



Christian County Elks #2777

# ELKS BUGLE

## March 2026

**Kevin Wolfe PDDGER**  
*Exalted Ruler*

**Bill Buening**  
*Leading Knight*

**Tom Shelton PSP**  
*Loyal Knight*

**Matt Clark**  
*Lecturing Knight*

**Janie Jackson**  
*Secretary*

**Jerry Fritchman PER**  
*Treasurer*

**Rick Hayes**  
*Tiler*

**Zane Evans**  
*Inner Guard*

**Rex Krasche**  
*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*

Hello Elks,

It is hard to believe that my year as Exalted Ruler is coming to a close. It has truly been an honor to serve our Lodge in this capacity. We have experienced our share of ups and downs, but we are blessed with a dedicated group of members who always step up and get the job done. Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the year!

This year, we assisted our local Scouts, 4-H Shooters, and area sports teams, and we funded a scholarship for a student at OTC. We hosted Kite Day during National Youth Week and took 200 local students Back-to-School shopping. We prepared a Thanksgiving dinner for a Shelton Hall full of local veterans and delivered food boxes at Christmastime. None of this would have been possible without the continued support of our members.

As we enter the new year, I encourage all members to continue supporting the Lodge. It takes all of us working together to make the impact we do in our community. Invite your friends and family to our functions and meals. If you have an idea for a meal or activity, please share it. Your participation in Lodge activities is vital to the continuation of our programs.

Be sure to watch your calendars, emails, and Facebook posts for upcoming Lodge events. Come out and be a part of the fellowship. Installation of Officers will be held on March 27. Please check the bulletin for more information.

Thank you again, and as always...

Fraternally,

Kevin Wolfe PDDGER





**ENF Milestone - Thank You!**

*Congratulations to Christian County Elks 2777 Trustee Jason Factor. Jason hit a milestone with his Elks National Foundation donations of \$1,000. The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.  
Presenter - ENF Chairman Jerry Fritchman PER*



Christian County Elks donated \$500 to Chiefs Girls Softball to sponsor Hannah Loofbourrow as she travels the state with her championship softball team. Hannah's goal is to receive a college scholarship through sports. Hannah is the granddaughter of Marty and Tom Shelton

**Elks Providing Community Service**

PSP Tom Shelton and Exalted Ruler Kevin Wolfe present the check to Hannah



*We will continue to be in the lives of our neighbors in need. You will live such a blessing!*

# **GUN SHOW**

**Friday March 13 11am - 6pm**  
**Saturday March 14 9am - 6pm**

## **Elk's Lodge Ozark**

Christian County Elks 2777

# **CPR, FIRST AID & AED TRAINING**

- Thursday March 19 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- Provided by First Aid and AED Certified (RN) Elks Members
- No Charge, open to all Elks and guests, Dinner available 6pm, Irish Stew, Soda Bread, Salad \$12

**The Importance Of CPR & First Aid Training**

Why Everyone Should Learn These Life-Saving Skills



# Christian County Elks #2777

invites you to attend

## The Annual Awards & Officer Installation Dinner

Bacon Wrapped Filet or Chicken Griller Dinner  
Complimentary for Elks only

**Guests will be \$15 each**

The Evening will feature

*Denim and Diamonds*

*"Night at the Races"* with 6 "live" horse races

**Friday March 27th, 2026**

**Social Hour 5:30 - 6:30 pm**

**Installation 6:45 pm**

**Dinner and Races to follow**

**Reservations requested by 3/23/2026 - 417-522-8708**



Grace



Lucky

# Deadeyes Take Aim!



The 2024–2025 4-H year was a busy and successful one for the Deadeyes 4-H Club! From county practices and regional shooting sports camp to regional, state, and even national competitions, 23 youth—ages 8 to 18—participated in one or more of these activities. Thanks to the Christian County Elks Lodge #2777, our youth were able to offset some of the costs associated with preparing for these competitions, especially the 4-H National Competition held in June!

This year, the Deadeyes were able to offer a wide variety of disciplines: Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Archery, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, and Hunting & Outdoor Skills. 4-H is a positive youth development program and shooting sports serve as a tool for building important life skills such as critical thinking, planning and organization, stress management, self-motivation, teamwork, and self-esteem. The Hunting and Outdoor Skills discipline also teaches valuable skills including orienteering, conservation and wildlife identification, and first aid.

Three Deadeyes earned spots on the Missouri State 4-H Shooting Sports Team, representing the state at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska, in June. More than 700 youth from 44 states competed at Nationals.

- Grace Day competed on the Hunting and Outdoor Skills Team, which placed 2nd overall, while she placed 5th individually.
- Lucky Day competed on the Muzzleloader Team, helping them secure 3rd place overall.
- Delainey Guardiola-Ellis trained all year as an alternate on the .22 Rifle Team.

Thanks in part to the financial help from the Elks Lodge, the 4-Hers were able to buy their ammunition, targets, and arrows in order to be ready to succeed at the competition. The kids are looking forward to working with the Elks again this year at Kite Day. With all three going to Nationals again this year, the help from the Elks Lodge is greatly appreciated!

For more information on Deadeyes 4-H Club, email Dee Dee Hinderman at [deadeyes4hclub@gmail.com](mailto:deadeyes4hclub@gmail.com).



**Game Night Poker & Bunco Mar 19**  
**Kitchen & Bar Open 6pm - 7:30pm**  
**Bunco \$10 Buy-in, Prizes to Winners**



**All Are Welcome**  
**Bring Your Friends**  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
**Irish Stew, Soda**  
**Bread, Salad and**  
**More \$12**  
**Christian County Elks,**  
**Ozark**

**Congratulations to the**  
**Christian County Elks 2777**  
**New Officers**  
**for the upcoming**  
**2026-2027 Elks Year**  
 Exalted Ruler Susan Fox  
 Leading Knight Janie Jackson  
 Loyal Knight Matt Clark  
 Lecturing Knight Zane Evans  
 Treasurer Jerry Fritchman PER  
 Secretary Sue Jones  
 Esquire Kevin Wolfe PDDGER  
 Chaplain Rex Krasche  
 Tiler Rick Hayes  
 Inner Guard Christine Harris  
 1-Year Trustee Joe Edwards  
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Christian County Elks Presents the 9th Annual  
**Charity Golf Tournament**  
**Benefiting Our Veterans**  
 Friday Sept 18, 2026



**Save**  
**the**  
**Date**

**TEE OFF**  
**FOR VETERANS**

Springfield Golf & Country Club  
 Springfield Missouri  
 Registration 8am Entry Fee \$100  
 Register at the Event Cash, Check, Credit Card  
 9am Shotgun Start Lunch Provided  
 Raffle and Prizes



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

**2026**

5th Annual Christian County  
**Elks Car Show**  
 Car ♦ Truck ♦ Bike ♦ Jeep



Finley River  
 Park  
 Ozark



**Registration & Display**  
 11am - 2pm Awards 2:30pm  
 Pay Entry Fee Day of Event

Event Proceeds  
 Benefit Elks Charity  
 Back to School Shopping  
 with Kids

# House Committee

As we "March" into Spring and a brand-new Elk year, I want to take a moment to thank you all for an AMAZING House Committee year! We created tremendous excitement throughout our Lodge with new events, delicious dinners, and a full calendar of rentals in Shelton Hall.

I am incredibly proud of our outstanding team of volunteers and of everyone who helped with setup, serving, dish washing, tear down, and cleanup. Each of you took pride in serving our members, and it truly showed. You should all be proud of a job exceptionally well done!

As we look ahead to the new Elk year, we are searching for a new House Committee Chair, as I will be stepping into a new role within our Lodge as your Exalted Ruler. The House Committee truly is the "fun & games" committee, and we already have a wonderful team of volunteers ready to serve — we just need a leader to guide the way!

If you are interested in taking on this important and rewarding role, please contact me. WE NEED YOU!

In closing, the next time you see Tina Campbell, Cherie Edwards, Zane Evans, Jason Factor, Judy Hayes, Sue Jones, and Judy Klinger, please take a moment to THANK THEM for the incredible job they have done this past year. They absolutely deserve the recognition!

ELKfully yours,

Susan Fox

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# VETERANS



Hi everyone,

This is Rex Krasche, your Lodge Chaplain and Veterans Chair.

Many of you may not know me yet or haven't had the chance to meet me, so I'd like to share a little about myself. I have been serving as your Chaplain for the past three months. Prior to that, I had the privilege of serving as your Lodge Inner Guard.

As we head into the warmer months, I'd like to encourage everyone to come out and support the Lodge and the activities we have planned this month and beyond. We'll soon be welcoming new officers, and it would be wonderful to see members attend a dinner or event to meet them and get acquainted.

On the Veterans side, we also need your continued support. Whether it's helping with flags, assisting at the golf tournament, or delivering food, your involvement makes a real difference. Any time you can give is greatly appreciated.

That's all for now. I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge!

Fraternally, Chaplain Rex Krasche

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## March 2026 Birthdays

4th Mike Klinger 4th Dwayne Lovan 7th Earl Campbell  
9th John Miller 10th Rob Deweedt 11th Matt Abban 12th Skip Bell  
16th Rickie Bell 17th Cathy Roller 18th Bill Beauchamp  
22nd Brenda Mings 28th Debbie Tangora 30th Dorothy Phillips

# March 2026



**February '26**  
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 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
 8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
 15 16 17 18 19 20 21  
 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

**April '26**  
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 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
 12 13 14 15 16 17 18  
 19 20 21 22 23 24 25  
 26 27 28 29 30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	3 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Initiation	4	5 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8	6 Family Friday Dinner Italian Cuisine Baked Ziti and More! \$12	7 DD Clinic Springfield Elks 10am start District Chili Cook-off Following
8	9 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	10 HC Meeting 7pm No dinner scheduled	11	12 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Hamburger & Fries Gun Show Set Up	13 Gun Show 11am-6pm Kitchen is Open Burgers & More!	14 Gun Show 9am-6pm Kitchen is Open Burgers & More!
15	16 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	17 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$10 Corned Beef & Cabbage	18	19 BUNCO 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Irish Stew + More! First Aid -AED Training 6:30pm	20	21
22	23 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	24 St. Patrick's Day	25	26 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8	27 Installation of New Officers Exalted Ruler Awards	28
29	30 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	31	1	2	28	29
30	31					



For more information visit our website at [www.ccelks2777.com](http://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

### Come Fly a Kite at the Elks Open House



Christian County Elks is Celebrating  
Elks National Youth Week Inviting YOU to Our  
**Youth and Community Appreciation Day**  
**Saturday May 2, 2026**  
**10am - 2pm**



**Bring a Kite or Fly One of Ours!**  
**Enjoy FREE Hot Dogs & Hamburgers**

Meet our Ozark D.A.R.E. Officers, climb in an Ambulance or  
Fire Truck, Bounce House, Talk with Scouts,  
4H Shooters Face Painting  
Grant Donations Given Out to Support OUR Community



**Italian Cuisine**  
**Friday March 6th**  
**Baked Ziti, Salad**  
**Garlic Breadsticks**  
**Tiramisu Dessert \$12**



**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

**Tuesday March 17**

**Dinner at the Lodge before  
our meeting**

**Corned Beef, Potatoes, Cabbage  
& More \$12**

**Christian County Elks 2777**