



Christian County Elks #2777

# ELKS BUGLE

## June 2023

**Michael Sweet**  
*Exalted Ruler*

**Will Tuck**  
*Leading Knight*

**Janey Tuck**  
*Loyal Knight*

**Tawny Brown**  
*Lecturing Knight*

**Thomas Shelton PSP**  
*Secretary*

**Jerry Fritchman PER**  
*Treasurer*

**Shirley Smith**  
*Tiler*

**Rita Ege**  
*Inner Guard*

**Janie Jackson**  
*Chaplain*

**Larry Tuck PER**  
*Esquire*

**Charlie Hopkins**  
*1-Year Trustee*

**Jason Factor**  
*2-Year Trustee*

**Jeff Holt PDDGER**  
*3-Year Trustee*

**Mike Klinger PER**  
*4-Year Trustee*  
*Chairman of the Board*

**Joe Edwards**  
*5-Year Trustee*

Hello ELKs

All I can say is Wow! What a fantastic month!

This last month was a very busy month for our lodge. We had our Kite Day with the Ozark Fire Department and an Ice Cream truck! We also had a fabulous Cinco de Mayo. We then had our Mother's Day tribute evening during our PER Steak Night. This was an honor for me to bring back to the lodge and made for a very memorable event for our special guests from CASA! We Ran the Bases and had a Cajun Boil. We also had the Scout leadership join us for an evening of support for the BSA Troops and Pack.

This month was slam packed with great events and even better fellowship and would not be possible without the extra efforts of the beautiful Sue Fox, dashing Larry Tuck, and debonair Jeff Holt! Let's continue bringing this momentum forward to the next month!

Looking to this next month, keep an eye out for our Elk of the Month, Denny Peterson. This award will be handed out every month at our second meeting and I cannot wait to see who will earn this!

The new house committee structure is moving forward and communication between the events, cooking teams, and the lodge is improving every month. Come check out what is planned with us on the second Tuesday of every month.

As part of the discussed improvements, we have implemented a new procedure for assisting in the cleanup of the meals and we are asking folks that are not directly part of the nights' designated team, or officers, to stay out of the kitchen. This will be very important to not overwhelm the folks in the kitchen as we are working out our new cooking teams.

The coming month will have some great events. Mark your calendars and come join us. There is the Sertoma Duck Race with the CC Elks Car Show and lodge Gun Show. There will also be a special visit from our State President, Lance Evans, and The Jazz will be singing! Come show Lance what Christian County Elks hospitality is all about!

Let's continue improving and driving our lodge forward!  
Michael Sweet, Exalted Ruler





As part of Elks National Youth Week and Community Appreciation, Christian County Elks #2777 of Ozark MO hosted Kite Day. Free kites, ice cream (Hart of the Ozarks Ice Cream Delights), hamburgers, hot dogs (donated by Walmart Ozark) and more for everyone who attended. It was a sure delight to see the kids running across our grass area with kites coloring the blue sky.

Christian County Elks was honored to pass out checks to our adopted groups and community partners through Grants applied for and earned by the Lodge:

The Elks presented Officer Bill Whitaker of the Christian County Sheriff's D.A.R.E. Program with a \$500 check as part of a \$3,000 Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation. Other recipients of this Gratitude Grant are Ozark J.R.O.T.C. \$500 (currently competing in Florida) and CASA of Southwest Missouri \$1,500. Least of These Food Pantry, Inc.'s Michele Pierce was on hand to receive two checks, \$1,000 from the Gratitude Grant and \$2,000 from a Spotlight Grant. Our adopted groups also received money from the Lodge; the Girl Scouts \$500, B & G Scouts Troop #201 \$500, and Cub Scout Pack 75 \$500. In total, CC Elks is donating \$7,000 back to the community in honor of Elks National Youth Week. Plus, the Elks Lodge has been notified of being awarded a Freedom Spark Grant of \$1,000 which will be used to build handicap ramps for disabled veterans in Christian County by the Ozarks Veterans Coalition

# Elks National Youth Week





Michael & Felica Sweet



Charlie Falzone PER on grill



Mike Klinger PER



Tawny, Linda and Georgann



Joe & Cheri Edwards

**El funo at Cinco de Mayo!**  
Over 60 members and guests enjoyed Fiesta & Fajitas and filled our dining room. The kitchen team grilled up steak, chicken and shrimp fajitas loaded with peppers, onions and Mexican seasoning. Homemade refried beans, Mexican rice along with Queso cheese dip and Ceviche topped off the affair. Thank you to Susan Fox for the dinner coordination and BIG thanks to our kitchen team for a job well done and to all the guests who attended to support OUR Lodge.



Howard McCoy on tortillas



Tres Amigas!



Judy, Pat & Marty



Brenda, Rebecca & Diana



## Mother's Day Tribute

A celebration for Mothers at PER Steak Night at Christian County Elks. All mothers in attendance received a carnation and entered a drawing for a beautiful Hydrangea table centerpiece. The Elks also made a \$1500 donation to CASA of SW Missouri. Shannon Carnelson, Advocate Supervisor was on hand to receive the check. CASA of Southwest Missouri is a non-profit organization whose mission is to recruit, train and support community volunteers who assist the court in protecting the best interests of abused and neglected children in Southwest Missouri. The Elks are honored to make a donation.



## Run the Bases

May 13 Fundraiser Lodge Event

Thank you Larry Tuck PER for a fun event. First stop Branson Reservation Ctr on Hwy65, Second stop Rapid Roberts in Crane. Then back to our Lodge for lunch. And the big winner was Marie Lovan.



## VP Visitation at CC Elks

Thank you VP Theresa Suda PER from Springfield Elks #409 for visiting our lodge on Tuesday May 2 and giving our members insight to MEA State President's vision.

Joining in the festivities were (left to right) Chase Emery PER Webb City Elks #861, Paula Richardson PER Alton Thayer #2545, VP Theresa Suda PER, CC Elks Exalted Ruler Michael Sweet and PSP from CC Elks Tom Shelton



Tim Rogers

Congratulations to two Elk members. First and foremost to our newest member Tim Rogers of Springfield. Tim is a teacher at Ozark Technical College, proposer Greg Kraup of #409. Tim has heard good things that the Elks do and has wanted to be a member for some time. Also our newest Elk of the Month Denny Peterson. Denny is our Veterans Chairman and was recognized for his "Above and Beyond" support of our Lodge. Congrats to both.



Denny Peterson

### Our Elks Pitching in for June....

**Cashiers**

Denny Peterson - June

**Bartenders**

Friday June 9 – Will Tuck

Friday June 16 – Larry Tuck

Saturday June 17 – Janie Jackson

Friday June 23 – Will Tuck

Friday June 30 – Jerry Fritchman



**Christian County Elks #2777  
12th Annual  
Back to School Shopping  
with Kids 9am-12 noon  
July 8 & 15 Nixa Walmart  
July 22 & 29 Ozark Walmart  
meet in Garden Center**

# Elks CARE Elks SHARE

### OZARKS VETERANS COALITION



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**CHARLES HOPKINS  
PRESIDENT  
charhobby59@gmail.com**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**June Birthdays**

03 Robert Garcia 03 Ray Weter 06 Gsry Siegrist 10 Randy Schilling  
12 Diane Durham 12 Larry Tuck 14 Dan Halbrook 14 Mark Thrift  
15 Mark Connacher 18 Lindsey Edwards 18 Ruth Hayes  
20 Cecil Davison 20 Glen Hanks 22 Edward Thompson  
23 Bryant Markle 25 Steve Webster 28 Randy Cherry 28 Will Tuck  
29 Jason Factor 29 Ed Gilman

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## Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids

July 8 and 15 Nixa Walmart  
July 22 and 29 Ozark Walmart

Join in and help our Lodges' Biggest Charitable event of the year! Shopping starts at 9am and finishes at 12 noon. Meet in the Garden area of each Walmart.

**Elks CARE Elks SHARE**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Luau**

**FRIDAY**

**JULY 28**

**DETAILS TO COME**

Christian County Elks 2777

**FLAG Day**

**CELEBRATION**

Sunday June 11 starting at 1pm  
Flag Day Ceremony  
Light lunch  
Flag Retirement by Scouts  
More details to come

**Save the Date**

**22nd Annual Sertoma Duck Race Festival**

Hosted by Christian County Elks Supporting Children, Veterans and Our Community

**SERTOMA DUCK RACE FESTIVAL**

**SERTOMA CLUB**  
Christian County Children's Clubs

Sertoma Duck Race Festival

**2023 Elks Car Show**  
**Car • Truck • Bike • Jeep**

Christian County Elks #2777

**Saturday June 17, 2023**  
Finley River Park Ozark, MO

All Registered Participants receive a Dash Plaque

Registration 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Judging 1:30pm

**Entry Fee \$25.00**

For more information:  
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# June 2023



May '23

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July '23

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 <b>Poker Night</b> Hamburgers & Sides	2 <b>Gun Show</b> 11am - 6pm  No Dinner	3 <b>Gun Show</b> 9am - 6pm
4	5 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm	6 <b>Lodge meeting 7pm</b> Dinner 6pm \$8 Gyros & More!	7	8 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 <b>Poker Night</b> Lasagna & More	9 <b>PER Steak Night</b> Ribeye, baked potato veggie & salad Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$15	10
11	12 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm	13 <b>HC Meeting 6pm</b> Pot Luck Dinner <b>BOD Meeting 7pm</b> (new dates)	14 <b>Flag Day</b>	15 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 <b>Poker Night</b> Chili Mac	16 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Mesquite Pork Loin Rice, Veggie & Salad	17 <b>Elks Car Show</b>  <b>Elks Baseball Game</b>
18 <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b>	19 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm	20 <b>Lodge meeting 7pm</b> Dinner 6pm \$8 Baked Chicken Breasts & Stuffing	21	22 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 <b>Poker Night</b> Breakfast Casserole	23 <b>MEA President Visitation</b> Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Lasagna & More	24 <b>Mister D Dance</b>
25	26 <b>Springfield Chorus</b> Practice 6:30pm	27 <b>Poker Night</b> Bring a Friend 5:30pm	28	29 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 <b>Poker Night</b> Pasta Pot Luck	30 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Casseroles	1
2	3	<p>For more information visit our website at <a href="http://www.ccelks2777.com">www.ccelks2777.com</a>                      or our Facebook page Christian County Elks #2777                      SAVE your newsletter for reference or pass it along to a friend</p>				<p>2023 Elks Car Show                      Car • Truck • Bike • Jeep                      Elks Club #2777                      Christian County</p>

Donation Benefiting Elks Back-to-School-Shopping-With-Kids  
**Saturday June 17, 2023**  
 Finley River Park Ozark, MO

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To a Very Important Elk

## UPCOMING **EVENTS**

**June 11**

Flag Day & Flag  
Retirement 1pm

**June 17**

Elks Car Show - Finley Park  
Elks Springfield Cardinals  
Game  
Mister D Dancing

**July**

Back to School Shopping  
with Kids

July 8 Nixa Walmart 9am

July 15 Nixa Walmart 9am

July 22 Ozark Walmart 9am

July 29 Ozark Walmart 9am

**July 28**

Lodge Luau