



Christian County Elks #2777  
**ELKS BUGLE**  
 July 2026

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*2-Year Trustee*
- Mike Klinger PER  
*3-Year Trustee*  
*Chairman of the Board*

Hello from your Exalted Ruler and happy July!!!

We've had a very busy month of June and I hope those of you who attended our Flag Day ceremony, Fathers Day Tribute Dinner and Annual Car Show were as impressed as I was with our members who choose to be active and involved! It takes a lot of time and effort to pull off these events and I appreciate those who make the time in their busy schedules to be the "hands and feet" of our Lodge.

As we move into July we at Christian County Elks are going to be facing a very big decision for our Lodge and WE NEED YOU to help us make this decision - before it is made for us. The State of Missouri has begun raiding grocery stores, laundromats, smoke shops etc and confiscating what they have determined to be illegal gambling machines. As many of you are aware our Lodge currently operates 8 gaming machines of which bring us income on a monthly basis. We have been assured by the company providing our machines, that ours are legal under the Missouri Raffle system. The Missouri State Attorney General has issued a statement regarding machines such as ours "To clarify, the Attorney General's position is that Missouri law does not recognize a legal "gray area" for gambling devices. If a gaming device is not specifically authorized and regulated by Missouri law, the State may consider it illegal gambling. Simply because a device is marketed as an electronic raffle, sweepstakes machine, charitable game, or another variation does not automatically make it legal under Missouri law."

Because this statement could in fact leave the door open for our Lodge to be targeted and the CEO (that's me) facing criminal charges, we will be discussing and voting on shutting down our machines at our July 21st meeting, unless the Attorney General does something before then. Your opinion matters and more so your ideas for replacing a very lucrative income stream to us will be WELCOMED at our Meeting.

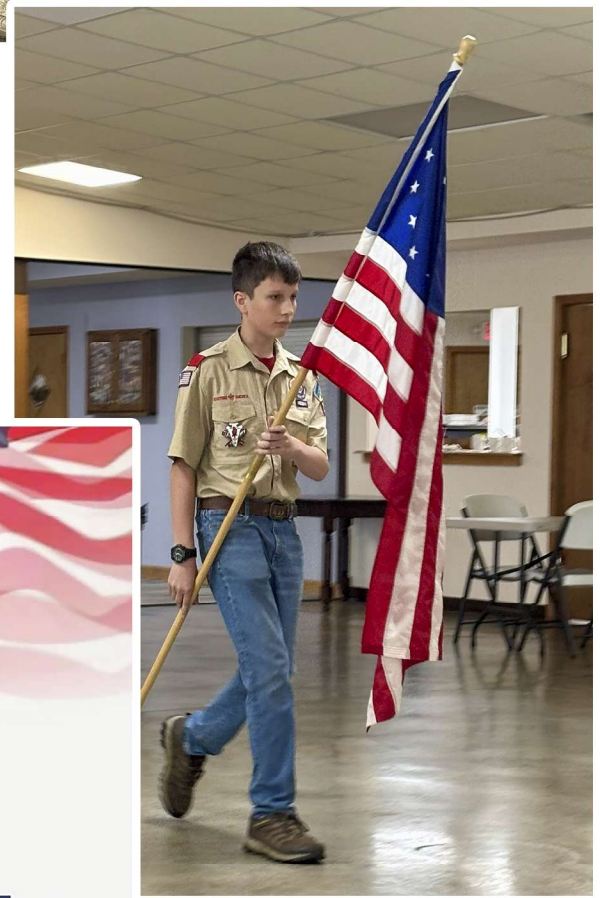
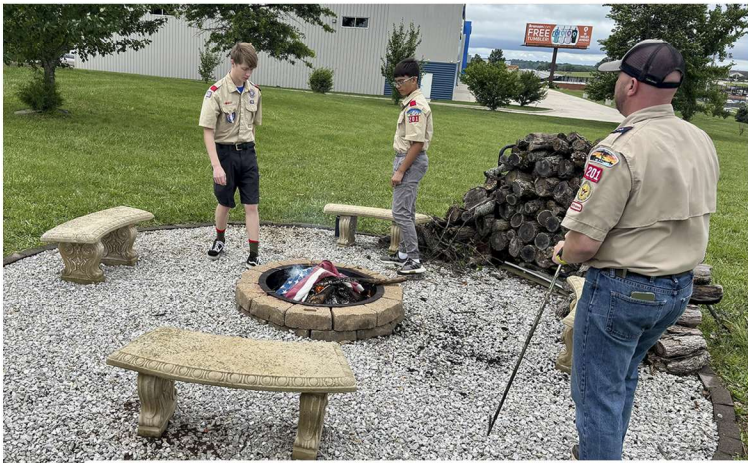
I do not take this decision lightly as I know our income will be greatly reduced and I for one like the entertainment value of the machines - however I am not willing to be charged as a criminal for you!!

Please plan on attending this very important meeting on July 21st, 2026 6:55 pm!

ELKfully Yours-  
 Susan Fox



**Elks CARE Elks SHARE**



On Sunday, June 14, Christian County Elks #2777 continued the long-standing tradition of honoring our nation's flag with a Flag Day Ceremony and Flag Retirement.

Scouts from Troop 201 joined Lodge officers in presenting the Flag Day Ceremony, helping explain the significance and history of each flag, beginning with the first American flag. Each flag was presented by a Troop 201 Scout and posted at the front of the Lodge as part of the ceremony.

Following the Flag Day Ceremony, everyone moved outside to the Elks Pavilion and firepit, where the Scouts led the Flag Retirement portion of the day. The ceremony included the respectful retirement and burning of worn American flags. The first flag retired was presented as a tribute to veterans we have lost and to the flags that accompanied them in service and remembrance.

Christian County Elks #2777 extends a sincere thank you to Troop 201, Lodge officers, members, and all guests who attended this meaningful ceremony. It was a fitting tribute to our flag, our veterans, and the values we proudly uphold.



# Father's Day Tribute & Dinner

Christian County Elks #2777 hosted its annual Father's Day Tribute and Dinner on Friday, June 19, bringing together members, families, and friends for an evening of fellowship, gratitude, and great food.

Lodge officers performed a special tribute honoring the fathers in attendance, recognizing the important role dads play in their families, our Lodge, and our community. Following the tribute, all fathers present gathered for a group photo to mark the occasion.

The main attraction of the evening was Hooked on Harry, with chef Harry Treece and his staff serving up a fantastic meal cooked on site. Guests enjoyed fried fish, jalapeño poppers, cheese balls, hush puppies, fries, and onion rings.

A sincere thank you goes to everyone who attended this annual tribute, to Harry and his staff for the outstanding meal, and to all the wonderful dads who are there for their families at every turn. Your love, guidance, and dedication are truly appreciated.





**Best in Show**



**Best 1961 to Present**

## Christian County Elks 5th Annual Car Show Draws Largest Turnout Yet

The Christian County Elks 5th Annual Car Show, held at Finley River Park and hosted in conjunction with the Sertoma Club, celebrated its largest turnout in five years. A total of 68 cars, trucks, Jeeps, and motorcycles were on display, helping raise \$1,700 for the event.

Entrants and guests enjoyed the car show's new location, which offered beautiful green space, shade from the park's trees, and a welcoming atmosphere under crystal blue sky. The first entry rolled in at 9 a.m., and the show continued strong until 2:30pm.

More than 300 votes were cast for the People's Choice Awards. Congratulations to this year's winners:

**Best in Show:** Dan Venable, 1977 VW Beetle

**Best Jeep:** Byron Pigg, 1960 Jeep FC170

**Best Truck:** Harold Brox, 1972 Chevy C10

**Best Motorcycle:** Kevan McAnally, 2004 Big Dog Ridge Back

**Best Entry Pre-1948:** John Tranbarger, 1930 Ford Model A

**Best Entry 1949-1960:** Joe Edwards, 1956 Cadillac Coupe de Ville

**Best Entry 1961-1980:** Harold Brox, 1972 Chevy C10

**Best Entry 1981-Present:** Lindsey and Colton Fann, 1996 Subaru Sambar.

Donations from the event will help support the Elks' largest charitable event of the year, Back to School Shopping with Kids starting in July. This year, the Elks will raise more than \$20,000 to give children the opportunity to shop with the Elks at Walmart and purchase \$100 in clothing to get ready for the new school year.

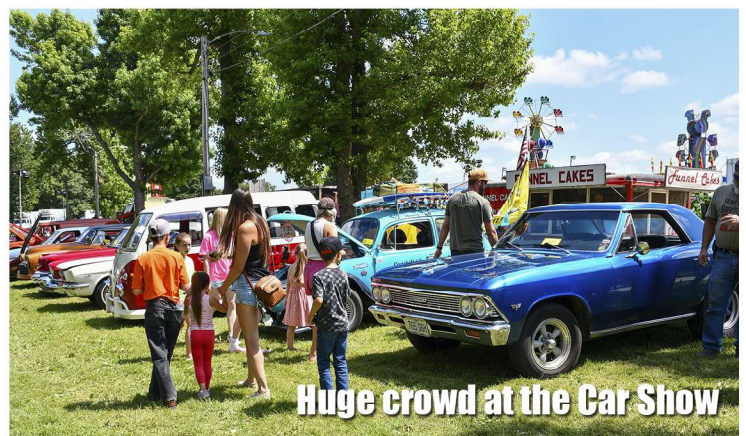
A sincere thank you goes out to all of the car show entrants, the Elks members who supported the event, the Sertoma Club, and everyone who stopped by to enjoy a great day at Finley River Park.



**Best Pre 1949**



**Best 1949 to 1960**



**Huge crowd at the Car Show**



**Elks CARE Elks SHARE**

**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**



Christian County Elks Presents the 9th Annual  
**Charity Golf Tournament**  
Benefiting Our Veterans  
Friday Aug 14, 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



**Game Night Poker & Bunco**  
Thursday July 30

Kitchen open 6:30-7:30pm

Bunco \$10 Buy-In Prizes to Winners



**All are Welcome!**  
**Bring Family and Friends.**  
**Baked Potato Bar \$8**  
**Christian County Elks, Ozark**

Christian County Elks Annual

**Western Night**  
Friday Nov 13

*The* **Tyler Garoutte**  
*Band*

**Line Dancing Cowboy Cha-Cha**  
**2-Step Jailhouse Rock**

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT COUNTRY GRUB

RIBS PULLED PORK SMOKED TURKEY

6pm Swinging Door Bar | 7pm Grub

Bring a Friend and WIN your dinner

Raffle Prizes 50/50 Winner

Reserve a Table for 10- receive Drink Tickets for ALL!  
Dance Contest | Best Dressed | Swamp Water Cocktail

**Tickets on Sale**  
**Oct 15**  
**\$25 PP**

Tickets at Elks Lodge - cash or check  
Credit Card sales & Reserving  
Tables text  
"We need Western Night tickets"  
and your name to 417-771-9202

# In the News

**Good of the Order** - June 2 Robert Witherell \$234, not present, June 16 Mark Fesserman \$251, not present. It does pay to come to Lodge meetings!

**Back to School Shopping with Kids** - starts Saturday July 11 for 4 Saturdays in a row.

**Lifeline Screening** - At the Christian County Elks Lodge Sept 26

**Elks National Convention** - Chicago July 5th - 8th

**Elks Memorial Building Chicago** - 1926 to 2026, 100th Anniversary Celebration at the historic Elks National Memorial Building during the convention

**Charity Event** - Back to School Shopping with Kids donations is currently at \$11,000+ and climbing

**Flag Day Ceremony** - Thank you to Troop 201 for supporting this annual event and retiring the older flags

**Honor Flight of the Ozarks** - Next flight is July 7. You can meet all returning veterans and supporters at the Springfield Branson airport later that day.

**Spotlight Grant** - CC Elks applied and received the \$2,500 grant. Thank you to all that donate to the Elks National Foundation

**Save the Date** - Friday August 14 for the 9th Annual CC Elks Veterans Golf Scramble

**Save the Date** - Friday November 13 CC Elks Annual Western Night Dance

**Lodge Work Day** - Saturday August 8, text Mike Klinger if you can help 417-771-9202

**Kitchen Volunteers** - If you can help once a month, text HC Chair Kevin Wolfe 417-425-2675

**Event Space Available** - To rent the Shelton Hall for your next gig, text Sue Jones 417-224-1923

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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

## July 2026 Birthdays




2nd Ernie Smith 6th Tawny McCoy 10th Steve Hebbert  
10th Joe Watters 15th Michele Pierce 16th Nick Belles  
16th Pete Fox 18th Rita Ege 19th Mark Fesperman  
19th Michelle Hart 21st Mary Bilyeu 21st Bill Mabary  
23rd Gabrielle Chrisman 25th Todd McHenry 25th Rebecca Tough

# July 2026



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8	3	4 
5 Elks Natl Convention	6 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm Elks Natl Convention	7 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Chef Surprise Elks Natl Convention BOD Meeting 8pm	8 Elks Natl Convention	9 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Taco Salad	10	11 Elks Shop with Kids Walmart Ozark 8am-1pm
12	13 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	14 No activities planned	15	16 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 Mr. Goodcents	17 Family Friday Dinner Social Hour 6pm Dinner 7pm \$20 Shrimp Boil & more	18 Elks Shop with Kids Nixa Walmart 8am-1pm
19	20 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	21 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Chef Surprise HC Meeting after lodge meets	22	23 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$10 Dinner TBD	24	25 Elks Shop with Kids Walmart Ozark 8am-1pm
26	27 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	28 No activities planned	29	30 Game Night 6pm Dinner 7pm \$8 BUNCO! Baked Potato Bar & More	31	1
2	3	 <p>For more information visit our website at <a href="http://www.ccelks2777.com">www.ccelks2777.com</a> or our Facebook page Christian County Elks #2777 SAVE your newsletter for reference or pass it along to a friend</p>				

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To a Very Important Elk



(below) At the Car Show, Elks Earl Campbell and Denny Peterson hone their assembly skills with Denny's new Rocket X420 Electric 3-wheel trike. Both gents were tuning up to work on NASA's Artemis III and possible delivery of trikes to the moon. Gotta get around somehow.

Beautiful display of vehicle art. Joe Edwards' 1956 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, Cherie Edwards' 1966 Ford Mustang and Lindsey and Colton Fann's 1996 Subaru Sambar VW Micro Bus replica. Joe and the Fanns won their respective car show categories.

