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David Chamberlain
Editor In Chief



Welcome to the first issue of "For the Good of the Order", a new digital magazine brought to you by the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120. As the editor of this exciting new publication, it is my pleasure to extend a warm invitation to all readers who cherish their communities and seek to make a positive impact within them.

Our magazine is not just for our members, but for anyone who shares our values and vision. We welcome you to join us in our mission of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. We invite you to become part of our family of nearly a million men and women who work together to build stronger communities and brighter futures. Published bi-monthly, our goal is simple: to shine a spotlight on the remarkable activities of our lodge within our communities and to encourage greater involvement from readers like you.

What can you expect from "For the Good of the Order"? Inside, you'll find a diverse array of features tailored to showcase the very best of our lodge and surrounding areas. From our popular segment "I am an Elk," where we highlight the stories of dedicated members, to insightful discussions on the cardinal principles of our order — Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity —

there's something for everyone to enjoy and learn from.

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Together, we can make a meaningful difference "For the Good of the Order" and our beloved communities. Happy reading!



From the Exalted Ruler

Curtis Welsh,
Exalted Ruler



April 1, 2024

Greetings Elks!

The 116th year of Pascagoula Lodge #1120 is winding up, and what an incredible year it has been. The Lodge has had increases in charitable giving and membership, as well as numerous facilities improvements. The list of accomplishments is long, and I have been amazed with the enthusiasm and dedication from all of the committees, members, and volunteers with every event held and goal achieved. You have truly shown what Elkdom is all about. On behalf of the Officers, I would like to thank all Members for your contributions that have made this year such a success. We would also like to thank everyone for your continued trust and support by re-electing us to continue serving as your Lodge Officers for the upcoming year. I think I can speak for all of us that we all want to build on the momentum and see our Lodge continue to grow.

We are excited to announce the launch of the Lodge online newsletter starting this month. The online format will allow us to get more information about Lodge activities and events to all of our Members. It will also have articles about what Elks are doing in our community and for the Lodge. Please go to PascagoulaElks.org to see what our Communications Committee has come up with, and let us know what you think. Not to worry though. A monthly newsletter will still be mailed to all members, but in a reduced format as more of a bulletin of events.

With Fidelity,

Curtis Welsh, Exalted Ruler





Lodge Makes Donation to Pascagoula-Gautier School District



Elks Care - Elks Share

The Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 has once again supported students in the [Pascagoula-Gautier School District](#) (PGSD) by donating clothing. This marks the eighth year of collaboration between the PGSD and the Elks Lodge.

The donation of clothing and undergarments was made possible through a \$3,500 grant from the National Elks Foundation. Since 2017, the Pascagoula Elks Lodge has donated \$24,000 in clothing.

PGSD Superintendent Billy Ellzey expressed gratitude for the ongoing support. Representatives from both organizations recently gathered to celebrate the partnership. The PGSD thanks the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 for their commitment to the students.

Pictured, from left, are Hannah Rogers, Elks Communications Committee; Paul Thompson, Youth Committee Chair and his wife Laura Thompson; PGSD Supt. Billy Ellzey; Curtis Welsh, Elks Lodge 1120 Exalted Ruler; and Darla Holifield, Lodge Secretary.



Pictured are Belinda Dammen, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, and Curtis Welsh, Elks Lodge 1120 Exalted Ruler.



Let's Be Herd



Joe Parisi, PER
President—Mississippi Elks Association

Greetings, Esteemed Members of Pascagoula Lodge 1120,

As we stand on the threshold of a new fraternal year, I am inspired by the remarkable progress we have made as a lodge in enriching our community through service and fellowship. Our commitment to making a positive impact has never been stronger, and I am confident that together, we will continue to uplift and empower those around us in the months ahead.

Reflecting on the achievements of the past year, particularly the successful reinstatement of the Hoop Shoot, the inaugural Soccer Shoot, and the revitalization of our Student of the Month program, I am reminded of the transformative power of collective action. Each of these initiatives not only exemplifies our dedication to promoting athleticism, education, and camaraderie but also underscores the profound impact we can have when we come together with purpose and passion.

As we look to the future, I urge each and every one of you to seize the opportunity to get involved and make a difference in our community. Whether it's by volunteering at one of our signature events, such as the Hoop Shoot or Soccer Shoot, or joining one of the many committees that drive the work of our lodge, there are countless ways for you to contribute your time, talents, and enthusiasm.

Even if you can only spare a few hours or simply show up to lend your support, your presence matters. Your willingness to stand in solidarity with your fellow Elks sends a powerful message of unity and commitment to our shared values of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity.

By actively engaging with our events and committees, not only do you have the opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of others, but you also enrich your own experience as a member of our esteemed lodge. Through meaningful connections forged in service and fellowship, we strengthen the bonds of camaraderie that lie at the heart of our organization.

So, I challenge each of you to find at least one event or committee that resonates with you and make a commitment to volunteer your time and energy in the coming year. Together, let us continue to lead by example and leave a lasting legacy of compassion and service for generations to come.

Fraternally,

Joe Parisi

President, Mississippi State Elks Association



Lodge Makes Donation to Moss Point School District



Photography: Marc Turner

Elks Care - Elks Share



Moss Point School District

The Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 [shows](#) dedication to the youth of Moss Point High School by generously donating \$1,000 towards the repair and replacement of essential Chromebooks. This donation ensures that every student, regardless of financial needs, can access the tools vital for their education.

In today's digital age, Chromebooks have become indispensable resources for students, serving as gateways to information, communication, and educational materials. However, for some families, the cost of repairing or replacing these devices can present a significant financial burden. Recognizing this challenge, the Elks Lodge steps in to bridge that gap.

The significance of this donation extends far beyond the monetary value. It symbolizes a profound commitment to the educational prosperity and well-being of the students within the [Moss Point School District](#). By supporting the repair and replacement of Chromebooks, the Elks Lodge provides students the tools to thrive academically and pursue their aspirations without hindrance.

For years, the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 has remained steadfast in its dedication to the students

of the Moss Point School District. This recent donation not only reaffirms their commitment but also highlights our enduring role as champions of education and opportunity within the community.

In the photo, the partnership between Moss Point High School Principal Boyd West, Elks Lodge 1120 Esteemed Lecturing Knight Becky Turner, MPHS Librarian Justine Sens, Elks 1120 Youth Chairman Paul Thompson, Elks Lodge 1120 Exalted Ruler Curtis Welsh, and Elks Lodge 1120 Secretary Darla Holifield reflects a shared vision of nurturing the educational journey of every student. Together, they stand as advocates for inclusivity and equal access, ensuring that every child has the resources they need to excel.

Through initiatives like this, the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 sets a powerful example of community engagement and philanthropy, demonstrating that by working together, we can create a brighter future for generations to come.





By the Numbers

- 388** Members
- 13** Candidates
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- 19** 60 Day Reinstates
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- \$8726.25** ENF Lodge Total

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- Scholarship Ricky Eplin, PER
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- Student of the Month..... Jeri Hines
- Veterans Tony Olson
- Youth Activities Paul Thompson Jr.

February 2024 Students of the Month

The Lodge recognized seniors from Resurrection Catholic, Moss Point, East Central, Gautier and Pascagoula High Schools during its February 2024 Student of the Month Program held at the Lodge's regular business meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024.



Michael Decoteau

Michael attends Resurrection Catholic School and is the son of Devon & Tobie Decoteau.

William "Henry" Ros

Henry attends Pascagoula High School and is the son of Mark & Suzanne Ros.



Destiny Costic

Destiny attends Gautier High School and is the daughter of Shaquita Jenkins.



Ethan Nguyen

Ethan attends Gautier High School and is the son of Tham Tran.



Grace Lewis

Grace attends East Central High School and is the daughter of Brian & Lisa Lewis.



Jha'nea Shelby

Jha'nea attends Moss Point High School and is the daughter of Holly Shelby and granddaughter of Richard & Mary Montgomery.



March 2024 Students of the Month



The Lodge recognized seniors from Resurrection Catholic, Moss Point, East Central, Gautier and Pascagoula High Schools during its March 2024 Student of the Month Program held at the Lodge's regular business meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024.



Jada Johnson

Jada attends Gautier High School and is the daughter of Calvin & Amanda Brown. She plans to attend Pear River Community College and major in pre-law.



Kaitlyn Jackson

Kaitlyn attends Moss Point High School and is the daughter of Hubert & Karyn Jackson. She plans to attend Tougaloo College to pursue a double major in psychology and nursing.



Eli Coats

Eli attends Resurrection Catholic High School and is the son of Michele and Dwayne Coats. He plans to attend the University of Mississippi to obtain his degree in Business and Finance.

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Brickyard Bayou

By John Richards,
Staff Writer



Photography: John Richards

Fraternal, Veteran Service, Sororal, and similar organizations all are made up of many different people from , sometimes, very different backgrounds. We all band together for reasons as different as the people. Be it a need to continue serving others; the realization that, with the children gone, they have too much idle time; even the fact that they just need the social interaction to stay sane – the reasons are many and as unique as the individuals. The banding together is needed, and results in a great benefit to the community they serve.

Many times, while engaging in the work , it gets very easy to find conflict with those we chose to be around. This could be very damaging, not only to the individuals involved, but also to the organization itself. For this reason, most have tenets and guidelines established that all must agree with and enforce. These tenets and guidelines are normally come in the form of by-laws and regulations, and are enacted to ensure a fair and enjoyable experience for all members. The Benevolent, Protective Order of the Elks of the United States of America bases these under the four core values of our order, Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity, and Fidelity.

I will begin by talking some about Brotherly Love, for it guides most of what we do together, and is supported by the other three cornerstones.

Brotherly Love is a very broad concept. As an Elk, I took the oath to keep this ever present in all my activities. This includes in all my affairs, in and outside of the Lodge. I have always, personally

strived for this, and my membership in this order helps strengthen my resolve. I have been in many situations where it would have been easy, and generally equitable to others, to walk away and ignore a fellow person in need. Be they Elk or not, I have always felt, if I am able to assist, I will. If I see an Elk in need, whether they let me know their need, or it is apparent in their actions, demeanor, or in what they say (or not say), I will do what I can to aid them or find them the aid they need. Not for my sake, but, for my brother (sister) Elk. I, personally, took on this duty when I raised my hand in front of the altar.

As Elks, we must always remember, in every moment of every day, to show our love to our brothers (sisters), in everything we do. This applies to those who may not, currently be a member of our order, also. For, with but a few kind words, a thoughtful action, or a simple hug during a stressful time, that person may soon become a member and our brother (sister). It is only in keeping our cornerstones a primary part of our actions and conduct, that we truly foster and inspire others to join us and become part of our family.

Next month, I plan to write a few lines about Justice. Please, stay true to your brothers (sisters), and never fail to render aid whenever and where ever you can.

John Richards



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Ten Things To Do This Spring

By David Chamberlain, Editor

As the frost of winter melts away and the blossoms of spring paint the world in vibrant hues, it's time to shake off the winter blues and embrace the great outdoors. With nature coming alive and the sun casting its warm glow, opportunities for adventure and exploration beckon from every corner. Whether you're craving moments of tranquility amidst nature's beauty or seeking the buzz of community gatherings, spring offers an array of experiences waiting to be savored.

Here are ten exhilarating activities to ignite your spirit and celebrate the arrival of spring, promising a fresh perspective and renewed vitality:

01 TAKE A NATURE WALK

Strap on your hiking boots and venture into the wilderness. Explore local trails teeming with life as flora and fauna awaken from their winter naps. Our favorite is the [MGCCC Estuarine Education Center](#) trail at the back of the Gautier campus with more than two miles of well-kept gravel trails that meander around a freshwater gator pond, mixed hardwood forests, wet pine flatwoods, a pitcher bog, and view the tidal marsh along the center's boardwalk.

There is no entry fee, and the trail is open sunup to sundown. Be sure to [park in the lot along Community Drive](#) at the Butterfly Garden entrance for a beautiful, easy walk that anyone can enjoy.

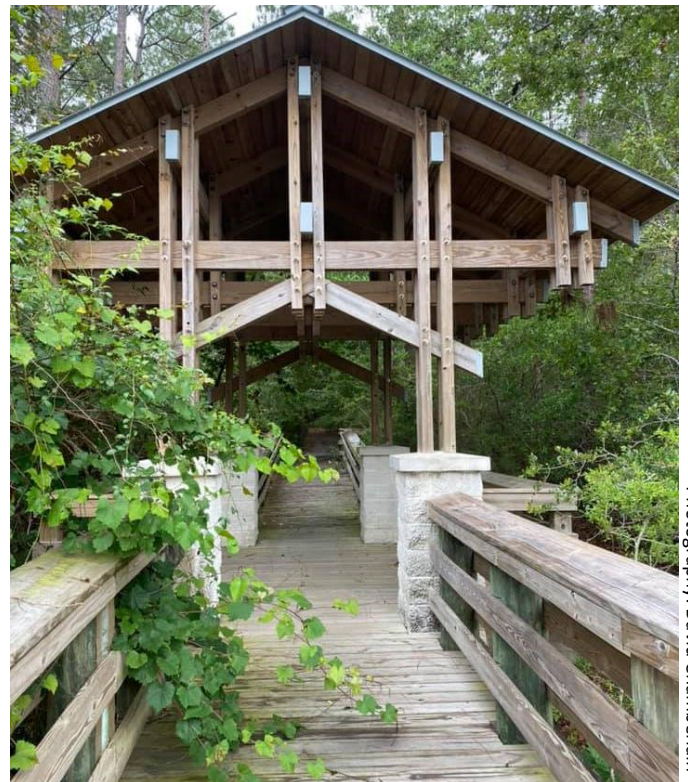
Keep an eye out for alligators in the pond April through June. Here's a [map of the trail](#) for you to print.

02 HANG A HOMEMADE BIRD FEEDER

Bird feeders are not beneficial to hang in your backyard simply for our own amusement of watching as various birds come for feeding, but during the nesting season specifically it helps parent birds collect more food – or at least more easily – for their baby birds than if they have to fly far from the nest to get the food.

From cardinals and blue jays, mainstays of the year, to finches, sparrows, bluebirds, and hummingbirds, feeders can be beneficial to keeping the birds around your home – bringing with them the sounds and sights of beauty.

If you are thinking about making your own feeders, try these plans from our friends at [Country Living](#). Plus, here are some excellent [tips on how to hang your bird feeder](#) this spring.



Photography: David Chamberlain

03 VISIT THE ROUND ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Built in 1859 and a beacon for mariners for 150 years, the hurricane-ravaged remnants of [Round Island Lighthouse](#) were rescued and relocated to mainland Pascagoula in 2010. Open to the public after an extensive restoration completed in 2015, the Lighthouse continues to welcome, educate and inspire generations of adventurers and history buffs. Come experience tales of pirates, military battles and the region's seafaring legacy at Round Island Lighthouse!

Lighthouse Park: [815 Cypress Avenue, Pascagoula MS 39567](#)
Operating Hours: Friday & Saturday | 10am - 5pm



Photography: David Chamberlain

04 PLANT A GARDEN

Cultivate your own slice of paradise and enjoy the therapeutic joys of gardening. Whether you have a sprawling backyard or a cozy balcony, plant flowers, herbs, or vegetables to nurture and watch them flourish.

No need to wait until summer comes along to start planting and preparing for your epic seasonal garden, you can definitely start it during spring already. Especially if you're planning to plant fruits and vegetables in addition to—or instead of—flowers.

Some fruits and vegetables expected to be planted during the spring season are cucumbers, tomatoes, beans, peas, okra, and herbs such as oregano, parsley, basil, or thyme.



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05 DINE OUTDOORS

Dine al fresco at local cafes and restaurants, savoring delicious meals amidst the scenic backdrop of spring blossoms and bustling streets. In Pascagoula try [Brady's Steaks and Seafood](#), overlooking the Pascagoula River, or [Scranton's Restaurant and Catering](#) in the historic Scranton Firehouse No 1 in Downtown Plaza,.

[Marsh Landing Bar & Grill](#) in Moss Point offers views of the Escatawpa River, and for that Jimmy Buffet feel, [Huck's Cove](#) in Gautier offers an excellent outdoor dining view of the Singing River. Both offer boardwalk docking for your boating pleasure.

06 ART IN THE PARK

Explore outdoor art exhibitions and installations that spring to life during the season. From sculptures to murals, discover the creativity that adorns public spaces. May 11, 2024 will see the [Free Flowin' Fest](#) at Pascagoula Beach Park. A music and arts festival held by Main Street Pascagoula, the growing event offers family fun under the shade of ancient oaks, and access to the beach.



Photography: Main Street Pascagoula

Whether you're communing with nature, immersing yourself in cultural festivities, or simply relishing the joys of outdoor living, let this season be a testament to the endless possibilities that await beyond the confines of home. So, step outside, breathe in the fragrant air, and let the spirit of spring infuse your days with energy and fun.

07 GO BIRD WATCHING

Grab a pair of binoculars and embark on a bird-watching adventure. Not far from the Lodge itself is the [Magnolia Birding Pier](#). This 800' wooden pier follows along the northern edge of Communy Bayou. You can observe an eyrie on the former Graham property across from the water from the pier where a nesting Osprey couple returns every spring.

Watch mullet jump in the bayou as April turns into May. You can often see brown pelicans, great blue herons and snowy egrets swimming or wading in the bayou.

A covered pavilion with a central bench at the south end provides shade for long-term watching, and high rails keep children and pets safely on the walkway.

The site is located at the intersection of [Magnolia Street and Dupont Avenue](#) in Pascagoula. Parking is along Magnolia Street, or the Jackson County Services Complex just north of the intersection.

The pier is open during daylight hours.



Photography: David Chamberlain



Photography: Jim Underwood

08 TAKE A CYCLING ADVENTURE

Dust off your bicycle and explore scenic cycling routes winding through picturesque landscapes. Feel the wind in your hair as you pedal along new trails and pathways. The [Historic Pascagoula Bicycle Trail](#) follows Frederic Street right by the Lodge for 10.6 miles of cycling opportunities in Pascagoula. Just follow the bicycle trail signs and you will take a tour safely along bike-friendly streets.

Markers along the trail discuss historic homes and sites that you may not have known about had you not taken the trail. Park at the Lodge at any time and follow the trail.

Or, if you don't want to set out on your own, you can always bike with the [Singing River Cyclists](#) who meet at [Pascagoula's Beach Park](#) at 8:35 AM on the Second Saturday of each month for a 10-14 MPH, casual ride of about fifteen miles. There are plenty of rest stops during the ride. This is a kid friendly event too!

Be sure to wear a safety helmet and have a blinking head and tail lamp on your bike for safety.

09 HIT THE PICKLEBALL COURT FOR DOUBLES

Pickleball is a fun and easy sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors, stay fit, and meet new friends this spring. Why not give it a try? You can find the rules at USA Pickleball. Pascagoula Parks and Recreation has two outdoor pickle ball courts right next to the Lodge under the Pascagoula River Bridge and three at [Pine Street Park](#).

On Mondays and Thursdays from 8 AM to 11 AM you can play indoors at the Pascagoula Parks and Recreation Center located at [2935 Pascagoula St](#) or on Fridays from 8 AM to 11 AM at the Pascagoula Senior Center located at [1912 Live Oak Ave](#) (must be a member of the Senior Center to play).



Photography: City of Pascagoula

10 GIVE YOUR SPACE A SPRING CLEANING

Spring cleaning is an age old, universal activity where we clean our homes from top to bottom, getting rid of the old and no longer used, including thorough scrubbing and deep cleaning of various surfaces in the home.

It may sound like a drag, but it can actually be incredibly cathartic, not to mention it is a much needed activity to do at least once a year, with spring being the perfect season for it.

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Gulf Coast Flavor



Visiting Heladería La Frescura

By TJ Leaman
Guest Writer



I love those out-of-the-way/not-so-well-known spots. Here's a hidden gem just in time for Taco Tuesday: [Heladería La Frescura](#)! Tucked away next to CSpire on Highway 90 in east Pascagoula, it's a delightful fusion of flavors that celebrates local cuisine while introducing the community to the vibrant Hispanic culture growing in the area.

Heladería La Frescura offers a double delight, with an enticing array of savory dishes and a range of desserts that will satisfy any craving. As you step through the door, you're welcomed by a display case showcasing house-made popsicles in a rainbow of flavors—a refreshing treat that expresses the creativity and craftsmanship of this local eatery. Adjacent is another case brimming with tantalizing drinks, followed by a selection of delectable ice creams that promise to transport your taste buds to new heights.

But it's not just about the food; it's about supporting local businesses and embracing the diversity that enriches our community. Pascagoula has seen a rise in Hispanic-owned establishments like Heladería La Frescura, bringing with them a rich tapestry of flavors and traditions that may be new to many of us but are certainly worth exploring and experiencing.



Featured on their menu are culinary delights that pay homage to both traditional and innovative flavors. Take, for instance, the Carne Asada fries—a nod to my past sunny days in San Diego—where a bed of fries is adorned with savory Carne Asada, zesty cream sauce, fresh pico de gallo, and dollops of sour cream. Another standout is the Pollo Chipotle—a grilled chicken dish smothered in a creamy chipotle sauce that strikes the perfect balance of flavors. Served with rice and your choice of tortillas (corn for me, please!), it's a mouthwatering experience that showcases the flavors of this local establishment. I had a drink with cucumber and a fruit that escapes me, but it was very refreshing.

And let's not forget dessert! Indulge in their Las Chimis, dessert enchiladas filled with Nutella and dusted with cinnamon sugar, accompanied by a side of ice cream. And don't miss out on their seasonal ice creams—I highly recommend the pumpkin cheese-cake flavor.

Heladería La Frescura is more than just a place to grab a meal; it's a cultural experience that invites you to broaden your culinary horizons and celebrate the diverse variety of flavors that make up our community. So, next time you're craving something delicious, consider supporting local and embracing the vibrant Hispanic culture at Heladería La Frescura. Don't forget to mention [Gulf Coast Flavor](#) when you visit! Like and follow for more reviews.

Location: [4503 Denny Ave, Pascagoula, MS 39581](#).



Get Ready for the Summer 2024 Mississippi State Elks Convention!



Hey there, Elk enthusiasts! It's that time of the year again – the 2024 Spring Convention is right around the corner, and boy, do we have some exciting stuff planned for you! Get ready to mark your calendars for Friday, May 3rd, and Saturday, May 4th, because we're heading to none other than the fabulous Mulberry Vicksburg.

Where's the Party?

We're taking over Mulberry Vicksburg, located at 1310 Mulberry Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180. Trust us, this place knows how to roll out the red carpet for our Elks crew. And guess what? You can snag a cozy room for just \$159 a night (tax included). Just give them a ring at 1-601-301-2500 and let them know you're part of the "Elks Spring Convention" squad to get that sweet deal.

Let's Talk Registration

Early bird gets the worm, right? Secure your spot by registering before April 15th for a cool \$50 per person. After that, it's still not too late, but the price bumps up to \$60 per person. So, save a few bucks and get those registrations in early. Oh, and don't forget to mail your checks to Walter Hearn & Rose Miller at 2885 Highway 49, Collins, MS 39428.

Special Events Galore!

Ladies, we've got something special just for you – a Dutch treat luncheon at the Mulberry Bistro within the hotel. It's going to be a blast, so don't miss out on this chance to mingle and munch with your fellow Elks ladies.

Now, for all you golf enthusiasts out there, we're cooking up something exciting with our annual Golf Tournament. Stay tuned for more details on this one – it's going to be tee-rific!

How to Get In on the Fun

Ready to join the party? We've made it super easy for you. Just download the registration form [here](#), fill it out, and follow the instructions to secure your spot. Easy peasy, right?

Let's Make Memories Together

The Mississippi State Elks Convention isn't just about meetings and paperwork – it's about coming together as a community, forging friendships, and making a difference. Whether you're a seasoned Elk or thinking about joining our awesome crew, you'll find a warm welcome and plenty of good times at the 2024 Spring Convention.

Get Involved, Make a Splash!

Got some ideas or want to lend a helping hand? We'd love to have you on board! Reach out to the convention organizers to learn how you can get involved and be part of the magic.

See Ya @ Mulberry Vicksburg!

So, what are you waiting for? Clear your schedule, pack your bags, and get ready for an epic weekend at Mulberry Vicksburg. Whether you're in it for the camaraderie, the fun, or the chance to give back, the 2024 Mississippi State Elks Convention promises to be a weekend to remember. Can't wait to see you there!

This event is open to Elks and their families only. The business meeting is open to members only.

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Kids Camp To Offer Unique Experience

In today's fast-paced world, the sight of children playing outdoors has become increasingly rare. With the pervasive influence of electronic devices and the hustle and bustle of scheduled activities, many kids spend little time exploring nature or enjoying unstructured playtime. The consequences of this lifestyle shift are profound, affecting not only physical health but also mental well-being and environmental awareness.



The 2024 [Mississippi Elks Association's Summer Kids Camp](#), to be held from June 16th to 20th, serves as a beacon of hope amidst this cultural shift. Nestled just outside of Hattiesburg, the camp stands as the Mississippi Elks' State Major Project, a physical example of the organization's commitment to fostering healthy communities and connecting families with nature.

The camp's tranquil 26-acre expanse of piney woods offers a sanctuary for families, church groups, Scouts, and corporate retreats alike. Maintained and administered by dedicated members from each lodge, the camp provides a safe and welcoming environment where children can rediscover the joys of outdoor play.

Amidst the rustling pines, six cozy cabins await, equipped with bunk beds and restrooms, providing comfortable accommodations for campers and leaders alike.

At the heart of the camp lies a crystal-clear pool, inviting campers to cool off from the summer heat and forge lasting memories under the sun. Trails wind through the forest, beckoning adventurers to explore the natural



breathe in the crisp forest air, and to embrace the simple joys of outdoor exploration.

wonders that await around every corner. In the spacious, screened-in dining hall, laughter mingles with the aroma of delicious meals, fostering a sense of community that transcends age and background.

In a fast-paced world where time slips away unnoticed, the camp offers a grounding experience in the value of nature. Amidst the rustling pines and sunlight filtering through the leaves, children explore, dream, and build lasting connections. As the sun sets, painting the landscape in golden hues, the Mississippi Elks Association's Summer Kids Camp serves as a tangible reminder of the power of nature to rejuvenate and inspire.



Registration fees are \$150 per child before May 20, 2024. After that date, the rate increases to \$200, so get your registration in early. Only 115 slots are available. Children must be between 9 and 12 to attend the camp, but may turn 13 during the camp.

More than just a retreat from the modern world, the Mississippi Elks Association's Summer Kids Camp represents a call to action—a reminder of the importance of disconnecting from screens and reconnecting with the natural world. Campers will experience the pride of American values with the raising of the flag daily and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. As kids gather beneath the towering pines, they are invited to slow down, to

To register a child, visit [MSElks.com](https://www.MSElks.com) and print a physical form, or fill out the [digital registration](#). A member of the Mississippi Elks Camp will contact you to verify the registration and to make arrangements for payment. Or, visit your local Lodge to see if the lodge can sponsor your camper.





GOTO #The1120

By Chad Brownlow
House Committee Chair



Maintaining our beloved lodge is a task we all share in ensuring our cherished gathering place remains welcoming and functional. As your House Committee Chairman, I'd like to highlight some key areas where your assistance can greatly contribute to the upkeep of our lodge.

Preventive Maintenance: Regular upkeep is essential to keep our equipment and facilities running smoothly. We kindly ask for assistance with tasks such as ice machine maintenance, wall repairs, painting, changing AC filters, and replacing electrical outlets.

Routine Cleaning and Safety Checks: Daily maintenance tasks help keep our lodge safe and inviting. Your help in taking out the trash, sweeping and mopping indoor areas, and maintaining outdoor spaces through mowing, raking, and cleaning is greatly appreciated.

Inspecting Systems: Regular inspections ensure the safety and functionality of our infrastructure. We invite members to participate in roof and building inspections, as well as checks on fire alarms, suppression systems, grounds,

parking lots, and outdoor lighting.

Seasonal Maintenance Checks: Our lodge's needs vary with the seasons and climate. Members can assist with AC duct inspections, servicing AC units, and maintaining our landscaping to keep our lodge comfortable year-round.

Utilizing Building Maintenance Management Software: Efficient management tools help us streamline maintenance efforts. Reporting issues promptly ensures timely resolutions and the smooth operation of our facilities.

It's important to recognize that our lodge has unique needs, and customizing our maintenance plan is key to its longevity and functionality. Your dedication to regular maintenance not only enhances the experience for all Elks members but also extends the lifespan of our cherished lodge.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to preserving the legacy of the Pascagoula Elks Lodge.



Lodge Makes Donations To Junior Golf Leagues



Pictured Left to Right—Carson Yon, Wade Chisholm, Josh Glass, Elks 1120 Esteemed Lecturing Knight Becky Turner, Davis Glasscock, Preston Walker, Bryce Forrester, Jantzen Hilbun, Martey Dunton.



Pictured Left to Right— Robert Moorhouse, Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 Esteemed Lecturing Knight Becky Hill Turner, and Troy Alan Guillotte.

The Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 is back at it again, spreading the love for outdoor fun among our youngest folks. With the recent donation of \$1,000, we're giving a big boost to the rising stars of the [Whispering Pines Junior Golf Program](#), helping them get in on some top-notch JB&P Golf Instruction. Could we be looking at the next Phil Mickelson in our midst? Well, we sure hope so!

The Whispering Pines Junior Golf Program has more than seventy—yes 70! - young men and women participating. Several of these golfers have received collegiate scholarships for golf as a result of their involvement with the sport.

Our Lodge is all about rallying behind these kids and cheering them on as they take to the greens. Just take a look at the shining faces—all fired up and ready to swing into action. They're joined by the Lodge, forming a picture-perfect scene of support and excitement.

The 1120 isn't stopping there. We're also spreading our sponsorship of this great outdoor activity over to the Youth Golf League at [Hickory Hill Country Club and Resort](#), making sure that our young golfers have every chance to shine. With another \$1,000 donation, they're showing that they're all about nurturing talent and spreading the joy of the game.

And speaking of joy, just look at the smiles on the faces of Robert Moorhouse, Lecturing Knight Becky Hill Turner, and Troy Alan Guillotte. They're proof that when folks come together with a shared love for their community, amazing things happen.

Here's to the power of community and the boundless adventures that lie ahead on the greens and fairways. Now go get a tee time at [Whispering Pines Golf Course](#) or Hickory Hill Country Club and Resort and see if you can spot one of these great junior golfers on the fairways.

Americanism Essay Winners 2023-2024

A program of the Elks' Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, this contest is geared towards students in 5th through 8th grades to promote patriotism among young people. This year's theme was "What does the Bill of Rights Mean to Me?"

We received many wonderful essays. And, while we wish everyone could be

the winner, after much reading, we concluded that these students provided the best essays - each won a gift certificate for being examples of patriotic Americans and wonderful students.

We were pleased to host these four students and their families to the presentation on Thursday, February 8, 2024.



Michael
Delgado-Beras

Michael attends Colmer Middle School and is the son of Santo Delgado.



Lacey
Johnson

Lacey attends Trent Lott Academy and is the daughter of Courtney Minor.

Joshua
Seals Jr



Joshua attends Trent Lott Middle School and is the son of Emilee Wall.

Dominic
Herbst



Dominic attends Trent Lott Academy and is the son of Stephen Herbst.

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New Members

By Ali Wade, Staff Writer



On Thursday, February 29, 2024, the P members into our revered fraternity. T sion for both the lodge and its newest service deepens, reflecting the enduri

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Shelby Boga

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Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 celebrated a significant milestone as we initiated 17 new members. The initiation ceremony, filled with tradition and fellowship, marked a momentous occasion for all members. With each initiation, our lodge's sense of community and commitment to our core values that have defined the Pascagoula Elks since 1908.



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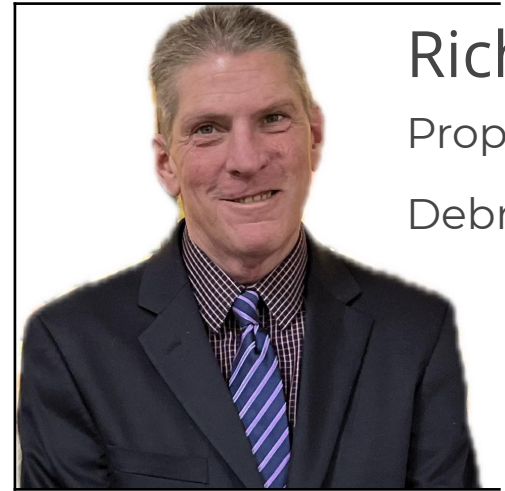


With the addition of these 17 new members, the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 sees a robust total of 389 dedicated individuals. This increase underscores the appeal and the lodge's mission and values within our community. As the lodge continues to grow, we have the capacity to make a meaningful impact through charitable works, community service, and fellowship among its members.



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Proposer—
Jesse James



Richard Pennington

Proposer—
Debra

Stephanie Pennington

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John Richards



Tony Pennington

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Meet Phil Richardson

By David Chamberlain

In the chilling depths of Ottumwa, Iowa, where temperatures plummeted to 25 degrees below zero, Walter "Dick" Richardson struggled to start his car, rushing his fiery, red-headed wife, Mildred, to the hospital for the birth of their fourth child. Among six siblings—four boys and two girls—Phil embarked on a musical journey, following in his father's footsteps. This path led Phil to remarkable achievements, including a top twenty hit single on the Top Hits Parade, performances at supper clubs, casinos and carnival balls, involvement in film and TV production, and eventually to the welcoming embrace of Pasagoula Elks Lodge 1120.

Ottumwa, nestled amidst rolling hills and split by the Des Moines River, boasts a rich history dating back to its founding in 1843. The community's development was shaped by the prominence of coal and clay, evident in the naming of the city's exhibition center as Coal Palace in homage to these vital resources. To-



day, JBS USA Holdings stands as the area's largest employer, having acquired the former John Morell & Co Meat Packing Plant, followed by John Deere's Ottumwa Works, renowned for its hay equipment manufacturing. Notably, Ottumwa gained recognition as the hometown of the fictional character Walter "Radar" O'Reilly from the popular TV series M*A*S*H.

Dick held a supervisory position at John Morell & Co, overseeing the mechanical department while also excelling as a Master electrician. He imparted his expertise to his sons, teaching them the trade and conducting classes at their church to instill basic construction and do-it-yourself skills. Phil fondly recalls his father's teaching prowess, affirming, "He was a great teacher."

Before serving in World War II, Dick and his brother Bill, both veterans, shared a passion for music and entertained audiences with radio shows. Phil reminisces about a memorable concert at the Ottumwa Coliseum featuring Conway Twitty, where his father stepped in as bass player due to illness within Twitty's band. The Richardson brothers, Dick and Bill, invested in adjacent properties in Ottumwa. After their shifts at John Morell & Co, they salvaged wood to construct garages on their properties. With secured financing, they became pioneers in Ottumwa by erecting homes with poured concrete foundations, setting a new standard for construction in the area.

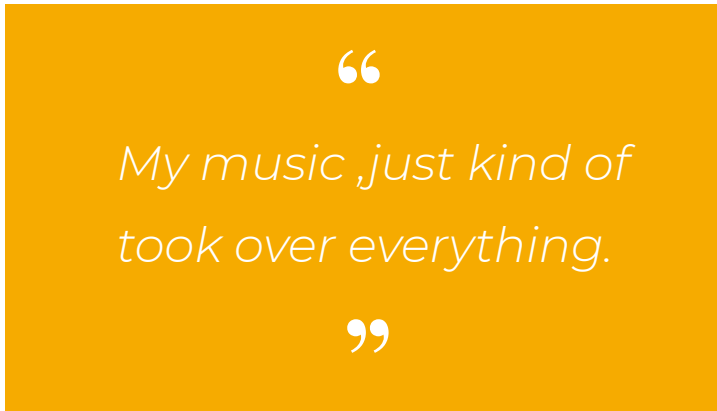
Dick, a self-taught musician, passed on his musical talents to his children, imprinting in them a deep appreciation for music that would shape their lives. Each child had their own instrument to master: Vicki tackled the piano, Dave excelled at lead guitar and bass, Skeet mastered the tenor banjo, rhythm guitar, and keyboards, Phil dabbled in the violin, lead guitar, drums, and bass, while Rich focused on the drums. Rebecca was the lone exception, choosing not to play

an instrument. Phil reminisces about their routine after dinner, noting, "We had one of two choices. We could either practice or help Mom do chores."

Mildred, known for her meticulous nature, maintained an impeccably clean house. Phil reflects on her routine, stating, "She would go through the house every six months. If you hadn't used something in six months, you were on notice about it." According to Phil, his mother's diligence kept everyone on track and focused on maintaining the household.

At the age of four, Phil began his musical journey, picking up the violin and quickly mastering its intricacies. Remarkably, by the time he reached six, he was already earning money as a musician, performing at a square dance. His early earnings, combined with prize money from winning several talent shows, allowed him to purchase a Stingray bicycle—a cherished possession for the young musician.

Although he played baseball in elementary school, Phil's heart belonged to music. His passion led him to

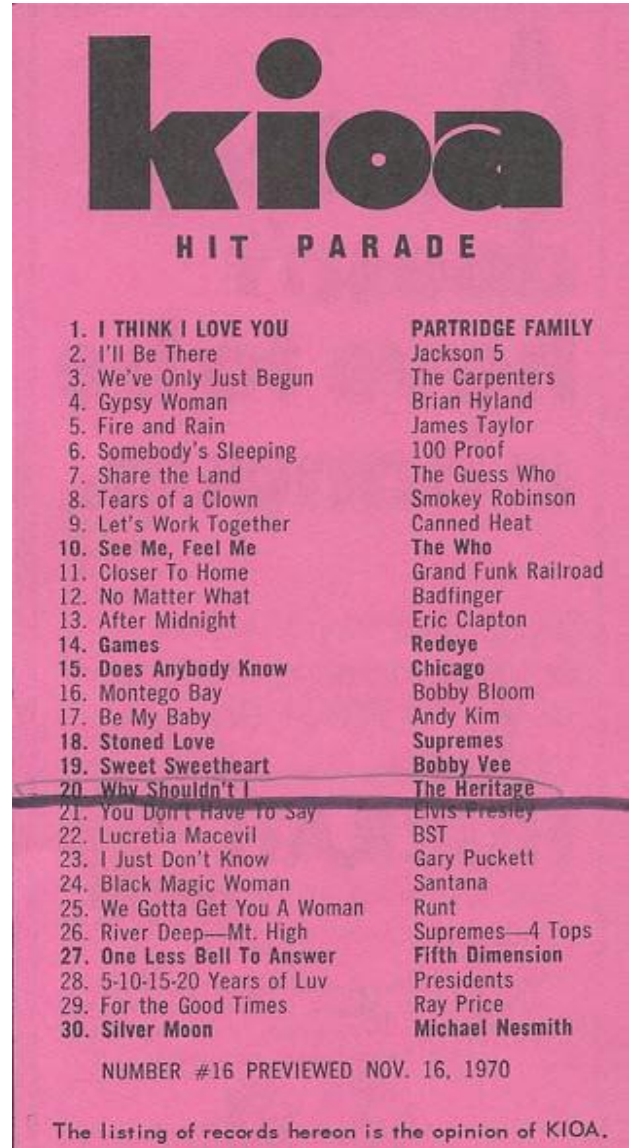


join the school orchestra in fourth grade, two years earlier than the standard sixth-grade enrollment, owing to his exceptional musical aptitude.

Following elementary school, Phil transitioned from organized school music to professional performances. He formed his first band, the Richardson Brothers Band, alongside his brothers Skeet and Dave. Reflecting on their musical journey, Phil reminisced about their 1960s band, Skeet Richardson and the Vibratomes, which earned them a place in the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. Their record, "To My Baby," featuring Skeet on lead vocals and the instrumental "Moaning Bass" led by Phil's brother Dave, showcased their talent and dedication. Remarkably, Phil achieved these milestones at the young age of thirteen.

By the time he was a sophomore in high school, he owed Sound Communications, Inc., a booking agency – for which his separate business phone was in his bedroom, an extremely uncommon occurrence then. Mildred would often answer the phone and take messages, not letting on that Phil was a high school stu-

dent. "Someone would call and ask about booking a band for a prom, and Mom would say I wouldn't be back in until around 3:30," Phil laughs. Despite his burgeoning music career, Phil managed to juggle multiple responsibilities. He served on the Student Council and actively participated in the Latin Club. Additionally, he and his cousins formed The Heritage, a musical ensemble that would leave an indelible mark on Phil's journey.



In 1970, The Heritage achieved a milestone victory at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Des Moines, winning a fiercely contested Battle of the Bands competition. Phil fondly recalls the exhilarating moment when their performance was abruptly halted, only to be announced as the unanimous winners by judge Dick Golden. The prize? A coveted recording contract with Capitol Records. The group journeyed to Chicago, where they recorded their debut single, "Why Shouldn't I?", marking a pivotal moment in their musical career.

On the day their debut song was released, Phil and his keyboard player embarked on a journey to hear Doc Severinsen perform, only to be pleasantly surprised when they heard their own song playing on KIOA, Iowa's largest radio station. However, their joy was short-lived as tragedy struck shortly thereafter. A collision involving a truck carrying gas canisters, swerving to avoid another vehicle, left Phil and his companion seriously injured. Reflecting on the incident, Phil recalls, "It put us out for a while." Phil and his passenger were seriously injured, and the group was unable to play for three months. Despite the ordeal, the group's talent caught the attention of Pickwick International, who picked them up for distribution.

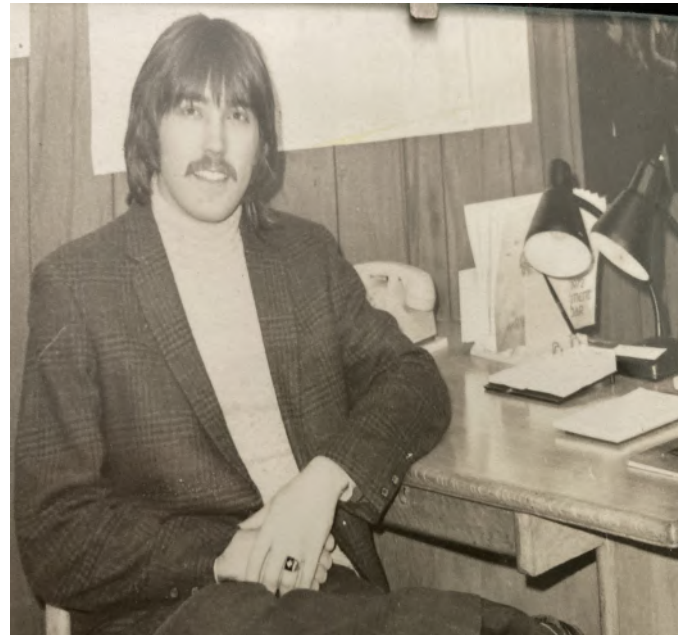
Following high school, Phil briefly worked at John Mo-



rell & Co before answering music's persistent call. He pursued higher education at Ottumwa Heights College, earning an associate of arts degree. Despite being classified as 1A in the draft, Phil was never called up, unlike his brothers Dave, who served in the Army, and Skeet, who served in the Air Force. Phil's commitment to music remained strong, leading him to become the lead singer for Phrogg after The Heritage disbanded. Amid everything else, Phil and his brother Skeet ventured into entrepreneurship, purchasing the Oasis Supper Club and Lounge in Webster, Iowa.

In 1972, Sound Communications established its own location, marking the beginning of Phil's partnership with Rick Hamilton. The company encompassed booking bands, promoting their performances, providing equipment, and constructing a state-of-the-art multi-track recording studio. During this time, Phil secured REO Speedwagon for a show, a notable achievement that came with a price tag of \$2,500. Among Sound Communications' most notable suc-

cesses with Phil-Harmonic Publishing was "Tribute to the American Farmer" by John Richards, which received heavy rotation on TNN, precursor to today's Country Music Television. Phil's professional journey also intersected with iconic figures like Chuck Berry, Percy Sledge, and Tommy Jennings.



Sound Communications would continue through 1985 when Phil sold the business and moved to Gautier, and he would open Seacoast Recording on Highway 90 in Pascagoula. Phil had originally visited the Gulf Coast area in 1974 when on a music tour with a Will Kelso of 140 Holiday Inns owned by Topeka Inn Management, playing as the Fury Bros. Phil fell in love with New Orleans and had friends in the Pascagoula, area coming to visit the town over several years.

Phil's musical journey reads like Monty Python's lively sketch "Rock Notes", marked by his involvement in various musical groups including the Lee Brumley Trio, River, MorningSong, Richardson Bros. Band, Bullet Bros., Boar's Nest All-Stars, and Loose Change. Upon relocating to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, he spent years as the bass player at the Kings Inn alongside Jerry J. In 1987, Phil transitioned to become the production manager for the National Cable Network, overseeing the creation of TV shows and commercials. Despite his demanding schedule, he remained committed to his music, a passion that defined his life,

Continuing to play music. Paul Padilla and Phil along with Phil's wife Stephanie formed Centre Stage following Phil's tenure with the Memphis Uptown Band at the old Sandpiper Inn. Centre Stage became one of the most popular acts on the Mississippi Gulf Coast playing casinos, carnival balls, and other live events.



Phil says that he has worked seventy to eighty hours a week his whole life and continues to stay busy. Reflecting on his tireless work ethic, Phil chuckles, "People come to me and say, 'I'm bored.' I have never been bored in my life." True to his words, he remains tirelessly engaged, juggling music performances, karaoke hosting, and commercial production. Amidst his busy schedule, bass fishing stands as his sole hobby, albeit one he wishes he could indulge in more often. Fondly recalling a ten-hour fishing trip with his son Joel, where they reeled in over sixty fish, Phil longs for more moments of serenity amidst his bustling life.

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Phil's initial connection to the Elks stemmed from his passion for music. He performed at Elks Lodges across Iowa and the Mid-West, fostering a deep appreciation for the organization's values. His introduction to Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 came through Hal Camello – his coworker from NCN- who facilitated his entry into the lodge community.

Since 1993, Phil has been a staple at the annual Carnival Ball, showcasing his musical talents year after year, with only a single exception. His enduring friendship with the late Dave and Barbara Peattie, as well as Wayne and Jerri Hines, further solidified his bond with the lodge. It was Tommy Ruff who ultimately persuaded Phil to become a member, spon-

soring his application and welcoming him into the fold.

For Phil, the lodge is more than just a gathering place; it's a sanctuary where he feels truly at home. Surrounded by familiar faces and cherished friends, he finds comfort and camaraderie within its walls, a testament to the enduring spirit of Elk brotherhood.



Phil and Stephanie are proud parents to five children: Brice Strickland from Baton Rouge, LA, Joel Richardson from Gautier, MS, Blane Strickland from Bar Harbor, ME, Sarah English from D'Iberville, MS, and Jonathan Richardson from Canyon City, CO. With eleven grandchildren and the anticipation of great-grandchildren, their family is a source of immense joy and pride. Their beloved, and spoiled French bulldog Maggie is a cherished member of the family.

Family holds paramount importance for Phil, who fondly recalls the vibrant gatherings of his childhood where hundreds would come together. He continues to prioritize family unity, striving to bring everyone together as often as possible.

Regarding the Elks, Phil reflects, "It's fun. It's camaraderie. The people here love each other. Nobody here is judgmental. It is incredible people doing good things. And you just don't see that anywhere else you go." Phil's enthusiasm for the Elks shines through as he hosts karaoke at #the1120's social quarters most Friday evenings starting at 8:00 PM. His presence enriches the lodge community, and we consider ourselves fortunate to have him among us.



All photographs courtesy of Phil Richardson. He's really a GREAT dude.

Lodge Pool to Open April 27

By John Richards, Staff Writer

The Lodge pool will open for the season on Saturday, April 27, 2024. The pool is available to Lodge members, Ladies Auxiliary members, and their guests only. There is no life guard, so the pool is swim at your own risk. A small fee is required of all participants to use the pool.

The pool is available for rent for private events.. Contact John Richards or Colby Breland for more information about renting the facility (228) 762-1315 or at elks@pascagoulaelks.org.



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Ladies Auxiliary News

By Julie Eplin-Renfroe
Auxiliary President



Welcome from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Pascagoula Elks Lodge #1120. We are delighted to introduce ourselves and share our mission with you. I am Julie Eplin-Renfroe, serving as the President for the term 2024-2025. While our esteemed Pascagoula Elks Lodge has a rich history spanning 116 years, the Ladies Auxiliary was established in 1953. Since then, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to supporting both our Lodge and the wider community.

Currently, the Pascagoula Ladies Auxiliary stands as one of only three active auxiliaries in Mississippi. As President, my aim is to revitalize our membership and increase our involvement to levels reminiscent of our past.

Our Ladies Auxiliary contributes in numerous ways to both our Lodge and community. We allocate funds not only to our members but also to various community initiatives. For instance, in February, we donated \$600.00 from our cancer fund to assist the sister of one of our Elk members who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Additionally, we contributed \$300.00 to support Coach Bethany Fernald and the Pascagoula High School Girls Softball team

during their season.

One of our hallmark events is the annual "Lunch with Santa," where the Lodge opens its doors to the public. Children enjoy games, face painting, delicious food, and a visit from Santa himself. We also hold a drawing for two fully stocked toy wagons valued between \$300.00 to \$400.00 each. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th, and more details will follow in the coming months.

Another initiative we take pride in is our scholarship program, which supports deserving students who meet our criteria. In 2023, we awarded five scholarships valued at \$1000.00 each. For inquiries regarding scholarships, please refer to the provided email address.

I am eager for the year ahead, working alongside a dedicated group of ladies to uphold and enhance the legacy of our beloved Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120.

Respectfully Yours,

Julie Eplin-Renfroe



Lodge Elects Officers for 2024-2025 Fraternal Year

Lodge elections for officers for the 2024-2025 fraternal year were held on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Exalted Ruler - Curtis Welsh

Esteemed Leading Knight - Jason Darden

Esteemed Loyal Knight - Becky Turner

Esteemed Lecturing Knight - Harold Tillman

Lodge Secretary - Darla Holifield

Lodge Treasurer - Tony Olson

5 Year Trustee - Sherwood Beckham

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Ladies Auxiliary Elects 2024-2025 Officers

The Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 Ladies Auxiliary met on Wednesday March 6, 2024 and held elections of officers for the 2024-2025 Auxiliary year. Elected were:

President: Julie Eplin-Renfroe

Vice President: April Cole

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By Becky Turner, Esteemed Leading Knight

This hearty and creamy chowder is a perfect way to use up any leftover corn, shrimp, and crawfish from a spicy boil. It's packed with flavor from the Conecuh sausage, chicken, and Old Bay seasoning. Serve it over rice for a satisfying and comforting meal.



Ingredients

- 1 8-oz block cream cheese
- 1 qt half-and-half
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 stick butter
- 1 29-oz can whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 10.5-oz cans condensed cream of potato soup
- 1 10.5-oz can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 3 celery ribs, chopped
- 1 lb. crawfish tails, peeled and deveined
- 2 lbs. shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 lb. Conecuh "rope" sausage
- 2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken thighs, chopped into bite-sized pieces
- Low sodium chicken broth
- Salt, to taste
- Black pepper, to taste
- Old Bay Seasoning, to taste

Directions

1. In a large Dutch oven or stockpot over medium-high heat, melt butter and sauté sausage, chicken, onion, green onion, garlic, and celery until chicken is cooked through, about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Reduce heat to low and add cream cheese, stirring until melted. Gradually whisk in half-and-half until smooth and well combined.
3. Stir in corn, cream of potato soup, and cream of mushroom soup. Season with salt, pepper, and Old Bay seasoning to taste. If the chowder is too thick, add some chicken broth to thin it to your desired consistency.
4. Add crawfish tails and shrimp and bring to a simmer. Cook for 10 more minutes, until seafood is cooked through and

Notes

- Prep time: 20 minutes
- Cook time: 40 minutes
- Servings: 12 (8-oz)



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!

We have made it easy to submit your recipes. You can

submit recipes through the MyElks App, 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. 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.

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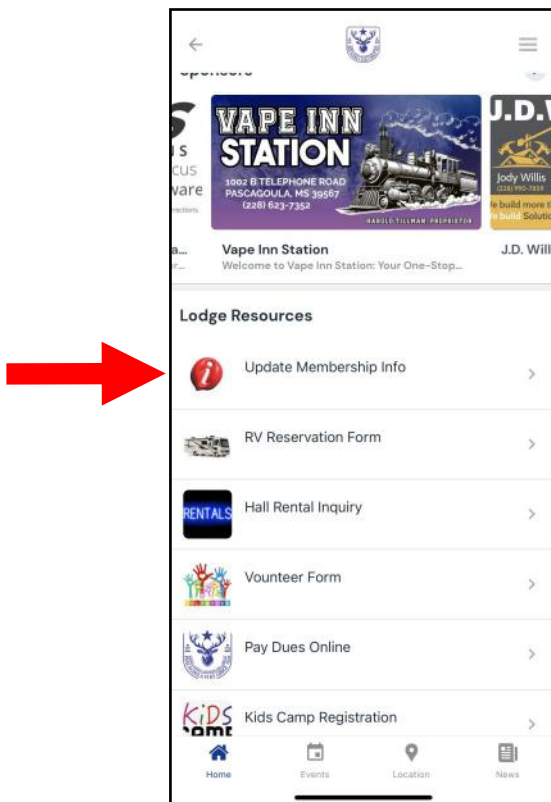
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Medicinal and Healing Local Flora



By Hannah Rogers,
Staff Writer



Mississippi, with its ideal climate and diverse ecosystem, is home to a wide variety of native edible plants. These plants have played a crucial role in the sustenance and medicinal practices of both wildlife and human inhabitants for centuries. Today, they continue to be an integral part of Mississippi's natural heritage.

Early settlers and indigenous cultures relied on the local foliage for their nutritional and medicinal needs. One such plant is the pawpaw, known for its custard-like fruit. The pawpaw, or *asimina*, derives its name from the Algonquin word for the tree: *assimin*. These trees are commonly found near riverbanks and in the understory of the eastern US forests. As understory trees, they thrive under the canopy of taller trees.



The maypop, another native passion fruit, is also highly valued for its edible fruits. Alongside these fruits, Mississippi is home to a plethora of wild berries, nuts, and herbs. Ethical harvesting is essential to ensure the preservation of these species for future generations.

One example is the muscadine grape, also known as *rotundifolia*, which is native to the southeastern and south-central United States. These grapes, among many other wild berries, can be found flourishing right in your own backyard.



Southern Dewberries, a type of trailing woody vine with curved prickles, offer not only a delightful taste but also a wealth of nutrition. These berries are rich in vitamins A and C, supporting a healthy immune system and sharp vi-

sion. With low calories and high fiber content, they aid digestion and help maintain a healthy weight. Distinguished by their red, glandular-tipped bristles and re-curved prickles, the dewberries are closely related to blackberries.

Another notable forageable food source in Mississippi is the acorn, abundantly scattered under oak trees in the fall. While raw acorns taste bitter due to their high tannin content, they can be made palatable through a simple boiling process. By boiling the acorns and changing the water multiple times until it no longer changes color, you can remove the tannins and trans-



form them into a versatile ingredient for soups, stews, and other nut-based recipes.

Beyond their culinary value, acorns possess numerous health benefits. Rich in essential constituents, they aid digestion, promote bone and heart health, and help lower asthma and diabetes mellitus. With antibacterial and antiviral properties, acorns also serve as a natural defense against invading bacteria and viruses. A small batch of strong medicinal fluid can be made by crushing a handful of acorns in one pint of water, which can then be applied to inflamed skin ailments such as rashes, ingrown toenails, and hemorrhoids.

Discovering the abundance of native edible plants in Mississippi is not only a journey into the past but also an exploration of the potential for sustainable nutrition and traditional healing practices. By embracing these natural resources and practicing ethical foraging, we can preserve our state's rich heritage and ensure their availability for generations to come. The majestic live oak, known scientifically as *Quercus virginiana*, thrives in the southern regions of Mississippi, gracing the Gulf Coast and even stretching as far north as Hinds County. This iconic tree holds a special place in the hearts of those who appreciate the beauty



of the old plantation South. Its twisted branches and expansive canopy create a picturesque spectacle that captures the imagination. Every spring, the Coast Live Oak adorns itself with delicate flowers, adding to its allure. "

While the live oak has long been revered, another plant that holds medicinal properties has captured my fascination – the Mimosa Tree, scientifically known as *Albizia julibrissin*. In Traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture, both parts of this tree find use in treating insomnia, depression, and grief. Often prepared as a tea, the Mimosa Tree has become a favorite among herbalists seeking natural remedies.

When venturing into the woods or strolling along the streets, you can easily identify these deciduous trees by their fern-like leaves and the pink, silky flowers that cascade from their Calix. These pink silky parts, called stamens, hold the pollen and often feature a filament and anther, similar to the middle section of a lily flower. The Mimosa Tree boldly displays its flamboyant appearance and showers the ground with its striking flowers. The tripinnate leaves, consisting of 6-12 leaflet

pairs on each side of the main stem, create a crown-like formation that gracefully arches.



The bark, a deep greenish-brown, adds to the tree's allure. Not only are Mimosa Trees a delightful sight, but they also serve as valuable companions to bees and other pollinators, making them a welcomed addition to any pollinator garden. As the seasons progress, the flowers wither, giving way to a legume-like seed pod. However, it is important to note that once the flowers have formed seeds, they should not be harvested, as the mature seeds possess toxic properties.

Harnessing the healing power of the Mimosa Tree, herbalists create happiness tinctures that aid in resolving stagnant emotions such as depression, anxiety, and frustration. This uplifting plant even offers relief for those suffering from insomnia and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). To prepare a tincture, one would combine 8 ounces of dried Mimosa flowers with 40 ounces of vodka in a jar, securing the lid tightly. The tincture should then be allowed to steep anywhere from 4-6 weeks, in a cool dark place away from direct sunlight.

Mississippi's diverse landscape and favorable climate gift us with a plethora of beautiful and medicinal plants. The remedy to many ailments might be found right in our own backyard. So, take a moment to pause, breathe in the fragrant roses, and embrace the wonders that even a single petal can offer.



Get up to date information about stops, weather delays and other great information about the Anything on Wheels Buggy Run on the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 Facebook Events Page.

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May 11, 2024

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11 AM - 3 PM

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To Our Absent Members



“

The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

”



— Richard “Ricky” Allen Dobrowski

Initiated September 8, 2022

Died February 8, 2024

Ricky was born on June 23, 1966 in Westerly, RI. A veteran of the United States Army, he worked for Vice Construction for nearly thirty years. He was an active member of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church serving as an usher and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. He served in the St. Vincent De-Paul Society for several years, helping those in need. He had a huge heart and was very generous with his time and anything he had to those in need, including his family and friends.



— Michael “Mike” Thomas Seaman

Initiated May 19, 2011

Died March 15, 2024

Mike was born on October 31, 1966 in Pascagoula, MS. An avid baseball player, Mike pitched for back to back Pascagoula High School championship teams and for the Pas-Point Merchants. He was an avid fan of the Astros, St. Louis Cardinals, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and ever posting about the ‘Aints.

He is survived by his loving wife Michelle Blakeney Seaman, children Beth Ann Seaman, Robbie (Christyn) McCary and Ryan (Madelyn Brown) McCary; grandchildren, Colton, Grafton and Jack Charles McCary; father, Thomas “Tommy” Seaman; mother-in-law, Paula Ledbetter and Karen Blakeney; sister-in-law, Hope (David) O’Brien; brother-in-law, Garry Blakeney, Jr.; furbabies, Reeses and Ruthie; along with numerous, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving family and friends. Mike never met a stranger and we will miss his friendly, unforgettable smile and fun loving ways.

A Royal Good Time

By David Chamberlain, Editor



On January 28, 2024, The Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 recently celebrated its 64th Annual Carnival Ball in a grand display of tradition, community spirit, and revelry. Held as one of Jackson County's oldest carnival balls, the event brought together members and guests for a night of festivities and camaraderie.

The theme of this year's ball, "Mystical Masquerade," captured the essence of Mardi Gras, with attendees adorned in vibrant costumes and masks, adding to the enchantment of the evening.

The ball kicked off with the introduction of the 2023 Royalty, Queen Doe the LXIII Ms. Becky Richardson and King Antlers the LXIII Mr. Paul Bosarge, marking the conclusion of their majestic reign and the beginning of a new chapter for the Elks Lodge.

The event also honored past Kings and Queens of Elkdom, recognizing their contributions and dedication to the organization over the years.

Leading the evening was the presentation of Lord and Lady Elk, Exalted Ruler. Curtis Welsh and Ladies Auxiliary President Candy Sholar.

Following the formalities, the stage came alive with the procession of the Royal Court, featuring duchesses and dukes representing various Mardi Gras themes. Let's meet each duke and duchess:



Mardi Gras Throws & Bacchus, god of Wine

Duchess:

Mrs. Pat Craig

Duke: Mr. Skeeter

Craig

Pat and Skeeter Craig, married for 43 years, have been active members of the

Elks community, contributing their time to various events and charitable endeavors.

Marie LaVeau & Witch Doctor

Duchess:

Dr. Rachel Mercer

Duke:

Mr. Robert Moore



Dr. Rachel Mercer, a dedicated teacher and community volunteer, shares the

spotlight with Mr. Robert Moore, a long-serving educator and active Elk member.



Members of a Marching Band

Duchess:

Mrs. April Cole

Duke:

Mr. George Cole

April and George Cole, residents of Pascagoula, bring their passion for music and community involvement to the forefront as they join the Royal Court.

Court Jesters

Duchess:
Ms. Cathy Wilson
Duke:
Mr. Enos Treece



Cathy Wilson, known for her artistic talents and eagerness to volunteer, pairs up with Enos Treece, a newcomer to the lodge but already making a positive impact with his maintenance efforts.



Joe Cain's Widow & Joe Cain

Duchess:
Ms. Patti Bradley
Duke:
Mr. Daniel Beckham

Patti Bradley, a devoted member of the community and entrepreneur, shares the spotlight with Daniel Beckham, a long-standing member of the Elks and pillar of the community.

Foxy Cleopatra & King Cake Baby

Duchess:
Ms. Hannah Rogers
Duke:
Mr. Bubba Holifield



Hannah Rogers, known for her vibrant personality and involvement in community events, teams up with Bubba Holifield, a respected member of the lodge with a passion for community service and who has never met a stranger.

As the night progressed, the excitement reached its peak with the grand entrance of the evening's royalty.



Queen Doe LXIV

Mrs. Dianne Waters
Dianne is married to Elk member Fred Waters. With six children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, Dianne has been an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary for 17 years, holding various offices. She is also involved in numerous community organizations, including St. John's Episcopal Church, Zonta, and the Magnolia Red Hat Society. Dianne's hobbies include working with her plants, shrimping, and riding the Harley with her husband Fred.

King Antlers the LXIV

Mr. Johnny Hays
Johnny has been married to his wife, Tonya, for six years. With two children and two grandchildren, Johnny has been employed by Bollinger Shipyard in Pascagoula as Supervisor, Material Control for the last two years. He was previously employed at Huntington Ingalls for 23 years. Johnny is a proud veteran who served in the United States Air Force in Afghanistan. He has held the position of trustee at the Elks Lodge and has been actively involved in various community events and charitable events.



EMPs-How You Can Prepare

By Roy Wilson,
Staff Writer

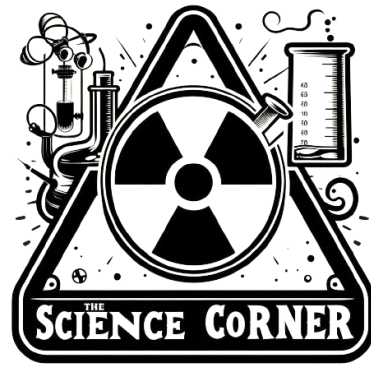
Webster's definition of the worst news encapsulates situations deemed highly unfavorable, difficult, unpleasant, or painful. For the public in the United States, an Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) event checks off all these boxes. Fortunately, the probability of such an event is exceptionally low, albeit not entirely zero. Let's consider a few recent occurrences that could potentially spell disaster: In February 2023, a high-altitude balloon traversed the United States. Shortly after, in April 2023, North Korea conducted ballistic missile tests. Fast forward to February 2024, and another high-altitude balloon was detected over the United States.

As I've observed the discussions on television surrounding these events, I've noted an increased mention of EMPs. It's unclear whether this coverage aims to inform or instill fear in the viewers. However, I've come to realize that knowledge serves as the most potent antidote to fear mongering. So, let's delve into understanding EMPs and their implications.

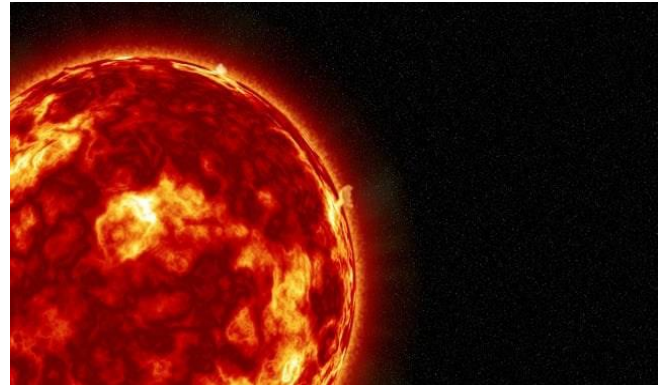
Types of EMPs

EMPs have garnered widespread attention due to their potential for devastating destruction and consequential effects on society. These EMPs, which can wreak havoc on a massive scale, are typically generated by nuclear detonations, specialized EMP weapons, or natural phenomena like solar storms or cosmic gamma ray bursts. An EMP, scientifically termed a transient electromagnetic disturbance (TED), manifests as a sudden surge of electromagnetic energy. It can occur either naturally or artificially.

Naturally occurring EMPs encompass phenomena such as lightning electromagnetic pulses (LEMP), meteoric EMPs resulting from meteors traversing Earth's atmosphere, or coronal mass ejections (CME) from the Sun. Conversely, artificially occurring EMPs arise from events like nuclear electromagnetic pulses (NEMP) caused by nuclear explosions. Notably, a variant of NEMP known as high-altitude nuclear EMP



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.



(HEMP) generates a secondary pulse through particle interactions with the Earth's atmosphere and magnetic field. Additionally, non-nuclear electromagnetic pulse (NNEMP) weapons, such as large low inductance capacitor banks discharged into a single loop antenna or microwave generators, contribute to artificially induced EMPs.

The severity of the threat posed by a high-altitude EMP attack varies depending on the perspective of different groups of scientists. While some view it as an overhyped doomsday scenario, others perceive it as a significantly underestimated and potentially existential threat to the USA. Given the prevailing uncertainty in today's world, it is imperative to thoroughly examine and evaluate the extent of the nuclear EMP threat.

The Phases of a Nuclear EMP

Nuclear EMPs are quite the spectacle. Picture this: a nuclear device detonates at high altitude, somewhere between 25 and 250 miles above the Earth's surface. This explosion unleashes powerful gamma rays that scatter outward. As these gamma rays collide with the atmosphere, they generate a formidable electromagnetic energy field. Interestingly, a Nuclear EMP, or HEMP for short, doesn't directly harm humans. In fact, unless you witness the detonation, you wouldn't even know it happened. However, it's a different story for unprotected electrical conductors like power and

communication lines. They take the brunt of the damage, causing anything attached to them to experience a surge of high voltage current.

Now, let's break down the arrival of the HEMP into three distinctive phases. First up is the E1 pulse, a nanosecond powerhouse that induces voltage in electrical conductors beyond their capacity to handle. Next, we have the E2 pulses, which mimic the effects of a lightning strike. Surprisingly, this phase is often the least damaging, assuming standard lightning protections haven't been disabled by the preceding E1 pulse. Lastly, there's the E3 waveform, a slower and lower amplitude wave that occurs when the fireball from a large detonation briefly distorts the Earth's magnetic field. Its effects mirror those of a geomagnetic storm caused by solar flares.

Assessing the damage caused by a Nuclear EMP is no easy task and often sparks major disagreements within scientific and national security circles. Much of this disagreement stems from the plethora of factors influencing the power and scope of the event. Variables like blast size, detonation altitude, and geographic



location all come into play. For instance, the farther the blast from the equator and the stronger the magnetic field below, the more potent the pulse. There's even debate over whether a small nuclear device could pack enough punch to cause widespread damage. The uncertainty surrounding these factors fuels the ongoing debate on what actions the public should take in response to this potential threat.

Debating and grappling with the uncertainties surrounding EMPs is no small feat. With so many variables at play and differing opinions within the scientific community, it's no wonder that estimates regarding the potential damage vary widely and often lack solid empirical evidence. The most frequently cited estimates typically stem from assessments conducted by the Congressional EMP Commission back in 2004 and 2008.



The Phases of a Nuclear EMP

According to these reports, the repercussions of even a small-scale nuclear EMP attack could be catastrophic, with critical infrastructures facing a domino effect. The Commission's findings suggest that just one or two well-placed detonations could lead to the shutdown of the entire interconnected electrical power system, impacting a staggering 70 percent of the United States' power grid. If significant portions of this infrastructure were to remain offline for an extended period, the consequences could indeed be dire. In fact, the Commission has warned that the damage within the blast radius could potentially surpass the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast in 2005.

So, what steps can we take to brace ourselves for the worst-case scenario?

The Debate Phase.

The ongoing debate about whether homeowners should take proactive measures to safeguard their homes from potential EMP events persists. On one side, some argue that it may not be necessary to actively shield homes since there's no guarantee of an attack occurring. However, on the flip side of the coin, many advocate for preparedness, believing it's better to be safe than sorry.

So, how can homeowners fortify their homes against potential EMP threats?

Protecting Your Home from EMPs

Protecting your home from EMPs might sound like a daunting task, but it doesn't have to be overwhelming. The key is to prepare as best as possible to minimize potential damage. Common methods of protection include hardening electronics, utilizing Faraday cages, and shielding electrical wiring. The essence of EMP protection lies in mitigating risks by creating

barriers that either block electromagnetic pulses or divert their energy away from sensitive electronics.

One effective method is conductive shielding, where an EMP-specific surge protection device is directly connected to the home's breaker box. This device shields all electronics and equipment connected to the electrical system by quickly redirecting overvoltage to ground. Additionally, high saturation ferrite couplers can be installed in the electrical panel to further reduce high-frequency current transients, providing additional protection.

When it comes to Faraday cages, also known as Faraday shields, these specially designed enclosures aim to block electromagnetic fields and safeguard electronic devices. Constructed using conductive materials like metal mesh or solid metal, Faraday cages create a protective shield that redirects electromagnetic energy away from enclosed devices. Proper grounding is crucial to ensure effective diversion of any residual electromagnetic energy.

Constructing a homemade Faraday cage requires meticulous attention to detail to eliminate any openings or gaps that could compromise its effectiveness. For added protection of small electronics like smartphones or tablets, Faraday bags or pouches lined with material that blocks electromagnetic waves can be used.

In the quest for EMP protection, it's essential to conduct thorough research and choose surge protectors and couplers evaluated and approved for overvoltage protection. These measures help ensure the safety and security of your home electronics in the face of potential EMP threats.



Protecting Vehicles from EMPs

The more advanced our vehicles become, the more susceptible they are to even minor changes in current. As electronics evolve, they tend to have shorter wires, making them prone to overload from electromagnetic pulses (EMPs). This vulnerability highlights the importance of shielding vehicles against these high-voltage spikes to ensure their safe operation.

Let's delve into the various steps required to safeguard your vehicles from potential EMP threats.

One effective method is to construct a Faraday cage garage for your vehicle. This not only provides a secure storage space but also shields your vehicle and other electronics from EMPs. Faraday cages, made of either continuous conductive material or mesh materials, create an enclosure that deflects electromagnetic energy. Building such a garage can involve using aluminum siding, a tin roof, and aluminum-backed insulation for optimal protection. It's crucial to seal any gaps with EMP gasket material and ground the enclosure to discharge absorbed energy effectively.

While constructing a Faraday shield garage offers comprehensive protection, it requires a significant investment of money, time, and effort. Alternatively, there are products available that can be installed directly onto your vehicle to divert excessive power from an EMP away from its electrical system.



Before investing in EMP hardening for your vehicle, consider its age and technological systems. Newer vehicles with more computerized technology are inherently more vulnerable to EMPs compared to older models. Systems like passive antitheft systems or computerized ignition control are at risk of damage, potentially rendering the vehicle inoperable. However, older vehicles lacking these electronics may still be vulnerable in unexpected ways.

Although detailed knowledge about which vehicles can withstand a nuclear EMP is classified, vehicles' metal composition offers some limited shielding. However, the degree of protection varies depending on factors such as the blast's size and elevation, geographic and seasonal variations in the Earth's magnetic field, and the vehicle's location and orientation relative to the blast.

Ultimately, the decision to shield vehicles from EMPs comes down to individual preference. While some

may argue against it due to the uncertain likelihood of an attack, others prioritize preparedness as a precautionary measure. For those considering protection, several manufacturers offer EMP surge protection kits designed to withstand E1-E3 energy spikes. Conduct thorough research to select a kit that meets your vehicle's needs and provides reliable protection against potential EMP events.



Debunking EMP Protection Myths

In dispelling misconceptions surrounding EMP protection, it's crucial to address several prevalent myths:

Myth: EMP only affects electronics.

Contrary to popular belief, EMPs can impact not only electronics but also power grids, communication systems, and vehicles.

Myth: Tin foil is a reliable protection.

While tin foil may offer temporary shielding, it falls short in providing long-term protection against EMPs.

Myth: EMP protection is expensive or complicated.

Affordable and straightforward EMP protection measures, such as Faraday cages or surge protectors, are available.

Myth: EMP attacks are just science fiction.

The potential for EMP attacks is a legitimate concern, necessitating proactive protective measures.

Furthermore, addressing common questions about EMP protection:

Will a microwave provide EMP protection?

No, relying on a microwave for EMP protection is ineffective. Specialized measures such as Faraday cages or EMP shielding are required for effective protection.

Can EMP protection be homemade?

While homemade EMP protection is possible, meticulous construction is essential to ensure adequate shielding. Professionally designed EMP protection

solutions offer higher reliability and effectiveness.

Regarding the description and estimated cost of items for EMP protection:

- EMP Vehicle Protection Kits range from \$70.00 to \$250.00 and include products like Transient Reducing Auxiliary Plugs (T.R.A.P.-™), T.R.A.P.-B™, and High-saturation Car Ferrites. These devices offer easy installation and effective transient voltage suppression.



- EMP Cloth, priced at \$24.00 per foot, provides substantial shielding for larger items like vehicles or generators. However, caution is advised due to its conductive nature.

- EMP Home Protection Kits, ranging from \$209.00 to \$599.00, consist of surge protectors, individual protection devices, and High-saturation Ferrite cores to safeguard homes from EMPs.

- Heavy Duty EMP Bags, priced from \$14.00 to \$98.00, offer high-level shielding across all relevant EMP frequencies and are ideal for protecting electronic devices.



- EMP Gaskets, ranging from \$70.00 to \$260.00, are made with conductive fabric and adhesive backing, providing a secure seal for Faraday cages and other protective enclosures.

By debunking myths and providing practical solutions, individuals can better understand and address the potential threat of EMPs, ensuring the protection of critical infrastructure and personal electronics.



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.

Grillin' The River City

April 6th 9 AM—3 PM
Moss Point Riverfront

Help choose the people's choice awards for the 2024 [Grillin' the River City](#). Beginning at 11 AM tasting bracelets will be on sale for \$20 while supplies last. Awards will be announced at 2:30 p.m. Children under 5 are FREE.

April Nicole's Autism Ride by Pensacola Moose Lodge 557

April 6th Registration 9AM Depart 11 AM
Pensacola, FL

This escorted motorcycle ride starts and ends at the Pensacola Moose Lodge 557. \$20 per motorcycle and \$10 per additional passenger. Registration comes with lunch. Get [directions](#) to our sister Lodge.

Rock the Cause 5k Run for Adrienne's House

April 6th 8AM
Pascagoula Beach Park

It's time for the 11th Annual Rock the Cause 5K! Registration starts at 7 am, and the race starts at 8 am. All proceeds go towards providing life saving services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in Jackson and George counties! We hope to see you all there!

[Registration \\$25 per person.](#)

KC & The Sunshine Band

April 12—7 PM
Gautier's Sound Amphitheater

Shake shake shake. Shake your booty at the grand opening of the Sound Amphitheater in Gautier with the sounds of KC & The Sunshine Band.

Tickets available at [Ticketmaster](#).

Pancakes for Mark Herrington & Second Saturday Ride

April 13th—8 AM—11 PM
Pascagoula Elks and Pascagoula Beach Park

Whether you can ride a bicycle, or just want to support one of the nicest guys you will ever meet, join the Back of the Pack Fun Crew at the [Pancake Benefit](#) at the Pascagoula Elks Lodge beginning at 8 AM.

Singing River Cyclists will begin their ride from Pascagoula's Beach Park at 8:30 and stop at the Lodge for pancakes during their event.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by calling Laurie Sherrell-Snow (228) 623-1271 or email at:

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Bingo on the Green

April 19th 6 PM— 7:30 PM

Pascagoula Green Space Downtown

Bring a chair and get ready to shout those magic words.

Jackson County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

April 20th 8 AM—12 PM

Singing River Mall Parking Lot

The collection event is a community service funded by the MS Department of Environmental Quality in cooperation with the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, Municipalities and the Jackson County Solid Waste Department. For Jackson County residents only.

American Heart Association's Jackson Co. Heart Walk 2024

May 4th 8 AM

Pascagoula Beach Park

Join your friends, family and co-workers to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. By registering for the Heart Walk today, you are taking the first step to save lives. Every walker who joins, every dollar donated means more research, more people trained in lifesaving CPR, more medical breakthroughs and more champions for equitable health..

[Register your team online today.](#)

Main Street Pascagoula's Free Flowin' Fest

May 11th 12 PM—8 PM

Pascagoula Beach Park

Music under the oaks and in the view of the beautiful Pascagoula Bay? YES! Come visit the great vendors, eat some good food and celebrate the largest free-flowing river in the US. Admission for [Free Flowin' Fest](#) is free.

Smokin' The River City Dragboat Races

May 18th & 19th 10 AM - 4 PM

Moss Point Riverfront

For two days, the Escatawpa River will be filled with excitement as the ODBA Dragboat Association hosts its [Spring races at the Riverfront Park](#) on Main Street. Bring a chair and enjoy the thrill of the races.

Singing River Little Theater's Steel Magnolias

May 30th through June 1st 7 PM, June 2nd 2PM

Assembly Hall at Jackson County Fairgrounds

Filled with hilarious repartee and not a few acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions Singing River Little Theater presents the Robert Harling classic for four showings. You may even see one of our Elks members in the show.

[Tickets \\$12 available via Simpletix.](#)

Recurring Events

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
Members Only



Every Tuesday 6:30 PM
Open to the public.



Every Thursday 11:00AM
Open to the public.



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
Auxiliary Members Only



1st Thursday 6:00 PM
Committee & Elks Only



2nd Tuesday 6:00 PM
Committee & Elks Only



2nd Wednesday 6:00 PM
Committee & Elks Only



Last Sunday 2:00 PM
Elks & Their Guests Only



2nd Thursday 6:45 PM
September—April
Invited Guests & Elks Only

April Calendar

1	MONDAY	
2	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
3	WEDNESDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING
4	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM KITCHEN COMM. MEETS PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS
5	FRIDAY	KITCHEN STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE
6	SATURDAY	
7	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120 POTLUCK SOCIAL
8	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS
9	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE COMMUNICATIONS COMM MEETS
10	WEDNESDAY	HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETS
11	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM STUDENT OF MONTH
12	FRIDAY	LADIES STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE
13	SATURDAY	
14	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120 POTLUCK SOCIAL
15	MONDAY	
16	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
17	WEDNESDAY	ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETS
18	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
19	FRIDAY	HOUSE STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE
20	SATURDAY	
21	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120 POTLUCK SOCIAL
22	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS
23	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
24	WEDNESDAY	
25	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
26	FRIDAY	OFFICER'S STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE
27	SATURDAY	POOL OPENS
28	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120 POTLUCK SOCIAL SILVER STRIKE BOWLING TOURNEY
29	MONDAY	
30	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE

May Calendar

1	WEDNESDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING
2	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM KITCHEN COMM. MEETS
3	FRIDAY	KITCHEN STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE
4	SATURDAY	
5	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120 POTLUCK SOCIAL
6	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS
7	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
8	WEDNESDAY	HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETS
9	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
10	FRIDAY	LADIES STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE
11	SATURDAY	ANYTHING ON WHEELS BUGGY RUN
12	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120 POTLUCK SOCIAL
13	MONDAY	
14	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE COMMUNICATIONS COMM MEETS
15	WEDNESDAY	ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETS
16	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
17	FRIDAY	HOUSE STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE
18	SATURDAY	STUDENT OF THE YEAR
19	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120 POTLUCK SOCIAL
20	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS
21	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
22	WEDNESDAY	
23	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
24	FRIDAY	OFFICER'S STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE
25	SATURDAY	
26	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120 POTLUCK SOCIAL SILVER STRIKE BOWLING TOURNEY
27	MONDAY	MEMORIAL DAY—LODGE CLOSED
28	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
29	WEDNESDAY	
30	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
31	FRIDAY	



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