



# 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,

Summer at the Lodge ended on Labor Day. The pool closed on September 2nd, and has been cleaned and covered for the winter. Thanks to Southern Ledge for maintaining the pool all summer. We hosted our End of Summer Party, last Sunday Funday of the season, and a Labor Day Party for our members. It was a busy weekend but a lot of fun!

We attended the IEA State Convention which was held at the Wyndham Hotel in downtown Springfield. There were seminars, committee meetings, training sessions, and of course the Hospitality rooms. These rooms were hosted by the various districts throughout the state, and each served food and drinks. It's always a great time to meet new Elks members, and those from other districts. Among those who attended were some of our officers, PERs, District Officers, our State President Roger Quinn and Wisconsin 1st Vice-President. Scholarships were awarded at the Banquet; lodges presented funds to ENF and our State Major Project - Illinois Children's Care Corporation.

Although the summer has almost ended, we are looking forward to what Fall brings. We post and send e-blasts daily so that you can see upcoming lodge and community events. With that said, we need volunteers to help fulfill our commitment to support our efforts. Please volunteer! Our programs provide assistance to the needy in the community, including children, Veterans and those currently serving in the Military, and more. Thanks to all those who volunteer to help make the lodge successful. If you are unable to volunteer, please come out and support the Lodge.

We have so much to offer including some of the best food and beverages at reasonable prices. We also have some of the best employees. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and loyalty in serving our members. Although some are not members, they have volunteered to help with some of our fundraisers, and we appreciate it. All in all, we have great people at the 158, and I'm proud to serve as ER this year.

*"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." – DeAnn Hollis*

Fraternally yours,  
Matt Willis, Exalted Ruler

### OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wed Oct 2 Orientation/Initiation/Lodge Meeting, 5:30 PM/7 PM
- Thur Oct 3 Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Sun Oct 6 Bartenders' Meeting, 9:30 AM
- Tues Oct 8 Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM
- Wed Oct 9 House Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Sat Oct 12 IEA Soccer Shoot (Pavilion)
- Sun Oct 13 Special Olympics Dinner/Dance
- Sun Oct 13 Fall Cleanup Day, 8 AM
- Mon Oct 14 Columbus Day (Holiday)
- Tues Oct 15 Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, TRN, 5:30 PM
- Tues Oct 15 Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM
- Tues Oct 22 Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Tues Oct 22 Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM
- Sat Oct 26 Halloween Booze Cruise SOLD OUT
- Sun Oct 27 Trunk or Treat, 12:30 to 4 PM
- Sun Oct 27 First Annual Elks Family Fall Festival, 4 to 7 PM
- Sun Oct 27 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard League, 2 PM
- Tues Oct 29 Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM
- Tues Oct 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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

### RECURRING EVENTS EACH MONTH

- 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

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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

The Elk year is in full swing. There will be an Orientation and Initiation on October 2nd for the following candidates: Gene Boston, Amanda Cartwright, Taylor Harmon, Jeremy Hinds, Stacy McCue, Ty Mundkenke, Randy Pettus, Deborah Reider, Jenny Riegler, John Rivera and Kim Rockford. As always, ask a friend or family member to join the Lodge.

December 1st, the Lodge will be holding their Annual Memorial Service for absent members. The following members will be remembered: Peter Campo, Daniel Morehead, James Vitton Sr, Ron Stone, Bhikkhu Mahinda, Greg Park, Charles Sharpe, Thomas Spada, James Knox, Michael McIntyre, Michael E. Boyer, John A Davis, Sr, William M. Harbour and John Phillipich.

Regardless of the paths their lives may have taken, they are never forgotten, never forsaken.

Remember the time you have with your loved ones is unknown. Always cherish the memories.

**CENTURY CLUB**

Sept 4th - Don McCarthy

Sept 11th - Floyd Yeck Jr

Sept 18th - Ray Zinnen

Sept 25th - Bob Blunk

**LODGE OF SORROW**

Thomas Spada	09/29/1946	09/07/2022	05/09/2024
James Knox	07/28/1947	09/21/1983	06/03/2024
Michael E. Boyer	11/29/1947	10/20/2015	08/15/2024
William M. Harbour	01/08/1951	06/05/1996	08/29/2024
John Phillipich	01/09/1924	06/20/1956	09/24/2024

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

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

**DONATE LIFE**

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



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**SUNDAY FUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD**  
 Games start at 2:00 pm every Sunday  
 (Sign up at 1:00 pm)  
**\$5.00 entry fee each week**  
 Open to ALL Members & Guests!  
 Games will continue as long as there are players!  
 FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
 Contact Belinda Warner @ 217-494-1294 for more information!

A Message from Belinda Warner, Coordinator:

Sunday Funday Shuffleboard kicks off on Sunday, October 27th.

Guys/Gals, the sign up starts at 1pm, games start at 2pm w/a blind draw. \$5.00 entry fee.

Come early (noon), practice on the board, watch the NFL big games on the big screens, and enjoy our fresh hot popcorn and iced cold beverages.

*Bring your family and friends out for a Funday on Sunday!!!*

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.

ROUND UP FOR CHARITY

Elks 158 Round Up For Charity  
October/November/December '24

OUR VALUES:  
Family, Community, Health, and Safety

It is our mission at Fifth Street Renaissance to assist individuals and families in difficult situations. We provide resources, transitional housing, opportunities to develop job skills and acquire education, and aid in securing employment. Our aim is to support our clients as they reclaim their self-sufficiency and wellbeing.



Fifth Street Renaissance

Housing & Services for Veterans  
•Spring Street Veterans Renaissance  
•Veterans Family Renaissance  
•Veterans Pantry

Outreach Programs  
•Nightreach Program  
•Pandemic Health Navigator Program  
•COVID Vaccination Outreach  
•Wraparound Services for COVID Vaccination Events  
•Nasal Narcan Training and Distribution  
•Hepatitis B Outreach

Housing Programs  
•Transitional Housing Program  
•Housing Advocacy Service (DCFS Norman Program)  
•Illinois Statewide Housing Program (ISHOP)  
•Cook Street Renaissance

Youth Service Program  
This program is contracted through the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The program assists youth (17-21 years old) who are former wards of the state to prevent them from becoming homeless or assist with other issues of homelessness which are a result of being released from the state's foster care system.

<https://www.fsr-sara.org/>



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.)

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

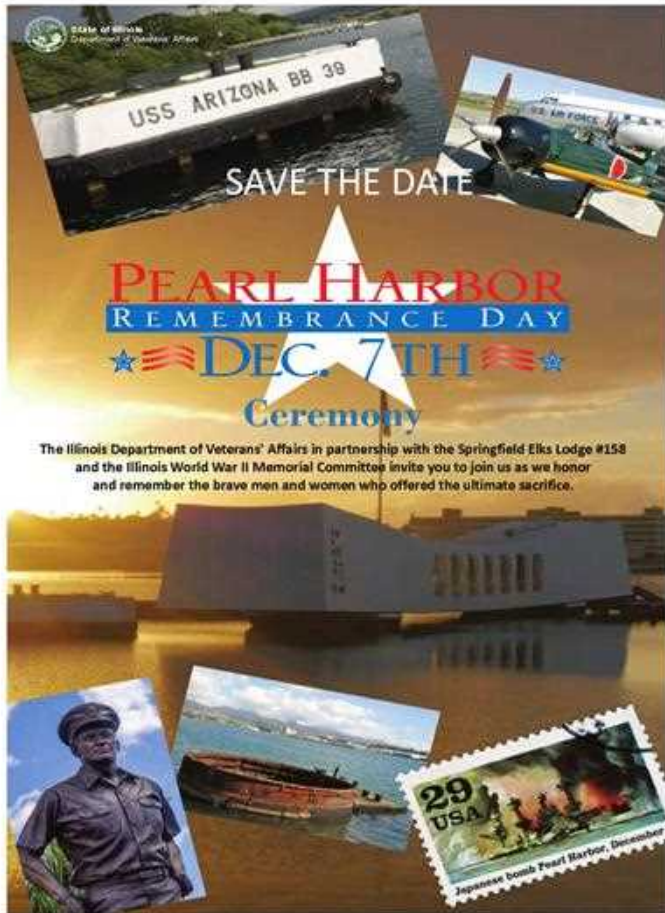
## SAVE THE DATE



## ELKS LADIES #158



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: 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)



Springfield Elks Lodge #158 is hiring!! We are looking for a part time bartender for evenings and weekends. Stop by the Lodge and pick up an application located just outside the office. For more information contact House Chairperson Stacy Goldesberry.

Email - [springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com)  
Phone - 217-529-0158



Hello Elks Family! The Springfield Jaycees are excited to announce the date for the 2024 Holiday Lights Parade: “We look forward to kicking off the season with our lighted parade and are working on making it bigger and better!”

The Garrison Flag will once again be carried in this year’s Jaycees Holiday Lights Parade in downtown Springfield. We need at least 30 people to carry the flag & banner; and to help hand out candy and small flags. The Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. You may also sign up (comment) on the event post. Bring your festive gear and join us as we ring in the holiday season!

**Parade Route:** The route will follow west on Jefferson starting at 7th Street, turn south on 5th, east on Monroe, north on 6th and end at 6th and Washington. We’ll stage/meet between 4:45 and 5:00 p.m. near the corner of 7th and Jefferson Streets across from Horace Mann Parking Lot. Please dress appropriately for the weather including gloves and hats, as we’ll be outside for a few hours.

Stay tuned for updates via the event posts or e-blasts.

Facebook Event Post:  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/biSUMeCk-6WVLTpDA/>

Contact Tracy Robinson at 217-529-0158 or email [springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com)



Springfield Elks Lodge #158 is hosting our local ELKS HOOP SHOOT at Grant Middle School on November 16th. Set-up at 8 a.m., Registration at 9 a.m. & contest starts promptly at 10 a.m.

The Elks Hoop Shoot is back on the court for another great season in 2024-25. Hoop Shoot has been unleashing gritty kids for over 50 years. The Elks Hoop Shoot is an annual Free Throw Program for youth ages 8-13; both boys and girls. By the youth working their way up from the local Lodge contest all the way to the National Finals in Chicago. This program is free to the contestants.

Contestants don’t have to be the fastest, biggest, or strongest athlete on the court to sink free throws. The Elks National Foundation and the entire Hoop Shoot team nationwide are committed to making the contest fully inclusive, equitable, and safe for all our participants and volunteers.

Contestants must be at least 8 years and no older than 13 years as of April 1, 2025 to participate. Contestants compete in one of six divisions:

- Boys, ages 8-9 & Girls, ages 8-9;
- Boys, ages 10-11 & Girls, ages 10-11;
- Boys, ages 12-13 & Girls, ages 12-13.

We welcome and encourage all eligible youth to give the Elks Hoop Shoot a shot. A Parental information letter and attachments will be sent out approximately 3 weeks prior to the event.

Each Hoop Shoot contest is so much more than a fun day at the basketball court, but it also provides kids with the opportunity to persevere through adversity experience, sportsmanship, and accomplishment of their goals.

In addition, volunteers are needed to assist in the areas of judging (6), scorekeeping (4), referees (2), registration (2), and setup. We could use a few extra volunteers to help out in all areas, if needed. Contact me if you’re interested.

Thank you.  
 Debbie Smith, Elks Hoop Shoot Coordinator  
 217-971-5179 (cell) [Picturepride@AOL.com](mailto:Picturepride@AOL.com)



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS DINNER & DANCE



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](mailto:alicef819@aol.com) or by texting 217-836-3679.  
RSVP's requested by 10/11/2024.



## QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

- ✓ Drawings held every Monday at 7PM!
- ✓ \$5 per ticket!  
(buy as many as you'd like)
- ✓ Tickets sold ONLY on Mondays, prior to the drawing each week!

**Contact Christi Sullivan  
for more information!**

Members, spouses/significant others on file, & widows with an Elks Membership Card & Official I.D. will be allowed to play!



## Wild Wing Weekend ELKS LODGE 158 SAT-SUN-MON

### SAUCES

Garlic Parmesan, BBQ, Hot, Daytona,  
Sweet Red Chili & Buffalo

### DRY RUBS

Dusted, Nashville Hot & Lemon Pepper

### NAKED

6 for \$8.00 or 12 for \$15.00

SERVING 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Try our Boneless Wings – 8 for \$10.00

Available in all flavors as listed above

Dine In or Take Out!

(Call 217-529-0158 to order)

# VETERANS DAY PARADE



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 @ 10:00 am

Please honor our Veterans by volunteering to help carry The Elks American Flag (The Garrison); the largest flag in Springfield's Parades.

Sign-up Sheet (to help carry the flag) will be placed on the bulletin board outside the Walnut Room. To sign up by phone, contact Tracy Robinson at 217-529-0158 or email [springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com).

Check FB posts and e-blasts for updates and/or cancellation.

Staging begins at 10:00 a.m. between 9th & 11th Streets, on Capitol Avenue. We are on our own for parking. Step-off between 10:30-11:00 am.

Parade will march down Capitol Avenue to the Capitol Building, where we will veer left on 2nd Street, stop and fold the flag for its return to the lodge.

\*Dress appropriately for the weather.



**VETERANS DAY PARADE**  
Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Step-off between 10:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Parade begins at 11<sup>th</sup> & Capitol Streets  
Lineup at 10 a.m.  
We are on our own for parking  
"ELKS WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR VETERANS"

Contact Tracy Robinson  
at 217-529-0158  
Email: [springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com)

Sign-up Sheet on bulletin board  
outside the Walnut Room  
(We need 30+ volunteers to  
Help carry the Garrison Flag)

Logos on the left: UNITED STATES ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.  
Logos on the right: UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, UNITED STATES NAVY, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD 1790, AIR NATIONAL GUARD.



# Council of Lake Springfield Clubs



For more information contact  
Willow Cliburn at  
[willowcliburn17@gmail.com](mailto:willowcliburn17@gmail.com)

**Sunday, 10-27-24 ~ 12:30pm to 4pm**

*Lake Clubs (Adults): Decorate your vehicles, trunks, truck beds, and park in your club's designated area/parking lot. Clubs can also decorate/create a Haunted Room (Haunted House). Kid-friendly costumes are encouraged. Please be ready by 12:30 pm  
RSVP: Vehicle Owners' Sign-up Sheets will be available at each club*



Awards for the  
Best Decorated  
Vehicles/Trunks:  
(Scariest, Funniest  
& Most Original)

**New Award for the most  
participation (entries)**

## HaLLOWEeN FREE FaMiLy FuN EvEnT

Sunday, October 27th 12:30-4:00pm.

Attention Members! Bring out those decorated jeeps, trucks, cars, SUVs, or whatever you drive, and park them in the designated area of our parking lot. Feel free to wear kid-friendly costumes. Please be ready to go by 12:30 (start time). Don't forget to bring treats/candy (pre-packaged, store bought). Some may want to bring sugar-free candies or non-food items such as spider rings, etc.

The list of Participating Clubs & an Interactive Map will be sent out one week prior to the event, and will be placed on the Facebook page as well.

Awards for the Best Decorated Vehicle/Trunk (Scariest, Funniest, & Most Original) will be given out to the winners. This year, the Council has added

a special award for the "Most Participation" (the most number of decorated vehicles). So let's have a good showing.

The Lodge is planning to create a Haunted House and we'll need volunteers to help set up and decorate this family-friendly monster maze!

We are looking forward to another great year of fun for all.

Stay for our Fall Festival, which starts at 4 p.m. (see Page 9 for more information).

If you have questions, contact Stacy Goldesberry at 217-529-0158 or email [springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com).




## EDDIE FISHER MEMORIAL



Members all: On December 21, 2024, we will be delivering Christmas baskets to needy families in our local communities. We are excited to partner with Humphrey's Market again this year! Our main fundraiser for this event will be the Eddy Fisher Memorial Christmas Baskets Program Raffle, which will be held at the December Lodge Meeting on December 4, 2024. Prizes for the raffle will be one \$500 cash prize, three \$100 cash prizes, and five \$50 cash prizes.

This is a wonderful tradition, which has been carried on by the Lodge for many years, and is one that we would like to see carried on for many years to come. Please help make this another successful year by selling or purchasing the 4 raffle tickets that were mailed to you recently, and make a meaningful gift to the community.

Also mailed with the tickets was an application for those in need of the baskets. Please complete the application and include as many families as possible. We need your assistance to make this happen. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our Lodge and of our community.



**Eddy Fisher Memorial  
Christmas  
Food Baskets**

**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
8 a.m.**

**Breakfast provided to  
volunteers who help fill the  
baskets & those who help  
deliver them**

**Contact Ai Mikels, Chairperson  
Elks Office at 217-529-0158**

(For needy families in our community)

Please also plan to join us at the December 4, 2024 Lodge Meeting and again on December 21, 2024 to fill the baskets and deliver them to those in the community whose holiday may be made brighter by your kindness and generosity. We need all of your support to make this successful.

If you have any questions, contact the lodge office phone number (217-529-0158) or email address (springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com)

Elks Care, Elks Share!

Fraternally yours,  
Ali Mikels, Chairperson



**Family  
Event**

# Fall Family Festival

## Sunday, Oct. 27th

### 4:00 – 7:00pm

**Food, Movie, Activities & a Special Drawing**

**Movie - Ghostbusters**  
Small Pumpkin Ball Toss  
Witches Hat Ring Toss  
Bags

Family vs. Family Hoop Crawl  
Family vs. Family Pumpkin Match  
Choppin' for Apples  
Tattoos

Eew n Goo Name That Food  
Small Bounce House  
S'mores & more!

**Contact Stacy Goldesberry @ 217-725-0811**  
Email: [stacy.goldesberry@gmail.com](mailto:stacy.goldesberry@gmail.com)

## ELKS LODGE #158 "FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL" Sunday, October 27th, 4 to 7 p.m.

*(Starts immediately following the CLSC Trunk or Treat event.)*

Open to members and their families.

(If you're traveling to the various clubs involved in the Lake Council's Trunk or Treat event from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., you may want to make Elks the last stop on the route, so that you can stay for the fun!)

Indoor/Outdoor - Dress appropriately for the weather

**FOOD, MOVIE, GAMES, SPECIAL DRAWING, PRIZES  
& MORE!**

*Some of our fun activities include:*

Movie - Ghostbusters • Choppin' for Apples  
Small pumpkin ball toss • Ring toss Bags  
Family vs. Family Hoop Crawl • Tattoos  
Eew n Goo Name that Food • Witches hat  
Small bounce house • S'mores and more  
Family vs. Family Pumpkin Match  
Haunted House planning in the works!

We need volunteers to help with the event including setup prior to the event. Contact Stacy Goldesberry @ 217-725-0811 or Email: [stacy.goldesberry@gmail.com](mailto:stacy.goldesberry@gmail.com).

Facebook Event Post: <https://fb.me/e/CYWwC9sl7>

**UPCOMING EVENTS • NOVEMBER**



- Sun Nov 3 Daylight Savings Time (Fall back)
- Sun Nov 3 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard League, 2 PM
- Tues Nov 5 ELECTION DAY (General)
- Tues Nov 5 Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM
- Wed Nov 6 Lodge Meeting, 7 PM / DD Visit
- Thu Nov 7 Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Sun Nov 10 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard League, 2 PM
- Mon Nov 11 VETERANS DAY PARADE 10 AM
- Mon Nov 11 Veterans Day Luncheon, 12 PM
- Tues Nov 12 Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM
- Wed Nov 13 House Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Thu Nov 14 Life Screening
- Sun Nov 17 Elks giving Dinner
- Sun Nov 17 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard League, 2 PM
- Mon Nov 18 PER Dinner/Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Tues Nov 19 Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM
- Sun Nov 24 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard League, 2 PM

**PER Association Meeting**

The next meeting of the PER Association will be held on November 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.



**UPCOMING EVENTS • NOVEMBER**

SPRINGFIELD ELKS LODGE NO. 158 PRESENTS  
**Veterans Day Luncheon**

*Sign up sheet  
on bulletin  
board*



**ALL VETERANS INVITED!**

**RSVP no later than EOB**

**November 1, 2024**

Call 217-529-0158 or email  
springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 @ 12 PM (noon)**

**FALL CLEANUP DAY**



Sunday,  
10/13/2024  
starting @ 8 a.m.



A great  
opportunity for  
groups needing  
service hours



Please come out  
and participate!  
Bring your tools  
and talents!



**Sunday, 10/13/2024 starting @ 8 a.m.**

Please come out and participate!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP GET  
READY FOR OLE MAN WINTER!**

Bring your tools and talents!

A great opportunity for groups needing service hours.

Lunch Served to Volunteers!

Contact one of the Trustees for more information.

(Note: We are scheduling the work day until 1 noon, but if we get enough help, it may be completed earlier. Also note that some tasks may take longer due to the very nature of the project.)

Thank you,  
Jeff Burnett, Chairman  
Board of Trustees



**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](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/](http://www.facebook.com/Elks-Lodge-158-Public-Page-713954502324222/).



## Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing Message from Alice & Bill Beck



Another wonderful mailing on September 17th: 34 boxes going overseas.

So many thank-yous for this month's donations. We have our senior, dedicated volunteers that show up every month with bags of donations for our soldiers. This is true dedication and appreciated to the limits. God Bless each and every one of you.

There are outside denotations that come in periodically. For instance, a very dear friend handed a very generous donation just a few weeks ago - thank you Becky N - special blessings to you and yours. Amber E and her Mom went shopping the other day and brought boxes of goodies, it was so great to receive all these boxes

Our dear friend Jannita H showed up with her neighbor friend Tammy. Jaunita can't see, so she asked her neighbor and friend if she would bring her to our Springfield Mailings. It's fun describing to Juanita who all is putting the tables together, and what they are doing. And Lou H, she pops in every once in a while, with a good size box full of goodies, such a sweetie.

In the past couple of months we have had a few new volunteers that have shown up and are so very needed, those being David and MaryBeth B, and Mary Jo B. For those that I have not mentioned please forgive me. A special thanks to all of those that have donated to the Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, Inc. God Bless.

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.

*See Page 12 for suggestions.*

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Website: <http://www.springfieldcares.com>  
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*"Alpha Troop, you're trained, you're ready and, you're professionals," Col. (P) Lenny Williams, Assistant Adjutant General – Army, and Commander of the Illinois Army National Guard, told the Soldiers from 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry mobilizing to deploy to the U.S. Africa Command area of responsibility during a ceremony at Pontiac Township High School, Pontiac, Sept. 7. Williams told the friends, families, and the deploying Soldiers that each deployment mission has its own unique requirements, but they all start with the same thing – Soldiers. "They all start with Soldiers standing up raising their right hand to serve something greater than yourselves," he said. "Not everyone is willing to do this. As a matter of fact, very few are – you're part of the select few."*

The Soldiers are expected to be deployed about a year.





**THANK YOU**

The 'official closing' of the pool was September 22nd! Thank you to Southern Ledge for helping maintain the Elks 158 pool this summer! We appreciated their service!



**From the Editor:**  
**ARTICLES FOR THE EOG DUE BY THE 20th OF THE MONTH**  
 Email content to: [bpoel158news@yahoo.com](mailto:bpoel158news@yahoo.com)  
 If you know of any member who is not receiving the ELK-O-GRAM, please have them contact the lodge office at 217-529-0158 or email [springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com)

**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).

**FROM THE EDITOR**

A special article will be coming in November regarding the "Life of John Phillipich."



**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: Connect with your local Elks Lodge at [www.illinoiselksccc.org](http://www.illinoiselksccc.org)

FIND ALL FORMS at <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

**CCC 2024 CLINIC SCHEDULE**

**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

ALL CLINIC DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
For further information on clinics, please call 800-272-0074.

Order Elks ties, pins and more while donating to the CCC  
<http://illinoiselksccc.org/catalog.html>

**2024 Calendar Winners: SEPTEMBER**

- Alex Schure, Brookfield; Eliza Meade, Murphysboro;  
Jeff Kinkade, Kankakee; Jack Manion, Granite City;  
Wally Suchanek, Fairview Heights;  
Eddie Carder, Brookfield; Caroline Ryan, Beardstown;  
Douglas Stam, Kankakee; Philip Honey, Jacksonville;  
Sharon Brockwell, Mendota; Wendy Thurman, Kewanee;  
Jim Bone, Robinson; Robert Bond, McLeansboro\*;  
Max Wyninger, Champaign-Urbana;  
Jim Beebe, Champaign-Urbana; Steve Brown, Galesburg;  
Lisa Dyer, Dixon; Jerry Miller, Decatur;  
Nathan Reyling, McLeansboro;  
Jason Holstein, Oak Lawn; Dennis Power, Springfield.



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## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

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](mailto:springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com).



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**LAKE SPRINGFIELD EVENTS • 2024**

**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

**DID YOU KNOW:** The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks today includes a vast number individuals of all demographics across the United States, but the Order originally began as fraternity of men of the theatrical profession or of other activities closely related. For several years after its inception, the Order included this provision in its membership, but as time passed by, membership continually broadened until all walks of life were represented.

Elks of across the different generations hold the theatrical and artistic professions in high regard and appreciation throughout the Order. Ever since Charles A. Vivian and his band of "Jolly Corks" voted to turn their social organization into a benevolent Order, Elks have paid tribute to their thespian Brothers by celebrating, supporting, and continuing to uphold the importance of the arts in American society.

At the Grand Lodge Session in 1895 Grand Exalted Ruler Hay spoke on behalf of the Order's theatrical history:

*"The question often arises among uninitiated, concerning the status of the dramatic profession, with regard to the Order. It is true that to the profession the Order is indebted for its existence, but for its perpetuation and for the glory of its members today it depends upon the interested manifested in it by contributions from every walk of life..."*

*...Therefore the Order is heartily and sincerely in sympathy with the profession but I utter the sentiment of the entire Order when I say that everything that should be done to encourage the affiliation that should exist between the profession and the lodges of the Order and without placing upon record any promise to promote in advance the interest of the profession, it should be an unwritten law that will tend toward the upholding, maintaining, encouraging and respecting an art that was espoused by our honored founders."*

The following resolution was presented by James J. Armstrong and was adopted by the Order at the Grand Lodge Session of 1895:

*"Resolved that the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks desires to place itself on record as promising to do all in its power to promote and advance the interests and amusement profession and, as far as compatible with laws, to be a factor in relieving distress in said profession, thus carrying out the primary object of its institution."*

From 1895 up until today, the Elks have continued to show their support for the arts at the local, state, and national levels, paying their respects to those responsible for the Order's existence.



# OCTOBER 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
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P every Sunday throughout the month; Wild Wing Weekend</p> <p>Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P; Wild Wing Weekend</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Menu: Deluxe Fish Sandwich &amp; Fries (all day); Steak Night (Dinner 5 to 9P)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 PM</p> <p>Menu: Country-Fried Steak; Chicken Fried Chicken</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Orientation/Initiation/Lodge Meeting, 5:30 PM/7 PM</p> <p>Menu: Chef's Choice</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Menu: Fried Chicken</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P; Wild Wing Weekend</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Bartenders' Meeting, 9:30 AM</p> <p>Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P every Sunday throughout the month; Wild Wing Weekend</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7:00 PM</p> <p>Menu: Wing Special, 5-9P</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM</p> <p>Menu: Fried Chicken</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>House Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM</p> <p>Menu: Chef's Choice</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Menu: Country-Fried Steak; Chicken Fried Chicken</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Menu: Deluxe Fish Sandwich &amp; Fries (all day); Pasta Night (Dinner 5 to 9P)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>IEA Soccer Shoot (Pavilion)</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Fall Cleanup Day, 8 AM</p> <p>Special Olympics Dinner/Dance</p> <p>Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P every Sunday throughout the month; Wild Wing Weekend</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>COLUMBUS DAY</b></p> <p>Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7:00 PM</p> <p>Menu: Wing Special, 5-9 PM</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, TRN, 5:30 PM</p> <p>Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM</p> <p>Menu: Fried Chicken</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Menu: Chef's Choice</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Menu: Country-Fried Steak; Chicken Fried Chicken</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>EOG articles to Editor deadline</p> <p>Menu: Deluxe Fish Sandwich &amp; Fries (all day); Pasta Night (Dinner 5 to 9P)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P every Sunday throughout the month; Wild Wing Weekend</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7:00 PM</p> <p>Menu: Wing Special, 5-9P</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 PM</p> <p>Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM</p> <p>Menu: Fried Chicken</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Menu: Chef's Choice</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Menu: Country-Fried Steak; Chicken Fried Chicken</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Menu: Deluxe Fish Sandwich &amp; Fries (all day); Pasta Night (Dinner 5 to 9P)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Halloween Booze Cruise / SOLD OUT</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Trunk or Treat, 12:30 to 4 PM</p> <p>Elks Family Fall Festival, 4 - 7P</p> <p>Sunday Funday Shuffleboard League, 2 PM</p> <p>Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P every Sunday throughout the month; Wild Wing Weekend</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7:00 PM</p> <p>Menu: Wing Special, 5-9P</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM</p> <p>Menu: Fried Chicken</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Menu: Chef's Choice</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>HALLOWEEN</b></p> <p>Menu: Country-Fried Steak; Chicken Fried Chicken</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER 1</b></p> <p>New Hours of Operation: Walnut Room - 11am to 11pm; Kitchen - no charge (11A - 9P)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>(Sun Nov 3 - Daylight Savings Time "Fall back")</p> <p>Kitchen is open from 11A to 9P</p>