



# Illinois Granger

Spotlight on Grangers

*In Essentials... Unity*

*In Non-Essentials... Liberty*

*In All Things... Charity*

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## **Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms**

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I write this article on Sunday after returning home from the Midwest Grange Leadership Conference in Muscatine, IOWA. The weather is near normal but still a little too warm and dry. We have completed the second cutting of hay, Don and I started to bale small bales, glad our grandson Logan came to help. The corn is tall and soybeans growing. We got rain while I was in Iowa, not enough to get rid of the drought but it was helpful. It rained in Iowa as well over night and during the day but the schedule only had to be adjusted once.

IA Grangers Samantha Hanson and Emma Edelin planned a great event, with help from their sisters Jordyn and Rachel. Maria and Gene Edelin kept us fed. Grangers from IL, IN, IA, OH, MN, WI were in attendance. Together we learned much from the workshops. National Youth Team members were in attendance Amber, Cole and Emma. National Youth Director Mandy and National Junior Director Samantha were also welcomed and presented workshops. National Lecturer Ann Bercher and I also presented workshops. It was fun competing in the Grange Survivor Games. The Spring Valley Bible Camp was a great venue and easy to find. Please check out my Facebook page for pictures. Next year it will be in WI with assistance from MN.

Robin, Karrie and Kelly, Karie and I at different times checked out the ISLE Casino in Bettendorf. It was nice to see where the National Grange Session will be in 2024 where IL will be part of the host group. I believe it will be a great location and it was very easy to find.

## **Carrie Fisher**

### **Illinois State Grange Lady Assistant Steward**

Hopewell Grange #1747

Junior 9 years, Subordinate 22 years

Pomona Member, State And National Member

#### **Subordinate offices**

Lady Assistant Steward

Lecturer

Currently Secretary

#### **State offices**

Pomona

Youth Officer

#### **National Participation**

Horizon Award

Youth Mentor

Youth Officer 3 years

Member St Marks Lutheran Church

I have been married to Jimmie Fisher for 10 years in July

We have 4 sons

Jaydon, Clayton, Jaxon, Cruz

#### **Hobbies**

Bowling

#### **Employment**

Teachers aide at Mount Zion Elementary School

CNA at St. Marys Hospital

#### **What I want you to know about me.**

I am a baseball Mom to 2 baseball players and I attended Jaydon's baseball, basketball and this past year his wrestling meets.

I helped Samantha and Mandy with a live spot for the Grange Foundation Telethon for Junior and Youth funds on July 9. The IL State Grange decided to donate at a sponsorship level. I hope that many of you will donate as well and watch the telethon.

The National Grange Executive Committee will be meeting via Zoom next week. And a meeting in Washington, DC in August.

Plans are being made for the 151<sup>st</sup> State Session, August 26 - 28, Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL. More information should be coming in the next few months. I believe the menu has been settled and it looks delicious. Hope you are all working on contest entries for session. Raffle tickets will be arriving at your Grange in box or USPS box soon. I hope that you are sending your resolutions to Robin. National Grange Secretary Debbie and PA State Grange President Wayne Campbell will be our National Grange representatives. I am looking forward to having you all meet them. Don and I will be going to PA session in October, I am looking forward to seeing how PA State Grange Session goes.

Be aware that some of the dates for contest entries are the first of July!! These National Contests do not have to go to the State Grange first – you can send them to both National and State. Some of the National Grange Contest dates have changed check out Facebook or [nationalgrange.org](http://nationalgrange.org).

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

All Grangers are determined workers that persevere.

## **Gulford Hope Grange #6**

Guilford Hope Grange met at the home of Gene and Carolyn Wheeler June 20th, 2022 with 10 members present.

The meeting opened in the 4th degree. The secretary's report was read and approved with no corrections.

Treasurer reported the communication from Shelter Care Ministries was read thanking us for our recent monetary donation. The Rock River Pantry will be our next donation for June; July will be the Salvation Army in Belvidere.

Carol Roush's resolution was approved and will be sent to the State Grange Secretary.

Delegates for the State Grange session were changed to Carol Roush and Nancy Lyford from Guilford Hope Grange. S. Wayne Lyford will be the delegate from Winnebago County Pomona Grange. Delegates were approved.

Items were collected for State Grange going to Operation Shoe box.

Carol and Nancy have made quilt squares to go to the National Grange.

Our collection of "G" bills was reported.

A banner for our Grange still needs to be done. Ideas are needed.

Submitted, Nancy Lyford

## **Prairie Grange #1832**

Prairie Grangers gathered for their monthly meeting on June 20, 2022. We took in one new member tonight.

Committee reports were heard: Do your diligent duty and get out and vote on June 28, 2022. Be working on your craft items and hopefully you have your garden planted for entries in the AG and FAC contests. Youth – Several Prairie Grange members are going to the Midwestern Regional Grange Leadership Conference on June 24-26<sup>th</sup>. Juniors – A Jr Day was held and the Juniors worked on their projects and they also hosted a meal and movie night. Turnout was great for and hoping to have more in the near future. Community Service – We will be putting up our Free Little Library outside the Grange hall tonight and filling it up with books for others to enjoy. At Nifty Needles we have been making adult Bibs for the Nursing Homes and for the Special Ed students in our local school district. Deaf – Everyone was reminded how important it is to protect our hearing and don't be afraid to get hearing aides you will be amazed at what sounds you have been missing out on. Plans for the 2022 Boone County Fair are well under way.

Prairie Grange members also worked on a Resolution that they will present to State Session.

Under New Business a lot was discussed: Meal at State Session – Prairie Grange will purchase one meal for all of the members who will attend State Session. You just need to let Karie Blasingame know which one by July 28<sup>th</sup>.

JoEllen Coleman is asking for help to prepare, cook and serve the meals at State Session, if you are interested in helping please contact her or sign up at the Boone County Pomona Picnic in July. This is a fundraiser if you do participate.

We need to keep the following Prairie Grangers in our prayers: Paul Zeien Jr, John and Pat Henninger, Jennifer and Joel Tinch and Donna Ellwanger and wish them all a speedy recovery.

The Lecturer presented a brief program on Juneteenth.

Karrie Kindberg Publicity Chair

## ISG Secretary Report

Hello Grangers,

Hope this finds everyone doing well. We finally got in the fields up here in northern Boone County this week. Been to wet to get crops in but we are on the move now and hopefully will be finished before next weekend if Mother Nature cooperates this week.

Here are a few important dates you need to be aware of:

1. JUNE 25, 2022 – ROOM RESERVATIONS – Hopefully by now all Officers, Deputies and Committee Chairs have let Lynette or myself know if you will be staying at the hotel and how many nights you will be staying at the hotel. If you have not done so yet CALL ME NOW 815-978-0452.  
Grangers who are not an Officer, Deputy or Chairman and you want to make a hotel reservation contact me before June 25, 2022 to get the Grange price 815-978-0452.
2. JULY 1, 2022 -RESOLUTIONS and Delegate NAMES – Need to be to me before July 1, 2022.
3. AUGUST 1, 2022 DELEGATE BOOKS – All State Officers, Delegates, Deputies and Committee Chairs are required to purchase a Delegate Book Cost is \$5.00. If you are going to be a Delegate this book can be ordered when your meals are ordered.  
If you are not a Officer, Deputy or Committee chair you can send me the payment made payable to ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE.  
Grangers who want to purchase a book can send your payment to me as well.  
These must be ordered by August 1.
4. AUGUST 1, 2022 – MEAL RESERVATIONS – Those who are Delegates must have your Grange Secretary fill out the Meal form, order your books and send the check made payable to: ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE.  
Any other Granger who wants to purchase meals for the banquets must fill out a Meal Reservation form and send it along with payment made payable to ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE and mail it to me by August 1, 2022
5. JULY 15, 2022 – Officers, Deputies and Committee Chairs your reports are due to me by July 15, 2022.  
Tell me what you have done over this past year and what Grange activities and or events you have attended and email it to me by July 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. DRESS ATTIRE – Business Casual – Suits are not required but dress pants and shirts are suggested. State Officers, Deputies and Committee members are asked not to wear jeans during meetings and banquets. It will be warm outside and in the buildings so dress nicely but appropriately.

Any questions contact me 815-978-0452 and leave a message or email me [robinkindberg5@gmail.com](mailto:robinkindberg5@gmail.com).

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Caledonia, IL 61011



## Leroy Community Grange

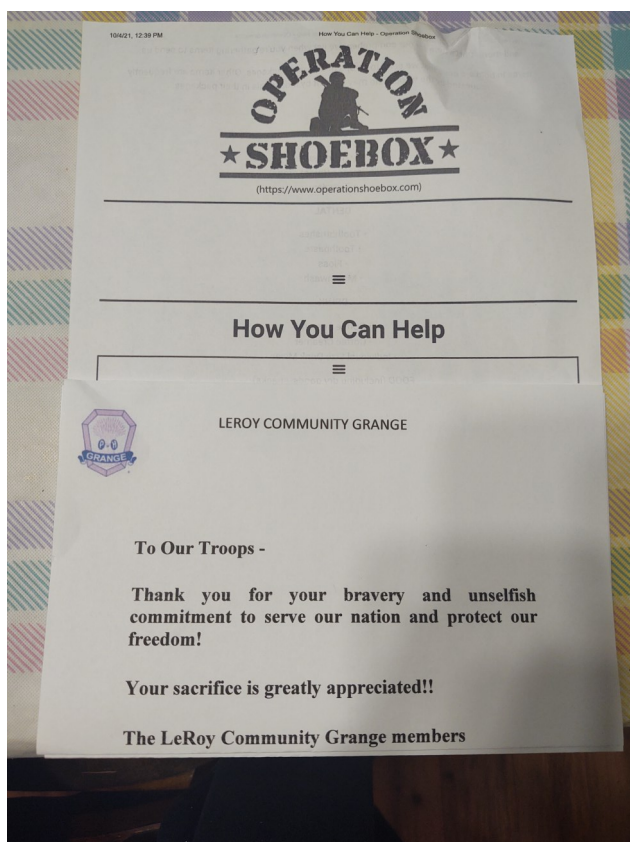
June 8, 2022 The meeting was called to order by Master, Rocky Temple. The pledge was led by Rocky and prayer given by Denise Temple. The secretaries report was emailed by Denise Temple, Jeff Vance moved to accept the minutes, Lisa Downey 2nd, motion carried. Vicki Donley passed out the treasurer's report. Calvin Downey moved to accept the report, Jeff 2nd, motion carried.

A thank you was received from the Boone County Conservation District for our donation of \$100 to benefit their scholarship fund for summer camps. In old business, a report about our banquet for the Distinguished Community Citizens was given by Denise. We met at Paulson's Ag Museum on May 13th and honored five community members! We also collected items for the Operation Shoebox, which sends care packages to our troops. Denise reported that we put 5 boxes together and Rocky delivered them to 95.3 The Bull radio station where they were collecting them. Scott Yunk presented our scholarship at the North Boone High School awards night!

Jeff reported that we will be serving breakfast at the BBQ competition June 25 & 26th at the fairgrounds from 6:30 - 9:30 am. He asked who was available to work. We will also be serving breakfast Sunday of the fair. Our 50/50 raffle is underway, please contact Ed Kasper if you have any questions. Discussion on selling our trailer. BYB has asked to use it for a tournament the end of June. We will put a for sale sign on it and start advertising it for sale. Discussion on possibly having a community picnic the end of summer. State Session dates are August 26-28th.

New business items included the topic on if we should start distributing dictionaries again. Manchester school contacted Tami

Temple and asked if we could get them some dictionaries. She gave them 24 that we had available and we will discuss getting more for next school year. Our next meeting will be July 13th at 6:30 pm. Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Temple,  
Secretary



## **Troy Grove Grange**

We met June 16, 2022 at Ziggy's at 7 PM.

Agriculture Chairman Jim Weber reported that most planting had been done by the last week in May. The crops are looking very good. It was reported that beans were selling at \$17.50 per bushel and Argo corn was at \$8.88 per bushel. The heat in Kansas and Oklahoma has killed 25,000 cattle. They had an estimated value of \$2,400 each.

Legislative Chairman Roy Plote reported that Broadband is being installed in rural areas. Farmers are reporting some instances of field tile being cut. Com Ed is putting up new poles. There are some reports that these are being put in with no easement in place. Ameren sent out letters to customers informing them of a \$52.00 per month average increase due to increasing cost of power production. This is partly caused by the shutdown of the coal power plants.

Community Service Chairman Ethel Bauer reported that a check for \$100.00 was delivered to PADS. A thank you letter was received.

A 25 year Silver Star Certificate was presented to Roy Plote.

25 year Silver Star Certificates were ordered for Betty and Jim Meznarich.

A 65 year Gold Seal Certificate was ordered for Joyce Hoelzer.

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

## **UNION GRANGE**

Our May meeting was held at the home of Ron and Nancy Erbe. After a short meeting we had a frisbee toss game, Mother's Day scripture readings and bird name unscramble game. We were sorry to lose Tracy Baxter as a member.

Our June meeting was held at the home of Terry and Diane Meyer. The Charter was draped in honor of Russell Stauffer. Items are being collected for the Operation Soldier Shoebox and tickets were sold for the FAC quilt raffle. Everyone was encouraged to vote YES for the River Bluff Nursing Home tax increase on June 28 local election. Three members attended "The Wall That Heals".

Linnea Miller is still at P.A. Peterson getting rehab therapy for her stroke. Lecturer, Sally Campbell, had game on flower names and a Father's Day quiz.

June 12 five members enjoyed all the animals at the Summerfield Zoo in Boone County and a meal after at Culver's. A beautiful day for fun and fellowship.

Our annual July 4<sup>th</sup> potluck picnic will be at Sally Campbell's at noon.

## **Beaver Valley Grange #1791**

June 10, 2022 meeting was held at the Beaver Valley Community Grange Hall and started at 7 pm. Reports were given for Health Education and Welfare, Marisa reported on the World's health concerns. International Travels only require a negative COVID test a day before a flight; Moderna now has a safe vaccine for children 6 months to 17 years old, however it still needs approval; grocery stores have limits on baby formula that you can buy now that they are getting some; Beware of the Monkey Pox; and Ukraine has a cholera spread.

Steve Paulson gave a safety report on shooter situations and what it is recommended to do. Chip Messiner gave us a report on Legislative efforts. Insurance should cover all prostrate screenings starting January 2024; expanding leave for bereavement of a child loss; there are more steps yet to pass the "Flag" of gun purchases; and they are going to begin processes to revamp teacher positions due to shortages and all the recent violent activities.

BVG Grange t-shirts are ready to order.

Flagpole at the Old Admin Bldg is just about ready. We'll need to paint the bottom and get it put up. Then have the flower area at the bottom updated to look nice. Reports were given on the Fairboard meeting, Appreciation Dinner is set for Sept. 12th.

Rick O'Dell reported National Grange is going to join Hearing Loss Assn. of American on the Hear Will Campaign. Community Services hours were turned in. We would like to keep collecting the cell phones or iPads, iPods that you are ready to dispose of. Shall we have a contest between Granges to spruce up our collection? For any of you that did already drop off a cell phone please email me at daylep1065@gmail.com and tell me what Grange you are from and I will tally. I will not put your name in, just do a tally. I have collected 17 cell phones so far, and 1 iPod.

Fraternally submitted, Dayle Paulson, Publicity

## Family Activities Committee

(Chair: Lori Henrichs)

Greetings, Grangers! I hope everyone is getting their projects ready for State Session. My apologies for being so quiet lately, but I just lost my only sister to cancer a couple of weeks ago. I have been thinking a lot about her, and what I could write about the Family Activities Community at this sad time.

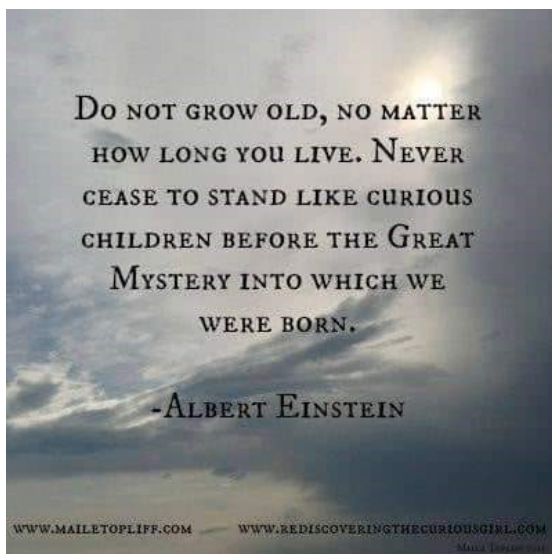
There are many types of sewing projects that can be accomplished, depending on what type of sewing talent the individual has. Some are good at embroidery, some knitting, some quilting, some crocheting. God gives each of us one or more talents to help us live the life he has ordained for us.

My sister was given many talents. She was very good at drawing. She also did many outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking, kayaking, shooting, etc. She was very adventurous and went to many places on vacations and weekends. She was also a very loyal person and took great care of her friends and family.

My sister packed one or two lifetimes into 55 years. I will truly miss her. She has finished her life's project and it's beautiful. I can hear the Lord saying to her, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Her life presents several challenges. Always keep the Lord first, and everything will work out in the end; maybe not as we expected, but He will reveal the end project in eternity. Family and friends are to be treasured and cared for. Always put them before work and other interests. Always give 100 percent to every project and do your best to complete it.

Good luck to everyone who is working on a project for the FAC contest. I look forward to seeing them in August. Do your best and be proud of what you will accomplish.



## Calendar of Grange Events

7/23-24 Flea Market Turkey Hill 9-2

8/9-14 Boone County Fair

8/14 Turkey Hill Ham and Peach Dinner

10:30-3 Carryouts available.

**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 :** Turkey Hill Farmers Markets

Every week Thursdays 10-2 in Swansea and Saturdays 9-Noon in O'Fallon

**Donations: Illinois Granger**

**NOTE:**

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

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## MEAL RESERVATIONS ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE AUGUST 26-28,2022

**FRIDAY NOON** – Hot Dog Meal

Donation Accepted

\_\_\_\_\_ **FRIDAY EVENING BANQUET**

**\$25.00 per person**

Smothered Pork Chops, Onion Chicken, mashed potatoes, au gratin potatoes, California medley, corn, Romaine Salad with oil/ vinaigrette dressing, rolls, pistachio cake, chocolate cake, white cake, lemon cake, coffee, ice tea, lemonade and water. Kids meal -eat off menu - \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **SATURDAY AG BREAKFAST**

**\$15.00 per person**

French Toast casserole, potato casserole, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, toast, Danishes, apples, bananas, oranges, juices, milk, coffee, and water. Kids meal – eat off menu \$7.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **SATURDAY NOON-FAC LUNCHEON**

**\$15.00 per person**

Ham and Cheese Sandwich on bread, Egg Salad and Chicken Salad on croissant, potato salad, coleslaw, potato chips, fruit salad, jello, ice cream dessert, coffee, ice tea, lemonade and water.

Kids meal – eat off menu \$7.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ **SATURDAY EVENING – PASTA ARRAY**

**\$20.00 per person**

Marinara sauce, meatballs, Italian sausage bites, alfredo sauce, alfredo sauce with chicken, broccoli, spaghetti, fettuccini, baked mostaccioli, Italian salad with Italian dressing, Italian bread, garlic butter, variety of bar cookies, coffee, ice tea, lemonade and water. Kids menu-eat off the menu \$9.00

\_\_\_\_\_ **SUNDAY MORNING -GRAB-N-GO**

**Donations accepted**

Bagels, cream cheese, donuts, yogurt, granola bars, fresh fruit, juices, milk, coffee.

Please let us know how many will be participating

**Names for Delegate Badges or Meal Tickets**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **DELEGATE BOOKS** - \$5.00 each. All Delegates and officers are required to purchase a book. Any Granger can purchase a book also just let Robin know by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE - \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make all checks payable to: **ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE**

Mail all Reservations **by August 1, 2022** to:

**ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE**

**Robin Kindberg - Secretary**

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## News from Flora Grange

Flora Grange held their annual Grange picnic and awards night on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 6:30 pm at the Flora Grange Hall with some 52 Grange members and guests in attendance.

Chaplain Emalee Colver gave a dinner prayer, and a potluck meal was enjoyed by all in attendance. Everyone moved upstairs and Jack Ratcliffe welcomed those in attendance and explained about the stars and strips on the American Flag and the Pledge was recited by all in attendance. We sang God Bless America, accompanied by Sharon Miller on the organ.

Community Service Awards were given out:

- Flora Grange 2022 Member of the Year – Emalee Colver
- Flora Grange 2022 Non-Member of the Year – John, Steve, Dave and Brian Gallano
- 2022 Community Service Police Officer of the Year – Matt Wallace
- 2022 Community Service Teacher of the Year – Beth Limones
- Steve Anderson of Anderson Funeral & Cremation Service Assisting in hosting The Wall That Heals
- Gene Kuhnwald Assisting in hosting The Wall the Heals with Flora Grange
- John Darley Assisting in hosting The Wall That Heals with Flora Grange
- John Cornn Assisting in hosting The Wall that Heals with Flora Grange
- Mark Finnegan Assisting in hosting The Wall That Heals with Flora Grange

\$500.00 Scholarship Awards were also given to Allyson Aves and Delphine Calabrese who will be attending college in the fall and several yearly membership certificates were given out also.

Jack and Laurel Ratcliffe gave a slide program of their recent family trip starting from the State of Washington and coming down the coast for 12 days showing many beautiful and interesting sites along the way of places of interest they visited and beautiful scenery pictures which everyone in attendance enjoyed. They were thanked for sharing their vacation with Grange members.

Master Al Ebel then reminded members of various changes coming up in future months; July 12 we will not have a Grange meeting, we will meet at the Boone County Fairgrounds for a work night starting at 5 pm, following with refreshments at Culvers, (Dutch Treat).

August 9-14 Boone County Fair – we will serve breakfast on Tuesday and Saturday and the dinner on Thursday. Members are needed to work the drink stand on Tuesday from 11am to 7 pm.

Our August Flora Grange meeting will be one week later, August 16, Hostesses will be Thornberry's and Buzzell's. Also, resolutions for State Grange are due by July 1<sup>st</sup>, delegates and delegates meals due by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Laurel Ratcliffe stated the Illinois State Grange is asking to use our big padded chairs for the delegates and officers for the three-day session in August. There was a lot of discussion on this, and it was suggested a contract be drawn up and notarized if in any way they are broken they be replaced at their cost.

We signed a get-well card for Ron Eucker and sang Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this month.

'G' Bills were collected, \$18 and the meeting was closed.



**Turkey Hill Grange #1370** held their regular meeting on June 10 at 7:30 p.m. The program was presented by an ER nurse from Memorial Hospital. She talked and demonstrated what to do in an emergency-- Call 911 FIRST, then start "Hands Only" CPR. In case the person is having a Heart Attack, this could save their life!! The recommended way to do CPR is with both hands on top of each other with rapid and hard beats to the chest. Don't forget you have help on the way--IF you dialed 911 First!! She also handed out brochures with the Warning Signs of Strokes and Heart Attacks and prevention measures for both.

Following the program, President Charles Treser opened the meeting. Chris Berset read the minutes of last meeting. Marilyn Coe read the Treasurer report. The Charter was draped in memory of Russell Kern who was a 48 year member.

Our annual Chicken Dinner was held with 333 dinners served. We continue having a table at two Farmer's Markets each week into October. One is in Swansea on the parking lot of Rural King on Thursdays from 10-2 and on Saturdays in O'Fallon at the station bldg. on 1st Street. Turkey Hill has opened their hall for Flea Markets which are doing very well with about 40 vendors. They are held the 4th Saturday & Sunday of April, June, July and September. Plans are being made for a Potluck Dinner before our July meeting. We will be honoring our membership for their years of belonging to the Grange. Membership Chairman, Steve Kolluch, will be in charge of the presentations and David Donley, Community Service Chairman will introduce our nominees for Teacher, Fireman, Policeman, Community Citizen and Granger of the Year. We will be having our annual Ham & Peach Dinner on August 14, 2022. We have also been invited to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Renner Farm's "10 Years of Horsepower" a 3 day event on August 25,26 and 27. This is a biennial affair with 3 days packed with activities for the family. There will be entertainment throughout the days and bands in the evening. The last one was cancelled because of Covid, but three years ago they had over 10,000 people there and this year will be even bigger. This will be an "all hands on deck" activity and Emerald Mound Grange will be helping us.

We held a very well-attended Trivia Night on June 18, 2022. Mardy Eisloeffel was in charge and many Grangers helped with writing questions, announcing, judging and scorekeeping. There were water and soda for sale as well as an array of desserts and a huge



Silent Auction in charge of Barb Joseph and Rosemarie Parker. This is one of our better fund-raisers and fun was had by all.

Jim Coe, Vice President, read the changes in the By-Laws and they were voted on and approved by the membership.





## Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrtens

As I sit here thinking about what to write about this month I look out around me. I see the winter wheat has been cut here on the farm for the season. I think about the number of hours that we prayed that God would give us a good crop. I see the green corn field across the road that just a few weeks ago was a kennel of corn just planted, and now it is waist high or taller. The blackberries and gooseberries are ripening in due time. A few short weeks ago we were praying that it would stop raining long enough to get the crops in. Now many of us are praying for rain and for the high temperatures to come down to normal.

Do you pray for the little things that God gives us, or do we only pray for the big things in life that God gives us every day. We need to say prayers for our friends, neighbors; the world around us, our brothers and sisters that we don't know, for it is through Christ that we can be as one.

We need to remember that through daily prayer we can do many things. Sharing the love for one another is the most powerful thing we can do in this world. How does God reveal Himself to you most often, how do you come to understand what He's revealed?

May God's Blessing be with each and every one of you now and forever more.

GOD BLESS AMERICA FOREVER

**Russell C. Kern, Sr.** 86, of Freeburg passed away May 11 at his home. He was a coal miner and retired from Peabody Coal Co. after 44 years of employment. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Turkey Hill Grange for 48 years. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61

years in 2018. He is survived by five children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He and his wife were more active when they were more physically active.



Hello Summer!!!



**GUARD  
AGAINST  
SELFISHNESS.  
IF THINE  
ENEMY  
HUNGER,  
FEED HIM.**

Second Degree, Chaplain

