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Joan Rogers named Lady of the Year



The annual Lady of the Year Recognition Luncheon was held on January 25th during the Mid-Winter Meeting. Joan Rogers of Springfield #158 - West Central District was selected as the winner.

The eight district nominees were also recognized with a certificate and are pictured below. Pictured front row (l to r): Tonya Westerfield Paris #812 East Central District, Lisa Quinn Illinois Elks Association First Lady, Joan Rogers Illinois Elks Association Lady of the Year Springfield #158 West Central District, Julia Schiefer First Lady of Elksdom, Joanne O'Connor Des Plaines #1526 North District.

Second row (l to r): Liz Yates Carbondale #1243 South District, Sarah Reyling McLeansboro #1882 South Central District, Denise Anderson Pontiac #1019 East District, Amy Lybarger Galesburg #894 West District. Not pictured, Mary Wright Dixon #779 Northwest District.



Honored guest, First Lady of Elksdom Julia Schiefer, spoke to the luncheon attendees about she and GER Doug's travels and also explained the meaning behind her pin that she hands out.

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IEA PRESIDENT

Roger Quinn

Let's Be Great Together!

Wow, it's hard to believe that May is quickly approaching! Lisa and I were told this year would go by very quickly, and it certainly has. But it has also been very rewarding and enjoyable.

A special thank you to IEA Hoop Shoot Chairman Jim Swisher and his committee for another great year. Our contestants compete at the local lodge level, with winners advancing to the district and then the state level. Our six state winners competed in Iowa City with great success, and three of them are advancing to the National Hoop Shoot in April. Congratulations, and good luck – we're rooting for you!

Jim Swisher is stepping aside this year after a very long and successful run with the Hoop Shoot program. He and his family have been instrumental in building this program to where it is today. Thank you, Jim, for your dedication and leadership.

Congratulations to all the new officers! Whether you are a state, district, lodge officer, or committee member, thank you for accepting a leadership role. Remember, if you need help, there are people and resources available to you—please don't hesitate to ask.

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Justin Valencia receives Enrique Camarena Award

The Enrique Camarena award is given to a police officer that excels in the work of drug enforcement. This year's winner is Justin Valencia from the Granite City Police Department and is seen here with Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A. Schiefer. ER Schiefer and First Lady Julia were the special guests at the Winter Meeting and Awards Banquet.



A WORD FROM OUR OFFICERS...



IEA SECRETARY

Joe Ray

Members all,
Hope everyone is doing fine. The May State Meeting is just around the corner. We will be having an election for 3rd Vice-President on Saturday. We have three candidates, Dave Copper, Stepanie Schwab and Chris Ord out of the West Central District. I anticipate two votes for this close race.

IEA grant requests should not be sent in until after the State Meeting and please do not send in your IEA per-capita dues until the invoices are sent after the State Meeting. The way QuickBooks is set up it causes problems in recording the dues.

After some bumps and curves last year, Jeff Rodier is feeling more comfortable in his office as State Treasurer, which is not an easy job to do. The biggest task is dealing with parents of the IEA Scholarship winners. Gail Sessler does a outstanding job along with her judges, but we still have issues with the students not turning in the form that they are mailed and thinking that they get the full \$2,400.00 the first year or waiting 6 to 7 months asking where the check is. We had a couple schools that credited the wrong student, so please tell your Scholarship winners to contact myself before the trail gets cold.

As most people know this was Jim Swisher’s last year as State Hoop Shoot Chairman, Jim along with his family have done an outstanding job. Steve Albrecht will be the new chairman. He will do a good job.

I look forward to working with the new IEA President Dave Neelm as well as the new 3rd Vice and the new Committee Chairpeople.

My retirement was March 31st, I will be more available during the day. I want to thank the members of the IEA for your support.



IEA TREASURER

Jeff Rodier

Members all,
Congratulations to all of the newly elected officers throughout the State! The IEA Officers are here to serve you. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

It is that time of year to establish your goals for you and your Lodge for the year. Please remember to prioritize payment of your Grand Lodge, IEA, and District dues, sooner rather than later. Also remember to establish your ENF fund raising goals so you gave reach the GER’s and State President per capita for the year. This will qualify you for money to assist your community in whatever way you wish.

Norine and I look forward to seeing all of you next month at the annual State Convention.



Want to show what your Lodge has been up to?

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State President Continued...

The Grand Lodge session will be held in Kansas City this July. This year’s convention will be extra special for all of us from Illinois, as we celebrate with Bryan and Sue Klatt as they begin their leadership of our great order. At the convention, we will need some volunteers, so please consider being part of the journey. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fundraising efforts.

The IEA Meeting in May will not be at the Wyndham Hotel due to vandalism. We have an alternative plan to conduct our election, approve the budget and install new Officer. We hope to be back to business as usual soon. *Please see page 3 for alternate meeting plan.*

Lisa and I would like to wish the best of luck to Dave Neel as he takes over the leadership of our great organization. I know Dave will do an excellent job.

A special thank you goes out to Don and Wendy Mowers and the East Central District for their help with our hospitality room this year. We certainly couldn’t have done it without you.

Our motto this year was “Let’s Be Great Together.” As we have traveled and visited throughout the state, Lisa and I have been very proud to witness the amazing ways our lodges and members are making an impact in our communities. You’ve proven that we are indeed great together. Thank you

We truly appreciate your love and support, God bless you all.



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I hope the arrival of Spring finds you well and fired up for a new and exciting Lodge year! Please remember the importance of setting lodge goals and then putting the plans in place to be able to achieve these goals this next year. I wish everyone an awesome year in Elkdom!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this past Lodge year a successful one. Beth and I would like to especially congratulate State President Roger Quinn and First Lady Lisa for the wonderful job they did in serving our State Association. Together they spread Roger’s message of LET’S BE GREAT TOGETHER and we thank them for their dedication and friendship.

A big thank you to all the Lodges who donated to the Elks National Foundation and to our State Major Project, Illinois Children’s Care Corporation. You have proven once again that “Elks Care and Elks Share”.

As our meeting plans have changed for our Annual Meeting, let’s show our support of incoming President Dave Neel and his slate of Officers and wish them well in the year ahead.

I’m sure everyone has heard that Illinois’ own Bryan Klatt is the Endorsed Candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler for 2025-2026! With his wife Sue by his side, Bryan has been a part of the Elks for many, many years.

With dedication, he has and continues to serve his local Lodge in Dekalb, the Northwest District and our State Association. After representing Grand Lodge on the Membership Committee for Area 5, Bryan was elected to the office of Grand Secretary in 2008, a position he has held now for 17 years! The endorsement of Bryan for Grand Exalted Ruler of our beloved Order is truly befitting as I can’t think of another Elk that is more qualified to hold this Office. I am proud to call Bryan my Brother Elk and my friend and Beth and I wish he and Sue a wonderful journey in this next chapter of their Elks life.

The National Convention is in Kansas City, Missouri this year and we hope for a very large turnout from Illinois and all of Area 5. Bryan’s election will be held on Monday, June 30th and a Celebration on the convention floor will be held immediately after which all attendees are invited and encouraged to participate in. I also ask for your support of the fundraising efforts underway as the incoming GER’s State Association has the responsibility to cover the costs of several events at the Convention. This includes the Monday Celebration and a Meet and Greet Reception Monday evening attended by hundreds and hundreds of people! Purchasing one of Bryan’s fundraising pins and/or pendant comes with an invite to this special reception and is something you won’t want to miss. Please reach out to me, your District Leader or Bryan to make this purchase which we will have with us at our Spring Convention of course. Please know how much your support is appreciated. It will be an exciting time for the Illinois Elks Association as we celebrate the Installation of Bryan R. Klatt as Grand Exalted Ruler on Wednesday, July 2nd in Kansas City!

Beth and I look forward to seeing you in Springfield in May. Until then, God Bless.

Special Attention...

IEA ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Illinois Elks Association Members and Attendees,

I regret to inform you that the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel, the designated venue for our Annual Meeting scheduled for May 16-18, 2025, will not be available for guest accommodations. We were made aware that the hotel sustained significant vandalism damage, particularly to its entire elevator systems and water damage. Due to this extensive damage, the building has been deemed unsafe for occupancy at this time. The matter is currently under investigation by the local police department.

Below, you will see our alternative meeting plan. Do not hesitate to reach out to an officer if you have a question regarding our updated plan. Thank you all for your patience as we navigate this situation.

IEA ANNUAL MEETING PLAN - May 17 & 18

We have developed an alternative plan to ensure we meet our requirements for an election, the installation of officers, and approval of the budget. This temporary plan is in place, and we hope to return to business as usual in September.

Saturday, May 17: District-Specific Sessions

Each District will hold a special session at 1:00 PM at a central location within their District.

Business to be Conducted:

Review and vote on the proposed IEA Budget. The vote will be certified by the District Leader and the current Vice President.

1. Complete any additional business presented by the IEA.
2. The District Leader will administer the oath and install the 2025-2026 District Officers.

At 2:00 PM:

1. Voting for the Office of 3rd Vice President of IEA. Ballots will be collected and certified by the District Leader and the current District Vice President. Voting credentials will be distributed by IEA Secretary Joe Ray. Each District Leader and current VP will tally the votes and report the results to GL Judicial Member Ali Mikels. If no candidate receives 51% of the vote, a second vote will be held between the top two candidates to determine the winner. The District Leaders will be notified immediately if a second vote is necessary, and the results will again be reported to Ali Mikels for final determination.

Sunday, May 18: Annual Meeting at Springfield 158

The IEA Annual Meeting will be convened at 1:00 PM with at least 30 members representing at least 15 Lodges to conduct the following business:

1. District Leaders will submit the ballots for 3rd Vice President to the Judiciary and a representative from each candidate's team for counting and to declare the winner.
2. District Leaders will meet with the Judiciary to ratify the proposed IEA Budget.
3. Ratify any additional actions as discussed in item #2 above.
4. Nominations for the 2025-2026 IEA Officers will be made.
5. The installation of IEA Officers for 2025-2026 will take place.
6. The meeting will be adjourned.

We appreciate your understanding,
Roger Quinn
IEA State President

Fundraisers

and Donations

Harrisburg #1058 puts Spotlight Grant to good use



Harrisburg #1058 utilized the funds from our CIP 2024 Spotlight Grant (\$2,000.00) to purchase non-perishable foods and supplies for the Christian Community Compassion Center (4C's) local food pantry. The 4C's available resources are critically strained due to the increase in economically challenged and homeless population in our area. Lodge members coordinated with a local grocery chain to order, deliver, and offload a large supply of items needed by the 4C's clientele.

Pictured are 5 members of the 4C's staff and our lodge members Danny Chambers, Rob Schmink, Jeff & Nancy Thompson, Wes Bebout, Phillip Hunt, Carl LaCrosse, Angie Messmer and Bruce Boone.

Olgesby #2360 gives back with Beacon Grant



Before the recent regular meeting of Oglesby #2360, a check for \$4,000 from the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant was presented to IV Food Pantry Executive Director, Mary Jo Credi. The donation will provide funds to purchase food to satisfy the local increasing food prices and number of families needing help.

On hand for the presentation were from l to r, Elks Treasurer Gary Ferrari, Loyal Knight Dusty Shan, Lecturing Knight Ken Ficek, Food Pantry Exec Director Credi, Trustee Lisa Fultz, Secretary Pam Coffey, Chaplain Nick Nosalik and Trustee Paul Danekas.

Oglesby Elks has been a big supporter of the work that the local Food Pantry does in helping those in need. Besides the donation, Lodge members help pack out food bags for the holiday distribution and collect canned goods to donate. The Elks motto is "Elks Care and Elks Share".

Meet the Candidate: Stephanie Schwab, PER 3rd Vice President Candidate

My name is Stephanie Schwab, and I am proud to be a member of the Springfield Elks Lodge #158.

My primary goals for the IEA include:
Community Service and Engagement: Continue to serve our communities by leveraging the extensive resources and opportunities available through the Elks. This involves actively participating in and organizing community events that make a positive impact.

Membership Growth and Retention: Strengthen and maintain membership throughout Illinois. I believe in fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment that encourages both current and prospective members to engage with the Elks community.

Support for Youth and Veterans: Prioritize initiatives that support our youth and honor those who have served our country. By focusing on educational programs and veteran assistance, we can make a lasting difference in their lives.

Being a teacher, I have the privilege of instilling lifelong lessons, igniting students' interests, and inspiring them to reach their fullest potential. I wish to extend this passion for education and mentorship to all IEA members by promoting pride in our organization and celebrating the tremendous work we do.

My service with the Elks has been incredibly rewarding, providing me with countless enriching experiences. I am eager to learn more and contribute to this great organization. I am particularly enthusiastic about enhancing communication across all Lodges in the state, ensuring that our collective efforts are aligned and impactful.

I humbly ask for your support in the May 2025 election. I am excited about the possibility of working with each of the Lodges to achieve our common goals and further the exemplary work of the Elks.



Hoop Shoot review; IEA sending three to Nationals

by Jim Swisher, Hoop Shoot Chair

This year we are sending three contestants to the Nationals in Chicago in April. Jacob Williams from Jacksonville #682 and Jacinta Patel from Des Plaines #1526 and Paxton Gher from Lawrenceville #1208. These three shooter did an outstanding shooting in their age group you should have been there to see it. Our other Contestants also did a great shooting but fell short, but very proud of them as well. Super kids as well as their parents we thank them for all the fun times at the State and Regional shoots. If our fellow Elk Members have the time, wish them well at the Nationals in Chicago.

As most of the Illinois Elks know this is my last Hoop Shoot as chairman. I wish to first thank my family for all the help getting ready every year. Thanks to Jeff and Norine Rodier for helping unloading getting stuff ready. Plus, the one person I could not do this program without is Paul Ronzani, the man does everything he cleans, he loads unloads, he gets the Contestants rowdied up before the banquet and I miss my dessert! Paul has been involved with the Hoop Shoot for over 50+ years so he's almost like family to every kid that shows up at our program and trouble maker for our pool bash! Thank you, Pauly!

Thank you to all the many Elk Members for all the help thru out the years. Let's welcome Steve Albrecht as the next Hoop Shoot Chairman.

Thanks for everything!
Jim Swisher, Pana #1261

*The Elks thank you for
your years of service and
hardwork, Jim!*



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HOOP SHOOT FUN!

HOOP SHOOT



The Players



The Helpers



The Winners

8/9 Boy: Miller Madden Olney #926 23/25, 8/9 Girl: Melina Baumann Champaign-Urbana #2497 19/25, 10/11 Boy: Jacob Williams Jacksonville #682 22/25, 10/11 Girl: Jacinta Patel Des Plaines #1526 22/25 shootoff 9/10, 12/13 Boy: Paxton Gher Lawrenceville #1208 23/25, 12/13 Girl: Carsyn Witt Pontiac #1019 22/25 shoot off 7/10



8/9 Boys



8/9 Girls



10/11 Boys



10/11 Girls



12/13 Boys



12/13 Girls

Meet the Candidate: David Copper, PDDGER, PER 3rd Vice President Candidate

Teresa and I would like to thank all the districts and lodges for their great hospitality as we traveled the state campaigning for the IEA 3rd Vice President position. As you know, your next 3rd VP will be from the West Central District. I want to thank Stephanie and Chris for the fun and companionship as we traveled the state campaigning.



A little about myself, I recently retired after 40 years with the Boeing Company working in the Security/Fire Service division. I am a US Army veteran who served in the Military Police Corps. I have been a member of the Elks for 23 years and have held various chairs since 2007. I am currently Lodge Secretary, Esquire to the DD, IEA lodge activities chairman and IEA credentials. My past accomplishments include PDDGER, PER and many other committee chairs.

I want to thank everyone for a great year and look forward to serving the IEA in the coming years.

Fundraisers and Donations

Galesburg #894 hits homeruns and big strides with dinner donations

Galesburg #894 donated \$1,343.82 to the Galesburg American Legion Baseball Post 285. Donations were made from 50/50, steak dinner night and members donations.

Pictured right (l to r): Jeremy Kleine Post 285 Coach, Jillian Issacson-Elks member, Laurie Sykes Post 285 co-chairman, Kyle Spencer Post 285 co-chairman, Dennis Jacobs Elks lodge Exalted Ruler.



Galesburg #894 also recently donated \$2,383.50 to Rainbow Riders. Funds were raised by 50/50 drawings, donations and a Lasagna dinner.

Rainbow Riders is located in Monmouth Illinois. They are a nonprofit organization that offers therapeutic horseback riding and unmounted horsemanship opportunities for special needs children and adults.

They will use the funds to help buy new saddles for the riders. Recipients pictured right.



In the Community

Springfield #158 teams up with Elroy to hand out awards for Drug Awareness Poster Contest

Springfield #158 recently handed out awards for the Drug Awareness Poster Contest to 4th and 5th grade winners. Elroy even stopped by some classrooms and talked about being drug free and handed out materials.



From the Editor...

Thank you all so much for supporting the Newsette! Another 5-Star award from Grand Lodge.

It's hard to believe I've been at this for 5 years! Here's to another 5 years for GREAT ILLINOIS ELKS news!

See you all soon!



Happy Reading, *Liz*

Fundraisers and Donations

Art Auction for Drug Awareness at Elgin #737

Elgin #737 hosted a Drug Awareness Art Auction to raise money for Illinois Elks Children’s Care Corporation on March 15. The lodge raised \$425 between art sales and donations. The Drug Awareness art was colored by children of the local daycare.

Pictured right (l to r): Rich Ankenbrandt PER, CCC Lodge Chairman, Sue Kaszuba ER and Lodge Member Shirley Banbury.



DuQuoin #884 cooks up some help after storms

Members of DuQuoin #844 helped feed tornado victims and line crew in the St. John’s area. Pictured below are, left: Vonda Rosado and volunteer Terri packing up sandwiches and, right: Elks members Car McFarland and Zack Gooden (with a special helper) cooking up burgers.



LODGE NEWS

Calendar Winners

JANUARY: Joe Brown, Galena; Mike Elliott, Jacksonville; Tim Deterding, Herrin; Cynthia Lynch, Sycamore; Heidi Jasper, DeKalb; Mary Livingstone, Oak Lawn; Larry & Jeri Hanner, Charleston; Thomas Raymond, Des Plaines; Elaine Tintori, Springfield; Robert Sheridan, Dixon; Karen Bellot, Joliet*; Dewey Hartman, Elmhurst; Sandy Frank, Galena; Wendell Meyer, Belleville; Roland Wagner, Murphysboro; Danny Maguire, Carlinville; William Feld, Chicago Northshore; Nickoli Mikos, Chicago South; Matthew Klimkewicz, Kewanee; Robert Klatt, DeKalb; Dean Chesnut, Champaign-Urbana; Jean Terry, Quincy; Adriana Ramirez, Chicago South.

FEBRUARY

Sue Doty, Benton; Jonathan Traeger, Streator; Abby Rockett, Dixon; Cheryl Bosley, Chicago South; Rick Deany, Kankakee; Tatia Strang, Marion; Dick White, Robinson; Bonnie Slabik, Watseka; Joseph Butterfield, Dixon; Lynne Schlink, Oglesby; Jeremiah Burris, McLeansboro*; Bruce Young, Paris; Bill Altier, Chicago South; Martin Konishi, Elgin*; Thomas Martin, Des Plaines; William Stach, Brookfield; Patricia Welty, Galesburg; Zachary Robson, Fairfield; Jeremy Peeler, Anna Jonesboro; Chasney Seibert, Fairview Heights; Margaret Turney, Oak Lawn.

MARCH

Erik Moss, Harrisburg; Ruth Wixom, Mendota; Rene` Doody, Murphysboro; Linda Francis, Brookfield; James Cusack, Des Plaines; Tina Alexander, Chicago South; Larry Poyer, Elmhurst; Dave Rakey, Mount Vernon; Brian Beissert, Brookfield; Diana Weber, Oak Lawn; Brent Doyle, Kewanee; Debbie Restoff, Fairview Heights; J.A. Spencer, Belleville*; Brent Ellis, Flora; Rocky Ballard, Jacksonville

*\$100 **\$1,000 ***\$5,000

Elks Children’s Care 2025 Clinics

May 2024

Flora Clinic May 7th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

June 2025

Lincoln Clinic June 3rd at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Mt. Vernon Clinic June 5th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Bloomington Clinic June 6th at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Mt. Carmel Clinic June 9th at Wabash General Hospital: 11:00 to 1:00 PM
Robinson Clinic June 11th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM
Effingham Clinic June 12th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM
NW District @ Rockford Clinic June 18th at Orthollinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Dixon Clinic June 24th at Yeager Podiatry: 8:00 AM
Champaign/Urbana Clinic June 25th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM

July 2025 - No Clinics

August 2025

Flora Clinic August 20th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
South District @ DuQuoin August 22nd at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Champaign/Urbana Clinic August 27th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM

September 2025

Bloomington Clinic September 5th at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Mt. Carmel Clinic September 8th at Wabash General Hospital: 11:00 to 1:00 PM
Robinson Clinic September 10th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM
Mt. Vernon Clinic September 11th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Effingham Clinic September 18th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM

October 2025

Lincoln Clinic October 7th at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Elgin Clinic October 22nd at Orthollinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
NW District @Morrison Clinic October 23rd at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

November 2025

Flora Clinic November 19th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
South District @ DuQuoin November 21st at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Champaign/Urbana Clinic November 26th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM

December 2025

Mt. Vernon Clinic December 4th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Bloomington Clinic December 5th at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Effingham Clinic December 11th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM
Mt. Carmel Clinic December 15th at Wabash General Hospital: 11:00 to 1:00 PM
Robinson Clinic December 17th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Dates and times subject to change.

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2024-2025 Year End Report
By Bill Block, CCC Admin

As this Lodge Year comes to a close I would like to thank all the Lodge Officers, Lodge Membership, and Elks Ladies for your continued support to the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. With one week left in this fiscal Lodge Year, and early Newsette deadline this is my best estimate for the 2024-2025 Lodge Year. Income \$669,935.49 and Expenses of \$653,953.49 our net income is \$56,289.91. On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself we thank you for a job well done. We also wish nothing but the best for all the new incoming officers for another great and successful new Lodge Year.

Another BULLSEYE for Murphysboro #572 and the CCC!



Murphysboro #572 held its 29th Annual Dart Tournament & Auction to benefit Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, on March 1, 2025. Original founder of this yearly event, Keith Roberts, is shown providing volunteer Auctioneer Services at the live auction held in the Lodge Hall. Businesses and individuals throughout the entire community step forward to purchase Dart Board Sponsorships at \$100 each. The Dart tournament itself attracts many players and generates proceeds. A silent auction is also a part of the fund raising effort. This year, over \$16,000 will be forwarded to Children's Care, as a result of many hours of Elk volunteer effort and support from many sources!



Your Donations at Work

Specialized equipment purchased and delivered in the past 90 days.

Case #1	Jacksonville	Transfer Chair	\$499.99
Case #2	Centralia	Adaptive Tricycle	\$2,426.25
Case #3	Oak Lawn	Cubby Bed	\$4,000.00
Case #4	Belleville	Van Seat Modification	\$5,000.00
Case #5	Chicago South	Vertical Lift/Ramp	\$6,500.00
Case #6	Springfield	Wheelchair Ramp	\$5,000.00
Case #7	Fairfield	Push Chair	\$2,083.00
Case #8	Carmi	Gait Trainer	\$418.95
Case #9	Dixon	Communication Device	\$2,000.00
Case #10	Peoria	Van Conversion	\$5,000.00
Case #11	Carlinville	Van Rotating Brumo Sea	\$6,000.00
Case #12	Joliet	P Pod Chair	\$3,780.19
Case #13	Mt. Vernon	Mobile Stander	\$3,294.75
Case #14	Elmhurst	Adaptive Tricycle	\$3,678.75
Case #15	Bloomington	Communication Device	\$1,271.41
Case #16	Springfield	Wheelchair Ramp	\$659.99
Case #17	Chicago South	Easy Stand & Base	\$6,916.00
Case #18	Springfield	Cubby Bed	\$6,352.16
Case #19	NW District	Hip Surgery Rockford	\$1,960.97
Case #20	Fairfield	Trotter Stroller	\$1,731.17
Case #21	Freeport	Bath Chair	\$715.28

TOTAL: \$69,288.86

PT/OT Scholarships Received for Judging

The Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation PT/OT Scholarship program opened for students December 1, 2024 and came to a close on March 6, 2025 with 30 students applying. The IECCC Special Education Scholarship received 2 applications, and 1 Speech Therapy application these two scholarship application signup period closes March 28, there could be additional applications as this article was submitted March 21, 2025. All applications will enter the judging phase March 31, 2025 and winners will be announced and notified by mail by mid-June. Good luck to all those students who applied. Next year's Scholarship Program will be back online December 1, 2025 at www.illinoiselksccc.org.

**Next Newsette
deadline is
June 15, 2025!**

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