

Illiana News

October 2019

Letter From Our President

Once again, a big thank you goes to Joan & Dave and all the many club members and the volunteers for making our History Day a whopping success. What a beautiful day we had and you all should be proud of your part in this, whatever you did.

Thanks goes to Jim Cunningham for bringing his grain drill over and helping me sow the wheat on Tuesday, September 24. Thank you to Chad Hasser & Curtis Rowe for tilling up the oat stubble and thank you to Tony Martin of Martin Seeds for donating the wheat seed. Also, thanks goes to Jeff Troike of Nutrien Co. & Kevin Peterson, Peterson Seeds for donating notepads for history day. Thanks to their generosity, we not only had enough for this year, but will have enough for next year also.

I want to thank everyone for getting everything put away and the grounds cleaned up after the kids left on History Day. The old wood porch floor has been taken up on the ladies quilt building in preparation for the new concrete floor.

See you at our October meeting,

Tom

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Association is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Hall. Bring a dish to pass for the carry-in dinner.

See you there!

Illiana Quilters News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

The quilters are currently working on the 3rd annual Fall Bazaar to be held on Oct. 26th at the Pine Village Fire Station Community Room. Time will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. So come on out and support the local quilters! This year we will again include baked goods as well as some coffee and hot cider while you shop.

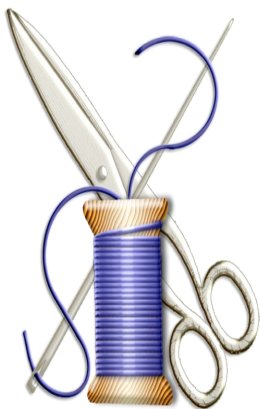
The raffle quilt this year was won by a local Pine Village resident, Tina Lane. Unfortunately the hot weather was a big factor in our sales for the power show this year...just too hot to be thinking about snuggling up under a nice warm quilt!

The quilter cottage has gotten a coat of paint on the inside and also the ceiling has been replaced....so the next time it's open, come take a look.

Several members of the quilt club recently enjoyed a day out shopping at various quilt shops in the Indianapolis area. Always good to go and get some new ideas for future projects.

The raffle quilt for the 2020 Power and Steam show is already in the works, so be watching the Illiana Quilters Facebook page to get a preview.

Don't forget the bazaar on the 26th of October...hope to see everyone there!!



Illiana Quilters Important Dates

Sat., Oct. 26: 3rd Annual Fall Bazaar,
@ Pine Village Fire Station.

History Day Recap and Thanks

Submitted by: Joan Fry

Thank you Folks!

History Day 2019 is history! Thank you all so much for all the work you put in. We had about 70 members working before the big day and on Friday. This year we had many volunteers, who are not members, help out. Mr. Shackleton was in Jim Eberle's office. "Shack" knows about farm business in this area. The Beheler family are not members but almost the whole family was busy doing something. Liam was on one of the spinning wheels. Phoebe was helping make butter and Amanda was running the cornbread kitchen. (Thanks to everyone who made cornbread especially Donna Moudy who baked hers in the Assembly hall oven...now that's fresh!) Kallum Beheler did all sorts of things from helping make paper cups to helping Donna Scroggins and Mama Lechlitner with Pioneer games. This station is one we have had years ago and resurrected it this year. The Beheler family was also responsible for inviting the Tippewa Spinners. We also had a lady call from Lafayette and volunteer. She heard about our History Day from the Home-school Network. We put her to work at the kitchen with Amanda. Boyd Crone, our log cabin friend, came to talk about the cabin. We had a great group of blacksmith fellows. Rob Durrett and Peter Cooper were not with us this year because of health and scheduling complications. They were missed and we hope to see them again next year. The dulcimer folks made old timey music all day and they have several members who are not Illiana members. Thanks to all the visitors who went above and beyond. We hope you liked History Day as much as the kids did and would like to come back.

The train guys made lots of kids very happy! The trains are always a favorite activity for everyone. This year the manure spreader with the fringe on top was a big hit too... Jim and Deb Courtney hauled a full load all day.

Both people movers were busy all day. Thanks to Tom Nickle and Jim Manlief. Jim Cunningham worked his magic again and everyone had a bottle of water as well as a drink from the paper cups. Thank you Attica County Market. Scott Price was really busy making cider. Gretchen Stutler said several kids probably went home with a tummy ache because they drank too much.

Almost all of the Jones family helped this year. Sam helped Cecil in the print shop. Kassie ran the milkhouse and made butter. Esby helped Kenny do laundry. And the rest of the family were busy doing something all day.

Clayton and Jaime had the steam engine up and going. We really appreciate all the extra work History Day makes for everyone. Some even had to take off work to be there. Thank You! John and Jesse Byroad shelled corn, Kenny Short washed clothes, Kim had the store open. Each child got a paper nickel to spend; sure was hard to decide. Roger Horn had kids guessing the weight of their group in the scale house. Tom Swanson did double duty; ran the post office in the morning and in the cabin when Boyd had to go home. Gary York also served double duty. He helped Dave Sims greet the buses and then was Postmaster.

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The sawmill ran all day. Owen Moudy spend several hours getting it ready. Guy Phillips was fantastic with the kids. He had done a bunch of research and made the sawmill one of the favorite stations. Teachers loved Donna Mowdy's canal presentation especially because the canal is part of the state curriculum and we are lucky enough (thank you Bodines) to have an actual timber from the canal as well as a well-studied docent in Donna Moudy.

The quilters were amazing and also amazed at the number of kids, especially the boys, who loved sewing their four patch quilt block. Doris ran the assembly hall and the coffee pot.

I know I have missed somebody but just know that ALL of you are appreciated and thank you for what you did.

We cannot stop without thanking Dave Sims. This year, especially, was a difficult for him but he was great!!! Greeting the buses and organizing the kids is not an easy job and he is good at it. Getting to actually talk to the teachers present this year to get their opinions and suggestions will help us make next year better. That will be a hard job because I thought this year was the best ever!!!



Rocky Forge Blacksmith's

June 3-6, 2020: ABANA Conference, Washington County Fairgrounds,
Greenwich, NY (east of Saratoga Springs and north of Albany)

Pine Creek & Western R/R News

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

The Pine Creek & Western Railroad continues to be an active participant in the Illiana Power Show and History Day activities. The new road crossing spearheaded by Tom Swanson has been fine upgrade for the vehicles and trains. The replacement of the old wooded sleepers and the addition of vast amounts of ballast has provided a much improved road bed. Continued tie replacement at switches and the railroad yard continues. Several sidings are being planned to add more interest to the railroad and Tom is waiting for the location to be established so he can begin the construction of a grain elevator complex to be serviced by the railroad. With the addition of the signal system at the road crossing it has made train traffic control much safer.



Remember, this is a fully functioning railroad just a bit smaller than a standard gauge railroad. Safety First. The rail is aluminum, the ties are plastic, the screws holding the rail to the ties are stainless, the ballast stone making up the roadbed is number 9 washed crushed stone. At this year's show, trains were brought from as far as northern and central Illinois and northern Indiana.



Member News

SAD NEWS: Member John Gallahue's family home burned to the ground at the end of August. The family has lost all their possessions. If you'd like to donate to help them out, their address is: 1757 E. 200 N., Piper City, IL 60959.

(Be sure to make a note you're from the Illiana Club).

Our next blacksmith meeting will be at Ted's shop October 12th. A 30-minute social time with coffee and doughnuts from 8:30 to 9:00 will be followed by a meeting time. The main topic of the meeting will be drawing of the knife made by Danny Thayer. If you do not have tickets for this drawing, your last chance will be at this meeting, six for \$5. Good Luck. A big thanks to Tyler Figg and Danny Thayer for taking the knife raffle to SOFA.

The next big topic for the meeting will be our gas forge workshop. Those of you who had assignments will get together after the main meeting to work out the details of the forge design. At the last meeting we had 15 sign-ups for the workshop and I expect there to be several more sign-up at this meeting. AmeriGas donated ten 20# cylinders and if any of you have cylinders for the cause please bring them.

At Saturday's meeting we can bleed off any remaining gas and start removing the valves. I have made a set of tools for the difficult task of valve removal. It will be good to let the cylinders air out a few days before we start cutting.

We need to decide what Saturday (or other days) we can work on building the forges. Let's plan for everyone on the list to have a workable forge by no later than the end of November. Committees for the Gas Forge Workshop:

Burner Design: Brad McCormick and Dominick Andrisani

Insulation: Dan Sutton, Tyler Figg and Dan Michael

Tanks Supply and Design: Ted Stout

Regulator and hose: Ted Stout

Anyone else who is interested is welcome and may want to sit in on the design phase of the forges.

Also, at this meeting Tim Lee is going to discuss his retort for making charcoal and why he only uses charcoal. Later he will light the retort and proceed to make charcoal. Personally, I see this as a real interest since so many coal mines are closing and our coal supply chain is dwindling. We have good access to wood.

My Amish carpenter who built the shop at Rainsville and I have not been able to get together for an estimate and time frame. He and the crew are incredibly busy. We will continue to try getting that done. For Saturday, Carol is preparing scalloped potatoes with ham. We are asking that others bring food to supplement the meal. I look for a pretty good turnout with everything we have going on. We will also have an Iron-in-the-Hat drawing so bring goodies for it. See you all Saturday with your tool bucket and a head full of ideas.

Ted and Carol

