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In essentials...Unity  
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In all things...Charity



Lynette Schaeffer President Illinois State Grange

## Lynette's Vision and Wisdoms August 2019

As I write this report the last full week of July

the weather is beautiful as Don and I prepare for camping at the National Grange Revival – camping trip in Ozark, AR at Mulberry Mountain Resort, July 23 -28, 2019. Hopefully I'll get some of the pictures and activities to Ruth before publication. The rain is still coming at a higher rate than normal. We had nearly 3 inches last weekend.

IL State Grange was well represented at the Midwest Grange Leadership Conference in Milford, IN. I appreciate all the IL Grangers who took part in the in all the activities, and contests. Katie Renken can represent IL during the Evening of Excellence for the speaking contest and sign a song at National Grange Session. The event was well planned by IN State Grange Lecturer and Youth Director, Paula Lohrman and John Neff. Thank you Paula and John. I led a workshop on Computer Ergonomics. The only down to the weekend was the lack of air conditioning. Karie and Ethan are starting the plans for next year.

At the Northern GRIT conference last fall I was asked about being able to use the Grange Emblem on a tombstone. I have a letter that gives you permission. Should you need a copy of the letter to give to your engraver please let me know. We are having a little trouble scheduling GRIT this year as there is a mandate that it is held within a month of State Session, I will be in OK State Session and the Fall Diddly. We are trying to schedule the two days before session.

The Boone and Winnebago Pomonas are making plans for the 148th State Session. The schedule was in the last IL Granger and I hope the meal costs and more information will be in this IL Granger. I hope the Granges have sent in resolutions. I hope the state officers and committee people have sent in reports to Sheri and room information to me. Make sure meal reservations and delegate information are sent to Sheri in a timely manner.

I will be announcing a committee to work on the 150th anniversary for IL State Grange in 2021 and some of our plans at State Session. I am getting

## Calendar Of Events

Aug 6-11 – Boone County Fair

Aug 10 – DEADLINE for Reports due to Sheri for the Booklet

Aug 11 – Turkey Hill's Ham & Peach Dinner

Aug 15 – DEADLINE State Session Meal Requests and Hotel Reservations

Sept 13-15 – Illinois State Grange Session – Belvidere

Oct 15-18 – Broad Hollow Branson trip

Oct 27 – Turkey Hill's Wurstmarkt Dinner

Nov 4-9 -National Grange Session – Midwest host, Volunteers needed

Nov 17 – Flora Grange Roast Beef Dinner

Nov 19-21 – Broad Hollow Grange Christmas Branson trip

### Recurring events:

Belleville Old Town Market every 1st Saturday beginning in May (THG)

THG BBQ every Thursday afternoon beginning in May

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

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excited for all of planning for 150 years of IL State Grange. If anyone would like to serve on this committee please let me know.

Grange Legacy program – is your family 5 generations or more Grangers?? The National Grange would like you to fill out the form online or if you need a form contact someone that has a computer and they can print out a form for you. NationalGrange.org then Programs, Grange Legacy there is an opportunity for filling online or printing form. The form needs to be made back to the National Grange by August 6, 2019. The Distinguished Grange forms need to be completed and returned to National Grange soon. Please check the dates and have the form sent to National in a timely manner.

You are all part of the host region for 153rd Annual National Grange Convention November 5-9, 2019, Doubletree Bloomington/Minneapolis South7800 Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis, MN. Karie Blasingame is the host chair, IL State Grange will need help from you all. More information for volunteering will be shared at state session. Be prepared to sign up for the volunteer positions. You need to register at the National Grange website.

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## Troy Grove Grange

Troy Grove met July 18, 2019 at 6:00 at the Hall. Grange members shared a potluck picnic before the meeting. 7 sisters and 2 brothers were in attendance.

Community Service Chairman Ethel Bauer reported the annual report is to be submitted after August 1. Members were encouraged to report all their community service hours by then. Agriculture Chairman Jim Weber reported there was corn and beans at all sizes in fields. Cover crops are being planted in idle fields. Del Monte has reduced planting. Shipping of stored grain is being held up by the flooding rivers.

Legislative Chairman Roy Plote reported the USMC trade agreement is coming up. There was a meeting with Senator Durban to find some answers. Locks on the Illinois River from Peoria to Lockport are to be repaired in 2020. A new project involving underground transmission wire is being proposed.

In communications, Janet Plote reminded the members the State meeting will be held at the Boone County fairgrounds.

Four Demits were presented - Nancy Crane - Barb Hathaway - Colleen Hickman and Mary Jane Johnson. All were for health reasons.

Next meeting will be August 15, 2019 at 7:00 at the Hall. Election of officers will be held at that time.

This month we met at Avanti's Restaurant in East Peoria where we held a recognition program for community service leaders from our area and from Hopewell Grange.

Hopewell was proud to honor educator Kassi Virgil especially for her work with the Northern Tazewell Recreation Association; firefighter Kyle Reddish who volunteers with the Northern Tazewell Fire Department; Non-member of the year Nancy Hodges for her work with Washington SnacPac; Member of the year Kathryn Renken for her service with the Peoria Area Civic Chorale Youth Chorus; and Junior member of the year Jaydon Fisher for his work with a number of fundraising events

Additionally, we recognized Kathryn Renken for winning the "Prepared Speech" and "Sign-a-Song" competition for her age group at Midwest Youth Camp, and to Cassie Renken for winning the "Impromptu" speech competition for her age group at the same event. Congratulations to those young women and to all of the community service honorees listed here.

On a sad note, we report the passing of long-time member, architect, and proud Marine and Korean War Veteran Charles Blye. Charlie set the standard for grit and perseverance. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

As summer draws to a close, we will continue our road cleanup, hall maintenance, and other service projects.

margin coverage protection which will help the small dairy farmers with low milk prices, the federal money going to farmers due to tariffs will go to the large farms not the smaller family farms, the tax bill extended the biodiesel tax credit and incentives for wind power, and the loss of farm product markets in China are really hurting farmers. Protein is now being grown from cells from animal muscle in a lab. This protein is called cell-cultured meat or fake meat or clean meat or Bryerd meat. The protein takes on the shape of the meat, the part the cells are from. These items should be called something other than meat. They are starting to be sold in stores.

The House Ways and Means Committee included a bill to roll back estate tax exemptions starting in 2023 which will hit family-owned farms and businesses hard, it doubles the number of tax payers subject to death tax. The National Grange is working with the Senate to not include this in the bill. A basket of items will be donated to the State Grange Family Activities raffle. The Youth, ages 14 on up has a new program called Home Away from Home for college students to connect with a local Grange, to write to students, and to host them while they are away at college. July is Junior Grange Month (ages 5 thru 13). Community Service year ends the end of July and a report and scrapbook will be submitted. The National Grange Membership Director with have regional Directors to work with membership to help cover the 1,700 Granges in 36 states.

The program at the July meeting included a quiz on how long it takes various plastic items to decompose, members provided farm and shop tips, information was provided on commercial harvesting of cherries with the program closing with "If you can't fly, run; if you can't run, walk, if you can't walk, crawl; but by all means, keep moving." After the meeting and program, members enjoyed fellowship and refreshments.

## News From Hopewell Grange

By Janice David

Here we are already moving toward August and then State Session in September. Our hall requires a number of repairs if we expect to host our annual pancake and sausage supper in October, so that has been the focus of discussion at our last several meetings. Everyone has a busy schedule. Between that and weather issues progress is rather slow.

## Broad Hollow Grange

Broad Hollow Grange met Friday, July 5th. Members approved three resolutions to send to the State Grange Meeting in September. One was on the length of electioneering and for candidates to spend equal amounts of money. Another was concerning plastic straws that cannot be recycled and other plastics ending up in the ocean and ingested by marine life. The third one was to eliminate lobbyists and businesses, corporations, and individuals from giving money to legislators which results in influencing the legislator rather than the legislator representing the people who elected him/her.

An update was provided on the October and November Branson trips. The Oct 15-18 trip will include 7 shows in Branson plus Dogwood Canyon and Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Shows include the Duttons, Broadway's Greatest Hits, Texas Tenors, Clay Cooper, dinner and show on the Branson Belle, Riding the Country Vault (traditional western music), and Hot Rods & High Heels (50's music), and a visit to a Museum at the College of the Ozarks. A tram ride and chuck wagon dinner will take place at Dogwood Canyon with a nature guide and in Eureka Springs there will be a trolley ride and visit to Frank Lloyd Wright's Crownthorn Chapel. The Nov. 19-21 trip includes 6 shows-Christmas Wonderland Show, Million \$\$\$ Quartet (Elvis, Johnny Cash, etc), Raiding the Country Vault, the Haygoods, Texas Tenors, and the Brett Family. The package includes reserved seating at all shows, all meals from noon the first day through noon the last day including tax and tip, baggage handling, Branson Towers Hotel, bus transportation from Belleville, driver gratuity, etc. Price is based on per person 2 to a room, 3 to a room, 4 to a room, or single room. If your looking for a great trip to the Branson area, either of these sponsored by Broad Hollow Grange you'll enjoy. (For further information, call 539-6113.)

The State Grange Session in September in Belvidere was discussed and arrangements were made to send a delegate. An all-states Grange Campout was held July 23-28 in Ozark, Arkansas. The new issue of the National Grange's magazine was provided and information shared from the National Grange's newsletter, "The Patron's Chain." Several committee reports were given. There's new insurance for dairy farmers offering

## Leroy Grange Meeting & Awards Night July 10, 2019

Paul Temple, former president, called the meeting to order.

John Kennedy read an Independence prayer. Secretaries report was emailed, John Mulholland made a motion to accept, John K. 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurers report was also emailed, John K. made a motion to accept, Wayne Zelasko 2nd, motion carried.

Award presentation: John Mulholland gave a history of the LeRoy Grange. Sandi Kennedy spoke about our honorees.

1. Citizen of the Year: Colleen Leach, founder of the B1 Food Pantry at the Belvidere First Assembly of God church, on 7th Ave., Belvidere, IL. She gave a brief talk about how the pantry has grown and in May 2019 they served 1,400 people. Collen's husband, and Kristen Smith from Belvidere First Assembly of God were also guests.

2. Fireman of the Year: Bob Koehn, Deputy Chief from Boone County Fire Department, has been a fireman for 33 years and has been a fire investigator, teaches school kids about fire safety, along with many other duties. His wife, daughter, son and grandson accompanied him tonight.

3. Grange member of the year: Wayne Zelasko, has been a member for 4 years, and volunteers at many of our events, he has also assisted with Habitat for Humanity, and helps to open and close a UCC church camp in Michigan. His wife, Sue, was also present.

Honorees that could not attend include Suzette Muck, Teacher at Poplar Grove Elementary, and Rob Kozlowski, Police Officer of the year.

Guest: Ann Eickstad from the Belvidere Daily Republic was introduced.

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Joe Muzzillo gave a report on the breakfast we served June 22nd and 23rd at the fairgrounds. There were 146 plates served and we made a profit of \$688.85.

Tami Temple discussed the breakfast at State Session, on Sat. Sept. 14th.

County Line Grange will be cleaning the fairgrounds kitchen on Thursday, July 25th and would like volunteers from each grange to assist.

Sandi Kennedy reminded everybody to turn in community service hours.

Carol Mulholland reported that Samuel Bricks Eagle Scout project that we donated to has been completed.

Paul and Tami reported that their family did road clean up on July 8th.

Paul suggested that we do a community service project - build bee houses for the Conservation District. Will plan September as our project meeting to complete these.

Tami T. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sue Z. 2nd, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Denise Temple, secretary

## Turkey Hill

July has been as most Julies. BBQ, Old Town Market, and preparing for the Ham and Peach dinner. The BBQ attendance and sales at the Market have been average for July – nothing specular or nothing dull. By way of preparing for the Ham and Peach Dinner, we processed some seven bushel of cling peaches for spiced peaches making about 35 gallons. About the middle of the month we learned about the possibility of a fundraising event to assist our Foundation with its kitchen fund. By way of the downstairs renovation including almost a total overhaul of the kitchen., we are progressing slowly – have a rough plan for redoing the kitchen. We have not established a schedule as of now, but it will likely not begin until the Fall. The fundraising event is to have a concession stand at the Sparta Shooting Range for five days. This will occur mainly after the deadline for this article, so it will be reported in the next Granger.

We made a donation to the National Grange Foundation to support one of the contests at this November's annual convention in Minnesota. Other community service activities have included collecting toiletries for the homeless and the use of our hall for Bible studies and collecting items for Beacon's Center of Hope (assistance for the homeless)..

Looking Ahead: Annual Ham and Peach Dinner, Sunday, August 11, 2019 everyone is invited – it's the only type of dinner that we have heard of, so come and join us!

## Prairie Grange

The July meeting of Prairie Grange found our members doing what we do best - Enjoying a delicious potluck meal at our annual Picnic.

A short meeting followed the meal, our Community Service Chairman Robin Kindberg presenting Prairie Grange Community Service Awards:

Non-Granger of the year - Danielle (Dani) Klaus - She deals with Heather's Hope Organization for people with cancer.

Teacher of the Year - Cooper Simon-Tobin - She is a teacher and Administrator at Montessorri Academy in Rockford.

Fire Fighter of the Year - Paul Severson - He has been on the Boone County District #2 Fire Department for 25 years.

Subordinate Granger of the Year was presented by Master Ruth Blasingame to

Robin Kindberg - She is a 39 year very active member of Prairie Grange

Congratulations to all the Winners!

We sang happy birthday to Al and Darlene

Henninger who are both 90 years young and to Fay Ellwanger who turned 75 years young.

Otherwise our members are busy preparing for the Boone County Fair which is August 6-11th and getting ready for State Grange Session which will be September 13-15th at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Hope to see everyone there!

## County Line Grange

Our regular meeting was held July 10. Delicious food was served by Butch, Tamra, Linda and Sandy. Thanks everyone.

Roll call, Minutes, Treasurer and Committee reports were all given.

Tim reported that due to the weather, prices for corn, feed and crops were going to be up. Some farmers were selling off some cattle because feed for them is going to be more expensive.

Linda reported that 105 food baskets were given out at the Belvidere Sal. Army.

Ruth reported that the Heritage Days Parade, that we participate in, went well after having a storm delay.

Fairboard members reported on fairgrounds activities going on to get ready for the Fair. Our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held Sept. 9 at the fairgrounds. Pete and Tim installed a new fan in the kitchen at the food stand. Pete repaired the door to the Reed School house. Thanks guys.

We served lunch to Habitat-for-Humanity workers July 6 and July 27. This was greatly appreciated.

John reported our stretch of road needed cleaned. We did that July 13. Always fun!

Joellen reported our new aprons were in and looked really nice. Come and see our new aprons at the Fair for breakfast and Saturday Chicken day. We also discussed serving these meals.

Our meeting was closed. G'Dollar collection and Penny March was held.

## Flora Grange news

By *Lindakay Ebel*

Flora Grange did not hold a meeting in the month of July but held a work night at the Boone County Fairgrounds with some 30 Flora Grange members working on projects.

One of the main projects was scraping, washing and painting some of the wooden picnic tables in the pavilion, while others helped clean in the kitchen and others did various other jobs.

Following working at the fairgrounds, members went to Culvers for treats and fellowship.

On July 11 – 14th members of Flora Grange served breakfast and lunch each day to the Blackhawk Kennel Club and the Kishwaukee Kennel Club at the fairgrounds and the many people who came to view all the beautiful dogs.

Members also helped with the Boone County Pomona Grange clean up on the 24th, doing various jobs throughout the fairgrounds before the fair August 6-11th.

Flora Grange will be serving breakfast on Tuesday, the 6th, and Saturday, the 10th and dinner on Thursday, the 8th. Many of our members also help at the gates, taking tickets and doing various jobs around the grounds.

Our next Flora Grange regular meeting will be held one week later, Tuesday, August 20, 7 pm at the Flora Grange Hall.

## Agriculture

By *Albert Q. Ebel, III*  
*Ag Chairman*

### Japanese Beetles

Japanese Beetle adults are beginning to emerge in our area. Their distribution has been increasing in our area the last few years, and

they are being seen in corn and soybeans more frequently. They will continue to emerge for the next few weeks.

Japanese beetles have one generation per year. They often feed in clusters due to an attraction to the female sex pheromone and n attraction to volatile chemicals produced by damaged plants.

Japanese beetles along with a complex of other insects, such as bean leaf beetles, grasshoppers and several caterpillar species can contribute to defoliation in soybeans. They feed by skeletonizing the leaves, leaving only the leaf veins. They feed primarily in the upper canopy, making the damage very visible.

In soybeans, insecticide treatment is recommended when insects are present, and damage is expected to exceed 30% defoliation in vegetative stage and 20% in reproductive stage soybeans.

Similar to corn rootworm beetles, Japanese beetles will scrape off the green surface tissue on corn leaves before silks emerge but prefer silks once they are available. They may interfere with pollination if abundant enough to severely clip silks before pollination.

Be aware that Japanese beetle numbers are often highest on field margins, so scout across the whole field before making a treatment decision. Japanese beetle adults are about ½ inch long and have a metallic green head and thorax. A key characteristic is a series of white tufts of hair on each side of the abdomen.

A variety of insecticides labelled on corn and soybeans would be expected to provide control of Japanese beetles. See product labels for rates and restrictions.

In some cases, people have mistaken the Japanese beetles for its look-alike, the false Japanese beetle, or sand chafer. False Japanese beetle adults are about the same size as Japanese beetles, but do not have a metallic green head. They may vary in color from coppery brown to black. They may have some white hairs on the side of the abdomen, but they are not organized into tufts of hair.

Sand chafers are often noticed because they have a habit of landing on people and seem to be attracted to people wearing light-colored clothing. They have not been reported to cause economic damage to crops as adults, although the immature white grub has been reported to cause damage to potato tubers

We are also finding Japanese beetles on our fruit trees and our raspberry bushes and can kill them if not sprayed.

**Secretary's NOTE:**  
*I have moved! My new address is:*

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# The Patrons Chain

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE

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## MASTER'S MESSAGE

Fifty years ago on July 20, an American man walked on the moon. I clearly remember that day because it was the Sunday that my son was baptized at three weeks old and the whole extended family watched on TV as Neil Armstrong took "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." American pride was soaring as huge science and technology investments enabled the U.S. to be the first to land in space. It showed that with enough dedication, concentration, and money America can accomplish amazing things. I believe this is still possible today.

Today in this age of extreme partisanship, anger, bitterness, and unwillingness to listen to others' opinions, don't we need an effort like the space race to unite us? I have the feeling that as we are consumed from within with infighting, the U.S. is losing its position as the world leader. I fear for the future that our grandchildren face, as they do too according to polls.

Grange ritual teaches us to respect other people, even if we disagree. We can have civil discussions in our meetings even if our opinions differ, and remain friends. Our country desperately needs more Granges and Grangers to restore the civility of our society. As you recruit new members for your Grange, you're not just increasing numbers—you are improving American society and saving the future of our great democracy.



## HAPPY JUNIOR GRANGE MONTH!

We are excited to be celebrating our first ever Junior Grange Month across our Grange family!

Many awesome things are happening around the country from Junior Grange Camps, activities, field trips, and family excursions.

While you're out and about don't forget to wear your Junior Grange T-Shirts and help us celebrate Junior Grange Month by telling everyone about this fabulous organization!

Don't forget many deadlines are coming up quickly here by the end of the summer! Make plans now to submit your Ambassador applications, Awareness Awards, and contest entries.

**Reminder:** Your contest entries DO NOT have to go to your state level first you can submit them directly to the National Junior Grange! For questions contact Samantha Wilkins at [junior@nationalgrange.org](mailto:junior@nationalgrange.org) or 210-838-7892.



## Transportation Policy Statement

There are many different modes of transportation in existence today, and the Illinois State Grange supports the continued improvement of all our existing transportation systems.

Highways have become an indispensable means for transporting people and goods across Illinois and America. The Illinois State Grange supports efforts and legislation that will allow for necessary constructions of roads while at the same time protecting the rights of all landowners involved. It also believes that all roads should be well maintained, well marked and safe for travel.

An efficient and economical river transportation system is vital to enable Illinois producers, especially farmers with farm commodities, to compete Globally. The river transportation system needs to continue to make improvements to provide the best transportation opportunities available and to stay viable.

Railway traffic is another efficient means to transport large amounts of goods. The Illinois State Grange believes that the railroads and associated agencies are responsible for ensuring public safety at any point where railway traffic and the public come in contact.

Illinois State Grange Supports

1. The State Highway Department taking a more active approach to eradication Johnson

Grass.”

2. Continuing to monitor the United States Department of Transportation in the future to ensure farmers and ranchers that they will not be imposed with having to have commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) to transport equipment their crop and their landlords crops on the public highways.”

3. National Grange urging states that currently permit red light cameras to prohibit them and urge the adoption of a nationwide standard for the yellow light timing at intersections.

*Lynette continued from page 1*

Please consider making a donation to the Building Fund for the National Grange Building. The 11-story landmark National Grange headquarters building in Washington, D.C. was dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on June 29, 1960, and is the only private edifice in a federal block across from the White House. It serves as a non-governmental headquarters for agricultural and rural families. A professional staff administers policies established annually by democratic range processes at local, county, and state levels.

## PREPARE FOR FUN IN BLOOMINGTON

We are excited to be hosting the 153<sup>rd</sup> National Grange Convention this November in Bloomington, Minnesota!

We hope you are making plans to join us. Register to attend now! Early Bird Registration closes September 1! Begin planning now because there is so much to do in Bloomington, you'll want to arrive early or stay a day or two after convention.

The Mall of America is a must see attraction in Bloomington. Four Levels of stores at the Mall of America carry everything from top designer lines to niche items, and peppered throughout are things to do and adventures to be had. Check out the wonders of the ocean at SEA LIFE Minnesota Aquarium, paper your American Grange with a beauty makeover or double over laughing at Ron Bronson's House of Comedy. To get the big picture high above the country at Fly Over America or try your wings flying with A.C.E.S. Flight Simulation. Even little things have big effects- see how master creators make the macro at the LEGO Store. No matter the weather out at Dutchman's Deck Adventure Course, Amazing Gold. While the day is filled with endless possibilities, the seven-acre Nickelodeon Universe theme park brings personalized crayon from Crayola Experience and unbelievable savings on many of the area's marquee. Ticket at [www.bloomingtonmn.org/BigTicket](http://www.bloomingtonmn.org/BigTicket)

## National Grange Lecturer

*National Grange of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry*

Christine E. (Chris) Hamp, a fourth-generation Granger, was raised on a dairy farm homesteaded in 1882 by her great-grandfather in Monroe, Washington. Chris joined Tualco Junior Grange #341 in 1972 at the age of 5. In 1981 she joined Tualco Grange #284 and received all 7 degrees in just six months. Currently, Chris serves as Secretary at Five Mile Prairie Grange #905 in Spokane County where she is an affiliate member and on the Executive Committee for Spokane County Pomona Grange #4.

Of note, Chris was named the Washington State Outstanding Junior Granger in 1981, the Washington State Outstanding Young Granger in 1986, National Youth Ambassador in 1986 and Master of the National Youth Officer Team in 1996. She also served as the Washington State Grange Lady Assistant Steward from 1990-1995, as a Washington State Grange Special Deputy from 1999-2011, as Pomona of the National Grange from 2011-2013 and as the National Grange Lady Assistant Steward from 2013-2016.

Chris has earned a bachelor degree in Public Policy & Administration from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington; a Master of Public Administration degree from The George Washington University in Washington, DC; and an associate degree of technical arts in Fire Command Administration from Edmonds Community College in Edmonds, Washington.

While Chris earned her first million picking raspberries, she is currently employed by Spokane County Fire District 9 as the Division Chief of Administrative Services. She also serves the Fire District as a volunteer firefighter/EMT and is a Certified Fire Investigator.

Chris and her husband Duane, the immediate past Master of the Washington State Grange, live outside Spokane, Washington.





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## Youth Dept News

September is right around the corner and I am looking for a few people to participate in our youth opening drill on Sunday morning, September 15th. I only have 16 spots, please let me know as soon as possible and I will give you your office assignment. You can email me, call me, Facebook message me or post on the Illinois State Grange Youth Group. We will be spending the night at the Fairgrounds, girls in the basement of the Administration Building and boys in the Grange Hall. Please remember to bring an air mattress, blanket, change of clothes and toiletries. We will have access to the showers on the Fairgrounds through Gate 1. We will need to wear black bottoms, white tops and black close toe shoes for the drill, no sandals or flip flops. If you would like to stay more than just Saturday night, let me know I will be there from Thursday night on.

Start making your plans to attend National Grange Session in November! We will have sign up sheets at State Session for areas where we need help. Remember if you work 4 hours a day, State Grange will pay for ½ the cost of your hotel room. If 2 people in the same room both work 4 hours that equals 1 room night.

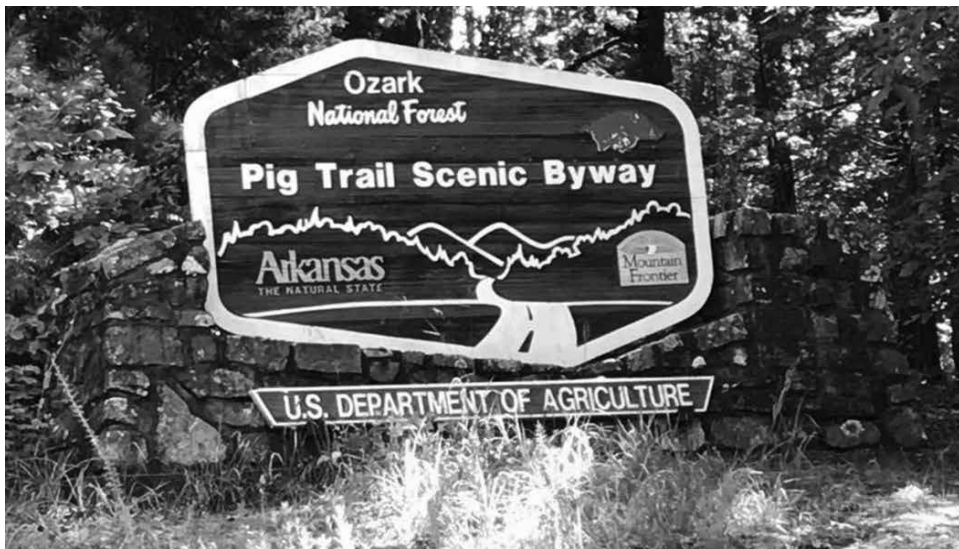
Don't forget to let me know if you can attend State Session. E-mail [kblasingame77@gmail.com](mailto:kblasingame77@gmail.com), 815-299-0313 or Facebook message or post on the Illinois State Grange Youth Facebook Group.

*To celebrate National Junior Grange month, the "L" bills collected so far have been sent to our honorary National Junior Grange Ambassador Lillian Sharpe. Lillian was recently diagnosed with leukemia and is undergoing treatment. Keep collecting and bring to state session when we gather at the Boone County Fairgrounds in September. This money will be paid forward to St. Jude's Hospital in Lillian's name.*





# Grange Revival 2019



*The campground was on PigTrail road - I have not been on a road with a sign that said Very Steep and Curvey. with no rails next to the road.*



*Don helping Joan Smith, N G Foundation Broad chair set up Olympic games.*



*Chris Hamp olympic games*



*Don in Olympic Games*





*The whole group missing Amanda B Rios*



*All the dutchovens making desserts*



*The Nightly visitor bear - we named Oliver*



## Meals, Books & Registration Illinois State Grange Session, September 13-15, 2019 Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, Il.

Friday Hot Dog Lunch, grilled hot dogs, beans, potato salad, chips, cookies, water, milk, coffee

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Night Main Banquet \$15  
Flora Grange Roast beef/Ham dinner; Roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, rolls, tossed salad, dessert, water, milk, coffee and tea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Breakfast Buffet \$10  
Variety of egg casseroles, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, toast, water, milk, coffee and juice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Luncheon Soup/Salad/Sandwich \$10  
Variety of soups, salads, and sandwiches, dessert, water, milk, coffee, and tea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth/ Young Adult Banquet \$15  
Grilled Chicken, grilled riblets, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, apple sauce, coleslaw, macaroni salad, cornbread, buttermilk biscuits, and fruit cobbler, water, milk, coffee and tea.

Sunday Morning Grab n Go Breakfast  
Donuts, rolls, muffins, granola bars, bagels with cream cheese, yogurt, apples, bananas, orange juice, apple juice, milk, coffee, & hot tea

\_\_\_\_\_ Camping Reservation \$35/night

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of youth sleeping at the fairgrounds to participate in the drill. free

\_\_\_\_\_ Delegate Book \$15

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual/Family Registration Fee \$5

Name/Grange for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

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Denotes donation only, we just need an approximate count.

Total amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Illinois State Grange

All Meal Reservations need to be in to State Secretary by August 15, 2018

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### Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrrens

As I was trying to think of something for this month's column while sitting in the ICU unit at Barnes Hospital the month of July with Don I came across this Daily Affirmation in a book in the waiting room and it seems to be right and fitting at a time that we all go through in our life.

Pain is like a series of stepping stones crossing a sometimes turbulent river. There are several steps to get across and we may choose to revisit a step more than once or more than a 100 times but each one must be touched until we get across to the other side- as with pain and little faith. Your mind, heart and body are ready to move to the next step of healing but you must find the peace and acceptance of your pain and worry. Much like a physical wound that needs time to heal it has its own time. And as many of us know we have to mend not only our wounds and mind after we cross all the stepping stones to get to the other side until the next time when something happens to us then we must start the whole progress of the stepping stones all over again. Yes there are many small tiny steps sometimes so many that we lose our faith and feel we must be in control but that is not what God has in his mind. HE has control we just have to let HIM handle it.

Our prayers are with each of you who have lost loved ones, those who are ill or cannot let God take the controls. Have faith in the Lord for He is great. Praises of thanksgiving to those who have received many blessings this month may your joys be many and remember to thank Him each day.

Our family would like to thank each of you for your thoughts and prayers for Don at this time. Hopefully by the time you receive the Granger he will have recovered enough that he will be home to finish his long road. At this time he is very weak but with therapy and patience it will go fast for him.

May God touch each of you with His love and blessings.



### Blast From The Past

By Beverly Smith

Have you all been enjoying our hot summer months? In anticipation of the hot muggy week that we had, I brought in some Grange materials from my garage to study. I have been copying and adding articles to my Grange notebooks. I look forward to displaying my materials at State Session.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota is a popular tourist destination. I remember going there when I was a teenager. In "The National Grange Monthly" issue of October 1960 there was a very nice article and picture of the presidents carved in the granite. Urban Grange #168 was located near the southern edge of the beautiful Black Hills. This Grange was organized under the happy conditions by the Hutchinson's while honeymooning in the Black Hills. There were a handful of Granges in this

area at that time. They even have a township named Grange in Deuel County. They built better communities in their local area. I am not sure if they are still around or not. A sign at Mount Rushmore says "Gifted leadership has contributed immeasurably to the distinctive institutions and ideals of the United States. Washington, Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Lincoln are among the greatest Americans whose vision and guidance helped shape our Democratic traditions. To their memory these figures have been carved in ageless granite". Everyone needs to visit this beautiful patriotic memorial!

Ladies who crochet—Did you know that there are instructions for the official Grange emblem? This also was found in this October 1960 National Grange Monthly. June Schwartz of Burritt Grange in Winnebago County made a few of these. One was gifted to my parents

when they installed officers. We in turn donated it to the grange museum at the Burritt hall. If you are interested in the instructions, let me know!

"Make America Beautiful" is a slogan that should ring in every Grange hall and Grange home. No this isn't the current political slogan. This was in the September 1961 National Grange Monthly issue pushing the idea that every Grange hall should be cleaned up with its usual housecleaning and everything else done to make it stand forth in the community.

I am really excited because Sherry Hicks just returned my call. We are going to meet at the Grange Museum tomorrow night. Hopefully we can work on some new Grange displays.

See you all soon at State Session at Boone County Fairgrounds!