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Over the Years

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# From the Exalted Ruler

Curtis Welsh, Exalted Ruler

Greetings Elks!

I hope everyone has been enjoying the hot weather and lots of rain. Summertime is just heating up and so are things at the Pas-cagoula Lodge #The1120. We have a few events coming up the next couple of months that promise a good time.

First up is the Elks River Run on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are looking for a reason to get the boat in the water, then this is it. Hit the stops, collect your cards, and enjoy the beauty of The Singing River. Maybe throw a line in the water and catch a speck while you are at it. Darla Holifield and her team have put together a good run of marinas with the final stop at Wiggles Bait and Bar in Moss Point. Pulled pork plates will be served, door prizes will be given out, a cooler raffle, and the best hands will be determined for cash prizes. Hope to see y'all out there cruising the river.

The heat does not let up in September. The Elks Annual Classic Car Show is back on September 7<sup>th</sup>. George Haines started this event about 10 years ago. This was a special event for him, and he loved classic cars. We are dedicating the year's show to George in his memory. Thanks to Gerald Stanley and his team for

bringing back this special event. That evening the Lodge will also be hosting our annual Shrimp Boil. It is going to be a great day of classic cars, good food, and Elk fellowship.

However, there is a way to beat the heat with all that is going on at our Lodge. The pool is open, so dive on in. Debbie Tillman and the entire Pool Committee, along with a few extra hands, have done a great job in getting the pool area cleaned up, new pump shed built, revamped restrooms, and a tiki bar. To help support the costs of upgrading and maintaining the pool, please consider a pool membership for you and your family. See Debbie for more details.

Football season is also kicking off, and I am sure Marc and Becky will have their games going to support the Scholarship Fund. ENF Chairman Lynn Overman asks everyone to "give her money" and join the ENF Fidelity Club.

With Fidelity,  
Curtis Welsh

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# Let's Be Herd

Joe Parisi, PER, PSP



In the quiet moments of reflection, I often find myself thinking about Jessica. Tomorrow would have been her 30th birthday, but she left us just shy of her fourth. The pain of her loss still echoes through my heart, a constant reminder of the fragility of life and the depth of a parent's love.

There are days when the sight of a parent with their child brings a bittersweet ache to my soul. I see the joy, the frustration, the everyday moments that I'll never experience again with Jessica. It's a unique kind of grief that doesn't fade with time but rather evolves, becoming a part of who I am.

Recently, at the age of 50, I underwent a quadruple bypass. Lying in that hospital bed, facing my own mortality, I was struck by a profound realization of what truly matters in this life. It's not the endless pursuit of material things or the constant chase for fleeting successes. It's the connections we forge, the love we share, and the moments we create with those who matter most.

Now, when I see people consumed by trivial matters, neglecting the precious time they could be spending with loved ones, I feel a mix of frustration and sadness. I want to shake them, to tell them that life is too short and too unpredictable to waste on things that don't truly matter.

But I've learned that each person's journey is their own. We can't force others to see life through our lens of experience. What we can do is live our own lives with intention and purpose, hoping that our example might inspire others to reassess their priorities.

To those who are struggling with loss, grief, or the weight of life's challenges, I want to say this: Your pain is real, and it's valid. Don't let anyone tell you how to grieve or when to "move on." But also know that your pain can be a powerful catalyst for change and growth.

Let your experiences, however difficult, shape you into a more compassionate, understanding, and present individual. Use your pain as a reminder to cherish every moment with those you love. Let it motivate you to mend broken relationships, to say "I love you" more often, to take that trip you've been putting off, or to simply sit in quiet companionship with a friend.

Life is a precious gift, often shorter than we expect. It's filled with joy and sorrow, triumphs and setbacks. But in the end, it's the connections we make, the love we share, and the impact we have on others that truly define our journey.

So today, I challenge you – and myself – to live with purpose. Reach out to a loved one. Forgive an old grudge. Create a memory with your child, parent, or friend. Tell someone how much they mean to you. These are the actions that weave the rich tapestry of a life well-lived.

In honoring those we've lost, in cherishing those still with us, and in embracing the preciousness of each moment, we find the strength to move forward. We find hope. And in that hope, we find the beauty of life, even amidst its imperfections and sorrows.

Remember, every day is an opportunity to love, to grow, and to make a difference. Don't wait. Start now.

Warm regards,

Joe Parisi, PSP, PER





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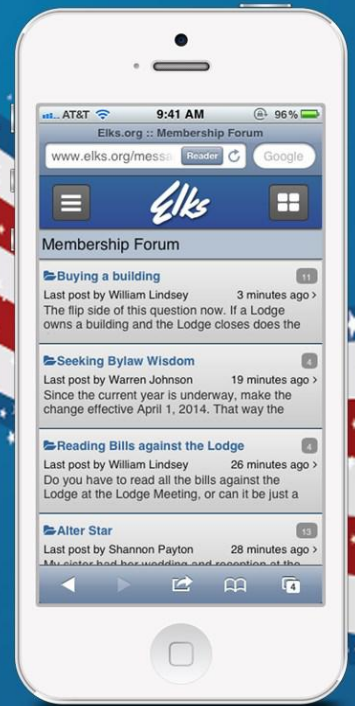
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# From the Editor's Desk



David Chamberlain  
Editor In Chief

As the end of summer approaches, "For the Good of the Order," proudly presents its August-September issue, dedicated to a vital theme: disaster preparedness and response. This edition aims to equip our community with essential information and resources while showcasing the lodge's commitment to brotherly love and community support during times of crisis.

## **Focus on Disaster Preparedness and Response**

With hurricane season in full swing, disaster preparedness is at the forefront of our community's concerns. This issue delves deep into the strategies and measures that individuals and families can take to safeguard themselves and their homes against natural disasters. Our feature article by our House Chairman, Chad Brownlow, who also happens to be a Jackson County Emergency Management Coordinator provides a comprehensive guide on creating an effective emergency plan, including tips on assembling emergency kits, securing properties, and establishing communication strategies for families. This expert insight from a local emergency management official offers valuable perspectives on the latest protocols and resources available to the local community.

Equally important is our lodge's role in disaster response. Highlighting the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120's initiatives, we showcase our ongoing efforts to support disaster relief, including partnerships with other response organizations. Our lodge has a long-standing tradition of rallying together in times of need, exemplifying brotherly love and community solidarity. This issue celebrates the spirit of unity and resilience that defines our community and underscores the importance of preparedness and collective action.

## **Back-to-School: Empowering Our Youth**

While the overarching theme of this issue is disaster preparedness and response, we also recognize the significance of the upcoming school year and the role of education in our community. This issue marks the beginning of our annual Student of the Month program, a cherished tradition that honors outstanding seniors from Pas-



cagoula, East Central, Moss Point, Gautier, and Resurrection High Schools.

Starting in September, the Student of the Month program will recognize exemplary seniors on the second Thursday of each month just prior to our regular business meeting at 7:00 PM. This initiative celebrates academic excellence, leadership, and community involvement, shining a spotlight on young individuals who embody the values of dedication and service. Each selected student will be featured in our magazine, sharing their achievements and aspirations, and serving as an inspiration to their peers. This program remains one of our most important youth activities throughout the year, emphasizing our commitment to nurturing the potential of our future leaders.

## **Join Us in Strengthening Our Community**

The August-September issue of "For the Good of the Order" is a reminder of our fraternal commitment to fostering a safe, resilient, and thriving community. By focusing on disaster preparedness and celebrating the achievements of our youth, we aim to empower our readers to take proactive steps in their personal lives and contribute to the collective well-being of our community.

We invite you to explore this issue, share the information with your networks, and join us in our efforts to make Pascagoula a place of safety, learning, and unity. Together, we can build a stronger, more prepared, and inspired community.

Be safe, and remember to share this issue with anyone you think will enjoy the news of our lodge and what we do within the community.



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# Staying Safe Down South

## Preparing for Natural Disasters of All Kinds

*Chad Brownlow*

*Jackson County EMA Coordinator*

The history of emergency management dates back to ancient civilizations, where communities developed rudimentary systems to respond to disasters and emergencies. In more recent times, the modern concept of emergency management emerged during the 20th century, particularly after World War II and the Cold War era. The field evolved in response to natural disasters, technological accidents, and terrorist threats. Key events such as the creation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the United States in 1979 and the establishment of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015 have significantly shaped the development of emergency management practices worldwide. Today, emergency management encompasses a wide range of activities, including preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts to effectively address various types of emergencies and disasters.

Emergency management is a crucial aspect of ensuring public safety and resilience in the face of disasters and emergencies. It encompasses a coordinated effort to plan, prepare, respond, and recover from various types of emergencies, including natural disasters, pandemics, terrorist attacks, and technological accidents. Effective emergency management involves a combination of policies, procedures, personnel, and resources to mitigate the impact of disasters on communities and individuals. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), emergency management is a structure for anticipating and responding to emergencies.



The five main principles for implementing this structure are:

- **Prevention:** Avoiding incidents from happening in the first place through actions like inspections, surveillance, and countermeasures
- **Protection:** A mission area of the National Preparedness Goal
- **Mitigation:** Reducing or eliminating long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects
- **Response:** Putting preparedness plans into action to save lives and prevent further damage during an emergency
- **Recovery:** A mission area of the National Preparedness Goal

One key component of emergency management is mitigation. This is usually done through risk assessment and planning. This involves identifying potential hazards, assessing their likelihood and potential impact, and developing strategies to reduce risks and enhance preparedness. Through risk assessment, emergency managers can prioritize resources, allocate funding, and develop response plans tailored to specific threats.

Preparedness is another critical element of emergency management. This includes activities such as developing emergency plans, conducting training and drills, stockpiling essential supplies, and establishing communication systems. Preparedness efforts aim to ensure that individuals, organizations, and communities are ready to respond effectively when disaster strikes. This phase includes developing plans for what to do, where to go, or who to call for help before an event occurs; actions that will improve your chances of successfully dealing with an emergency. For instance, posting emergency telephone numbers, holding disaster drills, and installing smoke detectors are all preparedness measures. Other examples include identifying where you would be able to shelter your animals in a disaster.







You should also consider preparing a disaster kit with essential supplies for your family and animals.

When an emergency occurs, the response phase of emergency management is activated. This phase involves implementing emergency plans, mobilizing resources, and coordinating response efforts to save lives, protect property, and stabilize the situation. Effective communication, coordination among response agencies, and swift decision-making are essential during the response phase to minimize the impact of the disaster. Your safety and well-being in an emergency depend on how prepared you are and on how you respond to a crisis. By being able to act responsibly and safely, you will be able to protect yourself, your family, others around you and your animals. Taking cover and holding tight in an earthquake, moving to the basement with your pets in a tornado, and safely leading horses away from a wildfire are examples of safe response. These actions can save lives.

After the immediate crisis has been addressed, the recovery phase of emergency management begins. This phase focuses on restoring the affected area to its pre-disaster state, supporting affected individuals and communities, and rebuilding infrastructure. Recovery efforts may involve accessing federal disaster assistance, providing mental health support, and implementing long-term recovery plans to enhance resilience for future disasters. After an emergency and once the immediate danger is over, your continued safety and well-being will depend on your ability to cope with rearranging your life and environment. During the recovery period, you must take care of yourself and your animals to prevent stress-related illnesses and excessive financial burdens. During recovery, you should also consider things to do that would lessen (mitigate) the effects of future disasters.

Overall, emergency management plays a vital role in safeguarding lives, property, and the environment during emergencies and disasters. By investing in preparedness, response capabilities, and recovery efforts, communities can enhance

their ability to withstand and recover from a wide range of hazards, ultimately building a more resilient community.

Creating a checklist for emergency preparedness is crucial to ensure you are ready to handle unexpected situations effectively. Here is a comprehensive checklist you can use:

### Emergency Contacts:

- List of emergency contacts including family, friends, doctors, and local emergency services.

### Emergency Kit:

- Water (1 gallon per person per day for at least three days)
- Non-perishable food for three days
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications
- Multi-tool
- Personal hygiene items
- Copies of important documents (ID, insurance, etc.)
- Cash
- Whistle
- Local maps

### Communication Plan:

- Establish a plan to communicate with family members in case of separation during an emergency.

### Shelter Plan:

- Identify safe places in your home or community to seek shelter during different types of emergencies.

### Evacuation Plan:

- Determine evacuation routes from your home and establish a meeting point for family members.

### Special Needs:

- Consider any specific needs for infants, elderly family members, or individuals with disabilities.

### Pet Preparedness:

- Include pet supplies in your emergency kit and plan for their safety during evacuations.

### Insurance and Finances:

- Review your insurance policies and ensure important documents are safeguarded.

### Training:

- Consider taking first aid, CPR, or emergency response training to be better prepared.

### Practice Drills:

- Regularly practice your emergency plans with family members to ensure everyone knows what to do.

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By following this checklist, you can enhance your preparedness for various emergency situations.

In the context of senior citizens preparing for disasters, it is essential for older adults to have a well-thought-out plan in place to ensure their safety and well-being during emergencies. This plan should include considerations such as creating a communication strategy with family and friends, assembling a disaster supply kit tailored to their specific needs, knowing evacuation routes and shelters in their area, and staying informed about potential hazards.

Additionally, seniors should prioritize their health and medication needs in their disaster preparedness plan. It is crucial for them to have a list of medications, medical records, and contact information for healthcare providers readily available. They should also consider any mobility or medical equipment they may need during an emergency.

There is hot, and then there is hot! Extreme heat is a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least two to three days. In extreme heat your body works extra hard to maintain a normal temperature, which can lead to death. Extreme heat is responsible for the highest number of annual deaths among all weather-related hazards.

## Extreme Heat

Older adults, children and people with certain illnesses and chronic conditions are at greater risk from extreme heat.

# Humidity increases the feeling of heat.



### Prepare for Extreme Heat

- Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device. Fans create air flow and a false sense of comfort, but do not reduce body temperature or prevent heat-related illnesses.

- Identify places in your community where you can go to get cool such as libraries and shopping malls or contact your local health department to find a cooling center in your area.
- Cover windows with drapes or shades.
- Weather-strip doors and windows.
- Use window reflectors specifically designed to reflect heat back outside.
- Add insulation to keep the heat out.
- Use a powered attic ventilator, or attic fan, to regulate the heat level of a building's attic by clearing out hot air.
- Install window air conditioners and insulate around them.
- If you are unable to afford your cooling costs, weatherization or energy-related home repairs, contact the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for help.

### Be Safe DURING Extreme Heat

Never leave people or pets in a closed car on a warm day.

If air conditioning is not available in your home go to a cooling center.

- Take cool showers or baths.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Use your oven less to help reduce the temperature in your home.

If you're outside, find shade. Wear a hat wide enough to protect your face.

- Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.
- Avoid high-energy activities or work outdoors, during midday heat, if possible.
- Check on family members, older adults and neighbors.
- Watch for heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- Consider pet safety. If they are outside, make sure they have plenty of cool water and access to comfortable shade. Asphalt and dark pavement can be very hot to your pet's feet.

### Heat-Related Illnesses

Know the signs of heat-related illnesses and ways to respond. If you are sick and need medical attention, contact your healthcare provider for advice and shelter in place if you can. If you are experiencing a medical emergency call 9-1-1.

Get more detailed information about heat-related illnesses from the CDC and National Weather Service.

### Heat Stroke

Signs:

- Extremely high body temperature (above 103 degrees F) taken orally
- Red, hot and dry skin with no sweat
- Rapid, strong pulse

- Dizziness, confusion or unconsciousness

If you suspect heat stroke, call 9-1-1 or get the person to a hospital immediately. If possible: move the person suffering from heat stroke into a cool, shaded area; remove any outer clothing; place a cold wet cloth or ice pack on the head, neck, armpits and groin, or soak the person's clothing with cool water; elevate their feet.

## Heat Cramps

Signs: Muscle pains or spasms in the stomach, arms or legs

## Heat Exhaustion

Signs: Heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, fast or weak pulse, dizziness, headache, fainting, nausea, vomiting

If you have signs of heat cramps or heat exhaustion, go to a cooler location and cool down by removing excess clothing and taking sips of sports drinks or water. Call your healthcare provider if symptoms get worse or last more than an hour.

## Summer Break

While the kids are home for the summer, get the whole family prepared.

- Make a family communication plan and include the whole family.
- Practice evacuation plans and other emergency procedures with children on a regular basis.
- Teach kids when and how to call important phone numbers like 9-1-1.
- Make sure the kids have an emergency contact person and know how to reach them.
- Create a family password or phrase to prevent your child from going with a stranger.
- Keep the kids occupied with online emergency preparedness games.
- Download the free Prepare with Pedro activity book to help kids learn to prepare.
- Decide on a family meeting place you can go if separated.

## Floods

Flooding is a natural disaster that occurs when water overflows onto normally dry land. Floods can result from various factors, including heavy rainfall, snowmelt, storms, or the overflow of rivers, lakes, or oceans. The impact of floods can be devastating, causing damage to infrastructure, homes, agriculture, and even loss of life. Floods can also lead to long-term consequences such as water contamination, displacement of communities, and eco-

conomic instability

Flooding is a temporary overflow of water onto land that is normally dry. Floods are the most common disaster in the United States. Failing to evacuate flooded areas or entering flood waters can lead to injury or death.

## Floods may:

- Result from rain, snow, coastal storms, storm surges and overflows of dams and other water systems.
- Develop slowly or quickly. Flash floods can come with no warning.
- Cause outages, disrupt transportation, damage buildings and create landslides.

## If you are under a flood warning:

- Find safe shelter right away.
- Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Turn Around, Don't Drown!
- Remember, just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.
- Depending on the type of flooding:
  - Evacuate if told to do so.
  - Move to higher ground or a higher floor.
  - Stay where you are.

## Preparing for a Flood

### Know Your Risk for Floods

Visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center to know types of flood risk in your area. Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Ocean-





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ic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

## *Purchase Flood Insurance*

Purchase or renew a flood insurance policy. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flooding. It typically takes up to 30 days for a policy to go into effect so the time to buy is well before a disaster. Get flood coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

## *Preparing for a Flood*

Make a plan for your household, including your pets, so that you and your family know what to do, where to go, and what you will need to protect yourselves from flooding. Learn and practice evacuation routes, shelter plans, and flash flood response. Gather supplies, including non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, and water for several days, in case you must leave immediately or if services are cut off in your area.

## *In Case of Emergency*

Keep important documents in a waterproof container. Create password-protected digital copies. Protect your property. Move valuables to higher levels. Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves. Consider a sump pump with a battery.

## **Staying Safe During a Flood**

- Evacuate immediately, if told to evacuate. Never drive around barricades. Local responders use them to safely direct traffic out of flooded areas.
- Contact your healthcare provider if you are sick and need medical attention. Wait for further care instructions and shelter in place, if possible. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 9-1-1.
- Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions regarding flooding.
- Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don't Drown!
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water. Fast-moving water can wash bridges away without warning.
- Stay inside your car if it is trapped in rapidly moving water. Get on the roof if water is rising inside the car.
- Get to the highest level if trapped in a building. Only get on the roof if necessary and once there signal for help. Do not climb into a closed attic to avoid getting trapped by rising floodwater.

## **Staying Safe After a Flood**

- Pay attention to authorities for information and instructions. Return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Avoid driving except in emergencies. Wear heavy work gloves, protective clothing and boots during clean up and use appropriate face

erings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris.

- People with asthma and other lung conditions and/or immune suppression should not enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold growth that can be seen or smelled. Children should not take part in disaster cleanup work.
- Be aware that snakes and other animals may be in your house.
- Be aware of the risk of electrocution. Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. Turn off the electricity to prevent electric shock if it is safe to do so.
- Avoid wading in floodwater, which can be contaminated and contain dangerous debris. Underground or downed power lines can also electrically charge the water.
- Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery ONLY outdoors and away from windows.

## **Tornadoes**

Tornadoes are rapidly rotating columns of air that extend from a thunderstorm to the ground. They are often referred to as twisters or cyclones and are capable of causing significant destruction with their high winds and flying debris. Tornadoes typically form in severe thunderstorms when warm, moist air collides with cold, dry air, creating instability in the atmosphere. The United States experiences the most tornadoes of any country, especially in the central region known as Tornado Alley. Tornado strength is measured using the Enhanced Fujita (EF) scale, ranging from EF0 (weakest) to EF5 (strongest). It is crucial to have a plan in place and pay attention to weather warnings to stay safe during tornado season.



## A tornado can:

- Happen anytime and anywhere.
- Bring intense winds, over 200 miles per hour.
- Look like funnels.

## Alerts - Warnings

If you are under a tornado or severe weather warning:

- Go to NOAA Weather Radio and your local news or official social media accounts for updated emergency information. Follow the instructions of state, local and tribal officials.
- Go to a safe shelter immediately, such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar or a small interior room on the lowest level of a sturdy building.
- Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.
- Do not go under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.
- Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death.
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- If you can't stay at home, make plans to go to a public shelter.

## Preparing for a Tornado

- Know your area's tornado risk. In the U.S., the Midwest and the Southeast have a greater risk for tornadoes.
- Know the signs of a tornado, including a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud, an approaching cloud of debris, or a loud roar like a freight train.
- Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and NOAA Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts. If your community has sirens, then become familiar with the warning tone.



- Pay attention to weather reports. Meteorologists can predict when conditions might be right for a tornado.
- Identify and practice going to a safe shelter such as a safe room built using FEMA criteria or a storm shelter built to ICC 500 standards. The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room or basement on the lowest level of a sturdy building.
- Plan for your pet. They are an important member of your family, so they need to be included in your family's emergency plan.
- Prepare for long-term stay at home or sheltering in place by gathering emergency supplies, cleaning supplies, non-perishable foods, water, medical supplies and medication.

## Staying Safe During a Tornado

- Immediately go to a safe location that you have identified.
- Pay attention to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.
- Protect yourself by covering your head or neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around or on top of you.
- In a car or truck: There is no safe option when caught in a tornado in a car, just slightly less-dangerous ones.
- If the tornado is visible, far away, and the traffic is light, you may be able to drive out of its path by moving at right angles to the tornado.
- If you are caught by extreme winds or flying debris, park the car as quickly and safely as possible -- out of the traffic lanes.
- Stay in the car with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows; cover your head with your hands and a blanket, coat, or other cushion if possible.
- If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, leave your car and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands.
- Avoid seeking shelter under bridges, which can create deadly traffic hazards while offering little protection against flying debris.

## Staying Safe After a Tornado

- Save your phone calls for emergencies and use text messaging or social media to communicate with family and friends.
- Pay attention to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, and local authorities for updated information.
- Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.
- Contact your healthcare provider if you are sick and need medical attention. Wait for further care instructions and continue to shelter in place.

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soled shoes, long pants, and work gloves, use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris.

## Hurricanes

Hurricane preparedness involves various measures to mitigate the risks and potential damages caused by hurricanes. This typically includes creating a family emergency plan, preparing an emergency kit with essentials like water, food, medications, and important documents, securing your home by reinforcing windows and doors, and staying informed about evacuation routes and shelter locations. It is also essential to have a communication plan in place and to follow the instructions issued by local authorities. Additionally, understanding the hurricane categories, knowing the difference between hurricane watches and warnings, and being aware of the potential hazards associated with hurricanes are crucial for effective preparedness.

Hurricanes are dangerous and can cause major damage from storm surge, wind damage, rip currents and flooding. They can happen along any U.S. coast or in any territory in the Atlantic or Pacific oceans. Storm surge historically is the leading cause of hurricane-related deaths in the United States.

Eastern Pacific Hurricane Season: May 15–November 30.

Atlantic Hurricane Season: June 1–November 30.

Central Pacific Hurricane Season: June 1–November 30.



### Prepare for Hurricanes

#### *Know Your Hurricane Risk*

Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water and even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. Start preparing now.

#### *Make an Emergency Plan*

Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plans. Include the office, kids' day care, and anywhere else you frequent in your hurricane

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS



**MAKE A PLAN**



**BUILD A KIT**



**BE INFORMED**

plans. Ensure your business has a continuity plan to continue operating when disaster strikes.

#### *Know your Evacuation Zone*

You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will stay.

Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.

#### *Recognize Warnings and Alerts*

Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the FEMA app and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. Sign up for community alerts in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which require no sign up.

#### *Those with Disabilities*

Identify if you may need additional help during an emergency if you or anyone else in your household is an individual with a disability.

#### *Review Important Documents*

Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents, such as ID, are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space.

#### *Strengthen your Home*

De-clutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture, and consider hurricane shutters.

#### *Get Tech Ready*

Keep your cell phone charged when you know a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.

#### *Help your Neighborhood*

Check with neighbors, senior adults, or those who may need additional help securing hurricane plans to see how you can be of assistance to others



### Gather Supplies

Have enough supplies for your household, include medication, disinfectant supplies and pet supplies in your go bag or car trunk. You may not have access to these supplies for days or even weeks after a hurricane.

### Stay Safe During a Hurricane

- Stay Informed
- Pay attention to emergency information and alerts.
- If you live in a mandatory evacuation zone and local officials tell you to evacuate, do so immediately.

### Dealing with the Weather

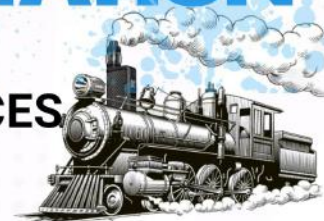
- Determine how best to protect yourself from high winds and flooding.
- Take refuge in a designated storm shelter or an interior room for high winds.
- Go to the highest level of the building if you are trapped by flooding. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising flood water.
- Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don't Drown! Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

### Returning Home After a Hurricane

- Pay attention to local officials for information and special instructions.
- Be careful during clean up. Wear protective clothing, use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris. People with asthma and other lung conditions and/or immune suppression should not enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold growth that can be seen or smelled, even if these individuals are not allergic to mold. Children should not help with disaster cleanup work.
- Wear protective clothing and work with someone else.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. If it is safe to do so, turn off electricity at the main breaker or fuse box to prevent electric shock.
- Do not wade in flood water, which can contain dangerous pathogens that cause illnesses. This water also can contain debris, chemicals, waste and wildlife. Underground or downed power lines also can electrically charge the water.
- Save phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems often are down or busy after a disaster. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends.
- Document any property damage with photographs. Contact your insurance company for assistance.

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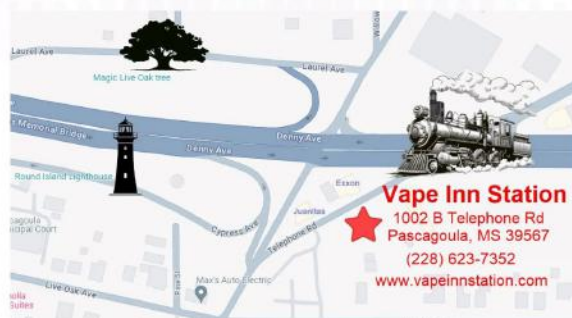
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# Baeyens Sponsors Fire Cubs on Behalf of Lodge



The Pascagoula Fire Department held its inaugural Fire Cubs Summer Program in June. The program is a youth development and mentoring program that provides life safety guidance and career exploration for the kids 8-12. Cubs learn fire prevention, first aid, CPR, how to operate a fire extinguisher and team building. In addition, the participants have hands-on experience with firefighters to learn search patterns, fire hose operations, and get to ride in a fire truck. This four-day camp, held twice this summer was free to children, who also received a t-shirt in addition to food and drinks throughout each day.

Lodge member Muriel Baeyens was a sponsor of the camp and made the donation on behalf of Pascagoula Elks Lode 1120. We thank Muriel for her dedication to the kids in our community and this excellent program that gives them such an amazing experience. You never know, we may see some career firefighters come from this camp!



# Lodge Honored for 5-Star Website

During the Grand Lodge Convention held in Austin, TX the week of July 4, the Pascagoula Elks 1120 was awarded a 5-Star citation for the Lodge's website, [www.pascagoulaelks.org](http://www.pascagoulaelks.org).

The Lodges that participated told the public the great news on what Elks Lodges do. The websites show our Members and volunteers who work for our communities, aid our veterans, provide for the State Major Projects, fund our scholarships, and more. The sites invite the locals to come and join in. Visitors can see that Elkdome is alive and well within the Lodges, championing the four principles of our Order.

Pascagoula joins the following lodges in receiving this recognition: [Essex, MD](#); [New London, CT](#); [High Point, NC](#); [Sitka, AK](#); [St. Louis, MO](#); [Sanford, NC](#); [New Britain, CT](#); [Palo Alto, CA](#);

[Silver City, NM](#); and [Ferndale, MI](#).

Websites were judged based on content, layout, design, graphics and telling the Elks story. The website was originally developed and implemented by Joe Parisi, PSP, PER and is currently maintained by the Communications Committee.

Exalted Ruler Curtis Welsh is pictured with Joe presenting the award to him at the regular business meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2024.

Congratulations to Joe and the Communications Committee for their outstanding efforts for the Lodge and for recognition as one of eleven lodges out of nearly 2000 that received this recognition.





For the Good of the Order

# Lodge Donates former Natchez Lodge Ritual Furniture to New York Lodge #1.

When the Natchez Lodge 553 went defunct in November, 2014, the Pascagoula Lodge purchased the strained glass windows from the lodge building and also acquired the original officer chairs, podiums and the lodge altar. At the time of the acquisition, Pascagoula outbid several older and prominent Lodges, including New York Elks #1, to win the items. In the years that followed, the windows were installed in the Lodge's grand hall, but the furniture sat unused and in need or repair, stored in any empty spot in the lodge that had room for it.

As the House Committee began its reorganization of the storage this past Spring, the furniture's fate began to change. It had never been repaired, and was taking up valuable space in climate controlled storage. Open discussions began on the floor about what to do with the furniture. Ideas from selling the items, to outright disposing of them were offered.

By chance, members of the Lodge had previously met then District Deputy Brian Steckler, PER of New York Lodge #1 while attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis, MN in 2023. Because of that Lodge's previous interest in the items, it was suggested that rather than throwing out the more than a century old items, the furniture be offered to the New York Lodge #1. After some discussion with the New York Lodge, Exalted Ruler Curtis Welsh made the official offer to New York Lodge Exalted Ruler William Bock, Jr. who accepted the donation.

Sherwood Beckham, PER and a team of Pascagoula Lodge members loaded the items into a trailer and delivered the furniture on June 17, 2024. New York Lodge #1 is in the process of having the items restored and will begin using the items in their ritual programs.

We can't wait to see what it all looks like when it is restored to its former glory. It has been important that Elks history be maintained and, if possible, shared with other lodges. For Pascagoula Lodge 1120, the fact that the mother lodge, New York Elks #1—the origin of our Order, has these special items is an honor for us.



Left to Right— Exalted Ruler William Bock, PDD New York Lodge 1; Al Hoffman, PDD New York Lodge 1; Lodge Trustee Joseph Serafino; Muriel A. Baeyens, Pascagoula Lodge 1120; James Morrison, Pascagoula Lodge 1120; Brian Steckler, DDGER New York Lodge 1; Debby Green, Pascagoula Lodge 1120; Sherwood Beckham, PER Pascagoula Lodge 1120.



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# Ladies Auxiliary News

By Julie Eplin-Renfroe  
Ladies Auxiliary President



Greetings from the Pascagoula Elks Ladies Auxiliary. I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable 4th of July. The ladies have been a bit busy since the last you read about us, and we still have a few things on our agenda that we will be doing in the coming months.

In June and July, the ladies donated a total of \$600.00. A donation of \$300.00 went to Kendal Willard, who on May 28, 2024, was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. Kendal is the nephew of Elk member Johnny Hays and Ladies Auxiliary Member Tonya Hays. Kendal suffered major injuries and was facing multiple surgeries. He is a husband and father and the sole provider for his family.

The other donation of \$300.00 went to Crystal Chandler and her family. Crystal is the wife of Elk Member Bobby "Bubba" Gene Chandler, who passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 12, 2024. Bubba was a 16-year member of the Elks Lodge.

The Ladies also awarded 6 scholarships to graduating students, current college students of Jackson County, and relatives of auxiliary members this past month. Each scholarship was for \$1000.00 each to help with the financial expenses of college tuition. More information on these scholarships will be available at a later date.

We have a few upcoming events that are being put together as we speak. The first event that the ladies will be holding, thanks to the very special Beauty Pageant Chairperson, Sharon Freeman, is the Macho "Man" Beauty Pageant which will be held on October 12, 2024, at the Pascagoula Elks Lodge located at 303 Krebs Ave. Tickets for this event will go on sale, September 12, 2024 for \$10.00 per person. Tickets will be available through Sharon Freeman and in the lounge, just ask the bartender that is on duty. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the event. Marc Turner will once again be the emcee for the evening with DJ Phil Richardson providing the music and entertainment. The contestants will be bidding for the title of Mr. King Macho "Man" 2024. Other awards given that night will be runner-up and fan favorite.

Fan favorite is chosen by the audience by putting money into the bucket specified for each contestant. So make sure you got those dollar bills ready!! Man-up and come support the Ladies Auxiliary and contestants and enjoy some light hors d'oeuvres, drinks can be purchased from the lounge. We hope to see y'all there!!

The biggest event that the Ladies hold every year is our "Kids Christmas Party" that thanks to our one and only, Beth Nelson, puts together for us. This year the date for that event will be December 14, 2024 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Pascagoula Elks Lodge. This event is open to the public for kids ages 12 and under. There will be games and prizes, snacks and prizes, and even Santa will be there for pictures. And just maybe, the Grinch will make an appearance.

The best part of all, EVERYTHING IS COMPLETELY FREE, thanks to donations that are received throughout the year. Once again, during the event, will be drawing for the boy and girl wagons full of toys and the boy and girl electric scooters. These tickets will go on sale beginning in October. You can get a ticket or 10 from an auxiliary member and they will also be available in the lounge. Tickets will be available the day of the event as well up until drawing time. Drawing will be held at 12:30.

Also, please don't forget that the Ladies host steak night on the 2nd Friday of each month. April Cole is our Steak Night Chairman and has done a fabulous job this year. This is open to Elk members and their guests. They start taking orders at 6:30pm and end at 8:00pm. Steak dinners are \$25.00. You get a 16 ounce ribeye with the choice of potato and a salad. Catfish (filets) dinners with a choice of potato and a salad are \$14.00. We also offer chicken tenders meals starting at \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids. Afterwards, starting at 8:00pm in the lounge is DJ Phil Richardson providing the entertainment and karaoke.

In closing, I hope that all is well with everyone, and I want to give huge thank you to the ladies of the auxiliary for your time and support. Without you, I would be lost.

Your President,  
Julie Eplin-Renfroe

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## Saturday Aug 31, 2024



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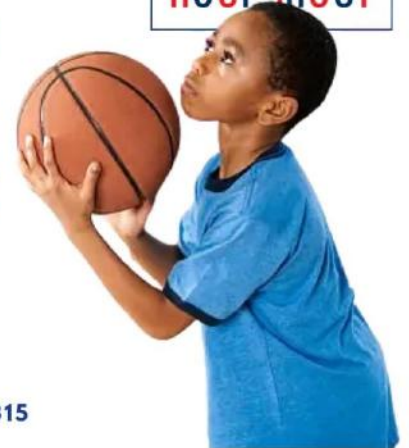
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# ELKS SOCCER SHOOT - 2024

## Saturday Sep 21, 2024

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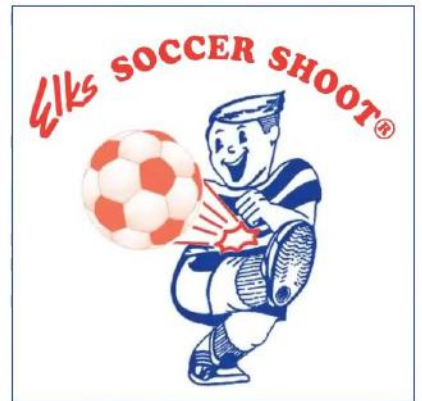
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# To Our Absent Members

## Bobby Gene "Bubba" Chandler, Jr.

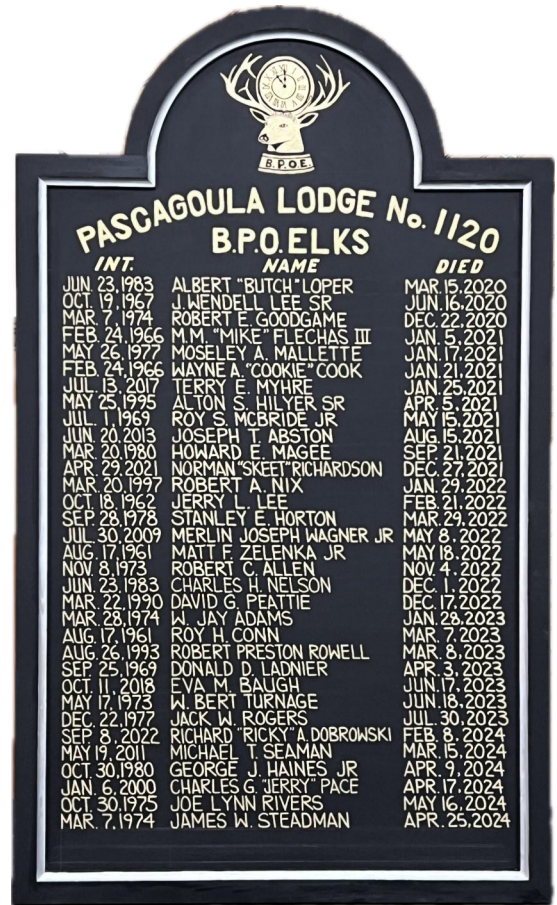


**Initiated** August 31, 2006

**Died** July 12, 2024

Bobby Gene Chandler, Jr., affectionately known as Bubba to his family and friends, passed away on Friday, July 12, 2024, in his hometown of Pascagoula, MS. Born on September 13, 1974, to the late Bobby Gene Chandler, Sr. and Lydia Kaye Smith Chandler, Bobby was an adventurous soul, who found joy in the simple pleasures in life.

Bubba's life was a testament to the power of love, friendship, and family. He was a devoted husband to his wife of 28 years, Crystal Chandler, and a loving father to his daughter, Shannon Chandler (Joseph Downey), and son, Bobby Clayton (Taylor) Chandler. His joy was multiplied with the arrival of his cherished grandchildren, Kinsley Grace, Oliver Blake, Thatcher Hayes, and Nicholas Gene, who filled his days with laughter and happiness. In addition to his immediate family, Bubba is survived by his sisters, Amanda Kaye Chandler (Marc Fairchild) and Stacy Leann Holley (Mike Stepp). His best friend, Todd Northrop, stood by him through thick and thin. Bubba's role as the backbone of his family was one he



embraced wholeheartedly, and his absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

His interests were as expansive as the Mississippi outdoors he so loved. A skilled hunter and fisherman, Bubba found solace in the quiet of nature and the excitement of the chase. His passion for woodworking was evident in the beautiful pieces he crafted. His zest for life extended to joy riding, gaming, and most importantly, spending time with his grandbabies. He was not just a father to his own children but a father-figure to many. His influence and guidance shaped the lives of those around him, and his legacy of love and dedication will continue to inspire. In every aspect of his life, Bubba was a protector—a man who stood up for his loved ones and provided a safe haven in times of need. His presence was a source of comfort and security, and he will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to those he held dear.

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## What Can You Do To Help The House?

**Chad Brownlow**  
House Committee Chair



The House Committee meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM to discuss the needs and work involved in all areas of the Lodge and its properties. The House Committee also discusses upgrades, improvements, and other business pertinent to Lodge 1120. Anyone is welcome to attend. Guests are able to share their thoughts, but only House Committee members get to vote or make a motion at the meeting.

The House Committee needs help on steak nights! We need greeters and servers, please.

Greeters are charged with standing at the door of the lounge and ensuring that guests are appropriately signed in at the lounge door.

Servers deliver the food to the steak night guests from the kitchen window. Orders can be taken by servers as well.

If you are interested in helping with steak night, see your favorite House Committee member.

Halloween Hobble is coming up on the first Saturday in October! It's gonna be a lot of fun and the funds raised go to the House!

The theme is a haunted circus. We need help for the setup and takedown of this event. We are also looking for people interested to host a booth. A booth consists of a 10 x 10 area with a game or other themed scene.

We look forward to having the 'duck races' again as well. If you want to participate, get in touch with your ENF Chairman, Lynn Overman.

We have tshirts for sale in the hallway. We have some new items on the way.

Jacob Allen is doing leatherwork and designing the new #1120 leather keyrings. He has a working prototype and is fine tuning the product.

Jacob is also designing belt buckles with the new 1120 logo. At this time, they are on backorder. We hope that these are also available in the near future.

Yours in Elkdom,

Chad Brownlow

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**Jerry Bryan**

Jerry was proposed by Joe Parisi, PER



**Donald Carroll**

Donald was proposed by Pam Beecher



**Sam Graham**

Sam was proposed by Johnny Hays



**Pamela Hamilton**

Pamela was proposed by Debra Tillman



**TJ Johnson**

TJ was proposed by Chad Brownlow



**Joaquin Orozco**

Joaquin was proposed by Ed Neuman, PER



**Patsy Poole**

Patsy was proposed by Cary Welsh



**Gary Randall**

Gary was proposed by Pam Beecher



**Stephen Seely**

Stephen was proposed by Scott Wright



# Science-Based Emergency Preparedness



## Enhancing Resilience through Understanding and Planning

**Roy Wilson,**  
**Staff Writer**

Emergency preparedness is a critical aspect of public safety and individuals' well-being. Natural disasters, pandemics, and technological hazards pose significant threats that require comprehensive planning and a science-based approach to mitigate their impact. By understanding the science behind these events and implementing evidence-based strategies, we can enhance resilience and ensure better outcomes when emergencies occur.

### **NATURAL DISASTERS**

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#### **HURRICANES**

These powerful storms form over warm ocean waters and can cause catastrophic damage through high winds, heavy rainfall, and storm surges. Climate models predict the frequency and intensity of these storms, helping communities to prepare. Effective strategies include robust coastal defenses, improved forecasting techniques, and evacuation planning. Studies indicate that timely evacuations and well-constructed shelters significantly reduce loss of life and property damage.

#### **FLOODING**

Floods can result from heavy rainfall, river overflow, or coastal storms. Understanding hydrology and meteorology is crucial for flood prediction and management. Science-based approaches such as floodplain mapping, the construction of levees, and advanced drainage systems help mitigate flood risks. Early warning systems and public awareness campaigns also play vital roles in reducing the impact of floods.



Roy holds a Master's of Nuclear Engineering and has more than thirty five years in experience in the design, construction, operation of nuclear power facilities, and nuclear emergency regulation and response.

### **TORNADOS**

Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air, extending from a thunderstorm, which are in contact with the ground. Tornadoes develop when wind variations with height support rotation in the updraft. Tornadoes come in different sizes, many as narrow rope-like swirls, others as wide funnels.

### **HEALTH EMERGENCIES AND PANDEMICS**

The pandemics highlighted the importance of preparedness for health emergencies. Science-based strategies for managing pandemics include:

#### **SURVEILLANCE AND MONITORING**

Early detection of outbreaks through robust surveillance systems allows for timely intervention. Genomic sequencing of pathogens helps track mutations and variants, guiding vaccine development and treatment protocols.

#### **VACCINATION PROGRAMS**

Vaccines are one of the most effective tools against infectious diseases. Large-scale vaccination campaigns, supported by scientific research and public health policies, have eradicated diseases like smallpox and controlled others like polio and influenza.



## **PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE**

Strengthening healthcare systems, ensuring adequate medical supplies, and training healthcare professionals are essential for pandemic preparedness. Studies show that countries with strong public health infrastructure managed the pandemics more effectively.

## **TECHNOLOGICAL AND HUMAN-MADE HAZARDS**

### **CHEMICAL SPILLS AND INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS**

Understanding chemical properties, potential hazards, and response protocols is crucial for managing industrial accidents. Science-based risk assessments and safety regulations help prevent accidents and mitigate their impact.

### **NUCLEAR INCIDENTS**

Preparedness for nuclear incidents involves understanding radiation, its effects, and protective measures. Emergency plans include evacuation routes, distribution of iodine tablets, and communication strategies to inform the public.

### **CYBERSECURITY THREATS**

As society becomes increasingly digital, cybersecurity is paramount. Research in computer science and information technology guides the development of robust security protocols to protect critical infrastructure and personal data from cyberattacks.

## **BUILDING A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS**

### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Public awareness campaigns and educational programs help individuals understand risks and prepare for emergencies. Training in first aid, CPR, and emergency response enhances community resilience.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Engaging local communities in preparedness activities fosters a collective approach to risk management. Community drills, local emergency plans, and volunteer programs build social cohesion and readiness.

### **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**

Governments play a crucial role in emergency preparedness through policy development, resource allocation, and coordination of response efforts. Science-based policies ensure that preparedness measures are effective and equitable.

## **THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Advances in technology have revolutionized emergency preparedness:

### **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS-GIS**

GIS technology helps in mapping hazards, planning evacuation routes, and managing resources during emergencies. Real-time data from GIS improves decision-making and response efficiency.

### **EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS**

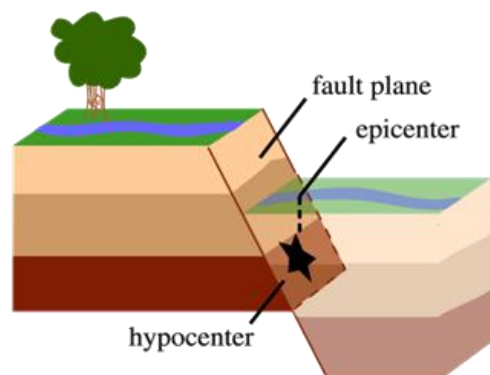
Technological advancements in sensors, communication networks, and data analytics have enhanced early warning systems for natural disasters. These systems provide critical lead time for evacuation and protective measures.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION**

Social media platforms play a significant role in disseminating information during emergencies. They facilitate real-time communication between authorities and the public, helping to coordinate response efforts.

## **EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS**

In 1879, to help with understanding earthquakes, Congress created the United States Geological Survey (USGS). As the science arm of the Department of the Interior, the USGS brings an array of earth, water, biological, and mapping data and expertise to bear in support of decision-making on environmental, resource, and public safety issues. The USGS monitors and reports on earthquakes, assesses earthquake impacts and hazards, and conducts targeted research on the causes and effects of earthquakes. They undertake these activities as part of the larger National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP), a four-agency partnership established by Congress.

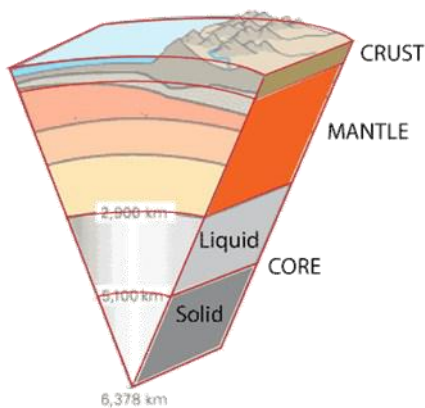


So what is an earthquake? An earthquake is what happens when two blocks of the earth suddenly slip past one another. The surface where



they slip is called the fault or fault plane. The location below the earth's surface where the earthquake starts is called the hypocenter, and the location directly above it on the surface of the earth is called the epicenter. Sometimes an earthquake has foreshocks. These are smaller earthquakes that happen in the same place as the larger earthquake that follows. Scientists can't tell that an earthquake is a foreshock until the larger earthquake happens. The largest, main earthquake is called the mainshocks. Mainshocks always have aftershocks that follow. These are smaller earthquakes that occur afterwards in the same place as the mainshocks. Depending on the size of the mainshocks, the aftershocks can continue for weeks, months, and even years after the mainshocks.

The earth has four major layers: the inner core, outer core, mantle and crust. The crust and the top of the mantle make up a thin skin on the surface of our planet. But this skin is not all in one piece, it is made up of many pieces like a puzzle covering the surface of the earth. Not only that, but these puzzle pieces keep slowly moving around, sliding past one another and bumping into each other. We call these puzzle pieces tectonic plates, and the edges of the plates are called the plate boundaries. The plate boundaries are made up of many faults, and most of the earthquakes around the world occur on these faults. Since the edges of the plates are rough, they get stuck while the rest of the plate keeps moving. Finally, when the plate has moved far enough, the edges breaks on one of the faults and there is an earthquake.



When people think of earthquakes in the United States, they tend to think of the west coast. But earthquakes also happen in the eastern and central U.S. Mississippi has our own fault line. The New Madrid seismic zone is located in the northern part of what has been called the Mississippi embayment. The Mississippi embayment is a broad trough filled with marine sedimentary rocks. The upper 30 meters of sediment within the embayment includes sand, silt, and clay deposited by the Mississippi, Ohio, St. Francis, and White Rivers and their tributaries.

As a personnel note, while working at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station we could tell when an earthquake happened before it was reported on the news because the water level in the Suppression Pool in the Containment Building due to ripples in the water.

## HURRICANE HAZARD

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) is the division of the United States' NOAA/National Weather Service responsible for tracking and predicting tropical weather systems. The agency, which is co-located with the Miami branch of the National Weather Service, is situated on the campus of Florida International University in University Park, Miami, Florida.

The NHC's Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB) routinely issues marine forecasts, in the form of graphics and high seas forecasts year round. During the hurricane seasons, the Hurricane Specialist Unit (HSU) issues routine tropical weather outlook.

When tropical storm or hurricane conditions are expected within 48 hours, the center issues watches and warnings via the news media and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio.

The National Weather Center issues hurricane classifications based on their intensity, using a scale of one to five. The scale categorizes storms according to their sustained winds; the storm surges produced; and expected damage.

### Saffir-Simpson hurricane wind scale

Category	Wind speeds
<b>Five</b>	≥70 m/s, ≥137 knots ≥157 mph, ≥252 km/h
<b>Four</b>	58–70 m/s, 113–136 knots 130–156 mph, 209–251 km/h
<b>Three</b>	50–58 m/s, 96–112 knots 111–129 mph, 178–208 km/h
<b>Two</b>	43–49 m/s, 83–95 knots 96–110 mph, 154–177 km/h
<b>One</b>	33–42 m/s, 64–82 knots 74–95 mph, 119–153 km/h

### Additional classifications

<b>Tropical storm</b>	18–32 m/s, 35–63 knots 39–73 mph, 63–118 km/h
<b>Tropical depression</b>	<17 m/s, <34 knots <38 mph, <62 km/h

## CATEGORY ONE—ISAAC-2012

Winds of 74 to 95 mph, storm surge of 4 to 5 feet above normal tide. Damage to shrubbery, trees, poorly constructed signs, and unanchored mobile homes. Low lying coastal roads inundated.

## CATEGORY TWO—GEORGES-1998

Winds of 96 to 110 mph, storm surge of 9 to 12 feet above normal tide. Some damage to roofing materials of buildings; some wind and door damage. Major damage to exposed mobile homes. Coastal roads and low lying escape routes made impassable by rising water 2 to 4 hours before arrival of hurricane.

**CATEGORY THREE—KATRINA-2005**

Winds of 111 to 129 mph, storm surge 9 to 12 feet above normal tide. Large trees blown down. Some damage to roofing materials of buildings; some window and door damage. Some structural damage to small buildings. Mobile homes destroyed. Serious flooding at the coast; many small structures destroyed; large structures damaged by waves and debris.

**CATEGORY FOUR—FREDERIC-1979**

Winds of 130 to 156 mph, storm surge 13 to 18 feet above normal tide. Shrubs and trees blown down, all signs down. Extensive damage to roofing materials, windows, and doors. Complete failure of roofs of many small residences. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Flat terrain 10 feet or less above sea level flooded inland as far as six miles. Major damage to lower floors of structures near shore.

**CATEGORY FIVE—CAMILLE-1969**

Winds greater than 157 mph, storm surge greater than 18 feet above normal tide. Shrubs and trees blown down; considerable damage to roofs of buildings. Very severe and extensive damage to windows and doors. Complete failure of roofs on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Massive evacuation of residential areas on low ground within 5 to 10 miles of shore possibly required.

**FLOODING HAZARD**

The National Severe Storms Laboratory is a department of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). They service the nation by working to improve the lead-time and accuracy of severe weather warnings and forecasts in order to save lives and reduce property damage. NSSL scientists are committed to understanding the causes of severe weather and explore new ways to use weather information to assist National Weather Service forecasters. The National Weather Service's may issue various warning and watches. Typically, a flash flood or flood watch is issued first, when flooding is possible, but before it has occurred. A flash flood or flood watch does not mean that a flash flood will occur, it is a very good indication that your community will experience weather severe enough to make one possible. A flood Warning is issued when a flash flood or flood is imminent or occurring. If you are in a flood prone area move immediately to high ground. A flash flood is a sudden violent flood that can take from minutes to hours to develop. It is even possible to experience a flash flood in areas not immediately receiving rain.

Remember the adage: Turn around, don't drown! Most fatalities in the US from flooding or flash flooding are from vehicles driving into flooded roadways

What is flooding? Flooding is an overflowing of water onto land that is normally dry. Floods can happen during heavy rains, when ocean waves come on shore, when snow melts quickly, or when dams or levees break. Damaging flooding may happen with only a few inches of water, or it may cover a house to the rooftop. Floods can occur within minutes or over a long period, and may last days, weeks, or longer. Floods are the most common and widespread of all weather related natural disasters.

**DIFFERENT TYPES OF FLOODS**

A fluvial floods, also known as river floods is when rain falls somewhere in a watershed, an amazing amount of water moves downhill.

More than half of it is retained by soils to be used by plants or it seeps into groundwater storage, where some of it will recharge streams. The rest moves into a series of small then increasingly larger stream channels.



A stream system's capacity to contain the majority of rain events or snowmelt is very high. Since rainfall is not distributed equally across a watershed, a stream channel can be bank-full in one part of its system and well below capacity in another. High flows also move through a system, with water levels rising in one location as storm flows arrive, then falling as they move downstream.

A coastal flood, or the inundation of land areas along the coast, is caused by higher than average high tide and worsened by heavy rainfall and onshore winds. Storm surge is an abnormal rise in water level in coastal areas, over and above the regular astronomical tide, caused by forces generated from a severe storm's wind, waves, and low atmospheric pressure. Storm surge is extremely dangerous, because it is capable of flooding large coastal areas. Extreme flooding can occur in coastal areas particularly when storm surge coincides with normal high tide, resulting in storm tides reaching up to 20 feet or more in some cases.

Along the coast, storm surge is often the greatest threat to life and property from a hurricane. In the





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past, large death tolls have resulted from the rise of the ocean associated with many of the major hurricanes that have made landfall. Hurricane Katrina (2005) is a prime example of the damage and devastation that can be caused by surge. At least 1500 persons lost their lives during Katrina and many of those deaths occurred directly, or indirectly, as a result of storm surge.

A flash flood caused by heavy or excessive rainfall in a short period of time, generally less than 6 hours. Flash floods are usually characterized by raging torrents after heavy rains that rip through river beds, urban streets, or mountain canyons sweeping everything before them. They can occur within minutes or a few hours of excessive rainfall. They can also occur even if no rain has fallen, for instance after a levee or dam has failed, or after a sudden release of water by a debris jam. Flash floods are the most dangerous kind of floods, because they combine the destructive power of a flood with incredible speed. Flash floods occur when heavy rainfall exceeds the ability of the ground to absorb it. They also occur when water fills normally dry creeks or streams or enough water accumulates for streams to overtop their banks, causing rapid rises of water in a short amount of time. They can happen within minutes of the causative rainfall, limiting the time available to warn and protect the public.



nado to form. A watch will not necessarily result in severe weather. A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar and there is a serious threat to life and property to those in the path of the tornado.

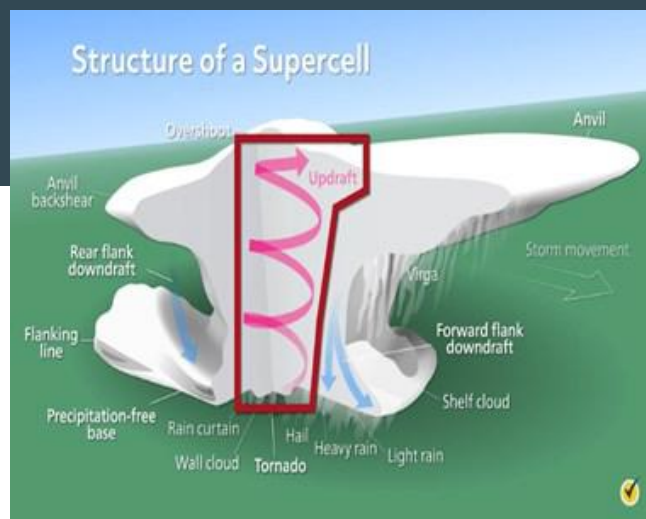
What is a tornado? A tornado is a violently rotating column of air, pendant from a cumuliform cloud or underneath a cumuliform cloud, and often, but not always, visible as a funnel cloud. To be called a tornado, it must be in contact with the ground and a convective cloud at the same time.

How do tornadoes form? The classic answer is warm moist Gulf air meets cold Canadian air and dry air from the Rockies. This is a gross oversimplification of what actually causes a tornado to form. Most thunderstorms that form under those conditions, near warm fronts, cold fronts and drylines respectively, never make tornadoes. Even when not every thunderstorm spawns a tornado. The truth is that we don't fully understand what causes a tornado. But what we do know is that the most destructive and deadly tornadoes occur from supercells. Which are rotating thunderstorms with a well defined radar circulation called a mesocyclone.

## TORNADO HAZARDS

In 1970 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was established by the President and Congress under the Reorganization Plan No.4. President Nixon sent the reorganization plan to Congress on July 9, 1970. NOAA was created to serve a national need for a better understanding of the total environment and for exploration and development leading to the intelligent use of our marine resources. From daily weather forecasts, severe storm warnings, and climate monitoring to fisheries management, coastal restoration and supporting marine commerce, NOAA's products and services support economic vitality and affect more than one-third of America's gross domestic product. NOAA use cutting-edge research and high-tech instrumentation to provide citizens, planners, emergency managers and other decision makers with reliable information they need, when they need it.

The NOAA Storm Prediction Center and NOAA National Weather Service meteorologists who watch the weather 24/7 across the entire U.S. for weather conditions will issue tornado warnings or tornado watch when weather is favorable for tornadoes. So what is the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning? A tornado watch means that conditions are ideal for a



How do tornadoes dissipate? The details are still debated by tornado scientists. We do know tornadoes need a source of instability, i.e. heat, moisture, etc. and a larger scale property of rotation. There are a lot of processes around a thunderstorm which can possibly rob the area around a tornado of either instability or vortices.

## 8 STEP-HOUSEHOLD-EMERGENCY-PLAN

What is an emergency plan? An emergency plan specifies actions for handling sudden or unexpected situations. The objective of the plan is to limit or prevent fatalities and injuries. So where do I start?

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First, meet with your family members, discuss how to prepare and respond to the types of emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, school, work and play.



Second, identify responsibilities for each member of your household and know how you will work together as a team in an emergency.



Third, practice as many elements of your plan as possible. I can tell you from personnel experience, some family member did not like to practice in my household. Of course this was a 3am fire drill. They had to exit the house and meet at the end of the driveway for head count. I tried to make it on a Friday or Saturday night so I would not impact school.



Fourth, educate yourself on the natural disaster risks in your area. Consider how you will respond to emergencies that can happen such as home, school and work. Identify who will pick up the children and/or elder family members. Choose two places to meet up such as outside your house in case of fire or outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home or you are asked to evacuate. Think about emergencies that may require your family to shelter in place, such as a chemical spills, tornados vs. emergencies that may require evacuation, such as a hurricane. Plan what to do in case you are separated during an emergency. I can still remember where and what I was doing when 9/11 happened. I was at work at the nuclear facility and they were executing security lockdown protocol. I did not know when I would get home. A phone call to my wife to execute our shelter in place plan. I knew the family would be safe so I could focus on my duties at work.



Fifth, Get maps of your local evacuation routes and shelter locations. Decide where you would go and what route you would take to get there. Especially if you traveling separately from different starting points, this adds a level of redundancy should one have car troubles. Identify the hotel/motels on your travel path. You will need to contact them once you decide to evacuate. You will not be the only family evacuating. Practice evacuating your home twice a year. Grab your emergency kit, just like you will in a real emergency, then drive your planned evacuation route. Plot alternate routes on your map in case roads are impassable. Make sure you have locations and maps saved on devices such as cell phones or GPS units and on paper.



Sixth, choose an out-of-area emergency contact person such as a friend or relatives a safe distance away. Should the local phone lines be overloaded or out of service you may be

able to text or call long distance. Use this emergency contact person as a go-between to share pertinent information with your family. Everyone should carry emergency contact information in writing and saved on their cell phones. Make sure places where your children spend time also have these contact numbers, like at school or daycare.

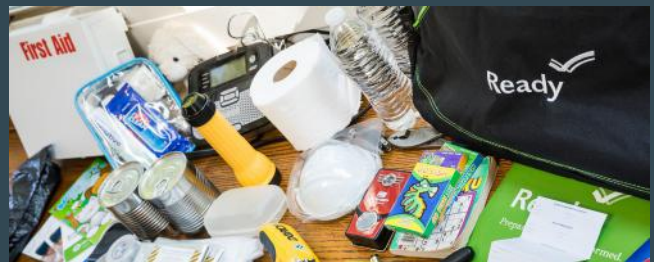


Seventh, consult local emergency resource area at your local library for tips on preparing for, responding to, and recovering from specific disasters.



Eighth, emergency kit, you should have an emergency kit for the vehicle and home. With the ever changing conditions or the annoying flat tire, The vehicle emergency kit aides in keeping you comfortable until helps arrives. Your kit should contain:

- 12-foot jumper cables or Jump pack
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper.
- Car cell phone charger.
- Blanket
- Maps
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Bottled water (change yearly)
- Extra vehicle fuses.
- tarp
- First Aid Supplies
- Paper and pen or pencil (to take notes, play games, etc)
- Backpack or storage tub to hold your supplies.



The home emergency kit, also known as a Go Bag is to take with you if you suddenly have to leave your home. It's a portable kit that includes the items that you need to survive while you are away from your home. Prepare an Go Bag for each member of your household. Store your bags in a place that is easy to get to, such as under a bed, in a closet, next to a door, or in the trunk of your car. Update your Go Bag every six months. Replace items that will expire in the upcoming months such as food and medical supplies. Your Go Bag should be sturdy and easy to carry and contain the following items:

- Bottled water or the ability to purify water
- Ready to eat nonperishable foods

- Containers with at least a three day supply of easy to cook food such as rice, pasta, and beans etc.
- Prescription medication for a week
- First-aid kit (include bandages, gloves, ointment, pain reliever and ice packs)
- Blanket/throw
- Sturdy shoes/boots
- Warm clothes
- Rain gear and hats
- Extra pair of glasses and/or hearing aid
- Personal hygiene items (include soap, wipes, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, toothbrush and toothpaste)
- Items for family members with special needs (children, seniors, people with disabilities) such as canes, walkers, diapers and formula
- Essential items for pet care: water, food, updated medical records (vaccinations such as Rabies), and leashes
- Battery operated flashlight
- Manual radio
- Extra batteries (sizes AA, AAA, C, D)
- Knife
- Whistle and pepper spray
- Extra house and car keys
- Credit and debit cards
- Small amounts of money, such as coins, one and five dollar bills in case you are not able to use your credit/debit cards
- Copies of important documents such as identification, passports, home and auto insurance information, store all these in a waterproof folder/bag
- Recent family photo(s) for identification - including your pets

I have one additional item in my home—a Go Bag. As I look around the house I have several memories of relatives and friends who are no longer with use. Along with all my important documents I have digitized and stored these memories on several jump drives. I can always replace the paper the memories are printed on but I can never replace the memories.

Emergency preparedness is a dynamic and multi-faceted field that relies on scientific understanding, technological innovation, and community involvement. By integrating science based strategies into preparedness plans, we can build more resilient societies capable of withstanding and recovering from emergencies. Continuous research, investment in public health infrastructure, and education are key to enhancing our ability to respond to the diverse challenges posed by natural and human-made hazards.



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# Mississippi Elks Kids Camp

Providing Hope, Healing, and  
Happiness to Today's Youth



**Lavee Sims**  
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Nestled in the heart of the beautiful countryside lies the hidden gem of Mississippi that has been making a profound impact on the lives of children for over 30 years - the Mississippi Elks Kids Camp. This unique summer camp, run by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has been a beacon of hope, healing, and happiness for children facing adversity and challenges in their lives.

Founded in 1989, the Mississippi Elks Kids Camp was established with the vision of providing a safe and supportive environment for children who may not have the opportunity to experience a traditional summer camp. Over the years, the camp has grown and evolved, offering a wide range of activities and programs designed to nurture the physical, emotional, and social well-being of each child who attends.

One of the key pillars of the Mississippi Elks Kids Camp is its commitment to inclusivity and accessibility. The camp welcomes children from all backgrounds and walks of life, including those with physical and intellectual disabilities, as well as those facing economic hardship or other challenges. Through generous donations and fundraising efforts, the camp is able to provide scholarships for children who may not otherwise be able to afford to attend.

At the heart of the Mississippi Elks Kids Camp is a dedicated team of staff and volunteers who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children. From organizing fun and engaging activities such as swimming, hiking, arts and crafts, and team sports, to providing emotional support and guidance, the staff at the camp go above and beyond to ensure that each child feels valued, heard, and empowered.



But the impact of the Mississippi Elks Kids Camp goes far beyond just a week of summer fun. Many children who attend the camp return home with a renewed sense of confidence, resilience, and belonging. They form lasting friendships, learn valuable life skills, and gain a sense of hope and optimism for the future. For some, the camp becomes a lifeline, a place where they can escape from their troubles and find solace in the beauty of nature and the kindness of others.

As we look to the future, the Mississippi Elks Kids Camp continues to be a shining example of the power of community, compassion, and generosity. It serves as a reminder that, no matter what challenges we may face, there is always hope to be found in the simple joys of



friendship, laughter, and a supportive community. The Mississippi Elks Kids Camp is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit.







## Brickyard Bayou Broodings

By John Richards,  
Staff Writer



As I put away the tracking chart and await the next storm to build up, I consider the years past that led me to conduct this yearly ritual. As a child growing up on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, I developed a somewhat intimate relationship with the tropical storms that threaten us yearly. Dad would have his chart hanging in the kitchen, and every 6 hours, when he wasn't at work, he would get the positional and strength updates from the Weather Service. I watched, learned and incorporated the ritual into my routine as I got older and moved out into the world. The storms over the years, Betsy, Camille, Frederic, to name a few, ingrained into my being that we on the Coast need to be ever ready to react. It is almost an instinctual behavior by the time we come of age along the beaches, rivers, and bayous of the Gulf Coast.

The Elk knows to read what nature is telling him. Instinctually, he will find the best shelter for a coming storm, based upon what he senses in air pressure changes, humidity, and wind conditions. His entire being is a testament to being prepared for whatever nature sends his way, His drive to survive and thrive through all adversity should be exemplified in all we do.

While it is natural for the Elk to be prepared at all times, we must work at remembering to be the same. We must make the effort to, every year, check our supplies and preparations for any bad weather we may encounter. Our senses cannot determine the changes in air pressure, we cannot smell the increase in humidity, the sounds of other of nature's creatures alerting others of approaching danger does not trigger any natural alerts in our being. For this reason, we must heed the warnings of our fellows who have learned to see, feel, and determine these dangers. We must rely on the devices we can make that gives us a better ability to sense these warning signs.

As the Elk will retreat to a safe place with access to his nutritional and health needs, we must remember to have the stores of foods, water, and supplies we will need during a possible extended time of no access to services we tend to take for granted daily. A bad storm may leave us without water or power for weeks, possibly without a normal supply line of support. We must be ready to endure the hot days with no conditioned air, days without running water to bathe, and, as Elks, we must keep our heart ready to render aid during these times to anyone whose preparations may have fallen short or failed altogether.

To describe it broadly, storms as intense and devastating as the hurricanes, tornadoes and the like, are Nature's 11 O'Clock hour and the time when the Heart of Elkdom Swells. Strive always, in your efforts, to be like the Elk, blending with Nature to thrive, survive, and show others the way out of the storms life brings us. May this year's storm season find you all safe, healthy and thriving at the end.

With brotherly love,

John Richards



# Lodge Hosts Dive Training For Public Safety Agencies

The Lodge recently opened its doors to the Jackson County Regional Response Dive Team for an intensive multi-day training session. This wasn't just any training; it was a critical exercise aimed at sharpening the skills of this local dive team. The lodge donated the use of its pool facilities to provide a cost-free environment for the dive team to hone their underwater response capabilities.

Among those making waves at this event was Todd Fatlin, who achieved the distinction of becoming a NOAA-certified diver. For those unfamiliar, NOAA certification is no small feat. It involves rigorous training and stringent proficiency assessments. Fatlin's certification marks a significant milestone for his NOAA career.

By providing a venue free of charge, the Lodge allows these teams to save training expenses to be used elsewhere; it strengthens the fabric of our community. This collaboration enhances the readiness of our emergency responders and reinforces the lodge's pivotal role in fostering a safer, more prepared Jackson County.



Todd Fatlin, NOAA



Jackson County Regional Response Team



Terry Jackson, Jackson County Office of Emergency Management



NOAA Dive Evaluator Christy Starsink giving instruction to Todd Fatlin



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# From the Lodge Chaplain

By Dobbs Dennis  
Lodge Chaplain



The Pascagoula Elks do well in modeling the principles of our order, “Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity”. Each of the principles are displayed in the character of the members of Elks around this great land and it is through two of the principles that Elks members are known by the communities in which they live and serve. In the last newsletter I wrote of the impact of charity on the communities that local lodges and the Grand Lodge provide help.

The reason behind the charitable nature of Elks is “Brotherly Love”. This is the spark that lights the candle of charity, the reason for giving. BPOE members represent all walks of life in this great country and because of that; members have a heart for those who they consider neighbors. We are told in the Gospel of Luke 6:31-33 (NKJV) <sup>31</sup>...*And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.* <sup>32</sup>*“But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.* <sup>33</sup>*And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. The Elk gives, without expecting a thank you, but out of a feeling of love for our neighbor.*

There are many instances of giving for the love of those in the community. Each Christmas season, the Pascagoula Elks finds families who are in need and provide them with food and gifts for under the tree. There have been kind hearted Elks brothers and sisters who have provided a tree if the family didn’t have one. The joy seen in the faces of the families makes the hard work this takes worth the time and effort. It is the spirit of brotherly love that brings lodge members back each year to this mission. There are no strangers when there is a need for we are all made in His image and as such, we are brothers and sisters. This truth is highlighted in the *Book of Leviticus 19:34 (NKJV)* <sup>34</sup>*The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.*

The Pascagoula Elks demonstrated their resolve to help and love strangers was demonstrated after the Rolling Fork tornado. Lodge members gave of their time, energy and treasure to help fellow Mississippians who were in need. No recognition

was sought, just the satisfaction that they were able to help. The benefit for those who went to help was the heartfelt thanks by those who were in need, done in the name of brotherly love.

The bond between Lodge members epitomizes the phrase “Brotherly Love”. There is true caring and concern for the well-being of each member. We reach out our hands in a sign of true friendship to help or just express our love for each other. When a member is in need, they may not reach out for help, but because we watch out for each other, action to help is taken by their Elk family. As new members join our roles, they quickly find that the Elks is more than just an organization, one becomes part of the family of Elks, as brothers and sisters.



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# Stuffed Jalapeños

Looking for a crowd-pleasing appetizer with a kick? These Jalapeño Poppers with Beef and Bacon are the perfect combination of spicy, savory, and cheesy goodness. With a blend of lean ground beef, cream cheese, and sharp cheddar, all wrapped in crispy bacon, they're sure to be a hit at any gathering.



## Ingredients

- 8 large jalapeños
- 1 pound lean ground beef (
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 pound thinly sliced bacon

## Equipment Needed

- Cutting board
- Sharp knife
- Skillet
- Spatula or wooden spoon
- Medium mixing bowl
- Baking sheet
- Aluminum foil
- Non-stick cooking spray

## Instructions

### Prepare the Jalapeños:

Remove the stem end from the jalapeños. Cut each jalapeño in half lengthwise. Remove the seeds and white membranes from each half.

### Cook the Ground Beef:

Season the ground beef with salt, pepper, and onion powder to taste. In a skillet over medium heat, cook the crumbled ground beef until fully cooked. Drain any excess fat if needed.

### Combine the Filling:

While the beef is still hot, transfer it to a medium mixing bowl. Add the cream cheese and shredded sharp cheddar cheese to the beef. Mix until well combined.

### Stuff the Jalapeños:

Fill each jalapeño half with the beef and cheese mixture. Pile the filling high, rather than just filling to the top.

### Wrap with Bacon:

Wrap each stuffed jalapeño half with a slice of bacon.

### Bake:

Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C). Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and spray with non-stick cooking spray. Place the bacon-wrapped jalapeños on the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 30-40 minutes, or until the bacon is fully cooked and crispy.

## Additional Tips

- You can substitute ground sausage for ground beef, or use a mixture of both.
- For added spiciness, mix some of the jalapeño seeds into the meat mixture.
- Leftover filling can be used as a quesadilla filling.

## Time to Prepare

**Preparation Time:** 20 minutes

**Cooking Time:** 30-40 minutes

**Total Time:** 50-60 minutes

**Serving Size:** Makes 16 jalapeño poppers

## Nutritional Information (per popper)

- **Calories:** ~220 kcal
- **Protein:** ~10 g
- **Carbohydrates:** ~2 g
- **Fat:** ~18 g
- **Fiber:** ~1 g
- **Sodium:** ~400 mg

*Note: Nutritional values are approximate and can vary based on specific ingredients used.*

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## COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

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**Raise Money**  
Help the Lodge raise money for its  
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**Personalized Gift**  
What better gift than a cookbook  
with your recipes in it?

## Submit Your Recipe for Our Cookbook Fundraiser

The Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 is writing a cookbook that will be available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). But, we need your help. We can't put a cookbook together without recipes.

You've always wanted to be a spy! Steal your grandmother's cookbook when she isn't looking. Play like you are 007 James Bond and take a bunch of pics of those pages! It doesn't matter how you get it, so long as you send it to us. We have made it easy to submit your reci-

pes. You can submit recipes through the MyElks App, [pascagoulaelks.org](https://pascagoulaelks.org) or submit our easy and convenient online [recipe form](#).

Don't want to type it in? Scan it in or take a picture of it with your cell phone and email it to [socialmedia@pascagoulaelks.org](mailto:socialmedia@pascagoulaelks.org). We'll get it to where it needs to go! Help us finish the cookbook. For more information, please contact Becky Hill Turner at [boo66\\_2001@yahoo.com](mailto:boo66_2001@yahoo.com).



# Pascagoula Elks 1120: Answering the Call for Help After Disasters

*David Chamberlain*

*Editor*

In the wake of unimaginable tragedy, the world often bears witness to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of compassion. Such was the case in April 2011, when a catastrophic tornado tore through the city of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, leaving a trail of destruction and taking the lives of sixty-four people. Amidst the chaos of that day, a beacon of hope emerged from an unlikely source – the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120, hundreds of miles away in Mississippi.

I was a new Elk at the time. While I understood the core tenants of our order, I don't think they yet resonated with me. Sure, I remember the Esteemed Leading Knight telling us that, "...the real benefactors of mankind count their store in what is given, not in what is saved." And while I had received charity and assistance in the past, I had not yet experienced the giving side of things. That was about to change and stay with me.

Members of the Lodge were deeply moved by the devastation and the thoughts of the victims, both from damage and death, were prevalent in our minds. The acts of kindness we had witnessed in our own community of Pascagoula following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina had left an impression on us. Just as others had extended a helping hand during our time of need, our Lodge felt compelled to pay it forward. My motivation was especially fueled by the memory of the kindness of a group of Alabama State Troopers donating clothing for my family when we had lost everything in the storm. Their act of brotherly love for a fellow law enforcement officer was without hesitation or thought of self-burden.

And so, a plan was set in motion. The Lodge quickly raised funds and purchased food supplies and amassing an impressive \$4,000 in addition to the food gathered to support our efforts. Our goal? To prepare and distribute as many hot meals as possible per day for

three consecutive days to those affected by the tornado. Many members – more than fifty if memory serves me correctly— spent several days chopping and freezing vegetables, pre-soaking beans, and loading the cook trailer for the journey.

Our journey was not without its challenges. Initially, the Lodge had aimed to provide aid to the devastated towns of Smithville or Louisville, Mississippi. However, upon contacting the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, we were redirected to Tuscaloosa, where the need was most dire.

A team of six Elks members – myself, Joe Parisi, Sherwood Beckham, Larry Cobarrubia, George Busby, and the late Joe Wagner – loaded up our supplies and embarked on the long drive to Alabama. Our determination was firm, but our circumstances unsure, even as we faced the possibility of sleeping in our vehicles upon arrival. Fortunately, our efforts did not go unnoticed. The American Red Cross, coordinating relief efforts in Tuscaloosa, arranged for the us to be housed in a hotel near the heart of the devastation.

As we stepped out onto the streets of Tuscaloosa, we were struck by the sheer contrast between the levelled buildings on one side of a street and the untouched structures on the other. Having experienced the total devastation of hurricanes, this sight was both familiar and different.

While we had trees and limbs down, and many houses destroyed from Katrina, the path through the center of town in Tuscaloosa was unmistakable – a quarter mile wide, and as far as the eye could see in both directions. There was nothing left in the path. No trees, no homes, no cars. Just debris, pieces of trees, and complete devastation. At night it was even more eerie with lights on either side of the path outlining it in the dark as starkly as it could be seen by day.



# Tuscaloosa 2011





# Lake Charles 2020

We set up our makeshift kitchen behind the Borden Dairy next to the Tuscaloosa Airport where most of the command structure for the relief efforts was being coordinated and began our culinary mission. Over the course of three days, we prepared meals of red beans and rice, spaghetti and meatballs, and a flavorful jambalaya – dishes that not only nourished the body but also provided comfort to the soul.

I can't count how many cambros – large plastic thermal containers – that we filled with food. But, by all calculations from everyone involved, we believe we prepared 4,500 meals in three days. The prepared meals were carefully packaged and loaded onto Red Cross and Salvation Army vans equipped with serving windows. These mobile serving stations then ventured into the hardest-hit neighborhoods, offering hot meals to the victims and volunteers working tirelessly to rebuild their community.

In a moment that touched us close to home, we visited the Tuscaloosa Elks Lodge 393, where we learned that two of their fellow members had tragically lost their lives in the storm. This sobering realization underscored

the profound impact of the disaster and the importance of our mission.

The impact was especially profound me when I went on one of the distribution runs and was able to hand food directly to a victim of the disaster where their home once stood. The look of despair and not knowing what to do first was evident on everyone I encountered – even the first responders and volunteers searching and cleaning. I remember feeling very much the same following the hurricane here, and I was a full time deputy sheriff at the time, someone who was supposed to not be affected. But to see energy restored and hope fill their eyes before the tears flowed from receiving that hot meal meant everything to me.

It has been thirteen years now since that trip. I think about it very often as I see additional disasters occur. And our Lodge has not stopped giving back, no matter where or when we are needed.

In 2020, the Lodge responded to Lake Charles, Louisiana following Hurricane Laura spending a week feeding and helping. In 2022, we gathered cleaning supplies and delivered them to Pensacola Moose Lodge 557 for

transport to the victims of Hurricane Ian on Florida's South Gulf Coast.

2023 saw the Lodge travel to Rolling Fork, Mississippi and cook for a week coordinating with the Cajun Navy Ground Force following the near total destruction of that community. Upon our return, we were quickly back in action in our own community feeding more than two hundred following the tornado that devastated the downtown areas of Moss Point in June. Then several members returned to Rolling Fork for follow up trips.

Many of our members have made long lasting friendships with those they have met along the way while serving the greater good through these trips. Those of us who worked in Tuscaloosa all remain closer than before. As a result of our Lodge's efforts with Pensacola Moose Lodge 557, we now share several members between both organizations.

Certainly, you can never truly understand what it's like to be a disaster victim until it happens to you. Even

more so, you won't grasp the true essence of giving and Brotherly Love until you've served your fellow citizens on one of these trips. If you aren't an Elk, that's alright. You can always volunteer with your church, social organization, or fraternity/sorority.

But I can tell you, nothing, and I mean nothing, will ever beat the camaraderie felt and the blessings received from the good that you can do by working as a group and providing just a meal to someone in need. The feeling is like no other. The Brotherly Love is felt both by those who we help and us ourselves.

Now, the lectures we all received as we were initiated have come to full meaning for me. And, while all of the lectures have led me to grow more personally, it is what the Esteemed Lecturing Knight tells us that fills my heart as a result of our trip to Tuscaloosa, "The passing moment is ours long enough to grasp the hand in friendship, to lighten each other's burdens, and to comfort those who mourn. **THIS** is Brotherly Love."



# Rolling Fork 2023



# Community Activities

Looking for some fun ways to spend your time? You don't have to look far. Our community is full of exciting events. Whether you want to make new friends, support a good cause, or learn something new, you will find plenty of opportunities in our community events calendar. If you go to one of these events, use the hashtag #elks1120outandabout in a Facebook post with a picture of you at the event to let us know you found it here. We'll post the best of them in our next issue.

## First Friday on the Riverfront

August 2, 2024 —5:00 PM—9:00 PM  
Moss Point River Front

First Friday on the River in Moss Point is a monthly celebration that brings the community together along the scenic riverfront. The riverfront comes alive with the sounds of local musicians and the aroma of delicious food from nearby eateries. Friends and families gather to unwind and savor the beauty of the river, enjoy live entertainment, and indulge in a variety of culinary delights. This event is not just about good food and music; it's an opportunity to connect with neighbors, support local artists and businesses, and create lasting memories in the heart of the city. Each First Friday is a unique experience, reflecting the culture and hospitality of Moss Point

This is a free event!

## Community Pep Rally and Parade

August 4, 2024 —2:00 PM  
Downtown Pascagoula

Get excited about the things that are happening in Pascagoula with this community celebration of our city. Eat and shop at one of the great restaurants and boutiques, buy some steaks to cook later at the Blind Butcher.—then watch the parade and join in the festivities.

This is a free event!

## Movies Under the Stars: Haunted Mansion

June 7, 2024 —8:00 PM  
Pascagoula Beach Park

Free outdoor movie & popcorn. Concessions available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair, picnic blanket, family and friends. A single mom named Gabbie hires a tour guide, a psychic, a priest and a historian to help exorcise her newly bought mansion after discovering it is inhabited by ghosts.

This is a free event!

## Eminence Combat Championships XVI

August 10, 2024 —7:00 PM—10:30 PM  
Jackson County Fairgrounds

MMA and kickboxing event for Eminence Promotions at the Jackson County Civic Center. There have been several up and coming talent go on to be in the UFC and other big promotions. Eminence Promotions has been on the scene since 2019 and continue to produce great events right here in our own town, bringing people in from out of town and out of state to support our community.

Tickets are \$40 each.

[More information here.](#)

## Gautier 2nd Saturday Farmer's Market

August 10, 2024 — 8:00 AM—12:00 PM  
Old Singing River Mall—Gautier

Experience the essence of community and the bounty of local harvests at our vibrant farmer's market. Every weekend, join us as we transform a space into a lively hub of fresh produce, artisanal crafts, and homemade delights. Engage with passionate vendors, savor the flavors of the season, and support sustainable agriculture while celebrating the diverse offerings of our region

Admission free. Cost of items varies by vendor.

## Fete La Pointe—Tropical Nights

August 17 —6:00 PM—9:00 PM  
Hilton Garden Inn, Pascagoula

12th Anniversary Fete La Pointe - Celebrate the heritage of Pascagoula with Dinner Buffet w/Complimentary Wine Cash Bar with Signature Drinks, Pastry Pearl Pull, Blanton's Bourbon Raffle, Door Prizes, Entertainment and More.

\$60 per person.

[Get tickets here.](#)

## Tasty Thursday

August 22, 2024 —11:00 AM—6:00 PM  
Old Singing River Mall—Gautier

Hungry for something different? Join us for Tasty Thursday - the can't-miss food truck event that brings new flavors every month! Browse the rotating lineup of vendors dishing out mouth-watering cuisines from around the world. Tasty Thursday delivers fresh and craveable eats to satisfy any appetite. Grab some globally-inspired grub and post up on the picnic tables for a laid-back afternoon of savoring the latest chef-driven foodie sensations on four wheels. Don't miss out on this roving smorgasbord of deliciousness - new tastes await on Tasty Thursday!

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## Singing River Little Theater Fundraiser

August 24, 2024—7:00 PM  
American Legion Post 1992—Gautier, MS

Singing River Little Theatre presents THE DETECTIVES COMEDY DINNER THEATRE for a night of food, fun and fundraising. This special fundraising event will be a night that you won't forget. THE DETECTIVES craft a hilarious story and entertain and engage the audience. Bring your appetite and your sleuthing skills to see if you can solve the mystery.

Tickets \$64.15 each.

[Get tickets here:](#)

## Glowball Night Tournament

August 30, 2024—7:30 PM  
Hickory Hill Country Club & Resort

Biloxi Ocean Springs Association of Relators (BOSAR) is hosting a one of a kind event, a Glowball Fund Raiser for the Pink Hearts Foundation! This will be a 9 hole night golf tournament, with all proceeds going to breast cancer patients here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Cocktail hour and entertainment starts at 6:00 PM. Shotgun start for tournament is at 7:30 PM.

\$100 per player.

[Registration and Payments here.](#)

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## Inaugural Sunflower Festival

September 14, 2024—11:00 AM—7:00 PM  
Jackson County Fairgrounds

Mississippi Threads LLC's Sunflower Festival is ready to BLOOM! Lots of vendors, kids crafts and activities, dunk booths, several food trucks and live performances from multiple of our gulf coasts local bands & musicians, with Coast Motel Music headlining @4pm!

Admission is free. Costs vary by vendor.

[More information here.](#)





# For the Good of the Order

## Festival Hispano

September 21, 2024—12:00 PM—8:00 PM  
Pascagoula Beach Park

Join Pascagoula as it kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month! Come ready for a day of live music, performances, delicious food, vendors, career services, and fellowship! You don't have to be Hispanic to have fun at this festival.

Admission is free.

## Rubber Duck Derby Day

September 21, 2024—10:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Moss Point Riverfront

Rubber Duck Derby Day is an opportunity for the Salvation Army of Jackson and George Counties to raise funds to continue to effectively and efficiently support the communities. The monies raised from the event will help with such programs as the food pantry, youth character building programs, housing and utility assistance, employment development programs, and in the Salvation Army's mission of meeting human needs.

Spectator admission is free.

Ducks can be purchased for:

1 for \$15 4 for \$40 12 for \$100

[Purchase ducks here.](#)



## Gulf Islands National Seashore Kayak Tour

September 22, 2024 —8:00 AM  
Gulf Islands National Seashore Davis Bayou Boat Launch, OS

Come join us at the Gulf Islands National Seashore, Davis Bayou for a kayaking tour! Kayak are supplied and registration *is required*.

This is a free event.

**Registration is required** - Call 228-230-4100 Ex #2.

## Tasty Thursday

September 26, 2024 —11:00 AM—6:00 PM  
Old Singing River Mall—Gautier

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# Fundraising Event

produced by  SINGING RIVER LITTLE THEATRE

Singing River Little Theatre presents THE DETECTIVES COMEDY DINNER THEATRE sponsored by Baber Strunk Enterprises

📅 August 24, 2024 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

📍 American Legion Post 1992  
3824 Old Spanish Trail  
Gautier, Mississippi 39553

Ticket Price **\$64.15**

[BUY TICKETS](#)

### Heiwashinkai Jujutsu

Times Vary

9200 Gautier Vancleave Road, Vancleave

Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired all the time? Are your kids afraid to go outside and exercise because they'll literally melt? Have you always wanted to learn self-defense but didn't want to pay exorbitant fees, learn arcane kata/forms, or get punched in the face?

Well, look no further! Heiwashinkai Jujutsu is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit martial arts dojo located in Vancleave that teaches proven self-defense techniques based around traditional jujutsu. All our classes are free, with donations gratefully accepted.

Come check out our wonderful air-conditioned facility, with exercise equipment, over 1,100 sq ft of comfortable and safe mats, a commercial-quality massage chair, patient instructors, private bathroom and changing rooms, and a theater-quality AV system.

Give your kids the tools they need to fend off bullies, and build self-confidence. The best time to start martial arts is when you're a kid. The next best time is right now.

Schedule:

Tuesdays and Thursdays,

Kids age 5-12 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Adults 13+ 6:30 PM - 8:30PM

Sundays

Adults only 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

For more Information:

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 **MIRANDA LAMBERT** **SEP 27**

**SEP 28** MELISSA ETHRIDGE & JEWEL 





For the Good of the Order

# Recurring Events at #the1120

All recurring events are members and their guests only except for Bingo and Cornhole which are open to the public. Want to attend a members only event? Ask an Elk you know to sponsor you to start your membership adventure.



Every Thursday 7:00 PM



Every Tuesday 6:30 PM  
Open to the public.



Every Thursday 11:00AM



Every Friday 6:30 PM  
Elks & Their Guests Only



Every Friday 8:00 PM  
Elks & Their Guests Only



Every Sunday 4:00 PM  
Elks & Their Guests Only



1st Wednesday 6:00 PM



1st Thursday 6:00 PM



2nd Tuesday 6:00 PM



2nd Wednesday 6:00 PM  
Committee & Elks Only



Last Sunday 2:00 PM  
Elks & Their Guests Only



2nd Thursday 6:45 PM  
September—April

# August Calendar

1	THURSDAY	BINGO   <b>LODGE MEETS</b>
2	FRIDAY	KITCHEN STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
3	SATURDAY	<b>2024 RIVER RUN</b>
4	SUNDAY	NFL AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
5	MONDAY	
6	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
7	WEDNESDAY	<b>LADIES AUXILIARY MEETS</b>
8	THURSDAY	BINGO   <b>KITCHEN COMM MEETS</b>   <b>LODGE MEETS</b>
9	FRIDAY	LADIES STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
10	SATURDAY	
11	SUNDAY	NFL AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
12	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS
13	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE   <b>COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE</b>
14	WEDNESDAY	<b>HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETS</b>
15	THURSDAY	BINGO   <b>LODGE MEETS</b>
16	FRIDAY	HOUSE STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
17	SATURDAY	
18	SUNDAY	NFL AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
19	MONDAY	
20	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
21	WEDNESDAY	
22	THURSDAY	BINGO   <b>LODGE MEETS</b>   <b>BALLOTING</b>
23	FRIDAY	OFFICER'S STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
24	SATURDAY	
25	SUNDAY	NFL AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
26	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS   <b>ORIENTATION</b>
27	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
28	WEDNESDAY	
29	THURSDAY	BINGO   <b>LODGE MEETS</b>   <b>INITIATION</b>
30	FRIDAY	ENF STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
31	SATURDAY	<b>HOOP SHOOT</b>

# August—September 2024 September Calendar

1	SUNDAY	NFL AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
2	MONDAY	
3	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
4	WEDNESDAY	<b>LADIES AUXILIARY MEETS</b>
5	THURSDAY	BINGO   <b>KITCHEN COMM MEETS</b>   <b>LODGE MEETS</b>
6	FRIDAY	KITCHEN STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
7	SATURDAY	<b>CAR SHOW</b>   <b>SHRIMP BOIL</b>
8	SUNDAY	NFL AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
9	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS
10	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE   <b>COMMUNICATIONS COMM MEETS</b>
11	WEDNESDAY	<b>HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETS</b>
12	THURSDAY	BINGO   <b>LODGE MEETS - STUDENT OF MONTH</b>
13	FRIDAY	LADIES STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
14	SATURDAY	<b>TIKI BAR LUAU AND POOL PARTY</b>
15	SUNDAY	NFL AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
16	MONDAY	
17	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
18	WEDNESDAY	
19	THURSDAY	BINGO   <b>LODGE MEETS</b>   <b>BALLOTING</b>
20	FRIDAY	HOUSE STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
21	SATURDAY	<b>SOCCER SHOOT</b>
22	SUNDAY	NFL AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
23	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS   <b>ORIENTATION</b>
24	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
25	WEDNESDAY	
26	THURSDAY	BINGO   <b>LODGE MEETS - INITIATIONS</b>
27	FRIDAY	OFFICERS STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
28	SATURDAY	
29	SUNDAY	NFL AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
30	MONDAY	<b>PRIVATE EVENT</b>





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