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## Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms June 2020

Just came home from our grandson Logan's 8th grade graduation parade. It was a proud moment and a great evening for a parade. It was a graduation he will always remember.

The weather in southern IL is wet wet wet this week. We have the corn and soybeans planted. But now trying to be able to cut the alfalfa field for hay – it is way too wet.

I hope you are all still following the Governor J B Pritzker's directive to "shelter in place". Don and I have been sheltering in place, and hopefully we will be getting back to 'normal' soon. I have been working from home since March 16 to now (May 20) and I need to social interaction. "Social distancing" is staying at least 6 feet from anyone. We are now required to wear masks covering mouth and nose when in public. Be Smart. Be Safe. Be concerned for your neighbors and community. The health of our Grangers, families and communities is most of important. COVID 19 virus cases seem to be leveling off in IL and many states are starting to open.

I hope many of you are watching and participating in the daily National Grange Cultivating Connections on FaceBook and YouTube. Tracey and Phil Jones and I have been part of the presentations. If you miss them the first time go to the National Grange Facebook page or National Grange Youtube to see the recordings. You can get alerts texted to you as to when the presentations are going to start. The Saturday night date nights are very entertaining.

# Illinois Granger

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 6 – Flora Grange Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser - CANCELLED  
June 9-12 – Flora Grange Safety Town - CANCELLED  
June 26-28 – Midwestern Leadership Conference – CANCELLED  
July 15 – DEADLINE for Community Service Granger/Non Granger/Junior/Firefighter/Teacher/Police  
July 15 – Quarterly Report due  
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

NOTE: At this time all items on calendar are subject to cancellation. Check with the hosting Grange.

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

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There was a special guest with the Grangers last weekend. Anyone wanting to share their talent contact Chris Hamp, National Grange Lecturer. Ethan Edwards was on the first Date Night presentation. Amanda Brozona-Rios National Grange Communications Director is doing her best to keep all Grangers in the nation connected.

The Midwest Grange Leaders Conference set for June 26 – 28 has been cancelled it was to be at Boone County Fairground. Plans are proposed for a virtual event. Keep watching FaceBook pages for updates.

At the next executive committee meeting in late June, we will be talking about state session and possible changes/updates because of COVID 19. We will also be discussing the possibility of getting a license for IL State Grange for Zoom. It could be used for Ex Committee meetings, other state committee meetings, Grange meetings.

Stay well, stay home and wash your hands.

## Secretary Report

Hope this finds everyone healthy and staying at home. I know I have been out only to Doctor Appointments and maybe a Walmart visit monthly. Otherwise been busy working on paperwork for State Session (if we can still have it), making a quilt of valor and a mystery quilt as well. Ok down to business:

1. 2nd Quarter Quarterly Dues June 2020 are due to me by July 15, 2020.

2. Pomona Dues are also due this quarter.

3. Junior Dues are also due: If

you have an active Junior Grange or if you are a Grange with a

Junior Charter. Thank you to Turkey Hill for gets their's up to date.

4. Hopefully we can have State Session so be working on your RESOLUTIONS. They will be due to me either electronically or in hand not postmarked by August 1, 2020

5. If you are an ISG Officer, Chairman Director, or Deputy your reports need to be to me by August 1, 2020.

6. I am still waiting for the list of Grange Members from each Grange: This must include the Name of the Granger, their Address, When they joined the Grange and also their Birthdates. If they do not want to give you this info tell them that it WILL NOT be given out it is just to help National Grange get different Benefits for our members.

Any questions please email me at robinkindberg5@gmail.com.

Everyone please stay healthy and safe and hopefully we can meet together soon.

Robin Kindberg  
Illinois State Grange Secretary

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# Prairie Grange News

Prairie Grange held it's first ever virtual Meeting on May 18, 2020 with about 20 members in attendance.

Prairie is selling 50/50 Share the Pot Raffle tickets \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. 50 % of money goes to support Boone County Fair and other 50% will be divided between 3 winners 1st prize 25%, 2nd Prize 15% and 3rd prize 10%. Drawing will be held August 16, 2020.

Prairie Grange donated money to Operation Grange Gratitude where a \$10.00 gift card was given to all local Policeman, Firemen and First Responders as a token of appreciation for all they have done during this Covid-19 pandemic.

We found out that the Midwest Regional Leadership Conference to be held the end of June at Boone County Fairgrounds has been CANCELLED per advice from National Master Betsy Huber. Illinois was to be the host and will do so next year.

Prairie Grange has several members who are Graduating this year and their names will be sent on to National Grange to be honored at OPERATION GRADUATION.

RELAY FOR LIFE – Jenn Tobin-Tinch reported it will be held June 6, 2020. There will be a Survival Dinner drive thru so survivors can come out to the 1st Baptist Church parking lot on Appleton and Jackson Street and pick up a meal. The Luminaria Ceremony will be a drive thru and you must stay in your vehicle and will be held that evening at the Belvidere North High School parking lot. If you are interested in the meal you must contact Jenn and also contact Kim Robin, Karie Blasingame or Jenn Tobin-Tinch if want to purchase a Luminaria.

FOOD CART FRENZY – This event will be CANCELLED for this year. Prairie Grange has decided in its place to ask all Granges involved to give a monetary donation to the Salvation Army.

Be sure since some local business maybe opening up soon in our areas to please visit them and utilize their curbside assistance for they all need our help.

All of the members were asked if they wanted to share anything: Condolences go out to Jane and Paul Zeien and the Ramos Family on the loss of their Brother-in-law Ron Ramos. He was a photographer for the Fair and for 4-H events and for all County High School sporting events.

Prayers go out to Fay Ellwanger who is in Maplecrest Nursing Home recovering from complications after heart surgery.

The meeting closed as everyone was reminded to stay safe, stay healthy, wear your masks when you leave home and to wash your hands frequently.

Robin Kindberg  
Publicity Chairman

## Flora Grange 1st Ever Curbside Pickup Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser

Order up a mouth-watering roast beef dinner and take a ride in the country to pickup your order curbside at the Flora Grange Hall from 11:00 to 1:30pm on Sunday, May 31st. Orders for the dinners must be place by 5:00pm Friday, May 29th either by calling 815-543-2721 or by going to our Facebook page ‘Flora Grange #1762’ and filling out the order form. Dinners are \$10 (children 8 and under are \$6). Pay cash or check when you pick-up.

Dinners include tasty tender roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and choice of salad (slaw, tossed or fruit mold) and a dinner roll.

Flora Grange is a local chapter of the National Grange. The Grange is a non-profit family community service organization with its roots in agriculture. Flora Grange was founded in Boone County’s Flora Township in 1910.

For more information go to FloraGrange.org.

# Turkey Hill Grange

The tuckpointing project at Turkey Hill Grange has been completed, and the kitchen ceiling appears to be dry. In the photo the tuckpointer is applying the final wash. Now members are waiting for clearance from the governor prior to planning future activities.

We have mostly been self contained at home. Family Activities is working on quilt blocks

## Turkey Hill Junior Grange

The Turkey Hill Junior Grangers and their friends planted a community garden in raised beds which they created. They plan to donate the food to the local food pantry. Laura Tourigny is the J G Leader.



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## May 2020 News from Flora Grange

*By Lindakay Ebel*

Due to the coronavirus, Flora Grange was forced to hold a teleconference instead of a meeting at their Flora hall on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7 pm with nineteen members, plus the host. Directions were given prior to the call by Jack Ratcliffe and he was the host. Members were acknowledged as each one called the appropriate number and access code.

Chaplain Donna West offered prayer to begin the meeting. Attendance was taken by Secretary Laurel Ratcliffe.

Members were notified of the numerous projects we had on the agenda which were forced to be canceled due to the restrictions made by President Donald J. Trump, Governor JB Pritzker and the Boone County Health Department. The list included Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser on June 6th, Safety Town, June 9-12, and the Kennel Dog Show on July 9 – 12.

Emalee Colver reported on The Wall That Heals stating there was no other decision which could have been made, but to cancel our plans of hosting the Wall in early May 2020. Our committee will be suggesting three dates to host the event 2021, however, the committee lining up the hosting sights attempts to secure a line of travel which does not entail retracking various paths. Therefore, Flora Grange committee has little to say as to the date designated to host The Wall That Heals.

Members of Flora Grange had questions on whether the Boone County Fair would be held this year. Jack Ratcliffe said many decisions and meetings are being held to address all the avenues effected through the fair over which the executive committee of the fair has no control. Jack Ratcliffe, Vice President of the Boone County Fair promised to keep members informed as much as possible.

Treasurer Lindakay Ebel gave a short financial report and told what large expenses our Grange

has coming up this summer, insurance, Illinois State Grange dues, etc. We discussed options for fundraisers since many of our fundraisers are being canceled, however, the expenses on our Grange hall will still continue.

The meeting was closed due to restrictions of time used to be limited to one hour. Members were thanked for their participation.

## Emerald Mound Grange #1813

*By Lori Henrichs, Lecturer*

Emerald Mound Grange is still alive and well in some form during this COVID 19 pandemic. Our doors to the Grange Hall may be closed for the time being, but our members are still busy.

Our Grange Master, Mindy Schiefer has been leading the way in Community Support. She has sewn many masks for individuals in the community, including myself. Some have gone to nursing home staff, some to participants in a local blood drive, some provided to True Value to be used by their customers, and others handed out to friends and local residents, all free. In addition, one of our former Masters, Ellen Reinacher, took food to the local food pantry on behalf of our Grange.

Although we have not had a regular in person meeting in a couple of months, we have had two meetings by telephone. While watching a National Grange Facebook Live event, I heard National Grange Master Betsy Huber say there was a website called FreeConferenceCall.com. I checked it out, and we have met by phone using this site twice now. Not everyone in our group is savvy with Facebook Live or Zoom, but this method of meeting suits us fine until we can be together again.

Can your Grange have community connections during this time? Of course it can. On May 9, Emerald Mound Grange let a local nursery sell their flowering plants in our parking lot. They were very grateful, since the Lebanon May

Market had been cancelled where they sell plants every year. Social distancing and use of face masks were followed. The nursery owners were very pleased with the turnout. All plants were sold in 2 hours! Although we did not charge them any rental, they gave us a nice donation for the use of our parking lot.

One of our longtime members, Nicole Hohrein, came up with a fundraising idea called a "No Bake" Bake Sale. This was used in years past during a very hard winter when the Grange could not do their normal fundraisers. The idea is for members to donate what they normally would during a bake sale, but without the baking. Many members donated a lot more than what we expected. This was wonderful and our treasurer can continue to pay the bills to keep up the Grange Hall.

Thank you to all the members at Emerald Mound who do so much through their donations and their support of each other. Emerald Mound Grange may be small, but when the going gets tough, we keep going!



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# Agricultural Report

by Earl David, ISG Ag Chairman

It is almost June as I write this, and the row crop planting season was wrapped up for most in Illinois. Then the days of rain and clouds hit. Many farmers are wondering if they will need to replant because of water standing in the fields. Also, the lack of consistent sun and warmth slowed emergence, and for those of you planting gardens, it hasn't been all that great either. What has benefited? The grass, of course. Haying should be looking promising if we can get some dry days, and in the garden, our roses may think they are growing in England.

Life with the COVID-19 virus continues to be strange. No meetings of any kind in our area so no Grange meetings since early March. Our spring Vendor Fair was cancelled along with everything else, and we are all missing visiting with friends and family and having our usual routine. The "Restore Illinois" plan doesn't offer a lot of hope for June, but we may be able to hold some committee meetings if we keep it at no more than ten.

The USDA just announced that applications for the CFAP payments may be filed beginning on May 26. I haven't read any details about what exactly that will mean in terms of payments to individual farmers. I am sure, though, that I won't exceed the guidelines for income or payments received! It is also a fact that we won't be able to go to our county FSA in person but will need to handle it in a non-contact way.

We have been warned that our milder winter probably did not kill a lot of bugs, so we may have a number of pests to control. My first thought goes to bag worms. We are bothered by them on some evergreens, and I usually make it

a point to spray before Father's Day. I think if the bags get very big they are hard to kill. Summer also means tick season. We have already found them on ourselves and on our pet. It is a good idea to wear protective clothing when you are in an area where ticks may be active, and be sure to conduct a "tick check" when you are in for the day.

Now is a good time to think about what we can do to keep mosquitoes away. The reminders to eliminate standing water whenever possible are still good. Mosquitoes need just a few drops of water to reproduce so be sure to check your plants and areas that might be harboring standing water and if you need the water, as in a vase or dog bowl, change it daily. Water can also be used as a mosquito trap if you add five or six drops of dish detergent to a pint of water. The water attracts the mosquitoes. The detergent traps and drowns them. Also, garlic is a natural mosquito repellent. If you cook and eat garlic you will get two benefits—the smell of garlic cooking will drive them out of the house and eating the garlic will keep the mosquitoes from biting you.

I hope all of you and your families are staying safe and that we will all be able to meet again soon.

## Grangers—

What a unique time we are all living through these months of 2020. As we move into June, I trust that we will begin to return to some of the activities that we've been missing. But even under the best of circumstances, large group gatherings will still probably be limited for some time.

As we continue to spend more time than usual confined to our homes and interacting primarily

with our close family members, remember that you might find pleasure in working on Grange projects. Of course it is a matter of speculation at this moment precisely what the situation will be in September for the State Session, but I feel confident that we will have an opportunity at some point to share our efforts with our friends across the state.

In particular, I want to put in one more plug for the combined project of creating a banner to represent your grange. You may be wondering how to do a joint project in a time of social distancing, but you might consider a serial project, where one individual does one portion and then the work is passed on to be continued by another member. It would truly represent the collective spirit of your Grange.

But thinking about summer, I know I am frustrated by the thought that any significant travel will still be somewhat limited. I have found, though, that there is an ever growing collection of virtual experiences and tours that you can enjoy individually or as a family from your home. You could even coordinate a simultaneous viewing with your membership and follow up with a Zoom chat to share reactions.

Here are a few of the better experiences I've identified. There are many, many more to explore Machu Picchu (<https://www.youvisit.com/tour/machupicchu>)

Machu Picchu is a unique world heritage site high in the Andes Mountains of Peru. This site provides a thorough virtual experience, with 360 degree views of the entire complex with helpful commentary. You really get a sense of being there.

The Louvre (<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>)

The Louvre Museum in Paris is perhaps the world's most famous art museum. It houses a vast



## Midwest Grange Leadership Conference

Unfortunately we have had to cancel this year's conference. We hope many of our workshops will be finding their way to the Cultivating Connections on the National Grange Facebook Page. Please participate in the Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song Competitions.

Deadline to sign up is June 15th. -

<https://form.jotform.com/201387762355056>

We hope to see you at next year's conference!



# June 2020 Membership

By Lindakay F. Ebel  
Membership Chairman

This is it!! THE END IS HERE!! The last month of the membership year of 2019-2020, that is!! Where did the year go? Did you recruit a new member? Many did not, not because they did not try, or not because they did not want to. Just because it did not happen! And because half of the year they had to deal with the COVID-19, and the Grange was the last thing people wanted to think about would have been joining at this time.

Hopefully, our President and Governor will soon be opening up our state and we can once again hold our monthly meetings, hold our fundraisers and be together again. I guess I really never knew what my Grange family meant to me, until you cannot be with them or see them, that is when you really miss them, and know just what they and the Grange does mean to you. Yes, you can call them on the telephone or e-mail them, but that is just not the same to me.

Our membership numbers are down again this year, and again this year we have lost many members to death, and my heart goes out to these Grange families, and there is nothing we can do about this.

This is why we need to reach out and try to recruit new members, keep asking people from all walks of life wherever we go, you just never know who may be interested in joining our wonderful organization, the Grange. After all, look how we all enjoy it.

Membership is vital to the continuing prosperity of our Granges. Everyone must pull together and strive to increase our membership. At this time, we cannot hold an open house, so we must keep asking everyone we know.

Oh Yes, I almost forgot!!! The word MEMBERSHIP. LETTER ‘H’ this month. I guess the first and only word that comes to my mind at the moment would be HELP!!! We need HELP in getting more members in all of our Granges, right? During our time of ‘Sheltering in Our Homes’, take a pen and paper and make a list of who you might ask to join your Grange when things get ‘Opened, Back-up’!

With God’s HELP we will get through this, he will watch over each one of us and make us all a better person. God Bless each Grange, each Grange officer, and each Grange member and their family. Until next month.

## Here to Help During COVID-19

As your congressman, I am here to assist you during this time of uncertainty. **Please reach out if you need help with the following:**

- Issues with your Economic Impact Payment
- Small Business Loans
- General COVID-19 Issues
- Social Security, VA, and IRS issues

Throughout this virus pandemic, I have supported resources for our state, hospitals, virus testing, PPE, small businesses, and for individuals and families. We must remember that we are in this together, united as one nation under God, and the sacrifices we make now will put us on a stronger path to a brighter future.



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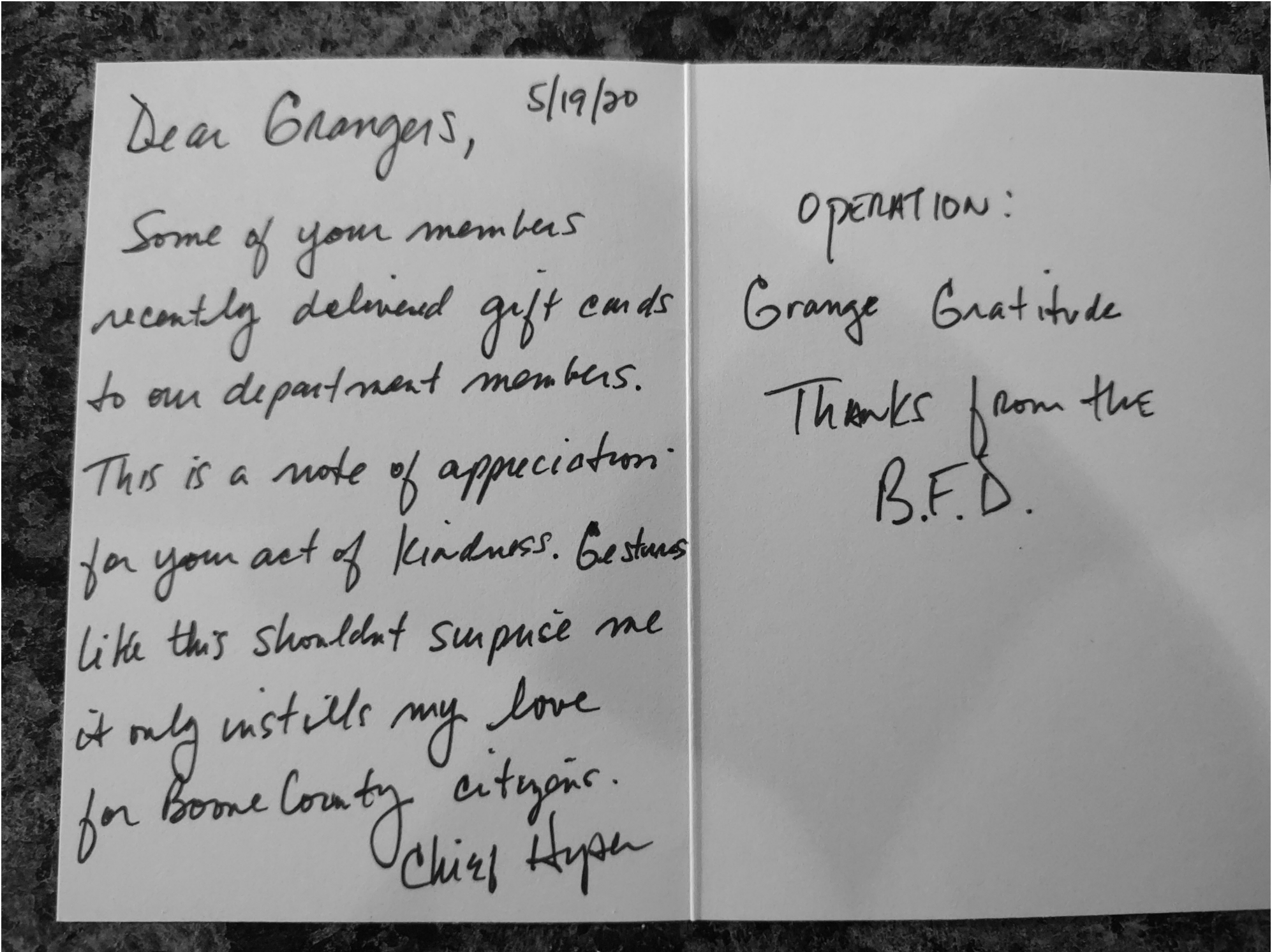


## ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE YOUTH TASTE FOR THE AGES

Even though everything else has been cancelled, we are going to try and see if we can still have our Winery and Brewery tour this summer. Keep an eye on the Youth Facebook page, we will announce when we will be having the tour 3 weeks before it happens. Let me know right away if you will be attending so we can make reservations. Even if we end up doing something together online, we will get together this summer in a fun and festive way. Let us know on any of our online platforms what you have been working on at home. If you would like to participate in the Regional Public Speaking or Sign-A-Song Competition it will be held online. You need to register by June 1st. The competition will take place online June 18th and 19th by appointment on ZOOM. If you have any Graduates in your Grange please participate in Operation Graduation on the National Grange homepage. The Midwest Grange Leadership Conference has been cancelled per guidelines from the National Grange. We will be hosting next year instead and will look forward to hosting everyone in our state. Please check out the Cultivating Connections on the [National Grange Facebook and YouTube pages.](#)









# Operation Grange Gratitude – Boone County Illinois

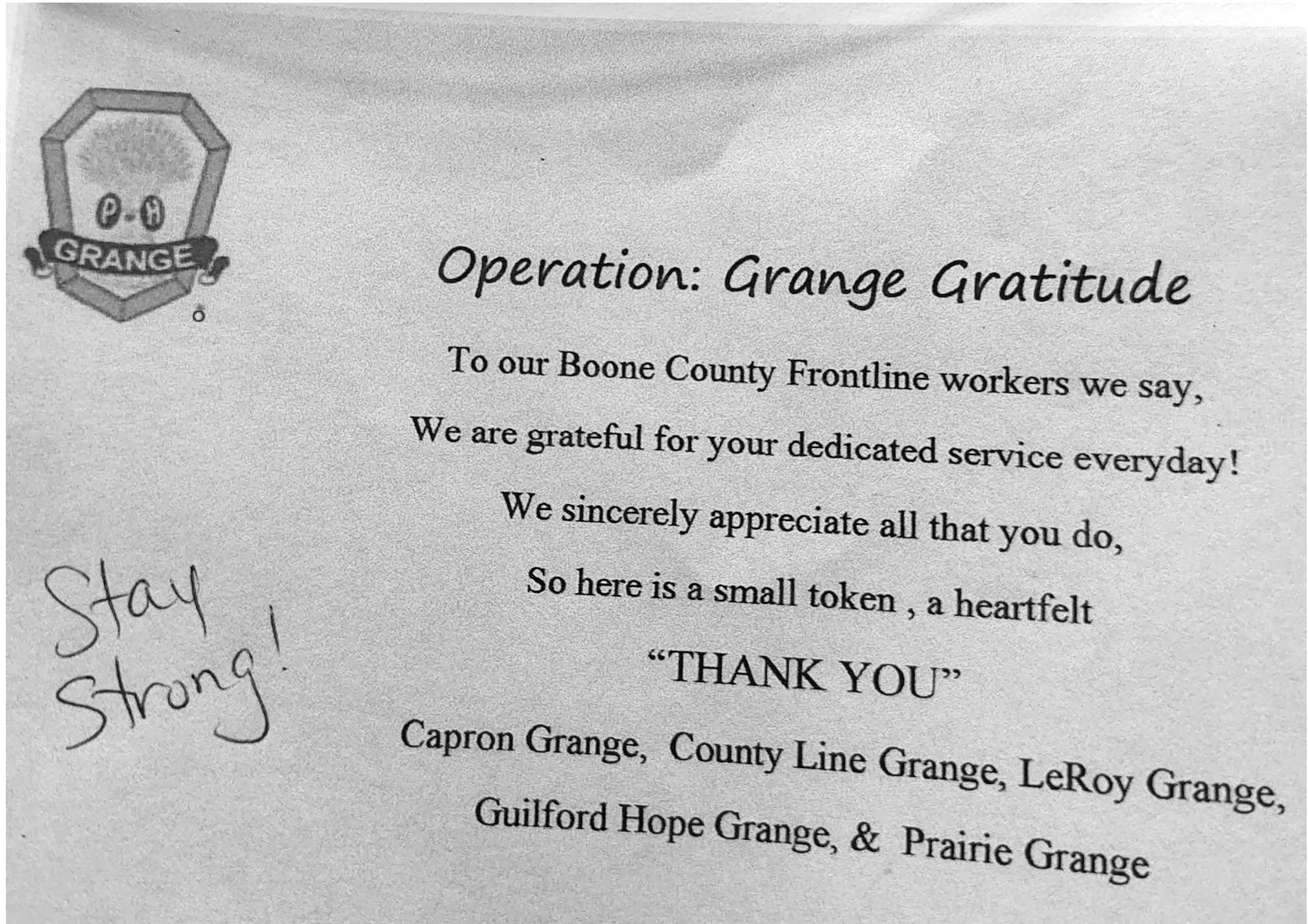
Operation: Grange Gratitude is complete!!  
The final gift cards were delivered to the Belvidere City Police Department!!

We bought gift cards from 12 different Boone County restaurants and delivered them to 122 Frontline workers! They went to the firefighters from the 2 full time Belvidere Fire Stations, the Boone County Sheriff’s Department, the Belvidere City Police and the 9-1-1 Dispatchers!! The Belvidere Daily Republican came and took pictures, so watch for the pictures and article sometime in the next couple of weeks in the BDR!!

Thanks for your generous contributions in making Operation: Grange Gratitude a success! Capron Grange, County Line Grange, Guilford Hope Grange, LeRoy Grange and Prairie Grange participated.

Denise Temple from LeRoy Grange spearheaded this operation. She did a fantastic job and we all thank her very much.

Take care and stay safe!!





collection of art from antiquity to the present, including masterpieces like the Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo. The virtual tours bring right to the galleries of the museum’s permanent collection. In many ways, these tours are better than being there because you avoid the crowds. (A helpful note: the tour can be toggled between English and French)

The National Museum of Computing (<https://www.tnmoc.org/news-releases/2017/6/6/3d-virtual-tour-now-online?rq=virtual>)

For those with an interest in technology, this museum in Milton Keynes, UK, maintains a working collection of virtually every computer and operating system since the beginning of computing. This intuitive tour lets you zoom in and explore nearly every exhibit.

Georgia Aquarium (<https://www.georgiaaquarium.org/webcam/ocean-voyager/>)

For wildlife, you can’t beat the live webcams that capture the aquatic life in all the varied habitats found in the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. It’s fun to come back on repeated days and see how the same fish are faring.

The British Museum (<https://www.britishmuseum.org>)

The British Museum covers 2 million years of human life and culture. It’s online services are truly impressive to bring all aspects of the collection to you at home. Follow the “11 Ways to Explore” button on the home page to find every sort of virtual tour, docent led experiences, gallery guides, etc. This is another place one could come back to again and again.

San Diego Zoo (<https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/videos>)

Like the Georgia Aquarium, the San Diego Zoo has an extensive array of streaming live cams and videos of the fascinating wildlife housed in the park. From apes to big cats to penguins there is always some new of interest to catch.

Disney World (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYyJUeTYv-ZW7BgjhP3UbTg>)

Disney maintains a fun YouTube channel that offers virtual rides on many of its most popular rides and attractions in the Magic Kingdom. For Disney aficionados, it is a great resource to tide us over until trips to Walt Disney World will be practicable again.

The Great Wall of China (<https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china>)

This is another world heritage site. I don’t suppose I will ever see it in person, but this virtual tour allows you to travel along and get a sense of the construction and environment of this massive ancient structure.

National Parks Foundation (<https://www.nationalparks.org/connect/blog/take-virtual-visit-national-park>)

My favorite are the virtual tours available through the National Parks Foundation website. The site provides tours of both historic parks like Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas to parks of natural beauty like Crater Lake National Park in Oregon. These are great introductions to some of the most beautiful and significant sites in the United States.

I hope you and your family will be able to find actual adventures this summer. But if you find yourself tied closer to home than usual, perhaps these sites will provide some interest and excitement right from your living room.

Fraternally,  
Ethan Edwards, Lecturer

## Blast From The Past

By Beverly Smith

Well we are still sheltering at home. I have to say this really is putting a damper on my shopping. I love to go thrift shopping but those stores are not open! So I cruise the online websites and ordered a few things that way. Even doing the

grocery shopping is such a hassle having to wear a mask! Then on top of everything the weather is struggling to embrace “Spring”!! I know we have to be careful so we don’t get the virus and believe me I don’t want to get it.

One day for something to do I found another box marked “Grange” in my garage. It has been on the shelf for a long, long time. What fun—Grange treasures! I did find several songbooks from state sessions: 1982, ’85, ’87, ’90, ’91, ’92, ’95, ’96. Also a collection of songs booklet from National Grange compiled by the National Lecturer in celebrating the Grange Centennial in 1967. Do you remember singing rounds like Row, Row, Row Your Boat and Little Tommy Tinker? Yes, the good old times came back to me.

This poem kind of warms my Grange heart so I hope you enjoy it as much as I do. This is a poem that I saved from the “Connecticut Granger” newspaper (author unknown) from January 2005.

Why I Like The Grange  
I like to go to Grange for there, Is found real  
friendship everywhere.

For those who meet there seems to be, Just  
common folks like you and me.

I like to sit back by the door, And watch the  
Steward cross the floor.

Then hear the Worthy Master, Prepare for  
labors of the day.

And when we all stand up and sing, The walls  
with music gaily ring.

We sing of home, of farm life too, And  
worthwhile labors that we do.

Then reverently while standing there, We hear  
our Chaplain offer prayer.

My heart is filled with peace and rest, I go  
home feeling I’ve been blessed.

Friends know our faults and do not blame,  
They seem to like us just the same.

When I feel blue, low, and strange. It helps  
me just to go to the Grange.

## Donations

The following donations were received for the Illinois Granger  
\$20 Melvin Wagner, Progressive Grange  
\$10 Bob Duda, Prairie Grange  
\$25 Anonymous

Donations to the Granger can be sent to Ruth Blasingame 8711 Deer Run Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008. Make checks payable to: Illinois State Grange

Donations to the scholarship fund should be sent to Robin Kindberg, State Secretary, 12071 Olson Rd. Caledonia, IL 61011. Please also send a note or email to Ruth so I can include your donation in the Granger. Make checks payable to: Illinois State Grange

## Family Activities

Sharon Fidler – Chair

We have been in “stay at home” for 2 ½ months, now is the time for you to be working on project entries for State Grange Session contests. I have made five quilt tops during this time. (It’s better than doing housework.) I have made approximately 50 masks and given them to family, friends and the transportation department at our local Senior Center. It would be very interesting to see how many masks our Grange members have made so far.

Everyone stay at home and stay safe.

## Chaplain’s Corner

Charlotte Mehrtens



## Blessings : Are You A Blessing?

The dictionary definition of BLESSING is God’s favor and protection. “May God continue His blessing or a prayer asking for God’s favor and protection?” I know that during these times many are asking God for BLESSINGS of favor that He will lay His hands of BLESSING on all of us. But just as we ask for BLESSINGS from God we also need to remember to thank our Father for the BLESSING He showers upon us every day. I often wonder how many of us take the time each day to say thank you to Him. I like to say my thank you before I ask Him for favor. I thank Him for not only the big things in life, but also the tiny things that we have. Many times we come to a road or street waiting for the time for us to cross or pull out and God parts the traffic giving you time to pull out. Do you know that is a BLESSING because God has you in His hands watching over you? It’s the little things in life that we need to be thankful for not only the big things.

Just as we ask for BLESSINGS on the Dr.s and nurses and those in the health care field we need to ask for BLESSINGS for the Farmers who take care of the earth that feeds us. For without them we could not survive on earth. Each one of us is A BLESSING from God and as we follow Him though our life we need to remember that He is in control. I say thanks to God for the beautiful sunrises and sunsets, the birds singing is music to my ears, the breeze touching my face. We are so BLESSED we just need to take the time to realize them.

Many prayers are going to those who have been ill, who have lost loved ones, who live with illness’s we pray for comfort and peace to each of you. We also pray for those who have great news, for those who are graduating and moving to the next step in their life, those who have been BLESSED in some way.

Remember the love in your heart absolutely makes a difference and a BLESSING



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