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E. R. MESSAGE — FEBRUARY

Greetings Members All!

There was a great turnout at the ENF Shooting Match in January at Carbon Lake Gun Club! Thank you to all members who helped with raffles, shooting, food preparation, etc. A special thank you goes out to Earl Jacquot for building a raffle wheel for use during shooting matches and other Lodge events. The next match will be Sunday, February 15th.

Also, on Valentine's weekend is the Illinois Elks Association Mid-Winter meeting in Springfield February 13th to 15th.

The 30th Annual CCC Dart Tournament is right around the corner on Saturday, February 28th. Please consider helping in some way (donating silent auction items/time/money, attending, bidding, finding sponsors, etc.). There are many ways you can help make this worthy fundraiser a success!! Contact BJ Wyatt at 618-967-9432 or Lynn Porter at 618-534-5722.

The FUN doesn't stop in February! The Luck of the Lodge drawing/party will be on Saturday, March 28th. Grab your tickets! They're going quickly!! If you'd like to help sell a few, catch Steve Schemonia at the lodge or call him at 618-713-3248. (He can also tell you who has tickets left.)

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler

Happenings at the Veterans Haven

We had a great time with the veterans this month. They were served a nice meal and received fruit baskets and personal items. We will be meeting again the second Tuesday of February.

Flags Around Murphysboro

We will be putting out the flags for Presidents Day, February 16th (weather permitting). Lets hope for warm weather and no snow.

Anyone interested in helping either of these activities, please call me at 618-713-3248. Thanks...Steve Schemonia



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 shall know them no more; but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.

LLOYD HANNAH

August 20, 1966 – January 28, 2026

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Cutler, Scott
- 01 Mills, Charley
- 02 Rothe, Michael
- 03 Doody, William Tyler
- 03 Rathjen, Tina J
- 03 Reames, Michelle
- 03 Williams, Jeffery D
- 04 Dallas, Dan C
- 04 Uffelman, David J
- 05 Thrailkill, Edwin M
- 06 Zak, Steven T
- 07 Heller, Scott
- 07 Thornton, Curtis
- 07 Will, Marty J
- 08 Nance, Beau
- 08 Rowden, Gary R
- 08 Tinsley, Ed
- 09 Lustig, Patrick
- 10 Gibbs, Harold W
- 10 Knott, James R
- 12 Aken, Thomas
- 13 Heller, Diana
- 13 Sitton, Mandy
- 13 Stark, Randy B
- 14 Padgett, Bradley A
- 15 Glen, David
- 15 Tippy, John W
- 16 Schaldemose, Julie
- 17 Carson, Ashley
- 17 Mueller, Craig
- 17 Smith, David R
- 18 Baril, Justin
- 18 Chancey, Lee
- 18 Hubbs, Steve
- 18 Schnautz, Michael
- 18 Wachsnicht, Larry
- 19 Akins, Kenneth
- 21 Hubbs, Michael G
- 21 Smith, Eric D
- 22 Carter, Jeff A
- 22 Chambers, Robert
- 22 Chylewski, Andrew
- 22 Guetersloh, Christopher W
- 22 Seyferth, Kevin
- 23 Clendenin, Colin
- 23 Cobin, Tim
- 24 Ewbank, Michael
- 25 Mills, Thomas Darrin
- 26 Endres, Cheryl
- 26 Gray, Chris
- 26 Korando, Matthew
- 27 Brown, Larry
- 27 Dallas, Jim P
- 28 Schemonia, Neal

QUEEN ROLLS INTO FEBRUARY!

Winter weather did not deter Elks from searching for the Queen of Hearts at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays in January. The 50/50 Drawing at 7:15 continues, along with 2, \$15 meal certificates at 7:30. Good food selections, also! As of this printing, Miss Queen's value stands at \$5,031. Here are recent results:

12/30	Kellie Ellis	\$25 on Name Draw;	No Win on Card Draw
1/06	Mike Sherman	\$25 on Name Draw;	No Win on Card Draw
1/13	Eddie Taylor	\$25 on Name Draw;	No Win on Card Draw
1/20	Orval Rowe	\$25 on Name Draw;	No Win on Card Draw
1/27	Jim Ferguson	\$25 on Name Draw;	\$30 on Card Draw

Murphysboro #572 Hoop Shoot Winners Perform Well in District Competition

Three of the winners from the Murphysboro Local Hoop Shoot placed first in South District competition at Anna on January 10th. They are as follows: 8/9 Boys - Myles Norman, Murphysboro; 12/13 Girls - Addison Ruebusch, Red Bud; and 12/13 Boys - Jake Dunn, Rockwood.

Congratulations and good luck to these winners, who will now advance to state finals in Springfield, February 27 & 28. Lodge #572 continues to support you!

MURPHYSBORO ELKS ENF BENEFIT SHOOTING MATCHES

Sunday, February 15 at Carbon Lake Club

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

(NO SCOPES OR PUCKER GUNS ALLOWED, .670 MAXIMUM CHOKE)

Each event includes various raffles, 50/50 drawings, and free food

Questions: Contact Rick Ehlers at 618-534-1689

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 goal for the year, so we qualify for our ENF Grants!

At the January ENF shooting match, Lodge member Earl Jacquot presented a raffle wheel, which he built, to Rick Ehlers for use at shooting matches and other Lodge functions. Thanks, Earl!



In December, Lodge member Tyler Doody and ER Todd Doody delivered food from Lodge 572 to Murphysboro fire & police departments. Firefighters Jonathan Travelstead & Charlie Nance, and police officer Dylan Stuart were on hand to receive pulled pork, smoked turkey, and macaroni & cheese for everyone on duty.



**30TH ANNUAL LODGE #572
DART TOURNAMENT TO
BENEFIT ILLINOIS ELKS
CHILDREN'S CARE
CORPORATION
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH
2026**

Tournament details:

Blind Draw / 501 / Cricket / Choice

Sign-Up 12:00 – 1:30 pm – Play starts 2:00 pm

\$10.00 Entry fee – Guaranteed \$1000 payout!

Food provided at 1:00 pm by Great Boars of Fire

What if I don't play darts?

Doesn't matter. There are plenty of other ways to participate, have fun, and contribute to this great cause: prize raffles, 50/50 drawings, gun raffle, bar games, silent and live auctions (live auction takes place at approximately 6:00 pm).

How can I help?

Show up. Come out with your friends and take part in the raffles, bid on the auction items, donate items for the auctions, or buy a sponsor board (\$100).

What if I want to volunteer, donate or have questions?

Call Lynn Porter (618)534-5722 or B.J. Wyatt (618)967-9432

Luck of the Lodge Update

At this time, all tickets are out being sold by volunteers. If you have any sold tickets, please place the stubs & money in an envelope and deliver them promptly to Steve Schemonia so he can keep track of how many tickets are sold and how many are available. If you need tickets, contact Steve to find out who may have some available. Any unsold tickets need to be turned in to Steve no later than March 21 so we have a chance to sell them. Steve can be reached at 618-713-3248.

Delinquent Members

At this time, we have only 28 Lodge members who have not paid their 2025-2026 dues. While that is only 4.01% of our total membership of 732, we do not want to lose any of our Elk Family members! Some have been members for several years, and two are Life Members! Copies of the delinquent list are posted in the Lodge. Please take a look at this list. Perhaps you will see someone whom you can call or talk to — YOU can be a part of our Membership Retention Team. Elks Care - When Needed, Elks are There!!

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY — THURSDAY FRIDAY
 2:00 PM ~ 11:00 PM 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM
 SATURDAY SUNDAY
 2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM 12:00 ~ CLOSE

KITCHEN HOURS

MONDAY 5:00 PM — 8:00 PM
 TUESDAY — FRIDAY 5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

February 2026

COMING EVENTS

March 15...ENF shooting match @ Carbon Lake Club
 March 28...Luck of the Lodge Raffle drawing
 April 12...South District Meeting @ Benton Lodge
 May 8-10...IEA State Meeting @ Springfield

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR	2 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	3 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	4 HOUSE MTG 6:45 PM LODGE MTG 7:30 PM SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS \$12.00	5 HAM STEAKS \$13.00	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 SHRIMP PO' BOY \$12.00	11 BEEF STROGANOFF \$13.00	12 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	13 RIBEYE \$23.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$17.00	14
ILLINOIS ELKS ASSOCIATION STATE MEETING, SPRINGFIELD						
15 ENF SHOOTING MATCH @ CARBON LAKE CLUB	16 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	17 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM MEATBALL SUB \$10.00	18 BOARD MTG 6:45 PM LODGE MTG 7:30 PM ROTISSERIE CHICKEN \$13.00	19 BLACKENED TILAPIA \$13.00	20 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS \$14.00	21
22	23 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	24 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHICKEN BACON RANCH SANDWICH OR WRAP \$11.00	25 ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP & SALAD BAR \$13.00	26 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	27 SALMON \$14.00	28