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E. R. MESSAGE - JUNE

Greetings, Fellow Elks,

Wow - we're nearly half way through the calendar year already, and into our 3rd month of the Elk Year! Certainly, the beginning of summer kicks off a new kind of busy for our Elks and families.

Thank you to all Elk volunteers who worked at, , and all of you Elk members who brought Moms to our Annual Mother's Day Brunch. We served 180 mothers, guests, and volunteers, who enjoyed the day, together!

The end-of-the-year START pizza party / Luau was held in our Lodge Hall with some 125 clients and their caregivers in attendance. Their monthly dances & parties will resume in October. I would like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to Diane Chamness for all her leadership efforts in heading up this great Elk service, provided to our community!

The annual spring meeting of the Illinois Elks Association was cancelled this last month, due to closure of the Wyndham Center Hotel & Convention Center in Springfield. Thus, each of the 8 IEA Districts in Illinois held individual, substitute meetings to conduct required business items. Our South District was held at the Marion #800 Lodge, on Saturday, May 17. Lodge #572 had a large contingent in attendance, which included voting for the IEA 3rd Vice President. I had the honor of being installed as Junior Trustee for the South District (See photo within.). And, immediate Vice President, Darcie Hasting, now moves to the position of Esquire to the District Deputy for this new3 Elk year.

The American flags waving up and down Walnut Street, and in front of other Murphysboro businesses, to help celebrate Memorial Day weekend sure looked grand. They made this ole Elk's heart swell with pride. Thanks to Elks #572 flag service leader, Steve Schemonia, and his volunteer team. I have received many thanks and comments of appreciation for this patriotic gesture (See related photo & information).

As to Lodge #572 membership - we are planning to initiate eight new candidates on Wednesday, June 11. following their Orientation session on June5. This class will put us over the 700 mark. Let's keep it up - if you know of someone who just might be interested in becoming an Elk, Talk to them about the Elks Organization; refer them to Lodge Secretary, or a Lodge Officer, for detailed information; or of course, get an application, be their sponsor, complete your information, and help them out their portion. Only with YOU, as sponsors, do we get new members!

Charitable Activities / Giving for 2024-2025

The figures are in, for Murphysboro Lodge #572. Our yearly report has been submitted to Grand Lodge. For all of the things we do for youth, veterans, needy, elderly, and community, here are figures that we can certainly be proud of!

Our efforts included contact with some 2,765 individuals, by 477 Elks (Includes duplication); volunteer hours contributed amounted to 3,003; miles driven totaled 5,562; Non-cash donations amounted to \$19,640, and cash donations (Including all Grants) stood at \$26,509.

Elks - serving our community in so many ways - the above figures is testimony to the fact that at Lodge #572, Elks Care - Elks Share!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

01 Porter, Lynn E
 01 Stuhrenberg, Melinda
 02 Ferguson II, John
 03 Gladson, Patrick
 03 Holloway, Jeffrey W
 03 Marks, Lisa
 04 Mezo, Kevin W
 05 Mowell, Darrell
 05 Stanley, Scott
 05 Wright, Patricia
 06 Carr, Kenneth C
 06 Dosch, Michael
 07 Caskey, Kirk S
 07 Cochran, Fallon
 07 Elwell, Stephen T
 08 Cauble, Randy L
 08 Hagston, Tracy L
 08 Williams, Mark
 09 Apgar, Gary
 09 Spiller, Kassandra
 09 Spring, Kevin E
 10 Hand, James L
 10 Mathis, Shyler
 12 Rea, Elisa
 12 Stratton, Kevin
 13 Porter, Janice F
 14 Threlkeld, Barry G
 15 Etherton, Mike
 16 Whiteside, Raymond A
 17 Doody, William Todd
 17 Granados, Yeyo
 17 Pautler, Richard A
 17 Whitacre, Justin
 18 Craig, James L
 19 Schafer, Kenton
 20 Jones, Jaide H
 20 Wongamon, Henry J
 21 Baird, Peter
 21 Hudgins, John O
 21 Wittenborn, Jay
 22 Hall, Tim
 22 Siefert, Donald W
 23 Drone, Janet K
 23 Francis, Bruce
 23 Woosley, Billy Joe
 24 Eicher, Jeri
 24 Robertson, Marimar
 24 Schwinn, Diane
 26 Degenhardt, David J
 26 Roseland, David
 28 Guetersloh, Johnathan
 29 Donahue, Cameron
 29 Kiel, Elizabeth
 29 Welten, Thomas E
 30 Fager, Dennis A

QUEEN OF HEARTS UPDATE

Heading into June, the Queen remains hidden on Board #15! Discovery attempts occur in the Club Room, every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., followed by 50 / 50 at 7:15 & drawing for 2, \$15 meal coupons at 7:30. Always lots of fun & Elk comradery....why not plan on coming in & enjoying the evening & event - and, YOU could be the one to find the Queen! At this publication, her value stands at \$2,375. May results are as follows:

4/29	Todd Doody	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
5/06	Faithann Howard	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
5/13	Nancy Helsley	\$25 on Name Draw	\$30 on Card Draw!
5/20	Orval Rowe	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
5/27	Bruce Francis	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw

Flags were placed on Walnut Street for Memorial Day weekend by members of our Lodge. Murphysboro Mayor Will Stephens took notice and commented on Facebook.



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<  **Will Stephens** 3h · 🌐 ...

Can't say enough about the [Murphysboro Elks Lodge #572](#). When the Lions Club had to step back from the placing of flags for Memorial Day and other occasions, the Elks stepped up. It always makes me proud to see them lining our Main Street.

 **Orval Rowe** 3h · 🌐

Flags Along Walnut Street And All Around Town Brought To You By The Murphysboro Elks. A Special THANKS To Everyone That Assisted Early This Morning. Enjoy You Weekend And In Remembrance.



 **Comment as...**   

Chairman Steve Schemonia, reports that May was a busy month serving Veterans! Some 17 Haven Vets enjoyed a great Memorial Day lunch, and those at the Haven House in Marion were given Apples and Oranges. Veterans also received Gift Cards to help with monthly expenses, plus take-home personal items, including Body Wash; Shampoo; and Dish & Laundry Detergent. Elks of Lodge #572 - helping Veterans in so many ways!



Scholarships Awarded at Murphysboro High School

On the left, Kinsley Cheatham and Jakale Hill each received a \$500 scholarship awarded by our Antlers program.

On the right, Loyal Knight Jay Wittenborn presents Jacee Chochran with our Lodge's annual \$1000 scholarship.



Shawn Stearns, who was unable to attend our Lodge Appreciation night, was presented an Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award during a recent Lodge meeting by E.R. Todd Doody

Chicken Dinner & Auction Fundraiser for Tunnel to Towers Foundation

Saturday, June 28th in the Lodge Hall

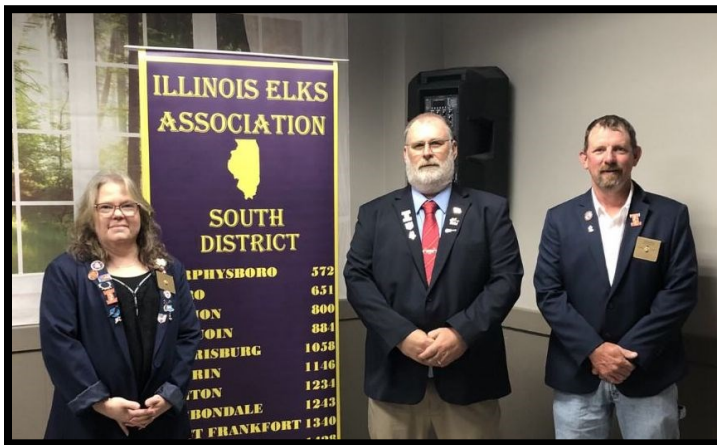
Food will be served 4:00 — 7:00 PM

Auction — Raffles — 50/50

Take-out food will be available

For more information call 775-385-1341 or 618-615-3502

"Since 9/11, we have been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and helping America to Never Forget September 11, 2001."
(from t2t.org website)



Here are the new Officers of the Illinois Elks, South District, for 2025 - 2026: (L-R) Vicky Pearce, Benton #1234, Vice President; Todd Doody, Murphysboro #572, Junior Trustee; and Tim Bowen, Anna-Jonesboro #1641, Senior Trustee. Congratulations to these new Officers who will be leading our 'Super South' District!

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH DEPENDS ON PROPOSERS!

This past year, Lodge #572 saw a nice increase of 23 members. Who are our Elks who stepped to the plate and proposed candidates for membership or reinstatement? Here's who they are:

Todd Doody, 7; Mike Layne 4; Jay Wittenborn, 4; Steve Schemonia, 4; Norm Wayman, 3; Chris Godon, 2; Mike Ewbank, 2; Jim Ferguson, 2; Mike Bastien, 2; Debbie Sauer, 2; Sandy Schenk, 2; and 1 each for all of the following: Rhese McGriff, Steven Shields, Fred Schnautz, Richard Clover, Linda Harnetiaux, Michael Duncan, Bob Hall, Clay Cochran, Sharon Jones, Oliver Rathjen, Mike Sherman, Sue Givens, Charlie Johnson, John Johnson II, Joan Cox, and Jerry Grammer, Jr. Nice Job, everyone!

Members All, out there - can YOU be on this list, for 2025 - 2026?

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.
FRIDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.
KITCHEN HOURS
MONDAY
TUESDAY—FRIDAY

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

5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

June 2025

COMING EVENTS

July 12...Richard Martin Memorial Golf Scramble
 August 3...South District Meeting @ Metropolis Lodge

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	3 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	4 HOUSE MEETING 6:45 PM LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM LASAGNA \$13.00	5 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU \$14.00	6 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	7
8	9 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	10 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHILI CHEESE DOGS \$9.00	11 BLACKENED TILAPIA \$13.00	12 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00	13 ROASTED PORK LOIN \$14.00	14
15	16 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	17 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHICKEN BACON RANCH WRAP OR SANDWICH \$9.50	18 BOARD MEETING 6:45 LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM STEAK FAJITAS \$14.00	19 BOURBON GLAZED PORK CHOPS \$14.00	20 RIBEYE \$23.00 FILET \$25.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00	21
22	23 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	24 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM MEATBALL SUBS \$9.00	25 HAM STEAKS \$12.00	26 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00	27 POT ROAST \$14.00	28 TUNNEL TO TOWERS FUNDRAISER
29	30 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	1 TACO TUESDAY	2 SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN \$13.00	3 BEEF STROGANOFF \$13.00	4 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	EVERY WEDNESDAY WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR