



ILLINOIS GRANGER

In Essentials... Unity

In Non-Essentials... Liberty

In All Things... Charity

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Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms

During last years State Session we had difficulty with the election for Treasurer and Secretary. Later, after Session, Mary Donley, Turkey Hill Grange was appointed as Treasurer and Brian Keller, Enterprise Grange as Secretary. Both were installed and started the work soon after the session. Thanks to both for stepping forward to serve the IL State Grange until the next regular election. The display rooms were superb, and it was great to have all the contests in one room.

National Grange Headquarters Building has been sold, we are still residing on the second floor. Don and I went to Washington, DC before the Grange Leaders Conference to assist with moving everything from the 11th floor, basement and sub-basement.

IL Grangers have been planning for the next National Session in Bettendorf Iowa, Nov 12 -16, 2024. IL State Grange is part of the host group. Emalee Colver

Calendar of Grange Events

2024

10/26 Jack & Laurel Ratcliffe 60th Anniversary Party
1-4 pm Flora Grange Hall please RSVP

10/26 **GRIT** South Turkey Hill Grange 10am pot luck
at noon

10/27 **GRIT** North at Boone County Community
Grangehall 11:30am potluck meeting to follow

11/11-16 National Session Quad Cities

11/11 Host Banquet—Boat Tour

11/16 6th & 7th Degrees

2025

7/22-27 Grange Revival—Torrey Utah

9/19-21 State Session at Boone County Fairgrounds

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. Several IL Grangers will be receiving a **Quilt of Valor** at the National Grange Convention on Wednesday evening.

Department Recognition

Agriculture committee - Thanks to Steven Kinzinger, and his committee Brian O'Dell and Lana Korte / Marilyn Hoffmann for all their hard work. Brian will be taking over as chair right after State Session, Lana and Marilyn have agreed to do two consecutive years as co-chairs.

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Donations: Memorial Scholarship

Donations: Illinois Granger

\$10 Henrietta Keller—Enterprise Grange

\$200 Wayne & Nancy Lyford—Guilford Hope Grange

\$50 Anonymous

1 roll of Stamps Teri Keegan—Flora Grange

1 Book of Stamps Debbie Silvers—Flora Grange

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

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Communications / Publicity / Editor – thanks to Ruth Blasingame for her tireless work in this position. The *Illinois Granger* is filled with valuable information for the Grangers of IL. Thanks, Ruth, for helping with the publications. She has asked that she be retired one year from now.

Community Service Director – Heather Ellwanger has worked hard to keep IL Granges active, she has agreed to stay for the next year.

Family Activities Committee - Thanks to Angie Dickerson and her committee. Ann Johnson of The Prairie Grange is the 2025 FAC Chair. The FAC chair for 2026 is Trisha Renken of Hopewell Grange and the 2027 Chair is Marilyn Coe from Turkey Hill Grange.

Historian - Bev Smith has kept us all informed of the history of the Illinois State Grange. Thanks, Bev, for your efforts and articles. Great display in display room.

Junior Director – Melinda Schiefer worked hard to have the Juniors be active. Thanks for helping with the Leadership meetings. We are sorry for the loss of your husband, Rusty. Thanks, Mindy, for your efforts.

Lecturer – Thanks to Ethan for your efforts. Thanks, Ethan, for helping with Leadership meetings.

Legislative Director – Thanks to Marion Thornberry for his efforts to keep the Illinois Grangers informed and involved in all legislative concerns.

Membership Director – Thanks to Robin Kindberg for all of her efforts to increase the membership of IL State Grange. Thanks for assisting with leadership meetings.

Youth Director – Karie Blasingame and Marisa O'Dell, thank you for all your efforts, many events were planned. Thanks for helping with the Leadership meeting. They plan to be working together in the next year.

Webmaster – Thanks to DJ Joseph for her efforts to keep the IllinoisStateGrange.org website current and appealing. If you want information on the website please contact DJ.

Good of the Order

Several resolutions from IL were acted on by the delegate body. The Resolutions from IL – two were sent back as state issues. Saving Prime Farmland from Solar Invasion, and Rodeos, US Farmland was combined with several others on the topic and passed the delegate body, Farm Equipment Repair is already current National Grange policy.

I appointed a Bylaws Committee several years ago to update the current Bylaws that were last revised in 2015. This year a committee member decided to pick up the bylaws and start reviewing. Frank Wurth, Henrietta Keller, Sara Ellwanger, Brian Keller and I have worked on the updates for 2015 Bylaws. The proposed revised bylaws have been sent to each Grange and the resolutions to make the changes have also been sent to all Granges. We will discuss them tomorrow morning.

Always remember if your Grange has 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.

The 2024 GRIT Conferences will be Oct 26 & 27. The Bonding information has hit my email box but has not been sent to the Subordinate Secretaries or President yet. I will get to it soon.

I recommend all Grangers have a Confident Attitude in all we do down life's pathway.

Fraternally

Lynette L Schaeffer

Guilford Hope Grange #6

Guilford Hope Grange met at the home of Wayne and Nancy Lyford with a noon pot luck. We were led in prayer by our Chaplain Lindakay. After a delicious meal, the meeting was called to order in the 4th degree with the 'Pledge of Allegiance'. The secretary's report was read with no corrections. The treasurer's report was accepted as given. President Lyford reported the delivery of dictionaries to the Alpine Academy in Rockford. President gave a report of the Illinois State Grange Session. Nancy will send the e-mail address of Carrie Meyer to Ruth Blasingame so she will be able to receive the Illinois State Grange newsletter. Martha reported on a special event on September 28th at the Spencer Conservation area, Belvidere, IL. It will be celebrating 'National Public Lands Day'. The next meeting will be held at Dave and Martha Byrnes on October 22nd with a noon pot luck. It was proposed to have our Christmas gathering at the Wesley Willows 'Town Center'. Martha agreed to check on the availability.



Lecturer's Report

We had a successful Lecturer's Contest display at the State Session with 28 entries representing 9 Granges across the state: Beaver Valley, Bluff, Emerald Mound, Enterprise, Floraville, Perryville, The Prairie, Shiloh Valley, and Turkey Hill. I still hold out the goal of having an entry from every subordinate Grange.

Again, my judge was very impressed by the overall quality of all the entries from Juniors to Adults. Best of Show was awarded to Dave Donley for his glass birdhouse. The winning selections from the Graces were Marilyn Hoffman of Floraville for her Hard Rock Café pin collection for Pomona, Charlotte McGowan of Enterprise for her painting from Flora, and Dave Donley for tree ornaments from Ceres.

There was no talent contest this year because the program has been discontinued at the National level. It turned out that there was considerable interest any way, so we had an entertaining magic show from magician Richard Thompson for entertainment at the youth banquet. After the magic show, we had talent performances from Katie Renken of Hopewell Grange, Hilda Kuloch and Mardy Eisloeffel of Turkey Hill Grange, Renee O'Dell of Beaver Valley Grange, and Ethan Edwards and Mardy Eisloeffel from Shiloh Valley and Turkey Hill Granges.

Look for next year's contests which will be announced at GRIT.

Complete list of winners:

Photography

Animals

1st place Angie Dickerson, Bluff

What is it?

1st place Melinda Schieffer, Emerald Mound

2nd place Hilda Koluch, Turkey Hill

Sky

1st place Hilda Koluch, Turkey Hill

Dimensional Media

1st place Patty Bearth, Shiloh Valley

Personal Collection

1st place Beverly Smith, Perryville

2nd place, Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

Tree Ornaments, needlecraft

1st place Ruth Blasingame, Prairie

Tree Ornaments, other

1st place Dave Donley, Turkey Hill

2nd place Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

3rd place Ruth Blasingame, Prairie

Birdhouse

1st place Dave Donley, Turkey Hill

Scrapbooking

1st place Angie Dickerson, Bluff

Juniors

Paintings 5-7

1st place Hattie Schlie, Beaver Valley

2nd place Will Schlie, Beaver Valley

Paintings 8-10

1st place Morgan Schlie, Beaver Valley

2nd place Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie

Paintings 11-14

1st place Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise

Tree Ornaments, 5-7

1st place Brandon, Prairie

Tree Ornaments, 8-10

1st place Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie

2nd place Emsley Foley, Prairie

3rd place Savannah Anderson, Prairie

Birdhouse, 5-7

1st place Brandon O'Dell, Beaver Valley

Birdhouse, 8-10

1st place Eva Foley, Prairie

2nd place Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie

3rd place Morgan Schlie, Beaver Valley

Paper Folding, 8-10

1st place, Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie

Fraternally submitted,

Ethan Edwards

ISG Secretary Report - October 2024

The 153rd annual Illinois State Grange Session is now in the rearview mirror. Thank you to everyone who attended, as well as all those who worked very hard to make it happen!

Coming up soon is the Grange Resources and Information Training, better known as GRIT. It is essential that at least one person (or more!) from each Grange attend to hear and get information about the various programs and contests for the upcoming year. It's also a great opportunity to hear more about what's going on with the Grange at the state and national level, as well as ask questions. All Grangers are invited and welcome to attend the GRIT closest to them. The first one will be on Saturday, October 26, at Turkey Hill Grange, 1375 E. State Route 15, in Belleville (next to Eckert's). Presentations begin at 10 a.m., with a potluck at noon. The second one will be on Sunday, October 27, at the Boone County Community Grange Hall, 8791 IL Route 76, Belleville (at the entrance of the Boone County Fairgrounds). There, the potluck is first at 11:30 a.m., followed by presentations at 12:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Fraternally,

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Youth Department Results



Photography

Selfie – 1st place- no entries

Group - 1st place- no entries

Pets – 1st place- no entries

Creative Art & Handicrafts

Lego Sets

Category1: Beginners Lego Set

1st place- Karrie Kindberg

Category 2: Vehicles Lego Set

1st place-Will Schlie

2nd place- Beckie Meyers ***

3rd place- Avery Wurth

Category 3: Nature Lego Set

1st place- Marisa Odell

2nd place- Hattie Schlie *

3rd place- Morgan Schlie

Category 4: Miscellaneous Lego Set

1st place- Scarlett Ellwanger

2nd place- Karie Blasingame

Diamond Art

Category 1: Holidays

1st place- Marisa Odell

Category 2: Animated Characters

1st place-Dawn Mundy

2nd place- Karie Blasingame

Category 3: Animals

1st place- Marisa Odell

2nd place- Karie Blasingame

3rd place- Dawn Mundy

Category 4: Nature/Landscapes

1st place- Marisa Odell

2nd place- Dawn Mundy **

3rd place- Karie Blasingame

Category 5: Miscellaneous

1st place-Heather Ellwanger

2nd place- Karie Blasingame

3rd place-Dawn Mundy

Ceramics

1st place- Charlotte McGowan

2nd place- Chelsea McGowan

3rd place – Hattie Schlie

Fabric and Food

Decorated Clothing Item:

1st place – no entries

Decorated Cookies

1st place -Ruth Blasingame

2nd place -Marisa Odell

3rd place -Karie Blasingame

Honorable Mention- Scarlett Ellwanger

Table Centerpieces – 50s Theme

1st place – Marilyn Hoffman

2nd place -Kelly Kindberg

3rd place – Karrie Kindberg

Agriculture

Pollinator Poster

1st place – Scarlett Ellwanger ****

2nd place -Eva

3rd place -Russell

Food Waste Poster

1st place – no entries

Mental Health Poster

1st place – no entries

Pollinator TikTok or YouTube Video

1st place – no entries

Food Waste TikTok or YouTube Video

1st place – no entries

Mental Health TikTok or YouTube Video

1st place – no entries

Public Speaking

Impromptu

1st place –no entries

Prepared

1st place – no entries

Grange Commercial

1st place – no entries

Sign a Song

Individual

1st place –noentries

Group

1st place –no entries

Lip Sync Contest

1st place -no entries

Karie and Marisa would like to thank everyone for their entries. All Granges bring your jump drive back to the GRIT conference to get your new programs loaded.

A Big ‘Thank You’ Gobble from Turkey Hill

We would like to thank everyone who helped and supported our fundraiser for the Treser Family. We had a great crowd and many generous donors to our effort. It is heart-warming to be a part of such a loving and giving Grange family.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS - 2024

Sister Heather Ellwanger reported a total of 1103 items were collected for Hoyleton Children's Home along with a monetary donation of \$ 235.

The Grange that donated the most items was Floraville Community Grange with a total of 386 items.

The individual that collected the most items was the Kindberg's from Prairie Grange with a total of 208 items.

Thank you to everyone who donated in any way for this project.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS presented:

TOTAL HOURS 147,531 hours

TOTAL HOURS per Grange

County Line – 100,531 hours Turkey Hill – 6,640 hours

Flora – 31,104 hours Beaver Valley – 1,547 hours

Prairie – 6,705 hours Enterprise – 1,274 hours

Most Hours per member

4th Place – Turkey Hill Grange

3rd Place – Prairie Grange

2nd Place – Flora Grange

1st Place – County Line Grange

COMMUNITY SERVICE BOOKS

4th Place – Turkey Hill Grange

3rd Place – Prairie Grange

2nd Place – Flora Grange

1st Place – County Line Grange

Congratulations to County Line Grange. Your Community Service book will go onto National for Judging.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

TEACHER of the Year – Katherine Young nominated by Turkey Hill Grange

FIREFIGHTER of the Year- Micheal Lowe nominated by Leroy Community Grange

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS of the Year -Joel Boeving nominated by Turkey Hill Grange

NONGRANGER of the Year – Tanya Hoemke nominated by Prairie Grange

JUNIOR GRANGER of the Year – Scarlett Ellwanger nominated by County Line Grange and Prairie Grange

GRANGER of the Year – Kelly Kindberg nominated by Prairie Grange

Fraternally Submitted

Heather Ellwanger

Illinois State Grange Community Service Director

Picture: Leroy Grange President Joe Muzzillo presenting the winning check to Bob Turner!

Hello, Lynette!

I wanted to let you know that we did receive donation checks! Thank you so much for everything that you and the State Grange did for our youth! It was a very enjoyable evening with you all and I learned so much!

You all helped me begin to replenish items so desperately needed for all of the youth that we serve! You blessed us and we are so appreciative!

Enjoy this beautiful weather!

Blessings,

Christy

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Leroy Community Grange would like to thank everybody who purchased a ticket for our 50/50 raffle! The proceeds will be going to our projects that help the community. Congratulations to our winner of \$10,000, Bob Turner!!!



Agriculture Department Report - 2024 3

There were 54 total entries in the Ag Department contests from 8 Granges this year and there were 2 Junior entries.

Best of Show winner went to Jerry Paulson from Beaver Valley Grange for their entry of Bouquet of Zinnias.

We had 42 items in the AG Auction. We took in \$475 from the auction. We gave out \$189.00 in prize money. After the expenses, we were able to turn over \$131.00 to the Klotz Memorial Scholarship for Agriculture.

Agriculture Department Contest Winners

Vegetables

A. Green Beans

1st Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

B. Cucumbers

1st Lana Korte, Floraville

C. Gourds

1st Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

2nd Lana Korte, Floraville

3rd Steve Alltop, Emerald Mound

D. Yellow Onions

E. Red Onions

F. Bell Peppers

1st Patti Lee, Prairie

2nd Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

G. Sweet Peppers

1st Lyle Lee, Prairie

2nd Patti Lee, Prairie

H. Hot Peppers

1st Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

2nd Lyle Lee, Prairie

3rd Tom Paulson, Beaver Valley

I. Red Potatoes

1st Doug Kinzinger, Progressive

J. White Potatoes

1st Sarah Kinzinger, Progressive

K. Carrots

L. Cherry Tomatoes

1st Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

M. Red Tomatoes

1st Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

2nd Patti Lee, Prairie

3rd Lyle Lee, Prairie

N. Yellow Tomatoes

1st Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

O. Winter Squash

P. Yellow Summer Squash

1st Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

2nd Patti Lee, Prairie

3rd Lyle Lee, Prairie

Q. Zucchini

R. Largest Zucchini

1st Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie

2nd Patti Lee, Prairie

3rd Steve Alltop, Emerald Mound

S. Most Unusual Vegetable

1st Lana Korte, Floraville

2nd Steve Alltop, Emerald Mound

T. Watermelon

1st Christine Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley

U. Eggplant

1st Christine Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley

Fruits

A. Red Apples

B. Yellow Apples

C. Granny Smith Apples

D. Pears

E. Grapes

Pumpkins

1st Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

2nd Steve Alltop, Emerald Mound

3rd Lana Korte, Floraville

Herbs/House Plants

A. Houseplants

B. Potted Herbs

1st Dave Donley, Turkey Hill

Field Crops

A. Indian Corn

1st Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

B. Corn—1 quart bag

1st Karrie Kindberg, Prairie

2nd Doug Kinzinger, Progressive

C. Soybeans—1 quart bag

1st Karrie Kindberg, Prairie

D. Oats—1 quart bag

E. Sunflower Head

F. 3 ears of Field Corn

1st Ralph Wildy

Diamond Art

A. Animals

B. Farm Related Scene

1st Mary Innis, Prairie

2nd Patti Lee, Prairie

Flowers

A. Roadside Bouquet

1st Sara Ellwanger, Prairie

B. Zinnias

1st Jerry Paulson, Beaver Valley

C. Marigolds

Market Basket

A. Individual

1st Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville

B. Groups

1st Floraville Community Grange

Antiques

Value Added Products

A. Jam, Jelly, Fruit Butter

1st Mary Donley, Turkey Hill

2nd Christine Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley

B. Jar of Pickles

C. Jar of Honey

1st Christine Schaeffer, Shiloh Valley

Junior Contest Winner

D. Junior Flowers—Roadside Bouquet

1st Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie

Membership/ Recognition Awards Report

Our total membership as of June 30, 2024, was 830 members. The breakdown is on your credential sheet in the delegate books.

This past year we had 56 members drop, 10 members died, and 11 Associate members dropped for a total loss of 87 members. This past year we had 9 Granges that took in a total of 42 new members.

Each Grange that took in new members will receive \$5.00 per new member

Beaver Valley Grange #1791 – 11 new members

Broad Hollow Grange #1806 – 1 new member

County Line Grange #1751 – 4 new members

Flora Grange #1762 – 5 new members

Guilford Hope #6 – 2 new members

Hopewell Grange #1747 – 3 new members

Leroy CommGrange #1873 – 1 new member

Prairie Grange #1832 – 7 new members

Turkey Hill Grange #1370 – 8 new members

Membership plaques to the following members

Beaver Valley Grange

Brian & Marisa O'Dell – signed up 6 new members

Rick & Renee O'Dell – signed up 4 new members

Don Paulson – signed up 4 new members

Athena O'Dell – signed up 4 new members

Prairie Grange

Robin Kindberg – signed up 4 new members

Turkey Hill

Bill & Tami Hughes – signed up 4 new members

Congratulations to all of the recipients

The list of the recognition awards is listed on the back of the Credential Sheet in the Delegate Book. Congratulations to all those recipients as well. Be sure to honor those Grangers who have diligently served the Grange. They need to be recognized.

My challenge to all Grangers is to go out and sign up a new member. We need our Granges to Grow in order to keep this great organization we call "The Grange" thriving.

Fraternally Submitted

Robin Kindberg

Illinois State Grange Membership Director

County Line Grange

Our regular meeting was held Sept. 11 We had two guests. Barb Peterson and Patrick Anderson. They also became County Line members. We welcome them. Our hosts for the meeting were Ed and Sherri Cosman and Allan and Kathy Cosman. Thanks for the delicious food. We draped Charter for Clay Murry. He will be greatly missed.

Committee reports: Agriculture- Paul Anderson reported that corn is coming in good and corn yields are above average. Prices are slightly below 1974 prices, about 10 percent below. Community Service- Kim Robin reminded everyone to turn in their worksheets. Jessica will be taking over for Kim. Membership- Myron Peterson said we need ideas on how to promote Grange. Fairboard- Butch Peters said the bathroom problems were fixed. Pony barn will be started in October. The Rodeo was a success. Grange Day- Sara Istad said that the members who attended the wine tour at Oaklane Winery had a very good time. She said they drank wine, ate food and yakked. We're thinking about doing another tour at a different Winery.

Legislative- Jean Peterson continued her report on the National Grange Policy Book, and about USDA inspection and grading services. Jane Zeien talked about a meeting she attended on Agriculture and Conservation easements. They need participation from landowners. The Boone County Board is working on a comprehensive plan to get input from the county.

Road Clean Up- Deb Zellman said they drove by there and it looks good. The roadside does need to be mowed. Decorator-Kathy Loy decorated the Hall with beautiful Fall decorations for our meeting.

New Grange Hall/Museum- Kim Robin said since it was open during the Fair, there was lots of good feedback. Things are progressing. We are doing a 50/50 raffle fundraiser for the new building. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 or an arms length for \$20. If you have short arms, find a long armed person to pick up tickets for you.

Website- Ned Loy says everything has been updated. Please visit our website.

We received a letter from Christine Hamp, President of National Grange. She congratulated County Line on becoming a Distinguished Grange. County Line will be honored at the National Convention in November.

All reports were given and meeting was closed.

Happy Milestone Birthday to Tim Fitch, September 13.

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Flora Grange #1762

Flora Grange held their September meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 7 pm at their Grange Hall with 36 members in attendance. Master Ken Fidler called meeting to order at 7 PM. with the Grange Salutation and Pledge to American Flag.

Chaplain Donna West and Master Ken Fidler Draped the Charter in memory of Joan Fidler. Roll Call was taken by Secretary Laurel Ratcliffe and the minutes of the August 13 meeting were approved. Flora Grange took in two new adult members this evening, Cassie and Chad Beasley, and they were welcomed by all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Lindakay Ebel thanked those members who turned in hours from working at the fair and volunteering at other places. She stated she has forms if anyone needs any this evening. AGRICULTURE – Dan Burow stated prices are down, harvest will be earlier this year and will be a fast harvest. FAIRBOARD – Todd Hegge reported they have the building permit for the pony barn, had hoped to start this year, and have already started to book the entertainment for the 2025 fair.

FARMLAND PROTECTION – Emalee Colver reported they will be holding a meeting on Thursday evening on development planning, all are welcome to attend. MEMBERSHIP – Lindakay Ebel welcomed the new members, stated we had four new members last month, two this evening, the new year is going great, keep bringing the new members into the Grange. YOUTH – JT Ryan reported they will be having a meeting next month. FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Deb Silvers reported she has a few more packs of tickets for the ISG convention luncheon if anyone would like to purchase them this evening.

QUILTING – Emalee Colver stated the tables need to be set up for quilting, as there will be quilting on Saturday and Sunday this week, however the Friday group will not be meeting until the following week. Jack Ratcliffe had no report on Building and Grounds this evening. Lindakay Ebel gave the treasurer's report in which she printed a copy for all in attendance.

Old Business:

Lindakay Ebel made a motion that the money we made from our bake sale at the roast beef dinner be donated to the Hoyleton Children's Home and give it to the Fidler's going to ISG convention. Motion passed. Laurel stated we also have dictionaries that we used to give to the 3rd graders, that they no longer want, to have them take down also.

New Business:

Laurel Ratcliffe stated we will be serving lunch to Habitat for Humanity on Saturday at 1115 Garfield Avenue, Belvidere. We will need about 4 to 5 to help serve the food.

Butter Braids – A motion was made we again sell Butter Braids around Thanksgiving time this year, price will be the same, \$18.00 each. Laurel will get the necessary paperwork for us to sell.

Emalee Culver collected \$56.00 in 'G' bills this evening. Birthdays this month included Donna West and Wayne Lyford. It was also announced that Jack and Laurel Ratcliffe will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on Saturday, October 26th, 2024, at the Flora Grange Hall from 1 to 4 pm. You must RSVP by October 10th to their son or email him at richard.6ratcliffe@gmail.com.

Jack Ratcliffe, program chairman handed out word search on "John Deere" and "Flowers". He also had some interesting questions we were to answer about the Town of Belvidere from yesteryear to present, which brought back many memories.

Refreshments were served and members enjoyed fellowship together.
Publicity, Lindakay Ebel

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Ned Loy and his sister, Jen will be traveling to England, Scotland and Iceland September 27 through October 5. Sounds like fun. Have a safe trip and enjoy it.

Congratulations to Doug and Kathy Loy on their Anniversary Sept.14. They will be celebrating 39 years together.

Congratulations to Troy Zellman, son of Mark and Deb Zellman, he was promoted to the position of Patrol Sargeant for Winnebago Sheriff's Police.

Please continue prayers for Mike Robin and Liam Schmeling. They are doing good, but still recovering. Prayers are also needed for Myron Peyerson, Carol Null and Kaitlyn Roth as they are dealing with health issues.

Prayers for Joellen Coleman and her family on the loss of her brother Dwayne.

Stay safe and healthy everyone.



Family Activities Report, Contest and Raffle Winners

This Year the Family Activities Department had 70 entries with 10 entries in the Junior Contests.

The Best in show went to Emalee Colver from Flora Grange for her patriotic quilt.

The Graces choices are as Follows:

Ceres – Scarlett Ellwanger – Baby clothing

Pomona –

Flora – Marilyn Hoffmann – Fabric Wreath

We also collected \$897 in Raffle Ticket Sales and 46 items were donated to the raffle. We raised \$340 from the Auction sale Saturday Night of State Session. After expenses were taken out, we were able to donate \$ 947 to the Honor Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Fraternally Submitted

Angie Dickerson

2024 Illinois State Grange Family Activities Chairman

Knitting

A. Afghan

B. Baby Afghan

1st Ann Johnson, Prairie

2nd Mrs. Robert Lyford, GH

C. Baby Item

D. Dish Cloths

1st Deb Silvers, Flora

E. Winter Wear

1st Ann Johnson, Prairie

F. Any other item not listed

1st Ann Johnson, Prairie

2nd Patty Bearth, Shiloh Valley

Crocheting

A. Afghan

1st Ruth Blasingame, Prairie

2nd Angie Dickerson, Bluff

B. Baby Afghan

1st Patti Lee, Prairie

2nd Ruth Blasingame, Prairie

C. Baby Item

1st Ruth Blasingame, Prairie

D. Dish Cloth

1st Deb Silvers, Flora

2nd Ruth Blasingame, Prairie

E. Any other item not listed

1st Karie Blasingame, Prairie

2nd Ruth Blasingame, Prairie

Miscellaneous

A. Embroidered item

1st Mary Ann Joseph, Enterprise

2nd Angie Dickerson, Bluff

B. Plastic Canvas

1st Karrie Kindberg, Prairie

2nd Angie Dickerson, Bluff

C. Any other item not listed

1st Ethan Edwards, Shiloh Valley

Quilting

A. Unfinished Square

1st Emalee Colver, Flora

2nd Sharon Fidler, Flora

B. Table Runner

1st Sharon Fidler, Flora

2nd Mrs. Robert Lyford, GH

C. Quilt Any Size

1st Emalee Colver, Flora

2nd Sharon Fidler, Flora

D. Baby Quilt

E. Rag Quilt

1st Rebecca Meyers, Prairie

2nd Ruth Blasingame, Prairie

Miscellaneous

A. Jewelry—Bracelet

1st Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie

B. Jewelry—Necklace

1st Deb Silvers, Flora

2nd Mary Donley, Turkey Hill

3rd Will Schlie, Beaver Valley

HM Hattie Schlie, Beaver Valley

C. Jewelry — 2 pieces

1st Deb Silvers, Flora

2nd Morgan Schlie, Beaver Valley

3rd Mary Donley, Turkey Hill

HM Beth Olson,

D. Holiday Cards—mounted

1st Eva Foley,

2nd Savannah Anderson, Prairie

HM Brandon O'Dell, BV

HM Emsley Foley,

E. Fabric Wreath

1st Marlyn Hoffman, Floraville

Sewing

A. Clothing 1 item

B. Clothing Set

C. Baby Clothing

1st Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie

D. Pillow

1st Emalee Colver, Flora

2nd Nancy Lyford, GH

E. Tied Fleece Blanket

Bakery

A. Quick Bread

B. Toffee Candy

C. Cookies—Crinkles

1st Mrs. Robert Lyford, GH

2nd Mary Ann Joseph, Enterprise

JUNIOR WINNERS

Bakery

Bar Cookies

Trail Mix 8-10 yrs

1st Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie

Tied Fleece Blankets

5-7 yrs

1st Cruz Fisher, Hopewell

8-10 yrs

1st Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie

2nd Patrick Anderson,

3rd Russell Gilbert

HM Jaxon Fisher, Hopewell



Reminder:

Jack and Laurel Ratcliffe's 60th Anniversary party is October 26, 1-4 at Flora Grange Hall.



Chaplain's Corner *"Well done Good and Faithful Servants"*

Charlotte Mehrtens

Fall Greetings to each of you.

Okay, every month I say this, where does the time go! Some of the crops are being harvested already but there is a lot to do as God allows the other crops to ripen. The trees will start changing colors soon and it reminds us that God is always in control regardless of what we think.

It was so wonderful to see new faces and older faces at State Session in September and I'm looking forward to going to National Session in November. You all are my Grange Family and I'm looking forward to being with you.

We all had such a good time at Session renewing many friendship.

I send peace and comfort to those who have lost loved ones and much happiness to those who have great joy in their lives.

Get out and enjoy the beauty of the Fall that God shares with us.



Joyce Inez Meyer

1945-2024

Turkey Hill Grange

Joyce was a lifelong resident of Highland Illinois and a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Lebanon. She dedicated her life to serving oth-

ers, having worked as a care giver for many years. When Joyce was not at work she enjoyed spending time with her dogs, attending church functions, completing home improvement projects and sampling local cuisine. She will be greatly missed.



William D. Buck

1936-2024

Richland Grange

Bill was a 70+ year member of Richland Grange. He served on the Illinois State Grange Executive Committee for several years. He and Carol were once the Young Married Couple for the

IL State Grange. Bill also belonged to the Marshall County Historical Society and the Lacon Area Community Center. Bill farmed the family farm and held several jobs over the years. He also traveled around the area doing custom corn shelling and square baling. Bill was also the Sexton for Old Salem Cemetery for many years. Bill will be greatly missed by his family and friends..



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Grange Declaration of Purposes

