



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

November 2025

Kevin Wolfe PDDGER
Exalted Ruler

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Leading Knight

Tom Shelton PSP
Loyal Knight

Matt Clark
Lecturing Knight

Janie Jackson
Secretary

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Treasurer

Zane Evans
Tiler

Rex Krasche
Inner Guard

Rick Hayes
Chaplain

Michael Sweet PER
Esquire

Mike Klinger PER
1-Year Trustee
Chairman of the Board

Joe Edwards
2-Year Trustee

Jason Factor
3-Year Trustee

Hard to believe it's already November! The year is flying by, and this month is shaping up to be a busy one. Here's what's coming up at the Lodge: November Events

Friday, November 7 – Veterans Appreciation Dinner
Bring your family, friends, and any Veterans you know to join us as we celebrate service and sacrifice.

Friday, November 14 – Western Night
Dust off your boots and hats! Come enjoy live music, great company, and a fun night with a western flair.

Wednesday, November 19 – Veterans Thanksgiving Luncheon. Our annual luncheon honoring local Veterans returns this year. Invite any Veterans you know to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve—please lend a hand if you can!

Friday, November 21 – Hooked on Harry's Fish Fry
If you haven't tried it yet, now's your chance—great food and good times guaranteed. Don't miss out!

Sunday, November 23 – Hoop Shoot at the OC
We'll need some helping hands again for this event. If you can't volunteer, please come out to cheer and support our youth participants!

A Note on Game Room Tickets
Effective immediately, all tickets from the game room will be reconciled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We may add a Friday reconciliation when events are scheduled. Any ticket more than one week old will be considered VOID. This process is still evolving, and we'll keep you informed as adjustments are made. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

A Final Thought
Across the country, Lodges are facing challenges with declining participation. When was the last time you visited the Lodge?
Our strength comes from active members like you—your involvement makes it possible for us to serve our Veterans, our community, and our nation. If you haven't been by lately, ask yourself why. And if there's something we can do better, I'd love to hear it.

Never forget what our great Order stands for—and never forget why you joined.

See you at the Lodge,
Kevin





GARAGE SALE BRINGS IN \$\$\$



Congratulations to Sue Jones on organizing a very successful community 1st Annual Elks Garage Sale. Total proceeds were \$2238.00, before the auction house or Avant-Garde sales, to be used for ongoing Elks projects. Helpers included Susan Fox, Tina Campbell, Cherie Edwards, Judy Klinger, Judy Hayes, Chris Harris, Tawny McCoy, Earl Campbell, Denny Peterson, Russ Suda, Janie Jackson, Rex Krasche, and Michael and Felicia Sweet.

Donations received from: Dawna Southern, Kenny Martin, Diana Schweitzer, Tom and Marty Shelton, Shirley Smith, Richard Smith, Teresa and Russ Suda, Mike and Judy Klinger, and Earl Campbell

Thank you to all the buyers, helpers and donations. We could not do it without YOU!



Happy 39th Birthday (again) to our Exalted Ruler Kevin Wolfe PDDGER. Kevin was demonstrating his Big-Bird imitation as he flew around the lodge and pounced on the cake, ice cream and candles. Well, one candle and two ice cream sandwiches. Short notice.



In August, CC Elks made a \$500 donation to the Mt. Vernon Veterans Facility. ER Kevin Wolfe, Rex Krasche and Veterans Chairman Denny Peterson had the honor of making the presentation.

Christian County Elks Annual

Western Night

Friday Nov 14

The
Tyler Garoutte
Band

Line Dancing Cowboy Cha-Cha
2-Step Jailhouse Rock

GETTIN' BASTED COUNTRY GRUB

RIBS BRISKET SMOKED TURKEY

6pm Swinging Door Bar | 7pm Grub

Bring a Friend and WIN your dinner

Dancing starts when

"The lights go down in our part of town"

Dance Contest | Best Dressed | Swamp Water Cocktail

Tickets on sale Oct 15 | \$25pp

Purchase at Elks Lodge - cash or check

credit card sales call 949-241-6085

Hosted by Christian County Elks #2777

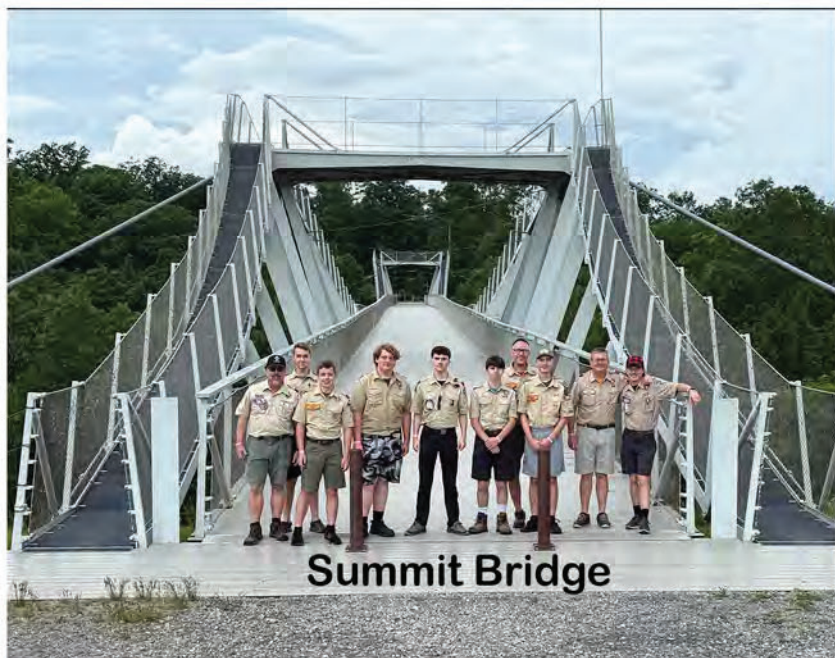


Famous Eagle

SCOUTING AROUND



Top of Gar Hole



Summit Bridge

Scouting Around – October 2025 Edition

By Jason Factor

Hello Christian County Elks!

Troop 201B has had a full and exciting year, and we are grateful for the continued support of the Lodge. Your partnership helps make each adventure possible, and our Scouts have truly made the most of it.

This summer, our older youth returned to high adventure with a trek to the Bechtel Summit Scout Reservation in Beckley, West Virginia. Imagine Disneyland for Scouts—only wilder. In just one week, our contingent tackled Category V white-water rapids on the New River, soared down the mile-long “Big Zip,” climbed rock faces, hit the mountain-bike trails, skated the park, participated in shooting sports, and hiked over 60 rugged miles. There are only four national high-adventure bases in the United States, and Summit did not disappoint. It was the kind of week that builds grit, confidence, teamwork, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Our younger Scouts spent their summer at Camp Famous Eagle in Farmington, Missouri, where they sharpened their outdoor skills, worked on advancement, and experienced a week of classic camp fun. The staff and facilities were outstanding, and our youth returned more capable, more confident, and more connected to Scouting. October means one of our favorite annual outings—Weekend on the Ropes at Camp Orr on the Buffalo River. This trip is packed with rappelling, rock climbing, and some of the best camping anywhere in the region. The Buffalo River never disappoints, and it is always a highlight on our calendar.

Of course, Scouting isn't just about adventure—it's about service. Troop 201B is proud to support our community and honored to support the Lodge. Our Scouts continue to assist Christian County with every election by loading and unloading equipment for election judges. Before each gun show, our troop sets up all tables and chairs at the Lodge. And as December approaches, our Scouts will once again assemble food boxes for the Elks' Veterans Benefit, a project we are especially proud to support. These opportunities teach our youth the value of service, citizenship, and giving back.

On behalf of all the young men in Troop 201B, thank you for standing with us. We value our partnership with Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 and look forward to serving and Scouting alongside you for many years to come.

Until next time—

Scout On!

Food Baskets for Veterans

**Christian County Elks #2777
Holiday Food Drive is on NOW!**

CC Elks need non-perishable food
(please check expiration dates) for
Veterans Holiday Food Basket

Bring your donations to the CC Elks
Lodge and place in food bin

Veterans Holiday Food Baskets will
be distributed to Christian County
Veterans in December

Sign-up to Deliver with Joe Edwards
Delivery Wednesday Dec 17



Elks CARE Elks SHARE



Christian County Elks #2777 Ozark Missouri

Save the Date

December 31

Elks The Roaring Elks TWENTIES



**New Years Eve Party
"The ONLY one in TOWN"
Tickets on Sale Nov 15**

Christian County Elks #2227



**Elks Memorial Service
Sunday Dec 7
12pm Lunch
followed by Service**



Thank You VETERANS

**Honoring Those That Served
Veterans Day Dinner**

Veterans are FREE Friday Nov 7

Social Hour 6pm ♦ Dinner 7pm

All Veterans will be Recognized PLUS

Photo Booth Opportunity

Dinner: Cowboy Grillers, sides & dessert \$12.00

**If you know a Veteran, bring them to dinner
and show them what the ELKS are all about!**

House Committee

Fall is upon us, and your House Committee is gearing up for the Holiday Season! A HUGE SHOUT OUT to Sue Jones for taking the lead and getting the Shelton Hall looking beautiful for our busiest time of the year!! Kudos to painters Howard and Tawny McCoy, Earl and Tina Campbell and everyone else who pitched in.

We kick off our Holiday season on November 19th with our Veterans Thanksgiving lunch. We prepare a fabulous meal with all the trimmings and serve Veterans living in residential care facilities, from all over our area - COME JOIN US!

The Lodge Christmas Party will be held December 12th with lots of fun surprises - RSVP will be required so keep an eye out on how to guarantee your seat at this fun Annual party!!

December 13th is our Annual Breakfast with Santa and there are numerous volunteer opportunities for this fun annual event - ASK ME HOW!! Join us for free pancakes and sausage and shop with our select group of vendors! Make sure you come and be a part of the Magic that surrounds this amazing community event!

WE NEED YOU - Holiday decorating will begin just before Thanksgiving and we are in need of 2 large prelit Christmas Trees. If you would like to donate your working tree (or a new one) - please contact me ASAP!

Finally - we need more "hands and feet" to assist us in reaching out to our Elks, our Community and our Veterans - please join us.

Elkfully yours,
Susan Fox
417-522-8708

Elks CARE Elks SHARE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November Birthdays

02 Mark Mikesch 04 Susan Fox 05 Bill Buening 05 Landon Davis 05 Joe Edwards
05 Christine Harris 13 Mary Cunningham 15 Gary Scheel 16 Judy Chamber
18 Gordon Hayes 18 Carmen Sprinkle 18 Jamie Voss 22 Barry Farber
29 Andy Willoughby 20 Bill Roark 30 Tom Wahl

VETERANS

Oct 1 Vets Food Drive Starts

Oct 29 Honor Flight

Nov 7 Elks Veterans Ceremony

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 19 Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec 13 Wreaths Across America

Dec 17 Vets Food Delivery



Hello Veterans,

Our Veteran member, Shirley Smith, is compiling a list of all our Veteran members. If you are a Veteran, please text Shirley your name to 651-373-7653.

This will insure that the CC Elks can notify all Veterans of upcoming events.

Lodge Contact Information

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Setup - Install - Repair - Recovery - Wifi - Networks
Kory Klinger 417-470-7853 www.ozarktek.com

November 2025



October '25							December '25						
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	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Soup & Salad		Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Chef Shirley Smith Surprise	Veterans Ceremony Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm Cowboy Grillers & more \$12								
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	BOD Meeting 8pm		Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Cherie's Chili Night	Western Night Tickets \$25 LIVE Band, Catered Grub, 6pm Cocktails 7pm Dinner								
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	Veterans Day	Veterans Thanksgiving Lunch 11am Volunteers Needed	Game Night 6pm BUNCO! Chicken Tenders & more \$8	Family Friday Dinner Hooked on Harry Fish Fry								
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	HC Meeting		Lodge closed	Lodge Closed								
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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

Christian County Elks hosts
FREE

Breakfast with Santa & Holiday Boutique



Free Pancakes &
Sausage
Photos with Santa
Ornament Make & Take
Caroling Chorus

Saturday December 13th
Breakfast with Santa 9:30am - 12pm
Boutique Shopping 9am - 3pm
Lunch: Baked Potato Bar
available for purchase