

Bedford Lodge 2844 participates in the Down Town Centerfest



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Left to right: Nate Thomson (age 11), "Elroy"; Kiersten Thomson (age 9); Paula Dixon, Drug Awareness Chair; and Carol Breitinger, Leading Knight.

Bedford Elks Lodge 2844-enjoyed participating in the Annual Down-Town Centerfest for the Drug Awareness Program with Guest Star "Elroy the Elk" helping to hand out 550 individual bags of literature and entertain the children. His sole purpose was to help educate children to be aware of and recognize substance abuse drugs. Red ribbons, red balloons, and approximately 700 coloring books were handed, most of which were provided to our Lodge through the Virginia Elks Association. There were many more folks stopping by our booth this year than last year. Teachers ask for enough material to hand out in their class rooms. We were blessed with a great Chairperson, Paula Dixon and many helpers and volunteers. It was a great day because *Elks Care, Elks Share!* What a much needed program for our community!