

Beacon Grant Provides Support to Area Backpack Programs

The Elks Beacon Grant has provided support to 11 local schools Backpack programs. The Elks Backpack committee, chaired by Linda Lepper, has worked with area schools to help bridge the gap for children in need on weekends and school vacations by providing nutritious foods through their backpack programs. In addition to providing food items much needed hygiene products have been supplied as well. Many Elks support this ongoing program by providing assistance on a weekly basis to these schools.



Belleville-Henderson Central School students and school nurse eagerly assist with the first delivery. From the left are Benjamin M.; Joshua L.; Mrs. Bertram, school nurse and district coordinator of their backpack program; Aleina D.; Brianna S.; and Grasea C.



Dexter Elementary enthusiastically received this delivery as they work tirelessly to support the needs of students in their building. From the left are Elks Backpack Chair, Linda Lepper; Dexter Backpack coordinator, Mary-Ann Lanham-Livingston; Elk member, Peg Bootie; and Leading Knight Joan Carlo.



Alexandria Central School welcomed many hygiene products for their Backpack program. From the left are Elk Linda Lepper, Account Clerk Patricia Durand, Elk Peg Bootie, and Leading Knight Joan Carlo.



Brownville-Glen Park ready to fill the weekly backpacks. School employees and Elks receive donations and work each week to prepare the backpacks for the students. Top from left are Jaye Stevenson, Kathy Widrig, Debbie Battista, and Leading Knight Joan Carlo. Bottom from the left are Jaye Stevenson, Debbie Battista, Elk Peg Bootie, and Leading Knight Joan Carlo. In addition to helping with the delivery of items to area schools, Joan and Peg work with Brownville-Glen Park staff to fill bags each week throughout the school year.