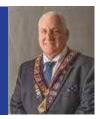


The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

Elks Lodge 158 Springfield, Illinois

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Message from Exalted Ruler Jan Cimarossa



To All Members,

With our first IEA State Convention of the year in the history books, the next IEA State Convention will be in May. We had a pretty good turnout for the Convention, the hospitality rooms were full, and a lot of meeting new people was going on. This one will be the last Convention that I am required to attend, however, I will still support the Elks through this Convention because it is a great way to gain ideas and meet new Elks' members. Plan to attend one of the three throughout the year.

February brought a lot of hope. We are on the downside of winter. The beginning of Lent and the Easter season, and our annual Friday evening fish fries started February 23. This is a week later than last year due to a conflict with the lodge room. We needed volunteers to serve and cook the fish, and our volunteers did not disappoint. Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday were on the same day this year, February 14th. What about that Super Bowl? If you are a Chiefs' fan then you loved it, but if a Forty-Niners' fan not so much. It was still a great game, played by two good football teams.

Your membership applications should have been in your possession by now, along with the Century Club tickets. Please get those applications and Century Club tickets in as quickly as you can, so as not to be delinquent in your membership, or a chance to win a \$100. With your membership active, we can remain the Lodge with the largest membership in Illinois. Another part of the application is the pool membership. If you have kids or grandkids and don't have a pool, think about the Elks' pool. Our past committee chairpersons from last year did an excellent job getting the pool ready for 2023. I am sure the House Committee will have someone in place to take over, and they will do a fantastic job as well.

I want to take this time to thank all my officers, committee members, and ALL the volunteers that made this a great year, as this will be my final article for the EOG. I could not have done any of this without your help and support. I had a great time being your Exalted Ruler this year, but it is time to turn

the reins over to my Esteemed Leading Knight, Matt Willis. Good luck Matt, you will have a great year.

In closing, come on out and support the best Elks' Lodge in the State of Illinois. Meet great people and have a fun time socializing, and/or volunteering for events. "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." - By Muhammad Ali, American boxer. I couldn't have said it any better, Elks go above and beyond helping.

Fraternally,

Jan M. Cimarossa, Exalted Ruler

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri. Mar. 1 - Lenten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Every Friday through 03/29)

- Polar Plunge, KC Lake Club, noon Mar. 2 Sat.

Mar. 3 - Chili Challenge Finals, 2 p.m., Prop Club Sun. Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts 2:00 PM

Mon. Mar. 4 - Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7 p.m.

- Men's Shuffleboard League, 6 PM Tue. Mar. 5

Wed. Mar. 6 - Lodge Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 7 - Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Thu.

Elks Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 p.m.

- Lenten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fri. Mar. 8 (Every Friday through 03/29)

Mar. 10 - Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts 2:00 PM Sun. Daylight Savings begins

Mon. Mar. 11 - Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7 p.m.

Mar. 12 - Men's Shuffleboard League Dinner, 6 PM

Mar. 14 - Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 PM Thu.

Mar. 15 - Lenten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fri. (Every Friday through 03/29)

Mar. 16 - St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sat. Downtown Springfield, noon

Mar. 17 - Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts 2:00 PM Sun. St. Patrick's Day

Mon. Mar. 18 - House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m. PER Dinner/Meeting, 6:30 PM Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7 p.m.

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Kitchen Winter Hours of Operation 2024

Monday through Friday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p m.

Dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Full menu items available.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS **SPRINGFIELD LODGE #158**

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LODGE OFFICE

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (217) 529-0158 HALL RENTALS 217-529-0158 WALNUT ROOM HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 11 a.m. to Close Saturday: 4 p.m. to close Sunday: 12 p.m. to close

FALL/WINTER KITCHEN Hours of Operation 2023-2024

Monday through Friday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p m. Dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Full menu items available**

POOL KITCHEN - CLOSED





SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Stephanie Schwab-Parnell, PER

March is the last month of the Elks year. The first round of Elk dues have been sent to all the members. Thank you to everyone that has paid their dues already. New membership cards have been mailed out and will continue to be mailed out as due payments are received. Remember, there is always plenty of time to pay the 2024-2025 Elk dues.

The 2024 - 2025 Membership card is BLUE. Please continue using the TAN card until April 1st, 2024. If you need a replacement card, there is a \$5 fee. Please let me know if you have any questions or have not received your statement or cards. Email: steph.schwab2@gmail.com

Also, if you have a change of address or need to update your information, contact the Lodge Secretary. The Lodge Secretary duties include keeping accurate records of each member.

CENTURY CLUB

Feb 7th - Pete Steward Feb. 21st - Vance White Feb 14th - Charles Finnel Feb. 28th - Al Urbankas

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

We are happy to report No Sickness or Distress this month.

LODGE OF SORROW

DOB: 2/23/1945 Peter Campo INIT: 10/20/2015 DOD: 9/16/2023 Greg Park DOB: 6/22/1946 INIT: 9/17/1980 DOD: 12/23/2023

DONATE LIFE

You Have the Power to Donate Life. Register as an Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Today: http://donatelife.net/





BREAKING NEWS

Book your parties with us! From graduations to wedding receptions, family gatherings and celebrations of life, our Banquet Room can accommodate large numbers. Available to members only. Contact the lodge office for information at 217-529-0158.

To see photos, visit our website at https://elks158.org/?page_id=10

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By Joan Shea-Rogers, President



March is the end of the Elks Ladies' terms for the officers. While all of the current officers are willing to serve another year, we would also like to see other women step into these positions to bring new ideas and talents to our membership. We will be voting at our March meeting (March 7 @ 6:30pm). If you are interested in stepping into one of these roles (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) you would be most welcome to attend and be nominated. Please contact me if you have questions or would like more information.

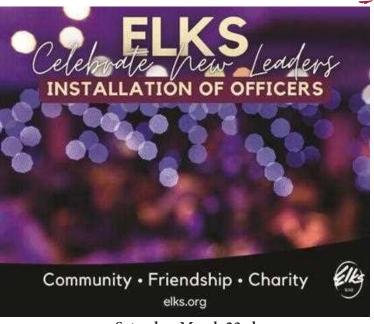
Also membership renewal occurs in April. We hope that all members will continue with us for another year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and imperative to our work. Any level of commitment is valued, from just paying annual dues to attending most meetings and doing committee work and anything in between. *It takes a village...* And each level of membership works for us! Annual dues are \$20 and can be brought to the meeting or dropped off at the Lodge office.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

• INDOOR GARAGE SALE:
ITEM DROP OFF: We will be collecting items from 10:00am-6:00pm on April 10 and April 11. Lists of acceptable/unacceptable items will be posted on the Lodge bulletin board. Please start saving unwanted items.

GARAGE SALE: The garage sale will be held on Friday April 12 from 8:00am - 6:00pm and on Saturday April 13 from 8:00 am - noon. Profits go to our charitable organizations and all unsold items are donated to Habitat for Humanity.

For additional information and or questions about any of our work or events, please feel free to contact me. Joan Shea-Rogers; 217-899-1325; jandrrogers@gmail.com



Saturday, March 23rd

Members all,

ELKS LODGE 158 Installation of officers for 2024-2025 is Saturday, 3/23/2023 at 3 p.m. followed by cocktails and dinner. The new ER, as of April 1st will be Matt Willis. He and his family invite all Elks 158 members & spouses/significant others to come out and celebrate with them and the entire Elks family/officers. *Additional information regarding the festivities will be sent via email and posted on Facebook. Come out and support/meet your new officers.

Attn Officers and installing PERS: Be at the lodge at 12:00 PM (noon) in full dress for pictures, followed by rehearsal at 2 p.m.

IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICERS/PERS PICS, WE NEED THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO COME FOR PHOTOS AT 12:00 P.M. (noon)

- 1. Elk of the Year (& spouse/family photo if desired)
- 2. Elk Lady of the Year (& spouse/family photo if desired)
- 3. Elk Family of the Year
- 4. Elk Officer of the Year (& spouse/family photo if desired)

Please feel free to invite your family members for the photo session and continued festivities.

Questions regarding the event, contact Matt Willis 217-741-7493.

Questions regarding Annual Elk Awards, contact Stephanie Schwab at 217-371-4640 or steph.schwab2@gmail.com.

NATIONAL CONVENTION • 2024



IT'S ALL AT THE 158!

WALNUT ROOM: Monday - Friday: 11 a.m. to Close; Saturday: 4 p.m. to close; Sunday: 12 p.m. to close WINTER KITCHEN:

Monday through Friday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p m. Dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Full menu items available**



NASCAR, BASEBALL, AND MORE ALL ON THE BIG SCREENS!

50/50 Drawing at 7 p.m. Need not be present to win, but please write your name and phone number on the ticket.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy some great food, fun and drink specials. We look forward to seeing you at the lodge.



DAILY DRINK SPECIALS

Monday - Draft Beer Pitchers - \$ee daily ads for prices

Tuesday - 50c off Bourbon and Scotch drinks Wednesday - 50c off Wine, Seltzers, & Gin drinks Thursday - 50c off Whiskey and Rum drinks

Friday - 50c off vodka; \$1.00 Draft Beer, 12 oz glass Saturday & Sunday - \$10.00 for a Bucket of 5 domestic beer selections

(We reserve the right to change our product's prices at any time without further notice.)

Members who were born in March are eligible to receive 1 free drink during that month 2024. Show your membership card and ID to receive it. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



SUNDAY FUNDAY LINEUP



7/14 Tangents 5/19 Curt Smith 7/21 Dallas Whittaker Robert Sampson After School Special 7/28 Deep Lunar Blue 8/4 **Dave Littrell** Mike Burnett 8/11 Guilty Boys 6/16 Downstate 8/18 Steve Rothenberg 6/23 Drew Cooper 8/25 Jay Larson Trio 6/30 Molly Seaton **Hank Greenwalt Rod Grant**

Sat, 8/31/2024 - END OF SUMMER PARTY w/BUSTIN' LOOSE; 6 - 10pm

WALNUT ROOM Effective January 1, 2024 (Winter Hours)

Monday - Friday 11 am to close Saturday - 4 pm to close Sunday - 12 pm to close

Please be advised that we reserve the right to close early due to inclement weather conditions, no customers, or any other reason deemed necessary Thank you for supporting the lodge

February Shuffleboard Winners



02/18/2024 Bill and John

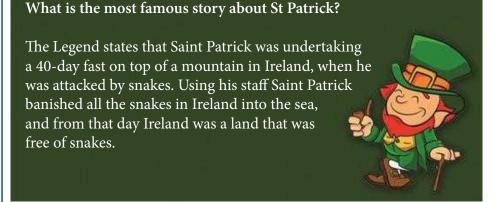


02/25/2024 Dale and Howard









April Save the Dates

April 3rd - Lodge Meeting, 7 PM

April 7th - West Central District Meeting, 11 AM,

Quincy Lodge

April 12th & 13th - Ladies Garage Sale

April 15th - House Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM

April 16th - SCSM, TRN Club, 5:30 PM April 17th - Lodge Meeting, 7 PM

April 23rd - Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 PM

RECURRING EVENTS EACH MONTH

Every Monday: Wing Night Special, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Every Monday: Queen of Hearts Drawing @ 7:00 p.m. 3rd Monday: House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m. 4th Tuesday: Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

MARCH 2024 CALENDAR Cont.

Tue. Mar. 19 - Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 PM Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, TRN, 6 PM

Wed. Mar. 20 - Orientation, 5:30 p.m. / Initiation & Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for EOG articles to Editor

Thu. Mar. 21 - Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 PM

Fri. Mar. 22 - Lenten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

(Every Friday through 03/29)

Sat. Mar. 23 - Installation of Officers, 3 p.m.

Sun. Mar. 24 - Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts 2:00 PM

Mon. Mar. 25 - Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 26 - Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Thu. Mar. 28 - Ladies Shuffleboard at 12 PM

Fri. Mar. 29 - Lenten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

(Every Friday through 03/29)

Sun. Mar. 31 - Easter

(All dates subject to change as needed; watch for e-blasts and Facebook posts.)

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Kids Toys & Books

Shoes

Accessories (handbags, belts, scarves, hats, etc..)

Small Furniture

Clean Linens

Collectibles, Media (DVD's,

CD's, Records)

Housewares (dishes, picture

frames, decorative accessories, etc.)

Hardware

Chandeliers, Lamps, etc.

Books

Electronics

Computers, Printers, Cables,

Speakers, Hard Drives, PC

Monitors, etc.

Flat T.V.'s

Hand and PowerTools

Small to Medium sized

appliances

Bicycles



FRIDAY, APRIL 12^{TH -} 8am to 6pm SATURDAY, APRIL 13^{TH -} 8am to noon

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Items will be received in the Lodge Room on Wednesday, April 10th & Thursday, April 11th

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. each day!

Please do not drop off items prior to the above dates and times

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Ote: All unsold items will be donated to charity/community resale shops. We reserve the right

UNACCEPTED ITEMS:

Products Recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission

Used Mattresses/Box Springs

Used Carpets

Dome Hair Dryers

Electric Wheelchairs, Medical Equipment, Car Seats

Torn or Broken Furniture

Commercial/Industrial

Equipment

Paint, Toxic Chemicals,

Firearms, Ammunition or

Fireworks

Automobile Tires or Large

Parts

Pet Food, Used Litter Boxes

Food or Alcohol

Box T.V.'s/CRT (Tube)

Televisions

Large Appliances

Florescent Bulbs

Pianos

Adult & Kids Clothing

Large Furniture Items

Note: All unsold items will be donated to charity/community resale shops. We reserve the right to accept/decline any item.

Contact Joan Shea-Rogers with any questions. (217-899-1325)

LENTEN FISH FRIES!

FROM THE KITCHEN - MARCH

The Lodge is once again serving fish through the Lenten Season, every Friday starting February 23rd (we are skipping the first Friday of Lent - 16th due to IEA Hoop Shoot); and we will go through Friday, March 29th.

Dine in or carry out - A generous portion of fried walleye (with a special secret breading made especially for the Lodge by Dave Cassens); served with a side coleslaw, and fries (or baker). You can also choose a fish/shrimp combo or shrimp, only. Kids Fish or Hot Dog meals are available as well.

Happy Friday - wear RED for our troops "until they all come home."

Serving 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Volunteers will be cooking the fish dinners. We will need help with prep, serving, cooking, and cleanup at all Lenten fish fries. Please volunteer! Contact Ray Bensko or John Begue, sign up on bulletin board, or just show up. We need member's help to make these successful. Thanks in advance!

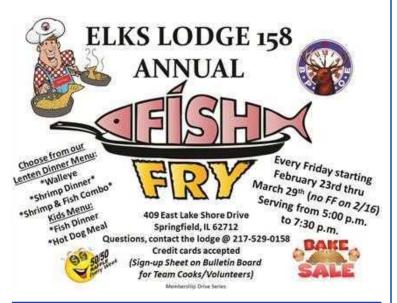
50/50 drawing every Friday. You do not have to be present to win but if you aren't going to be there when we draw at 7:30 p.m, you must write your name and phone number on the ticket(s) in order to claim your winnings. If a ticket is drawn and there is no name, we draw again.

Proceeds will go towards our Round Up For Charity - Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing 2024

Desserts offered for a monetary donation! Proceeds will be given to charity!!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY MEMBERS! (Membership Drive Series)

Facebook Event Link: https://fb.me/e/1DBnvItXc



by Talon Bonacorsi

March 2024 Kitchen Specials

Lunch 11am - 2pm / Dinner 5pm - 8pm (Unless otherwise noted.)

Friday, 1st - Lunch - Fish Sandwich /

- Dinner - Fish Fry 5 to 7:30pm

Saturday, 2nd - Kitchen Closed Sunday, 3rd - Kitchen Closed

Monday, 4th - Full Menu for Lunch / Dinner - Wings & Burgers

Tuesday, 5th - Tacos

Wednesday, 6th

Thursday, 7th

Friday, 8th

- Loaded Tater Tots

- Country-Fried Steak

- Lunch - Fish Sandwich /

- Dinner - Fish Fry 5 to 7:30pm

Saturday, 9th - Kitchen Closed Sunday, 10th - Kitchen Closed

Monday, 11th - Full Menu for Lunch / Dinner - Wings & Burgers

Tuesday, 12th - Tacos

Wednesday, 13th - Fried Bologna Sandwich
Thursday, 14th - Country-Fried Steak
Friday, 15th - Lunch - Fish Sandwich /
- Dinner - Fish Fry 5 to 7:30pm

Saturday, 16th - Kitchen Closed Sunday, 17th - Kitchen Closed

Monday, 18th - Full Menu for Lunch / Dinner - Wings & Burgers

Tuesday, 19th - Tacos

Wednesday, 20th - Chicken Fajita Pita
Thursday, 21st - Country-Fried Steak
Friday, 22nd - Lunch - Fish Sandwich /
- Dinner - Fish Fry 5 to 7:30pm

Saturday, 23rd - Kitchen Closed Sunday, 24th - Kitchen Closed

Monday, 25th - Full Menu for Lunch / Dinner - Wings & Burgers

Tuesday, 26th - Tacos

Wednesday, 27th - Benjamin Sandwich Thursday, 28th - Country-Fried Steak Friday, 29th - Lunch - Fish Sandwich /

- Dinner - Fish Fry 5 to 7:30pm

Saturday, 30th - Kitchen Closed Sunday, 31st - Kitchen Closed



Talon

CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Have you checked our Facebook page?
Visit our Facebook page to check out the latest
happenings at the Elks #158! Springfield Elks Lodge #158
(Private page at http:www.facebook.com/groups/410598820800/);
Elks Lodge 158 Public page at www.facebook.com/Elks-Lodge158-Public-Page-713954502324222/.

TAKING THE PLUNGE FOR CHARITY!

40th ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



Starts at the crac o' noon on Saturday, March 16, 2024 Downtown Springfield, IL

Support our military and our country by helping us carry The Elks Garrison Flag, or just walk with us. Bring your friends & family to help; and don't forget the kids! They can help hand out candy and/or small American flags!

- ELKS' VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD outside the Walnut Room.
- CONTACT Tracy Robinson, Parade Coordinator @ 217-381-6715, or ER Jan Cimarossa at 217-741-4147, or the Lodge Office at 217-529-0158 for more information.
- Watch for weather updates / cancellations via Facebook posts & e-blasts.
- ELKS STAGING LOCATION for the Garrison Flag will be listed soon. Please be there no later than 11:30 a.m.
- Wear your GREEN! Speaking of Green...Don't forget to wear your ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE SHIRTS.
- PARADE ROUTE The parade starts on Jefferson & 6th heading west to 5th; Heading south on 5th to Capitol; Heading North on 6th to the Reviewing Stand, (this is our Family Friendly Area) then to Washington heading east, back to the beginning; the Horace Mann parking lot.

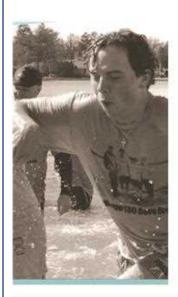
MORE DETAILS FROM THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ORGANIZATION:

Staging Area - Parade Floats Only
The lower (west) Horace Mann parking lot and surrounding streets are the staging area for the parade floats. No public or participant parking is available in these areas.

Our Grand Marshal this year is Barry Friedman, owner of The Alamo. Barry has been an integral part of the Parade Board for many, many years, and we couldn't do the Parade without him!!!

This year's charity, chosen by the Grand Marshal, is the Rutledge Youth Foundation. As in years past, we donate any money left after expenses to the charity on behalf of the Grand Marshal and the Parade Board.

The theme for this year's parade is Irish Pubs and Folklore. We are excited to see some fantastic floats this year!!!





SPRINGFIELD POLAR PLUNGE LAKE SPRINGFIELD March 2, 2024



By Matt Willis & Christi Sullivan, Team Coordinators

The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics will be held at the KC Lake Club on March 2, 2024. The Elks Lodge has a team so please consider becoming a part of the event to raise funds for this very worthy cause which touches many of us and our families.

If you'd like to donate to the plunge, you can donate through your favorite participant or through the team.

Check out Springfield Elks Lodge #158's team fundraising page; join the team or just donate...whatever works for you.

https://support.soill.org/team/564815

ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

What's Happening at Lake Springfield

ONGOING:

- 2024 Annual Lake Calendar For Sale \$10 Each w/ \$500 raffle chance
- Bingo Prop Club Every Wednesday Evenings 6:30-8:30 PM
- Queen of Hearts Drawing Anchor Boat 2nd & 4th Fri
- Jokers Wild Aqua Club 2nd & 4th Fri
- Queen of Hearts Drawing- Blue Ridge Club 1st & 3rd Fri
- Queen of Hearts Drawing Sangamo Surf Club 1st & 3rd Fri, Draw 8:00PM

This message is brought to you by the Council of Lake Springfield Clubs.

If you have an event you would like posted contact apallai@martinengineeringco.com

Leprechauns are actually one reason you're supposed to wear green on St. Patrick's Day—or risk getting pinched! The tradition is tied to folklore that says wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns, which like to pinch anyone they can see. Some people also think sporting the color will bring good luck, and others wear it to honor their Irish ancestry. No wonder green decorations can be seen all over—the Chicago River in Illinois is even dyed green each year to celebrate the holiday.

ROUND UP FOR CHARITY





3/3/2024 - FINALS - Prop Club 264 Maple Grove Ln, Springfield, IL 62712

Doors Open at noon / Tasting begins at 2 p.m.

Proceeds will be donated to Cochlear Implant Awareness Foundation, www.ciafonline.org through District 23 Boutique.

Admission fee of \$5.00 will entitle attendees to taste chili samples and vote five times for their favorite chili recipe or the 'What the What?' category. Additional votes (tickets) can be purchased for \$1.00 each. 'What the What?' is a newer food category that attendees may sample and vote on; such as, side dishes, appetizers, desserts, theme/decorations, etc. (non-alcoholic).

TO SEE VIDEOS AND PHOTOS, PLEASE SHARE THIS EVENT TO YOUR LAKE CLUB PAGES/GROUPS! Look at this post on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/share/WUq8EwdkHhLUCyDJ/?mibextid=9VsGKo

Public welcome!



Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing Message from Alice & Bill Beck

These last few weeks we had asked our community for help in our mission in sending Care Packages to our troops overseas & boy did you all deliver!

Last night we packaged 32 boxes to be sent overseas to Jordan, Israel & Romania. But wait, THERE'S MORE! We collected so many items that we couldn't send it all in one load. This mission was so successful that our troops will benefit from this for the next few months!!

Thank you so much, Springfield Clinic, for joining in with Synergy Homecare of Central Illinois in our mission to Send Love Overseas in honor of our Veteran Care & Valentines Day.

Also, thank you to Auburn Elementary School - District #10/Auburn High School for having your kiddos create cards & letters for our soldiers, Springfield Cares - Soldier Mailing, Inc. for all you do to support our Troops, Systemax & to everyone that donated!

I am SO proud of you, Springfield Community.

THANK YOU - DOT FOODS, INC., MT. STERLING, IL. We received a very generous donation from Dot Foods and wanted to send out a super thanks to them, and to Heather Hester who works for them and have attended several of our mailings. Thank you and God Bless.

A SUPER BIG THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING

Springfield Cares - Soldier Mailing, Inc.

Thank you so much to everyone who has dropped off items! These are just some of the drop offs that came in recently!

Synergy Homecare of Central Illinois Springfield Clinic

Springfield Cares - Soldier Mailing, Inc.

Thank you Synergy and Springfield Clinic, can't do without ya all!

See Page 13 for items you can donate.

Email: SpringfieldCaresSoldierMailing@gmail.com Website: http://www.springfieldcares.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ 33475998993620 3/?ref=share&mibextid=NSMWBT







Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing: Items



SUNDAY FUNDAY 2024

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO DONATE:

Razors, shaving cream (NO AEROSOL OR PRESSUR-IZED PRODUCTS), sun screen, tampons, panty liners, games, tooth paste/brushes, mouth wash, dental floss, envelopes, stationary, white socks (no logos), t-shirts, playing cards, puzzles, shampoo, cream rinse, body lotion, pillow cases, small blankets, twin bed size sheets, base balls, room freshner, baggies, foot powder, baby powder, DVD's, q tips, baseballs/gloves, baby wipes, lip protection, sunglasses, laundry soaps, fabric softner, bandanas, nix cream, travel size - smaller containers works best. Beef jerky, coffee, coffee filters, juice drinks, protein bars, crackers, dried fruit, canned fruit, nuts, chips (no bagged chips please), soups, raman noodles, mac & cheese, sardines, canned meats, candies, tea, hot cocoa, sugar, coffee creamers, salt/pepper, spices, tuna/cracker packages, chili bowls, cereal, crystal lite, pudding, apple sauce, jello, oat meal, gum, breath mints, - all can goods should have the pop tabs if possible. AND most important - cards and letters from home!!

ITEMS THAT CAN NOT BE SENT:

Aerosol cans and or pressurized products, Rubbing alcohol, nail polish, flammable items, spray paint, Fire arms, Matches, lighters, Alcoholic beverages, carbonated beverages, Cash, coins, lottery tickets, Glass containers, Hand and Foot warmers, Tobacco of any kind, electric cigarettes, marjuana, Horror comics, pornographic material, Pork & pork by products, Battery powered items: batteries must be removed

What is the real reason for St. Patrick's day?

St. Patrick's Day was originally celebrated in Ireland with religious services and feasts in honour of St. Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints. When Irish immigrants brought St. Patrick's Day traditions to the United States, the day evolved into a secular celebration of Irish culture.

Banquet Room available for rental!

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PER Association Meeting

The next meeting of the PER Association will be held on March 18, 2024, beginning with the customary cocktail hour at 6 pm in the Walnut Room. Dinner will be served around 6:30 pm. Meeting will begin around 7 pm. PERS are asked to RSVP to Jeff Rodier, Association Secretary.





The Abraham Lincoln Council's Annual Eagle Scout Recognition Awards Banquet was held February 26, 2024, at the Illinois State Capitol Complex. On behalf of the Springfield Elks Lodge #158, Exalted Ruler Jan Cimarossa and Leading Knight Matt Willis attended the event to give all deserving Eagle Scouts an award which recognized the outstanding achievements of our local Eagle Scouts from 2023.



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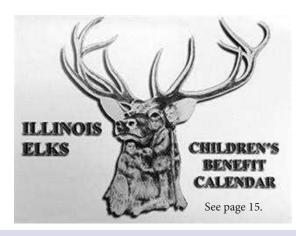
CCC 2024 CLINIC SCHEDULE

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- 2024 BENEFIT CHILDREN'S CALENDAR ORDER FORM (CORRECTED)
- PATIENT REFERRAL REQUEST FORM
- 2024-2025 PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MAJORS APPLICATION
- 2024-2025 PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT APPLICATION
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You could be a winner as well as the Kids. Thank You!

March 2024

Bloomington Clinic March 1st at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Champaign/Urbana Clinic March 6th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30

Mt. Vernon Clinic March 7th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM Mt. Carmel Clinic March 11th at Wabash General Hospital: 2:30 to 4:30 AM Robinson Clinic March 13th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

April 2024

Lincoln Clinic April 9th at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM Effingham Clinic April 11th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic 8:00 AM Elgin Clinic April 24th at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

NW District @Morrison Clinic April 25th at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM South District @ DuQuoin April 26th Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

May 2024

Flora Clinic May 1st at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Rock Island Clinic May 21st at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 3:30 PM

June 2024

Lincoln Clinic June 4th at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM Champaign/Urbana Clinic June 5th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM

Mt. Vernon Clinic June 6th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM Bloomington Clinic June 7th at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Carmel Clinic June 10th at Wabash General Hospital: 2:30 to 4:30 AM Robinson Clinic June 12th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM NW District @ Rockford Clinic June 19th at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM Dixon Clinic June 25th at Dr. Yeager Podiatry: 8:00 AM

July 2024: No Clinics

August 2024

Effingham Clinic Aug. 8th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM Flora Clinic August 14th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Rock Island Clinic August 20th at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 3:30 PM South District @ DuQuoin Aug. 23rd at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

September 2024

Bloomington Clinic September 6th at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 to 1:00 PM Mt. Carmel Clinic September 9th at Wabash General Hospital: 2:30 to 4:30 AM Champaign/Urbana Clinic September 11th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM

Mt. Vernon Clinic Sept. 12th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM Robinson Clinic September 18th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

October 2024

Lincoln Clinic October 8th at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM Elgin Clinic October 16th at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM NW District @Morrison Clinic Oct. 17th at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

November 2024

Flora Clinic Nov. 13th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Effingham Clinic Nov. 14th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM Champaign/Urbana Clinic November 20th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM

South District @ DuQuoin Nov. 22nd at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM Rock Island Clinic November 26th at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 3:30 PM

December 2024

Mt. Vernon Clinic Dec. 5th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM Bloomington Clinic December 6th at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 to 1:00 PM Mt. Carmel Clinic December 9th at Wabash General Hospital: 2:30 to 4:30 PM Robinson Clinic December 18th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

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ELKS MEN'S GOLF LEAGUES

REGISTRATION FORM

GOLFERS NEEDED!

With spring around the corner, we are looking for new golfers for the Elks Men's Tuesday and Thursday golf leagues. You can be a new golfer or a seasoned player, it doesn't matter. This is a fun league where you can make new friends and see old ones.

We anticipate that many the last year's teams will be returning, however, we would like to see new members and teams participating in either or BOTH leagues.

The Tuesday league is at Lincoln Greens Golf Course on East Lake Drive.

The Thursday league is held at Bunn Golf Course on south 11th street.

Both leagues start at 8:00 a.m. They are both handicap leagues where golfers can choose to participate in "closest to the pin" and "skins" games each week.

It is a great way to join in club activities and meet fellow Elk members.

You can sign up with a partner as a team,

OR

as an individual where we can pair you up with a partner.

The cost is \$45.00 per player for the yearly league plus the weekly green fees for each round. There is an end-of-year scramble with an awards ceremony to hand out prizes for the year. Each team receives an award based on points earned throughout the year.

If you are interested, please contact:

Tuesday League

Jim Corrigan 217.899.3118 Jimdiver17@gmail.com Elks158golf@gmail.com

OR

Thursday League Bill Prillmayer 217 381.6003 wprillmayer@gmail.com

2024 ELKS GOLF LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM

(Both team members must register)
Sign up for one or both leagues

Sign up for one or both leagues							
Tuesday League - Mornings at Lincoln Greens – 18 Holes							
NAME:							
Address:							
Phone Number:							
Email (required):							
Assign a new partner yes OR Partner Name:							
Thursday League - Mornings at Bunn Golf course – 18 Holes NAME:							
Address:							
Phone Number:							
Email (required):							
Assign a new partner yes OR Partner Name:							
League subs NAME:							
Phone Number:							
Email (required):							
League: Tuesday Thursday							

The cost of each league is \$45.00 (per player/ per league) There is no cost as a substitute.

Please return this form and payment to:

Tuesday
Jim Corrigan O
1532 West Lake Shore Drive
Springfield, II 62712

Thursday Bill Prillmayer 3535 E. Cook St. #86 Springfield, IL. 62703

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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						enten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Every Friday through 03/29)	Polar Plunge, KC Lake Club, noon
						Menu: Lunch-Fish Sandwich / Dinner - Fish Fry 5 to 7:30pm	Menu: Kitchen Closed
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Chili Challenge Finals, 2 p.m.,	Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7 p.m.	Men's Shuffleboard League, 6 PM	Lodge Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	enten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30	
	Prop Club Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts @ 2:00 PM				Elks Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 p.m.	p.m. (Every Friday through 03/29)	
	Menu: Kitchen Closed	Full Menu for Lunch / Dinner - Wings & Burgers	Menu: Tacos	Menu: Chef's Choice: Loaded tater tots	Menu: Country-Fried Steak	Menu: Lunch-Fish Sandwich / Dinner - Fish Fry 5 to 7:30pm	Menu: Kitchen Closed
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
14	Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts @ 2:00 PM	Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7 p.m.	Men's Shuffleboard League Dinner, 6 PM		Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 PM	enten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Every Friday through 03/29)	St. Patrick's Day Parade, Down- town Springfield, noon
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS						
	Menu: Kitchen Closed	Full Menu for Lunch / Dinner - Wings & Burgers	Menu: Tacos	Menu: Chef's Choice: Fried bologna sandwich	Menu: Country-Fried Steak	Menu: Lunch-Fish Sandwich / Dinner - Fish Fry 5 to 7:30pm	Menu: Kitchen Closed
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts @ 2:00 PM	House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 PM	Orientation, 5:30 p.m. / Initiation & Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 PM	Lenten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Every Friday through 03/29)	Installation of Officers, 3 p.m.
ı	ST. PATRICK'S DAY	PER Dinner/Meeting, 6:30 PM	Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, TRN, 6 PM	Deadline for EOG articles to Editor			
		Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7 p.m.	V=1				
	Menu: Kitchen Closed	Full Menu for Lunch / Dinner - Wings & Burgers	Menu: Tacos	Menu: Chef's Choice: Chick <mark>en</mark> fajita pita	Menu: Country-Fried Steak	Menu: Lunch-Fish Sandwich / Dinner - Fish Fry 5 to 7:30pm	Menu: Kitchen Closed
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts @ 2:00 PM	Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7 p.m.	Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 p.m		Ladies Shuffleboard at 12 PM	enten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Every Friday through 03/29)	
	Menu: Kitchen Closed						
	EASTER SUNDAY	Full Menu for Lunch / Dinner - Wings & Burgers	Menu: Tacos	Menu: Chef's Choice: Benjamin sandwich	Menu: Country-Fried Steak	Menu: Lunch-Fish Sandwich / Dinner - Fish Fry 5 to 7:30pm	Menu: Kitchen Closed





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The historical Patrick was captured as a youth in Roman Britain, sometime in the 5th century AD. He was transported to Ireland, where he spent six years as a slave. He eventually escaped and made his way back home. He became an ecclesiastic and many years later left Britain and returned to Ireland as a missionary

LAKE SPRINGFIELD EVENTS • 2024

MARCH

2 Sat KC Lake Club - Polar Plunge 11am 3 Sun Prop Club - Chili Challenge FINALS 2pm 23 Sat Sangamo Surf Club - Adult Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL

6 Sat Ski & Boat Club - NCAA Final 4 Party

27 Sat Lake Clean-Up - 9-12, from Springfield Marina

MAY

4 Sat Lake Press Club - Bags Tourn. / Kentucky Derby Party

12 Sun TRN Club - Mother's Day Breakfast

15 Wed KC Club - 1st Rumble Around the Lake 6-9pm (clubs vary weekly)

18 Sat Ski & Boat Club - Touch-A-Truck 11am-2pm

18 Sat Season Opener Party 4pm

19 Sun Elks Lodge - Sunday Funday 4-7pm (every Sun thru Sept. 10th)

25 Sat Elks Lodge - Blessing of the Boats 1pm 25 Sat TRN Club - TRN Annual Memorial Day Party

26 Sun Prop Club - Burger Bash

JUNE

1 Sat KC Club - Brats, Beers & Bags Aqua Sports Club - Aquafest 8 Sat

Firefighters / Postal Club - Chicken Fry 15 Sat

16 Sun TRN Club - Father's Day Brunch

22 Sat TRN Club - Chicken Fry

29 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Cardboard Boat Regatta

JULY

5 Fri Lake Springfield Marina - Rock The Dock Fireworks

6 Sat Prop Club - Bags Tournament

13 Sat Prop Club - Mid-Summer Blast

Sangamo Surf Club - Spooner Softball Tourn. (3 days)

21 Sat Lake Press Club - Summerfest 27 Sat Ski & Boat Club - Summer Bash

31 Wed Elks Lodge - Rumble Around the Lake 6-9pm (last)

AUGUST

3 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Chicken Fry 10 Sat Sangamo Surf - Dawg Days Blue Ridge Club - Patio Party KC Lake Club - Chicken Fry

31 Sat Elks Lodge - End of Summer Party

SEPTEMBER

Elks Lodge - Sunday Funday 4-7pm (last of year) 1 Sun Firefighters / Postal Club - Labor Day Party 1 Sun

Anchor Boat Club - Redneck Olympics 7 Sat

14 Sat Lake Press Club - Shrimp Boil

21 Sat TRN Club - Fishing Has No Boundaries

21 Sat Ski & Boat Club - Bags Tournament

28 Sat Sangamo Surf - "Chipping for Charity" Golf

OCTOBER

5 Sat Lake Press Club -Bags Tournament / Octoberfest

27 Sun Trunk or Treat - Various Clubs

NOVEMBER

3 Sun Firefighters / Postal Club - Craft Fair and Burgoo