

THE STAG LINE



Kevin's ER Corner

Hey Y'All

For those that don't know me, I'd liked to introduce myself first. I am honored to be an Elk and doubly honored to have the responsibility of being your ER for this upcoming year. A special thank you to Steve McKay for first appointing me to be Tiler and to Jeff Lawhon for nominating me to be a chair officer. I'd also like to recognize Richard and Maria Stiles for guiding me on my Elk journey, as well as to Frank Kerby and Kevin Doult on keeping me on the straight and narrow.

A big thank you to Avan for guiding the Lodge through this past year. You have been great to work with and I hope to be able to fill your tiny shoes! Another thank you to all the officers, committee chairs and volunteers for the work they put in over the past year. Your efforts are seen and appreciated.

In this upcoming year, I am going to look at a few words to guide my actions and my interactions with the members: Unity, Compassion and Courtesy. Throughout this next year I will be encouraging the expression of these themes with the new officers and our membership and I hope we can take these words to heart as we continue to represent our Lodge with honor and dignity. Let us never forget the foundation and groundwork of our Order: To do unto others as we would they should do unto us.

Throughout this year my main goal is going to be pushing for greater participation in the events of this Lodge. Please review the newsletter and other media for what is coming up and make the effort to participate. And when you do see something you will be a part of, bring someone else along! If you have an idea for some other event or activity you would like to have at the Lodge, let's get it going! Reach out and let's try it.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Etris, Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share



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)-PLEASE SIGN UP SOON!!! We are getting significant requests from other Lodges and we'd prefer to provide seats to our Members first.

We will be making tickets for the event as well and can be picked up at the Lodge in order to verify our attendance counts. Please make every effort to pick them up prior to the event.

Event Assistance Still 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 up sheets are on the bulletin board.

Fraternally, Erik Grotenhuis,

50th Anniversary Committee Chairman

From Community Blood Center Drive:

Thank you so much for allowing us to come out for another blood drive. The drive went very well and we can't thank you enough for your efforts in helping us save lives!

Blue Springs Elks collected 28 pints of blood, representing 84 lives saved! This is the 2nd most we have ever collected at Blue Springs Elks!!!

Next drive at the Lodge will be September 25th. CBC will have some special events in July and August where you can donate and win. If you go to CBC and donate please provide our code TP5U and we will get credit.

Submitted by Curt Zollers, PER



THE STAGE IS WAITING FOR YOU

America's Best Models & Queens of the Past

4.13.2024

SHOW STARTS AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LOUNGE
WINNER IS DETERMINED ON WHO CAN BUY THE MOST VOTES



Financial State of the Lodge
Presentation by
Dana Duckworth.
Wednesday May 8, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Lodge Meeting Room
This will be an in-depth look
at investments, budgeting,
income and spending at the Lodge.

The power point presentation will include information
from the past five years and a look ahead.
All officers and committee chairpersons are advised to
attend.

All members and Elkettes are invited to attend also!



Youth Fishing Derby
Saturday May 4, 2024
Butterfly Park, Grain Valley, MO
Ages 2-15

Registration 8:00 A.M. Fishing Begins at 9:00 A.M.
Contact Doug Jordan raşcan1125@msn.com



LUCK OF THE DRAW
DART TOURNAMENT
Saturday April 20, 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 not be covered.

March Winner: Kevin Denny



GUYS & DOLLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 1, 2024

7:30-8:30 A.M. SIGN IN

8:30 A.M. TEE OFF

COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE

SPONSOR AND GOLF TEAM SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON
THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALLWAY.



Community Education Courses

Taught by CJCFPD

Safe Sitter Class for

Boys and Girls Ages 11-17



May 18, June 19, July 17 and August 10

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

CJCFPD Training Center

4715 S US 40 Hwy, Blue Springs, MO

Fee of class is picked up by the

First Responder Committee

Please register at classreg@cjcpfd.org

or call 816-229-9118

Any questions, call 1st Responders Committee Chair

Virginia DeBoard 816-379-6472



ELKETTE NEWS...WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!
NEXT ELKETTE MEETING THURSDAY 4/11/2024 7:00 P.M.



Elkettes Annual Membership Dues are Due!!!

This is a reminder that our new Elkette year is beginning in April 2024 and our membership dues are due by 3/31/2024.

According to our By-Laws (Article II, Section 3), dues shall be \$25.00 annually, payable at the end of the March meeting each year. Any member three (3) months delinquent in their dues may be dropped from membership.

Please contact Roxy Herman, Treasurer or Patty Dresser, Recording Secretary to pay your dues on or before March 31, 2024.

Also, you can pay your dues in the following ways:

1. Mail them to Elkettes, 100 NE Brizendine Road, Blue Springs, MO 64014
2. Leave your dues in the lockable Elkette mailbox in the Main hallway at the Lodge
3. Pay via Venmo @Elk_Ladies_2509

Also we would like everyone to complete a new membership form so we can make sure everything is up to date. You can find them hanging on the Elkettes Bulletin board located in the back hallway.

Thank you in advance and we are all really looking forward to enjoying a great year with each other.

Sincerely,
 Patty Dresser, Recording Secretary 816-461-9776
 Roxy Herman, Treasurer 816-305-1022



Blue Springs Elkettes are always a proud sponsor of the BSSD Education Foundation.



Women's HaHa Golf League
Monday, June 3rd at 5:30
 More information will follow next month.
 See Betty Deterding for more information.

COOKING TEAMS

April 5
Roxy Herman
 Lasagna, Italian Salad,
 Garlic Bread and Dessert

April 10
Monica Padfield
 Smash Burgers with Grilled
 Onions, Peppers & Fixins,
 Beans, Chips and
 Dessert

MARCH MEETING

WINNERS
Cash Drawing:
Dana Showalter
Gift Card:
Julie Musgrove
50/50:
Sherri Haupt

CONGRATULATIONS ELKETTE
OF THE MONTH
Renee Sharon

HAPPY APRIL ELKETTE BIRTHDAYS!

4/5 Susie Beard, 4/6 Christina Miller,
4/8 Kathy Embree, 4/9 Nancy Mickelson,
4/9 Debbie Thornburg, 4/13 Gayle Murray,
4/14 Debby Aliff, 4/20 Martha Vaughn,
4/23 Melanie Earhart, 4/30 Alice Holloway

INVESTIGATION REPORT MARCH 21, 2024

9 TO BE READ FOR INITIATION

Mark Kenny	Cani Carlton
Keith Hupp	Griffin Quells
Lori Mock	Gene Stephens
Glenna Furrell	David Wertenberger
	James Todd

6 TO BE

INVESTIGATED/INTERVIEWED

Charles Jones	Zachery Feccell
Michelle Chick	Brian Wilson
Brooke Boldizs	Troy Baker

6 TO BE VOTED ON FOR

INITIATION

Marilyn Moots	Eddie Davis
Mark Shanks	Amy Shanks
Donald Browning	Matthew Browning

2 TO BE VOTED ON FOR

REINSTATEMENT

Robert Sponseller	James Naylor
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2 TO BE VOTED ON FOR

AFFILIATION

Michael Gantt	Lodge #1034
Michael Williams	Lodge #1034

Submitted by Frank Kerby

9 TO BE INDOCTRINATED

Jeremy Schaefer
 Preston Snider
 Joseph Brunner Jr
 Michelle Jones
 Frank Rodak
 Justin Wulff
 Jon Brown
 Jennifer Bond
 Timothy Olah

1 APPLICATION PULLED

James Roberts

GRANT UPDATES

Impact Grant

The First Responder Committee is happy to announce the renewal of the Impact Grant for 2024. Our goals are similar to last year, but we are expanding our class offerings.

- Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Detector installation
- Provide life-saving gear to First Responders
- Provide CPR Certification, Safe Sitter and Grandparents Safe Sitter Classes

In the first quarter we already instructed 532 participants in CPR/AED/First Aid. If you are interested in joining the First Responder Committee to assist with these projects, please send an email to the following email address:

firstresponder2509@gmail.com

Freedom and Spotlight Grant

We will be applying for two grants to assist the Veteran's Committee with their multiple projects such as:

- St Michael's Veteran's Center (SMVC)
- Fisher House
- Veterans Community Project
- Warrensburg Veteran's Home
- Veteran's Hospital

If you are interested in joining the Veteran's Committee to assist with these projects, please send an email to Ed Rieck at the following email address:

erieck120@hotmail.com

We will be submitting applications on April 1st for the following grants:

Beacon Grant

Provide much needed pantry items for our two senior housing complexes.

Gratitude Grant

Provide backpacks and other school supplies for FosterAdopt Connect. Both of these grants are for ongoing projects for the Lodge. If you are interested in helping with either of these projects, please send an email to Curt Zollers at the following email address:

cezollers@gmail.com

Submitted by Tosha Grotenhuis

Veterans News

Please join our team!

New members are welcome!

Next Meeting Wednesday May 1, 2024 5:00 P.M.

(No Meeting in April)

See Ed Rieck for questions



Bob Nichols and Johanna Rogers presented Fischer House with a donation of \$395.00 and 3/48 count cases of water from the Veterans Committee.

Serving birthday cake and ice cream at St Michael's Veterans Center. Veterans committee members Rita Sundermann, Ed Rieck and Susan Stokenbury.



First Responder News

We had 245 students at Blue Springs High School and 266 students at Blue Springs South High School go through the CPR certification class. We also had 21 participants in the January CPR certification class that Tosha Grotenhuis helped teach.



Gun Safe Raffle is coming soon! The Gun Safe will be displayed at the Lodge in April with the drawing being held on June 14th. Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.

There will be a recognition ceremony on March 29th at 6:00 P.M. Please join us as we honor several First Responders.

If you have any questions about the grant or wish to become a member of the First Responder committee, please reach out to Virginia DeBoard, Tony Lopez, Bill Sweeney, Tosha Grotenhuis or email firstresponder2509@gmail.com Please join the First Responder Committee. **Next meeting April 3rd at 6:00 P.M.**



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

BACK ROOM RENTAL NOTICE

**NOTICE: BACK ROOM RENTAL
PRICE CHANGES
(ALL PRICES INCLUDES CLEANUP)**

MEMBERS

**Sunday \$100
Monday-Thursday \$80.00
Friday or Saturday \$220.00**

NON-MEMBERS

**\$340 Every Day Rental Fee
Contact Kevin Huff 816-256-6800**

Youth Committee News

Drug Awareness

Essay and Poster Contest Winners

Be Kind to Your Mind: Live Drug Free



**Essay First Place: Ariella Pfarr
Essay Second Place: Tanner Burt
Essay Third Place (Tie):
Samantha Force and Kalia Taylor**

**Poster Contest First Place: Olivia Grimes
Poster Second Place: Aerah Swofford
Poster Third Place (Tie):
Maggie Gao and Quinton Land**

**We had 8 schools participate with 23 essays and 26
posters submitted. Thank you everyone.
Submitted by Bill Sweeney**

CHRISTMAS BASKET COMMITTEE

MEETING APRIL 25, 2024 6:00 PM

HELP NEEDED FOR 2024

**The Christmas Basket Committee is looking for
someone to help with the **CALLING** portion of the
process. This person will need to be available
from middle of September until the week of
DELIVERY. October will be your busiest time.
If interested, please contact Debby Aliff at
816-456-7760 or daliff1967@gmail.com**



BENEVOLENT TRUST RAFFLE!

Thanks to all who participated in the
Benevolent Trust (Dental Van) Gift
Card/Scratcher Raffle.

\$337 was raised toward our per capital goal.

Congrats Winners:

1st Place \$200 Scratcher/Gift Card/Cash Board:

Sherry Moran

2nd Place 7 Qt Stock Pot: Sherry Moran

3rd Place Desk Top Dart Board: Rick Roth

Thanks to Lisa Gann of University Health for donation of
the gift cards and 2nd, 3rd place prizes AND
Curt Zollers donation of scratchers and \$50 cash
Submitted by Curt Zollers, PER

Metro West Golf Tournament

Saturday July 20, 2024

Shirkey's Golf Course Richmond, MO

\$200 Per Team

*****THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DROPPED*****

If your name is on the list and you've paid your dues, please contact Frank Kerby immediately to get resolved.

Submitted by Frank Kerby, PDDGER/PER, Secretary

Andrew Adkins	William Courtright			Jacob "Jake" Michael	Stephanie Shelton
Steven Allen	Jeremy Curless	Terry Hefta	Billy Jones	John Murdock	Kelly Sloan
Jacob "Max" Austin	Leo Deistler	Chris Heier	Steve Kimball	Shane Musgrave	Michael Spiegel
Robert Ballard	Matthew Dresslaer	Markus Henderson	Thomas King	Kevin Newlon	Robert Sternberg
Diana Basinger	James Edwards Jr	Hugh Henke	Christopher Knox	Joe Panza	William Stratton
Randy Behrens	Jeremy Fajen	Larry Hester	Thomas Lee	Danilo Quick	Mark Tadlock
Daniel Bolin	Pamela Ferguson	Chris Hickman	Jordan Lichte	Paul Quick	Kenneth Tharp
Frederick "Fred" Brown	Iva Fossett	Lance Homer	Kaylee Lull	Matt Riley	Douglas Thompson
Evan Carter	Erica Franke	Rick Howard	Cris Mart	Dale Robinson	Lowell Warden
Carl "Toby" Contreras	Donald Haley	Larry Jennings Jr	Eric Mason	Tina Sawyers	Tammy Weber
Matthew Coulson	Jerry Hanlan	Shannon Johnson	Anthony McCullough	Joseph Sewell	Chuck Welch

APRIL 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!	1	2	3 Dinner 1st Responder Mtg 6PM	4 Lodge Meeting 7PM	5 Dinner Roxy Herman Lasagna	6
7 Breakfast \$7 Eggs & More	8 	9	10 Dinner Monica Padfield Smash Burgers & Fixins	11 Elkette Meeting 7 PM	12 Dinner	13 Queens of the Past
14 Breakfast \$6 Spring Special Eggs & Pancakes	15	16	17 Dinner	18 Lodge Meeting 7PM	19 Dinner NEWS DUE	20 Dart Tournament
21 Breakfast Omelets	22 	23 Passover	24 Dinner	25 Christmas Basket Committee Mtg 6PM	26 Dinner	27 LODGE ANNIVERSARY GALA 5:30 PM
28 Breakfast \$7 Eggs & More	29	30	 <p>Family Game Night There will be a game night in April, but the date has not been set. Please check the bulletin board and Lodge calendar for the exact date. 6:00-9:00 PM</p>			

APRIL BREAKFAST —Breakfast served 8:30-11:00 A.M.

4/7 \$7: Officer Team-Eggs and More (TBD)
 4/14 \$6: Spring Special-Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage
 4/21: Omelet Team-Omelets (Cinnamon Rolls \$2 Each)
 4/28 \$7: Team Barnett-Eggs, B&G, Bacon, Hash Browns
ALL BREAKFASTS INCLUDE JUICE AND COFFEE

NEWS ARTICLES for the MAY newsletter are due **Friday APRIL 19, 2024**

Articles may be left in the newsletter mailbox in the Lodge Secretary's office or sent via email to loueechee@sbcglobal.net or bpoe2509news@gmail.com
 Thank you, Dawn Sweeney, Editor



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

Thinking of You

Greg Redford
Jeff Lawhon



Sympathy

Family of Mickey Kelley
Family of Donna Karst
Family of Tom Smith
Family of Barry Tatum
Family of John Leven
Family of Doug Hetzler
Family of David Hull
Eric & Tosha Grotenhuis (Eric's Uncle Passed Away)
Family of Gary Gillpatrick

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

	4-Jacob Greco	8-Ed Banks	14-Deborah Aliff	18-Mitchell Williams	25-Jason King
	4-Jim Helsper	9-James Brown	14-Robert Bolander	19-Allan Browns	25-Rodney Lemberger
	4-Julie Nolen	9-Robert Croskell	14-Chad Cairer	19-Judith Hill	26-Kristin Cooksey
	5-Susie Beard	9-Donald Haley	14-Scott Estes	19-Jeffrey Mindham	26-Michael Gann
	5-James Garland	9-Anthony McCullough	14-Matthew Gilbert	19-Michael Rowland	26-Everett Nelson
1-Michael Gauble	5-Clint Kirkpatrick	9-Richard Schons	14-Robert Postlethwait	20-Nicole Goodman	26-Nancy Schaefer
1-Ryan Richardson	5-Thomas Maassen	10-Michael Ball	14-Larry Thurn	20-Susan Petty	27-Michael Frederico
1-Craig Smith	5-Jessica Orr	11-Christina Alvarado	14-Chuck Welch	21-Ronald Borchert	27-George Mayleben
1-Kevin Willis	6-Donald Hawes	11-Michael Cash	15-Darrel Smith	21-Corey Heath	27-Joseph Mortallaro
2-Timothy Alvarado	6-Wanda Meisel	11-Vincent Ferrante	16-Michael Lohman	21-Chalmer Parker	27-Rick Wilson
2-Robert Gordon	6-Christopher Miller	12-Michael Huff	16-Dominic Salerno	23-Daniel Brown	28-David McGinnis
2-Wayne Kabrick	6-Tim Patterson	12-Bradley Meyer	16-Steven Workman	23-Gaylon Foresee	28-David Williams
2-Jason Lyons	6-Barry Tomlin	12-Brian Patrick	17-Robert Drake	24-Nila Dowell	28-Lori Williams
2-Peter Pine	7-Mark Barefoot	12-Cyntha Smith	17-Anthony Hawkins	24-Cindy Griesbauer	29-Kevin Doutt
2-Teresa Sperry	7-William Hibdon	13-Harvey Aber	17-Timothy Hazlett	24-Michael Harmon	29-Karl Fallman
2-Shawn (M) Stark	7-Kyle Jarnagin	13-Earl Fish	17-Robert Thibault	24-David Todd	29-Mark McClure
2-Lex Swofford	7-Dennis Perrigo	13-William White	18-Robert Clarke	24-Devin Williams	29-Wayne Minear
3-Daniel Richards	7-Brett Whetstone	13-Tim Wilderson	18-Ricky Reddell	25-Denise Barker	30-Kenneth Billups

APRIL SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

2-Sharon Brown	5-Cyndi Ackerman	9-Josh Heavner	14-Sam Wilcutt	21-Jackie Evans	24-Deedra Bosworth
2-Nicholas Hill	5-Michele Bunney	9-Nancy Mickelson	15-April Clark	21-Barbara Johnson	24-Pamela Sternberg
2-Audrey Leonard	6-Judy Butler	9-Bobbi Wey	16-Hope Cherry	21-Staci Parker	26-Marla Bolander
2-Rhonda Wooderson	6-Christina Miller	10-Kelly Knudsen	16-Kristie Miles	21-Nancy Walters	26-Kim Marshall
3-Karen Bolin	7-Danielle Ballard	12-Debbie Ball	17-Jamie Martin	22-Michelle Beisly	26-Janis Schuberth
3-Catherine Counti	7-Courtney Lutes	12-Shelly Groff	18-Barbara Bohnart	23-Melanie Earhart	27-Sandra Greco
4-Patty Heathman	7-Marie Wollin	13-Susan Lapour	18-Amy Lichte	23-Missy Jones	27-Nanette Matthews
4-Margaret Longstreet	9-Allison Herndon	13-Gayle Murray	19-Jeff Santarini	23-Michelle Williams	27-Ellen Wilson
4-Carol Thomas	9-Payton Haas	14-Andrew Taylor	20-Paula Sodano	24-Tracy Bebout	

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
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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



2024-2025 Lodge Officers	
Exalted Ruler	Kevin Etris
Esteemed Leading Knight	Erik Grotenhuis
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Shane Stiles
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	James McKay
Secretary	Frank M. Kerby, PDDGER/PER
Treasurer	Jennifer Atkinson
Esquire	Eric Root
Chaplain	Nina Bosworth
Inner Guard	Ed Rieck
Tiler	Tammara Devine
5 Year Trustee	Robert McCullough, PER
4 Year Trustee	Steve Solomon, PER
3 Year Trustee	Ken Billups, PER/PDDGER/PST
2 Year Trustee	Buzz Atkinson, PER/PDDGER
1 Year Trustee	Dana Duckworth

2024-2025 Elkettes Officers	
President	Gina Lee
Vice President	Lee Ann Nelson
Recording Secretary	Patty Dresser
Treasurer	Roxy Herman
Corresponding Secretary	Laurie Doult
Historian	Renee McKay
Sgt.-at-Arms	Rhonda Sullivan
2024-2025 House Committee	
House Committee: Kevin Doult, Steve McKay, Jeremy Nickell, Alan Moody, Todd Hardesty, David Bosworth & Chris States	
Bar Manager: Gregg Feightner	
Meeting Room: Kevin Huff	
Kitchen Manager: Chip Miller	
Entertainment Committee: Julie Musgrove, Christina Miller, Gina Lee, Kim Lichte, Kylene Hefley, Lissa Stark, Lori Bukaty, Roxy Herman, Sammi Schmidt, Toni Eckman, Tricia Sharp & Renee McKay	
Downstairs Elks Charities: Logan Sousley	