



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

Wow did we have some rain earlier this week (July 26), records broken all over the area, rain in a 24-hour time frame. Water everywhere – many roads closed, and people trapped in homes and/or cars. Up to that rain we were in drought conditions. The HEAT has been over the top as well with many days over 100 degrees and a bunch more over 90 degrees. I hope that you are all safe and staying cool with this summer's weather.

I hope that many of you contributed to the Grange Foundation Telethon. Mandy and Samantha did a great job of raising funds for the Youth and Junior programs. I was glad that IL State Grange was a sponsor for the event. When I last heard there was a telethon balance over \$23K received in donations. I was proud to be able to share a testimony. It is good to see many Grangers working together across the country to support the National Grange programs for the Youth and Juniors. Thanks to everyone involved in the event and those who made donations.

Before the IL State Grange Session, I will have a National Grange Executive Committee Zoom meeting. We have much to discuss concerning the National Grange building and the upcoming National Grange Session, **November 15-19, 2022**. The 156th Annual National Grange Session at the Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, Nevada. Registration is now open and hope many of you will be able to attend and participate in all that has been planned.

I know that the Grangers in Boone and Winnebago Counties have been planning for the 151st State Session, **August 26 - 28**, Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL. I am sure that in this Illinois

Ruth Blasingame

Illinois Granger Editor

Illinois State Grange Communications Director

Prairie Grange #1832— Member 26 years

Boone County Pomona Grange— President

Prairie Grange—President

Boone County Fairboard Director—22 years

Boone County Youth Fairboard Advisor—3 years

Past Illinois State Grange Deputy

National Grange Session helper in Communications Department

Hobbies and Interests:

Crocheting afghans for the nursing home

Rag Quilting

Making things for my Grandkids

Family:

Husband Jimmy—married 48 years

Daughters:

Karie Blasingame

Sarah—Jeremy Meyers

Steven, Tyler, Sammantha, Rebecca

Tracey— Phillip Jones

Charlotte, plus 1 on the way

Marilyn Blasingame— Seshanth Kannappan

I also Claim

Sheri—Kevin Bochmann

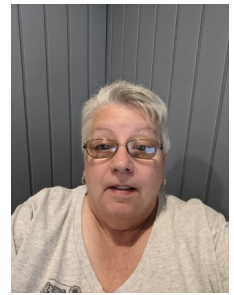
Kayla, Chloe, Riley

Manny Fabela

Maria Mendez

I have been always been so involved in the Grange! I am starting to cut back now to spend more time with Jimmy at our camper in Wisconsin. I want to have time to spend in St. Peter's MO with Charlotte and the new baby when it arrives. The grandsons, Tyler and Steven, are both in Texas working right now. The twins, Sam and Beckie, are in college and college bowling. My Grange family comes to the camper and I like to cook for them.

We will be having an Open House at the Community Grangehall on Friday November 25 from 5-8 pm to celebrate Marilyn and Seshanth's marriage. Everyone is invited.



Granger there is more information. And I hope you have returned your meal ordering sheets to Robin. Hope you are all working on contest entries for session. I am sure that the Lecturer, FAC, AG and Junior department are looking for entries. I hope all the Granges in Boone and Winnebago counties will be represented at the meeting. Having the meeting in this area only happens every three years. I hope that you are all selling the FAC Raffle tickets and the Quilt Raffle. Karie and I will soon be sending the Delegates the committee assignments. If the session committee chairs want to meet prior to the meeting, please let me know. I can set up Zoom sessions. National Grange Secretary Deb and PA State Grange President Wayne Campbell will be our National Grange representatives. I am looking forward to having them tell us about PA State Grange. Hope to see you all **August 25-28** at Boone County Fairgrounds!

Don and I will be going to PA session in October, I am looking forward to seeing how PA State Grange Session goes. We will also be going to NH State Session later in October. Can't wait for both of these sessions.

Next summer will be time for Grange Revival 2023, watch for more information.

All Grangers are determined workers that persevere.

Turkey Hill Grange #1370

Our July meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner to welcome our community service award winners and to distribute membership awards. Our program segment was used to honor these guests and to bestow the awards.

Outstanding Firefighter of the Year is Eric McDonald of the Freeburg Fire Department

Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year is Gary Kempf of St. Clair County Sheriff's Department

Outstanding Teacher of the Year is Margaery Handy of Abraham Lincoln School in Belleville;

Outstanding Non-Grange Community Worker of the Year is Judy Belleville;

Outstanding Granger of the Year is Stacy Rutledge.

Membership Awards went to Sue Herren and Rick Kohl-5 yrs; Darrell Cates, Judey Cates, Jim Coe and Marilyn Coe-10 yrs, Jeff Mueller and Nikki Wilcoxin-10 yrs, Tom Holbrook-15 yrs, Michael Boyne and Mary Donley-20yrs, Jane Bonaldi-25 yrs, Jill Connors, Kent Heberer and Fred Helms-45 yrs, Celeste Agne, Stan Agne and Carolyn Berning- 60yrs.

Following the Program, President Charles Treser opened the meeting. Chaplain Nikki Wilcoxin led the opening

prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by singing the National Anthem. The Grange salutation was recited. Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved. Past-President David Donley announced the slate of officers for 2022-2023. The election was held and the officers will be installed at the August meeting. Membership Chairman Steve Kolluch has order forms for Turkey Hill Grange Shirts and hats. Bob Dintelman

updated us on the work in progress to provide broadband service to the rural community. The Facebook page has been updated by Steve Kolluch. The Quilters are working on their projects for the upcoming quilt giveaways, Quilts of Valor and prizes for State Grange. Dale Helms reported that the wheat is harvested but the markets are in turmoil, due to issues with Russia. Crops here are running a little late and the corn crop is down 25% due to drought conditions. Ron Bersett is seeking bids to replace the south windows in the kitchen. Marlene Frazer is planning a membership dinner trip to Diamond Mineral Springs in Grant Fork on July 30. Jam & Jelly sales have been very good at the Farmer's Markets, keeping the team busy making more. Plans are underway for the Food Stand at the "100 Years of Horsepower" which will be held August 25-27. Our Grange will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner all three days. They are expecting between 10 to 20 thousand people at this biennial event. The meeting was closed with the Grange salutation and a prayer.

Submitted by Mary Beth Lee

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ATTENTION NORTHERN ILLINOIS GRANGERS

We are offering a flu shot clinic at the September 7th Boone County Pomona Meeting. Without insurance, regular flu shots are \$61, 65+ high dose, \$103. We would need your Medicare card, Medicare Advantage, or Part D coverage card. We can do people as young as 3. Most Insurance, copay is \$0. Bring your Drivers License or Parents license for minors. We can do Prevnar 20 pneumonia shots also. If you are interested in the flu shot or Prevnar 20 call Ruth 815-299-7884 to register so we know in advance how many shots we need. Ned Loy from County Line Grange is a pharmacist in Rockford and he offered to provide this clinic for us.



Family Activities

2022 Chairperson

Lori Henrichs

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Group ! Knitting

A.Afghan

B.Baby Afghan

C.Baby items one or more

D.Dish Cloths

E.Winter Wear

F.Any other item not listed

Group 2 Crocheting

A.Afghan

B.Baby Afghan

C.Baby items one or more

D.Dish Cloths

E.Winter Wear

F.Any other item not listed

Group 3 Misc. Needlework

A.Embroidered item

B.Counted Cross Stitch

C.Plastic Canvas

D.Any other item not listed

2023 Chairperson

JoEllen Coleman

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Group 3 Misc. Needlework

A.Embroidered item

B.Counted Cross Stitch

C.Plastic Canvas

D.Any other item not listed

Group 4 Quilting

A.Unfinished square – max size 16 ½ x 16 ½ inches

B.Table Runner

C.Quilt-queen,full,twin etc.

D.Baby Quilt

E.Quilt of Valor (for US Veterans – will send to National)

Group 5 Sewing

A.Apron

B.Clothing – one item

C.Clothing – 2 or more pieces

D.Pillow

E.Any other item not listed

Group 6 Miscellaneous

A.Jewelry – Bracelet

B.Jewelry – Necklace

C.Jewelry -2 or more pieces

D.2 Holiday Cards-mounted

E.2 All Occasion Cards-mounted

F.Fabric Wreath

Group 7 Food

A.Quick Bread

Any kind – one loaf

B.Fudge/candy

Any kind – 12 pieces

C.Cookies any kind one dozen

D.Decorated Cake

E.Decorated Cupcakes one doz

F.Decorated Cookies one dozen

Group Project (from one or more Granges)

Hand made Quilt

A.Hand-stitched

B.Machine-stitched

**Junior Only Project

Wreath from recycled plastic bags

2022 Illinois State Grange JUNIOR DEPARTMENT Contests

All Junior Contests - Individual must be a Junior, or 1+ member

Three age groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14.
Entry age as of 1/1/2022 (National Guidelines)

Any entry that is not labeled and does not follow rules may be disqualified from judging, but may still receive a participation ribbon.

Maximum size is given in measurements of length-by-width-by-height

Mini-Juniors: Any child who is 5 by September 1, 2022 may send up to 3 entries to session. These projects will not be judged as other age groups are, but will receive participation ribbons.

Junior at Heart: Any Granger over the age of 20, as of September 1, 2022, may submit a project. These

projects will be voted on by fellow Grangers for Best of Show .

Passport ~ Host State – Nevada

Small World - Ancient Egypt

Make a 3-D display (Maximum size 10x10x8"high) or poster (up to 11x14" finished size after mounted for stability) which represents the country. Identify and explain at least three items of country.

Recycling - Shoebox Mini-Float

To help celebrate the 105th year since the first Juvenile/Junior Grange was chartered in IL we will be decorating a shoe box. Can be any small box with maximum size of 14x10x6"

Bible Stories - Joseph

For this project make something that pertains to the story of Joseph...example - dreamcatcher, coat of many colors

OR give a short speech sharing what you have learned about him. 3 minutes long maximum.

All wrapped up

Make a usable item from duct tape.

Sands of Time

Make an item that relates to time...

example -clock, sundial, hourglass

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Illinois State Grange Juniors

Lecturer Department Contests NATIONAL PROJECTS

Please refer to
www.nationalgrange.org for
latest details.

National Photography

Showcase:

National Photo contest is completely digital. Anyone can submit up to three entries.

Categories TBA

Publicity Items

Submit any sort of publicity Items you have created for your Grange's activities and programs.

Unfinished Quilt Block

Pattern for 2022 not yet
Announced.

Evening of Excellence Talent Contest

The state talent contest is held each year on Saturday night at the State Session. Best of

Show from State Session can appear at the National

Evening of Excellence in Reno. Act not to exceed 5 minutes.

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ILLINOIS CONTESTS

One entry per member may be submitted in each class.

Photos should be submitted electronically, via email, text, or USB drive.

Photography

Color and black and white photography.

Categories:

- Bridges
- Selfie
- Time-lapse
- PLUS National Categories

Creative Writing Prose

"Surprise"

Creative Writing Poetry

"Snowfall"

Painting/Drawing/Pastels

Dimensional Media

Personal Collection

(12 related items)

Handcrafted Holiday Tree

Ornaments

(3 related ornaments)

Two Divisions:

Ornaments involving primarily fabric, sewing, needlecrafts

Ornaments using other materials or techniques

Before and After

Illustrate a project through 2-3

"before" and 2-3 "after"

pictures.

Birdhouse

Craft a birdhouse out of any materials and technique you choose. House can be practical or whimsical but needs to be of a realistic scale.

GROUP PROJECT

Subordinate Grange Banner

Work together to create a banner that commemorates your individual Grange identity and influence in the community and state.

First time entries will be judged and prizes awarded.

Guidelines

All entries must be labeled w/

- Member name
- Member address
- Grange name and number
- eContest category
- Age bracket (Juniors only)

All entries should have been Created in this Grange year.

Classes

Subordinate Grange members

Juniors

- 5-7 yr old
- 8-10 yr old
- 11-14 yr old

Calendar of Grange Events

8/9-14 Boone County Fair

8/14 Turkey Hill Ham and Peach
Dinner

10:30-3 Carry outs available.

8/26-28 State Session-Boone Fairgrounds

9/24-25 GRIT Conferences

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

\$100 Leaf River Grange

**\$50 Sophia Treser – Turkey
Hill Grange**

**\$12/stamps Debbie Silvers – Flora
Grange**

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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Community Service

Hi Grangers!

I hope that you are having a great summer. Before we know it State Grange will be here. It is coming up fast so to let you know I will need all sheets for nominations, reports and books by the end of July because State Session is so much earlier this year. Then I will have time to get everything judges and completed.

All of the donations of Shoebox for Soldiers can be brought to State Grange and will be picked up and taken to the correct dropoff site for packaging.

I have talked to some of the soldiers that are deploying and they wanted to let you know that they are very grateful for your thoughtfulness and support.

Hope to see you at State Grange!

Heather Ellwanger Community
Service Director

Operation Shoebox Requests

CANDY

Heat resistant—no chocolate-nothing that melts

Fruit Breezes-throat drops

Twizzlers

Hard Candy

DENTAL

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Floss

Mouthwash-travel size

FOOD-DRY GOODS-SNACKS

Instant Oatmeal

Ramen Noodles-any flavor

Bars-Clif or Balance

Beef Jerky-Slim Jims

Granola Bars

Canned fruit-pop tab open can

Gum

Sugar Packets

Ravioli-Spaghetti 0's-pop tab cans

Tuna Kits

TOILETRIES/HYGIENES

Baby Wipes

Feminine hygiene products

Travel size body wash

Deodorant

Foot Powder

Hand Lotion

Q-Tips

Razors-disposable

Shampoo-travel size

Sunscreen

Tylenol/Advil individual packs

OTHER

Writing paper-envelopes-stamps

Pens/Pencils

Bug Spray-Must be in Ziploc bag

Batteries-AA-9V-D need lots of those

Flashlites-mini/maglites

Extra bulbs and batteries

Socks-white calf high

Fly Swatters

Duct Tape

Fly Strips

ENTERTAINMENT

Playing Cards

Hand held electronic games

Sudoku puzzle books-pocket size

Regular size Sudoku Books

Newspapers

Christmas candy-not chocolate

Easter candy-not chocolate

Crossword puzzle books-pocket size

Video games

Regular size crossword books

Books

Comic Books

Halloween Candy-not chocolate

Pocket size games

Illinois State Grange Youth

I am so excited that everyone is going to be headed to the Boone County Fairgrounds for State Session. Anyone interested in participating in the Youth Drill on Sunday morning can contact Karie Blasingame at 815299-0313 or kblasingame77@gmail.com

The Sunday morning opening drill is really exciting to be part of. I need 16 officers, let me know what office you would prefer so I can get an officer list together before State Session. Practice will be Saturday night following the Auction. Hopefully we will be done by midnight. Sunday morning practice will begin at 7 am. Dress code is Black bottoms and a Grange or Fair shirt.

Margaret Anne Paulson

February 19, 1945 - July 3, 2022

Margaret Anne Paulson, of Burlington, NC passed peacefully, after a brief illness with pancreatic cancer, on Sunday, July 3, 2022 surrounded by her



family. Margaret regularly volunteered in her community, and traveled to all 50 states and abroad. Margaret was a member of the Beaver Valley Grange for 28 years. Margaret is survived by her husband of 57 years, Donald L. Paulson, Jr., son William Eric Paulson (Cynthia); daughter Amber Paulson MacIntyre (Michael); and two grandsons Wilson R. MacIntyre and Garret M. MacIntyre; twin sister Jeanne Kathryn Harris; brother William Terrance Wilson (Christina); Margaret was a sister-in-law to Steve & Dayle Paulson, Jerry Paulson, Rick and Renee O'Dell, Rodney & Linda Paulson, and Tom & Brenda Paulson. All Grange members. Her last words to her family and friends were: "I leave this life content." A celebration of life is being planned for the fall in Illinois.

VEGETABLES

- 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 (3)
- 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)
- 24.Largest Zucchini
- 25.Most Unusual Vegetable

FRUITS

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

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

ANTIQUES

Poster with Explanation of Antique

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 of pickle)

3.8oz. of Honey

4.Jar of Salsa

ISG Secretary Report

By the time you get this paper State Session will only be about 3 weeks away. I should have all room reservations, State Officers, Deputy and Committee Chairman reports as well as all meal reservations. If I don't have your reports or meal reservations, get them to me ASAP.

Those of you that have contests, should have received your paperwork either in person or via US mail. Please be sure to complete them and get them back to me by September 5th.

I have been very busy typing up loose ends to finish off One Grange year and start a New Grange year. I must have all papers, rosters and the journal ready for distribution at the GRIT Conference tentatively set for September 24-25th. More details at State Session.

ISG has raffle tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 for several quilted items. The drawing will be held Sunday August 28th before session ends. See myself, my twins or Karie Blasingame for tickets or your Grange Secretary did get them via email to copy and sell. Be sure to bring the tickets, money and stubs to State Session. The proceeds from this event will go towards hosting National Grange Session in 2024 in Iowa.

Be sure to watch your mail for the new ROSTER form for 2022-2023 Grange year. If your Grange has not yet held election of officers, please send current list of officers and after election send me the new list of officers. The ROSTER form is due by September 15th this year.

State Session Display Rooms will be open Friday from 8:30am to 12 noon to drop off projects. Please be sure to let the department chair know who will be picking up your items on Saturday afternoon.

Come visit your Boone County Grange friends at the Boone County Fair August 9-14th.

Otherwise hope to see all of you on Friday August 26th-28th at the 151st Annual Session of the Illinois State grange at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere Illinois.

Fraternally Submitted Robin Kindberg Secretary

2021-2022 Agriculture Contest Information

Illinois State Grange

2022 Ag Chairman: Mary Brubach 7525 Lawrenceville Rd. Garden Prairie, IL 61038
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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

Leaf River Grange #1812

Congratulations to Ron Snodgrass and Kristi Swanson on their wedding.

Meeting was held July 5, 2022 at the Leaf River Grange Hall.

The Charter was draped in memory of Sister Pat Lingbeck who passed away July 2, 2022. Pat had been a member of Leaf River Grange for 48 years.

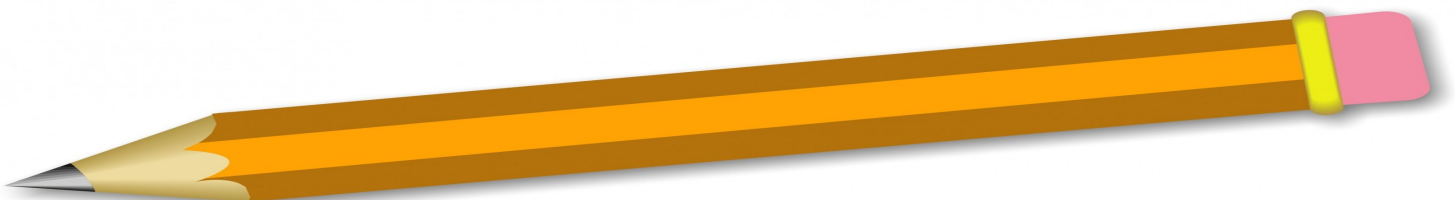
A motion was made to sent \$10 for each address receiving the Illinois Granger. Motion passed. A check for \$100 was sent to the Illinois Granger editor.

Secretary

Clifford Craven

Back to School

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Boone County Pomona Report

Members of Boone County Pomona Grange met on Wednesday July 6th at the Grange food stand at Boone County Fairgrounds for our annual Pomona Picnic. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

A short Business meeting followed. Secretary and Treasurers reports were approved as presented. Boone County Pomona took in 6 new members: 3 from Flora, 1 from County Line and 2 from Prairie Grange. Welcome to all the members.

The resolutions that will be presented at State Session were reviewed and all of them were accepted. The By-laws for Boone County Fair were discussed. No action was taken on them at this time, more work needs to be done on them before we vote on them.

We were reminded to watch the virtual Telethon on Saturday July 9th and donate to help support the National Grange Jr's and Youth Departments and the Grange Foundation.

Ruth and Karie Blasingame were selected as the delegates to represent Boone County Pomona Grange at this years State Grange Session in August.

Fair ticket office opens July 9th to get show tickets and season passes at the 2022 Boone County Fair.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the State Session planning meeting on Tuesday July 26th at 7pm.

Help is needed to work Breakfasts, and dinners at the Boone County Fair if interested contact JoEllen Coleman.

Marion Thornberry was reelected to the Boone County Pomona Grange Executive Committee for a 3-year term.

Thank You's were read from Paul Zeien Family and from LindaKay Ebel.

ISG Secretary Robin Kindberg reminded everyone that Boone County is Hosting State Session August 26-28th and we need each Grange represented by delegates. She also reminded everyone to get their meal reservations in by August 1st.

Ruth Blasingame is looking for 16 volunteers to participate in the Rose Drill during State Session. See her if interested.

We were all asked to keep the Paulson families in our prayers on the loss of their Sister-in-Law Margaret Paulson.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Fraternally Submitted

Karrie Kindberg Pomona Publicity Chairman



Beaver Valley Grange Report

Beaver Valley Grange met on July 15 at the Grange Hall at 7 pm. Reports were given, Communications, and we all need to get our meal orders in for IL State Grange by August 1st deadline, July 26th is a Planning Committee meeting. Reports on Agriculture, Community Service, and Fairboard. Health Education and Welfare reported on the extension of COVID shots through October 13th, Abortion action pending, and the new Mental Health number to call is 988 for a mental health emergency. It was noted that Pomona chose fairgrounds cleanup to be on 7-27-22. Our Home Ec bldg. cleanup will be 7-24-22 at 7:00 p.m. Report was given on Safety that it is that time of year to watch out for tractors and drive safely. Steve Paulson reported the Flag Pole outside the old Admin Bldg. is done along with new flower updates. Beaver Valley Grange is handling the Hospitality Suite at the Illinois State Grange Session again and will need to borrow the cooler from the Paulson Museum.

New Business entailed going over the resolutions for Illinois State Session. Ida Library is asking for a donation of tickets for the fair again this year and Beaver Valley Grange will take care of that. Food drive planning and BVG will drop off Grange applications to the Boone County Fair Admin. Office.

Sprucing up for the Fair and Illinois State Grange Session



Brandon and Great Uncle Jerry



Watching Lyle and Manny work



Sisters Niesha and Mary working together.

Cleaning up around the Museum, Gazebo and Home Economics building.



Chip hard at work.

Where did all the weeds go?



A Beaver Valley/Paulson family work crew





Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrtens

Have you ever had six months where things just do not go

right, I think I have, but I'm not complaining because we have God's love for us, showing us the way. We have had one thing after another go wrong. Besides health issues, Don's hospital stays and many Dr. visits we came from a check up at the hospital for Don to find that our crawlspace under the house was filled with water from a broken pipe on my washer in the laundry room and a broken pipe under the kitchen sink. We had to call the plumber to come fix it and had to be out of our house for three days with everything tore apart. Have no idea how long it had been like that but it must have been awhile when the water is that deep. Thank goodness we were able to stay with our daughter who could put up with us. HaHa. We find that when we are called to be faithful unto our Lord, He blesses us and shares His love and fixes things. Yes, I know that what we feel is major is many times a drop of water in the bucket to someone else, we all have our troubles but to be faithful is to be loyal, steadfast, and true. When we walk in faithfulness to God, we love, trust, and submit. We put God first in our priorities. This is not a battle of strength or willpower but willingness to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us. Our part is to keep God's love before our eyes and at the forefront of our minds. We can never take for granted how good God is and how much we are loved.

We all have been affected with the high temperatures and lack of rain. We need to be praying to our Heavenly Father that He hears our prayers. The corn and beans crops need to drink the rain water so they may live

and provide food for everyone. Pray for the farmers so that they can feed the world. We pray for those of you who are in other businesses that feed the world. Grace and Peace unto each of you.

Leaf River Grange

Patricia Mae Lingbeck, age 89, passed away at KSB Hospital in Dizon on July 2, 2022. She was born on April 12, 1933 in Adeline, IL the daughter of Olive and Shelby Cain Sr. She graduated from Leaf River High School class of 1950. She married Elmer Edward Lingbeck on July 29, 1951. Patricia liked helping on the family farm in the Byron and Leaf River area. She lived for her family and was a selfless mother; always putting her children first. She enjoyed spending time with friends. She also enjoyed playing cards and belonged to the neighborhood card club for 40 years. Patricia was a member of the Leaf River Grange, Ogle County Pomona Grange, Illinois State Grange, Ogle County Farm Bureau, and the Seward Congregational Church. She was a fabulous hostess who always made sure to have homecooked meals ready and would insist you stay for dinner. She was an amazing cook and was famous for her delicious chocolate pies. She also loved visits from her grand dog Oreo who would come visit her during the day before traveling back home.



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WITH US TO RELIEVE ANY OF OUR
OPPRESSED AND SUFFERING
MEMBERS BY ANY REASONABLE
MEANS AT OUR COMMAND.

Grange Declaration of Purposes



See you at the Fair!

