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E. R. MESSAGE - SEPTEMBER

Greetings, All !

Well, back-to-school time means cheering on our favorite Red Devils! For those of you attending events at Doc Bencini Field, do look for Murphysboro Elks Lodge #572 being listed as a sponsor of the Crimson Express. We are pleased and proud to support the youth in our community!

Special thanks to all Lodge #572 members (and Antler) who helped with the DCFS Picnic at the DuQuoin State Fair on Saturday, August 23rd. South District Elks have been the major contributor to this foster child & parent event for many years now. A special recognition was given to our Antler Group, by Marion Lodge #800, for all the projects they have been completing in the community and area. (See Photos in this issue, for more details.)

September is already filling up with events which you can join in with, or support. Our Flag Team is always looking for a "Few Good Elks" (Contact Steve Zak for information: 618-924-5680) The Team will be helping the Marion Elks Flag Team at the Veterans on Parade event on September 6th, and will be helping lead the Apple Festival Parade on September 13th. The Elks South District Golf Scramble will be held on September 6th, at Anna. (Both team entry and hole-sponsor forms are available at the Lodge.) On Tuesday, September 9, Elk volunteers are going to the Haven to serve lunch and interact with Haven Veterans. Want to join up & help out? See or call Steve Schemonia at 618-713-3248. Required Lodge Officers will be attending the upcoming State IEA Meeting in Springfield, the weekend of Sept. 26-28. Then, there is Monday Burger Nights....we are currently short 1 team. Want to join in and help out? See me, or a Lodge Officer. A little work, yes - but also fun and rewarding!

Lodge #572 is growing, thanks to our member Sponsors! **Current membership stands at 717, a new record!** Applications for new member candidates, as well as for reinstatement, are being received. Information for what it takes to sponsor a new member is available from Lodge Secretary (618-303-1693), or Officers. Application forms are available in Club room, or from Secretary. Keep em' coming!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Todd Doody, Exalted Ruler



As Elks, we are expected to act with a high level of conduct and decorum.

Please remember, when you are in the Lodge, the following House Rules established by our Lodge:

#1 – Loud, profane, or abusive language should not be used.

#2 – Political debates shall not be allowed in the Club Room, as per the obligation you swore to when you became an Elk.

Violation of rule #2 usually leads to violation of rule #1.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Jones, Joseph A
- 01 Kennedy, Toni L
- 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 Eliasen, 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
- 21 Poiter, Patrick
- 22 Stewart, Jim
- 23 Sauer, Debbie
- 24 Hall, Les
- 24 Willett, Jerry P
- 25 Bell, Kenneth
- 25 Graeff, Robb
- 25 Lawder, James A
- 26 Hysom, Cody J
- 27 Ahart, Christopher B
- 27 Archer, William E
- 29 Ferguson, Ashley
- 29 Presley, Curt
- 30 Chamness, Gary G
- 30 Harper, Julia
- 30 Landers, Tara H
- 30 Pettett, Gene

MARION VA SEEKING HELP WITH TWO VETERAN EVENTS

#1 — STAND DOWN FOR VETERANS

The Marion VA Health Care System is holding a Stand Down for area homeless veterans on September 25th. During the event, needy veterans will be provided with basic necessities. They are seeking donations to help with this effort. Please check out the following list of items they need. Bring any items you can provide to the Lodge by **Monday, September 15th** for delivery to the VA.

Needed items: laundry detergent, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, men’s & women’s deodorant, toilet paper, shoes sizes 10-11-12-13, sweatpants LG-XL-2XL, sweatshirts LG-XL-2XL, caps, gloves, women’s socks, women’s t-shirts MED-LG-XL, men’s underwear M-LG-XL-2XL, men’s t-shirts XL-2XL-3XL, tuna & chicken pouches, protein & snack bars, ramen noodles (chicken or beef), soup in pop-top cans, mac & cheese individual cups, beef sticks, peanut butter crackers, individual rice packets, canned pasta, spam & other instant foods.

#2 — THANKSGIVING BLESSING BOXES

The Marion VA Health Care System wants to provide needy veterans and their families with meals for Thanksgiving in the form of a Blessing Box. Each Blessing Box will contain all the groceries needed for a complete Thanksgiving family meal. Providing a Blessing Box is easy — simply purchase a \$75 Walmart gift card and drop it off at the Lodge by **October 15th** in an envelope marked “Marion VA Thanksgiving Blessing Box”. Walmart employees will take care of gathering and packing the groceries to be delivered by the VA.

Our Lodge has already purchased 4 gift cards, with one officer matching this and others committing to purchasing additional gift cards.

For more information about either event, contact Veterans Service Chair Steve Schemonia at 618-713-3248.

QUEEN BACK INTO HIDING!

Having been found on July 29, the Queen of Hearts has gone back into hiding on new Board #16. Come help look for her and enjoy fellow Elks for the evening. The 50/50 Draw continues at 7:15, with Draw for two \$15 meal certificates at 7:30. Delicious selections from our kitchen, too! Here are results to date, with Board value at \$828.

8/05	Ann Moniger	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
8/12	Faith Howard	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw
8/19	Steve Shields	\$25 on Name Draw	\$50 on Card Draw!
8/26	Shirley Summers	\$25 on Name Draw	No Win on Card Draw

South District Elks Supporting DCFS Picnic For 40 Years

This is the 40th Year that South District Elks have been the major sponsor of this event for Foster Children & Foster Parents at the DuQuoin State Fair. Included in their special day were ride arm bands; \$10 Fair coupon; and gas cards to parents, provided by DCFS (Illinois Department of Children and Family Services). Sack Lunches and Elk Drug Awareness items, including pencils, rulers, erasers, and literature were provided by our Elk Lodges. Murphysboro Lodge #572 has been there all along, doing what we should in the community! *ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE!*

Lodge 572 was onsite for this event, including the following individuals (left to right): Reagan Piquard (member of our Antler program), Mike Lane, Darcie Hastings, ER Todd Doody, Tyler Doody, Rene Doody, and Merle Evans.



Murphysboro Elks #572 Antlers received special recognition as part of the 40th Annual DCFS Picnic. The service projects and work of our Antlers over the past year were recognized with an award honoring late Marion Lodge member Ted Clendenin, who organized the DCFS picnic for over 20 years. Murphysboro Elks Antler member, Reagan Piquard, is pictured here with Heidi Mueller, Director of DCFS in Illinois. Nice job, Murphysboro Antlers!

Feeling Artsy?

There will be a paint pour class held in the back hall on Monday, September 22nd at 6:00 PM. The class will be using resin, alcohol inks, mica powders, resin dyes, and silicone molds to create 2 pumpkin jars. For more information or to register, go to Crafted(Murphysboro) on Facebook.



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

KITCHEN HOURS

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

September 2025

COMING EVENTS

October 19...Flag Team in Chester Fall Festival Parade
 November 2...District Meeting at Murphysboro Lodge

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>EVERY WEDNESDAY</u> WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR</p>	<p>1 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>2 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY</p>	<p>3 HOUSE MTG 6:45 PM LODGE MTG 7:30 PM CHICKEN PARMESAN \$13.00</p>	<p>4 SALISBURY STEAK \$13.00</p>	<p>5 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00</p>	<p>6 ELKS SOUTH DISTRICT GOLF SCRAMBLE @ ANNA</p>
7	<p>8 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>9 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM GOULASH \$9.00</p>	<p>10 STEAK FAJITAS \$14.00</p>	<p>11 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00</p>	<p>12 POT ROAST \$14.00</p>	<p>13 FLAG TEAM IN APPLE FESTIVAL PARADE</p>
14	<p>15 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>16 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHICKEN BACON RANCH SALAD OR WRAP \$10.00</p>	<p>17 BOARD MTG 6:45 PM LODGE MTG 7:30 PM STUFFED PORK CHOP \$14.00</p>	<p>18 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK \$13.00</p>	<p>19 RIBEYE \$22.00 FILET \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00</p>	20
21	<p>22 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>23 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHILI CHEESE DOGS \$9.00</p>	<p>24 ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP & SALAD BAR \$13.00</p>	<p>25 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00</p>	<p>26 LONDON BROIL \$18.00</p>	27
IEA STATE MEETING SPRINGFIELD						
28	<p>29 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>30 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF \$10.00</p>				