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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 February 2021

The weather in Illinois and the whole Midwest is brutal. So far more snow (at least 9") and colder temperatures than have been seen and felt in a long time. Today it was 23 degrees and everyone was talking about the HEAT WAVE! The cold has been going on too long; we are predicted to be below freezing for 2 weeks!! Two of those days we had the lowest highs temperatures, one day the high was 4 and one day it was 6. That is cold!!

March 5, 1872 was the first meeting of the IL State Grange in Dixon and Alfonzo Golder was the first State Master. We have started to work on the 150th Anniversary celebrations. Anyone with information that you believe would / should be shared please let Beverly Smith or me know. We are working on a collection of Grange information for a book. I have sent information to Ruth that she might be able to print in the paper. Several photos of officers and information of the first Presidents/Masters of the IL State Grange. I hope she is able to use them in this paper.

The Illinois State Grange Scholarship Applications are available from Robin Kindberg, IL State Grange Secretary. Contact her for the application and get back to her ASAP. The "G"-bills are being collected for the IL State Grange Scholarship fund.

We are still collecting "Lincoln's for National Grange Building" I hope many of you are collecting Pennies for National Grange Building Fund. It was pointed out that Lincoln is on

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 2 Emerald Mound Breakfast 7:30-11 am

Mar 19 – 9 PM Deadline for Illinois State Grange Scholarship to State Secretary

Mar 25 – Deadline for April Granger

Apr 11 – Flora Roast Beef Dinner – details coming soon

Apr 17 – Hopewell Grange Vendor and Craft Fair

July 20-25 – Grange Revival - Sturgis, SD

Aug 10-15 – Boone County Fair

Oct 30 – Hopewell Grange Fall Vendor and Craft Fair

Ongoing:

Emerald Mound Grange will be selling desserts at the Friday Night Fish Fries of the Summerfield Lions Club Starting February 26, 2021. 5:30-8 pm

I have no other entries for the Calendar at this time. We are on restrictions from the governor again.

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

Donations to the Illinois Granger:

Donations to the Honor Memorial Scholarship fund:

\$25 in honor of John Edwards

Prairie Grange

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

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a \$5 bill as well – so I hope that your Grange and Grangers are collecting money for the NG Building. Each Grange can collect pennies, or any change, or \$5 bills for the National Grange Building Fund, which we will collect until State Session next year. I hope each Grange considers donating direct to National Grange any denomination you like.

Plans are being discussed for virtual March Leadership training sessions. Please watch email, social media and USPS mailbox for information when dates have been chosen. I have sent emails to Masters/Presidents and Committee chairs/Directors to check on availability and presentation ideas. Also to start a discussion whether it should be virtual or in person.

Plans are being made for the 150th State Session, September 10-12, Doubletree, Collinsville, IL more information should be coming in the next few months. National Grange Master/President Betsy Huber will be our guest.

The National Grange President's Conference will be virtual the end of April. The agenda has not yet been

decided. I was really looking forward to getting together with friends, but we will once again be seeing each other via ZOOM.

Grange Revival is July 20–25 in Sturgis, South Dakota at Days End Campground. Registration is now open. Check the nationalgrange.org, or grangerevival.org or Grange Revival 2021 Facebook page. Don and I will be going.

Start to plan now for November 9-13, 2021 155th Annual National Grange Session, Hyatt Regency Wichita, 400 W Waterman Street, Wichita, KS. The Peterson Farm Brothers will be part of the entertainment. Your Registration will get you a ticket!! They are three brothers that farm in Central Kansas. They leverage

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digital and public speaking platforms to entertain and educate while sharing the message about agriculture. I am sure you have heard some of their many parodies about farm life.

Grangers who make donations to the National Grange Foundation for the benefit of National Grange building, Youth or Juniors can use it as a tax benefit. I encourage Granges to have a fundraiser for the Grange Foundation.

I hope that many of you are working on membership and have many activities planned for the upcoming Grange year. Grange month in April will have the same theme as last year, Cultivating Connections. Watch the National Grange website (nationalgrange.org) and the Illinois Grange website (IllinoisStateGrange.org) for the details. Remember projects for Community Service, Juniors, Youth, Agriculture committee, and Family Activities committee make a well-rounded Grange, and are a good way to get your Grange and Community working together again.

Prairie Grange Report

Prairie Grange held an in person meeting on Monday February 15, 2021 at 7:05PM with about 35 members in attendance. It was so nice to see people again.

We had the sad duty of Draping our Grange Charter for 3 members we recently lost: Gary Turner, Darlene Henninger and John Edwards. They will be missed.

Everyone is invited to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Leadership Conference which will be held virtually March 19-20,2021. This is open to all Grangers and the cost is \$10 and the Deadline to register is February 23, 2021.

ISG Master Lynette Schaeffer is planning the Leadership Conference for us – She wants to know if want to meet in person or via Zoom? Watch for more details soon.

Prairie Grange is planning its annual Consignment Auction on Saturday, April 10, 2021. Sign up to bring in items will be Thursday April 8th and Friday April 9th. Help is needed from all our members to make this successful. Contact Lyle Lee or John Henninger if any questions.

ISG Annual Session will be September 10-12, 2021 at Doubletree by Hilton in Collinsville, IL which is east and slightly north of St. Louis. St. Clair County Granges will be the host. Watch for more details.

In April is Hazel Kanaly’s 97th birthday and we are asking everyone to send her a card, take her some cookies or flowers for she loves to be involved in Grange even though she can’t physically attend. Her address is Hazel Kanaly 735 Buchanan St. Belvidere, IL 61008

ISG Scholarship Applications are available. Prairie Grange has 3 members who are completing the forms. Just remember Prairie members the forms have to be to Master Ruth Blasingame by March 12th and via email to the ISG Secretary by 9:00PM Friday March 19th.

Our meeting concluded with a Lecturer’s program on African Americans who have helped the farming industry;

HENRY BLAIR – patented the Early Seed Planters for the planting of the corn and cotton seeds.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER –helped create the Nitrogen cycle crop rotation process and also introduced the practice of composting.

BOOKER T. WHATLEY – helped farmers make the most of their farm while making a decent living. He developed the Cliental Membership Club where members paid a fee that contributed to the success of farming and in return they received fresh produce. Today this process is known as Community Supported Agriculture.

FREDRICK McKINLEY JONES – invented the refrigerated Truck which allowed perishable food to be transported all over the world.

Several other Black farmers were responsible for establishing the Farm Cooperatives to help benefit farmers. Today one of the main farm co-op’s is Prairie Farms.

After the meeting concluded we held a Bakery Auction to raise funds for our Junior Grange.

Robin Kindberg
Publicity Chairman

News From Hopewell Grange

By Janice David

Hopewell met on February 8, 2021, after interruptions because of weather and the effects of COVID 19. Members gathered at the hall for their annual dues-paying supper. Chili was provided by Trisha Renken and other dishes were supplied by attending members.

Several repair projects for the hall came to the attention of the group, and they will be scheduled as soon as the weather warms up. Members voted to proceed with plans to hold a Vendor and Craft Fair on April 17 following guidelines in place by the Tazewell County Health Department. A fall Vendor and Craft Fair was also scheduled for October 30, 2021.

The Nitsch Theatre Arts group will present the musical “Legally Blonde” at Five Points Washington on February 19 – 21. The group has been holding rehearsals at the Hopewell Grange Hall for some weeks.

The Membership Committee reported that several teens are interested in membership, and we encourage them to attend our meetings and events.

Two deaths were reported in connection with the Relief Committee. We lost long-time member Terry Summer, brother of Debra Wade and Uncle to Carrie Wade Fisher and Brad Wade. Our

sympathy to them and to their families. We also extend our sympathy to Kevin Wade and family on the passing of Kevin’s father.

Highlights from the GRIT conference were discussed. The state community service project, which is helping the Ronald McDonald House of central Illinois, was also promoted. The Grange closed in regular session and will meet again on March 8.

County Line Grange News

We held a short meeting Feb. 10th. The first we’ve had in a few months due to Covid. Fourteen members were present. It was nice to see long time County Line Members, Myron and Jean Peterson at the meeting. They have lived in Maryland, but have now moved back to the area. We welcome them.

JoEllen talked about the Grange Hall that will be built on the Boone County Fairgrounds. She had designs and prints that she passed out to us. It’s going to be really nice. Grange artifacts and exhibits will be on display during the Fair and at other occasions.

We discussed how we can safely participate in Relay-for-Life and our other activities. Most of our activities are on hold for now.

We will not be having our 4-H Spaghetti dinner fundraiser this year. We are discussing an alternate fundraiser for the 4-H and for our Grange. More information to come.

We closed our meeting and had our Penny March.

Hope everyone stays safe and well, and that our world gets turned right side up again soon.

Flora Grange #1762 News

February 2021

By Lindakay Ebel

Flora Grange did not hold a Grange meeting on February 9th as planned due to the extreme cold, windy weather and snowy-icy conditions at the Grange Hall.

However, we are striving for a dues-paying soup-supper to be held on Tuesday, March 9th at the Flora Grange Hall (weather permitting) with the serving starting at 6:15 pm.

Again, our famous chef, Laurel Ratcliffe will make her delicious home-make chicken noodle soup and a mild chili and those attending are encouraged to provide crackers, etc. and /or a dessert.

The business meeting will follow the supper, starting around 7 pm. Dues will remain \$19.00 per member if paid by April 1, 2021 for Flora Grange. Dues will be accepted at the dinner or at any time thru the mail to Laurel.

Also, do not forget to pay your Boone County Pomona Grange dues as well, which are \$5.00 per person and they must be paid by June 30th if you are planning on voting for Boone County Fair Officers in September. Pomona dues should be sent to Patti Lee or taken to the next Boone County Pomona Grange meeting.

Stay Warm, Stay Healthy, and God Bless Each of You and Yours.



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Beaver Valley Grange #1791

February 12, 2021 meeting met by Zoom with Steve & Dayle Paulson, Jerry Paulson, Chip Messiner, Susan Banks, Rick & Renee O'Dell, Brian & Marisa, Bryson O'Dell in attendance; and from afar from Michigan one of our members Judy Owens – “Thank you” Lynette.

Minutes from our last meeting were approved as they were written with one correction. Members

had been emailed a copy of the minutes. Treasurer report stands as was reported at the last meeting. Reports were given for Pomona, membership, Fairboard and Jr. Fairboard. Community Service hours were turned for volunteer hours. The O'Dell family on behalf of Beaver Valley Grange made up enough Valentines and balloons for all the residents of Heritage Home Care facility and delivered them. See photo!

Fraternally submitted,
Dayle Paulson, Publicity

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Interment was made in White Hall Cemetery. Came to America when he was twenty with his cousin. Worked in various jobs until 1845 when he was in the wagon trade, in 1846 enlisted for fight in Mexican War, serving as sergeant major. Honorary member of Grand Army of Republic, Prominent Granger serving as Master for 7 years, representing IL at several National Grange meetings. He was a successful agriculturalist. (Findagrave.com) Many times referred to as Major. On his retirement he divided among his children approximately 1000 acres, (usgwarchives.net)

4th John M Thompson 1890 – 1893 Will County

John M Thompson, born 10/22/1832 in Gar-mouth, Canada died January 15, 1912 in Joliet, IL. His family moved to IL when he was 9 years old. He was studying for the bar exam in 1861, when he enrolled as a private, and was later wounded twice that many feared he would die from his injuries, he retired as a major and adopted farm life in Joliet in 1865. Was elected to the 39th General Assembly of IL. “Joliet loses one of its most sturdy and reliable citizens in the passing away of Major Thompson. He was always ready and willing to speak the kindly word and do the kindly act to the poor and the oppressed.” Obit in www.colfab.org Mary J Thompson, was National Grange Pomona 1889 – 1891 Possible burial Mound Cemetery on Cherry Hill Rd in Joliet or Ingalls Park IL. He is credited with starting 3 Granges.

1st Alonzo Golder 1872- 1876 Whiteside County Rock River Grange



Alonzo Golder was born in New York, April 14, 1807, member of Rock River Grange # 7 in Whiteside County IL. At about age 25 he opened a country store in New York, and later had a mercantile enterprise with flouring mill attached. In 1844 he came to IL and bought farm property in McHenry County. Alonzo later moved to Whiteside County where he and his son owned about 680 acres, 500 tillable, 70 cattle, 10 horses, and about 60 hogs. He was a “prominent promoter of the Grange movement. And when State Grange organized, he was unanimously agreed upon him as the proper person to be the Master”. He served from 1872 to 1876. He represented Illinois at the National Grange level. Serving as Executive member 1875 – 1876. He was active in his ‘native State’ militia and cavalry. Mr. Golder was a Brigade Inspector. He served as McHenry county supervisor and Justice of the Peace. All this data is according to “genealogy

trails- Whiteside County, 1885 Portrait and Biographical of Whiteside County” and in 1885 he was still living and a ‘worthy citizen’. Possible Golder Montmorency Cemetery Rock Falls, IL rt 30 & 40 2m south on 88 10285 – 10499 Hoover Rd, Rock Falls. Credited with starting 12 Granges in IL.

2nd Albert Palaska Forsyth 1877 – 1881 Edgar County

Albert Palaska was born in Ohio, May 24, 1830. Married to Louisa S. U.S. Congressman. the Fifteenth District. He attended Asbury University Indiana, was admitted into the Indiana conference of the Methodist Church and was a traveling minister, (1853-61). During the Civil War, he served as First Lieutenant of Company I, 97th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Union Army. served two years, and was discharged with honor, on account of disabilities. After the war, he settled on a farm near Paris, Illinois, in 1865, ; his farm consists of eighty acres, valued at \$40 per acre and was Master of the State Grange of Illinois. In 1879, he was elected as a Greenbacker National Party to the Forty-sixth Congress, serving until 1881. An unsuccessful candidate for reelection, he moved to Kansas, in 1882, engaged in agricultural pursuits and was a regent of the Kansas State Agricultural College, (1886-92). Died September 2, 1906 buried in Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, Kansas. AP served as National Grange Chaplain, is credited with starting 31 Granges in IL.

Bio by: John “J-Cat” Griffith National Grange information

3rd Edward Albert Giller 1882 – 1889 Greene County

Edward Albert born 9/11/1821 in Manchester Lancashire, England, Died 3/29, 1907 in White Hall, Greene County IL. Married Augusta Ladd,

2018 Farm Bill Explained: Part 3

By: Mary Brubach

As we dive deeper into the 2018 Farm Bill- this month we will be taking a look at the area known as Crop Insurance. This area makes up 9% of the Farm Bill.

The Federal crop insurance program offers subsidized crop insurance policies to farmers. Farmers can purchase policies and receive indemnity payments when their yields or revenues fall below guaranteed levels. The USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) administers the Federal crop insurance program. The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), a government corporation within USDA, pays part of the crop insurance costs (subsidies), while policyholders—farmers and ranchers—pay the balance. Private insurance companies, known as Approved Insurance Providers, deliver the policies that are sold to farmers by independent crop insurance agents.

The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) made very few changes to the crop insurance program. The most significant change was the authorization of crop insurance policies for industrial hemp crops.

There are 7 different types of Crop Insurance supported under the Farm Bill. They are Traditional, Yield, Revenue, Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO), Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX), Index Insurance Production, and Livestock.

Traditional Policies are so producers can purchase insurance policies at a subsidized rate under Federal crop insurance programs. These insurance policies make indemnity payments to producers based on current losses related to either below-average yields (crop yield insurance) or below-average revenue (revenue insurance).

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Past Officers of the I



1973?? Carol Neff, Barbara Joseph, Georgia Keil, Russ Stauffer, Darlene Henninger, Marge Crane, Betty Sites, Wes Nelson, Wayne Lyford, Russ Peacock, Bill Buck, John Ratcliffe, ?, Roy Schefsky, Floyd Grommet, Roland Eidman



1948 – 1953



1972 Barbara Joseph, Georgia Keil, Carol Neff, Marge Crane, Darlene Henninger, Russ Stauffer, Bill Buck, Betty Sites, Wayne Lyford, Roy Schefsky, Floyd Grommet, Wes Nelson, John Ratcliffe, Charles Lane, Russ Peacock, Roland Eidman



2007 Janet Plote, Deb Wade, Betty Summer, Trisha Renken, Lynette Schaeffer, Rogene Littlejohn, Don Mehrstens, Tom Ratcliffe, Brad Wade, Mary Joseph, Karie Blasingame, Carrie Wade, Henrietta Keller, Lyle Lee, Adam Ellwanger, David Donley



2001 Lynette Schaeffer, Betty Summer, Deb Wade, Beverly Smith, Darl Diehl, Henrietta Keller, Renee O'Dell, Donna Weiss, Rogene Littlejohn, Don Mehrstens, Lavern Lang, Al Henninger, Adam Ellwanger, Frank Wurth, Lyle Lee, Tom Ratcliffe



1993 Henrietta Keller, Al Henninger, Arline Magee, Wayne Lyford, Barbara Joseph, Beverly Smith, Deb Wade, Carol Neff, Rogene Littlejohn, Orville Koerber, Lavern Lang, Frank Wurth, Carl Grove, Bill Buck, Paul Sites, Don Milne

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1971 ? Carol Buck, Helen Manning, Russ Stauffer, Wilma Grommet, Marge Crane, Grace Awe, Wes Nelson, Roy Schefsky, Stan Pagels, Orville Helms, John Ratcliffe, ?, ?, ?, Roland Eidman



1989 Mary Quist, Arline Magee, Carol Neff, Rogene Littlejohn, Wayne Lyford, Barbara Joseph, Russ Peacock, Beulah & Roland Winter (N'l rep), Orville Koerber, Paul Sites, Al Henninger, Bill Buck, Russ Stauffer, Lavern Lang, Don Milne, Frank Wurth



1987 Barbara Joseph, Mary Quist, Betty Summer, Rogene Littlejohn, JoAnne Calhoun, Marge Crane, Al Henninger, Wayne Lyford, Don Milne, Russ Stauffer, Frank Wurth, Floyd Grommet, Bill Buck, Paul Sites



1975 Carol Neff, Dee Purcell, Barb Joseph, Marjorie Crane, Russ Peacock, Russ Stauffer, Wayne Lyford, Betty Sites, Arden Awe, Ron Mauck, John Ratcliffe, , Charles Lane ,Floyd Grommet, Laurence Henry, Bill Buck, Wesley Nelson

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From the Lecturer

Ethan Edwards, Illinois State Grange Lecture For Illinois Granger, 2/18/21

Dear friends,

As I write this, I imagine most of us are beginning to regain normalcy after one of the coldest spells and significant snow we’ve had all winter. It is both pleasant to have a reason to hole up inside for a few days, even with the challenge and opportunity to put long overlooked items in our pantries to use in our meal preparation. At the same time, it is still difficult to carry on with the continuing outside chores that don’t stop just because snow has fallen. I don’t have any livestock to be concerned with, so my agricultural thoughts these days is limited mainly to examining the many welcome seed catalogs that have been delivered in the last month.

As we look to Spring, we see the prospect of new growth, new opportunities, and revitalizing our Grange efforts. I have to admit that it is difficult to keep track of where we are on COVID-19 mitigation limits, but I believe we at last are statewide allowed to have gatherings of up to 50 people. Perhaps that means that we can begin to schedule face-to-face meetings.

As we do this, I encourage us all to think about “moving forward” rather than just “going back to before.” While remote meetings changed the way we had to go about many of the aspects of Grange we most treasure—fellowship, ritual, exchange of information, programs, shared refreshments—you may have found that it also allowed opportunities for more inclusive and direct participation of some members who might otherwise have difficulty attending meetings.

I, personally, have been surprised how gratifying it has been for me to “attend” via Zoom the church I was deeply involved in when I lived in Minnesota. It has been such a positive way to interact and maintain connection and even take action with that group. I know that the church is determined to figure out how to support that kind of virtual connection even when we are once again allowed to meet in person. I encourage your Grange to think about ways that live meetings might still be open for virtual participants. Perhaps this is an avenue to reconnect with members who have stopped participating just because of geographic distance. In my own case, my sister has been inspired by her “distance” experiences across the board during the pandemic to renew her long-lapsed membership in Shiloh Valley Grange, even though she lives 600 miles away. It is worth looking into; I believe it would be quite feasible to manage a hybrid live/virtual meeting with only a modest investment in some technology.

Speaking of virtual experiences, I am set to attend the Mid-Atlantic Grange Leaders’ Conference March 19-20. I’m looking forward to joining with folk from all across the country in workshops and service opportunities that I will plan on sharing with you next month. I hope that some of you have seen the publicity and will be attending as well. Unfortunately, registration ends Feb 23, which is probably after you will be reading this. I only learned about it after it was too late to get into last month’s Granger.

It is indeed tough to always stay up-to-date with current opportunities. There are three publications that I can recommend that consistently provide important information, and I encourage you to subscribe and check them regularly.

The first is the Patron’s Chain newsletter, the official newsletter of the National Grange. It is published regularly and contains a wide range of useful information about National Grange programs and news. If you currently don’t receive the newsletter, send a request to subscribe to the Patron’s Chain to information@nationalgrange.org.

A second source of useful content is the National Grange quarterly magazine, Good Day! This is a top-notch professionally-produced magazine with in-depth reporting about the Grange, members, programs, food, and everything we love about the

Grange. Subscriptions are available for physical delivery or digital access. Follow the link on the homepage of the National Grange website (nationalgrange.org) to start your subscription. It’s a real treat when this arrives in the mail.

And finally, of particular interest to Lecturers (but really it is useful for anyone) is the National Lecturer’s Newsletter, A Quarter’s Worth. Boasting contributions from state lecturer’s and others from across the nation, this online resource always contains great ideas you might want to use in your own local Grange programs. You can download it from the National Grange website under Programs/Lecturer’s Programming.

I imagine that all of us have devised unexpected ways to occupy ourselves during this last year of limited activity. The quest that I accidentally became captivated by was to physically go to every one of the 102 counties in Illinois and visit each courthouse. Because access to courthouses has been limited to people with formal reasons to use the services, this ended up in just observing and photographing the buildings from the outside. We were able to wrap up this six-month project earlier this month as we visited our 102nd Courthouse in Joliet, the county seat of Will County. As silly as it may seem, this adventure turned out to be a remarkably rewarding and informative experience, even for someone who previously thought himself pretty-well traveled in our home state. I have also found out that people tend to be very interested in our exploits; as a result I have put together a short program with slides and photographs that relates this adventure. If any Grange is intrigued, I’d be happy to provide this program for one of your meetings in the coming months, either virtually or preferably in person. Please let me know if you have any interest.

As always, I am always interested in your Lecturer’s activities and please share your efforts or news as you think appropriate. Reach me at eedwards@allenil.com or at 300 E E Street, Belleville, IL 62220.

Looking expectantly toward Spring!
Ethan Edwards

February 9, 2021 at Boone County Fairgrounds

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rocky Temple, Master.

Pledge was led by Rocky and prayer was given by Denise Temple.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Norris Walley.

The Secretaries report was emailed, Tami Temple motioned to accept the report, Joe Muzzillo 2nd, motion carried.

The Treasurers report was also emailed. Lisa Downey motioned to accept, Calvin Downey 2nd, motion carried.

Welcome to Scott Yunk. He was a former LeRoy Grange member and took a few years off for family commitments, but decided the time was right to return. Glad to have you back Scott!

Old Business - Scholarship committee report was given by Tami Temple. Due to not having fundraising in 2020 due to the pandemic, it was decided that we would only give out one \$500 scholarship to a North Boone Senior.

Community Service project - last year we had planned on building bee homes for the Conservation District, we will check to see if they are still needing them, and if so, it will be a spring project.

Grange purpose - we are looking for something we can do that would help the community and what our Grange can be known for. Some discussion on an after school program, Scott Yunk mentioned that the YMCA has an

after school program and buses the kids from the North Boone schools. Maybe check with them to see if there is anything they need.

Bonding - All Granges are required that their Secretaries and Treasurers be bonded, Joe motioned to pay the basic coverage, Paul seconded, motion carried.

Raffle - Ed is still working on getting it approved.

Reminder that dues are \$64.00 per family and \$32.00 for single members and need to be paid soon.

New Business - A plant was sent to Norris Walley’s funeral. Since Norris was a big part of the swine barn load out, discussion on if we could honor him with a plaque or banner in the swine barn. Jeff Vance and Tami Temple will look into doing something to remember Norris.

New member recruitment - It was discussed to have someone attend northern Boone County 4-H meetings and talk to the parents about Grange to see if anyone is interested in joining. Vicki Donley offered to do a burst on Facebook to advertise Grange.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Paul Temple, 2nd by Joe, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Denise Temple, Secretary

March 2021 ISG Secretary Report

Hope this finds everyone healthy as well as staying warm, that’s hard to do on a day like today -6 with blowing and drifting snow as I look out my front window.

1. Scholarship Applications are available email me for the information. Completed Scholarship Applications are due back to me via email (if possible) by 9:00PM Friday March 19, 2021.
2. The 150th Annual Session of the Illinois State Grange will be held September 10-12, 2021 at the Doubletree by Hilton 1000 Eastport Plaza Drive Collinsville, IL and St Clair County Granges will be our hosts. Hopefully we can meet in person. Watch for details coming out soon.
3. Grange Membership Lists – I need them for National Grange. Please include the Grange member’s name, address, city, state, zip code, date of birth (at least the month and year) and the date in which the member joined the Grange. I need these as soon as possible please.
I DO NOT want another roster. I want a complete list of all of your grange members, subordinate members, 14 to 17 year olds, associate members and affiliate members. You can put them on an excel sheet or a spreadsheet and email it to me. I need them by March 10th at the latest.
4. Here is an update on the G bills, L bills, Pennies and Quarter collection for the 2019-2020 Grange year.
G Bills \$1109 were turned over to the Honor Memorial Scholarship Fund,
L Bills - \$190.00 were turned over to the Illinois State Grange Junior Department
Pennies - \$ 355.45 in pennies were sent to National Grange Building Fund.
Quarters - \$200 in quarters were turned over to the 150th Anniversary Celebration
5. Please look over your 2020-2021 Roster and let me know if there are any mistakes.
6. Watch the USPS Mail, email and the Granger for details on upcoming events and State Session.

Any questions or concerns please contact me robinkindberg5@gmail.com. Or text me and leave me a message,

Robin Kindberg
ISG Secretary

National Grange To Be Held In Wichita, Kansas – November 2021

2020 kept us all close to home. Are you thinking you'd like to take a little road trip this year? If so, why not head west to Kansas? I checked Google Maps and found it would take me 10 hours to drive from Rockford to Wichita. What do we know about Kansas? Sunflowers and the Wizard of OZ are the first two things that come to mind. I discovered Wichita is a fairly large city with a population of 390,000 residents. There is the Great Plains Transportation Museum, the Museum of World Treasures and the Kansas Aviation Museum. Planes, trains and automobiles, oh my! Sounds interesting doesn't it?

In the mid 1800's Wichita was positioned along the Chisholm Trail, making it a destination for cattle drives traveling north from Texas to access railroads which led to markets in eastern cities. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway reached the city in 1872. As a result, Wichita became a railhead for the cattle drives, earning it the nickname "cowtown". Across the Arkansas River, the town of Delano became an entertainment destination for cattlemen thanks to its saloons, brothels, and lack of law enforcement. The area had a reputation for violence until local lawmen, Wyatt Earp among them, began to assertively police the cowboys. By the middle of the decade the cattle trade had moved west to Dodge City. Wichita annexed Delano in 1880.

After oil and gas was discovered in the early 20th century in nearby Butler County, it triggered an economic boom and launched the careers of Archibald Derby and Fred Koch in the oil industry. This in turn enabled entrepreneurs Clyde Cessna, Emil Laird, Lloyd Stearman and Walter Beech to invest in airplane manufacturing. Wichita became known as the "Air Capital of the World" by 1929. Over the following decades, aviation and aircraft manufacturing continued to drive expansion of the city. In 1934, Stearman's Wichita facilities became part of Boeing which would become the city's largest employer. Initial construction of Wichita Municipal Airport finished in 1935. During WWII, the site hosted Wichita Army Airfield and Boeing Airplane Company Plant No 1 and became a major manufacturing center for the Boing B-29 bomber. In 1951, the U.S. Air Force announced plans to assume control of the

airport to establish McConnell Air force Base. By 1954, all non-military air traffic had shifted to the new Wichita Mid-Continent Airport west of the city. In 1962 Lear Jet Corporation opened with its plant adjacent to the new airport. Other companies that started in Wichita were

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Coleman, Pizza Hut, White Castle and Treasure Island Hotel and Casino.

Well, has any of this intrigued you enough to make the journey to Wichita?

Vivian Johnson – Winnebago County Pomona Grange



GRANGE PROGRAM IDEA

VIRTUAL OR
IN PERSON

The National Grange Communications and Membership Departments have teamed with the Grange Youth and Junior Grange departments to create a program called **"Love Letters to the Future of the Grange."** Notes will be collected and saved in a time capsule. Select notes will be released every few years, and all contents will be fully released in 2050.

At an upcoming meeting, encourage every member to write a short note or letter to those who will be Grange members in 2050. Take time to talk about what your hopes are for the Grange of the future and what you'd like them to know about your Grange experience that will make them fall in love with the organization.



DEADLINE TO BE INCLUDED IN TIME CAPSULE: 155th Annual Convention

SEND TO: National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Amanda or email to communications@nationalgrange.org. You or your State Grange President may also choose to collect them and bring them to the National session in Wichita, Kansas

Charlotte Mehrtens



Welcome to 2021, has anything changed since the New Year began at your house, not at our house it hasn't, I know that many people were of the mindset that the virus is just really a bad dream we have been living in since last February and as soon as the clock hit midnight on New Year's Eve that the whole world would be back to normal as it was before the virus set in, but that is not happening. We still all sit on the edge of our chairs because we don't know what will happen next. The other morning I was making oatmeal for breakfast and had put raisins in the boiling water before I added the oatmeal. Remember the old saying a watch pot never boils well I stood and watched those raisins bobbing up and down in the water thinking to myself isn't that what is going on in our life right now, the raisins at the top is how we feel when life is great and we have no problems to content with, the ones that have come to the top and then returned to the bottom those are our low times in life when we do not know what to do and we are at our lowest in life. Yes those raisins bobbing up and down shows us the highs and lows in our life. Do we trust in the Lord to lift us up when we hit the bottom or do we just get mad and walk away and forget that our Lord really is carrying us until we hit the high in our life and we stand back to praise Him. Let us remember that we all are bobbing raisins in this world. Do you trust that the Lord will carry you regardless where we are?

Trust in our Lord for He is with us always. Know that He says I am with you always follow Me.

Many praises to our Lord for carrying us during these times of great loss in our families that have lost their loved ones, our prayers are with you during this time. May peace and comfort follow you always?

Many of us were not able to be with loved ones during the Christmas Holidays, but we are all hoping what when everyone is well and the vaccines have been given we can be with our families and loved ones. Enjoy your times together I know I sure will. May the Joy, Peace, and Love surround each of you.



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John B. Edwards 1948-2021

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John was a longtime member of Prairie Grange. He was an auctioneer and happily volunteered every year at the Prairie Grange Consignment Auction. He will be sorely missed. John was a proud US Army Veteran who served in Vietnam. He worked for the Winnebago County Highway department as a Heavy Equipment operator for over 41 years. He loved auctioneering, farming, dairy farming and collecting farming memorabilia. He loved his family.

Farm Bill

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Yield insurance plans are the oldest and most widely available crop insurance product. Actual Production History (APH) and Yield Protection (YP) policies protect farmers against yield losses due to natural causes such as drought, excessive moisture, hail, wind, frost, insects, and disease. APH and YP products differ only on the basis that YP policies use futures contracts to determine projected prices while APH policies do not.

Revenue Protection (RP) provides protection against a farmer's gross revenue (i.e., price times yield) falling below some guaranteed level. Guaranteed revenue is equal to the farmer's elected coverage level (50 to 85 percent), times the APH yield, times the higher of (a) the base market price, which is an average of the harvest-time futures price for a month prior to planting; or (b) the month-long harvest market price for the last month of the contract.

The SCO offers producers the opportunity to purchase area-based insurance coverage in combination with traditional crop insurance policies. Producers may cover a portion of the deductible of their underlying crop insurance policy (yield or revenue), with payments being determined on an area (generally county) basis. The more closely an individual producer's yields vary in step with the county average, the better the program will cover individual farm losses. While some traditional insurance policies can cover up to 85 percent of farm-level revenue or yield, producers typically insure for around 70-75 percent of yield or revenue. SCO policies provide an option for additional coverage of the layer of crop value between the coverage level of the underlying insurance policy and 86 percent, at a fixed premium subsidy rate of 65 percent. Because SCO covers the active layer of losses, it can have a higher premium rate than many traditional insurance policies for the same coverage level.

Blast From The Past

By Beverly Smith

Are you thinking what I am thinking? 2021 keeps delivering some crazy times. Many of you in Illinois have had quite a snowy and cold winter, and it is not yet done! I have to say down here in Florida, our weather has been riding the roller coaster. Quite a bit of rain, cool temps, then warms up, then hot, and temps back down again. Hey, but I am not complaining too much!

So, I was wondering what to write about this month. I scanned through the "People, Pride and Progress book". On page 265, there is a nice picture of National Grange Master Ed Anderson and wife Darlene standing in front of the National Grange Building in Washington, D.C. probably in the early 1980's. Two banners are hanging on the building: "National Agriculture Day" and "Have You Hugged A Farmer Today?" It seems National Agriculture Day this year is March 23, 2021 which falls during National Ag Week. This day is to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by Agriculture. The Agriculture Council of America urges this campaign and hopes to encourage young people to consider careers in Agriculture.

Here is an interesting Grange Founder fact: Rev. Aaron B. Grosh besides being a minister, was a clerk in the Department of Agriculture. He is credited with writing much of the first four degrees. In 1876 he wrote a book "Mentor in the Granges and Homes of Patrons of Husbandry". He contributed to clarifying the duties of Grange officers and amplifying the lessons of our ritualistic work.

STAX provides revenue insurance policies to producers of upland cotton. Similar to SCO, STAX policies are area policies, basing the loss calculation on the difference between expected and actual area average revenues rather than on individual farm losses. Unlike SCO--which must be purchased in conjunction with a traditional crop insurance policy, cotton producers may purchase STAX either in conjunction with their insurance policies or as stand-alone policies. Policies may cover up to 20 percent of revenue in 5-percent increments. Federal subsidies will cover 80 percent of producers' premiums. Producers who enroll seed cotton base acres on a farm under ARC or PLC may not purchase STAX policies for any upland cotton acres on that farm.

Index insurance is a relatively new tool that farmers can use to help manage risk. It pays out based on an index, such as rainfall, measured at a local weather station or by satellite, rather than based on a consequence of weather, such as a farmer's crop yield

There are 3 different types of Livestock Insurance Plans

Livestock Gross Margin policies provide protection against declines in the margin between feed costs and the market value of livestock and are available for dairy, cattle, and swine.

Livestock Risk Protection policies provide protection against declines in market prices of insured livestock and are available for cattle, swine, and lamb.

Dairy Revenue Protection provides protection against a decline in revenue resulting from reduced yield or price on milk produced.

As you can see the Farm Bill offers many different protections for all different types of farmers and ranchers in America.

Please if you have any question, reach out to Justin Schaeffer or myself.