



Christian County Elks #2777

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June 2025

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Hello Elks,

Well, it has been quite a Spring. Some of our members are still removing debris and repairing property. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to help.

Keep an eye on your calendars and watch for e-mail blasts because we have made some changes in our schedules. We will be serving only 2 Friday night meals per month. Thursday game nights will be order in or if someone wants to volunteer to cook something. We will try to continue Taco Tuesday before meetings. We are always looking for additional volunteers. The more help we have, the more we can do.

Don't forget our Father's Day ceremony (June 13), our Flag Day ceremony (June 14) and the Elks Car Show (June 21). Due to scheduling conflicts our Veterans Golf tournament has been moved to September 19 at Springfield Golf & Country Club.

Invite your friends to our functions. Bring ideas for new activities and menu ideas as well. We will increase our activities as participation increases.

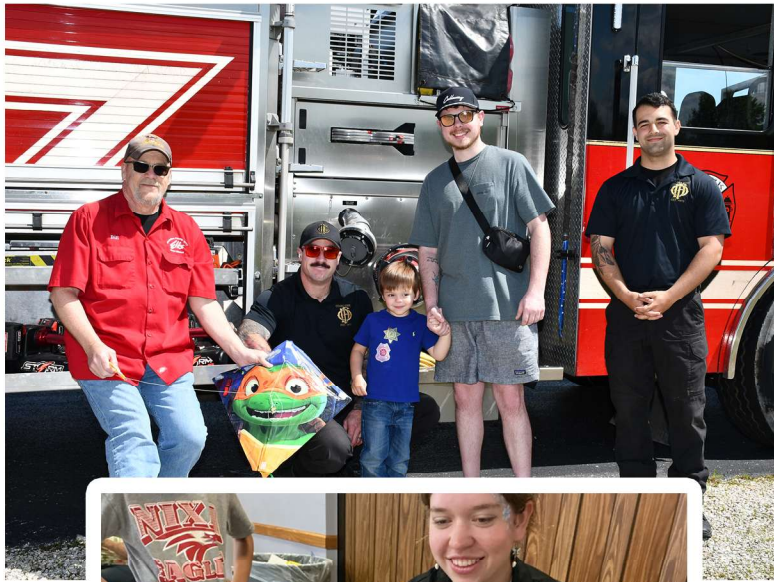
Summer is a busy time with vacations and spending time with family. Make an effort to spend a little time with your Lodge family too.

See you at the Lodge,
Kevin





(above) 2 Rivers 4-H receives their \$500 Grant. (below) Kids had a great day climbing in the Ozark Fire truck. Grace Day face-paints a leopard for a young guest.



13th Annual Kite Day

Elks National Community Appreciation Day

\$5,000 in Grants to Community Partners

Christian County Elks Lodge 2777 of Ozark recently celebrated its 13th Annual Kite Day, held in conjunction with the National Elks Community Appreciation Day. This year marked the largest turnout in the event's history, with families, children, and community partners gathering for a day filled with fun, connection, and giving.

The sky over Ozark were dotted with brightly colored kites as kids and parents joined together to enjoy the simple joy of flying. The laughter of children and the cheerful hum of community spirit created a perfect atmosphere to celebrate the Elks' commitment to service and unity.

Attendees also had the opportunity to meet local heroes from the Ozark Fire Department and speak with the local D.A.R.E. officer, giving children and families a chance to build positive relationships with those who help keep their community safe. No community gathering is complete without great food, and the Elks delivered. Volunteers served up sizzling hamburgers and hot dogs fresh off the grill, bringing smiles to every face and helping fuel the day's activities.

A particularly meaningful moment came when the lodge presented community grants to several local organizations, reinforcing the Elks' dedication to making a difference. This year's recipients included:

- 2 Rivers 4-H – supporting youth development and agriculture education (\$500)
- DARE Program – promoting drug awareness and decision-making skills in schools (\$500)
- Least of These Food Pantry – fighting hunger and providing vital resources to families in need (\$1500)
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) – giving a voice to children in the foster care system (\$1500)
- Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts – nurturing leadership, responsibility, and citizenship in youth (\$500 each)

The 13th Annual Kite Day was a shining example of what the Elks stand for—community, care, and connection. With record attendance and heartfelt engagement, the event served as both a celebration and a reminder of the powerful impact local service can have.



Missouri State Elks President Visits Christian County Lodge

On Friday, May 16, the Christian County Elks Lodge proudly hosted the Missouri Elks Association (MEA) State President Dr. Jason Meisenheimer and First Lady Heather Meisenheimer for an evening of fellowship, purpose, and delicious food. Members and guests were treated to a fantastic fish fry dinner, skillfully prepared by Harry Treece and his dedicated team.

Dr. Meisenheimer shared his theme for the year, "REKINDLING THE COMPASSION IN THE HEART OF ELKDOM," which emphasizes a renewed focus on the Elks' core mission of service and support.

His chosen slogan, "ELKS NEVER FORGET, THANK A VET," highlights the Elks' unwavering dedication to America's veterans, active-duty military, and their families. It serves as a powerful reminder of the Elks' long-standing commitment to honoring and supporting those who serve our nation.

First Lady Heather Meisenheimer, a Mammographer by profession and breast cancer awareness advocate, shared her personal mission through her slogan: "ELKS CARE, SAVE A PAIR." Inspired by her own family's experience with breast cancer, Heather's campaign focuses on raising awareness about breast cancer and promoting health initiatives within local communities.

Additionally, the MEA Past Exalted Rulers (PER) Association continues to champion the banner, "ELKS HEED THE CRY OF AFFLICTION."

The evening was a meaningful reminder of the compassion and dedication that lies at the heart of Elkdom, and the Christian County Elks Lodge was honored to be part of this ongoing journey of service and care.



Back to School Shopping with Kids 9am to 12pm **July 12 & 26 Nixa Walmart**
July 19 & Aug 2 Ozark Walmart

Christian County Elks 2777 Welcomes Denny Peterson as Veterans Chairman

Christian County Elks Lodge 2777 proudly announces the return of longtime member Denny Peterson as the lodge's Veterans Chairman. A dedicated Elk for many years, Denny is a familiar and respected figure among both lodge members and the veteran community. His unwavering commitment to veterans' causes has made him a trusted advocate and valued leader. Denny brings not only experience but also strong connections with area veterans homes and organizations. Throughout his time with the lodge, he has been a tireless supporter of numerous veterans projects, including the beloved Thanksgiving Dinner for Vets, the Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament, and the Holiday Food Baskets for Vets program—each one aimed at honoring, supporting, and serving those who have served. With Denny at the helm once again, Christian County Elks 2777 looks forward to strengthening its mission of serving veterans and deepening its impact in the community.

Welcome back, Denny—and thank you for continuing to serve those who served.





On Friday May 9 the Elks presented a Grand Lodge tribute to Mothers, served a fantastic fried chicken dinner with homemade desserts and all Mothers received a red or white rose with a gift. On this special day we pause to honor some of the most extraordinary individuals in our lives—our mothers. On this special day, we celebrate the women who gave us life, shaped our hearts, and nurtured our souls with unconditional love.



Being a mother is not just a role; it is a calling filled with sacrifice, strength, patience, and immeasurable grace. From sleepless nights to encouraging words, from comforting hugs to quiet prayers, mothers are the steady presence in an ever-changing world. They are our first teachers, our fiercest protectors, and our most devoted supporters.

A mother's love is powerful—it heals, uplifts, and inspires. It's a love that asks for nothing but gives everything. Whether through birth, adoption, or simply the act of caring like a mother, these women enrich our lives and show us what it means to truly give of oneself.

Today, we honor every mother: those with us and those who live in our hearts. We recognize your hard work, your sacrifices, your joys, and your tears. You are the heart of every home and the soul of every family.



Christian County Elks 2777

FLAG Day

CELEBRATION

Saturday June 14 starting at 11am
Light Lunch
Springfield Metro Chorus (tbd)
Flag Day Ceremony
Flag Retirement by Scouts

Save the Date

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
SUPER DAD! FRIEND SUPER
ROLE EVERYDAY HERO
MODEL GUIDE TEACHER HELPER MENTOR
BEST DAD EVER! DADDY

Father's Day Tribute

Friday June 13 • 6pm Cocktails • 7pm Dinner

Delicious Dinner, Gift for Dad with
Tribute and Group Photo

SAVE the DATE

SERTOMA
DUCK RACE
FESTIVAL

SERTOMA CLUB
Christian County Children's Charities

Elks
USA



2025

4th Annual Christian County
Elks Car Show
Car • Truck • Bike • Jeep

Finley River
Park
Ozark

Entry Fee
\$25

Saturday
June 21
11am-2pm

Registration & Display

11am - 2pm Awards 2:30pm
Pay Entry Fee Day of Event

Event Dash Plaque to All Entries
Multiple Peoples Choice Awards
in all Categories including
Best in Show

Event Proceeds
Benefit Elks Charity
Back to School Shopping
with Kids



Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids

Saturday July 12 & 26 - Nixa Walmart

Saturday July 19 & Aug 2 - 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



**YOU can Help
Shop with
Families!**



House Committee

May flew by us here at the Lodge - but it was a fun month. Our Mother's Day event was a success, and our mothers felt the love. Our Opportunity Drawing brought in \$340, thank you to everyone who participated! Judy Hayes & Sue Jones will be presenting some special items to the Lady Veterans Group at the Mount Vernon Veterans Home soon. Big thank you goes to Cherie Edwards for coordinating our State Presidents Visitation Dinner - great meal and great attendance of our members. Our May Game Night was a huge hit with four sets of cornhole boards going and participants from youngish to 91 years of age - we will do that again!

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, our House Committee meeting on May 13th - was an especially important meeting and a few changes are headed our way.

The House Committee voted to reduce the number of times we cook each month to two Fridays - in order to increase the number of attendees. We will only have Friday dinners two times per month.

The House Committee also voted to limit cooking on the Thursday Game Nights - those changes are still being worked out and will be reported at our next meeting on June 10th at 7:00 pm EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

June brings a special Father's Day dinner on June 13th, Flag Day Ceremony June 14th, 4th Annual Elks Car Show June 21 and BUNCO Game Night on June 26th. Invite your friends and join us for fun times at YOUR Lodge.

Respectfully, Susan Fox

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June Birthdays

03 Robert Garcia 03 Ray Water 06 Gary Siegrist 10 Randy Schilling
13 Larry Tuck 14 Dan Halbrook 14 Mark Thrift 20 Cecil Davison 20 Glen Hanks
23 Bryant Markle 25 Steve Webster 28 Will Tuck 29 Jason Factor
29 Ed Gilman 29 Ronnie Keltner 29 Michael Sweet 30 Carolyn Janus

Welcome Our Newest Member: Bob Harris

The Christian County Elks are proud to welcome a new member into our lodge family—Bob Harris! While Bob may be a new addition to our roster, he's certainly no stranger to our lodge.

Many of you already know his wife, Christine, who has been a dedicated member for years.

Bob brings with him a heart for service and a generous spirit. Whether mentoring his nieces or lending a helping hand to those in need. His natural inclination to give back aligns perfectly with the mission of the Elks—helping communities and making a positive impact.

With his dedication and passion for helping others, we know Bob will fit right in.



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May '25							July '25						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	3 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Taco Tuesday	4	5 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8	6 Gun Show 11am-6pm	7 Gun Show 9am-6pm	
8	9 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	BOD Meeting 8pm 10 HC Meeting 7pm No dinner scheduled	11	Gun Show set up 12 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8	13 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$20 Steak Night Fathers Day Event	14 Flag Day Ceremony 11am Mister D Dancing	
15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	17 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Taco Tuesday Vets Meeting 8pm	18	19 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Meatball Sands	20	21 1959  Elks Car Show	
22	23 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	24	25	26 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 BUNCO NIGHT! Bring a Friend Smash Burgers	27 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Pork Tenderloins	28	
29	30 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7		For more information visit our website at www.ccelks2777.com 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



CORNHOLE
Game Night
Fun Thursday Night
in May
Susan Fox and Kory
Klinger were the BIG
Winners
Join Us Next Time!

