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**Missouri Drug Awareness Poster Contest
Winner**

Kyle Inman Arcadia Valley #2330

Winning Poster



Grant awarded to local farmer helps deliver driver safety message



Pictured L-R: Dan Graham, Livingston County Farmer and Elks Lodge Member, Steven Palmer, Elks Lodge Secretary and Amie Kepner, Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler

The Grand River Technical School chapter of SkillsUSA partnered with Chillicothe Elks Lodge no. 656 to put on a Mock Accident Docudrama that many area high and middle school students attended to stress the dangers of driving while impaired or distracted. The Elks Lodge also partnered with the Chillicothe High School Project Prom to help provide a safe evening for the recently CHS after prom event.

Approximately 300 area high school and middle school students attended the event held in two sessions on Friday, April 22, in the parking lot behind Grand River Technical School. Lunch was served between the two sessions. The docudrama portrayed a two-car accident caused by impaired or distracted driving, involving a DUI investigation and arrest, an injury requiring evacuation by Life-Flight and a death. Livingston County Emergency Management, Chillicothe Fire Department, Chillicothe Police Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Life-Flight Eagle, and the Livingston County Coroner all participated and provided a real life look and feel to the event.

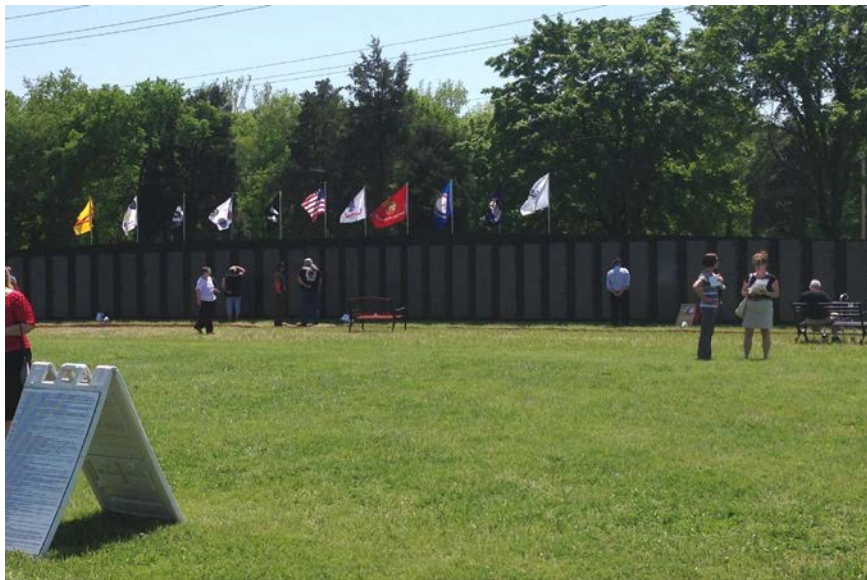
Funding for both events was made possible by a \$2,500 grant the Lodge received from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The grant was won by local farmer Dan Graham of Livingston County, who designated the Lodge to be the recipient of the funds. When asked, Graham said "There was never any question on what organization that I wanted the grant to go to. Our local Elks Lodge has always been a leader in helping our community. I knew the Lodge would find a great place for the donation.

Elks Exalted Ruler Amie Kepner said "Each year the number of alcohol related teenage deaths is rising. Nationally, the Elks believe that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. With that in mind, we have to reach out to youth of all ages and make them aware of the effects of alcohol consumption and the long-term effects their decisions as youth can have on their future. By partnering with SkillsUSA and Project Prom the Lodge is very proud to be able to take this awareness to another level and be involved in programs that have significant impact on area youth. We are very appreciative and thankful to Elks Lodge Member and Livingston County Farmer Dan Graham, who has been active with the lodge for many years, for choosing us as the recipient of the Grant which allows us to do this."

For six years, America's Farmers Grow Communities has collaborated with farmers to donate over \$22 million to more than 8,000 community organizations to support local nonprofit causes that positively impact farming communities across rural America. Grow Communities is one program in the America's Farmers community outreach effort, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.



East Central District Fall 2016



The Vietnam Wall Comes to Festus.



Nelson Scherrer of Festus-Crystal City #1721 leads the motorcycle parade for the Vietnam Wall.



The Eureka-Pacific #2644, 3rd Annual Red, White & Blue 5K Run. The race was held on May 28, 2016. The race consisted of (128) runners. 1st Place Male was: John Stinebrook and the 1st Place Female was: Emily Dovell. The race made approximately, \$5,000.00 split between Focus Marine's Foundation and the Eureka-Pacific Scholarship Fund.



Our Eureka-Pacific # 2644, Americanism Essay Winner: Ella Vergara, 12 years old. Winner of three (3) levels: 1) Eureka-Pacific Lodge Winner; 2) District 3rd Place Winner; 3) State 1st Place Winner. And, now off to the Nationals. Congratulations!



The Eureka-Pacific #2644, hosted its annual veterans benefit for the Focus Marines Foundation, based in St. Louis. It was conceived, designed & established by Marine Corps Veterans to help our current generation of Marines, sailors, Navy Corpsmen & other service members. The lodge presented a check to Mr. Ted Kretschmar, Focus Marines Foundation Vice-President of Development for \$13,500.00



The East Central District celebrates FLAG DAY at the Meramec-Arnold Elks Lodge #2372



East Central District Fall 2016



East Central District Flag Day



HIGH RIDGE LODGE #2455

Our annual Easter egg hunt went quite well. The hunt was packed with some very eager children who all seemed to have fun. Six bikes were given away this year. Thanks to Mike Minor, Kevin Brinkley, Jack Hale, and Dobbs for once again donating bikes for our annual hunt. And thanks to everyone who donated the candy and helped stuff eggs.

2015-16 Beacon Grant at Work:

Again, the Festus-Crystal City Lodge #1721 used its Beacon Grant money (\$2,000) to build a handicap ramp for a deserving local resident. This is the third year, in a row, that the lodge has worked with "Hammers of Hope" group to identify and qualify an individual that is handicapped, own their home and in need of financial aid to build the ramp.



Elks Care - Elks Share

Festus-Crystal City Lodge #2 in the Nation:

Festus-Crystal City Lodge #1721 was recognized at the 2016 National Convention for their continuing membership improvement. Our lodge finished #2 in the nation in Division VI for membership improvement. (Division VI is lodges with 1500+ members). Pictured below, with the plaque recognizing our accomplishments, are Jim Ross, Membership Chairman, and Kevin Brock, ER.



High Ridge Lodge # 2455 hosted the "Relay for Life" and the "Quarters for Hope."



Cedar Hill Elks

Bike Night To Rally Against Heroin

Jam Session with Rags n Friends

Every Thursday
6pm—9pm
Cedar Hill Elks Lodge
8430 Industrial Drive Cedar Hill, MO. 63016

Please park around back and come in through back hall

All Welcome

All Proceeds will go to:
Missouri Network for Opiate Reform & Recovery
&
The Jupiter House

Red Cross is jammin to Boost in Potosi!



A photograph of an outdoor swimming pool. The pool is rectangular with a white border and blue water. On the left side, a person is standing near a grey slide. Several people are swimming in the pool. In the background, there is a brick building with a wooden upper section and a brick lower section. The building has multiple windows and a set of stairs leading to a door. The sky is blue with some clouds.

On these hot days of summer, come to our Potosi Lodge #2218 and enjoy our great pool.

Hannibal Elk's Lodge # 1198 Thanking our Veterans

On May 16th, 2016 the Hannibal Elk's Lodge #1198 visited Local Nursing Homes acknowledging our Veterans with a token of our appreciation each Veteran received a hat that says "If You Love Your Freedom Thank A Vet." Elk's Lodge #1198 Exalted Ruler- Jerry Mastin, Loyal Knight-Mike Patterson & Lecturing Knight-Greg Nichols & Member Jennifer Foster visited Luther Manor & Willow Care Nursing Homes. It was an honor to meet the men and women that served our country, to visit with them, listening to their stories. The oldest Veteran was at Luther Manor Estel Griggsby he is 103. He was unavailable for pictures. Also Not Pictured at Luther Manor was Mr. Griffith we did leave a token of our appreciation with the both of them. We are planning to visit other Local Nursing Homes this week.

Luther Manor Nursing Home and Retirement Village

Archie Bell Was in the Korean War he is now 82 years old. Mr. Bell is wearing a hat the Elk's #1198 gave to him a token of our appreciation for our freedom.



Pictured right to left: Hannibal Elk's Lodge #1198 Lecturing Knight-Greg Nichols, Loyal Knight-Mike Patterson, Veteran Archie Bell & Exalted Ruler- Jerry Mastin

Raymond Denler a Veteran of Luther Manor Nursing Home



Pictured Front: Raymond Denler **Back left to right:** Hannibal Elk's Lodge # 1198 Loyal Knight-Mike Patterson & Exalted Ruler- Jerry Mastin

Edwin Brink Veteran of Luther Manor Nursing Home



Pictured Left to Right: Veteran Edwin Brink with Hannibal Elk's Lodge #1198 Lecturing Knight-Greg Nichols, Loyal Knight-Mike Patterson & Exalted Ruler- Jerry Mastin

Donley Lear served in the Army in the Korean War from 1950 to 1956. He is married to Joyce Lear retired from Bleigh Construction. He is currently living in the Luther Manor Retirement Village which he also took part in building 45 years ago. Donley was a Hannibal Elk's member many years ago and it was with great pleasure to honor him and thank him for his service to our country. Donley is wearing the hat we gave to him for a token of our appreciation. It says "If You Love Your Freedom Thank a Vet."



Pictured Front: Donley Lear **Back Right to left:** Lecturing Knight-Greg Nichols, Loyal Knight-Mike Patterson & Exalted Ruler- Jerry Mastin



Each year East-Central District of the Missouri Elk's (which is comprised of 9 Lodges) host the Annual Flag Day Celebration. On June 11, 2016, the Meramec-Arnold Elks Lodge 2372, had the privilege of hosting the Annual Flag Day Celebration. The celebration was a great success with approximately 200 people in attendance. To help us celebrate we invited our State Sponsor, Mr. Ted Calicut. We were sorry to learn he could not attend due to illness and wish him a speedy recovery. In celebration, vintage military vehicles from the 2nd Ranger Battalion, and vehicles from the Military Vehicle Preservation Association were in attendance. Boy Scout troop 372 from our Lodge did a flag burning ceremony.



Boy Scout troop 372 from our Lodge did a flag burning ceremony. Honor Guard and Color Guard was from the Lemay Memorial Post 162, American Legion and also provided the 21 gun Salute. Dave Riley was their leader with Terri Storz and Jane Maddock, from our lodge carrying the banner. Winner of the Elks American Essay Contest Winner from Missouri was Ella Vergara, reading her essay at the Flag Day Celebration.

Ronald Wayne Clark, Age 58, was the 2016, Truman Award Recipient. Each Lodge in the District donates \$100. The cost of the award is used and the remainder of the money goes to a Charity of Mr. Clark's choice. Mr. Clark was recognized for his many outstanding contributions to the community.

Debbie Burkette from our Auxiliary and Debbie Suda wife of our Exalted Ruler, of Elk's Lodge 2372, manned the Free Patriotic snow cones that were available for the children and many children's activities were provided. Members of Elk's Lodge 2372, Auxiliary, worked to provide free hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, and water for the festivities.



The Mayor of Arnold the Honorable Ronald Counts was in attendance and presented Elk's Lodge 2372, Exalted Ruler, Russ Suda, (picture on the left) with the Proclamation making June 14, 2016 as "National Flag Day".

World War II veterans, Mike Sendlein, Pat Bourisaw, Oscar Masters, and Alva Shell (not shown) were awarded a trophy for their military service (picture on the right).

West Central Fall 2016

Benton County Elks Lodge 2783



On April 16th, we hosted the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance for Adults with Disabilities. We had approximately 50 people who enjoyed dancing, playing games and singing Karaoke.



During April & May we delivered dictionaries to every third in Benton County.



Picnic in the Park for Adults with Disabilities

On June 27th, we sponsored a picnic for approximately 50 adults with disabilities at Lay Park in Warsaw, MO. This event was made possible through receiving the Beaton Grant from the Grand Lodge.



On May 14th, we chartered a bus and went on a Lodge Crawl. Our first stop was Bates County Lodge. Then it was back on the bus and on to Lake Stockton. Our final stop was Nevada Lodge. The hospitality at these Lodges could not have been any better. We played some games, they fed us, and of course we had liquid refreshments. It was a fun day, and we all had a great time.



Benton County Elks Lodge 2783 participated in Warsaw Jubilee Days Parade by pulling the Missouri Elks drug trailer down Main Street.



Setting up for Flag Day celebration



C-T Photo / Catherine Stortz Ripley

Chillicothe MO Elks Lodge #656 recently awarded 21 scholarships totaling \$10,500 to area youth. Pictured above are some of the recipients from Chillicothe High School.

Front from L-R: Aaron Baker, Robert Parkey, Marissa Surber, Margaret Resor, Amie Kepner (Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler), Wagner Chapman, Mason Hayward, Riley Rasche.

Back from L-R: McCormick Campbell, Claire Chapman, Courtney Reger, Rebecca Stull, Jaylene Sturguess, Lauren Mason , Bryce Gott. Not pictured are: Nate McKiddy, Miranda Estes and Grace Venner.

Scholarships were also awarded to Logan O'Dell from Braymer High School, Colleen Warburton from Hale High School, Lake Crowe from Southwest High School and Michael VanDyke from Meadville High School.

We are very proud to be able to award scholarships each year and couldn't do it without the support of our members!

Marissa Surber was also chosen to receive a \$4,000 Most Valuable Student Scholarship from the Elks National Foundation and Jaylene Sturguess was awarded a \$4,000 Legacy Award from the Elks National Foundation.



Perryville Elks

BBQ Cook Off

September 24th

Perryville Elks

921 N Perryville Blvd, Perryville MO

Categories, Chicken, Pork Butt, Ribs, Brisket

Open Category-Separate Contest

Entry Fee \$30 per category or \$100 for all 4

Open Category \$25

%100 payback Prize Money based on number of teams

Cooks Meeting Friday Night 7 PM

Judging begins at 3PM Saturday

3:00 Chicken

3:30 Ribs

4:00 Pork Butt

4:30 Brisket

5:00 OPEN

The Lodge has two Camper slots with Hookups, unlimited Tent Camping and other camper slots with electric available. Camper hookups are first come first served by calling 573 547 5552. Rules are KCBS with local modifications. Complete rules are available.

Washington #1559



Pictured is the Youth Baseball team sponsored by the Washington Elks Lodge. The lodge hosted the team to an end of the season party and also donated 30 catcher sets to the Washington Youth Sports Association.



An American Flag Retirement Container erected outside the Washington Lodge was the Eagle Scout project of Kurt Roethlisberger. Pictured with Roethlisberger is PER Nicholas Mueller.



Winners of the Americanism Essay Contest were presented with awards at the Washington Lodge's Flag Day Ceremony held at the city park.

Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 30 May 2016

Swanton Medical Center Laboratory
7900 Roe's Summit Rd.
Stamans City, MO, 64139
Dr. Matthew Tinnel, Dental Director

Home Office #816/404-6904
Fax #816/404-7753

Online @ missourimed.org
Unit: J.M.C. Laboratory
(Click On: Dental (Under Laboratory Services))
Phone: Stood Home

Blue Springs Lodge #2509 Hosts Dinner

On April 20, the Blue Springs Elks Lodge #2509 gave a dinner in honor of the Mobile Dental Program and Staff.

We all enjoyed a delicious dinner and the opportunity to meet everyone.

The Blue Springs Lodge continues to be a great support as a Sponsor for the Mobile Unit.

We appreciate everything you do. Thank you for such a pleasant evening!

If your Lodge would like to sponsor the Elks Mobile Dental Van contact the Home Office @ #816/404-9004 or E-mail Lisa.Gamm@tmmed.org for sponsor requirements.



Left to Right—Back Row: Dr. Robert Beck, Mobile Unit Director, Lisa Gamm, Mobile Unit Secretary, Dr. Matthew Tinnel, Director, Elks Mobile Dental Program, Mike McDermott, Treasurer, Buzz Adkinson, Treasurer, Bob McCullough, Leading Knight
Left to Right—Front Row: Cindy Smith, Mobile Unit Dental Assistant, Joyce Howson, Mobile Unit Dental Assistant, Debby ABE, Loyd Knight, Sharon Hennessey, Baker, Excited Baker, and Curt Zellers, Missouri Benevolent Trust Chairman

Statistics: 4/4/16—4/28/16

Blue Spring Elks Lodge

• Patient Visits 81
• Procedures 788
• Estimated Value \$17,203.00

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Upcoming Locations

The Mobile Unit starts taking appointments for an upcoming stay one week prior to arrival. Please call #573/690-6903.
Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis.

Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
St. Clair	Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, St. Charles, Warren, Washington	5/2/16	5/26/16	St. Clair Elks Lodge
Harrisonville	Dallas, Cass, Henry, Johnson	5/31/16	6/16/16	Cass County Elks Lodge

Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 40 June 2016

Truman Medical Center Lakewood
7900 Lee's Summit Rd.
Kansas City, MO, 64139
Dr. Matthew Fimmel, Dental Director

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

Online @ www.trumed.org
View: TMC Lakewood
Click On: Dental (Under Lakewood Services)
Then: Read More



New Mobile Dental Van Interior

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New Dental Units Update

The construction of two new Mobile Dental Units are now complete. Both had two dental chairs installed along with other dental specific equipment, by Patterson Dental in Lenexa.

Brian Crawford, Benevolent Trust Director, is working with the Public Relations and Marketing, at Truman Medical Center Lakewood, on the designs for the graphics that will wrap the outside of the unit.

When all is complete the Dental Staff will be trained and then everything will be transferred to the new unit. This is right on target for the goal of a late summer projected start date.

Statistics: 3/7/16—3/17/16

Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge

- Patient Visits **62**
- Procedures **487**
- Estimated Value **\$22,776.00**

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
Florissant	Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren	6/20/16	7/14/16	Florissant Elks Lodge
Bolivar	Cedar, Polk, St. Clair	8/1/16	8/11/16	Mashburn Residential Care Center

Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 41 July 2016

Truman Medical Center Lakewood
7900 Lee's Summit Rd.
Kansas City, MO, 64139
Dr. Matthew Fimmel, Dental Director

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

Online @ www.trumed.org
View: TMC Lakewood
Click On: Dental (Under Lakewood Services)
Then: Read More



Statistics: 3/21/16—3/31/16

Cameron Elks Lodge

- Patient Visits **46**
- Procedures **410**
- Estimated Value **\$19,457.00**

Veteran Referrals

The Missouri Elks appreciate the men and women who have selflessly served our country and risked their lives to protect our freedoms.

On more than one occasion Elks members have asked if the services on the Mobile Unit are available to Veterans.

Every Elks Lodge has the ability to refer someone to the Unit. A limited number of appointments are available. For schedule locations, follow the online instructions above then, have the patient call the Mobile Dental Unit. (See appointment instructions below)

The Mobile Unit can provide a dental cleaning, fillings or simple extractions that can be done with just a local anesthetic. (an injection)

The Elks Van does not provide oral surgery, (involves putting people to sleep) crowns, bridges, partials & dentures.

When calling the Unit have the patient request a Veteran Referral. The dental staff may request a written referral from the Exalted Ruler of the referring Lodge.

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Upcoming Locations

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Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis.

Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Bolivar	Cedar, Polk, St. Clair	8/1/16	8/11/16	Mashburn Residential Care Center
Springfield	Christian, Dade, Greene, Jasper, Lawrence, Taney	8/15/16	9/08/16	Springfield Elks Lodge

Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 42 August 2016

Truman Medical Center Lakewood
7900 Lee's Summit Rd.
Kansas City, MO, 64139
Dr. Matthew Tinnel, Dental Director

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

Online @ www.trumed.org
View: TMC Lakewood
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Smiling And Feeling Happy

July 13, 2016, Pamela Perkins Brown was seen, for the first time, at the Florissant Elks Lodge. She wrote the following letter after her visit:

Thank you all for the help you gave me with my mouth. You all have restored my confidence in smiling and feeling happy to talk without feeling ashamed of my teeth.

Joyce, thank you for all the tips on keeping my teeth in good shape. I am so happy with the help given to me. It is well appreciated. God Bless You all and continue the great care, patience and love shown to everyone.

Thanks, Pamela Perkins Brown



Pamela Perkins Brown

Statistics: 5/2/16—5/26/16

St. Clair Elks Lodge

- Patient Visits **74**
- Procedures **812**
- Estimated Value **\$39,591.00**

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Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis.

Upcoming Locations

Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Springfield	Christian, Dade, Greene, Jasper, Lawrence, Taney	8/15/16	9/08/16	Springfield Elks Lodge
Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Perry, Scott, Stoddard,	9/12/16	10/06/16	Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge

2016 Fall Shozem Convention Report

Hi I'm Bud Clarkson I'm the editor of the Missouri Elks Shozem magazine. In this issue you'll see the shuffleboard tournament, pictures of the new Benevolent Trust vans. We have a page devoted to the Missouri Elks Night at the Ballpark where 700 + Elks from both sides of Missouri came to root on their Cardinals and Royals. We have the complete National award-winning Drug Awareness Essay from Miss Cara Lause of Washington Lodge 2659.

We have the Americanism state essay contest winner as well as the Drug Awareness poster contest winner. We cover the softball tournament, the East Central Mardi Gras.

We have people walking around with Easter baskets looking for tiny cans of beer. We have Barbecue Cook offs, we have a Testicle Festival. We have a National Foundation MVS scholarship winner who was in a rowing event representing the United States at the Summer Olympics. We have a unique story about a reenactment of a drug-related auto accident at Chillicothe that is awesome.

We have car shows, flag ceremonies, motorcycle poker runs we even have a band of Pirates in this issue. There is even more in the EShozem.

Who can you thank for this? From the East Central Andy Morgan, Metro West Eric & Lacy Farmer, Southeast Bud Clarkson, Northeast Betsy Crawford, Southwest Don & Susan Cook, Metro East Kathi Rike, Northwest Kevin Judas, West Central Judy Youngs, Convention Photographer-Diane Miller, and our traveling MEA photographer Dave Hutson. Dave's pictures are throughout the Magazine.

I believe that every Lodge in the state of Missouri is represented in this magazine. Sometimes I had to go to the lodge websites. I have went to the Missouri Elks Facebook page. I Google Lodge names and have taken stuff directly from your local newspapers. One of my proudest articles in the Shozem came directly from the Excelsior Springs standard.

What is represented by your Lodge is directly related to what your Lodge put into it. Did you send an article to your District editor? Did you send me an article? Most of the better articles started off with someone in your lodge contacting someone from the Shozem.

I enjoy working with Missouri Elks Shozem Magazine. Each issue I try to outdo myself. The magazine is only as good as what goes in. What comes out is up to you. Thank you for this opportunity. See you all next spring!!

Respectfully Submitted, Bud Clarkson MO Shozem Magazine