



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

July 2023

Michael Sweet
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Will Tuck
Leading Knight

Janey Tuck
Loyal Knight

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Lecturing Knight

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Chairman of the Board

Joe Edwards
5-Year Trustee

Hello Elks,

Another great and busy month down! We had two very busy events with the Gun and Car shows this month. We also had a very important State President visit. I want to thank everyone for their help! These events cannot be done without the help and support of our members!

Our Gun show helped provide our Scouts with an opportunity for a bake sale and brought in an astounding \$740 for the Scout's camping and dues! Even the State President received cookies from the sale during the visit! Continuing with our positive influences, keep an eye out for our Elk of the Month, Cherie Edwards. Remember that this award will be handed out every month at our second meeting.

The month of July will be a little different for meetings with the July 4th holiday being on the first Tuesday. We will be moving our meetings from the first and third to the second and fourth for just this month so everyone can have a great and safe holiday! This will also push the House meeting to the 3rd Tuesday, and I encourage everyone to stop in and see what is going on behind the scenes on all of the events!

As we look to other events remember we have our Back-to-School-Shopping-with-Kids this month every weekend and we have a signup sheet at the lodge. If you have not participated, you are missing out on a very rewarding experience! Come join us in helping the children!

Lastly, we still have our Luau set for the end of the month. This is a great event to bring friends and family to. Great food and an awesome atmosphere! I look forward to continuing to meet folks and seeing friendly faces in our Lodge!

Michael Sweet, Exalted Ruler



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Americanism recipient Larry Lovejoy



Flag Ceremony & Retirement



Local Elks Lodges throughout the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal will celebrate Flag Day on June 14, 2023, but the Christian County Elks celebrated Flag Day on Sunday June 11 with a gala event. Over 70 members and guests attended the Elks event at the Christian County Elks Lodge in Ozark.

"We had a full house on Sunday including veterans from the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon." Stated Exalted Ruler Michael Sweet. "Most of these veterans do not get an opportunity to travel locally, but when the Elks host any patriotic event, we always invite veterans from our community".

During the ceremony one local resident was honored with an Elks Americanism Certificate. Vietnam Vet and Ozark resident, Larry Lovejoy (USMC 1964-1986) flies his American flag 24-7 at the Northpark Village Senior Living. In fact, Larry has placed a flag in front of every cottage in the complex including a Maple Leaf for the only Canadian resident. Larry is a true patriot.

Exalted Ruler and Lodge President, Michael Sweet, led the Flag Day Ceremony with a reading of the history of our flag. During the reading, Scouts from Troop 201 paraded the eight versions of the American Flag and posted on the stage. A huge treat for everyone was the Springfield Metro Chorus that sang the Star-Spangled Banner, God Bless American and a medley of military favorites highlighting each branch of the military.





Great day at Finley Park on Saturday June 17th for the 2nd Annual Elks Car, Truck, Bike & Jeep Show hosted by the Sertoma Club. A total of 36 vehicles participated, far less than last year, but the thunderstorm on Friday played a big part in car show enthusiasts deciding to come out or not. The car show generated \$900 for our charitable event in July, Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids. Congrats to all the trophy winners and thanks to everyone who participated and helped with the event. We could not do it without you!

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Elks Johnny Anderson 1957 Oldsmobile

Elks Car Truck Bike Jeep Show



Best Car Winner Jerry Cobb / 1939 Chevy Opéra Coup



Christian County Elks #2777
 Club Sponsor
 2nd Annual Car, Truck,
 Jeep & Motorcycle Show
 22nd Sertoma Duck Race
 Festival June 2023
 Peoples Choice Award
 Best Truck Overall



Elks Terry Hayes 1964 Chevy Impala



Best In Show Aaron Hoyt / 2009 Dodge Challenger



Best Jeep Winner Debrya Faria / 2013 Jeep Sahara



Fathers Day Tribute

"As far as I can remember this is the first time that our lodge has ever done a Fathers Day Tribute", stated Past State President and Lodge Secretary Tom Shelton. After dinner, Exalted Ruler, Michael Sweet, and his officers read the Grand Lodge Tribute to Fathers. Then Michael gave each father a keepsake pen, more of a MacGyver type pen that does a thousands things.



June Elk of the Month

Congratulations to Cherie Edwards! Cherie volunteered to cook on our meeting nights last year and continues to everyones delight. She has volunteered for our Gun Shows, she comes with family to Friday Night Family Dinner, brings desserts and salads when asked and generally volunteers when approached. THAT is a good ELK! Thank You Cherie.

Elks Travel to DC with Honor Flight of the Ozarks



Honor Flight of the Ozarks May 2023



(left) Esteemed Leading Knight, Will Tuck, was a Guardian for Lodge Veterans Chairman, Denny Peterson.

(above) Trustee Joe Edwards was Guardian for his father, Bill, for the August 2022 flight. Bill is 86 years old, an ARMY Veteran of the Korean War. (right) In May 2023 Joe traveled to DC again as a Honor Flight Bus Captain. Joe "didn't want to leave anyone behind."



(right) Exalted Ruler, Michael Sweet, was Guardian for 83 year old Veteran Jesse Childers





Veterans Donation
Veterans Coalition President and Lodge Trustee, Charlie Hopkins, receives a check for \$1,000 from the CC Elks for veterans projects such as home access ramps.



CC ELKS DONATE TO SCOUTS

Christian County Elks #2777 of Ozark has had a long-standing relationship with Scouting especially our local Troop 201 and Pack 75. Every year our Lodge applies for and earns Elks National Foundation Grants from the Elks Grand Lodge and distributes these funds throughout our community and organizations. This past Friday night, the Elks were honored to donate \$1,000 to Troop 201 and Pack 75 to help with their everyday expenses and to support the boys and girls of scouting. Joining the Elks for presentation were (left to right) Brad Tummons, Cubmaster Pack 75, Jeff Highley, Scoutmaster Troop 201B, Amanda Beckley, Scoutmaster Troop 201G, Jason Factor, Committee Chair Troops 201 B&G, My-Lin Smith, Committee Member Troops 201 B&G, and Michael Sweet, Charter Organization Representative Troops 201 B&G and Exalted Ruler at CC Elks.



One Lucky Guy

In June, Howard McCoy pulled the coveted Queen of Hearts and donated half his winnings to Elks-Back-to-School-Shopping-with-Kids in July

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July Birthdays

- 01 Joan Bryant 02 Ernie Smith 06 Tawny Brown 08 Linda Fann
- 10 Steve Hebbert 10 Sandy Pfeifer 11 Jim Green 15 Michele Pierce
- 16 Pete Fox 18 Rita Ege 18 Chris Klein 19 Mark Fesperman
- 19 Michelle Hart 20 Janey Tuck 21 Mary Fritchman 21 Bill Mabary
- 23 Gabriella Chrisman 25 Ginger Davidson 25 Todd McHenry
- 25 Rebecca Tough 27 Felicia Sweet 30 Chris McQuay

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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.

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New Kitchen Procedures

We have made some changes to the procedures in the kitchen and did not do a very good job of announcing nor implementing them. Changes are hard and these have been met with some criticism, but also some support. There are two reasons for the changes as explained below.

First, our kitchen is staffed by volunteers who donate their time and even their money to see that we have quality meals to serve. At times there have been too many people in the kitchen making it difficult for the cooks to do their job. There have even been people in the kitchen criticizing the menu selection. People go in the kitchen for a variety of reasons, "I'm just getting a spoon, I'm getting my favorite dressing, I just want to see what's being made, I'll help by getting what I want myself, etc." Too many people in the kitchen makes it difficult for our cooks to do their job, and they deserve to have room and a better work environment. Anything you need can be accomplished by asking. People think they are helping but most times are in the way. Ask before trying to help, chances are whatever you want will be done anyway. When the cook team, cleanup team, server team, salad prep and dessert prep people are in the kitchen it can get crowded. Food service establishments do not allow you in their kitchen. If you want to help, just ask, or better yet volunteer for a cooking team.

Second, we fall under the same county and state regulations and guidelines as any other food service facility and are subject to inspection at any time. The purpose is to eliminate food borne contamination and illness. Look at www.servsafe.com and you'll see all that we have to do. We want to make sure our members and guests have a quality meal that is not only delicious but safe from contamination.

We ask for your support and acceptance of these changes. If you have a question or comments (good or bad) please see a Lodge Officer. Thank You

Christian County Elks 2777

Luau

FRIDAY
JULY 28

6pm Social Hour
7pm Dinner \$15.00 pp

Come Enjoy Hawaiian Pulled Pork,
Waikiki Chicken, Fruit Bar and
Hawaiian Drink Special

Crazy Hawaiian Shirt Contest
& Bring your Coconuts!

YOU ARE INVITED

Veterans Benefit

GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 14 | 8am

July 2023




June '23

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August '23

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 27 28 29 30 31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	4 	5	6 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Breakfast for Dinner	7 PER Steak Night Ribeye, baked potato veggie & salad Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$15	8 Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids 9am Nixa Walmart
9	10 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	11 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Chicken Sliders	12	13 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Meatloaf	14 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Pork Steak	15 Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids 9am Nixa Walmart
16	17 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	18 HC Meeting 6pm Pot Luck Dinner BOD Meeting 7pm (new dates)	19	20 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Fettuccine Alfredo	21 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Fried Chicken	22 Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids 9am Ozark Walmart
23	24 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	25 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Enchiladas & Rice	26	27 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Poker Night Pizza Night	28 LUAU! Pulled Pork, Waikiki Chicken, Fruit Kabobs Crazy Shirt Contest \$15 PP	29 Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids 9am Ozark Walmart
30	31 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm					



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To a Very Important Elk

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 LUAU ◆

July Salads:

Thursday July 6 - Volunteer Needed
Friday July 7 - Susan Fox
Tuesday July 11 - Volunteer Needed
Thursday July 13 - Cherie Edwards
Friday July 14 - Michael Sweet
Thursday July 20 - Larry Tuck
Friday July 21 - Volunteer Needed
Tuesday July 25 - Volunteer Needed
Thursday July 27 - Volunteer Needed
Friday July 28 - Janey Tuck

July Desserts:

Thursday July 6 - Cherie Edwards
Friday July 7 - Larry Tuck
Tuesday July 11 - Christine Harris
Thursday July 13 - Christine Harris
Friday July 14 - Janey Tuck
Thursday July 20 - Volunteer Needed
Friday July 21 - Volunteer Needed
Tuesday July 25 - Volunteer Needed
Thursday July 27 - Volunteer Needed
Friday July 28 - Volunteer Needed

July Bartenders:

Friday July 7 - Will Tuck
Thursday July 13 - Larry Tuck
Friday July 14 - Larry Tuck
Saturday July 15 - Larry Tuck
Friday July 21 - Janie Jackson
Friday July 28 - Larry Tuck/Will Tuck
Saturday July 29 - Larry Tuck/Will Tuck

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