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E. R. MESSAGE — JULY

Greetings, All!

It has been another busy month for Steve Schemonia and his crew for placing the beautiful American flags throughout Murphysboro for the Flag Day and Juneteenth holidays. There are countless positive comments on this activity for showing how patriotic our town and Elks Lodge are. Well done!

We would like to recognize Mike and Tina Ewbank for once again organizing the annual Bocce Ball Tournament. They had another great turnout for the event, and fun was had by all. Congratulations to the winners, Tom Aiken and Mary Beth Varner. Also during this event, our Lodge met our Elk's national requirement for Flag Day by Steve Zak and his crew presenting/displaying our large American flag during the opening ceremonies of the Bocce Ball Tournament.

Please remember that the annual Richard Martin Memorial golf scramble will be held on 07/18/26. You may contact Darcie Hastings for more information, and team / hole sponsor forms are posted on the Club Room bulletin board.

We recently held orientation and initiation for 11 new Members to Murphysboro Lodge #572. Our Lodge is only as strong as our Members. Please try to recruit new Members so our Lodge continues to grow! We are fast approaching moving into 3rd place state wide for Membership!

Our Board recently approved a \$2,000 IEA State President's Grant for the Jackson County Historical Society to assist them in getting a new roof for their building. This is a critical project to ensure the safeguarding of the countless and priceless artifacts and materials that preserve the wonderful history of our County. Elks Lodge #572 is proud to be a part of the effort.

Lastly, I would like to encourage you to attend our monthly meetings, which are held on the first and third Wednesdays each month. The House/Board of Directors meetings alternate dates, and begin at 6:45pm. The Lodge meetings start at 7:30pm. All members can vote on topics during the Lodge meetings.

I hope all of you have a fun and safe 4th of July Holiday!

Fraternally,
Jay Wittenborn, E.R.

HELPING OUR YOUTH WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation has announced the awarding of a \$3,000 Occupational Therapy Scholarship to Kaitlyn Soderlund, from Sparta, Illinois. Kaitlyn is entering her first year of Graduate School at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Sponsored by our Lodge #572, this is her 5th year of receiving assistance from the Elks C.C.C.

As announced in our June Newsletter, Murphysboro High School Senior, Aniya Proctor, received this year's \$1,000 Local #572 Scholarship. She has been attending John Logan College, while at MHS, as a Dual Credit Student. Aniya says 'Thank You' to the Murphysboro Elks, for helping her continue with her studies at JALC. Elks Care - Elks Share!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 Pugh, John
 01 Rowe, Orval
 02 Bitner, Daniel Ray
 02 Calandro, Clarence J
 02 Herring, Sandra
 02 Jacquot, Earl R
 02 Skeens, Darrell R
 02 Wright, Jason
 03 Ebersohl, Loyd D
 03 Fricke, Randall J
 03 Hurt, Lora L
 04 Basden, Clifton E
 04 Jarrett, Kenneth D
 05 Beavers, Kevin
 05 Fager, Mark
 06 Doerr, Brad
 06 Helsley, Nancy
 06 Summers, Joseph A
 07 Auton, Amy M
 07 Clutts, Mike A
 09 Ziarnek, Nicole
 10 Jones, Thomas H
 10 Rose, Christian M
 12 Burdick, Ronald
 12 Schwebel, Gene
 13 Evans, Merle A
 13 Jones, Sharon L
 13 Svanda, Jason
 14 Canning, Cynthia
 14 Hollaway, Lee
 14 Presley, Stephen G
 15 Baril, Rachael
 15 Rothe, Cathy Jo
 16 Brown, Brian
 16 Holt, Cynthia L
 17 Briggs, Alexis
 17 Clarke, David G
 17 Shields, Steven J
 17 Tomlinson, E.R.
 18 Boucher, Gary
 18 Stewart, Jacob G
 19 Grammer, Jerry
 19 Nolan, Dan
 19 Ozburn, Bert
 19 Reid, John M
 19 Skidmore, Bobby D
 20 Dolwick, Ronald L
 20 Ellis, Leslie C
 20 Ellis, Michael E
 20 Hicks, Shad
 20 Rademacher, Bruce
 21 Etherton, Karen S
 21 Myers, Michele
 22 Bunselmeyer, Kendall
 22 Davis, Mark J
 24 Chaney, Lon
 24 Elbrecht, Joseph
 24 McGriff, DeWitt S
 24 Mifflin, Cody J
 25 Bachmann, Allen D
 25 Fager, Ben
 25 Meade, Eliza
 25 Patrick, Joseph J
 25 Stephens, Will

26 Marks, John
 26 Meier, Aaron
 26 Myers, William L
 27 Cronin, David
 27 McBride, Selena
 29 Halteman, Justin
 30 Clover, Richard
 30 Francis, Elizabeth
 30 Klein, Mary E
 31 Hamilton, Joshua M
 31 Hobbs, John G
 31 Hughes, Brandi M

Happenings at the Haven

We fed the veterans on Tuesday, June 9th. They enjoyed a fish fry with all the trimmings. We had 22 veterans and several caregivers present. There were eight Elk members to help serve lunch and spend time with the veterans. We all had a great time.

Flags on Murphysboro

We put out the flags for Flag Day. We also had them flying for Juneteenth. For sure, the flags will be out for the 4th of July, the 250th birthday of our great country. Anyone wanting to help with these great Elk events please contact me at 618-713-3248.

Elks Care, Elks Share

Steve Schemonia

JOIN THE SEARCH FOR MISS QUEEN!

She is on the Board - but under which card? Why not stop in on Tuesdays, for the 7 p.m. Name Draw / Card Selection? Join other, fellow Elk members who enjoy the search, along with 50/50 Drawing option and issuance of 2, \$15 food certificates to a lucky person who purchased Queen tickets. Current value of the Queen of Hearts, at publication time, is \$2,340. Here are recent Drawing results:

6/02/26	Jim Ferguson	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
6/09/26	Marcie Lavell	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
6/16/26	Diane Mugge	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
6/23/26	Marcie Lavell	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw

On June 6th, our Flag Team teamed up with area scouts to carry our large American flag in the parade for the America 250 / Logan 200 celebration.





Murphysboro Elks #572 holds a yearly, combination Flag Day Bocce Tournament & presentation of our large American Flag by the Lodge Flag Team, for singing of the National Anthem. Retirement of Flag then includes a verbal description of all 13 folds needed. Exalted Ruler, Jay Wittenborn, is shown with this year's 1st place team of Tom Aiken and Mary Beth Varner (R), and 2nd place team of Bob and Cynthia Chambers. The Tournament generated over \$600 for our Lodge Building Maintenance Fund.

Annual Richard Martin Memorial Murphysboro Elks Lodge Golf Scramble

- ▶ Saturday July 18, 2026
- ▶ Jackson County Country Club
- ▶ Sign up 9:00 AM, Tee off 10:00 AM
- ▶ \$85 per person (4 people per team)
- ▶ Mulligans \$20 per team
- ▶ Skins game \$20 per team

There will be contests for putting, closest to the hole, longest putt, and longest drive (men & women)

Hot dogs, soft drinks, and adult beverages will be provided on the course

Dinner and prizes to follow at the Murphysboro Elks Lodge

Also looking for hole sponsors (\$100)

To sign up or for more information, contact Harold (618)559-9214, Darcie (618)521-6050, or Tonya (618)303-0353

After completing their orientation, we initiated into our Order on June 24th the following eleven new members (L-R): Tim Ihle, Kimberly Flanagan, David Acheson, Christine Heins, Lana Dodson, Roger Pelker, Kelly Donnigan, ER Jay Wittenborn, Marg Naegele, Christine Lazarus, Steve Voorhees, and Kimberly Doerfler.



ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS	
MONDAY — THURSDAY	SATURDAY
2:00 PM ~ 11:00 PM	2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM
FRIDAY	SUNDAY
2:00 PM ~ 12:00 AM	12:00 — CLOSE
<u>KITCHEN HOURS</u>	
MONDAY	5:00 PM — 8:00 PM
TUESDAY — FRIDAY	5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

July 2026

COMING EVENTS
August 2...South District Meeting @ Cairo Lodge
September 12... South District golf scramble, Eldorado

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>EVERY</u> <u>WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR			1 HOUSE MTG 6:45 PM LODGE MTG 7:30 PM ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP / SALAD \$13.00	2 PORK ROAST \$14.00	3 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	4 FOURTH OF JULY LODGE CLOSED
5	6 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	7 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	8 SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS \$12.00	9 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	10 CHICKEN ALFREDO \$12.00 SHRIMP ALFREDO \$14.00	11
GRAND LODGE CONVENTION — CHICAGO						
12	13 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	14 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM GOULASH \$11.00	15 BOARD MTG 6:45 PM LODGE MTG 7:30 PM HAM STEAKS \$13.00	16 BEEF STROGANOFF \$14.00	17 RIBEYE \$23.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$17.00	18 RICHARD MARTIN MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE AT JACKSON COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB
19	20 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	21 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HORSESHOES \$12.00	22 SALMON PATTIES \$14.00	23 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50	24 PORK STEAK DINNER \$14.00	25
26	27 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	28 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM GUMBO \$13.00	29 ROTISSERIE CHICKEN \$14.00	30 MEATLOAF \$13.00	31 PRIME RIB \$23.00	