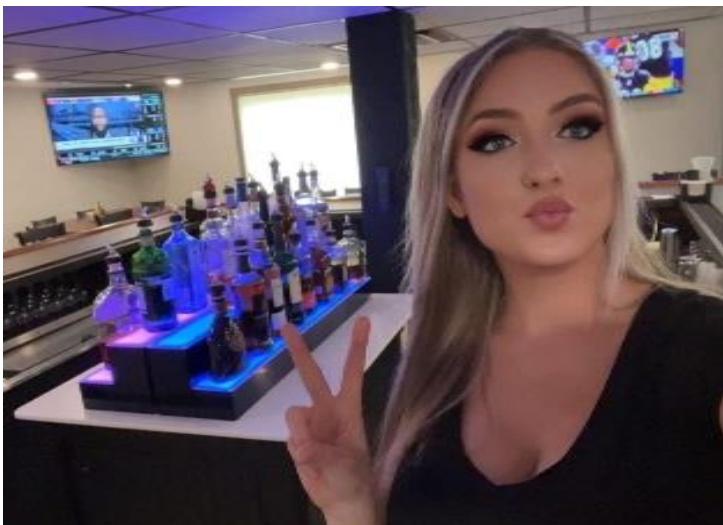


ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

September 2023

WE'RE BACK!

The lodge is operating with full schedule once again after the ten months interruption following Hurricane Ian. The August 4th preview for members was well attended and enjoyable to be able to gather socially again. Each day's menu and activities is receiving positive reviews. Have you been to the lodge for a drink or meal? Come in and greet our new bartender, Allyson:



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 5th – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
- 9th – SWC District Fund Raiser (Arcadia Lodge)
- 19th – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD:

- *Gun Raffle (see page
- *Brotherhood Ride Fund Raiser (October 7th)

LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY –TUESDAY-THURSDAY
SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-
FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Open 2:00 pm

TUESDAY-Closed (except for
Lodge Meetings)

1st & 3rd TUESDAY
7:00 pm Lodge Meeting

MONDAY

Hunting Season/Burgers 6:00

TUESDAY

Lodge Meeting 7:00
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

WEDNESDAY

Bar Games 6:00; Wings 6:00

THURSDAY

Closed

FRIDAY

Steak & Seafood 6:00
Karaoke 7:00
Queen of Hearts 7:00

SATURDAY

Bar Games/Hot Dogs 2:00

1028 West Oak Street, Arcadia FL 34266 *863-993-0011*

www.ElksArcadia1524.com

EXALTED RULER

Members All,

I am happy to see so many friendly faces returning to the Lodge. We are quite proud of how things turned out, and I must say it is most impressive. If you haven't had a chance to come in you are missing out on some great food, old friends, and a brand-new look. Remember, this is the Lodge you helped build, and by your years of being a member support. I was told at the last meeting we are approaching our 100th anniversary, and it made me proud to be part of something so many folks before me worked hard to maintain. This building has true grit in its history, and not just structurally but in spirit. The impact we've had on the youth, veterans, special needs, and elderly in the community can never be erased. Arcadia Elks Lodge is truly an amazing vessel that has supported so many and has never veered from its principles Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

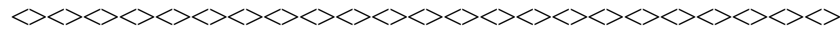
This is what made us who we are, and this is what shall be when we pass.

Hope to see you soon and God Bless.

Troy Hughes PER
Exalted Ruler

LODGE LEADERSHIP

- EXALTED RULER Troy Hughes PER
- LEADING KNIGHT Joey Santos
- LOYAL KNIGHT Sandy Mansfield
- LECTURING KNIGHT Kelli Jo Santos
- SECRETARY Jackie Hughes VP-SWC District
- TREASURER Nancy Higginbotham PDDGER
- TILER Bill May
- CHAPLAIN Marilyn May
- ESQUIRE Robert Vaughn PER
- INNER GUARD George Rigney
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- TRUSTEE Mary Kay Burns
- TRUSTEE Sam McLeod
- TRUSTEE Ricky Mercer PER



- Lodge Advisor Nancy Higginbotham PDDGER
- SWC District Advisor Brian Burns PSP

Stay informed!

Regularly visit our lodge webpage

www.ElksArcadia1524.com

“Like” & follow our Facebook Page: Arcadia Elks No 1524 (@arcadiaelks)

Harry Anna Investment Fund

Of everything that the Florida Elks do, perhaps nothing is more important than our work with the state’s youth. Sowing the seeds of accomplishment and commitment through our **Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services** and **Florida Elks Youth Camp** programs, children are given the opportunity to grow and learn beyond their wildest imaginations.

The trust fund started in 1951, was named after Harry and Anna Miller who donated land and a building to establish the original Florida Elks Hospital for Crippled Children. Its purpose was, and continues to be, the collection of donations and the acceptance of endowed gifts. Donate at the Lodge or on-line.

The trust fund is restricted, which means that only the income derived from it may be used to support our major projects: the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs. **To learn how you can support these great programs and become a sustaining monthly donor (any amount), go to www.floridaelks.org**



NEWS NOTES

SOUTHWEST CENTRAL (SWC) DISTRICT SUPPORT – Elks Care Elks Share

At the members gathering on August 4th at the lodge, Sebring Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Johnathan Spiegel and officers presenting a \$1000 check to be used for Arcadia Lodge building restoration. Also present on Friday were members of the Lake Placid and Plant City lodges to offer support at our reopening.

Also at the gathering, a plaque from the Southwest Central District Advisory Council was presented to Arcadia Elks Lodge that stated: "Congratulations to the members of Arcadia Elks Lodge #1524 for their hard work and determination in the face of adversity."



SOUTHWEST CENTRAL DISTRICT FUND RAISER – September 9th

The Southwest Central District will hold a fund raising event at the Arcadia Lodge on Saturday, September 9th. Arcadia Lodge Secretary Jackie Hughes PER serves as District Vice President. All tickets are sold. **NOTE: Volunteers are needed to help with this event.**

SWCD FUNDRAISER
Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524 - 1028 W. Oak Street
Saturday, September 9th, 2023 6 PM
\$50 Per Ticket - Admission for 2 & 1 Chance at Big Board
Heavy Appetizers and Side Boards - Any Additional Guests will be \$15
1st ball out \$100 prize, 25th ball \$150, 100th ball \$500, 150th ball \$150, 200th ball \$2500
If all tickets are not sold, the prizes would be proportioned according to sold tickets.
Final numbers can be split amongst those numbers that are left if all agree.

NEWS NOTES

ARCADIA ELKS PROVIDE PRE-GAME MEAL FOR FOOTBALL TEAM

Using funds from an Elks National Foundation grant with matching funds from the Florida State Elks Association, Arcadia Elks provided 65 meals (catered by Martin’s Market) for the DeSoto County High School “Bulldogs” football team on August 31st.



ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Do you know a graduating senior who will benefit from a scholarship?

Applications for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship are open! In 2024, every Top 20 MVS scholar will receive \$30,000—increasing the guaranteed scholarship for the Top 20 Finalists by 50 percent. High school seniors have until November 13, 2023 to apply.

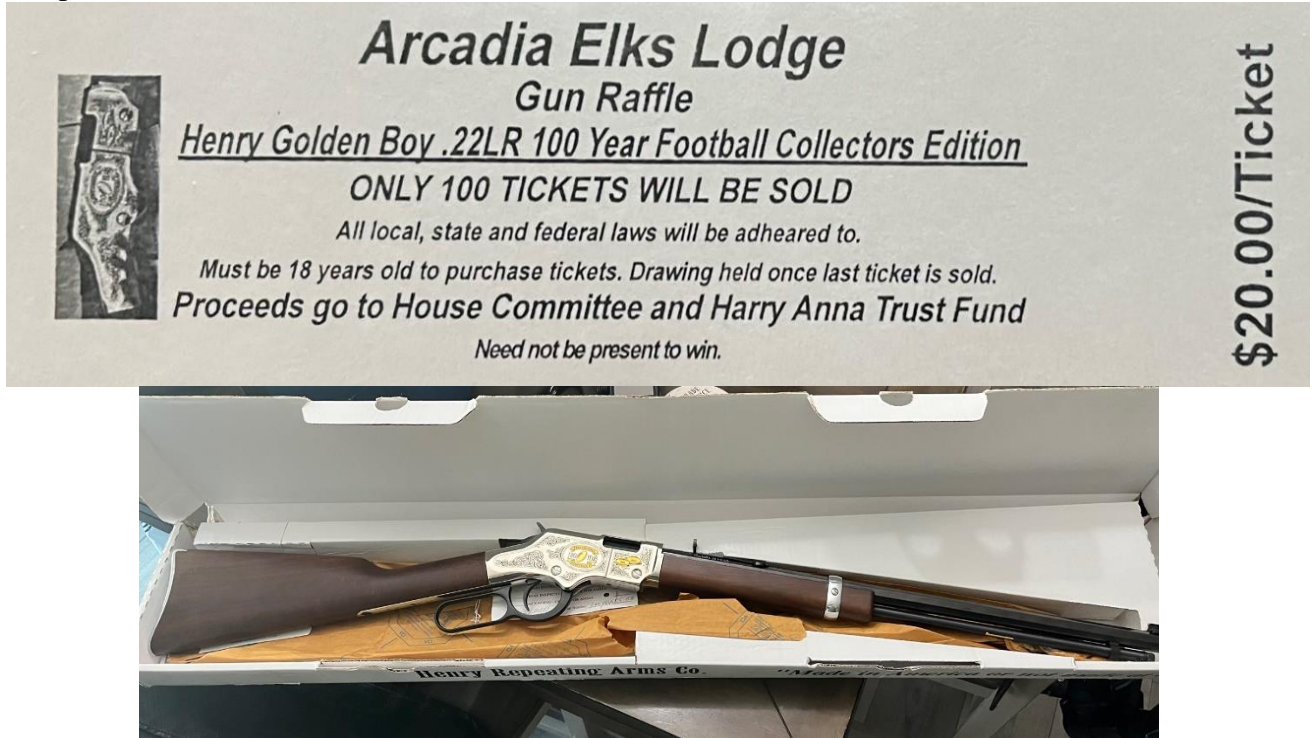
Legacy Scholarships are \$4,000 scholarships available to children or grandchildren (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2021. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. The applicant must be a high school senior. The 2024 application process opens on November 13, 2023 and closes on February 5, 2024.



NEWS NOTES

GUN RAFFLE

The lodge is conducting a raffle for a HENRY GOLDEN BOY .22LR 100 YEAR FOOTBALL COLLECTORS EDITION. Only 100 tickets (\$20.00 each) will be sold. Purchasers must be legally eligible to own firearms. Non-Members may purchase tickets. See Allyson at the bar to purchase tickets. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the House Committee (social quarters operating funds) and the Harry Anna Investment Fund (Florida Elks therapy services and youth camp).



Arcadia Elks Lodge
Gun Raffle
Henry Golden Boy .22LR 100 Year Football Collectors Edition
ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
All local, state and federal laws will be adhered to.
Must be 18 years old to purchase tickets. Drawing held once last ticket is sold.
Proceeds go to House Committee and Harry Anna Trust Fund
Need not be present to win.

\$20.00/Ticket

Henry Repeating Arms Co.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The August 15th lodge meeting authorized the establishment of a Centennial Committee to form for the purpose of planning the 100th anniversary of the chartering of Arcadia Lodge 1524 in 1926. Robert Vaughn PER was appointed chairman. Committee membership is currently being organized. The committee has the responsibility to generate funding, conduct comprehensive research and writing the history of the lodge, and determine appropriate events and activities. Call or text Robert Vaughn at 863-244-1369 to participate in the committee's work.



NEWS NOTES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Royal Olsen	1 st
Willis Bill Peacock	1 st
Byron Jarnagin	3 rd
Jodie Wagstaff	5 th
Johnathan Hughes	7 th
Robert Kuchuk	8 th
William Mercer	8 th
George Rigney	8 th
Jacqueline Tucker	9 th
Don Hall	11 th
Carrie Skinner	12 th
Warren Cornell	13 th
Billy Robison	14 th
George Randy Lee	16 th
Timothy Vowels	16 th
Phil Turner	18 th
Iran Floyd	19 th
Glenn Higgins	19 th
James McManus	22 nd
James Bushouse	23 rd
James Fussell	23 rd
Rex Harper	23 rd
Gene Field	24 th
Richard Mercer	25 th
Destiny Roy	25 th
Patricia Anthony	29 th
Walter Myers	30 th
Julia Robertson	30 th
Buck Wilson	30 th

