



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 MATT WILLIS



Members all,

It's been a great summer and now we're heading into the Fall. Before we leave it however, there are some things that I'd like to mention.

First, I have to thank our Pool Committee, led by Ellie Dyer, Manager. She and her team have done an amazing job of keeping the pool and pool area well maintained and staffed.

Second, I want to thank Becky Matthys and Ray Bensko for taking care of our grounds. Your daily care of our front entrance area including the flowers, shrubs and trees, along with mowing the entire property, makes our lodge look spectacular. We have received a lot of compliments from everyone who walks through our doors.

On August 8th, a group of us carried the Elks Garrison Flag in the ILLINOIS STATE FAIR TWILIGHT PARADE. It's a tradition that the Elks' has carried on for many years. I personally want to thank everyone who volunteered to help out. It was a fun evening and some of the volunteers stayed for the opening night of the fair, heading over to Vose Corn Dog stand, grabbing a lemon shakeup or an iced cold beverage from our distributors' tents. Best of all, we shared camaraderie with our fellow Elks and family members.

Our Sunday Fundays will end on September 1st and it's been a great season. I'd like to thank Glenda Cassens for booking all the artists. Every one of them was very talented and kept the crowd entertained. Thanks to our local food vendor, "Greenies Grill Food Truck" for serving good food at reasonable prices.

The End of Season Party on August 31st with Bustin Loose and Greenies Grill promises to be a great end to summer on the lake. Everyone is welcome. Don't forget that for all of our events, we need volunteers to help make them successful.

As you know, our Lodge has a kitchen that's open every day from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and we hope to continue that schedule

as long as our members and guests frequent the Walnut Room throughout the fall and winter months. We have football and basketball starting and the Walnut Room will be open to let our members enjoy the games with friends and family.

There are some changes being implemented to help our lodge continue to grow and serve our members. We will be issuing a revised menu with some increased pricing to help cover the rising costs of food and beverage. To help offset current and fast-rising expenses, a 3% surcharge/processing fee, also known as swipe fees, will be assessed on all credit/debit card purchases, effective immediately. Cash purchases will not be assessed this fee and an ATM is on site for your convenience.

Another change we've made is with the House Committee. We've revamped the committee to include some officers so

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/1 - Sunday Funday w/Rod Grant, 4 to 7pm
- 9/1 - Last Day for the Pool
- 9/2 - LABOR DAY OBSERVED
- 9/4 - Lodge Meeting, 7pm
- 9/5 - Ladies Meeting, 6:30pm
- 9/16 - PER Meeting (Cocktails 6pm; Dinner 6:30pm; Meeting 7pm)
- 9/16 - House Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- 9/17 - Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, 5:30pm (TRN club)
- 9/19-22 - IEA Convention, Wyndham Hotel
- 9/24 - Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30pm

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

RECURRING EVENTS EACH MONTH

- Every Monday: Wing Night Special, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- Every Monday: Queen of Hearts Drawing @ 7:00 p.m.
- 1st Monday: Lodge Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 3rd Monday: House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 4th Tuesday: Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 3rd Wednesday: Orientation 5:30 p.m./Initiation 7:00 p.m.

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



SECRETARY'S CORNER

By Stephanie Schwab-Parnell, PER



Matt Willis
Exalted Ruler

Christi Sullivan	Ray Zinnen
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Est. Loyal Knight	Inner Guard
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HOUSE COMMITTEE	TRUSTEES
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Tracy Robinson	
Chris Nation	

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ELK OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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Elks Lodge 158: <https://elks158.org/>

IEA: <https://illinoiselks.org/>

Facebook: Springfield Elks Lodge #158

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 - Sunday: 11 a.m. to close

KITCHEN

Hours of Operation

Monday through Sunday:

11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

POOL KITCHEN

Closed for the Fall & Winter Seasons

School has started!!!! Do not let that stop you from coming out to the Lodge. We have 108 delinquent members. Please pay your dues for the 2024-2025 Elk year. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Also, the next Orientation and Initiation will be Oct. 2nd. Ask a friend to join!!!

There are always volunteer opportunities at the Lodge. Contact ER Matt Willis and he can set you up.

If you have an address, phone number or email update, please let the Lodge Secretary know or call the office and leave a message with Cori.

CENTURY CLUB

Aug. 7th - Roxanna Schmidt-Gundy

Aug. 14th - Tom Spada

Aug. 21st - Barb Sallenger sold by RJ Sallenger

Aug. 28th - Kevin L Spencer

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

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

LODGE OF SORROW

John A Davis, Sr DOB: 12/09/1933 INIT: 11/20/1968 DOD: 08/19/2024

DONATE LIFE

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



The Elk-O-Gram Newsletter is a monthly publication for members of the Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 409 East Lake Drive, Springfield, IL, 62712. It is available through email, on our website (elks158.org), and is posted on our private Facebook page, Springfield Elks Lodge #158 (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/410598820800>). Please send updated contact information to bpoe158new@yahoo.com or to steph.schwab2@gmail.com



that they will become familiar with the day-to-day operations which will help improve our processes going forward. Our officers are eager to learn and ready to engage in more than just their initial duties as listed in the manual, and I'm proud to serve alongside them. I want to thank the outgoing HC members for their hard work and diligent efforts these past five months, and we appreciate all they've done.

This month we have the IEA State Meeting which is held from the 21st through the 24th. Everyone is invited to attend the workshops, hospitality suites, and dinner. If you're interested, see the details inside. Information is also in your State Newsette and online at <https://illinoiselks.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Elks-Newsette-Fall2024.pdf>

Looking ahead for the fall, you'll be seeing some fun events planned by the Activities Committee, the Elks Ladies, and the Lake Council of Clubs to which the 158 is a member. Watch Facebook and emails for everything Elks!

In closing, I would ask that all members get involved with the events and activities of the lodge. We all have something to offer, whether it be an idea, chairing or being a part of a committee, planning or assisting with a special dinner, brunch or breakfast; or just coming out to the lodge to enjoy all the amenities we have to offer.

"There is no such thing as a self-made man. You will reach your goals only with the help of others." George Shinn

Fraternally,
Matt Willis, Exalted Ruler

WALNUT ROOM HOURS: Every day: 11 a.m. to close.

KITCHEN HOURS:
11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day
Full menu items available



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

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 - See 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.)

ROUND UP FOR CHARITY

Elks 158 Round Up
For Charity

July/August/September '24
fundraising dollars are being
donated to



Supporting Children
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availability.



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Emergencies are
sometimes hard to
predict and recover
from. MOCN offers
individual support
services, parenting
classes, and more.



Basic Needs Pantry
Every day, the Nursery helps
families with diapers, wipes,
formula, and other children's
items. Access to the pantry
is at the side door of the
Nursery from 8 am until dark
every day.

Community Resources
Partnering with local groups and organizations to offer
Emergency Overnight Shelter, Emergency Day Shelter &
Rent/Utility Assistance, Transitional Housing, Meals,
Showers & Laundry, Daycare Assistance & Food Pantries.

<https://www.miniobeirne.org/>

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



A message from the Elks Ladies Plae Day Committee:

On behalf of the Committee, we want to thank all those who donated a Hole Sponsorship or Silent Auction item for our Annual Ladies Plae Day Golf Outing. We'd also like to thank Lincoln Greens & Golf Pro Lance Fury for a beautiful location for our outing. We can't forget our volunteers who helped with the event including the registration, setup and luncheon catered by Azteca Mexican Restaurant. Our committee included Barb Bolin, Diann Harbour, Joan Rogers, Juanita Formea, Kim Block, Julie Jannazzo, Michele Cimarossa-Chairman, and others who helped behind the scenes and who provided treats. Lastly, thanks to all who golfed in the tournament and participated all day. Congratulations to the winners! See the photo album located on the Elks Ladies Facebook page to check out all the fun!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/SjCvCycxz1KGkRAk/>



By Joan Shea-Rogers, President

With the end of the State Fair and schools are back in session I can't help but feel that our summer is winding down. While we have a bit of a break in the Elks Ladies' activities we are actually getting ready for our next events. We are looking into a fall bus trip to area breweries/wineries.

We also have some of our annual events coming up. On October 13, 2024 members of our Elks Lodge with support from the Elks Ladies host a Dinner/Dance for area Special Olympic athletes. The event will be held from noon - 4:00pm at the Lodge. This is such an enjoyable event. Not only does it provide a great opportunity for socialization, but it is our chance to honor the accomplishments of these athletes. Many of them have worked to overcome great hurdles (pun intended) in their endeavors. Please check out the flier and feel free to forward this to any of the Special Olympic athletes that may want to join us.

Save the Dates:

December 5, 2024: Elks Ladies Christmas Cocktail Party (friends and significant others ...yes the hubbies are welcome to this event!)

May 3, 2025 for the annual Elks Ladies Style Show. More details will be announced soon.

ELKS LADIES MEMBERSHIP:

Our annual dues are due each April. If you are a member and have not yet paid your dues, please do so at our next meeting or drop them at the lodge office with your contact information. I also want to welcome our new members and am looking forward to getting to know you all.

If you are not an Elk Ladies' member please consider joining us. You can come to a meeting (held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm) or text/call me to find out more. (Joan at 217-899-1325)



RUMBLE AROUND THE LAKE - THANK YOU'S

The Season's Final Rumble Around the Lake event was held on Wednesday, July 31st at the Lodge. Although the weather delayed our setup, we started on time, and the weather turned out great. We want to thank everyone for coming out to support the charity, the lodge, the vendors, the Boy Scouts Troop 58 & the Band - Branded. Thanks to the National Bikers Roundup group for coming out to enjoy the festivities.

A special thanks to our committee and volunteers who made it all possible. Gordon Gibbs, Jeff Rodier, Sandy Begue, Debbie Campbell-Smith, Rusty Gentry, Diane Handy-Holler, William Chip Daugherty, Emily Deakin-Harmony, Belinda Warner, Tracy Austif Robinson, Bryan Robinson, Joe Serra, Sandra Mate, Steve and Stacy Goldsberry, William Beck, Bill Coons, Jan Cimarossa, John Freeman, Bobby Edwards, Ethan Edwards, Becky Hays, Barb Scharmer, Julie Spradlin, Mitch Ruger, Dave Leonard, Darrell Felts, Gina Maggio Siddens, Shannon Gross, Lenny & Becky Sagle, Amanda Jo Bubonic, Cathy Long, & Sam Cooper, and a few others who wanted to remain anonymous.

We had the most help we've ever had for a Rumble, and we appreciate everyone's assistance and commitment to the Elks and the Charities we support.

We also appreciate the Lake's Rumble Planning Committee of Adam Pallai, Jarrad Smith, Cathy Baulos, & Lezlie Hearn for their continued commitment to the RATL's success at all participating lake clubs.

The Committee will be announcing the total dollars raised over the season and will be given to the charity in the very near future.

To see more photos, check out our private Facebook page (Springfield Elks Lodge #158 - "RUMBLE AROUND THE LAKE 2024" album.)

Fraternally,
John N. Begué, Jr., RATL Chairman &
Matt Willis, Exalted Ruler

FB Event Link: <https://fb.me/e/4zIXh6Iqc>





BPOE Lodge 158 is proudly sponsoring:

DINNER & DANCE
OCTOBER 13, 2024

for Special Olympics Illinois Athletes
at 409 East Lake Shore Dr, Springfield IL

Welcoming all athletes, coaches, parents, siblings,
and supporters of Special Olympics. Let's celebrate our athletes!

Mostaccioli & Pizza

Served with salad & sugar free desserts
Serving: NOON-1:30PM
Entertainment by DJ Wendel: Noon-4PM
RSVP by 10/11/24

\$5

Per Person



Please RSVP to Alice by emailing alicef819@aol.com or by texting 217-836-3679.
RSVP's requested by 10/11/2024.

SOCIAL/ACTIVITIES TEAM

By Angela Zinnen & Belinda Warner

The Social/Activities Team 2024-2025 will meet in late September. Please watch Facebook and emails for updates.

Springfield Elk's #158

Invite its Elk Family to the

Lake Springfield Council's Trunk or Treat
(various lake clubs) starting time TBA

And then return to the Elks' for

First Annual

Elk's Family Fall Festival

Starting at 4 till 7 pm



"Welcome to the Elks!

Please enjoy our
delicious house-made
food items every day of
the week, and thank you
for supporting the 158"

Chef Chip Daugherty
Kitchen Manager



Wild Wing Weekend
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Don't see everyone's flaws.
Don't listen to everything you're told.
Don't speak if it's not kind.



Always look for the good in others.
Avoid gossip and communication that puts others down.
Speak words that edify and encourage with love.



Illinois Elks Association
FALL CONFERENCE

September 19-22, 2024 Springfield – Wyndham Hotel

Thursday, September 19, 2024

11:30 AM-5:00 PM Convention Office
 1:00 PM-4:00 PM Executive Committee

Friday, September 20, 2024

7:00 AM-5:00 PM Convention Office
 8:00 AM-10:00 AM Executive Committee
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Convention Committee
 12:00 PM-7:00 PM Convention Registration
 1:00 PM-4:00 PM Advisory Committee

Saturday, September 21, 2024

6:30 AM-6:00 PM	Convention Office	Plaza 4
7:00 AM-12:00 PM	Convention Registration	Mezzanine
7:30 AM-9:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting & Training - Continental	Plaza 3
8:00 AM-9:30 AM	Lodge Trustee Training/Accident Prevention/Insurance	Prairie
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	District Deputies & Esquires - Continental	Conference Ctr 2
8:00 AM-12:00 AM	Leading Knights Training	Rendezvous
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Exalted Rulers Meet w/ Executive Committee	Ambassador
9:30 AM-11:30 AM	Ritual Committee & Competition	Embassy
10:00 AM-11:00 AM	New Lodge	Conference Ctr 1
10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Membership/Lapsation/Lodge Activities/Indoctrination	Prairie
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	Ladies' Luncheon <i>Salad: Asian Pear & Arugula Entrée: Pasta with Pumpkin Brown Butter Sauce & Turkey Dessert: Pumpkin Ginger Snap Tiramisu Cost: Pre Reg-\$20.00/ Onsite \$25.00</i>	Highland Room
1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Elks National Foundation	Plaza 3
1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Youth Activities & Antlers	Conference Ctr 4
1:00 PM-2:30 PM	Publication Corp/Website Monitoring/Public Relations	Conference Ctr 2
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Hoop/Soccer Shoots	Plaza 1
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Secretaries' Association	Ambassador
1:00 PM-4:00 PM	PGER Meet with Lodges & Individuals	Conference Ctr 3
1:00 PM-5:00 PM	Ritual Clinic	Embassy
2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Americanism	Plaza 3
2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Athletic Commission	Conference Ctr 4
2:30 PM-4:00 PM	Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation	Conference Ctr 2
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Drug Awareness Program	Conference Ctr 4
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Lodge Treasurers	Ambassador
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Scholarship Selection	Plaza 3
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Veterans Service Commission	Plaza 1
5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Illinois Elks Association - Reception	Capitol/Illinois/Prairie
5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Illinois Elks Children's Care Social	Rendezvous
6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Illinois Elks Association - Dinner <i>Salad: Ceasar Salad Entrée: Meat Lasagna with Green Beans & Garlic Bread Cost: Pre-registration \$40.00/On-site \$45.00 Dress: Business Suit</i>	Capitol/Illinois/Prairie

Sunday, September 22, 2024

7:00 AM-10:00 AM	Convention Office	Plaza 4
7:30 AM-8:00 AM	Room Reservations for the Mid-Winter Meeting	Capitol/Illinois
8:00 AM-10:30 AM	General Business Session	Capitol/Illinois

REGISTRATION

All Elks, male & female, Must Register for meeting functions: **FEES:** Pre-Registration \$10.00/ On-site \$20.00. **Pre-Registration deadline is September 4, 2024. FORM ON PAGE 5.**

By pre-registering for the convention, Ladies' Luncheon and banquet, you will give the Credentials Committee time to make sure your credentials will be waiting for you at the check-in desk and will also assist the Convention Committee in working with the Wyndham in planning the workshops, Luncheon and banquet.

Registration Badges are necessary to attend ALL functions, including hospitality rooms.

ROOM RESERVATIONS Room Cancellation cut off will be August 22, 2024.

All mailings must be postmarked prior to the above date to avoid additional late charges. Rooms cancelled after the above date will forfeit their deposit.

HOSPITALITY ROOMS

The Hospitality room assignments will be determined by the pre-registration numbers per district excluding the State President's Area. The remaining District Hospitality Rooms will be assigned following the close of Pre-Registration then sent to the Jr. Trustee.

All Hospitality Rooms shall be **CLOSED** from 5:00 pm until the conclusion of the banquet on Saturday, September 21, 2024, and during all Business sessions.

No one will be permitted in the hospitality rooms without proper convention credentials. Those not displaying proper credentials WILL be required to leave.

Covid-19 Guidelines for the Fall Meeting can be found on the IL Elks website. Precautions and guidelines are the same as previous meetings. Please take care and do not attend meeting if you are feeling ill or exhibiting any symptoms. Let's keep everyone safe and healthy.

IEA MEETING INFORMATION



Fall Convention Sept 19 - 22, 2024
Springfield IL – Wyndham Hotel

Pre-Registration
Deadline
Sept 4, 2024

Scott Flota, Chairman
Credentials Committee
P.O. Box 1484
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
scottflota@gmail.com

Pre-Registration
Deadline
Sept 4, 2024

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ILLINOIS ELKS ASSOCIATION

Please make a reservation for the following:

Pre – registration - \$10.00 After Sept 4, 2024 - \$20.00

ELK#1: Non-Elk Spouse:

ELK#2: (Only if spouse of Elk #1) :

Lodge: No. : Dist. :

Title ELK#1:

(To be typed on Convention Badge)

Title ELK#2:

(To be typed on Convention Badge)

Registration Fee @ \$10.00 ALL ELKS (Male and Female) \$:
If both male and female are members
Both pay fee (**no exceptions**)

Ladies luncheon @ Price \$20 / *\$25 \$:

Saturday Evening Banquet @ \$40 / *\$45 \$:

Total Amount Enclosed \$

*Cost of meal if check received post marked after Sept 4, 2024 or purchased on-site

Home Address:

City: Zip:

Phone: E-mail:

UPCOMING EVENTS • OCTOBER

- Wed Oct 2 Orientation/Initiation/Lodge Meeting,
5:30 PM/7 PM
- Thur Oct 3 Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Tues Oct 8 Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM
- Sat Oct 12 IEA Soccer Shoot (Pavilion)
- Sun Oct 13 Special Olympics Dinner/Dance
- Mon Oct 14 Columbus Day (Holiday)
- Tues Oct 15 Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, TRN,
5:30 PM
- Mon Oct 21 House Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Tues Oct 22 Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Sat Oct 26 Halloween Booze Cruise SOLD OUT
- Sun Oct 27 Trunk or Treat, 12 (or 1) to 4 PM
(awaiting confirmation)
- Sun Oct 27 First Annual Elks Family Fall Festival,
4 to 7 PM
- Sun Oct 27 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard League starts
- Tues Oct 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

UPCOMING EVENTS • NOVEMBER

- Sun Nov 3 Daylight Savings Time (Fall back)
- Tues Nov 5 ELECTION DAY (General)
- Wed Nov 6 Lodge Meeting, 7 PM / DD Visit
- Thur Nov 7 Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Fri Nov 10 Veterans Day Luncheon, 11 AM
- Sat Nov 11 VETERANS DAY
- Tues Nov 14 Life Screening
- Wed Nov 15 (Tentative) Orientation/Initiation/Lodge
Meeting, 5:30 PM / 7 PM
- Sun Nov 17 Elksgiving Dinner
- Mon Nov 18 House Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Mon Nov 18 PER Dinner/Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Tues Nov 26 Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Thur Nov 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING



POOL NOTICE

The Pool is closed for the season and will reopen
Memorial weekend 2025



PER Association Meeting

The next meeting of the PER Association will be held on Monday, Sept. 16, 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.



BREAKING NEWS



Book your parties with us! From wedding receptions to graduations, 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



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-Lodge-158-Public-Page-713954502324222/.



Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing Message from Alice & Bill Beck



Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing

The next mailing date for our “hero’s” will be held on Tuesday, September 17th at approximately 5:30 p.m. to start setting up, and will start packing at 6:00. Pot luck after the packing is completed. Hope to see you there, we need your support

My beautiful great niece serving our country in the US Air Force. Love from your Auntie...



In need of supplies! If you can donate goodies, please do. You can drop items off at the Elks 158 Lodge, or my front porch.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO DONATE:

Razors, shaving cream (NO AEROSOL OR PRESSURIZED 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, Ibuprofen (no aspirin), 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, Aspirin, electric cigarettes, marijuana, Horror comics, pornographic material, Pork & pork by products, Battery powered items (batteries must be removed).

Email: SpringfieldCaresSoldierMailing@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.springfieldcares.com>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/334759989936203/?ref=share&mibextid=NSMWBT>



**Shaping Tomorrow's Healthcare Leaders
with IECC Scholarships**

Let's remember the importance of investing in your education and your future therapy career. The IECC scholarship program empowers individuals pursuing careers in therapy to create brighter futures in healthcare, making a lasting impact on children's lives and communities, regardless of location. Join us in inspiring future leaders. Learn about IECC scholarships at Illinois Elks Children's Care: Click on "Forms" for scholarship applications, or connect with your local Elks Lodge at www.illinoiselksccc.org

FIND ALL FORMS on our Website @
<http://www.illinoiselksccc.org/forms.html>

- 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
- 2024-2025 LYDIA MILLER SPECIAL EDUCATION MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
- 2024-2025 SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

CALENDAR: RECOGNIZING LABOR DAY

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans and is celebrated with parties, street parades and athletic events.

Labor Day originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages.

Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified.

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
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- Robinson Clinic
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ALL CLINIC DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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From Glenda Cassens

It's almost scholarship season! Applications for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship opened on August 1. If you know any incoming high school seniors, encourage them to apply!

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Eligibility:

Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.

No relation to the Elks is necessary to win one of these scholarships, which range from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year. High school graduates are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

DEADLINE IS NOV. 12, 2024 at 11:59 Pacific Time

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

Want to learn more? Go to <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>



Each year, the Elks National Foundation strives to grant more money back to each state than it received from that state in donations. These grants help fund the state Elks associations' major charitable projects, which include aid for people with disabilities, cancer research, children's hospitals, youth camps, and safe havens for abused families. The state associations also use these grants to fund their Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Drug Awareness, scholarship and veterans service programs, as well as other charitable and philanthropic projects.



This year, the Elks National Foundation will grant nearly \$11.2 million to the state Elks associations. To learn how ENF is helping your state, click here: <https://www.elks.org/enf/yourstate.cfm>

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS

So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them. Last year, members of the Fidelity Club took this pledge to heart by donating over \$130,000 to the Elks National Veterans Service Commission.

To see these donations in action, visit the Elks National Veterans Service Commission's YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@elksnationalveterans-servic769>



Banquet Room available for rental!

Springfield Elks Lodge offers its members a banquet room for parties, gatherings or other events for the member and their guests. The room is reasonably priced. We provide a full range of beverages for your group at our service bar. If you would like to consider our services, contact the Lodge today at 217-529-0158 or email springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com.



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DID YOU KNOW that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was almost named after the Buffalo instead of the Elk?!

When George F. McDonald brought forth the notion that the Order transition to a benevolent fraternal organization, the members agreed to change the name the Jolly Corks. Thinking of The British Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffalos, Charles A. Vivian, founder of the Order, suggested that the Jolly Corks rename themselves the "Buffalos." However, some members were hesitant, preferring a "distinctively American" symbol and title for their new organization.

In Brother Detweiler's book, he states that the suggestion of the name initially arose from their admiration for a fine elk's head in the Barnum's Museum.



Later, the members visited the Cooper Institute Library where they stumbled across a piece of natural history describing the elk as an animal that is "fleet on foot, timororous of wrong, but ever ready to combat in defense of self." This description of the animal appealed to the members as a fitting representation for their order's mission.

On February 16th 1868, the committee reccomended that the Jolly Corks be merged into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The motion passed with an 8 to 7 vote.

W.L. Bowron was in favor of the "Buffalo" initially but changed his mind and became the deciding vote. The "Elks" saw victory and Charles A. Vivian had to accept the Elk over the Buffalo.

LAKE SPRINGFIELD EVENTS • 2024

SEPTEMBER

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

SEPTEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

From the Kitchen: Salad, Sandwich & “Wrap of the Week” served everyday. “Soup of the Day” with everyday specials.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Sunday Funday, 4-7P: Rod Grant Kitchen is open from 11A to 4P; Wild Wing Weekend	2 LABOR DAY Last Day for the Pool	3 Menu: Fried Chicken	4 Lodge Meeting, 7P Menu: Chef's Choice	5 Ladies Meeting, 6:30P, Lodge Room Menu: Country-Fried Steak; Chicken Fried Chicken; Pork Tenderloin	6 Menu: Deluxe Fish Sandwich & Fries (all day); Steak Night (Dinner 5 to 9P)	7 Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P; Wild Wing Weekend
8 Kitchen is open from 11A to 4P; Wild Wing Weekend	9 Kitchen is open from 11A to 4P; Wild Wing Weekend	10 Menu: Fried Chicken	11 Menu: Chef's Choice	12 Menu: Country-Fried Steak; Chicken Fried Chicken; Pork Tenderloin	13 Menu: Deluxe Fish Sandwich & Fries (all day); Pasta Night (Dinner 5 to 9P)	14 Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P; Wild Wing Weekend
15 Kitchen is open from 11A to 4P; Wild Wing Weekend	16 House Committee Meeting, 5:30P PER Meeting (Cocktails 6P; Dinner 6:30P; Meeting 7P) Kitchen is open from 11A to 4P; Wild Wing Weekend	17 Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, 5:30P (TRN club) Menu: Fried Chicken	18 Menu: Chef's Choice	19 IEA Convention, Wyndham Hotel Menu: Country-Fried Steak; Chicken Fried Chicken; Pork Tenderloin	20 EOG articles to Editor deadline Menu: Deluxe Fish Sandwich & Fries (all day); Pasta Night (Dinner 5 to 9P)	21 Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P; Wild Wing Weekend
22 IEA Convention, Wyndham Hotel (Last Day) Kitchen is open from 11A to 4P; Wild Wing Weekend	23 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30P Menu: Fried Chicken	24 Menu: Fried Chicken	25 Menu: Chef's Choice	26 Menu: Country-Fried Steak; Chicken Fried Chicken; Pork Tenderloin	27 Menu: Deluxe Fish Sandwich & Fries (all day); Steak Night (Dinner 5 to 9P)	28 Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P; Wild Wing Weekend
29 Kitchen is open from 11A to 4P; Wild Wing Weekend	30 Menu: Wing Special, 5-9P	OCTOBER 1 Menu: Fried Chicken	2 Menu: Chef's Choice	3 Menu: Country-Fried Steak; Chicken Fried Chicken; Pork Tenderloin	4 Menu: Deluxe Fish Sandwich & Fries (all day)	5 Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P