



THE DRESDEN ANTLER

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September Birthdays

Date	Name	Date	Name	Date	Name
2	Brittingham, Mary K	12	Ozment, Richard	19	Newton, Cooper
3	Hampton, Jeffery	12	Trevathan, Evan M	21	Maloan, William Michael
3	Parham, Kurt	13	Poole, Christopher	23	Reagan, Joey
5	McCaslin, Mike	13	Winstead, Freddie	24	Hayes, Shannon
6	Freeman, Joe Michael			24	Washburn, Jeffery T
8	Maness, Stan	14	Cooper, Ronald T	26	Davis, Travis Ray
8	Stallion, James David	14	Owen, Robert Blaine	27	Doran, James Curtis
9	Newbill, Robb	15	Rother, Joseph	27	Mangum, Andrew
10	Odle, Terry	16	Turnbow, Dalton	30	Brundige, Kenny
10	Parker, Maggi	19	Hutcherson, Richard D	21	Pittman, Cristy
11	Rutkowski, Troy Anthony				



Come to the Lodge for Dinner.

Bring the family; Excellent accommodations and menu; Friendly atmosphere; Smoke Free; Family oriented.

Note new Dinning Hours: Serving now starts at 5 PM

Wednesday & Friday Night Meals: Full Menu includes Steaks, Burgers, Pork, Fish, Chicken, and Seafood selections. **Chef's Specials also offered.** We serve the best rib eye steaks around. **Rib eye steak** with sides and salad is featured. Try the new bacon wrapped **Pork Filet**; you will be very pleased. If you would like **Appetizers**, we have a fresh supply of breaded mushrooms, mozzarella sticks, cheese curds, fried green beans, onion skins, deep fried pickles, fried tomatoes, buffalo chicken wings, and more. Come to the Lodge for a social hour and try the menu. This is a great opportunity to not cook and to come to the Lodge for an excellent meal.

*** If you have any ideas for menu items to serve for our Wednesday night meals, please let us know. We are seeking new ideas and need to know what everyone would like.

Carry-out service for the menu is available. It is always great if you can come to the lodge for dinner and a visit, but if you can't stay for some reason just come by the Lodge or call at 364-9841 and your meal will be prepared for you to take out at a time that is convenient for you. (This would be a great way of having a delicious meal after attending prayer- meeting on Wednesday night).

Please Note!!! The Lodge is now accepting credit and debit cards for payment.

*Cards can be accepted only from members in good standing, no guest payments. There will be a 5% convenience fee added to the total bill to cover the card company's service charges. Also, an **ATM** is available in the front lobby to use to obtain cash.*



Businessmen's Dinner – There will be a dinner on the third Monday in September (Sep 21). The menu is Grilled Pork Chops. If you would like to get on the list to sponsor a group for the dinner, just give a call to **Richard Trevathan** at 731-514-1345 and he will be more than happy to sign you up.

The Lodge would like to thank all the **Faithful Sponsors** for our **August dinner**. Without their support we could not continue to host this important event. We appreciate your support.

1) Gary Eddings & friends; 2) Terry Woodruff, Dresden; 3) Donny Smith, Dresden; 4) Terry McDade, WCSO, Martin; 5) Mike Sanders, Rives; 6) Charlie Davis, Davis Automotive, Martin; 7) Sam Freeman, Wendell Alexander Real Estate, Martin; 8) Tommy Thomas, Dresden; 9) Steven Scott, Sharon; 10) Servall, Wade Pitman, Martin; 11) Richard Killebrew, Dresden; 12) Jonathan James, James Motor Co., Greenfield; 13) Van Dinning, Gleason; 14) Mike Ford, Martin; 15) Billy Allen, Sharon; 16) Morgan McQuire, Dresden; 17) Troy Hollis, Gleason; 18) Larry Alexander, Martin; 19) Dan Moore, Sharon; 20) Mike Taylor, Taylor Automotive, Martin.

The Lodge will be closed Sep 7 to observe the Labor Day holiday.



WHY AN ELK?

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Elks are second to none in providing our support to deserving students with scholarship assistance, promoting our local and national youth programs, and continuing our support of local community service programs. In 2024-2025 the Elks National Foundation will distribute over \$45 million to help Elks build stronger communities by investing \$16.3 million in **Community Investment Program grants** for Elks Lodges to invest directly in their local communities. The ENF will allocate \$11.2 million to help **State Associations** accomplish their charitable objectives.

The ENF will continue to further the education of our country's future leaders by allocating \$5 million in **scholarship** assistance. The ENF designated \$1 million to fund **Drug Awareness** and \$1.4 million to run the Elks National **Hoop Shoot** Free Throw Program, encouraging youth to lead healthy and active lives. In addition, the Elks National Foundation designated \$5.7 million to fund the Order's **Veterans Service** Program.

In order to continue funding these great programs, the Elks National Foundation needs our support. We must all support the ENF by donating and volunteering with ENF programs. The goal established for 2026-2027 is \$5.00 per Member. This is not much when you consider the outstanding achievements of the ENF. I am hopeful that every member will strive to meet or surpass this amount. **Make a donation to the Lodge for the ENF.** A good way is to add an amount when you pay your dues. **Our Lodge receives back nearly \$4 for every \$1 we donate.**

Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships

School has already started for the coming year. If you know of any High School Seniors that would like to apply for the scholarships that are available through the Elks, please encourage them to do so. For details and deadlines for applying visit

www.elks.org/enf/scholars or www.tnelks.org.

Most Valuable Student Scholarship -- Any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen can apply. The state level award is \$2500.00. The national award is up to \$50,000.00. Applications open until November 14.

Legacy Award Scholarships -- are available to high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of active Elk's members. These awards are \$4,000.00 each.

TEBT Nursing Scholarship -- are available to current nursing program students or to students planning on attending nursing school to become a RN. The awards total \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 each. For details go to tnelks.org.

TECT Trade School Scholarship -- The state Elks Association offers a \$1,500 scholarship to attend a trade school to acquire a trade certificate or two-year degree. It is open to all ages wanting to attend. For details go to tnelks.org. **There are currently 20 scholarships open for prospective students.**



Dresden Elks Lodge is partnering with and helping to sponsor the **Weakley County Back Pack Program**. We received a **\$6000 Beacon Grant** from the Elks National Foundation to help fund this program. Packing of the food items for this month will be at **12 PM, Tuesday Sep. 1**, at the Community Life Center of First Baptist Church in Dresden. We need Elk volunteers to help get the food packed and distributed. Make plans to help. It will only take about an hour of your time.

Sickness and Distress

Please remember to call Bob Page or send an email when you hear of someone who needs to be mentioned under Sickness or Distress or could use a card or a call.

Our newly appointed **District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler** for the Tennessee West District is Matt Carroll from the Dresden Lodge. He will be serving throughout the coming year of 2026-2027.

MID-YEAR TEA STATE CONVENTION

The Tennessee Elks Association mid-year state convention will be held again this year at the **Double Tree Hotel in Jackson** October 9-10, 2026. All Elks are invited to attend. Convention registration with meals is \$70.00 per person or \$50.00 without banquet meals, if received by September 15. Registration can occur at the convention but a late fee will apply. Hotel rooms will be \$159.50 per night, including taxes. Reservations are due to the Housing Officer by September 6.

A Golf Tournament will be held Friday. A banquet will be held Friday night. The business meeting will start at 8 am on Saturday morning. Seminars will be starting at 12 noon. A final banquet will be held at 7 Pm Saturday night. Hospitality tent will be available for all convention attendees.

Meeting Nights -- 2nd Tuesday Sep.8 & 4th Tuesday Sep. 22

See you at the meeting. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

August meeting notes: Meeting was held on August 25

Candidates balloted and awaiting initiation:

Jacob Lynn Vickery, Gleason; D B Trucking; Proposed by Ginger Randolph.

Alex Sims, Dresden; RN; Proposed by Thomas Sims.

Candidates proposed for membership:

Dillon Bradley, Martin; Canadian Pallet Service; Proposed by Donny Smith.

Jacob Davis, Martin; Davis Lawn Care; proposed by Kyle Odle.

Kenneth Mason, Dresden; UTM Rodeo Coach; Proposed by Russ Finney.

Cheryll Ann Nichols, Dresden; Retired nurse; Proposed by James Washburn.

Candidates proposed for reinstatement:

Robert Doran, Dresden; Gleason Clay Co.; Proposed by Curtis Doran.

Financial reports were given. All bills against the Lodge were read, approved, and have been paid.

The HVAC Systems were repaired and a new system installed. The ice machine was installed. The total cost was \$10,695.00.

The Business Men's Dinner was held August 18. 95 sponsors and guests enjoyed the Pork Chop dinner.

Breakfast was provided by the Lodge on Aug 22 for all Veterans, First Responders, and spouses. Several people enjoyed this complimentary meal. Another breakfast is scheduled on Nov 21. Thanks to Jason Hypes for being in charge of this program.

The Lodge House Committee met during August to review the budgets, discuss the financial condition of the Lodge, and discuss personnel issues.

A **District Deputy Clinic** was held on August 9 at the Paris Lodge. Representatives from all the Lodges in West TN were in attendance. Matt & Kenzie Carroll, Russ Finney, David Lewellen, Wade Pittman, Nolan Pittman, Jason Hypes, Donny Smith, and Bob Page attended the meeting.

Dresden Elks Lodge SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held October 3 at Persimmon Hills Golf Course at Sharon. Tee time is 8 AM with lunch served at end of tournament. Refreshments will be available. All net proceeds will go toward college scholarships to be awarded to local students. See our Lodge Facebook Page for complete details.

All members should register on the **official Elks web sites**. You go to **elks.org** and **TNelks.org** and select the member's only tab. You then enter a user name and password. There is a wealth of information provided to you through the website. The TN Elks password is "Elks".



The Dresden Antler is now available by e-mail! Just e-mail dresdenelks@gmail.com with your name in the subject line to sign up! This would save much paper and postage. We can also get you the bulletin much quicker than by snail mail.

Lounge Activities

The Lounge will be open all week (Tue. – Sat.) during normal hours (4pm – 10 / 11pm).

Pool Table, Dart Board, and Juke box available for games and entertainment.

Come by the Lodge to visit with fellow Elks and participate in the activities.

Friday Night 5th Quarter after Dresden home football games; the Lounge will be open until 11:30 with food, appetizes and refreshments available.

Saturday college football games. The Lounge will be open for the games. Come and watch the games on the big screen TVs with your fellow elks.

What do you get when you cross an elk with a hippo? **A hippopotamoose**



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If you know of someone that would make a good Elk, ask them to join our Order.