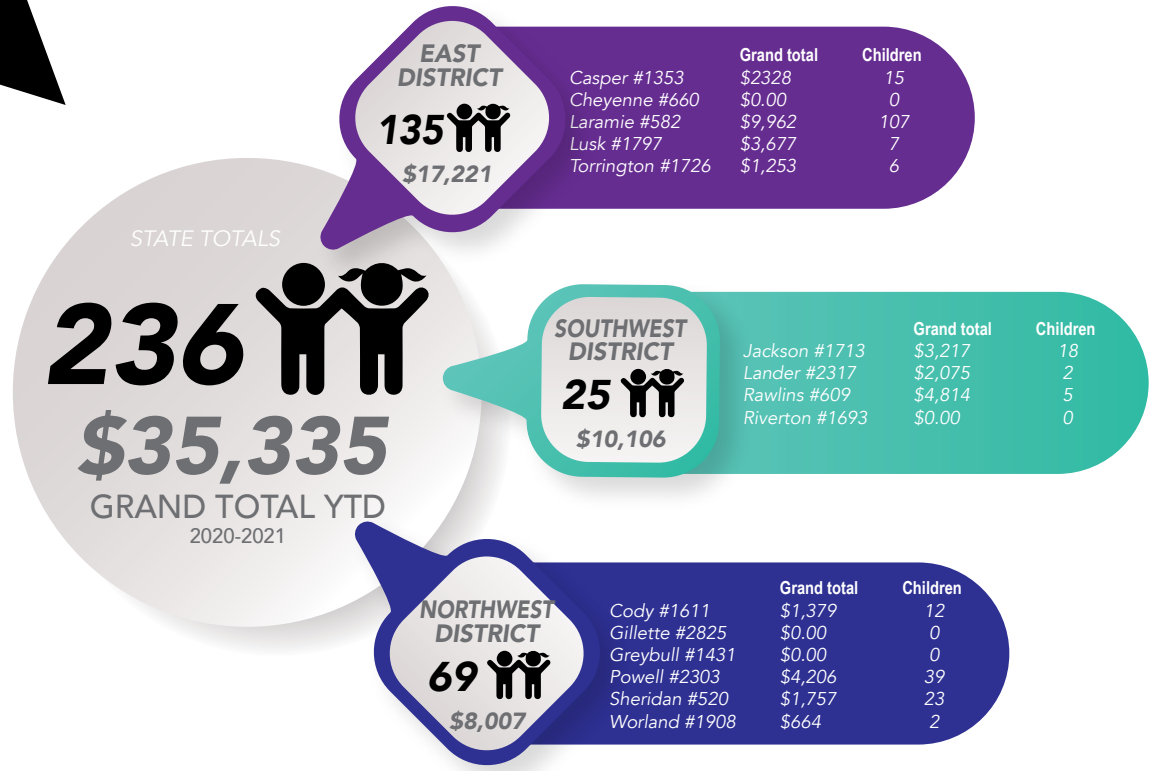
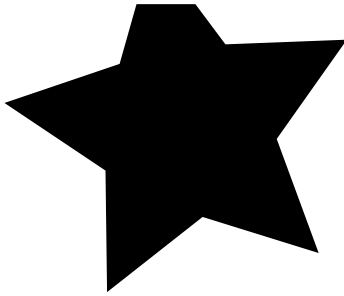
As this is my last convention as President, I would like to ask you to support Brad Smith with the wonderfulness and vigor you gave to me for this next year. He will be a wonderful President and Windy will shine as his Lady!

Fraternally,
Barbette Hernandez
Wyoming Elks Association President

"Find the good. It's all around you. Find it, showcase it and you'll start believing in it." - Jesse Owens

NEEDY YOUTH PROGRAM

2020 - 2021



WYOMING ELKS STATE TRUST

2020-2021



Total Membership: 6836

Total Donated: \$21,687

Membership	Total	Membership	Total	Membership	Total
Cody	947	\$4,800	Casper	794	\$1,163
Gillette	181	\$	Cheyenne	544	\$1,000
Greybull	280	\$534	Laramie	499	\$469
Powell	192	\$-	Lusk	198	\$855
Sheridan	714	\$1,685	Torrington	222	\$516
Worland	469	\$1,436	East District	2257	\$4,003
N/W District	2783	\$ 8,455	Jackson	547	\$1,609
			Lander	359	\$1,250
			Rawlins	486	\$5,140
			Riverton	338	\$665
			Virtual	69	\$ -
			S/W District	1848	\$8,664
			State		\$565

LODGE CONNECTIONS

A sample of what we have going on around the state!

Cheyenne #660

Elks Lodge of Cheyenne and Fraternal Order of Eagles give out free meals for Thanksgiving

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (Wyoming News Now) - For the second year in a row, the Elks Lodge of Cheyenne serves free dinner to people in Cheyenne. They decided to serve traditional Thanksgiving dinners that the lodge prepared themselves. The dinners are located at the Eagles Lodge on 16th street and Thomes Ave in downtown Cheyenne, Wyoming.

"We need to give back to our community, that's all that's to it," Four-year trustee of the Elks Lodge, Robert Loghry said. "People are struggling, they don't know where their next meal is coming from. If we can help them then we've got to, that's what we've got to do, that's what Cheyenne people do."

People also have the choice to order the food to-go if they do not want to eat inside. The Elks Lodge also delivered the food to first responders, including 911 dispatch, for working on the holiday.

"For those of us who can give it's more important that we do give, because they're a lot more who can't," President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Cheyenne, Wes Cure said. "We always do this, but it's more important during a time when people are struggling that we make sure we maintain all the things that we can."



Christmas Day At Cheyenne Elks Lodge, we served members as well as First Responders on duty.



Cheyenne American Legion Post #6 holds a food basket drive every year. The bars/clubs in the area all try to raise more money than the other bar towards the annual fund. This year the Cheyenne Elks raised almost \$2,500.00 for the fund.

Worland #1908



Water Jets, Jennifer Davis Coach on the left top & Dustin Sumida Coach, top right. Heidi Lane, Ex Ruler and Chad Jones Trustee present a check to the Worland WaterJets.



Worland Drug Court. John Worrall, Co Attorney, accepts the check for the Worland Drug ReHab Court



Chad presents a check to the Director of the Ambulance Service, Luke Sypherd and Sandy Beck, Claims Manager.



Children's Resource Center: Chad presents a check to Holly Worley, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, receives the check. This will purchase books for the screening gift given to children



Washakie Co Library, Chad Worland Elks Trustee presents a check to the Ladonna LaCroix, Ass. Director of the Wash Co Library. The money will be used for Children's books.

Powell #2303



Littles Haunted House



Friday Night Dinners



Halloween Party



A night of murder, mystery and good ole BBQ!

Cody #1611



Holiday Helpers



Halloween Candy for the kids



Prize winning float in the 4th of July Parade



Elks Camping Trip



Veteran's Dinner



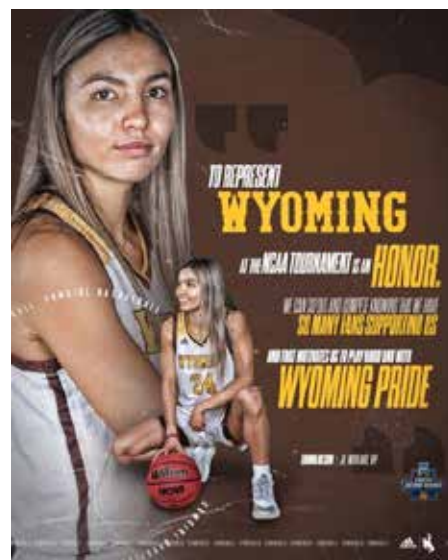
Cornhole tournament to benefit the women veterans program

ELKS ANGELS



Scott Creek sales manager of Teton distributing hands check to Marilyn Lane past state president of the Wyoming Elks association and current chairman of the ELKS Angels

OTHER NEWS....



Everyone, let's be cheering for Tommi Olson who represented the Wyoming Elks in the "Elks Hoop Shoot" in 2009, taking home the National Championship. The 9 year old hit 24 out of 25 to win the contest.

She is still proving she can beat the odds as a starting guard for the Wyoming Cowgirls.

How is the Elks National Foundation Helping Wyoming?

\$40,187
ELKS OF WYOMING DONATED

During the 2020-2021 Lodge year, the Elks of Wyoming donated \$440,187 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

State Charities Grant:
\$33,750
Special Projects Grant:
\$25,670
Bonus Grant: \$6,340

Most Valuable Student:
\$12,000.00
Legacy Award: \$12,000.00

National Veterans Service
Commission:
\$5,640.00

Grand Total: \$95,400

That's a ratio of \$2.37 for every dollar the Foundation received from your state last year. And that doesn't even include the money Lodges in your state will get back through our Community Investments Program.

For the 2020-21 fiscal year, for example, we awarded a total of \$102,000.00 to 15 Wyoming Lodges.

Huge *Thank you* to the Cody Lodge for sponsoring this convention. If you have any questions or problems please find Jeff Cotter, Cody Lodge's Exalted Ruler.



Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring State Convention in Cody Wy, May 15th. I would love to be able to provide each lodge a section to showcase the exciting things we have going on. Simply email whatever you might have to karen@kgeedesigns.com or give me a ring at 307-527-9303.

ELKS Rock!