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# Illinois Granger

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 22 – Spring Fling North  
Mar 7 – County Line/Leroy 4-H Spaghetti dinner – New location First Baptist Church  
Mar 7-11 -Youth/Junior Grange DC Experience  
Mar 13 – Deadline for Scholarship applications to Robin Kindberg ISG Secretary  
Mar 14 – Turkey Hill - Pancake and Sausage Brunch 9-1  
Mar 29 – Turkey Hill - Chicken Dinner & Book Fair 10:30-3:30  
Mar 30-Apr 15 – Quarterly Reports to Robin Kindberg ISG Secretary \*\*Note new deadline  
April 11 – Prairie Grange Consignment Auction  
April 18 – State Junior Day – Boone County Pomona host  
April 25 – Spring Fling South  
May 7-10 – The Wall That Heals – Boone County Fairgrounds – Flora Grange  
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 9 – Turkey Hill Ham and Peach Dinner 10:30-3:30  
Aug 11-16 – Boone County Fair  
Sept 11-13 – Illinois State Session – Springfield Illinois  
Oct 25 – Turkey Hill – Wurstmart Dinner 10:30-3:30

## 2021

July 20-25 – Grange Revival - Sturgis, SD

Please send me any important dates, obituaries, donations for your Grange.

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Lynette Schaeffer President Illinois State Grange

## Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms

### March 2020

The weather in southern IL is wet, there is still a lot of mud and everywhere you walk it is sloppy. The weather for the last two days has been great for February – we have spent the time outside; it has been wonderful with the sunshine.

Don and I had a great time at the Master's Conference in Baltimore, MD, hosted by Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware State Granges. Kay Stiles, First Lady of the Maryland State Grange did lots of planning and preparation. Fifty -five State Granges and National Grange officers were in attendance. We had guest speakers and workshops by National Grange Directors and Staff. It was a great session and well worth the time. I will be sharing much at the Leadership training in IL.

The Leadership conferences will be on March 7 at Turkey Hill Grange Hall, 1375E State Route 15, Belleville, IL 62220 and Community Grange Hall March 8th, 8791 IL Route 76, Belvidere, IL 61008. We will be having a special guest Amanda Brozona-Rios, Communications Director. Meeting will start at 10:00 AM, potluck lunch at 11:30 and I plan to have all the presentations completed around 2:30. Presentations will be given by Amanda, Karie (Youth), Ethan (Lecturer), Mindy (Juniors), myself and others. Much will be discussed, and much information given out. All Grangers are invited to attend.

April is Grange Month and I hope the Granges have been making plans to celebrate.

The theme is "Cultivation Connections". It might be a good time to present awards to Community Citizen, honor a Teacher or Firefighter or Law Enforcement Officer. Have an open house to honor veterans and present Quilts of Valor. Or have a special speaker. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is April 25, maybe work with your local pharmacy to have a booth to distribute the drug disposal bags. We will have some bags available at the Leadership meetings. Making connections with the people of your community or other local community organizations is a good way to celebrate Grange Month!

National Grange Lecturer, Chris Hamp, has started a quarterly publication, and our own Ethan Edwards has an article. If you are interested in seeing the publication contact Ethan or me and we can email a copy to you.

The State Executive Committee will meet

March 29th at Dixie Truck Stop. We will be deciding on scholarships recipients, discussing upcoming state sessions, and other business. I hope that those who qualify have gotten an application for a scholarship from Robin and have it back to her. Grangers are invited to attend the meeting.

Sir Norm: Norman Keller joined Enterprise Grange #1929 in 1963 and was also an affiliate at Emerald Mound

Grange #1813 in 2017. He was always readying with helping hand to make Grange Connections in the community he grew-up in. And when another Grange needed help getting back on its feet Norman and Henrietta joined to support the members.

In September 1999 he became the first First Man of the IL State Grange, when Henrietta became the first female Master of the IL State Grange. He served the position well; you knew when Sir Norm felt strongly about something – he would take the opportunity to speak. Norman was always ready to talk about legislative issues of concern for the Grange.

He served the National Grange well as a delegate and as support for Henrietta when she served as Secretary of the National Grange. Many State Masters at the recent Master's Conference

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expressed condolences I should share with Henrietta and the IL State Grange.  
Norman Keller (87) passed away surrounded by family at his home in O’Fallon IL on February 4, 2020. More than 60 Grangers from across the Midwest and IL attended and participated in the Grange service at the O’Fallon United Church of Christ.  
Norman Keller will be really missed by Grangers in IL and across the country.

**LeRoy Grange**  
*February 11, 2020*

Meeting was called to order by President, Rocky Temple. Flag salute and prayer were led by John Kennedy. We had a moment of silence in memory of Jeff Vance’s mother in law, Roberta Daniels who passed away on January 11, 2020. The Secretaries report was emailed, Calvin Downey motioned to accept the report, Sue Zelasko 2nd, motion carried. The Treasurers reports was passed out and reviewed. Mike Wilkinson motioned to accept the report, Calvin 2nd, motion carried. Mike shared a thank you we received from a 4-Her, Tanna Bodey for sponsoring the photography award she won.  
Old Business included the Spaghetti Dinner that is on Saturday, March 7th, that we are co-hosting. It will be at the First Baptist Church in Belvidere. Paul Temple confirmed that Jeff Vance will provide the milk for the event. John & Sandi Kennedy will volunteer to work. Our Grange will also provid 2-3 raffle baskets. Sandi reminded everyone to turn in their community service sheets.  
A community service opportunity was discussed to assist Sue & Wayne Zelasko in moving out of their Belvidere home on Saturday, February 22nd starting at 8:00 a.m. Paul discussed the 50/50 raffle we plan to hold. Jen Wilkinson stated that all of our scholarship information was sent to the school last November. The students have a deadline to get their applications in sometime this spring. Sandi reported that at the National Grange Conference that we received Most Improved Community

Service Book, and 3rd place for Community Service average hours.  
New Business included making Bee Houses for the Conservation District. Paul discussed opening this up to the public, maybe have kits prepared so people can come and make them and either take them home or donate them to the park. Calvin showed three different plans for bee houses, and he and Paul will work on this project and bring more information to our next meeting. Sandi reported that her, Carol Mulholland and Rocky Temple will be the committee to select the Distinguished Community members for 2020. We are to bring our suggestions to our next meeting. We are also looking for ideas for special/fun meetings this year. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Pomona Grange building.  
Many members brought bottles of wine and we held a small wine tasting. There will also be 17 bottles of wine donated the the Amanda Reed Memorial Wine Tasting Event, which helps to educate the public about domestic violence. Thank you Mike & Jen Wilkinson for hosting this meeting!  
R e s p e c t f u l l y submitted,  
Denise Temple, Secretary



*A king size “Legendary Love” quilt with over 3,000 pieces, hand stitched, quilted, binding finished will be raffled at the Turkey Hill Grange wurstmarkt in October. The quilt was stitched by Judy Brindley, Grange member. Raffle tickets are available from members. MaryBeth Lee 618-973-8840 is the contact person for the raffle tickets.*

## What’s Happening at Turkey Hill Grange?

Members are busy checking the grocery lists for the yummy pancake sausage brunch on Sat. March 14 from 9-1 and organizing the chicken dinner on March 29, 10:30-3:30. This year the famous chicken dinner will feature a book fair in addition to the Grange jams and jellies, so come on over and browse the books. See what you can find!

The Junior Grangers visited our shut-ins before Valentine’s Day and took them cookies and/or flowers. Their latest project is a composting barrel. This is a National Junior Grange project.

The newest Turkey Hill project is a quilt raffle featuring a completely hand stitched, pieced king size quilt (97 x 108) made by our member, Judy Brindley. It is a beautiful “Legendary Love” pattern which contains over 3,000 pieces. The winner of the raffle will be drawn at the Wurstmarkt on Sunday, October 25. Tickets are available from Mary Beth Lee at 618-973-8840.

Ron Bursett, our member and building manager, and his committee succeeded in getting two new furnaces installed to replace the old ones which had completely deteriorated. Our members and renters thank him and his committee for all the hard work in soliciting and evaluating the bids and supervising the installation. Our basement is now warm and cozy again! Thank you!

Community service is providing over 3,000 eggs for the Belleville Parks and Recreation Easter egg hunt in Belleville on April 4. They will also provide 4 gallons of homemade soup for the empty Soup Bowl Lunch on April 9 at St. Augustine of Canterbury in Belleville. The proceeds from the lunch go to the homeless in the area.

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## Prairie Grange News

Prairie Grange meeting was held on Monday February 17 with pro-tem master Adam Ellwanger presiding.  
We are saddened by the recent loss of our Grange Brothers Scott Henninger and Norm Keller. Prairie Grange donated money to the Illinois State Grange Memorial Scholarship Fund in their honor.  
Karie Blasingame reminded us to come to the Springfling event at the Grange hall on Sat. Feb 22 from 9-4PM. There will be projects and workshops for Juniors, Youth and even adults to participate in. So please come!  
Jen Tobin-Tinch reported Juniors had a blast at their New Year’s party where they made valentines, played games and watched a movie. She also reminded everyone that State Junior Day will be Sat. April 18, 2020 at the Community Grange hall so watch for details.  
John Henninger reported Fair Convention went well and Diamond Rio will be opening the show for the Oak Ridge Boys as entertainment at the 2020 Boone County Fair. More details later.  
There will be a Statewide Campout for all Grangers May 29-31 at Rochester, IL KOA. If

interested please contact Karie Blasigname or John Henninger for details.  
Prairie Grange Annual Consignment Sale will be Sat. April 11, 2020. Contact Lyle Lee or John Henninger if you have treasures to sell. Help is needed outside and in the kitchen as well.  
Jen Tobin-Tinch reported there will be a Relay for Life fundraiser at Portillo’s in Rockford on Tuesday Feb. 25th from 5-8PM. And you just have to show the ad on your phone so that they know you are part of the fundraiser.  
Adam Ellwanger reported local 4-H clubs in Boone County are collecting plastic bags, garbage bags, bread bags, grocery bags and other soft pliable plastics as a Community Service project. If you want to donate items bring them to the Extension Office on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.  
Robin Kindberg encouraged everyone to attend the Illinois State Grange Leadership Conferences on Sat. March 7 at Turkey Hill Grange in Belleville IL or on Sun. March 8th at the Community Grange hall in Belvidere. It is from 10AM to 3PM and there will be a potluck lunch.  
Amanda Leigh Brozana-Rios National Grange Communications Director will be our



guest. There will be lots of information passed out here so please come and take the information back and share it with your Grange.

The meeting was closed in full form at 7:50 PM. Refreshments and socializing followed.  
Robin Kindberg  
Publicity Chairman

## County Line Grange

Due to bad weather our January meeting was held Feb. 1. This was also our Christmas Party. We had a short meeting, a wonderful dinner, and played a take-away gift game. Everyone had a fun time. We brought our Valentines for the Nursing homes and Veteran Hospitals. Thanks Deb and Sara for hosting. Our February regular meeting was held on the 12th. Hosts for the meeting were Lisa, Tamra, and Lori. Ruth brought Valentine decorations for a festive look. Thanks Ladies.

Jack and Laurel Radcliff were our guests for the evening. Laurel refreshed us on how to do a Funeral Grange service. We have some newer members who have never participated in one. Thanks for helping us with this.

Committee, Officer, and Grange reports were given.

Linda sent the Valentines to the Veteran Hospitals, and Teri is going to deliver to the Nursing homes.

We discussed upcoming events. We will be having our 4-H Spaghetti Dinner with Leroy Grange March 7. This will be held at the First Baptist Church on Appleton Rd. from 4-7. Come and enjoy good spaghetti, basket and 50/50 raffles, and support our local 4-H Club

Our hearts go out to the family of Jackie Murray. She was a wonderful County Line Grange member. We will miss her help with all our projects, the Fair, Schoolhouse and many more things she took part in.

## Flora Grange February 2020 News

By Lindakay Ebel

Flora Grange held their dues paying supper on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, 6:30 pm at the Flora Grange Hall, 2105 Stone Quarry Road, Belvidere, IL with 41 Grange members in attendance including special guests, Illinois State Grange Secretary Robin Kindberg and her daughter, Karrie.

Following the delicious meal Master Albert Ebel opened the meeting with the Pledge to the American Flag and the Grange Salutation, followed by roll call of officers and approval of minutes of January 14, 2020 meeting. Master Ebel and Chaplain Donna West draped the charter in loving memory of Worthy Sister JoAnn Hardy Weinrank.

Committee reports were given by each committee chair: Family Activities, in Deb Silvers absence, Sharon Fidler and Emalee Colver showed the quilt that will be on the ISG raffle this year and tickets are available. Emalee stated some of the material was purchased in Alaska with moose, bear and other animals from Alaska, so men can also purchase tickets.

Quilting, Emalee Colver reported they will be quilting at the Grange Hall Feb. 15, 16 & 17 from 9 am – 3 pm, bring a lunch and your project. Agriculture, Jack Ratcliffe explained the recipe for soil testing, and this should be done every three years. Farmland Protection, Emalee Colver reported the annual meeting is March 12, guest speaker will be on the census. and everyone is invited. Building & Grounds, Jack reported we just filled our propane tank with fuel.

Membership chair, Lindakay Ebel reported we are on our last two quarters of the year for

membership and we need more members, as the Grange membership is decreasing each year, many due to death. We need to recruit younger members. Health & Education, Fabienne Calabrese talked about coronavirus and the many people that have it, symptom:, coughing, temperature, and shortness of breath. Remember to wash your hands, don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth, and cover your mouth with your hand or sleeve if you cough. She stated there are several cases nearby, one in Madison and one in Hoffman Estates.

Jack Ratcliffe told of the entertainment booked for the Boone County Fair, and tickets will be going on sale for the big entertainment in April. Bob Scherer stated his Junior contestant took 6th place at the convention and Senior contestant took 10th; he thought they should have gotten better than that, but he was not the judge. Jack had no report under Deaf Activities. Donna West had no report for chaplain.

There will be a Grange Leadership Session on Sunday, March 8th from 10:30 – 2:30 for Junior and Youth Leaders, Masters and Secretary's and anyone else interested at the Boone County Community Grange Hall in Belvidere with a potluck at 11:30 am.

Lindakay Ebel gave the financial report for the month and year-to-date totals of each item. She presented a bill from Greater Belvidere Chamber of Commerce for \$125, do we want to join again this year? Motion was made to join again this year.

Emalee Colver gave a report on The Wall That Heals and asked members to sign up to work, open 24 hours a day from May 7 – 10. We will also need workers to help set-up, May 5 and take-down, May 10. Call Emalee if you can help in any way, also donations are needed. We will have a "Scoopy Night" at Culver's in Belvidere on Tuesday, March 31 from 5 to 8 pm, and 10% of the money will be donated toward The Wall That Heals.

We discussed upcoming events:

- Scoopy Night at Culver's in Belvidere – Tuesday, March 31st – 5 to 8 pm
  - Roast Beef Dinner – Sunday, April 19th
  - The Wall That Heals – May 7 – 10th (open to the public)
  - Safety Town – June
  - Dog Show – July 9 – 12 (Boone County Fairground)
  - Boone County Fair – August 11 – 16
  - Roast Beef Dinner, Sunday, November 8th
- Youth Advisor, Fabienne Calabrese had nothing new to report. Junior Advisor, Sharon Fidler reported about the Spring Fling coming up the end of February for both Juniors and Youth.

Emalee Colver collected 76 'G' bills. Birthdays included Dan Burow on the 11th and Pat Due on the 13th.

Joan Fidler had a program, 'What you need in case of a disaster'. She had her bag all packed and went through it. Contained the following: 3 gallons of water, per person, dry food, or canned food such as Spam, money, both bills and coins. Pan and matches, if you need to start a fire, also sugar, salt, spoon, fruit snacks, first aid kit, band-aids, pen, letter opener, razor, Vaseline, toilet paper, blanket, grain, sewing kit, plastic bag, candle, blanket, life straws (cost \$25 each), pkg.

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dry soup, trash bag, wooden spoon, rain coat, underwear, flashlight with extra batteries.

Master Ebel closed the meeting at 8:45 and Chaplain closed the Bible and gave a prayer.

March Flora Grange meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 7pm, committee, Emalee Colver, Todd Hegge, Wayne and Nancy Lyford.

## Beaver Valley Grange Meeting 2-14-2020

Beaver Valley Grange met on Friday (Happy Valentine's Day!) at 7:00 pm. Reports were given for Fairboard, Springfield, Membership, Pomona, Jr. Fairboard, Treasurer, and community service. Brother Steve Paulson installed Bryson O'Dell as Overseer. The Pomona Community Service project is The Haven Network; I have attached information about the program. Also included is a photo of Brandon O'Dell sitting among a bunch of memory boxes that were donated to The Haven Network by Beaver Valley Grange. Purse size soft tissues are also needed by The Haven; Boone County Pomona Grangers should bring their donations to the next Pomona meeting on March 4th. Reminder that Spring Fling is February 22nd.

Dayle Paulson, Publicity



Brandon O'Dell sitting among a bunch of memory boxes

### Pomona Grange Community Service project

Bring to the next  
Pomona meeting on  
March 4th any of the  
following items:



THE HAVEN NETWORK  
Northern Illinois Perinatal Hospice & Bereavement Center

- Gift cards to Office Depot or Hobby Lobby, allows them to choose paper, notebooks, memory sticks, molding clay, etc
- Quality 5x7 frames in white, black, blue, pink, silver or gold
- Forever Stamps
- Kleenex - they especially like the individual packs
- Amazon Wish List:

To order from Amazon just go to [www.thehavennetwork.org](http://www.thehavennetwork.org) and then click on the Events tab and you will see the Wish List on the right hand side, click on Wish List and it will take you to Amazon. You can purchase anything from their list through your own Amazon account, they will receive it directly to The Haven Network. You will receive a confirmation from Amazon. The Haven Network is a Northern Illinois'-only stand alone Perinatal Hospice and Bereavement Center. Any of the items found on the wishlist will directly benefit the family they serve. To go to their website type in: [www.thehavennetwork.org](http://www.thehavennetwork.org)





*Flora Grange Press Release – January, 2020*  
A non-profit family community service organization with its roots in agriculture

***FLORA GRANGE #1762 TO HOST  
THE WALL THAT HEALS IN BELVIDERE IN MAY***

BELVIDERE, IL- The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to Belvidere May 7-10, 2020. The exhibit will be on display at the Boone County Fairgrounds at 8847 Rt 76 (enter at the McKinley Ave entrance) one mile north of Belvidere and will be open 24 hours a day until 2pm Sunday and free to the public. Flora Grange #1762, is leading the effort that will bring the exhibit to Belvidere. The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,276 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. To volunteer to help or donate money toward this project contact Emalee Colver at granger.em.1867@ gmail.com. For more information about The Wall go to www.thewallthatheals.org.

## Chaplain’s Corner

*Charlotte Mehrtens*



Okay this is the end of February already so where did the time go already this only means one of two things. One we are all very busy and the days roll by and we don’t even know it because we are having fun, or two we are getting older and that’s the way life is.

Life does seem to go so much faster with as busy as we are with family, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all the other things we do because I think we all know that life is just too short and we don’t want to watch it go by.

Some of my spring flowers are starting to peek out of the ground and those on the south side of the house are getting taller every day. How do those flowers know that it is almost time for spring to arrive? I have often wondered if they have a time clock in them to say get ready set go. God really does know what happens with each and every plant, tree, crops, because he has made it in His own time just has His has made each human being in their own time and place.

I found this and thought it was something to think about even when drinking our morning coffee.

COFFEE  
CHRIST  
OFFERS  
FORGIVENESS  
FOR  
EVERYONE  
EVERYWHERE

Our most sincere prayers to those who lost their loved ones, this past month our hearts are with you. Those who rejoice with great news or new arrivals in their families May God bless all with good health and love.

Peace be with you.

## Blast From The Past

*By Beverly Smith*

Hey Grangers! Have you been noticing how popular everything FARM is? Farm House décor, Farm to Table, Farmers Markets, and on and on, all are really the trend right now. The truth is we Grangers have known this all along! Nowadays we members call each other “Grangers” but back in the day when there were struggles between farmers and monopolies, opponents of the Grange called everyone “Grangers”. Actually, we should be correctly called “Patrons” because we belong to the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. One time I was in the Grange Museum at the Boone County Fair and a woman asked what is husbandry? Well---We kind of fumbled an answer and that was that. Husbandry in the dictionary says-noun) careful, thrifty management, farming. Husbandman-noun) a farmer. Who knew! So now we all know! We can still call ourselves “Grangers”!

Did you know FFA has Grange roots? Vocational agriculture teachers really wanted to expand agriculture education beyond the classroom. Finally, in 1916 the nation passed the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act. Henry C. Groseclose a Virginia agriculture education leader and active seventh-degree Grange member was asked to develop a ritual and procedures for the new clubs to go by. He used some Grange tools and even the familiar Grange blue and gold colors. This ritual was adopted in 1926 for the clubs and two years later a National Future Farmers of America was formed.

Today February 17 as I write this article is “President’s Day”. In 1928 President Calvin Coolidge addressed the National Grange session in Washington, D.C. National Grange Master Louis Taber introduced the President and a concert was given by the Marine Band. His message to the members reflected knowledge of farm conditions. He noted that The Grange’s long existence continues because of the sound foundation on which it was founded. He was not a Grange member but many of his Vermont ancestors were active Patrons, including his father Colonel John Coolidge.

Florida note: This morning I watched another rocket launch at Cape Canaveral from our house in Kissimmee, FL. Our weather this week will be in the 80’s, hope you all aren’t shivering too much!

On a sad note as I write this, my sympathy to the Henninger family on the passing of Scott. In our teenage years Scott became a very good friend to me. We attended Grange Camp and he introduced me to many kids at camp. He also invited me to come to Belvidere to meet more kids. I loved Belvidere so much I would sneak out and drive up and down the town streets so I could know what was going on. I made many good friends there and fixed up many friends with their life mates. Scott really loved the Grange and I am so thankful to have known him. Rest in peace dear friend.

### 2020 Illinois State Grange JUNIOR DEPARTMENT Contests

All Junior Contests - Individual must be a Junior, or 1+ member  
Three age groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14. Entry age as of 1/1/2020  
(National Guidelines)  
\*\*Any entry that is not labeled and does not follow rules may be disqualified from judging, but may still receive a participation ribbon.\*\*

Mini-Juniors: Any child who is 5 by September 1, 2020 may send up to 3 entries to session. These projects will not be judged as other age groups are, but will receive participation ribbons.

Junior Alumni: Any Granger over the age of 20, as of September 1, 2020, may submit a project. These projects will be voted on by fellow Grangers for Best of Show .

### Small World -- Australia

Make a 3-D display (Maximum size 10x10x8"high) or poster (up to 11x14 finished size after mounted for stability) which represents the country. Identify and explain at least three items of country represented.

### Recycling Cardboard tubes

Use a toilet paper, paper towel, or gift wrap cardboard tube to make something useful. May use more than one toilet paper or paper towel tube attached to another. (Up to length of a gift wrap tube) May add additional elements but tube must be foundation of project.

### Nature Weaving

Using 3-4 sticks and twine, string, or yarn as your base... walkabout and collect leaves, twigs, weeds, flowers, feathers, grass, etc. found in nature and weave among the string. (Minumum size 5x7, Maximum size 11x14)

### Dot painting

Use dots, can be of varied sizes and colors, to create an image or pattern. Image can be on a 3-D object, or a poster (maximum size 11x14).

### Down Under

Create a 3D display (Maximum size 10x10x8"high) or poster (up to 11x14 finished size after mounted for stability) of an underwater scene.

Melinda (Mindy) Schiefer  
IL State Grange Junior Director  
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# Family Activity Report

Sharon Fidler – Chairperson

WOW.....only six months until State Grange Session in Springfield. Have you got your needlework entries started? Emalee Colver from Flora Grange has mad a quilt for the “Needlework & stuff” raffle from fabric she purchased in Alaska. Thanks Emalee, the quilt is just beautiful!!! Any questions, call me, Sharon Fidler 815-323-8976. Thank You

## FAC Committee Contests 2020

- Group 1 Knitting
  - A Afghan
  - B Baby Afghan
  - C Baby Items, one or more
  - D Dish Clothes
  - E Winter wear
  - F Any other not listed above
- Group 2 Crocheting
  - A Afghan
  - B Baby Afghan
  - C Baby Items, one or more
  - D Dish Clothes
  - E Winter wear
  - F Any other not listed above
- Group 3 Embroidery etc.
  - A Pair of pillowcases
- B Counted cross stitch-back showing
  - C Plastic Canvas – any item
  - D Any item not listed above
- Group 4 Quilting
  - A Unfinished square—max size 16 ½” X 16 ½”
  - B Table runner
  - C Quilt – twin, full, queen, etc.
  - D Baby Quilt
  - E Quilts of Valor
  - F Any other not listed above
- Group 5 Sewing
  - A Apron
  - B Clothing – one item
  - C Clothing – set (2 or more pieces)
- Group 6 Miscellaneous
  - A Jewelry – Bracelet
  - B Jewelry – 2 or more pieces
  - C 2 Holiday cards, mounted
  - D 2 All occasion cards, mounted
- Group 7 Food
  - A Quick Breads – Any kind, 1 loaf
  - B Fudge/Candy – any kind, 12 pieces
  - C Cookies – any kind, 12 cookies

Juniors  
Age Groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14  
Recycled Hats – decorate any way you want  
Cookies – any kind, no rice krispie treats

## Illinois State Grange Youth News

By Karie Blasingame – IL State Grange Youth Director

I was pleased by the turnout of Juniors, Youth and Young at heart at Spring Fling North on February 22nd. We had 5 Juniors from 2 different Junior Granges within our state. All of us stayed together and created some paintings or drawings for the Lecturers Department Contests. The afternoon found us playing games, learning about food safety, creating seed art projects for the National Junior Grange department, then we learned a little about the history of Grange using the Grange Emblem as a guide. A huge thank you to Vivian Johnson of Union Grange for joining us and for bringing a salad that all the adults enjoyed even if the kids didn’t!

We have Spring Fling South coming up on April 25th. We will be heading to the St. Louis Science Center to check out the GROW exhibit. I am still looking for a Grange Hall in Southern

Illinois for us to meet at on Friday night and spend the night so we can leave bright and early by 7:30 am to get one of the free parking spots by the planetarium. I’m sure that after we go through the GROW exhibit, we will be able to check out the rest of the museum. Bring money in case you want to purchase a souvenir. We will be eating lunch at the Science Center; I’m asking everyone to bring \$20 to cover lunch and any show we may want to see. I will need everyone to RSVP to me by April 20th and I will need driver volunteers to help us get to the Science Center.

Coming up this month on March 12th at 9 pm eastern time, National Grange Youth Director will be explaining some of the programs of the Youth Department in a ZOOM meeting online. This would be a great time if anyone is thinking about going to National Session in Pennsylvania this year to learn about some projects that are available for them to do. Don’t forget you can also ask Tracey and Phil Jones, the National Grange Young Patrons what they had to do to compete at National Session.

Our Camping Adventure this year will be the last weekend of May! May 30th will be the Illinois State Grange picnic at 1 pm at the KOA Campground in Rochester, IL. Check out the ad in the Granger for the cost details on the camping weekend. Schedule will be posted in the May Granger. Don’t forget the public speaking contest and sign-a-song contest will be held at the picnic. Auction of items to raise money for the youth and Junior department will be held at the picnic and not at State Session.

Midwest Grange Leadership Conference will be the last weekend of June at the Boone County Fairgrounds. I would like to see Illinois represented at the conference. More details will be available within the month.

Hope to see you at some of the Illinois State Grange Youth events this year!

## Prairie Junior Grange

Prairie Junior Grange took the month of January off due to circumstances beyond our control but met on February 7th with a fun party! We had lots of good food, made Valentine’s Day cards for our parents, watched a movie, had a dance party, and got gifts!! Did I mention all the good food?!? Everyone had so much fun!! We also participated in the North’s Spring Fling on

February 22nd. We did multiple art projects using all different kinds of materials. We also learned about food safety and the importance of washing our hands. Mary Brubach taught us all about germs and how they are everywhere! Karie Blasingame taught us the Grange Symbol and about the founding of the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. The children and adults alike learned so

much and shared in the discussion of why Grange is so important and is still needed today.

Upcoming Events:  
3/13: 6pm-7pm PJG meeting. We will be learning the Pledge of Allegiance in sign language.

4/18: Illinois State Junior Day- Miss Mindy is coming up and leading us. We will start with lunch at noon (provided by Pomona Grange) and start projects by 1pm. We will go until somewhere between 3pm-4pm. Please

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be saving your paper towel tubes or wrapping paper tubes for this. We hope to see Junior Grange members from other Granges!!

5/14 & 15: 6pm-7pm PJG meeting. We will continue to work on learning the Pledge of Allegiance and projects for Illinois State Grange Session. Have a great start to SPRING!!



The children in the pictures are: Jackson Dinges, Dominic Walker, Max Myers, Jocelyn Myers, Scarlett Ellwanger, Savannah Anderson, Carly Powell





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# ISG Secretary Report

Hello everyone, here are just a few reminders to share with you:

1. All Scholarship Applications must be returned to the Illinois State Grange Secretary Robin Kindberg by Friday, March 13, 2020.
2. If you receive a 990N postcard in the mail please go online and file it. This must be done every year.
3. Please update your Grange membership lists: including Granger’s full name, full address, birthdate and year, and when the member joined the Grange and bring to the Conferences or email or mail me a copy.
4. Quarterly Reports – the Grange Quarter ends March 30, June 30, September 30, and December 30th. I need you to get your Grange’s quarterly reports to me by the 15th of the following month so I can get them signed and mailed to National Grange by my deadline date. This is a change from the past but we must do this.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me [robinkindberg5@gmail.com](mailto:robinkindberg5@gmail.com).

Hope to see everyone at the Leadership Conferences on Sat. March 7 at Turkey Hill or on Sun. March 8 at Community Grange hall in Belvidere.

ISG Secretary  
Robin Kindberg

## Membership

*By ISG Membership Chairman  
Lindakay Ebel*

The 2019-2020 Membership year is almost half over. Yesterday Al and I, as many other Grange members in Boone County, attended two funerals of two Grange members. Our Grange membership is declining mainly because of death, as it seems over half of our Grange members are senior citizens. We need to start recruiting younger members to take our place on the Grange role. This is a very serious thing and we ALL must step up to the plate and run with the problem.

This year I decided to take the word MEMBERSHIP and take one letter a month to try to promote Grange. Starting with the letter ‘M’, ME, MEMBERS, MEMBERSHIP. It takes people like ME to go out and recruit MEMBERS so our Grange will have an increase in MEMBERSHIP.

The following month I took the letter ‘E’, and from that I came up with EXCITEMENT, ENTHUSIASM, which we all have within our Granges and our Grange programs as well as our Grange fundraisers. We also have EDUCATION for our Junior members and our Youth, as well as in our Flora Grange, during our Program time, Education included. We hold ELECTIONS, we ENCOURAGE our Youth to help us on projects and include them in many things going on within our Grange and we set EXAMPLES for them, because we have a little more EXPERIENCE.

This month I will move on to the letter ‘B’. The Grange has many BENEFITS to its members, which were listed in the February 2020 Granger. BE a good Grange member, attend all your Grange meetings, you will have a BETTER Granger if you pitch in and help with their fundraisers instead of saying you are too BUSY. We all need a BOOST occasionally to get us going, to help BUILD up our moral, and to help with projects or help with maybe the cleaning of your Grange BUILDING or hall.

In closing, I feel, we are all so BLESSED to BE a part of such a great organization as the Grange, that our Parents, Grandparents, and Great-Grand-parents were a part of. So, let’s ALL try to talk with our friends and neighbors, as well as family MEMBERS about joining that number one organization, THE GRANGE.

God Bless each of you and your family.

# Illinois State Grange Lecturer’s Contests and Programs 2019-2020

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The Lecturer’s Department maintains a rich tradition of encouraging excellence in expressions of cultural, educational, and creative pursuits in our Granges and members. In that tradition these are the categories for competition and display for the 2020 Illinois State Session and National Contests.

Our hope is to have the widest possible participation. In 2019, entrants ranged in age from 7 to 96 from 13 Subordinate Granges. But we had many categories with only one or two entries. Let’s try to get as many people involved this year as possible.

### NATIONAL CONTESTS

Details of the National Lecturer’s contests will become available after the 2019 National Session in November. Specific rules and information will be distributed via the Illinois Granger when they become available. For planning purposes, there have been three contest categories in recent years:

#### National Photography Contest:

There no longer are separate specific rules for the National Photography Contest. Any photo entered in our state categories is eligible. There is one winner in the Junior Division (age 7-14) and one winner in the adult division.

#### Quilted Items Contest

- Unfinished Quilt Block
- Finished Fabric Quilted Items

I will send out the pattern for next year as soon as it is announced.

#### Evening of Excellence Talent Contest

- Broad range of talents accepted: music, movement, speaking, anything you excel at
- One winner from State Session can appear at the National Session.
- Not to exceed 5 minutes.

The state talent contest is held each year on Saturday night at the State Session. This is a great opportunity to entertain each other and share our talents.

We apply a wide definition of talents and seek to present an array of great charm and diversity. Possibilities include but are not limited to:

- Music performance
- Spoken word and storytelling
- Dance and movement
- Physical skills (juggling, baton twirling, etc.)
- Practical arts (cooking demonstration, flower arranging, coaching)

Entries can be solo or group.

Illinois will select one Best of Show talent representative to perform in the Evening of Excellence event at the National Session in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania in November 2020.

Remember that all acts are representing their home Grange and presentation is a major component of any performance, so contestants are encouraged to dress and act appropriately.

### ILLINOIS LECTURER’S CATEGORIES

• One entry per member may be submitted in each class. Must be made this Grange year.

- Awards in each class.
- Attached to each entry must be:

Member name

Member address

Grange name and number

Specific state contest category

Age bracket (Juniors only)

Name of responsible party (if entrant not in attendance at State Session)

- Eligibility – All Subordinate and Junior Grange members. Junior entries may also include grandchildren of Subordinate members.
- Backing is required for all photos and

artwork. This is so the entry will not be damaged by fingerprints, handling, pushpins, or any metal clip that will display the entry. NO FRAMES OR GLASS.

• Classes- There will be one class for Subordinate Grange members and 3 age groups for Juniors: 5-7 yr old, 8-10 yr old and 11-14 yr old.

• The Illinois State Lecturer reserves the right to choose to not display any entry deemed inappropriate within Grange values. Themes including nudity, obscenity, or violence will not be accepted.

#### Photography

The photography contest seeks to recognize excellence in photographic images.

Rules:

• Color and black and white photography will be judged in the same category.

• Only prints are accepted for judging. No slides. Prints may be made by a commercial process but must have been taken by the entrant personally within this Grange year. No altering of still images with use of photo editing software is allowed.

• Photo size can range between 5”x7” and 8”x12”. Prints must be mounted on a rigid backing, not to exceed ¾” beyond the edge of the photograph.

• No professional photographers (an individual who’s primary living is from photography) may enter.

• Videos will not be eligible to proceed to National Session.

Categories:

• Abandoned. Find beauty or interest in capturing something no longer in use (e.g., cars, houses, equipment)

• Extreme. Close-up. Capture something in great detail

• Selfie. Must be a picture taken by yourself in an unusual or intriguing environment or setting

• Time-Lapse. Show the progression of a slow change through a series of photos taken from the same perspective over time. Entry should consist of 3-4 images mounted on a single bit of backing

• Video. Share a short video on a topic of interest...humor or visual interest or storytelling... whatever you can present creatively in less than 1 minute. Will be judged on creativity of message and filming.

#### Creative Writing

General guidelines

• May be handwritten, typed, or printed from a computer. Handwriting must be legible and neat using black or blue ink pen. Typed or printed should be double-spaced, size 12 font or larger.

• Work must be original, the entrant’s own creation, not copied from another source.

• Length not to exceed 300 words.

Creative writing prose topic:

MY HAPPIEST DAY EVER

Creative writing poetry topic:

HOME

Poetry can be written in free verse or in traditional forms. We’re looking for poems that move us, that might make us laugh or cry, or teach us something new. Poems should not exceed one page in length.

#### Media Arts & Crafts

General guidelines

- We seek to recognize all types of visual arts.
- Work must be original, the entrant’s own creation.

• No frames or glass. Fragile items are displayed at the entrant’s risk.

Painting/Drawing/Pastels

Any subject or theme. All media (oils, watercolors, pencil, etc.) will be judged in one category. Works should not exceed 30”x30”.

Dimensional Media

Any subject or theme. Sculpture, pottery, weaving, textiles, paper-making, etc. are appropriate for this category and will be judged together. Basically this is any artwork that is not flat on a canvas or paper. Works should not exceed 18”x18”x18”.



Personal Collection  
Assemble and display 12 related items. Make sure each item’s relation to the collection is apparent. Provide an overview of the collection theme not to exceed 50 words. All items should be anchored securely to a sturdy base or provided with a box or material on which to display them. The collection may be anything of intellectual or cultural interest: stamps, rocks, stickers, trading cards, dried flowers, postcards, etc. Judging will be based on interest and creativity of the collection theme.

**Handcrafted Holiday Tree Ornaments**  
Use your skill to make three ornaments suitable for decorating a tree. Ornaments can represent any holiday or season. The ornaments should not be identical but should be related by theme or technique. Materials and methods can be anything you choose. Ornaments will be judged on craftsmanship, creativity, and appearance.

Because of the high response to this category, there will be two divisions:  
Ornaments involving primarily sewing, needlecrafts, etc.

Ornaments using other materials or techniques  
**Web-based Project**

This contest seeks to recognize creativity on the Internet. This can be a website, game, information project, podcast, video, blog entry, or other web entity. Items will be judged based on overall quality, creative input, educational merit, and technical proficiency. Items should be submitted with the complete URL address or on a zip drive. Projects will be visible for judging and inspection by public on a large screen monitor in the Lecturer’s contest area.

**GROUP PROJECT:** Subordinate Grange Banner

This competition has two purposes:  
1. Provide an opportunity for collaboration and group effort in creating an entry.  
2. Celebrate our individual Granges in a fun way to share our heritage at State Session.

One entry is allowed from each Subordinate Grange. Create a banner that commemorates your individual Grange identity and influence in the community and state. The banner should be no larger than 30” wide x 36” tall and hang from a dowel rod. It should be primarily constructed of fabric or soft textiles. Additional materials may be used but overall weight should not exceed 3 pounds.

First time entries will be judged and prizes awarded. All banners from previous years will continue to be displayed and recognition for a “People’s Choice Award” (if there are multiple entries) will be based on votes from attendees.

## Agricultural Report

*by Earl David, ISG Ag Chairman*

Here we are, already seeing all of the signs of spring—the beginning of Lent, the change to Daylight Saving Time, and the return of birds that headed south for the winter (both actual birds and human snowbirds!).

The winter proved to be fairly mild which is appreciated and quite wet which is not so much appreciated as no one is looking forward to the kind of wet spring we had last year. Let’s hope that everyone can get their crops and gardens planted in a timely manner.

As you are looking through those garden catalogs and planning your order, have you given any thought to helping our pollinators? Nearly one half of the foods we eat need to be pollinated to produce correctly and abundantly.

Then, too, pollinators help us in other ways such as pest control. Have you picked a tomato hornworm and noticed that it was covered with white rice-like eggs on its back? Are they unhatched hornworms? No, they are the eggs of the braconid wasp, and they will devour the hornworm as they hatch and grow. Other pollinators help control stink bugs, moths,

cutworms, borers, and other pests.

Even self-fertile plants like the tomato are helped with better seed quality, disease resistance, increased production, and the ability to adapt to changing growing conditions all because of cross-pollination. These features all help boost long-term productivity.

Many pollinator populations are struggling to survive. We may think first about problems encountered by bees, but we also need to consider birds, bats, beetles, butterflies and more. So if you see a section in your catalog that promotes plants attractive to pollinators, consider adding some of those to your order.

## Illinois State Grange Agriculture Dept. Contests

September 2019 – September 2020

### I. VEGETABLE

1. Beans, Green (4)
2. Beans, Golden Wax (4)
3. Beets (4)
4. Cabbage (1 head)
5. Cauliflower (1 head)
6. Cucumbers (3)
7. Eggplant (1)
8. Garlic (3)
9. Gourds (3)
10. Okra (3)
11. Onions, White (3)
12. Onions, Yellow (3)
13. Peppers, Sweet (3)
14. Peppers, Hot (3)
15. Potatoes, Red (3)
16. Potatoes, White (3)
17. Pumpkin (1)
18. Sweet Potatoes (3)
19. Squash, Acorn (2)
20. Sweet Corn (3)
21. Tomatoes, Cherry (3)
22. Tomatoes, Red (3)
23. Tomatoes, Yellow (3)
24. Zucchini, 6-8 in. (1)
25. Most unusually shaped vegetable
26. Vegetable other than above (3 if small, 1 if large)

### II. FRUITS

1. Apples, Red (4)
2. Apples, Yellow (4)
3. Cantaloupe (1)
4. Crab Apples (4)
5. Grapes (3 bunches)
6. Pears (4)
7. Plums (4)
8. Watermelon (1)

### III. HERBS

1. Potted Specimen, Named herb
2. Collection of herbs (4 or more)

### IV. FIELD CROPS

1. Ears of Corn (3)
2. Longest Ear of Corn
3. Ears of Indian Corn, Husked (3)
4. Ears of Popcorn (3)
5. Corn (1Qt. bag)
6. Oats (1Qt. bag)
7. Soybeans (1Qt. bag)
8. Wheat (1 Qt. bag)
9. Sunflower, Largest Head

### V. FLOWERS

1. African Violet Plant
2. Succulent (1 variety)
3. Houseplant (1 variety)
4. Marigolds (3 stems)
5. Zinnias (3 stems)

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6. Any other flowers (3 stems)
7. Fairy Garden (Not from a Kit)

VI. ANTIQUES 30” or less, any direction, 1930 or prior, not a picture.

1. Farm Related Antique
2. Household Related Antique
3. Child Related Antique

### VII. JUNIOR DIVISION

(State age on entry tag)

1. Poster Promoting Pollinators (Any size)
2. Miniature/Fairy Garden (Not from a Kit)
3. Vegetables
4. “Pumpkin Mania” (Any variety)  
Final classes will be determined by entries received.

## Illinois State Grange Agriculture Dept. Contests

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### Rules, Details, and General Information:

1. Entries are limited to one per member for each category.

2. Each Grange Ag. Chairman has copies of entry forms for you to attach to your entry. (These can also be completed at state session.)

3. Entries in all but category VI. Antiques and potted plants should be produced in the current Grange year or growing season.

4. Generally, everything except for plants and antiques will be auctioned. Let the Ag. Committee know if this is not your wish.

### Additional Information for the Junior Division

1. The Junior Division contests are open to children and grandchildren of members if a Grange does not have a Junior Grange.

2. Junior Division age categories (set by National Grange) and based on the age of the child as of January 1 , 2020.

- a. 5 - 7
- b. 8 - 10
- c. 11 - 14

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**Scott Henninger**, 68, of Belvidere, IL, passed away on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Swedish American Hospital in Belvidere, IL. He was born on Monday, April 30, 1951 in Belvidere, IL to Alvin Ray and Darlene (Hopp) Henninger. He married the love of his life, Pam Carlson, on Saturday, October 4, 1975 in Belvidere, IL. Scott is loved and will be deeply missed by his beloved wife, Pam; parents, Alvin & Darlene; son, Brad (Stephanie) Henninger; daughter, Bridget (Jason) Funderburg; grandchildren, Jackson & Jaycie Funderburg, Ty & Kate Henninger; brother, John (Pat) Henninger. A memorial fund has been established in the family's name.

**Norman Michael Frederick Keller**, age 87, fourth generation family farmer of the historic Keller Farm in O'Fallon Township, Ill., born December 25, 1932 on the farm, died peacefully at home February 4, 2020, surrounded by his family. Norm had been employed as a machinist for Union Electric for over 32 years. He loved working on the family farm and was especially proud of the diversity of livestock and crops on the farm. He took great pride in sharing the agricultural experience with others, especially offering student tours of the farm. He welcomed visitors and loved that people came to see him at the farm. Norm served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He received a Quilt of Valor at the 2019 National Grange Session. Norm has been a lifelong member of the O'Fallon United Church of Christ, and has served in many leadership roles throughout the years. He was a former O'Fallon Township trustee, was active in the Enterprise Grange, and was a proud member of "Norm's Club," whose exclusive membership



was only open to men named Norman. Norm was a member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America and was grateful to PVA for the services provided. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Mathilde, nee Heyd, Keller; and his sister Arline Magee. Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Henrietta, nee Linhorst, Keller, whom he married June 22, 1957; his children Cynthia (Dave) Vogler, Michael (Ruth) Keller, and Andrea (William) Norton; grandchildren Scot (Carrie) Vogler, Kimberly (Patrick) Richards, Byron Keller, Kayla Keller, Sophia Norton, and Ava Norton; great-grandchildren Morgan Vogler, Brayden Vogler, and Kellan Richards. Also surviving are his sisters Pauline Kraemer, Ruth (Gene) Augustin, and Linda Niebruegge. Memorial donations are suggested to St. Joseph's Burial Association (Keppler's Cemetery), the Emil & Mathilde Keller Memorial Scholarship Fund (which is awarded to an OTHS grad pursuing an education in Agriculture or Pastoral Ministry), or to the Gateway Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America in St. Louis ([www.gatewaypva.org](http://www.gatewaypva.org)).



**Jacqueline Dene Murry 1947—2020**  
Jackie went to be with Jesus on February 7, 2020 after a short illness. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Belvidere since 1958. Jackie enjoyed being a member of the County Line Grange of Belvidere where she loved to work at the grange building serving breakfast and chicken dinner every year at the Boone County Fair. She was also a TOPS member since the early 1990's. She enjoyed working at the Walter Lawson Children's Home where she made many meals for the children during her 28 years of working there. She loved children and loved to babysit. Jackie was a rock for her family and friends, always right there when she was needed. She is survived by her son, Clayton Murry;

daughter, Angela Murry-Bishop; granddaughters, TiMara (Mike) Gulley, Nicole Bishop, Faith and Amber Fitch; great-grandson, Chayton Murry; special daughter, Jamie Barber; her siblings, Duane (June), David (Carol), Marilyn Matheson and Jo Ellen Coleman; and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents, Lawrence and Celestia (Fitch) Matheson and her brother, Daniel Matheson.



**Leona L. Flentge** (nee Kruse), 92, passed away on February 3, 2020. She was born May 4, 1927 to Herman and Ida (Bartels) Kruse in Roselle, IL. She was the wife of George Flentge who passed away on February 7, 1982. She had spent many of her years as a cashier at various local locations, including: Van's Supermarket, Dollar General, both in Marengo, and TA Truckstop in Hampshire. She was a member of: St. John's United Church of Christ, in Union, where she participated in the Choir and Women's Circle and most recently she was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, in Marengo. She was a member of Riley Grange #1858, McHenry County Pomona Grange #89, Illinois State and National Grange, McHenry County Farm Bureau and she was an Election Judge in Riley Township for many years and an avid Pinochle player.



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