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**IN ESSENTIALS... UNITY
IN NON-ESSENTIALS... LIBERTY
IN ALL THINGS... CHARITY**



Lynette Schaeffer President Illinois State Grange

Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms

The weather in Illinois is once again wet and everything is starting to 'green up'. It is a little cool but not near as cold as when I wrote the last article. Some of the days of the last month have been warm but on the whole it has been rainy, and cool.

I hope that all the Granges in Illinois are making plans to get back into the Grange routine, the activities that all the Granges did prior to COVID 19. Soon, I hope, we will all be working together again. One way to get started is to celebrate Grange Month by "Cultivating Connections". Check <https://www.nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2021/> for Letter from the National President, Grange Month Proclamation, Press Release Sample and Community Citizen Award Form. The site also contains information for Social Media Posts, and posters. I hope that many of you are working on membership and have many activities planned for the upcoming Grange year. Grange month in April will have the same theme as last year, Cultivating Connections. Watch the National Grange website (nationalgrange.org) and the Illinois Grange website (IllinoisStateGrange.org) for the details. Remember projects for Community Service, Juniors, Youth, Agriculture committee, Family Activities committee make a well-rounded Grange, and are a good way to get your Grange and Community working together again.

The National Grange Virtual Legislative Fly-in will be Wednesday April 7, 2021. Speakers from Capitol Hill, the Biden Administration,

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 6 – Deadline for Virtual Legislative Fly-In 5 pm
- Apr 7 – Virtual Legislative Fly-In see National Grange website
- Apr 10 – Prairie Grange Consignment Auction
- Apr 11 – Flora Roast Beef Dinner – details coming soon
- Apr 17 – Hopewell Grange Vendor and Craft Fair
- May 23 – County Line Grange Chicken Dinner
- June 25-27 – Midwest Leaders Conference – Boone County Fairgrounds
- July 20-25 – Grange Revival - Sturgis, SD
- Aug 10-15 – Boone County Fair
- Sept 10-12 – Illinois State Grange Convention
- Oct 30 – Hopewell Grange Fall Vendor and Craft Fair

Ongoing:

Emerald Mound Grange will be selling desserts at the Friday Night Fish Fries of the Summerfield Lions Club Starting February 26, 2021. 5:30-8 pm

NOTE: At this time all items on calendar are subject to change/cancellation. Check with the hosting Grange.

Donations to the Illinois Granger:

- \$200 Wayne and Nancy Lyford – Guilford Hope Grange
- \$40 Noah and Linda Mullins – County Line Grange
- \$20 Ken and Barbara Joseph – Turkey Hill Grange
- \$20 Lester and Betty Hardt – Broad Hollow Grange
- \$10 John and Sandi Kennedy – Leroy Community Grange

Donations to the Honor Memorial Scholarship fund:

- \$25 in honor of Hazel Kanaly Prairie Grange
- \$25 in honor of Tom Kniep Prairie Grange

Please send me any important dates, obituaries, donations for your Grange.

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issue coalitions, National Grange leadership staff and more. Visit the National Grange website for more information coming soon. Registration deadline in April 6th at 5 Eastern time.

National Grange is involved in a vaccination promotion campaign, "Count Me In." If you look at the website <https://covidvaccineproject.org/countmein/> you will see my picture in the top row. I hope you will all get your vaccinations at the first opportunity so we can meet together safely in Wichita in November. Be safe!

The Executive Committee has received the applications for scholarships from the Illinois State Grange Scholarships. We have meeting on March 27th via Zoom and decision will be made then.

Anyone wanting to review the National Grange Committee report of the Diversity Task Force let me know and I'll share with you.

Plans are being discussed for virtual Leadership training sessions maybe in May. The President's Conference will be held virtually the end of April. Please watch email, social media and USPS mailbox for information when dates have been chosen. I have sent emails to Masters/ Presidents and Committee chairs/Directors to check on availability and presentation ideas.

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Also to start a discussion on whether it should be virtual or in person.

Plans are underway for the Midwest Grange Leaders Conference. Illinois will be the host of the event. Karie, Ethan and Mindy will be having a virtual meeting with other Midwest Grange Lecturers, Junior and Youth Leaders. Hopefully decisions will be made soon. The event will be June 25 – 27 at Boone County Fairgrounds, we hope.

Plans are being made for the 150th State Session, September 10-12, Doubletree, Collinsville, IL more information should be coming in the next few months. National Grange Master/President Betsy Huber will be our National Grange Representative.

Grange Revival July 20 – 25 in Sturgis, South Dakota at Days End Campground. Registration is now open. Check the nationalgrange.org, or grangerevival.org or Grange Revival 2021 Facebook page. Don and I will be going.

Boone County Pomona Report

Boone County Pomona Grange met in person on March 3, 2021 for our meeting. We accepted one new member from Prairie Grange.

Committee reports were heard: Everyone stay healthy, safe, wear your masks, and continue to wash your hands often and if you can get the vaccine. This is a great time to be working on contest entries. Junior Day will be March 29, 2021 from 8-4:30 Pm at Sara Ellwanger's home. And all Juniors are invited to attend. Youth have a virtual gathering the 4th Monday of each month and all Grangers can attend. Contact Karie Blasingame for details. Everyone is encouraged to recruit new members our membership is declining badly. Plans are underway to have the 2021 Boone County Fair in August with lots of special Guidelines from the Health Department.

Grange reports were given: Big Thunder – Will be busy the end of April with storage release

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from the fairgrounds.

County Line will be having a Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner instead of a Spaghetti Dinner to support the local 4-H Program.

Flora Grange will be having a drive-thru Roast Beef Dinner on April 11, 2021.

Prairie Grange is having their Consignment Auction on Saturday, April 10, 2021

Several communications were read:

For New Business Pomona Officer Elections will be July 7th, 2021 and if you want to vote your Pomona Dues must be paid by June 30, 2021

State Session will be September 10-12, 2021 at Doubletree Hotel in Collinsville, IL with St. Clair County Pomona hosting. This will be the 150th Anniversary of the Illinois State Grange so why not try to join us. It is open to all Grangers. It will be fun.

The meeting was adjourned and food and fellowship followed.

Karrie Kindberg
Publicity Chair

Oliver Wilson, 1894 – 1910, Putnam County Magnolia Grange #179



Oliver Wilson was IL State Grange Master 1894 to 1910. He was born in 1849 of Quaker ancestry. Oliver married Martha and had one child. He was a full-time farmer. They were charter members of Magnolia Grange #179 He served IL State Grange well as Lecturer and Master. Oliver Wilson served the National Grange as Priest Annalist 1901 – 1905, Lecturer 1909 – 1911, Master 1911 – 1919. Priest Archon 1919 – 1924 (his death). He was Master during WW1 and he guided the order with remarkable skill. He was known for helpfulness in community affairs, his loyalty to educational work in which he profoundly believed the Grange could and should play a part. 1988 a scoreboard at PCJHS, in McNabb, IL was partially purchased with funds from his family Robert Kinney. Martha Wilson, also served National Grange as Pomona 1891 – 1901, Ceres 1901 – 1905. They are buried in Friends Cemetery in McNabb, IL. More information in the Illinois Granger November 2018. He is credited with starting 22 Granges, Hopewell and County Line still active more than a 100 years after they started.



*American Values.
Hometown Roots.*

Robert Eaton 1911 – 1913 Will County



Robert Eaton born 11/2/1858 d 1913 He was a full time farmer with livestock, He was known for growing Poland China hogs, Percheron horses and short horned cattle. Robert Eaton ran for state senator as Prohibitionist Party, did not win but received the most

votes ever of the Prohibitionist Party in Will County according to article in Will County Archives Biographies, in 1907. Buried in Browns Church Cemetery Manhattan, IL Will County. He is credited with starting 10 Granges, Flora Grange still active.

T A Denney 1914 – 1918 Winnebago County

Thomas A Denney, born 8/1/1853 in Janesville, Wisconsin died 2/6/1938 Rockford, IL. He is buried Forest View Abby Cemetery. Thomas was married to Martha, He is credited with starting 13 Granges, Beaver Valley still active today.

A F Pickard 1919 – 1920 Winnebago County

A F was a member of Harmony # 952 in Winnebago, Co. Joined in 1891. Member for 31 years then moved to OK and became State Master there as well, 1930 – 1936. He is credited with starting 1 Grange and Perryville Grange is still active.

What's Happening in Flora Grange, March 2021

By Lindakay Ebel

Forty-eight members attended the dues-paying supper-meeting at Flora Grange on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 starting at 6:15 pm. Chaplain, Emalee Colver opened with a prayer and members enjoyed a choice of homemade chicken noodle soup or chili made by Laurel Ratcliffe and miscellaneous salads, crackers and cheese and many desserts furnished by other Flora Grange members that were enjoyed by all who attended. Hostesses for the evening were Emalee Colver, Todd Hegge and Wayne and Nancy Lyford.

The Grange meeting was called to order by protem President, Jack Ratcliffe with the Grange Salutation, Pledge to American Flag, followed by roll call of officers, and adoption of minutes of January 2021 and the Draping of the Charter for Theo Hildebrand and Craig Woosley.

Committee reports followed:

Amber Fidler, Junior Grange had no report, other than we need to bring in more junior members.

Youth – Allyson Aves, co-chair reported they are still collecting plastic bags.

Family Activities -Deb Silvers stated they will

be working on this year's quilt block at quilting this weekend.

Health, Education & Welfare – Fabienne Calabrese reported there are a lot of difference kinds of allergies and to read about medications before purchasing or taking them. Also, continue to wash your hands and wearing your mask.

Emalee Colver reported there will be quilting this weekend at Flora Grange Hall on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, also on Saturday and Sunday.

Bob Scherer reported the grain prices are up at this time, as it is a wet season for Brazil.

Chaplain Emalee Colver reported she has sent out some 13 Get Well or Thinking of You cards the past several months. We need prayers for several of our Flora Grange members. Emalee had four 'Thinking of You' cards for members to sign this evening to send out to Flora Grange members who are under the weather.

Farmland Protection – Emalee Colver stated they will be holding their annual meeting on Thursday evening, March 11th, 2021. All are invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

Legislative – Marion Thornberry had no report.

Membership – Lindakay Ebel stated that now that things are beginning to open up somewhat, maybe we can start talking with people and inviting them to Grange meetings and functions. Also, April is Grange month.

Jack Ratcliffe, Buildings & Grounds reported that he has put off ordering propane for our two tanks, however, they are starting to run down, even though the propane cost is high, we will need some for our roast beef dinner coming up in April. Motion was made we order 250 gallons for each tank.

Bob Scherer and Jack Ratcliffe brought members up to date on happening of the Boone County Fair, including entertainment, etc. Next fair board meeting will be held on March 17th.

Laurel Ratcliffe read thank you notes from members and from donations we had made to the community and to the Boone County Fair. She also told of the sound system that Richard Nelson donated to Flora Grange, now we just have to figure out how to set it up and use it.

Treasurer Lindakay Ebel gave the treasurer's report, listing all income and expenses and balances of all accounts.

New Business:

Safety Town: Members discussed Safety Town, and it was tabled until the April meeting until members had a chance to think how we wanted to plan it for this coming year.

Spring Roast Beef Dinner: The Spring Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 11, times to be determined. There was discussion on raising the price from \$11.00 to \$12.00 as the price of beef has gone up so high, motion passed. The dinner will again be a drive-thru dinner at the Flora Grange Hall.

Other Fundraisers – We also discussed other fundraisers we might do through-out the year; did not come up with anything at this time.

Handicap Improvements were discussed with our ramp for people with wheelchairs. This was discussed in great lengths, and a motion was made and passed that Jack oversees this project and start on as soon as possible.

We discussed an ad for the Boone County Fair Premium Booklet. It was suggested we wait to see if there will be a booklet or if it will all be online, or what. It was tabled this evening.

If we have the State Grange convention in 2022, do we want to hold it Labor Day weekend or the last weekend in August. Flora Grange voted to hold it Labor Day weekend.

Protem Michael Ratcliffe had an interesting lecturer's program for members this evening, with a beautiful, quilted wall hanging prize made by his mother, Laurel Ratcliffe, for the winner. Winner was Fabienne Calabrese. Michael also had a project in the foyer (a bird feeder) for members to pick up and take home and put together. A great project now that spring has

arrived, and the birds are coming to the feeders. (Special thanks to Mike for taking the time to put all these materials together for this special project.

Chaplain closed the Bible and said a closing prayer.

\$119.00 'G' Bills were collected from Flora Grange members at tonight's meeting.

Members in sickness and distress were Sharon Miller, Jim Trevathan and Al Ebel.

We sang Happy Birthday to Pat Due and welcomed Loren and Pat Due back after being gone since November. Anniversary, March 24 – Al and Lindakay Ebel.

President Protem Jack Ratcliffe closed meeting of the Grange.

Next meeting, Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 - 7 PM

Hostesses – Karen & Jerry Hart.

County Line Grange News

We held our regular meeting March 10. It was a short meeting.

Our Chicken Dinner, in place of the 4-H Spaghetti Dinner, will May 23 at the Fairgrounds. It will be a preorder. More details in April.

The Relay-for-Life lunch will be June 5. This will be the same set up as last year.

We have reached our goal of 500 pounds of recycled plastic material for a bench on the fairgrounds. It was suggested we put it by the new building.

We discussed the farmland preservation that had been brought up at Pomona Grange. Everyone is very interested in maintaining what is in place now. We will do what we can to help.

Meeting was closed, Penny March was held. Stay safe everyone.

Prairie Grange Report

On March 15, 2021 Prairie Grange held an in person meeting. We welcomed two new members Ryan and Leasha Johnson.

Committee reports were heard: Brother Al Henninger reported on the recent covid numbers for our county. Everyone is encouraged to be working on contest entries. Junior Day will be Monday, March 29th from 8-4:30 Pm at the Adam Ellwanger residence. Members were encouraged to make a Grange Display for Grange month. They will be on display at our Consignment Auction. The best display will be chosen at the April meeting. Discussed making Barn Quilt Squares to display on the Grange hall.

Our Veteran's Program will be May 16, 2021 at 2 PM. This will be our May monthly meeting.

Auction Appreciation Dinner and Community Service Awards night will be June 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM and our Grange will be catering the meal.

Consignment Auction will be Saturday, April 10, 2021. We will be following Health Department Guidelines. Everyone must wear a mask, practice social distancing, have hand sanitizing stations available. Food will be served from the trailer outside. Only volunteers will be allowed downstairs.. ALL Volunteers will need to check in and be screened before reporting for work. People can check in items on Thursday and Friday April 8th and 9th. Contact Lyle Lee or John Henninger with questions.

Prairie Grangers did a Community Service project for the Grangers who have been unable to attend Grange meetings: They made Turkey Gravy, homemade biscuits, mashed potatoes, vegetables, pie, pound cake and muffins for those people. IT WAS DELICIOUS!

(I was one of who received a meal for I had just had shoulder surgery and it was greatly appreciated.)

The meeting was adjourned and everyone

Troy Grove Grange met March 18, 2021 at 7 PM at the Hall.

Community Service Chairman Ethel Bauer reported that a check had been given to the Mendota Christian Food Pantry and a check had been given to PADS. A number of laprobes are ready to be delivered to VITAS as soon as they are accepting them.

Legislative Chairman Roy Plote reported that he had attended a meeting with the Dekalb County officials with governor Pritzker. Several subjects were discussed.

The Pandemic has created shortages in many areas including lumber, corn for cattle and groceries.

The Charter was draped during the ceremony for Mary Pat Westfall, Marge Nance and Barb Hathaway.

Jim Weber reported there had been a water problem and a plumber had been called. Jim and the plumber worked several hours clearing the sewer lines.

The next meeting of Troy Grove Grange will be April 15, 2021 at 7PM at the Hall.

Farm Safety- Keeping your Farmer Healthy

By: Mary Brubach

I know this is Month's article is supposed to another installment explaining the 2018 Farm Bill, however I want to take a moment about a silent killer that can affect anyone at any time- that is blood clots.

I know you're wondering how this topic relates to Agriculture, and I will get to that, but first let me start out with a personal story, which will tie us into the silent killer known as blood clots.

Over the New Year's Holiday this year my husband was admitted to the hospital for PEs (Pulmonary Embolisms aka blood clots). He was diagnosed with multiple tiny ones on both lungs and one behind his left knee. Upon multiple tests, there was no reason for him to have these. Upon getting a positive result for Covid-19, it was determined that Covid-19 was the culprit for the blood clots. My husband has been taking blood thinners since then and continuing until June.

Needless to say we've had tons of follow ups with specialists. Our Hematologist is truly an amazing Doctor and he is the one to figure out the root cause of the blood clots- they were not caused by Covid (my husband has been asymptomatic) but rather from traveling. Yes, we're in a pandemic and traveling. 3 weeks prior to his hospitalization we had made a trip to Edwards County, Illinois to my sister's home. Our nieces wanted to do Christmas baking with me. How could we say no? This was a 5 hour trip and we did not stop until we were in Charleston.

Our Hematologist stated when traveling, or knowing one will be sitting in a car, train or airplane for quite some time, it is always a good idea to take 3 baby aspirin and move about every 2 hours. Traveling is a major cause for blood clots. He even states he takes a course of 3 baby aspirin when traveling. As he stated this is a much cheaper and safer option than getting blood clots.

Now, how does this relate to agriculture- quite simply actually. How many farmers, especially during, planting, harvesting and tillage season are just sitting on the tractor going up and down the field. I know I am guilty of it, as a farmer, especially if I'm working a field. Yes, I get off

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Agriculture Department

Justin Schaeffer - Director

Well I finally remembered to write an article before the deadline. Hopefully by now many of you have planned out your gardens for the year. Some of you hopefully even have a few things planted. Christina has started many plants, some have even been moved from the hot boxes to the garden. For some this spring may have been difficult getting seeds. Some of the catalogs we order from sold out quickly this year. This is probably due to the increased desire to garden after the year many people had in 2020. Canning lids still seem to be in very short supply.

In our part of the state we have been getting plenty of moisture, not so much as to cause major flooding but enough to keep everything wet. As I sit here it is raining again. Many farmers are gearing up for spring planting. Along with Corn and soybeans, fertilizer prices have been rising steadily this winter and spring. Many who bought fertilizer last fall are positioned to have a profitable year if prices continue to hold relatively steady, and there are no natural disasters. Others may modify their fertility or planting intentions to maximize their investment. We all know how quickly things can change in agriculture between the weather and the markets.

Livestock markets have been strong this winter as well. Hogs have been responding to high export numbers and seemingly lower supply. China and other Asian markets are seeing a resurgence in the devastating African Swine Flu, which should help to keep demand strong for U.S. Pork. As we come into summer we will see the normal increase in demand as grilling season begins. I also believe that as we get more Covid vaccinations and more states allow restaurants to open and larger gatherings, we will see the meat demand soar above normal levels. Everyone will be looking to get out of the house, and what better way than a meal with meat.

Hopefully I will remember to continue to write articles before the deadlines. Have a safe spring and hopefully your weather cooperates.



Illinois State Grange Lecturer's Contests and Programs 2020-2021

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The Lecturer's Department maintains a rich tradition of encouraging excellence in expressions of cultural, educational, and creative pursuits in our Granges and members. In that tradition these are the categories for competition and display for the 2021 Illinois State Session and National Contests. Because so much of our competition from last year was made impossible by the health crisis, many of the contests are being repeated. There are a couple new categories and some new photography themes.

Please look at the breadth of categories and see what appeals to you. I would like to get as many people involved this year as possible with the goal of having at least one entry from every Subordinate Grange.

NATIONAL CONTESTS

Absolute details of the National Lecturer's contests will become available after the 2020 National Session in November. Specific rules and information will be distributed via the Illinois Granger when they become available. The best source of information is to refer to the National Grange website where all rules will be posted.

National Photography Showcase:

We can send up to two photographs—for adults and for juniors. Photos are displayed at the National Session.

Publicity Items

This is a contest that has been put in place the last couple years. You can submit any sort of publicity items you have created for your Grange's activities and programs.

Unfinished Quilt Block

The pattern for 2021 was announced in the 4th Quarter "A Quarter's Worth" Lecturer's Newsletter. The official entry form is yet to be posted, but at least the pattern and general instructions have been posted.



2021 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

RULES

- The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2021**. Send entries to:
Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
- Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 155th National Grange convention in Wichita, Kansas.
- The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
- All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
- A 2021 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)
- Group III – MEN (Age 14+)

PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

PINWHEEL

Fabric: All fabric used should be cotton.

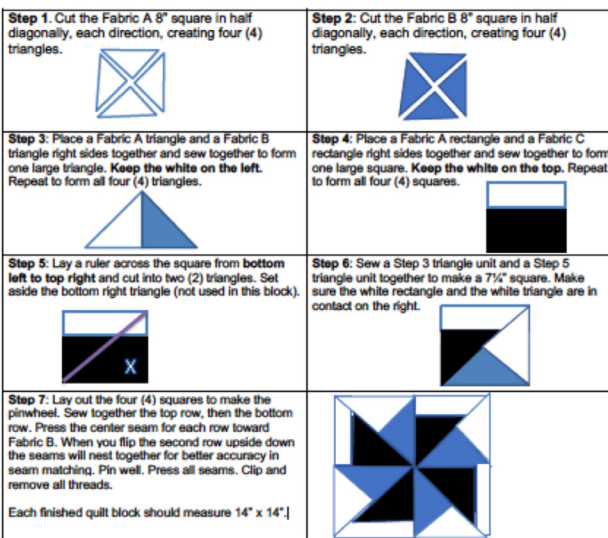
Constructing the Quilt Block:

Fabric A: Cut one (1) 8" square and four (4) 2½" x 8" rectangles. All plain white (not white-ish). (The plain white is what will tie the blocks together into beautiful finished quilts.)

Fabric B: Cut one (1) 8" square of any color of your choice.

Fabric C: Cut four (4) 6" x 8" rectangles of the same fabric, any color or pattern of your choice.

All seams are ¼".



Evening of Excellence Talent Contest

- Broad range of talents accepted: music, movement, speaking, anything you excel at
- One winner from State Session can appear at the National Session.
- Not to exceed 5 minutes.

The state talent contest is held each year on Saturday night at the State Session. This is a great opportunity to entertain each other and share our talents.

We apply a wide definition of talents and seek to present an array of great charm and diversity. Possibilities include but are not limited to:

- Music performance
- Spoken word and storytelling
- Dance and movement
- Physical skills (juggling, baton twirling, etc.)
- Practical arts (cooking demonstration, flower arranging, coaching)

Entries can be solo or group.

Illinois will select one Best of Show talent representative to perform in the Evening of Excellence event at the National Session in Wichita, Kansas in November 2021.

Remember that all acts are representing their home Grange and presentation is a major component of any performance, so contestants are encouraged to dress and act appropriately.

ILLINOIS LECTURER'S CATEGORIES

- One entry per member may be submitted in each class. Must be made this Grange year.
- Awards in each class.
- Attached to each entry must be:

Member name
 Member address
 Grange name and number
 Specific state contest category
 Age bracket (Juniors only)
 Name of responsible party (if entrant not in attendance at State Session)

- Eligibility – All Subordinate and Junior Grange members. Junior entries may also include grandchildren of Subordinate members.
- Photos may be printed or submitted electronically. Prints should be at least 5x7.
- Classes- There will be one class for Subordinate Grange members and 3 age groups for Juniors: 5-7 yr old, 8-10 yr old and 11-14 yr old.
- The Illinois State Lecturer reserves the right to choose to not display any entry deemed inappropriate within Grange values. Themes including nudity, obscenity, or violence will not be accepted.

Photography

The photography contest seeks to recognize excellence in photographic images.

Rules:

- Color and black and white photography will be judged in the same category.
- Prints or electronic images (.jpg or .png format). No altering of still images with use of photo editing software is allowed.
- Printed photo size should be at least 5"x7". Prints must be mounted on a rigid backing, not to exceed ¾" beyond the edge of the photograph.
- No professional photographers (an individual who's primary living is from photography) may enter.
- Videos will not be eligible to proceed to National Session.

Categories:

- Water.** Explore the presence of water everywhere around us—in our homes, in nature, in weather, or anywhere else. Try to capture some aspect of beauty, wonder, or intrigue in what you capture.
- Tall.** Tall is completely relative to an item's surroundings. A church spire could be tall; a remaining weed in a closely cropped yard; a tall person among children. Use your imagination to capture and image that highlights the feeling of something being "tall."
- Selfie.** Must be a picture taken by yourself in an unusual or intriguing environment or setting. Pay attention to the overall composition of your selfie; how does your presence fit into the surroundings to make a pleasing image.
- Time-Lapse.** Show the progression of a slow change through a series of photos taken from the same perspective over time. Successful entries will try to preserve the same view as the subject changes, rather than just taking a series of pictures of a sequence of events. Even if you don't have a tripod, think about how your series would look if your camera was in the exact same spot for all the photos. Try to avoid just taking a photo burst on your phone and selecting images from that; the photos should be separated enough in time that you took them individually.
- Comedy Video.** Capture a funny event or story through video. Don't think of it having to be a laugh-out-loud joke but rather something delightfully amusing. This year the time limit is reduced to 20 seconds. You will be surprised how much, with some planning, you can tell in 20 seconds.

Creative Writing

General guidelines

- May be handwritten, typed, or printed from a computer. Handwriting must be legible and neat using black or blue ink pen. Typed or printed should be double-spaced, size 12 font or larger. Entries may be submitted electronically.
- Work must be original, the entrant's own creation, not copied from another source.
- Length not to exceed 300 words.

Creative writing prose topic:

Imagine That...

Creative writing poetry topic:

Transformation

Poetry can be written in free verse or in traditional forms. We're looking for poems that move us, that might make us laugh or cry, or teach us something new. Poems should not exceed one page in length.

Media Arts & Crafts

General guidelines

- We seek to recognize all types of visual arts.
- Work must be original, the entrant's own creation.
- No frames or glass. Fragile items are displayed at the entrant's risk.

Painting/Drawing/Pastels

Any subject or theme. All media (oils, watercolors, pencil, etc.) will be judged in one category. Works should not exceed 30"x30".

Dimensional Media

Any subject or theme. Sculpture, pottery, weaving, textiles, paper-making, etc. are appropriate for this category and will be judged together. Basically this is any artwork that is not flat on a canvas or paper. Works should not exceed 18"x18"x18".

Personal Collection

Assemble and display 12 related items. Make sure each item's relation to the collection is apparent. Provide an overview of the collection theme not to exceed 50 words. All items should be anchored securely to a sturdy base or provided with a box or material on which to display them. The collection may be anything of intellectual or cultural interest: stamps, rocks, stickers, trading cards, dried flowers, postcards, etc. Judging will be based on interest and creativity of the collection theme.

Handcrafted Holiday Tree Ornaments

Use your skill to make three ornaments suitable for decorating a tree. Ornaments can represent any holiday or season. The ornaments should not be identical but should be related by theme or technique. Materials and methods can be anything you choose. Ornaments will be judged on craftsmanship, creativity, and appearance. Because of the high response to this category, there will be two divisions:

Ornaments involving primarily fabric, sewing, needlecrafts, etc.

Ornaments using other materials or techniques

Before and After

This is a new category that recognizes projects where you transformed something. The possibilities are endless: remodeling a room, redecorating your home, developing a garden where there was none, restoring a car, giving yourself a make-over! We want to honor the spirit and accomplishments of the DIY spirit. Your entry should consist of 2-3 "before" pictures, 2-3 "after" pictures, and a 1-page description describing your project, your challenges, your methods, and primary features of the end project. Your entry can be presented with pictures and narrative mounted on a solid backing (like poster board) or electronically.

GROUP PROJECT: Subordinate Grange Banner

This competition has two purposes:

- Provide an opportunity for collaboration and group effort in creating an entry.
- Celebrate our individual Granges in a fun way to share our heritage at State Session.

One entry is allowed from each Subordinate Grange. Create a banner that commemorates your individual Grange identity and influence in the community and state. The banner should be no larger than 30" wide x 36" tall and hang from a dowel rod. It should be primarily constructed of fabric or soft textiles. Additional materials may be used but overall weight should not exceed 3 pounds.

First time entries will be judged and prizes awarded. All banners from previous years will continue to be displayed and recognition for a "People's Choice Award" (if there are multiple entries) will be based on votes from attendees.

Illinois State Grange Youth News

**Karie Blasingame –
IL State Grange Youth Director**

We are getting closer and closer to hosting the Midwest Grange Leadership Conference in June at the Boone County Fairgrounds. It is such an honor to be able to host this conference in hybrid fashion this year. We will be in person at the Fairgrounds, but we will be hosting some of the events online for those who are not certain they want to attend in person. Enclosed in this month's Granger is the registration form. In person is limited to 50 people right now and hopefully we should be able to get Grangers from all over our region to attend. Hopefully I will see some of you there.

Don't forget the 4th Monday night of the month is our monthly ZOOM meeting to discuss Youth topics. The discussion for April will be Public Speaking/Sign-a-Song and Grange Debate contests that will be held at the Leadership Conference. April is Grange month, keep an eye on the Facebook page and share posts that speak to you.

Name: _____
 Grange: _____ Number: _____
 Birthdate: _____ Junior Youth
 Subordinate
 Attending: In Person \$25 _____ Virtual \$10 _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

 Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

 Allergies: _____

 Any Special Dietary Needs: _____

 Insurance Information: _____

 Emergency Contact: _____ Phone
 Number: _____

I hereby give my approval for my child's participation in any and all activities prepared by Illinois State Grange during the selected camp. In exchange for the acceptance of said child's candidacy by Illinois State Grange, I assume all risk and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities, and release, absolve and hold harmless Illinois State Grange and all its respective officers, agents, and representatives from any and all liability for injuries to said child arising out of traveling to, participating in, or returning from selected camp sessions.

In case of injury to said child, I hereby waive all claims against Illinois State Grange, including all leaders and affiliates, all participants, sponsoring agencies, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event. There is a risk of being injured that is inherent in all activities. Some of these injuries include, but are not limited to, the risk of fractures, paralysis, or death.

Signed _____
 Parent or Guardian of anyone 18 or younger- Member if over age 18.
 Will you be participating in the Public Speaking Contest? _____

Junior Youth Subordinate
 Prepared Impromptu Commercial(Youth) Youth Ambassador/Young
 Patron Prepared Story Story(Junior)

Will you be participating in the Sign-a-Song Contest? _____ Novice
 Hobbyist Group Expert

Times are subject to adjustment depending on discussion, we will try our hardest to take breaks when they are scheduled and get back on track.

Depending on how many Juniors register there is the possibility of Junior breakout workshops. Those also have the potential of being virtual, so please let us know if you have a junior attending in person or virtual so we can get the supplies you need. I will let all participants know when we will have a separate Junior schedule by email.

Schedule of Events	2:45 Illinois workshop-virtual
Friday Night - June 25th	3:30 Break
5 pm-6pm Registration	3: 45 Minnesota Workshop-virtual
6 pm Light Supper	4:30 Iowa Workshop-virtual
7 pm Grange Baseball – virtual	5:15 Break
8:30 pm Plan for Paint on State	5:30 Indiana workshop-virtual
Saturday – June 26th	6 pm Dinner
8 am Breakfast	7:15 pm Public Speaking/Sign-a-Song- virtual
9 am Youth Workshop-virtual	9 pm Surprise Auction Items
10 am Paint on State	9:30 pm Grange Debate
12 pm Lunch	Sunday – June 27th
1 pm Junior Workshop-virtual	8 am Breakfast
2 pm Membership workshop- virtual/Code Reading begins	9 am Church Service

9:30 am Junior Auction
 10:30 am Wrap up and Suggestions
 for Improvement-Snacks for the
 road if anything is left over
 11:00 am Tour of Fairgrounds

Deadline for Registration is June 1st which will allow our team and the post office to get you the supplies you need if you are virtual. In your packet you will receive anything we are working with. You will not receive any paper, all paper files or templates will be emailed to you for you to print out before enjoying the conference from wherever you are connecting virtually, some files may be sent to you after the workshop so as not to ruin the surprise. We hope to see you in person but totally understand if you want to participate from home. If you change your mind and want to be with us in person, simply bring what we have sent you to the conference and join in with the rest of us. Do give Karie a heads up so she has enough food for everyone.

Boone County Health Department has indicated that as of right now we are at 50 people per meeting place. Masks should be worn in all indoor locations as well as social distancing protocols respected. We are working closely with the

Boone County Health Department to hold our County Fair this year, so all guidelines will be respected and followed. How it has been working at our local Grange meetings, everyone is required to wear their mask into the building and after seated is allowed to drop it down while discussion happens. If moving around the room your mask is required to be back over your face and nose. I suspect the same should work for us during our conference. There are members who feel more comfortable leaving their mask on the entire time and that should be respected. All bathrooms have hand soap and hand sanitizer and sanitizing spray. It will take all of us to keep our surrounding clean and free from germs after using the facilities it would be helpful if you use the sanitizing spray to keep the bathrooms germ free. Children will be assisted in cleaning and we will also have someone clean it every couple of hours to be on the safe side. Lots of rules, but I'd rather be safe than sorry. Its our goal to stay safe and have fun at the same time.

Housing Options

Our Conference will be held at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere, Illinois. We have the second largest fairgrounds in the state and host many events throughout the summer. We will be utilizing the Grange Hall and Administration Building for our conference. We may also get to see the One Room Schoolhouse and the Grange Museum if time permits.

Housing on Fairgrounds

\$10 per night - Boys in the Upstairs of the Grange Hall – Girls in the basement of the Administration building.

_____ nights
 \$35 per night – Camping in our Campground. We have water and electric. We do not have a dumping station, but I know where a couple are before you get on the road. We may have the option of getting your camper pumped out on Sunday morning, I will be looking into that. Cost is per campsite not per person and goes directly to our Fairgrounds.

Housing off the Fairgrounds

We have many hotels within minutes of the Fairgrounds. Cost options vary based on hotel chosen.

- America's Best Value Inn – 1605 N State St., Belvidere, IL 61008
- Days Inn – 220 S Lyford Rd., Rockford, IL 61108
- Baymont – 662 N Lyford Rd., Rockford, IL 61107
- La Quinta Inn & Suites – 7401 Walton St., Rockford, IL 61108
- Red Roof Inn – 7434 E State St., Rockford, IL 61108
- Comfort Inn – 7392 Argus Dr., Rockford, IL 61107
- Staybridge Suites – 633 N Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107
- Holiday Inn – 7550 E State St., Rockford, IL 61108
- Super 8 – 7646 Colosseum Dr., Rockford, IL 61107
- Courtyard by Marriott- 7676 E State St., Rockford, IL 61108
- Hampton Inn – 615 Clark Dr., Rockford, IL 61107
- Extended Stay America – 653 Clark Dr., Rockford, IL 61107
- Hilton Garden Inn – 7675 Walton St., Rockford, IL 61108
- Candlewood Suites – 7555 Walton St., Rockford, IL 61108
- Fairfield Inn & Suites – 7651 Walton St., Rockford, IL 61108
- Radisson Hotel – 200 S Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61108

_____ Total owed for Conference (Registration + Rooming) Hotel charges are paid directly to hotel.



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ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE AGRICULTURE CONTESTS' ENTRY
FORM SEPT. 2020 – SEPT. 20212020 – 2021 AGRICULTURE INFORMATION
ILLINOIS STATE GRANGENAME _____ GRANGE _____ COUNTY _____
(CIRCLE the category AND item). One entry per person each category. (vegetable, fruit, flower, etc. Must be from current Grange year, Sept. 2020 Sept. 2021).2021 AG CHAIRMAN
JUSTIN SCHAEFFER
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1. Beans, Green (4)
2. Beans, Golden Wax (4)
3. Beets (4)
4. Cabbage (1 head)
5. Cauliflower (1)
6. Cucumbers (3)
7. Eggplant (1)
8. Garlic (3)
9. Gourds (3)
10. Okra (3)
11. Onions (White) (3)
12. Onions (Yellow) (3)
13. Peppers (Sweet) (3)
14. Peppers (Hot) (3)
15. Potatoes (Red) (3)
16. Potatoes (White) (3)
17. Sweet Potatoes (3)
18. Squash – Acorn (2)
19. Squash – Winter (1)
20. Sweet Corn (3 Ears)
21. Tomatoes – (Cherry) (3)
22. Tomatoes – (Red) (3)
23. Tomatoes – (Yellow) (3)
24. Zucchini 6-8" – (1)
25. Most Unusual Shaped Vegetable
26. Vegetable Other Than Above.1.
(3 if Small or 1 if Large)

II. FRUITS

1. Apples -Red (4)
2. Apples -Yellow (4)
3. Cantaloupe (1)
4. Crab Apples (4)
5. Grapes (3 Bunches)
6. Pears (4)
7. Plums (4)
8. Pumpkin (1)
9. Watermelon (1)

III. HERBS

1. Potted specimen of an herb, named
2. Collection of Herbs, 4 or more

IV FIELD CROPS

- 1 3 Ears of Corn
2. Longest Ear of Corn
3. 3 Ears Indian Corn, Husked
4. 3 Ears Popcorn
5. Corn, (1 Qt. Bag)
6. Oats, 1 Qt. Bag)
7. Soybeans (1 Qt. Bag)
8. Wheat. (1 Qt. Bag)
9. Sunflower-Largest Head

V. FLOWERS

1. African Violet plant
2. Succulent
3. Houseplants
4. Asters (3 stems)
5. Cosmos (3 stems)
6. Marigolds (3 stems)
7. Zinnias (3 stems)
8. Any Other (3 Blooms)
9. Fairy Garden (Not from a Kit)

VI. MARKET BASKET (8 or more Items)**VII. JUNIOR DIVISION (AGES 5-8 & 9-12)**

1. Poster featuring Farm Safety (any size)
2. Miniature/Fairy Garden (Not from kit)
3. Vegetables (State age on entry tag)
4. Livestock Poster
5. Food Production Poster

(JUNIOR CONTEST OPEN TO CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF MEMBERS IF A GRANGE DOES NOT HAVE A JUNIOR GRANGE.)**RULES AND INFORMATION:**

1. **ONE ENTRY PER PERSON IN EACH CATEGORY.**
2. **On entry form with list of items; Print Name, Grange, and County for EACH PERSON entering an item. Make extra copies of form.**
 - a. **Circle either Vegetable, Fruit, Herb, Field Crop, Flowers or Junior Division and note Junior age group where required.**
 - b. **Circle item under each Category (i.e., Fruit, Grapes. Etc.)**
 - c. **Please note how many items are required on sheet so you don't get disqualified.**
3. **VEGETABLES, FRUITS, HERBS, FIELD CROPS, FLOWERS AND JUNIOR DIVISION must be grown or harvested between Sept. 2020 - Sept. 2021. They will be auctioned unless picked up prior to the time announced at State Grange.**
4. **Plants can be from previous years. Plants can be auctioned if you want.**
5. **MINIATURE GARDEN/FAIRY GARDEN -MAY NOT BE MADE FROM A KIT.**
 - a. **Be creative but ideas are also available in magazines, on computer or at libraries, etc.**
 - b. **Suggestions: Use items from your yard, garden, woods and can be slices of wood, low sided plastic container or other items easy to transport.**
6. **MARKET BASKET:**
 - a. **Must fit 30" table length**
 - b. **May be individual or group submission**
 - c. **Must be set up by entrant or representative.**
7. **JUNIORS or children or grandchildren of Grange members if a Grange does not have a Junior 1 Grange. (Ages 5 - 8 and ages 9- 11)**
 - a. **Circle Age category on entry form -The age is the age of the child as of September 2021.**
 - b. **Fill out top of entry form with Name, Grange, and County.**
 - c. **Poster on safety on the Farm, (any size of poster).**
 - d. **Vegetables – Many juniors, children and grandchildren help their parents garden, so juniors may enter the vegetable category.**
 - e. **If children are not gardening, this may encourage them to do so.**

2021 Illinois State Grange JUNIOR DEPARTMENT ContestsAll Junior Contests - Individual must be a Junior, or 1+ member
Three age groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14. Entry age as of 1/1/2021
(National Guidelines)

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

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

Mini-Juniors: Any child who is 5 by September 1, 2021 may send up to 3 entries to session. These projects will not be judged as other age groups are, but will receive participation ribbons.**Junior at Heart:** Any Granger over the age of 20, as of September 1, 2021, may submit a project. These projects will be voted on by fellow Grangers for Best of Show .**Host State - Kansas****Small World - Ireland**

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

Recycling--Shoebbox Mini-FloatTo help celebrate the 150th IL State Grange Session we will decorate a shoe box. Can be any small box with maximum size of 14x10x6"**Weather**

Make a project that demonstrates...for example a tornado/calming bottle, or illustrates, some kind of weather, or one of the four seasons. Maximum size 11x14"

Endangered Animals

Learn about an endangered animal and share information on an 8x10" size poster; or in a speech, props may be used. Maximum 5 minutes.

Yellow Brick Road

For this project you can share a collection of YELLOW items...minimum of 4, maximum of 12. Please include an explanation of why you chose included items.

~OR~

Make a 3-D object out of "bricks" aka Lego building blocks. Minimum size 2x2x2", maximum size 8x8x12"

Melinda (Mindy) Schiefer
IL State Grange Junior Director
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the tractor every once in a while, however I'm still sitting relatively idly for hours upon hours.

I decided to ask my husband's Hematologist about my time spent on a tractor driving up and down the field. He put it simply, 3 baby aspirin for a day or 2 in my case- as I don't have a huge farm would be a good idea. There really is no harm in it, and it could easily prevent me from getting blood clots which in turn keeps me alive.

As we all know there are many dangers when one works in the field of agriculture. It is our job to stay diligent about these risks and dangers. This includes the ones that we can't see, and never would have thought about.

So, please take our personal story and apply it to your daily life. There is no need for us to lose an amazing Granger, family member, friend, or community member simply because we were not aware of a risk or danger.

**Family Activities***Sharon Fidler*

In a little over five months we will be seeing each other at our Illinois State Grange Convention. Are you working on your entries?

Our contest for the Juniors is a recycled hat on a plastic hat form. If you need hat forms please contact me and I will get them to you.

At State Session I will have a display of sewing and needlework tools. The Grangers will need to guess what they are. Here is a picture of one. Do you know what this is and what it is used for?

ISG Secretary Report

Hello, spring has arrived, snow is gone and flowers are beginning to bloom finally.

Had shoulder surgery early March doing well and now onto Grange business:

1. MEMBERSHIP LISTS – You will be receiving a list of the Grange members I have on my ISG roster. Please review it and make any necessary changes and MAIL IT BACK to me by April 4th.

2. RECOGNITION FORM M – National Grange has revised this form to order 50 and 75 year certificates and 80 and 85 year Special Letters on. You will get a copy of this new form with your membership list. Be sure to throw the old form out. It is also available on the National Grange website and I will try to get it on the Illinois State grange website.

3. MARCH 30 QUARTERLY REPORTS are soon due. Please mail them to me by APRIL 15th.

4. SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS will be announced soon. We had 5 Applicants this year.

5. APRIL IS GRANGE MONTH – Recognize your members. You will receive a copy of your members and who is due to be recognized. The 25- year certificates and all of the seals for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 55, 60, 65, 70 years of service are to be ordered through the ISG Secretary. If you want any of these please let me know ASAP in case I have to order more. 25- year Certificates COST \$3.00 each. You need to fill out the 25- year Certificate Application form and mail it to me. If you want any of the seals they are also \$3.00 each. You will need to fill out the NEW AWARD Form and mail it to me.

Make checks payable to: ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE and mail it to: Robin Kindberg
12971 Olson Road Caledonia, IL 61011.

If you need 50 or 75 Certificates or 80 or 85 year Special Letters they come from National Grange. You need to fill out the NEW REVISED FORM M. Be sure to include shipping fee and make checks payable to: NATIONAL GRANGE BUT BUT mail them to the Illinois State Grange Secretary. DO NOT mail them to National Grange. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. So order early.

6. STATE SESSION 2021 – will be September 10-12, 2021 at the Doubletree Hotel in Collinsville, IL and St. Clair County Pomona will be hosting. This will be the 150th Anniversary of the Illinois State Grange. Watch for more details soon.

Any questions email me robinkindberg5@gmail.com or text or call me 815-978-0452 and don't be afraid to leave me a message and I will answer you back.

Fraternally submitted,
Robin Kindberg
ISG Secretary



Going along to help Emerald Mound Grange with their dessert sales at Summerfield Lion's Club Friday fish fry. YUM

FAC Committee Contests 2021

- Group 1 Knitting
- Afghan
 - Baby Afghan
 - Baby items, one or more
 - Dish Cloths
 - Winter Wear
 - Any other not listed above
- Group 2 Crocheting
- Afghan
 - Baby Afghan
 - Baby items, one or more
 - Dish Cloths
 - Winter Wear
 - Any other not listed above
- Group 3 Embroidery etc.
- Pair pillowcases
 - Counted cross stitch – back showing
 - Plastic Canvas – any item
 - Any item not listed above
- Group 4 Quilting
- Unfinished square – max size 16½ x 16½
 - Table runner
 - Quilt – twin, full, queen etc
 - Baby Quily
 - Quilt of Valor
 - Any other not listed above
- Group 5 Sewing
- Apron
 - Clothing – one item
 - Clothing set – 2 or more pieces
 - Face Masks
- Group 6 Miscellaneous
- Jewelry – bracelet
 - Jewelry – 2 or more pieces
 - 2 Holiday cards – Mounted
 - 2 All occasion cards – Mounted
- Group 7 Food
- Quick Bread – any kind, one loaf
 - Fudge/candy – any kind, 12 pieces
 - Cookies – any kind, 12 cookies

JUNIORS

- Age groups 5-8, 9-11, 12-14
- Recycled Hats – decorate any way you want
- Cookies – any kind, no rice krispie treats, 12 cookies
- Face Masks

Sharon Fidler
FAC Chairman
Questions call 815-323-8976
Leave message or text

KANSAS, HERE WE COME

Over the next several months I will highlight interesting and diverse places to visit in and around Wichita, either before or after the national session, as your time and interest allow. You may want to check first to see if they are open or not due to COVID-19 restrictions.

WICHITA TOY TRAIN MUSEUM

For the toy train enthusiasts this is the place to go. They feature an O gauge layout, an old west O gauge layout, a European HO scale layout, and a multi-level S gauge layout that is 16' x 41' long. Entrance is \$7 and open on Saturdays from 10:00 to 5:00 at 130 Laura Street.

SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO

Home to 3,000 individual animals of nearly 400 species, for \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors you can be enthralled by animals from 9:00 to 5:00 daily. But wait, on Winter Wednesday, November through February, general admission is only \$3.

This zoo has won National and International awards for its support of field conservation programs and successful breeding of rare and endangered species.

ANTIQUING

Paramount Antique Mall at 13200 W Hwy 54 (Kellogg) in Wichita has 40,000 square feet and over 225 booths. Paramount East Antique Mall at 10187 SW Hwy 54 (Kellogg) – halfway between Wichita and Augusta with 22,000 square feet and 125 booths and Paramount Marketplace at 6297 E. 13th Street in Wichita has 35,000 square feet with over 200 booths. All are open Monday through Friday 10:00 to 7:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 6:00 and Sunday from 12:00 to 6:00.

TWISTED OZ MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

If you like vintage motorcycles, you must stop at Twisted Oz Motorcycle Museum. Home of the Indian Six. Two years ago, they opened with 70 privately curated vintage motorcycles starting with one from 1905, and are now up to 200 on display. Things you'll see are a 1923 Henderson trike, a 1916 Indian Power Plus cycle, a 1927 Indian Scout, a 1928 English built AJS bike and a 1930 Harley Davison V model. All run and drive. Good thing is – it's free, but goodwill donations are accepted. You will find this gem in Augusta at 527 W. 7th Street. Open from 10:00 to 4:00 Friday through Sunday or call 316-977-9257. Located 30 minutes straight east of Wichita on Hwy 400. Vivian Johnson, Union Grange, Winnebago County



Shane and Dott are getting ready to make some projects. What are you making? Share your pictures.

Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrrens



The Lord has Risen oh how glorious. Each year as spring arrives and we prepares for the Easter Season. There are many things to ponder. Spring is the renewal of life, winter wheat starts to turn green, the grass also turns green, the flowers and trees are in full bloom. Many farmers are waiting to begin field work after a long winter when God put the earth to rest. After this past year for many of us being home bound, the winter months were horrible and many of us are beginning to get out and enjoy Mother Nature. Praise the Lord for providing and watching over us. Many did not think we could go so long not seeing our loved ones, meeting with friends, having our world turned upside down. God provided for our needs and bringing many strangers and friends together to work and serve Him. . Now with the Covid shots being given we can all look back say thank you Lord for watching over us in these times of need.

Our lives changed forever. We have never lived through something like this in our life time. With businesses closed down, churches, schools, etc. we were all caught off guard but our Lord brought us through. I hope many of us have taken the time to become stronger in our faith and know that God carries us in our time of need.

We pray for so many family and friends who have lost their loved ones to Covid 19, those who felt lost and depressed from family and friends. Stay strong for our Lord is leading us, there is hope we have to search for faith to find it.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter. Rejoice for the good news is here.



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Hazel Kanaly

1924 – 2021

Hazel and her late husband Don were dairy farmers in McHenry County. They had five children. Their Grange life started in McHenry County but they ended up in Boone County and joined Prairie Grange. Hazel was an 80 year Grange member.

Hazel began her teaching career in a one room schoolhouse, so it made sense that she would volunteer every year at the one room schoolhouse on the fairgrounds during the fair. She used to make towels for the Ag auction at State Session every year and every year the Blasingame sisters would bid against each other to get Hazel's towels.

Several years ago Hazel was Community Service Granger of the year. She loved to volunteer her time. She was one of a kind and she will be sorely missed by the members of Prairie Grange. We loved her.

Well Done Good and Faithful Servants....

Tom Kniep 1931-2021
Mary Pat Westfall 1938-2020
Marjorie Nance 1933-2020
Barbara Hathaway 1935-2020

Prairie Grange
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