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ELKS BUGLE February 2020

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THOUGHTS FROM THE EXALTED RULER

As the Lodge year nears its end, we look forward to the coming one. Meetings in February call for new officer nominations and elections. PER's will have nominations, however if any member seeks an office or wants to nominate be at the first meeting in February. We're looking fairly good on net new membership. We are very close to have a positive gain for the year – hopefully we'll attain this by March. Not much else to share this month. Try to make it to the Lodge for our meals and functions when able.

Fraternally,
Scotty Butler, ER

AUXILIARY NEWS

The January Auxiliary meeting was held at the Lodge on the 14th with 19 members attending. The delicious food was provided by the M's thru W's. Several projects for fund raising were discussed. It was decided to have a dessert auction on Feb. the 7th. Auxiliary members are asked to bring a dessert to put on the auction block. These events are a rousing good time and you get to go home with a great dessert that you didn't have to make yourself. It was also decided to have a bunco party on Mar. 19th. More news about this event will follow. The Auxiliary has been asked to provide some menus for catering events several times this year. More news on these events at a later date. All Elks are invited to join the Auxiliary. If interested please contact me at 848-2763.

Mary Angell,
Auxiliary President



DISTRICT HOOP SHOOT



January 18, 2020

Southwest Missouri Elks held their annual National Hoop Shoot Competition at the District level this past Saturday at the Springfield Catholic High School gym. 20 eager boys and girls put their best-shots on the line and competed for first and second place trophies and a chance to move onto the State Hoop Shoot Competition February 8 in St. Louis. The goal, to make as many free throws as you can in 25 attempts. Getting started, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Jeff Holt (Christian County Elks 2777) explained the rules and regulations to all the competitors and most of all he told them to “have fun!”. Thank you to all the families and friends that attended to watch these fine young citizens compete and to all the Elks that helped at sign-up, with scoring and court observations.

By Mike Klinger, PER

RESULTS

Boys 8-9

1st Andrew McWilliams (West Plains #2418) 23/25

2nd Jake Arnold (Alton Thayer #2545) 19/25

3rd Josh Caffey (Christian County #2777) 11/25

4th Brody Harris (Springfield #409) 3/25

Boys 10-11

1st Kylan Pickren (Christian County #2777) 21/25

2nd Kade Clary (Alton Thayer #2545) 18/25

3rd Noah Garrett (West Plains #2418) 5/25

Boys 12-13

Garet O'Dell (Alton Thayer #2545) 22/25

1st Sterling Stine (Christian County #2777) 19/25

2nd Skyler Roberts (West Plains #2418) 15/25

3rd Dakota Stogsdill (Springfield #409) 15/25

Girls 8-9

1st Ryleigh Davis (Alton Thayer #2545) 15/25

2nd Lexi Clarkson (West Plains #2418) 7/25

3rd Kylee Henley (Springfield #409) 3/25

Girls 10-11

1st Ainsley McWilliams (West Plains #2418) 19/25

2nd Miley Hampton (Alton Thayer #2545) 4/25

3rd Aja Watson (Springfield #409) 1/25

Girls 12-13

1st Andrianna Corbett (Alton Thayer #2545) 22/25

2nd Brooklyn Master (Springfield #409) 15/25

3rd Kelbee Burgess (West Plains @2418) 15/25





Kylan Pickren
1st Place Boys 10-11
Christian County Elks 2777

Mission Statement

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 - Elks Share.**



Sterling Stine
2nd Place Boys 12-13
Christian County Elks 2777



CHILI COOK OFF RESULTS



CC Elks Trustee Ernie Smith (left) and DDGER Jeff Holt competed with the best!



Are you hungry for some fantastic chili! The Southwest Missouri District Elks held it's annual Chili Cook-Off on January 11 at the Springfield Elks #409 with all donations going to the Benevolent Trust. When the tally was completed, we are proud to announce that \$2, 097 will be donated to the Benevolent Trust. Christian County Elks 2777 was one of 13 teams participating along with teams from Springfield Elks, Webb City Elks and West Plains Elks. Even though the weather was challenging, many members and guests trekked to the Springfield Lodge to watch each team prepare their best-tasting grub they could muster and satisfy their chili taste buds. SW Missouri District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Jeff Holt (CC Elks) and CC Elks Trustee, Ernie Smith, teamed up to beat the competition. When the judging was final, the winning teams were all from Springfield Elks. Congrats! Thank you to the Springfield Elks 409 for hosting the District Chili Cook-Off and everyone who supported and competed in this important event.

By Mike Klinger PER

VETERANS REPORT

The veterans at Mt Vernon have had the flu battle but the awesome staff have kept it to a minimum. Our next Veteran event will be Flag Day. With a Ceremony and luncheon the Flag Day the 14th. Remember our Veterans and they always want and need visitors. Thanks for all you do for our Veterans.

Dena Wolfe

TRUSTEE REPORT

We have a new freezer! Thank you to Johnny Anderson for doing all the research for the appropriate freezer. It a smaller freezer and perfect for our needs with vendors, etc.

Jeff Holt, Trustee



9th Roger Campbell
 9th Roger Redfearn
 9th Dena Wolfe
 10th Jeffy Mallard
 17th Richard Kalvelage

22nd Mary Marshall
 24th John Angell
 24th Jula Tope
 28th Peggy Stahlman

ELKS REACH GOAL FOR PEARL HARBOR!!

We did it! Elks donated more than \$100,000 to the campaign by December 31, triggering a \$100,000 match from the ENF. Thanks to this, our current campaign total is now \$269,315.07.

At the 2019 Elks National Convention in St. Louis, outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Luhr issued a challenge to the Elks members to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii.

They wondered if the Elks could play a part in helping to improve this memorial. That idea soon became reality, and the Elks are now partnering with the Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII focused 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

With contributions from Elks across the country, we can preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial.

All funds raised will be used to:

- Replace old, faded and peeling outdoor exhibits along Pearl Harbor National Memorial's perimeter.
- Upgrade current static displays with digital exhibits, build new interactive displays to engage children, and modernize the Pearl Harbor museums with iPads and touch screens.
- Fabricate and install new exhibits, displays, programs, and software to better educate and serve all museum visitors.

Our ultimate goal is to raise \$783,000, or a dollar per member, to truly help preserve history, perpetuate peace and reconciliation and ensure that the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are never forgotten.

As of December 31, we've raised \$269,315.07 for this cause!





OH NO!!!! LOOK WHO WAS ABSENT AND MISSED OUT WHEN THEIR NAMES WERE CALLED AT THE MEETING!!

Ary Vander-Snel and Mary Angell won \$54 and promptly donated it to the Back to School Fund! Way to go MARY!!!

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