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Sequim Elks Lodge 2642

October-November 2024

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#### **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**



Greetings Elks Family,

Well summer has come and gone, and the cooler weather is now upon us. We had our fourth annual Elks golf tournament, this year we made \$11,752.90. Way to go ELKS!!!!! A HUGE thank you to our Elks that worked tirelessly on this event to make it a success. Without our volunteers, putting on events like this would be next to impossible.

I know for some time all of you have heard that we will be getting the card access into the Lodge and that will be happening in the very near future as Hi-tech will be here on Wednesday so stay tuned on stopping by to know when you should stop by to get your ac-

cess card. This is a great thing that will also help keep our Lodge secure.

Our next annual event that is rounding the corner is the Halloween hand out. We will be looking for volunteers to come and stuff the candy bags and to hand them out to the little ghouls and goblins. It is a very fun event and no doubt you will certainly enjoy yourself.

Plus, you will not want to miss our annual Chili and Cornbread cook off. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge. Even if you are not one to enter you

certainly are encouraged to come and be judgy.

Along with our holiday bazaar, please let Judy Chilson know if you can help out with that event. Last year the Lodge was full to the brim, and we know that will be the case again... And we certainly look forward to seeing you all there to help make this a great success. We will also be having our annual cookie decorating for free for families to come into our Lodge and enjoy a little Christmas Cheer. Please reach out to Magan Waldron or Ruby Henning and let them know if you will be able to lend a hand with that fabulous event as well.

Last but not least we have hired a new janitor and are excited to have one of our own members that has stepped up and applied for the position. Thank you to Brooke Guzman for keeping our bathrooms clean as we looked for a new janitor.

As always, we NEED volunteers! You do not need to live here to volunteer, or even do the same thing every time. Just showing up to lend a hand makes a HUGE difference. Bartending, dishes, cooking, serving food, setting up tables for bingo or dropping them to put them away after. All these things are what keep our Lodge open. But without volunteers the events and activities can't and won't happen. Please take time out of your day to help your lodge. There is truly no better feeling than an honest good deed.

Elks care and Elks share and as long as we always keep that in the front of our minds and hearts nothing will stop us.

Cheers to the next two months of continuous growth and please come down and enjoy YOUR Sequim Elks Lodge 2642!

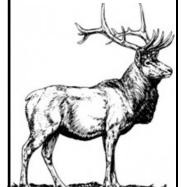
**Kayton Waldron**, Exalted Ruler

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## **Meetings**

Lodge Mtgs	Oct	9	7:00 pm
	Oct	23	7:00 pm
	Nov	13	7:00 pm
	Nov	27	7:00 pm
House Mtgs*	Oct	7	6:00 pm
	Nov	4	6:00 pm
Board Mtgs*	Oct	7	
	Nov	4	
PER Mtgs	Oct	21	5:30 pm
	Nov	18	5:30 pm
TravElks	Oct	1	7:00 pm
	Nov	5	7:00 pm



\*Note: the time and day of the House and Board meetings may be changed.

## Sickness & Distress

Michael Lawrence

Cely Alhaddad

**Passed** 

James Coulter Colleen Rayburn

#### **Duty Officers**

Sep 29 - Oct 5	Elroy Panoke
Oct 6 - 12	Bill Seabolt
Oct 13 - 19	Magan Waldron
Oct 20 - 26	Jim Headley
Oct 27 - Nov 2	Jamie Blake
Nov 3 - 9	Elroy Panoke
Nov 10 - 16	Bill Seabolt
Nov 17 - 23	Magan Waldron
Nov 24 - 30	Jim Headley

Duty Officers pick up
the key in the office
if it has not
already been handed
off to you by the preceding
duty officer.

## Sequim Lodge 2642 Officers for 2024-2025



### **Membership Announcements**

Regular Members — 615 Life Members — 19 Delinquents — 63 Applicants — 8

#### **Welcome to New Members:**

Ray Anderson, Patrick Anzures, Ty Bourm, Ethan Bourgeois, Shelley Coleman, Tony Cook, Michael Guerrero, Stephen Holmes, Tony Jackson, Jerry Koonz, Scott Moline, Terry Outcalt, Shellene Robins, Robert Suelzle, Seth Van Selus

#### **Reinstated:**

Ed Lahmeyer, Steve Olesen

#### **New Affiliations:**

Stanley Crapo, Robert Gardner, Mylo Hauptli

## Lodge Meeting Membership Drawing Winners

Recently drawn membership numbers:
Russell Manson, Andy Sallee and Elaine Webber
were not present. ... so sorry ?????
Kitty will be at \$270.00 the first meeting in OCTOBER!



The next drawing will be increased by \$10 per meeting and only 1 name drawn.

YOU could be the winner—just attend the Lodge meetings . . .

#### **B.P.O.E Mission Statement**

\*To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. \*To recognize a belief in God. \*To promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members. \*To quicken the spirit of American patriotism. \*To cultivate good fellowship. \*To perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization and to provide for its government. \*The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people of the community through benevolent programs, demonstrating that:



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(Co-Chairs)	& Heidi Albrecht	(425) 941-4246	Tall Elks Childrens Therapy	•	(360) 681-0533
Drug Awareness			• •		` '
ENF			TravElks Wagon Master	Ken Wahl	(916) 300-1411
	& Bonnie Richardson	(360) 775-6620	Veterans Affairs	Mel Fisher	(206) 854-8125

## **TravElks**





Hello fellow Elk RVers, The cool nights of Fall are upon us. One of my favorite times of the year. I'd like to welcome new members: Ralph and Gracie Alder.

Work and "move in" has been nearly completed at the improved Se-

quim Elks RV Rec Room. With the sudden passing of Colleen Rayburn, TravElks Secretary, we would like to dedicate this room to her loving memory. Colleen was a part of the committee that spearheaded the effort to get the RV Recreation Room refurbished this past year. Her committee and the TravElks wholeheartedly support the placement of a memorial plague to honor Colleen and her work. We will miss her energy, smile, friendship, and fellowship.

October's RV CAMPOUT will be a trip to the Elks RV Park at Bremerton Elks Lodge #1181 on the 10th thru 13th. With room for 18 RVs, this trip is always fun. The Lodge has a "Million Dollar View" overlooking the water, a separate club house for RV travelers, and of course, great Elks members to welcome us. There is still room to sign up for this trip. Email Sherry Swier Johnson to signup at Sherry123@outlook.com

In November, the club will nominate officers for the coming 2025 year. If you have thoughts of running for the office of WagonMaster, Secretary or Treasurer, please attend the meeting on Tuesday, November 5th. Hope to see you all there. Elections will be at our brief December meeting on Saturday, December 7th at 2pm, prior to our Annual Christmas Dinner Party.

It is time to think about decorating the Sequim Elks Lodge for the Christmas Season.

We would appreciate your help for a few hours on Monday, November 25th during 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lodge volunteers (Guys and Gals) and some of their friends and family spend time to make YOUR Lodge look festive for the Sequim Elks, Saturday, November 30th Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale and for the month of December. Yes. Christmas is right around the corner.

We continue to look for interesting places for CAMPOUT outings for the coming year. Become a Scout for an upcoming trip and tell the club about it. Guidelines are in your handbook on Page 13.

Let's enjoy the Fall in the Pacific Northwest. Happy RVing!

## Ken Wahl,

Wagon Master Cell: 916.300.1411

Email: kwahl1@yahoo.com



Congratulations Sequim Lodge 2642. Another successful Golf Tournament netted \$11,752.90 for the Elks Therapy Program. This was only possible with the planning and organizing by the tournament committee and chair Julianne Coonts. This would not be possible without Tournament & Hole sponsors, donators to the auction along with participating golfers. We are truly grateful.

Let the following sponsors know we appreciate their support: Dream Vacations, Waldron Construction, OSP Sling, Brothers Plumbing, Olympus Plumbing LLC, Paradise Restaurant, Strait Floors, Sonny's Pet Care Services, Olympic Peninsula Title, Buckskin Taxidermy, Los Hermanos Lopez Inc, Elks Riders, Stipe Livestock & Hauling, International Footprint Association/Maura Mattson, Western Wanderer, Town & Country Tree Experts, Discover Elks, Jamie Parish Plumbing, Batson Enterprises, Inc. Old Mill Café, S. Gerard, Bob & Helga Greer, Mike Oliver, Teri & Jerry King.

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October is a busy month for us. On the 3rd, we participated in the Veterans Stand Down at the Clallam County Fairgrounds and because of our communities' generous donations, we were able to donate \$1,000.00 to G.A.V.E. (Green Alliance for Veterans Education), which is a non-profit that works with Northwest Veterans Resource in Port Angeles, They help our local veterans in need with all types of services from doctor visit transportation to electric bills, to food and so on. They are a great helpful organization. Distribution of these funds is handed out by a board that takes great care with need and not just willy nilly hand outs. Thank you GAVE!

We were invited again to the APPLESTOCK FESTIVAL which was held October 4,5 & 6. While we had a table there, it was a conflict of calendars for our board so we didn't have a manned booth. They had a great turnout as per usual and the van was full of food donations, shoes, coats & many other items for our community. Thanks to all that donated to this event.

We also want to let you know that Windermere Real Estate is holding a coat drive. It runs from September 14th to October 15th. They are located 842. E. Washington St., Sequim. So if you have new or gently used coats of any size, you can drop them off during their business hours Monday - Saturday 10 - 4.

In September we were invited to meet with several local non-profits to see how partnering up can make it easier for us to help our local families more efficiently. Our goal is to have 1 combined contact in the community. Coats For Kids & Community plans on being a vital member of this group. Our goal is to have this process in place before the cold weather really sets in.

Great things continue to happen through Coats For Kids & Community

Thank you for your continued support from our community!

Heidi Albrecht & Karen Lewis

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### From the Secretary

Well, Fall is upon us, and I hope everyone had a happy summer. As we head into Fall, that means we are halfway through the membership season, which means any delinquent members we have need

to get paid up, or else they will be dropped for non-payment as of October 31, 2024. We don't like to see any members get dropped, so if you have proposed any members, please check on them to ensure that they are paid up. I know times are tough right now, so if someone cannot afford to pay their dues, please do not let that deter you from continuing to be a member. Come see me or call during office hours as the lodge can help facilitate with dues.

I'd like to thank our member, Karen Lewis, for helping me by calling members who are in jeopardy of being dropped, this has helped my workload immensely! Thank you, Karen! As the old saying goes, many hands make light work.

Moving on to other topics...as always, we need volunteers, and more importantly someone who would like to chair a volunteer committee to keep track of our volunteers, and just general organization of our volunteering needs. I do get several inquiries from members who want to volunteer but we need someone who can give directions as to who/what event needs help. Please reach out to me or any officer if this is something you'd be interested in taking on.

Lastly, I've been trying to get the word out that our website is back in business and up to date with current events: https://www.elks.org/

We also have our mail chimp up back up and running, which means we can email our newsletter to you once again. If you are not receiving the newsletter by either email or postal mail, please contact me so that I can verify that your information is correct, and I can remedy the situation. Have a happy and healthy Fall season and I'll see you around the lodge.

Secretary Brooke Guzman

## Club Events

## KARAOKE

Tune-up your vocal chords for open mic on Saturdays,

October 12th

and

November 9th

## What Else is Happening?

- Lounge will open 1 hour prior to all Seahawk Games.
- 100th Birthday Party for Elks Presiding Justice David Kilpatrick (Ret) in the Ballroom on October 19th from 2:00-4:00 pm.
- October 20 we will be stuffing Halloween bags during the Seahawk game at 10:00 am.
- Chili & Cornbread Cookoff on Sunday October 27th at 12:30 pm.
- Halloween Trick or Treat drive thru on Thursday, October 31st from 3:00-5:00 pm.
- November 7th, we will be observing Veterans Day at 5:30 pm.



### WHO WE ARE

When I first talked to Bryan Smolinsky I knew he was the guy who had a quick smile and and an even quicker laugh, but I didn't know how interesting he was. Like all of us, there's a story behind the person.

Bryan is one of those rare individuals who was actually born and raised in Washington. And graduated from college here. His dad was an excommunicated Catholic who married a Meninite from Church of the Bretheren. One could say he was crazy mixed up kid who went on to do great things.

He has four kids, all of whom are college graduates and three of whom are teachers. Kim, his wife of 15 years has two kids. Together they have nine grandkids whom they adore.

He met Kim when they both worked at Rite Aid in Seattle. Bryan was a District Manager and Kim was then Loss Prevention Manager. Both of their kids were raised, so then began a new adventure of collecting, traveling, restoring old cars, and horses! They have two horses and both ride in the National Forest and other places where Kim's family has big pieces of property.

After getting married Bryan and Kim moved to California where he was offered an early retirement, which he jumped at. That is when they moved to Sequim, where Kim was related to half the town. LOL He wasn't retired very long before he went to work for the Ross store in Silverdale, where he works still. When they moved to Sequim, they joined the Elks to make friends and support the community. Bryan is one of the few who has actually worked his way up through the chairs. He is now our Leading Knight.

Travel is a big thing for Bryan and Kim. They love to go to Mexico, but also enjoy traveling with their trailer to places around the U.S. When not traveling, Bryan is into restoring old cars. He has completed a 1953 Ford, Dodge Darts and three Ford Falcons.

When I asked him to give me something nobody knows about him, he told me that he and Kim collect memorabilia. He has signed guitars from AC/DC, Guns and Roses and Stevie Ray Vaughn. Kim also collects Lucy stuff and has Lucy earrings, a Ricky Lighter, James Dean watch, Elizabeth Montgomery's gloves and earrings from I Dream of Jeannie.

It was a total pleasure talking to Bryan who hopes to be our next ER. He wanted me to remind everyone about how important volunteering for the Lodge is. As he said, "we are not a bar, we are service organization who supports our community".

#### FREE COCKTAIL:

Is your membership number in the newsletter this month? If it is, stop by the Lounge during this month for your free cocktail. Look around in the Squelk — there are three membership numbers hidden somewhere.

## The Lounge

M-T-W-T-F-11:00 to Close Sat-Sun-3:00 to Close

## **Rent the Lodge**

For Weddings, Anniversaries, Birthdays and any other large group functions

Members \$100/Non-members \$250 (360) 683-2763

## **BINGO**

Thursday 12:00-3:00 pm
Volunteers needed on the Floor
and in the Kitchen

This COUPON entitles a member to a Complimentary House Pour, Beer or Wine in the lounge during their **birthday** month. Clip this coupon and present at the bar.

Signature:	
Member No.:	

## **Elks Pantry**

The Lodge is accepting non-perishable items for two community organizations. The Sequim Food Bank is accepting money to help those in need in the community. The Lodge has a donation box for money in the pantry.



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### ----- Notice -----

Please pay attention to the weekly updates on the phone tree and flyers that are posted in the foyer and the Lounge regarding upcoming activities or changes in schedule.

## **TUESDAY MENUS**

Each Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

## Joker's Wild Game

Drawing at 6:15 pm



If your ticket is drawn and you pick the Joker and are present, you get 70% of the pot and the Lodge gets 30%! If you are not present, someone will be randomly chosen to pick a card for you and if they choose the Joker, you will get 30% and the Lodge gets 70%. Open to Sequim Elks Lodge members/spouses, and Associate members/spouses only.





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## Sequim Elks 9th Annual Chili & Cornbread Cookoff

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October 27th In the Lounge \$6.00 pp Tasting starts at 1:00 pm Seahawks game at 1:05 pm

Bring chili or cornbread to the kitchen by 12:30 pm

There is no charge for chili creators

Please sign up in the Lounge Teri Cummings (360) 460-9380





A turkey never voted for an early Christmas.

You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue out.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BY-LAWS CHANGE

Please join us at the Lodge meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will be voting to give a LONG overdue increase in pay to the two ladies that keep our Lodge running. Our illustrious Treasurer and Secretary. Please keep in mind these ladies don't need these positions, but the LODGE needs them. They both do so much for our lodge that most people have no idea and put in extensive hours well outside of office hours. We look forward to having all members come in and support this change.

#### **Birthdays in OCTOBER**

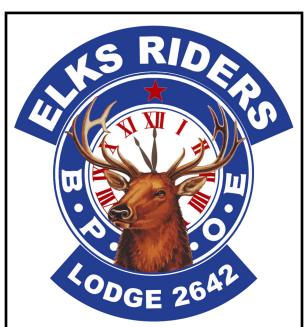
- 1 Craig Axelbaum
- 2 Gil Goodman Kevin VanDewege
- 4 Catherine Rankin Kathrin Sumpter
- 5 Steven Ehlers Richard Nogler
- 6 Gary Jewell Richard Leenstra Gayne Nelson
- 8 Donald Belfield
- 10 Robb Reese Captain Crystal Stout
- 11 Thomas Magwire
- 12 Dallas Johnson Sean Salazar Robert S Thompson
- 13 Ron Chapman Leslie Doros
- 14 Donald Dockum
- 15 Patricia Resende Andrew Thompson
- 17 Ronald Casscles
- 18 Vickie Lynn Crow Todd Irwin Carrie Shollenberger
- 19 Martin Kemp Scott Moline
- 21 Charles Conley Matt Dahll Larry Howard Kathy Pavlak
- 23 Amanda Bekkevar Kevin Eaton David Kilpatrick Jessica Klahn Frank Leto
- 24 David Ikeda Jeani Penn Clarence Selvog Gregg Weist
- 26 Jamie Goodwin Janet Norman
- 27 Fred Grant Nathan Smith Cheryl Stipe
- 29 Jim McNeece Dennis Warth
- 30 Sandra Granum
- 31 Josh Gahr Marguerite Leger Terry Rooke

#### **Birthdays in NOVEMBER**

- 1 Kevin Bennett Gerald Brownfield Marilyn McGrew Robert Suelzle
- 3 Ethel Endicott Cameron Hatt Wes Ward
- 5 Pat Whitaker
- 6 Neil Van Blaricom
- 8 Shelley Armstrong Suzan Cantrell Linda Hackney
- 9 Doyal Teel
- 11 Richard Hunter
- 12 George Bailey Matthew Holmes Beverly Peterson
- 13 Paula Lewis Kennis Nicholls
- 14 Lamont Crouch Gerad Nucci
- 15 Gene Molatore
- 16 Terry Outcalt
- 17 Michael Brunstad Michael Cantrell Donna Martin Ross Robinson Keith Winter
- 18 Arla Johnson Boguslaw Kmita
- 19 Clint Rushton
- 20 Gary Goodwin Tara McBride Charles Putnam Joseph Sylvia Don Wicker
- 21 Brooke Guzman Cameron Harrison Merton Kendall
- 24 Melissa Dahll Cecile Moran William Stipe Janie Wehman
- 25 Ralph Edgington Kathryn Robinson
- 27 Thomas Wilson
- 28 Ted Woodward
- 29 Richard Schweitzer
- 30 Kim Rogers







We are looking for any Elks that enjoy motorcycles, love to ride, socialize and help our community as Elks Riders. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 pm at the Sequim Elks Lodge. If you are interested please contact: 2488

Stan Dame, (cell) 707-601-7703 Dame95501@gmail.com

> Join us on Facebook at ElksRiders 2642





## From our Chaplain...

Condolences to Chaplain Cyndee and the Smith family in the sudden loss of her sister-in-law Colleen Rayburn, an active RVer!

Due to this unexpected event, Cyndee will continue her Chap-

lains report in the next issue. Squelk Editor

**Cyndee Rayburn 8 mith,** Chaplain 253-208-9193 Email: Cyndeers@comcast.net

# CHRISTMAS

GUYS & GALS: The Christmas Season will soon be here! And we need your attention to help with jazzing up our Lodge for the upcoming Christmas Holidays! The day and date is Monday, November 25th, 2024, from 10:30 am to around 4 pm. And if you know someone who wants to donate a Christmas tree with working lights, please give me a call. Thank you kindly, Sherry Swier Johnson 605.520.4180. A SIGN UP SHEET will be at the Lodge for your NAME & CELL NUMBER. I'll keep you posted on any changes. Thanks in advance for any help you may want to give. Many hands make lighter work!



## Sequim Elks Dance Events Dance! Dance! Dance!

The line-up for June and July is as follows:

October 13th,
October 27th,
November 10th,
November 22nd.

Badd Dogg Blues
Bread & Gravy
OrcaStraitors
Dawn & Steve Trio

\$12 for guests and \$10 for Elks members. 6:00 pm-8:30 pm.

Also, August & September will be **Jazzercise Classes** 9:00-10:00 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday. **See below.** 

Don't forget that Line Dancing on Wednesday's and Friday's is postponed for the time being.



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\*Class Schedule\*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 - 10:00 am

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

Mark Twain

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Our Newest Members for August . . .





and September

If you've been in or through our patio, you should have noticed the **Veterans Honor Wall.**We are offering you a chance to honor a veteran close to your heart, by purchasing a homemade, hand painted star. The cost is \$10 per star and a portion of that goes to our Veterans



program. The honored veteran does not have to be an Elk. Information sheets are available in the Lounge. We need to have their name, branch and dates of service. If you would like something special on them, like Vietnam, Desert Storm, etc., we will try to accommodate you. Space is limited so we can not guarantee what will fit in the 3 lines. Please give the completed form to the bartender. It takes about 2

weeks to make and mount.



**Please NOTE:** The Veterans wall is to be painted this summer and all stars will be removed for this project. Therefore, please wait with your order to add a star till this project is completed. Thank you for your consideration.

Also, we are looking for other volunteers to take over this Project. If interested, please call Karen Lewis at 360.460.0380.



## Washington State Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. State Major Project since 1954

And now, introducing: Will! Will is another amazing young person who has been receiving home-based Occupational Therapy thanks to the wonderful generosity of those supporting the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children.

Will is a very warm and exuberant kiddo with an infectious sense of joy and multiple health diagnoses that can make life very challenging. He loves, among other things, dancing, picture books, Kona ice trucks, bookstores, and playing with his family, friends, and dog.

His Elks occupational therapist has been helping him meet his and his family's goals related to self-regulation, becoming more independent with self-care, and improving his fine motor skills. Will's challenges can often make it hard for him to persist at difficult tasks and feel safe enough to stay in social connection when unexpected things happen. By finding creative ways to build upon Will's enthusiasm, occupational therapy has been able to help Will engage with tasks that he often resists. By collaboratively exploring sensory strategies for navigating experiences of overwhelm or upset, Elks therapy helps Will be more in charge of his own life.

Here is what Will's parents would like you to know:

"Our son Will was born on Christmas Day 2013. Several hours after he was born, the joy and excitement of becoming new parents was replaced with fear and despair. We learned our son had multiple tumors in his heart, and an MRI of his brain later that day confirmed the diagnosis of tuberous sclerosis complex.

"The early years were hard to say the least. Will underwent emergency open heart surgery when he was just 11 days old to remove a tumor obstructing blood flow to his lungs. At four months, he was also diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease (PKD), which is a rare variant of TSC. Along with diagnoses came several additional medications and an understanding he would need a kidney transplant. Just shy of his 4th birthday, he was diagnosed with autism. An interesting fact is that TSC is the leading cause of genetic autism. We now have a 10-year-old son who requires multiple medications to control his blood pressure, kidney tumors, and seizures daily along with numerous hours of therapy weekly. He is also dealing with a new diagnosis of anemia and is undergoing work up to further understand the etiology of this condition. He has required iron infusions but unfortunately the anemia persists as does his easy fatigability and low stamina. TSC-associated neuropsychiatric disorders (TAND) are now present in our daily lives and Will has been exhibiting anxiety, tantrums, aggression and self-injurious behaviors. We are learning to navigate these new issues with helpful strategies from our school district and therapists.

"While he has endured more than most do in a lifetime, we are still very hopeful for Will's future. He continues to make progress thanks to the therapies he continues to receive. We have been fortunate to receive occupational therapy (OT) services through the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children. With OT, we have been working hard on daily schedules/transitions and techniques for calming down when upset. Fine motor skills, correct body techniques and ADL's such as getting shoes on the correct feet are routinely addressed in our weekly sessions. We are so thankful to have this therapy in our life and know Will benefits from this incredible service."

Thank you, Washington Elks, for helping make Will's ongoing progress possible!









## OCTOBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
```	30	I Breakfast for Dinner 5:00 pm Joker's Wild! 6:15 pm TravElks Mtg 7:00pm	2 Jazzercise 9-10 am Republican Townhall 5:00-8:00 pm PS Angler's Bd Mtg 6:30 pm	3 Poker in Lounge 11:00 am BINGO 12:00 pm	4 Jazzercise 9-10 am Sticky Ribs 5:00 pm	S Grace Kathol Court of Honor 3:00-5:00 pm
	7 Jazzercise 9-10 am House Mtg 6:00 pm Board Mtg	8 Beef Stew 5:00 pm Joker's Wild! 6:15 pm	9 Jazzercise 9-10 am DD Visitation LODGE MTG 7:00 pm	Poker in Lounge 11:00 am BINGO 12:00 pm	II Jazzercise 9-10 am Friday Night Grill 5:00 pm	12 Karaoke 7:30-ish Rod Lee Celebration of Life 10:00-2:00 pm
	14 Jazzercise 9-10 am Footprinter Picnic 6:00 pm	IS Mongolian Beef 5:00 pm Joker's Wild! 6:15 pm	16 Jazzercise 9-10 am PS Angler's Mtg 7:00 pm	Poker in Lounge 11:00 am BINGO 12:00 pm	Jazzercise 9-10 am Sloppy Joes 5:00 pm	19 David Kilpatrick 100th Birthday Party 2:00-4:00 pm
	Jazzercise 9-10 am Car Club Mtg 7:00 pm PER Mtg 5:30 pm	22 BLOODWORKS 8:00-2:00 pm 5:00 pm Joker's Wild! 6:15 pm	23 Jazzercise 9-10 am LODGE MTG 7:00 pm	24 Poker in Lounge 11:00 am BINGO 12:00 pm	25 Jazzercise 9-10 am Chicken Parmesan 5:00 pm	26
	28 Jazzercise 9-10 am Elks Riders 5:00.pm	29 Taco Tuesday 5:00 pm Joker's Wild! 6:15 pm	30 Jazzercise 9-10 am	31 Poker in Lounge 11:00 am BINGO 12:00 pm Halloween Drive thru	I	2

## NOVEMBER 2024

		I	T	I	
SAT	7	9 Karaoke 7:30-ish	16 Cigar Night (See Gene) 6:00 pm	23	30 Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale 9:00-3:00
FR	I Jazzercise 9-10 am Friday Night Grill 5:00 pm	8 Jazzercise 9-10 am Beef Tips / Noodles 5:00 pm	J5 Jazzercise 9-10 am Pot Roast 5:00 pm	J2 Jazzercise 9-10 am Breakfast for Din- ner 5:00 pm	J9 Jazzercise 9-10 am Steak Night 5:00 pm
THU	31	Poker in Lounge 11:00 am BINGO 12:00 pm VETERANS Dinner 5:30 pm	14 Poker in Lounge 11:00 am BINGO 12:00 pm	21 Poker in Lounge 11:00 am BINGO 12:00 pm	28 THANKSGIVING
WED	30	6 Jazzercise 9-10 am PS Angler's Bd Mtg 6:30 pm	13 Jazzercise 9-10 am LODGE MTG 7:00 pm	J0 Jazzercise 9-10 am PS Angler's Mtg 7:00 pm Orientation 7:00 pm	J7 Jazzercise 9-10 am LODGE MTG 7:00 pm Initiation 7:00 pm
TUE	29	Spaghetti S:00 pm Joker's Wild! 6:15 pm TravElks Mtg 7:00 pm	12 Chicken Katsu 5:00 pm Joker's Wild! 6:15 pm	19 Chicken Adobo 5:00 pm Joker's Wild! 6:15 pm	26 TacoTuesday 5:00 pm Joker's Wild! 6:15 pm
MOM	28	4 Jazzercise 9-10 am House Mtg 6:00 pm Board Mtg	Jazzercise 9-10 am Footprinter Dinner Mtg 6:00 pm	Jazzercise 9-10 am Car Club Mtg 7:00 pm	Jazzercise 9-10 am Jazzercise 9-10 am Elks Riders 5:00 pm
SUN	Duty: Jamie Blake Lounge OPEN on SUNDAYS 3:00 pm to Close	3 Duty: Elroy Panoke	10 Duty: Bill Seabolt Dance to the music of OrcaStraitors 6:00-8:30 pm	17 Duty: Magan Waldron	Duty: Jim Headley  Legy 1:25 pm  Dance to the music of Dawn & Steve Trio 6:00-8:30 pm

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