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



**Practice Shoot at 10 a.m. Shoot –11:00a.m.
Lunch - Noon**

Final Shoot at 1:00 p.m.

**Trophies for Several Classes including
High School Age Class
Non Members Welcome**

Host: Bushnell Odd Fellows Lodge #322

**Directions: Rt 9 West to County 22 South 3 miles, 1/2 mile
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ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Virginia Meeker	September 3, 1925
Sabra Culp	September 3, 1940
Eva Shidlauski	September 4, 1940
Thomas Shaffer	September 5, 1932
Blanche Titus	September 12, 1935
Phyllis Stewart	September 12, 1946
Adrienne Thornburgh	Sept 14, 1935
Jerry Heath	September 19, 1922
Arline Crockett	September 19, 1928
Rose James	September 23, 1931
Sharon Barta	September 23, 1948
Dana Skidmore	September 25, 1949
Eva Vanscyoc	September 28, 1928

NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,

Summer has officially hit, WOW, it's been HOT!!! Thank goodness we are able to be inside with the air-conditioning.

We are still COVID FREE, thank you for your prayers and thoughts to keep us that way.

July was a busy month for all..... The residents have been watching their plants grow that they planted in May during an activity. They are looking quite yummy. They will be enjoying the fruits of their labor soon. We celebrated the 4th with colorful activities to remind them of our wonderful freedom.

We also enjoyed making and selling sno-cones for a fund raiser for Alzheimer's Awareness. The Walk is approaching and we have to get busy raising money for our team.

Until next month take care- stay safe - and be well.

*Danita Starwalt
Community Relations Coordinator*

HARRIETT A. McCLAUGHRY

A member of Lewistown Rebekah Lodge #566 passed away on July 2, 2020 at her home: she was born on February 2, 1940 to Ralph Adrian and Isabel Munson. Harriett was 80 years young: she was 18 when she married Wilbur McClaughry: who was an IOOF member: So of course she joined the Womens group in a few months at the age of 18 she became a Rebekah the year was 1958, and that gives her 62 year member; She served and held a lot of the chairs including the Noble Grand, and going on for District 11, became a Past President, then in 2011 she joined the IOOF which at that time when they let the women join the men's group during this time, she of course had 5 lovely children, Monty, Glenda, Lisa, Eric, and Aaron and raised them. Surviving are also 12 grand children, 6 Great-grand children and two sisters Esther Lovell and Laura Sue Munson.

I can never remember her or Wilbur missing a meeting & when not able to drive one of her daughters brought them to Lewistown #566. What a wonderful member & worker for the Lodge. There were 14 to Post Evergreens for her.

TERESA DUDAR

Teresa Dudar, age 59, formerly of Carpentersville, passed on July 5th, 2020 in her home. She was born in South Carolina on April 17th, 1961 and was a daughter of Dale Sunderlage, and step daughter of Chuck Sunderlage. Terri was a long term resident of Carpentersville. Terri was involved with her community through the moose lodge, and is a former Rebekah. She also was working on her own organization, "J2soon". Terri dedicated her time to help those with drug addiction, homeless, and anyone in need. She is survived by husband, Grant Dudar, daughter, Angilique Uriostegui "Daniel", 4 grandchildren, David, Veronica and Olivia Uriostegui, and Jenna Bochette. Other survivors include her brother, Steve Bochette, "Karla", and brother, Chuck Sunderlage "Karen", along with many nieces, nephews, friends and family. Terri was preceded in death by her mother, Dale Sunderlage and son, Jason Bochette. Family and friends will gather Laird Funeral Home, 120 S. Third St., West Dundee, on Friday, July 10, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. IN lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grant Dudar and Angilique Uriostegui. Private burial, date to be determined.

MODERN GOAT RIDER PODCAST

Hello proud members of the IOOF,
Hello from the Modern Goat Rider podcast!

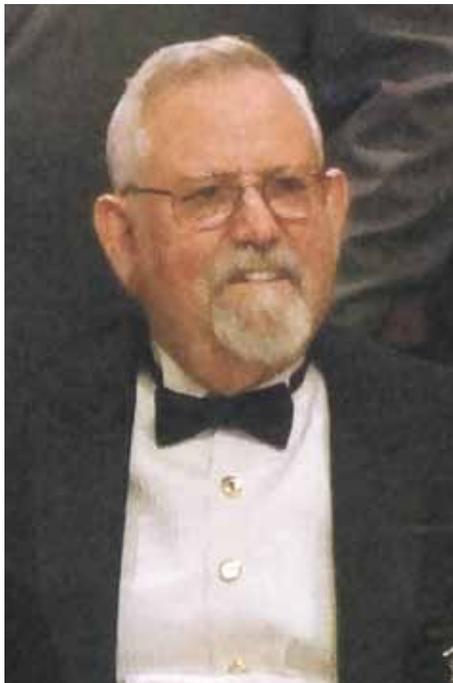
The recent influx of digital Odd Fellows content through downloadable podcasts has been sorely needed for years and the current pandemic is keeping our members from attending their lodge meetings; so this new podcast can give them connections with others across the globe and hopefully help fill-in the fraternal gap. Recently, Brother Toby Hanson announce the Three Links Odd Cast, and in the meantime myself and Brother Josh Miller have been developing our own, complimentary yet very different, podcast for members to enjoy.

Attached is our launch announcement, and if you can direct members to our website moderngoatrider.com, then they can find more information about Josh and myself; as well as the podcast.

Thank you very much for distributing through out your jurisdictions.

*Cheers in FL&T,
Brother Billy Sanderson
Brother Josh Miller*

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Summer is here, the weather is getting HOT in the 90's. We are getting some rain, my garden is growing everything looks good.

I hope your Lodges are starting to open. Hope that your members are being safe.

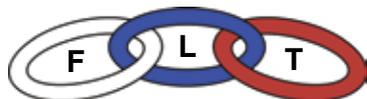
I would like to thank everyone that came to Lincoln to help clean out the garage. A special thanks to Steve Pigg for bringing a trailer.

The Bushnell Odd Fellows Lodge #322 will hold the Annual Grand Masters Trap Shoot in Canton on September 12, 2020. Brothers and Sisters, please write some news for the Illinois Odd Fellow Paper.

I know that Lodges have not met for some time but hope you will be having Good Lodge work. Visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, educate the orphans.

Friends and Family,
May you be safe
May you feel loved
May you have hope,
Know that better days are coming.

Friendship Love and Truth
Niles Reamer
Grand Master



ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope everyone had a good 4th of July and that you have all remained healthy!

My local lodges, Juanita #477, Pride of the West #544, Brighton Odd Fellow Lodge #366 have all started regular meetings again. We were all really happy to be able to get together again. The other lodge I belong to, Ruby Rebekah Lodge #263, will be meeting at the end of July.

As I listen to all of the news stories about this COVID-19 virus, it's really hard to know what is real and how to proceed to some form of normal. I have had a few phone calls from members around the state asking how to proceed with meetings, I have advised that as long as members feel safe and wear masks, if that is how your lodge wishes that to happen, that they are allowed to meet.

I know that wearing a mask is not pleasant, but I also believe that they can protect yourself and others from being exposed. I'm thanking people around me that wear masks. You never know who you might come in contact with that has an underlying health problem that you don't know anything about.

I know this has been a hardship for many lodges that do fundraisers throughout the year. Try to hang in there and hopefully we get back to our normal lives soon!!

Please remember to send cards or make phone calls to members that are either sick or are not able to get out. It means so much to get those cards and phone calls!

I'm looking forward to my continued term as the President of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois. I'm excited to hopefully be able to complete some of my activities in 2021!!

Please stay safe and remember to Respect each other – Believe in the good work we do – Love each other.

In F.L. & T.
Nann Johnson,
Assembly President

MARIAN L. BEYER

Marian L. Beyer, 72 of St. Jacob, IL born Sunday November 2, 1947 in St Louis Mo and passed away at the Evelyn House in St. Louis, M. on Friday, April 17, 2020.

Marian was a member of Highland Community Church, she also attended Troy United Methodist Church and loved participating in their music and travel programs. In her early years she was active in the 4-H, Jobs Daughters and Troy Rebekah Lodge and Neilson Lodge #25. She attended St. Jacob Grade School, Triad High School and graduated from University of IL with her degree in Business and Education. She retired from the Highland School District with 30 years of service. Marian enjoyed all types of music, arts and crafts, photography and scrap-booking, traveling with friends, nature and the outdoors. She loved spending time in her yard and taking care of her cats. Playing trivia with her friends was always a great treat for her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Russell and Emma Wilhelmina (Noll) Beyer.

Surviving are her friend and caregiver, Marilyn Haegele and her family of Alhambra, IL; cousins Edward and Eileen Beard, and Paul and Jane Langenwalter both of St. Louis, MO

Memorials may be made to Highland Animal Shelter, Highland, IL St. Jacob Lions Club, Leader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 242 St. Jacob, IL of charity of one's choice.

IN MEMORIAM

TERESA DUDAR

April 17, 1961 - July 5, 2020

MARIAN L. BEYER

November 2, 1947 - April 17, 2020

HARRIETT A. McCLAUGHRY

February 2, 1940 - July 2, 2020

LODGES HELPING LODGES

On Thursday, June 18th several members from Brighton, Western Star in Alton, and Jerseyville Lodge met on the roof of the Jerseyville Lodge hall to try to stop the leaks. The roof was coated and protected until next time.



From Brighton: Allen Jones & Roger Jones; From Western Star: Jim Bott & Bill Francis; From Jerseyville; Dick Jones.

SCHOLARSHIPS

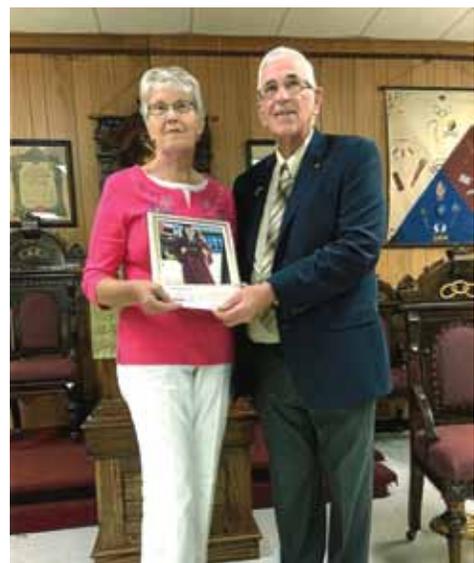
Western Star Lodge recently started meeting again and on our June 16th meeting we presented two \$500.00 scholarships to two very deserving young High School Graduates.

Libby Butler, daughter of Mike & Patty Butler of Godfrey graduated with honors & was a member of the National Honor Society, a Silver Medallion Award recipient and is an accomplished musician.

Christine Argus graduated as a member of the National Honor Society, completed over 200 service hours, and was accepted into the International Baccalaureate Program. She will be attending the University of Kentucky.



N.G. Bill Francis presenting a scholarship to Libby Butler.



N.G. Bill Francis presenting a scholarship to the Grandmother of Christine Argus.

DONATE TO DISASTER & RELIEF FUND

In January, Western Star Lodge # 1 and Brighton Lodge # 366 held a Chili & Soup dinner to raise funds for the Disaster & Relief Fund.

Advance tickets were sold around the state. In February, the two Lodges presented checks to the Grand Lodge totaling \$1,000.00. Our many thanks to all who supported this effort!



Shown here are Allen Jones from Brighton Lodge, David Scheffel (Chairman of the Fundraiser) and Bill Smith from Western Star accepting the check for \$1,000.00 to be sent to the Grand Lodge.

WORKDAY AT CHILDREN'S HOME GARAGE

Grand Master Niles Reamer sent out a call to all lodges in Illinois for help. Over 25 people showed up to clean the basement of the large garage. In less than two hours, the garage was clean and a 30 yard dumpster was filled to the top. This was a great day of fellowship and support towards the efforts to organize the contents of our primary storage space at the Grand Lodge.



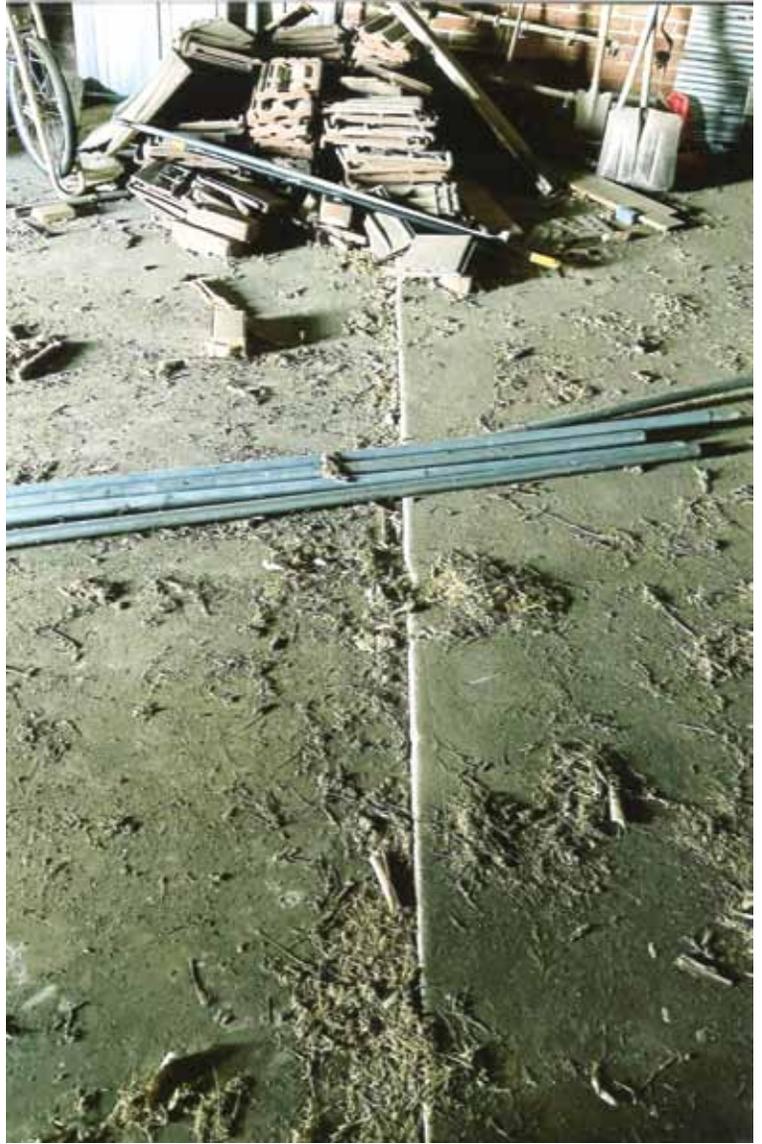
GARAGE PROGRESS

The Grand Lodge Executive Board, working with the Children's Home Board decided that it was time to do some major work on the big garage at the Children's Home. The first step was to clean everything out of the basement so a contractor can come in and complete the many jobs necessary to make a better building. Some of the jobs will include new concrete work, siding, walls, new garage doors with openers, and all new electric.

Once all of the work is completed by the contractor, we will hold a second workday to move everything that is on the top floor down to the new shelves and storage areas in the basement.



GARAGE PROGRESS





TREES

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast.

A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain!
Who intimately lives with rain;

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

By Joyce Kilmer



You and me, and just one tree we can make a difference.

NEW MEMBER

Brighton Lodge gained a new member on Tuesday, July 7th.

Jack Eiler was initiated with the help of members from four lodges and enjoyed a night of fun and fellowship.

Thanks, Jack for choosing the IOOF and your willingness to be part of something GREAT!!



Shown here is Allen Jones welcoming Brighton's newest member.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Culmination Program was held January 14 at Olympia West Elementary School in Minier. This ceremony marked the completion of D.A.R.E. training courses and recognition for 34 fifth-grade students.

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.

The 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 Welcome.

School and community officials gave Congratulatory Remarks at the 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." Five essays at the Olympia school were selected for special recognition during the "Lena Woods Essay Award" Presentation.

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 Lena's 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.

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 ceremony closed to a reception following the ceremony.

Every year Weseloh also teaches the D.A.R.E. program to the students at the Delavan Grade School during the spring semester. This year he began the D.A.R.E. course but was unable to complete the training due to the Governor closing the Illinois public schools because of the threat of the virus known as COVID-19.

By Linda Lou Robinson

Hopedale Rebekah Lodge 74 Secretary