



Illinois Granger

In Essentials... Unity

In Non-Essentials... Liberty

In All Things... Charity

October 2021



President/Master Presentation

This is the second weirdest Grange year I have ever experienced. COVID-19 is still rearing its ugly head. Masks were put away for several months and now we have them back out. And I am really glad we can meet in person to celebrate 150 years of IL State Grange. While I appreciate all the Zoom meetings there is nothing like meeting in person.

Don and I attended, in person, the Midwest Grange Leadership Conference, the end of June, Boone County Comm Grange Hall. Illinois hosted the event this year under the organization of Youth Director, Karie B. It was well planned, but the weather could not be controlled. THANKS Karie for all your hard work.

Past Master/President Henrietta Keller, Past Deputy Carol Neff and I traveled to the 150th anniversary celebration of Guilford Hope Grange #6. I was glad to see many of you at the Paulson Ag Museum in Argyle IL in July 10, 2:00 PM. I was honored to introduce Worthy National Grange President Betsy Huber as the featured speaker. Betsy mentioned that Guilford Hope is now the 3rd oldest Grange in the Nation. I appreciate that Past Master/Presidents Lyle Lee and A R Henninger were also in attendance.

Karie Blasingame, Jennifer Tobin-Tinch, Lana Korte, Don and I traveled to Sturgis, South Dakota for the Grange Revival #2. The sights, sounds, fellowship of the Grange Revival #2 and Sturgis, SD area were AMAZING!! Don, Lana and I toured with several Grangers and Karie and Jenn toured with different Grangers so we have different stories to share, ask us or check out our Facebook pages for the sights. But we all had dinner together each night. The food was great. Our trip with the camper was an experience. Lana and I learned how to assist Don with tire changing on the trailer. After the last one we had it down to twelve minutes to change. Ask us! I highly encourage you to attend the Grange Revival 2023 in Curtis, MI. I have Handouts that I hope you will take.

Department Recognition

**THANKS TO ALL THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS/
DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS!**

Good of the Order

The resolutions that IL sent to National Grange were added to policy statements for the Agriculture and Citizenship for the Mental Health Programs and Destruction of Monuments. Labor, Judiciary and Transportation believed the roundabouts was a state issue.

Plans are being made to work with RALI- IL in October for Drug Take Back Day. We will be offering RALI packets for destroying unused drugs. Information will be shared at Grange Resources Information Training [GRIT].

There were several scholarships awarded to young IL Grangers. Hopefully we will have more students fill an application next year. The G bills are being collected this year for the scholarship fund. I am hoping many of you will donate to the Honor/Memorial scholarship fund.

The IL State Grange Executive Committee has awarded several Hall Improvement Fund, always remember if your Grange Hall is needing improvement contact me or a member of the Exec Comm to get the application.

I serve as a National Grange Executive Committee officer and member of the Board of Directors of the Grange Foundation I was thrilled to be a part of the Grange Foundation first telethon raising funds for the Juniors and Youth of the National Grange. The National Grange Foundation is going to add two more slots for membership on the Board. If you would be interested, please let me know – It is open to all Grangers or corporate sponsorship.

The National Grange Executive Committee is looking into options for the Grange Building at 1616 H St NW. Betsy and I will be talking more about this tomorrow. I hope that you all subscribe to Good Day magazine and have read the article about the building.

In Memorium

We remember State Officers and Committee Chairs that have passed to the Great Grange Above. It

was a great sadness that we remember my dad who served on the Illinois State Grange Executive Committee for 1989 – 2007. My family wishes to thank all those who donated to the Honor Memorial Scholarship fund in his honor. “Well Done Good and Faithful Servant.”

In Conclusion

At the 50th session December 13-15, 1921 in Peoria at the K of C Hall. Master Eugene A Eckert from Woodland Grange in St Clair County started his Address “Another milestone in Grange history has been reached and the IL State Grange is assembled in annual session for the fiftieth time. What have we accomplished in the last half century? To the casual observer, it may have seem that little has been done, but if we study the records, it will show that the Grange has accomplished wonders in the fifty years of its existence. It has been a leader in Legislative and Co-operative work, as well as in the educational and social welfare of the farmer. ... Let us not forget past achievements and still remember, that at no time in the last fifty years, was the Grange more needed than today. The world is in a chaotic condition, and the readjustment has just begun. We must not only be a leader in the great work before us but view all things in a fair and impartial manner.” Oh my does that still speak to me today!! The state of the world seems in a state of chaos and we are all trying to adjust to a new normal in the post COVID-19 world. Brother Eckert ended his Address with these words “May I caution you to be calm in your deliberations and decide all things with justice. We trust that something of real value to the Order will be accomplished.” I hope that we, the IL State Grangers will accomplish something of real value at this 150th annual meeting of the IL State Grange.

COME ONE - COME ALL

ALL GRANGERS INVITED

Grange Resources and information Training (GRIT)

October 24, 2021

Starting at 11:30 am with Potluck lunch.
Come hear about the programs and contests for the upcoming Grange year in ILLINOIS.

Presentations starting at 12:30 by **Agriculture Chairman, Community Service Director, Editor, Family Activities Chairman, Historian, Junior Director, Lecturer, Legislative Director, President, Secretary, Website, Youth Director**

ISG Secretary Report

Our 150th Annual Session of Illinois State Grange is now History and it's time to start another Grange year.

Here are a few reminders

1. Roster forms were due to me by October 1st. If your Grange has not sent it to me yet please do so ASAP
2. Quarterly Dues Reports are due to me by October 15th
3. GRIT Conference- Sunday October 24th at 11:30am with potluck. Meat will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. PLEASE try to attend GRIT for lots of information is passed out here. GRIT is open to ALL GRANGERS not just officers
4. All secretary forms will be available to you on the ISG website illinoisstategrange.org

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns via email at robinkindberg5@gmail.com

Robin Kindberg - ISG Secretary

Floraville Community Grange Report



Hope Kapelski is presented her \$500 scholarship check by Master Vic Klein. From right Kevin & Jennifer Kapelski Hope's parents, Hope and Master Vic.



Woman Veterans were honored in the Home Ec building at the Boone County Fair 2021. Ruth Blasingame-Prairie-Army, JoEllen Coleman-County Line-Army and Marisa O'Dell-Beaver Valley-Navy represented Boone County Granges.

Boone County Pomona Report

The meeting of Boone County Pomona was called to order on Wednesday September 1st at 7pm by President Ruth Blasingame. This meeting began with an installation of 6 new officers. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Jerry Paulson wanted ideas for Community Service Projects. Linda Mullins reported that during the week of the Boone County Fair the Reed School House made a profit of \$420. Jack Ratcliffe reminded everyone to get their hearing checked. Lyle Lee reported that for Boone County Fair we had over 209,000 fairgoers in attendance this year. This was the 3rd largest crowd in history. Karie Blasingame reported the youth will be opening State Session on Sunday Morning and the youth will be selling butter braids.

GRANGE REPORTS: Beaver Valley- introduced us to their new President Brian O'Dell. Big Thunder- Dave Gieske reported they will be doing storage in October and can use volunteers to help. Capron- Kim Hughes asked if anyone would like to help park cars at the Urban Farmgirl Flea Market on September 11th. County Line- Joellen Coleman stated they will be doing a fundraiser on September 11th. Flora- Al Ebel reported Jack Ratcliffe received an award at State Fair. Also, there is a Roast Beef Dinner in the works. Leroy Community- they reported they got a new member who also joined the youth fair board. Prairie- Ruth Blasingame will be buying 6 new picnic tables for next year's fair.

NEW BUSINESS Karie Blasingame offered the sales of pies as a fundraiser for the Pomona Grange. Pies would be \$12 each with cream pies available for \$15. Deadline to order is November 16th with delivery November 23rd just before Thanksgiving.

We as a Grange discussed the resolutions and how to vote. Finally, we talked about State Session and with it being election of officers think about who you are voting for.

The next Pomona meeting will be November 3rd at 7PM. This will be election of Fair board officers. The meeting was closed at 8:15pm with a bakery auction to raise money for the youth fair board. A lot of money was raised from the auction.

Karrie Kindberg - Pomona Publicity Chairman

Prairie Grange Report

Prairie Grange meeting was called to order on Monday August 23rd by President Ruth Blasingame. We

had 2 proposals for membership, Josh and Maria Mendez were welcomed back to Prairie Grange.

Ann Johnson reported that you still have time before state session to get your projects done.

Jennifer Tobin-Tinch encouraged everyone to fill out their Community Service hours because every one of us worked at the Boone County Fair. Robin announced she got an email message from Sister Betsy Huber that Prairie Grange had received the Distinguished Grange Award again this year.

Mary Brubach reported crops are stressed due to drought in our area. She also reported a program sponsored by the American Legion is in the works and we need to write our congressman to encourage them to pass this bill on Veterans Health Care.

John Henninger gave the fair board report this year's fair was outstanding had the third highest attendance record over 209,000 people were in attendance. Jennifer thanked everyone for helping support the youth fair board with their tee-shirts sales it went well.

We had a lengthy discussion about pork chops we served at Fair being variety of thicknesses was decided we check with 2 other meat packing places to see what kind of deals they could offer us. We worked on resolutions for State Session. Our next Buddy Meals will be Tuesday September 7th.

Karrie Kindberg asked if anyone who didn't bring items for Ronald McDonald House if they wanted, they could give her money and she will go get things to donate, still need snack type items.

Robin Kindberg - Publicity Chairman

Troy Grove Grange Report

Troy Grove Grange met September 16, 2021 at 7 PM at the Hall. Agriculture Chairman Jim Weber that most of the area has dry conditions. The two wind storms caused downed corn in some fields. There are a few corn fields harvested. Some farmers are using reels in the downed corn areas. Test weight of corn is low.

Legislative Chairman Roy Plote reported a redistricting map has been presented and approved by Illinois legislators. The Energy Bill has also been signed into law. Illinois citizens will see an increase in their power bills. New windmills are being erected in the PawPaw area. Soy oil diesel for airlines is being tested. The previous Waters of US is back in force. Starved Rock dam doors have been replaced but the inlet/outlet seals need repairs. Community Service Chairman Ethel Bauer made a motion that a \$100 donation be given to Mendota Christian Food Pantry on November 1 and \$100 donation be

Troy Grove cont.

given to PADS on February 1. Sue Ladson seconded. All approved.

In communications Janet Plote announced the Grit meeting will be held October 24, 2021. The National Grange Building needs many repairs. A decision is to be made whether to repair it or place it for sale.

Turkey Hill Grange Report

Turkey Hill Grange held their regular meeting on Sept. 17 with the new officers filling the chairs under the leadership of Charles Treser, President. Tami Hughes, new Lecturer, presented a very interesting program on Women in the National Space program. Prizes won from entries at State Grange were distributed. Jane Helms, retiring president was named "Granger of the Year" for 2021. The banner that was displayed at State Session was presented to the Grange by the Turkey Hill Quilters, who all took part in making the banner. It will now hang in the Grange Hall. Plans were made for the Wurstmarkt which will be held October 31, 2021. In case we are under Covid restrictions by that time, the Wurstmarkt will be a pre-order, carry-out meal only. Pre-orders will be taken on the website, Turkey Hill Grange.org starting October 1.

The Turkey Hill Quilters will now be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month as well as the third Friday and Saturday of the month. The week-end times will be open to the public for a small fee. We will provide cutting stations, ironing stations and large tables for them to use with electrical outlets close by. They will supply their own sewing machines, tools and their own projects. They need to bring a sack lunch and the Grange will supply snacks and drinks both morning and afternoon. This will give people an opportunity to have a large area to quilt or sew as well as fellowship with others with the same interests.

A Grange trip is being planned by Marlene Frazer for this fall. More when plans are finalized.

Lynette Schaeffer, President of the Illinois State Grange, recently



recognized Janet Plote for 40 years of continuous Grange membership and her father, Dale Helms, for 70 years of continuous membership at Turkey Hill Grange. Mary Beth Lee was also

recognized for 35 years of Grange membership. The presentations were made at the Turkey Hill Grange meeting. Pictured l to r: Janet Plote, President Lynette Schaeffer and Dale Helms. Mary Beth Lee was absent when photo was taken.

County Line Grange Report

We had our regular meeting August 18th. Hosts were Tamra, Kim and Ruth. Ruth brought decorations and cupcakes to celebrate everyone's Birthday. Kathy Zei was our visitor. She also became a new County Line member. We're glad to have her. Welcome.

Tim reported that the pastures were drying up and what rain we received helped, but we need more. Joellen reported on the Fair. She said Friday, Saturday and Sunday were record breaking days. Everyone worked really hard to put on a good Fair. Kim said the Granges Museum had many visitors and some donations. Linda said the Reed Schoolhouse did really well.

We have our annual barn party fundraiser on Sept. 11. We also voted to provide lunch to Habitat-for-Humanity workers. We voted to send a check to Ronald McDonald House for State Grange.

All Committee and Officer reports were given. We closed the meeting and held our Penny March and "G" dollar collection.

Stay safe everyone.

Leroy Community Grange Report

The meeting was called to order by Master, Rocky Temple. The guests were introduced, Jeremy Doetch, and Colton Friemuth.

We received a donation in memory of Richard Doyle. Ed Kasper reported on the 50/50 raffle and drawing. Thanks to all who sold and bought tickets, all 100 tickets were sold, with \$5000 going to the winner. The drawing was held Saturday night prior to the concert with the queen selecting the winning ticket, which was Colton Friemuth!! Colton came to our meeting to collect his winnings! Discussion on what to do for next year. We voted to increase the number of tickets to 200 and keep the drawing at the fair. Ticket sales will start March 1st! Some of the proceeds from the raffle will be given to the Poplar Grove before and after school programs, which are coordinated with the YMCA. Jeremy Doetch is a member of the board, and he will bring a list of needs and costs to our next meeting.

Jim Ames has been working on wrapping aluminum trim on our Grange building. Calvin Downey discussed what else is needed to finish the project. Tami reported on the memorials, for Norris Walley, Twin Towers made stickers for sorting panels for the swine

barn, and they also engraved a spatula in memory of Richard Doyle. We have also remembered Liz Gay who recently passed away.

Anyone who worked the fair Grange breakfast will be given a fair appreciation dinner ticket, which is Sept. 20th at 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds. We will need to donate 2 door prizes for the dinner. Joe will have his wife



make up some baskets. Tami motioned to set a limit OF \$75 each basket, Jeff 2nd, motion carried. We voted to continue to sponsor the 4-H photography and wood-working awards. Joe asked if we wanted to serve breakfast at the BBQ contest next June. Rocky

will get a hold of Danny Anderson. It was reported that over 209,000 attended the fair, the 3rd highest attendance in fair history.

Jeremy Doetch submitted an application to become a member, and there was a unanimous vote to accept him as a new member of the Grange.

Denise Temple—Secretary

Guilford Hope Grange Report

Guilford Hope Grange #6 gathered at the home of Dave and Martha Byrnes on August 24th, 2010 for a pot luck lunch. After all the wonderful food, we opened our meeting in the 4th degree. Secretaries report was read and approved. The treasurers report was also reviewed and approved. We reviewed the money spent for our 150th Anniversary open house. All agreed it was a great success. A very big thank you to Betsy Huber, our National Grange President, for attending our celebration.

Communications were read from Dr. John and wife Linda Underwood about the conditions in Haiti after the earth quake. It was a letter with pictures, and also asking for donations. We normally donate to 'Friends of

the Children' (Dr. Underwood's group) yearly so we agreed to wait. We also was received communication from Rock House Kids, Goldie Floberg and Olivia Covert fund manager of Midway Village Museum.

Gene Wheeler shared a picture that was found at the Paulson Ag. Museum of the Guilford Hope Grange in front of the Emerson-Brantingham Co. building in Rockford. It was dated December 17th, 1914. None of us recognized any of the Grangers; it will be passed on to Beverly Smith our State Grange Historian.

Carolyn Wheeler noted she needed money for stamps, plants or whatever is needed since she is our Sunshine Lady. A motion was made and seconded to give her an additional \$50.00 for expenses.

Beverly Smith was welcomed as a new affiliate member of our Grange.

A motion was made and seconded to donate the money we received from our 150th Anniversary to the Boone County Youth Fair Board. Motion passed.

Nancy Lyford will make a list of all our members, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

September 28th will be meeting at Al and Lindakay Ebels for pot luck lunch at noon.

Flora Grange Report - Lindakay F. Ebel

Flora Grange #1762 held their September 2021 meeting on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021, 7 pm at the Flora Grange Hall with some thirty-nine members and guests in attendance.

Barbara Trevathan presented a beautiful table on antique wheels that her deceased husband James Trevathan, Jr. had drawn out on paper and started before his death, and Ben Robert finished, the Grange emblems were put on the top of table. The antique wheels for the table were donated to James by Al and Lindakay Ebel. This was a gift to Flora Grange from James and his family. This is something that Flora Grange members will always remember James by.

Chaplain Emalee Colver reported that two of our Flora Grange members, Deb Silver and Ruth Perley were in a car accident on Sept 11, and are now at home recovering. Fabienne Calabrese, Health, Education & Welfare reported she had stickers to put on your refrigerator on the top 10 toxins for your dog or cat which includes the pet poison helpline.

Jack Ratcliffe reported that he, Al and Lindakay have been mowing the lawn at the Grange Hall this summer and the propane tanks have both been filled for the winter months. Farmland Protection, Emalee Colver reported there was no meeting this month. Under legislative, it was noted to keep in touch with your legislator so the fair can continue to get money each year. Lindakay Ebel reported membership will be done a little different this year, it will

be announced at the GRIT workshop. Lindakay stated it is everyone's duty to try and recruit new Grange members.

Jack Ratcliffe, Agriculture reported the crops are getting ready to be harvested and some farmers have already started. Jack Ratcliffe reported members of the fair board will be discussing entertainment for the 2022 fair at their meeting on Wednesday evening. Fabienne Calabrese reported the Youth Grange will again choose a family for Christmas and purchase gifts or gift cards. The youth will again make decorations for the tree for the family.

Laurel Ratcliffe's Community Service book placed third this year out of seven books. Good job Laurel. Laurel Ratcliffe reported that Flora Grange will be serving the meal for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, Sept 18th.

The next Pomona meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3, election of fairboard officers. We discussed bell ringing; this may be something our junior members can do.

We discussed our fall fundraiser, roast beef dinner or butter braid. Motion was made to have our annual fall roast beef dinner on Sunday, November 14th, a drive thru again this year and another motion to hold our annual butter braid this fall or winter.

Lindakay Ebel will be our new Community Service person this year. She asks that everyone please keep your volunteer hours and turn them into her each month and if chairing an event, take pictures and list your helpers and their hours worked. Questions. contact Lindakay. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 12th, 7 pm. Hostesses will be Loren & Pat Due, Bob Scherer and Jerri Schardt.

Illinois State Grange Youth

For those who did not attend the 150th Annual Session of the Illinois State Grange you missed a great opening drill by the Youth and young at heart members of the Illinois State Grange. A great time was had by all of us at the event; laughter and fellowship were highlights of the weekend.

Put October 24th on your calendar today. This is the date for the Grange Resources in Training event or GRIT Conference. We will begin with a potluck at 11:30 and training will begin at 12:30 pm. If you have questions about programs or just want to learn more about what is going on throughout the State, this is an event to attend. GRIT will be held this year at Hopewell Grange Hall in Washington, IL. If you need a ride please feel free to contact Karie Blasingame in Northern Illinois and Lynette Schaeffer in Southern Illinois we will coordinate with who we know are attending so everyone has a chance to attend.

Between work and Grange life has been crazy these last few months and programs that I started in January have not been continued because of lack of participation. I would like to know what platform the Youth mem-

bers of our organization would like to be connected on. Do you prefer Facebook, Snapchat, Tik Tok or something else I am unaware of? We need to be able to connect with each other and find out what other Granges are doing throughout the State. Also there are times when it might be fun just to do a group activity together. Did you know that we have National Contests that you could compete in? Did you know that you could apply to represent our state at the National Grange Session? The world of Grange is so much bigger than our individual Granges or even our Pomona Granges, I would love to share it with you, but you need to let me know how to get you the information. Please text or call me at (815)299-0313 or email me at kblasingame77@gmail.com.

Our Butter Braid sales have been doing excellent we have sold over 50 Butter Braids! Not our goal of 200 but pretty good considering last year we sold about 26. You have until October 12th to place your order online and delivery will be at the GRIT conference unless other arrangements have been made. Thank you to Hopewell Grange for allowing us the use of their freezer while the conference is going on. They didn't know about it ahead of time, but were delighted to say yes when asked.

Lecturer's Column - October 2021

It was wonderful to reunite with so many Grange friends at the State Session in Collinsville in September. I wasn't sure what sort of participation to expect in the Lecturer's Contests, given the uncertainty in our world for the last year, but I was gratified with a good representation, down in numbers a little from pre-pandemic, but I would say that the overall quality of all of the entries was the best I've seen since I've been Lecturer. Let's build on this to make next year's show even better.

If you were unable to attend the State Session, you can see many of the entries on the Illinois State Grange Lecturer Facebook page. I have begun posting pictures of many of the winners and will continue to do so for the coming weeks.

I'll be announcing the categories at GRIT. As has been my intention, I'll try to have at least one new category along with those that seem to attract participation.

Until then, here's how participation went in the 2021 contest. There were a total of 73 entries submitted in 14 categories. 16 of the entries were from Juniors. These entries came from 30 individuals representing 9 Subordinate Granges. Only one category had no entries at all. The winners will be listed in the next issue.

2021 Community Service Winners

Ronald McDonald House

Grange that donated most items-Prairie Grange – 611 total items (over 5006 individual items)

Granger who donated most items – Mindy Schiefer – Emerald Mound Grange

Each received a thank you card and \$50.00 to continue their Community Service efforts.

6 Granges submitted Community Service Reports - totaling 14,512 hours for service

Grange Name #	Chairperson	Total CS hours
Beaver Valley #1791	Dayle Paulson	2,062
Broad Hollow #1806	Betty Hardt	335
Enterprise # 1929	Brian Keller	1,366
Flora #1762	Laurel Ratcliffe	1,530
Prairie #1832	Jennifer Tobin-Tinch	5,374
Turkey Hill #1370	David Donley	3,845

Granges with largest participation per member

4th Place – Turkey Hill Grange – 29 hours per member

3rd Place – Enterprise Grange – 36 hours per member

2nd Place – Prairie Grange – 51 hours per member

1st Place – Beaver Valley Grange – 62 hours per member

Winning Grange Reports

4th Place – Beaver Valley Grange – Dayle Paulson - \$25

3rd Place – Flora Grange- Laurel Ratcliffe - \$50

2nd Place – Prairie Grange – Jennifer Tobin-Tinch - \$75

1st Place – Turkey Hill Grange – David Donley - \$100 – Will go onto National Grange

Grange with most improved CS score

Beaver Valley Grange – Congratulations Dayle Paulson

2 Granges recognized individuals for their Community Service- their names go onto National Grange

Firefighter of the Year – Randy Schield – Belleville Fire Department - Nominated by Turkey Hill Grange

Teacher of the Year – Miss Mari – Boone County - Nominated by Flora Grange

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – William (Dan) Cook- Belleville Police Department

Nominated by Turkey Hill Grange

Non-Granger of the Year – Jack LeChien – Nominated by Turkey Hill Grange

Debra White – Nominated by Flora Grange

Granger of the Year 2021 – Jane Helms – Nominated by Turkey Hill Grange

Debra Silvers – Nominated by Flora Grange

Granger of the Year 2020 – did not get recognized last year

Ruth Blasingame – Nominated by Prairie Grange

Brian Keller – Nominated by Enterprise Grange

Mary Beth Lee – Nominated by Turkey Hill Grange



Tracey Jones 2021 Community Service Chair dropping donations off at Ronald McDonald House.

Junior Winner

Weather - 1st place - Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie Grange

Yellow Brick Road - 1st place - Scarlett Ellwanger

Best of Show - Scarlett Ellwanger for Lego display



Illinois State Grange MEMBERSHIP AWARDS 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

100 years of service plaques went to:

Broad Hollow Grange

Emerald Mound Grange

Leaf River Grange

Perryville Grange

Shiloh Valley Grange

Progressive Grange

Congratulations to all and we wish you all another 100 years.

2019-2020

The following Grangers received Plaques or Bars for signing up new members:

Big Thunder

Dave Geske – Bar for 8 new members

Sharyn Geske – Bar for 8 new members

Flora Grange

Sharon Fidler – Plaque for 4 new members

Jack Ratcliffe – Bar for 4 new members

Joan Fidler – Plaque for 4 new members

Laurel Ratcliffe – Bar for 4 new members

Prairie Grange

Bob Duda – Plaque for 4 new members

Ruth Blasingame -Bar for 5 new members

Stephine Dinges – Plaque for 5 new members

Karie Blasingame-Plaque for 5 new members

Lyle Lee – Bar for 4 new members

Patti Lee-Bar for 4 new members

Jennifer Tobin-Tinch -Bar for 5 new members

Turkey Hill Grange

Jennifer Smith -Plaque for 4 new members

Joanna Stanforth – Plaque for 5 new members

The following Granges received a check at \$5.00 per each new member:

Beaver Valley (2) - \$10, Big Thunder (12) - \$60, County Line (1) - \$5, Flora (9) - \$45, Hopewell (4) - \$20, Prairie (15) - \$75, Turkey Hill (9) - \$45.

2020 – 2021

The following Grangers received Plaques or Bars for signing up new members:

Flora Grange

Jack Ratcliffe – Bar for 9 new members

Laurel

Ratcliffe – Bar for 9 new members

Floraville Community Grange

Marilyn Hoffmann – Bar for 4 new members

Prairie Grange

Ruth Blasingame – Bar for 6 new members

Karie

Blasingame – Bar for 6 new members

Lyle Lee – Bar – 5 new members

Patti

Lee – Bar for 5 new members

Turkey Hill Grange

Joy Underwood – Plaque for 4 new members

Joanna

Stanforth – Bar for 4 new members

The following Granges received checks for signing up new members:

Beaver Valley (1) - \$5, County Line (2) - \$10, Emerald Mound (3) - \$15, Enterprise (1) - \$5,

Flora (9) - \$45, Floraville Community (4) - \$20, Guilford Hope (2) - \$10, Hopewell (2) - \$10,

Leroy Community (4) - \$20, Prairie (15) - \$75, Turkey Hill (8) - \$40.

Congratulations to all these Granges – Let's Keep the membership in our great organization GROWING!!

Robin Kindberg—Illinois State Grange Secretary



Vivian Johnson of

Union Grange

Presenting

Russell Stauffer with a

Past Master pin from the

Illinois State Grange.

NOTE: If you would like to receive the Granger by email send an email to Ruth at illinoisgranger2017@gmail.com You will receive it faster and it saves a lot of money in printing and supplies.

2021 AG Contest Winners**Vegetables****1 Beans, Green**

1. Vic Klein

2 Cucumbers

1. Vic Klein

3 Eggplant

1. Stacey Rutledge
2. Marilyn Hoffman

4 Carrots

1. Lyle Lee
2. Patti Lee

5 Garlic

1. Kevin Brubach
2. Mary Brubach

6 Gourds

1. Kevin Brubach
 2. LindaKay Ebel
 3. Mary Brubach
- HM Al Ebel

7 Sweet Peppers

1. Kevin Brubach
 2. Mary Brubach
 3. Vic Klein
- HM Emma Rutledge

8 Hot Peppers

1. Christina Schaeffer
 2. Emma Rutledge
 3. Vic Klein
- HM Stacey Rutledge

9 Red Potatoes

1. Patti Lee
2. Lyle Lee

10 White Potatoes

1. Patti Lee
2. Lyle Lee
3. Vic Klein

HM M/K Brubach

11 Sweet Potatoes

1. Mary Brubach
2. Kevin Brubach

12 Acorn Squash

1. Mary Brubach
2. Kevin Brubach
3. LindaKay Ebel

HM Al Ebel

13 Winter Squash

1. Al Ebel
 2. Kevin Brubach
 3. LindaKay Ebel
- HM Mary Brubach

14 Cherry Tomatoes

1. Mary Brubach
2. Kevin Brubach
3. Lana Korte

15 Red Tomatoes

1. Mary Brubach
2. Kevin Brubach
3. Vic Klein

16 Yellow Tomatoes

1. Kevin Brubach
2. Mary Brubach
3. Vic Klein

17 Zucchini

1. Lyle Lee
2. Patti Lee

18 Most Unusual Shape Veg

1. Lana Korte

19 Vegetables any other

1. Patti Lee
2. Lyle Lee

Fruits**1 Cantalope**

1. Vic Klein

2 Grapes

1. Marilyn Hoffman
2. Joan Fidler

3 Pears

1. Christina Schaeffer

4 Pumpkins

1. Marilyn Hoffman
 2. Al Ebel
 3. LindaKay Ebel
- HM Kevin Brubach

5 Watermelon

1. Vic Klein

Field Crops**1 3 Ears of Corn**

1. Vic Klein
 2. Ken Joseph
 3. Laurel Ratcliffe
- HM Doug Kinzinger

2 Largest Ear

1. Al Ebel
2. Jack Ratcliffe
3. LindaKay Ebel

3 3 Ears Indian Corn

1. Marilyn Hoffman
2. Christina Schaeffer

4 Corn – 1 Qt Bag

1. Karrie Kindberg
2. Christina Schaeffer
3. Dean Klein

HM Vic Klein

5 Soybeans – 1 Qt Bag

1. Vic Klein
2. Ken Joseph

6 Wheat – 1 Qt Bag

1. Karrie Kindberg
2. Vic Klein

7 Sunflower – largest head

1. Emma Rutledge
2. Stacey Rutledge

Flowers**1 African Violets**

1. Marilyn Hoffman
2. Lucille Lang
3. Angie Dickerson

2 Succulents

1. Patty Bearth
 2. Marilyn Hoffman
 3. Lana Korte
- HM Angie Dickerson

3 House Plants

1. Marilyn Hoffman
2. Angie Dickerson
3. Lucille Lang

4 Marigolds

1. Lana Korte

5 Any Other Plant

1. Angie Dickerson

Junior – Food Poster

1. Olivia Schaeffer

Market Basket – Group

1. Fidler/Brubach

Best of Show**Market Basket****Individual**

1. Joan Fidler

Chaplain's Corner Charlotte Mehrtens

October Greetings to all of you. By the time you receive this the fall weather will have set in and hopefully the hot weather has passed us, the cool crisp air and the country side is full of dust from the combines shelling corn and cutting soybeans. The changing of the season brings joy and happiness too many as the hot weather is past us and we feel like spending more time outside. The trees are starting to change colors and the glory of God is at work. God changes so many things right before our eyes. The beautiful smell of autumn leaves, fresh worked soil for planting winter wheat, pumpkins, gourds and late crop vegetables what more can we ask for except a nice warm bon-fire with the full moon shining from above. These are all gifts from God above; He takes the time each year to show us all His beauty that we so often forget about. Take the time to thank our Father God because without Him we would not be here. Hope and faith always have our back. Sometimes, they are following right behind us, constant and comforting. Sometimes they're beside us, encouraging us and cheering us on. Sometimes they're leading the way moving us forward. Just remember that hope, faith and perseverance are always there for us whenever we need them the most.

It was wonderful to visit with our friends at State Session and meet new friends. For those who could not attend session we look forward to seeing you all during the year. We pray for the farmers to have a safe and good harvest and at the end of each day let us give thanks to God for what He is sharing with us. Lord we pray that you will bless each household with your love.

May the Lord God Bless and Keep you in His loving arms.

My August Chaplain's corner still has not come down from the cloud. Ask someone who attended State Session they can tell you what is about.

Ag Department

Now that it's Harvest season we need to be aware of who we are sharing the road with. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for the tractors and harvesters that are traversing the roads with us. Please give courtesy to them because everybody's life is not worth being in a big hurry. When you pass give them a friendly wave and smile and please take a moment to thank those who are putting food on our tables. Mary B.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 24-GRIT Conference-Hopewell Grangehall-11:30
Potluck-Meeting Follows

Oct 30-Hopewell Grange Fall Vendor and Craft Fair

Oct 31-Wurstmarkt-Turkey Hill-10:30-1-carry out only

Nov 7-Wurstmarkt-Floraville Grange-10:30-gone-Drive thru only

Nov 9-13-National Grange Convention-Wichita, KS

Nov 14-Flora Grange Roast Beef Dinner-Drive thru only

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:

Wayne/Nancy Lyford	\$150	Guilford Hope Grange
Jim Joseph	\$20	Shiloh Valley Grange
Anonymous	\$20	
Anonymous	\$20	

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

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Junior Trip to Willoughby Heritage Farm

