



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

February 2024

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Joe Edwards
5-Year Trustee

Happy New Year Everyone,
What a great start to the New Year! Thank you to everyone who is helping around the lodge. We have had several successful events in the last few months, thanks to all the efforts. We can always use help with these events, or on the nights when we have meals, with cleanup, cooking, and other tasks. We all enjoy the benefits of having a delicious meal or coming to a relaxing evening of fun, but we need more help to keep the folks who are doing the events from being burned out. The more help we have the better and easier it is for everyone. As I have quoted many times from John Heywood, "Many hands make Light work." As a reminder, our House Committee meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month where we cover all the upcoming events. If you can help, let us know.



I also want to reiterate that we are all volunteers and all do what we do for the betterment of the lodge and our community. There are a lot of personalities in the lodge and personal struggles that people are facing. I appeal to all of you to remember this in your interactions with others. All are here for the same reasons, and I have no greater pleasure in seeing our charity work being as successful as it has been this year. This is again in direct correlation to the amazing volunteers we have and the efforts that are shown when we are united toward a cause. As I continue to stress, if there are any issues, please come to me first.

As we start the new year, please remember that we will have our annual renewal coming up for next year's membership. If there are any updates or changes to your information, please include them with your payment.

Looking forward to February, we have a few modifications to the Steak Night coming up to assist in serving, cooking, and cutting some of our costs. This is to keep the price as low as possible for everyone. Grab a ticket for the Valentine's Party on Feb 16 with specialty wine, games, a silent dessert auction, and a fabulous dinner. Plus keep an eye out for our Feb 11 Super Bowl Party details. Come join us at the lodge and bring your friends. We have the best meals in town for a reasonable price, and we want to keep a lively atmosphere and enjoy our lodge.

Let us have another great month!
Michael Sweet, Exalted Ruler



Joe and Cherie Edwards



Best Dressed Dawn and Southern and ER Michael Sweet



Rick and Judy Hayes

New Years Sock Hop Over the Top!

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sundaes, Root Beer Floats, Dance Contest, Hula Hoop Contest, Best Dressed, Wonderful Decorations, Fantastic Music by Mister D, Champagne Toast, Spiked Malts, Big Screen Raffle Prize, Thank You-Thank You-Thank You to our Guests and all the Volunteers!



Carter, Felicia, Michael and Alex



Mike and Judy Klinger with Cherie and Joe Edwards



SW District Hoop Shoot Boys 12-13
1st Place Jude Sutherland (28 of 35)
Christian County Elks

ELKS NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST



MEA Southwest District Hoop Shoot was held Saturday, January 13 at the OC in Ozark. Great competition for the young players and a special thanks goes out to Christian County Elks for hosting the event and all the volunteers that made the event run flawlessly.

MEA Southwest District Hoop Shoot Finals Jan 2024

Boys 8-9

1st	Ryder Voyles from West Plains #2418	25 out of 25
2nd	Kaiser Eckman from Alton Thayer #2545	20 out of 25
3rd	Kyzer Clark from Webb City #861	19 out of 25
4th	Kristian Vest from Kimberling City #2505	17 out of 25

Boys 10-11

1st	Wyatt Burke from Christian County #2777	22 out of 25
2nd	Miles Cotham from Alton-Thayer #2545	19 out of 25
3rd	Jenson Hamblten from West Plains #2418	13 out of 25
4th	Ainsley Tayler from Webb City #861	12 out of 25
5th	Chase Decker from Kimberling City #2505	9 out of 25

Boys 12-13

1st	Jude Sutherland from Christian County #2777	20 out of 25/8 out of 10
2nd	Luke Butler from Kimberling City #2505	20 out of 25/7 out of 10
3rd	Keaton Miller from Alton-Thayer #2545	17 out of 25
4th (tied)	Urijah Thicken from Webb City #861	15 out of 25
4th (tied)	Nathan Siegman from West Plains #2418	15 out of 25

Girls 8-9

1st	Emy Yerby from Christian County #2777	17 out of 25
2nd	Whitlee King from West Plains #2418	14 out of 25
3rd	Aubree Orchard from Alton-Thayer #2545	7 out of 25
4th	Brooklyn Porter from Kimberling City #2505	5 out of 25
5th	Brenlee Wortman from Webb City #861	1 out of 25

Girls 10-11

1st	Sloane McWilliams from West Plains #2418	21 out of 25
2nd	Jocie Otter from Alton-Thayer #2545	19 out of 25
3rd	Adyson Yerby from Christian County #2777	12 out of 25
4th	Addyson Standefer from Webb City #861	8 out of 25

Girls 12-13

1st	Saphera Smith from Alton-Thayer #2545	18 out of 25
2nd	Alivia Coleman from Webb City #861	13 out of 25
3rd	Jordan Hulseay from West Plains #2418	9 out of 25



SW District Hoop Shoot Girls 8-9
1st Place Emy Yerby (17 of 25)
Christian County Elks



SW District Hoop Shoot Boys 10-11
1st Place Wyatt Burke (22 of 25)
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Weekend on the Ropes



SCOUTING AROUND

January 2024 Edition

By Jason Factor

Hello fellow Elks! Troop 201 had a great Fall with LOTS of adventures as always.

On October 8th we performed community service and picked up trash on a 2 mile stretch of Highway W in Ozark. We found almost everything imaginable discarded along the roadside. October 13th-16th was the annual Weekend on the Ropes which is arguably the most fun weekend camp of the year. Scouts and adults get to challenge themselves with rock climbing and rappelling. Whether you're new and starting off slow on a 50 foot climb or rappel or ready to tackle Gar Hole at 287 feet, Weekend on the Ropes has something for you!

In November we headed to Beaumont Scout reservation in High Ridge Missouri for a cabin campout. The weather was PERFECT and on Saturday the 4th we drove into St. Louis and took the Troop to the St. Louis Zoo. Scout skills were learned and fun was had by all who attended.

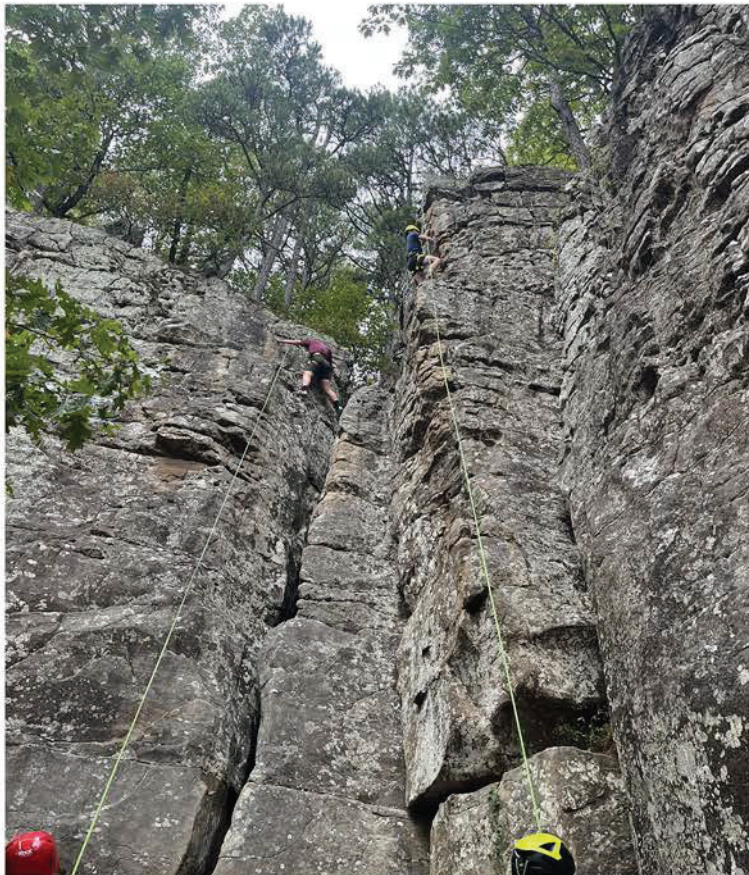
December brought our annual Christmas celebration. We had a Bowling Party/Veterans Sock Drive at Century Lanes in Nixa. Scouts brought new packs of socks to the event which were distributed to Veteran's homes via the Jeep club.

January held the annual Ozark Trails Council Eagle Celebration Dinner. Troop 201 represented VERY well at this event. Having large numbers of Eagle Scouts demonstrates the effectiveness of the Troop and that wouldn't be possible without the support of the Christian County Elks.

Until next time,
Scout On!



Jaden Factor Eagle Board of Review



If You are Single and Ready to Mingle, Come Join Us!

Christian County Elks Sweetest Day!

Valentine's Party

**Tickets
on Sale
NOW**

**LIVE
Entertainment
Mister D & Bonita
8 - 10pm**

**16
FEB**

**Bring your Valentine and Wine, Dine,
Dance & Celebrate with Us**

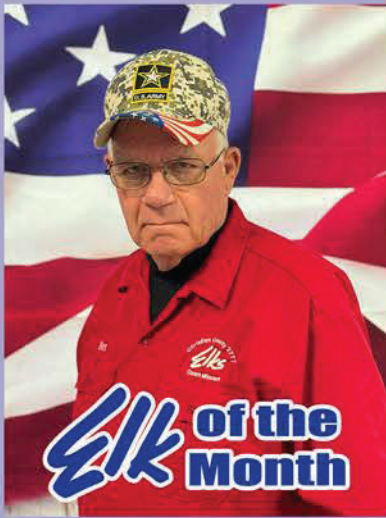
**Friday Feb 16th \$20 pp
Happy Hour 6pm ♦ Dinner 7pm
Dancing 8-10pm**

**Dinner includes Salad,
Chicken Cordon Bleu, Garlic
Mashed Potato, Veggie, Roll and
Specialty Ice Cream Sundaes!
Specialty Carafe Wines
Pro-Order or upon request**

**Romance Door Prize
Not-so Newlywed Game
Silent Auction Bake Sale**

**Bring your BEST Yummy Dessert
Proceeds fund Elks Charity Projects**

**Tickets on sale NOW at CC Elks Lodge
or contact Cherie Edwards for more
information at 417-848-5681**



Our January Elk of the Month is Rex Krasche. Rex is one of the hardest working members we have. Inside the lodge and outside. Besides helping with any kitchen duty asked, or volunteering for every Veteran event, Rex also builds much needed wheelchair ramps for veterans in our community. When you see Rex at the Lodge, shake his hand and tell him "job well done Rex"



Joe Watters is our Elk of the Month for December. When Joe joined the order, he mentioned that he would support the Lodge and especially veterans in any way he can. Joe has done just that from the Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner to delivering food to veterans during the holidays. And providing a foursome at the Elks Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament. Thanks Joe for your support.

Lodge Meeting Tuesday Feb 6th Officer Nominations

OZARKS VETERANS COALITION



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February Birthdays

05 Layth Ehram 09 Sue Jones 10 Jerry Mallard 13 Eva Battain
14 Rita Ege 14 Jane Jackson 16 Frances Johnson 17 Kelly Bohlmann
17 Richard Kalvelage 17 Robert Witherell 20 Rick Hayes
22 Patty Pogue 23 Kory Klinger 29 Bill Kistner 29 Richard Pfeifer

Trustee Jason Factor took top honors at the Annual CC Elks Chili Cook-Off in January.

Jason's secret: Preparing the chili the night before, put it in a freezer bag and hang it from a Spruce tree.

He says it's the changing temps that enhance the flavor.



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February 2024



January '24
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March '24
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Breakfast for Dinner	2 Steak Night Family Friday Night Dinner \$15 Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm	3
4	5 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	6 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Chicken Pasta Officer Nominations	7	8 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Hamburger & Fries	9 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Lasagna & Salad	10
11 Super Bowl Party Details to come	12 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	13 HC Meeting 6pm Pot Luck BOD Meeting 7pm	14 	15 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Brat Bar	16 Tickets Valentines Party LIVE Music 8-10pm Happy Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$20 Tickets in Bar	17
18	19 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	20 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Tacos & More	21	22 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Ham Hocks & Beans	23 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Beef Stew	24
25	26 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	27 Game Night Potluck Bring a Dish to Share	28	29 Game Night Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Baked Spaghetti	1	2
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 or our Facebook page **Christian County Elks #2777**
SAVE your newsletter for reference or pass it along to a friend



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To a Very Important Elk

Dessert Silent Auction Friday Feb 16 at the Valentines Party Benefitting Elks Charity Projects

*Everyone please donate a Delicious Dessert
for the auction. Bring to the Lodge the night of the event*

Red Velvet Cake•Triple Chocolate Brownies•Apple Pie
7-Layer Cookies•Peanut Brittle•Cheese Cake•YUM!



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Save the Date



TEE OFF FOR KIDS

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May 18 Island Green Golf Course
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**Charity Golf Tournament Benefiting
Back to School Shopping with Kids**

You Can Help less Fortunate Kids
Get Much Needed Clothes for School
More Details to come