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E. R. MESSAGE — SEPTEMBER

Greetings, All,

If you have visited the Lodge Club Room in the last couple of weeks, I'm sure you have noticed that our new A/C has been installed, and is up and running. It sure feels good in there now! Also, one of the beverage coolers went out, but a new one has been purchased and installed. Thank you again, for patronizing our Lodge for your meals and beverages, and enjoy the company of fellow Elks and friends!

The required Officers will be attending the Illinois Elks Association Fall Meeting in Springfield on September 25th - 27th. We hope to keep Murphysboro #572 up to date on all Elk topics, and to also support our Elks, statewide.

Our Members / Volunteers showed up again! They helped serve 900 sack lunches to foster Children and Parents at the DCFS Picnic opening day of the 2026 DuQuoin State Fair. Thank you, and job well done! Also, Lodge #572 donates money, along with South District and other Lodges, to assist these families with travel and ride ticket expenses. **Your Membership** supports this wonderful effort...Elks Care - Elks Share!

Lodge #572 has just completed donation of \$100 each, to the Murphysboro High School Boys' and Girls' Soccer teams. This is just another great reminder that our Lodge helps to show support to our local Youth and Community.

Steve Schemonia and others continue to work hard for local Veterans at the Haven, located on Crab Orchard Lake. This is the **12th consecutive Year for serving these veterans!!** Steve is having to spend even more time this year, in that the closure of the south lanes of Hwy 13 has required moving the monthly meals to the Visitors' Center of Crab Orchard Refuge, and adjustments must be made accordingly. Thanks again, Steve and Crew!

Great News - 80 **NEW CHAIRS** are set to arrive any day now, for the Club Room. Some will even have arms, for folks who need a little extra 'Lift' when getting up. They even have more cushioning for comfort. **These have All been Donated by an anonymous Elk!** Thank You, to that individual!!

Lodge Hall spackling and painting has just been completed. Thank you to Apryl Gordon, Gary Apgar, Darcie Hastings, Mike Layne, Tonya Knust, and Paducah Ryan. (The main Hallway, and both entrances are scheduled to follow.) Wow - Great effort!

I want to emphasize some upcoming items. Celebration of life for our past Elk-of-the-Year, Selena McBride will be held in Lodge Hall on Sunday, September 20th, 1-5 pm. On Saturday, October 24th, there will be a Fund Raiser at the Lodge, for a youth who is close to our Elks' hearts. Then let's all support our second **Glo-Bingo** event, on Saturday October 17th - **Spread the Word, please!**

Lastly, please continue to recruit new Members to Murphysboro Lodge #572. (Any Questions on sponsoring or applications - see a Lodge officer or Lodge Secretary.) We are only as strong as our Membership!

Fraternally Yours,
Jay Wittenborn, ER



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.

ROBERT B. MOORE
November 4, 1932 – August 17, 2026

SELENA MCBRIDE
July 27, 1955 – August 21, 2026

WILLIAM RINEHART
April 24, 1956 – August 30, 2026

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Jones, Joseph A
01 Kennedy, Toni L
01 Voorhees, Steve
02 Brasel Jr, James A
02 Carroll, Chardale
02 Davis, Michael
02 Guetersloh, Joseph C
02 Hahn, Robert
02 Mileur, Sandra L
03 Mulholland, Mike
03 Rogowski, Brandon
04 Mileur, Erin
05 Ferguson, Jake
05 Jines, Stephen L
06 Camden, David W
06 Heller, Logan
06 Moore, Susan
06 Rathjen, Oliver J
06 Stewart, Carrie A
07 Dallas, Bruce B
07 Marks, David J
08 Raney, Mike
10 Biggs, Robert A
10 Grammer, Patty A
10 Holloway, William W
10 Knust, Darrell
10 Loera, Marlene
11 Milton, Ronald G
11 Schenk, Sandra K
11 Wilcox, Glenn
12 Eliassen, Jeffery G
13 Davenport, Robert
13 Dewaard, Chad
14 Heller, Edward J
14 Ragland, Antonio M
15 Contes, James T
15 Guetersloh, Kathy
15 Novara, Eugene Z
15 White, Victor
16 Alexander, Brian A
16 Crawshaw, William L
16 Ferguson, Tracey
16 Gould, Danny
16 Page, Gayl
17 Martin, Robert W
17 Soto, Michelle R
18 Bush, Alan F
18 Catt, Robert L
18 Norman, Jeremy
18 Yokom, Bernard R
19 Ewbank, Darrell
19 Phillips, Tina
19 Stearns, Kimberly K
20 Falaster, Larry E
20 Preston, Stacey M
21 Allison, Richard
21 Etherton, Bradley C
21 Kimmel, Wayne
22 Stewart, Jim
23 Sauer, Debbie
24 Hall, Les
25 Bell, Kenneth
25 Graeff, Robb
25 Lawder, James A
26 Hysom, Cody J
26 Murphy, Daryl P
27 Ahar,t Christopher B
27 Archer, William
29 Ferguson, Ashley
29 Presley, Curt
30 Chamness, Gary G
30 Harper, Julia
30 Pettett, Gene

QUEEN OF HEARTS SURVIVED AUGUST!

That is correct - despite efforts to do so, no Elk or spouse who purchased 7:00 pm drawing tickets was able find Miss Queen! Therefore, she awaits YOU, to look for her on our Board #17, in the Club Room. Join with fellow Elks, enjoy the evening, maybe some good food and a favorite drink. Here is a listing of search results, since last Newsletter was published. The Queen's current value is \$2,609.

8/04 Ashley Doody	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
8/11 Diane Mugge	\$25 on Name Draw	\$30 on Card Draw!
8/18 Marcie Lavell	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
8/25 Debbie Sauer	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw

Lodge #572 Membership Update

Members All — We began the current, 2026 - 2027 Elk Year with 739 members. Our present membership total is 746. We have initiated 11 and reinstated 2, for a total of 13 gained. We have sadly lost 6 to death, resulting in our net gain of 7, to date.

Our Delinquent (unpaid) members still number 63, or 8.5%. While this percentage is better than our State as a whole, which is at 11.9%, let's work hard to encourage those we may know, who still owe dues, to take care of their obligation.

Remember, it is our individual memberships that maintain the strength of our Lodge!

Now, on the Growth side — do you have a friend, relative, or co-worker who might consider becoming an Elk? Ask them — or better yet, **invite them** to visit the Lodge or Club with you. Help them fill out the application (with you as sponsor), and let's get them aboard as a new member!

Elk Scholarship Applications Now Available Online

Sponsored by the Elks National Foundation, the **Most Valuable Student (MVS)** competition for 2027 is now open to all High School Seniors. Totaling \$2.52 million, 500 of these Scholarships will be awarded: 480 at \$4,000 ea., and 20 at \$30,000 ea. Judging Criteria includes Academics, Leadership, Service, and Financial Need.

Applications are found online at enf.elks.org/MVS

Deadline to complete application is on or before November 12, 2026.

Legacy Scholarships are also awarded by the Elks National Foundation, to high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks. These awards total \$2.4 million in scholarships worth \$6,000 each. Judging criteria include commitment to the core values of the ENF: Knowledge, Charity, Community, and Integrity.

Applications available online at enf.elks.org/leg

Deadline is February 1, 2027, at 11:59 a.m. (noon) Pacific Time.

Happenings at the Haven

The veterans had a great time at the new location. We fed 25 for lunch. We had lots of stuff for them to take home to make their lives a little better.

Anyone wanting to help with the Haven please call Steve Schemonia 618-713-3248.

Elks Flag Service

We will start putting out flags the 4th of September. We will take them down Tuesday the 8th of September. Lets hope for some great weather for Labor Day. Anyone who would like to get involved please call Steve Schemonia 618-713-3248.

Immunization Clinic to be held at Murphysboro Elks Lodge

Walgreens Pharmacy has requested Lodge #572 to provide our Hall for a Fall vaccination clinic, date of which has not yet been announced. When Walgreens sets this date, we will place it on our website, face book page, My Elks App, and on flyers at Lodge. Available options will be Flu, COVID, RSV, Pneumonia, and Shingles.

A participant sign-up sheet will be available in the Club Room, as well as at Walgreens pharmacy, in Murphysboro.

Helping Our Community



Lodge 572 ER Jay Wittenborn presents a \$2000.00 check to Cathy Bencini of the Jackson County Historical Society to help fund the replacement of their building's roof. The money came from the IEA State Presidents Goal Award Grant.



Thanks to a team of volunteers, the walls of our Lodge Hall have been touched up, spackled and are the same continuous colors! **Thank you** to Apryl Gordon, Gary Apgar, Darcie Hastings, Mike Layne, Tonya Knust, and Paducah Ryan. (The main Hallway, and both entrances are scheduled to follow.)

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 12:00 — CLOSE
KITCHEN HOURS	
MONDAY	5:00 PM — 8:00 PM
TUESDAY — FRIDAY	5:00 PM — 9:00 PM

September 2026

COMING EVENTS
October 17...GLO Bingo in back hall
October 17...Flag team in Chester parade
October 24...fundraiser for local child in back hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i><u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR</i>		<i>1 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY</i>	<i>2 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN \$14.00</i>	<i>3 STUFFED PEPPERS \$13.00</i>	<i>4 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00</i>	5
6	<i>7 LABOR DAY LODGE OPEN NO FOOD NO DRAWINGS</i>	<i>8 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF \$11.00</i>	<i>9 BEEF & NOODLES \$13.00</i>	<i>10 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50</i>	<i>11 PORK TENDERLOIN \$14.00</i>	<i>12 FLAG TEAM IN APPLE FESTIVAL PARADE SOUTH DISTRICT ELKS GOLF SCRAMBLE, ELDORADO</i>
13	<i>14 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	<i>15 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM SHRIMP PO' BOY \$11.00</i>	<i>16 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG 7:30 CHICKEN IMPERIAL \$13.00</i>	<i>17 BLACKENED TILAPIA \$13.00</i>	<i>18 RIBEYE \$24.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$17.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$17.00</i>	19
<i>20 CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR SELENA MCBRIDE 1-5 PM IN LODGE HALL</i>	<i>21 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	<i>22 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HOMEMADE SLOPPY JOE \$10.00</i>	<i>23 HAM STEAKS \$13.00</i>	<i>24 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$15.50</i>	<i>25 LONDON BROIL \$20.00</i>	26
27	<i>28 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</i>	<i>29 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM HORSESHOE \$10.00</i>	<i>30 BOURBON GLAZED PORK CHOP \$14.00</i>			