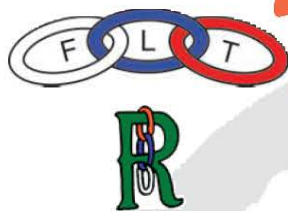


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*Who's Our August Mystery Girl? See Page 11 For Details.*



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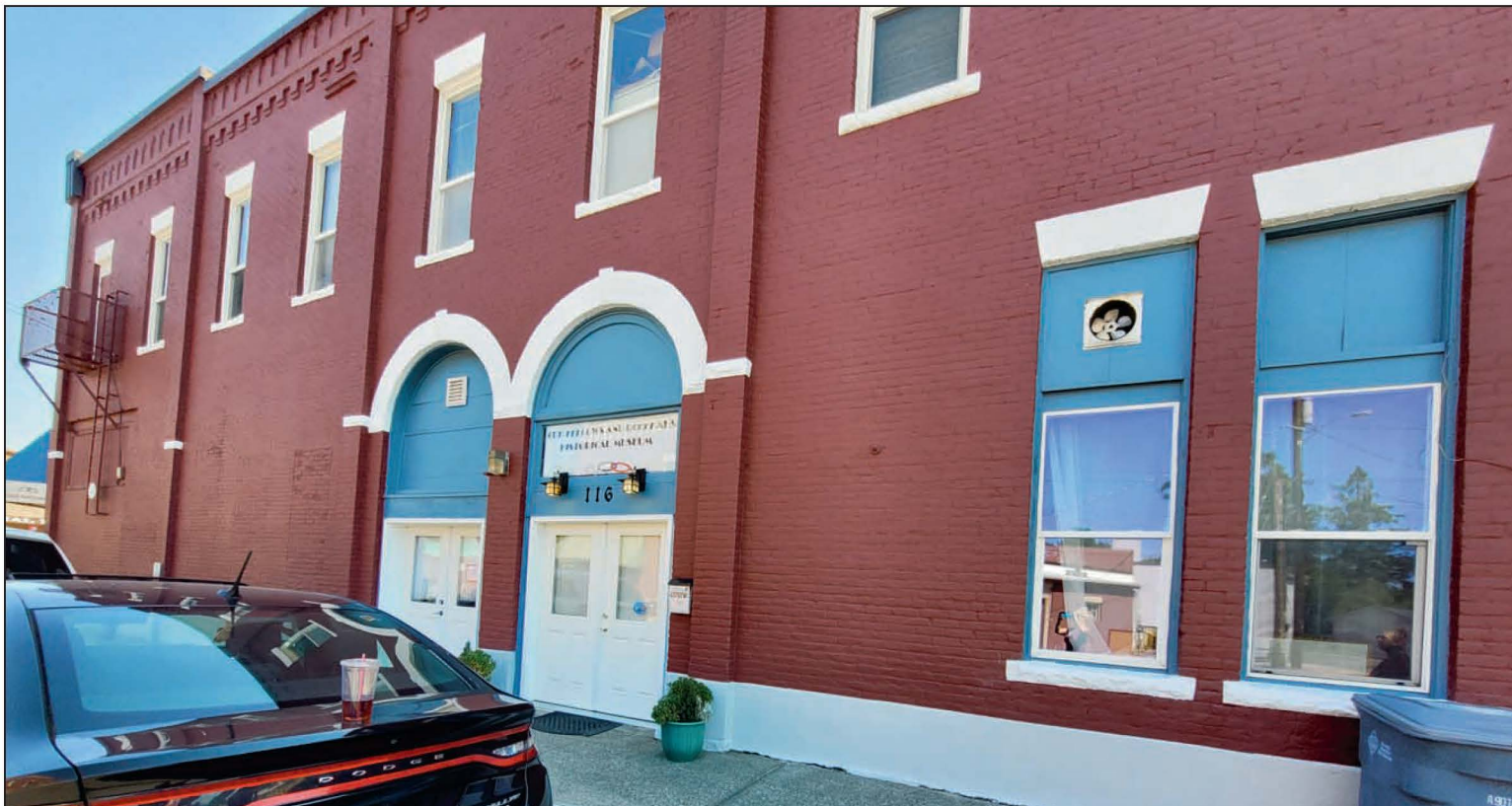
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## *Here's your new leaders for 2021-22*

Washington's new leaders were honored at a reception at Olympia's Puget Park on Sunday, July 18. Cutting the cake are, from left: Grand Patriarch Duard Fyffe, Theta

Rho Assembly President Moira Struthers, Grand Master Dave Delony, Grand Matriarch Jennie Reed, and Rebekah Assembly President Margaret "Peg" Ogilvie



## Buckley Lodge gets a new coat of paint



Grand Lodge Assistant Melissa Hildner and IOOF Museum Curator Lisa Sweeny are ready to stir up some paint and get to work. In the middle photo is Joanne Balmert.



Recently the City of Buckley made a strong suggestion to Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 that the peeling paint be scraped and repainted. These ladies took on the project in early July and you can see the results in these photos. Taking part in the painting party were Lisa Sweeney, Melissa Hildner, Joanne Balmert, and Laurel Delony.



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## Services for Valma DeVall set for Sept. 11

Celebration of Life Services for Valma DeVall will be held on Friday, September 11, 2021 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Quinault Baptist Church, 5400 W. Canal Dr. in Kennewick, WA 99336.

Valma, Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington, passed away on January 19, 2021. She served as Grand Matriarch in 1986-87. Valma was 93. She lived in Grandview, WA.

## Wedding Fountain

Shirley Ruble received awards from the Walla Walla Parks and Recreation Department for requesting a grant from the State Capital Budget in Olympia to repair the Wedding Fountain in Pioneer Park. The Wedding Fountain hasn't been running for 15 years. Shirley applied for a \$9,000 grant to renovate the Wedding Fountain's appearance and recirculation of water. She received a plaque in gratitude and a gold coin commemorating the day. Shirley's family was here from Gig Harbor for the dedication of the Wedding Fountain. They helped her reach her goal. Shirley's niece, Amy Ruble, is Senior Advisor to the House of Representatives. She guided Shirley through the process of preparing the grant. It was passed in the 2019-2021 Capital Budget. Shirley promises us more details and photos next month.



## Summertime Vacation Fun!!

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Words are Forward And Backward,  
Horizontal, Vertical  
And Diagonal.

Answers On Page 11

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary

## WOW, IT'S AUGUST ALREADY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We were able to have Grand Sessions this year and hopefully we all had some sort of social gathering with



**CATHY GARCIA**

our Rebekah Brothers and Sisters during the month of July. The weather is wonderful and my gardens are flourishing. I love this time of year.

## MY WORK CONTINUES

Rebekah work continues even if we are not having meetings. I am working on the Journal and hope to have it to the printing committee in early September. Having completed a full year of Secretary responsibilities, I am genuinely enjoying serv-

ing in this position. Thank you for your confidence in electing me for the next two years. It is starting to come together, and I am beginning to have a clear idea of what I need to accomplish and how to do so efficiently (sort of).

My main task this summer has been to make sure I have accurate information on members of each lodge. I have contacted many of you and I am thankful for the helpful information you have provided.

## LET'S GET EVERYTHING UP TO DATE

Secretaries and Treasurers — while you may not be meeting with your lodges over the summer, this is a great time to go over your books and make sure you



Cathy's beautiful garden has kept her busy.

have updated information and that your minute books, spread sheets and finance books are up to date. The Annual Report may be a while off, but having all your information easy to access now will make it much quicker and less frustrating in December.

## CINCINNATI HERE WE COME

I am excited to be heading to Cincinnati soon for the IARA Sessions. I look forward to sharing ideas with the other Secretaries and will hopefully come back with ways to serve you more efficiently.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Secretary. I ask for your prayers and encouragement. Please contact me anytime I can offer you and/or your lodge any assistance.

Have a wonder August and stay safe and cool.

— Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth

With Rebekah Love & Hugs,

Cathy Garcia,

PP and Secretary

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# Back To School Time!



# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## THANKS FOR KEEPING ME ON

Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank the Grand Lodge members for electing me your Grand Secretary for another year. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve the Order and the Jurisdiction of Washington and I will continue to do so to the best of my ability.



LAUREL DELONY

## PER CAPITA DUES

I will be working on the Per Capita dues which will be mailed out to each of your lodge Secretaries on August 15. Your lodge can choose to pay half the total once it has been received and the balance must be paid by December

15. Or your lodge can choose to pay the full amount. But

it must be paid in full by December 15.

More next month.

— *With Fraternal Love and Hugs To All*  
Laurel Delony, PGM, Grand Secretary

## From your 2021-22 Theta Rho President

### A WONDERFUL ASSEMBLY

Hello and happy summer everybody!

I am very excited to have been elected the President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington, and I hope



MOIRA STRUTHERS  
Holding Her Hedgehog  
Queenie Delilah Struthers

that this year is a good one for everyone. Assembly was wonderful this year, especially since we couldn't have it last year. Every office was filled, both elected and appointed. We were all glad to be able to see one another in person.

My fun night was a success thanks to my club and family. Piper Fyffe did a wonderful job leading the Theta Rho Assembly. Installation went off without a hitch, and every officer was installed into their respective offices.

I hope to see everybody at the receptions for Washington and Oregon. Washington's reception

was on July 18 at the Olympia Park. The Oregon reception is September 25 at the Milwaukee Lodge from 1-3 p.m.

This summer I am eager to go camping with my family, and it has been great to see other family from Texas and Utah. I believe that this year will be good, and I hope everyone believes that, too.



— *In Happiness Through Service,*  
Moir Struthers, President

Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington

*Enjoy The  
Dog Days Of Summer!*



## Ready for a rest

After two years of service because of the pandemic, three of Washington's officers were breathing sighs of relief as the 2021 Grand Sessions were coming to an end. From left are Grand Master John "Johneo" Otterstrom, Theta Rho President Piper Fyffe, and Rebekah Assembly President Margaret Truttmann.

# From the desk of your Grand Master

## THANKS FOR LETTING ME SERVE YOU

Brothers and Sisters,

I bring my greetings to you all and a heartfelt thanks for letting me serve you and the Jurisdiction of Washington for the next year.

## OUR GRAND SESSIONS VERY REWARDING

I would also like to thank all of you who could make it to our Grand Lodge Sessions this last June in Yakima. And for those of you who did not have the opportunity to be present, I only hope you will make an effort to be there next June. I guarantee it will be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience.



DAVE DELONY

This was a great gathering — for not only being able to renew old friendships but to make new ones. We were especially honored to have Sovereign Grand Warden Michelle Heckart of Iowa, and Warden of the International Association Rebekah Assemblies Ruth Earle of Michigan, with us for our Sessions.

## TIME TO MOVE FORWARD

I know we have all been through our own trials and tribulations these past few years, but it is now time to move forward and get back to being the resilient individuals we have always been:

- To bring back the excitement and dedication to building our Order here in Washington.
- To do the everyday and special things necessary to rebuild our membership and awareness out in the public.

I ask each and everyone of you to come up with thoughts and ideas on how we can achieve these goals, including your Grand Lodge in anyway so that we may assist you with parades, forums, picnics, dinners, or any of your local venues where we can showcase *Odd Fellowship*. We will make the time to help out as much or whenever it is possible.

## MY PROJECT: NORTHWEST HARVEST

I would like to bring up my project for this year — *Northwest Harvest*. By contributing to this worthwhile organization we can help insure the people of Washington all get the opportunity to be fed through the more than 300 food banks and high-needs schools that Northwest Harvest supports. Either by donating time, food or money, we can let people know that Odd Fellowship in Washington is helping in this never-ending battle to combat hunger.

## MY PROGRAM

See the Grand Master's program on next page.

## THANK YOU OFFICERS

We need to thank all the individuals who stepped up this year as Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers. If any of these fine individuals are in your lodge please thank them and show them all the support they may need.

## DDGM LIST

Also, your District Deputy Grand Masters will be pretty much the same, except that Duard Fyffe, PGM, will be my replacement for District #2. Here's your list of DDGM's and their Districts:

- Toby Hanson, District #1
- Duard Fyffe, District #2
- Michael Scheurich, District #3
- Harry Jester, District #4
- Scott Cowan, District #5
- Tim Moon, District #6

## PLEASE SHARE WHAT YOUR LODGE IS UP TO

So as we go about getting back to normal or the new norm, please continue to keep each other informed by inviting them to help or by showing us in our *Washington OddFellow* newspaper all that you are doing.

— *Fraternally in Friendship, Love and Truth,*

Dave Delony,

Your 2021-2022 Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Washington, IOOF

## Meet & Greet in Buckley

## IOOF Historical Museum Re-Opening on August 1

We would love to have everyone stop by for the Grand Re-Opening of our Odd Fellows Museum here in Buckley on Sunday, August 1 from noon to 3 p.m. Come have some coffee, cookies, meet and greet our new Grand Master Dave Delony and check out our history.

The museum is staffed by Curator Lisa Sweeney who has created "Eye Candy" of Odd Fellowship. Come check out your history.

If you can't make it on August 1, the museum is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Private tours are also an option. Just give the Grand Secretary a call to set up a time. Contact her at (800) 345-1766 or email her at

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Our Odd Fellow Museum is located at 116 Cedar Street, Buckley, WA 98321.

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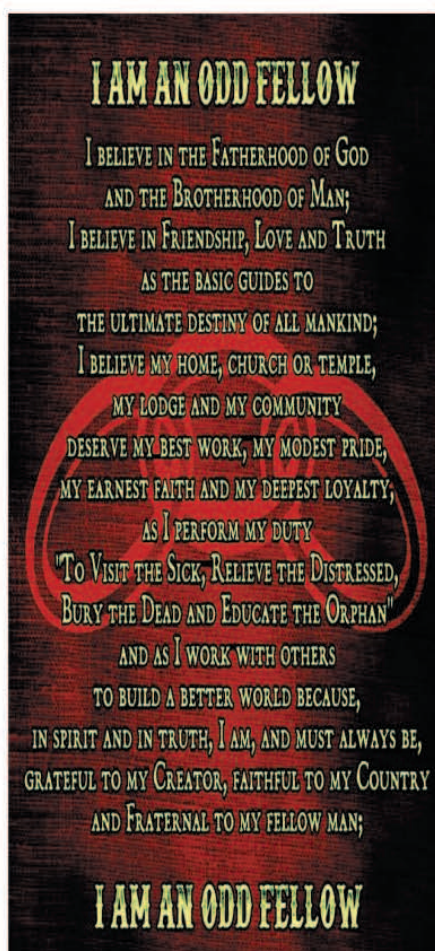
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## Valediction



## Grand Lodge of Washington Independent Order of Odd Fellows



## Grand Master Dave Delony 2021-2022

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**Tim Moon**  
Grand Warden:  
**Michael Scheurich**  
Grand Secretary:  
**Laurel Delony**  
Grand Treasurer:  
**Steve McCord**  
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**Brenna Wadsworth**  
Grand Marshal:  
**Duard Fyffe**  
Grand Chaplain:  
**Steve Purcell**  
Grand Guardian:  
**Jim Boyd**  
Grand Herald:  
**Tom Harper**  
Grand Color Bearer:  
**Harry Jester**  
Grand Canadian Color Bearer:  
**Scott Cowan**  
Grand Musician:  
**Toby Hanson**  
Grand Parliamentarian:  
**C. Allan Reitan**  
Jr. Past Grand Master:  
**John Otterstrom**

## Program

**Colors:** Red, White, Blue

**Emblem:** American Flag

**Flowers:** Red Carnation which  
signifies Pride and Beauty

**Hymn:** Amazing Grace

**Song:** "Cant' Help Falling in Love With  
You" by Kina Grannis and "Crazy" by  
Patsy Cline

**Projects:**  
**Northwest Harvest**

By supporting NW Harvest we can help  
a larger amount of people. No one  
should go hungry especially our kids.

**Theta Rho Girls Clubs**  
Our Youth are an integral part of this  
Order and our support is vital.

**Mascot:** The Eagle

**Motto:** Always faithful as Odd Fellows  
should be to the Order.

**Pin:**



## Northwest Harvest

Northwest Harvest advocates to create  
a more equitable food system,  
because we believe nutritious food is a  
human right.  
Hunger happens when people have to  
choose between buying food and  
paying for other essentials like rent or  
medicine. Our advocacy ensures that  
public resources serve people who  
are struggling so they don't have to  
make such difficult choices.  
What we're advocating for:  
Northwest Harvest advocates for state  
and federal policies to increase access  
to food, housing, health care, and  
economic stability.

Dear Members,  
I am asking that each lodge take up the  
challenge of donating or collecting  
food to give either to Northwest  
Harvest for distribution or to your local  
food bank.

Together we can make a difference in  
our local communities. Let's do it!  
Dave Delony, Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Washington  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows





## Rosie's helpers

Members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 and one member of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club #93 cut, sewed, and stuffed bags for Rosie's Place in Olympia to distribute to youth at risk. The project took place at the Odd Fellows Park. The group recently delivered 25 bags to Rosie's Place. The plan is to deliver 25 more bags soon. At the first sewing machine is Mickey Turner. At the other machine is Jordan Lemons. Working at the first table is Lorrie Bonnel with her back to us and Gail Johnson facing us. Kristina Samuelson is at the very back and Kathi Picanco on the far right.



## The finished product

Pictured with finished bags are, from left: Kristina Samuelson, Cathy Garcia, Lorrie Bonnel, Kathi Picanco and Mickey Turner.

*Let's All Get  
Ready To Head  
Back To Lodge!*



Representative Karen Holyman presents Eola member Bill Ostlund with his 20-Year Veteran Jewel on July 20.

## In Buckley

### Eola Rebekahs #63

After a long time of not being able to hold a meeting because of the pandemic, we managed to have two before we broke for the summer vacation. It was so nice to get together.

We were pleased at those meetings to receive two applications for membership and get them voted on. Now we are looking ahead to getting the two new Rebekahs initiated when we resume meeting in the fall.

#### TWENTY YEARS AND COUNTING

On July 20 on behalf of our lodge, Representative Karen Hoylman presented a 20-Year Veteran Jewel to our member, Bill Ostlund, editor of *The Washington OddFellow*. We are proud to have Bill in our lodge and are proud of him, and appreciate his support. He actually has almost 23 years of service, so we will be updating that jewel soon.

#### LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL

Plans are underway for us to again contribute snacks once a month to the Youth Center in our city in the fall, and hopefully have a fund-raiser.



## *Yakima Lodge #22 helping their community*

**Above:** We have connected with a student at Eisenhower High School, incoming senior Kaylynn Jeffery. She has been racing cars since she was about 9-years-old and reached out to us to provide a set of racing tires for this coming racing season. From left are: Tom Cox, Jim Boyd, Kaylynn Jeffery and Bob Quesnell.

**Below:** One of our local Middle Schools, Washington Middle School, is working to build relationships with the

community and is also changing their mascot. One of the ways they are doing this is hiring a former Eisenhower student to paint nine murals in the hallways. They reached out to Yakima IOOF Lodge #22 to sponsor the mural in their gymnasium of their new mascot. From left are: Assistant Principal Nick Mifflin, Principal, Bill Hilton, Tom Cox, Bob Quesnell and Chad Quesnell.

— In F., L. & T., Chad Quesnell, Vice Grand



## Bucoda Bulletin Board #20

# We're officially back in our own hall

It was a great night in Bucoda on Wednesday, July 14. The date marked the official closing of "The Annex" and the Grand Reopening of the Bucoda Lodge Hall. A cavalcade of notables visited to help celebrate, including the Grand Master, the President of the Rebekah Assembly, the Grand Matriarch of the LEA, several Past Grand Masters and others far too numerous to mention.

The evening began with our traditional light super, at 6 p.m. where we were joined by the Mayor of Bucoda, Alan Carr. The meeting began promptly at 7 p.m.

One order of business was the Representative's Report from Grand Sessions. A quick look around the room revealed that most of the Brothers and Sisters in



attendance had also attended Sessions. We heard the report and discussed it just the same. Other business was discussed including the

Odd Fellows entry in the

Oregon Trail Days parade on July 24, and some in-lodge housekeeping.

One thing was quite evident to everyone was how much we had forgotten during the past 18 months. This contributed to more than one moment of levity, but in spite of the rust, the Ritual was followed. The visiting dignitaries were introduced and the Honors were rendered. Never having had to perform this part of the Ritual before did not deter our Noble Grand, Conductor and Warden from performing with excellence. It also helped coin our new Lodge motto — "Never let them see you sweat." Well done one and all.

On a side note, I only recall seeing that many people in our venerable Lodge Hall one other time, and that was at my initiation into the Order. Sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who travelled to help us celebrate the Grand Reopening and the rededication of our hall to the Spirit of Odd Fellowship.

Much of this issue of *The Washington OddFellow* may be about Grand Sessions and I would have included it in my article, as well, except the photos I took in Yakima seem to have become the victims of an alien abduction. Let it suffice to say that it was a marvelous experience and I can hardly wait until next year.

That's about it for this issue as I am still recovering



## Finally, back to Lodge

From left are: President of the Rebekah Assembly Margaret "Peg" Ogilvie (back to camera), Lou Ann Hoffman, Kathi Picanco, Bucoda Mayor Alan Carr, Vice Grand Laurel Purcell, and Grand Master Dave Delony.

from spaghetti overload.

Until next time, Health, Happiness and Peace to all.  
Reporter and Foreign Correspondent

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth, Steve Purcell,*  
*Grand Chaplain, Past Grand & Treasurer*  
*Of Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129*  
*Reporter, Foreign Correspondent and Vice Grand*  
*Of Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144,*  
*Vice Grand of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1*



## Bucoda moves home!

From left are: Stu Carlson, Dave Reed, Grand Matriarch, Jenny Reed, Rebekah Assembly Secretary Cathy Garcia, Past Grand Master Frank Wilson, and Conductor Mike Finley. (Stu doesn't like his picture taken, but I did anyway.)

# Contests hit a low in July

We seemed to reach a low point in July with our contests — including your editor. No one guessed where Sammy was last month. Why? Your editor forgot to put Sammy anywhere in the July edition. However, Sammy is in this newspaper which means you have an opportunity to win a wearable from the Grand Lodge.

## JEANNE ELDER WAS OUR MYSTERY GIRL



No one figured out who our Mystery Girl was last month. She was none other than Jeanne Elder of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla.



Hopefully you will be able to identify our page 1 little girl this month and win a wearable from the Grand Lodge of Washington. **Hints:** Our Mystery Girl at left. Our August Mystery Girl is a *looong* time member of our Order — at least 75 years. She is the oldest Past President of District Association #3. She was a member of the PNG's Drill team and performed the Conductor's role for the Rebekah Degree by heart. She also knows the Chaplain's charge for the opening and closing ceremonies from memory.

## DON'T GET CAUGHT BY LAST MONTH'S BIKE

There were several responses to our "Guess The Vehicle" contest last month, but no one was able to come up with the correct answer. The motorcycle is a 1935 (possibly a '36) Harley-Davidson Police Special. We hope you noticed the sirens and the extra spotlight. The bike was purchased by your editor's father at a police surplus auction in Minneapolis in 1945. Unfortunately he was forced to sell the bike in 1946 when he and his family moved to Washington.

## THREE MORE CHANCES TO WIN

You have another three chances to win some prizes this month. See if you can find our mascot "Sammy" once again. You can win a wearable if you find Sammy's photo. Remember, "Sammy's" photo is very small and not the larger one which appears elsewhere.

Also, we have another mystery photo on page 1 this month, along with a "Guess the Vehicle" contest.

Send the Grand Secretary an email or call and let her know where Sammy is and who our "Mystery Girl" pictured on page 1 is. If correct, Grand Secretary Laurel Delony will put your name in separate drawings for wearables. Again send your email [grandsecretary-waioof@gmail.com](mailto:grandsecretary-waioof@gmail.com) or call 800-345-1766. All submissions must be in the office no later than August 15. Late entries will be tossed. One chance per contest only!



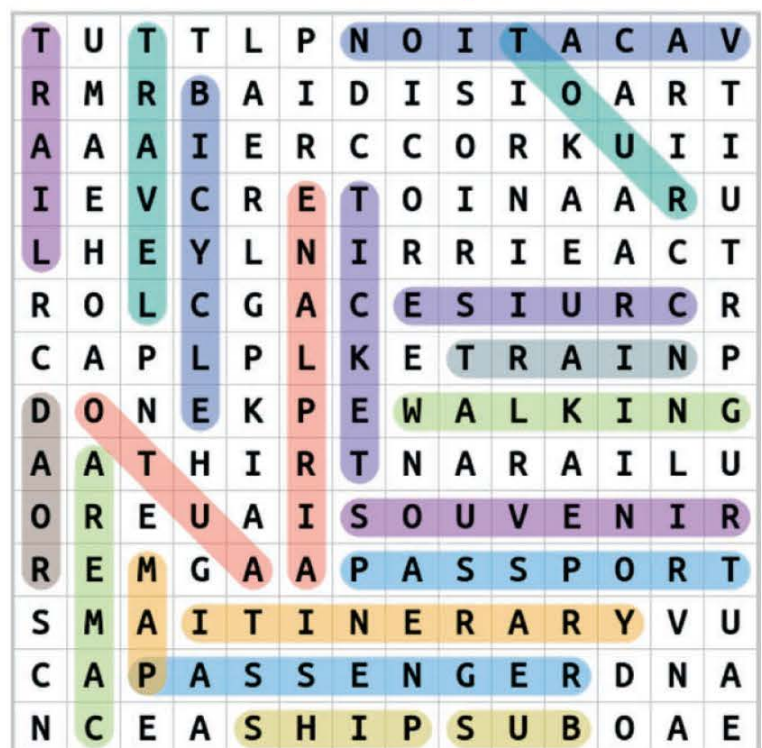
## Can you guess this car?

Hopefully this month's "Guess the Vehicle" contest will be a little easier for you. This car was the first new vehicle purchased by your editor's father. In fact, your editor is in the inset photo in the top left. The car was styled by Pinin Farina, renowned European custom body designer. However, it was not manufactured in Europe. Here's a hint for you: "Wally had one." Get your guesses in by August 15 and you can win a wearable from the Grand Lodge. Wearables include t-shirts, hats, and sweatshirts. Good luck!!

## August

## Word Search Answers

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## CAN YOU HELP SAMMY FIND HER BUDDY WISHBONE RELAXING ON THE BEACH?

