

RANDOLPH CO. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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NEWSLETTER

The September meeting of Randolph Co. Genealogical Society was held at our Library on Tuesday evening Sep. 11th, with eleven members in attendance—all our board members were there with the exception of one Trustee, who was attending State D.A.R. meetings.

The various reports were heard, correspondence read and business conducted. We had concluded the quilt raffle sales the previous weekend with a booth at the Popeye Picnic in Chester, IL. We are happy to report that the ticket sales resulted in \$801.00 for our treasury and will help with expenses in keeping Randolph Co. Genealogical Society operating.

At the conclusion of the meeting, we drew the winning ticket and the winner of the quilt was: Linda Lindenberg, a member who lives in Statesville, North Carolina. The quilt has been boxed and will be ready to mail when the Quarterlies and Newsletters go out to our members. Congratulation, Linda, on winning the quilt and Thank You! to all our members, who bought tickets and made this fund raising project a success.

Tuesday was also a birthday for member/volunteer, Joyce Davitz and she had offered to bring refreshments for the fellowship time after the meeting. She treated us to a tasty spread! Thank you, Joyce!

We are happy to report that our hot, dry summer seems to be over, at least we've gotten some relief. Hurricane Isaac, tamed down to a tropical storm, came our way after leaving New Orleans and hovered over southern Illinois and Missouri over a weekend and gave us about five inches of rain before it headed to the east coast. Cool fronts from the North are coming in and giving us a break from the heat. Our grass is greening and growing and so our lawn mowers are busy again, but we're not complaining.

We have been busy with researchers coming to our Library this summer, many making it a part of their vacation trip. Some teachers took advantage of having the summer off, to research, and then, since school started, mothers are having some free time to come in and do some research in our Library. We're happy to have you all and are here to help you.

We are fortunate that we have some faithful volunteers who come in regularly and work on projects in our library to improve and add to our resources. On Monday, Midge, June, Augie and Leona are here to assist you with research, and in between time Midge, Augie and Leona are currently working with a collection of old newspapers that were donated to the Library. Some are in good shape and will be kept whole so that people can look through them in researching. Others are in poor condition and so they are clipping articles of interest from them and fixing them in books according to their years, to better preserve them. A couple weeks ago, two ladies, working on their class of "72" Reunion, came in and looked at the 1972 newspapers and were thrilled with all the information they found about what was going on then, to use for their Reunion. June is currently doing some work with updating our obituary collection, and works on research requests that people write in to us. She prints the publications when we are getting low, or out of, that we sell.

On Tuesday, Virginia, Lottie and Joyce are here to serve you. Virginia takes care of the office business and she is the editor of our Quarterly, so she is busy putting together articles for "The Trails". Lottie and Joyce clip articles of genealogical interest from our County newspapers each week and put them in books for our shelves, they also help Virginia when it's time to get the Quarterly and the Newsletter out to the members.

On Wednesday, Janice and June are here. Janice is viewing our collection of microfilm records, she abstracts the information these films contain and then types the information and makes a book for each film and indexes it, so that we will have the information on our shelves for easier access for our researchers. June continues on the same projects she does on Mondays.

We are also open from 9am till noon, on the 3rd Saturday of each month for the convenience of people who work during the week and can't come then. Janice and June alternate on those Saturdays.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 6:30pm at our Library. Our refreshments will be donuts and cider. RCGS will get the cider and you bring donuts.

June James, Pres.
Randolph Co. Genealogical Society