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#### E. R. MESSAGE - MAY

Greetings, Fellow Elks,

If you haven't made it to page 8 of the Spring Elks Newsette yet, our dart tournament is spotlighted! Well done Elks #572!! The "Your Donations At Work" illustration, also on that page, is a great example of what your hard work can accomplish for children in our state.

Thank you to our Antlers for hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt with some fun and games on the side. Also, appreciation goes out to a few other Elk volunteers who helped the Easter Bunny bring joy to some area elders (see photos within).

On April 5th, a few of our Antlers were able to present their two K9 Emergency First Aid kits to Jackson County K9 Deputy Blake Bachmann and his K9 Nala.

Congrats to the South District for another membership gain for the year! And, of course, to Lodge #572 for our gain of 23!

Our traditional Mother's Day brunch is right around the corner on May 11th from 9:00 to 12:30 in the Hall. Make plans now to celebrate Mom.

Thank you to our new 2025-2026 Loge Officers for their commitment to serve, and thank you to those moving on who served this past year.

I would like to thank the Lodge for voting my family as Elk Family of the Year. We are all honored. Congratulations to Jay Ziegler on being named Elk of the Year and Lynn Porter on being named Lady Elk of the Year. I would like to congratulate all other award winners (see photos within).

Additional upcoming events are: IEA Annual Meeting (held locally at the Marion Lodge), May 17; Elks Flag Service posting flags in Murphysboro, May 24-26; South District Meeting at Harrisburg Lodge, June 1; and Grand Lodge in Kansas City, Missouri, June 29-July 2.

Faternally yours,

Todd Doody, E.R.

#### QUEEN OF HEARTS STATUS

Four Queen drawings have occurred at the Lodge, since those reported in the April Newsletter. Current value of the Queen is \$1,603. Join fellow Elks in the Club Room on Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m. 50/50 Draw at 7:15 and Draw for 2 free meals at 7:30. (Remember - you can sign up for the Queen draw, and even if not present, still get 100% for Name Draw, and 50% on your Card Draw!) Here are recent results:

4/01	Ed Miller	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
4/08	Jay Ziegler	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
4/15	Diane Mugge	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
4/22	Cathy Layne	\$25 on Name Draw	\$30 on Ace Draw



#### Mothers Day Brunch

May 11, 2025, 9:00 am—12:30 pm  
in the Lodge Hall

All Elk Families and their guests are  
invited

Mothers Eat Free

Adults \$9.00

Children 3—12 \$5.00  
(under 3, free)

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Pittman, William J  
 5/4 Camfield, Tyler B  
 5/4 Howard, Kenneth G  
 5/5 Barone, Michael S  
 5/5 Imhoff, Scott  
 5/7 Sherman, Michael E  
 5/8 Pulcher, Thomas E  
 5/8 Stokes, Rebecca Bess  
 5/9 Hartmann, Beth A  
 5/9 Koberstein, Heath  
 5/10 Heins, David  
 5/10 Korando, Dale E  
 5/10 Roach, Robert J  
 5/12 Figueroa, Julio Garcia  
 5/12 Rogers, Beth E  
 5/13 Bastien, Joseph J  
 5/13 Jones, William Ray  
 5/13 Polete, Linda K  
 5/14 Marks, Michael T  
 5/14 Phoenix, Jesy  
 5/16 Mason, Loreen  
 5/17 Fuller, Joshua R  
 5/17 Miner, Russell L  
 5/17 Tuttle, Ron  
 5/18 Bastien, Mike  
 5/18 Ferguson, James C  
 5/19 Bambic, Lauralee  
 5/19 Nelson, Christopher  
 5/20 Bower, Robert  
 5/21 Allard, Robert H  
 5/21 Humm, Debbie  
 5/22 Ernsting, Therashia  
 5/22 Sumner, Eric  
 5/23 Canning, Blake B  
 5/24 Maynor, Christopher  
 5/24 Witthoft, Jennifer L  
 5/25 Wayman, Norman R  
 5/27 Rowald, Greg A  
 5/28 Blake, Richard L  
 5/28 Doody, Christopher  
 5/28 Harris, Keith C  
 5/29 Eisert, Charlie  
 5/29 Germann, Christopher  
 5/30 Cox, Roy Richard

Our Elks #572 Easter Bunny was hopping around again this Easter! In the photo on the right, taken at Manor Court in Carbondale, Patsy Roberts, widow of deceased member Bud Roberts, selects treats from the Bunny Bucket. (L-R) Julie Roberts, Keith Roberts, and Lynn Porter look on as our special Elks Rabbit assists. (Rumor has it that Lodge Esquire, Jeff Eliassen, had something to do with the Bunny's appearance!)

The Easter Bunny also made an appearance at the Antlers' Easter Egg Hunt held April 12 at the Lodge (photos below)



Using money generated from fundraisers, the Murphysboro Elks Antlers recently donated two K9 Rescue / First Aid Kits to Jackson County K9 Officer, Blake Bachmann, and his K9, Nala. Presenting were (L-R): Antler sponsor, Rene' Doody; past Antler president (& now Elk Member), Tyler Doody; current Antler president, Jayden Milton; Antler member, Jacob McClain; and #572 E.R., Todd Doody.

## **Slow Newsletter Delivery**

We are aware that many of you are receiving your newsletter much later than you should. Unfortunately, this is out of our control. As you have probably noticed with your regular mail items, it seems the Post Office is taking much longer to deliver mail, especially to our rural areas, than anyone would like.

This is the **perfect** reason to install the **My Elks** app on your cell phone. With it, you could view your newsletter within hours of it being completed (before it is even printed). Not sure how to install it? Ask your kids, or grandkids, or ask at the Lodge. Over 140 members are currently using it. You could be next.





## FLAG SERVICE & SERVICE TO VETS

### Flags

We will put out the flags on Friday before Memorial Day and take them down Tuesday after Memorial Day weekend. We are hoping for great weather. If anyone would like to help please see me at the Lodge or call me at (618)713-3248.

### Haven

April 8th, 2025 we had an Easter Egg hunt for the veterans at the Haven. We had about 20 veterans there to hunt eggs. The eggs were filled with money and some with candy. Everyone had a great time. After the egg hunt we served the veterans a nice Easter dinner. We will have a Memorial Day dinner on May 13th. Anyone who would like to help please call me at (618) 713-3248 or see me at the Lodge.

Throughout the year we help veterans with personal items such as shampoo, body wash, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes. We also help out with dog and cat food for their furry friends. These people really need any help they can get from us since most are on a fixed income. We also give a fruit and veggie basket to each veteran each month. Gift cards are given out for birthdays and holidays. At the present time we are helping about 25 to 27 veterans each month.

Thanks to all who help in this endeavor, Elks care, Elks Share.....Steve Schemonia



Recently, Lodge #572 gave out several Appreciation Awards for contributions to our Lodge:

Misty Lipe received an employee Certificate for extra-ordinary effort in keeping the Lodge kitchen operating at full capacity, even while working full time at another job.

Orval Rowe received a GER Special Citation, for helping out on Monday Burger Nights, and especially for administrating for our 'My Elks' Mobile App for cell phones - now being used by over 140 members!



Pam Hoppenstedt received a GER Special Citation for organizing and conducting the Queen of Hearts Tuesday Night Drawings.

Lodge Secretary, Merle Evans, was selected as Officer of the Year.

Lynn Porter, who continues to be very committed to working for the CCC Dart Tournament and Auction, was named Lady Elk of the Year for our Lodge.

Jay Ziegler was named ELK OF THE YEAR for our Lodge. Jay has been very active at the Lodge this past year, both with Club/Lodge activities, along with spearheading development of our R.V. Camping Spaces for traveling Elk Members....which are beginning to see more and more activity as the camping & travel season arrives.



Below, E.R., Todd Doody - holding Lodge #572 Family-of-the-Year Certificate, is joined by (L-R) wife Rene' Doody; daughter Caitlin Doody; son Tyler Doody; aunt Mary Falaster; and mother Fredia Doody. All are members and have been busy with many aspects of the Lodge & Club. On Sunday, April 6, the Doody family was chosen as the District's Elk Family of the Year. The family is now in nomination for state-level consideration.



**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**

**KITCHEN HOURS**  
**MONDAY**      **5:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY—FRIDAY**      **5:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.**

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**COMING EVENTS**  
**June 1...District Meeting at Harrisburg Lodge**  
**June 5...Orientation**  
**June 11...Special Lodge Meeting for initiation**  
**June 29 — July 2...Grand Lodge Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>EVERY</u></b> <b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> <b>WINGS</b> <b>APPETIZERS</b> <b>SANDWICHES</b> <b>SALAD BAR</b>				<b>1 BEEF</b> <b>STROGANOFF</b> <b>\$12.00</b>	<b>2 ALL YOU CAN EAT</b> <b>FISH \$13.00</b> <b>FROG LEGS \$16.00</b> <b>FISH &amp; FROG LEGS</b> <b>COMBO \$16.00</b>	3
4	<b>5 WEEKLY DRAWING</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>  <b>BURGERS &amp; FRIES</b> <b>BY VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>6 QUEEN OF</b> <b>HEARTS 7:00 PM</b>  <b>TACO TUESDAY</b>	<b>7 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 PM</b> <b>LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM</b>  <b>SALISBURY STEAK</b> <b>\$12.00</b>	<b>8 ALL YOU CAN</b> <b>EAT FRIED</b> <b>CHICKEN \$13.00</b>	<b>9 PORK STEAKS</b> <b>\$14.00</b>	10
<b>11 MOTHER'S DAY</b> <b>BRUNCH 9-12:30</b> <b>IN LODGE HALL</b>	<b>12 WEEKLY</b> <b>DRAWING 7:00 PM</b>  <b>BURGERS &amp; FRIES</b> <b>BY VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>13 QUEEN OF</b> <b>HEARTS 7:00 PM</b>  <b>HOMEMADE SLOPPY</b> <b>JOES \$9.00</b>	<b>14 ROTISSERIE</b> <b>CHICKEN \$12.00</b>	<b>15 HAM STEAKS</b> <b>\$12.00</b>	<b>16 RIBEYES \$23.00</b> <b>FILETS \$25.00</b> <b>SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00</b> <b>GRILLED SHRIMP</b> <b>\$16.00</b>	<b>17 SPECIAL STATE</b> <b>ELKS MEETING AT</b> <b>MARION LODGE</b> <b>(2:00 VOTING)</b>
18	<b>19 WEEKLY</b> <b>DRAWING 7:00 PM</b>  <b>BURGERS &amp; FRIES</b> <b>BY VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>20 QUEEN OF</b> <b>HEARTS 7:00 PM</b>  <b>PULLED PORK</b> <b>SANDWICH \$9.00</b>	<b>21 BOARD MTG. 6:45</b> <b>LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM</b>  <b>MEAT LOAF \$13.00</b>	<b>22 ALL YOU CAN</b> <b>EAT FRIED</b> <b>CHICKEN \$13.00</b>	<b>23 LONDON BROIL</b> <b>\$18.00</b>	24
25	<b>26</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>LODGE CLOSED</b>	<b>27 QUEEN OF</b> <b>HEARTS 7:00 PM</b>  <b>CHICKEN SALAD</b> <b>SANDWICH OR</b> <b>WRAP \$9.50</b>	<b>28 POLISH</b> <b>SAUSAGE WITH</b> <b>KRAUT \$11.00</b>	<b>29 STUFFED PORK</b> <b>CHOP \$13.00</b>	<b>30 CHICKEN &amp;</b> <b>DUMPLINGS \$13.00</b>	31