

Danbury Grange Membership Award Ceremony

Blazing Star Grange #71 press release

On June 9, six members of Danbury's Blazing Star Grange #71 received membership awards for their continuous membership in the Grange.

Most notable of these is Audrey Curren, a retired school teacher, who received a citation from the National Grange President, Ed Luttrell, for her 80-year membership. Audrey joined the Grange when she was a student. At 14 years of age, her signature is in the membership book under her maiden name of Audrey Wells.

John "Willie" Wentworth, also a member since he was 14, was presented with his 70-year award. There are two photos on the walls of the Grange Hall that are meaningful to Willie. One is a picture of him in the Junior Grange, which was formed for youngsters under 14. And the other is a photo of his father and other officers of the Grange at the time the new hall was built in 1911. This picture is being used on a brochure for the 100th anniversary of the hall this year.

Florence Blay, who currently holds the office of Lecturer for the Danbury



John "Willie" Wentworth and Audrey Curren
Photo: Mary Fanelli

Grange, was on hand to receive her 55-year award.

Other members who earned awards, but were not present at the meeting, are: Marie Bennett, 65 years; Forrest Powers, 55 years; and Terry Taylor, 40 years.

After the ceremony, guests were invited to partake in refreshments, and members enjoyed talking to award recipients about their past experiences in the Grange.

Danbury Grange Citizen Of The Year Award

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On June 9, Danbury businessman William Wallace was presented the annual Blazing Star Grange Citizen of the Year award.

This award is presented to a Danbury resident who has contributed to the welfare of the community in a special way, and Bill Wallace is a fine example of a dedicated citizen.

Owner of a pre-fabrication company that supplies high quality custom pre-fabricated building components to local and regional builders throughout New England, Bill has served Danbury in many capacities, including current membership on the Danbury Planning Board, where he generously donates his time and building expertise.

A testimonial was read by Charlotte McIver, a Grange member who sits on the Danbury Planning Board with Bill:

"When Danbury's Independence Park was in need of more picnic tables, Bill was right there to provide them. He has also made numerous contributions to both our police department and our fire department.

"In 2008, Bill was selected by Extreme Home Makeover to work on

a project for the Voisson family in Manchester, rebuilding their home that had been lost in a flood. His performance on that project was so outstanding that he was asked in 2009 to assist with a project in Lyme for a family whose son had leukemia.

"When a single mom needed more



(L-r): Charlotte McIver, Tricia Taylor, Florence Blay, and Bill Wallace.

Photo: Mary Fanelli

space in her home for her child who has Asperger's Syndrome, Bill was right there providing assistance.

"In short, Bill came to the aid of anyone or any organization that asked for his help. He is well deserving of the Danbury Grange Citizen of the Year award."

Bill's name will be added to a plaque in the Danbury Town Hall listing all who have received the Grange's Citizen of the Year award.

Dinner And A Concert At Wilmot Bandstand

Wilmot Ladies Aid Society press release

The Wilmot Ladies Aid Society (WLAS) will be serving dinner on the last two Saturdays in July at the Wilmot Bandstand in Wilmot Flat from 6 PM until 8 PM, while some of New England's favorite performers entertain the crowd.

On Saturday, July 23, the WLAS will offer a complete chili dinner for the Long Tail Monkeys and Nick's Other Band concert and a pulled pork sandwich supper on Saturday, July 30, for the Sferes and White concert.

Known for their home cooking, the

Wilmot ladies will offer complete \$6 suppers of chili, slaw, lemonade, and a home-baked dessert at the first concert. The menu changes to a complete \$7 pulled pork sandwich dinner on July 30, consisting of a great BBQ pork sandwich, slaw, lemonade, and a home-baked dessert.

Hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, and water will also be available on both occasions. The performance and dinner will both move to the Wilmot Town Hall in Wilmot Center at Route 4 and North Wilmot Road in case of rain.

Don't miss this fun night! For more information, call Lindy at 526-6376.

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