

Illinois Granger



In Essentials... Unity
In Non-Essentials... Liberty
In All Things... Charity

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Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms

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 theme "RAISED RIGHT HERE". Watch the Patrons Chain, National Grange website (nationalgrange.org) and the Illinois Grange website (IllinoisStateGrange.org) and Facebook (National Grange) for the details. Remember projects for Community Service, Juniors, Youth, Agriculture committee, Family Activities committee make a well-rounded Grange, and are a good way to get your Grange and Community working together again.

The Illinois State Grange Scholarships have been awarded to the students of the IL State Grange. Congratulations. Letters have been sent to all those who will receive a scholarship, and they are asked to attend the May 1, 2022 State Grange Picnic at Hopewell Grange, 474 Grange Road, Washington, IL, starting with 1:00 lunch. All Grangers are invited to attend and be part of the awarding of scholarships and visiting with other Grangers.

The Midwest Grange Leaders conference will be held in IOWA, June 24-26, 2022. Watch for details in Facebook, NationalGrange.org.

Plans are being made for the 150th State Session, August 26 - 28, Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL more information should be coming in the next few months.

Thanks to the Granges that completed the Bonding through National Grange.

There has been misinformation going around.
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Spotlight on Grangers



Name – Robin Kindberg

Illinois State Grange Secretary

Grange Name and Number – Prairie Grange # 1832

Years in Grange – 42 years

Grange Positions Held – Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer, Subordinate Secretary, Illinois State Junior Director, Prairie Grange Community Service Director, and current Boone County Pomona Chaplain and Illinois State Grange Secretary

National Grange Opportunities you Participated in – Helped Host National Grange session in Minnesota and was also in charge of the Showcase Display room there, Attended several Regional Grange Conferences, Participated in the National Grange Young Couple Contest in 1982 or 1983 in San Antonio Texas and attended National Session in Tulsa Oklahoma where my son competed in the Evening of Excellent Contest.

Clubs – Awana Activity Chairman at local church, Quilting Club at Flora Grange, Farm Bureau, Illinois Holstein Association, National Holstein Association, Brown Swiss Association, Red and White Cattle Association and Boone County 4-H.

Visions

The IL State Grange Treasurer under my direction is combining funds for the ease of keeping track of all the different accounts the State Grange has. The money is held custodially for the Granges by the State Grange. Concerning the Guilford Hope custodial account, the information that I have is that a Blackhawk Bank representative said that ISG is getting the best rate the bank offers for the money for the Guilford Hope Grange Account. It is inconceivable to me that the bank representative would tell one customer one interest amount and another customer another interest amount, that were substantially different. I do know that ISG has just recently been given the information for some of the accounts, and ISG Treasurer still does not have all the information for all the accounts. Searches have had to be done to find more accounts. So, the possibility that ISG is missing accounts for your Grange is a possibility. I have heard from other Granges with similar issues, but I do not have details of them. I know there have been frustrations with several issues, but I believe there is lots of misrepresentation of the facts. Anyone wanting to talk to me or to the ISG State Treasurer just call.

All Granges need to have their By-laws reviewed and updated on a regular basis. I would like to know that this is done, please let your deputies know so that they can report to me. All Granges need to open and close a meeting in full ritual, even if you are around a table you can recite the parts, sticking to our roots, and ritual helps us stick to the 501.c(8) for the State Grange.

Many of you missed a great day at Hopewell Grange for the Spring Fling sponsored by the Youth department.

Be aware that some of the dates for contest entries are the first of June!! These National Contests do not have to go to the State Grange first – you can send them to both National and State.

Several IL leaders have started to meet with other Midwest leaders to discuss the 2024 National Session in Quad Cities area. Anyone wanting to assist and attend the meetings please let me know and we will get you on the list.

Start to plan now for November 15- 19, 2022 156th Annual National Grange Session, Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, Nevada.

All Grangers are determined workers that persevere.

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Hope you all have a blessed Easter season. Remember the meaning of the “Cross” and the “Tomb “ to save us all.

Spotlight cont.

Service Organizations – Boone County 4-H, Girl Scouts, Prairie Grange, Boone County Pomona Grange

Education – High School, Vocational Training for LPN, several college courses and Medical Coding and Food Safety Classes

Family Status – Happily married to my husband Karl Kindberg for almost 42 years, 3 children Kelly, Karrie and Timothy and a daughter-in law Stephanie and Tucker our energetic Tri-Colored Border Collie.

Hobbies and interests – Quilting, Cardmaking, Diamond Dots, Reading

Special Skills – Taking detailed notes and crafting something out of nothing

Place of Employment – Worked as Secretary for A. R. Henninger Agency for a few years, Worked as an LPN and a Unit Secretary for OSF Hospital for 22 years, Worked at Belvidere North High School as cook and server for 5 years and worked as a Farm Wife for almost 42 years.

Tell us anything you would like us to know about you – Very caring and willing to help out whenever and wherever needed. I am dedicated to what ever I do and I do it to the best of my abilities.



3 Lecturer Program Ethan Edwards

As you probably know, Ann Bercher of Minnesota is our new National Lecturer. Perhaps you were able to meet Ann at last summer's Midwest Leadership Conference in Belvidere. I know she will do a wonderful job.

I haven't had the opportunity to highlight a couple very important changes to this year's Lecturer-sponsored contests.

First, the Unfinished Quilt Block Contest continues under many of the same rules. This year's block pattern is "Wonky Star" and instructions are available at <https://ly/22wonkystar> courtesy of Swallowtail Quilting Company. Entries will be judged in three categories: Adult, Junior, and Men. Official rules and entry form can be printed from the National Grange Website (www.nationalgrange.org).



Wonky Star Quilt Block

The important change to the contest is that **all entries must be sent to the National Lecturer by June 30, 2022**. Because of this change, the Illinois blocks will not be judged individually at our State Session in August. Instead, please mail your quilt block entries (including necessary entry forms) directly to Ann Bercher, National Lecturer 777 Excelsior Blvd. #310 Excelsior, MN 55331.

I'm not yet certain of how to accommodate this at our session, but if it is convenient, I would ask that you take a photo of the blocks you enter and send the picture to me;

I will see how I might display those at our session, even though the judging will be done elsewhere.

Also, categories for the 2022 Virtual Photo Contest have been announced. The national categories are Agriculture,

Sky, Trucks, and Water. Again, the deadline for submission is **June 30, 2022**. I know this is very early, but I encourage you to participate. Each individual is allowed three entries. I submitted a few photographs last year and the process is very simple. Please let me know if you have difficulty with your submission. Rules are available at the National Grange website.

In spite of the early deadline for the national contest, our state photography contest will run as normal at our state session. We will have categories for the National contest (Agriculture, Sky, Trucks, and Water) in addition to the state categories (Bridges, Selfie, and Time-lapse). As last year, please email me (eedwards@alleni.com) or text me (618-75-8021) your digital copies of your photographs.

Family Activities Committee Reminder

Hello everyone and welcome Spring! As we plan or begin our outdoor activities such as planting, yardwork and gardening, let's not forget to work on our FAC contest entries. If you're like me and not too experienced with sewing/needlework, you might try one of our other areas like holiday and all occasion cards, fabric wreath, jewelry, and the food items. Remember, the contests are open to the whole family (men, women, and juniors). And don't forget the juniors only project with a wreath made from recycled plastic bags.

Tickets for the FAC raffle will start selling in May. More on that in the next Granger. If you have any questions about the FAC contest, please contact me (Lori Henrichs) or JoEllen Coleman. Contest information as well as our phone numbers are posted on the Illinois State Grange website under Contests.

Bluff Grange

Our Grangers have been busy these past few months. In January we held our meat shoot at Villa Hills American Legion. We had a very good turnout for the day those who were shooting enjoyed Chicken and Dumpling that we had made to serve, very little was left at the end of the day.

In February we held a drive though Chicken and Dumpling dinner. We had thirty- five gallons and sold out. We did preorders only. We plan on doing another one in the fall.

The recue horse ranch continues to have their monthly breakfast at our hall and the fencers practice weekly.

We are busy making other plans for the rest of the spring and summer.

APRIL



Event dates/times subject to change -
check out the National Grange Facebook
or nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2022
for updates

USE LINK: [BIT.LY/GRANGEMONTHZOOM](https://bit.ly/grangemonthzoom)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				31 President's Welcome to Grange Month (Facebook)	1	2
3 Grange Shirt Day	4 Raised Right Here Day	5 Grange Mentor Day "Prepare. Perform. Persist. Prevail." Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	6 Community Service Day "Solving the Puzzle" Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern (sponsored by Grange Foundation)	7 Grange Contest Day	8 Grange Friend Day	9 Grange Hall Day
10	11 New Member Forum Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	12 Community Service Forum - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	13	14	15	16
17	18 State Secretary Seminar - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	19 Membership Matters - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	20 Legislative Roundtable - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	21	22	23
24	25 Fly-In Virtual Day Legislative Fly-In	26 Champions of Rural America Reception	27 Online Trivia Night Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	28	29 E-Member Forum Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	30

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GRANGE MONTH

Illinois State Grange Youth

We had an excellent turnout of about 17 people at Spring Fling at Hopewell Grange Hall. I am excited to announce that Hopewell Grange has offered to be the location for our Statewide Grange Picnic on May 1st. I hope to see many of you there! The picnic will start at 1 pm. Then we will have outdoor games in the front yard and visiting for others. Around 2:30pm we will give those who would like to practice a speech or sign-a-song the opportunity to do so. The youth department will be providing the main meat, this year we are going for fried chicken. We ask that everyone bring a dish or two to pass. Talk to your Grange members, carpool down and come and have some fun!

So excited to announce that Midwest Grange Leadership Conference will be at Spring Valley Bible Camp in Muscatine, IA, June 24-26, 2022. We will be staying in the Valley Lodge Retreat Center: check out the accommodations at <https://www.springvalleycamp.org>. Cost is \$90 per person. This price includes dinner Friday night, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and a Sunday breakfast and to-go lunch. RSVP to Samantha Hanson at 641-990-3055 by June 17th. Send your registration fee in as soon as you can. What to bring: silent auction item for kid or adult, snacks to share, bedding items, possibly swimsuit for swimming. Check out our Facebook page for more details Midwest Grange Leadership Confer-

ence. This camp is only about 2 hours from Boone County and is open to everyone ages 5 to 105. Let's try and represent Illinois by attending the conference.

It is getting closer and closer to June when all the new deadlines for National projects are due. Look through the photos you have taken this year and see if you have any photos that you could send in this year's 4 categories: agriculture, trucks, sky or water. You can submit your photos up to 3 photos in each category using the link bit.ly/22grangephoto. Winners will be included in a 2023 promotional item from the lecturer's department. These photos are due by June 30. Check out the Youth website for any of the Youth projects that you might already have been working on without knowing. Winning any of those contests there is usually money involved. Any questions send me a text at 815-299-0313 and I will give you a call and see how I can help.

We will begin selling raffle tickets soon for a chance at winning 2 quilts made from quilt blocks from Illinois from the National Grange competition in 2019. There are also other quilted items and a stained-glass Grange emblem. Please contact Lynette or Karie for more information. We are raising money for National Grange Session in 2024.



Illinois State Grange Agriculture Contests Year: 2021-2022

Vegetable

1. Green Beans (5)
2. Wax/Yellow Beans (5)
3. Beets (4)
4. Cabbage (1 head)
5. Cauliflower (1 head)
6. Cucumbers (3)
7. Eggplant (1)
8. Garlic (3)
9. Gourds (3)
10. White Onions (3)
11. Yellow Onions (3)
12. Sweet Peppers (3)
13. Hot Peppers (3)
14. Red Potatoes (3)
15. White Potatoes (3)
16. Sweet Potatoes (3)
17. Carrots (5)
18. Winter Squash (1)
19. Sweet Corn (3 ears)
20. Cherry Tomatoes (5)
21. Red Tomatoes (3)
22. Yellow Tomatoes (3)
23. Zucchini 6-8" (1)
25. Largest Zucchini
26. Most Unusual Vegetable

Herbs

1. Potted specimen of an herb, named
2. Collection of Herbs, 4 or More

Field Crops

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

Flowers

1. Roadside Bouquet
2. Flower Garden Bouquet
3. Cut Sunflowers (3 stems)
4. Zinnias (4 stems)
5. Potted House Plant
6. Potted Succulent Plant
7. African Violet Plant
8. Marigolds (3 Stems)

Market Baskets (8 or more items)

1. Individual Market Basket
2. Group Market Basket

Fruits

1. Apples- any color (4)
2. Cantaloupe/Muskmelons (1)
3. Grapes (3 bunches)
4. Pears (4)
5. Pumpkin (1)
6. Watermelon (1)

Antiques

Poster with Explanation of Item

Junior

1. Poster of an "Instrument" of Agriculture
2. Vegetables (see above categories)
3. Farm Safety Poster
4. Food Production Poster
5. Dry Gourd Project

Value Added Product

1. 8oz. jar of Any Jam/Jelly
2. Jar of Pickles (must be labeled what type)
3. 8oz of Honey
4. Jar of Salsa



Contest Information

Illinois State Grange

2022 Ag Chairman: Mary Brubach 7525 Lawrenceville Rd. Garden Prairie, IL 61038 marysue83@hotmail.com 815.222.7964

Rules and Information

1. 1 entry per person in each category.
2. Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs, Field Crops, Flowers and Junior Division must be grown or harvested between Sept. 2021- Sept. 2022. They will be auctioned off unless otherwise stated at Drop-Off.
3. Market Baskets:
 - a. Must fit 30" table length
 - b. Must be set up by entrant or representative
4. Antique Poster
 - a. Must Include Pictures of said Antique
 - b. Antique must be at least 100 years old.
 - c. Must Include an Explanation of Antique, and its use, etc...
 - d. Size of Poster must not exceed 22"x28"
5. Flowers
 - a. Roadside Bouquet must be made up of wild flowers, or flowers collected from along the road
 - b. Flower Garden Bouquet must be made up of flowers grown in your Flowerbeds, around your home.
6. Junior Contest
 - a. Poster of Instrument of Agriculture- Pick a piece of equipment, or something that can be used in Agriculture. Explain what this "Instrument" is used for, include pictures. Poster must not exceed 22"x28" or Tri-Fold Poster 36" x 48".
 - b. Poster on Farm Safety- Poster must not exceed 22"x28" or Tri-Fold Poster 36" x 48".
 - c. Food Production Poster- Poster must not exceed 22"x28" or Tri-Fold Poster 36" x 48".
 - d. Dried Gourd Project- Make something from a dried Gourd. (If you are in need of a dried gourd, please outreach me.)
 - e. Vegetables/Fruit/Herbs/Flowers- Many Juniors help their family members garden. So, they are more than welcomed to enter any of those categories. Upon entry we will mark them as a Junior Entry.
7. Value Added Category
 - a. All products must be made during the growing Season of 2022



Flora Grange #1762 news

Flora Grange #1762 held their March meeting on Tuesday, March 8th with some 32 Grangers in attendance.

Quilting Groups will be meeting this weekend at the Grange Hall. Family Activities, Deb Silver handed out the pattern for the National quilt pattern. Chaplain, Emalee Colver reported on those members that were ill and needed prayers.

Marion Thornberry, Legislative reported all local government in Boone County are up for election, get out and vote. Lindakay Ebel, membership stated all Grange members should wear their membership name pin to all Grange meetings. Did you know that two presidents were Grange members, President Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt and 1st Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Remember when purchasing office supplies, you can get a discount at Office Depot.

Jack Ratcliffe reported under Agriculture that the prices of corn, soybeans, fertilizers, are all going up, also if you are renting land, prices are way up this year. Todd Hegge reported for the fair board, that the gate prices were increased this year, and additional entertainment had been booked. Fabienne Calabrese, Health, Education & Welfare, reported people should not store gas in their garage, home or trunk of their car. This can be dangerous to family members as well as to pets. Junior Fairboard Phoebe Calabrese reported they need to decide on shirts for this year's fair and are talking about shirts for little boys and girls also.

Laurel Ratcliffe read thank you notes Flora Grange received, Lindakay Ebel gave the monthly treasurers report, that was approved. Laurel Ratcliffe reread the bylaws for Flora Grange. Emalee Colver then talked about The Wall That Heals that will be arriving in Belvidere at the fairgrounds on Tuesday afternoon, May 10, set up on Wednesday, May 11, and opening late afternoon on the 11th, and open 24 hours Thursday thru Sunday until around 2 pm. There will be a ceremony on Thursday at 6:30 pm. Emalee stated help is needed from all Grangers. We are looking for groups that may be interested in coming to look at the Wall, they need to make an appointment for the tour that will take around 45 minutes.

Flora Grange will hold their Spring Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, April 3rd, price of the dinner will be \$16 per person, children under 5, \$6. We will hold a bake sale this year. Saturday, April 2nd members will be making salads at the Flora Grange Hall from 8 am to 5 pm.

Kathy Spears, Junior Leader and her Juniors members told what they were working on and showed the dream catchers they made that evening.

Jack Ratcliffe had a program for St. Patrick's Day. \$68.00 was collected in 'G' bills,

April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12th, 7 pm at the Grange Hall, hostess Karen and Jerry Hart, Jerri Schardt and Bob Scherer.

Troy Grove Grange

March 17, 2022 at 7 PM at the Hall.

Agriculture Chairman Jim Weber reported that corn and bean markets have been going up and down.

Legislative Chairman Roy Plote reported that battery storage for solar fields is being looked at for zoning regulations. Also legislation is being considered for larger solar panels. Heating gas and electric prices are rising.

Community Service Chairman Ethel Bauer reported that 17 laprobes were delivered to VITAS. A letter of thanks was received.

A Youth report was given by Ethan Plote. He attended an Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Leaders Conference that was held for 18 to 35 year old leaders. Meeting was held in Peoria. Work shops included finance, livestock legislation, farm safety and mental health.

Roy Plote reported he was showing the Hall to an interested party. A sign is in the window with a contact number.

The next meeting of Troy Grove Grange will be April 21, 2022 at 7 PM.

County Line Grange

We held our regular meeting March 9. Hosts were Jason, Jen, Ed And Sherry. Thanks for the delicious food. Thank you Ruth for the St. Patrick's Day decorations.

Committee, Secretary, Treasurer and all reports were given. We discussed our March 26th 4-H Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. We talked about the new Grange Hall/ Museum. The furnace is in so now we can start working inside on it. Our first workday was set for March 16 for the Members who are able to come and work. Sandy wants to raffle a blanket off to raise some funds for a memorial for Jay Gosnell to be put at the new building. He did the cement work.

We discussed the 2022 State Grange Convention.

It was announced that the "Wall That Heals" coming to the Fairgrounds will need workers.

A 450 dollar donation was voted on and approved for the Garden Prairie fire victims.

Tamra had a contest for her Lecturer's program. We were timed and had to see how many words we could make out of the words "County Line Grange". Linda won.

We closed our meeting held our Penny March and collected G dollars .

Guildford Hope Grange

Due to icy roads, Guilford Hope Grange postponed their February meeting until March 8th, at the home of Wayne and Nancy Lyford with a noon potluck. There were 13 members present and 3 guests, Vivian Johnson who is Winnebago County Deputy and Gene and Celia Adamson.

The yearly budget report was presented and approved pending on the interest earned from our CD that is now at the Midland Bank. Changes may need to be made in the future. February budgeted expense to Rock House Kids will be paid by the Treasurer.

Carol Roush brought up the inconsistency of sign placement height and location on the roads in the area. We agreed it may be brought up as a resolution after further investigation. Carol will try to take pictures as examples.

Guilford Hope will be having their yearly garage sale on May 19th and 20th for our Community Service project.

Vivian Johnson reported the Midwest Leaders Conference is coming soon if anyone is interested in going.

The Illinois State Grange Session will be held at the Boone County Fair Grounds on August 26th thru 28th.

Nathalie reminded us about the National Quilt Block Contest. All entries must be received to the National Grange Lecturer by June 20, 2022.

March 29th meeting will be held with a noon potluck at the home of Bob and Nathalie Lyford. Dave Byrnes made a motion to adjourn with 2nd by Gene Wheeler.



After adjournment, Nancy Lyford presented Gene Adamson with a Quilt of Valor from Guilford Hope Grange. Gene served in the US Army and served a tour in Vietnam.

Thank you to Gene. Gene was also presented with a Remembrance Card from the Rockford Chapter NSDAR, remembering the 9 million Americans who served in Vietnam, "Welcome home and thank you for your service". On behalf of the Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29.

Beaver Valley Grange #1791

March 11, 2022 we met at Community Grange Hall with Master Brian O'Dell presiding. Reports were given on Agriculture, Legislative, Fairboard, and Pomona. Community Service hours were given, and Beaver Valley Grange has decided to collect old cell phones as our Community Service project for this year. We invite **ALL Granges** to donate. The BigSkyRecycling company will take any old cell phones, iPads, iPods, MP3 players and eReaders. Check them out at info@bigskyrecycling.com! They are certified and they guarantee your data is safe. (Big Sky Recycling only uses R2 certified recycling partners (Responsible Recycling). The R2 standard ensures that all data is fully wiped or physically destructed during processing, preventing any personal information from ending up in someone else's hands. This level of security is achieved through guidelines set by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Certificates of Recycling and Data Destruction are available upon request.)

They then donate to several programs like Operation Shoebox, One Tree Planted, No Kid Hungry. We will leave a box at the administration office at the Fairgrounds and Deb has offered to put it in her office at night for security and we will collect it and send them out. It does not cost us anything to ship them out. Reminder that she is there Monday and Wednesdays! Thank you in advance for your consideration for this great cause and what a way to get rid of all those old electronics hanging around in your home!

Beaver Valley has volunteered to help with The Viet Nam Wall on May 14th and times for each person were given by Dayle to the members who volunteered. Dayle Paulson, Publicity



**Junior
Grange**

Illinois State Grange Session 2022
Menus and Prices – kids 10 and under

Friday Evening - Banquet**Price \$25.00 per person \$10.00 for kids**

Smothered pork chops, onion chicken, mashed potatoes, au gratin potatoes, California medley, corn, romaine salad with an oil/vinegar dressing, rolls, pistachio cake, chocolate cake, white cake, and lemon cake. (Grilled boneless, skinless chicken breast for kids and gluten free)

Saturday Morning – Ag Breakfast**Price \$15.00 per person \$7.00 for kids**

French toast casserole, potato casserole, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuit and gravy, toast, Danish, apples, bananas, oranges. (Gluten free and kids chose from the menu)

Saturday Noon – FAC Luncheon**Price \$15.00 per person \$7.00 for kids**

Ham and cheese sandwiches, egg or chicken salad on croissants, potato salad, coleslaw, fruit salad, jello ice cream dessert. (Gluten free and kids chose from the menu)

Saturday Evening – Pasta Array**Price \$20.00 per person \$9.00 for kids**

Marinara sauce, meat balls, Italian sausage bites, alfredo sauce, alfredo sauce with shredded chicken, broccoli, spaghetti, fettuccini, baked mostaccioli, Italian salad with Italian dressing, Italian bread, garlic butter, bar cookies (asking to be donated). (Gluten free noodles will be provided, kids chose from the menu)

Sunday Morning – Grab-n-go**Free - sponsored by a Grange**

Bagels, cream cheese, donuts, yogurt, granola bars, fresh fruit, keto egg muffins.

Beverages will be provided. All attendees will go through the food line, all food will be served by workers. Once everyone has been served, seconds will be offered.

This can be a fundraiser for your Grange. Members from any Grange in the state can volunteer to help. Specific times and jobs are listed, please contact me at Colemank724@comcast.net, text or talk 815-670-1615.

How your Grange can make money at this:

- 1) Register your preferred time and job with me.
- 2) There will be sign in sheets at each meal, each person signs in, identifies which Grange they belong to, marks down their time in and time out.
- 3) After all expenses have been paid, each Grange that provided workers will be paid a percentage of the profit. That percentage is determined by the number of hours worked by each Grange compared to total hours worked for the weekend.
- 4) I will have percentages completed Sunday morning so that each Grange will be paid at that time.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you, Jo Ellen Coleman 815-670-1615 – Text or message Colemank724@comcast.net - email

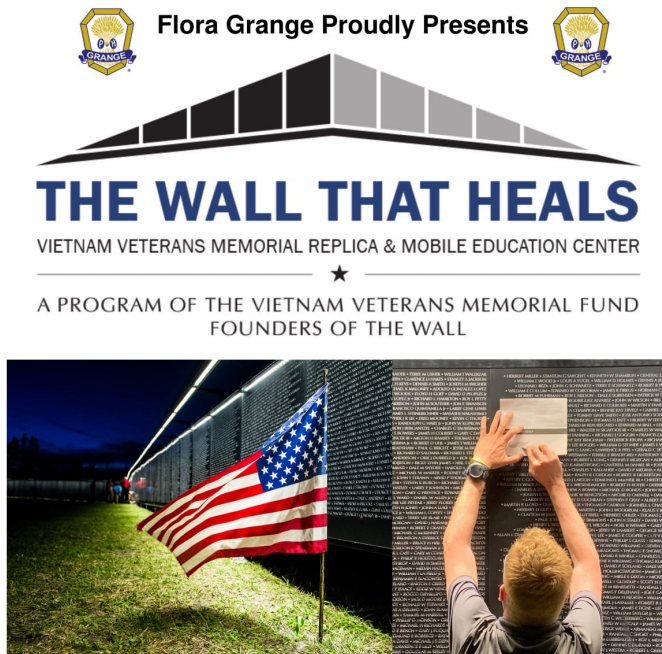
Times and jobs for volunteers to register with Jo Ellen Coleman

Friday Banquet:

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| • Food Prep 10:00am | Clean up crew 7:30am | Table Set up 4:30pm |
| • Food Cooking 12:00pm | Saturday FAC Lunch: | Food Servers 5:30pm |
| • Table set up 5:00pm | Food Prep 9:00am | Clean up crew 7:00pm |
| • Food servers 6:00pm | Food Cooking 10:00am | Sunday Breakfast Grab-n-Go |
| • Clean up crew 7:00pm | Table Setup 11:00am | Food Prep 6:00am |

Saturday Ag Breakfast:

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| • Food Prep 7:30pmFri | Clean up crew 12:30pm | Food Servers 7:00am |
| • Food Cooking 4:30am | Saturday Pasta Array | Clean up crew 8:30am |
| • Table set up 6:30am | Food Prep 12:30pm | |
| • Food servers 7:00am | Food Cooking 2:00pm | |



May 12 - 15, 2022 Boone County Fairgrounds

8847 Rt 76, Belvidere, IL
Enter at Gate 6 off McKinley Ave

Free Admission - Open 24 hours - Closes Sunday at 2pm

For more information visit our Facebook Page: The Wall That Heals/Belvidere IL 2022



Brian O'Dell
Beaver Valley Grange
Submitted by Renee O'Dell
With Ruth Blasingame and Renee

Vivian Johnson
Union Grange
Submitted by: Vivian Johnson



Albert Ebel III
Flora Grange
Submitted by LindaKay Ebel
With Mike Ratcliffe



Calendar of Grange Events

- 4/3 Flora Roast Beef Dinner
- 4/3 Turkey Hill Chicken Dinner 10 :30-3
- 4/9 Prairie Grange Consignment Auction
Boone County Fairgrounds
- 4/23 Turkey Hill Yard Sale
- 4/24 EM open house and commUNITY fair
10-4
- 427 Deadline for May Issue of Granger—no lates
- 5/1 **State Grange Picnic**—Hopewell Grange 1 pm
- 5/7 EM Trailer - Lebanon May Market
- 5/12-15 The Wall That Heals Boone County Fairgrounds
hosted by Flora Grange - McKinley Rd Entrance - Free
Admission
- 5/19-20 Guilford Hope Garage Sale
- 6/24-26 Midwest Grange Leadership Conf.
See Youth article
- 8/9-14 Boone County Fair
- 8/26-28 State Session-Boone Fairgrounds**
- 11/15-23 National Grange Session Sparks NV
Nugget Casino Resort

2023

7/18-23 Grange Revival Curtis MI (UP)

2024

National Session Quad Cities 11/10-17

Ongoing:

Emerald Mound - desserts at Summerfield Lions Club
fish fries Mar 4,11,18,25, Apr 1,8

Donations: Illinois Granger

\$20 Fay/Donna Ellwanger - Prairie Grange
\$20 Mike/Kim Robin - County Line Grange
\$20 Lester/Betty Hardt - Broad Hollow Grange
Memorial Scholarship—Please consider donating to the
Memorial Scholarship fund in memory of Past Grange
Members or Important events of your Grange.

NOTE:

**Please send me any important dates, members in
nursing homes, rehabs, or senior living, obituaries,
donations, births, weddings, good news from your
Grange so I can add them to the newsletter.**

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Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrtens

Spring is in the air, spring has arrived on the calendar but I'm not sure anyone told the weather itself. One day in the seventies and the next day frost and some snowflakes but then we are used to that in the mid west. If we don't like the weather just stick around and it will change.

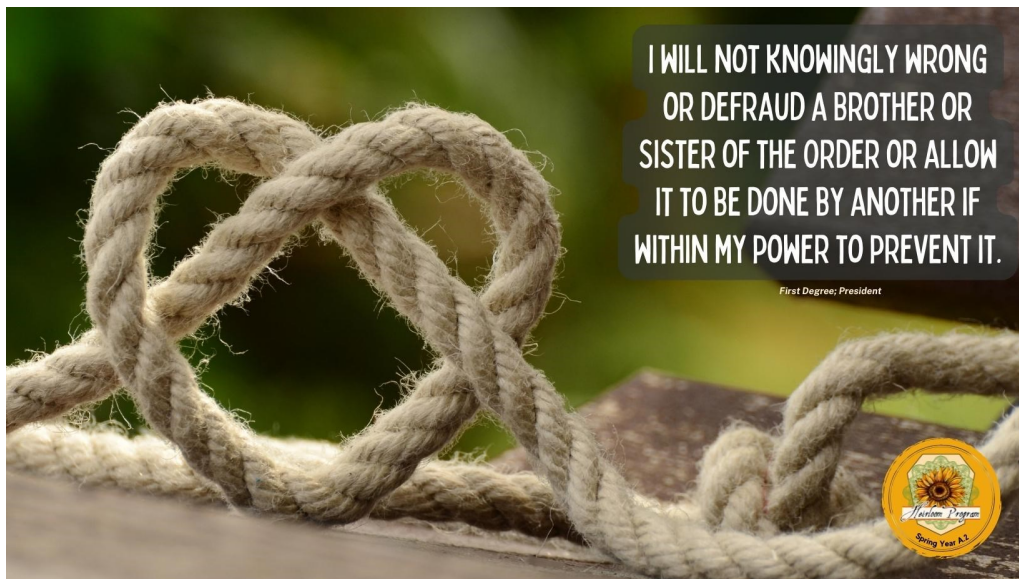
It is easy to see growth in spring and summer. Our plants sprout and then bloom, even we feel like we have new life when we are warmed by the sun and light lingering longer in the evenings. But I also will find myself busier because I take the time to stop and enjoy the evening sounds and watch the beautiful sunsets on the patio. But let's not take for granted that autumn and winter offer times for growth as well. Seeds lie dormant but not dead. Like animals hibernate, yet they are growing or preparing for growth in the days ahead. We too have had time to hunker down, perhaps using time when we were not so busy for prayer, study and simply being quiet in God's presence. We are being prepared for God to do a new thing in our lives and in our world. And now that spring is here we celebrate the opening our new blooms and our hearts and minds as they look to where God will lead us.

Sending our love and comfort to those who need healing and blessings. Sending to those who rejoice and enjoy new things in their life, God's blessing to each and every one of you we are all God's children.

Smile it will make you feel better,

Pray it will keep you strong

Love it will make you enjoy Life



Emerald Mound Grange

CommUNITY Fair

Area non profits and volunteer groups will be coming together to share information and what projects they have planned for the future. This will also be a way to network among the groups and find out how we can help each other. Different activities will be scheduled throughout the day. An event has been created for our Facebook page so you can stay up to date on what is happening when, and what groups will be there. And of course we will have food. Tickets for a "Backyard Family Fun" raffle will be sold, with money raised going to the food pantry.

Junior
Grange



THE GRANGE AND ME...AND YOU?

By John Harth, Member, Troy Grove Grange #1852, IL

This is going to take awhile, and may seem at first to be an autobiography. It is not. Come along for the ride to see where we're going.

Mom and Dad were members of Troy Grove Grange #1852 in Illinois. When the time came, I was enrolled in the Juvenile, now Junior, Grange; I think I was 8. We met while the Subordinate meeting took place, with games and crafts and such. When Booster Night came along, welcoming the community at large to come for assorted contests and entertainment and a sales pitch to join the Grange, we youngsters were quite involved. While the adults had crop and baking and garden produce and canning competition, we got to perform. I remember doing a skit with one of my older, adult cousins...something about cherry pie...and performing on Along the way, Mom encouraged me to enter the State Grange baking contest at my age level, and my sugar cookies won 1st place! Somewhere in a box (I recently retired and moved), I still have the blue ribbon attached to the prize: a Betty Crocker young person's cookbook. Another year my entry was misplaced; they found it after the contest and, after eating it, Mom was told that I likely would have won another first.

I aged, and when the time came (14, I think), I joined the Subordinate Grange. As we ventured to area Grange events, Lee-LaSalle Pomona meetings, the northern Illinois Grange picnic and other gatherings, I grew in many ways.

Then the time came for me to go to State Grange Youth Camp, my first stint away from home longer than an overnight. I was a little homesick, but the friendliness and fun and ritual and singing led to some growing friendships. In time, I was elected State Grange Youth Master (now called President). I served several terms and could have served more, but seeking the advice of a visiting National Grange rep (a college student), I did not seek re-election. Letting others have the opportunity to serve was a good call.

Not long after that, then as a college student, I was named Illinois State Grange Director of Youth Activities, a position I held for several years. Somewhere or other I still have some leftover pieces of stationery to that effect.

When the National Grange met in Peoria (1968, I think), I as Youth Master was privileged to serve as

National Youth Master. A photo was taken of me with National Master Herschel Newsom, a copy of which I requested but was never found.

Next came a press to submit an entry for the National Grange Prince competition, which eventually became Youth Ambassador. I was runner-up at the session in Daytona Beach, Florida. Because of that, I was able to attend the following National session in Boise, Idaho, and to represent Grange youth as part of a panel with 4-H, FFA, and other groups in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the American Medical Association Conference on Farm Health and Safety. I clearly remember going to the podium when my turn came, putting aside my notes, and speaking extemporaneously. Don't ask what I said; I'm not even sure I could have told you right after.

I continued membership in Troy Grove Grange, even to this day, life took me away from Grange locations.

I was hired by our local radio station (WGLC, Mendota, IL) as one of two high school students operating the station on weekends. That led me to our sister station in Charleston, IL, where I worked fulltime and attended Eastern Illinois University. The draw of career pulled me out of school to work at a radio station in Lakewood, New Jersey, and then another in Cape Girardeau, MO. The final stop in my broadcasting career of 15 years was KFVS-TV in Cape Girardeau as a reporter and anchor.

During the latter part of that stay, God messed with me. I eventually quit to go to seminary and am now a retired Catholic Priest.

So what does this all have to do with the Grange?

I am convinced that the experiences I've described along the way prepared me to better deal with people, hone my skills in writing and speaking, and assisted in laying a solid foundation for my career in the media and my years as a priest. The caring heart fostered by family and church and Grangers along the way have served well to form me into what I hope has been a good pastor and friend.

So thank you, Grangers from across the years and the fruited plains. You do good work.

May we all do good work in placing our faith in God, nurturing hope, dispensing charity, and being noted for fidelity.

