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E. R. MESSAGE — AUGUST

Greetings All,

We recently attended the Elks Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago. It was amazing to see nearly 8,000 fellow Elks in attendance, representing all 50 states and a few territories. Murphysboro Lodge #572 was well represented by 7 Officers and Members. Not only did these folks attend work sessions and seminars, but also worked various jobs to help represent Illinois as the host State. Thanks to all who helped. One of the main topics was continued growth of Elks Lodges across the country. As always, please continue to recruit new members to our Lodge. Membership applications are available at the Lodge.

A huge thank you goes out to all of those who helped make the annual Richard Martin Golf Scramble another great success. 21 teams participated. Proceeds of this wonderful event go to our Building Maintenance Fund. Also on the Patriotic front, due to ongoing road construction, The Haven is temporarily closed, as construction/repairs are made to Route 13 over Crab Orchard Lake. Therefore, meals normally served to Veterans at The Haven through ENF Beacon Grants, are temporarily being served to them at the new Crab Orchard National Wildlife Visitors Center.

We must give another round of applause to Steve Schemonia and his crew who make our town look extremely Patriotic during certain holidays by installing over 200 beautiful American flags in front of businesses. And thank you to all of the local businesses who participate in this wonderful program.

Bids were received to replace our troubled A/C unit in Club Room. A bid was recently approved, and we hope to have the new unit installed soon. Thank you for your patience in this matter. Please continue to support our Lodge by choosing to eat and enjoy cold beverages in our Club Room.

Fraternally yours,
Jay Wittenborn, E.R.



Flags Across Murphysboro

The Elks 572 flag service did a great job during the 250th American birthday celebration. We put out the flags for several more days to help with the 4th of July holiday. Murphysboro looked really great with all the red, white & blue along walnut street. Thanks to all the volunteers who make these events possible.

Happenings at The Haven

We had a great turnout for the July lunch. We had 35 veterans and caregivers there. We had a nice lunch for the veterans and sent them home with much needed personal items.....a great day for them. Thanks to all the volunteers that help put this on each and every month. Thanks, ladies, for all the sweets and good stuff.

Elks Care, Elks Share.....Steve Schemonia

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01 Allard, John
 01 Grammer, Donald E
 01 Walker, Margaret O
 02 Freeman, Venita
 03 Ebersohl, Steven
 03 Overturf, Denis
 04 Fosha, Kevin C
 04 Taylor, James D
 06 Edwards, Ryan
 07 Comingore, James R
 07 Crowell, Brian
 07 Harnetiaux, Linda L
 07 Stearns, Shawn
 08 Baker, Daniel R
 08 Bense, Alan D
 08 Jarrett, Kenneth Bradley
 09 Korando, William D
 10 Bastien, Joey R
 10 Garlinghouse, Michael
 10 Miley, Keith
 11 Brock, Dennis C
 11 Hysom, Megan
 12 Channess, Dianne
 12 Cheatham, Butch W
 13 Draves, Annette P
 13 Hewitt, Naomi E
 14 Lilley, Cathy
 14 Moake, James
 14 Tweedy, John
 14 Walker, Tamra L
 15 Bower, Terry Daniel
 15 Counce, Richard E
 15 Jenkins, Jim
 16 Gould, Cody
 16 Kimbro, Steve
 16 Swafford, Steve
 17 Nolan, Christine
 17 Swanson, Sheree
 18 Layne, Richard L
 19 Chambers, Larry L
 19 Middendorf, Brent
 19 Nance, David R
 20 Dondi, Paul
 20 Fenwick, Robert E
 20 Huffman, Kevin
 21 Graff, Curt R
 21 Grammer, Daisy
 21 Jarrett, Corey L
 21 Miller, Jerry W
 22 Cauble, Carl
 22 Gale, Albert D
 23 Nehring, Rachel A
 23 Sabo, Alan
 23 Webb, Angela K
 24 Blaise, Brian
 24 Elwell, Lynn
 25 Evans, Michael A
 25 Law, Brenda
 25 McCann, Charles D
 25 Paul Jr, William T
 26 Wittenborn, Hilary

27 Benscoter, Dustin
 27 Brenning, Adam
 27 Rogers, Timothy
 27 Rose, Chad A
 27 Taylor, Edward D
 28 Blake, Robin L
 29 Clover, Bernard
 29 Dallas, Barbara B
 31 Hammel, Neal



Annual Richard Martin Memorial Murphysboro Elks Lodge Golf Scramble benefits Lodge building fund

This year's contest was held on July 18th at the Jackson County Country Club. The event included contests for putting, closest to the hole, longest putt, and longest drive. There were 21 teams and over 30 hole sponsors. The event concluded with dinner at the Lodge and presentations of prizes. Over \$6,300 was generated for the Lodge's building fund.

QUEEN FOUND ON BOARD #16 !

Here's what happened. On June 30th, Stacie Rowe was awarded \$25 for Name draw, with no win on card draw. Then, on July 7th, the ticket of member Carl Cauble was drawn. His selected card number on ticket WAS the Queen! Carl was not present, so he was awarded ½ of the Queen's Board amount on July 7th, for a win of \$1,259.00.

The other ½ of the Board amount rolled over to new Board #17, along with ticket sales received on July 7th. Amount on Board #17, for July 14th, thus began at \$1,558.00. Results since then, until publication time of this Newsletter, are as follows, with current value of Queen standing at \$2,015:

7/14	Gary Rowden	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
7/21	Nancy Helsley	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
7/28	Eddie Taylor	\$25 On Name Draw	\$50 Win on Joker Draw!

OK, Elks of #572 - The Queen is ready for your search! Tuesdays, at 7:00 pm. Come on in and join your fellow Elks for a fun evening and good food options!

Lodge 572 Teen of the Year Recipients Prove Impressive at the District and State Levels

Every year, the Elks Teen Program recognizes outstanding young men and women for achievements in school and community life — fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school, club and community service, industry and farming.

Teens are selected by each Lodge, then are considered for awards at the district and state level.

Lodge #572 is proud to announce that both teens selected by our Lodge won first place at the district level and then won second place at the state level.

Each winner received \$100 as local Lodge winner; \$500 from the Illinois Elks South District for 1st place in the district; and \$750 from the Illinois Elks State Association for 2nd place at the state level. The state award also included a plaque recognizing their achievement.

In the photos at right are Lodge member Mike Layne presenting checks and the state award plaque to Macey Alexander, a 2026 Murphysboro High School graduate, and Myles Guthman.

Congratulations to these worthy teens!



Flag Handlers Needed for Upcoming Parades

Our Lodge will again be carrying our large American flag in upcoming area parades. Saturday, September 12th is the Murphysboro Apple Festival parade and Saturday, October 17th is the Chester Fall Festival parade. Both parades are scheduled to start at 11:00 am. Volunteers are needed for both events. If you would like to help out, please contact Steve Zak at (618)924-5680.

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

August 2026

COMING EVENTS
September 12...Elks South District Golf Scramble in Eldorado
September 12...Flag Team in Apple Festival Parade
September 24-27...IEA state meeting in Springfield
October 17...Flag Team in Chester Fall Festival Parade
November 20...CCC clinic, Marshall Browning Hospital, DuQuoin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i><u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR</i>						1
2	3 <i>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	4 <i>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY</i>	5 <i>HOUSE MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 CHICKEN POT PIE \$13.00</i>	6 <i>SALISBURY STEAK \$13.00</i>	7 <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00</i>	8
9	10 <i>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	11 <i>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM STEAK QUESADILLA \$12.00</i>	12 <i>POLISH SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT \$13.00</i>	13 <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50</i>	14 <i>CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS \$14.00</i>	15
16	17 <i>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	18 <i>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM COBB SALAD \$12.00</i>	19 <i>BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 STUFFED PORK CHOP \$13.00</i>	20 <i>LASAGNA \$13.00</i>	21 <i>RIB EYE \$24.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$17.00</i>	22
23	24 <i>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	25 <i>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM BURGERS & APPETIZERS</i>	26 <i>COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$13.00</i>	27 <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50</i>	28 <i>POT ROAST \$14.00</i>	29
30	31 <i>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>					