



# The Monthly Chuckle

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## ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE

As Elks we have all heard this saying a thousand times. That slogan has never meant more to me than it has these past couple months. I

recently decided to take the reins for our Lodges W.E.S.T chair and coordinator of our Needy Youth program. We have all heard about W.E.S.T

from the day we were initiated, but, if you're like me, all we really know is that it is a good thing to donate to... when we think about it.

What is W.E.S.T really? What does it do? How does it benefit our Community?

Established in 1989 with a \$1,000 donation from the trust's founder and first Chairman Richard Oberosler, the Wyoming Elks State Trust (WEST)

makes many of our programs possible, including Needy Youth and Student Scholarships. We use the interest earned on the trust to fund our

benevolent efforts (while leaving the principal invested, similar to the Elks National Foundation).

Through our Needy Youth program, the Wyoming Elks provides assistance with healthcare, clothing, eye care, assistive devices, beds, dental

care and any other valid request. We also collaborate with other organizations that serve our youth, such as the Girls and Boys Clubs, to offer

food collection, athletic events and other new and innovative ways to serve the youth of our state. Every year, we provide \$40,000-\$50,000 in

assistance from the Wyoming Elks State Trust (WEST).

In December Wendy and I had the Honor of taking our first family of 4 shopping for winter clothes. Our State Needy Youth program allows our

Lodge to spend up to \$250 per child on the things they NEED. Things we maybe take for granted a little bit. Things like Coats, Gloves, Hats,

Boots, Clothing, etc. The children all ranged in age, and they were so grateful with what they were able to buy! Especially at the checkout

counter when Wendy would look at them and say "You have a lot more to spend! Was there something else you wanted?" Their eyes would

light up, a huge smile would come across their face and they would run back and grab that Hoodie or Jacket or whatever it was they wanted.

As we left the store that evening, every child had a huge smile on their face and both parents had tears in their eyes. They could not Thank us

enough for being there when they had no other option.

We were also able to take a single mother shopping for her 11 year old son. When we were checking out she looked at us with tears in her eyes

and said she did not know what she was going to do, and then GOD sent her 2 angels.

Wendy and I have been Elk Members for about 15 years. We have never felt more Proud to be an Elk than we do right now! To know that the organization that we all belong to can make such a HUGE impact on the lives of people, right here in our own Community gives us an amazing sense of gratitude, humility and pride.

Our good friend and Lodge Trustee Don Crowe put it best when he said: "We are National Elks by association, we are State Elks by cooperation,

we are Elks because we Love our Community."

If any of you know of a family in need. Please feel free to reach out to me or one of our other officers, and we will do all we can to help.

GOD Bless you all and may we all have a great 2021!!

Paul Martinez

Esteemed Lecturing Night

### Jan/Feb Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Todd Peterson, Paul Goecke  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Pugsley, Emily Quinlan  
Travis Saner  
4<sup>th</sup> Matt Mattis  
6<sup>th</sup> Terry Keslar, David Whisenbunt  
9<sup>th</sup> Tim Walter  
11<sup>th</sup> Jeff Bobnenkamp  
12<sup>th</sup> Galen Alexander  
16<sup>th</sup> Mark Mattis, Mike Pettigrew  
23<sup>rd</sup> Patsy VanBuskirk  
24<sup>th</sup> Brittany Howell  
28<sup>th</sup> Charles March  
29<sup>th</sup> Ken Betschart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Diana Cuthbert, Michelle Lapp,  
Kory Sillerud  
5<sup>th</sup> Scott Anderson  
8<sup>th</sup> Kathy Crowe  
12<sup>th</sup> Abraham Martinez  
16<sup>th</sup> Tug Nielsen  
17<sup>th</sup> Faye Rife  
18<sup>th</sup> Don Crowe, Gerald Childs  
19<sup>th</sup> Chris Hill  
20<sup>th</sup> Ike Eisenbarth  
21<sup>st</sup> Barry Jones  
25<sup>th</sup> Jerry Hattan  
27<sup>th</sup> Larry Doman

### Jan/Feb Anniversaries

- Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Bill & Nancy Shain  
Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Randy & Denise Hill

## Superbowl Activities

This year we have added a reverse raffle to Superbowl Sunday. We have a total of 100 tickets to sell. \$25 per ticket. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>.....90<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn will receive \$50. The last and 100<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn will win \$1500. We still have plenty of room on the \$5, \$10 and \$50 boards win money.

We will have a carry in beginning at 2PM for the big game. Bring in your favorite carry in food for all to enjoy.

## Tuesday night food

*Brittany Howell PER and her team have decided to keep the Tuesday night food train continuing. She will post her weekly meals on Mon or Tue on the Elks facebook page (TorringtonElksLodge#1726) so be sure to be on the look out for her great food.*

### **CORNHOLE CORNHOLE CORNHOLE**

Beginning Monday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a cornhole league here at the Elks in the backroom. There are plenty of teams already but also plenty of time to sign up to be in the league. Please contact Ken Guerrero 307-575-1040, Nathan Kendall 307-534-6765 or Calie Johnson 307-534-5257 to sign up today.

Warm up starts at 6 w/games starting at 6:30 on Mondays. \$15 per person per week with a payout of 75% after 6 weeks. Come on down and make some cash money.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

The Elks will be open Sunday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:30 for both the NFC and AFC championship games. Carry in your favorite dish to enjoy. Whilst you're at it, enjoy a few of our finest chardonnays and some good people to watch the games with.



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## ♥ QUEEN OF HEARTS ♥

Congrats too Loretta Nab who won the Q OF H on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. A new game has started. Come on in for some delicious food from Brittany and stay for the Q OF H on Tuesday's.



### VALENTINES DAY

Once again we will be having our surf n turf dinner this year on our steak feed night Fri Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. You will have your choice of ribeye \$23, crab \$29 or both for \$39.

Please call the Elks at 307-532-2547 after 5 to make your reservations by Wed Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

***Elks National Foundation (ENF) & Wyoming Elks State Trust (WEST)***

***Very Worthwhile Charities & the Building Fund***

***\*PLEASE DONATE\****

***ENF supports the Elderly and gives the most amount of money to Scholarships next to the United States Government***

***WEST supports children in need.***

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# JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				21	22	23 UFC 257 MCGREGOR V POIRER 2
24 CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY. OPEN AT 1230 FOR CARRY IN	25	26 BRITTANY COOKING	27	28 MEETING	29	30
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# February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CORNHOLE 1	Q OF H 2 BRITTANY COOKING	BUNCO 3			
7 SUPERBOWL OPEN AT 1230 FOR CARRY IN	CORNHOLE 8	Q OF H 9 BRITTANY COOKING		MEETING 11	SURF N TURF MEAL 12	UFC 258 USMAN V BURNS 13
14 VALENTINES DAY BUY YOUR MAN SOMETHING NICE	CORNHOLE 15	Q OF H 16 BRITTANY COOKING	BUNCO 17			
21	CORNHOLE 22	Q OF H 23 BRITTANY COOKING		MEETING 25	LASAGNA 26	
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