



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks
November 2025



Exalted Ruler's Message

To the Kinderhook Elks Family,

Welcome, November, as the leaves turn golden and the air grows crisp, we're reminded that change can be beautiful—and that community is what keeps us warm. This season, our Lodge is alive with activity. Rentals are in full swing, and we need all hands on deck to keep things running smoothly. Please be sure to:

Keep your calendars updated

Check your emails regularly

Watch the lounge TVs and our Facebook page for the latest events and rental notices

Volunteers are essential to making these rentals successful. Whether you can lend a hand for setup, cleanup, or just offer a warm welcome, your time and presence make a real difference. Every act of service strengthens our Lodge family.

Marion Stegmann Delivery – Sign-Up Now Available. Ben has posted the detailed driver and helper sign-up sheet for assisting with Marion Stegmann's upcoming delivery. You can find the sheet pinned on the Lodge bulletin board in the common area. This is a cherished tradition of giving—please consider signing up to help bring holiday joy to those in need.

Veterans Community Dinner – Tuesday, November 12th, 5–7 PM. This is one of our most meaningful events of the year—a chance to honor those who've served with a warm meal and heartfelt fellowship. We still need volunteers to help with setup, serving, and cleanup. Please sign up with Chris Akers or myself. Let's show our veterans the love and appreciation they deserve.

To Our Members, Thank you. You are the heartbeat of this Lodge. Your dedication, kindness, and willingness to step up—again and again—are what make this place feel like home. I'm proud to stand beside you.

Shoutout to Our Committees. Your creativity and hard work continue to shine. From planning to execution, your efforts are the reason our events feel so special. The lodge is looking beautiful inside and out. Keep those ideas coming—we're building something beautiful together.

LeeAnn, You Did It Again! The community baby shower was a huge success, thanks to your vision and heart. The number of new parents you've supported through this program keeps growing, and your impact is undeniable. A heartfelt thank-you to the Ghent VFW Auxiliary for your generous partnership and donations. Together, we're lifting up families in need—and that's what community is all about.

Chris Bellingham and Fish—You Rock! Thank you for stepping in to complete the Veterans Respite Area. From painting and railings to reseeding and retaining walls, your work has transformed the space into something truly special. If you haven't seen it yet, stop by and take a look—it's a labor of love, and it shows.



Barb is organizing bell ringers for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign, and she could use your help to make this season shine. If you're able to lend a few hours to spread cheer and support a great cause, please reach out to Barb at 518-755-6616 to sign up. Every ring brings hope—let's make it count! Lodge Visitations, our visitations have wrapped up, and what a gift they've been. These gatherings are more than tradition—they're a chance to learn, connect, and plan together. We're part of a district filled with passionate, talented Elks who care deeply about our mission. Let's keep that spirit alive.

Happy Thanksgiving! This season, I'm especially grateful for each of you—for your laughter, your generosity, and the memories we continue to make. May your holiday be filled with love, comfort, and wonderful memories.

This Is Your Lodge, use it. Support it. Celebrate it. Whether you're volunteering, attending events, or simply spreading the word, you are helping this Lodge thrive. Let's keep showing up for each other—with open hearts and helping hands.

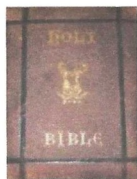
With deep gratitude,

Exalted Ruler, Tammy McDermott

The Kinderhook visitation was Saturday, October 4th. State Vice President Mike Pendergast and District Deputy Ron Barner were in attendance as well as members of lodges in our district. Connor Houser and Lisa Tuthill were initiated into our lodge that day. Please make them feel welcome.



Seated left to right ER Tammy McDermott, Connor Houser, SVP Mike Pendergast, PDD John Piddock, District Deputy Ron Barner, Loyal Knight Rosemarie Neckles, Lecturing Knight Jim Shord, Lisa Tuthill Back row Secretary Jerry Shook, Chris Bellingham, Treasurer Joe Laviano, Leading Knight Tom Burrall, Trustee Thom McDermott, Trustee Chris Akers, Trustee Ben Lasher, Tiler Larry Knott, Inner Guard Jean Engel



Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530

ELK MEMORIAL SERVICE

December 7, 2025 – 3pm



To Our Absent Members



Every December on the 1st Sunday every elk lodge in America remembers their departed members. This day is set apart as a day Elks gather and freshen with the dew of recollection the tender blossoms of hope and love entwined about the memory of their departed.

“The fault of our members we write upon the sand their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.”

Those whom we shall see no more, whose contributions toward alleviating pain and suffering, whose long standing preceded us in our roles as officers, committee chairs and volunteers who sustained this lodge through times, unimaginable and now celebrated, shall be remembered on this solemn occasion.

Please join the Officers and Trustees in remembering our Elks from 2025 on Sunday, December 7th at 3pm.

2026 Most Valuable Student

The 2026 MVP is open and the application closes on November 12, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Eligibility:

Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.

Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.

High school graduates are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

Scholarships are available only to students who enroll in four-year undergraduate degree programs at accredited US American colleges or universities.

Awards:

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2026 competition.

Male and female students compete separately.

Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

NOTE: The Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation will announce the 500 national winners of the 2026 contest in April 2026. (Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks associations award their own scholarships through this program. These scholarships are not to be confused with the 500 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships.)

The application is available at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

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VETERANS DINNER

NOVEMBER 12TH • 5P-7P



Kinderhook Elks Presents
Honoring Our Heroes – Veterans Roast Beef Dinner

We're proud to celebrate our veterans with a heartfelt evening of gratitude and good food.

 Free Roast Beef Dinner for All Veterans

Join us as we honor your service with a delicious, complimentary roast beef dinner—served with appreciation and community spirit.

 Guests Welcome – \$12 per person

Bring a friend, spouse, or loved one to share in the celebration.

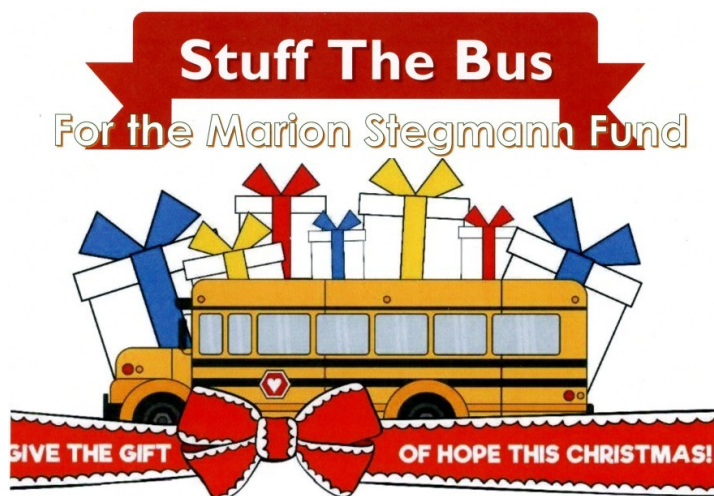
Let us thank you in person for your dedication and sacrifice. We look forward to serving you!



Bartenders Needed at the Lodge.

We need friendly volunteers to help behind the bar at our lodge. Whether you have experience or not, we'd love to have you join us! It's a fun way to meet new people and support the lodge. No experience? No problem—we'll teach you! Just bring your enthusiasm and a smile. Your help will keep the lodge running smoothly and ensure our members and guests have a great time.

Contact
Sharon Deck
at
518-929-7524



8TH OF
NOVEMBER
2025

8am-12pm
Kinderhook Elks Lodge
2750 RTE 9H, Kinderhook NY 12106
Join us as we *Stuff the Bus* with toys, hats/gloves, non-perishable food and more!

Pictures with Santa – Coffee – Donuts

KINDERHOOK ELKS LODGE 2530

FRIDAY DINNER AT THE LODGE

\$13

STUFFED PORK CHOP

Stuffed pork chop served with baked potato and roasted autumn vegetables

\$13

HONEY GARLIC SHRIMP

Honey Garlic Glazed Shrimp Served With Rice, and a Fresh Side Salad, Choice of Salad Dressing

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21ST, 5:00-7:00PM – IN HOUSE OR TO-GO
WELCOMING MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

VETERANS

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6TH
1:00PM

HOLIDAY

HOLIDAY PARTY FOR OUR VETS

VETS AND THEIR GUESTS
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COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS-518-828-3610
OR
KINDERHOOK ELKS LODGE 518-758-2530

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DOOR PRIZES!



25-Week Club

Tickets are now available for the 2026 Kinderhook Elks' 25-Week Winter Madness Event. Starting January 1, 2026, embrace the thrill each Wednesday as exciting drawings await to uplift your spirit!

Winning numbers will be drawn every Wednesday between 5 PM and 6 PM at the lodge. The winners' names will be proudly displayed on the bulletin board and shared via email. Make sure we have a valid phone number to reach you with the exciting news of your winnings!

If your name is chosen as a winner, your ticket will be returned to the pool, offering you limitless opportunities to shine and succeed time and time again.

We are thrilled to invite you to our Appreciation Party on June 20, 2026, from 1 PM to 4 PM, as a celebration of our collective achievements through the fundraiser! All ticket holders are warmly welcomed to join us for free and experience an afternoon overflowing with delicious food and the chance to win exciting cash prizes!

For any questions, reach out to Tammy McDermott at 518-704-1866.

GRAND Prize \$1,000
One - 1st Prize of \$500
Two - 2nd Prizes of \$250 ea
Four - 3rd Prizes of \$100 ea
Four - 4th Prizes of \$50 ea
Ten - 5th Prizes of \$25 ea

Exciting news for all lodge members! Ben has posted the detailed driver and helper sign-up sheet for assisting with Marion Stegmann's upcoming delivery. You can find the sheet pinned on the lodge bulletin board in the common area.

We are inviting all members who are able and willing to volunteer as drivers or helpers to join our dedicated team and ensure a smooth process.

The delivery is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th, beginning promptly at 8:00am. Please arrive a few minutes early to coordinate roles and preparations.

Your participation is highly valued—thank you in advance for your support!

Chocolate and More Fundraiser

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

\$10 Donation at the door
All proceeds benefit victims of domestic violence

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November Events

- 1st - State President John Lawless Visit
- 6th - 6pm Chili Contest (Tammy)
- 8th - Special Needs Prom in Hall (Rose) 6pm - 9pm
- 8th - Stuff the bus - (Anne)
- 12th - Community Veterans Dinner 5p-7p (Chris/Tammy)
- 15th - Steve Ambrose Rental - Details to come
- 16th - Baby Shower Rental - details to come
- 22nd - Jeff Altomer Rental - details to come
- 23rd - Soup Sale 2-6pm (Burrall)
- 27th - Happy Thanksgiving Everyone
- 28th - Lodge Trim the Trees and Potluck

Kinderhook Elks is pleased to announce ...

Our Annual PROM !!!

~~for individuals with special needs~~



***** Saturday November 8, 2025 *****

(NEW time!) 6:00-9:00pm (NEW time!)

Kinderhook Elks Lodge

*****There is no cost to attendee and 1 guest or caregiver*****

~Dinner, dancing & photo included~

Formal clothing is requested so dress to impress!!!



Please RSVP by October 31st!

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It's that time of year again! The Salvation Army on 40 S. Third St. in Hudson begin their annual Red Kettle Campaign. We ring the bell from Nov 15th, through Dec 24th. All monies collected stay in Columbia County.

For those that aren't aware of all the Salvation Army does:

They serve approximately 140 hot meals every Monday thru Friday
They pack their van full of food and deliver to less fortunate areas within the county.
Every Friday morning they have a food pantry and are currently serving more than 200 people
They give out turkeys at Thanksgiving and toys for children at Christmas
Barbara MacCormack will be looking for volunteers to ring the bell. Bring your scout troops, sports teams, Christmas carolers, work teams, fire departments, law enforcement, EMTs, and musicians!!!

We ring at ShopRite and Walmart in Greenport, Price Chopper in both Chatham and Catskill. We ring from 8am - 8pm every day except Sunday. Shifts can be 2hrs or more. We even have some one-hour slots (great for those bringing young children).

Show your "peeps" the true meaning of the holidays. Teach your children about giving. Help-out those who need it. Help us to continue our work.

We need you!!

To schedule, please call Barbara M. at 518-755-6616

CHILI COOK-OFF CHALLENGE

PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE



THURSDAY, NOV 6TH @ 6:00PM

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No rags, fabric scraps, pillows, or household goods. These items are expensive to dispose of.

Donations are tax deductible.

Recycle and help others in need. Please bag your items in closed bags to keep them clean and dry

SOUP SALE



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\$10 A QUART
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ELKS HOOP SHOOT

FREE THROW CONTEST

THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR NAME IN THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.

CONTEST LOCATION: Ichabod Crane Middle School, 2910 Rt.9, Valatie, NY 12184

HOSTED BY: Kinderhook Elks Lodge LODGE NO. 2530

DATE: Nov. 23, 2025 TIME: 11:30 Reg. / Shoot 12 Noon

DIRECTOR: Chris Akers / John Piddock CONTACT: 518-858-7134

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age group is determined by contestant's age as of April 1, 2026. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit elks.org/hoopshoot.





The Catskill Elks Lodge #1341 is hosting a district-wide
Chili and Soup Cook-off!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH at 2PM

COME JOIN THE FUN AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION!

1st place prize for each category! Good luck!



FREE to any entrant – \$5 admission fee for all
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others

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◆ **LODGE** ◆
CHRISTMAS
◆ **PARTY** ◆



DECEMBER 20
3PM

POTLUCK • SECRET SANTA
EXCHANGE (\$20 MAX)

Come together for a holly, jolly time.
CONTACT SHARON FOR QUESTIONS





It's that time of year for ELKS HOOP SHOOT!!

To assist families in limiting travel time, the Kinderhook Elks lodge will be holding 2 Hoop Shoot contests at the same time, but at different locations!

The locations are: 1) ICC Middle School Gymnasium
 2) Chatham Middle School Gymnasium

Those eligible: - A contestant may only enter one Lodge Hoop Shoot contest.
 - Contestants must be at least 8 and no older than 13 as of April 1, 2026, in order to participate.

Contestants will compete in one of six divisions:

Boys: ages 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13

Girls: ages 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13

Date: Sunday, November 23rd

Time: Registration -> 11:30am

 Shooting -> 12 noon

Winners of the school shoots will then compete for the Lodge Championship and move on to the District Championship!!

Veterans

Veterans Committee

Chris Akers 518 858-7134
Darci Hover 518-755-3879

Widows Support Group

Any widow whose spouse was a veteran can join the Joseph P. Dwyer widows connection. It's held at 10:00 am on the second Thursday of every month at:

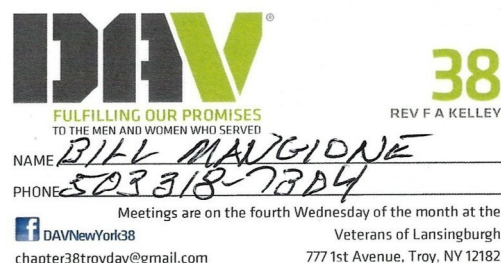
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Hudson, NY

Food and refreshments are served.
Please come and join the group and share your thoughts and stories.

The Albany Stratton VA

Please note that Veteran Service offices are no longer in the VAMC facility. Please contact the organization directly using the following phone numbers

Disabled American Veterans 888-604-0234
NY State Dept. of Veterans Services 888-838-7697
Veterans Benefits Administration 800-827-1000
VBA New York Regional Office 212-807-3152
Veterans of Foreign Wars 518-626-5687



Veterans Food Pantry

The Veterans Food Pantry at the Joseph P. Dwyer room at 388 Fairview Ave. Hudson, NY, is open. Veterans who need help can come to the new pantry for supplies. They are open Mondays to Friday from 9:30a - 1:30p.

Used Clothing Drop-off Shed

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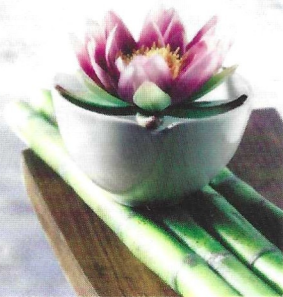
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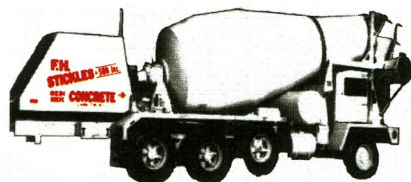
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For those that never served on our military, this is the best way I could explain it.

For my non military friends out there, this may or may not help you understand those of us that served in the Military. We Are Veterans.

We left home as teenagers for an unknown adventure.

We loved our country enough to defend it and protect it with our own lives.

We said goodbye to friends and family and everything we knew.

We learned the basics and then we scattered in the wind to the far corners of the Earth.

We found new friends and new family.

We became brothers and sisters regardless of color, race or creed.

We had plenty of good times, and plenty of bad times.

We didn't get enough sleep.

We smoked and drank too much. We picked up both good and bad habits.

We worked hard and played harder.

We didn't earn a great wage.

We experienced the happiness of mail call and the sadness of missing important events.

We didn't know when, or even if, we were ever going to see home again.

We grew up fast, and yet somehow, we never grew up at all.

We fought for our freedom, as well as the freedom of others.

Some of us saw actual combat, and some of us didn't.

Some of us saw the world, and some of us didn't.

Some of us dealt with physical warfare, most of us dealt with psychological warfare.

We have seen and experienced and dealt with things that we can't fully describe or explain, as not all of our sacrifices were physical.

We participated in time honored ceremonies and rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie.

We counted on each other to get our job done and sometimes to survive it at all.

We have dealt with victory and tragedy. We have celebrated and mourned.

We lost a few along the way.

When our adventure was over, some of us went back home, some of us started somewhere new and some of us never came home at all.

We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures.

We share an unspoken bond with each other, that most people don't experience, and few will understand.

We speak highly of our own branch of service, and poke fun at the other branches.

We know however, that, if needed, we will be there for our brothers and sisters and stand together as one, in a heartbeat.

Being a veteran is something that had to be earned, and it can never be taken away.

It has no monetary value, but at the same time it is a priceless gift.

People see a veteran and they thank them for their service.

When we see each other, we give that little upwards head nod, or a slight smile, knowing that we have shared and experienced things that most people have not.

So, from myself to the rest of the veterans out there, I commend and thank you for all that you have done and sacrificed for your country.

Try to remember the good times and grow from the bad times.

Share your stories.

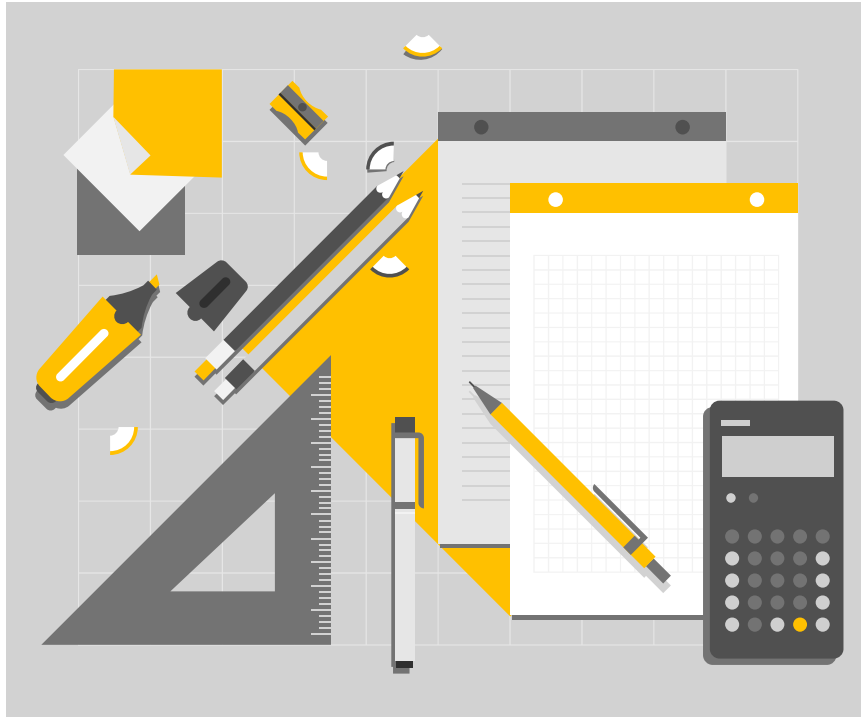
But most importantly, stand tall and proud, for you have earned the right to be called a Veteran.

If you are a veteran, please copy, paste and share.

My dearest friends.

Carry On!

EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS



Emergency Educational Grants (EEG) provide undergraduate college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one -year grants of up to \$5,000. EEG's aren't meant to cover a student's complete education, but they can help cover room and board, textbooks and tuition and fees.

For the 2025-2026, the Elks National Foundation (ENF) has allocated \$131,090 to fund this program. If you know any Elks children who may be eligible to receive an EEG, encourage them to contact me at nursecq@hotmail.com or they can go to enf.elks.org/EEG

Thanks,

Colleen Quackenbush

NYS Emergency Grant Chairperson

Calendar

Friday Evening	Menu 5pm – 7pm. Queen of Hearts at 7pm. Purchase tickets in the lounge from Larry Knott or ask a bartender.
Sunday Breakfast	Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.
Lodge meetings	Please join us! Members: Monday the 24 th at 7:30pm Board of Directors: Monday 17 th at 7:30pm

November Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

7 th	Philly Cheese Steak, french fries or onion rings - \$13 – Bar Menu available
14 th	Fish Fry, coleslaw, choice of french fries or onion rings - \$13 – Bar Menu available
20 th	Stuffed Pork chop or Honey Garlic Shrimp - \$13 see - flyer page 8
28 th	Trim-A-Tree

November Events

1 st	State President John Lawless
6 th	Chili Contest 11:30 to 2:30
8 th	Stuff the bus 8am to 12pm
8 th	Special needs prom 5pm to 9pm
12 th	Community Veterans dinner 5pm to 7pm

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