

# THE STAG LINE



## Exalted Ruler's Corner

Hello Members,

It has been a very cold January and personally I am looking forward to spring.

In the past month we hosted the District Hoop Shoot and the Elkettes had their annual wine auction.

The State President will visit our Lodge on Saturday January 27th at 6:00 P.M. Dinner will be served and the entertainment committee plans to have a band.

In February the House Committee plans to have another prime rib dinner. We will also have a Valentine's Dance and the Elkettes will have their Mouse Races on February 17th. The Super Bowl will be on February 11th. Bring snacks and come up to the Lodge to watch with friends.

The Gun Show will be downstairs from February 23rd to the 25th. Check with Judy Farnsworth to help volunteer.

We will host a blood drive on February 28th. Sign up with Curt Zollers or just show up to donate.

Meetings this month will be at 7:00 P.M. on February 1st and February 15th. Members are welcome to attend.

Elks Care, Elks Share  
Best Regards,  
Avan Solomon, Exalted Ruler



## Blue Springs Lodge 50th Anniversary Gala



April 27, 2024 5:30 P.M.

**Semi-Formal**

State and Grand Lodge dignitaries will be present at the anniversary event.

Sign up for the event is limited to the first 150 members (including guests)

Winning pin design is pictured above.

Thank you for all the wonderful entries and to those who voted for our winner. Pins should be available this spring!

Event Assistance Needed:

The event will need volunteers in several areas.

Event set up and decorating on April 26th

Assistance during the event clearing tables and dignitary assistance on April 27th.

Event tear down and clean up on April 28th.

Sign ups will be on the bulletin board.

Fraternally, Erik Grotenhuis,  
50th Anniversary Committee Chairman

## MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in assisting with the process of bringing new members into our Lodge?

Do you enjoy meeting new people and sharing details about our Lodge and the history of our order?

The Membership Committee has opportunities for you!  
The more folks we can get involved in this important committee, the better we can serve our Lodge.  
Please contact any of the Lodge officers or the secretary to find out more.



## Family Game Night

"No Rules, Just Games"

Tuesday February 27, 2024

6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Lounge Area

Are you a fan of family friendly games?

Consider this your invitation to Family Game Night. Kids are absolutely welcome!

Bring table snacks if you like and games you would like to share.



## MISSOURI STATE ELKS SPRING CONVENTION



## ELKS GUN SHOW 2024

February 23 4:00 P.M to 7:00 P.M.

February 24 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

February 25 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

\$8.00 Entry Fee Per Day

Gun Show Raffle 2:00 P.M. on February 25th

Do Not Have to be Present to Win

H&K P30L 9mm-Stoeger 20 Gauge-S&W .380 EZ Shield



Raffle ticket sales begin on February 1st  
(Pictures are samples-not actual product)

**VENDORS NEEDED**

Contact us for table availability

816-500-1494

The Gun Show Committee is always looking for new members. Please join us!

Upcoming meetings begin at 5:30 P.M.

January 31st

February 7th, and 12th

We need volunteers to help pick up tables at the American Legion on February 22nd 5:30 PM, help set up tables at the Lodge and there will be a short meeting afterwards.



**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

**7:00 P.M.**

\$20 to Sponsor a Mouse

(Sponsors get in free)

\$10 Per person entry fee

(if not a mouse sponsor)

No charge for children/person's under 21

If you would like to sponsor a mouse, please contact

Fran Sousley @816-589-5906

Proceeds for the Mouse Races help fund scholarships and Christmas Baskets

## LUCK OF THE DRAW DART TOURNAMENT



**Saturday February 17, 2024**

**Sign up at 6:00 P.M.**

**Drawing of teams at 7:00 P.M.**

**\$15 Entry Fee.**

**Half of entry fee goes towards the Christmas Baskets.**

**Half goes into prize money with the House Committee matching.**

**Pay out: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Boards will be covered.**



## GUYLA 9 PIN NO TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Blue Springs Bowl

Saturday March 9, 2024

\$20.00 Per Person

Raffle and 50/50

Sign in at 12:00 P.M.

Bowling begins at 1:00 P.M.

Cash Only

sign up sheets will be posted at the Lodge first week of February



**NEXT BLOOD DRIVE:**

**February 28, 2024**



**2024 STATE  
BOWLING  
TOURNAMENT  
February 24-25  
and March 2-3**

**Host Lodge Perryville #2701**

**KC Bowling Center**

**304 W South Street, Perryville, MO**

**ELKETTE NEWS...WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!**  
**NEXT ELKETTE MEETING THURSDAY 2/8/2024 7:00 P.M.**



**BLUE SPRINGS SCHOOL  
DISTRICT NEWS**



**Liggett Trail Education**

Center was treated to a special visit from Santa Claus himself!  
**The Blue Springs Elkettes** gave students books and goodie bags to take home after they visited with Santa. Thanks to the Blue Springs Elkettes for making this event possible every year.  
*Blue Springs School District.(2023, December 22).*  
<http://www.facebook.com/BSSDnews>

**COOKING TEAMS**

**February 2**

**Fran Sousley**

**Pork Chops**

**February 14**

**Sammi Medina**

**Sauteed Shrimp,**

**Steak**

**Twice Baked Potatoes**

**Dessert**

**JANUARY MEETING  
WINNERS**

**Cash Drawing:**

**Nancy Mickelson**

**Gift Card:**

**Gina Lee**

**50/50:**

**Renee McKay**

**CONGRATULATIONS ELKETTE  
OF THE MONTH  
Julie Musgrove**

**HAPPY FEBRUARY ELKETTE BIRTHDAYS!**

**2/1 Lissa Stark, 2/4 Sean'a Padfield,**

**2/8 Victoria Cada, 2/20 Renee White,**

**2/22 Kathleen Clements, 2/22 Connie French,**

**2/27 Rhonda Sullivan**

**W"ELK"OME NEW MEMBERS!!!  
BLUE SPRINGS ELKS LODGE #2509**



**Thinking of You**  
 Doug Hilderbrand  
 John White

**Sympathy**

Mike Barber and Family (Mike's father passed away)



**INVESTIGATION REPORT JANUARY 18, 2024**

**7 TO BE READ FOR INITIATION**

Mark Elliott      Anthony Hawkins  
 Charles Johnson      Justin Wulff  
 Jon Brown      Anne Tharp  
 Joshua Martin-Limbergh

**11 TO BE**

**INVESTIGATED/INTERVIEWED**

Nikki Ruhlman      Zachary Knox  
 Mattison Myers II      Preston Snider  
 Zachary Davis      Karey Feightner  
 Mark Boos      Chester Piotrowski  
 Joseph Brunner JR      Kim Best  
 Michelle Jones

**12 TO BE INDOCTRINATED**

Kyle Jarnagin      Amanda Cavan  
 Clyde Akins      Jeremy Schaefer  
 Gale ONeal      Rita Sundermann  
 Michael Melching      Anne Stiles  
 Nicholas Porter      Wayne Alderson  
 Tonya Alderson  
 Mark Thompson (Next Month)

**2 TO BE INITIATED**

Brent Hicks  
 Tyler Byrd (In VA)

**1 FOR AFFILIATION**

Michael Feliciano

**1 APPLICATION PULLED**

David Sarno

Submitted by Frank Kerby



**NOTICE: BACK ROOM RENTAL**  
**Sunday-Thursday \$40.00**  
**Friday-Saturday \$175.00**  
**Contact Kevin Huff**



## FIRST RESPONDERS NEWS -IMPACT GRANT SUMMARY

In 2023, the First Responders Committee was awarded the \$10,000 Impact Grant. Our project, "Saving Our Citizens and First Responders," had three main goals:

- Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Detector installation
- Hands-Only CPR Training
- Provide life-saving gear to First Responders

For our first goal, we partnered Red Cross and Central Jackson County Fire Protection District (CJCFPD) on a Smoke/CO Detector round up by visiting over 500 homes in the Grain Valley area where we provided Fire Detector installation, discussed CO detectors, battery replacement and safety plans.

Over the course of the year we were able to present CJCFPD with 150 detectors, Sni-Valley Fire with 30 detectors and Southern Jackson County Fire Protection District (SJCFPD) with 20 detectors.

Our second goal was to only provide Hands-Only CPR, but based on participant feedback we were able to expand our class offerings to include CPR certification, Stop the Bleed and Safe Sitter. Due to this demand, Virginia DeBoard and Tosha Grotenhuis took the training needed to become CPR and Safe Sitter instructors.

In partnership with CJCFPD, the class breakdown was as follows:

- Hands Only CPR-4 classes
- CPR Certification-4 classes
- CPR Certification for freshmen at Blue Springs and Blue Springs South High Schools-week long classes.
- Stop the Bleed-2 classes
- Safe Sitter-4 classes

For our final goal of providing life saving gear to our First Responders, we were able to purchase equipment for 13 police and 8 fire agencies.

- 14 Cold Fire Extinguishers in K9 vehicles.
- A smoke machine and fluid; and a thermal blanket were presented to SJCFPD for training.
- CJCFPD was presented with 2 sets of 4 CPR Manikins (adult/child).
- School Resource Officers and School Nurses were presented with tourniquets for their schools located in Eastern Jackson County.

Additionally, we honored First Responders for exemplary service

- 5 police officers were recognized and provided with fire extinguishers, flashlights, first-aid and safety equipment.
- 1 fire fighter received a fire extinguisher, flashlight, safety pouch and First Responder gear.

And finally, we had the Drug Awareness Trailer at National Night Out events in Blue Springs, Oak Grove and Grain Valley.

We are proud to report that with this grant, the First Responder Committee impacted over 1357 community members with 99 Elks involved with over 325 hours of service.

If you are interested in joining the First Responder Committee, please send an email to the following email address:

firstresponder2509@gmail.com

Submitted by Tosha Grotenhuis

### FIRST RESPONDERS FUNDRAISER



**Cold Fire Extinguishers are for sale at \$40 each. These are small and put out an amazing fire. Contact any member of the First Responders Committee and they will point you in the right direction so you can get yours.**

**Virginia DeBoard  
virginiadeboard@gmail.com**



### BUDGET REPORT

The trustees will prepare the budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 in February. The budget will be presented to membership the first meeting in March and voted on the second meeting in March. If you are the chairperson of a committee or activity that uses Lodge funds you should provide the trustees a written budget request for the coming year. You can attend the trustee's meeting to present your requests.

The remaining meeting to present your request is  
at 6:30 P.M. on January 29th.

Please make arrangements to attend this meeting.

Submitted by Dana Duckworth



## BLUE SPRINGS ELKS LODGE 2509 DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM POSTER, ESSAY AND VIDEO CONTEST THEME "BE KIND TO YOUR MIND-LIVE DRUG FREE"

### Blue Springs Elks Lodge 2509 Winner Prizes:

Poster Contest	1st: \$75	2nd: \$50	3rd: \$25
Essay Contest	1st: \$75	2nd: \$50	3rd: \$25
Video Contest	1st: \$75	2nd: \$50	3rd: \$25

**Deadline:** All entries must be turned into the Lodge by March 4, 2024

**Rules:** The Poster Contest is open to all 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students.  
The Essay Contest is open to all 6th, 7th & 8th grade students.  
The Video Contest is open to all 6th through 12th grade students.

**Poster Contest: Poster paper-**Ideally, posters should be submitted on 8 1/2" X 11" paper. However, posters submitted on paper up to 11" X 24" in size will be accepted.

**Essay Contest: Participants must write their essay themselves**, but they may get help from teachers, parents or friends in the form of ideas.

**Length:** No longer than 250 words. **Paper size:** 8 1/2" X 11". **Text:** Typed, computer generated text, hand written or hand printed.

**Video Contest: Participants:** May be an individual or group. **Length:** 2 to 5 minutes in length. **Format:** Flash Drive or similar "mobile" media in readable format

### Judging for Posters, Essay's and Video's will be based on the following:

All Categories: Closeness to theme, neatness and originality.

Essay & Poster Category: Correct grammatical structure.

Video Category: Age and language appropriate, positive message and quality of video

### Each entry must have the following information on the BACK of the poster or essay:

Student's full name, parent's full name and phone number, name of school, school location, grade, Elks Lodge name.

For Video's please provide all above information and include all student names...if students are minors, an additional release form is required.

All entries must be accompanied by: [Hold Harmless Agreement](#)

All video entries must be accompanied by: [Hold Harmless Agreement and Minor Video Contest Entry Parental Release Form](#)

All forms can be found at <https://www.elks.org/dap/resources/contests.cfm>

### Copyrighted characters are prohibited.





Entries containing copyrighted material will be disqualified.

**Winners:** The Elks Lodge #2509 will select a winner using the criteria listed. The Lodge will notify all winners. Winning posters, essay's and video's will be forwarded to the District Competition...those winners of District will be forwarded to State. (State prizes are 1st: \$300, 2nd: \$200, 3rd: \$100) Each State will choose one overall winner which will be forwarded for National competition.

Questions may be directed to Bill Sweeney, District Drug Awareness Program (DAP) Chairperson, 816-982-6687 OR [Mongo2kool@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mongo2kool@sbcglobal.net)

# FEBRUARY 2024

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<b>State Bowling Tournament March 2-3</b> <b>DAP Essay, Poster &amp; Video Contest Due March 4</b> <b>Guylla 9 Pin No Tap Bowling Tournament March 9</b> <b>MO State Elks Spring Convention March 15-17</b> <b>Lodge Anniversary Gala April 27</b>				<b>1</b> Lodge Meeting 7PM	<b>2</b> Dinner Fran Sousley Pork Chops	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Breakfast Officer Team Classic Breakfast	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Dinner  Gun Show Meeting 5:30 Pm	<b>8</b> Elkette Meeting 7 PM	<b>9</b> Dinner	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Breakfast \$7 Sandi's Crew Eggs + Sides	<b>12</b> Gun Show Meeting 5:30 PM  	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Dinner Sammi Medina Sauteed Shrimp & Steak  	<b>15</b> Lodge Meeting 7PM	<b>16</b> Dinner  News Due	<b>17</b> Mouse Races  Dart Tournament
<b>18</b> Breakfast Omelets (Cinnamon Rolls- \$2 Each)	<b>19</b>  	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Dinner	<b>22</b> Gun Show Members- need help picking up tables at Ameri- can Legion at 5:30PM, set up tables at Lodge and short mtg afterwards	<b>23</b> Dinner  Gun Show	<b>24</b> Gun Show  State Bowling Tournament
<b>25</b> Breakfast \$7 Eggs + Sides 8-11AM  Gun Show  State Bowling Tournament	<b>26</b>  	<b>27</b> Family Game Night 6-9PM	<b>28</b> Dinner  Blood Drive 2PM	<b>29</b>		

<b>FEBRUARY BREAKFAST</b> 2/4: Officer Team-Classic Breakfast 2/11 \$7: Sandi's Crew-Eggs, B&G or Toast, Bacon or Sausage and Taters 2/18: Omelet Team-Omelets (Cinnamon Rolls \$2 Each) 2/25 \$7: Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon or Sausage 8-11AM (\$5 with Gun Show Discount Coupon)	<b>NEWS ARTICLES</b> for the March newsletter are due <b>Friday FEBRUARY 16, 2024</b> Articles may be left in the newsletter mailbox in the Lodge Secretary's office or sent via email to <b>loueechee@sbcglobal.net or</b> <b>bpoe2509news@gmail.com</b> Thank you, Dawn Sweeney, Editor
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# Give from the heart

February is American Heart Month.

Chloe depended on blood during heart surgery and in recovery.

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES



## BLOOD DRIVE

Blue Springs Elks #2509  
Wednesday, February 28th  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Community Room  
100 NE Brizendine Road



Book your appointment today at [savealifenow.org/group](https://savealifenow.org/group), enter **Group Code: TP5U**. For additional details contact Curtis Zollers at (816) 820-0342 or [cezollers@gmail.com](mailto:cezollers@gmail.com).

**Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900**



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### Final Drive for Benevolent Trust Per Capita Goal in February

#### RAFFLE

1st Place: \$50 in Scratcher Tickets + \$50 Quick Trip and \$50 Fazoli Gift Cards

2nd Place: 7 Quart Stock Pot

3rd Place: Desk Top Dart Board

Tickets \$2 Each or 6 for \$10 See Curt Zollers or the bartenders for tickets.



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1-James Duell	4-Mikki Fairfield			16-Ethan Hughes	22-James Sullivan
1-Bill Rector	5-Lawrence Bosworth	9-Phyllis Schaberg	12-Steve Holtgrieve	17-Jeffrey Craney	22-Charles Turner
1-Lissa Stark	5-Daryl Lewis	9-Kevin Schuller	13-Christopher Bamman	17-Diana Harvell	23-Douglas Glasscock
2-James Abbotte	5-Gregory Stegner	9-Mark Tadlock	13-Robert Bridgewater	17-David Randall	23-James Williams
2-Paul Adams	6-Donna Barnes	9-Jim Westhoff	13-Douglas Shrout	17-Jason Walsh	25-Michael Bramble
2-Bradley Benny	6-Gregg Morrison	9-Randy Wood	14-Ryan Greco	19-Scott Dozier	26-Bud Hendrix
2-Pamela Cocke	6-Phillip Rice	10-Darrell Delap	14-John Short	19-Douglas Owen	26-Dalton Rowlett
2-Greg Filer	7-Gregg Feightner	10-George Lafal	14-John Ward	20-Doug Buholzer	27-Mat Apodaca
2-Kale Krum	7-Greg Keith	10-Marianne Madick	15-Helen Easley	20-Kevin Etris	27-George Burgard
2-John Zieffe	7-Rance Prewitt	10-Charles Van Tassel	15-James Fries	20-James Hopper	27-Erica Franke
2-Chuck Zuvers	7-Kelly Sloan	11-Michael Callahan	15-Brian Smith	21-Calvin Fockler	27-Rhonda Sullivan
3-Christopher Laddish	8-Mark Lee	11-DeLores Connors	15-Avan Solomon	21-Leslie Hill	28-Jason Adams
3-Brian Reiter	8-Brian Neely	11-Michael Feliciano	15-Stephanie Tarantola	21-Barbara O'Neil	28-Michael Amberson
3-Michael Spor	9-Gary Gillpatrick	11-Randy Lutjen	15-Shana Terry	22-Brett Coulson	28-Trevor Martin
3-John Townley	9-Derek Hileman	11-Gregory Redford	16-Kenneth Bernard	22-Dana McCue	29-Patrick Russell

### FEBRUARY SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

1-Marissa Caldron	8-Grace Kormendi			19-Sheila Sullivan	24-Shirley Eaton
1-Sandra Hay	10-Angie Sullivan			20-Patricia Bridgewater	24-Michelle Fry
1-Terre Kirk	12-Becky Barnett	15-Debra Alleman	17-Jennifer Horn	20-Renee White	24-Theresa Johnson
2-Edith Smith	13-Anita Little	15-Mary Saladino	17-Kendra Lee	21-Cara Adkison	25-Cindy Brown
4-Heather Tucker	13-Boyd Nolen	15-Debbie Walker	17-Janet Zieffe	21-Karen Keck	25-Dawn Johnson
5-Anita Wenke	14-Christin Eisenmann	16-Stacy Smith	18-Paula Lombardo	22-Kathleen Clements	27-Linda Campbell
6-Kristy Knox	14-Jill Prewett	17-Nichole Clarke	18-Tina Sandy	22-Connie French	27-Marla Largent
7-Eleanor Welchert	14-Kristy Bradley	17-Sonja Dicken	19-Ellen Jones	22-Mary Lawhon	28-Julie Browns

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks  
**Blue Springs Lodge #2509**  
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 Fax: 816-229-2867

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**BLUE SPRINGS, MO**  
**PERMIT #16**

Instituted: March 11, 1974  
 Lodge Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays Monthly at 7:00 p.m.  
 Lodge Opens: 2:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Monday—Friday  
 Lodge Opens: 11:30 a.m.—10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



2023-2024 Lodge Officers	
Exalted Ruler	Avan Solomon
Esteemed Leading Knight	Kevin Etris
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Erik Grotenhuis
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	James Griffin
Secretary	Frank M. Kerby, PDDGER/PER
Treasurer	Jennifer Atkinson
Esquire	Shane Stiles
Chaplain	Betty Deterding
Inner Guard	Ed Rieck
Tiler	Rose Heier
5 Year Trustee	Steve Solomon, PER
4 Year Trustee	Ken Billups, PER/PDDGER/PST
3 Year Trustee	Buzz Atkinson, PER/PDDGER
2 Year Trustee	Dana Duckworth
1 Year Trustee	Debby Aliff, PER

2023-2024 Elkette Officers	
President	Gina Lee
Vice President	Lee Ann Nelson
Recording Secretary	Patty Dresser
Treasurer	Roxy Herman
Corresponding Secretary	Tricia Sharp
Historian	Renee McKay
Sgt.-at-Arms	Rhonda Sullivan
<b>2023-2024 House Committee</b> <b>Upstairs Chairman:</b> <b>Committee:</b> Kevin Doult, Shawn Stark, Jeff Walker, Brian Arant, Chris States, Jeremy Nickell, Tony Guinn & Joe Hilton <b>Bar Manager:</b> Gregg Feightner	
<b>Kitchen Manager:</b> Chip Miller	
<b>Entertainment Committee:</b> Julie Musgrove, Christina Miller, Gina Lee, Kim Lichte, Kylene Hefley, Lissa Stark, Lori Bukaty, Roxy Herman, Sammi Schmidt, Toni Eckman, Tricia Sharp & Renee McKay	
<b>Downstairs Elks Charities:</b> Logan Sousley	