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A DELICIOUS LIVING LEGACY



This spring Clio Rebekah Lodge #143 of Havana supplied and planted four apple trees at Bellrose Meadows, the site of a new community garden being created by the Havana Park District. The Lodge planted two Jonathan and two Honey Crips trees and purchased four “Gator bags” to help with watering.

The Park District is moving forward on their plans to create a space for a community produce garden and a large native plant pollinator garden despite the recent loss of the area’s largest tax income producing business. The gardens would not be possible without grants and donations from community organization and individuals.

Pictured: Clio members Sophia Reavley and Lynn Coats with community volunteer Kelly Cruise. Picture taken by Clio member Cathy Reavley

ODD FELLOW REBEKAH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Kreeden Allen was presented an Illinois Odd Fellow Rebekah Scholarship Award by Bonnie Hensley, Vice President of the Committee; before a Lodge meeting in the Hall in Rushville. Kreeden is a 2021 graduate of Rushville/Industry High School and will be attending Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Ohio. Some others attending were: Clara Kay Nott, Lewistown and committee member; Tracy Parr, Kreeden's mom; Kreeden Allen, Bonnie Hensley, Stronghurst; Steve Pigg, Bushnell Grand Lodge Warden; Sandra Coulter, Ipava and committee member; and Tim Bright, Rushville Noble Grand of Friendship Odd Fellow Lodge.



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ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Mary Weber	August 1, 1926
Janice Brand	August 3, 1922
Ethel Wright	August 11, 1924
Patricia Woodard	August 11, 1949
Phyllis Webb	August 12, 1940
Donna Richards	August 16, 1946
Calvin White	August 16, 1948
Julia Shasteen	August 19, 1936
Judy Mantell	August 24, 1948
Ruth Crowder	August 28, 1935

MT ZION #300 HONORS A 72 YEAR MEMBER



Don E "DOC" Wells, a member of the Mt Zion Odd fellows Lodge #300, passed away December 2, 2020. Don had been an Odd Fellow since February 15, 1949, when he took his initial obligation. His brother Paul Wells took his obligation approximately a year later. Paul and Don used to go to the lodge to socialize and played many a game of pool there.

Don was the longest serving member of the Mt Zion Lodge, having served almost 72 years and had recently received his 70 year membership pin. A memorial tree and plaque are being placed at Fletcher Park in Mt Zion, in memory of Don and all past

Odd Fellow Brothers. The tree has recently been planted and the plaque is awaiting delivery.



The Mt Zion Odd Fellows are comprised of members of diverse backgrounds and we make it our duty to give back to the community. Don was a valued part of that membership. The Odd Fellows are known for our benevolence and charity, and we are all proud of it.

IN MEMORIAM

James Herren
2/27/1934–6/16/2021
48 year member of
Carbondale 233 & Fairhall Historical
Lodge

NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,

Things have sure warmed up, what a quick change the weather took. Residents are still enjoying sitting outside, even with the heat. A few have enjoyed going out to see our new gazebo in front of the building. It's still under construction, but it's going to be beautiful.

Last month we enjoyed celebrating Father's Day with our residents. Making them feel loved and appreciated was the focus. (I'm pretty sure we achieved that). We are looking forward to all the craziness of celebrating Independence Day with some red, white and blue. Activities have been crafting, playing games, baking, and making some yummy snacks for everyone to enjoy. It's a great feeling to have activities back in full swing.

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

Danita Starwalt
Community Relations Coordinator

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



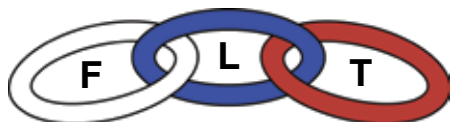
Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

June has been a busy month with two graduations, my one Grandson graduated from Western Illinois University, was raining all day long, had to sit in rain for four hours. Also had one grandson graduated from 8th grade. On June 6th my wife Sheila and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary with an open house. Also had opportunity to go to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

The week before Memorial Day my wife and I placed IOOF and Rebekah flags on passed members graves, and flowers on family and friends graves.

With everything opening up we will be celebrating July Fourth this year. I hope to be attending the Great Lakes Conference July 23-25 in Jackson Michigan. Hope that everyone is enjoying their summer trips, be safe.

*Friendship Love and Truth
Niles Reamer
Grand Master*



ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is doing well!

I have received word, and attended the planning meeting that we will be having our Session in October!

I'm so excited after our long awaited time with Covid-19. We are having a banquet as well. All these things might look a little different then past years, but at least we get to meet!

I was able to have my fund raiser in May for the Rebekah Assembly General Fund. The weather was not great that day, but I was able to make \$700.00.

I will also be sending all Rebekah members in the state one last fund raiser that I'm calling "Christmas in July". I am paying for all the postage and printing of this project. When you get your letter, please make sure you send it back to me.

I will be taking a vacation to North Carolina in June. I'm looking forward to relaxing on the beach!!

The lodges I belong to have been meeting regularly since about March! It has been fun to be able to see everyone again. I know some lodges are still not able to meet, try to get creative and meet in a park or someplace that everyone feels safe!

Please remember to check in with members, family and friends!

Remember to Respect each other — Believe in the good work we do — Love each other.

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

TUSCOLA LODGE #316

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

We have set up an Initiation for candidates Saturday, July 17th at 7:30 pm. There will be a social before and after with food/drink.

All are welcome to attend! The hope is to make this as dramatic as possible with dramatic lighting etc.

*In FL&T
Ainslie Heilich PG
Secretary
Tuscola #316*

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the card and phone calls I have received this past year on my Spinal Operation. I still have about 6 months to go before I can drive our vehicle. I want to give a special thanks to my number one Nurse, that is Jerald. He gave up a lot to be with me and take care of me. He had perfect attendance in Havana Rotary Club of 39 years and he gave that up to be with me. So personally, I want to thank him for all the help I have received and still getting good advice from him and I take my turn to listen to him.

Again thanks everyone and see you all at the annual session of the upcoming Grand Lodge.

Judy Sarnes



Happy 4th!



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ERIE LODGE # 38 PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP

Erie Lodge presented a scholarship at the Academic Awards Program held at Breese Central High School in Breese, Illinois on May 13, 2021.



Pictured (left to right) are Bob Seiffert, Noble Grand of Erie Lodge, presenting to Ella Jansen a \$1,000 Erie Lodge Scholarship. Ella plans to attend SIU Carbondale to pursue a career as a Psychological Nurse Practitioner.

BUSHNELL LODGE #322



On April 6th Grand Warden, Steve Pigg received his 50 year jewel from Grand Treasurer, Arlan Miller. The jewel previously belonged to Steve's Dad Lyndall Pigg, PGM.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Emily Wise received the Glenn Coursey Agricultural Scholarship and is going to Spoon River College and is in her second year then will be going into Veterinarian Field.

Max Johnson received the Odd Fellow Rebekah Scholarship and is going to Millikin University to pursue a degree in Entomology and Biology.

Kendra Hartstrin received the Glen Coursey Agricultural Scholarship and

is going to Augustana College for Pre-Veterinary Medicine given at award day at Spoon River Valley High School.



Sandra Coulter Pres LAMP of Illinois & Rebekah Assembly Warden, Kendra Hartstrin, and Clara Kay Nott Chaplain IALAMP.



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