



## Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005

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### **“ROXBORO ELKS USE GRATITUDE GRANT TO PROMOTE YOUTH ANTLERS PROJECT”**

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The Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 is partnering with the Person County Parks and Recreation Department to establish a series of fishing programs for youth in Person County in 2017. The Lodge presented Jon Hill, the Director of Parks and Recreation for county, with a check for \$2,000 from a gratitude grant that the lodge received. This project in general give kids another recreational perspective from athletics or arts programming and can lead to an appreciation and respect for the natural world. It also opens interest for other outdoor recreational activities. It also exposes youth to nature which is a good thing in this time when youth are spending more and more time indoors than in the past. This allows youth to learn about this specific ecosystem by being exposed to it through fishing. They will learn what fish eat, what fish need to live other than just water.

This Roxboro Elk -Antlers project also give youths a chance to go fishing who may not otherwise have the opportunity. Physiologically, fishing itself, and our programs teach balance, hand eye coordination, responsibility, courtesy, and ethics (not to needlessly harm fish or litter). The Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 would like to thank the Person County Parks and Recreation Department and look forward to continuing future partnerships in an effort to make our community a better place. The upcoming program dates will be made available in the early spring.

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Roxboro Exalted Ruler Kyle Puryear presenting Jon Hill, Director for Park and Recreation of Person County, with a Gratitude Grant check.