



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

January 2024

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Chairman of the Board

Joe Edwards
5-Year Trustee

Hello ELKS,

Merry Christmas! For those that I did not get the chance to see beforehand.

I hope the holidays have been great for everyone. December was a huge success with our lodge Christmas Party and Breakfast with Santa. There are so many who stepped in and helped make sure that everything was as smooth as possible! Same with the Veterans' food boxes. Lots of food and other items for the 30 sponsored veterans.

Big thanks to our Elks who participated in Wreaths Across America for our fallen Veteran members.

I want to continue to encourage everyone to support the lodge. Remember, ask any officer, "How can I help?" As Exalted Ruler, I appreciate all the efforts and we can always use extra help with our dinners and dedicated events.

There are other changes that we are expanding on during the House Committee meetings over the next few months. Please come to our HC meetings on the second Tuesday of the month to learn about these changes and how you can help our lodge.

As a reminder this year's New Year's Eve Bash will be over the top; Sock Hop Theme, LIVE music, Dance Contest, Soda Fountain, Sundaes, Gourmet Burgers, Fries, and Hot Dogs all wrapped into the 1950's era. There is also the Southwest District Chili Cook-Off on January 27 at Kimberling City Elks.

As noted from the last few months, if there are any issues, criticisms, or concerns please come to me first. Again, we are all volunteers and have the same goals in mind and the work we put into the lodge is not for our own benefit.

See you around the lodge,
Michael Sweet, Exalted Ruler



ELKS NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

A chance to get your name in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.



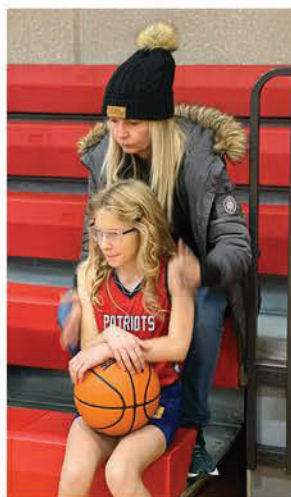
Emy Yerby



Crewe Lindemann

Kenzi Rose

Emy Yerby



Christian County Elks 2777 held it's annual Elks Hoop Shoot Competition in November at the OC in Ozark. Eight young citizens tried their best to make as many free throws they could out of 25.

The winners in each division move onto the Southwest District Hoop Shoot Competiton in January.

RESULTS

Boys 8 - 9 none

Boys 10 -11

1st Wyatt Burke 19 out of 25

2nd Bennett Morgan 18 out of 25

3rd Jaxon Flectcher 14 out of 25

4th Crewe Lindemann 9 out of 25

Boys 12 - 13

1st Jude Sutherland 16 out of 25

Girls 8 - 9

1st Emy Yerby 16 out of 25

2nd Kenzi Rose 7 out of 25

Girls 10 - 11

1st Adyson Yerby 17 out of 25

Girls 12 - 13 none

Congratulations to everyone who competed, to PDDGER Jeff Holt for organizing our event and to the Elks who helped score every shot.



Wyatt Burke

Jude Sutherland

Adyson Yerby

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Joe Watters serves Santa



ER Michael and Sue Jones

HO HO Merry Christmas to all! Our Christian County Elks Lodge Christmas Party was a grand time. Caroling by the Springfield Metro Chorus, Ugly Sweater Contest won by Sue Jones, delicious dinner catered by Dickies, gift exchange and holiday "adult" malts. CHEERS!



Judy, Susan, Santa and Mike



Tom with Santa





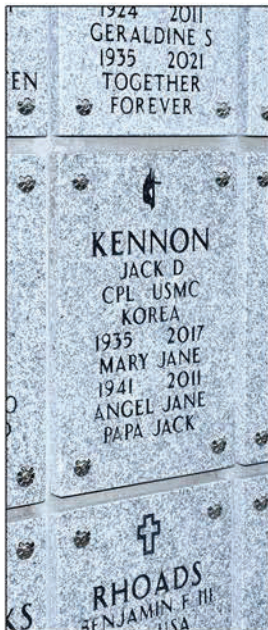
FREE
Breakfast
with Santa
Lunch
with the Grinch
Holiday Boutique




The day following our Christmas Party the Lodge was engulfed with the real feeling of Christmas. Children and Santa. Our annual event, Breakfast with Santa, is always an enormous hit with moms and dads especially the children of our community. Thanks to all the volunteers, to the vendors, to Santa and the Grinch for the wonderful spirit of Christmas.



Wreaths Across America To Our Absent Veterans



On Saturday, December 16, Americans across our great country paid honor to our fallen heroes with the placing of a holiday wreath at their final resting place for Wreaths Across America. On a cold dark and misty day, Christian County Elks Kevin Wolf PDDGER, Rex Krasche, George McGriff, Dustin Raines, and wife Teri and Mike Klinger PER honored our fallen Elks veterans as well. Wreaths were placed for Steven Angel, Bill Howell, Ross Anderson, Dena Wolfe PDDGER, and Jack Kennon To our Absent Members.



House Committee Message

As we start the new year, we can look back on the improvements that have been made in our kitchen. They have all been made with the best interest of the Lodge in mind. We still have farther to go. Our goal is to provide the best possible meal at the lowest price. One area we need to improve on is the amount of food prepared. We would like to be able to feed everyone and have no leftovers. In most cases that is not possible, but we need to try. To accomplish this, we are looking at a few changes to the way things have been done. One possible improvement we are looking at is taking reservations for Steak Nite. This would allow us to purchase only the product needed, keeping costs down. During the month when the cashier is taking money for the current meal, they would also be taking reservations the next Steak Nite. Reservations would need to be paid for at the time made. Reservations could be made up to the Friday before Steak Nite. That would allow us to purchase and prepare only what is needed and will also help us better manage seating arrangements. Please pass your comments on to any Lodge officer.

Another area we need assistance with is kitchen cleanup after meals. Currently, the cooking crew is not only preparing meals but doing the kitchen cleanup too. We would like to have organized cleanup crews that could take care of the after-meal cleanup. It is not hard, and we have a commercial dishwasher/sanitizer. If you would like to volunteer for a team, please contact any officer.

Thank you for your patience and support.
Your House Committee

OZARKS VETERANS COALITION



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January Birthdays

02 Lucas Moore 07 David Simmerly 12 Rex McCoy
12 Anita Rodriguez 14 Charlie Harper 16 Scott Palubiak
17 Kathleen Mullen 20 Robert Bradford 21 Robert Dyer
21 Judy Hayes 22 Lynn Morris 23 Gene Ward 26 Charlie Hopkins
27 Michael Chambers 27 Randy Mitchell 30 Michael Pfander

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*.

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December '23
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February '24
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year	2 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Super Mex Burrito	3	4 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Pizza	5 Chili Cook Off Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 The Best Chili by our Lodge Members	6
7	8 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	9 HC Meeting 6pm Pot Luck BOD Meeting 7pm	10	11 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Chicken Pot Pies	12 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Dinner TBA	13
14	15 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	16 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Spaghetti and Meatballs	17	18 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Beef Pasta	19 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Marinated Pork Loins plus more!	20
21	22 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	23 Game Night Potluck Bring a Dish to Share	24	25 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Stroganoff Pasta	26 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Rotisserie Chicken	27 District Chili Cook Off & VP Clinic 10am Kimberling City Elks
28	29 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	30 Game Night Potluck Bring a Dish to Share	31	1	2	3
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 SAVE your newsletter for reference or pass it along to a friend

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To a Very Important Elk

Elks Memorial Service December 5, 2023



(above) Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Tawny Brown, places the Clinging Ivy, symbol of our Brotherly Love.

(left) The sweet Forget-Me-Not, the Clinging Ivy and the Amaranth lay upon our alter

Christian County Elks lost
two members in 2023.
They are truly missed



Rex Wallace
Mary Krasche