



Illinois Granger

In Essentials... Unity

In Non-Essentials... Liberty

In All Things... Charity

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Spotlight on Grangers

Farm Aid Workers 2023

Illinois State Grange Youth Co-Directors Karie Blasingame and Marisa O'Dell drove 3 youth from Beaver Valley Grange to Indianapolis Indiana to work in the Youth Market at Farm Aid with National Grange President Betsy Huber. The youth were; Athena O'Dell, Miranda Klenz and Krystal Allen. They did a great job selling produce in the Market. On the way home they stopped for an adventure at an Escape Room. They had a great time.

Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms

Finally got some rain - but the temps are still summer like. Fall has started so maybe fall will take over soon.

Grange Resources Information and Training will be held at HOPEWELL Grange Hall, 474 Grange Rd, Washington, IL 61571. Oct 22 potluck lunch at 11:30am – only plates and flatware provided. Presentations start at 12:30PM. Come see what will be happening in contests next year – Much information will be given out. Presenters included Agriculture Chairman, Community Service Director, Editor, Family Activities Chairman, Historian, Junior Director, Lecturer, Legislative Director, President, Secretary, Website, Youth Director. **All Grangers are invited to attend, requested to attend.**

Don and I had a good time at the Wisconsin State Grange meeting on September 23.

Thanks to Karie and Marisa for taking youth members from Beaver Valley Grange to Farm Aid in Indiana to assist at the National Grange booth. It looks like they had a great time. Thanks to all of them for their work that day, Sept 23.

Rural Minds is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with the mission to serve as the informed voice for mental health in rural America, and to provide mental health information and resources. Rural Minds collaborates with National Grange on initiatives to help end the silence, stigma and suffering that surround mental illness. Follow National Grange & Rural Minds on Facebook to gain information to share with your community.

I would like all the Granges to consider signing up for the ACP – Affordable Connectivity Program. All you need to do is distribute the brochures that are sent to you after you sign up and talk to a navigator. This is a Federal



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Government program and National Grange is spreading the word. NG have committed to participation by 500 Granges so we need everyone's support. This one is easy—just distribution of printed materials to your communities, for two years. Don and I attended Boone County Fair to distribute information. This is a great way to share your information with your community. The website is acprc.org - then the Grange connection. Or go to the National Grange website for more information.

Trademark issues ever plague the National Grange. If you see a trademark infringement let me know. You as a Granger or Grange are allowed to use the logos and trademarks in any legal manner. Non-Grangers are not authorized to use the logos and trademarks.

National Grange Ex Comm has signed a purchase agreement with Somera Capital East, a DC developer. Their study period runs until September 29, after which time we can be pretty sure that they will finalize the deal. Fingers crossed until then. If everything goes well, NG staff will be moving to a different floor in the building and settlement will take place October 30.

I hope that you all subscribe to Good Day magazine and have read articles that I have written for the publication.

Grange Bonding information will be handed out soon, be aware that the deadline is coming soon.

National Grange has been awarded a large grant by US Aging to support vaccination in cooperation with the Association of Consulting Pharmacists, managed by McUlsky Health Force. We hope to fulfill all the requirements of this grant with participation at the Big E, the Eastern States Exposition in Massachusetts, September 15 -October 1. Thanks to the Northeast Region State Granges, we will be delivering free COVID, flu, and other vaccinations at the fair every day on the lawn of the Grange Building there. Hopefully they have been able to give 5000 vaccinations to meet the goal of the grant.

The Grange Foundation has voted to no longer accept donations for the Kelley Farm. For the last eight years the Foundation has received very little in contributions and have learned that the Farm no longer has any mention of the Grange in their displays. They do not have the Grange meeting set up in the house or any Grange displays in the visitors' center. Of course, Granges are welcome to send donations directly to the Farm if they wish, but Foundation or NG will no longer serve as middleman.

Another grant, PCORI -- Preparing Seniors for Surgery, also requires all Granges to participate by pre-

sending a program that we will provide. The name of the program is "Reaching Rural Seniors with Pre- and Post-Surgical Information Through an Underutilized Trusted Messenger" (Grange). We will be producing videos, brochures, flyers, surveys, etc. similar to our cancer program three years ago. Every Grange will receive materials to present a program on preparing seniors for surgery and questions to ask the doctor.

The big kick-off of the program will be at Convention in November. Packets will be mailed to every Grange, and our job as State Presidents will be to encourage every Grange to present the program for the public. The first 500 Granges will each receive \$100 to assist with their event, and State Granges who coordinate with us to urge their Community Granges to participate will receive \$500. Joan Smith is the project manager for this grant, and she will be contacting you to check on your progress. Our grassroots organization makes us the perfect vehicle for disseminating this vital information for senior citizens.

Membership Director Report

MEMBERSHIP YEAR JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

As ISG Membership Director I will be giving each Grange 4 membership Quarterly reports and I ask that you complete the correct one and mail it to me by the 15th of the month after the quarter ends:

QUARTER ENDS

March 30

June 30

September 30

December 30

Due to Robin

April 15

July 15

Oct 15

January 15

NEW MEMBERS GAINED

Please include name, address, City, State, Zip code, Birthdate Year, Email, Phone Number and date member joined Grange and **2 SPONSORS** (required by National Grange) from their application.

MEMBERS LOST

If your Grange loses a member (they dropped, were suspended or they died include the month and date they died).

Fill out the proper sheet every quarter and mail it to:

Robin Kindberg

ISG Membership Director

12971 Olson Road

Caledonia, IL 61011

Any questions contact me via email robinkindberg5@gmail.com or text me 815-978-0452.

REPORT OF ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR

Worthy National Grange Flora and First Lady of the Oklahoma State Grange, Sister Lena Shufeldt, President of the Oklahoma State Grange, Brother Bill Shufeldt, National Grange Executive Committee Chair and Illinois State Grange President Sister Lynette Schaeffer and Brother Don Schaeffer, Past National Grange Officers, State Grange Officers, Delegates, Patrons and Guests:

I attended the GRIT Conference in October held at the Boone County Fairgrounds, the Illinois State Grange Picnic in May, and the National Grange Session in Kansas in November.

I attended all of the Flora Grange meetings this past year and 3 Boone County Pomona meetings. I also wrote a column each month for the Illinois Granger.

I enjoy quilting with our Flora Grange Quilters, and I am also involved with our local Senior Center as a volunteer teacher in knitting, crocheting and ceramics. I also assisted in the Non-Livestock Exhibit Hall at the Boone County Fair as a judge in the Youth Department and also helped with keeping a watchful eye on the entries as well as answering questions and visiting with fair-goers.

This is my second year on the Illinois State Grange Agriculture Committee and have enjoyed being the chairman this past year.

A special thank you to my friend, Emalee Colver, and my daughter, Sharon. I have had a few medical issues this past year and they came to my rescue.

The weather was not very cooperative this year in Northern Illinois and our gardens did not do well. I was hoping our Grangers in the South had a better year. We had a cold wet spring, then a dry summer with some very hot temperatures.

I hope everyone was able to view our Agricultural display. We had 55 entries in Vegetables, 7 entries in Fruits and Herbs, and 8 entries in Field Crops.

This year we had a "Make It Yourself" Roadside Bouquet project. We had 6 members participate. They had a lot of fun creating their projects, and we had fun watching them and seeing the finished entries.

Diamond Art was added this year using a farm related theme and proved to be very popular with 13 entries.

We send our thanks to the Junior Grangers who took the time to make 8 entries in the various categories.

Overall, we had a total of 119 entries!

Our Auction last night netted us \$1850.00. It was a lot of fun, as always, watching the bidding. Our thanks go out to Lyle Lee and his crew for all their help.

Thank you very much to my Committee Members, Steve Kinzinger and Brian O'Dell, for your help in the Ag Display Room, with the Auction, and for handling my speaking duties for me this weekend.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Fidder

2023 Illinois State Grange Ag Committee Chair

2023 ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE AGRICULTURE CONTEST RESULTS

VEGETABLES:

GREEN BEANS:

- 1st – Allen Fidder, Flora Grange
- 2nd – Joan Fidder, Flora Grange
- 3rd – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange

CUCUMBERS:

- 1st – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange
- 2nd – Stanley Wayne Lyford, Guilford Hope

Grange

GOURDS:

- 1st – Lana Korte, Floraville Grange
- 2nd – Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville Grange

YELLOW ONIONS:

- 1st – Lyle Lee, Prairie Grange
- 2nd – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange

RED ONIONS:

- 1ST – Patti Lee, Prairie Grange

BELL PEPPERS:

- 1st – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange
- 2nd – Lana Korte, Floraville Grange
- 3rd – Lyle Lee, Prairie Grange
- 4th – Patti Lee, Prairie Grange

SWEET PEPPERS:

- 1st – Loretta Parrish, Turkey Hill Grange
- 2nd – Joan Fidder, Flora Grange
- 3rd – Lyle Lee, Prairie Grange
- 4th – Patti Lee, Prairie Grange

HOT PEPPERS:

- 1st – Allen Fidder, Flora Grange
- 2nd – Patti Lee, Prairie Grange
- 3rd – Lyle Lee, Prairie Grange
- HM – Linda Mullins, County Line Grange

RED POTATOES:

1ST – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange

2nd – Linda Mullins, County Line Grange

WHITE POTATOES:

1st – Linda Mullins, County Line Grange

2nd – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange

CARROTS:

1st – Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

CHERRY TOMATOES:

1st – Loretta Parrish, Turkey Hill Grange

2nd – Sue McGill, Flora Grange

3rd – Lana Korte, Floraville Grange

HM – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange

RED TOMATOES:

1st – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange

2nd – Allen Fidler, Flora Grange

3rd – Jan Werner, Bluff Grange

HM – Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

YELLOW TOMATOES:

1st – Loretta Parrish, Turkey Hill Grange

2nd – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange

3rd – Ken Joseph, Enterprise Grange

HM – Christine Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley Grange

WINTER SQUASH:

1st – Cathy Zei, County Line Grange

2nd – Stacy Rutledge, Turkey Hill Grange

YELLOW SUMMER SQUASH:

1st – Loretta Parrish, Turkey Hill Grange

2nd – Jeane & Myron Peterson, County Line

Grange

3rd – Lana Korte, Floraville Grange

HM – David Donley, Turkey Hill Grange

ZUCCHINI 6-8 inches:

1st – Loretta Parrish, Turkey Hill Grange

2nd – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange

LARGEST ZUCCHINI:

1st – Patti Lee, Prairie Grange

2nd – Lyle Lee, Prairie Grange

3rd – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange

MOST UNUSUAL VEGETABLE:

1st – Linda Mullins, County Line Grange

2nd – Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

FRUITS:

PEARS:

1st – Lynette Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley Grange

2nd – Stacy Rutledge, Turkey Hill Grange

PUMPKIN:

1st – Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville Grange

2nd – Lana Korte, Floraville Grange

3rd – Jeane & Myron Peterson, County Line

Grange

HERBS/PLANTS:

HOUSE PLANT:

1st – Renee O'Dell, Beaver Valley Grange

POTTED HERB:

1st – Jerry Paulson, Beaver Valley Grange

FIELD CROPS:

INDIAN CORN:

1st – Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville Grange

CORN – 1 QT BAG:

1st – Karrie Kindberg, Prairie Grange

SOYBEANS – 1 QT BAG:

1st – Karrie Kindberg, Prairie Grange

SUNFLOWER HEAD:

1st – Sara Ellwanger, Prairie Grange

2nd – Karie Blasingame, Prairie Grange

3rd – Marisa O'Dell, Beaver Valley Grange

HM – Heather Ellwanger, Prairie Grange

FLOWERS:

MAKE-IT-YOURSELF ROADSIDE BOUQUET:

1st – Sara Ellwanger, Prairie Grange

2nd – Marisa O'Dell, Beaver Valley Grange

3rd – Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville Grange

HM – Joan Fidler, Flora Granges

ZINNIAS:

1st – Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville Grange

2nd – Marisa O'Dell, Beaver Valley Grange

3rd – Mary Ann Joseph, Enterprise Grange

MARIGOLDS:

1st – Marilyn Hoffman, Floraville Grange

2nd – Lana Korte, Floraville Grange

MARKET BASKET:

INDIVIDUAL:

1st – Noah Mullins, County Line Grange

2nd – Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

GROUP:

1st – Marilyn Hoffman & Lana Korte, Floraville

Grange

ANTIQUES:

HOUSEHOLD:

1st – Lynette Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley Grange

FARM RELATED:

1st – Don Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley Grange

VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS:

JAM, JELLY, FRUIT BUTTERS:

1st – Sharon Fidler, Flora Grange

- 2nd – Joan Fidler, Flora Grange
- 3rd – Emma Rutledge, Turkey Hill Grange
- HM – Olivia Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley Grange

JAR OF PICKLES:

- 1st – Sharon Fidler, Flora Grange
- 2nd – Patti Lee, Prairie Grange
- 3rd – Lyle Lee, Prairie Grange
- HM – Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

HONEY:

- 1st – Stacy Rutledge, Turkey Hill Grange
- 2nd – Christina Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley Grange

DIAMOND ART:

ANIMALS:

- 1st – Mary Innis, Prairie Grange
- 2nd – Linda Mullins, County Line Grange
- 3rd – Emalee Colver, Flora Grange
- HM – Karrie Kindberg

FARM RELATED SCENE:

- 1st – Kelly Kindberg, Prairie Grange
- 2nd – Sharon Fidler, Flora Grange
- 3rd – Jean Thornberry, Flora Grange
- HM – Dawn Mundy, Prairie Grange

JUNIORS DIAMOND ART:

- 1st – Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie Grange
- 2nd – Lillian Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley Grange

JUNIOR DECORATED PUMPKIN:

- 1st – Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie Grange

JUNIOR VEGETABLE:

- 1st – Gemma Felex, Flora Grange
- 2nd – Ella Fidler, Flora Grange
- 3rd – Lillian Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley Grange

FAC CONTEST RESULTS

1B Knitting Baby Afghan

- 1. Ann Johnson – Prairie

1E Knitting Winter Wear

- 1. Ann Johnson – Prairie
- 2. Joan Fidler – Flora

1F Knitting Any Other

- 1. Joan Fidler – Flora
- 2. Ann Johnson – Prairie

2A Crochet Afghan

- 1. Ruth Blasingame – Prairie
- 2. Patti Lee – Prairie

2B Crochet Baby Afghan

- 1. Kay Ollman – Flora
- 2. Patti Lee – Prairie
- 3. Ruth Blasingame

- 4. HM Deb Silvers – Flora

2C Crochet Baby Items

- 1. Joan Fidler – Flora

2D Crochet Dish Cloth

- 1. Jean Thornberry – Flora
- 2. Joan Fidler – Flora
- 3. Emma Rutledge – Turkey Hill
- 4. HM Deb Silvers – Flora

2E Crochet Winter Wear

- 1. Chelsea McGowan – Enterprise
- 2. Lauri McGowan – Enterprise
- 3. Charlotte McGowan – Enterprise

2F Crochet Any Other

- 1. Ruth Blasingame – Prairie
- 2. Deb Silvers – Flora
- 3. Sharon Fidler – Flora

3A Embroidered Item

- 1. Mary Ann Joseph – Enterprise
- 2. Jean Thornberry – Flora
- 3. Joan Fidler – Flora

3C Plastic Canvas Item

- 1. Robin Kindberg – Prairie
- 2. Karrie Kindberg – Prairie

3D Any Other Needlework

- 1. Royanne Touchette – Floraville Comm
- 2. Ethan Edwards – Shiloh Valley
- 3. Joan Fidler – Flora

4A Quilting Unfinished Square

- 1. Emalee Colver – Flora
- 2. Ann Johnson – Prairie
- 3. Sharon Fidler – Flora
- 4. HM Patti Lee – Prairie

4B Quilting Table Runner

- 1. Joan Fidler – Flora
- 2. Emalee Colver – Flora

4C Quilt Any Size

- 1. Kay Abolins – Flora
- 2. Emalee Colver – Flora
- 3. Joan Fidler – Flora
- 4. HM Sharon Fidler – Flora

4D Quilt Baby

- 1. Kay Ollmann – Flora
- 2. Joan Fidler – Flora

4E Rag Quilt

- 1. Ruth Blasingame – Prairie
- 2. Karie Blasingame – Prairie

4F Quilt of Valor

- 1. Emalee Colver – Flora
- 2. Jean Thornberry – Flora

5A Sewing Apron

- 1. Mrs Robert Lyford – Guilford Hope
- 2. Clayton Fisher – Hopewell

5B Sewing Clothing

1. Mrs Robert Lyford – Guilford Hope

5E Sewing Pillow

1. Stacy Rutledge – Turkey Hill

5H Sewing Any Other

1. Joan Fidler – Flora
2. Nancy Lyford – Guilford Hope
3. Mrs Robert Lyford – Guilford Hope
4. HM Sharon Fidler - Flora

6A Jewelry Bracelet

1. Mary Donley – Turkey Hill
2. Debbie Silvers – Flora

6B Jewelry Necklace

1. Debbie Silvers – Flora
2. Mary Donley – Turkey Hill

6C Jewelry 2 or More

1. Debbie Silvers – Flora
2. Mary Donley – Flora

6F Fabric Wreath

1. Marilyn Hoffman – Floraville Comm
2. Patty Bearth – Shiloh Valley

6G Diamond Art

1. Sara Ellwanger – Prairie
2. Sharon Fidler – Flora
3. Mary Innis – Prairie
4. Karie Blasingame – Prairie

7A Quick Bread

1. Lana Korte – Floraville Comm
2. Patti Lee – Prairie
3. Mrs Robert Lyford – Guilford Hope
4. HM Dawn Mundy – Prairie

7B Candy Fudge

1. Patti Lee – Prairie
2. Lana Korte – Floraville Comm
3. Joan Fidler – Flora

7C Cookies

1. Joan Fidler – Flora
2. Mary Ann Joseph – Enterprise
3. Mrs Robert Lyford – Guilford Hope
4. HM Vivian Johnson – Union

GROUP PROJECT Adult Bibs

1. Guilford Hope
2. Prairie

JUNIORS ONLY Clothes Pin Wreath

1. Sophie Hoefer – Prairie
2. Scarlett Ellwanger – Prairie
3. Esme Hoefer - Prairie

Youth Department Winners

Best of Show – Dawn Mundy -The Prairie Grange

Diamond Art

1st – Dawn Mundy – The Prairie Grange #1832

2nd – Marisa Odell – Beaver Valley Grange #1791

3rd – Sharon Fidler – Flora Grange #1762

HM – Royann Touchette – Floraville Community Grange

HM – Olivia Schaeffer – Shiloh Valley Junior Grange

Lego

1st – Marisa Odell – Beaver Valley Grange #1791

2nd – Don Ellwanger – The Prairie Grange #1832

3rd – Karie Blasingame – The Prairie Grange #1832

Cards

1st – Karrie Kindberg – The Prairie Grange #1832

2nd – Kelley Kindberg – The Prairie Grange #1832

Photo Patriotic

1st – Karrie Kindberg – The Prairie Grange #1832

Photo Reflection

1st – Kelly Kindberg – The Prairie Grange #1832

Ceramics

1st – Joan Fidler – Flora Grange #1762

Centerpieces

1st – Karrie Kindberg – The Prairie Grange #1832

2nd – Robin Kindberg – The Prairie Grange #1832

3rd – Jerry Paulson – Beaver Valley Grange #1791

HM – Marilyn Hoffman – Floraville Community

HM – Jennifer Tobin-Tinch – The Prairie Grange #1832

Decorated Cookies

1st – Brian Odell – Beaver Valley Grange #1791

2nd - Renee Odell – Beaver Valley Grange #1791

3rd – Karie Blasingame – The Prairie Grange #1832

County Line Grange

Our regular meeting was Sept. 14. Refreshments were served by the Loys. The Fall decorations were very nice. Thank you.

Since this was our election night, no Committee reports were given. Congratulations to our elected Officers. Paul gave the Treasurers report. We discussed our profits from our event fundraisers we have done lately.

We had 4 County Line Members attend the Il. State Grange Session. Myron and Jean Peterson were our Delegates. Noah and Linda Mullins also attended. We were honored to receive a Distinguished Grange Certificate. Our Community Service Book got 1st place. Our Delegates gave a report on State Session. They also gave out raffle prizes won from FAC. Noah's farm basket got "Best of Show". He received more ribbons for his vegetables he entered in the Ag. Contest. Myron, Jean, Linda and Cathy Zei received ribbons on vegetables and other items entered in the contests.

We had our Planning meeting on Sept. 25. Our next meeting is our Halloween party. Hopefully everyone will wear their costumes. Stay safe and well everyone. **6**

2023 Lecturer's Contests Results

Photography--Architecture

Adult

1st Laurie McGowan, Enterprise
11-14
1st Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise
2nd Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise
Gardens

Adult

1st Kelly Kindberg, The Prairie
2^{ns} Karrie Kindberg, The Prairie
3rd Laurie McGowan, Enterprise
5-7
1st Lillian Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley
11-14
1st Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise
2nd Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise
Extreme Closeup

Adult

1st Laurie McGowan, Enterprise
2nd Karrie Kindberg, The Prairie
5-7
1st Lillian Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley
8-10
1st Olivia Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley
11-14
1st Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise
2nd Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise
Farm Equipment
5-7
1st Lillian Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley
8-10
1st Olivia Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley

11-14

1st Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise
2nd Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise
Potluck

11-14

1st Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise
2nd Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise
Dimensional Media

Adult

1st Patty Bearth, Shiloh Valley
2nd David Donley, Turkey Hill
Folded Items

Adult

1st Joan Fidler, Flora
2nd Emalee Colver, Flora
Birdhouse

Adult

1st David Donley, Turkey Hill
5-7
1st Esme Hoefer, The Prairie
8-10
1st Scarlett Ellwanger, The Prairie
2nd Sofia Hoefer, The Prairie
Paintings Drawings

Adult

1st Linda Mullins, County Line
2nd Joan Fidler, Flora
3rd Sara Ellwanger, The Prairie
HM Karie Blasingame, The Prairie
8-10
1st Scarlett Ellwanger, The Prairie
Personal Collections

Adult

1st David Donley, Turkey Hill
2nd Jean Peterson, County Line
3rd Karrie Kindberg, The Prairie
Tree Ornaments – other materials
Adult

Adult

1st Kay Ollmann, Flora
2nd Joan Fidler, Flora
3rd David Donley, Turkey Hill
HM Sharron Fidler, Flora
HM Sara Ellwanger, The Prairie
HM Marilyn Hoffman, Floraville
Community

5-7

1st Esme Hoefer, The Prairie
8-10

1st Sofia Hoefer, The Prairie
2nd Scarlett Ellwanger, The Prairie
3rd Eva Foley, The Prairie
HM Emsley Foley, The Prairie
Grange Banners

1st Turkey Hill

2nd Beaver Valley

3rd Union

Best of Show

David Donley, Turkey Hill
(Birdhouse)

Talent

1st Karrie Kindberg, The Prairie

2nd Myron Peterson, County Line

3rd Katie Renken, Hopewell

HM Jean Peterson, County Line

The Prairie Grange #1832

Prairie Grange met on Sept. 18th at 7 pm with President Don Ellwanger presiding. We had an election for Executive Committee. Al Henninger stated that he had served a long time and did not wish to be nominated. Ruth Blasingame was elected to follow in his footsteps. She stated that she was honored to follow him as she had always considered him her mentor and had learned much Grange information from him.

We had one bid for the work we want to do on the Grangehall. Lyle Lee asked for other bids.

We discussed paying for some of our younger members to go to National Session. This was tabled til the next meeting.

President Don handed out all the envelopes and ribbons from State Session. The members of Prairie Grange did well!

We said a prayer for Marion and Jean Thornberry who were in a car accident on their way to attend our meeting. Thank God they are both doing okay.

A spaghetti meal was enjoyed by all after the meeting.

Next meeting is Oct 16th.
See you there.



Noah
Mullins

County
Line
Grange

Best of
Show

Market
Basket

Greetings from Flora Grange 1762

Flora Grange held their September 12th meeting at their Grange Hall with 38 members in attendance. President Ken Fidler just returned from the Illinois State Convention and presented Lindakay Ebel with Flora Grange's Community Service Book for the 2022-2023 year in which she received 2nd place this year and \$50.00. Lindakay thanked all that turned in hours to her for the year. Community /Service chairman Lindakay Ebel reported Flora Grange was one of the 12 Granges, that was selected out of 1500 that had an article in the "Good Day" Grange magazine under the "Christmas in July" around the country.

Bob Scherer, Agriculture, reported the crops are looking good, southern part of the state crops are dry. Fair board, Todd Hegge reported best attendance this year, looking for younger talent for next year, working on new restroom project. Farmland Protection, Jack Ratcliffe reported they will hold a meeting next week, they are trying to save farmland.

Membership, Lindakay Ebel reported besides trying to recruit new members, there are many benefits our presents members do not know about, such as when you travel, discounts at some hotels and using Avis and Budget rental car services. Also hearing aids, and some pharmacy cards, and we have partnerships with some insurance companies, United of Omaha Life Insurance, Farmers Insurance and there is pet insurance. Check our website for all active benefits at www.nationalgrange.org/benefits We currently have 159 Grange members and we had 11 new members this year.

JT Ryan, Youth reported they will be meeting and will be going over what they did at the fair and plans for the new year. Emalee Colver, Quilting, stated the two quilting groups will be meeting, one on Friday and the other on Saturday and Sunday, all are welcome, come on out and all their entries from State Grange were on exhibit tonight with many ribbons, congratulations ladies.

Ken Fidler told about Atlas Contracting that is working on the facial and gutters on our Grange Hall and they hope to get started this week or the following week. We made a down payment and the final payment will be made when the job is completed. Motion to split this bill from three different accounts, motion carried. Kathy Spears told of the projects the juniors are working on and there is a change in the location of their meeting place and the date due to some of the activities of the children in the Junior Grange. They also had many exhibits from the State Convention on display this evening with ribbons they earned.

Jack Ratcliffe told of the Illinois State Grange Convention which he and Ken Fidler were delegates. Jack presented JT Ryan the Junior Granger of the Year Award that was completed by community service chairman Lindakay Ebel. He also had a Community Service Recognition certificate for Fire fighter of the Year, Craig Wilcox, Belvidere Fire Department from the Illinois St

ate Grange Community Service Program and Terry Rossi, Teacher of the Year. He told of the various resolutions and the elections of officers, and the happenings of the conventions and the great job the people in the drills performed were, especially all the young people.

The written treasurer's report was given, motion to approve. Motion was made to again sell the Butter Braid's instead of the Fall Roast Beef dinner. Birthdays included Wayne Lyford and Myrna Hodgson. "G" bills collected \$53.00. Cards sent to Kaye Abolins and Loren & Pat Due.

Next meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 2023. 7 PM. Serving Committee, Loren & Pat Due, Al & Lindakay Ebel – Cake, Jello & Sandwiches after the meeting.

Lindakay Ebel
Publicity



Beaver Valley Grange #1791

The September 1st meeting was held at the Beaver Valley Community Grange Hall at 7 pm.

Beaver Valley Grange was pleased to welcome 4 new members, Wilson MacIntyre, Garrett MacIntyre, William Eric Paulson and Amber MacIntyre. Secretary Renee O'Dell reminded us all to read the Patron's Chain newsletter as there are always good ideas in it. Steve Paulson reported for Agriculture on the growing need for Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources & Related Sciences (MANNERS). There are 70 university chapters across the country in 39 states. MANNERS aims to connect and recruit those students out of traditional agricultural circles. There is a growing need to get more young people to think about roles in the food value chain as a farmer, rancher, scientist or engineer. For Community Service Beaver Valley Grange voted to donate to the Pet Community Service project at State Session. Marisa O'Dell reported on Health Education and Welfare and said that COVID is back with a different variant. Beaver Valley serves at the next Pomona meeting on Sept. 6th. Our next meeting is Oct. 13th.

Fraternally submitted,
Dayle Paulson

Broad Hollow Grange News

At Broad Hollow Grange's first Friday August potluck, David and Cindy Vogler presented a program on Iceland, "Land of Ice and Fire," a trip they took this spring. A quiz tested our knowledge of Iceland. The winner received a candy bar from Iceland printed in the Icelandic language. They showed interesting and informative information through many beautiful scenes of waterfalls, geysers, mountains, ice fields, volcanic areas, glaciers thermals, etc.

Most people live along the coast in small towns of about 2,000 with Reykjavik the largest city. Since gas stations were few and far in between, they were glad their hybrid car got 60 miles per gallon. They showed information on the country's geology, heritage, industry, geothermal and hydropower that provides their energy, and growing vegetables in greenhouses. When early settlers arrived, about 35% was forests but due to using the trees for firewood, buildings, and the sheep overgrazing the land, only 1% of the forest remains so there are very few trees. They shared that wildlife is sparse on the island. One 2-lane paved road circles the island and bridges and tunnels are only one lane even if the tunnel is miles long. The traffic light system is different than ours with lights changing to get ready to go. One town's traffic lights are heart shaped. Speeding results in an \$800 fine. Pictures of a meal included fish, lamb, and dairy as their main dishes. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and learned a lot about the island of Iceland.

The first Friday potluck was on 1st of September. The program theme for the evening was "School Days." The program opened with the song, "School Days" then everyone recited the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag." Our writing was practiced by writing the "A-B-C's and our name with our non-dominant hand. Arithmetic was number facts about a penny. Everyone participated in a Geography Quiz then the program closed with an inspirational saying. (Article submitted by Broad Hollow Grange #1806.)

September Gobbles from Turkey Hill

Planning for the Wurstmarkt on October 29th is beginning. Applesauce and apple butter are made. The apple butter will be for sale at the Wurstmarkt and at the Swansea Farmer's Market.

Our attending members enjoyed the State Session. We had several raffle winners and contest winners.

We just held our Community Service Awards. Our winners were:

Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer: Kurt Staudenmaier

Outstanding Firefighter: Ben Sullins

Outstanding Teacher: Tiffany Stellhorn

Outstanding Non-Grange Comm. Service: Carol Bulva

Outstanding Granger of the Year: Chris Bersett

Recipients of membership awards for longevity:

5 years of membership: Chris Bersett, Ron Bersett, Paulette Hill, Rosemarie Parker, Carol Young

10 Years Marlene Frazer, Vicki Helms, David Phillip, Chad Stanforth, Joanna Stanforth, Audree Partee

15 years: Ginger Miller

20 years: Mark kern

25 years (receiving a Silver Sheath): Charles Treser, Sophie Treser

50 Years (receiving a seal): Carole Eckert

55 Years (receiving a seal) Judy Eckert, Roger Ross

60 years (receiving a seal): Susan Burian

65 Years (receiving a seal): Jim Eckert, Lary Eckert, Dianne Ross

80 years: Maurice Vale

Big plans are underway for our 150th anniversary celebration to be held on April 20, 2024.

Calendar of Grange Events

11/14-18 National Grange Session-Niagra Falls NY 2024

4/20 Turkey Hill Grange 150th Anniversary

National Session Quad Cities 11/10-17

Donations: Memorial Scholarship

Donations: Illinois Granger

\$200 Wayne & Nancy Lyford – Guilford Hope Grange

\$50 Anonymous

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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Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrstens

What a beautiful cool fall day. Just a few short weeks ago we were well over 100 degrees and now there is a different feeling with a crisp cool morning and the crickets singing their merry little hearts out. I was so very happy to see all of you at State Session. It does the soul so good to be around people that you haven't seen for so long. It's like those little merry crickets who are all singing their hearts out because they have old and new friends. We are truly blessed with life if we just take the time to look around at all that God puts in front of us to see. Do you take the time to listen to the fall songs of the birds or is your life so consumed that you are not aware and you let life slip past you?

The farmers are busy getting their corn out, but a lot of them are picking it with some green stalks, don't know why maybe they know something the rest of us don't know. Maybe an early snow, now days we never know what the weather will be. The woolly worms are coal black, light brown and some even white so can someone tell me what is going on please. The only one that knows is God, we must wait and see.

A big thank you to those of you who took part in the Beautiful memorial service, Don would have been so honored with it. I'm sorry I couldn't do the service but I was so thankful for those who were there to comfort me.

My Grange family is a very strong part of my life and I enjoy all of you.

It was so great to have so many young Grangers to take part in the programs and little ones napping in their strollers. Take care and God Bless each of you, hope to see you all at GRIT conference at Hopewell Grange. Keep your head high and remember to take the time to enjoy the fall activities.

Blessings and Peace though our Lord Jesus Christ.

SECRETARY REPORT

It is with bittersweet feelings this will be the last Illinois State Grange Secretary article I will write for the new Illinois State Grange Secretary is Elaine Hecathorn with Trisha Renken and Jennifer Tobin-Tinch as her assistants. She will take over November 1, 2023.

Just a few things:

1. **Quarterly Reports** -Please continue to send the September Quarterly reports and the Roster to me by the 15th of October and if it is not post-marked by the 21st of October your Grange will

receive a late fee of \$25 and it will have to be paid upon receipt.

2. **GRIT Conference** – Sunday October 22, 2023 Potluck at 11:30AM and meeting is at 12:30 PM. EVERY GRANGE is requested to send someone from your Grange to this conference to get the paperwork that will be distributed that day. This is OPEN TO ALL GRANGERS. Come Join us!

3. Results from State Session:

FAC turned in \$805.00 from Raffle ticket sales and \$328.50 were collected from FAC items in the AG Auction - \$1133.50 was turned over to the Honor Memorial Scholarship Fund.

AG AUCTION - \$ 1528.33 will be deposited in the Klotz Agriculture Scholarship Fund.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – We gave \$783.75 in cash and checks plus Illinois State Grange gave \$235.71 collected from the church donation giving us a Total of \$1018.46 + \$200 Gift card = \$1218.46 and over 219 items were also donated to the TAILS Humane Animal Society.

Grangers are very generous people.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Illinois State Grange Secretary and I hope you support Elaine Hecathorn the way you have supported me.

Past Illinois State Grange Secretary

Robin Kindberg



SPEAK GOOD OF OTHERS, RATHER THAN EVIL. GATHER UP MEMORIES OF OTHERS' VIRTUES AND PASS BY THEIR FAULTS IN PITY.