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*In essentials... Unity
In non-essentials... Liberty
In all things... Charity*



Lynette Schaeffer President Illinois State Grange

Lynette's Visions & Wisdoms March 2019

The weather in southern IL has finally started to dry a little, although there is still a lot of mud with a little crust of dry on top. Don and I have been picking up the sticks in our yard and burning the piles. After hours we are about ½ done that is what happens when you live in an oak forest in the Midwest when it has been windy. Happy Easter to all, remember the reason for the Easter celebrations.

There was good attendance at the Leadership conferences on March 9 at Emerald Mound Grange Hall and March 16, 2019 will be Community Grange hall. Thanks to Karie, Tracey, Mindy and Ruth for their help with workshops. Much was discussed and much information was given out. I will be sending out the packet of information to those Granges that did not attend. Some of the information that was not on any of the handouts included information about the benefits. Always review the benefit information on the nationalgrange.org website, just a few that are new UPS Savings program (yes the brown truck delivery system) savewithups.com/Grange, Ticketsatwork, (discounts to theme parks, attractions, shows nationwide, etc.) and Lenovo, a global leader in the PC marketplace, offers discounts on its entire line of reliable, high line quality, secure and easy-to-use technology products and services. Also remember that we need to put the birthday of all the members into the database – if your Grange does not have a login please let me know. There are probable new benefits if we qualify. Quilt raffle tickets are available.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 7 – Flora Grange Roast Beef Dinner
Apr 7 – Turkey Hill Grange Chicken Dinner
Apr 13 – Prairie Grange Consignment Auction
May 17-19 – Grange Camping Adventure
May 18 – 3rd Annual Statewide Grange Picnic
May 21 – Emerald Mound Grange BBQ
Jun 8 – Food Cart Frenzy – PG Countryside Market – theme Grange Heros - 8am
Jun 12-15 – Flora Grange Safety Town Camp
Jun 18 – Emerald Mound Grange BBQ
Jun 23 – Flora Grange Flapjack Fundraiser at Belvidere Applebee's
Jul 16 – Emerald Mound Grange BBQ
July 23-28 – Grange Revival
Aug 6-11 – Boone County Fair
Sept 13-15 – Illinois State Grange Session – Belvidere
Oct 15-18 – Broad Hollow Branson trip
Nov 4-9 -National Grange Session – Midwest host, Volunteers needed
Nov 17 – Flora Grange Roast Beef Dinner
Nov 19-21 – Broad Hollow Grange Christmas Branson trip

Recurring events:

Belleville Old Town Market every 1st Saturday beginning in May (THG)
THG BBQ every Thursday afternoon beginning in May

Please send me any important dates for your Grange.

A Note From Ruth

Resolutions will be due to Sheri by July 17. All reservation, meals and hotel or camping will need to be to Sheri by August 15. Mark your calendars!! All information for State Session and a repeat of all contests will be in the May issue of the Granger.

Thank you, Ruth.

As always send your information to me at: illinoigranger2017@gmail.com, call 815-299-7884, or mail to Ruth Blasingame at 8711 Deer Run Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008.

The State Executive Committee met on March 10 at Dixie Truck Stop. We discussed plans for the upcoming State and National Sessions and awarded several scholarships. Congratulations to those awardees. Sheri K will be sending out letters about State Session soon. Please send the resolutions before the deadline. Make plans to send delegates as this year is an election year for 14 of the offices.

May 18 will be the Grange Picnic in Springfield, during the Campout. The Junior and Youth auction will be held then not at state session. Talk with Mindy and Karie if you would like to donate to the auctions.

I received the most recent copy of the Good Day magazine, but have not yet had time to read it. Subscribe and renew to keep receiving this wonderful publication. Boone County and Winnebago County Pomona Granges are making plans for September 13 - 15, 2019 at Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL, 148th State Session. They are planning a tour of the Grange

owned fairgrounds on Friday morning. Watch for more details.

Plans are being made for the 2019 National Grange Session in Bloomington, MN November 5-9. Some of the jobs will be starting earlier. There are many 'jobs' that you all can volunteer to assist. Sign-up sheets will be available at State Session. Remember that if you volunteer for 4 hours you get reimbursement of one half of your hotel room expenses.

If you are interested in being a communication fellow for the National Session contact Karie or me soon. Application deadline is May 20 at 9:00 ET.

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Troy Grove Grange

Ethel Bauer

Troy Grove Grange met March 21, 2019 at 7PM at the Hall. 7 sisters and 2 brothers were present.

Community a Chairman Ethel Bauer reported that the check for PADS had been delivered. A thank you was received and read to the members. Our Community Service Activities Person, Officer Mark Dallas was mailed the certificate and check due to weather and distance.

Agriculture Chairman Jim Weber reported on the flooding affecting most of the Central States. 3/4 of the counties in Nebraska have flooding. Huge losses are occurring to calves, cattle, stored grains and machinery in several central states due to excessive snow, mud and flooding.

Legislative Chairman Roy Plote reported that a new wind farm was to be named Grange Hall. This is a trademark violation. National Grange is taking action. Anyone hearing of the misuse of the Grange name is asked to report it.

Sadly our Grange draped the Charter for Marlin Hoelzer. Marlin was a 65 year Granger.

The selling of the Grange Hall was discussed. An interested person had done a walk through on Monday the 18th. He called Roy to discuss a possible purchase.

Janet Plote reported that there was a request for help at the National meeting at Bloomington, Minnesota in November.

Next meeting of Troy Grove Grange will be April 18, 2019 at 7 PM at the Hall.

Winnebago County Pomona

Sad to say only 5 Union Grange members attended our February meeting at Alpine View Restaurant. Where was everyone?

Our April meeting will be at Gary and Sally Campbell's on April 15. This is a change in the schedule. Campbell's and Vivian switched, so the June meeting will be at Vivian's.

Broad Hollow Grange

Broad Hollow Grange met in February and March. Agriculture read the National Grange Master's statement on the success of the Farm Bill being passed. Dictionaries for the schools in New Athens and Freeburg have been received, labels put in, and distributed to eight third-grade classes. There were a 154 dictionaries distributed this year for a total of 2,160 since we first started the project. Items are being collected for the Humane Society in April and May. For Juniors, the new program replacing the badge program is the passport program. The disposal kit for old medications was explained to the members and a discussion held on getting the packets out in the community.

Grange Month was also discussed. Since no Sunday is available in April to have our awards, it will take place Sunday, May 5, starting with a 1 p.m. potluck. The lunch for area firemen on their training day will be rescheduled due to weather conditions. Carol Neff attended the Grange Leaders' meeting March 9th. For Grange Month, articles will be placed in local newspapers and a Grange display will be placed in a local bank. Membership awards and Community Citizen, Fireman, Police, and a Teacher will be honored at the May 5th meeting. Several notes were received on the great time that was had on the Grange's trip to Branson. The Grange trips next year will be a 4-day trip Oct 15-18 and a 3-day Christmas Shows trip Nov 19-21.

The program consisted of "What is Your Favorite Spring Sound?," a quiz on March and spring, members sang "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," "Why is Spring Your Favorite Season?," and the program closed with "May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks you grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go." The hall was decorated with green for St. Patrick's Day.

Union Grange #811

We are holding regular meetings so far in 2019. Thanks to Gary and Sally Campbell for hosting us in January and Russ Stauffer and Elaine Hyer for hosting in February. For March we enjoyed chinese food at The Great Wall in Rockford.

We have made a monetary donation to the Illinois State Grange Community Service Project "Just Breathe 815".

Vivian Johnson attended the Leadership Training on March 16 held at the Boone County Community Grange hall. It was good to see such a good attendance. And that evening Vivian Johnson and Linnea Miller attended Beaver Valley Grange Trivia Night Fundraiser at the VFW in Loves Park. Happy to report our team received first place and as a result received a gift card for Target. Thanks Beaver Valley Granger's for a fun time.

On March 9 four members ate at the Harvest Restaurant near Pecatonica along with Leaf River and Guilford Hope Granger's, sixteen people total. We had some good conversation and discussed the upcoming State Grange session to be held in Boone County.

Vivian has also attended all planning meetings for the September State session which will be held in September in Boone County.

Boone County Pomona Grange

Prior to the meeting everyone had the privilege of listening to two Boone County 4-H members give their Public Presentation speeches: Justin Irwin's speech was entitled "Cheese Yes Please," and Allyson Aves' speech was entitled 'The Signs Behind A Smile.'" They both did an excellent job.

The meeting of Boone County Pomona Grange was opened in the 5th degree by Master

Ruth Blasingame at 7:15pm on March 6th 2019. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as written.

Four members from Big Thunder were accepted as proposals for membership.

Committee reports were heard:

Al Henninger reported that our thoughts and prayers need to go out to the people of Alabama that were affected by the recent tornados down there.

Al Ebel reported for agriculture- We had a very slow fall harvest, not much fall fieldwork got done. Now we have a wet spring, may set planting back.

Karie Blasingame reported on the State Campout and Picnic May 17-19th in Springfield

Jerry Paulson thanked everyone for bringing diapers, ointment and wipes for the Boone County Baby Bank.

Jack Ratcliffe reported Sara Evans and Mark Chesnutt will be entertainers at the Boone County Fair 2019. Sharon Geske reported she needs young girls for the Queen Contest and that Kayla Konieczki represented Boone County well at the Fair Queen Contest at the State Fair Convention.

Subordinate Grange reports were given: Beaver Valley - Having a trivia night on Saturday March 16th at the VFW in Loves Park. All are welcome to join for a fun night

Big Thunder - Having a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on March 23rd from 8-10am

County Line - Having a Spaghetti Supper Saturday March 16th at the VFW to help support the local 4-H program. Flora- Having a Roast Beef Dinner April 7th 2019. Also Safety Town will be June 11-14 2019 at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Prairie - Getting geared up for the annual Consignment Auction Saturday April 13th at 9:30am to?

Unfinished Business- Boone and Winnebago Pomona Granges are starting to plan State Session September 13-15, 2019 at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere Illinois. There will be campsites available on the grounds as well as rooms at a Rockford Hotel. Meals are planned. Next planning meeting will be March 28th at the Boone County Fair Administration Building at 6:30pm.

Next Boone County Pomona meeting will be Wednesday May 1st at 6:30pm at the Community Grange Hall

Everyone was encouraged to attend the Leadership Conference on Saturday March 16th from 10-2pm at the Community Grange Hall in Belvidere Illinois.

Boone County Pomona meeting was closed in the 5th degree at 8:20pm by Master Ruth Blasingame. Refreshments and fellowship followed.

March News from Flora Grange

By Lindakay F. Ebel

Some thirty plus Grange members met at the Flora Grange Hall on Tuesday, March 13th for their monthly meeting. Master Albert Q. Ebel, III called the meeting to order and Chaplain Donna West opened the Bible and offered prayer.

Reports of standing committees were held by committee chairpersons: Family Activities chairperson JoAnn Wienrack stated some members are meeting at the Grange Hall working on the 2018 National Grange quilt block as well as other projects.

Deb Silver encouraged members to start working on projects for Family Activities to enter at convention, and stated she is working on Safety Town. She has someone coming this year on boat safety and a lady to talk about weather. Wayne Lyford, Agriculture committee, stated Spring is approaching, some farmers are getting machinery out and working on it. Spring is March 20th!! Emalee Colver, Farmland Protection

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chairperson reported they will have a booth at the Dairy Breakfast to be held on June 16th at the Hildebrand Farm, on State Line Road. She also reported the Belvidere Historical Museum will have a program on Barns on Saturday, March 17 from 10 to 12 and encouraged members to attend.

Jack Ratcliffe, Building and Grounds, report the propane tank was filled, and new lighted exit signs will be installed in the Grange Hall, and stated part of a gutter is coming off and vent above stove must be cleaned. He stated Laurel Ratcliffe has been doing some cleaning at the hall and closets should be cleaned out. Chaplain Donna West had greeting cards for members to sign for several members who are ill. Fair board directors Jack Ratcliffe and Al Ebel gave an update on happenings at the fair grounds and Jack stated Tracy Adkins show will be on line starting April 2nd, go to the fair's website for information.

Membership chairperson, Lindakay Ebel reported April is Membership Month and encouraged members to bring in new members. She stated she joined the Grange to be a part of a great organization, plus to make new friends, which she stated has made many and looks forward to seeing them at meetings and fundraisers. Angelique Bodine, Health & Education chairperson stated there is still a lot of sickness going around.

Jack Ratcliffe, Deaf Chairman reported he had Beth Turek from Connect Hearing come to the Pomona Grange meeting on March 7 and speak to the group about hearing and hearing aids. She stated hearing loss is very common, it affects 1 in 3 people over the age of 60 and it takes most people 5 to 7 years to realize they need to address their hearing loss. She is located on Mulford Road, Rockford.

Laurel Ratcliffe, Community Service requested members turn in their community volunteer hours monthly. She talked about our upcoming fundraisers; Spring Roast Beef dinner and the junior bake sale will be held on Sunday, April 8, 11:30 and 12:45 at the Flora Grange hall. Members will prepare salads on Saturday starting at 7:30 am. May 19 & 20 we will serve breakfast and lunch at Little Hershey's Model T Antique Car show; Safety Town will be held June 12 – 15 and June 23 we will serve breakfast at Applebee's. We will also serve food at the Kennel Dog show at the fairgrounds in July.

For entertainment, Jack Ratcliffe shared several stories for those in attendance. Lindakay Ebel, Treasurer had written reports for expenses and income from the month, also year-to-date totals.

Our Junior Leader, Kathee Frazer and junior member read some articles from happenings in Illinois, celebrating 200 years of Illinois. Several included, Fred Hatch and his father, Lewis built the nation's first vertical silo, in August of 1873 on their Spring Grove farm in McHenry County. The first railroad to run out of Chicago, and the first to be built in the West, the G&CU Railroad was chartered in 1836, the intent was to connect the Lake Michigan port community with the Mississippi River boomtown of Galena. Also, the first issue of John S. Wright's Prairie Farmer newspaper was distributed on January 19, 1841, and our 40th president of the United States, Ronald Reagan was born in Whiteside County in Illinois.

'G'Bills (70) were collected by Emalee Colver from members in attendance and \$100 was been sent to National Grange in Washington for the trademark, and this month \$100 will be sent to help toward the new air conditioner.

Birthdays celebrated were Angelique Bodine on the 23rd; Deb Silver on the 25th and Sharon Miller, on the 31st. Chaplain closed the Bible and gave a closing prayer and Master Ebel closed the Grange. Members enjoyed a lunch prepared by Wayne and Nancy Lyford, Emalee Colver and Todd Hegge. Next Flora Grange meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10th at the Flora Grange Hall with the Lanendorf's and Harts as hostesses.

County Line Grange

We held our meeting March 13. JoEllen, Jen and Jason were our hosts. The food was delicious. Thank you.

Committee, Treasurer and Secretary reports were given. Discussions were held on projects started and new ones to do. Tamra requested we remember and pray for the Marengo Officer who had recently been killed. Our hearts are with his family.

March 6 we served as hosts for our Boone County Pomona Grange meeting. We served BBQs, hotdogs, cheese nachos, chips and lots of awesome desserts. We used St. Patrick's Day decorations.

Our 4-H Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser we have with Leroy Grange was March 16. Had a great turnout and a great time. Decorations were Italian themed. Thanks to great donors we had 27 raffle donations. Dinner was awesome, along with the many desserts brought by 4-H members. Grange and 4-H members worked really hard to make the dinner a success. Thanks everyone.

Hope everyone has enjoyed the nice weather we have had.

Submitted by Ruth Brodeski, Linda Mullins

Leroy Grange

The high school scholarship committee, Jen, Tami and Carol, will be meeting to review the applications. Decisions to be submitted by April 14th.

A fundraising idea for a shoe drive was presented. Denise and Vicky are heading up the committee and will give more information at the next meeting. As you clean out your closets, set aside your gently used shoes for us. The shoes will be sent to assist 3rd world countries.

The Boone County BBQ cook off is June 22 & 23, and Rocky reported that our Grange has been asked to serve breakfast for the event. It was voted to use this opportunity for a fundraiser.

State session is Sept. 13-15th in Boone County, and we will be serving breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 14th.

It was voted to donate \$100 to the Conservation District for their summer camp for their fishing event.

The Strawberry Shortcake committee, Jen and Denise, asked for ideas for improving our booth. Some ideas were adding fresh fruits or vegetables, and sun tea.

Sue Z. reported on the Hometown Christmas craft booth information. It was voted to reserve a booth and she asked members to start making crafts for the booth.

A St Patrick's Day lucky dice game was played, with Ed Kasper, Reagan Kasper and Jen Wilkinson winning prizes!

Kaspers and Wilkinsons provided refreshments.

Next meeting will be April 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Boone County Community Grange hall. Kennedys and Muzzillo to bring treats.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Temple

Prairie Grange

Prior to the meeting we listened to 4-H Public Speaking Contestants present their speeches. Ella Ellingson talked about the "Amish Way of Life" and Liam Ellingson's speech was entitled "What do you Think? Everything you wanted to know about the Brain and more." Both 4-H members did a great job.

Prairie Grange meeting was called to order in the 4th degree by Master Ruth Blasingame at 7:20pm on Monday March 18th, 2019. Minutes from the previous meeting were presented as written

Committee reports were heard: Al Henninger asked that our thoughts and prayers go out to the

Illinois Granger April, 2019 3 people of New Zealand after the mass shooting that took place down there. Also, Big Thunder is having a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebee's on Saturday March 23rd from 8-10am.

Patti Lee encouraged everyone to be working on their Family Activities projects for state session.

Karie Blasingame reported on the state campout weekend May 17-19th at the KOA in Springfield Illinois. May 18th will be a statewide picnic at 1pm at the KOA. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. She said Midwestern Regional Conference will be June 28-30th in Indiana. Watch for details in the next Granger.

According to Jennifer Tobin- Tinch Junior Grangers made Valentines for Grange members. Juniors will be meeting April 5th at 6:30pm at the Community Grange Hall and everyone is invited to come.

Robin Kindberg reported we are still collecting backpacks, toiletries, shoes, socks and clothes (jeans, t-shirts, and hoodies sizes Sm. - 2XL) for Just Breathe 815. Ruth Blasingame and Patti Lee made 78 preemie hats for local hospitals. 5 Prairie members donated 3 diaper ointments, 6 packages of wipes and 7 packages of diapers to the Pomona Grange diaper drive for the Boone County Baby Bank.

Mary Brubach reported our thoughts and prayers go out to the people dealing with heavy snow and flooding out in Nebraska. She invited everyone to an Open House for her sister and brother-in-laws Robotic dairy farm operation on March 29th from 11-3pm in Fenimore, Wisconsin. This is a state of the art Robotics milking parlor and robotic calf feeders.

Angie Umhoefer reported that the local hospitals are not allowing anyone under the age of 18 to visit patients in the hospitals due to the flu epidemic.

Adam Ellwanger reported 15 State Trooper have been hit and died while doing a routine stop along the roadsides since January 1st. He encouraged everyone to move over for vehicles (emergency personnel, wreckers and workers etc.) who are along the side of the road

Jeremy Meyers reported Sara Evans and Mark Chesnutt will be entertainers at the 2019 Boone County Fair and the classes are set for both the afternoon and evening demo derby's.

Lyle Lee reported Prairie Grange Consignment Auction is set for April 13th at 9:30am. Check in will be Thursday April 11th and Friday April 12th.

Mary Brubach reported the kitchen will be preparing food. Help is needed Friday and Saturday. Also need runners and ring men for the auction.



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Membership

By *Lindakay F. Ebel*
ISG Chairman

APRIL IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH. As a Grange, our goal should be to recruit new members, and this means that all members of every Grange should be asking their family members and friends to come and visit your Grange meeting or when you set up a special time to recruit new members.

It is no joke, membership in the Grange is declining each year, I have told you that the last two years at the Illinois State Convention and each of our Granges should know that. It is NOT just the membership chairperson's responsibility to go out and recruit the new members, it is every Grangers job.

I encourage each of our Granges to sit down and have a serious conversation about where your Grange is going. Too many times have Granges told me that they do the same projects year after year and watch their membership decline. Perhaps it is time to try a new method and approach our Grange health in a different manner. If you have recruited a new member recently, they may have a new idea on a new fundraiser or a fun activity, ask them, you never know until you ask, and it would make them feel involved.

You and I, and the community in which we live, need the best Grange that we can build. Whether our interest in agriculture is direct or indirect, we have that interest. We should each, also be interested in this great agricultural institution and organization of the Grange, dedicated to the fundamental principle that the home must be a bright and happy place in which to live and to rear a family.

So, I am asking each Granger during the month of April to invite another person to your Grange meeting or a Grange activity, explain to them what our Grange is, what we do, tell them the rewards there are of becoming a Granger, as there are many, such as friendship, helping in your community, and the list goes on and on.

Happy Grange Month may God Bless you as you go out and promote Our Granges.

Agriculture

By *Albert Q. Elbel, III*
ISG Ag Chairman

Farmers Discover Ways to Retire Gracefully

Retiring gracefully by farmers is difficult because most famers retire only when they have to or want to, usually regardless of the advice they receive.

Most farmers do not like retiring because it suggests declining into life's final stages. However, many farmers, view retirement as a new phase of life that capitalizes on their learning, which can lead to even more accomplishments that make positive difference for us now, for our successors, and to life in general.

Seventy-five is the average retirement age of American farmers currently. Health plays a big part in most farmers' decisions to retire. When some body parts don't work properly, many farmers don't give up their agricultural pursuits; instead, they figure out ways to continue with what still functions. These smart farmers delegate what they cannot handle themselves and save their energy for the parts of farming in which they have essential experience and expertise that can assist the helpers around them.

One year ago, I was flown by helicopter to Central DuPage Hospital in Chicago with an abdominal aortic aneurysm from NW Kish Hospital in DeKalb and my wife Lindakay was told I would probably not make the trip. The trip by helicopter took 13 minutes, by car it took my family over an hour. With God and the surgeon, I made it through. After returning home, I could

do nothing for one month, and sat and wondered how my crops would get planted. After the month, with the Lord watching over us, my wife and I were able together to plant our corn and soybean crop , and together we watched them grow, and in the late fall, harvested them, however, late October came, and she was in the hospital for a week, but again, you do what you have to do, carry on. She came home, and finally was able to help with the hauling in of the final harvesting. It takes working together and the will of the Lord to help you get through the tough times, but some how farmers try and hang in there. Funny thing, I had never been ill or in a hospital before in my life before this time, so a farmer's life can change over night without any warning signs.

Many older and current farmers faced retirement feeling apprehensive and sometimes depressed. Some worried about having enough resources to live satisfactorily with their partners or to assist other dependents in their remaining years. They sought to know how to feel useful and sometimes what to expect during the final moments/weeks/years or whatever was in the cards they were dealt.

Uncertainty about what lies ahead is consternating for the majority of us can be especially troubling for people advancing toward the end of life. What we don't know scares us. We may fear we will not be able to take care of ourselves and our partners, to enjoy hobbies like traveling, and that we will become burdens rather than helpers to our children, grand-and great-grandchildren.

My father, Albert Q. Ebel, II got up on our John Deere 8820 8 row combine when he was 90 years young for the last time, and he knew it

was time he give it up and let the farming to me. It really was not what he wanted, but he knew for safety reasons, it was the best, and did it, and knew it was time to retire, just as many farmers do each day even though they really do not want to do it. (My Dad and I farmed over 2,000 acres of land and raised 3,000 head of hogs each year before he retired at age 90, when he went into an assisted living home with my mother and died at age 96.) And today many farmers are retiring for a different reason, the cost of the machinery, fuel, their time, cost of seed, because the prices are not what they were some eight years ago, so they have to have an auction and sell out.

There is something about that 'green and yellow' equipment that draws one to the fields each year even though Lindakay and I are in our seventy's, so don't give up, even when the news of the agriculture business looks dismal.

FAC News

Jennifer Tobin-Tinch
sportzfan215@yahoo.com

Welcome Spring! Please be remembering to work on projects, even as the weather is warming up and your attention is turning to outside projects. There is something literally for every Grange member to do and enter at Illinois State Grange Session in September. Be creative. Be bold. Have fun. Do something new!! Also, please be selling the FAC raffle tickets, as this is how we will be funding future FAC activities. September will be here before you know it!

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Grange Name: _____ Number: _____ Present Grange
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Food Allergies/ Special Needs/ Disability, health conditions we should be aware of: _____

** On the lines below, please list the names and ages of all children attending. Babysitting will not be provided. _____

Youth/Junior that will you be doing a Speech or Sing-A-Song?

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Junior fun at Hopewell Grange



Illinois State Grange Youth News

By Karie Blasingame
ISG Overseer and Youth Director

Spring is in the air and I only have a few more spots available for our Grange Camping Adventure May 17-19, 2019!! We have 2 camper spots and a few tent spots left. Campers cost \$50 per night tents cost \$30 per night. Let me know what you would like to reserve or come on over to the KOA in Rochester, IL on May 18th for the 3rd Annual State Wide Grange Picnic.

As excited as I am for our Camping Adventure and State Wide Grange Picnic, I am equally pumped for this year's Midwest Grange Leadership Conference. Indiana will host this year's event making it a close drive for those of us in Illinois. Only \$60 per person with a \$5 sibling discount. Open to Grangers of all ages from 5 to 105. Come and meet people from all over the Midwest before We head to National Session this November!

- Picnic Schedule
- 12:30 pm Arrival of guests not camping
 - 1 pm Let's Eat!! Hotdogs and brats provided by Youth dept. Everyone bring a dish to pass.
 - 2 pm clean food up
 - 2:30 pm Public Speaking and Sign-a-song competition
 - 3:15 pm Drill competition
 - 4 pm s'mores and camp games and fellowship
 - 5 pm clean up and guests head for home

That person who helps others simply because it should or must be done, and because it is the right thing to do, is indeed without a doubt, a real superhero.

—Stan Lee



Prairie Junior Grange#20 News

Jennifer Tobin-Tinch
sportzfan215@yahoo.com

Due to illness Prairie Junior Grange did not meet on the first Friday in March. Prairie Junior Grange will be meeting on Friday, April 5, 2019, with Miss Karie Blasingame leading the night. She has a fun night planned for everyone, so please come out to the Boone Community Grange Hall from 6pm-8pm and do Karie's fun events!!

Thank you so much for the dictionaries!

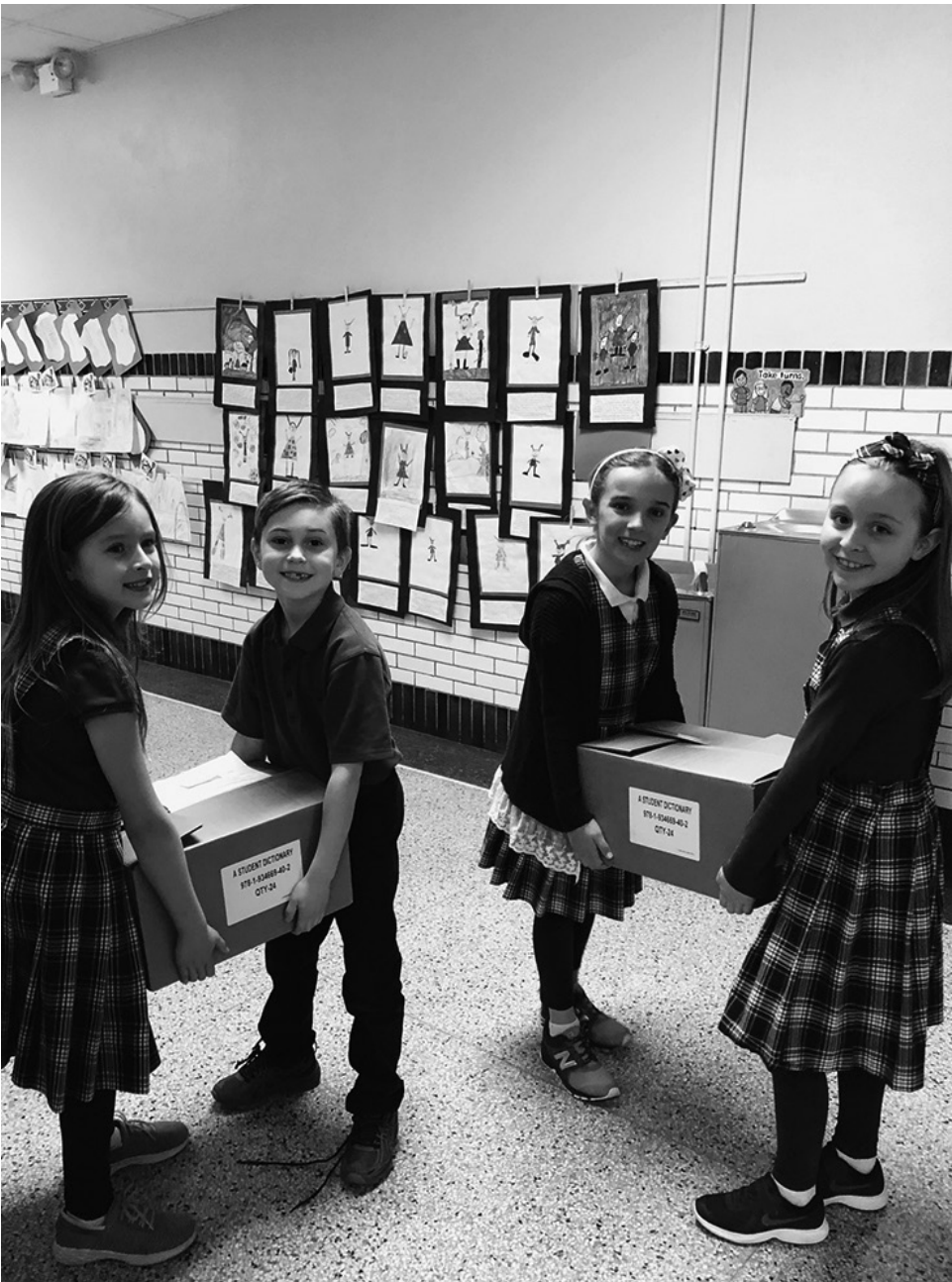
Mrs Tiemann's 3rd grade class and Mr. Miesner school principal.
Dictionaries were delivered by Randy Eckert from Floraville Community Grange



O'Fallon, IL

St Clare students third graders getting the job done.

Kenny Joseph and Evelyn Kovačević helping!



8 April, 2019 Illinois Granger
Marlin Hoelzer

Well done Good and Faithful Patron
Marlin Hoelzer, 85, of Oswego, formerly of Dimmick Township, passed away March 13, 2019. His funeral was held on March 20, 2019 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Compton. Marlin was born March 28, 1933 in Mendota. He married Joyce Grubar on June 12, 1955. They are the parents of Steven (Maggie) Hoelzer, Ruth (Carl) Wolfe, Jolene (David) Martinec, Vickie (Anthony) Donofrio, and Dawn Shenberg. There are 13 grandchildren.
Marlin served in the U S Army in Korea. He farmed his entire life and worked at Manley Bros. 10 years.
Marlin was a member of Troy Grove Grange. He has been a Grange member for 65 years. Marlin loved tractor pull competitions and was NTPA champion in 1971.

Illinois Granger Donations

A \$30 donation was made to the Illinois Granger this month by the family of Jim Mulholland in his memory. They are members of Leroy Grange. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to them along with our condolences.
If you wish to donate to the Illinois Granger, please make your check out to the Illinois State Grange and mail it to Ruth Blasingame, Editor 8711 Deer Run Dr. Belvidere, IL 61008.
All donations are welcome and appreciated!!



Well done Good and Faithful Patron
James K. Williamson, Jr., 77, of Belleville, IL passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2019. Members of Enterprise Grange and St. Clair County Pomona Grange held the traditional Grange service during the visitation on March 21, and a Celebration of Life service was held the following day.
Jim was a member of Enterprise Grange in O’Fallon, IL, along with his wife, Gladys, nee Joseph, Williamson. He is also survived by his children Laurie (James) McGowan of Mt. Prospect, IL and Nathan (Molly) Williamson of Columbia, IL, five grandchildren: Chelsea McGowan, Jack Williamson, Charlotte McGowan, Cooper Williamson, and Archie Williamson, and brother-in-law Kenneth (Mary Ann) Joseph.
Jim sang on numerous Grange programs, anniversaries, and fun nights, plus Pomona Degree Work and Illinois State Grange style shows and programs.



Chaplain's Corner
Charlotte Mehrtens, Chaplain

Happy Spring to each of you, yes I hope that you are finally seeing spring arrive in your area. The weather this year leaves us praying for beautiful spring weather so we can get out doors and enjoy His beauty all around us. April showers bring May flowers, if that saying holds true we will have beautiful May flowers with all the rain we have had. But we are God’s people and He is watching over us with His loving arms many times we just do not understand or see what He is providing for us. Open your eyes and look at His goodness.
In 1 John 3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. The song “ Oh How He Loves You and Me” the second verse goes Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for mankind to show: What He did there brought hope from despair, Oh how He loves you, Oh how He loves me, Oh how He loves you and me. Those are pretty strong words aren’t they. He does love you and me and is always walking with us, He guides us in His ways, but it is up to us to decide if we will follow Him. This Easter season He has Risen from the Dead for you and me to follow and be His children. Rejoice and drink in His love for it is pure.
We pray for our fellow Grange members who have lost loved ones and pray that they find peace and comfort as they remember their loved one. We pray for those across America who have lost their homes, farms and livestock to the floods and pray that they will not lose their faith, but stay strong. We thank God for those who have been blessed with family, good health and the happy times in their lives. Truth in the Lord for He is good.
Peace to each of you and HAPPY SPRING
Gratitude is an attitude that brings a multitude of blessings !



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