



Under the Spreading Antlers

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From the Grand Lodge Newsletter- The Elks National Veterans Service Commission has just announced that they have Medals of Valor that can be presented to deserving families of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the Iraqi conflict. These are made in the United States and come in a presentation case. The back of the medal is suitable for engraving the name of the deceased service person. The cost is \$8.00, which covers shipping charges. Contact the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, 2750 N Lakeview Ave, Chicago, IL 60614 or email to Vets@elks.org to order your medal(s) and they will promptly ship them to you.

ENF is thrilled to announce the newest component of the Community Investments Program, the Impact Grants. Impact Grants are intended to address unmet needs in communities where Elks live and work. They are larger, competitive grants that offer lodges the opportunity to develop and implement a new program or to strengthen an existing one.

All lodges are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applications are due to ENF by August 31, 2007. Applications will be judged on the proposed programs goals and objectives, and possible impact on the community. A select number of lodges will be chosen in October 2007 to receive \$2500-\$10,000 for their proposed program. An informational workshop will take place at the Grand Lodge Session in Charlotte. Before then, be sure to visit our Web site to learn more about the grant and to download a 2007-08 Impact Grant application at www.elks.org/enf/community/ImpactGrants.cfm.

Soccer Shoot participation doubles-To date, with 36 states reporting, we have participation of 186,509 for 2006-07. This compares with 94,545 participants reported in 2005-06. What a tremendous increase and could be the "tip of the iceberg." This Grand Lodge Youth Activities program is going to continue to expand rapidly in the years to come.

This is the time to get onboard. Prepare now for the 2007-08 Elks Soccer Shoot season. If you require additional information, feel free to contact jjrpilgrim@bellsouth.com.

Just a reminder, Elks National Youth week is the first week in May. Give the kids a pat on the back, and what better time to do it than Elks Youth week.

From the Central District

Kokomo Lodge has installed their new officers for 2007-08 and started on some new ideas. They will be working on membership, and expanding the charity fundraiser events. The \$1000 Monte Carlo Charity Gaming fundraiser is back. They are planning it for May 12th, and the annual school patrol picnic and bowling party is scheduled for May 5th. They are having Euchre on Sat May 14th with snacks, sounds like fun. Good Luck to new ER Richard O. Mason.

Mr. Barnes,

Thank you for coming to Bluffton Middle School to make the presentation of certificates. The students were so excited!



Pictured are the top three students.

John Barnes, James Klopfenstein (3rd place winner), Sandy Zeigler (fifth grade teacher), Hannah Mock (first place winner) and Storm Betz (second place winner).

Thanks again,
Julia Johnson

(Johnson's class participated and all students from both classes received participation certificates from the Bluffton Elks)

The Essays were the same as the story I sent about Southern Wells the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd were from the school contest

Hanna Mock's essay was a finalist in the Bluffton Elks Lodge contest and was sent to the Elks State contest along with the two from Southern Wells

Presentation was also made to two students from Bluffton 7&8 grade contest the theme was the same " Why I Am Proud To Be An American"



Connor Pfister(1st), Jimmy Toetz (2dn), Rosemary Henderson (6th grade teacher), John Barnes Bluffton Elks. Both essay were sent to Elks State contest Connor Pfister received \$50.00 US saving Bond for being 1st in Bluffton Elks Lodge contest

Thank You
John Barnes
Bluffton Elks Lodge

Greetings from the Southeast District

Wow! Hard to imagine that the Lodge year has come to a close. It is truly amazing at how fast the time flies. Unfortunately, none of the Southeast District Hoop Shoot winners placed in the State Contest, but they gave a good accounting of themselves. Good luck to the winners at Regionals.

We should congratulate and thank the Lodge officers for a great job and offer our encouragement and help to the incoming officers. Congratulations to Vickie Smith, the first female Exalted Ruler at New Albany #270. Vickie is well qualified and will do a fabulous job.

Columbus #521 is planning a St. Patrick's Day bash, as well as New Albany #270. Plan events such as these for your members. This is how we keep and grow our membership.

Jeffersonville #362 is enjoying the warm weather and getting their golf course ready for another year.

Madison #524 is utilizing their new "temporary" facilities. The members remodeled the building themselves and it looks great. They recently had a Texas Hold-um Tournament; members are preparing meals for various occasions, great way to build a strong membership. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally,

John W. Sauer

INSURANCE / LOSS CONTROL / LOSS PREVENTION

FUNDRAISING / DANGEROUS EVENTS

I again call the Lodges' attention to Page 65 of the Accident Prevention Manual, which indicates events that are usually disapproved of and for which certificates of insurance naming other parties will not be issued. This list includes races, gun events, parades, rodeos, fairs/carnivals, fire works, operation of business, service of alcohol off Lodge premises, events with small benefits but substantial risk, etc. Many times, Lodges will devise fundraising plans that some members desire to do for their own edification when the benefit provides a small return and a large or potentially catastrophic risk.

PROPERTY PLUS DEDUCTIBLES

It is suggested that Lodges increase the deductibles on the Property Plus Program to reduce costs for the Lodge but also to reduce the unwarranted proportionate expense for this self-financed program in settling small claims, which should be considered maintenance or normal operational expenses. A Lodge should consider raising their deductible to \$2,500 or \$5,000 instead of the suggested minimum of \$1,000 deductible.

INSURANCE RENEWALS

The two master mandatory programs in which all Lodges must participate, the Grand Lodge Liability and Property Plus Programs, are being renewed March 31st and April 1st, 2007 respectively. These Programs are being renewed on essentially the same basis as in the past. Appropriate policy booklets will be distributed in the near future. Certificates indicating coverage when necessary can be obtained through Aon, the Elks servicing agent.

Larry Shaver – PSP
State Insurance Chairman

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Bicknell Elks Lodge #1421 has started a new program involving youth and veterans. Recently young people visited the Freelandville Community Home to talk to and present some gifts to the 3 veterans residing there. Personal care items were given to the veterans as well as playing cards, some movies of their own, and some movies to share with everyone.



Pictured are ER Sara Kixmiller and Amanda and Kate Kixmiller and Michael Dettloff, and the veterans, l-r William Smith, Don Purcell, and Perry Miley.

Joyous Easter Season to everyone from the Southwest District. As this month, and Elks year, comes to an end, we hope everyone has had a very successful March. Congratulations to the wonderful job did in the Regional Hoop Shoot by our own Southwest district representatives. Ali Sexton of Bloomington and Blythe Wildridge of Washington will be traveling to Springfield, Mass to compete in the National finals. Bicknell's Lauren Charlton just missed by one free throw making it a clean sweep. Greetings and support to the contestants can be emailed by going on the ENF web page and they will be delivered to them in Springfield, Mass.

Bicknell has been quite a busy place with several events scheduled. We had a fantastic NCAA action on the 14th. We initiated 3 new members on the 22nd, birthday party with a DJ, a political feed, youth recreation league basket bingo, Law Enforcement Appreciation dinner, high school band benefit, just to mention a few. Now we get to start a new year, with our new officers being installed on Apr 7th and awards being presented to Citizen, Elk, and Officer of the Year. We have updated our dining room with new round tables and they look great. Thanks to Bloomington lodge for the bingo flashboard. It's up and working and adds lots to our bingo.



Law Enforcement Night recipient's I-r Sheriff Steve Luce, ER Sara Kixmiller, Bicknell Police Chief Jeff Chambers, State Policeman John Trotter.

Boonville had a great Cancer auction to finish the year clearing about \$4500. Way to go. They also had a reverse draw that was a big success. They will install new officers on Apr 5th. They continue to have dart tournaments, and will have a NCAA championship party, some NASCAR parties, and have Elks #1180 auto plates for sale. Keep up the good work. Good Luck Andy Ellis.

Princeton has a new slate of officers, and from the looks of their newsletter, they will be quite busy. They will be participating in the local Dollars for Scholars that is a scholarship to be given on May 7th at the high school. They are planning a yard sale for a fundraiser and hope everyone cleans out closets and garages. They will be having initiation of new members on the 18th and plan to attend the DD Clinic and State and national conventions. Congratulations Debbie Austill.

No other Lodges have sent news items, so Happy Easter from SW District.

ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

At the IN. Elks State Hoop Shoot contest. IN. Elks Drug Awareness Chairman Dale Phillips and his wife Betty set up their Drug Awareness display for the Hoop Shooters and parents many pieces of Elk literature were handed out in the two days. On 2nd day, Dale and Betty conducted a Drug Awareness class for the Shooter's and their families.





This was a very well put on program with a video and information shared.

Dale S. Phillips – State Chairperson

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Lucky Bucks Calendar Winners

February 2007

NAME	CITY & STATE	LODGE	CALENDAR NUMBER	AMOUNT
Marie Boyd	Angola, IN	Angola #2398	8349	100.00
Ed Blevins	Hartford City, IN	Hartford City #625	7869	250.00
Richard White Sr.	Boonville, IN	Boonville #1180	2998	100.00
Elden Braden	Frankfort, IN	Frankfort #560	7585	100.00
Patrica Diersen	Louisville, KY	New Albany #270	5029	100.00
Linda Kittle	Santa Cruz, CA	Madison #524	0964	250.00
Johnny R. Howard	Tavares, FL	Boonville #1180	0181	100.00
Andrew Dobda Sr.	Chicago, IL	Hammond #485	6946	100.00
Gary Zehner	Boonville, IN	Boonville #1180	3021	100.00
Linda Schneider	Evansville, IN	Boonville #1180	1271	100.00
Raymond L. Hamm	Wilkinson, IN	Greenfield #1720	9208	250.00
John N. Wood	Greencastle, IN	Greencastle #1077	9892	100.00
Danny Sizemore	Connersville, IN	Connersville #379	6973	100.00
Kathy Hairston	Michigan City, IN	Michigan City #432	2599	100.00
Danita Wilson	Martinsville, IN	Linton #866	4784	100.00

Thanks,
Bill Schaab, PSP
State Calendar Chairman

Regional Hoop Shoot Bulletin

At the Regional Hoop Shoot recently held on March 17th in Angola, IN., First Place honors in the 8 - 9 Girls bracket went to ALI SEXTON, representing Bloomington Lodge #446, and First Place honors in the 12 - 13 Girls bracket went to BLYTHE WILDRIDGE, representing Washington Lodge #933.

Both of these outstanding shooters hail from the great Indiana Southwest District!

Congratulations to both Ali and Blythe on their outstanding achievement, and all of Indiana Elkdom wish them the best of luck at the National Finals!

Please send any articles for next month's newsletter to:

Sara Kixmiller

Under the Spreading Antlers, State Chairman

Also any comments to my attention at <mailto:mkixmiller@charter.net>