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## From the Secretary's Office

Greetings!

With summer showing up this will be the last bugle until September. We have enclosed calendars for June, July & August with events that we currently have booked.

Our lodge currently has 704 active members and have 18 candidates awaiting membership. We currently have 90 delinquent members for 2026-2027. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible.

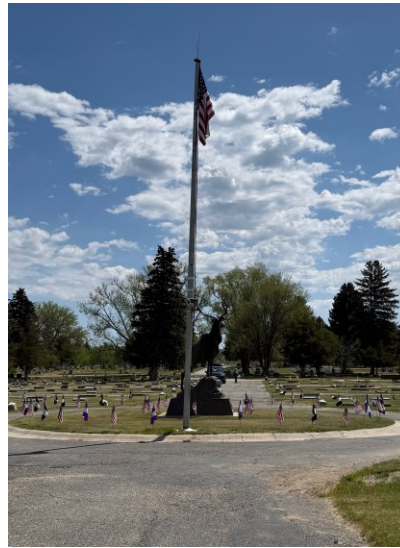
Thank you Chef Jimmy Legerski and all the volunteers who helped with the Brisket Dinner in May. We had a great turnout!

Our July Lodge meeting will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Lodge Room and the Governing Board meeting will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

As many of you know, our Bike Program has been shut down for a couple of years now. We have a balance of donations in the Bike Fund totaling \$2,257.19. The Governing Board voted to transfer \$2,000 to the Veteran's Fund and \$257.19 to our Lodge's Needy Youth Fund. A vote by membership, to approve the transfers, will be held at the July 14<sup>th</sup> Lodge Meeting. If you have any questions or concerns regarding closing the Bike Fund, please plan on attending the Lodge Meeting or speak with one of our Officers and/or Trustees.

*Vicki*

Lodge Secretary



We placed Flags at the Sheridan Elks Cemetery on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

Thank you to our volunteers: Tom & Vicki Benedict, Jim Will, Chelsey Roberts, Dustin Shaw, H. Jay Knipple, Marvin Johnson, Mark Bagley, Jason Bagley, Brad Nielsen and Fran Bunker.

And a special thanks to Mike Hamilton for keeping our cemetery looking its best.

## High School Senior Breakfast

Sheridan Elks Lodge 520 hosted breakfast for Sheridan County High School Seniors on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We served 110 students, staff and parents. Thank you to our volunteers who made our event a success: Tom & Vicki Benedict, Lynn & Chelsey Roberts, Dustin Shaw, Dylan Shaw, Forrest DeBolt, Levi Jorgenson, Brad Nielsen, Fran Bunker, Tammy LaVoice, Polly Saywell, Jim Schellinger and H. Jay Knipple.



**SHERIDAN ELKS LODGE 520**

**WYO RODEO PARADE BURGER FRY**

**Friday July 10th**

**Beginning after the Parade**

**Bar open 9am - 9pm**



## Queen of Hearts

**\$1,245**  
(as of 5/27/2026)

The drawing is held Mondays at 6:00 pm. Come early to get a seat & purchase your tickets. Tickets may also be purchased during the week and on Mondays up until the music starts.

As always, thank you to our Queen of Heart Sponsors!

### Propositions For Membership

Kayla Carr  
(proposed by Arthur Phelps)

Sarah Farrell  
(proposed by Vicki Benedict)

Allen Farrell  
(proposed by Vicki Benedict)

Christopher Larson  
(proposed by Dylan Shaw)

Sydney Worden  
(proposed by Wesley Worden)

Tyler Armour  
(proposed by Wesley Worden)

Wendy Jaqua  
(proposed by Vicki Benedict)

### **Monday Night Dinners**

**June 1**  
**Taco Salad**

**June 8**  
**Hot Dogs**

**June 15**  
**Taco Pasta Salad**

**June 22**  
**Enchiladas**

**June 29**  
**Chicken Salad Sandwich**

**5:30pm - 7pm \$5 per plate**

Shelley will not be making Monday Dinners in July and August. She'll be cooking again in September. Thanks Shelley for all your hard work!

### **Veteran's Affairs Corner**

Sundaes on Sunday (SoS) continues to hit a home run! The veterans and staff were waiting for us as we wheeled our cart around between the cafeteria and several living units. Glenn Fairbank, JoAnn Barker, Brad Nielsen and Fran Bunker participated in May. We will be looking for new volunteers later this summer, so please email or text us if you are interested.

The Victory Garden at the Wyoming Home for Veterans in Buffalo is COMPLETE! Your donations to the Veterans Fund helped support this project. Thank you! The Affiliate Motorcycle group from Gillette and our expert construction crew (Brad Nielsen, Glenn Fairbank, JoAnn Barker, John Grote and Pete Olson) finished the build in record time. Tammie LaVoice and Fran Bunker helped get the crew, tools and building materials on the road!

35<sup>th</sup> Annual Karz Car Show will be held on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. The VA is counting on the Elks Lodge for volunteers to help take shifts. If you have 4 hours, or even just 2 hours... YOU ARE NEEDED! What would you do? Good question! Direct traffic, park cars and other "boots on the ground" tasks to help the event run smoothly. PLEASE sign up at the bar or email/text us.

Interested in helping veterans? We would love to see you at our next meeting on: *Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm at the Lodge.* Unable to attend? Email [brad@thenielsens.org](mailto:brad@thenielsens.org) or call 206-914-8800 for more information

*Check the bulletin board at the Lodge and our Facebook page for more photos and information over the summer.*

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206-914-8800

Fran Bunker, [abqftb@aol.com](mailto:abqftb@aol.com)  
505-270-6479



It's official, summer has arrived.

We will be open this summer Monday-Friday from 2pm - 9pm but may close early if no customers are in. Don't forget Happy Hour is Fridays from 5-7pm.

We will be open Saturdays in June from 1pm - 6pm. Will we be closed Saturdays in July, August, and September.

Chic Rawlings is having his 80th birthday party here at the Elks on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 1pm - 5pm. Come on by and wish him a Happy Birthday.

We will also be hosting a Celebration of Life for James Larson at 2pm on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

We will be open 9am on Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> for the WYO Rodeo parade. And Yes, we will be serving Bloody Mary's until they are gone.

If weather is too much for you, bring your group into the Elks and play in our game room. We have a great pin ball machine, arcade games, dart board, and pool tables. Don't forget the pull tabs and pigs for voting members only. And of course the skill games.

If you are in need for a space for an event, meeting, or gathering give me a call and get it booked.

Hope to see you at your local Sheridan Elks Lodge soon!!

Anna



**Happy Birthday**  
**to our members with**  
**Summer birthdays**





# JUNE

## LODGE CALENDAR

| Sunday                                 | Monday                       | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                   | Thursday | Friday                     | Saturday                                |
|--|------------------------------|---|---|----------|----------------------------|---|
|  | 1<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm  | 2<br>Orientation<br>6:45pm<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7:30pm | 3   | 4        | 5<br>Happy Hour<br>5-7 pm  | 6                                       |
| 7<br>Sundays on<br>Sunday at the<br>VA | 8<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm  | 9<br>Board of Directors<br>Trustees Meeting<br>6pm    | 10  | 11       | 12<br>Happy Hour<br>5-7 pm | 13                                      |
| 14                                     | 15<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm | 16  | 17<br>Veteran's<br>Committee<br>Meeting 5pm | 18       | 19<br>Happy Hour<br>5-7 pm | 20                                      |
| 21                                     | 22<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm | 23  | 24  | 25       | 26<br>Happy Hour<br>5-7 pm | 27<br><b>CAR SHOW<br/>AT THE<br/>VA</b> |
| 28                                     | 29<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm | 30  |   |          |                            |   |



*Sheridan Elks  
Lodge 520  
Welcomes our  
New Members*

Jennifer, Pfister,  
Polly Saywell, Rose  
Burns & William  
Szatmary



Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>  
8am



# JULY

## LODGE CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday                       | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                   | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday                               |
|--------|------------------------------|--|---|----------|--|--|
|        |                              |  | 1   | 2        | 3<br>Happy Hour<br>5-7 pm                                  | 4<br>Happy<br>4 <sup>th</sup> of July! |
| 5      | 6<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm  | 7  | 8   | 9        | 10<br>Burger Fry<br>After the Parade<br>Bar open 9am – 9pm | 11                                     |
| 12     | 13<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm | 14<br>Orientation<br>6:45pm<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7:30pm | 15<br>Veteran's<br>Committee<br>Meeting 5pm | 16       | 17<br>Happy Hour<br>5-7 pm                                 | 18                                     |
| 19     | 20<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm | 21<br>Board of Directors<br>Trustees Meeting<br>6pm    | 22  | 23       | 24<br>Happy Hour<br>5-7 pm                                 | 25                                     |
| 26     | 27<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm | 28   | 29  | 30       | 31<br>Happy Hour<br>5-7 pm                                 |  |

Please Note:  
The Bar will be closed on Saturdays in July, August and  
September. The Bar will be open Monday – Friday at 2pm.



*See ya at the Elks*

# AUGUST

## LODGE CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday                            | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                   | Thursday | Friday                     | Saturday |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---|---|----------|----------------------------|----------|
|        |                                   |   |   |          |                            | 1        |
| 2      | 3<br>♥<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm  | 4<br>Orientation<br>6:45pm<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7:30pm | 5   | 6        | 7<br>Happy hour<br>5-7 pm  | 8        |
| 9      | 10<br>♥<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm | 11<br>Board of Directors<br>Trustees Meeting<br>6pm   | 12  | 13       | 14<br>Happy hour<br>5-7 pm | 15       |
| 16     | 17<br>♥<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm | 18  | 19<br>Veteran's<br>Committee<br>Meeting 5pm | 20       | 21<br>Happy hour<br>5-7 pm | 22       |
| 23     | 24<br>♥<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm | 25  | 26  | 27       | 28<br>Happy hour<br>5-7 pm | 29       |
| 30     | 31<br>♥<br>Queen of Hearts<br>6pm |   |   |          |                            |          |



Victory Garden at the Wyoming Home for Veterans in Buffalo

*Photos from the Sheridan Elks Lodge Veterans Committee*



Glenn Fairbank, JoAnn Barker & Brad Nielsen at Sundaes on Sunday at the VA

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Dustin Shaw, Thomas Benedict & D. Lynn Roberts

**THANK YOU!**

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who help keep our Lodge running smoothly! It truly takes a village... from the general maintenance, to cleaning, to helping with events, the Bugle, and much much more... we appreciate everyone who steps up to help.

THANK YOU to our members for your continued support to our General, Scholarship, Building, Cemetery and Veteran's funds, as well as WEST and ENF.

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