

# Illiana News

June 2020

## A Letter From Our President

Hello to everyone,

Once again, I am hoping this finds you all well and safe. It seems that Illiana is just one of several shows that are canceled this summer. I have been receiving long distance calls inquiring about our situation and I tell them next year we will be B&B - Bigger & Better.

I know our show is small in comparison to others, but I'm finding out many people around the country really like our show. You can all be proud of that.

Thanks to Kevin Peterson, the corn is up and looks good. The showgrounds look wonderful. Jim & Doris, James Bolin, & Dave Center have it in top condition.

A friendly reminder to all our members: Please don't forget to send your dues to Doris. Our expenses do not stop for the virus.

Stay well and be safe.

- **Tom**

## July 2020 Show Cancelled

The Board of Directors has decided to cancel this year's show.

Plans are still underway for the possibility of a Fall Festival/Swap Meet.

# Activity In Spite of the Virus

Submitted by: Joan Fry

Have you missed the activity at the club grounds? I sure have. Most of all, I have missed the fellowship we have with each other. This COVID thing has been a mixed blessing for me. I have enjoyed being at home without having a packed schedule. I've gotten several things done that have been just waiting for a time like this. My desk is better organized and I have been sewing a bunch. But then there are the changes we are going through - the events being cancelled, the family get togethers not happening, the regular summer things we loved are missing. Worst of all is not seeing all of you. I have missed the excitement of getting ready for the show!

But things are happening!

Someone has been mowing the grass! Thank you so much. The grounds look great even if a bit lonely!

A group out of Illinois is having a long distance tractor drive and hopes to use our grounds for a water stop. More details coming later on this one.

This might be a time to have some small workshop events. Planning is in the works.

Events shared with other organizations are a possibility. Can you tell brains have not been shut down even though most everything else is?

Quilters are beginning their meetings again this month at the clubhouse. The small group meets all the state criteria for reopening. (Social distancing, etc.)

Several guys have used this time to work on their individual projects. Joe Fry and granddaughter Ellie have completely rebuilt the barrel train. Repainted everything and the tractor engine rebuilt! Shawn Byroads has been putting engine pictures up on Facebook. He is ready for a show!

The wheat is looking pretty good. Combining plans are being made.

These are just a few things I know about. The directors have a bunch of things to discuss and decide.

The big question now is what about the fall? My personal thoughts are if the schools open in August then September events may be on! That would include History Day and the new Craft Fair Swap Meet. That being said, we do not know for sure at this moment in time. Just hoping! :)



## Illiana Quilters Important Dates

June meeting held on the 22nd

July 27: 9:00 - 3:00 at the Assembly Hall

(time still pending)

# Rocky Forge News

Submitted by: Ted Stout

The blacksmiths did not meet this month.

We have been assessing the COVID 19 situation as the state proceeds to open. The result of our discussions, based on the best data available indicate it may be months away before we meet again. We would all love to reassemble, but these are nonessential gatherings of both young members and the vulnerable older members and just not worth the risk.

- Ted

