

# EDUCATION

## Elks Lodge continues corn and brat feed for scholarship fundraiser

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The Elks Lodge 1599 has been raising money for area youth scholarships with its outdoor corn and brat feed for more than a decade. The tradition will continue Aug. 16 when from 3 to 7 p.m. the road will be blocked in front of the lodge at 215 Third St. where members of the public and lodge will gather to eat more than 100 dozen ears of corn to benefit area students.

Lodge member Judy Thompson organizes the event each year, and she said she came up with the idea of offering a corn and

brat feed when she realized other feeds, involving more elaborate food offerings, were unsuccessful. “We couldn’t figure out how to raise enough money for the scholarships,” said Thompson. “And I thought, ‘Why don’t we try to cook something simpler, like brats?’” The event took off, and has served as the single fundraiser for scholarships ever since. The Elks Lodge has provided scholarships to assist young people to gain a higher education for many years, Thompson said. The scholarships are open to all Littlefork and International Falls students; applications

for an Elks Lodge scholarship are available at Falls High School. Thompson estimated the fundraiser will serve more than 100 dozen ears of the corn to the community. And, she said, anywhere from 25-30 volunteers are needed to host the event. “We are always really good about getting volunteers,” said Thompson. “Those who want to help, but can’t volunteer, always come down and show their support by stopping by to eat.” Thompson said this year’s fundraiser will offer a few new things to add to the festivities. The corn and brat feed will also of-

fer hamburgers this year. And a kids’ bouncy house will be available at the feed. Also new is a raffle, which will feature money prizes; tickets are available from members, or some local businesses. And following the feed, lodge and members of the public may stay for a dance inside the Elks Lodge. Thompson continued that anyone is welcome to come to the feed, or just to dance. Lodge members are always excited to play host to the fun and beneficial event, she said. And where else can you get “all the corn you can eat” for \$6?

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