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



Lynette Schaeffer President Illinois State Grange

Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms

Don and I were delegates from IL at National Grange Session in Bloomington, Minnesota. As part of the host committee, we were on site November 1 – 10, 2019. The 153rd National Grange session was a memorable session. Prior to session we joined other delegates for the Chris Tour. Chris, National Grange Lecturer, and Duane Hamp and Grangers from PA, TN, CT, TX, NY traveled together. We visited the largest ball of twine, while we were stopped the curator of the museum came by. He opened the museum and gave us a guided tour. We visited the largest cow, the oldest bar and restaurant in Minnesota and several other great stops along the way. Karie Blasingame, as chair of the host committee, was working hard every time I saw her. IL volunteers out did themselves with all the hours they worked to make the 153rd National Grange session a success. Thanks to at least 41 IL Grangers for working to make everything go smoothly. Thanks to Emalee Colver for all her work on the registration desk, Gary and Elaine Hecathorn for coordinating hospitality room on for IL day and assisting WI day. Ethan Edwards for serving as musician and Jenn Tobin-Tinch as typist / meeting display. I am so proud of you all and all the hard work that IL Grangers did!

Many members of Prairie Grange and Jane Helms, Master of Turkey Hill Grange attended the Distinguished Grange recognition event. Grange in Action – Hopewell Grange. I was reelected as a member of the Executive Committee. Don served on the Agriculture committee with 26 resolutions, and I served on the Conservation committee with 14 resolutions. Our one resolution from IL was a present policy that was reaffirmed. Quilts of Valor were presented to Todd Hegge, Marion Thornberry, Norm Keller, Lyle Lee and Ruth Blasingame. (both Lyle

and Ruth were surprised as to who made the quilts and getting the quilts themselves). National Grange Police Officer of the Year was the entry from Dixon IL! Phil and Tracey Jones are now the Grange Young Patrons!! 3rd place in the professional category of the Public Relations contest went to Turkey Hill. Katie Renken gave her Sign-a-song and prepared speech. The Delegate tour and the General tour both went to the Kelley Farm. Some were able to attend workshops on membership, youth, Junior and lecturer workshops. And much much more – take time to visit with Grangers who attended to see what more happened at the session.

The Executive committee had meetings before the actual session start of session. And as Executive Committee member I hosted the one Legislative Luncheon during session. The Minnesota Agriculture Commission was the speaker.

Plans are being made for leadership training for anyone and everyone interested in the topics. The training events will be held after the February 14-16, 2019 Master's Conference, in Westminster, MD. Not sure where or exactly when - any ideas or offers?? It would be at least a 4-hour meeting – any ideas of what you want to learn about?? Karie and I will be deciding that soon. There is a possibility that Amanda Brozana-Rios, National Grange Communications Director might be coming to the meetings. Next article will have the information. When details are finalized information will be shared via email, Facebook and USPS mail. There may be a fee for the Leadership meeting to cover the cost of copying materials, and probably for lunch. So watch your email, Facebook and USPS mail.

Good Day magazine is a great vehicle for dispensing Grange information. Subscribe if you have not before and remember to renew if you are getting the magazine. Check the National Grange website to be able to subscribe online. Contact me if you need subscription information.

The 2021 Grange Revival will be July 20-25, 2021 in Days End Campground in Sturgis, South Dakota. The last revival was a great time – consider making plans to attend. There will once again be cabins, RV and tent sites. Mount Rushmore is about 45 minutes from Days End Campground and Devil's Tower is about an hour and a half. Deadwood is 18 miles from the campground. Watch for more information.

I think this will be enough for now – I'll share more in the next report in February.

Don and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Lynette

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No January issue of Illinois Granger

2020

Feb 22 – Spring Fling North
Mar 7-11 -Youth/Junior Grange DC Experience
April 11 – Prairie Grange Consignment Auction
April 18 – State Junior Day – Boone County Pomona host
April 25 – Spring Fling South
May 29-31 – Grange Campout
May 30 – State Grange Picnic
June 26-28 – Midwestern Leadership Conference – Illinois Hosts
July 15 – DEADLINE for Community Service Granger/Non Granger/Junior/Firefighter/Teacher/Police
July 25 – Youth Wine/ Brewery Tour North – Must be 21+
Aug 11-16 – Boone County Fair
Sept 11-13 – Illinois State Session – Springfield Illinois

2021

July 20-25 – Grange Revival - Sturgis, SD
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save those bills and
boost up our fund for
giving.**

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Happy Holidays,

THANK YOU. We wish to thank all Granges and members who supplied food or money to purchase food items for the Illinois Day of hosting the hospitality room for the National Grange Session. We will list those we knew of and if anyone is forgotten, please accept our apologies: Don and Lynette Schaeffer, Don and Heather Ellwanger, Janet Plote, Vivian Johnson, Sara Ellwanger, Gary and Elaine Hecathorn, Trisha , Katie and Cassie Renken , Lyle and Patti Lee, Hopewell Grange, Wayne and Nancy Lyford, Flora Grange, Union Grange, Troy Grove Grange, Shiloh Valley Grange, Emerald Mound Grange, Beaver Valley Grange and Prairie Grange.

We manned the room on Wednesday for our day of hosting and then helped Wisconsin on Saturday. These Grangers helped during those two days, Mindy Schiefer, Sara Ellwanger, Janet Plote, Marilyn Hoffman and Trisha Renken. Many hands make any job that much easier and we want you to know that we truly appreciate your support for the hospitality room.

Gary and Elaine Hecathorn

Prairie Grange News

Prairie Grange meeting was opened in ample form on Monday, November 18, 2019 by Master Ruth Blasingame.

We started the night off by Draping our Grange Charter in honor of the loss of our dear sister Janice Fruit who recently passed away.

Committee reports were heard: We are reminded to watch for details about the Midwestern Leadership Conference that will be hosted by Illinois in June here at the fairgrounds.

Junior have been busy making costumes for the Hometown Christmas Parade that they will be in on Friday, December 6th. Prairie Juniors and Prairie Grangers will be going to the Icehogs Hockey game on Dec. 7th and tickets are \$12.00 per person. See Jennifer Tobin-Tinch for details. This is also Teddy Bear/Stuffed Animal Toss

night so be sure to bring at least one bear to the game with you to toss.

CONGRATULATIONS to PHIL and TRACEY JONES for being selected to represent National Grange as Ambassadors this coming year. Way to Go! We are proud of you!!!

Robin Kindberg CS chair reported she needs CS hour sheets turned in and she reminded us that as we are out shopping this holiday season to be sure and pick up a new toy for the Happy Wheel Cart at the Ronald McDonald Charities House and to get other items they are in need of as well. Also be sure to continue to collect those pop can tabs.

Lyle Lee reported that he saw many sign-songs presented at National and he would like to see it brought back in our state like we have done in the past.

Mary Brubach reported the farmers are having a terrible time trying to get their crops out of the fields due to a lot of moisture. We need to pray that Mother Nature will cooperate with us so we can finish harvesting.

We received a thank you card from Hope Ibling for the award she received at the 4-H Recognition Program that Prairie Grange sponsored.

Prairie Grangers will be Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army on Sat. November 30, 2019 at the Poplar Grove Pacemaker.

Ladies from Prairie Grange served a meal to the builders of the Habitat for Humanity House and they were very appreciative.

One of our Grange families is in need and we as a Grange gave them a card for food and gas to help them get through.

December 16 will be the Prairie Grange annual Christmas Potluck/Party and Prairie will furnish the meat and everyone is to bring a dish to pass or two. We will be having a WRAPPED Christmas Ornament Exchange. So bring a homemade or store bought wrapped Christmas ornament for the exchange.

The program for the evening was a recap of National Grange Session:

Ruth Blasingame – Worked with the Fellows as Copy Editor, manned the Fellows Fundraising table and sold subscriptions to Good Day Magazine. Ruth also was honored with a Quilt of Valor made by her daughter Karie for serving in the military. Congratulations!

Lyle & Patti Lee – worked at Registration table and Lyle also received a Quilt of Valor made by Patti. Congratulations!

Adam, Sara and Scarlett Ellwanger – Adam helped transport people back and forth to the airport, and he set up the sound systems, Sara helped in the Grange Store and Mercantile Room and in the Hospitality Room, She helped with the Junior Events and Workshops where Scarlett was attending and they made cow soap. Sara also helped with the Junior and Youth Ambassador interviews.

Don, Heather and Emilie Ellwanger – Don helped transport people to and from the airport at all hours of the day and night and he helped set up the sound systems. Heather and Emilie helped at the Fellows table and at the Registration table and Emilie helped fill bags at the Feed My Starving Children Community Service project.

Jennifer Tobin-Tinch took the 7th degree, helped with airport runs and she also helped as a typist during session.

Stephanie and Eric Dinges were the DJ's for the Youth Dance and the Grange Banquet. This was their first time attending a convention and had a great experience.

Robin, Kelly and Karrie Kindberg – Robin was in charge of overseeing everything in the Showcase Room, Kelly helped in the Showcase Room, Karrie helped with airport runs and we each helped set up the Host Banquet table decorations.

Karie Blasingame was in charge of the entire event. She did an AWESOME job. We as Prairie Grangers were constantly asking Karie what we can do to help and we did as she asked. Thank

you Karie for a job Well done. Illinois was very well represented at National Session and Prairie Grange was also selected as A Distinguished Grange and presented an award. Congratulations to all and keep up the good work.

Prairie Grange meeting closed in full form but not before worthy Brother Wayne Fruit thanked us for all the cards, thoughts and prayers that were given to him and his family during the time of their recent loss of sister Jan. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM. Refreshments and Socialization followed.

Robin Kindberg
Publicity Chairman

Beaver Valley News

Beaver Valley met on November 8th at 7:00 pm with Master Jerry Paulson presiding. Report on Pomona Community Service choice for 2020 was The Haven Network. You can view their website at thehavennetwork.org and they have a Wish List under the Events tab. There is a very large list of items through Amazon, and you can select items and have it sent directly to them; they are also in need of gift cards from Office Depot, Hobby Lobby; or 5x7 frames in white, black, blue, pink, silver or gold; Forever stamps (which I thought was a great idea!); Kleenex. You could also just view the list they have from Amazon go to a store and purchase that item and bring to Pomona if you would like. Beaver Valley Grange will see that they get all donations. Beaver Valley has decided to adopt a family again this year from the Salvation Army. Our December Christmas party will be at the home of Susan Banks on December 13th at 6:30 p.m. Reports were given for Fairboard, GRIT, and National Grange activities. Our next fundraiser event will be on November 17th at 3:00 p.m. The Three in a Row concert, held at the Loves Park VFW Post #9759, 2018 Windsor Rd, Loves Park, IL

News from Hopewell Grange

By Janice David

Our news for this issue is that our annual major fundraiser is over, and it was a success! We held our Pancake and Sausage Supper and Bake Sale on October 24. The weather was very good, and we served a few more guests than last year. Fortunately, there were no special problems during the supper, and we were able to sell all meat counter meat fairly quickly.

The supper was followed up on Saturday, October 26, with a vendor and craft fair. Hopewell has been hosting an April and October fair for a number of years and has had a good number of vendors participating. Saturday brought some rain in the afternoon and made it a challenge for vendors loading up after the event.

Our November meeting was a long one as reports from the two fundraising events were reviewed and as we listened to reports from the National Grange Convention in Minnesota. Looking ahead to December, members set up times to participate in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Juniors made plans to visit the local nursing home. Everyone will bring cookies to share at our December meeting. Lecturer Elaine Hecathorn had a Thanksgiving History presentation, and refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

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LeRoy Grange Meeting

Condolences to Jeff Vance in the loss of his father-in-law, J.R. Daniels.

Correspondence - Some of the proceeds from the spaghetti dinner will be used for a 4-Hers project of buying 20 purses and filling them with women’s personal items for Remedies, a domestic abuse shelter.

Report from the GRIT meeting was given by Sandi Kennedy and Denise Temple. Updated information was given, a new state secretary was introduced, upcoming events including the 2020 state convention in Springfield were discussed. Next years state project is the Ronald McDonald house being built in Springfield.

National Grange report given by Sandi and John Kennedy included many

excellent auction items, and Grange book information for next year. Motion made, seconded and approved to get bonding for our treasurer and secretary.

Tami Temple gave report on Hometown Christmas. Tree decorating will be Wednesday, December 3rd from 5:30 to 6 p.m., and we are awaiting information on a Salvation Army family to sponsor. Paul Temple talked about what is needed

for the fundraising raffle we plan to have.

The officer list was reviewed and changes were made as follows:

- Lecturer: Joe Muzzillo,
- Youth Chair: Christopher Donley
- Junior Committee Chair: Regan Kasper.

Scholarship committee report from Jen Wilkinson, North Boone information needs to be in before the end of the year. She will check on Belvidere High School to see if there is anything we can do for their scholarship program. Mike Wilkinson announced that he is stepping down from the fairboard. It was voted that Joe Muzzillo will replace him as one of our fairboard representatives.

Our Christmas party will be Friday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Vicky Donley’s farm, Alpaca Pines. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and some hats, mitten and socks for donation.

Paul Temple suggested that a community service project could be assisting needy veterans in our area. He will check into getting information about this project. Vets Roll will be in May 2020 at the Boone County fairgrounds.

Sandi Kennedy suggested having our distinguished community members meeting in May so that she will have more time to complete our book. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Temple, Secretary

Secretary Report

Hello Everyone,

Thank you to all those Granges that have sent me your 3rd quarter quarterly report forms and Roster Sheet. I still need a few and I will be contacting you soon.

I need Roster sheets from the following Granges ASAP:

Broad Hollow, Floraville Community, Galt, Harmony, Progressive, Richland and Shiloh Valley. Even if your officers and committee heads do not change, I still need a written copy from your Grange every year. The actual due date for them is October 1st. These help me to update the roster and keep it updated throughout the year. If anything changes in your Grange someone moves, someone leaves, someone joins please send me that information.

As the holidays are fast approaching I just want to remind all secretaries that your 4th Quarter Quarterly reports are due to me between December 30th and by January 30th. You can

send them to me anytime. The earlier in the month the better it is for me to meet my deadline.

I wish each of you a blessed, safe and healthy holiday season.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 815-978-0452 or via email at robinkindberg5@gmail.com.

Robin Kindberg - Illinois State Grange Secretary

Blast From The Past

By Beverly Smith

Well State Session is behind us and I have to say it was one of the best! Many Grangers enjoyed touring the Boone County Grange Museum and Grange hall, schoolhouse, Administration Building and the wonderful grounds of the Boone County Fair. I especially enjoyed working with Sherry Hicks setting up new Grange displays.

October found us enjoying good Grange fellowship at GRIT conference. The Department heads introduced their goals for the coming year. As Historian I stated that I concentrate on the past. Many Grange items have been given to me just lately so I will list and many Thank You’s to the Grangers who donated them.

Sandy Bonacorsi- a bank book from Perryville Grange Auxiliary (my Grange) from 1943-1946.

Nancy Lyford – news clipping of her aunt and cousin in singing group from Seneca Grange.

Cara Magee Johnston- photo album of past Grange activities from her mom Arline Magee

Patti Lee- news clipping of Boone County Pomona Grange officers of December 2, 1954 (which I would like to get framed for the museum)

Janice Randolph- Harrisville Grange records and stamper.

Jan David- contacted Bradley University (Peoria) for inventory of Grange records kept there.

Gary Hecathorn – Henderson Grove Junior Grange Achievement Report Notebook from 1985-1986; and several Grange record books Orange Grange #843 and Alta Grange #1850 were loaned to us. I read through the record books of these Granges from early years in the 1870’s when Grange was just being organized in Illinois. Once I got the lingo of the arduous secretary’s note taking, I began to follow what was going on at each meeting. Almost every meeting their Grange took in new members. Yes, they would vote using the ballot balls. Yes, I did come across a time that they did not approve the new applicant. Many times an issue would come up, much discussion, then they would recess, sounded like much persuasion went on, then they would go back to the meeting for the vote. It is the intention of the owner of these record books is to put them in a museum in the Peoria area. I wrote them that I would like to know exactly where they will be located for my records.

Illinois State Grange Youth

For those who were not able to attend National Session in Minnesota last month, we missed you. We worked hard to help our region put on a great National Grange Session! We had over 40 volunteers bringing people in from the airport, helping people get registered, making runs to Walmart for the essentials and many other jobs. Karie is a slave driver! Even with all that work we still found time to visit with Grangers from across the country, have fun and learn many new ideas and different things to share with Illinois Grangers this year. Some of the highlights for the Youth and Junior departments were Katie Renken representing Illinois and the Midwest region with her public presentation and

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her sign-a-song. Cassidy Renken and Scarlett Ellwanger presenting the flag before the Evening of Excellence. Tracey and Phillip Jones being named National Grange Young Patrons of the year and representing the National Grange Youth department at Youth events this year. This is a huge honor; they will also be welcoming a bouncy baby in March. This will be a big year for them and our state.

February is fast approaching and we will be having the first of 2 Spring Fling events. The first will be in Boone County, hopefully at the Community Grange Hall, I must check to see if the building is free, on February 22nd from 9 am to 6 pm. We may end earlier than 6 if we finish everything we have planned. We are going to dig into some of the projects that other departments are doing this year, learning why to create the project, planning your garden for the agriculture department and much more. We will also work together on some Grange history and help our newer members learn more about what makes Grange tick. If anyone has anything they would like to share or would like to see us do, let Karie know and she can try and make it happen. Everyone is welcome young and old, we may need to help some of the younger members, but that just makes the day more fun! If you are traveling from a different part of the state, we can offer shelter at the Grange Hall for free if you would like to bring your air mattress and sleeping bag. We have a shower available if you need one to start your day. Let Karie know when you will be arriving, and she can help you get everything set up for the night. Even if you are from our area, you may want to spend the night in fellowship with other Grangers.

Make sure you have liked the Illinois State Grange Youth Facebook Group, many details will be available on there and on the Illinois State Grange Website. Permission forms for those under 18 will be available online after January 1st. Details will also be available on the Illinois Granger Facebook Page and Group.

Look forward to seeing many people at Spring Fling in February.

Flora Grange

Flora Grange met November 12th with Jack Ratcliffe filling the Master’s station at the request of Al Ebel. It was reported that Lindakay was admitted to the hospital and he needed to be with her. Reports were heard from the various standing committees. The community service committee reported that Flora Grange had selected to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on November 30th. Then since there was a mix up at the Salvation Army, Flora Grange will be serving the workers at the second home for Habitat for Humanity on December 7th. It was also reported that the Youth committee would be in charge of the Hometown Christmas tree decorating. Fabienne asked for help in making Christmas ornaments to be used on the tree.

The Junior report included the request to save pop tops tabs as a community service project. It was a night of suggestions for community service projects and the program presented by Joan also dealt on that subject. She pointed out how plastic bags are not degradable and with the suggestion presented by Allyson who spoke about a 4-H project of collecting plastic bags to send to a company which uses those bags to make very strong benches. It was decided to join their cause and save plastic bags.

Jack reminded members of the Christmas Potluck supper at our next meeting. We will be making shut-in trays and delivering them. Suggestions were encouraged as to individuals who deserve and would appreciate a tray. The meeting closed in full form with 27 in attendance.



WHAT IS GRANGE REVIVAL?

Grange Revival is a family event open for all Grange members and friends to create and strengthen fraternal bonds. From outdoor activities to ag awareness lessons, craft workshops and lots of time to kick back and relax with other Grangers, there is something for everyone. Take part in planned activities or excursions or strike out on your own to find some fun during the day. Then head back to the campground at night to enjoy a communal meal and maybe even some campfire songs.

Bring your RV, load your car and pack a tent, fly to your destination and stay in a cabin or enjoy the experience with some added creature comforts at a nearby hotel. All the fun of Grange Revival is waiting for you! And don't forget: bring your friends! You need not be a Grange member to attend (but you sure will want to be after it's over!).

GRANGE Revival

Days End Campground
Sturgis, South Dakota
July 20-25, 2021

Mark your calendars and pack your bags!
Grange Revival 2021 is scheduled for July 20-25, 2021!
at Days End Campground in Sturgis, South Dakota.
More than 70 Grangers joined us in 2019 for the inaugural event held in Ozark, Arkansas. Now it's your turn!



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Mount Rushmore is about 45 minutes from Days End Campground and Devil's Tower is about an hour and a half. Deadwood is 18 miles from the campground.



TAKE THE LEAD OR SPONSOR THE FUN

Want to help plan part of the event or lead a workshop? Help plan an excursion? Take charge of an evening activity? Have a talent you'd like to share? Or would your Grange like to sponsor an activity, meal or excursion? Contact us by email at grangerevival@gmail.com or by calling Chris at 509-953-3533 or Amanda at 301-943-1090.

Prairie Junior Grange #20

by Jennifer Tobin-Tinch

Prairie Junior Grange #20 met on 11/14 & 15 from 6pm-7pm. We made our gingerbread people costumes for the Hometown Christmas Parade in Belvidere, which is 12/6. Line-up information will be posted on facebook and texted out as soon as I receive it.

We will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on November 30, 2019, at the Poplar Grove Countryside Market(Pacemaker), from 6pm-7pm. The Junior's will be shopping for the Salvation Army Christmas distribution on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 6pm. Please meet at the Aldi store in Belvidere at 5:55pm. I will have carts ready to go in the store.

Prairie Junior Grange #20 and Prairie Grange #1832 are going to the Rockford IceHogs game as a group on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Tickets are \$12 each and for safety, we will be sitting behind the net. It is Teddy Bear Toss night, so please make sure to bring a stuffed animal or 2 to toss on the ice when the IceHogs score their first goal!! We will give a count of bears or animals from the Juniors for community service. The toys are given out by players and Hammy at the local hospitals.

Our December meeting will be Friday, December 13, 2019, at 6pm in the Boone County Fair Admin building basement. Everyone will be dipping and decorating cookies and signing cards for veterans. They will be delivered on Saturday morning for the distribution.

In January we will meet on Friday, January 10, 2020, from 6pm-8:30pm and we will have a party and movie night! Please bring a snack to share. Popcorn, toppings, queso and chips, and beverages will be provided.

Please remember to check our Facebook page or for text message updates from Jenn. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! God Bless

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CALL FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO CREATE GRANGE MOTORCYCLE CLUB

The announcement of the dates and location of the next Grange Revival in 2021 (see page 11 for details), followed by a conversation I had during the Salute to Agriculture luncheon here at the 153rd Annual National Grange convention has brought to the front of my mind something that has been stirring around only semi-formed in the back of it for quite some time.

The next Grange Revival will be from July 20 – 25, 2021 in Sturgis, South Dakota. This means the Grange Revival will be ending a little less than two weeks before the Sturgis motorcycle rally begins that year.

I've learned that several Grange members enjoy riding motorcycles and may be interested in attending Grange Revival and/or the Sturgis rally. In my own home state of Minnesota, I know a few a members from Lake Hubert Grange #735 who also ride.

For this reason, I think it may be time to form a Grange riding club. It seems to me the formation of such a club at this time would be both timely in preparation for the next Revival and would create a new and new form of fellowship opportunity. The Freemasons formed a Motorcycle Club more than 35 years

ago. You can learn more about it at bit.ly/2pxswQi (link is case sensitive).

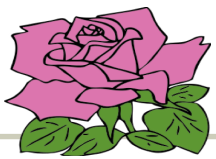
I'd like to gauge interest level, and, if there's enough, begin a discussion regarding what the interested Grangers think what such an organization should look like – something I've initially dubbed the "Iron Sheaves."

Let me know if this interests you.
Fraternally,

TROY BEHNKE

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STATE GRANGE FLORA NEWSLETTER



By Angela Dickerson

Apple Cake

- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- ¼ Tsp vanilla
- 1 ¼ cup flour
- 1 Tsp cinnamon
- 1/47 Tsp salt
- 1 ½ cup shredded peeled apple (2 medium)
- ½ cup walnuts

NSTRUCTIONS

In a large bowl beat the butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in one egg one at a time and vanilla last. In a separate bowl sift flour, baking soda, cinnamon & salt. Slowly beat in the flour mixture. Stir in applies & walnuts.

Bake 40-45 minutes at 350 degrees. To check if done, take a toothpick insert in the center of cake. If it comes out clean it is done. Cool 10 minutes then remove from pan to a cooling rack. Cool 10 minutes longer.

PUZZLE: CAN YOU NAME THESE JINGLES?

1. 1959: “Double _____, double your fun.
2. 1960: Here comes Mister _____, the _____ man.
3. 1963: Oh, I wish I were an _____.
4. 1971: “I'd like to buy the world a _____.
5. 1975: “I am stuck on _____ - _____ 'cause _____ - _____ stuck on me.

Since October & Halloween approaching
The 7 rules for Trick-or-Treating:

1. Make sure costume fits well.
2. Make sure your child will be properly supervised.
3. Make sure your kids can be seen in the dark:
 - ❖ Glow sticks
 - ❖ Flashlights stocked with new batteries
 - ❖ Reflective tap
4. Cross the street at crosswalk and with the light
5. Be careful who you Trick-or-Treating with.
6. Select a safe place to Trick -or-Treating
 - ❖ Check candy for unwrapped and any items not in their original packages.
7. Provide your child with identification if you and your become separated:
 - ❖ Child’s name, your name, address and phone number. Attach to their costume.

Just a reminder keep the chocolate and sugar free candy were your dogs cannot reach it. Dark chocolate, cocoa powder and sugar free candy are toxic to dogs.

If your pet does get a hold of the chocolate or sugar free candy. Call ASPCA’S 24-hr poison control hotline (888) 426-4435. You will need to pay a small fee.

If the tell you, you need to go to the animal hospital. Make sure they need to give you a case number.

After 5PM, Call Animal Emergency Center (618) 346-1843 at 2005 Mall Street Collinsville, Il 62234 to notify them you are on your way. Give them a case number. They will have everything set up to attend to your pet.

Puzzle answers:

- Your pleasure
- Ice cream
- Oscar Mayer Wiener
- Coke
- Band-Aid, Band-Aid

Agricultural Report

by Earl David, ISG Ag Chairman

Greetings! As you read this I hope that everyone has wrapped up harvest and is getting ready to settle in for the winter. From a farming standpoint, 2019 has been a challenging year from start to finish, from too wet to plant to too wet to harvest. And then drying wet grain created a temporary shortage of propane.

Gardeners had many of the same challenges, and in our area it seemed that we had only “two days” of fall before we were hit with cold and snow on Halloween. Most of the leaves were still on the trees. That means there was almost no opportunity to get them cleaned up. If weather conditions allow, we can still do cleanup and maybe recycle those leaves by shredding them and working them into the soil in our garden or flower beds to provide a good source of organic matter. Another choice is to add the shredded leaves to a compost pile.

If bad weather hit before you had a chance to clean up the vegetable garden, keep that on your “to do” list for any mild days that come our way. Cleaning up all of this year’s debris will help stop the spread of disease, provide less cover for insect pests, and let the soil warm up faster next spring.

One more thought about using shredded leaves relates to rhubarb. If your garden has a rhubarb patch, it also will benefit from having any dead foliage removed. Then to provide nourishment for next year’s growing season, cover the area with a 2-inch thick layer of compost topped off with a 1-inch layer of shredded leaves, and it should be ready for winter.

As we move into the holiday season, best wishes to you all. Start thinking about the possibilities of a new growing season.

Family Activities Report

Sharon Fidder – Chair

I just returned from the National Grange Session in Minnesota. It was a wonderful experience and I met so many Grangers from across the nation.

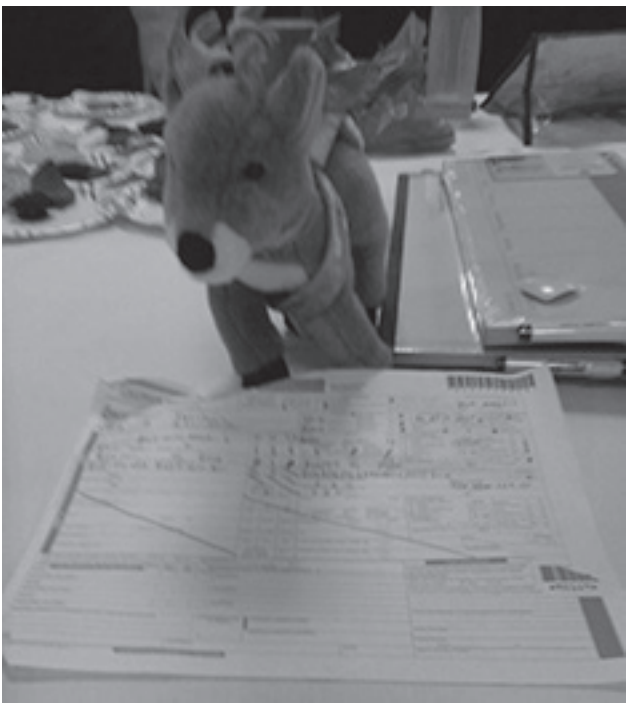
The FAC 2020 contests were in the November Illinois Granger. If you have any questions about them please give me a call at 815-547-6287. Leave a message and I will return your call.

I am looking forward to seeing all of your entries in September in Springfield.



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Sooooo excited!!!! We got to meet our National Grange Master Betsy Huber. She was re-elected for another 2 years. Congratulations Betsy.

Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrtens

Have you ever stopped to think how many holidays there are in December? There are at least twenty one days that we could count as holidays or special days. They call December the most festive month of the year. It is the month that has our beloved America's favorite holiday "Christmas". This is the season to spend time with your family and bond over holiday activities. The month is equally filled with a lot of preparations for winter. Which we have all seen plenty of that this fall already.

Everything comes to an ending. And for the year December is the month to close it up. It is always a fun filled month with holiday festivities and lots of family moments. In the midst of all of this joy and celebrations, it is the last month you have to clear up on all that you had planned for the year. Did you get done what you had planned on doing or if you are like me it will just have to wait until next year and hope it gets done.

As we decorate our homes and yards for this exciting time of the year, let us also remember the true meaning of Christmas. As Mary and Joseph journeyed to the stable for the birth of Jesus, let us be mindful of the joy that has been sent to the world. Let us remember, as many say, that Jesus is the Reason for the Season. We PRAY for peace this Christmas season that we can live and walk in Jesus way. That we remember our brothers and sisters in need in our own journey this coming year and know God's love.

We remember in prayer those who mourn the loss of loved ones and rejoice in the good news of joy that other share. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEARS to each of you. May your New Year be a joyous year for you and your family.

Peace and Love to all

