



Lynette Schaeffer President Illinois State Grange

Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms May 2021

The weather in Illinois is once again thrown the Southwest IL area a curve. Snow on April 20th, yes it was only on the grassy areas but it was snow! And it was on my granddaughter Bailey's 18th birthday. A birthday she will never forget. Then two nights of freezing temperatures, breaking records.

The Executive Committee has awarded scholarships from the Illinois State Grange Scholarships. Congratulations to all those who applied and will receive the scholarship when they attend a Grange function. I hope all of the scholarship students enjoy academic life.

Anyone wanting to review the National Grange Committee report of the Diversity Task Force just let me know and I'll share with you. Keep current with the Zoom conferences National Grange sponsors by visiting the National Grange calendar. Listen to any and all conferences you are interested in.

Plans are being discussed for virtual Leadership training sessions maybe in May. The President's Conference will be held virtually the end of April. Please watch email, social media and USPS mailbox for information when dates have been chosen.

Plans are underway for the Midwest Grange Leadership Conference. Illinois will be the host of the event. Karie, Ethan and Mindy had a virtual meeting with other Midwest State Grange Presidents, Lecturers, Junior and Youth Leaders. Many ideas were pooled and will be shared with you soon. The event will be June 25 – 27

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**IN ESSENTIALS...UNITY
IN NON-ESSENTIALS...LIBERTY
IN ALL THINGS...CHARITY**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 23 – County Line Grange Chicken Dinner

June 25-27 – Midwest Leaders Conference – Boone County Fairgrounds

July 20-25 – Grange Revival - Sturgis, SD

Aug 10-15 – Boone County Fair

Sept 10-12 – Illinois State Grange Convention

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

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

Donations to the Illinois Granger:

\$20 Kenny and Mary Ann Joseph – Enterprise Grange

Donations to the Honor Memorial Scholarship fund:

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

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at Boone County Fairgrounds. Watch for more information – it would be great to have a large group from IL, there are workshops/programs of interest for all Grangers. It was decided to do a hybrid event some workshops will be available online from your home.

Grange Revival 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, and I have heard other IL Grangers thinking about joining the fun and fellowship.

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

our National Grange Representative. Either in this Granger or the next the meal information will be shared. Let's really celebrate. Let's dress in period costumes, lets dress in suits and cocktail dresses, lets open the Grange meeting using the same opening they did in 1872, lets learn about the history of the Illinois State Grange. Make plans to attend the 150th annual session of the IL State Grange!!

ISG Secretary Report

Hello everyone, hope everyone is staying healthy. I believe spring has finally arrive in Northern Illinois my rhododendron bush is in full bloom and other flowers are starting to blossom as well and the birds are coming back. What a beautiful time of year to see nature unveil her new Growth and put forth her beauty.

Onto a few Grange things:

1. MEMBERSHIP LISTS – If you have not returned the membership list I sent you please do so as soon as possible.

2. AWARDS – National Grange and I no longer will be carrying the 5, 10, 15and 20 year seals. We will only be recognizing members for 25 years of service and above. Those Granges that ordered those seals will be getting a refund back for that amount. SORRY!!

3. STATE SESSION 2021 – it is fast approaching. It will be held on Friday September 10 thru Sunday, September 12, 2021 at the DoubleTree Hotel 1000 Eastport Plaza Drive in Collinsville, IL down near St Louis area. We are in the process of finalizing plans so watch the June Granger for more details about meals and Room reservations. This will be the 150th Gala Celebration of the Illinois State Grange so please mark your calendars and Join us for a great time.

Any questions or concern contact me.

Robin Kindberg
ISG Secretary

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April 2021 News from Flora Grange

Lindakay Ebel

Forty-two members attended the 110th year celebration of Flora Grange on Tuesday, April 13th held at the Grange Hall at 2105 Stone Quarry Road, Belvidere.

Master Al Ebel opened the meeting, roll call was taken and the minutes of the March 9th, 2021 were adopted.

Three membership applications were presented, Marilyn, J.T. and Max Ryan of Belvidere, sponsored by Laurel and Jack Ratcliffe. Memberships were approved and Jack Ratcliffe proceeded with the short form obligation and new members were welcomed into membership by Flora Grange members.

Standing Committee were called upon for reports: Those reporting was Youth Committee; Fabienne Calabrese was excited as she has three new youth members. Quilting, Emalee Colver reported one quilting group will meet on Thursday and the other over the weekend. Both will be working on 2021 National Quilt Block.

Fabienne Calabrese, Health, Education and Welfare Committee stated she has type 2 diabetes and forgot to take her shot at home this morning, so did so at work and had no container to dispose of the syringe into. Use empty soda or water bottle or jug and cut the top off and duct-tape it shut and write on it what it contains. This is not to be put in with other garbage.

Jack Ratcliffe, Agriculture stated corn dealers are just delivering the seed to the farmers, very few farmers have started at this time. Dan Burow reported be careful on the roads, as farmers will be moving from field to field, and they are moving at slow pace and their equipment is wide and they must watch out for mailboxes and other items on the sides of the roadway.

Building and Grounds, Jack Ratcliffe stated he just had the propane put in the two tanks, burnt the ditch, repaired a section of the fence, and there is some work on some of the windows to be repaired and replaced and other work if anyone has any time they would like to come and help. Chaplain Emalee Colver reported she has sent out quite a few cards to Grange members who have been not feeling well.

Todd Hegge reported on the last Boone County

Fair meeting telling some of the entertainment, Jack Ratcliffe told of the Draft Horse teams coming in and the new museum being build and that many volunteers are needed. Fair board members Terri Keegan and Al Ebel had nothing to add other than everyone is happy there is going to be a fair this year. Al added that many people he has talked with are happy there will be a printed 2021 premium booklet.

Emalee Colver reported the Farmland Protection held a meeting on Thursday evening and they are working on a power point and it was mention there will be a Dairy Breakfast again this year. Legislative, Marion Thornberry reported there was a meeting this evening on the Lots of Record he should have attended, however, he came to the Grange meeting. They are working on this, revising and decisions will have to be made regarding the location of new homes on the properties., etc. Lindakay Ebel, Membership welcomed our three new members this evening and stressed on the importance of all members recruiting, as the Grange membership is declining. Jack Ratcliffe added that you can ask any and everyone to become a Grange member and invite them to a meeting.

Communication director Laurel Ratcliffe read thank you notes she received from Grange members from the past month.

Lindakay Ebel, treasurer had a written financial report from March 9th – April 13, 2021, including all income and expenses for all Grange members with balances of each account.

Motion was made to accept the report.

There was discussion on Safety Town and it was again tabled until the May meeting. Lindakay Ebel read a letter from the Boone County Fair on ads for this year’s fair, motion was made to table until the May meeting.

Laurel Ratcliffe gave a report on the roast beef drive-thru dinner held on Sunday, April 11 in which some 255 meals were picked-up, plus workers. It was a remarkably successful fundraiser again. Laurel thanked everyone who helped in any way and Laurel was thanked for all her hard work also.

Jack Ratcliffe reported on the work being done on the handicap ramp project at the Grange Hall this week and should be completed shortly.

Loren Due stated he served in the United States Army in Chicago in the Machine Record Union under the Buddy plan in 1958 and served until 1960 for his country, and was proud to be a Veteran, however last week, he was so honored to have received a Quilt of Valor, the highest civilian honor that can bestow on a Veteran. He thanked Sharon Fidler who made the beautiful quilt and Emalee Colver who heads up the Flora Grange Quilters group and all who has a part of this. He showed his beautiful quilt and stated if he has a down day, he wraps himself in his beautiful quilt.

Al Ebel thanked members of the Grange for the many cards and phone calls and support given to Lindakay while he was in Sherman Hospital for 10 days and Avantara Elgin Nursing Rehab for 8 days, and to Jack, Laurel and Mike Ratcliffe for the many trips to the facility taking clothes, etc. and finally the day that I was discharged to help Lindakay take me home. That day I did not know where I was or who anyone was until they got me to our home. I will never forget that day and how good it felt to lay down on my own bed and set in my own home and eat my wife’s own food. Special thanks to so many of you for your special prayers, that is what got us through each day.

Master Ebel announced that Boone County Pomona Grange will hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 5 at 7 pm at the Community Grange Hall at the Fairgrounds. Boone County Fair dates are August 10 – 16th. Make sure your Pomona Grange dues are paid by June 30th.

Laurel Ratcliffe had attendance awards for the following Flora Grange members:

Joanne Fidler – 65 years
Emalee Colver – 55 Years
Laurel Ratcliffe – 55 Years

The following received awards for 50 years:

Tom Ratcliffe
Dixie Kirk
Joe Kirk

Sharon Fidler – 45 Years
Mike Ratcliffe – 40 Years
MaryJean Lane – 40 Years

The following members received awards for being members for 25 years:

Gene West
Sharon Miller
Roger Miller
Bob Scherer
Nick Ratcliffe
Jonna Ratcliffe
Ron Wait
Patty Ratcliffe
Aaron Fidler
Pamela Ratcliffe

Lecturer Jack Ratcliffe gave a very interesting program on the 110th anniversary of Flora Grange that members are celebrating this evening, from the beginning of each of the Grange halls, how they were rebuilt to how strong our Flora Grange is today with its many members working together.

Emalee Colver collected 42 “G” bills this evening. Birthdays mentioned were Alan Fidler, Valarie Kirk, Jack Ratcliffe and Al Ebel.

It was also noted that Mike Ratcliffe again changed the bulletin board which showed many signs of spring. Special thanks to Mike for doing this each month.

Chaplain closed with a prayer and Master Ebel had the closing of the Grange meeting.

Refreshments were furnished by the Ratcliffe’s with a beautifully decorated cake in honor of Flora Grange’s 110th anniversary with fellowship amongst members.

May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021, Hostess: Deb Silvers, Myrna Hodgson, Bob Dix, Barb and Jim Trevathan.

Troy Grove Grange

Troy Grove Grange met April 15, 2021 at 7 PM at the Hall.

Agriculture Chairman Jim Weber reported that some planting is being done. The ground is still cold. The freeze line is in the middle of Illinois at this time. Prices are raising in many area. Corn is at \$6.00 at the river. Lumber has quadrupled.

Legislative Chairman Roy Plote reported that 96% of hogs are contract fed. Big business has control of the major market. Tyson has control of the chicken market. There is a State Senate bill 1602 wanting control of wind farms to go to state.

Community Service Chairman Ethel Bauer reported that a thank you from PADS was received and a newsletter telling of PADS people and their achievements.

A motion was made by Sue Ladson seconded by Ethel Bauer to pay Jim Weber \$150 for labor repairing the sewer and water lines. Motion was approved by all.

A discussion was held concerning the possibility of selling the Hall. The membership would need to be notified if any action were to happen.

The next meeting of Troy Grove Grange will be May 20, 2021 at 7 PM at the Hall.

County Line Grange

April 14th was our regular meeting. Hosts were Lisa and Butch. We enjoyed delicious pizza and cookies. Thanks Hosts.

Secretary, Treasurer and Committee reports were given. We will be doing our road clean-up on Saturday April 17th. On April 28th we will be cleaning the Grange food stand kitchen at the Fairgrounds.

We talked about what progress is being made with the new Grange Hall. JoEllen said the lights have been ordered. She is looking for some old barn wood for a project inside the building. We chose a color for the bench that we will be putting on the porch. This bench was earned by us recycling plastic.

Our May 23rd Charbroiled Chicken Dinner will be at the Fairgrounds. The dinner will be a drive through pick-up from 11 to 2. Dinners will be \$10. This is a 4-H Club and Grange fundraiser. We will start taking orders May 6th through May 20th. To place an order call Sandy Bonacorsi at 815-543-1408.

Our Lecturer Tamra gave us a Grange trivia quiz in honor of April being Grange month.

Meeting was closed and Penny March was held. Stay safe everyone.

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Quilts of Valor Ceremony

By Lindakay Ebel

Flora Grange #1762 held their second Quilts of Valor ceremony to honor two local Veterans that served their country with a Quilt of Valor at Sunshine Stitches in Belvidere on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 11 am.

A Quilt of Valor is the highest civilian honor we can bestow on these Veterans. We thanked them for their service, sacrifice and valor. And they are not forgotten.

Shelley Johnson, owner of Sunshine Stitches welcomed everyone and gave a little history stating the Quilts of Valor Foundation was founded in 2003 by Catherine Roberts, and its mission was to cover our nation’s military, that is, to cover them with quilts and honor their service. To do that, a team of volunteers donate their time and material to make quilts collaboratively.

Since 2003, some 200,000 Quilts of Valor have been presented and so far in 2021, 2,400 have already been presented to Veterans. Members of the Flora Grange get together once a month at the Flora Grange hall for a weekend and work on making the quilts.

Each quilt has three parts: the front of the quilt is the beautiful colorful material and the pattern and style; the middle is the batting which stands for the warmth and the comfort and the back of the quilt is for the strength and stability.

The Quilts of Valor are made by members of Flora Grange and the batting and backing material and most quilt top fabric is purchased from Sunshine Stitches Quilt Shop, Belvidere. After the quilt top is complete, the quilts are brought to Shelley and she quilts the quilt for each person at no cost to them for purchasing all the material from her shop.

At Saturday’s Quilt of Valor ceremony, Loren Due was awarded a quilt made by Sharon Fidder. Loren volunteered in the Army on the Buddy plan in 1958. He served in the U.S. Army in Chicago, MRU (Machine Record Union) Rank E4 and served until 1960. His Buddy however went to Korea.

Jim Buck was awarded the second Quilt of Valor. Jim served 20 months in the 172nd Preventive Medicine Unit, serving 12 months in Vietnam checking water for soldiers for six different areas. Jim’s quilt was made by Flora Grange member Emalee Colver.

Shelley Johnson and members of Flora Grange thanked Loren Due and Jim Buck for serving their country as well as all Veterans who served and are serving yet today.

Refreshments were served and friends and family members were thanked for attending today’s special ceremony and they enjoyed fellowship together and everyone enjoyed looking at the beautiful Quilts of Valor and the time and love that went into the quilts.



Jim Buck of Sycamore and Loren Due of Caledonia were presented Quilts of Valor Flora Grange members at a ceremony on March 27, 2021.

State Session Information

State Session will be held Friday, September10 thru Sunday, September 12, 2021 at the Doubletree By Hilton at 1000 Eastport Plaza Drive in Collinsville, IL. St. Clair County Grangers will be the hosts.

1. ROOM RESERVATIONS: Officers, Committee Chairs and Deputies Lynette will be making your reservation. You should have let her know how many nights you will be staying.
2. ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR PATRONS: You are to make your room reservations by calling 866-235-4657 by August 15, 2021. Make sure you tell them that you are with the Illinois State Grange. Room Cost is \$105.00 plus tax per night.
3. MEAL RESERVATIONS are due to the Illinois State Grange Secretary by August 15th.
4. DELEGATE NAMETAGS: Need to have their names to ISG Secretary by August 1st.
5. DELEGATE BOOKS: ALL Delegates are to purchase a Delegate Book the cost is \$5.00 each. Grangers may order a Delegate book also just send \$5.00 to ISG Secretary by September 1, 2021.
6. RESOLUTIONS are due to ISG Secretary by JULY 30, 2021.
7. ISG Executive Committee Members and their spouses are to be at the hotel by 5:00PM on Thursday, September 9, 2021.
8. Officer/Deputy/Committee Chair Reports are due to ISG Secretary by August 10.
9. Check Illinois Granger for Contest Rules. Projects must be checked in between 8:30AM to 12 Noon.
10. DRESS ATTIRE: For Friday Night- Dress in Costumes of the 1870’s or Post Civil War era or Dress in Cocktail Attire (dresses and dress pantsuits for women, sports coats, suits, dress pants, shirts and ties for men.) NO JEANS.

For Saturday Luncheon – Business Attire (Dresses, skirts, jackets for women and Sports coats, dress shirts and ties for men) NO JEANS.

For Saturday Night GALA – 1870’s/Post Civil War Costumes or Cocktail Attire (Fancy Dresses, dress pantsuits for women and Suits, dress pants, dress shirts and ties)

For Sunday Morning – Business Attire NO JEANS.

Be sure to watch the Illinois Granger, Social Media, and the mail for more details. Details may be subject to change.

Any questions feel free to contact me.
Robin Kindberg
Illinois State Grange Secretary

Meals-Books and Registration Illinois State Grange September 10-12,2021

Friday Night Banquet	COST- \$48.00
Italian Chicken Breast, Garlic Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Midwest Toss Salad with Parmesan Dressing, Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Tea and Dessert	
Saturday Breakfast	COST -FREE
The Hotel offers a Continental Breakfast to all of its guests. There will not be an AG Breakfast but the program will begin at 7:00AM	
Saturday Family Activities Luncheon	COST-\$26.00
Turkey Club Sandwich on MultiGrain Bread, Variety of Salads, Relishes, Coffee and Tea.	
Saturday Night GALA	COST-\$50.00
Roast Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Julienne Carrots, Field Greens Toss Salad with Champagne Vinaigrette Dressing, Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Tea and Dessert.	

MEAL RESERVATIONS are due to Illinois State Grange Secretary by August 15, 2021.

Be sure to enclose a check with your order.

Delegate Books - \$ 5.00 each. ALL Delegates are asked to purchase a Delegate Book. Grangers who want to purchase a book must mail a check in the amount of \$5.00 to the ISG Secretary by August 15, 2021.

TOTAL AMOUNT

Make All Checks Payable to: ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE
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4 March 2021 Illinois Granger

Grange Revival Enthusiasts,

Hello!

Well, the last day of March has come and gone and if your emails are any indication your thoughts are most definitely on Sturgis!

The organizing committee met this past Sunday evening and we are steaming full speed ahead with plans and meals and all things Revival-ly.

A few things to get us started –

1. Please continue to share the attached Save the Date file as well as the Registration Form with friends and fellow Grangers who might like to join the cool kids in South Dakota in July.
2. I have attached the campground site map – Please reply to this email with your site or cabin number/letter and we will create a list for our group.
3. We have the building designated as the “Beer Garden” as our base of operations – our group meals and other group-things will happen here – or at least start here.
4. We are planning a late day/night excursion via charter bus to Mt. Rushmore National Memorial to witness the Evening Lighting Ceremony. Google this – it looks awesome! The cost is included in your Revival registration fee (how is that for value-added!). With that said, please let us know asap if you are not interested in this excursion so we don’t pay for buses we aren’t going to use.
5. Based on many of your comments of wanting to venture out and see many of the amazing natural wonders, park lands, historical sites, etc. in the area we have decided to do a Workshop Pause this year – meaning we are not scheduling workshops like we did in 2019 and instead are encouraging you to get out and about. We will plan on having an evening social hour/s instead. If you have your heart set on leading or partaking in workshops let us know and we will re-assess.
6. We are also looking at the possibility of saving a few trees and purchasing everyone a melamine/plastic divided tray. Let us know if you like this idea or would rather not have to deal with cleaning and sanitation issues.
7. If you haven’t yet registered and/or paid it is time to do so. If you registered electronically we will send out your invoice in the next couple of weeks.

That is more than enough for now. We will be in touch and look forward to hearing from you with your responses to the questions above. So looking forward to seeing you all!

Chris and the Grange Revival 2021 Team

Cosmosphere

Just one hour northwest of Wichita in the town of Hutchinson is Cosmosphere. In the late 1970’s The Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. was looking for a place to display their Russian space program items and Hutchinson, Kansas said “we’ll take them”.

For seniors the price of admission is \$19.50. This includes unlimited access on that day to the Hall of Space Museum, the Carey Digital Space Theatre documentary, a show in the Justice Planetarium and a show in Dr. Goddard’s Lab which features the largest collection of U.S. & Russian space artifacts in the world and tells the comprehensive story of mankind’s race to space unlike anywhere else on Earth.

You will see genuine V1 and V2 rockets along with map that shows where hundreds of these self-propelled bombs crashed into England. Then it’s on to the Cold War, with a replica Beli X-1 rocket plane, a “supersonic torture chair” Sonic Wind II rocket sled, and a Redstone missile atomic warhead. A statue of JFK grins from a rocking chair at a fist-shaking Khrushchev atop a section of the German Wall (not the Berlin Wall).

An exhibit of the SK-1 space suit, used by Yuri Gagarin (the first man into space), notes that its pockets held a pistol, a knife, a radio, and shark repellent. You will also see the command capsule Odyssey from Apollo13, “moon diaper” officially called a “Fecal Management Subsystem”, and from Apollo X1 a moon rock which is displayed in its own super-secure case.

This is just a hint of what you will see if you venture to this “Roadside America” exhibit. Address is: Cosmosphere, 1100 N. Plum St. in Hutchinson.

DETAILS & REGISTRATION AT GRANGEREVIVAL.COM

Save the Date

DAYS END CAMPGROUND

STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA

JULY 20-25, 2021

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An occasion for all Patrons & Friends

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WHAT IS GRANGE REVIVAL?

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

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

GRANGE Revival

Days End Campground

Sturgis, South Dakota

July 20-25, 2021

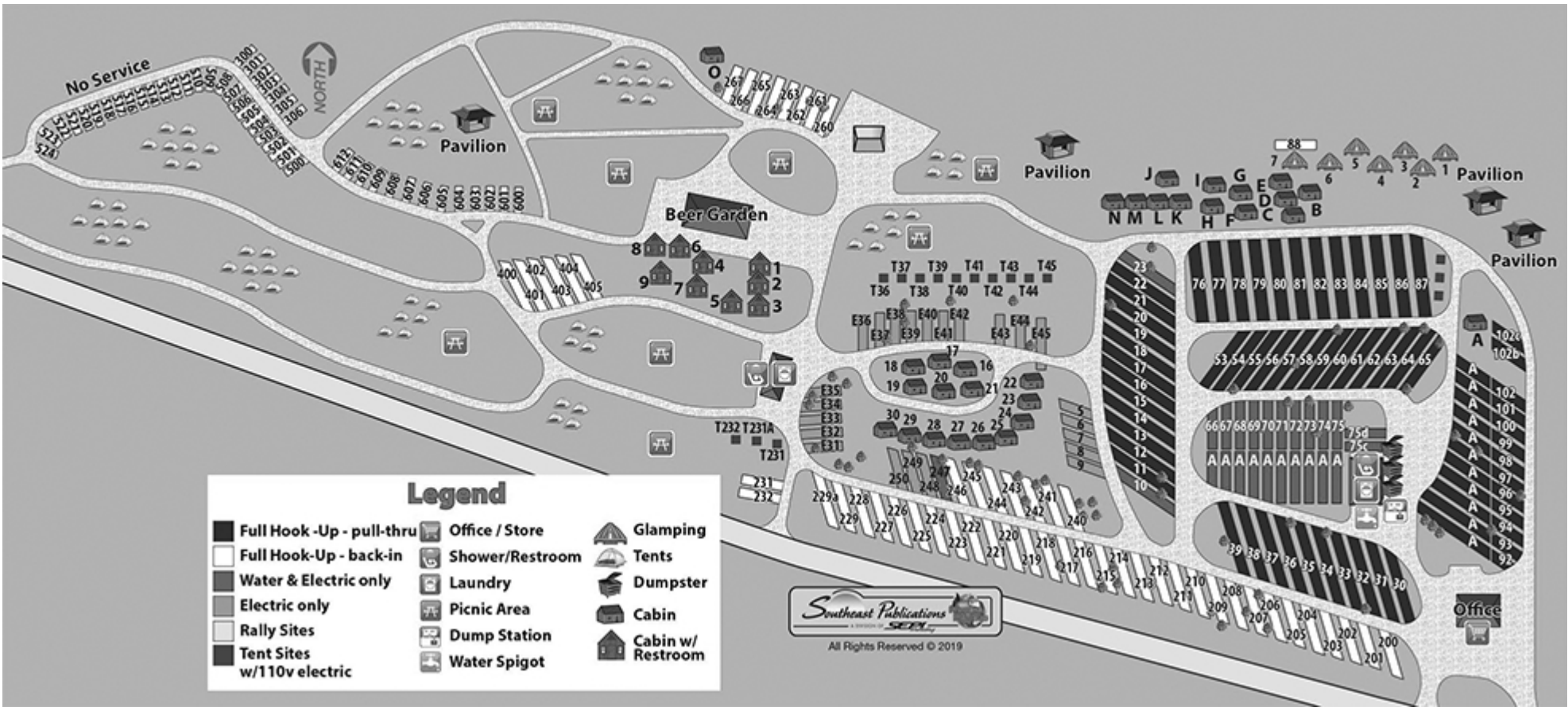
Mark your calendars and pack your bags! Grange Revival 2021 is scheduled for July 20-25, 2021! at Days End Campground in Sturgis, South Dakota. More than 70 Grangers joined us in 2019 for the inaugural event held in Ozark, Arkansas. Now it's your turn!

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

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

TAKE THE LEAD OR SPONSOR THE FUN

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



Wichita Side Trip Oz Museum

Author Lyman Frank Baum based his book “The Wonderful Wizard of OZ” on his drought-ridden years in South Dakota during the 1890’s. But it was in 1900, while living in Chicago, he wrote the book which turned out to be a series of 14 books total. The movie version of “The Wizard of OZ” was turned into an MGM creation in 1939 where the story takes place in Kansas instead.

You can visit the OZ Museum in Wamego, Kansas as a side trip to or from Wichita when you are at the National Grange Convention. Just 1 ¾ hours west of Kansas City off I-70, or 2 ½ hours northeast of Wichita on Hwy 99. The address is: Oz Museum, 511 Lincoln, Wamego, KS. Hours are 10:00 to 5:00 and Sunday 12:00 to 5:00. For more info call 866-458-8686.

For \$9.00 you can see over 2,000 artifacts donated by a Franciscan monk named Johnpaul Cafiero. Visitors enter through a lobby that’s monochrome, like Kansas in the 1939 movie. You pay admission through Dorothy’s brown farmhouse window, open the sepia-colored screen door, and emerge into dazzling Munchkinland, with the colorful feet of the dead wicked witch sticking out from under the other side of the house. You will see Judy Garland’s 1922 birth certificate and an art deco mini-theater shows the film continuously, with the hand and footprints of elderly Munchkins pressed into cement slabs. Shelves are full of Oz merchandising toys, dolls, cookie jars, figurines, ornaments, board games, snow globes, clocks and lunch boxes. You will also see life size statues of the main characters from the movie.

While in downtown Wamego you can follow the yellow brick road which leads to the Friendship Bakery. Sounds yummy.

Vivian Johnson, Winnebago County Deputy

Museum of World Treasures

Started in 2001 by Dr. and Mrs. Kardatzke with their collection of items purchased on their world travels, this museum houses three floors of world history. Now over 200 collectors have added their collections to make this a must see stop while in Wichita.

Experience a trek through time at this museum. Delve into the lives of dinosaurs, ancient Egyptians, past presidents, shrunken heads and mummies, an extensive WWII collection along with items from the civil war up through Viet Nam.

You will be educated, entertained and hopefully ignite a love for lifelong learning.

For \$9.95 for adults and \$8.95 for seniors you will also see Tylosaurus, swords and firearms and an old west gatling gun.

Address is 835 E. 1st Street in Wichita. Hours are 10:00 to 5:00 Wednesday through Saturday and 12:00 to 5:00 on Sunday, but closed on Monday. Or call them at 316-263-1311.

Kansas Firefighter’s Museum

Another museum you may find interesting while in Wichita is the Firefighter’s Museum. Located at 1300 S. Broadway it was originally Engine House No. 6. Due for demolition in 1993, it was saved, restored and now ready for all to learn the history of firefighting. Home to the last horse-drawn (Tom and Dick) four manned fire station in the city.

Just south of this museum is the Kansas Fallen Firefighters Memorial, the Final Call Statue and the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Wall. For hours and cost you will need to call 316-264-5990.

The Fireman’s Prayer

When I am called to duty, God
Whenever flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.
Help me to embrace a little child
Before it’s too late,
Or some older person
From the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling
And give the best in me,
To guard my neighbor
And protect his property.
And if according to Your will
I have to lose my life,
Please bless with Your protecting hand
My children and my wife.

Vivian Johnson, Winnebago County Deputy



6 March 2021 Illinois Granger

Turkey Hill Grange

Turkey Hill Grange celebrated National Grange Month by inviting the public to their April meeting. The program was presented by the FFA Chapter of Freeburg High School accompanied by their advisor and Ag teacher, Mrs. Dusti Ingles. The students gave a presentation to family, friends and Grange members on their projects and modern farming methods. The THG Quilting group presented the group with an FFA wall hanging made by Judy Brindley and Chris Bersett.

During the meeting the Charter was draped in memory of a long time member, Corky Helms. His family presented a Grange statue in his memory that is on display in the Grange Hall. The family was represented by his wife Vickie and sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Don Stein.

The beautiful 3000 piece king-size quilt made by member Judy Brindley to raise money for the up-keep of the hall during the Covid restrictions of no meetings was won by Fran Davitz of Freeburg.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Submitted by Mary Beth Lee

Photos taken by Dave Philip, member of Turkey Hill Grange



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Illinois State Grange Youth

We are excited to be hosting the Midwest Grange Leadership Conference at the Boone County Fairgrounds this year. Please share this information with everyone you know! I hope to see lots of faces from Illinois. We are doing a hybrid event, if you are still more comfortable staying home, we understand. Not everything will be available online, but in the schedule, it has when we will be on ZOOM and when we won't. Times are subject to change based on length of previous workshop or event, but we will not start something before it says in the schedule in order for everyone to get online. Cost is \$25 in person, \$10 virtual. Deadline for registration is firm this year especially if you will be virtual as we may need to send you items for the workshops. You can sign up virtually then decide to come in person just let Karie know a day or 2 in advance so we have enough food for everyone.

We are still having our monthly youth ZOOM meetings check out the Facebook group for more information. Can't wait to celebrate the 150th Illinois State Grange Session in September. Wow, who would have ever imagined that our organization would reach such a milestone. Can't wait to see everyone in September to celebrate.



Prairie Grange’s 44th Annual Consignment Auction

Prairie Grange held their 44th Annual Consignment Auction on April 10th at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere, Illinois. We had over 60 consigners and over 600 bidders at the auction this year, Patti Lee one of our members who helps with signing people in said. It was a cold and rainy day, but our 4 rings of auctioneers flew through their items to get inside where it was dry. We practiced social distancing and asked everyone to wear a mask. We limited



place – 25%, 2nd place – 15% and 3rd place -10%, Drawing will be done August 15th during the Boone County Fair.

Prairie Grangers will be serving at Boone County Pomona Grange meeting on Wed. May 5, 2021. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM at Community Grange Hall.

We know ISG will be asking for resolutions soon so we brainstormed a few ideas for this project.

The evening concluded with the protem Lecturer’s program. Karrie and Robin Kindberg made a poster for the poster contest held this month, their poster was on How to Dispose of old, expired and leftover medications properly to help preventing these drugs from getting in the wrong hands and helping the opioid abuse problem in the community.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.
Robin Kindberg – Publicity Chair

Prairie Grange Report

Prairie Grange met on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM in person and meeting was opened by protem President Mary Brubach. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Prairie Grange draped our charter in honor of Sister Hazel Kanaly and Brother Tom Kneip who recently passed away.

Two new members were welcomed into Prairie Grange.

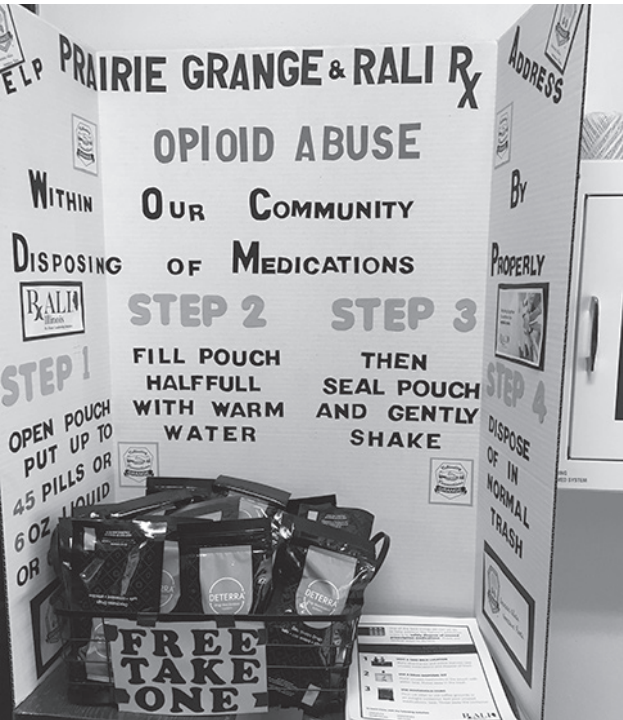
Committee reports were given: It’s planting time don’t forget to plant those flowers and vegetables for the Agriculture department contests. Continue working on those handicraft projects. Watch for farm equipment on the roadways. Continue to wear your masks, wash your hands, continue to social distance and get the vaccine so we can hopefully get back to a more normal life again.

It was reported the Consignment Auction we recently had was successful BUT the weather was lousy, cold, windy and wet. Our worthy President protem, Mary Brubach, thanked EVERYONE who helped with the auction in anyway and blessed us for being out in the elements all day. THANK YOU!

Several Grangers and friends who received the delicious turkey and biscuit dinner last month thanked the members for the meal. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be on SUNDAY, MAY 16th at 2:00 PM and it will be held outside at the Grange Food Pavillion at the Boone County Fairgrounds. It will be a special program to honor local veterans. So come join us.

50/50 Raffle tickets are available to sell. Cost is \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. 50% of proceeds go to the Boone County Fair Association and the other 50% is split between 3 winners. 1st



Illinois Granger March, 2021 7 the amount of people inside the building at a time by keeping someone posted at the door watching.

At the same time our auction kitchen looked a little different this year, normally we utilize the basement of our Grange Hall and we are cramped in the kitchen with enough food to feed about a thousand people. This year we used a concession trailer that our Grange had purchased for the Boone County Youth Fairboard to use during the fair. Everything was packaged by us in the basement and brought outside where it was grab and go serving. We were able to cut down on the lines of people waiting on food and everyone who worked in the kitchen loved it because they said they had plenty of room to work and didn’t have to worry about so many people being in the basement since we only allowed volunteers down there this year.

We don’t have all our figures together yet, but we were pleased by the amount of people who stuck through in the rain. Waiting for the checks to clear, but we have our funds to work on some community service projects over the next year. If you want to come out to a great auction, the second Saturday in April at the Boone County Fairgrounds in 2022 will be our 45th Annual Consignment Auction. Hope to see you there.



Boone County Youth Fairboard members Bryson O'Dell, Athena O'Dell, Phoebe Calabrese, Delphine Calabrese, Mackenzie Table and not pictured, Michael, Niesha and Mary Swanson cleaned up the concession trailer before the Prairie Grange Auction.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Charlotte Mehrtens



April showers bring May flowers, so what does snow bring on April 20th besides freezing weather and flowers and plants covered up to try and save them. As we say in Illinois if you don't like the weather today wait around for tomorrow it will bring you something else. The old saying is we never know what tomorrow will bring its true just wait and you will see.

The students will soon be leaving school for summer vacation and some graduating and moving on to colleges and jobs, and other plans for the future. As they begin this next step we wish them the very best of luck in the future as they spread their wings. Where has the time gone, last year at this time many wondered if we would see the light at the end of the tunnel? We wondered if there would ever be a time like we were used to before Covid arrived and we went about our business without any worry. The Covid stopped us in our tracks and brought the whole world to a standstill. Now a year later many have taken the vaccine shots and the world is beginning to open up again. My friend asked me the other day what did the world learn from this? I believe many feel God said it was time to slow us down and give us time to think and take a better look at ourselves. See that we need Christ in our life to lead the way for all to follow in His footsteps, become His faithful servants, help others in great time of need. Many Shepherds stepped forwards and worked hand in hand to help others, many of them working long hours to keep others safe. May we pray God's blessings upon our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Enjoy the Lord's Day and everyday that He shares with us in our life for truly everyday is the Lord's Day'

Peace unto each of you.

Beaver Valley Grange

April meeting

Beaver Valley met on ZOOM on April 9th at 7:00 pm with Master Jerry Paulson presiding. Community service hours were turned in and Beaver Valley Grange is planning to do another "Adopt a Grandparent Day" for May baskets at the Heritage Woods Care Center.

Out of town member Judy Owens shared a photo of her giving a check to the Disabled Vets organization. Members of the Statewide Real Estate office decided to do an "Act of Kindness" once a month and this was the March donation. Another community service project will be helping Keep Northern IL Beautiful. We have signed up for May 8th to help with a recycling day.

Master Jerry Paulson attended the National Grange Webinar on the Farms bills and shared the information. June 5th there is going to be a virtual training workshop Telethon to raise money for the Youth Leadership program.

Fairboard report was given that everything is still moving forward with hopes of the State going to Phase 5. Chip Messiner will need help from the Youth Fairboard and will need them the week before the fair starts.

Fraternally submitted, Dayle Paulson



Gladys B. Williamson, 70, Bellville, IL
1950 – 2021

Gladys passed after a courageous battle with cancer. Gladys grew up on her family's centennial farm outside of O'Fallon, IL. She was a math teacher at Columbia High School and then a GED teacher and program administrator for Southwestern Illinois College, where she was dedicated to improving the lives of others through education. She was a member of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Belleville, IL, and she enjoyed volunteering in the children's ministry and for Vacation Bible School. She was a lifelong member of Enterprise Grange in O'Fallon, IL, and served as an Illinois State Grange officer.

Gladys loved playing the piano, cheering for the St. Louis Cardinals, dancing with her husband, seeing and playing games, traveling across the country with her family, tutoring children at Ellis Elementary School, and spending time with family and friends. She was a devoted grandmother to her six grandchildren.

2018 Farm Bill Explained: Part 4

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 Commodities. This area makes up 7.3% of the Farm Bill.

The farm commodity program provisions in Title I of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-334; the 2018 farm bill) include revenue support programs for major program crops and permanent agricultural disaster assistance programs for producers of most tree crops and livestock. Aside from dairy and sugar, which have their own specific programs, most grain and oilseed crops produced in the United States are eligible for two tiers of revenue support under Title I of the 2018 farm bill—specialty crops such as fruits, vegetables, and tree nuts are not covered. The first tier of support is provided by the Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) program, which offers interim financing for production of "loan" commodities in the form of a nine-month nonrecourse loan at statutorily set prices. A producer must have a harvested crop to offer as collateral for the MAL loan. Nonrecourse means that, if forfeited, USDA must accept the crop pledged as collateral as full payment of an outstanding loan. Thus, the statutory loan rates serve as minimum price guarantees for eligible commodities.

The MAL program may be supplemented by a higher, second tier of revenue support comprised of (1) the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program, which provides price protection at the national level via statutory fixed "reference" prices for eligible crops, or (2) the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) program, which provides



Carmett "Corky" Helms, 83, Bellville, IL
1937- 2021

Corky made a difference in many lives during his 42 years as a teacher and principal in the Bellville school district. As a teenager, he discovered a life-long love of blacksmithing and was a lifetime horseman, horse breeder and Texas Longhorn breeder. He collected anvils. Corky was a long-time member of Turkey Hill Grange and many other organizations.

revenue protection via historical moving average revenue guarantees based on the five most recent years of national crop prices and county or farm average yields. Participation is free for both ARC and PLC. However, a producer must own or rent historical "base" acres of "covered" commodities. In addition, producers must sign up and elect either PLC or a county-coverage ARC program (ARC-CO) on a crop-by-crop basis or enroll all covered commodities together in a whole-farm revenue guarantee under an individual-coverage ARC program (ARC-IC).

The dairy and sugar sectors are supported by separate federal farm programs that are tailored more specifically to the physical differences associated with each of their products—liquid fresh milk and refined sugar—and their respective markets. For dairy, the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program offers producers milk margin protection for a range of margin thresholds—the milk margin equals the difference between the all-milk farm price and the price of a formula-based feed ration—and for a producer-selected portion (ranging from 5% to 95%) of historical milk production. Milk producers must sign up, select both margin and milk production coverage levels, and pay a premium that varies with coverage levels. The U.S. dairy sector also benefits from tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) on selected dairy products. The sugar program provides revenue support through a combination of limits on domestic output sales (marketing allotments), nonrecourse MAL loans for domestic sugar production (but at the processor level), a sugar-to-ethanol backstop program (Feedstock Flexibility Program), and quotas that limit imports. The import quotas for dairy and sugar are authorized outside of the omnibus farm bill.

Disaster assistance is available for producers of most tree crops and livestock. The Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) is available for all agricultural production that is not covered by a federal crop insurance policy. All of these programs have permanent authority. However, the 2018 farm bill amends most of them.

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