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The summer season is here and the field crops are growing rapidly. So too is the term of office of our elected officials. It was important for you to be present and vote at the July regular meeting and election. The elected officers will be installed at the August regular meeting. It has been my true pleasure to have served as your President from 2021 to 2024. I ask you to give your full support to the newly elected President, Ron Bersett. There is a lot of activity coming our way in the next few weeks. Ham & Peach dinner, Renner 100 Years of Horsepower days (our major fundraiser) and the normal routines we face each month. Turkey Hill Grange is recognized as one of, if not the, leading Grange in the state. We accomplish a lot in part because we have a large membership, but large doesn't mean successful—it is the dedication and willingness of many members to get the job done that sets THG apart from other Granges. I wish you much continued success in THG, as you lead the way.

Charles

Programs and Activities

From Lynne Edwards, Program Director

July 20, 6:30 pm, **Dinner at Reifschneider's Grill & Grape, 700 N State Street Freeburg, IL**, Menu at grilandgrape.co. Contact Lynne for reservation and information.

August 9, 7 pm, Installation of Officers followed by Regular Grange Meeting.

September 20, 7 pm, Tom Holbrook, St Clair County Clerk, speaks on Voting and Elections.
Activity in September: BYOB (Bring Your Own Banana) Ice Cream Sundae Night with Music (date to be determined).

October Activity: Pot Luck and Game Night

Watch for "Self Sufficient Days" presentations by Bobbi Kreig in September and October.

HAM AND PEACH DINNER



Ham & Peach Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, August 4, 2024. David Donley is the Chairperson. We've already made excellent progress in preparing for the event. The spiced peaches were made June 20th. The worker list and schedule were published July 9th by email. This is a complex meal and we have workdays scheduled starting July 31st.

- Wednesday, July 31, Peach Sauce Day, starts 8 am
- Thursday, August 1, Potato Day, starts 8 am
- Friday, August 2, Peaches and Potato Salad Day, starts 8 am
- Saturday, August 3, Pre-Service Setup and Food Preparation Day, starts 8 am
- Sunday, August 4, Service Day, start times vary by job

Worker Meal policy change: Any Granger who works 4 to 8 hours over the course of preparation and service will get their meal for \$9 (half price). Grangers working more than 8 hours get a free meal on Sunday.

If you don't see your name on the worker list, feel free to show up and help anyway. Your hours will be credited.

MENU: ham, peach sauce, spiced peach, American and German potato salads, coleslaw, green beans, peach cobbler, sliced peaches with ice cream.

If you can't work, please bring your family and friends to enjoy our excellent food on Sunday.





28-31 August 2027

Renner Stock Farm, 3412 Carlyle Ave, Belleville

Turkey Hill Grange Food Service

We will provide fair food during the “Renner Farm Show”. This is a great opportunity that comes around every-other year. In 2022 we earned over \$14,000 net for Turkey Hill Grange. We expect to do better this year. We need maximum participation from Grange members to make this event a success. Charles Terser is the Chairperson for this major fundraiser.

Setup: Renner’s provides a garage in a prime location for us to set up a fair food kitchen and serving area. We will start setup early in August and continue through Tuesday, 26 August. Set up includes moving refrigerators, freezers, deep fryers, stoves and a flat top from Turkey Hill and Emerald Mound Granges and setting up Charles’ trailer near the facility. Also shopping and stocking food and paper and packaging is underway. Meanwhile the Turkey Hill kitchen will be busy preparing food in advance. Watch for set up schedule in your e-mail and lend a hand whenever you can.

Service: We will start food service on Wednesday, 27 August, for setup workers. Mr. Renner has invited local 5th Graders to come visit the farm on Thursday, 28 August. We plan to serve them. Regular service will start Friday, 29 August and continue through Sunday, 31 August. **On September 1st, we’ll continue to serve food for cleanup workers.**

Cleanup: Cleanup duty starts about an hour before closing time each day. Some pots and pans may need to make the trip to Turkey Hill for cleaning and preparation for the next day’s service. **Starting 2 September we will remove our left over food and goods from Renner’s.** Also, we will disassemble our kitchen and serving areas and return the equipment to the Granges. We expect to be done in two days. Again, look for clean up schedule in your e-mail.

Hours of Operation (27 August — 1 September)

7 am — 10 am Breakfast & 10 am — 8 pm Fair Food

Renner Menu	<u>Fair Food</u>
<u>Breakfast</u>	Bratwurst
Pancakes & Link Sausage	Hot Dog
Biscuits and Sausage	Pulled Pork
Gravy	French Fries
	Funnel Cakes
	Corn Dog
	Lemonade

TURKEY HILL GRANGE OFFICERS

Turkey Hill Grange held annual election of officers at its Regular Meeting, July 12, 2024. Officers will be installed and begin their term at the next Regular Meeting, August 9, 2024. Please congratulate and support our new officers!

President Ron Bersett

Vice President Marilyn Coe

Program Director Lynne Edwards

Steward John Rutledge

Assistant Steward John Manfredi

Lady Assistant Steward Bobby Krieg

Chaplain Jill Connors

Treasurer Jim Coe

Secretary Chris Bersett

Greeter Jane Bonaldi

Ceres Judy Brindley

Pomona Nikki Wilcoxon

Flora Carol Young

Executive Committee (At Large)

Mardy Eisloeffel (3 years)

Charles Terser (3 years)

Note: David Edwards was appointed, July 9, 2024, to fill an Executive Committee unexpired term with an expiration date of August 2026. Executive Committee Members continuing to serve are Jane Helms (term expires August 2026) and Amy Bouvet and Hilda Koluch (terms expire August 2025).

The Graces

Sitting at the front of the Grange Hall facing the altar are the three Graces, Ceres, Pomona, and Flora. These are three of the four jobs that must be filled by Sisters of the Order—a notable rule for an organization started in the 19th century. The primary duties of Ceres, Pomona and Flora are participation in initiations, degree work, and general cooperation with other Grange Officers. The Graces provide a tie to the agricultural history and foundation of the Grange.

The ancient Greeks and Romans worshipped Ceres, Pomona and Flora, as goddesses. To them Ceres (Greek: Demeter) was the goddess of agriculture, fertility, grains, harvest, motherhood, and cultivated crops. Pomona (Greek: Opora) was the goddess of fruitful abundance and plenty. Flora (Greek: Chloris) was the goddess of flowers and spring.

In the Grange we place a “Sister of the Order” in these presiding positions to show our respect for them and our regard for agriculture. We encourage the Graces to enlarge their sphere of thought and action, and to elevate their aims and character; and ask them in turn to grace our meetings with their presence and counsel, and thus refine our manners and improve our lives.

Ceres presides over our sacred rites to encourage our members to labor with diligence and prudence. Her symbols are grain and the sickle, reminders of God’s bounty, and of man’s duty to garner that bounty, carefully and gratefully.

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The Quilt Block

Quilters will be working at the Grange Hall, 9 am-4 pm on the following days:

- July 16 and 17
- No workshop due to Renner Farm Show
- Sept. 17-18
- Oct. 15-16
- Nov 12-13

Anyone is welcome to join us. Bring your lunch, and craft or sewing project and extension cord if you need one.



The banner features a red and blue background with a white star in the center. On the left, there is a gold award icon with a blue ribbon and the text 'LECTURER NATIONAL GRANGE'. The main text reads '2024 NATIONAL GRANGE QUILT BLOCK CONTEST Split-Back Star Block'. Below this, it says 'RULES AND GUIDELINES: WWW.NATIONALGRANGE.ORG/LECTURER-CONTESTS'. At the bottom left, it says 'ADULT & JUNIOR DIVISIONS Deadline: September 1, 2024'.

The Graces *(continued from page 4)*

Pomona lends special attention to fruits. She urges cultivation and improvement of fruits. She reminds members that the best in kind and quality can never become too abundant. She also points out that no trees bear fruit in Autumn which do not blossom in the Spring. That life may be profitable, laden with good fruits, let all endeavor that youth be studious and virtuous, replete with the blossoms of observation and study—the promise of future wisdom and usefulness.

Flora encourages members to cultivate flowers—the most beautiful expressions of the Creator’s goodness—and to adorn their homes with flowers. “Their purifying and refining influences are needed by all, and their cultivation cannot but elevate the thoughts and refine the tastes of all who thus study and cultivate their graceful forms and beautiful colors”

Out of respect we do not walk between the Graces and the Altar when the Grange is in session, except as part of a ceremony.

Information from the Subordinate/Community Grange Manual of the Patrons of Husbandry, 47th Edition. The next issues of The Gobbler will include information on Grange Offices to help our members understand the concepts and traditions of the Order. —Ed

Welcome New Members!

Please take time to welcome Harry Fishbein who joined during January 2024.

Illinois State Grange Session, 13-15 September, 2024, Collinsville, IL

Illinois State Grange will hold its yearly session at the Double Tree by Hilton, Collinsville, IL, Friday, September 13th, 1 pm, through Sunday, September 15th. Full information is in the June edition of the *Illinois State Granger* available at <https://illinoisstategrange.org>

Turkey Hill Grange deadline for registrations for the State Session, meals, and rooms is Friday, August 9th (Regular Grange Meeting). Chris Bersett, Secretary, will forward all reservation requests and payments to Illinois State Grange. State registration and meal request form must accompany payment. The form is in the June issue of *Illinois State Granger*.

State Session Contests—Bring your contest entries before the Session starts at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 13th. Also, check the rules of the various contests in the November 2023 issue of the *Illinois State Granger*.

E-mail Extra

Photos from the 150th Anniversary Celebration, April 2024, that we didn't have space to include in the Anniversary Special Edition of *The Gobbler*. All photos by David Philip.



Nikki Wilcoxon views 4H display



Charles Terser, Turkey Hill President, with Nation Grange President Chris Hamp



Chris Hamp, National Grange President, with Mary Beth Lee



National Grange President Chris Hamp with personalized tumbler presented by Turkey Hill Grange