



Christian County Elks #2777

ELKS BUGLE

August 2026



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2-Year Trustee

Mike Klinger PER
3-Year Trustee
Chairman of the Board

Greetings from your ER - and welcome to August. As I reflect on the past month, I want to thank you for choosing me to be your delegate to The Elks National Convention in Chicago. Pete and I attended the business sessions, had the opportunity to spend 5 minutes with our newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler - Tim Jaeger and had the pleasure to meet & visit with many of our Missouri Elks and Elks from around the Country. Perhaps the part of the trip that had the most impact on us, was our visit to the Grand Secretary's Office and The Elks Memorial. I want to encourage anyone headed to the Chicago area to take the time to visit this amazing site - it will truly touch your heart. We came back with lots of ideas and information. Stay tuned.

I have exciting news for you - we now have our own online store with BJS Trophies in Springfield, where you can order your own Elks "merch". There are ball caps, ladies' t-shirts, men polo shirts and all kinds of other items available for you to order, printed with our Elks Lodge info. Check it out at: <https://www.companycasuals.com/ChristianCoElks/start.jsp> There are samples at the Lodge for you to see the type of items that can be ordered.

I wanted to update you on our gaming machines. At our Tuesday July 21st Lodge meeting there was a motion to remove our gaming machines. After much discussion and good input by all who attended the meeting, the motion was put to vote and was passed. Our gaming machines will be shut down on August 1st, 2026. While we believe this was a necessary move to comply with the Grand Lodge request for us to consider these machines to be illegal until proven otherwise - we know the lack of income will have an impact on our Lodge finances and are looking for additional revenue streams. Should you have any ideas - we welcome them and will consider all ideas presented.

As we move forward there is an important changes to our Friday Night dinners. One being Steak Night, which will now have dinner house feel. Upon arrival anywhere from 6:00 - 8:00 pm you will be able to partake in our salad bar at your leisure, order your steak cooked to your desired doneness & grab a dessert from the decadent spread of yumminess! Again - you can arrive anytime in that time block and order your steak dinner when you are ready to eat. We will have Chefs Kevin Wolfe and Bryant Markle working the grill, so come hungry!

In closing - I do want to ask for your help - WE NEED YOU! We have a goal of 25 new members this year and so far we are at "2", who by the way are amazing women ready to lend a hand. Please bring your friends to Steak Night, Bunco or our upcoming FIESTA Night, so they can see what we do at our Lodge to support our Veterans, Children and our Community. Everyone here is an Elk and we need more of us to continue to fulfill our Mission..... and YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE by sharing our Mission with your friends & family!
Elks - LETS'S GO! Susan Fox - Exalted Ruler



Back-to-School Shopping Brings Smiles to 180 Local Children



For more than 10 years, Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 in Ozark has hosted its annual Back-to-School Shopping with Kids event during July and August. As the Lodge's largest charitable event of the year, the program supports local children and families who need a helping hand as they prepare for the new school year.

Through grants and generous donations received throughout the year, the Elks take children shopping at the Ozark and Nixa Walmart stores for new clothes and shoes. Each child receives \$100 to select the items they need and enjoy a special shopping experience with an Elks volunteer.

This year, the Lodge raised an incredible \$18,000, allowing us to brighten the day of 180 children. Our community partner, Least of These Food Pantry in Ozark, identified and verified the families in need of support.



A big thank-you goes to our community partners, Walmart and Least of These Food Pantry; everyone who contributed donations; and the Elks volunteers who gave their time each Saturday to shop with the children. Special recognition also goes to Lodge Treasurer Jerry Fritchman for organizing and coordinating this important annual event.

Because of everyone's generosity and dedication, 180 local children started the school year with new clothes, new shoes, and plenty of smiles

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Elks National Convention 2026

CHICAGO



Breaking News: ER Susan Fox and First Gent, Pete are in the HOUSE!

Convention ▾

General Information

ER Susan Fox
meets GER

SW District
shows POWER
at Convention

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Chicago, IL!

July 5 - July 8, 2026

Christian County Elks #2777
Thank You ER Susan Fox & Pete for
representing our Lodge at the 2026
Convention in Chicago!

Thank you for joining us in Chicago for the 2026 Elks National Convention as we celebrated one of the most powerful moments in our Order's history-the 100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial. Experience a week filled with inspiring events, Grand Lodge sessions, exhibits, and unforgettable celebration honoring a century of service, unity, and Elksdom pride.



(center) Exalted Ruler Susan Fox spending special time with Grand Exalted Ruler Tim Jaeger at the 161st Grand Lodge Session.



(above) Missouri President Elect, Theresa Suda, with newly installed SW District Deputy Paula Richardson.



(top right) ER Susan Fox and First Gent, Pete, pose before entering Day 1 of the Convention Business Session.

(bottom right) Susan and Pete take time out of their busy schedule to visit the BPOE Elks Memorial on it's 100th Anniversary.





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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



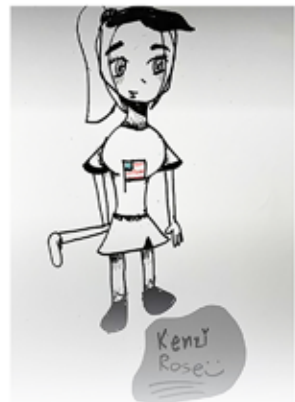
Christian County Elks Presents the 9th Annual
Charity Golf Tournament
 Benefiting Our Veterans
 Friday Aug 14, 2026



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



3rd Annual Tara Mae Rose Memorial Golf Tournament

- The Golf Tournament will be held August 15th, 2026 8:00 am
- Holiday Hills Resort - BRANSON Missouri
- Sponsorships available - \$500 (includes 4 golfers and your name on one of the "special holes")
- Per golfer fee (includes lunch and other goodies)- \$100
- Don't have a 4-some NO WORRIES we will place you in one!

Tarapaluz Memorial
 August 15 at 8am
 Public event by Joel Rose and friends

Auction Donations and Information
 call 417-522-8708

Lunch and Auction only (starting at 12:00 pm or whenever last golfer finishes) - \$20 pp

Please Help Us Honor Tara Mae Rose
 Tara Mae Rose would never "beg"—but we know how deeply she cared about her veterans. In her honor, Joel is committed to making a significant donation to the Christian County Elks #2777 Veterans Fund to continue her legacy right here in our community. Tara was also a proud member of this Elks Lodge, and your support helps keep her spirit and dedication alive.



Ready to sign up today -
 VENMO me (Tara's Mom)
 Susan Fox @Susan-Fox-100



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

New Flags - Thank you to our Veterans Chairman, Rex Krasche, for replacing our flags whenever they are old and tattered.

Congrats! - PSP Tom Shelton just completed his 100th chemo treatment. The hospital threw a party in his honor for this remarkable achievement

Good of the Order - Janet Morris's name was picked to win \$294; Janet was not present at the meeting. Someone can win over \$300 at our next meeting Aug 4th.

Absent Member - Elks Black Chair ceremony for Tommy Wahl took place at the July 21 meeting.

DD Clinic - New DD, Paula Richardson, will host clinic at the West Plains Lodge Aug 15 at 10am.

Gaming Machines - The members voted to remove the gaming machines after a statewide crackdown on gambling machines by the state District Attorney.

Steak Night is Back - Starting Friday August 7th, "cook to order" steak will be available along with a chicken dish, both dinners come with all the sides and dessert

Scouts - Two Scouts are pursuing to become an Eagle Scout. Carter Sweet, son of member Michael Sweet, will revitalize our benches at the pavilion and Brenden Factor, son of member Jason Factor, will construct a wood box to hold worn-out flags ready for retirement. The Elks donated up to \$500 to each Scout to support their Eagle Scout projects.

Work Day - Canceled Aug 8th

DD Visitation - Lodge meeting Tuesday Nov 3rd.

Tarapalooza - 3rd Annual Golf Tournament in honor of Elks Tara Mae Rose, Sat Aug 15, at Holiday Hill Golf Course

Western Night - BBQ expert Bryant Markle has volunteered to cook ribs, pulled pork and smoked turkey for our BIG event. November 13th

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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

August 2026 Birthdays

1st Judy Klinger 1st Robert Parry 2nd Zane Evans 7th Deon Green
9th Mike Lawler 11th Josh Parham 12th David Muilenburg
18th Charles Downing 18th Harland Thompson 18th Harvey Williams
20th Amber Carpenter 22nd Johnny Anderson 22nd Unet Brown
22nd Devon Davis 24th John Hart 26th Julie Holt 27th Casey Moya
29th Georgann Brown 29th Robert Harris

August 2026



July '26
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September '26
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Elks Shop with Kids Nixa Walmart 8am-1pm
						Janice Buttriss Memorial 12pm
2	3 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	4 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Chicken Waffles	5 No activities planned	6 No activities planned	7 Family Friday Dinner Steak / Chicken & Sides \$20 Order dinner from 6-8pm	8
9	10 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	11 No activities planned	12 No activities planned	13 No activities planned	14 Elks Vets Golf Tournament	15 Tara Mae Rose Memorial Golf Tournament
16	17 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	18 Lodge meeting 7pm Dinner 6pm \$8 Cashew Chicken	19 No activities planned	20 No activities planned	21 Family Friday Dinner Fajitas-Margaritas and MORE! \$18 Dinner 7pm	22
23	24 Springfield Chorus Practice 6:30pm	25 No activities planned	26 No activities planned	27 BUNCO! \$10 Dinner 7pm \$8 Cheese Steak Sloppy Joies	28 No activities planned	29
30	31	 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



ER Susan Fox shows off a tray-full of delicious food from the Shrimp Boil in July. Sausage, corn, potatoes and of course shrimp made-up a great, spicy feast



Do the new banners work on Hwy 65? Yes indeed! Sue has received calls and rental bookings are UP.

The Christian County Elks are proud to welcome our newest member, Ruth Dalstein! Originally from the Jefferson City, Missouri Ruth now calls Springfield home. After joining us for dinners, lending a hand at events, and getting to know our Elks family, she decided it was time to officially become a member of the Order. Ruth was married for 62 wonderful years and is now widowed. The next time you see her at the Lodge, be sure to give her a high-five and congratulate her on becoming a Christian County Elk!

