

# Illinois Granger

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## Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms

Lynette Schaeffer

President

of Illinois State Grange



The last month I started this report it was cold! Now we are hitting and breaking heat records – 94 degrees – oh my. Why we live in the mid-west – don't like the weather, wait a little bit and it will change! Had a great Memorial Day Weekend. Older grand-kids stayed overnight and youngest came over for a few hours. Don got hay baled and corn planted. Just heard the weatherman say that we are on track in the St Louis metro area to be the warmest May EVER! Hope you were all able to honor all veterans over the Memorial Day holiday. Mother's Day was a time for family for the Schaeffer family and the day before we spent with family as well. We held an open house for (Lavern Lang) Dad's 90th birthday.

The 2nd Annual Grange Picnic was a success, there were more than 30 Grangers in attendance. There was a good group 'camping' some in RV's and some in cabins. I hope Ruth is able to put a picture in of most of the group at the picnic. It was a great time. Thanks to John Henninger for organizing the camping trip and for Karie Blasingame for planning the picnic. At the auction I was able to get an original Linda Mullen's painting. I

hope a picnic is planned for next year.

At the Leadership Conferences in March I distributed Grange Questionnaire about the health of your Grange and I set the date of the Grange picnic as the date to turn it in to me. I have only gotten a few. Please fill them out and send to me ASAP.

I hope many of you have seen the information about Mid-West Youth Conference and Great Lakes Leaders Conference June 15-17 in Michigan. I believe there will be information in this paper or on the NationalGrange.org website. Ethan Edwards, Lecturer, my Granddaughter Bailey, her friend Riley and I will be going. Anyone interested in going please make sure that you contact the appropriate person. And if you are going from St Clair County please let me know, maybe we can car pool.

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## National Grange Reps from Michigan State Grange

Christopher Johnston is a third generation Granger from Michigan. Chris currently serves as the President of the Michigan State Grange and is also the Gatekeeper for the National Grange. Chris has always been passionate of the ritualistic work and lessons of the Grange. He has served many positions in his Subordinate and Pomona Granges as well as Assistant Steward for eight years and Steward for three years for the State Grange before being elected Master.

Chris works at the Meijer Distribution Center in Lansing, Michigan where he continues his sixteenth year of employment. Besides Grange activities, he also enjoys hunting and the outdoors. He is also active in Boy Scouts and 4-H with his sons.

Chris married Connie Reamer, a

fourth generation Granger, in 2002. She works as an Administrative Assistant at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan. She served as the Lady Assistant Steward for the state for nine years before obtaining the position as First Lady. Chris and Connie met in the Grange when they attended youth/young adult camps which lead them to later serve as the Youth/Young Adult Directors for several years. They have twin sons, Marcus and Cory, who are just starting 7th grade and are active in the Junior Grange.

The Grange has been a very influential part of Chris and Connie's lives. They have grown through the many opportunities the Grange has to offer. Chris is now excited to serve the Grange at the National level.

## Lecturer's Report

By Ethan Edwards

We are in full swing for summer now, full of family and Grange activities. But Grange meetings continue through the summer months, and the opportunity to come up with dynamic and interesting programs continues. This month I just wanted to draw your attention to some wonderful resources available through the National Grange Lecturer that you may want to take advantage of.

The National Lecturer has sponsored a "Program In a Box" recognition program where Subordinate Grange Lecturers collect all the resources for an interesting literary appropriate for local Grange meetings and package them in a format easily downloaded

and implemented. The Program in a Box provides all the resources necessary to present a quality program for your members and the broader community.

The available titles cover a huge variety: from "Parliamentary Procedure and Its Use in the Grange" to "Yoga" and even "Traffic Cones!" If you take a look at them I know you would be impressed with the interest and entertainment these would provide. Each program includes a PowerPoint presentation to provide visual support for your program (although, you could certainly deliver the program if you don't have access to a data projector in your hall), quizzes, activities for

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# PRESIDENT

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I spent two days last week in Washington, DC at the National Grange Building for Executive Committee meeting. There was lots to discuss and one of the major topics was that the chiller is still not completed. There is lots going on in the various departments and I hope that many of you participate in those events. The State Executive Committee will meet on June 10 at Dixie Truck Stop. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The St Clair County Pomona is making plans for the 147th State Session, September 14 - 16, 2018. The session will again be at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows near Belleville. I have just been informed that Chris Johnston, National Grange Gatekeeper, MI State Master and his wife Connie will be

our National Grange Representative. Maybe their twin boys will come too. Secretary Sheri will soon be sending the letters to the Granges about the meeting. Be aware of the resolution dates, hotel reservation date and meal reservation date, meet the deadlines. Plans are being made to take a tour of the GROW exhibit at the St Louis Science Center on Thursday September 13 leaving the Shrine at noon. The Science Center is free, parking is \$10 per car. We will coordinate rides for those wanting to go. Please send a note or call Charlotte Mehrtens at donchar62@gmail.com or 618-978-2655 to get your name on the list of those going.

The National Session is in Stowe, Vermont, registration is now open on the National Grange website.

The National Grange is planning a revival - camping trip in Ozark, AR at Mulberry Mountain Resort, July 23 -28, 2019. Check the National-Grange.org website for more details. I think it will be a great time to meet Granges from across the country.

You are all part of the host region for 153rd Annual National Grange Convention November 5-9, 2019, Doubletree Bloomington/Minneapolis South 7800 Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis, MN. Karie Blasingame is the host chair, IL State Grange will need help from all of you. More information for volunteering will be shared as the time gets closer.



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Juniors, and various support materials. In these hot summer nights, you might want to borrow the program on A&W Root Beer and end your evening sharing root beer floats.

And on the other side of the coin, perhaps you have developed a program of your own of which you are particularly proud. The National Grange website includes rules for submissions of your own programs for recognition.

It is easy to forget what a great resource the National Grange website is, not only for Lecturers but all aspects of Grange life. The URL to find these resources is [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org). I encourage you to check out the website and think how you might download or contribute to this valuable resource.

In closing, I trust you are planning your entries for Lecturer's contests for State Session. It's never too early. In

particular, I want to remind you of the one-time Grange contest to recognize Illinois' Bicentennial. Each Grange is challenged to create a banner to celebrate its place in the rich history and culture of Illinois. I'm hoping we have a huge display of banners at State Session to help us recognize this landmark year. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions at [ethanaedwards@mac.com](mailto:ethanaedwards@mac.com) or 618-795-8021.

## News From Hopewell Grange

By Janice David

Hopewell had a very well attended spring Craft and Vendor Fair with weather that was decent but not so nice as to attract everyone outdoors. Mowing is in full swing with mowing assignments by month being covered by our members.

At our May 14 meeting we discussed getting repairs underway as still needed for a window and the roof. We have had a number of inquiries about the use of the hall by local groups. Having a chair lift to get people to the lower level is definitely a plus for us.

Our upcoming Community Service projects will include helping place flags in the Glendale Cemetery in Washington, Illinois, for Memorial Day weekend and picking up a mile of Route 24 on Satur-

day, June 23. We received a thank you from the Salvation Army for our bell ringing efforts along with a notice that they collected \$302 during the time we volunteered.

Carrie Fisher reported for the Juniors that they held a Junior Day at the hall on May 5 and that camp would be held June 1 and 2. Youth reported that Midwest Camp was scheduled for Father's Day weekend.

Sister Debra Wade had knee replacement surgery in May, and we wish her a contin-

ued good recovery. Brother Robert Purcell and his wife Norma traveled extensively during this past year and are now "back home in Indiana" as he tells us he is now a Hoosier!

Like many of you, we in central Illinois had no spring as we jumped from winter into summer and are now having 90 plus degree days. The crops are shooting up, but we are a little short on moisture. Best wishes to all for a pleasant summer season.

## Perryville Grange Report

Perryville Grange #1805 met on April 23 at the Dairy Queen. We celebrated that our member Caryn Gorman has earned her 50 year Golden Sheaf Certificate in the Grange. We also celebrated that member Brian Smith has officially retired after 45 years of employment at Chrysler Corporation. We discussed some banking business and decided to stay with our current bank. Members Red and Janice Randolph have made trips to Wisconsin for health reasons, as many of us are experiencing health problems. We were very glad to get together and enjoy some nice spring weather!

May news: We are asking for prayers and get well wishes for former member Neal Johnson. As a Cherry Valley fireman he was directing traffic on the I-90 overpass for the "Vets Roll Caravan" returning from their trip to Washington, D.C. A van hit him and he sustained broken ribs and broken leg, now in I.C.U. and having much pain and trouble breathing.

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# News from Broad Hollow

At the special Grange Month Open House on April 29th and 150th celebration of the National Grange, Broad Hollow Grange presented Matt Trout of Freeburg with the Community Citizen of the Year Award for his impact on the community coordinating and expanding the Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off, the Police Golf Tournament, the village float and volunteer shifts at the Freeburg Homecoming, plus many other events.

Receiving the Teacher of the Year Award from Freeburg was Karen Mueller, a very dedicated teacher in the Freeburg High School Science Department. Jill Jung, Principal, also attended. Larry Phillips was named Policeman of the Year for his work with the Smithton Police Department and area police departments. Also attending from Smithton was Mayor Klein and Police Chief Vielweber. The Fireman of the Year was awarded to B.J. Wilson, New Athens, for his dedication and service as a member of the New Athens Fire Department.

Grange members receiving recognition were Elsie Heidenreich of Freeburg for 75 years of membership and service to the Grange and Community receiving the Diamond Award. Others honored were Shirley Brandenburger and Betty (Sauerwein) Hardt for 65 years; Neil Schaller for 60 years, and Nancy (Neff) Russell for 55 years. Each received a seal to add to their 50-year member certificate. The awards were presented by Lynette Schaeffer, Illinois State Grange Master and member of the National Grange Executive Committee, and Broad Hollow Grange Secretary, Arlene Brandenburger. The Grange members extend special congratulations for their hard work and well-deserved



Broad Hollow Grange presented the following awards to: Fireman of the Year, B.J. Wilson, New Athens; Teacher of the Year, Karen Mueller, Freeburg; and Policeman of the Year, Larry Phillips, Smithton.

recognition.

Also, during the program, the Grange Month Proclamation was read. Kenneth Joseph and Gladys Williamson from Enterprise Grange provided musical entertainment. Illinois' bicentennial (200th birthday) was recognized and St. Clair County will celebrate Illinois' birthday on August 25th at the O'Fallon Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The event will be hosted by the St. Clair County Historical Society. The featured speaker was Matt Trout from Freeburg who told about some of the events held in Freeburg that helps out various charities and organizations. Other Illinois State Grange Officers present were: Frank D. Wurth, Executive Committee; Kenneth Joseph, Assistant to the State Master; Tracy Jones, State Grange Community Service Chairman, and Carol Neff, State Grange Agriculture Chairman.

Thanks was extended to our members for handing out 143 dictionaries/gazateers to the third graders in Freeburg and New Athens. Broad Hollow Grange partners with Progressive Grange for the dictionary project in New Athens. A total of 381 standard and personal-size items were donated

to the Belleville Area Crisis Center. For Neighborhood Watch, it was noted several tires were tossed in the ditch along Robinson School Road, and there's still problems with fields being driven through at the Northwest corner of Press and Carr Road.

Thanks were extended to everyone for making our Watkins Fundraiser a big success. Fliers, handouts, newspaper articles and other items publicized Grange Month, and information was placed on Facebook about our activities. Members were reminded of the Illinois State Grange Campout and Picnic, May 17-19, at the KOA Campgrounds near Springfield. Broad Hollow Grange is planning a Kids' Day for ages 5-14 at the Grange June 21 and July 10 from 1-4 p.m. with crafts, fun, snacks, leadership skills, etc.

The fliers and information for the Branson trips sponsored by Broad Hollow Grange is available with trip details. One of the 3-day trips will start the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and the other the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Tickets and seating, hotel, etc. has been reserved since last November. Both trips will include Daniel O'Donnell Christmas Show (first time



Several members received Membership Awards: Pictured are Shirley Brandenburger for 65 years of Grange Membership, and Elsie Heidenreich for 75 years of Grange Membership, a Diamond Member. Others receiving membership awards that were not able to be there were: Betty (Sauerwein) Hardt--65 years, Neil Schaller--60 years, and Nancy (Neff) Russell--55 years. Elsie Heidenreich received a diamond certificate for her award, and the rest received seals to add to their 50-year certificate.



Community Citizen of the Year was awarded to Matt Trout from Freeburg.

he's had one in the U.S.), Clay Cooper Christmas Show, Hughes' Brothers Christmas Show, Texas Tenors, "Sampson" at the Sight and Sound Theater; and for the first trip, comedian "Yakov Smirnoff" and for the second trip, "Hot Rods and High Heels," a 50's

show. The package includes all 6 shows, meals and tip, bus, hotel, bus driver tip from Tuesday noon thru Thursday noon. For more information, call (618) 539-6113.

Forty-two people attended the potluck, open house meeting, and program.





# Agriculture Report



**By Carol Neff, Agriculture Chairman**

We're still having a crazy spring--actually I think it skipped spring. April was unusually cold and wet in Southwestern Illinois--one of the coolest on record--delaying planting of crops. May has been unusually hot (high 80's and 90's) and mostly dry--the warmest May so far. Corn popped up like popcorn overnight and leaves seemed to come out on the trees overnight. Hummingbirds have arrived after their long journey back from Central America. I can always tell when they'll be here soon. Shortly after my Columbines start blooming, I know I'll see them any day. So, I've been making sugar water (1 part sugar and 4 parts water) for them. They don't come to the feeder all at once so if you have two, figure you have probably three times that many.

Has anyone seen any honeybees yet? I have white clover in my lawn and that is a buffet for them. The last few years I've seen very few bees on the white clover and so far this year I haven't seen any. Did you know our National Grange Building in D.C. has two bee hives with thousands of bees on the roof of our 11-story building?

In early America, farmers wore out the soil along the East coast and had no way to enrich it. That's one of the reasons early settlers headed West to find more rich ground to farm. Today, due to the climate getting warmer, the Plains area has moved 100 miles east.

Since my last column, a 53-year old farmer in my neighborhood lost his life due to a defective pressure hose on anhydrous ammonia. He was working on the equip-

ment and had anhydrous ammonia hooked up to the disk and tractor when the pressure from a defective pressure hose threw him into the disk. Last year near another town in my area a young man was putting anhydrous on the fields when he stopped for lunch. He had just gotten into the car to eat lunch his wife had brought him when the anhydrous hose blew and exploded. If he hadn't stopped to eat lunch, he would not have made it. A hose rubbed through against the metal. Farming is a dangerous occupation. Be careful!

**By Lindakay Ebel  
ISG Membership Chair**

We are entering the last month of our 2017-2018 Membership year on June 30th, 2018. I hope that each Grange had a very productive year in recruiting new members

I congratulate each of you who are enjoying the satisfaction of having signed up a new member or members this year. If you did not recruit a new member, you have the entire month of June to do this, so, let's go get them.

Founded in 1867, the Grange was the first farm organization in the country. Today it is also recognized as American's number one rural family organization, a family fraternity.

Membership is one of the biggest concerns, whether in the Grange, Lions Club, Legion, etc., they are all struggling to maintain members and recruit new members. Many of us find it hard to recruit families, as families are involved with school sports and other school activities.

We must keep the Grange

Shop Tips: "Save your caulking gun plastic tubes. Put them over the hydraulic hoses to prevent hose failure whenever the hose rubs on equipment. Zip ties will hold them in place. If they're going to be exposed to the sun, scuff them up and spray paint them once they're in place." "These tubes can also be used to hold drill bits in a toolbox."

"To keep oil from spilling when adding oil to mowers, generators, rototillers, and other small engines, pour the oil into a squeeze ketchup bottle."

Garden Tip: "Put coffee filters in the bottom of flower pots. Excess water flows through but dirt stays put."

So, what's going on in June? Cicadas (locusts) begin to sing; raspberries, mulberries, and gooseberries begin to ripen; Tulip Trees and milkweed are in bloom; birds are carrying food to their young and fledging birds will be leaving the nest. June is also the longest day of the year (summer solstice). Plant or transplant some milkweed to help the Monarch butter-

flies. They only lay eggs on milkweed because when the eggs hatch the caterpillar only eats milkweed. If there's any milkweed in your pasture or along the fence line cows can reach, transplant it so another area since it's poisonous to cows. It has a long underground rhizome to help in transplanting.

Wishing you enough rain to make your crops, plants, fruit, and garden grow so you don't have to water too often, blue skies, gentle breezes, and pleasant temperatures.

## Membership Report

name in front of the public. We need to toot our own horn, telling the public what our local Granges are doing in our local communities, and we need to reach out to

our own families, friends, and neighbors. The busiest people are the ones who will make the time for a great organization, like the Grange.

As we draw near to our

2017-2018 Grange membership year deadline, I would like to see us end with a gain on our membership in each Grange.

## Communications Report

**By Elaine Hecathorn**

Welcome to spring, It came later than the calendar stated, but it is here. The farmers have been making up for lost time and the crops are being planted. Our grass has been mowed and flowers are blooming. What a wonderful time of year!

Many Granges use the spring and summer as times to do their major community service activities. When you are publicizing your projects, remember all the avenues that are available. I want to remind everyone of the Media Code of Conduct that was adopted on February 25, 2011 by the National Grange Exec Committee. Please remember that all websites, Facebook groups

or pages and all other internet based social media used to represent the Grange must be under the jurisdiction of a Subordinate, Pomona or State Grange. The website must be clearly identified as being a Grange website and have contact information easily identifiable.

No partisan comments, opinions, statements or endorsements may be posted on the website page. There are to be no negative or inflammatory comments, opinions or statements toward any Grange or level of the Grange or toward any member of any Grange posted on the website or page. These same rules pertain to comments or opinions toward any public officials or members of the public.

All policies of the Grange posted on the website or page must be clearly labeled as to which Grange or level of the Grange has adopted the policies. All content, including ads, must be within the guidelines of the Digest, By-Laws of the State Grange and By-Laws of the Grange operating the website or page.

I am not aware of anything wrong being posted, but I want everyone to know and realize that the National Grange does have guidelines to be followed. This information came from Appendix G in the Grange Communication Handbook.

Enjoy the nice weather. Hope all mothers had a great day last month and fathers do this month.



# Blast From The Past

By Beverly Smith, Historian

I hope you all celebrated the Memorial Weekend. Many Grangers served in the armed services back in World War II. Our Grange (Perryville) celebrated the returning servicemen with a special dinner at the Grange Hall on March 15, 1946. One of our members was lost in action. My father and two uncles were part of the 12 servicemen honored. Luckily I have two 8 x 10 photos of the occasion showing the most people I had ever seen in our Hall.

Last month Ethan mentioned Bishop Hill (six miles

west of Galva) as a historic site to visit in Illinois. Many Grange members of Henry County were descendants of these Swedish pioneers. In 1946 a dedication celebration was held in which Gov. Dwight Green accepted the site being taken over by the State of Illinois. Three members of Galva Grange were members of "Old Settlers organization" planning the three-day program. An article in the Illinois Granger August 1946 issue stated that County Center Grange and Henry County Pomona used the old brewery and bakery building of the Swedish Colony as their meeting place. Also County Center Grange assisted financially with some projects of the site.

I hope you have been reminiscing about your past or current Juvenile/Junior Grange activities. If you could write up a history and submit to me, I will include it in my Junior Grange notebook.

Have a great summer!



## Prairie Grange News

Prairie Grange hosted the first Grange camping weekend at the KOA by Springfield in May. We had four cabins, four campers and one tent for a total of 20 people. Then on Saturday six more people came from the north and six from the south for the picnic. A great time was had by all. Good food, good friends, good fellowship. Cabins; Don, Heather and Emilie Ellwanger, Jen Tobin-Tinch with Coleton Miley and Odessa Dingess, Al and Darlene Henninger, Jimmy and Ruth Blasingame. Campers; Kent and Marlene Williams, John and Pat Henninger, Gordie and Jan Butt, and Adam, Sara and Scarlett Ellwanger. Tent; Karie Blasingame and the dogs. Picnic guests; Lynette Schaeffer with grandchildren Will, Olivia and Lillian, Carol Neff and Arlene Magee from St Clair County. And Jeremy, Sarah and Rebecca Meyers with Tito Lopez (foreign exchange student) and Lyle and Patti Lee from the north.

## Hildebrand Honored For 80 Years of Service

Pictured is Master Albert Q. Ebel, III presenting Theo Hildebrand a recognition award from the National Grange for being a member of Flora Grange #1762 for 80 years.

Theo joined the Grange soon after her marriage to Ralph Hildebrand, son of DeForest and Desdemona Hildebrand who were all very active in Flora Grange for many years, all serving as officers of the Grange.

Theo remembers the 'good old days' when the she and her husband were part of a drill team, kitchen band, dances and card parties. She can remember members bringing their kids along and the Grange provided cots for the little children to sleep on while the adults played cards and danced.

Theo has recruited many



members during the 80 years and enjoys selling tickets for the Flapjack breakfast at Applebee's each year as well as attending meetings, the dinners and other Grange ac-

tivities. The Grange was a big part of their life through the years and she recalls all the special friends she met during the 80 years. Congratulations, Theo!

## Troy Grove Grange News

Troy Grove Grange met May 17 at the Hall. Six sisters and 2 brothers were present.

Family Activities Chairman Joan Dennison stated there would be a meeting on June 5 at her home.

Agriculture Chairman Jim Weber reported that planting is pretty well done. Chances for a dry summer are high. Rains have been very spotty. The crops are looking good so far.

Community Service Chairman Ethel Bauer reminded members that flags will be placed on Veteran's graves Saturday May 26 at 10:00. Lunch will follow at Ziggies.

Legislative Chairman Roy Plote reported that crop failures that are covered by crop insurance subsidized by government may be addressed

in the new Farm Bill. The Bill possibly will cut the subsidy for crop insurance.

There is some discussion in Springfield to establish a state real estate tax.

Youth Chairman Avery Plote was elected Section FFA treasurer. Ethan Plote was selected to attend a two week agricultural trip to Brazil over Christmas vacation. This trip will be led by a professor.

In a communication from the Post Office the needed repairs to the handicapped ramp were addressed. The repairs will be done by District Maintenance as the ramp was a Post Office installation. No action required by our Grange.

The next meeting of Troy Grove Grange will be June 21 at 7 PM at the Hall.



# Illinois State Grange Junior Report

By Melinda Schiefer  
ISG JR Director

Where does time go? Family, member of a committee at church looking for a new pastor as ours is retiring, Grange, busy with farming...Now it's June with school out and all the activities that come with summer. Sorry I missed last month.

Some exciting news at the National Grange level. The deadline for ordering your "Rockin the Grange" shirt fundraiser had been extended till end of May, but don't worry if you missed it...there will be another chance later in summer. Like to write? How about submitting an article to be shared in the Good Day magazine? A different topic to be covered for each quarter. The NEW Passport program has been unveiled. This will replace the traditional merit badge program that is currently used. I am planning to attend the Midwest Youth Conference in Michigan to meet our National Director and learn more. Watch for this information to be shared soon. It is not too late to join the Pen Pal program. Juniors continue to be paired up as their contact information is turned in.

Looking forward to summer camp and our "League of SUPER JUNIOR Grangers". Who will "Stand Up and Speak Out" against the wrongs they see?? Turn your registrations forms in early to save your spot for fun and save some money on the camp fee which helps cover costs for meals and activities. We will be doing activities that are state session projects within the different departments and enjoying the outdoors too. Thank you to Hopewell Grange for sharing your hall for this event.

Looking ahead to ISG session in September...Would you like to visit Grant's Farm? Cahokia Mounds? Or Wiloughby Farms? Please let me know your preference, and if you would be able to help with carpooling.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Saturday, August 4, when we will have another ISG JR day at Emerald Mound Grange in Lebanon. My hope is for these events to rotate each year among the regions just as session is rotated; with camp in South and days in North and Central next year, then camp in North and days in Central and South in 2020.

## ISG Junior Jamboree Schedule 2018

### Friday – July 20

6pm check-in, get "bed-room" set up  
7:12pm Movie and snack  
9:15pm Good night

### Saturday – July 21

7:30am Good Morning – Breakfast  
8:45am Open "meeting"  
9-11am Activities  
11:30am Lunch  
12:30-2:30pm Activities  
Break  
3-5pm Activities  
5:30pm Supper  
7pm Talent show/speeches – family and fellow Grangers invited  
9:15pm Good night

### Sunday – July 22

7:30am Good Morning – Breakfast  
8:45am close "meeting"  
Worship time  
Clean up and head home

What to bring- Bedding, air mattress/cot (optional), clothes, toiletries, flashlight, and any needed medications.  
Don't forget your SMILE!!

## ISG Junior Jamboree 2018

League of SUPER Junior Grangers  
Stand Up, Speak Out

**July 20-22, Hopewell Grange Hall**

474 Grange Road, Washington, IL 61571

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Grange # \_\_\_\_\_ Or 1+ program \_\_\_\_\_

t-shirt size Youth: S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ Adult: S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_ Will attend \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from Junior attending) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form I give permission for my child to participate in all phases of activities and any off-site trip. I understand and agree to cooperate with all regulations (See Code of Conduct). I also give permission to publish photographs of camp activities that include my child.

**One form needed per Camper. Multiple forms may be mailed together.**

**A signed medical permission form will also be needed for each person to attend.**

**MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, AND RETURNED WITH PAYMENT**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Registration Fee: \$20-if paid by June 20  
\$35-if paid by July 4  
\$50-if paid at check-in \$5 discount per additional sibling

attending.

One Adult for each 5 juniors will attend FREE (First received basis). All others \$15 to help cover meal cost.

**Total enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to: Melinda Schiefer, ISG JR director

And mail to: 10949 Faust Road, Trenton, IL 62293

Questions?? Call or text 618-444-2852, or email [schifr5@yahoo.com](mailto:schifr5@yahoo.com)

## County Line Grange Report

Jim and Sonjia Olstad, from Prairie Grange, were guests for our May 9th meeting. They gave a wonderful talk on their experiences of living in Africa. Everyone enjoyed listening to them, asking questions, and looking at the souvenirs they brought. Thank you Jim and Sonjia.

Refreshments were served by Pete and Teri Pyszka. Thank you for the goodies.

We discussed serving food

for Relay-for-Life June 2nd. We will be participating in Food Cart Frenzy June 9th. Belvidere's Heritage Days will be coming up, and we will be doing a float in the parade.

Sandy read notes from the Pomona meeting. Our first road clean-up went well.

Joellen and Jason will be presenting our scholarships to our winners at the two

Belvidere high schools.

We talked about the repairs needed to the drink stand and Mary's office at the Grange food stand. Pete and John are going to check out what needs to be done, so we can get started on that.

Hope everyone is getting their gardens growing, so there will be lots of vegetables for State Convention.

Stay safe and well!

# News from Flora Grange

By **Lindakay Ebel**

Flora Grange met at the Grange hall on Tuesday, May 8th for their monthly meeting. Master Albert Q. Ebel opened the meeting and Chaplain Donna West opened the Bible and led us in prayer.

Reports of standing committees were given by each committee chairperson. The quilting group will be meeting over Memorial Day weekend at the Grange hall to work on projects, May 26-28th. Jack Ratcliffe, Agriculture, reported that 80% of corn has been planted and some 50% of the soybeans. Jack also reported that Farmland Protection will have a booth at the Dairy Breakfast on June 9th.

Deb Silvers reported the committee has been working on programs for Safety Town, to be held June 12-15 at the Boone County Fairgrounds from 9 to 11 a.m., ages 5-8. Workshops will be held each day as well as time for crafts and treats will be served each day. Some of the topics for this year's Safety Town include Ground Water Safety, Pet Safety, Bike Safety, Posture and Health Safety and Boat Safety. Also, Child Safety in Environment, Weather Safety and Fire Safety.

Jack Ratcliffe and Al Ebel gave reports on work being done at the fairgrounds including electrical work, mowing and spraying as well as some fair equipment was sold at Prairie Grange's consignment sale. They also mentioned about some improvements being planned for the Community Grange hall at the fairgrounds. Jack stated he and Laurel made a trip to Springfield and met with the controller to discuss money for fair premiums

amounting to \$64,000.00. which was finally released and sent. Legislative chair Marion Thornberry reported he attended the legislative days in Springfield and there is a lot going on in Washington.

Membership chairperson, Lindakay Ebel reported our membership year for 2017-2018 ends June 30th. She encouraged Grange members to try and recruit family members, friends and neighbors. She stated that many families are so busy with school sports, they do not have time for anything else.

Angelique Bodine, Health & Education reported she is concerned about the serious problem with mosquito's and ticks this year. She reported 352 cases of Lyme disease was reported in Illinois in the year of 2016. Avoid standing water and wear protective clothing when working outside. It was noted that some stores sell mosquito traps and we were encouraged to investigate this. She also reported that our pets should be checked for ticks.

Community Service, Laurel Ratcliffe reported we will be providing lunch for Habitat for Humanity sometime in June; and members will be serving breakfast and lunch for the Little Hershey Model T Antique Car show at the fairgrounds on May 19 & 20th. Deb Silvers and Angelique Bodine were asked to shop for the Food Frenzy on June 9th, motion to spend around \$200.00. Treasurer, Lindakay Ebel gave the monthly financial report as well as year-to-date report.

Secretary Laurel Ratcliffe presented Todd Hegge with 40-year recognition award and Master Al Ebel presented an 80-year award from the

National Grange to Theo Hildebrand. Theo thanked Grange members for cards sent and those that visited her while in Maple Crest and now at home.

Donna West, Chaplain, held a Memorial service in honor of Marge Buzzell, mother of Lonn Buzzell, Harry Papka, Grandfather of Lonn Buzzell and Ernie Wilson. She lit candles for each and had special readings and we sang Beyond the Sunset and In the Garden.

Emalee Colver collected 52 "G" bills from members. Members sang Happy Anniversary to Lonn and Krista Buzzell who will be celebrating their anniversary on May 12th.

Master Ebel closed the Grange as there was no more work to be done tonight.

Next Flora Grange meeting will be our Grange Family picnic, held at the Grange hall on Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. Each family is to bring a dish to share. Serving committee is Gene and Donna West, Mary Harbison and George McGee. We will also be presenting our community service awards, Louis Nichols for Distinguished Non-Member and Distinguished Granger Member Mike Ratcliffe.

## Legislative Report

Hello brothers and sisters,

While in Springfield on April 11th, I was advised that there was talk in the Department of Agriculture, so I did a little research and this is what I discovered.

The Department of Agriculture provides an array of subsidies for farmers and imposes extensive regulations on agricultural markets. It operates the food stamp and school lunch programs, and administers numerous subsidy programs for rural areas. The Forest Service is within the Department of Agriculture.

The department will spend \$146 billion in 2018, or \$1,150 for every U.S. household. The department operates 278 subsidy programs and employs 90,100 workers in about 7,000 offices across the country.

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Below are some of the areas that they think should be downsized.

**Downsize This!**

• **Agricultural Subsidies.** The department provides up to \$30 billion annually to farmers of corn, cotton, rice, soybeans, wheat, and

other crops. It also aids farmers with research, loan, and insurance programs.

• **Agricultural Regulations and Trade Barriers.** The government regulates domestic markets for products such as sugar and milk, and it imposes trade restrictions on various farm products.

• **Rural Subsidies.** The department runs numerous subsidy programs for businesses and individuals in rural areas.

• **Food Subsidies.** Most of the department's budget goes toward food subsidies, including the food stamp and school lunch programs.

• **Forest Service.** The Forest Service oversees 193 million acres of forests and provides subsidies to businesses and state governments.

"Cato is on the right track with its proposals to downsize the USDA. Many of the department's programs originated in the Great Depression and are completely out of date and no longer needed, if they ever were. Downsizing the USDA would help move American agriculture into the 21st century."

John R. Norton, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, 1985-1986

God Bless to all from Marion and Jean.

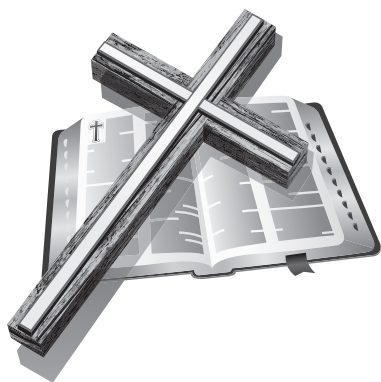




# Chaplain's Corner

By Charlotte Mehrtens

So, I think last month I said that April snows bring May flowers, well guess what we went from the freezer to the oven in just a few days, now everyone is complaining it's too hot for this time of the year and they are wondering what the summer will be like, I guess we will just have to see what God has in store for us. As we go into the summer month's here the Mid West we know that God has the power to change our weather in just a matter of few minutes, the crops are finally going in since it was either to cold or then to wet, many are making hay while the sun shines as they say. As I mowed my grass this past week my gooseberries are growing good, if I can keep the birds away long enough to pick them. This evening while I was outside the many different kind of birds were singing their songs as the sun went down, I stopped to count my blessings that I



was outside in God's world, I had my hearing to hear their songs and I have my sight to see them. It is just the little things that we are granted to enjoy from God. It doesn't always mean we only thank Him for those big things. We need to thank Him daily for everything He gives us.

As many students graduate from their schools and head for their next step in life may God Grant them His peace and May they always know His presents in their lives. To those who have lost loved ones our prayers are with you and you are not alone.

Peace to each of you

*"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants"*

**JoAnne Calhoun**

May 13, 1932 – May 14, 2018

JoAnne Calhoun, age 86, of Harlingen, TX, passed away peacefully with her family by her side. JoAnne, formerly of Galesburg, IL, and past member of Henderson Grove Grange, served the Illinois State Grange in many capacities while here

in Illinois including Women's Activities Director, Junior Grange Director, Lecturer and Chaplain. Preceded in death by her husband Howard in 2011, JoAnne is survived by daughters Judy, Jan and Jo as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Wilmer Steinheimer receives 70 year member certificate at Holy Ghost Church in Darmstadt Sunday, April 22, 2018 from Progressive Grange officers. Pictured left to right: Master, Doug Kinzinger; Secretary, Vicky Wildy; Gatekeeper, Wildy; Gatekeeper; Lady Ass't Steward, Linda Kinzinger; Wilmer Steinheimer; Chaplain, Muriel Petrowich; Executive Committee, Dick Petrowich; Craig Steinheimer; and Executive Committee, Melvin Wagner.



Gladys and LaVerne Kinzinger receive 70 year member certificates from Progressive Grange officers at Cedar Trails. Pictured (L-R) Secretary, Vicky Wildy; Gatekeeper, Ralph Wildy; Lady Ass't Steward; Gladys and LaVerne Kinzinger; Master, Doug Kinzinger; Chaplain, Muriel Petrowich; and Executive Committee member, Dick Petrowich.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 9 – Food Cart Frenzy – Boone County Hosted by Prairie Grange

June 10 – Executive Committee Meeting – Dixie Café, McLean IL Department Chairmen Invited to Attend

June 12-15 – Flora Grange Safety Town Camp

June 15-17 – Mid-West Youth Conference and Great Lakes Leaders Conference

June 21 – BBQ Dinner 4-7pm Emerald Mound

June 23 – Flora Grange Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's Belvidere

July 11 – Ladies Night Out –

Emerald Mound Grange

July 19 – BBQ Dinner 4-7pm Emerald Mound

July 20-21 – Junior Jamboree Camp-In – Hopewell Grange

July 28 – St. Clair County Pomona Fundraiser for State Session

Aug 4 – ISG JR Day – Emerald Mound Grange

Aug 6 – DEADLINE for Legacy Family Forms to National Grange

Aug 6 – DEADLINE Distinguished Grange forms to National Grange

Aug 7-12 – Boone County Fair Sept 14-16 – State Grange

Session, Belleville, IL National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Oct 25 – Hopewell Pancake Supper

Oct 28 – Turkey Hill Wurst market

Nov 4 – Floraville Community Wurst market

Nov 11 – Flora Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser

Nov 12-18 – National Grange Session in Stowe, Vermont

Nov 13-15 – Broad Hollow Branson Trip

Nov 27-29 – Broad Hollow Branson Trip

Please send me any important dates for your Grange.