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On My Mind . . . by President Dick Frette

Grangers one and all,



As we move into the fall season and the time of harvest, the days are getting shorter and, in most cases, cooler, although sometimes it's hard to feel the difference in

temperature.

We completed our six-month trial of having the program start at 7:30 pm and the meeting at 8:00 or shortly after the end of the program. The Executive Board reviewed the process at our July Board meeting and decided to continue this format for the foreseeable future.

Our next big project is our Wurstmarkt dinner. Included in this newsletter is a worker's list of suggested jobs for Saturday, October 27 work day and Sunday, October 28 dinner. If you are unable to perform the suggested duties or desire to work some other place, please contact me or Stacy Rutledge.

We completed our five month BBQ project, yet our support of the Old Town Farmer's Market continues through the first Saturday of November.

In this edition of the newsletter, David Donley, Community Service Chair, has several articles that highlight the many activities of Turkey Hill Grange. Each

year, we nominate and select a Grange Member of the Year, a Junior/1+ Member of the Year, a non-Grange Member of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and Teacher of the Year. Those who are selected are then forwarded to the State Grange where they compete with nominations from other Granges for the State award. All six of our nominations won the state award. This may have happened in the past, but I don't remember it if it did. As noted in David's article about these winners, we will celebrate their awards on October 12. Plan to attend.

We had the best Community Service book that will go to the National Grange session to compete with other Granges. We were designated a Distinguished Grange. All of these outstanding accomplishments are the direct result of David Donley's personal desire to submit the best he can for Turkey Hill Grange. For the nominations, he interviews each candidate, writes up the details for the nominations and submits them on time. When the awards were being announced at the State session, the State Community Service Chair told all of the other Granges to "come look at these nominations to see how to write a nomination."

We provided food for Tom Renner's "100 Years of HorsePOWER on August 31-September 1. We estimate that we served

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American Heritage Girls and their Projects

Submitted by Leader Jo Stanforth

Our Troop had an eventful summer great start to fall. In June, we kicked enjoyed Overnight at the Grizzlies Stadium. We watched a game and camped for the night on the field.

Our leaders attended AHG's June National Convention in St. Louis which was inspiring and informative.

In July, we had our first PJ's, Pizza, and Pancake Lock-in. AHG's National Day of Service was September 15. The Troop did a baby-item drive, made teething rings with chew bows, tag blankets, and bracelets for the expecting moms at Mosaic Pregnancy Center. *(more information on Mosaic on page three.)*

After making the items, we delivered them to Mosaic and toured the facility. The baby models showing their sizes and weights during pregnancy stages made an impression on all.

Our Pioneer and Patriots camped at Johnson's Shut-in's in Missouri the first weekend in October. The members are working on knots, outdoor skills, outdoor cooking, and geology.

Our Explorers (4-6th grades) worked with our older girls dissecting owl pullets as part of the Our Feathered Friends badge. It tied in to their field trip in September which included Bethany's Chicken Interview and Cailey's Learning about Birds Discussion.

We toured the firehouse in Belleville in October and will begin archery soon.



Hello, October



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Community Service Report Submitted by David Donley, Director

As many of you know our Community Service Report for Augusts 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018 is going to the National Grange Convention in November in Vermont. Most of you participated in some manner or other along with over 200 non-members for a total of 8,200 hours. You participated in 20 projects that we sponsored and 12 projects that were sponsored by others. Of those projects eight were fundraisers and four were new projects. The Report was judged as the best in the Illinois State Grange September 15, 2018. Our Grange received \$100 as first place among all the Reports.

We continue to collect toiletry items for the homeless. Most of them go to the Salvation Army on West Main in Belleville. Some of the items go to the Trinity UCC Church in East Belleville.

We donated \$102 worth of food to the Violence Prevention Center in East Belleville. The food was left over from the Ham and Peach Dinner (See report elsewhere in this newsletter.)

We purchased 168 age-appropriate dictionaries and delivered them to the third graders in Zion Lutheran Elementary, High Mount Elementary, Ellis Elementary, and Governor French Academy. These are the only schools in the Belleville area that use dictionaries – all other schools rely on electronic means for dictionary-type education.

One hundred sixty-nine dollars worth of cereal and toilet paper were purchased and donated to the Illinois State Grange Community Service Project. Our items and others from Illinois State Grangers were delivered to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Belleville on Sept 15, 2018.

Christmas Party Time December 8, 2018 Submitted by Jane Helms

The annual Christmas party for members, family, friends, and guests will be Saturday, December 8 at the Grange hall. The festivities begin at 5:30 pm with the Christmas cookie exchange organized by Julie Heberer, Family Activities chair, and her helpers.

Sampling the appetizers, snacks, finger foods, and sweets will begin at 6:00. The pro-gram will begin around 7:00 featuring a variety of acts by the American Heritage Girls, the Junior Grangers, and adults. Santa Claus will be arriving with gifts for the children. Invite a prospective member and family to this special event. Please bring one or two dishes for this Christmas table.



Outstanding Individuals Nominated and Recognized by THG

Submitted by David Donley

Each year the Illinois State Grange Community Service Department asks us to nominate local citizens who are outstanding in six different area. Our nominees are:

Stacy Rutledge as outstanding Grange member

- Emma Rutledge as outstanding Junior 1+ member
- Pam Leonard as outstanding non-Grange member; she is the Superintendent of the Harmony-Emge School District.
- Tony Higgins as outstanding firefighter; he is a member of the Belleville Fire Department
- Lee Graham as outstanding law enforcement officer; he is a member of the St Clair County Sheriff's Department
- Amanda Downard as outstanding teacher; she is a special education teacher at Emge Elementary School.

It is a great privilege to honor and congratulate each of the nominees as they were chosen as the best among all the nominees from all the Illinois State Granges' nominees. Each of them and their families have been invited to a special potluck dinner before our October 12, 2018 regular meeting. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with thirty minutes of social time, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. After dinner, members and guests will move upstairs for the regular program and meeting at 7:30 pm.

Family Activities Report Submitted by Julie Heberer

Eight members and one Junior Granger entered projects at the Illinois State meeting in September earning many ribbons; among winners were Junior Granger Emma Rutledge (*story and photo left*) and a Best of the Foods by Julia Heberer on her pear pie. (*Julie said she would bake a couple for the Wurstmart.*)

She said she was happy to be able to contribute six Linus quilts in THG name as well as a number of auction and raffle items.

The new projects for next year are not announced yet, but will be handed out at the GRIT meeting. The National Grange will continue the quilt projects.

Family Activities will decorate the Grange Hall for the Christmas party. Help is needed.



SAVE THE DATE! Enjoy excellent food and great conversation on Friday, November 9 with a 6:00 social and 6:30 potluck at Turkey Hill Grange. Frederick Helms will show pictures of his trip with other agricultural leaders to Argentina and Brazil earlier this year assessing world competition for American agricultural markets. **Invite your friends. Bring a prospective member to hear this informative program at 7:30.** The business meeting will follow at 8:00.

Junior Grange Report Submitted by Stacy Rutledge

Congratulations to Emma Rutledge for receiving the Junior Granger of the Year at the state grange this year. Emma entered a poster, "Save the Bees" at the state grange competition and received the best in show. She entered a decorated t-shirt with saving the bees theme and won first prize, and she entered a potato for weirdest vegetable and received third place. Congratulations!



We have discovered that our current Junior Grangers are unable to attend meetings during the current meeting time. Kids are busy and we need to adapt. We want a meeting time that is best for current members. It appears Monday will work best. We will meeting this October, November, and December to work on badge work, and projects.

If anyone has any grandchildren or neighbors with children who you think would like to join our **Junior Grange call at 618 593-0515 for the meeting schedule. I can be reached slrut@charter.net.**



Illinois State Grange Session Recap September 2018

Submitted by Dick Frette

THG Representatives: Charles Treser, Dick Frette
The 147th Session of the Illinois State Grange began at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Sep 14, 2018 at the Lady of the Snows Shrine, Belleville IL. Lynette Schaeffer, State Grange President, presided. Mayor Mark Eckert welcomed the delegates to Belleville. The Friday afternoon session opened in the 6th Degree, then was lowered to the 4th Degree for the business portion. The afternoon was primarily to conduct general business, such as roll call of officers, roll call of delegates, discussing meeting places for the 2019 and 2020 sessions, and assignment of delegates to committees to discuss the resolutions that had been prepared. The Treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2018-19; the Secretary and Executive Committee provided reports of their activities for the year. The proposed budget is out of balance by \$27,610 with expenses that much greater than income. Committees began work on their resolutions at 4:00 p.m. with the possibility of additional meetings at 8:30 p.m. following the main banquet. Charles was assigned to the Master's Address Committee and I chaired the Good of the Order & Bylaws & Grange Activities Committee. The Main Banquet was held at 6:00 p.m. Following the meal, we received the State Master's Address and celebrated the Community Service and Membership Awards. Turkey Hill's Community Service book is going forward to National. We also won all six awards for Grange Member of the Year, Jr Grange Member of the Year, non-Grange Member of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and Teacher of the Year.

The Agriculture Breakfast began our Saturday activities. Guest speaker was Elizabeth Wahle from the Illinois Extension Service who spoke about the horseradish industry in our area. The morning session started with committee reports, which were interrupted by the Family Activities Luncheon. Raffle winners were announced during this time. The afternoon session began with conferring the 5th Degree, followed shortly thereafter with conferring of the 6th Degree. Committee reports continued until the session was completed in time for the Youth/Young Adult Banquet. Following the meal, the State Youth Director provided a short report, followed by a talent show and auction.

Sunday morning started with a Celebration of Life service led by the State Chaplain. Following the service, final business was conducted and the state session ended.

At the end of June 2018, there were 22 Granges with a total of 1130 members. Seven Granges are in Boone County, eight in St Clair County and the remaining seven Granges are in six other counties. The eight Boone County Granges have 609 members (53.9%), St Clair has 392 members (34.7%) and the remaining counties have 129 members (11.4%). Turkey Hill with 163 members is currently the third largest behind Big Thunder (176) and Flora (167).

Dates of Future State- or National-Sponsored Events:

- Oct 21, 2018: GRIT, Hopewell Grange, 1:00 p.m.
• Nov 13-17, 2018: National Conference, Stowe VT
• May 17-19, 2019: State Camping Adventure, KOA Springfield

One Hundred Years of Horse Power--Fund Raiser

Submitted by David Donley

Renner's Stock Farm on Illinois Route 161 east of Belleville and west of Scott Air Force Base was the site for THG to provide food service for an event at the farm.

Our Grange was privileged to be offered the opportunity by Tom Renner to serve food at the event on August 31 and September 1, 2018.

A total of 1700 of the 3000-4,000 attendees purchased food from our booth. They consumed about 1,200 sandwiches including 106 pounds of pulled pork BBQ sandwiches and 452 pork tender loin and beef fritter sandwiches; 140 pulled pork nachos, 200 cookies and brownies, and 280 corn dogs.



Thanks to Charles Treser who provided his concession trailer to produce the corn dogs and the sandwiches. He and

twenty-four other members assisted -- a great boost to our finances. This was one of the most profitable fundraising events that we have had.

The event will be held again in the summer of 2020 -- hopefully we will be able to participate again.

• May 18, 2019: State Potluck Picnic, KOA Springfield, 1:00 pm.

• July 23-28, 2019: National Revival/ Camping Trip, Ozark Arkansas



Jam and Jelly

Submitted by David Donley

We hope all of you are aware that Barb Joseph and her crew meet at least monthly to make jams and jellies that are available for purchase to all members, guests, and at the Old Town Farmers' Market and at our annual dinners. This project is a good fund raiser as well as providing some great fellowship to those making and selling these delicious items. Thus far, this year the crew has made well over 700 jars of some 40 varieties -- some have no sweetener added (the demand for which has increased this year from past years.) Thanks to the more than 15 faithful members who have participated.



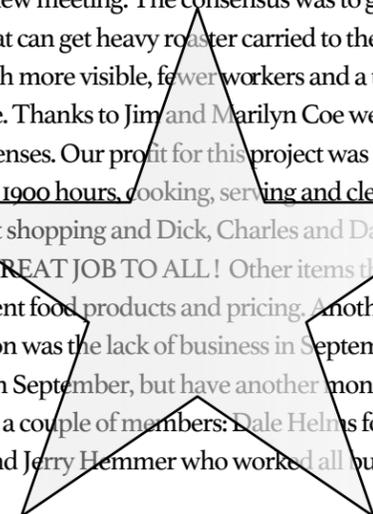
In addition to jams and jellies, the same crew made peach sauce and spiced peaches for the Ham and Peach Dinner. Quite a bit of each of these was left from that dinner and later canned and made ready for purchase.

Why do we include this information in our newsletter? The answer is because there are plenty of those jars of goodies available for purchase in the Grange Hall dining room. The are available for sale on the honor system. There is a box for buyers to pay for what they take. Members are trusted to pay the correct and full amount before taking the items.

BBQ Report for 2018

Submitted by Julie Heberer

We started the year serving the food in the dining room of the Grange, after a month and the weather so HOT we continued in the basement. Yes, it was much more comfortable for all workers and those eating in. This was the main point of discussion at the 2018 review meeting. The consensus was to go back to the trailer, but will need a person that can get heavy roaster carried to the trailer. The advantage would be much more visible, fewer workers and a true carry out for those that need assistance. Thanks to Jim and Marilyn Coe we had a great break down of income and expenses. Our profit for this project was \$6,595. With 24 people volunteering over 1900 hours, cooking, serving and clean up. Not to mention time Stacy spent shopping and Dick, Charles and David spent fixing pork steaks and pulled pork. GREAT JOB TO ALL! Other items that were discussed were advertising, consistent food products and pricing. Another item that was discussed and agreed upon was the lack of business in September. It was then agreed not to have BBQ in September, but have another money making project. My hat goes off to a couple of members: Dale Helms for eating at the BBQ nearly every Thursday and Jerry Hemmer who worked all out one Thursday night: A big star for you.



Ham and Peach Dinner Report August 12

Submitted by David Donley

A great day was had by many of our members and about six hundred local area residents at our annual ham and peach dinner.

A total of 658 diners enjoyed a delicious dinner. The diners consumed over twenty-five bushels of peaches, 290 pounds of ham, 315 pounds of potatoes, and 105 pounds of cabbage.

Thanks to the fifty-six members and nine community service workers who participated in some way, as workers, for the dinner, and a big thanks to those of you who were not able to participate as workers, but purchased and ate a meal.

Forty-six members worked either Saturday or Sunday or both days to make the dinner successful. The number of dinners served was nine less than those served in 2017 and the same served in 2016.

Photos on page 8 . . .

. . . show American Heritage Girls with the items they hand-made to donate to the Mosaic Center. The MOSAIC Pregnancy Center provides counseling and testing for women. Mosaic is a non-profit organization which depends on donations for its services.

The AHG girls made bracelets, teething rings and tag blankets to donate to the expectant mothers and babies at the center.

American Heritage Girls is open to girls ages 5-18. We meet at Turkey Hill Grange on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Troop leader is Johanna Stanforth.





Turkey Hill Grange Wurstmarkt October 28, 2018

Below are the suggested work assignments for our annual Wurstmarkt Dinner.

If you don't like your assignment, or find you haven't been assigned, please give a call. Better yet, just show up!! There will be plenty of fun to go around!! If you are unable to fulfill your assigned tasks, please call or email Dick.

Dick Frette – 618-235-8266 or email: kafrette@att.net

We serve from 10:30 – 3:00. However, help is needed on Saturday as well as after 3:00 pm for clean up on Sunday. A member who work at least four hours on either day will pay \$6.00 for the meal. Those working more than eight hours, eat free. Please plan to eat your meal before or after your "shift," unless you are working the full day.

Activities prior to prep day and dinner

- Mailing Post Cards:** Becky Keiser/Charles Treser
- Newspaper Advertisement:** Charles Treser
- Put out Road Signs:** Charles Treser
- Notice on our Marquees:** Dick Frette

Preparation Day, Saturday, October 27 – 8:00 AM

- Apple Peelers:** Terry Schuchman, Jerry Hemmer, Mary Laurent, Joyce Dintelmann, Jane Peters, Paulette Hill, Maxine Willis and other willing helpers
- Apple Crisp:** Barb Joseph, Julie Heberer, Marlene Frazer
- Fry Room/Meat Preparation:** John Rutledge, James Lercher, John Manfredi, CSW.

- Pie Room Preparation:** Mary Ann Drake, Shannon Brickey
- Dining Room Set-up:** Dick Frette, AHG, CSW.
- Upstairs Hall Set-up:** Mardy Eisloeffel, CSW.
- Carry Out Trailer Preparation:**

- Audrey Partee, Judy Campbell.
- Potato Preparation:** David Donley, CSW.
- Jelly Set up:** David Donley
- Floaters (anyone not otherwise listed):** Jump in wherever needed.

Dinner tasks, Sunday, October 28, 2018

- Set out wooden chairs and disabled signs early Sunday morning:** Charles Treser.
- Turn entrance sign around early Sunday morning:** Charles Treser.

- Ticket Sellers:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM: Jim/Marilyn Coe, Steve Shevlin
- Collect Post Cards:** 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Betty Arendell, 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Mary Beth Lee
- Potatoes:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM: David Donley, Lynn & Karen Gibson
- Pie Room:** 9:00 AM- 12:30 PM: Mary Ann Drake, Nikki Wilcoxon, Ginny Domesic
- 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Jane Helms, Jennifer Smith, Becky Steele,
- Ushers:** 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Charles Treser, Corky Helms, Carol Young; 12:30 PM-3:00 PM Marc and Lori Henrichs, Lary Eckert
- Card Announcing:** 10:15 AM-12:30 PM Mary Donley; 12:30 PM-3:00 PM Marilyn Wikgren
- Bus Boys:** 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Beisiegel Family, Robert Blomker,

- Randy Kasper, AHG
- Kitchen Crew:** Julie Heberer, Barb Joseph, Julie McGuire, Stacy Rutledge, Joyce Dintelmann, Paulette Hill
- Elevator Downstairs:** 10:00 AM-12:30 PM Jane Bonaldi; 12:30 PM-3:00 PM Mardy Eisloeffel
- Elevator Upstairs:** 10:00 AM-12:30 PM Judy Quimby; 12:30 PM-3:00 PM Harry Wurth

- Dining Room:** 10:00 AM-12:45 PM Joanna Stanforth, AHG, Julie Bilbruck, Kathy Lickenbrock, Sheryl Sternau;
- 12:45 PM-3:15 PM Judy Campbell, Megan Beisiegel, Judy & Darrell Cates, Mary Laurent
- Food Table Monitor:** 10:00 AM-12:30 PM Mike Boyne; 12:30 PM-3:00 PM Keith Brauer

- Tea Makers;** 10:00 AM-12:30 PM Lisa Griffith, Edward Uklus; 12:30 PM-3:00 PM Jerry Hemmer, James Lercher
- Coffee:** 10:00 AM-12:30 PM Colby Ross, Michael Smith; 12:30 AM-3:00 PM Burt Wikgren, Andy Wall
- Carry-out:** 9:30 AM-12:30 PM Ginger Miller, Paulette Hill; 12:30 PM-3:00 PM Becky Keiser, Jane Peters
- Drive-Thru:** 10:00 AM-12:30 PM Jeff

- Mueller; 12:30 PM – cleanup Roger Roehrig
- Parking Lot coordinator:** 10:00 AM-12:30 PM Amy Bouvet; 12:30 PM-3:00 PM Fred Helms
- Meat:** 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Mark Drake, John Rutledge, Roger Mueller, CSW; 12:00 PM-3:00 PM Darrell Lucas, George Lebonick, John Manfredi, CSW
- Member Tickets:** 10:30 AM-12:45 PM Ron Dormer **and downstairs jelly sales:** 12:45 PM-3:00 PM Grace Moon
- Picnic Tables:** 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Mary Lou & Urban Baum; 12:00 PM-3:00 PM Bob & Barbara Ruhl
- Jelly Sales:** 10:00 AM-12:30 PM Zoe Quinn; 12:30 PM-3:00 PM Tami Hughes
- Dishwashing: Silver-Glasses –** 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Jill Connors, CSW; 1:00 PM-end Sophia Treser, CSW
- Pots and Pans:** 9:30 AM-12:30 PM Bob Dintelmann, CSW; 12:30 PM-end, John Laker, CSW
- Clean-up:** 2:30 PM-end Harry Wurth, Mardy Eisloeffel, CSW
- Remove lettering on marquees:** Dick Frette, CSW
- Bring in road signs:** Charles Treser
- Turn entrance sign around:** Charles Treser
- Floaters:** Sue Herren, Michael and Clair McGlynn, Joyce Meyer, Rosemarie Parker. Anyone else who is available, please join us if you are not listed elsewhere. We will find a way for you to help.



THG Activities for November and December Submitted by Jane Bonaldi

Friday, November 9: General meeting is a potluck dinner with a social hour beginning at 6:00 pm. Meal begins at 6:30 pm. Program at 7:30 pm will be presented by Fred Helms about his trip to Brazil with the Farm Bureau highlighting agriculture. Meeting begins at 8:00.



Friday, December 7: General meeting. There will be no program. Saturday, December 8: Christmas Festivities. All are welcome to share in the cookie exchange (bring three dozen) at 5:30 downstairs. At 6:00 pm the Christmas Party will begin upstairs. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share. Plan to sing some carols and begin to get in the Christmas Spirit! Old St. Nick will make an appearance! Bring family and friends (especially children) to enjoy the evening. See you there!

Congratulations to a new Junior (almost)

Granger, the son of Kyle and Shannon Lickenbrock. Grayson Wayne Lickenbrock was born Saturday, September 29, weighing in at nine pounds three ounces and twenty-one inches. Grayson Wayne is the grandson of Kathy (Heberer and Dal Licenbrock and great grandson of Julie Heberer. Congratulations to parents, grandparents and to Julie, his great grandmother.



On My Mind from Dick Frette continued from p. 1) over seventeen hundred guests during those two days. Thanks to all who helped with that effort, especially David Donley, Stacy Rutledge and Charles Treser.

Finally, the Illinois State Grange session was held in Belleville this year at the Lady of the Snows Shrine. Charles Treser and I served as your delegates. Several of our members received ribbons for their projects.

I have included a recap of the state session in this newsletter. I can provide a copy of the resolutions for those who want to know the results. Just make a request.

Although it's still a couple of months away, start planning now for our annual Christmas party scheduled for Saturday, December 8. Details will follow.

Remember that Turkey Hill Grange is known for its support of the community, but it is only possible when each of us takes the time to help with our projects around town. With everyone's help, we can continue to make this a very successful year for Turkey Hill Grange.

Dick

