



ILLINOIS GRANGER

In Essentials... Unity

In Non-Essentials... Liberty

In All Things... Charity

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Guilford Hope Grange #6 members and guests

Calendar of Grange Events

2024

- 6/20 June quarterly reports due
- 6/21-23 Midwest Grange Leaders Conference
Application at end of email copy
- 7/1 Resolutions due to State Secretary
- 7/7 Blasingame 50th Anniversary Party
Ridott IL 1-5 Everyone is invited.
Music/Food No Gifts
- 7/10 Leroy Grange Blood Drive Challenge
Boone County Fairgrounds 2-6 pm
- 8/1 Deadline for Community Service Reports
- 8/6-11 Boone County Fair—Belvidere IL
- 9/13-15 Illinois State Grange Session-
Collinsville IL
- 9/19-21 4Momz2Momz Consignment Sale

11/10-17 National Session Quad Cities

Sign up to work

2025

- 7/22-27 Grange Revival—Torrey Utah
- 9/19-21 State Session at Boone County Fairgrounds
- Donations: Memorial Scholarship
- Donations: Illinois Granger

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

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Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms

The weather in south central IL has been stormy lately, no major damage but we are picking up sticks in the yard more again. The weather has caused the strawberries to be ripening early, gooseberries and cherries the same way, weeks earlier than normal. We have peaches and rhubarb ripening.

The Youth Department hosted the IL State Grange picnic on May 4, 2024, 1:00 pm, at the Boone County Fairgrounds. They provided the grilled burgers and dogs and there was lots of food items to share. All of the IL State Grange Scholarships were awarded that day. The car show at the fairgrounds was great. Congratulations to all the scholarship awardees IL State Grange is proud of you all.

The Midwest Grange Leaders conference will be held in OHIO, June 21-23, 2024. Bowling Green State University. Contact Diana Norquest at norquest_diana@yahoo.com Watch for details on Facebook (Midwest Grange Leadership) and NationalGrange.org. Registration is online now.

The 153rd annual IL State Grange Session at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Collinsville, IL September 13 – 15, 2024. Hope you are all planning to attend. Be making resolutions now so that when the date is set for turning them in, your Grange is ready. Phil Vonada, National Grange Communications Director, an PA Junior Director, will be our National Representative. IL Representative Charlie Meier will be the speaker on Friday evening. Watch your email or USPS box for more information. The draft schedule will be printed this month in this paper. Brian will be sending out information soon about the session. Room reservations will be made for the officers and committee directors/chairs. Delegates need to make their own reservations.

Meetings are being held for the next National Session in Bettendorf Iowa, Nov 12 -16, 2024. IL State Grange is part of the host group. If any Granger is wanting to help, please let us know. Emalee Colver was appointed as Registration host. Ruth Blasingame and Lana Korte have been appointed as IL Hospitality hosts for Wed, 13th and IL will assist WI on Saturday. Karie Blasingame is working on Transportation and Workshops for the convention. These groups will need assistance during the convention. Please contact them if you are willing to help. If you would like to receive the 7th degree, Bettendorf will be the place on November 16. If you would like to be part of 7th degree as a candidate, let me know. We are asking if there are veterans that have not received a Quilt of Valor and will be at the National

Grange Convention, please let me know, they could be part of the NG presentation. Registration is now open on the NationalGrange.org website. Now is the time to plan to be at National Session.

Always remember if you have a Grange Hall and need to make some improvements, the State Grange has a Hall Improvement Fund. The application form is on the website illinoisstategrange.org. Contact me, or anyone on the IL Ex Committee if you have any questions. It is important when applying for a Hall Improvement Fund please provide **ALL** information requested.

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

All Grangers are confident members.

Broad Hollow Grange

Broad Hollow Grange's May 3rd evening began with a potluck. The potluck honored all the Mothers with the program featuring Mother's Day and spring flowers. The program opened with "What is a Mother?" Everyone provided information on what they knew about their Mothers. Participants gave facts about Mothers throughout the world followed by a Mother's Day "Knock-Knock" Joke. A short poem "My Mother" was read. A Flower quiz tested everyone's knowledge on spring flowers, and unusual flower facts were provided. Each received a marigold in honor of their Mothers. The tables were decorated with spring flowers.

At Broad Hollow Grange's April 5th event, Easter was celebrated. The evening began with a potluck enjoyed by all. The hall was decorated with Easter flowers, Easter baskets, an assortment of Easter bunnies, and lots of colorful Easter eggs. A program with an Easter theme followed the potluck. Those attending found out what their Easter bunny's name was. A game was played with the winner accumulating the most points relating to Easter. Everyone tried their hand at guessing the number of Easter eggs in a basket. A humorous reading included "All I Need to Know I Learned from the Easter Bunny." A dice game was played with the winner the one collecting the most Easter eggs. Remember, "Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket."

153rd Illinois State Grange Annual Session Ticket/Booklet Order Form

September 13 – 15, 2024

Name(s) _____

Meal Tickets – Please write quantity at left. (Note: Gluten-free options are available)

Adult - Main Banquet – Friday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. \$50.00

Italian Chicken (Sauteed Breast of Chicken with Lemon, White Wine, Prosciutto Ham & Caper Sauce), Roasted Red Potatoes, Julienne Carrots, Chocolate Mousse Cake

Kids Menu – Main Banquet – Friday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. \$12.00

Choices are: Fruit Cup, Chicken Tenders, and Fries OR Fruit Cup, Mac & Cheese OR Fruit Cup, Grilled Cheese, and Fries.

Adult -FAC Lunch – Saturday, Sept. 14 at Noon \$35.00

Deli Buffet – Featured Soup of the Day, Tossed Mixed Greens & Seasonal Accompaniments & House Dressing Penne Pasta Salad, Vegetable Slaw with Crème Fraiche & Mustard Dressing, Roasted Yukon Potato Salad with Green Onions, Eggs & Chipotle Ranch Dressing, Sliced Virginia Ham, Roasted Smoked Turkey Breast, Roast Peppered Sirloin of Beef, Aged Salami, Sliced Emmenthal Wisconsin Cheddar & Provolone Cheeses, Market Basket of Local Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Onions & Kosher Style Pickles, Mustards & Mayonnaise Bread Presentation, Jumbo Baked Cookies & Brownies

Kids Menu – FAC Lunch – Saturday, Sept. 14 at Noon \$12.00

Choices are: Fruit Cup, Chicken Tenders, and Fries OR Fruit Cup, Mac & Cheese OR Fruit Cup, Grilled Cheese, and Fries.

Adult - Youth Dinner – Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. \$50.00

Roasted Pork Loin with Granny Smith Apple & Raisin Chutney, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Green Beans with Roasted Red Peppers, New York Cheesecake

Kids Menu – Youth Dinner – Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. \$12.00

Choices are: Fruit Cup, Chicken Tenders, and Fries OR Fruit Cup, Mac & Cheese OR Fruit Cup, Grilled Cheese, and Fries.

Delegate booklets \$5.00

_____ Total Total _____

Delegates (Granges can report their Delegates here)

Name_____Grange_____

Name_____Grange_____

Schedule of Events of the 153st Annual Session of the Illinois State Grange

Collinsville, IL, September 13-15, 2024

Friday, September 13, 2024

8:30 AM – Noon

Registration & Contest entries in place in display room

10:00 State Officers Practice Sixth Degree Practice

1:00 PM Open in the Sixth Degree – **Lynette Schaeffer**, President

Open to all Delegates and Grangers attending

Roll Call of Officers Close in the Sixth Degree Open in the Fourth Degree

Presentation of Philip Vonada, National Grange Communications Director, PA State Grange Junior Director.

Presentation of Collinsville **Mayor [still not sure]**

Response –**Karie Blasingame**, Vice President

Roll Call of Delegates

Adoption of Order of Business –Frank D Wurth, Chair Exec Comm

Meeting place for 2025 – Boone County

Invitation of Meeting Place 2026 (Started conversation with Northfield Inn)

Reports –Treasurer [Mary Donley] (Budget), Secretary [Brian Keller] (Credentials),
Exec Committee [Debbie Wade]

2:15 Recess

2:30 Election of Officer [one Executive Committee member Debra Wade]

Appointment of Session Committees Assignment of Resolutions

Committee Instruction by President and Vice President

Resolutions to the committees

4:00 Grange Closed in the Fourth Degree

Committee Meetings

6:00 Main Banquet

7:00 Evening Program

Introduction of Special Invited Guests - Charles Meier, IL Rep speaker

Summary of Address of State President – **Lynette Schaeffer**

Community Service Awards – **Heather Ellwanger**, Director

Membership Awards –XXX, Director

8:30 Committee Meetings .

Saturday, September 14, 2024

- 7:00** Ag Chairman: **Steven Kinzinger** **Speaker: - don't know**
- 8:00** Opening in Fourth Degree Roll Call of State Officers
Roll Call of Delegates Reading and Adopting of Minutes
- 8:45** Junior Grange Report and Awards, **Mindy Schiefer**, Director
- 9:45** Report – Committee on Finance & Accounts
- 10:00** Recess
- 10:15** Committee Reports
- 12:00** Family Homemaking Projects Luncheon – **Angie Dickerson**, Director
- 1:15 PM** Obligation of Fifth Degree – Karie Blasingame
Conferring of Sixth Degree – IL State Grange Officers
- 3:00** Recess
- 3:15** Grange Historian – **Beverly Smith** Legislative – Marion Thornberry
- 4:00** National Grange Representative Report/Workshop – Philip Vonada
Committee Reports
- 5:00** Grange Closed in Fourth Degree (Take possessions with you)
- 6:30** Youth/Young Adults Banquet – **Karie Blasingame and Marisa O'Dell** Director
- 7:30** Evening Program
Talent Show – **Ethan Edwards**, Lecturer
Auction

Sunday, September 15, 2024

- 8:00 AM** Celebration of Life – **Charlotte Mehrtens**, Chaplain
- 8:45** Opening in the Fourth Degree – Youth/Young Adults Officers
Roll Call of Youth Officers Roll Call of State Officers
Roll Call of Delegates
Reading of State Minutes
- 9:00** FAC/AG – Final Reports and Sash Transfers
Community Service Booklets, – **Heather Ellwanger**, Director
Lecturer Report – **Ethan Edwards**
Committee Reports
Completion of Remaining Business/Installation of Officers –
Closing of the 153st Annual Session

ISG Secretary Report

By the time you see this, all Granges should have received information about the upcoming 153rd Annual Illinois State Grange Session being held this year at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 1000 Eastport Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234. Room reservations will be at the hotel. The Session starts on **Friday, Sept. 13, 2024**, at 1 p.m. (registration is 8:30 a.m. to noon) and should end at approximately noon on **Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. **ROOM RESERVATIONS** – If you are a State Officer, Deputy, or Committee Chair, reservations will be made for you. You will be responsible for paying the bill, but ISG will reimburse you for the number of days you are qualified for. Please contact Lynette if you haven't already received an email from her about your reservations and what you should do. All others, including Delegates, should call in their own reservations directly to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at 618-345-2800 **BEFORE Tuesday, Aug. 13**. Mention that the room is for the Illinois State Grange to receive the ISG rate of \$113.00 plus tax per night. Reservations made after the deadline may or may not be honored at that rate if they are even available.
2. **MEAL RESERVATIONS** – All meal reservations, along with payment, should be sent to me **before Tuesday, Aug. 13**. Make checks payable to Illinois State Grange. You will receive your meal tickets when you arrive at the State Session. The meal reservation form can be found in this edition of the Granger. Note that checks will not be cashed until after the State Session is over.
3. **CHOOSING DELEGATES** – Granges should send me the names of their Delegates **before Tuesday, Aug. 13**. Each Grange should strive to send two Delegates, if possible.
4. **DELEGATE BOOKLETS**—All Delegates are requested to purchase the booklets. The cost is \$5.00 each to defray the cost of printing. Any Granger may also order a booklet at the same cost. The booklets can be ordered on the meal reservation form. All booklet orders must be received **before Tuesday, Aug. 13**, and can be picked up at the beginning of the State Session.
5. **STATE SESSION REPORTS** – These are due **before Tuesday, Aug. 13**. Officers should report their Grange activities, Deputies should report the activities of their Granges, and Directors should send reports of their program and Grange activities.
6. **RESOLUTIONS**—Resolutions for the State Session should be sent to me no later than **Monday, July 1**. This will allow time for them to be compiled and sent to the Granges for discussion, enabling the delegates to be aware of their members' concerns. Any and all supporting documentation should be sent along with the resolution.
7. **STATE SESSION CONTESTS**—Bring your contest entries before the Session starts at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13. Also, check the rules of the various contests in the Granger.

Has a new member joined your Grange? If so, please remember to send me a copy of their application form.

If you have any questions or need anything, don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help!

Fraternally,

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Community Service

I hope all is well and that you are looking forward to State Grange in September. I know I am.

I just wanted to remind everybody that we are collecting for the Hoyleton Children's Home. You will be able to find the information and a list of their needs on their website Hoyleton.org and I am also including a list that they sent.

Let us come together and give these kids some kindness and let them know that someone cares.

The Grange and Individual who donates the most will be rewarded.

Wish List: Money, Shampoo, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, hairbrush, night light, fidget toy, non-persishable food items (Slim Jim, beef jerky for protein), bottled water, playdoh, journal, stuffed animal.

Remember: all books and nominations are due by Aug 1, 2024.

Heather Ellwanger Community Service Director

Guilford Hope Grange #6

Guilford Hope Grange met at the Wayne Lyford residence. Unexpected health issues make the Harts unable to host so Wayne and Nancy hosted. The Grange met at 10am to assist with the set up of the community service garage sale. Lunch was at noon with a pot luck. The meeting followed with 9 members present. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and opened in the 4th degree. A thank, for our donations, was read from Rock House Kids and Empower Boone food pantry. The secretaries report was approved, motion by Martha and 2nd by Dave. Treasurers' report: Nancy paid the April donation to the Salvation Army in Rockford.

Old business: We collected more 'G' bills. Final discussion on the garage sale; Thursday helpers will be Albert and Lindakay Ebel and Beverly Smith. Friday help will be Gene and Caroline Wheeler and Jerry and Karen Hart if all are able. It was mentioned that there had been no article in the Illinois Granger recently. Nancy said she would try to keep up; meeting late in the month makes it harder to get to Ruth in a timely manner.

New Business. Guilford Hope Grange is skipping recognition awards for this year.

Martha told everyone that on May 2nd Colvers is helping to sponsor the FFA with a scoop of the day for the price of \$1.00.

May 28th meeting will be held at Albert Ebel residence and June 25th meeting will be at Dave Byrnes residence. Both meetings will be a noon pot luck.

Nancy Lyford, secretary pro-tem for Carolyn Wheeler

County Line Grange News

We held our regular meeting on May 8. Lisa Loveridge and Butch Peters were our hosts for the evening. They served tacos. Sara Istad brought pumpkin bars and rhubarb cake. Thanks for the delicious food.

Dakota Kramer, (Sara Istad's Granddaughter and a County Line member) gave a speech on how great it is to be a 4-H member. She has been in 4-H 10 years. She has shown FFA livestock and non-livestock and has been involved with lots of community service. Dakota has been a 2-year officer for the 4-H Federation and last year's president. She helps with the Cloverbuds age 5-7 groups. She also attended the National Holstein Convention in Salt Lake City Utah. She was 1st in Instabrainning, her topic was "Misconceptions in Agriculture". Dakota is one of

County Line's scholarship recipients. Congratulations on all She has done with the 4-H Club, and with all her accomplishments.

Committee reports: Agriculture- Paul Anderson reported that all the rain has brought most corn planting to a halt, but what is planted is coming up. Membership- Myron Peterson reported that our new booklets are ready. Publicity- Linda Mullins and Kathy Zei are asking our members for any news that they would like to share in the Grange newsletter. Fairboard- Butch Peter's reports that ticket sales are going great. The new bathroom is almost done. Grange Day- Sara Istad is checking on a day we might take a wine tasting tour of a local winery. Legislative- Jean Peterson talked about an article in the Grange Good Day magazine, "New Labor Regulations on Horses". Decoration- Kathy Loy did a great job decorating the hall for Mother's Day. New Grange Hall- Paul Zein said that the insulation should be here tomorrow. Once that is installed and the inspection has passed then work can continue on the building.

Myron and Jean Peterson are celebrating their anniversary on May 21. Lori Anderson, John Null, Lowell Fitch, Doug Loy, and Colton are all celebrating birthdays in May.

Congratulations to Mark and Deb Zellman on the birth of their 9th grandchild. Welcome to the world Callie Claire Whitlow.

Meeting was closed and a Penny March was held. Hope everyone is staying safe in all the bad weather that's been around!



Leroy Community Grange

On May 10th LeRoy Grange hosted our Distinguished Community Members and awards banquet! Recognized were Cindy Kastning- Teacher, Mike Lowe - Firefighter, Jeff Vance - Granger, Heather Wick - Community volunteer, and Tim Blankenship - Police Officer. Also receiving awards were Les & Lavonne Wundrow for 50 years as Grange members, Paul Temple - 10 years and Tami Temple - 20 years! Congratulations to all who received awards!



Mark your calendars -
LeRoy Community Grange Blood Drive
July 10th from 2 - 6 pm
Boone County Fairgrounds

Challenging other Granges to see who can get the most participants for a chance to win one of our 50/50 tickets (worth \$100) for a chance to win \$10,000!!!

Friends and families are invited too, they don't have to be a Grange member, they just need to make sure the credit goes to the Grange of their choice!

If you have questions about a medication or other medical question, please call the Rock River Blood Center and talk to one of their nurses!

Let's do our part and save some lives this summer! Every pint counts!!

If you have questions, or want to contact me to sign you up for a spot, please let me know!

Rock River Valley Blood Bank info:

Regarding medications, MOST medications (including insulin) will not cause you to be deferred. That said, if someone would like to double check on their specific prescriptions before making an appointment, it is best that they call us (815.965.8751) and ask to speak with one of our nurses. Kim or Nancy will be able to give them the most current answer, including how long to wait after taking the prescription in some cases.

UNION GRANGE

Our March meeting was held at the home of Vivian Johnson. Dues were collected and it was reported the not for profit paper work had been filed and the 990N form will be filed next week.

Sally read some history on one of our founding fathers, William Ireland. Ron told us he had taken 35 county plat books to the Cherry Valley Library and one to Midway Village. These were old books he had in storage that were from the 1960's that Union Grange had sponsored.

Steve Erbe and his family have moved back to Rockford and we hope to see more of them.

In April 18 members and family guests enjoyed Flora Grange roast beef dinner. Afterwards we met at Ron & Nancy's for pie (there were 4 pies/desserts to choose from) and fellowship. Thanks to Nancy, Sally and Vivian for the goodies.

On May 10 five members and two guests (Wayne & Nancy Lyford) had dinner at Buster's Bar and Grill. Linnea Miller and Rollie Greenland are still recuperating at home and in April Vivian Johnson fell and fractured her humerus bone in her left arm and is on the mend.

Flora Grange #1762
Disguised Guests & Memorial Service

Flora Grange #1762 held their Disguised Guest and Memorial Service on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 6:30 pm at the Flora Grange Hall with four of their disguised guests and their families in attendance. The evening started with a potluck picnic dinner; Chaplain Emalee Colver offered prayer. Following dinner, all moved upstairs, and Community Chairperson Lindakay Ebel introduced our disguised guests for the evening which included: Officer Michelle Schwartz, a 22-year veteran police officer with the Belvidere Police Department who worked patrol for much of her career until approximately 2 years ago when she was assigned to develop and install a new program for Belvidere City and Boone County. This program involved assistance for the Drug Addicted, the mentally ill and Domestic Violence victims. She also developed several other community programs and most recognized nationally as one of the “Remarkable Women” in the United States.

Non-Granger of the Year was Mark Schroeder who retired from Chrysler after 45 years and has been enjoying volunteering for the Belvidere Salvation Army for the past eight years, ringing the bell at Christmas time and on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays he goes to several grocery stores, picks up vegetables and meats, brings them back to the Salvation Army and sorts out, getting them ready for the people to pick up. He also goes to McDonalds and Wal-Mart and does the same thing. He loves helping at the Salvation Army.

The Granger of the Year was Marilyn Ryan who enjoys helping at all Flora Granges dinners, funeral lunches, is advisor for the Youth Fair board, helps at the Boone County Fair and is a Pomona Grange member and attends the ISG each year. She helps where she is needed.

Junior Granger of the Year is Max Ryan and has been a member of Flora Grange since 2021. He helps with all our dinners, helps at the breakfasts and dinners during the fair and helps put up the Christmas display at Belvidere Park each year. He is vice-president of the youth fair board, attended the 2021 ISG convention, took the 5th & 6th degree, is a member of the Flaming Monkey’s 4-H Club and the Boone County 4-H Federation. He is also on the National Jr. Honor Society. He helps wherever he is needed.

Chief Shawn Schadle from the Belvidere Fire Department was in Springfield the day of our picnic/supper/awards night however, he will be at our June 11th meeting.

Teacher of the Year was Yuritzzi Moctezuma, a multilingual learner in TPI and Dual Language from 2014 to present at South Middle School, Belvidere Community Unit School District 100.

Our Grange meeting was called to order at 8 pm with Pledge to American Flag, followed by roll call of officers by Secretary Laurel Ratcliffe and approval of the minutes of April 9th.

The chairpersons of each committee of Flora Grange gave their reports followed by

the Memorial Service by Emalee Colver, assisted by Nancy Lyford, Lindakay Ebel and Rhonda Settle. Six candles were lite, two by each person, in memory of brother Gene West who went to be with the Lord on January 30, 2024, Sister Dixie Kirk called home on October 5, 2023, Sister Donna Peterson who entered her eternal home on September 26, 2023, and Sister Bunnie Koenig, who entered eternal rest on September 15, 2023. Also, candle was lite in loving memory of family members and friends called home especially Jean and Marion Thornberry’s son and Kaye Abolin’s son and the final candle was dedicated to the memory of All the Armed Service members who gave their lives in service to our country.

Treasurer Lindakay Ebel had a written financial report for all in attendance, motion to accept as read and written. New Business: Motion was made for Jack Ratcliffe to check the price on propane and to order, motion carried.

\$45.00 was collected in ‘G’ bills. Meeting ended, members ill or in distress were reported. It was also reported that those that are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Program Director Jack Ratcliffe had sheets on word search on Memorial Day and farm machinery. The meeting closed in full form.

Lindakay Ebel, Publicity

Illinois State Grange Youth

If you missed the picnic this year you missed out on a great time. We had a car show brought on by our friends at MOPAR, that set the mood for our 50’s theme. We had Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hotdogs. And many side dishes and desserts. Thank you to everyone who brought something to share.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who brought items for the auction. And thank you to Don Ellwanger and Brandon O’Dell for being our Auctioneers, and Beth Olsen. Without everyone’s help this would not be possible.

Illinois State President Lynette Schaeffer handed out 9 scholarships to Grangers who are continuing their education. We wish them the very best in the future and congratulations to you all.

Now we are gearing up for State Session. Keep working on your contest items. They are open to everyone Young at heart as well. Photos’s on back page.

Contest for Youth Department are in the email. They will be in the regular newsletter next month.

Scholarship recipients:

Sammantha Meyers	Prairie Grange	Education	\$750.00
Phoebe Calabrese	Flora Grange	Electrical Engineering	\$650.00
Athena O’Dell	Beaver Valley	Forensics	\$650.00
Emily Smith	Turkey Hill Grange	English Education	\$650.00
Delphine Calabrese	Flora	Psychology & Sociology	\$550.00
Chloe Konieczski	Prairie Grange	Acting	\$550.00
Sherri Konieczski-Bockmann	Prairie	Special Education	\$ 550.00
Fabienne Calabrese	Flora Grange	Education - Masters	\$550.00
Kathryn (Katie) Renken	Hopewell	Mass Communication	\$500.00



Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrtens

Greetings to my Grange Family, it is hard to believe it's June already. Most of the schools are out for the summer and many summer activities are in fast forward already.

Many farmers in my area do not have any crops planted because of the rain every two to three days. But soon we will be praying for rain, we humans are just never happy are here. We are thankful for those farmers who have been able to get crops in it has been a very hard year on every one, so we just all need to count our blessings for all we have.

As we start the summer season let's remember what God provides for us, His loving hands to provide fresh garden goods, providing crops and enjoying all of life around us.

Our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones. To those who have happy news we rejoice with you also.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER. Veterans thank you for your service to our country.



"Well Done Good and Faithful Servants"

Fay Alan Ellwanger

1944-2024

Prairie Grange #1832

Fay Ellwanger was a true Granger whose life revolved around agriculture. He cultivated the soil, planted the seeds, reaped the harvest and tended to the livestock.

Fay was born and raised on a farm in Capron, IL. He graduated from North Boone High School in 1962.

He married Donna Wych and they moved to the farm on Lawrenceville Road in Garden Prairie IL. They had 3 children; Jodi, Don and Adam.

In his younger years Fay was a member of the Leroy Commandos 4-H Club and a member of the North Boone FFA and he still supported those organizations today.

Fay became a member of The Prairie Grange in 1974. He was a 50 year member. He always helped with events and activities especially the Prairie Grange Consignment Auction where he did multiple tasks. Fay was a member of the Boone County Pomona Grange as well.

Fay was a past member of the Boone County Fair Board of Directors. He loved the fair. You could find him tooling around on his Kawasaki mule enjoying a donut from the Fireman's Donut stand, admiring the antique tractors on display, watching the antique tractor, farm tractor or truck pulls, bidding at the 4-H Auctions to help support local 4-H kids or just visiting with anyone and everyone.



Luceba (Cebe) Pfluger

1938—2024

Flora Grange

Cebe was Rogene Littlejohn's Sister



GRANGERS ARE LIKENED TO SHEPHERDS. OUR FLOCK IS OUR GRANGE AND OUR NEIGHBORS. WE ARE TAUGHT TO KEEP 'THOSE WITHIN THE FOLD, AND TO RECLAIM THE WANDERING... BE PATIENT WITH THE WAYWARD, CAREFULLY INSTRUCT THE ERRING, DILIGENTLY SEEK AND BRING BACK THE STRAYING AND THOSE THAT ARE CAST OUT.'"

2024 Illinois State Grange Youth Contests

Photography: Follow National and State guidelines

Categories:

Selfie
Group
Pets

Creative Art & Handicrafts: Due at State Session Friday morning

Lego Item or Scene:

Category 1: Beginner Lego Set
Category 2: Vehicles Lego Set
Category 3: Nature Lego Set
Category 4: Miscellaneous Lego Set

Diamond Art: must be framed, ready to hang no sawtooth hangers

Category 1: Holidays
Category 2: Animated Characters
Category 3: Animals
Category 4: Nature/Landscapes
Category 5: Miscellaneous

Ceramics: any painted ceramics

Fabric and Food:

Decorated Clothing Item: ready to hang

Cookies: Three Decorated Cookies: 50's Theme

Table Centerpiece: 50's Theme: Will be judged then used for decoration on Saturday night. Can be returned to owner if desired.

Agriculture:

Pollinator Poster	Pollinator TikTok or YouTube Video
Food Waste Poster	Food Waste TikTok or YouTube Video
Mental Illness Poster	Mental Illness TikTok or YouTube Video

Don't forget to bring your party clothes for the Youth Dinner at State Session. We can't wait to see everyone in 1950's attire.

Karie and Marisa

CO-Youth Directers

Midwest Grange Leaders Conference



June 21-23, 2024

Bowling Green State University Bowling Green, OH Tentative Schedule

Friday

- 4:00-6:00 Registration
- 6:00 Supper
- 7:00 Get Acquainted activities
- 7:30 Workshop
- 8:00 Games/ Fellowship

Saturday

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Workshop
- 10:00 Workshop
- 11:00 Special Activity
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Community Service Project
- 2:00 Scavenger Hunt
- 3:00 Age Awareness Workshop
- 4:00 Free Time
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:30 Group Picture
- 6:45 Workshop
- 7:30 Craft
- 9:00 Auction Results

Sunday

- 8:00 Breakfast
- Following breakfast – Worship, Wrap-up, Good Byes

Midwest Grange Leaders Conference



June 21-23, 2024

Bowling Green State University

Bowling Green, OH

Please mail or email registration form by June 1, 2024 to:

Diana Nordquest, 399 Shelton Rd., Salem OH 44460 or nordquest_diana@yahoo.com. Phone 330-853-6329.

Name(s): _____

Number of adults attending: ____ Number of Children attending: ____

Child's Name: _____ Age: ____

Child's Name: _____ Age: ____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Email: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

Director/Office held if any: _____

Emergency Contact Info: _____ & Phone (____) _____

Food Allergies or dietary concerns: _____

Special Accommodations needed: _____

Roommate preference _____

Price for the event:

Conference Fee, which includes Friday supper, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast, and double occupancy room. - \$130.00

Single occupancy rooms are available for an additional \$64.00.

Conference Fee (Lodging on your own) - \$70.00

Make checks payable to Ohio State Grange (can be mailed ahead or pay on arrival)

What to Bring

Silent Auction Item wrapped with clue attached

Bedding and shower Items

Snacks for the dorm area. All snacks in meeting room will be provided.

Clothes appropriate for the weather.

Adult Sippy Cup

