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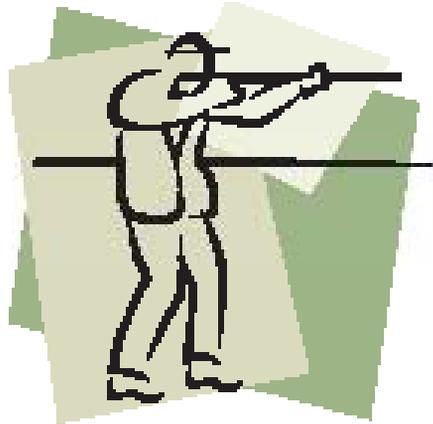
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## **37th Annual Grand Master's Trap Shoot**

**Saturday, September 8, 2018**

**Jacob's Field Sportsman's Club,  
20516 E. County Highway 22,  
Canton, IL 61520.**

**Practice Shoot at 10 a.m.**

**Final Shoot at 1:00 p.m.**

**High School Age Class**

**Lunch - Noon**

**including**

**Shoot -11:00a.m.**

**Trophies for Several Classes**

**Non Members Welcome**

**Host: Bushnell Odd Fellows Lodge #322**

**Directions: Rt 9 West to County 22 South 3 miles, 1/2 mile East of curve. OR: Route 100 out of  
Lewistown to St. David-Turn on 8th Street.**

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## ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Viola Waggle	9/02/30
Virginia Meeker	9/03/25
Mary Derousse	9/10/32
Veronika Burks	9/11/25
Blanche Titus	9/12/35
Dorothy Stirrett	9/13/34
Aline Gates	9/15/30
Jerry Heath	9/19/22
Rose James	9/23/31
Zora Patton	9/27/26
Eva Vanscyoc	9/28/28

## NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the Home,

This summer sure is flying by! July was a busy month with the Bagelfest parade and 4th of July activities. We sponsored a hole at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing at the Mattoon Golf and Country Club. Last month we celebrated Christmas in July and had a festive party in our Therapy gym. Everyone enjoyed our Hawaiian theme and many residents and staff dressed the part. We had a potluck for staff and residents and it was a huge hit!

It's that time of the year again and we have created a team for Walk to End Alzheimer's through the Alzheimer's Association. We are planning fundraising activities to raise money for our team! We are looking forward to the walk in September.

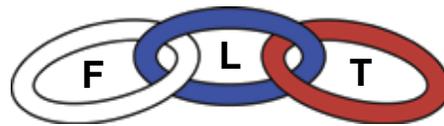
We are looking forward to August and our upcoming concerts and activities for the month!

Until next month- take care and be well.

*Jenna Black*  
Community Relations Coordinator

## SEND GET WELL CARDS

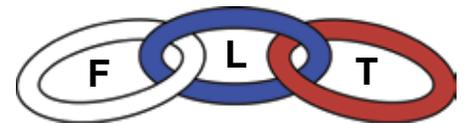
Ruth Mrizek fell and broke her leg while on vacation. She will be recuperating for several weeks at Plymouth Place and will need about 19 weeks of therapy. John is not much help since he doesn't get around very good, but for now please send your thinking of you and speedy recover cards to Plymouth Place, 315 N. LaGrange Road, LaGrange, IL 60526.



## TUSCOLA ODD FELLOWS LODGE #316 HOST ODD MARKET

Saturday August, 18th in UpTown Tuscola! This Odd Market benefits First Gig Rock N' Roll Camp for Kids! Come shop at one of the region's best handmade markets as we grow to include more live music acts, more food and more fun! This free event will showcase the talents of previous First Gig attendees with headlining act **KILLER BEE HONEY**. Sundry Shadows will be heating it up with fire dancing and performances!

Hosted by Tuscola Odd Fellows Lodge #316



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018

### Trap Shoot

Grand Master's Trap Shoot will be held on September 8, 2018

### District Deputy Grand Master's meeting

The annual District Deputy Grand Master's meeting will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the Grand Lodge office at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

### Leaders Banquet

The Annual Leaders Banquet will be held on November 3, 2018 and Planning Session will be on November 4, 2018. Place will be determined at a later date.

### School of Instructions

Grand Lodge will be held on November 17, 2018 at the Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln at 10 a.m.

Grand Encampment will be held on November 17, 2018 at the Grand Lodge Office at 1 p.m.

## ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Dear Ladies and Chevalliers,

I hope everyone had a safe 4th of July, we had terribly Hot weather and rain, ruining any plans we had for cook-outs and to watch any local fireworks.

I would like to thank the women who attended the Field Meet in Havana on June 30th, Judy Sarnes, Fran Davis, Nancy Curfman, Catherine Reavley and myself. We practiced what we could do with what women we had.

We should treat our meeting like our gardens and flowerbeds. Our seeds are Friendship, Love and Truth. Seeds tending too an remove any weeds (rumors) from taking over our Lodges. Like seeds we must call on our members and Shut-ins show them that we care for them.

It's hard to believe that soon we will have our grandchildren back in school and one grandson going to WIU in Macomb for his sophomore year.

Remember my Motto: "Live Each Day as it Comes"

My Emblems: Lighthouses and Angels - they will both guide you along your chosen paths in Life, either in the day or night.

My Aim: Together we can achieve your goals in Life.

*Chivalrously,*

*President Lady Sheila Reamer*



## COLE COUNTY #260 & ARTHUR ODD FELLOWS LODGE #742 MERGE

On July 3rd Coles County #260 merged with Arthur Odd Fellows Lodge #742 and installed new officers until the regular election in December. DGM Jim Bott and Jr PGM Larry Gean oversaw the ceremony.

By combining forces, these members will be able to focus on being active in their communities and doing the good work of the Order.



Norman Little, Marybeth Shipman, Edna Smith, Russ Camfield, Darrell Lash, Charlie Coffey, Jenna S, Charlene Smith, Amy Shipman, Scott Shipman.

## A YEAR OF UNITY The Bundle of Rods

Just as Wildey called together the former members of the English Order to form a new beginning; we too must come together to continue the lesson taught in the bundle of Rods.

It reminds us of the united power of each member to sustain, and be sustained by others when bound together by the bands of Friendship, Love and Truth.

For if we are to survive in the 21st century with the many distractions and opportunities abound, we must come together and work as one, leaving the I at the anteroom door.

As a whole we can do and do many things when set to the challenge:

- Over \$900,000,000.00 spent on relief since 1819
- The Education Foundation has invested over \$4,500,000.00 to provide \$7,419,794.00 in student loans, not to mention the thousands awarded in scholarships.
- The Pilgrimage for Youth has sent over 48,000 delegates on educational and life changing summer tours.
- The Visual Research Foundation through a \$2.5 million deposited funds the Odd Fellows Research Chair at John Hopkins Wilmer Institute for Eye Research.
- Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have raised over \$10 million for Arthritis programs and research.
- The leader in homes for the aged and orphans.

None of these programs would have been possible if not for the membership coming together to continue the commands of the Order: visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan.

## SYCAMORE'S ANGELS REBEKAH LODGE, A 'FAMILY' THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

By Kelli Duncan for Chronicle Media — June 29, 2018  
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Participants in the Angels Speak Out for Autism 5K on April 28 hold signs and cheer on the walkers. (Photo provided by Jane Stiles)

A group of motivated individuals in Sycamore strive to make a difference in their community by helping those in need and spreading love wherever they go.

The goal of Angels Rebekah Lodge No. 106 — “Rebekahs” for short — “is to elevate the character of mankind,” according to Jane Stiles, the lodge’s vice grand.

Rebekahs are affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, an international fraternal organization dedicated to spreading friendship, love and truth through acts of community service. Similar lodges exist throughout the United States and in around 30 other countries.

They offer support to both individuals experiencing hard times by hosting dinners, meat raffles and other fundraisers for individuals and families who are going through hard times.

The Rebekahs have also raised money for organizations such as Safe Passage, Opportunity House and Hope Haven and hold frequent food drives for area food pantries.

Stiles said that, since they plan their events based on suggestions from their members, they are able to raise money for a wide variety of different causes that members all feel passionately about.

“If one of our members has a new idea for a fundraiser, they bring that up and we discuss it and then I’ll start making plans to make that happen,” Stiles said.

All Rebekahs’ fundraisers and events are open to the public. Stiles said that their main focus is to try to be responsive to the needs of their community.

“Somebody from the community may come to us saying they need help with something and we almost always try to help them out,” Stiles said. “So we just never know who’s gonna come through the door or give us a call.”

Stiles was introduced to the Rebekahs through her husband’s involvement with Odd Fellows.

She was among the first members to be initiated when Sycamore’s Rebekahs Lodge opened in 2009 and has been with the organization ever since.

Stiles said that she has held every possible position in the Rebekahs over the years, currently serving as the vice grand which is comparable to a vice president position, meaning next year she will be eligible to serve as noble grand, or lodge president.

The lodge has now grown to include 19 members who come together twice a month to share a meal and discuss future community service projects.

“We’re a family, you know, we consider each other sisters and brothers and we try to support each other emotionally,” Stiles said.

She said one of the Rebekahs’ most recent philanthropic ventures, the Angels Speak Out for Autism 5K walk on April 28, was a huge success. The annual event benefits Sycamore’s Opportunity House.

Opportunity House is a non-profit organization and rehabilitation center for adults with developmental disabilities. They offer different forms of speech and occupational therapy as well as services to help adults with disabilities have access to employment, housing and social activities.

Opportunity House also helps about 80 clients participate in the Special Olympics each year. They offer eight different Special Olympics sports programs year-round from bocce ball to basketball.

Since then, the Rebekahs hosted back-to-back food drives at the Hy-Vee in Sycamore on the first Saturday and Sunday of June. Stiles said that Saturday’s proceeds also went to the Opportunity House and Sunday’s contributions were given to Hope Haven, a local homeless shelter.

“In October, we actually have another 5K that’s for breast cancer awareness,” Stiles said. “This will be our ninth year in doing that one and the funds from that go to the Mammogram Fund over at the cancer center at Kishwaukee Hospital through the KishHealth Foundation.”

Their last fundraiser for the KishHealth Foundation raised \$4,200 for the cancer center.

The Rebekahs will have booths set up at Pumpkin Festival in Sycamore (Oct. 24-28) as well as the Burlington Days fall festival in September.

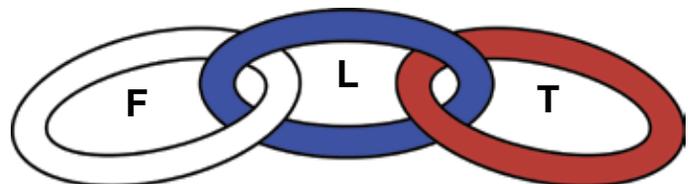
“We love going to the fall festivals,” Stiles said. “And the money that we raise from those events we use to buy Christmas presents for DeKalb county foster children.”

Members must be at least 17 years old and be of good moral character. Stiles said that anyone interested in joining should come to one of the organization’s meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Sycamore Odd Fellows Lodge.

“You just come and meet everybody and see if you think you’ll be a good fit and see if we think you’ll be a good fit into our little family,” Stiles said. “We want people of good moral character that hold helping other people true to their heart.”

New members must have a sponsor within the organization before they can be initiated, but Stiles said they are always eager to welcome new Rebekahs who share their passion for friendship and community service.

“When you help people, it makes you a better person,” Stiles said. “So it does make me feel good to be able to make a difference in the community and I enjoy the friendships that I’ve made in the organization ... It’s a great organization, I absolutely love being a Rebekah.”



## HOPEDALE REBEKAH LODGE 74 TAKES PART IN D.A.R.E. PROGRAMS



Pictured are Delavan Grade School D.A.R.E. students.



Olympia West Elementary School D.A.R.E. students.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) culmination programs were held January 23 at Olympia West Elementary School in Minier and May 16 at Delavan Grade School. These ceremonies marked the completion of D.A.R.E. training courses for 67 students. Students who completed the sessions were recognized, including 36 fifth-grade students at Olympia West and 31 sixth-grade students at Delavan.

Hopedale Rebekah Lodge 74, representing the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Illinois, presented the D.A.R.E. t-shirts for the students to Chief Daryl Weseloh of the Minier Police Department, D.A.R.E. Instructor.

Each ceremony opened with a processional of the D.A.R.E. students, and D.A.R.E. students led the Pledge of Allegiance. Weseloh gave the welcomes.

School and community officials gave congratulatory remarks at each program, reminding students to make positive choices, not to let drugs ruin their future, and to stay drug free.

Each student who participated in D.A.R.E. prepared an essay on the topic, "What I learned in D.A.R.E." Four essays at the Olympia school and four essays at the Delavan school were selected for special recognition during the "Lena Woods Essay Award" presentations.

The late Lena Woods was a charter member of the Hopedale Rebekah Lodge and for many of her 101 years up until her move to an assisted care facility, attended the D.A.R.E. graduations.

Today, Chief Weseloh remembers her faithful attendance at those D.A.R.E. programs, and to honor Lena, the essay award presentations now bear her name. Chief Weseloh presented the award certificates to the students as they read their essays.

At each school, Weseloh gave "The Final Challenge," speaking to the students about the importance of saying no to drugs. He has been teaching the D.A.R.E. program for more than 25 years.

The ceremonies closed with a recessional by the D.A.R.E. students to a reception that followed each ceremony.

*By Linda Lou Robinson  
Hopedale Rebekah Lodge 74 Secretary*

## GUARDIAN LODGE #60 ROAD SIDE CLEANUP

After 2 attempts that were rained out. Guardian was finally able to do their 1st highway cleanup. FL&T.



Pictured left to right back row - Jim Gaylord, V.G. Chris Zaphe, Paul "Tall Paul" Brown, P.G.M. P.G. of Guardian Lodge 60 Eric Smith, P.C.R P.R.P. region 10 Lucas Arnold.

Front row - Al Atchison. Adam "Fuji" Fugarowicz. Not pictured N.G. Mike "Chico" Cichonski.

ODD FELLOWS

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ON  
NOVEMBER 3, 2018  
At 6:00 PM

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You are invited to attend and join in the celebration of the Banquet  
to honor all of the leaders of all of the units of the order

Reservations for the banquet may be sent to **LINDA JONES** / 802 South Liberty Street, Jerseyville, Illinois 62052  
Please send a check in the amount of \$35.00 per reservation. No reservation will be accepted after **October 19, 2018**.

**JAMES BOTT,**                      **GRAND MASTER**  
**DONNA GRABLE,**              **ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT**  
**JANET BRUCE,**                **GRAND PATRIARCH**  
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To Reserve a room at the Northfield Inn & Suites, please call (217) 523-7900  
We have set aside a block of 25 rooms for this weekend.  
Mention the **ODD FELLOWS** and receive a discounted rate of **\$92.00 + tax per room**  
**A FREE DELUXE Breakfast Buffet is included in your stay!!**

**MENU:**              Chicken Breast with Basil Cream Sauce              Pork Loin with Celery Dressing  
                          Grilled Chicken Breast topped with a              Roasted Pork Loin, Sliced thin atop  
                          Fresh Basil Cream Sauce                              a Celery and Onion Dressing

**WITH**  
**Fresh Salad & Rolls**  
**Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes**  
**Green Beans with Onions and Bacon**  
**Dessert: Apple, Cherry, or Peach Pie**

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A note on the weekend events of November 2, 3, and 4 of 2018.  
Some of you that are reading this note may wonder "WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THAT WEEKEND?" This weekend is very important in the life of Illinois Odd Fellows for several reasons.  
This event has been traditionally called the "LEADERS MEETING" or "LEADERS BANQUET". Some of you know this to be the weekend of the annual Rebekah School of Instruction. In fact it is all of these events and much more.

Here is what happens on this weekend:  
1. This year, a new event is scheduled. For those that would like to check in on Friday, Donna Grable and I have arranged for a special tour of the Lincoln Museum in Springfield. This will begin at 2:00 PM, which gives you plenty of time to check in to the NORTHFIELD INN, put things in order and meet us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun.  
2. On Saturday, the annual Rebekah Statewide SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION will be conducted in a very nice meeting room at the Northfield Inn. Donna and I have already made an inspection of these facilities and have found the accommodations to be are superior to what we have had in the past few years. This meeting begins promptly at 1:00 PM.

3. At 2:00 PM, the November meeting of the IOOF Executive board will be held in a private meeting room just down the hall from the Rebekah School. Your Executive board meets regularly to discuss and plan the various events that concern the day to day running of what has become one of the largest privately held charitable organizations in Illinois.  
4. Starting at 6:00 PM, the annual LEADERS BANQUET will begin. This will be held in a very spacious banquet room complete with a stage area. You will have your choice of meals that you may select. We have been promised very spacious seating for this event. Dress is formal or Business attire. Come and listen as each leader of our order explains their program for the year! As a special part of this evening there will be some laughs and entertainment from a magician!!!  
5. Sunday morning at 9:30 AM we will hold our Annual Planning Meeting. This is open to one and all. This is the time that we will discuss ALL the events on our IOOF Rebekah calendar. Your Leaders have been working on the events calendar for the last several months and we would welcome your input. If your Lodge will be hosting a special event, we would very much like to hear about that at this time. Dress casual for this.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Please MAIL form directly to:

Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703

RATE: \$110.00 plus 13% room tax, (1-4 persons)

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of additional persons sharing room: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Room Type: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 bed \_\_\_\_\_ 2 beds

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