



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

June 2026



Happy June and the official start of Summer from your ER. As I write this I am reviewing last month, as we had 2 very important visits in Elkdom. We had our official visit from Missouri Elks State President Mike Polson and his wife Julie, along with other dignitaries from our District. I personally want to thank everyone who helped us put together a fun theme, serve yummy food and help with the clean up. It takes all of us and we are always looking for more "hands" to assist us with these endeavors. District Vice-President Larry Tuck also made his official visit and had nothing but kind words regarding the good works of our Lodge. A huge shout out to those of you who are making sure we are moving in the right direction this year.

As we move in to Summer - please remember our upcoming "Back to School Shopping with the Kids" program starting July 11 and the need for you to donate so that we can take more kids shopping. Event organizer, Jerry Fritchman PER, has committed to 150-200 kids this year and we are far below that goal - PLEASE give if you are able.

And now a message to those of you who have not paid your dues for this year - our current membership is 178 and approx 42 of us have NOT paid our dues. Here is your reminder how important your dues is to the success of our Lodge - WE NEED YOU!!! Did you know you can make partial payments - please speak with Secretary Sue Jones and find out how!

I am excited to share that next month I will be attending Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago, as your delegate and I thank you for this opportunity. Additionally, Cherie Edwards and myself are working with BJS trophies in Springfield on creating our own online merchandise store, where you can choose from select merchandise to promote our Lodge when you are out and about! There will be ladies t-shirts, polo shirts, hats, tumblers and other fun merchandise in a variety of colors to choose from. We will let you know when it is ready for you to shop! We still have our Lodge Red Shirts available thru Mike Klinger PER - this will be another option for you, for golf tourneys etc.

In closing - I am honored to serve as your ER and I am asking you to kick-in and help us out. There are so many opportunities - but first and foremost we need members, we need your ideas, we need your participation and we need you at meetings, dinners, car shows, Flag Day ceremonies - bottom line WE NEED YOU! How are you going to engage - it's up to you!

ELKfully yours,
Susan Fox - Exalted Ruler

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Exalted Ruler

Zane Evans
Leading Knight

Christine Harris
Loyal Knight

Janie Jackson
Lecturing Knight

Sue Jones
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Tiler

Cherie Edwards
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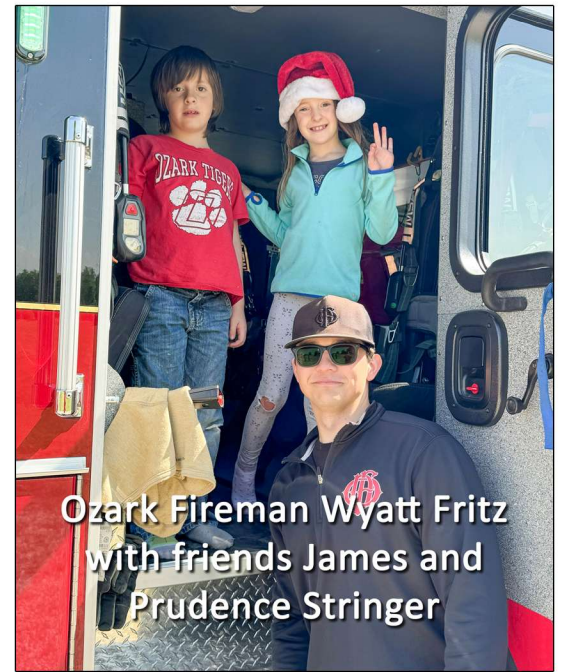
Rex Krasche
Chaplain

Kevin Wolfe PDDGER
Esquire

Joe Edwards
1-Year Trustee

Jason Factor
2-Year Trustee

Mike Klinger PER
3-Year Trustee
Chairman of the Board



On the first Saturday in May, under a beautiful blue sky, Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 welcomed the community for Elks Community Appreciation Day, a nationwide celebration held by Elks lodges across the country.

At our lodge, we celebrated with a fun-filled day for kids and adults alike, enjoying kite flying, fellowship, and community spirit. The Elks provided complimentary hamburgers, hot dogs, baked goods, and more for everyone who stopped by.

Community Appreciation Day is also a special opportunity to say thank you to the many partners who support our lodge and serve our community. Each year, Christian County Elks is able to obtain multiple grants through member donations to the Elks National Foundation. Because of those donations, our lodge can receive up to three times that value back in grants to support local programs and organizations.

This year, through a \$4,500 Gratitude Grant from Grand Lodge, Christian County Elks presented donations to the following community partners:

- Least of These Food Pantry of Ozark — \$1,000
- Sheriff's Department D.A.R.E. Program — \$550
- 4-H Shooters Club — \$550
- Scout Troop 201 — \$500
- Scout Pack 75 — \$500
- CASA — \$700
- Camp Barnabas — \$700

Thank you to all the members, guests, and community partners who supported Elks Kite Day and helped make it such a meaningful event. The work and generosity of the Elks continue to shine throughout our community, bringing joy to children, supporting families, and ensuring veterans receive the recognition and appreciation they deserve.

Community Appreciation

Supporting OUR Community with a \$4,500 Gratitude Grant



\$550 Donation to Sheriff's DARE Program
 (L to R) Elks Bill Buening, Sheriff Mellisa Riggins, Elks Jerry Fritchman and Lecturing Knight Janie Jackson



Kite Day



\$1,000 Donation to Lease of These Food Pantry
 (L to R) Elks Jerry Fritchman with Mathew Enoch and his family



\$700 Donation to Camp Barnabas
 (L to R) Elks Secretary Sue Jones, Camp Barnabas Jillian Pointer and Debbie Weatherman, Elks Treasurer Jerry Fritchman and Loyal Knight Christine Harris

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\$500 Donation (each) to Troop 201 & Pack 75
 (L to R) Elks Jerry Fritchman, Troop 201 and Pack 75 Scouts with Elks Trustee Jason Factor



\$700 Donation to CASA
 Elks Trustee Joe Edwards with Sara Walraven, Katie Johnson and Alexandria Lezion

Southwest District

ELKS

Baseball Night

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK WITH THE

Springfield Cardinals

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH | **GAME TIME: 6:30 PM**

TICKET + T-SHIRT COMBO
\$25 PER PERSON (+\$2 FOR 2X & 3X SHIRTS)

SUPPORTING A GREAT CAUSE ★
 Proceeds benefit #409 Blessing Bundles, helping provide support and essentials for displaced youth in our community. #409 BLESSING BUNDLES

FOR TICKETS AND SHIRT ORDERS, CONTACT:

★ **Steven or Heather Sade,** ★
or E.R. Kathryn Barte

SERTOMA DUCK RACE FESTIVAL

SERTOMA CLUB
 Christian County Children's Charities

2026

5th Annual Christian County
Elks Car Show
 Car • Truck • Bike • Jeep

Elks USA

Donation \$25

Finley River Park Ozark

Saturday June 20
 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 Donation Benefits Elks Charity Back to School Shopping with Kids

Christian County Elks 2777

FLAG Day

CELEBRATION

Sunday June 14 starting at 11am
 Light Lunch
 Guest Speaker (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 DADDY

BEST DAD EVER!

Father's Day Tribute

Friday June 19 • 6pm Cocktails • 7pm Dinner

Hooked on Harry Fried Fish & More! \$20

Tribute and Group Photo

SAVE the DATE

Elks Pay Tribute to All the Mothers

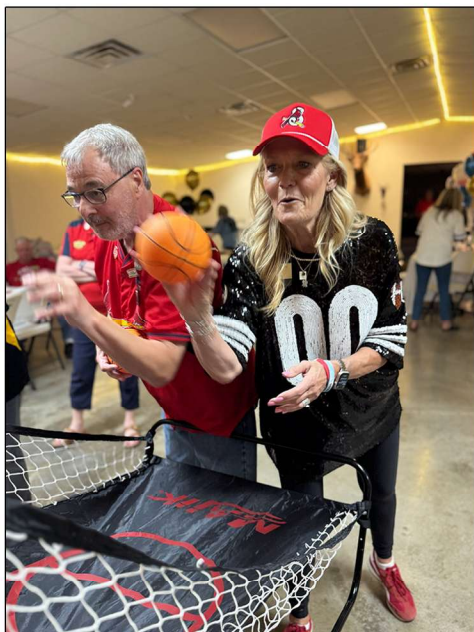
On Friday May 8th, Christian County Elks #2777 held its annual tribute to moms with a wonderful Mother's Day celebration. The Lodge was filled with mothers of all ages, along with members and guests, who gathered to honor the special women in our lives.

Exalted Ruler Susan Fox and her team of officers shared a heartfelt tribute to mothers, bringing a tear to more than a few eyes. Before dinner, Scout Troop 201 presented red and white roses to all the moms in attendance, honoring both the mothers with us and those remembered with love.

The Lodge served a delicious full-course dinner, featuring a choice of bacon-wrapped filet or grilled chicken. The evening ended with plenty of excitement as everyone rushed to place their final bids in the Silent Dessert Auction, which raised \$300 for the Lodge. Thank you to all the moms who joined us, and to everyone who helped make this annual event another success.



(top left) Officers pay tribute to moms. (above) Bridgette Factor receives her rose. (top right) Pat Peterson with Scouts Carter and Alex Sweet. (middle) 92 year old Frances Johnson with granddaughter Rachel and Devon Davis and her mom, Dawn, have a special moment.

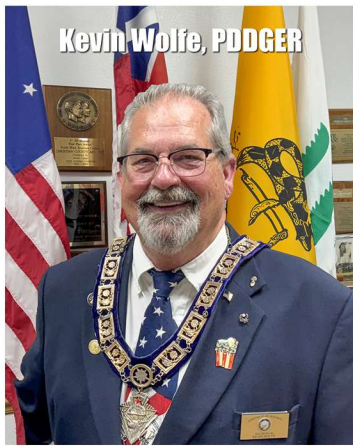


MEA State President and First Lady Visit OUR Lodge

In May, Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 proudly continued the annual tradition of hosting the State President Visit, and it could not have been a more fun and memorable evening. Christian County Elks welcomed MEA State President Mike Polson and First Lady Julie of Ellisville Elks Lodge #2664. Joining them were Danny Cobb, Director, and his wife Sharon of West Plains Elks Lodge #2418; Eric Cooley, Marshal, of Lebanon Elks Lodge #2557; Dan Ramsey, Administrative Assistant to President Polson, of Ellisville Elks; and Larry Tuck, District Vice President, and his wife Janey. Exalted Ruler Susan Fox and her team hosted a fantastic sports team-themed evening, complete with stadium-style food, drinks, games, and friendly competitions. Also joining in the festivities were Past State Presidents Bob Todd of Springfield Elks, along with Christian County Elks' own Tom Shelton and Skip Bell.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening so memorable, from setup to cleanup and everything in between. Your hard work and Elk spirit made this special visit a true success. (photos: Mike and Susan battle on the court, four State Presidents in the house, First Lady Julie Polson accepts gifts from CC Elks Tina Campbell and ER Susan Fox with MEA State President Elect Theresa Suda and PSP Skip Bell)





Kevin Wolfe PDDGER Elks Life Member

Congratulations to Kevin Wolfe on being voted in as a Life Member of Christian County Elks Lodge #2777

Our bylaws state that a Life Member is any member who has paid the required annual dues to a Lodge or Lodges for a period of not less than 30 years preceding application. In addition to meeting these strict requirements, Kevin has shown outstanding dedication and service to the Elks over the years. Kevin has served as Exalted Ruler three times, and has been recognized as Officer of the Year and Elk of the Year. He has also served as State Vice President and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. The next time you see Kevin, be sure to give him a high-five and thank him for his many years of service and dedication to the Elks.

In the News

Good of the Order

- At the May 19th meeting John Hampton's name was pulled to win \$208. John was not present.

Honor Flight of the Ozarks

- The next flight is scheduled for July 7th.

Cosmopolitan Club Donation

- The ladies' group of Ozark donated \$500 for Back-to-School Shopping with Kids

Benevolent Trust

- At the MEA President Mike Polson's visit, Christian County Elks donated \$560 to Benevolent Trust from keg beer sales, auction of Springfield Cardinals tickets basket and specialty cake, and Hoop Shoot game with Susan Fox and Mike Polson.

CC Elks Membership

- Our current membership stands at 178

Next Gun Show

- Friday June 12 11am-6pm and Saturday June 13 9am-6pm.

Lodge Work Day

- Join in and support our lodge on Saturday August 8th.

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Are You Reporting Your Volunteer Hours and Miles to Sue Jones?

Please text your volunteer hours and miles(per project) to 417-224-1923

or email to

ccelkssue.jones@gmail.com

Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 2026 Birthdays

3rd Robert Garcia 6th Gary Siegrist 10th Randy Schilling
14th Dan Halbrook 14th Mark Thrift 20th Cecil Davison
20th Glen Hanks 23rd Bryant Markle 25th Steve Webster
28th Will Tuck 29th Jason Factor 29th Michael Sweet
30th Carolyn Janus

June 2026



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	2 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Fajitas & More! BOD Meeting 8pm	3	4 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Mr Goodcents	5 No activities planned	6 No activities planned
7	8 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	9 HC Meeting 7pm No dinner scheduled	10	11 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Pappos Pizza Gun Show Table Set-up	12 Gun Show 11am-6pm	13 Gun Show 9am-6pm
14 Flag Day Ceremony 11am Light Brunch Flag Retirement	15 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	16 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 "Gun Show" Leftovers	17	18 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Play BUNCO! Breakfast is Served!	19 Fathers Day Tribute Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$20 Hooked on Harrys Fish Fry	20 CC Elks Car Show Finley River Park 11am-2pm
21 Fathers Day	22 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	23 No activities planned	24	25 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Sloppy Joes	26 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$12 Pre 4th of July Party!	27 Southwest District Elks at Springfield Cardinals Game
28	29 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	30 No activities planned	1	2	3	4



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



Elks Back to School Shopping with Kids

8am-1pm Nixa Walmart July 18 & Aug 1
8am-1pm Ozark Walmart July 11 & 25

Join Us and Support our Largest Charitable Event

Make Your Donation Today

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