

SHOZEM

A Missouri Elks Magazine

Electronic Issue 3

Missouri Benevolent Trust is the Elks Mobile Dental Unit

Since 1962, the Elks in Missouri have provided free dental care to children and adults with developmental disabilities and/or mental illness as the statewide major project. The unique feature of this program is that these basic dental services are provided on Mobile Dental Units, which travel the state bringing the dentist, the assistant, and the dental office itself closer to the people who need them.

President Rich Larkin and State Chairman Marc Beckham are asking us as Elks to reach out and dig deep to make donations to the Benevolent Trust to keep our most worthy State Project alive and well.

Donation forms are available through the Shozem and there is a printable form at our moelks.org State website.



Clockwise from left, Marc Beckham, Dr. Robert Beck and Betsy Holtmeyer.

Did you know that the Benevolent Trust Mobile Dental Unit has a Monthly newsletter? Check it out in EShozem. To get on the email list Send "add me" to Lisa.Gamm@tmcmcd.org Check out the You Tube Video of the BT Dental Unit Go to You Tube-- Search Elks Mobile Dental



Rich Larkin
State President
MO Elks Association

Rich's Final Thoughts

Looking back over this past year, Ruth & I have many fond memories. One of the questions we get asked frequently is, "What was your favorite visit?" Honestly, each visit had its own special characteristic. Whether we were installing lodge officers, touring an Elks farm, dancing with the special folks, celebrating an anniversary, rubbing elbows with the GER, riding in a parade, bowling, or just spending quality time at a lodge talking about their year, Missouri Elk members are generous, kind, and very fascinating. We have learned much from listening. We have been so inspired by the simple acts of charity displayed by our lodges even though they may not have the funds to do so. What they did have were big hearts to want to make a difference in their communities. We have also been able to borrow a few new ideas and use them as our own. We didn't change anything during this year but were changed ourselves for the better. At this time, we wish to acknowledge two people who made our journey easier and a lot more fun. Dan and Babe Lockhart were indispensable.

Thank you and we love you guys!

So....Things end. People leave. And you know what? Life goes on. It is time to hand the reins of the State Presidency over to Brian Crawford. We know that he and wife, Betsy, will do an outstanding job and we hope that you will show them the support and hospitality you demonstrated with us.

Thank you for an amazing year and we remain faithful forever to the virtues of the order of Elks.

Rich & Ruth Larkin

Americanism



Eureka-Pacific
Lodge 2644

Our first
Americanism
Essay Contest

1st – Kaylee Held
2nd – Jaisie Kulick -
3rd – Jacqueline
Tarabelli



2014-2015 Missouri Elks Brian Crawford State President

I am honored to have been elected as President of the Missouri Elks Association for the 2014-2015 year. As ambassador for the MEA. It will be my objective to communicate the principles of our order,

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity and continue addressing the needs of our communities, veterans and youth.

We as Elks sometimes fall into a condition of status quo. I would like to re-invigorate our membership to "Soar to new Heights" and to "Kick it up a Notch: which I have coined as my slogans for next year. By stepping it up a little of what we have been doing in the past we as Elks will reinforce the principles of BPOE. All Elks have joined to support our missions and goals to help others. By pushing ourselves to the next level it will increase self preservation, communittee acceptance and in turn membership oppertunities. Betsy and I are looking forward to our lodge visits this year and invite all MO Elks into our new family.

Yours in Elkdom
Brian Crawford



The MO State PER Association donated \$2000 from the sale of the pink donkey pins to ST Luke's Cancer Institute, The Center for Breast Cancer. More pins will be available later.

Sedalia Lodge #125

Sedalia Elk's Lodge #125 and PER Association delivered 438 dictionaries to 3rd graders at Sacred Heart, St. Paul's Lutheran School and 5 Sedalia Elementary Schools.



East Central District All-Star Initiation



The East Central District held an All-Star Initiation on February 16th at the Oakville Lodge #2726. The All-Star Team was selected by DDGER Jim Ross as he observed the Initiation Ritual during his Lodge visits. There we 26 new members initiated by the All-Star Team.

All-Star Team Photo: Front Row, Left to right: Kevin Brock, Festus-Crystal City, Lecturing Knight, Robert Thompson, Festus-Crystal City, Loyal Knight, Jim Ross, DDGER, Ray Earls, Festus-Crystal City, Exalted Ruler and Ed Meyer, Festus-Crystal City, Leading Knight. Second Row, left to right: Todd Johnson, Oakville, Chaplin, Dan Anthonis, DeSoto, Esquire, Linda Dierker, Oakville, Secretary, Jim Rayman, Meramec-Arnold, Tiler and Carl Rhineberger, Festus-Crystal City, Inner Guard

WARRENTON ELKS #2662



WARRENTON ELKS delivered 8 Kindles to 4 area grade schools. Pictured are students from Warrior Ridge Elementary School receiving one of the Kindles from ER Elect Carole Paul.

Missouri Elks Association Lodge Bulletin Contest:

19 total entries out of 74 lodges. 5 of 6 division's represented.

Div. 1 Manchester 2058

Div. 2 Florissant #2316

Div. 3 Columbia # 594

Div. 4 Jeff City #513

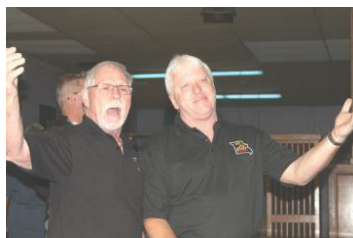
Div. 5 Festus/Crystal City #1721

All-state Bulletin-Manchester

Once again, thank you to all those that entered.

Fraternally Bill Walter, Chai

2014 State Bowling Tournament



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Meramec-Arnold #2372



The Meramec-Arnold lodge was proud to be a part of two great events recently. In November, the lodge hosted a Veterans Appreciation dinner, which was a great success. Veterans from the lodge and the local area were treated to a great meal and entertainment. The lodge was delighted to honor veterans from many eras including some special World War II veterans who continue to be very active members of the lodge!

In December the Lodge was lucky to again be part of the Christmas program with the Missouri School for the Blind. Members donated gifts to the children of the school, as very often they do not receive much from anyone else. Using a grant from the ENF, the lodge was able to



members always enjoy it as much as the kids enjoy our visit.

purchase a long awaited pool table for the kids to use in their recreation area. PER Mark Hunze played the part of Santa Claus, to the delight of all the kids. The best part of the event is always the program the kids put on for the Elks, as the

East Central Mardi Gras



The East Central District once again celebrated Mardi Gras and this year it was graciously hosted by The Eureka-Pacific lodge. Each of the nine lodges in the district were represented, and another incredible time was had by all. Four Past State Presidents were in attendance, Ed Cohoon and Larry Robertson (Festus-Crystal City), Dennis "Skip" Bell (Arcadia Valley) and Marc Beckman (St. Clair). Appearances were made by St. Louis Rams and Cardinals cheerleaders, courtesy of Oakville lodge. Even famed mascot Fredbird had to be "bailed out" of Mardi Gras jail. Most importantly, the event raised over \$20,000 for the Benevolent Trust! The members of the East Central District are proud of this yearly event and know how important it is to the continuation of the Dental Van program.

In other news, the district has combined for over \$32,000 in donations to the ENF. Nearly \$5,000 was raised in a single day at the Elktoberfest event that was held in October at Meramec-Arnold.



Veteran's 2013 Deer Hide Program. The Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge #2674 collected, cleaned, and salted over 400 Deer Hides for the Elks Deer Hides for Veterans Program. The collected Hides are then tanned, cut and sewn into specially designed gloves which are furnished to Veterans confined to wheel chairs to protect their hands. Pictured are-Chuck Mudge-Perryville Elks Lodge and Ste Genevieve's Lodge program volunteers-Al Pfaff, Earl Walker, Gene Flieg, and Kenny Flieg, absent from the picture is Jeff Nickelson.

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Affton #2635 Update



In the picture Exalted Ruler Kevin Kelley (L) is presenting basket to Rocky Buchanan, Volunteer Services Employee at the Jefferson Barracks Hospital St. Louis Mo

The Lodge used a \$2000 Gratitude Grant to provide baskets of personal hygiene items for all 200 patients at the Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital in St. Louis Mo.

The baskets were used as part of the Hospitals "Christmas in July Program".

A Beacon Grant will be used to expand the Lodge annual Christmas Basket Program. In the past this program has provided between 90-120 families with food products and children's gifts for a brighter Christmas.

On October 19, 2013 the Lodge presented Police Officer Clayton Fair of the St. Louis County Police Dept., Affton Precinct with its annual Officer of the Year Award.

Afton Lodge 2635



Pictured: **Veterans Battle of the Bulge members:** L-R Marvin Korte, Dan Green, Barney Baker, Clyde Erb, Gene Ganz, Paul Keilholz, Dave Schroeder, Ralph Florys, "Speed" Barton, and Kent Stephens

Afton Lodge 2635, which provides its' Lodge Hall to the St Louis Gateway Chapter Veterans Battle of the Bulge for their monthly meetings, held a luncheon on 11/12/2013. Forty-five members and their wives were honored for their service with a luncheon prepared by the Lodge kitchen crew and served by other Lodge members. The luncheon is an annual event held during Veteran's Week by the Lodge to honor these special veterans.

Grandview Hickman Mill #2088



Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088 Lodge finally received a present completed by Columbia #594 Exalted Ruler Danny Sapp. ER Sapp had made the mirror for GVHM #2088 in appreciation for their hospitality when he visited his first out-of-town lodge many years ago.

After the mirror was framed by Kelly Demoret, GVHM Exalted Ruler Tom Heller & First Lady Cheryl proudly displayed and presented the gift to the lodge where it will hold a place of honor.

Trenton #801



Lexington #749



Lexington #749 hosted a Cook Off at the Big River Ranch, Great times around the fire pits with food everywhere

Osage Community Lodge #2705



Osage Community Lodge #2705 has been awarded a second \$10,000 grant from the ENF to help the Lodge address unmet needs in the community. The Elks project, "School 1st Responder Program" has been in place since January 2013 and now will be able to continue at least through 2014. The project has created a support structure to facilitate an immediate response to the needs of underprivileged elementary age students at four schools which in turn will serve to promote a healthier, more stable learning environment. The very most important aspect of the project is QUICK TO RESPOND and to be a resource for meeting the urgent needs that cannot be met through the "system."

Poplar Bluff #2452



This beautiful addition to our grounds was made possible by the generous donation from Jeanne Porter and her family in memory and honor of PDDGER W.C. Porter Poplar Bluff #2452----To our Absent Member

Potosi # 2218 Christmas Charity Auction



Webb City #861 Government Day



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Those words were once uttered by Margaret Mead, and on Saturday, January 25, 2014, we put into action at Webb City Elks #861. The Lodge hosted its second in a series of meetings with state and Federal elected officials, not only learning what issues were taking shape in Jefferson City and Washington, D.C., but also providing input about what matters they felt were most important.

Missouri State Senator Ron Richard, Missouri State Representatives Bill Lant, Bill White, Charlie Davis and Tom Flanigan were joined by Jake Heisten, field representative for US Congressman Billy Long and Steve McIntosh, field representative for US Senator Roy Blunt.

The meeting began with a presentation by past state president Marc Beckman about the Missouri Elks Association Dental Van, followed by a presentation by each of the guests about the work being done by our Federal and state governments.

Among the more heavily discussed topics was the budget for the state of Missouri. Representative Flanigan (vice-chair of the House budget committee) explained in detail how the budget is decided, and what factors influence deciding which programs get funding and how much funding they receive. This proved of great interest to the audience, especially considering the addition of \$200,000 from the state of Missouri for the Dental Van Program.

(See Complete Story on the EShozem)

Elks National Foundation Impact Grant Winner

Columbia Missouri Lodge number 594 will continue to provide weekend back packs of food for 288 children in need with the backpack Buddy Program. Elks purchase, pack and deliver the packs to the school each week so children will have enough food over for the weekend. Elks also pack extra food for the children and their families over school breaks, and build awareness of healthy eating and proper nutrition.

Jefferson City #513



The Family Feud game night was hosted by Jefferson City Lodge #513 PER Richard Awesome (Larry Case) and the power point display was developed by member Lori Pendleton. \$1300.00 was raised for the Breast Cancer Project Care Center located in Jefferson City, MO. All of the money donated to the center goes toward victims of Breast Cancer in the Jefferson City local area. The Lodge will also be hosting a "BOWLING FOR BOOBIES" tournament on April 26th and a golf tournament, "TEE UP FOR TA'S", on September 27th.

Organizers Elaina Heislen and Karen Green are proud of the support received from our fellow Elks and our community. It is true what is said "Elks Care, Elks Share".



Emily Kramer was born in 2001 critically ill. She is diagnosed with DiGeorge Syndrome which leaves her immune system deficient. Through her 12+ years she has endured several open heart surgeries, seizures, intense infections, respiratory distress, emergency medical transports, lung disease and heart attacks. Yet she's a fighter; she sings, dances, dreams and is a very loving and beautiful girl. Lodge 513 rallied together with some generous vendors to surprise her by fulfilling some of her wishes by securing tickets to the Fox Theater with a night's stay at a St. Louis hotel, a laptop computer, soft bed sheets, and a \$1000 Visa gift card for Christmas. Emily is the niece of member Mark Schneiders.



Warrensburg
#673
Homecoming
Parade

St. Louis #9-Manchester #2058-Ellisville #2664

Three Lodges, St. Louis #9, Manchester #2058, and Ellisville #2664, from the Metro East District joined forces to hold our annual Christmas Shop with a Cop Youth Activities Event.

It was a roaring success, with a record 30 underprivileged kids and three Police Departments participating this year. We even had a special surprise from Santa this year!! The St. Louis #9 Lodge hosted the event this year and provided breakfast and lunch for the event. The kids and Officers had a GREAT time shopping and building community relationships as, the Elks Lodges continue to support our communities with these types of events.



Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge #2674



FIRST RESPONDERS DINNER — Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge No. 2674 hosted its inaugural First Responders Appreciation Dinner on October 10, 2013. The purpose of the dinner was to show respect and appreciation to city and county first responders. The head of each responder group spoke about his or her department and its service to the community. Elks are an organization of American citizens who put God, charity and integrity first. Elks raises funds to contribute to local scholarships, veterans' programs, drug awareness programs, first responders activities and community programs.

Arcadia Valley#2330



The Arcadia Valley Elks #2330 participated in the Dictionary Project by passing out Dictionaries to all 3rd Graders in the Arcadia Valley School System. Below Arcadia Valley presented over \$2000 in coats and clothing to the youth in the area schools. This was funded by the Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant.



ST Clair #2651

Bud, The picture attached is of St Clair #2651 ER Jack Dierking and Leading Knight John Baker accepting award from Franklin County Deputies for lodge's donation of \$5000 to the DARE program which supports the Entire Franklin County area. The county recently lost funding for the program and came to us for help. The lodge agreed to make this an annual donation with proceeds raised from our annual golf tournament.



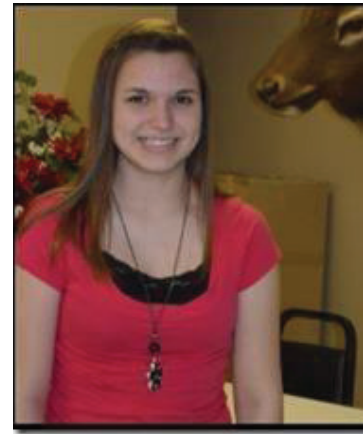
Elks National Foundation Impact Grant Winner

Osage Community Missouri # 2705 will continue to be there for youth in need through the school First Responders Project. Elks help local students get the supplies they need to do well in school. From clothes shoes and winter jackets two notebooks pencils and hygiene supplies, students know they can count on the Elks. Project volunteers work closely with teachers and school staff to respond quickly to students needs and help create a healthier more stable learning environment.

Macon #999

Macon Head Start receives a donation from the Macon Elks Lodge #999. Receiving the check is Donna Wray. Gary Critchfield PER, was honored to take the check to them. Our Elks lodge raises money for worthy causes in our community. Donna Wray said donations are always gravely needed. Thanks to all who made this donation possible.

Benton County #2783



Congratulations to Averil Kronke for winning the district and state Hoop Shoot (8-9 age girls) competitions. Averil made 23/25 at state. She will shoot in the regional, to be held in Paris, TN on March 8th.

Julie Crouch, a senior at Lincoln High School, placed second in the state for "Most Valuable Student". Julie will compete in the finalists at nationals. Julie and her family live on a farm in Lincoln and she plans to attend MU. Julie and her family attended our 20th Year celebration on February 14th at the Lodge. **Congratulations, Julie and good luck at nationals.**



Membership---

Missouri Boasts
30,016 Elk Members
Membership
Recruiting Awards
1st—Dale Evans Osage
Community 2705 2nd—
Bud Clarkson Arcadia
Valley 2330 3rd---John
Stuart Festus Crystal

City 1721

Missouri State Golf-at Columbia

MO Champions-Andy Buchanan-Tony Polus-Farmington

MO State Softball-at Perryville

1st- Festus Crystal City 2nd-Desoto 3rd-Perryville #2

Cedar Hill Elks #2678



Cedar Hill Elks #2678 had a Christmas with Santa so the children of the local community could shop for gifts for their families.

Everything in the workshop was fifty cents or less. Members assisted the children with shopping and wrapping while Santa wished every one Merry Christmas and gave out hugs. Other members also assisted children in coloring pictures, making ornaments and finger painting.



Cedar Hill Elks 2678 received a Beacon Grant from the Grand Lodge and that grant was divided between Maple Grove Elementary in Dittmer, Mo and Cedar Springs Elementary in House Springs, Mo. The two schools each received \$1000.00 worth of school supplies for their backpack programs for the Northwest schools. Cedar Hill Elks Lodge Secretary Debbie Ing proposed the project to fellow Lodge members and they approved, said John Devous, Exalted Ruler of the Cedar Hill Elks Lodge 2678

We apply for these grants, and each has a certain significance. They are either for the community or veterans. The members make the choice" Devous said. The Elks are best known for helping children and veterans. Devous said. "It's what Elks do".

We are going to designate this Grant on a yearly basis, if we qualify for the Grant, to the two schools. The Supplies will be delivered after the first of the Calendar year in February that is when the schools are running low on the basic supplies needed for the children. We gave everything from paper and pencils to plastic disposable spoons. The spoons are needed by the school nurse to dispense medicine. We never realized how important that item can be.

(Attached Photo of the Exalted Ruler John Devous and Lodge Secretary Debbie Ing and Lodge Officers.)

Christian County #2777



Members of Christian County Elks #2777 present Neat Repeats co-store manager Pam McCauley and Jessica Guccione fifteen \$20.00 gas gift cards for the Christian County Family Crisis Center, known as Freedom's Rest. Freedom's Rest is a 14-room shelter for women and children in Christian County. The Elks are Lucas Moore and Thomas Beadles. (Picture courtesy of Headliner News, Ozark, MO)

Benton County Elks Lodge #2783



On February 14th, Benton County Elks Lodge #2783 celebrated their 20 year anniversary. Several dignitaries were in attendance for the celebration, including State President, Rich Larkin and First Lady Ruth Larkin.

ENF Chairman's Challenge

Desoto-State Champion, 3rd in Nation 8th Overall

Conventions

National Convention 2014-New Orleans La July 13th – 17th

Missouri Spring 2014-Jefferson City, Truman Hotel Mar 14

Elks Bass Tournament

1st—Tom and Bill Kleine Washington 1559 18.99lbs

Big Bass—Andy Aholt, Luke Richardson

Washington 1559 5.84 lbs.

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ELKS GO TO MISSOURI CAPITAL TO SAY THANKS!

It was a first when Missouri Elks traveled to Jefferson City to personally thank the Senators & Representatives who supported us in the past and who helped restore the \$200,000 funding to Truman Medical Center for the Benevolent Trust Dental units. Not only did the legislators appreciate the thank you but they were receptive to making sure the funding is maintained as well as having other conversations regarding various tax incentives and issues. It was noted that many of those we met proudly stated that they too were Elks and expressed their gratitude for the Elks' charitable works. Information sheets were distributed which explained what amount BPOE does give to scholarships, veterans, and various community services yearly. Elks' lobbyist Mike Michelson arranged the meetings and is shown introducing MO Dental Assoc. Lobbyist Pat Baker to the group. Pat was also very helpful with the funding process. It was a great day and our thanks to all those who participated and worked so hard to arrange it. It was instrumental in getting the face of BPOE out there in this personal way.

(See More In EShozem)

Sikeston #2319



Not only should Sikeston Elks #2319 & ER Wayne Smith be commended on their fabulous rib & chicken lunch but, also, for their braving the arctic cold and loss of power (all over town) at the beginning of SP Larkin's visit. All ended extremely well and a challenge was thrown by SE Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Northington for a "rib cook-off"! Rich is shown discussing with long time Sec. Harry Holsinger about his impending (?) retirement.



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Missouri State Elks Shozem Magazine

The Shozem is back. At the fall convention the board of directors appointed Bud Clarkson as Shozem editor.

So far I have sent out 2 Eshozem or electronic Shozem magazines. The first issue contained 10 pages and it was sent out electronically. The second EShozem was sent out at Christmas and it contained 23 pages.

The paper or hard copy Shozem will be distributed until further notice at the Spring Convention. It is my plan to produce at least one hard copy each year. And at least 3 or possibly more EShozem magazines.

If your lodge does not have anything in the Shozem it is quite likely nothing was submitted. I have listed above the current staff. If you have an item that you wish to submit to Shozem then send it to your district editor from the list or send it to me directly.

The electronic version of the Shozem is virtually free. When this Shozem is completed the paper version will be distributed. On the electronic version it will contain several more pages and some of the stories will be more complete and contain more pictures. In order to receive the electronic Shozem all you have to do is send an email to shozem2@gmail.com and just ask to be added or put at add me in the subject line and we will add you to the list. If you would like to receive a previous edition of the EShozem just put that in your email.

If you have any questions about how this Shozem will be produced feel free to contact me or any of the district editors. I hope you enjoy the Shozem. Using the current method of distribution through convention and by doing the electronic EShozem I hope to save the Missouri State Elks Association a lot of 1000's of dollars from the past Shozem budgets.

Please share this information with your Lodge and all of your Missouri Brother Elks.

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Cape Girardeau 639



7 PER's Join Rich for Dinner

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Always include your Lodge name and number

A visit from the Grand Exalted Ruler



A reception was held in honor of GER Millard Pickering & First Lady, Susanne, by Lake Taneycomo Elks Lodge #2597.

Among the many gifts presented to GER Millard by Exalted Ruler Nancy Moore on behalf of the lodge was a proclamation from MO Governor Jay Nixon, keys to the city of Forsyth, his picture, & a program from the institution of Lake Taneycomo .



The 42nd Annual MO Elks State Hoop Shoot was held at Imperial, MO this year. Shown with SP Rich Larkin are some of the hard working personnel who make this event a success for the participants: Linda & Tom DeGeare, MO Hoop Shoot Director Randy Eaton, and Norma & Everett Jackson. At the top above are the 48 finalists who vied for a chance to compete at Paris, TN in regional.

Rich had a wonderful experience when Bill Yeager came up to reintroduce himself. Rich remembered Bill because his daughter, Andrea, went to regional in the 8-9 year old girl division from GVHM #2088 thirty years ago. They are pictured here with Andrea's son, Trevor Ford, who was competing in the 8-9 year old boys division. Andrea relayed how her participation in the hoop shoot back then changed her life and raised her self esteem.

They are still active in Elksdom and are now members of Blue Springs Elks #2509. Rich & Randy are pictured with the 6 finalists moving on to regional. It was such a pleasure to be a part of this youth activity. All through the competition, banquet, and fun evening it was noted that the children were courteous, well mannered, and displayed excellent sportsmanship toward their peers. All are winners! Kudos also to Randy Eaton & wife, Janice, for their 33 years of performing a remarkable job.



2014 Missouri State Hoop Shoot Champions

8-9 Boys	Hayden Murdock	Alton Thayer 2545
8-9 Girls	Avery Kroenke	Benton County 2783
10-11 Boys	Kope Norris	Cass County 2791
10-11 Girls	Hannah Corcimiglia	Poplar Bluff 2451
12-13 Boys	Kyle Taylor	KC Northland 2376
12-13 Girls	Olivia Michael	Blue Springs 2509



Perryville Wild Game Feed

The Perryville Elks #2701 held their 28th annual wildlife dinner on January 25, 2014 with approximately 350 people in attendance. The wildlife program started because of the interest in outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing by several lodge members. Wayne and Denise Meyer have chaired the program for all twenty eight years. Almost all of the members of the Perryville lodge and auxiliary participate in this activity. Each year the members provide the food for the meal. Mountain men and several area taxidermies display their taxidermied animals. The menu has included deer, elk, squirrel, antelope, rabbit, coon, beaver, turkey as well as chicken. An excellent squirrel soup is enjoyed. Several organizations participate such as the Wild Turkey Federation, talents. . This event was State President Richard Larken and spouse Ruth official visit. A highlight of the evening was the presentation by Ralph Duran, retired Missouri conservation officer and nationally known wildlife speaker and entertainer. Local businesses participate by providing a prize for each person in attendance. All proceeds go to the lodge's charitable activities.



Missouri has four going to Springfield, MA for the Hoop Shoot Finals! Congratulations to all those who participated and a big thank you to all those members and families who

worked so hard so these youth people can live their dream.

Left with MEA

President Rich Larkin are 10-11 Girls First Place

Hannah Corcimiglia, Poplar Bluff Lodge #2452 & 8-9 Girls First Place

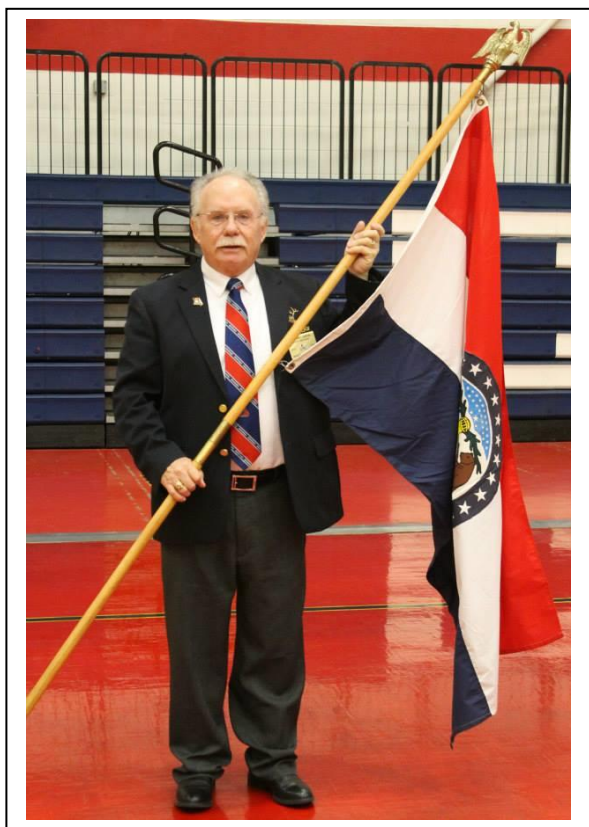
Averi Kroenke, Benton County Lodge #2783.

Right are 10-11 Boys First Place Kobe Norris, Cass County Lodge #2791 & 12-13 Boys First Place



Place Kyle Taylor, Kansas City Northland Lodge #2376.

Olivia Michael, Blue Springs Lodge #2509 placed second in the 12-13 Girls Division. Hayden Murdock, Alton-Thayer Lodge #2545 placed fourth in the 8-9 Boys Division.





Benton County Elks Lodge # 2783

For Christmas this year, Benton County Elks Lodge #2783 adopted 13 families that included 40 children. On Friday, December 13th, members wrapped gifts of new clothing and toys for the children and filled food baskets for the families. The baskets included canned vegetables, pasta, beans, cornbread mix, cookie mix, potatoes, apples, and other non-perishable food items. Each basket also contained either a ham or a turkey. The toys and baskets were distributed to the families on the afternoon of December 13th. Adopting these families was made possible by various fundraisers and donations, including the Gratitude Grant received from the Grand Lodge.



Exalted Ruler, Pete Nash and wife Vickie renewed their vows in celebration of their 25th anniversary. It turned out to be a Shotgun Ceremony.

A Successful Night of Blues on November 30th



ELKS LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES

Benton County Elks Lodge #2783,
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Warsaw, MO 65355



Cape Girardeau #639



Members of Cape Girardeau Lodge #639 donated \$1500 to the Safe House for Women



Members of Cape Girardeau Lodge #639 and the local Boy Scout Troops sort food items from the Scouting for Food Day.

Over 5000 items were collected and these items went into the Elks Christmas baskets for the needy and all the excess items were donated to the Hope House for Children.



Cape Girardeau Lodge #639 hosted a breakfast for veterans from the Missouri Veteran's Home. Thirty-eight veterans were able to attend and had a wonderful time



Drummerboy
Travis



Clinton Elks
#1034
cornered the
market on

fun for MEA President Rich Larkin's visit to their annual roast-er-play. If you didn't think it was funny, just note the reactions from PSP Bob Todd, Dan & Ruth. Sans makeup are Clinton Elks officers & members gathered with ER Travis Bartlett & Rich. PSP Tom Shelton & Marty say good night to Rich after the performance. PSP Otto Sayles, Pres.Elect Brian Crawford, PSP Bill Walter, Rich & PSP Richard Techau help a Kiss band performer (AKA Susan Kaiser) take a load off those tall shoes.



Cast Official Photo



DeSoto Elks' #689
visit felt like
coming to a
comfortable,
familiar home. We

have been fortunate to have friends wherever we go but members of this lodge hold a special place in our hearts. It was great fun to renew ole acquaintances as well as to make new friends. It was nice to see Ruth Lammert looking her best again. Above are gathered PERs & lodge and state officers. Barbara, Marlene, Jean & Pat made Rich's evening with a wonderful pasta dish. Past, present & future presidents include PSP Larry Robertson, President Larkin, Pres. Elect Crawford, & PSP Ed Cohoon. Posing in the lodge room are Alan, Betsy Crawford, Brian Crawford, EC VP John Gross, Ruth & Rich, ER Paul Hultberg, Leading Knight Tom Couppee, & Admin. Asst. Dan Lockhart. For those of you in the know, the Ladies Auxiliary presented Ruth with a basket that is to be used at the Spring Ladies Luncheon. Hmm..wonder what it could be?



Our first Americanism Essay contest was a success with 38 participants all from the 6th grade at Meramec Valley Middle School – largely due to the influence of Scott Kavis, Department Head of 6th Grade Language Arts. Students were asked to write on “What Veteran’s Day Means to Me”. Essays were judged on originality, development of theme, and mechanics (grammar, spelling, etc.). The judges had a difficult time with so many great entries; but the winners were:

- 1st – Kaylee Held - \$100 iTunes gift card
- 2nd – Jaisie Kulick - \$50 iTunes gift card
- 3rd – Jacqueline Tarabelli - \$25 iTunes gift card

We would like to thank our judges Kathleen Meier, Fred Bunch, Brenda Wilsey, and a special thanks to Melanie Cooper for not only judging but creating the flyer as well.

The winning essays were forwarded on to the District level and have now been judged there as well. Congratulations to Jaisie Kulick who has been awarded 3rd place at the District level. Her essay will now be entered into the State level competition. Please join me in wishing Jaisie the best of luck!

Thanks everyone!

Jeff Wilsey
Americanism Chairman – Eureka-Pacific Lodge 2644

Farmington #1765



Farmington Elks Receives Flag

Farmington Elks Lodge 1765 received a special gift from Afghanistan in late December, a US Flag that flew over Camp Eggers in Kabul Afghanistan on Veterans Day November 11, 2013. The idea of a flag was presented to the lodge veterans committee after a member's son Mark Cashion was home on leave. In the lodge heritage corner, just inside the front door, there is a display of Elk items, one is a project to honor all service personnel *living and dead* that are Farmington Elk members.

Mark was impressed that the *living* were recognized that he discussed with his father, Henry Cashion of possible things that he could do for the lodge. Henry came back to the committee with the availability of a flag flown over the camp, and could be donated to the lodge. The committee discussed it and asked for the one flown on Veterans Day, November 11. Mark conferred with camp officials and they came back with a resounding YES!



Mark is the senior Chief Petty Officer at Camp Eggers. About thirty days after Veterans Day, this camp was consolidated with others, under the plans of "Operation Enduring Freedom". Camp Eggers is being raised and will only be a footnote in the history books, but it was their home for many service personnel in Afghanistan. In a recent leave in January, Mark stopped in at the lodge with his two sons, his brother and his dad for a short visit. He is pictured with his dad, Henry with the flag and certificate which was placed in the heritage corner of the lodge for all to see. The Elks wants to express their thanks to Mark and Henry for their special efforts on this project and their pride in our country.





Fredericktown Elks is happy to announce that we had an entrant in each age division for this years Southeast District Hoop Shoot held on January 12th in Popular Bluff. We are very proud of all the kids that tried out at Fredericktown High School in December 2013. Kelley Brownlee did a spectacular job getting this organized with the school administrators, coaches, and the that went on to the district level. Clark Penuel (12-13 boys) will represent Fredericktown at the State level on Feb 12th in Imperial. All of the volunteers that came out helped make our local Hoop Shoot a success and we are already getting geared up for the 2015 competition. The results for the Southeast Hoop Shoot for Fredericktown are as follows:

Ava Penuel (girls ages 8-9) 13 out of 25, Lilly Brewington (girls 10-11) 7/25, Taylor McMurry (girls 12-13) 16/25, Lakota Cowling (boys 8-9) was unable to attend



Fredericktown Elks Lodge #2812



The Fredericktown Elks Lodge #2812 held their annual "Christmas with Santa" Party on Dec. 21, 2013. We provided lunch of hotdogs & chili and showed movies for 58 local children (from 6mo to 12 years old) and their families.

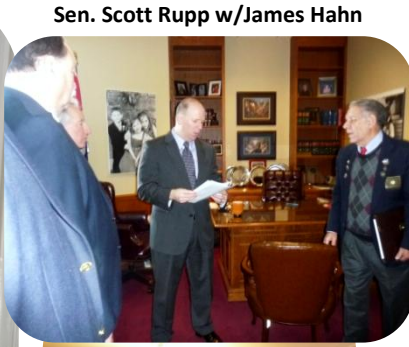
Even though it was a cold and rainy day Santa showed up and was able to visit with each child to make sure they had been good all year and gave them each a present.

The Elks were able to sponsor 15 families for Christmas again this year by providing food baskets and presents, some members even delivered them to the homes where transportation was an issue.

Everyone young and old had a wonderful time and Santa will be back again next Christmas!



Sen. Majority Floor Leader Ron Richard w/Dr. John Dane



Sen. Scott Rupp w/James Hahn



Elks' Lobbyist Mike Michelson & Patrick Baker



Sen. Minority Caucus Secretary Gina Walsh, James Hahn, & Marc Beckman



Sen. David Pearce w/Rich Larkin

ELKS GO TO MISSOURI CAPITAL TO SAY THANKS!



Rep. Linda Black



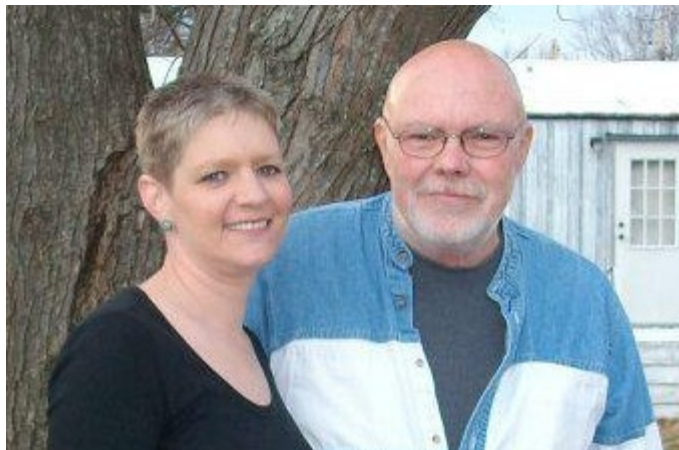
Left: Future First Lady Betsy Crawford, Pres. Elect Brian Crawford, First Lady Ruth Larkin, State President Rich Larkin, TMC Dental Director Dr. John Dane, Lobbyists Mike Michelson, Government Relations Chairman James Hahn, & Benevolent Trust Chairman Marc Beckman



Rep. Kevin Engler, James Hahn, Dr. Dane, Marc Beckman, & Rich Larkin

It was a first when Missouri Elks traveled to Jefferson City to personally thank the Senators & Representatives who supported us in the past and who helped restore the \$200,000 funding to Truman Medical Center for the Benevolent Trust Dental units. Not only did the legislators appreciate the thank you but they were receptive to making sure the funding is maintained as well as having other conversations regarding various tax incentives and issues. It was noted that many of those we met proudly stated that they too were Elks and expressed their gratitude for the Elks' charitable works. Information sheets were distributed which explained what amount BPOE does give to scholarships, veterans, and various community services yearly. Elks' lobbyist Mike Michelson arranged the meetings and is shown introducing MO Dental Assoc. Lobbyist Pat Baker to the group. Pat was also very helpful with the funding process. It was a great day and our thanks to all those who participated and worked so hard to arrange it. It was instrumental in getting the face of BPOE out there in this personal way.

Help Brandy Recover



On May 8th, 2013, Brandy was admitted to the hospital for an emergency bowel obstruction surgery. Unfortunately, 10 days later, Brandy was once again undergoing emergency surgery for bowel perforation. Sadly, after dozens of hospital admissions and surgeries that have removed much of her intestines, she still suffers

from bowl obstructions, nerve damage, and has lost the use of her left leg.

Brandy has an appointment at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minnesota April 1st. Regrettably, the family is overwhelmed with medical expenses and need some assistance with housing, treatments, and initial down payment required at the Mayo Clinic. All donations will go towards allowing her to seek new treatments. These treatments will boost her nerve root growth, include therapy to regain use of her leg and surgery to treat and prevent additional bowel obstructions.

All donations are appreciated, let's help Brandy recover!

***All Donations are tax deductible**

***Make checks payable to Columbia Benevolent Organization (CBO)**



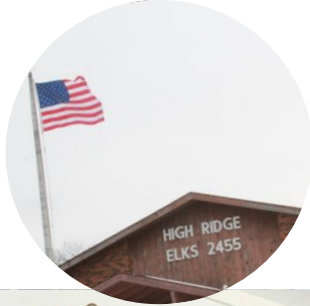
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COLUMBIA BENEVELANT ORGANIZATION

(573) 442-6416

High Ridge#2455





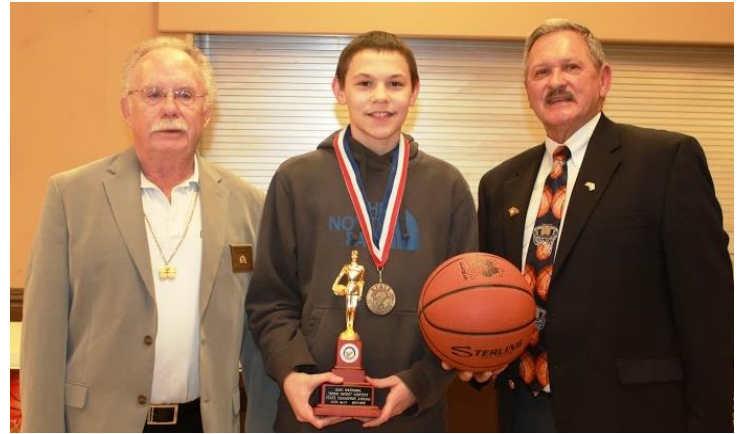
HIGH RIDGE #2455



One of the focal points of this lodge strikes you as soon as you step into the lobby. The wooden staircase and balcony are lovingly cared for and you immediately feel the warmth of High Ridge's welcome. Gathered there are the state & lodge officers with ER Roger Fortner as center. Even though the weather was

threatening and we had to leave much too soon, we thank the lodge for the wonderful meal (Rich's favorite) and their concern about our safety. As this is the final visit we are making to East Central District, we also had to bid farewell to our great state officers VP John Gross, Director Joe Love, & Marshall John Devous. We look forward to seeing everyone again at the convention.

Hoop Shoot 2014





SP Larkin & visiting dignitaries were met with a receiving line at Jackson Elks #2652 and were gifted with a lodge pin. Taco finally met his Burrito.



Jackson Chaplain Brenda Reed led us in prayer and was followed closely by maybe a future member. As this is our last visit to the SE District, above are Randy Northington, Rich, Bud Clarkson & Ron Bollinger who have been there for us throughout this entire year. For that, we thank you very much and wish you well in the coming year. Rich speaks with ER Charlie Wild and officers,

letting them know that we are here to support and help them whenever the need arises.



ER Jake Skouby in front of
the chair that was rescued.



Officers with Dan & Rich.

Our final official visit could not have been at a better site than Joplin Elks #501. Even though they have endured great tragedy, they have persevered. The lodge is fantastic and everyone was upbeat and enthusiastic. A wonderful gift of the filet crochet Elk 11 O'Clock (crafted by Susan Cook) was presented to us. This gift held many bittersweet memories. We enjoyed an evening of food & fun while reacquainting ourselves

Not that kind of line up!



Danny explaining Rich's way
of doing 11 O'Clock.



with many
friends.
Thank you.



VP Nat Brooks with intros.



Harry McCoy, Meramec-Arnold #2372 Exalted Ruler, welcomes SP Rich Larkin

during his official visit. Harry & many other members had been busy all day getting ready and serving for the Hoop Shoot. What possible conversation could bring Dan Lockhart, PSP Larry Robertson, VP John Gross, Rich, Director Joe Love, & Marshall John DeVous to laughter? Something about height, maybe? Mike Belavich & Dan are lost in conversation concerning the upcoming Mardi Gras.



New Year's Eve

Here it was again; New Year's Eve. It was hard to comprehend time passing so soon. It seemed like it was only 4-5 months since the last one. But that happens when you get old, so I am told. Day's fly by, seasons quickly pass and birthdays stack up like firewood in Minnesota. Maybe that's why I just wasn't in the festive mood. I'm usually ready and willing for a night out at the lodge but for some reason I just couldn't get fired up about it. Even after I got there something seemed missing and I just couldn't put my finger on it.

As always the lodge was decorated nicely and there were wings, bratwurst and all kinds of good snacks lining the food tables. The beverages were cold and friends were rolling in filling the tables.

As the evening progressed I became more relaxed. All the usual suspects were there. People we have shared this day with for many, many years, and God willing many more.

As I looked around at the friends we know and love, I began to realize what was missing. I thought about how many years we have been to the lodge for New Year's Eve and why we come back every year. It's not about the food, the decorations or the drink prices. It's all about the people. It's because of all the friends and memories we have made through the years. As I looked around I began to think of those loved and lost who will come no more. The friends we have shared our lives with but are now gone from our grasp.

Then a series of strangely comforting events come into view like a Charles Peterson painting. (If you don't know Peterson take a minute and look him up). It started with a flash of red swirling across the dance floor and a quick wink from Wanda as she danced by. A little later I looked up when I heard Dan laughing loudly at his own joke (probably because nobody else would) up at the bar. I saw WC draped in beads wearing a goofy headband with "Happy New Year" on it. (It seems like I saw a younger version of that a little later on too.) I heard Nadine tell Carl to "hush his mouth"; He was getting too loud again. I came to realize that they were all there and it made me feel better. It's my personal belief that as long as you keep someone in your heart they are always with you.

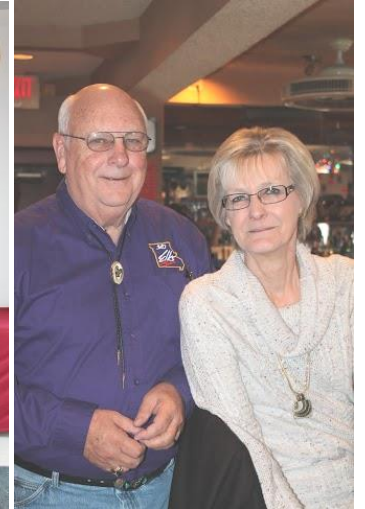
You may or may not know these people I mentioned, but the names are irrelevant. You can fill them in with your own list of loved and lost. But every lodge is the same. We all have people we miss deeply and we refuse to let go. We still see them filtering through from time to time. A ghost or maybe just a shadow, a voice or perhaps whiff of cologne or perfume. We re-tell their jokes or some old stories about them just to make sure nobody forgets. Sometimes it's just to ease a hurting heart. That's our job as brothers, sisters and lodge members. It's what we have taken a sacred oath to do. Never forgotten; never forsaken.

I also came to understand my part in all this. As one of the "Old Timers" it's my job to build memories for the new kids like the old ones did for us. We need to sing, dance, laugh, play games and do silly skits at parties. We need to hug and cry and hold hands in times of trouble. It's the responsibility of all the members to build a history and set examples. The lodge is not bricks, mortar and metal. The lodge is the members banding together to do good for others. When we lose someone in our life there is always a void. The lodge seemed empty to me that night because so many old friends were missing.

As a father I know it was my job to pass onto my children the knowledge and morals needed by them to be good members of society. As an Elk, it's up to those that have been left behind to pass on the legacy passed on to us. To honor those that came before by teaching the skills needed to become good Elks and run the lodge as they were taught to us.

As I looked at the young members around me I saw so much promise for the future. If we are careful and diligent we have lodges that will contribute to society for many years to come. Let's always remember that the goal is to have a lodge that last long after we are gone. The only way to do that is to give the young members the knowledge needed to run it. The hardest part is we have to be willing to hand it off and let them run with it just as our elders have done with us. Don't make the mistake of expecting them to do everything the way you did. Make them wise and make them strong. Then send them into the world and see what they make of it. Perhaps someday we can look down from above and be proud of what they have accomplished, just as we hope our old friends and mentors are doing with us.

To Our Absent Members





We felt very special as we were serenaded by the intrepid Ray Dierker when we arrived and left Oakville Elks #2726. Their hospitality was incredible and we enjoyed spending our afternoon there. Left, PER Mark DeArriba & ER Rob Howard discuss with Dan & Rich about the lodge's plans for improvement. Rich was honored to have a picture taken with the Ladies Auxiliary who have not only been an asset to their lodge but have also donated over \$10,000 to charity.

MISSOURI ELKS ASSOCIATION

Officer Training

2014-15

When: Session: May 17, 2014, 9:30AM to 3 PM- Jefferson City Lodge
Training for Lodge Officers and Members

Those who wish to attend, mail the following to James A. Hahn, Past Grand Esquire/Past State President - 102 Monroe Street, Desloge, MO 63601 or call (Phone 573-431-5161) no later than May 1, 2014.

----- Cut and mail-----

The following information is required to register for the session:

_____ ***No.*** _____ ***will have*** _____
(Lodge Name)
(number)

officers and/or members attending Session ____ .

Lodge Contact person: _____
Name ***Office***

Telephone
(Due no later than May 1, 2014)



For those of you who have experienced the Perryville Wild Game Feed, these pictures speak for themselves. The officers greeted us with much enthusiasm in spite of the work they had to accomplish during the evening. SP Rich was treated to a special meal by DD Chuck Mudge as he voiced his desire that wild game was not

his forte. Betsy Crawford tried her hand-er-teeth on the squirrel brains but decided that next year she will bring a hammer. The evening was a great success and raised a lot of money for the lodge's charitable causes. ER Stan Harris looks over the list for the numerous prizes give away.

Presidents Visit Cape Girardeau SE District

Bud Clarkson Vice President, Ron Bollinger Director, Randy Northington-At Large





Sedalia
Elks #125
Exalted
Ruler Jan
Ulmer
welcomed
everyone
to SP
Larkin's
final,



official visit to the West Central

District with a wonderful brunch. Officers attending were Loyal Knight Ginger Gerke, Jan, AA Dan Lockhart, Rich, Chaplain Rite Baslee, Leading Knight Doug Tilman, Trustee Steve Ulmer, WC Tiler Kathy Baron, (back) Trustee Dennis Gerken, Secretary Allen Whittall, Treasurer Stan Vaughn, Trustee Jerry Smith, & Inner Guard Justin Ulmer. Sedalia #125 also welcomed PSPs Marc Beckman, Richard Techau, & (their very own) Bill Walter. Mike & Debbie Belavich also stopped through back from helping with MetroWest's Mardi Gras.



Chuck Mudge asks if you can tell he made this himself.



At least Gene Lamb & Brian Crawford started out happy!



Checking in with Linda DeGeare

The 63rd Annual Elks Bowling Tournament was held in Joplin & the guys & gals decided to get into the act and bowl. Not disclosing scores though so don't ask! Rich is seen welcoming the bowlers while host lodge Joplin #501 ER Jake Skouby & MO Senator Ron Richard(in suit) look on.



Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge No. 2674



FIRST RESPONDERS DINNER — Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge No. 2674 hosted its inaugural First Responders Appreciation Dinner on October 10, 2013. The purpose of the dinner was to show respect and appreciation to city and county first responders. The head of each responder group spoke about his or her department and its service to the community. Elks are an organization of American citizens who put God, charity and integrity first. Elks raises funds to contribute to local scholarships, veterans' programs, drug awareness programs, first responders activities and community programs.

Representing first responders and the Elks Lodge were, from left: Amy Cates (EMS), Greg "Mick" Schwent (Ste. Genevieve Fire Department), Zach Rankin (Kinsey Fire Department), Dennis Carlson (Ozora Fire Department), Kelly Sexauer (Elks Leading Knight), John Pfaff (Bloomsdale Fire Department), Megan Hutson (Elks Loyal Knight), Paul Viox (Elks Exalted Ruler), Tim Flieg (Weingarten Fire Department), Earl Walker (Elks Trustee), Rob Walsh (Elks Lecturing Knight). Absent from the photo were representatives from the Ste. Genevieve County Sheriff's Office and City of Ste. Genevieve Police Department.



Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge Annual Halloween Party- Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge hosted their annual Halloween Party for Ste. Gen City & County children. Over 175 children attended and enjoyed a custom contest, games, and snacks.



Veteran's 2013 Deer Hide Program. The Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge #2674 collected, cleaned, and salted over 400 Deer Hides for the Elks Deer Hides for Veterans Program. The collected Hides are then tanned, cut and sewn into specially designed gloves which are furnished to Veterans confined to wheel chairs to protect their hands. Pictured are-Chuck Mudge-Perryville Elks Lodge and Ste Genevieve's Lodge program volunteers-Al Pfaff, Earl Walker, Gene Flieg, and Kenny Flieg, absent from the picture is Jeff Nickelson.

Christmas-Shop with a Cop.

Randy Bahr, treasurer of the Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge #2674, presented Ste. Genevieve County



Sheriff's Office Deputy Jeff McCarty with a check for \$1,000 on October 10, 2013 for the Shop With A Cop Christmas program.

Children in the county are able to shop with a local law enforcement official for Christmas presents through the program, which is in its fifth year. McCarty said in the first year, the program received \$2,500 in donations and served 50 children. He said it collected more than \$10,000 and provided more than 700 toys to local children last year.



Update from Affton 2635

In the picture Exalted Ruler Kevin Kelley (L) is presenting basket to Rocky Buchanan, Volunteer Services Employee at the Jefferson Barracks Hospital St. Louis Mo

The Lodge used a \$2000 Gratitude Grant to provide baskets of personal hygiene items for all 200 patients at the Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital in St. Louis Mo.

The baskets were used as part of the Hospitals "Christmas in July Program".

A Beacon Grant will be used to expand the Lodge annual Christmas Basket Program. In the past this program has provided between 90-120 families with food products and children's gifts for a brighter Christmas.

On October 19, 2013 the Lodge presented Police Officer Clayton Fair of the St. Louis County Police Dept., Affton Precinct with its annual Officer of the Year Award.

Webb City Elks Shop for Christmas Baskets



Webb City #861 Government Day



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtfull, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Those words were once uttered by Margaret Mead, and on Saturday, January 25, 2014, we put into action at Webb City Elks #861. The Lodge hosted its second in a series of meetings with state and Federal elected officials, not only learning what issues were taking shape in Jefferson City and Washington, D.C., but also providing input about what matters they felt were most important.

Missouri State Senator Ron Richard, Missouri State Representatives Bill Lant, Bill White, Charlie Davis and Tom Flanigan were joined by Jake Heisten, field representative for US Congressman Billy Long and Steve McIntosh, field representative for US Senator Roy Blunt.

The meeting began with a presentation by past state president Marc Beckman about the Missouri Elks Association Dental Van, followed by a presentation by each of the guests about the work being done by our Federal and state governments.

Among the more heavily discussed topics was the budget for the state of Missouri. Representative Flanigan (vice-chair of the House budget committee) explained in detail how the budget is decided, and what factors influence deciding which programs get how much funding. This proved of great interest to the audience, especially considering the addition of \$200,000 from the state of Missouri for the Dental Van Program.

However, not all topics were directly related to the Elks. When asked about the possibility of Missouri following in the footsteps of states like Colorado and Washington and changing laws regarding marijuana, the panel gave a resounding “no” to that ever happening. Senator Richard went so far as to tell the audience such a measure would “have no chance of making it out of committee,” let alone going before the governor to get signed into law. Mr Heisten then reminded the audience that, while some states may have taken steps to change their own laws, Federal law was still supreme on the matter, and that such actions would eventually have consequences at the Federal level.

Despite the wide range of topics covered, it was a comment from one of the men on the panel that caused the greatest surprise in the room. During his time at the podium, Senator Richard spoke to audience about his familiarity with the organization:

“I was looking in my wallet the other day, and suddenly realized I have been an Elk for more than 40 years.”

The surprise in the room was palpable, as many did not perhaps expect that would have “friends in high places,” as the saying goes.

While the two and half hour meeting may seem short, it appeared from my vantage point to accomplish the goal it was begun with: to inspire conversation. Afterwards, when the official meeting had ended, many of the legislators stayed around to speak at length with the Elk present about topics already covered and new items of interest.

In the end, perhaps the most important issue was broached by Representative Davis.

“Please, contact us. An e-mail is OK, but those can get overlooked or may not make it through the junk mail filters. You best bet is a written letter, or to call us. Remember, it’s meetings like this that help us know what issues need to be addressed.”

“And if you’re in Jeff City, most of us, myself included, practice an open door policy. Come and see us,” added Representative Flanigan.

As the other elected representatives at the table nodded in agreement, I couldn’t help but to back to the words of former Minnesota governor Jesse Ventura who once said, “Government is at its worst when you have apathy from its citizens,” implying an active group of citizens, regardless of which side of the isle they are on, only makes our nation stronger.

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Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 12 February 2014

Truman Medical Center Lakewood
7900 Lee's Summit Rd.
Kansas City, MO, 64139
Dr. John N. Dane, Dental Director

HomeOffice #816/404-6904
Fax#816/404-7783

Online @ www.trumed.org
Click On: T.M.C Lakewood
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Then: Dental Services Elks Mobile



Jake Heisten, Field Representative
for U.S. Congressmen Billy Long

Statistics: 1/06/14—1/23/14
Columbia Elks Lodge #594

- Patient Visits **62**
- Procedures **590**
- Estimated Value **\$26,494.00**

Visit www.youtube.com for an official Elks video
Search: **Missouri Elks Mobile Dental Program**

Webb City Elks Lodge#861 Host Government Day

On Saturday, January 25, 2014, Webb City Elks Lodge #861 hosted it's second in a series of meetings with State and Federal elected officials.

Guests in attendance were Missouri State Senator Ron Richard (an Elks for more than 40 years), Missouri State Representatives Bill Lant, Bill White, Charlie Davis and Tom Flanigan were joined by Jake Heisten, Field Representative for U.S. Congressmen Billy Long and Steve McIntosh, field representative for U.S. Senator Roy Blunt.

Also, Marc Beckman, Director of the Missouri Benevolent Trust and Past State President, was joined by Dr. John Dane, Director, Dental Clinic, Truman Medical Center Lakewood and the Elks Mobile Dental Program and Dr. Robert Beck, Staff Dentist, from the Elks Mobile Dental Unit.

The two and a half hour meeting included a presentation by Mr. Beckman about the Elks Mobile Dental Program followed by each of the guests regarding the budget, legalizing marijuana and other work being done by our Federal and State Governments.

Jeremiah Cook, Webb City Elks, was instrumental in organizing this event and encourages all seventy-four Lodges to do the same. Let your elected officials know what is important to you! Contact information can be found at www.mo.gov. Read full article by Mr. Cook in the *Shozen*.

All the Missouri officials said that the best way to contact them is to write a letter or call. Many have an open door policy in Jefferson City.

Upcoming Locations

The Mobile Unit starts taking appointments for an upcoming stay one week prior to arrival. Please call #573/690-6003.

Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis.

Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Troy	Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, St. Charles, Warren	2/24/14	3/6/14	Lincoln CO RIII School District Superintendent's Office
Marshall	Carroll, Chariton, Cooper, Howard, Lafayette, Pettis, Saline	3/10/14	3/20/14	Center for Human Services Cooperative Workshop

Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 11 January 2014

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Dr. John N. Dane, Dental Director

Home Office #816/404-6904
Fax #816/404-7783

Online @ www.trumed.org
Click On: TMC Lakewood
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Then: Dental Services Elks Mobile

Statistics: 11/04/13—11/27/13†		Statistics: 12/02/13—12/19/13	
Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge #639		Perryville Elks Lodge #2701	
• Patient Visits	90	• Patient Visits	30
• Procedures	939	• Procedures	332
• Estimated Value	\$43,713.00	• Estimated Value	\$16,073.00

Visit www.youtube.com for an official Elks video
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Elks Provide Invaluable Service

Last year the Elks Mobile Unit visited a Cooperative Workshop in Marshall, a State School in Lee's Summit and a Residential Care Center in Bolivar, as well as Elks Lodges.

With the addition of the wheelchair lift the Elks Program provides easier access for families and caregivers.

Tonya Brown and Sandy Sims, Christina Richardson's Guardian and Caregiver wrote the following:

*Please know that we find the Elks Van an invaluable service for Christina. Without this service, we would be unable to adequately meet the health/dental needs for her.
Thank you so much for the program.*

Since the Mobile Unit is uniquely self-contained we are able to bring dental care to areas of the state that need it most.



Christina Richardson
with caregiver Sandy Sims
7/15/2013

Upcoming Locations

The Mobile Unit starts taking appointments for an upcoming stay one week prior to arrival. Please call #573/690-6003.

Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis.

Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Columbia	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Moniteau, Randolph	1/6/14	1/23/14	Columbia Elks Lodge
Ladue	St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren	1/27/14	2/20/14	Litzsinger School

Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 10 December 2013

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Elks Dental Unit Looks Forward To The New Year

Statistics: 9/23/13—10/10/13

Mashburn Residential
Center-Bolivar

• Patient Visits	69
• Procedures	601
• Estimated Value	\$27,229.00

Statistics: 10/14/13—10/31/13

Springfield Elks Lodge #409

• Patient Visits	65
• Procedures	689
• Estimated Value	\$33,572.00

The word in Jefferson City is that the \$200,000.00, Elks funding will be released after the first of the year.

At the Elks Meeting, in Jefferson City, The Benevolent Trust agreed to use the additional funds to operate a second unit.

Our existing Unit needs help providing care to all the developmentally disabled patients in Missouri. With two Mobile Units operating, more patients can be served.

Our goal is a continued partnership with the state in providing much needed dental care to those that need it most.

This is a good start and ensures that we will continue to be a resource that our patients can rely on.

All the Elks Staff would like to thank the Elks for the awards presented, at the Elks Convention, for the combined service of 103 years.

With 2013 coming to a close the Elks Mobile Dental Unit is looking toward 2014 with renewed hope and appreciation for the continued support of the Elks and the Benevolent Trust.

Happy New Year!!

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From Left—Cindy Smith, Dental Assistant, Anna Keesler, Dental Assistant, Dr. Robert Beck, Staff Dentist and Dr. John Dane, Director, Jefferson City— 9/14/2013

Upcoming Locations

The Mobile Unit starts taking appointments for an upcoming stay one week prior to arrival. Please call #573/690-6003.
Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis.

Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Columbia	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Moniteau, Randolph	1/6/14	1/23/14	Columbia Elks Lodge
Ladue	St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren	1/27/14	2/20/14	Litzsinger School

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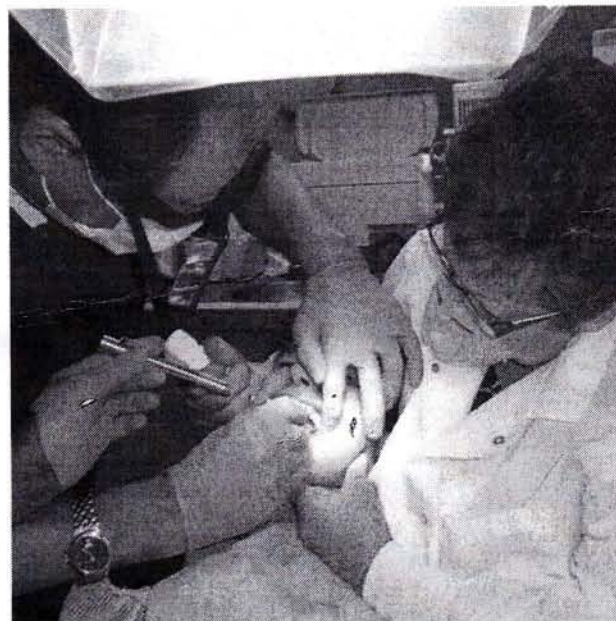
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Dr. Robert Beck, Staff Dentist and Cindy Smith, Dental Assistant with Grant Carney
10/23/2013

Statistics: 8/26/13—9/5/13
Nevada Elks Lodge #564

- Patient Visits 23
- Procedures 229
- Estimated Value \$6,546.00

Statistics: 9/9/13—9/19/13
Lawrie/Osage Community
Elks Lodge #2705

- Patient Visits 32
- Procedures 312
- Estimated Value \$8,147.00

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While the Mobile Van was in Springfield, Grant Carney had his yearly check-up. He has been a patient on the Elks Mobile Dental Van since 1999.

Grant's parents wrote to us the following:

Dear Elks Lodge,
We want to take the time to tell you how very much we appreciate you funding the Mobile Dental Unit for people with Special-Needs. We are so blessed by this service. Our son is 22 years old and has Autism. No regular Dentist can even "get into his mouth" because they are just not

trained and equipped to handle these patients. The people from Truman Medical Center are absolutely the most professional, caring, compassionate team we've seen. They are a God-send. We are not able to get a appointment every year because there is such a long wait-list. Thank-you from the bottom of our hearts for realizing the importance of quality dental care for this group of people. We are forever grateful.

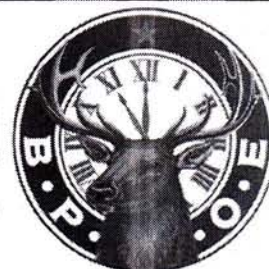
Sincerely,
Scott and Cindy Carney

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Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Scott, Stoddard	11/4/13	11/27/13	Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge
Perryville	Bollinger, Madison, Perry, Ste. Genevieve	12/02/13	12/19/13	Perryville Elks Lodge

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The Elks and the Mobile Dental Unit are # 1

Statistics: 7/8/13—7/25/13

Lee's Summit

Lakeview Woods State School

- Patient Visits 50
- Procedures 492
- Estimated Value \$14,221.00

Statistics: 7/29/13—8/8/13

Harrisonville

Cass County Elks Lodge #2791

- Patient Visits 40
- Procedures 350
- Estimated Value \$10,442.00



Chris & Venessa Green, 10/2/13,
Mashburn Residential Care Center

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While the Mobile Van was in Bolivar, Venessa Green had her yearly check-up. She has been a patient on the Elks Mobile Dental Van since 2010.

Cindy Smith, Dental Assistant, said that Venessa did a great job this year! She was able to cooperate more, which enabled the staff to give her a complete check-up, exam, x-rays and cleaning.

Vanessa's Father, Chris, wrote to us the following:

"This is a good service that is provided for those that are less fortunate. Without this program it is hard to find service that is able to take care of Vanessa, so we would like to thank you much."

Chris, Carmen & Vanessa

Vanessa had a fun time, so did I.

Chris

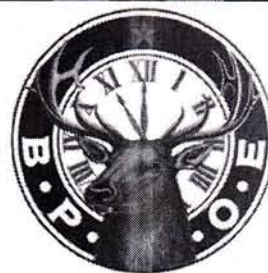
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Springfield	Christian, Dade, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Taney, Webster	10/14/13	10/31/13	Springfield Elks Lodge
Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Scott, Stoddard	11/4/13	11/27/13	Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge

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Missouri Families Depend On The Elks Mobile Dental Program

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Statistics: 6/17/13—7/3/13

Blue Springs Elks Lodge #2509

- Patient Visits **39**
- Procedures **349**
- Estimated Value **\$9,072.00**

The Elks staff know first hand how appreciative the patients, their families and caregivers are for the Mobile Unit

Robert Sylvester, father of Lori Sylvester, recently wrote to the program.

Thank you so much for funding this program. We have benefited from these dental services for over 10 years now. Prior to that, we were unable to find specialized services for our handicapped daughter. The staff has been amazing and very skilled at working with children with special needs. Again, Thank you Elks!

Robert Sylvester

The Sylvesters are just one of hundreds of families that depend on the Elks Mobile Dental Program for services that otherwise would not be available to them.



Robert & Lori Sylvester, 6/25/13, Blue Springs Elks Lodge #2509

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Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Laurie	Camden, Benton, Cooper, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Pettis	9/9/13	9/19/13	Osage Community Elks Lodge
Bolivar	Cedar, Dade, Dallas, Hickory, Polk, St. Clair	9/23/13	10/10/13	Mashburn Residential Care Center

ELKS MOBILE DENTAL PROGRAM

Patient Eligibility

1. Children and adults who have developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities (DD/ID) as identified by the Department of Mental Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities.
2. Individuals in extreme financial distress, who have found it impossible to receive dental care anywhere else, must be referred through an Exalted Ruler or the Benevolent Trust Chairman. These individuals should be given a letter of referral from the Lodge. (A limited number of appointments are available)

- Notes:
1. Individuals, 1-2 above, must be screened for their eligibility and their ability to receive treatment in a mobile clinic with the aid of local anesthesia when indicated.
 2. The Missouri Elks urge all eligible individuals currently under the care of a private dentist to continue treatment with him/her.

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