

The Gobbler

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Prez Sez

By Charles Treser

Fall and the beautiful tree colors are upon us. Like the 3rd degree, harvest time and reaping what we have sown. And so it is with our Grange. Many rewards have been received and more to come with our Wurtsmarkt in a few weeks. Much as been said about our super successful Renner's food sales. The tremendous success came as we Grangers pulled together and worked side by side during the 4 days of the event. I called an after-action meeting and several very good suggestions were made and will be included as we plan our 2024 Renner function. As always, I am so proud of Turkey

Hill Grange and the Grangers that make everything happen. We can puff our chests a bit as we received numerous awards and recognitions at the recent Illinois State Grange session. I want to thank all who were involved in making the Grange look so pleasant with new curtains and some painting. The kitchen improvement committee is working let contracts for replacement windows and wall cabinets. The last of our big 3 fundraisers, the Wurtsmarkt is upon us. David has sent you all a list of duties that must be done. Do what Grangers do.



Turkey Hill Grange with support from Emerald Mound Grange (EMG) served breakfast, lunch, and dinner to 100 Years of Horsepower patrons all three days of the show and exhibit. Starting about a week before the show, Turkey Hill and EMG members prepared one of Mr. Renner's garages for food service. EMG provided two propane fires stoves that were used extensively to cook everything but the deep-fried products; and EMG supplies the all-important nacho cheese machine. Turkey Hill provided freezers, refrigerators,

deep friers, roasters and crock pots. The set up and processes got a practice run on Wednesday when workers showed up for coffee and breakfast early and came back for lunch and dinner. Starting Thursday, working from before 7 am to after 8 pm, Grangers prepared and served a variety of "fair food." Breakfast featured biscuits with sausage gravy or pancakes with sausage links; lunch (served all day) included Bar-B-Que sandwich, bratwurst, hot dogs, pork tenderloin, French fries, nachos, and funnel cakes. The evening meal added a Bar-B-Que combo plate and beef and noodle dinner. (Continued on page 2)

Third Degree—Autumn—Charity

The Grange includes lessons told and learned through degrees. The first four degrees are based on the Seasons, actions, and tools from the natural world and agriculture. Third Degree, Autumn, tool is the Sickle. The Sickle symbolizes the harvest, peace and prosperity, and is the harbinger of joy. The Sickle provides a reminder of honorable employment, present prosperity and prophecy of future plenty.

-From National Grange Pamphlet, Degrees and Symbols of the Subordinate Grange, membership@nationalgrange.org

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100 Years of Horsepower *(continued from Page 1)*

Starting Thursday morning (Aug 25th) through Saturday evening (Aug 27th) business was brisk and sometimes hectic as thousands of fairgoers enjoyed our fair food.

Turkey Hill Patrons provided cooks, order takers, and food servers to keep four or five customer service lines going almost all day. EMG provided a cashier every day, greatly improving the efficiency of customer service and financial accountability. The food concession closed at 8 pm each night. Grangers then gathered the “pots and pans” from the days work and took them to Turkey Hill Grange for cleaning for the next day’s service. Overall participation was excellent. Some Grange members worked very long days to make the project a success while others could give only a few hours of enthusiastic support—all made a definite contribution to a very successful fund raising project. The financial outcome from Renner Farm allows the Grange to continue to sustain its building, pay forward to the Turkey Hill Grange Foundation supporting scholarships in 2023, and provide contributions to worthy not-for-profits in the local community. Additionally we shared a proportional percentage of the financial outcome with EMG. Mr. Tom Renner, owner of the Renner Stock Farm, is planning another show and exhibit in 2024. Turkey Hill Grange looks forward to being a part of the show again.

Flea Markets

Our last 2022 Flea Market is planned for 22-23 October.

Tables available at \$15 per day to vendors, direct sales, crafters, or even for rummage sale items. **Set up on Saturday or Sunday starts at 6:30 am. Early setup Friday before, 9 am — 6 pm** for additional \$5 per 8-foot table.

Grange will have its own rummage sale area on the Upper Level. We also will sell baked goods, food and drinks all day.

Help is needed.

Questions: Stacy Rutledge at 618-593-0515.

Donated items taken anytime. Call Stacy Rutledge or Chris Bersett 618-233-6994 and we can meet you to get your items.

Farmers’ Markets

This summer and fall we sold jams and jellies, and other items at the Vine Street Market, downtown O’Fallon, IL. We sell inside the O’Fallon Station building, 9 am to 12 pm. The season ends October 16th. The address is 212 E. 1st Street, O’Fallon IL.

We also sell our jams and jellies through October on Thursdays at the Swansea Farmers Market. On State Highway 159, Rural King parking lot. 10 am — 2 pm.

Come check us out. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors. We will have new items to sell made by our quilters, breads, stained glass items, honey, chocolate, seasonal produce, and a few plants. We need help to work the Turkey Hill Grange booth at each of these markets. To volunteer or for questions call Stacy Rutledge, 618-593-0515.



Stacy Rutledge tends to business at O’Fallon Farmers’ Market

VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES

Wurstmarkt

- Prep — October 29, 2022
- Dinner — October 30, 2022

Weekly Farmers’ Markets

- Thursdays, 10 am—2 pm, Swansea
- Saturdays, 9 am—12 pm, O’Fallon

Flea Market

- October 22-23



John Siemens' granddaughter enjoys her first H&P dinner. Photo by John Siemens

Ham and Peach Dinner

Our traditional Ham and Peach Dinner (H&P), Sunday, August 14, 2022, was a success thanks to 46 Grangers who participated. Ten Community Service workers supported us Saturday and 14 worked on Sunday—they were a great help. Business was steady during the serving hours on Sunday with little to no waiting time for our customers. We planned on serving 500; however, only 366 meals were sold, so ham and peach cobbler were left over. Some cobbler was sold at Renner Farm Show and more has been used at Grange events. Extra ham was frozen. If you want to purchase ham or cobbler contact David Donley or Stacy Rutledge.

Apple Butter

Our annual Apple Butter making was September 13th and 14th. Five bushels of Golden Delicious apples were peeled and made into apple sauce on Tuesday. On Wednesday, activities began at 5:30 am and ended by 11:30 am. we made 8 half-pints of sugar free, 143 half-pints and 24 pints of regular apple butter. The apples were very "dry" thus the yield was greater than planned giving us more apple butter. Sixteen members contributed 86 hours over the two days. David Donley says, "Thanks to all who participated."



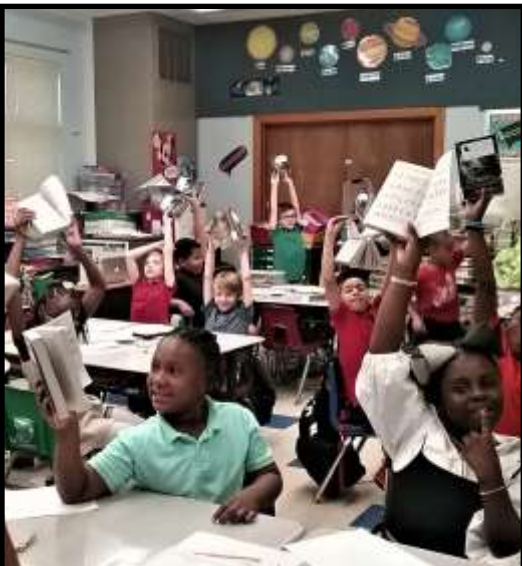
Grangers peeling and processing apples.



Stacy and Emma Rutledge stirring the Apple Butter.

We now have plenty of apple butter for sale at \$6 per half-pint jar and \$10 per pint. Sugar-free apple butter is also \$6 for a half-pint jar.

Dictionaries for Third Graders



Students happy to have new Dictionaries

Stacy Rutledge and Mary and David Donley delivered dictionaries to 14 Governor French Academy and 67 Ellis Elementary School students on September 20th as part of our Community Service Program. Each dictionary was personally given a student in their classroom. The dictionaries are age appropriate and cost Turkey Hill Grange \$3.75 each. Each dictionary contains a label on the front for the student's name and shows it came from Turkey Hill Grange. In past, we donated dictionaries to essentially all the Belleville area elementary schools, but in the last few years only these two schools wanted them. The other elementary schools don't use paper dictionaries anymore.

"Labor disgraces no man; unfortunately, you occasionally find men who disgrace labor."
—Ulysses S. Grant

The Quilt Block

Quilt Drawings

Seasonal Throws Drawing

Four seasonal throws (each approximately 55 in X 70 in) are completed. Tickets for a drawing for all four throws were sold starting during the Chicken Dinner. Ticket sales will close at the end of the Wurstmarkt. Tickets for the four throws are \$5. Drawing for the winner at close of Wurstmarkt 2022. Proceeds from the drawing support our Quilt of Valor projects.

Quilts of Valor

Presentation of Quilts of Valor to veterans will be the program for Friday, [November 11, 2022](#). Because we plan to honor as many as 10 veterans, we plan to [start the program at 7 pm](#) with the regular Grange Meeting to follow.



Four seasonal throws.

Member Recognition & Awards



Turkey Hill Grange recognized members for their enduring dedication and participation in the Grange at a potluck dinner, July 8, 2022. President Charles Treser presented longevity recognitions. Recognitions for Grangers who were unable to attend were sent by mail. *(Photos by Dave Philip)*



Rick Kohn, 5 years



10 Years: Jim Coe, Marilyn Coe, Nikki Wilcoxon



Tom Holbrook, 15 Years



Mary Donley, 20 Years

Community Service Award Winners

Each year Turkey Hill Grange submits Community Service Award nominees to the Illinois State Grange (ISG). For 2022 we submitted a Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, Grange Member, Educator, and Non-Grange Member. Last year our Law Enforcement nominee, Officer Dan Cook, won recognition as the National Grange Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. This year ISG selected both our Law Enforcement nominee and our Firefighter nominee to send to the National Grange.



Photo by Dave Philip

Captain Gary Kempf accepts Turkey Hill Grange recognition as 2022 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year from David Donley. Gary is the head of the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department Auxiliary supervising and scheduling volunteer officers to support the Sheriff. Since 1986 he has risen through the volunteer ranks to Captain, the highest volunteer position. Gary and his team assist charitable and non-profit groups and many local villages with traffic control and similar duties for special events. These duties require him to be on duty away from his family and friends during many holidays and weekends. His reward is knowing he made a difference, and in many cases prevented potentially violent situations. He is one of only a few volunteers who is deputized to act on behalf of the County Sheriff. Gary says, "I do not expect any such compensation or reward—assisting others is enough!" He has received numerous commendations for his voluntary service including a Presidential Volunteer Service Award.



Fire Captain Eric McDonald, Freeburg, IL, Fire Department, receives recognition as Turkey Hill Grange Firefighter of the Year from David Donley. Eric became interested in firefighting as a result of researching a vocation for an English course assignment. He interviewed the Freeburg Fire Chief who challenged him to consider joining the department. Eric took the challenge and advanced rapidly from firefighter, to engineer, and on to Captain. He is specially trained in HAZMAT, and confined spaces, ice and water, vehicle, and machinery rescue. He holds an Associate Degree in Fire Services and Safety. Eric relishes doing his best and especially working with young kids teaching them about fire prevention. He makes a deliberate attempt to present things that even the kindergarten students understand. Although he is employed full time, he volunteers to work extra so he can have time off during the school day to visit the elementary school and present fire prevention classes. He stated one of his greatest joys was when the fire house sponsored a birthday party for a kid or open house for all residents. During such events his magnetic personality and talking at the kids' level draws kids to him. They flock to him so they can get inside a fire truck, pretend they are driving. Because of his personality, knowledge, and dedication, he is a mentor to younger firefighters. Currently, he is mentoring two 18-year-old relative new firefighters.



Photo by Dave Philip

Stacy Rutledge shows off Grange Member of the Year t-shirt. Stacy is involved in almost everything at Turkey Hill Grange. She was the Greeter and is an Executive Board Member and a key part of the Community Service Team. She is important to several fund raising projects including our Flea Market, running the kitchen at major dinners, adult member of Busy Bees 4H Club; secretary and vendor of a Farmers' Market; co-leader of the Jam and Jelly project; active and contributing member of her daughter's high school parents group fundraising events and other activities. She constantly seeks ways to publicize the Grange and increase its fund-raising potential. At the two weekly Markets she raised, prepared and donated large quantities of produce and bake goods. When a local flea market unexpectedly closed last fall, Stacy proposed to the Executive Board the Grange become the sponsor of a new Flea Market. Her detailed plan was approved. The April 2022 Market was a success, so monthly markets were scheduled June through August and October. This project raises money with comparatively little work. The Flea Market is only one example of Stacy's involvement with her Grange and community. She is the chief shopper for Grange events and fund raising projects. Always watching for sales, she makes sure we have the best products at the lowest prices for meals and catering. Her pleasing personality, persistence, and work ethic easily convince other Grangers to assist her willingly.

Community Service Awards (continued)



Photo by Dave Philip

Educator of the Year, Margery Handy, Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, accepts recognition from David Donley. Margery is a speech pathologist. This past year Margery taught an average of 60 children per week from pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade how to talk. She worked online during the first few months of the year due to COVID and the rest of the year in her private consulting office—often Pro Bona—during the pandemic. Other therapists send Margery the difficult cases. In one referred case of a three-year old child, she quickly assessed why the child had difficulty speaking understandably and used some of the adult techniques she had learned earlier. After about six weeks, the child was speaking well. As the child and parents were leaving her private office, Margery asked if there was anything else with which she might assist the family. Without hesitation, the mother commented that she needed help in getting the child to eat. (Margery commented that she could see that the child had nutrition problems because the child was very thin and frail looking.) This was a new area for Margery, but, without hesitation, she said she would try. The child only ate a very few meat items like the crust on fried chicken and some other crunchy meat items and no vegetables. Margery developed never-before-used teaching strategies and techniques and in just six weeks the child was eating a great variety of meats (all the chicken) and all types of vegetables and had gained weight. Margery often uses games to teach kids, and even adults, how to speak effectively. In the school setting, she asks them to tell their class what they did with Ms. Handy, and invariably, the kid says, “We played games.” Margery also appears as a cast member in theater productions many evenings and weekends. She is very active in her church assisting both children and adults with speaking challenges.



Local historian and community activist, Judy Belleville, accepts Non-Grange Member of the Year recognition. The Belleville Historic Preservation Commission, the Labor and Industry Museum, and at least three Historical Districts are all as a result of Judy Belleville’s efforts and determination. In 1970, Judy, her husband and three other Belleville couples decided the numerous often century-old homes should be preserved. Each couple purchased a run-down house and restored it to its original condition. That done, they moved on to establish a Historical Preservation Commission. Once the winning Mayoral candidate made the Commission part of his platform Judy’s efforts gained official status. She has collected and displays over 10,000 historical photographs of Belleville. During COVID she worked from home researching and publishing two histories of Belleville: 1814-1914 and 1914-2014. So what to do with large amount of history and many photos? You start a museum. She became one of the prime movers establishing the Belleville’s Labor and Industry Museum. Once established some 20 years ago, her next challenge was finding a building for the museum to make all the material available to the public. Her knowledge of the city and her dedication and determination made her one of the leaders who convinced the City of Belleville to set aside one of their properties for the museum. Judy’s efforts led to many individuals and contractors donating time and material for the restoration of the property and very soon a new addition to house a blacksmith shop, storage for a large steam engine tractor, and associated items. Her volunteer historic community preservation work has earned many local awards. She is most proud of receiving a recent award from the Illinois State Historical Preservation Society. That award recognized her monumental efforts to preserve the many and varied types of architecture in Belleville and history of Belleville.

Calendar Update

October 2022			
10	Columbus Day		
11, 7 pm	Grange Executive Board	Draft 2023 Budget	
14, 7:30 pm	Grange Meeting		
29, 8:00 am	Wurstmarkt Workday		
30, 10:30 am – 2 pm	Wurstmarkt		
November 2022			
8, 7 pm	Grange Executive Board	Approve Budget	
11, 7 pm	Grange Meeting	Quilts of Valor Approve Budget	
11	Veterans Day		
24	Thanksgiving		
December 2022			
6, 7 pm	Grange Executive Board		
	Christmas Party		
25	Christmas		
January 2023			
1	New Years Day		
10, 7 pm	Grange Executive Board		
13, 6 pm	“Dues Paying” Potluck Grange Meeting		
16	Martin Luther King, Jr., D		
Holiday	Grange Meeting	Grange Activity	Fund Raising Event

New Member

Turkey Hill Grange welcomes Natalie Long. Natalie is an environmental lawyer for the State of Illinois. She recently moved back to the Belleville area from Springfield, IL. Natalie is the daughter of Turkey Hill Grange members John and Gail Long.





WURSTMARKT

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Sunday, October 30, 2022
10:30 am — 2 pm

Invite your friends and neighbors to our Wurstmarkt Dinner. David Donley, Wurstmarkt Chairperson, sent a Wurstmarkt flyer to all Grangers. Print a few and pass them out to your neighbors.

David sent a recommended worker list to all Grangers. On Sunday, October 30, we serve from 10:30 am until 2:00 pm in the dining room and provide to-go meals from the trailer. We also need help Saturday to prepare for Sunday's meal. Workers are needed after 2:00 pm for clean up on Sunday. There are jobs for every Granger regardless of your experience or capabilities. Plus this is a great opportunity for fellowship with other Grangers as you prepare and serve a delicious meal to our customers. If you can't fulfill your suggested tasks, David would appreciate a call (618-235-3310) or e-mail, dldonley@aol.com.

Members who work at least 4 hours on either day pay \$8.00 for their meal. Those working 8 hours or more eat free. Please plan to eat your meal before or after your "shift" unless you are working all day.

We will serve fruit cobbler and ice cream for dessert—no homemade pies needed for this meal.

Good and Faithful Servant



James Edward Parrish

James (Jim) E. Parrish was born August 25, 1944, in Dos Palos, CA, and died August 2, 2022, at home in Dawson, IL. He is the son of Thomas and Edna (Schad) Parrish. He married Loretta Wurth on November 8, 1969 in Belleville, IL. They have two children (Jennifer and Rebecca) and two grandchildren.

Jim graduated from Freeburg High School, Louisville Technical Institute, and University of Illinois at Springfield. Jim retired from the State of Illinois as an electronic technician after 33 years of service. He was a 60-year member of Turkey Hill Grange. Jim served as a Buffalo-Dawson-Mechanicsburg sewer commissioner for many years. He attended Buffalo Hart Presbyterian Church. In retirement, he enjoyed helping his friend Mike with harvest season. Jim also enjoyed fishing, ham radios, anything electronic, and watching NASCAR racing.

Private services were held at Fullenwider-Park Funeral Home, Mechanicsburg, with burial at Mechanicsburg Cemetery.

Diamond Mineral Springs Outing

In August a group of Grangers went to Diamond Mineral Springs in Grantfork, IL for dinner. The food was served family style, with your meat entree, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cole-slaw, beets and homemade biscuits and apple butter. A good time was had by all!



Left to Right: Jane Bonaldi, Dave Donley, Mary Donley, Carol Young, Hilda Koluch, Dale Helms, Marlene Frazer, Jane Helms, Larry Liniger, Mary Beth Lee, Sophia Treser, Charles Treser



Grangers enjoy family-style meal at Diamond Mineral Springs