



# Illinois Granger

*In Essentials... Unity*

*In Non-Essentials... Liberty*

*In All Things... Charity*

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## Spotlight on Grangers



Mary Brubach  
and (Kevin)

## Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms

The weather in south central IL has gone to normal, and damp. The leaves all fell (well blew off with 50 mph wind) before Don and I went to National Grange Session. Thanksgiving was about normal in temperature, we spent time outside. We celebrated two meals with family and I hope that all of you were able to do the same. Family is what I am thankful for.

It was wonderful being part of the 156<sup>th</sup> National Session in Sparks, NV. There were many Grangers as delegates and members attending. The Western region did a terrific job at making us all feel welcome. Don and I went early to participate in the 'Chris tour' before the session started. Hopefully you saw the photos on Facebook and followed along with us. The Lake Tahoe tour included a homemade candy shop, with a statue of a prospector and old farm equipment. There was snow for parts of the trip, and we enjoyed Karen Overstreet be excited by the snow. It was fun to be at the National Automobile Museum. We were part of a terrific group of Grangers and thank Chris and Duane Hamp for being our guides. I am so grateful for the opportunity, and proud to be elected by the committee to be Chairman of the Executive Committee for a second year!! Illinois was one of the State Granges that accomplished a membership gain for the past Grange year, which helped lead to a National Grange membership GAIN!! So proud of all of you for working hard to help our membership grow. The budget was interesting as delegates are not certain when the building will be sold. The one resolution IL sent to National Grange Session about the electrical grid being able to support all the new elec-

Prairie Grange #1832 Member 15 years (non consecutive)  
Grange Positions: Lecturer, currently Pomona  
Past IL State Grange Ag Chair 2021-2022  
National opportunities: Sign a Song 2000  
Clubs/Service Organizations: American Legion Auxiliary  
Local Level—Treasurer, past President  
District Level—currently President, past secretary  
Division Level—Constitution and ByLaws Chair,  
Department-National Security Chair  
American Legion Riders—Local secretary, past treasurer  
Garden Prairie Park Improvement Association—Secretary  
Boone County Youth Fairboard—Advisor  
Education—B.S. in Agricultural Education, non-certified  
Family—Married to Kevin Brubach, we just celebrated our 14th Anniversary. This man is my complete opposite, however is my perfect match, who about 75% of the time goes along with my crazy hairbrain ideas.  
I am the mom to "fur" babies. We have an 11 year old dog, Betsy and a 2 year old cat, Bitty. They certainly make our household interesting.  
Hobbies and Interests: I am an avid reader of just about any genre of books. I enjoy helping my hubby play Santa. I enjoy educating the public about agriculture.  
Special Skills: I have the gift of "GAB".  
I'm the Aunt that does all the "fun" things with my nieces and nephews.  
Employment: Owner of Susie's Garden Patch  
Job Description: I farm and market Fresh Fruits and Vegetables  
Something to know about me: I wear my heart on my sleeve, and am willing to help whenever I am able to. I do a lot of things anonymously, as it isn't about the recognition, it's about doing what is right, and from the heart.

trical needs was approved as amended. “RESOLVED: that the National Grange encourage Congress and the Department of Energy to Study the national electric grid in order to determine what upgrades need to be implemented to support the increased demand that would result from increased utilization of electric vehicles; and be it further resolved: that the National Grange encourages Congress and / or the department of Energy to implement a plan to strengthen our electric grid as required to support increased demand on electricity supply that will result from usage of increasing numbers of electric vehicles.” I was humbled to assist with the Memorial Service in reading the segment on Russell Stauffer, former President-Master of IL State Grange. Congrats to Flora Grange for the Community Service First Place, Prairie and Turkey Hill Granges for awards for Distinguished Grange. Ethan Edwards was a winner in the quilt block contest. Another highlight was the Quilts of Valor presentations. Next year plans are to go to Niagara Falls, NY for the 157<sup>th</sup> National Grange Session. And they had 60+ inches of snow this year!

Don and I attended the New Hampshire State Session. It was a great session and I am ever amazed as to how the state sessions can be the same and yet so different.

Don and I attended the Grange Service for Enterprise Grange and Emerald Mound Grange member Tom McCaw. He will be sorely missed.

The IL State Grange Executive Committee will be having a meeting in the next couple weeks.



## IL State Grange Secretary Report

Just a few things I want to remind everyone of this month:

1. Quarter ends December 31, reports are due to me by January 15<sup>th</sup> and must be postmarked by January 22<sup>nd</sup> otherwise your Grange will be charged a late fee.
2. I still need current MEMBERSHIP Lists from several Granges. Please get them to me ASAP.
3. Check over the 2022-2023 Roster and see if there are any corrections that need to be done and get them to me before January 1, 2023. An updated Roster will be sent out in January.
4. When you get new members in your Grange's please be sure to send me a copy of the application forms. You need to include them with the quarterly report that they joined.
5. Watch for Scholarship information to be coming out right after the holidays. Be sure to encourage any Granger who is furthering their education in college to apply.
6. Any questions or concerns feel free to contact me.

I am going to start giving some pointers that might be helpful to all my Secretaries.

This time it is on Minutes of your Grange meeting.

Minutes of your meetings are the historical record of your Grange. You should make every effort to record motions and other business accurately and completely. Minutes should contain what is Done Not what is Said.

Be sure to include first and last names of the members who make motions. It isn't necessary to record who seconded it, it is ok to do though. When writing a motion be sure to write it exactly as stated. Reread it back to the members to be sure it is correct. Just be sure to tell what happened with the motion. Did it Pass or did it fail? Was it tabled until a later date/time or was it referred to a committee for further action? Or was it amended? Be sure and tell what happened to the motion.

If you have anything specific you would like me to address please send me an email and I will see what I can do.

My family and I want to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

Fraternally Submitted,

Robin Kindberg

Illinois State Grange Secretary

## Boone County Pomona Grange Report

Boone Co Pomona Grange met on Nov. 2, 2022 at 7:05PM with worthy President Ruth Blasingame presiding.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written and Committee reports were heard. Election Day is fast approaching do your civic duty and get out and vote. Flu season is here and everyone is encouraged to get the Flu Shot and also get the next COVID Booster if you wish to, they are both available now. Be sure to wash your hand often, sneeze into your elbow and cover your mouth when you cough then wash your hands to prevent the spread of germs.

Prairie Junior night was a huge success with about 30 people in attendance. There will be another in December and it is open to all Grangers not just Juniors. Great turnout at tonight's meeting, be sure to ask your Subordinate Grangers to join the Pomona Grange.

We have several Grangers who need our Prayers: JoEllen Coleman (fall), Bob Sherer (surgery), Teresa Eucker (medical problems), Kim Hughes (Medical problems), Gene West (stroke), Paulson Family ( the loss of their family member), Butch Peters (loss of family member). Let's keep all our Granger family members in our thoughts and prayers.

Believe it or not but the 2023 Boone County Fair dates are set. The Fair will be August 8-13, 2023.

Grange reports were heard: Beaver Valley – planning a Christmas party, Big Thunder finished storage and will be doing a tree at Hometown Christmas, County Line serving food at Hometown Christmas and also doing a tree for a needy family, Flora – Held Election of Officers and Kenneth Fidler is the new President. Did not have a Roast Beef Dinner sold Butter Braids instead and they are doing a tree at Hometown Christmas. LeRoy Community – Having Election this month and doing a tree for a needy family. Prairie – is doing a tree along with the Kindberg Family and donating food items for the family, Holding Knifty Needles the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday nights to work on projects for contests.

Don't forget Boone Co Pomona is selling Pies as a fundraiser this year. Pick up will be Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 PM to 8 PM at the Administration Building at the fairgrounds.

We received a thank you from a 4-Her, Morgan Richardson, for the award we presented at the 4-H Recognition Banquet in October.

We closed our meeting by singing Happy Birthday to several Grangers who had birthdays during the months of September and October and it was also announced that Adam and Sara Ellwanger and Scarlett are expecting a new arrival to their family in May 2023. Congratulations!

Boone County Pomona Grange closed in full form at 7:47 PM refreshments and socializing.  
Karrie Kindberg – Publicity Chairman

## Bluff Grange News

Bluff Grange 100th Anniversary for December 11th has been postponed until a later date. Please watch for an update for the new date.

## Illinois State Junior Department

You're only given  
one little spark  
of madness..  
You mustn't lose it..

-Robin Williams  
1951-2014

## Illinois Granger Editor – Ruth Blasingame

I am trying to figure out a way to find out if people on the mailing list are really reading the newsletter or just laying it aside. SO I have decided to have a contest! If you receive the Granger newsletter by mail and you are reading this give me a call at 815-299-7884 and I will enter your name. After six months of no responses I will assume you are not reading the newsletter and will discuss that list with Lynette. The winner of the contest will be drawn at State Session and receive their prize, one of my rag quilts.

All of the people who receive the Granger by email need to send me an email saying you read the Granger. You will be entered into a second drawing for a different rag quilt.

**I hope to hear from many people in the next few months.** It only takes a moment to return an email or make a call. Don't want to call, text me at the same number but include your name.



## Guilford Hope Grange #6

Guilford Hope Grange met on November 15th, 2022 at the home of Gene and Carolyn Wheeler. A pot-luck lunch was scheduled with 7 members present and 1 guest. Our guest was the new marketing director of Mid-



way Village Museum, Mr. Luke Fredrickson. He attended so our Grange might present the museum with a \$1,000.00 check to be used for the Education presentations that are given to students. This has been a community service project for many years.

After the presentation, the meeting was called to order. The secretaries October report was read and approved with no corrections. Martha Byrnes has been voted to be our new Grange Chaplain. Our donations for December will be to the Goldie Floberg Center and to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Chicago. Nancy will send out scholarship applications to those interested. Guilford Hope Grange has been collecting 'G' bills for the year and voted to donate them to Miss Carly's place in Rockford. A total of \$290.00 was collected for this Community Service project. Our December lunch gathering was voted to change to Sophia's in Roscoe rather than Jessica's as they would charge extra for the use of the room if enough people do not show up. Rather than having a gift exchange, it was voted to donate gift cards from McDonald's to the Veteran's drop in center in Rockford.



## Calendar of Grange Events

1/1 Bylaws to State Secretary Robin  
1/15 Quarterly reports due  
**TBA Leadership meetings**  
3/18 **Spring Fling** Boone Co Comm Grangehall  
**TBA June Leadership Conference**  
Sept **State Session in Springfield**

**TBA Bluff Grange 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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

8/1 Community Service Deadline

8/8-13 Boone County Fair

**2024**

**National Session Quad Cities 11/10-17**

**Donations: Memorial Scholarship**

**Donations: Illinois Granger**

\$40 Noah & Linda Mullins County Line Grange

\$25 Ed & Sheri Cosman County Line 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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## Notes from Ruth the Editor

Every Grange is doing something. But we don't know what you are doing unless you send an article and let us know. This month only 6 Granges and 1 Pomona sent in articles. Only 4 officers sent in an article. We need to hear from you. We can be there to help if you need some new ideas, celebrate with you, mourn with you, but we can only do any of these if we hear from you first. If you send events for the calendar other Granges may come to your event. Please send an article for the next Granger, let's start the new year out with a bang.

## Illinois State Grange Youth

Karie Blasingame and Marisa O'Dell

As we are gearing up for the holidays, remember to get gifts for your family and friends that they could turn into projects to compete with at State Session. The youth department has opened many categories that we are hoping will spark interest in everyone. One that Marisa and I are especially excited to see in our department as well as other departments is diamond art. If you haven't seen a diamond art, I would check them out online and see if it is something that interests you. We are lucky here in town that we have a store that caters to our diamond art enthusiasm! Julie's Diamond Art can be found on Facebook and she even ships from her store if you can't find what you are looking for near you.

We will be hosting Spring Fling at the Boone County Community Grange Hall on March 18<sup>th</sup>. We have blocked that whole weekend into the Grange Hall, so even though the event will only be one day, we can plan to do things all weekend. If you are traveling and would like to stay at the Grange Hall like we have in years past, that is very cool and we welcome you to bring an air mattress, sleeping bag and we will provide you a place to stay. We even have access to a shower if you need one. We will begin our Spring Fling Adventure at 8 am with breakfast for those who stay at the Hall and 9 am with our program. Full program details will be in the January Granger. If there is anything you are interested in learning about or sharing with others let Marisa or Karie know and they can try to make it happen. We could have game night on Friday night or an extra special program on Sunday morning if there are enough people to participate. If you are doing projects this year for science or health class, you might be able to save them and enter them into the Poster contest at State Session. We have a pollinator poster, food waste poster or mental illness poster categories. If you have already created something since the beginning of the school year, save it to share with us at State Session. If posters are not your thing, we have the same three categories in a TikTok or YouTube video contest. We have a National Grange YouTube channel, and you might start finding us on the other platforms as well.

Parents are your youth age (14-35) but especially those 14- to 21-year-olds reading the Granger each month? Do they know what is happening in the Youth Department? Encourage them to check it out and see if there is something in there for them. They could get started on projects that can work for both Grange and 4-H,

competing at the Fair, something for school. They might be interested to read what another Grange did for a fundraiser because it might encourage them to ask their Grange if they could do something similar. It can also help them plan what Grange activities each month they might want to participate in. If you get your Granger by email don't forget to forward it to your children or have them make sure their name is also on the email list. We do not sell the email list so there is no worry about them receiving something in their inbox that they shouldn't be getting.

We hope to see everyone at Spring Fling in March. Keep checking the Illinois State Grange Youth Facebook Group for more details.

### December Youth Challenge

I challenge everyone to go to the National Grange Website.

Find the new Lecturer program called Weather Watcher Challenge.

Read all about it.

Complete one week of observations and write down your results.

Submit it to the National Grange Lecturer before the end of the month.

Hopefully our state will have the largest number of submissions before the deadline.

Let Marisa or I know that you completed the Challenge.

The 1<sup>st</sup> 10 people to prove they completed the Challenge will receive a special gift at Spring Fling.

### January Youth Challenge

Go to the National Grange Website.

Find the information about the Public Speaking contest. (it will be inside the Youth Handbook)

Read about the 3 different options for speeches.

Chose one of those options, prepare for a speech.

Chose one of the following options: present speech at Spring Fling,

Present speech in a ZOOM setting that we create for you.

Let Marisa or I know which option you would like to perform, and we will assign it accordingly. Those on ZOOM will be recorded and presented at Spring Fling.

Those participating in the Public Speaking contest will win according to their age group and placement of judge's decision.

This is good practice for school and other organizations speaking opportunities.



## County Line Grange News

We had our regular meeting Nov. 9th. Thanks to JoEllen, Kim, Linda and Tamra for hosting.

In honor of Veterans Day, Eric Willard from the Veterans Drop in Center was our guest speaker. The Center is located at 1539 S. 4th Street in Rockford. He gave a very interesting talk about his life as a Veteran and getting involved with the Veteran Center. The Drop in Center is the only agency in the area that deals with any type of discharge. They help Veterans who can't get help anywhere else. Lunches, a food pantry, clothing, counseling and directions on where to get help are provided there. As of now there are 22 groups that come in to help the Veterans. Plans are to continue to grow and to find a larger facility. The Drop in Center is open Monday through Friday from noon til 6pm for any Veteran and for anyone who wants to visit or help.

Committee reports were given. Tim said the harvests were winding down and this has been an ideal Summer for Agriculture. Kim explained Community Service and how to fill out the service sheets. Jean gave an interesting Legislative report on National Grange Broadcasting, and their stance on certain issues. John said our stretch of road needed checked and maybe cleaned. We set Nov. 10th as a road clean-up day. Ruth and her decorating crew are going to get decorations ready for our tree for Hometown Christmas, Dec. 2nd. Anna said check out our website for pictures and posts.

We will be selling food in the basement at the Belvidere Community Building during Hometown Christmas. Our prices will remain the same as last year so families can have a break and enjoy a meal. We voted to purchase a \$150 gift card for our family who will be receiving our tree. Also, we are collecting non-perishable food for the family.

Our Grange Christmas party will be Jan. 7th. Location will be determined later.

Our condolences and prayers go to Butch Peters and Family on the loss of his brother.

We welcomed Barb Fitch back from Florida. She was there during Hurricane Ian. JoEllen gave out award certificates to those who had 5 or more years as County Line members. Our meeting was closed, Penny March was held and G Dollars were collected.

Happy Thanksgiving! Hope to see everyone at Hometown Christmas.



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The image shows a collage of magazine covers for 'Good Day!'. One cover features a large jar of yellow pickles and the text 'FIRST PLACE' and 'Grange Fairs highlight agriculture'. Another cover shows a group of people and the text 'Philanthropy in the Modern Age'.



# G

**Grange is always capitalized**

In every instance, the first "G" in Grange is always capitalized because Grange is a proper noun. It's important to make sure in all of your flyers and announcements, Grange is capitalized and that you tell any reporters or news outlets you encounter that Grange is a proper noun and a registered copyright.



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## Highlights of Flora Grange November meeting

Lindakay Ebel

Flora Grange held their November meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7 pm at the Flora Grange hall with thirty-one members in attendance. President called meeting to order with Grange Salutation, followed by Pledge to American Flag. Roll call was taken and minutes of the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting were approved.

Lindakay Ebel, Community Service Chair reported as you chair an event, turn in your report and pictures as soon as it is over, while it is still fresh in your mind. Jack Ratcliffe, Ag, reported that most of the soybeans have been harvested, and over half of the corn crop is harvested. Prices are good; however, prices of seed and fertilizer are extremely high. Todd Hegge gave the report on the Boone County Fair, told of the entertainment that has been booked already, and congratulations to BCF for again winning 1<sup>st</sup> place 2<sup>nd</sup> year on festivals in the Rockford area which was announced on radio and RV.

Membership, Lindakay Ebel stated when bringing a new member into your Grange, introduce them to other members of your Grange, set with them during your refreshments, also take them to Pomona Grange, invite them to be on a committee with you. Don't let them be just a number in your Grange, have them be an active member. Youth, JT Ryan reported the Youth will be going to Susie's for a potluck and will be carving pumpkins this month. Emalee Colver reported the quilters will be quilting this weekend at the Grange Hall, all are invited, some are making Christmas decorations. Buildings & Grounds, the windows are not in yet, Jack asked that you not bring items from home to be stored at the Grange Hall.

Deb Silver stated she will chair the Bell Ringing this year, date November 26, 8 to 12, motion was made to also give \$100.00 to the Salvation Army. Marion Thornberry ordered the Flora Grange shirts, if you ordered one, give money to the treasurer, he will have them at the December meeting. Laurel reported 261 Butter Braids were sold, they will be at the Grange Hall on November 17<sup>th</sup>. She also had a plaque made up for recognition of Theo Hildebrand.

Jack and Laurel Ratcliffe will put up a display at the Belvidere Park for Flora Grange and this year with the help of Keith Clark they will put one up for Boone County Fair using a live Christmas tree, and listing all seven Grange names on the display and the Boone County Fair, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, cost is \$75 and the fair will pay for this. Treasurer's report was given by Lindakay Ebel and was approved.

We discussed Hometown Christmas, Lindakay sent money for the tree to the Ext Office and Deb Silver will find a family, and the junior group has made a lot of decorations. The junior group also needs help in collecting items for the animal shelter. Emalee Colver was given \$100.00 for the chaplain's fund. \$206.00 was collected on 'G' bills this evening.

Program chairman Jack Ratcliffe had a special game for members this evening on 'harvesting' which all in attendance enjoyed. Birthdays were announced and the meeting was adjourned in full form. Refreshments were served and members had fellowship together.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

By Beverly Smith

I am so grateful to have received some very special Grange memorabilia from former Illinois State Grange Master Russell Stauffer. He was a long-time member of New England Grange #1785 in Durand, IL. (Winnebago County). This Grange was organized March 9, 1915. Their original membership book listed the 29 charter members and members throughout the years from 1915 to 1944. In 1955 they celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There are some nice photos which included Illinois State Grange Master Dorsey Kirk and New England Grange Master Vern Davis. There is a nice picture of the 15 Past Masters at that time, also. Russ attended many a National Grange session over his years. There are some nice photos but I don't know who some of the people are. He saved 9 years of delegate name badges which is very cool. The New England Juvenile Grange #42 officer badges had burgundy ribbon with rosettes and there are 7 of them. Russ began his Grange career as a Juvenile Grange Master.

New England Grange was well known for their Monday Bingo Nights. This was a great money maker for their Grange and provided lots of entertainment for their small town. Our Pomona Grange would visit once a year. We may not have been very lucky at Bingo but we sure enjoyed the delicious homemade food!

There is a little mystery if there was a Durand Grange #1793. Illinois State Grange records show that this Grange was dropped in 1929 for non-payment of dues. I wonder why there were two Granges in the small town of Durand? Maybe there was a rift between the members.

There were also some Grange officer badges still in the Fuller Regalia envelopes of Oak Grove Grange #1768 (Winnebago County). This Grange was organized in 1912. These had to be the original badges. There were 5 ribbons with pins and 6 with the pins only.

I hope you enjoyed hearing about Granges of the past. Everyone please have a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year!



Exciting News!!!!

Adam, Sara and Scarlett Ellwanger are expecting an addition to their family in May. Congratulations!!!!



## Prairie Grange Report

Prairie Grange met on Mon. Nov. 21, 2022, at 7:05 PM with worthy President Don Ellwanger presiding.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as presented and Committee reports were given. Watch for details for Spring Fling in March. Juniors are having another Movie Night on Dec. 16, 2022, at 5:00PM for crafts, then we eat, then we watch a Christmas Movie. This event is open to all Grangers so come out and join them, it's fun. Someone special might be there as well. Sister Ruth Blasingame reported she made 25 afghans for the local Nursing Home for Christmas.

It was reported that Flora Grange received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the nation on their Community Service Book. Congratulations Flora members. Harvest season is in full swing so please watch out for farmers and farm equipment on the roadways. Flu season is fast approaching be sure to get your shots soon. Plans for the 2023 Boone County Fair are coming together. It will be August 8-13, 2023 so be sure and mark your calendars.

Communications: We received a thank you card from Justin Irwin for the award that Prairie Grange sponsored at the 4-H Recognition Program back in October.

Treasurer's report was accepted as presented by our worthy Treasurer.

Unfinished Business: 1.) Keep in mind the annual Consignment Auction will be April 8<sup>th</sup> which is Easter Weekend. We may have to change the date so watch for more details. 2.) Christmas Party/Potluck will be Dec. 19, 2022, beginning at 6:30PM. Meats will be provided along with table service. Each family is asked to bring two dishes to pass and your own drinks. Punch and water will be provided along with milk. We will also be having a White Elephant Gift Exchange so if you want to participate bring a wrapped gift for the exchange. 3.) Town Hall Meeting – Both sheriff candidates were invited to the event. But unfortunately, only one came. It went well several good questions were asked and it was very informative.

New Business: 1.) Prairie purchased a generator many years ago here at the fairground and it needs maintenance John Henninger moved we have it fixed and then keep it maintained each year and Gordy Butt seconded it Motion carried, and John will see that it is taken care of. 2.) Prairie needs a person to handle the serving committee assignments and Ramona Swanson volunteered for the position. Thank you, Ramona! 3.) Ruth Blasingame moved we donate money to the B1

Food Pantry since we were not doing Food Cart Frenzy or Ringing the Bell and Manny Fabela seconded the motion. Motion Carried and the Treasurer will see that it is done. 4.) The Kindberg family has purchased a tree for a needy family for Hometown Christmas and they wanted to thank Prairie Grangers for the generous food donations they received tonight to help the needy family. 5.) Ruth Blasingame invited all Grangers to an Open House honoring the marriage of Marilyn and Seshanth on Friday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-8PM here at the Grange Hall.

Meeting was closed at 7:37PM and refreshments and socializing followed.

Robin Kindberg—Publicity Chairman

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Don't forget to tune in for our 155th Birthday kickoff LIVE event on Friday evening at 8pm eastern. We're looking forward to having a fun time!... See more





## Beaver Valley Grange #1791

November 11, 2022 meeting was held at the Beaver Valley Community Grange Hall and started at 7 pm.

Renee reminded us to check your Patron's Chain newsletter and watch The Granger for contests. Also, National Grange will do live feed next week. Committee reports were given. Agriculture – at this time 88% corn is harvested (average for 5 years is 85%); Soybeans is at 94% (average for 5 years is 88%). Community services hours were given. Beaver Valley Grange voted to support 4 children from the Angel Tree at Salvation Army. We may also do something with Heritage Woods for the holidays. Legislative committee reported our Governor is JB Pritzker, beginning January there will be 300 new laws and at this time the House & Senate are still up in the air.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas potluck at the Hall on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Flowers, there will be a memorial for Margaret Anne Paulson at Willow Creek Presbyterian Church on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 2:00 visitation and 3:00 service. Health & Education reported that there is an extension for COVID vaccines, tests and boosters until the end of April. There is a serious rise in COVID cases in children, RSV and flu. Did you know there is a rise in suicides for Veterans? 22 Veteran suicides are reported every single day! Please remember the new suicide hotline 988! That's right just dial 988.

We discussed the size and design for the banner for Beaver Valley Grange. March 20, 2023 will be our ritual meeting upstairs. Beaver Valley Grange sponsored the Harlem Trunk n' Treat and there was about 750 in attendance. See picture with Bryson with our handmade sponsor sign! Discussion on Beaver Valley Grange becoming an Action Grange, and discussion on suggestion for the Pomona Grange community service project. Dayle will submit for the National Grange publicity contest.

Fraternally submitted,

Dayle Paulson, Publicity







## Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrtens

As many of us start preparing for the Christmas season and the coming of the Christ Child, I like to read the Charlie Brown Christmas story. Charlie Brown asks "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" Linus answers "Sure I can tell you what Christmas is all about." Then Linus announces the Good News the angels delivered to the shepherds- (Luke 2: 10-12) *"Be not afraid: for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people: for you is born this day in the city of David a Savior; who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger"*.

Charlie Brown takes the little Christmas tree puts one ornament on it but it collapses. Again in despair, he cries out "I've killed it everything I touch get ruined." Then he leaves but Linus wraps his trusty blanket around the tree and says maybe it just needs a little love. What man is alive that doesn't need love to keep us alive? What man has ruined by sin, God has fixed by His Grace, mercy and love. For God has sent us His promised Savior, Christ our Lord. Therefore you and I, like Charlie Brown can sing with Joy from the heart, because God has stepped in to save us and make life worth the living.

As we take the time to celebrate the coming of our Christ Child let us also celebrate God's love for each other so this Advent and Christmas season bring together family and friends and make a JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD.

Christ's blessings to you and yours this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Wishing each of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND CHRIST'S LOVE.



## Well Done Good and Faithfull Servant



Tom McCaw

1934-2022

Enterprise Grange



Fourth Degree, Steward

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