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September seemed like it went by way too fast. It was a full month of activities for sure.

First off starting the month was the Fall Convention, September 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at Sequoyah State Park. This was a great weekend with so much going on, makes the head spin. Congratulations to Johnny Stamper! Johnny was named Veteran Volunteer for the state for 2024 -2025, by Brandon Biddle, State Veterans Committee Chairman. What a great honor Johnny! Thanks for all you do for our Vets!!

And what a day, Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> was. First on the day was the Broken Arrow Elks Soccer Shoot. It was a small turnout but fun none the less. A big shout out to Sandy Overholt and Marni Arguelles and all the volunteers (Cheryl, Dawn, Gary, Tamara, Snoda, Carolyn, Samantha, and Duke) who showed up and made this a success, especially on such short notice.

Then next was the RECC's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sileithyia Murphy Memorial Cornhole tournament! A great turn out and fun by all. As always, a Huge Thank You to all the volunteers here as well. And Thanks to all who showed up, played, helped in the kitchen, donated, those under the tents (Linda, Susan, Diana, Fish, Vanessa, Sam) RECC Members who did so much. All did so much for a cherished cause.

Initiation brought in five members. Let's all give a warm welcome to James Rothrock, Jimmy Martin, David Bailey, Josh Catcher, and Jeremiah Fortna. If you see them, stop and chat with these additions!

And wrapping up the month was the Lady Elks, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Louise Davidson Charity Golf Tournament!! What a great way to have some fun and support our Lady Elks, who do so much for us and our members. The weather was awesome - OK, a little warm!!! A big Thank You to Julie and her crew (Nan, Debbie, Anita, Cheryl, Sandy, Marni, Lori, David, Rich, Duke, Chris, Shawn) and to those manning the holes and games, (Mo, Vickie, Shelly, Vickie, Snoda, Sandy, Verda, Mark, Tracy, Kristi, James, Sylvia, Ricky). Please forgive me if I missed any of the volunteers, it was not on purpose. Of course a big thanks to those who played and donated in any way. It just reminds us that many hands make light work... Doing it the Elk Way!!!!!!!!

Welcome back all of our Wacky Wednesday cook teams...You were missed this summer. And with that, as always, our weekly activities including: shuffleboard, dart tournaments, cook nights, PER breakfast, Veteran and Building Maintenance meetings, as well as Thursday Lodge meetings. See what's going on...Your Lodge needs YOU!!

From Snoopy and the gang: "Be yourself. No one can say you're doing it wrong!"

Fraternally, David Morlang Exalted Ruler 2025-2026



#### Elk of the Month: Shuffleboard

Congratulations to our Shuffleboard Team for this month's Elk of the Month!! Maureen Ortiz, Nan Speaks, Debbie Glasco, Linda Petro, Nelda Fine, and Susan Morgan

This team has been taking care of our Wednesday Night Shuffleboard game for as long as I can remember, and added the Monday Night Tournament a while back. They keep the events going and help in any way they can, and don't forget the food!!

Everyone is welcome to play. It's a draw your partner so you never know what will happen. Make a dish, bring it to share and let's have some fun!!

What you all do is very much appreciated, Again, Congratulations!! Please join me and stop and say Thank You to these folks, they deserve it. (Good luck on splitting the parking space!! Up to you!)

(Honorable mention to our Dart team, Vicky Shrum and James Parsons. If you like to throw, contact them for details!)

### **Guess the Officer of the Month**

I have been and Elk for over 19 years.

I'm not your typical sports team defender, but I serve as one.

I've been busy behind the scenes at the lodge but recently, I've decided to take on a new challenge and I'm currently going through the chairs.

Who am I?

## **VETERANS**

Fall has arrived. Big thanks to everyone who joined us for our last Wacky Wednesday cook night. All funds raised that night were dedicated to our Veteran's Dinner. Our next Veteran Cook night is Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join us again for great food.

Please save the date of November 1<sup>st</sup> for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Broken Arrow Veterans Day Parade in downtown Broken Arrow. This is a huge event for our community. We will need many volunteers to organize the participants plus put together the Lodge float.

Our Veteran of the Month for September was Mike Inman. Mike has done so much for our veterans plus also serving on the state level. His service to the veterans is a great inspiration. Please give Mike a pat on the back when you next see him.

We still have resources to help those veterans in need of lawncare or cleanup. There may be those who need extra work done before this fall.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We need your help with the planning of the State Veterans Golf Tournament; the parade; the Veteran Dinner in November and fundraising ideas.

Johnny Stamper Veteran Chairman

> "As long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

# ~ Lady Elks ~

Hello to everyone and welcome to fall! As usual, our Lady Elks are getting ready for another busy season. I'm pleased and thankful for our continued increase in meeting attendance and plentiful participation in our events. We truly have a great team! Book Club is meeting Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00. This is a really fun social group, so come check it out. As always, reading is optional. Our next Lady Elks meeting is Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30. We will have lots of news to announce and discuss. Please try to attend and see how you can get involved!

Our first annual Lady Elks Whiskey Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Hall. The menu will be charcuterie board; bacon wrapped shrimp and bacon wrapped water chestnuts3; apple slaw; smoked meatloaf served with rosemary potatoes and brussels sprouts; and finishing with dark chocolate cherry bread pudding. Each course will be paired with a whisky to taste. The cost is \$55. Check the info board for ticket sales dates. We're excited about this new event and hope it will be a success!

On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, please plan to attend our Beer, Booze and Brushes event at 3pm. We will be painting a Halloween themed picture under the supervision of our very own Bob Hoss.

The annual Veterans' Day Parade will be held Saturday, November 1, at 10:00am. The Lady Elks will have our float, so plan to join us and celebrate our veterans.

Thank you to all members who are supporting our great Lodge!

Debbie Luce 2025-26 Lady Elks President

### LADY ELK OF THE MONTH ... CHERYL HAMMONS



Our Lady Elk of the Month is Cheryl Hammons. Cheryl is always one of the first Lady Elks to volunteer for an event. She has wonderful ideas and you can depend on her to follow through with all of our projects, including painting class, Lodge maintenance, wine dinners, and entertainment for visiting dignitaries. She and her husband, Todd, are valuable members of our Lodge and can be seen there several days each week.

Enjoy your parking space, Cheryl, and thank you so much for all that you do for us!



## **BA Elks Riders**

We are getting the Elk Riders going again, I know it is late in the riding season but would like to see anyone that is interested to come out to our meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm and see what we are trying to put together for some social riding a couple times a month.

Don't forget we are having the Veteran Toy Run Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and any donations of toys or auction items would be very appreciated.

## What is ENF and OEMP?

ENF stands for Elks National Foundation. Since 1928, Elks have been donating to our communities thanks to the programs of ENF. A portion of membership dues help to provide funding for drug awareness and physical activities such as Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shootout for our youth. Funds also go toward helping Veterans with a multitude of programs. Lodges can apply for grants to help community needs as well.

Oklahoma Elks Major Projects, or OEMP, receives funding through membership dues as well. These monies stay within our State. Oklahoma Elks generously give to Special Olympics of Oklahoma, Cadet Lawman Academy, and Savannah Station Therapeutic to name a few.

Broken Arrow Elks have always been generous with our donations to these causes. Events such as the upcoming ENF Chili Cookoff and the OEMP Elvis Extravaganza will help our Lodge meet our charitable goals. Please speak to an officer for more information about ENF and OEMP and thank you for your generosity.

















Top Left: Soccer Shoot Out Volunteers; Top
Right: Sandy Overholt & David Morlang present
award at Soccer Shoot Out; Right Center: Cornhole Tournament; Bottom Right: RECC presenting check for scholarship fund; Bottom Left: ER
David Morlang & Monika providing cheers to golfers; Left Center: Team Henfrey posing at Louise
Davidson Golf Tournament; Center: Last Place
Golfers are Winners!



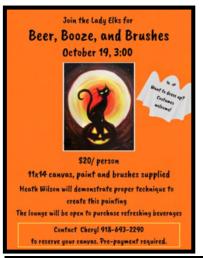


















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Guess the Officer: Brett Burton