



June 2025

Dear Elk Members,

It's been just 60 days since your Lodge Officers, and I took office and I am amazed! In those short few days there's been amazing work by your new Officers; to include your Lodge Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees, and PER's in conjunction with every committee and its members. The blending of new members with tenured members creates a sharing of knowledge that perpetuates forward. It has also produced a positive effect on the injection of new ideas from members. I personally thank each tenured member that is sharing your knowledge for it becomes the very foundation of our continued success in the future. Ideas are becoming plans. Elks National Foundation (ENF) Grants have been submitted with most successfully granted. This allows us to go to work; but I'd prefer to say, now comes the fun part! Now we start action planning and execution in providing our community needs as we planned through each grant. It's not just our funding but our Elks Volunteer involvement and many of you have indicated your willingness to assist. We're counting on you . . . more on that next month. Flag Day is June 14th, at 2 pm and this year's program in The Lodge Room promises to be one of the best in sometime. Invite friends, family, and especially your grandchildren. It will take an hour or less to learn much of our flag's heritage. Lastly, members are returning in record numbers. One of our most popular activities is coming back very soon. Ideas are creating new events that you can hear more about on Facebook, the newsletter, and email.

Fraternally yours,

James Skelton, Exalted Ruler

Hello fellow Elks,

As summertime begins, I hope that each of you is doing well. We just celebrated Memorial Day, and I want to honor all the men and women who are serving and those that have served in our armed forces. Thank you for everything that you have done and that you are doing to keep us safe.

We are still collecting dues if you have not paid your 2025-2026 dues please swing by the lodge and pay for them or drop them in the mail. By everyone paying their dues it helps our lodge operate effectively.

I hope that you all have wonderful summer and don't forget to swing by your lodge!!!

Fraternally yours,

**Jerry Churchwell,
Lodge Secretary**

Volunteers needed to assist with the Bar and Kitchen.

Speak with a House Committee member for information.

Lodge Hours:

Wednesday and Thursday 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

Friday 5pm-?/ Saturday 5pm-?

Kitchen Is OPEN: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday.

Kitchen CLOSED Thursday

**If you would prefer to receive your monthly lodge newsletter by email, please reach out to Jerry Churchwell, Lodge Secretary. With the rising cost of postage, you can make a difference by electing to receive an electronic version each month.*

2025-2026 Leadership & Committee Appointments

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2025-2026 Committee Appointments

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931-306-8644

Grant Committee Chair
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*Contact these members
if you have ideas
or concerns regarding
your lodge.*



Lewis County Government
County Mayor Jonah Keltner
Office: (931) 796-3378
www.lewiscountyttn.com

Happy Birthday

**June Birthdays – Please wish these ELKS
a very Happy Birthday this month.**

2nd – Timothy Myers
6th – Jonathan Conner
Dennis Dwayne Hennessy
9th – D'Ann Walmsley
12th – Michael Brumley
16th – Michael Gable
19th – Dawn McDaniel
Travis McKissack
Robert Prager
20th – Diane Webb
22nd – Kimberly Buchanan
24th – Raymond Nance
25th – Robert Brewer
27th – Danny Peery
29th – Daniel Duval
Bryan Jude

Reminder:

To place or renew
an ad in the
newsletter
for the year:

**\$10/month
or \$100/year**



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101 E. Main St., Hohenwald, TN
931.619.1914

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR NEEDED

Are you fun?? Do you like to play games and entertain people? If the answer is yes, please consider volunteering to be our Entertainment Chairperson. If interested, please let our leadership group know and we can get you started.

STAY UPDATED

If you haven't followed us yet on our Facebook pages, Lewis County Elks Lodge #2883 and the Elks 2883 Members Only pages. We are using these platforms to push information that does not make it into our newsletter.

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Foam Insulation
931-628-0958
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Hohenwald, TN



**AMERICAN
LEGION**

FRED E. LOMAX POST 127
HOHENWALD, TN 38462

*American Legion Post 127
holds meetings
the second Tuesday
of the month at 6 pm
at the Fred E. Lomax
Legion Post*

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186 Perkins Plaza, Hohenwald, TN 38462

Veterans of Foreign Wars



Join us

VFW Post 1814 Meetings
2nd Tuesday • 5:00 p.m.
29 Smith Avenue



KING TIRE & AUTO

814 Summertown Hwy
Hohenwald, TN 38462

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Tires & All Types of Automotive Services

UPCOMING EVENTS

***(We will attempt to provide future plans
as we know them)***

MAY

26th - Memorial Day (no lodge meeting)

31st- New Member Initiation-2pm
Fish Fry-4:30pm

JUNE

2nd - Fraternal Meeting-6:30pm

4th - Activities Meeting-7pm

7th - Elk's Riders Inaugural BBQ Cookoff
@ Memorial Park 12-5pm
Summer Fest @ downtown
(community event)

11th- Rider's Meeting-7pm

12th - National Women Veterans Day
Spaghetti Supper-6pm

13th- Game Night-7pm

14th - Flag Day – Retirement of Flags
Ceremony-1pm
Father's Day Appreciation
Luncheon 2-4pm

20th - John Bogg entertaining-6pm

21st - Fostering Hearts Literacy Event
(POC: Cissy Riley)
Fish Fry-4:30pm

23rd - Lodge Meeting-7pm

27th - Game Night-7pm

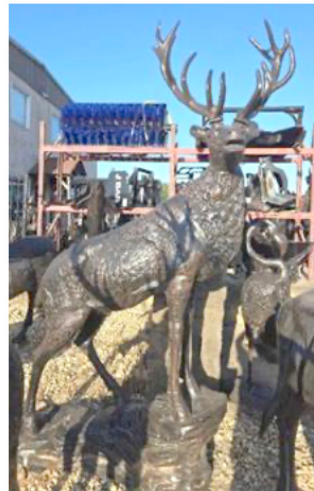
29th - Elks National Convention
@ Kansas City, MO (29 June – 2 July)

Pick a Pose

Time to vote on which Elk statue pose will represent our lodge. Selections are: Elk on the rock Pose 1, 2 & 3(left, right or straight facing)-\$2750, Pose 4 -regular standing Elk-\$2200, Pose 5-Elk facing down on rock-\$1650. Thanks to Travis McKissick for gathering this information for us. Take a look at the different styles below and on our Members Only Facebook page and vote in the comments.



Pose 1-\$2750



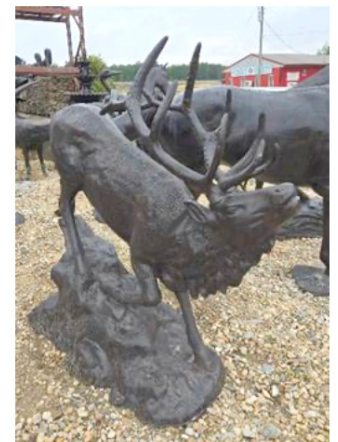
Pose 2-\$2750



Pose 3-\$2750



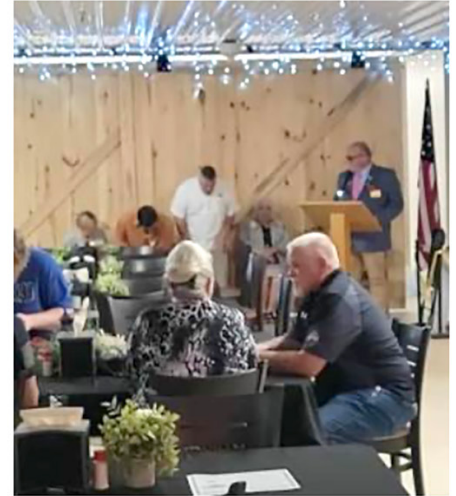
Pose 4-\$2200



Pose 5-\$1650

Mother's Appreciation Luncheon

Our annual Mother's Day Appreciation Luncheon was held on the 11th. The food and decorations were great and the event was intimate and special. Thank you to everyone who helped pull it together.



"Flag In"

On May 18th in observance of Memorial Day tradition several Elks gathered to honor veterans that have gone on before us by placing flags on their graves. This tradition is known as "Flag In".



Lodge By-Laws

Any recommendations for changes/updates to our current by-laws should be submitted to the Board of Directors (BOD) or Lodge Officers by July 26th.

Scholarship Luncheon

After Flag In was completed, a luncheon to honor recipients of Elks scholarships. Ryan Tanner was awarded the Tony "Pineapple" Barber Scholarship and Elks Trade scholarship. Pictured with ER James Skelton, Ryan Tanner and Ken Crowell.



Fostering Hearts Literacy Events (June 7th & 21st)

This is a two part summer literacy program designed for foster children and their families. Each event combines interactive story time and enrichment activities with practical support, including take-home books, games and essential household care baskets. The goal is to encourage joyful reading experiences while easing everyday burdens for foster families.



Flag Retirement Ceremony

June 14th is Flag Day and we will be conducting our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony which will be followed by our Father's Day Appreciation Luncheon from 2pm-4pm.

Summer Fish Fry

The lodge is starting our summer fish fry dinners again on May 31st at 4:30pm. Catfish, beans, slaw, fries and hush puppies for \$15 full order, ½ orders are \$13. Next fish fry scheduled for June 21st.

NATIONAL WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

On June 12th at 6-8pm the lodge and the American Legion will be co-hosting a spaghetti dinner in honor of women veterans of Lewis County. RSVP by June 5th.



Elks

Spaghetti Dinner

Honoring Lewis County Women Veterans
Sponsored by Elks Lodge 2883 & American Legion Post 127

**IN HONOR OF NATIONAL WOMEN
VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY**

Date: Thursday, June 12th, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Elks Lodge,
416 Swiss Colony Rd, Hohenwald

**ALL LEWIS COUNTY WOMEN
VETERANS ARE INVITED**
Each honoree may bring one guest

Menu: Garlic Bread • Salad
Dessert • Beverages

Let's come together to honor the courage, service, and sacrifices of our local women veterans.

RSVP by June 5, 2025
Email: butler6818@gmail.com or call 931-982-2694

The poster features a central illustration of a plate of spaghetti with meat sauce and a green garnish. To the right is a profile of a woman in a military uniform with a campaign hat. The background is decorated with American flag bunting at the top and stars.

ELKS RIDER'S INAUGURAL BBQ COOKOFF

Riders are hosting an Inaugural BBQ Cook Off at Memorial Park on June 7th from 12-5pm for the public. Competitors can begin set-up at 6pm on Friday 6 June. Entry fee is \$100 for all 4 classes (Grand Champion) or \$35 for individual classes. Overall payout for this event is \$2K, and proceeds benefit the "Wreaths Across America" program. Entry forms and fees are due no later than June 1st. Meat will be provided by Lewis County Elks Lodge #2883 and will be butts, ribs, wings and loins. The appetizer category is team choice. Tasting tickets can be purchased for \$10 which will allow you to vote for your favorite entries.



**ELKS RIDERS
2883**

Presents
1st Annual

BBQ COOK OFF

June 7, 2025 12 - 5 p.m.

Entry Fee
\$100.00 for all 4 classes for grand champion or 35.00 per individual class

All entry forms and fees due by June 1, 2025

Meat Provided
Butts, Ribs, Wings and Loins

\$2000.00 Overall Payout

Info
931-629-1379
931-306-8644

Memorial Park
115 Smith Street, Hohenwald, TN. 38462

Appetizers Team Choice

Peoples choice each category

Benefiting
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
Find a Way to Serve

\$10 Sample Tix

Scan QR Code for Rules and Registration Form

The poster features a central graphic of a BBQ grill with flames and the words 'BBQ COOK OFF'. It is surrounded by text detailing the event's date, time, entry fees, and prizes. Logos for 'Elks Riders 2883' and 'Wreaths Across America' are included. A QR code is provided for registration.

J U N E 2 0 2 5	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Fraternal Meeting -6:30pm	3	4 Activities Meeting-7pm	5	6	7 Elks Riders Inaugural BBQ Cookoff @ Memorial Park 12-5pm Summer Fest @ downtown
	8	9	10	11 Rider's Meeting-7pm	12 Women Veterans Spaghetti Supper-6pm	13 Game Night-7pm	14 Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony-1pm Father's Day Apprecia- tion Luncheon 2 pm
	15	16	17	18	19	20 John Bogg entertaining-7pm	21 Fostering Hearts Literacy Event
	22	23 Lodge Meeting-7pm	24	25	26	27 Game Night- 7pm	28
	29	30					

For more Info and pics of events, check out our Facebook page, Lewis County Elks Lodge #2883

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