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MARCH 2024, E. R. MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow Elks,

A big Thank you to ALL who helped with our annual, C.C.C. Charity Dart Tournament on February 24th! The proceeds raised will go to the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, which is our state, major project. (See photo & article in this issue.)

If you have not had a chance to order some new, Lodge #572 Elks' Apparel, just stop by the Club Room as ask for the order form to check out the hats, shirts, and more that we have available. Orders are sent out at the end of each month.

The February, Murphysboro Lodge #572, ENF Benefit Shooting Match at the Carbon Lake Club was a very successful day, raising \$1,509.91 for the Elks National Foundation. This amount will be added to our Lodge's total contribution goal, for the current 2023-2024 year, Did you miss it? Contact Rick Ehlers (618-534-1689) for questions or information regarding our upcoming match on **Sunday, March 17th, at Carbon Lake.** We hope to see as good a crowd, or better, in attendance! Enjoy raffles, drawings, and fun with fellow Elks!

Don't forget about supporting our Antlers' BBQ Fundraiser on Easter weekend. They will be selling pulled pork by the pound and racks of ribs will be available for pickup on Saturday, March 30th. See an Antler for tickets or order in the Club Room.

Tickets are nearly SOLD OUT for our Luck of the Lodge fundraiser being held on **Saturday, March 9th!** (Member sellers may have a few tickets left - you will just have to ask around.) As in several years past, a Good Time is in store for all - ending in the evening with the **Lewis Creek Band!**

Just approved - a great service for the residents of Murphysboro! We will be having a **Flag Retirement Box** installed next to our outside smoking facility, located between our Lodge and the Patriots Bravo building. This very attractive, stainless steel unit is an Eagle Scout project for a local, Troop 4 Scout. It will be visible from Shomaker Drive, and easily accessible from your vehicle. There is currently a great need for this service, and we will be able to provide it - plus helping a young Scout achieve the Eagle rank! More information to follow on this project.

With the latest initiation of some 12 new members, Lodge #572 is pretty much assured of a membership gain at the end of this current, 2023 - 2024 Elk year. Thank you, to all members who have sponsored someone. We are the **ELKS!**

Fraternally, Todd Doody, E.R.



In vain we call. They have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. The places that have known them no more; but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.

KEITH RENDLEMAN

May 18, 1968 - February 17, 2024



This year, the February weather was not extreme on Presidents Day, so Murphysboro was again home for many American Flags, waving in the breeze, as placed by our Elks #572 Flag Service. A great contribution to our community - and a great community support effort by the Murphysboro Elks!



- 3/1 John Caldwell
- 3/1 Thomas Shield
- 3/1 Curt Pierson
- 3/2 Gary Raines
- 3/3 Jeff Daniel
- 3/3 Jakob Guetersloh
- 3/4 Michael Roberts
- 3/4 Emmett Whitacre
- 3/5 Richard Green
- 3/5 William Reardon
- 3/6 Donald Cochran
- 3/6 Herbert Dougan
- 3/6 Linda Patrick
- 3/6 Lawrence Reardon
- 3/6 Samantha Smith
- 3/8 Richard Ehlers
- 3/8 Joe Roth
- 3/11 Joan Cox
- 3/12 Andrew Belobraydic
- 3/12 Everett Blackwell
- 3/12 Audrey Eden
- 3/12 Brittney Hesar
- 3/12 Todd Lirely
- 3/12 David Trimble
- 3/13 Melissa Ferguson
- 3/13 Charles Johnson
- 3/14 Edward Miller
- 3/15 Bob Abbott
- 3/15 Scott Wheeler
- 3/17 Diana Dietz
- 3/17 Danny Lawson
- 3/18 Clay Cochran
- 3/18 Caitlin Doody
- 3/18 Charles Fisher
- 3/19 Alan Gordon
- 3/19 Gary Tennison
- 3/20 Fred Carter
- 3/20 Lori Graff
- 3/20 Craig Keller
- 3/20 Barbara Mileur
- 3/20 William Moeglin
- 3/20 Ted Rose
- 3/20 Michael Ryan
- 3/21 Benjamin Howard
- 3/21 Dennis Johnson
- 3/21 Brian Mifflin
- 3/22 Dale Alstat
- 3/22 Julie Carson
- 3/22 Dale Mifflin
- 3/22 Donald Rendleman
- 3/22 Tim Schenk
- 3/23 Kevin Bost
- 3/23 Adam Korando
- 3/24 Robert Diehl
- 3/24 Terry Gerlach
- 3/24 Faithann Howard
- 3/24 Joy McAllister
- 3/24 Rick Raney
- 3/25 Chad Bower
- 3/25 Eric Clendenin
- 3/26 Joseph Rains
- 3/28 Ray Burroughs
- 3/28 Seth Mileur
- 3/30 Russell Brown
- 3/30 Shawn Imhoff



LODGE #572 DART TOURNAMENT FOR C.C.C APPEARS HEADED FOR SUCCESS!

Wow - 28 years of raising money to support our Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, and helping fund weekly diagnostic clinics; purchase special equipment; provide Physical & Occupational Therapy scholarships and Special Education scholarships! The final figures and donations are not quite all in yet, so that information will be forthcoming in our **April Newsletter**. However, acknowledgement to those who purchased Board Sponsorships; who provided time & travel in securing those sponsorships; or played major roles in working the actual event, can be extended at this time.

Board Sponsors - A big Thank You to: Joe's Barber Shop; Jim & Melissa Ferguson; Koenig Accounting Service; Longbranch Saloon; Lynn Porter; Merle & Kendra Evans; Midwest Reclamation Resources; Murphysboro Firefighters Local 3042; Murphy Wall State Bank; P.L.P. Battery Supply; Pat's Auto; Patriots Bravo Co.; Properties Unlimited; River Rats; Solid Rock Veterinary Clinic; Roberts' Law Firm; Schwebel Printing; Silkworm; Smooth Hill Farms - Black Angus Beef; Steve & Sharon Schemonia; Stewarts Auto Body; 24/7Storage, John Eaton; 17th Street BBQ; American Paving; Auto Works; Bam Ink, 715 Gaming Lounge; Buy a Farm Land & Auction; Canning Auction; Cindy B's Restaurant; Corner Tavern; Dairy Queen; Dennis & Sharon Johnson; Distinctive Flooring; E & D Concrete; Edward Jones / Dan Nolan & Andrew Chylewski; Fager-McGee Construction; Fibber McGee; Fricke Management & Contracting Samron; Great Boars of Fire; Gene Schwebel; Heartland Mechanical Contractors; ICSS; Memory of Brad Wilcox; Memory of Jackie Allen; J.T. Blankenship; Sue Givens; TNT Cantina; We Care of Jacob; Volkert, Keith Roberts; Clutts Enterprises; We the People Roofing & More; Williams-Richards Accounting; Brunzeez Cafe; Scuttle Inn Restaurant; Reed, Heller, & Cannell; Samron; Daniel Deans; Southern Illinois Liquor Mart; Murdale Enterprises.

Volunteers: Chairman & Assistant - B. J. Wyatt and Lynn Porter; Advance leg work & procurements - Steve Schemonia; Rick & Janice Ehlers; Debbie Sauer; Steve & Marilyn Zak. Special thanks to Bob & Dave Fombelle, Great Boars of Fire, for BBQ & food, and to Blake Canning, Auctioneer. Dart Day volunteers - Mike Sherman, Janice Hines, and Darcie Hastings.

Have we missed anyone? Without a doubt, with so many last-minute "scurry" Elks!
Thanks to one and all - proving once again, that Elks Care - Elks Share



**2024-2025 ELECTED OFFICERS
OF LODGE #572**

Having been duly nominated at the February 7, 2024 Lodge meeting, and there being only one nomination for each elected position, the following were elected by a unanimous ballot cast by the Lodge Secretary, at the Lodge meeting held on February 21, 2024:

- Exalted Ruler - Todd Doody**
- Leading Knight - Sue Givens**
- Loyal Knight - Dave Heins**
- Lecturing Knight - Dennis Hartman**
- Secretary - Merle Evans**
- Treasure - Sandy Schenk**
- 5-Yr. Trustee, Darcie Hastings**

Appointed Officers (Chaplain, Inner Guard, Tiler, and Esquire) will be announced in the April Newsletter. Also, the incoming Exalted Ruler will be working on a variety of committee chair appointments as required by Grand Lodge statutes. Likewise a listing of local Lodge committee Chairs is required for inclusion in the Illinois Elks South District Directory.



Congratulations to Joy Wayman, who was selected as the Elks' South District nominee for the Illinois Elks Association's 'Lady Elk' for 2023-2024. Joy was one of eight District nominees honored at the IEA Ladies Luncheon Banquet on Saturday, January 27. The State winner was from the West District. The banquet was a part of the Association's Mid-Winter meeting at the Wyndham Hotel & Convention center in Springfield. Joy is pictured, holding her certificate (and bouquet) for being selected as the South District's representative in the state competition. Supporting Joy at the event, from Lodge #572, were, L-R: Rene'Doody; E. R. Todd Doody; Selena McBride; Jane Rhoden, Kendra Evans; Trustee Darcie Hastings; and Secretary, Merle Evans.



QUEEN OF HEARTS STILL HIDDEN

The hunt continues, by our members who enjoy the evening with fellow Elks. Good food, with Queen draw at 7:00 p.m, 50/50 at 7:15, and 2 Free Dinners at 7:30. At this printing, Miss Queen's value stands at \$6,680. Recent results are as follows:

- 01/30 Todd Doody \$50 on Name Draw;
No win on Card Draw**
- 02/06 Rick Lovell \$50 on Name Draw;
\$60 on Card Draw**
- 02/13 Todd Doody \$50 on Name Draw;
No win on Card Draw**
- 02/20 Mike Sherman \$100 on Name Draw;
\$125 on Card Draw**
- 02/27 Rick Lavell \$100.00 on Name Draw;
No win on Card Draw**

MURPHYSBORO ELKS BENEFIT SHOOTING MATCH

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH
CARBON LAKE CLUB**

**Sign-up @ 12 noon competition starts at
1:00 pm**

**(NO SCOPES OR PUCKER GUNS ALLOWED
.670 MAXIMUM CHOKES)**

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- VARIOUS RAFFLES**
- 50/50 DRAWING**
- FREE FOOD**

**QUESTIONS: Contact Rick Ehlers at (618-534-1689)
(Proceeds will go toward our contribution to the
Elks National Foundation)**

Even if you don't plan to shoot - Come enjoy the raffle events, drawings and fun with fellow Elks—all while helping our Lodge meet our ENF per-Capita for the year, and qualify for our Grants!

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY **SATURDAY**
 2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

FRIDAY **SUNDAY**
 2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M. 12:00 — CLOSE

March 2024

COMING EVENTS

WED., APRIL 3 **Installation of Officers**
SUN., APRIL 14 **South District Meeting, Benton #1234**
SUN., MAY 12 **Mother's Day Brunch**
MAY 15-19 **IEA State Meeting, Springfield**

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

 <p>FOOD SERVICE MONDAY 5:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY — FRIDAY 5:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.</p>				<p>1 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00</p>	2	
<p>3 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>	<p>4 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUTEERS</p>	<p>5 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY</p>	<p>6 HOUSE MTG. 7:00 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS, APPETIZERS, SANDWICHES STUFFED PORTABELLOS \$10.00</p>	<p>7 SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN \$13.00</p>	<p>8 PORK STEAKS \$14.00</p>	<p>9 LUCK OF THE LODGE</p>
<p>10 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>	<p>11 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>12 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM FRIED BOLOGNA \$7.00</p>	<p>13 HOT WINGS, APPETIZERS, SANDWICHES, SALAD BAR BEEF STROGANOFF \$13.00</p>	<p>14 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00</p>	<p>15 POT ROAST \$14.00</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 ENF SHOOTING MATCH @ CARBON LAKE CLUB CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>	<p>18 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>19 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHICKEN BACON RANCH SANDWICH \$9.50</p>	<p>20 BOARD MTG. 6:45 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS, APPETIZERS SANDWICHES, SALAD BAR COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$12.00</p>	<p>21 MEATLOAF \$13.00</p>	<p>22 RIBEYE \$22.00 FILET \$25.00 BEEF TIPS \$16.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>	<p>25 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>26 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF \$9.00</p>	<p>27 HOT WINGS APPETIZERS, SANDWICHES, SALAD BAR BAKED SPAGHETTI CASSEROLE \$10.00</p>	<p>28 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00</p>	<p>29 PRIME RIB \$22.00</p>	<p>30 ANTLER BBQ SALE (PULLED PORK & RIBS) EASTER BUNNY HOPPING AROUND</p>
<p>31 EASTER BUNNY HOPPING AROUND CLUB OPEN 12 - CLOSE</p>						