

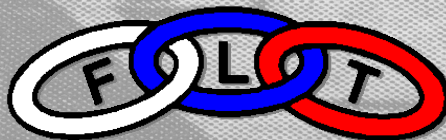
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Mighty Max



Picture:
Back Row Paul and
Lindsey

Front Row: Mighty Max,
Vann, and Asher

Nampa - Max Jones, aka Mighty Max, is 9 years old and a third grader at Lake Ridge Elementary School in Nampa, Idaho. Mighty Max enjoys rafting, camping, and ruff-housing with his two younger brothers, Vann and Asher.

On December 23, 2016, Mighty Max was diagnosed with acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia cancer. This is the latest obstacle in Mighty Max's short life. Mighty Max was born with a cleft lip. He has had multiple surgeries, bone grafts and braces. However, Mighty Max still has a contagious smile and always displays a remarkable positive attitude.

Mighty Max stays current with his learning even though he is frequently unable to attend school, due to doctor appointments or outbreaks of sickness at school. He meets with the teacher outside of the school day to go over material. He uses Facetime on a school iPad to view lessons that are in session in his classroom.

Max's parents are Paul (a fire fighter in Boise, Idaho) and Lindsey (a hair stylist in Nampa, Idaho). Both parents are active in Max's school and in the community.

Nampa Lodge #40 is proud that we had the opportunity to reach out to this young man who never feels he is a victim, but instead is an incredible fighter.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

News From Unity #8



Back Row: Jeff Mann, Glen Schultz
2nd Row: Linda Clark, Connie Schultz, Virginia Buchanan
1st Row: Pam York, Cheryl Guglielmo, Marjorie Howard, Margaret Odle
Not shown: Georgia Wickham

Boise - Our Sister Eloise Ogilvie passed on October 9, 2017, at 94 years of age. During her 56 year membership with the Rebekahs, she was a six-time Noble Grand, always cheerful and willing to do what-ever was needed. Eloise was a fantastic artist as well. We will miss this grand lady.

On October 12th Unity honored our past Noble Grands. Sister Connie Schultz assisted by escorts Glen Schultz and Jeff Mann escorted seven PNGs to the garden. Our senior PNG was Marjorie Howard who presided at Minerva #112, Drewsey, Oregon, in 1947; terms of office then were six months. Connie read a poem that exemplified the Rebekah creed, not just wearing the jewels, make a Rebekah. So true. She gave each PNG a gift to remember the evening.

On October 26th for the Halloween costume parade, ghosts and goblins were lurking in the lodge hall.

In F L & T,
Cheryl Guglielmo, Secretary

Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

It's all ready the end of the year, it feels like it has just flown bye. I hope all the members have had a good year. The year-end reports and election of officer's packet have been mailed out, if you have not seen your packet please let me know. SGL has made a change on the reporting in the year-end report on your liabilities at the end it was always zero, this year the liability will be what you are sending it to Grand Lodge.

There are have been a lot more changes this year with the cease and desist on using UNP or united nations pilgrimage. PLEASE LOOK AT ALL OF THE YOUR PAMPLETS THAT MIGHT HAVE UNP or United Nations Pilgrimage on them, they have to be destroyed. All lodge's will be checked on to make sure this has been done. It is our understanding from SGL the UNP has hired people that can come and check on any Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge, to make sure we have complied with this directive, if they find any item with UNP or United Nations Pilgrimage Pamphlets or trash bags, there will be a large fine per item, they will have a federal court order with them to come in the lodge halls. Also, everyone's constitution and by-laws has to updated with a new non-discrimination article. This is all mandatory. SGL has also increased the yearly dues. If you have any questions or need help please let me know.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to all of our lodges growing and working together.

In F.L&T
Jeff Mann GS



COMING EVENTS 2017

DECEMBER

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| 03 | ADA 3 CHRISTMAS PARTY | BOISE 6PM |
| 09 | NAMPA 40 CHRISTMAS PARTY | NAMPA 6PM |

JANUARY 2018

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| 13 | DIST. 4 INSTALLATION | BOISE |
| 20 | DIST. 3 INSTALLATION | MOUNTAIN HOME |
| 27 | BATTALION MEETING | BOISE |

FEBRUARY 2018

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| 4 | GROUND HOG FEED | CLEARWATER |
| 9 | PLANNING BOARD | CALDWELL 10AM |
| 10 | DIST. 4 IOOF | BOISE |
| 17 | DIST. 4 REBEKAHS | BOISE |
| 24 | DIST. 5 IOOF | PAYETTE |



Bob Covert
Grand Patriarch

Dear Members:

I am honored to be the Grand Patriarch this year and hope I will do the job that is needed for the Encampments in Idaho.

My program this year will be focused on building unity in our order. As represented by the bundle of sticks in Odd Fellowship, we are all stronger, each branch of the order and especially the Encampments, when we work as one. There is strength in numbers and as mentioned in one of our degrees, a bundle of sticks represents strength where one may be broken easily, together the bundle is strong.

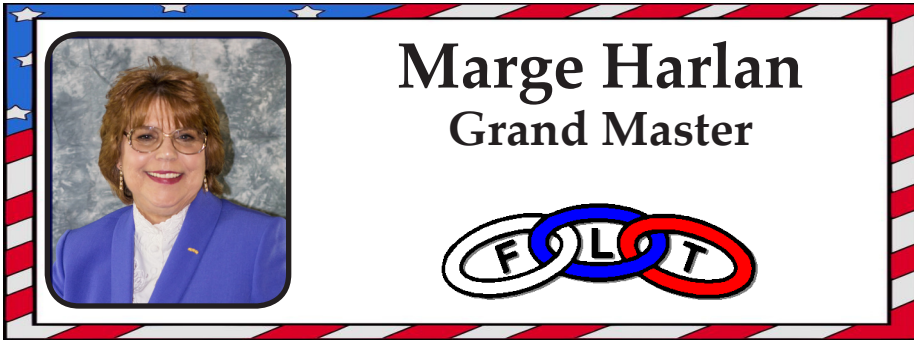
I plan on making my visits to all Encampments in March 2018. I would like to see all members, who are able, present at these meeting to assess the strength of your encampment and discuss any needs you may have.

The Grand Encampment is planning a degree rally in June 2018 to be held in Boise. All members who have not received the Encampment Degrees, please plan on attending. If you received abbreviated versions in your Encampment, you will still need to be at the degree rally to see the complete version of these degrees. All Encampment members, please plan on attending to help put on the degrees as they take a lot of people to do it right. These will be the complete degrees with all the props and equipment.

I would like to thank you all again for allowing me to be the Grand Patriarch this year and I will be seeing you all soon at our various lodge meetings.

Robert Covert, Grand Patriarch





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I love this time of year, not the cold, but the season of giving and sharing, the time when our Order is rich in Friendship, Love and Truth.

November was a wonderful time for family and friends. I attended our Northwest Association meeting at Yakima and enjoyed the company of many Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. I urge everyone to attend these meetings. It is a great learning environment as well as socializing with members from the other jurisdictions and having fun in the process.

I also had the pleasure of attending the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner in White Bird. I had a fantastic dinner, but didn't get much of a chance to visit with the Royal Gem Rebekahs because they were working very hard to make sure we all got feed. Don't know how many they served, but I would estimate around 300 hungry guests. Not bad for a community of 150 residents.

My first official visit was at my home lodge, Mountain Home Lodge #19. This was their annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Again, fantastic food and wonderful friends. In attendance were many members of the community and brothers and sisters from neighboring lodges. I was pleased to see that the heads of all our Idaho Orders were present: Assembly President, Sharon McGaffick, Grand Patriarch, Bob Covert, Battalion Commander, Colonel Tom Ashley and Lady President, Georgia Wickham, LAPM, Pacific Northwest, as well as several Grand Lodge and Assembly Officers. Thank you Mountain Home for making my visit so special.

Next, I enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner with my family. It is great to have the family together. I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving too.

Now it's time to start planning for Christmas. I am looking forward to attending the Christmas party at Nampa 40. This is a marvelous event and I hope to see many of you there. As always, December is a perfect time to be generous to the needy families in your community. It doesn't take much to provide gifts or food baskets to the underprivileged and your heart will be so much lighter for it.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, may it be filled with family and friends and lots of Friendship, Love and Truth.

Marge Harlan, Grand Master

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope you all had a lovely Thanksgiving and were careful on how much you ate. To the ones of you who lost in a football pool, I am sorry but to those of you who won congratulations!

As the Christmas season arrives, lets not forget those that are less fortunate than us. Try to get out and volunteer at the different soup kitchens, or help package items to be given out by the different organizations around your area. Every little bit helps, not only now, but all year long.

When you form the circle around the alter, are you remembering to ask everyone in the room to join with you? In the past just the past Noble Grands formed this circle, but I am asking everyone who is able to join hands. That is why I am calling this my "Circle of Friends" ..


I wish each and everyone of you a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. Please be careful while you are out shopping. I have been to a couple of events where people are so involved with their electronic devices that they are not looking at where they are going.

In F. L. and T. Sharon McGaffick, Assembly President

Assembly President's Program




Watchwords
Be Forgiving
Leave Hatred Behind You




Motto
BEE Active in Lodge
BEE A Friend to All
BEE the Best Rebekah You Can Be

Theme
125th Rebekah Assembly of Idaho



Emblems
Outhouse
Dog & Bee



Colors
Pastels of Spring
& Colors of Fall

October at Melba #105



Sister Jelene Baird introducing Grand Patriarch Brother Bob Covert



Assembly President Sister Sharon McGaffick being introduced by Sister Jelene Baird



Halloween people -- can you identify them?

Nampa - The month of October found Melba #105 busy making plans for Assembly, Grand Lodge, and Grand Encampment. Melba's member, Brother Bob Covert was elected as the Grand Patriarch of Idaho's Grand Encampment for 2017-2018 and was introduced as the Grand Patriarch. Sister Sharon McGaffick, an associate member of Melba, was introduced as the Assembly President for Idaho for 2017-2018. We are proud of both of our newly elected officers. Sister Sharon McGaffick, Assembly President, accepted our recommendation for Brother Bob Covert to be our Lodge Deputy.

October also brought our creative members with their Halloween customs. We had Ms. Music Note, Ms. Cowhand, Mr. Fancy Lady, and Ms. Gypsy.

We have received the Dictionaries for Melba Elementary 3rd graders and plans have been made to deliver them the first of November. Before our Halloween meeting, we had a pot luck lunch, and the food was terrific!

Submitted by Sandie Chandler

Community Thanksgiving Dinner



Grand Master Marge Harlan



Kathryn Harlan, NG
Marge Harlan, GM



Hannah Harlan
EPY Tour Presentation



Kathryn Harlan, Janice Ausburn,
& Don Harlan

Mountain Home - On November 16, 2017, Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 and Mountain Home Lodge #19 hosted their annual Thanksgiving dinner for members and the community. Attending dignitaries were Grand Master Marge Harlan, Grand Patriarch Bob Covert, Assembly President Sharon McGaffick and Lady Georgia Wickham, LAPM Pacific Northwest. The decorations were done by Guiding Star #4 and the dinner was a buffet type, with many different dishes provided by the members of the various lodges that were also in attendance.

Grand Master Marge Harlan presented the traveling gavel to Noble Grand Kathryn Harlan and gave a nice talk about the Odd Fellows and their contribution to our society. She was presented with a card and a bookmark by Mountain Home Lodge #19. Assembly President Sharon McGaffick spoke about the Rebekahs, and Hannah Harlan presented a slide show and commentary about her Pilgrimage for Youth trip this year. Mountain Home Lodge #19 also presented Janice Ausburn with a certificate of appreciation for all the work she has done for the lodge and the community this year.

We had approximately 60-65 people present, many from other lodges but also quite a few members of the local community as well.

It was a great evening, filled with good food, good friends, and many opportunities to greet old friends and make new ones. Our thanks also to the 4H members who helped with setup, organization, and clean up.

Linda Hopkins, PR Committee



The Idaho Eye Program

“SEEING IS BELIEVING”. That is the title of an article in the Odd Fellows and Rebekah’s Visual Research Foundation information brochure. It goes on to explain that to the extent we lose our sight, we lose touch with our surroundings and that blindness is the most feared of all human disabilities. This brochure also outlines the entire visual research program supported by Odd Fellows and Rebekah’s throughout the world. The Idaho Eye Program is one of 35 supporting jurisdictional programs in the US and Canada. Our contributions to the Foundation help support a professor at the Wilmer Eye Institute at John’s Hopkins University and the valuable and significant contributions it makes to the advancement of solutions for eye disease and vision problems.

The Idaho Eye Program, like all other jurisdictional programs, has a contract with the Visual Research Foundation that requires 25% of our donations be forwarded to the Foundation. This is how the Foundation continues to fund its very valuable research activities the Wilmer Eye Institute. The Idaho Eye Program has five members, each appointed for 5-year terms. The members include: Dan Sanow, Chairperson; Jelene Baird, Secretary; Pam York, Treasurer; Gene Pola, Member; Randall, Wallace, Member.

The Idaho Eye Program is one of the most publicly “visible” programs supported in Idaho and the program’s sole support comes from the members of the Lodges in Idaho. Last year the Program paid out \$2,251.21 to eight recipients. Unfortunately, the Eye Program only received a total of \$335 from its members last year in donations. Obviously, the program will not survive with this sort of disparity and that was the topic of considerable discussion at the Eye Program’s Annual Meeting at the Sessions this year. The Eye Program is one of the most significant opportunities a Lodge has for extending its name and good will into our communities. The Program allows every Lodge in Idaho to seek out people in your community (and your Lodge) in need of eye glasses or eye surgery who are in need of a little assistance and help them maintain one their most valuable senses, their “sight”. It will cost you nothing but a little caring and time. There are a set of forms that must be filled out to obtain the funding and the Lodge Secretaries are encouraged contact any of the members of the Program or the Grand Secretary for copies of the necessary forms. The forms all have a set of instructions to assist in their preparation. Completeness and accuracy are important since the Committee is accountable to the Foundation.

Back to the “disparity”. So how does the Committee deal with the need to assure one of our most valuable programs can sustain itself? Simply put, we can’t! We must rely on the donations of the Lodges and individual members to sustain this very important Idaho program. As was previously stated, the Eye Program receives its funding from donations from the Lodges and individual members. Since the Odd Fellows and Rebekah’s are charitable entities there is an IRS requirement that a certain part of a Lodge’s annual income be donated to charity. The Idaho Eye Program is a recognized as an eligible charity for a Lodge’s annual requirement for charitable donations. The Eye Committee discussed this extensively at our meeting and concluded that if each of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges were to have even one fund raising activity each year dedicated to the Eye Program or at least include the Eye Program in your annual charitable donations, the “disparity” would no longer be an issue. As Chair of the Idaho Eye Program, I am asking every member of the Order to search your heart and conscientious and make sure that the future of the Idaho Eye Program is discussed at one of your upcoming meetings. The future of this program is far too valuable to our Order and to the many people who are in the process of, or who will in the future, lose their sight to an eye disease or visual problem for us to not address this need. All donations to the Eye Program should be submitted through the Grand Secretaries.

For all Lodge Secretaries who wish to contact me for forms or for information please use the following:



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YOU ARE INVITED TO NAMPA LODGE #40

Dear Friends and Family:

Nampa Lodge #40 is having its annual Christmas party and dinner to be held Saturday, December 09, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Nampa Lodge Hall. We will be serving roast turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, and gravy. We ask those in attendance to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Santa will arrive during the evening and ALL children, 12 and under, will be given a present provided by Melba Rebekah Lodge #105. Please call 208-442-4413 (Sandie) or 208-465-7513 (Sharon) and give us an idea of what your child likes. We would like the child's name and age also. Please no request for clothes. We need this information by December 1, 2017. Child must be present to receive gift.

We are asking all adults to bring an unwrapped child's gift to be donated to the "TOYS-FOR-TOTS" program.

We will also be doing a White Elephant Gift Exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring a gift.

We have had great times in past years, so please come and join in the festivities. We are looking forward to seeing you.

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Odd Fellows Museum Historical Society

We have had some nice items come to the museum this year. We had some robs and books come from Hagerman, New Plymouth sent some items that were uncovered when cleaning out their lodge hall after it was sold. New Plymouth sent the mural from the wall of their lodge room. Any one that might know some history on the mural would be helpful. We also were able to get their old neon sign off the building. We are working on getting some funds together to get it repaired. They also sent some nice books that will be added to the Odd Fellow Book Library collection. They even had some very old Grand Lodge Journals.

REMEMBER WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HELPERS AND OR DONATIONS FOR SOME OF THE PROJECTS.

I was stopped by to look around the museum. Next thing I know I was with put to work doing some cleaning and sorting. If the items could talk the history they could tell us. I would like to encourage everyone to come over and help in any way they can some members could share their knowledge of the items or how they might have been used. There is a lot of history in the museum.

Submitted by Jeff Newell

What are Frankincense and Myrrh?

Frankincense and myrrh are aromatic resins that make a regular appearance around Christmas time and are said to have been gifted by the Three Wise Men, along with gold, at the birth of Jesus.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

Frankincense comes from the Boswellia deciduous trees and myrrh comes from Commiphora trees.

Frankincense gives off a woody, fruity smell – a familiar Christmas scent – and was used to perfume the homes of ancient Romans.

Myrrh, which has a woody, bitter aroma, has been used in traditional medicines to dress wounds because it causes tissue to contract.

It can also be added to drinks, sometimes being used in wine and liquors to add flavour.

To yield these aromatic resins, harvesters make a vertical cut in the tree trunk. The sap oozes from the tree and dries, forming tear-shaped drops, which are collected after two weeks.

Parma Odd Fellows History Begins in Year 1910 in School

Parma - On January 1, 1900 in the community of Parma, local Odd Fellow history began. It was on that evening in an old school house, that five Past Noble Grands of various I.O.O.F. lodges called a special meeting for the purpose of chartering a lodge to be known ever after as Parma Lodge No. 55, I.O.O.F.

That evening under the auspices of those fine Charter members, M.A. Bates, W.J. Hartman, Pat Hanratty, T.J. Huff, and H.W. Sutton; twenty-five brothers joined the lodge by initiation.

Meetings continued to be held in that old school house; more members were initiated with a few coming in by transfer, and by April of that year the Odd Fellows began to talk and plan for a lodge hall of their own. By

August 4, a contract was drawn up by the building committee, M.A. Bates, J.W. Watkins, W.J. Hartman, T.J. Huff and Pat Hanratty and the contractor, Lem Harding; to the effect that a two story building for a sum of \$1,840 plus \$90 for the lot be constructed, with the completion date to be November 5, 1900.

On September 22, the trustees were authorized to mortgage the property for \$1,500. In October the trustees reported that Howard Sebree had loaned the lodge \$1500. On November 17, the lodge building was completed and accepted and the final payment was made. By this time, the Odd Fellows had already started raising money to pay off their debt. Records show that on November 11, a public dance and oyster supper held in the new hall netted \$135.

Soon after, a store was placed in the front part of the building on the lower floor, and that part was rented to A.H. Stewart and Company, dealers in general merchandise and drugs.

The Lodge Hall proper comprised the upper story and its only entrance was by way of long steep stairs at the rear of the building. A knotted rope hung from an upstairs window served as a fire escape.

In 1901, the lodge room furniture was purchased and that same furniture is being used today in the new Temple.

On February 7, 1902, Ruby Rebekah Lodge No. 49 was instituted, when the Rebekah Assembly officers, Synthia Stokesberry, President; Theora Mobley, Vice President and Carrie Myers, Secretary, came to Parma on the trunk line train called the "Old Cannon Ball", to charter another great Fraternity in the community. That memorable meeting was held in the new I.O.O.F. Hall, located at a central spot in Parma, known as the corner of Third and Grove. Charter members were Daisy Bates, Ida Watkins, Bertha Morris, J.G. Watkins, Pat Hanratty, M.A. Bates, and J.W. Watkins. There were twenty-five Sisters and Brothers who received the Degree of Rebekah on that night.

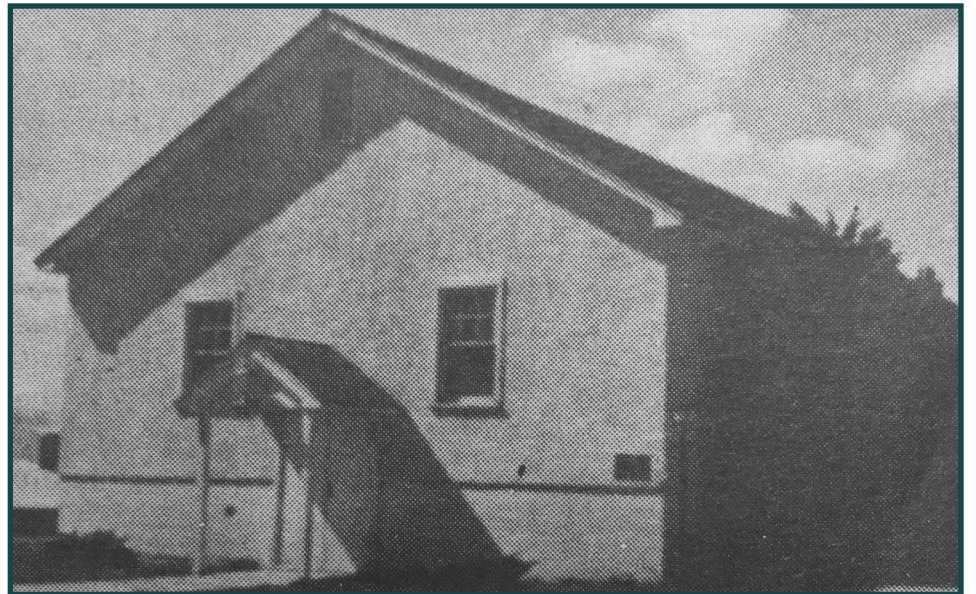
In 1928, the Lodge Hall was enlarged by the addition of a lean-to on the west and north, providing space for rest rooms and an area for dancing in addition to the original lower floor. This part of the building was used for public dancing, social gatherings, banquets, community and school activities until it was sold in 1949.

Late in that year a building was started and in cooperation with Ruby Rebekah Lodge No. 49, the new Odd Fellows Temple was completed and dedicated in 1950. The rugs in this building, the completion of the kitchen and the hard wood floor in the dining room were supplied by the Sister Rebekahs, at a cost of over \$3,536.

During the course of time, the Parma lodges produced two governors, H.C. Baldrige and C. Ben Ross; and one Grand Master, Walter B. Mitchell; one Grand Patriarch, C. Ben Ross; two Rebekah Assembly Presidents, Edna Ross and Ruby Hartman; and today we are honored to have our own Sister Erma Trent, serving as Warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho.

Descendants of the Charter members of both lodges, who are members in the order today are Nina Bates Flower, Bruce Mitchell and Orville Hartman, Orville's son and three daughters

Parma Lodge No. 55 has a membership of sixteen; and Ruby Rebekah Lodge has a membership of one hundred-four in this current year. We are all proud of the fact that we own our Temple and furnishings, and have never incurred any debts against it.



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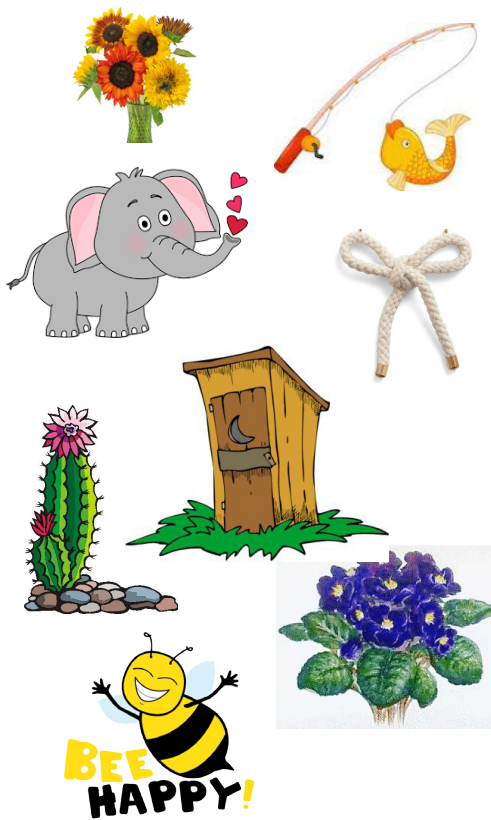
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