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MAY IS BETTER HEARING MONTH

The National Grange adopted deafness as its health project in 1970. Throughout the years this program has evolved to include all levels of hearing loss. Local Granges in many states have supported the program by educating themselves and others about hearing loss. Projects which benefit deaf and hard of hearing are done by distributing to schools, libraries, and other interested community groups the brochures, posters, and book-markers, that are available through the Deaf Awareness Department.

In Michigan we have an ongoing project or program with Michigan School for the Deaf. We sponsor children at Christmas time, we place an ad in their yearbook, we give a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduate each year and we are always willing to help them in other ways throughout the year.

We also have been giving a donation to help children that attend the Alexander Graham Bell Summer Camp.

For a number of years we have collected aluminum, Campbell soup labels, and Labels for Education for local schools and for the Deaf Program. The collection of aluminum has dwindled by quite a bit over the last few years. The price of aluminum has also gone down so we don't get a lot for the little bit of stuff we turn in.

The money to do these projects for Michigan School for the Deaf and for Alexander Graham Bell Summer Camp comes from the money received from the Aluminum and from donations from Granges and Grangers across the state.

Your Grange has recently received an appeal letter to give a donation to the Michigan State Grange Deaf Awareness Fund....please consider giving!

There are several posters available for you to distribute in your area.



Remember to Order and Distribute Deaf Awareness Posters and other Information.

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Spring is here? Yes, it is here but someone forgot to tell Mother Nature that Spring meant warm weather.

I have been watching my flowers come up and some of them have even bloomed. They are the early ones. But my rose bushes are also showing leaf buds. I think about the time of the season. It is a time of renewal of not only the earth but also humans. We just went through Holy week and Easter and that is a time of sorrow but also a time of joy. We have been forgiven our sins through the death of Jesus Christ and been given a new life. This is the time of renewing our faith, our hopes and a spring in our steps in this world.

As we look outside our windows we see new beginnings. But do we have blinders on also. Do we see the troubles of our young people, the troubles of older people? How about the people with Water problems in our own state? What about the troubles of our nation and the world? What are we doing about these problems? You might say that there is nothing that can be done but you are wrong. Do we not earn money for dictionaries for 3rd graders? Do we not do things for residents in nursing homes? Do we not feed the poor or help out at soup kitchens. What is the money earned at the fairs going for? Is it jATHust to fatten our bank accounts or do we use it to help others. Maybe we don't have money to do these things but we do have time. Go and visit people in the nursing homes. Don't know anyone there just ask the nurse if they have someone who does not have visitors and stop in and visit with them. Don't think you have time? Then do the one thing that does not cost you anything or take up a lot of time. PRAY for all. Our nation, our world, our leaders even the upcoming elections.

Remember it is SPRING. A time of renewal and a time of new beginnings.

I am praying for you all.

IN MEMORY OF



Willis Galer
Pickford Grange #1775

Marvin Diamond
Studley #1174

Wayne Tennant
Studley #1174

Neva Foster
Burr Oak #1350

Spring

It seems we have finally made it through Winter. Now is the time to dust off the cob webs and get outside and enjoy the sunshine. This seems like such a simple thing to do, however for many of our members it is quite the opposite. Many of our members are home bound or are in a nursing care facility, may it be for a short time for recovery from a surgery or illness or it may be a long term care facility. With our members being in these care facilities or home bound it sometimes makes them feel left out on the proceedings of our meetings.

National Master Betsy Huber has made a ruling on the verbiage of the digest of laws regarding voting by proxy. The ruling states that with the technology available to us today that if we have access to said technology, members can listen on a phone to the meeting and are also allowed to vote over the phone since this would not constitute actually voting by proxy. A proxy is defined as assigning your vote to a third person and giving them the right to vote in your absence. A member voting over the phone is them voting for themselves via telecommunications system. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to ask.

Resolutions

The State Grange convention will be upon us before we know it. There is no better time than no to start writing resolutions and getting them submitted.

New at this year's convention will be committee meetings starting at 4 pm on Thursday at the convention. During this time, committees will be making changes, if necessary and approving resolutions so that they can be formatted and printed for delegate action. This is because at last year's convention it was voted to reduce the length of our convention.

National Convention

Registration is now open for the 150th National Convention that will be held in the Washington, D.C. area. This is a huge milestone for the Grange and will be

celebrated nicely. I am sure this will be a highly attended convention and it would be a good idea to get registered early. You can register online from the National Grange website. I haven't looked into a bus trip yet, but if you let me know you are interested and I hear from several members, I will see what might be available.

An exciting part of the convention is having the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, as the keynote speaker at the Salute to Agriculture Breakfast. This is a great opportunity and there are only a limited number of tickets that will be available. Another reason to register early.

The 150th Annual National Grange Convention**Power of the Past — Force of the Future
Washington, D.C. // November 15-19, 2016**

Book your hotel stay at the Hilton Dulles airport Hotel by September 2nd for the special discounted rate.

Hilton Dulles Airport Hotel
13869 Park Center Road
Herndon, VA 20171

Book by Phone (703) 478-2900

Or book online by going to the NG website

Early Registration is \$25.00

Take advantage of the early bird registration until September 2nd and save \$5.00

Visit the National Grange website for convention schedule, tours and more. Nationalgrange.org



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May is Better Hearing Month

Spring is here (finally)! Along with the nice weather comes a lot of normal activities that can wreak havoc on our hearing. Lawnmowers, chainsaws, leaf blowers, motorcycles are just a few. All these activities can be very hard on your hearing. Everyone should wear hearing protection when participating in these things as it is the only thing that we can do to keep our hearing from getting worse.



Back in 1927 the month of May was designated Better Hearing and Speech Month to raise awareness about the causes and treatments of hearing loss and speech impediments. And, on May 21, 1986, President Ronald Reagan issued a formal proclamation; designating May as the official month to “Heighten public awareness” about hearing loss and speech disorders.

His proclamation is as follows: NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of May as Better Hearing and Speech Month and I call upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Ronald Reagan is one among many famous people with hearing loss. Another is Helen Keller. In fact, Helen Keller once said that of all her sensory deprivations, she missed her ability to hear.. She noted that while blindness kept her separate from things, hearing loss separated her from people, and human connections!

During May, the hearing care industry encourages American citizens to get screened for hearing loss. Hearing professionals nationwide make an effort to educate the public about hearing loss, and offer free, or reduced-price, hearing tests. May is also a great time to take advantage of incentives on hearing aids, and to learn about new hearing aid technology.

About 34 million Americans have hearing loss – that is 11% of the population. Further the number of Americans with hearing loss has doubled over the past 30 years as younger people experience hearing loss due to noise exposure, and, as Baby Boomers age. Recent studies show that neglecting hearing loss can accelerate its progression; while correcting hearing loss with hearing aids can keep hearing impairments from getting worse.

Over the years, Better Hearing Month has successfully convinced many people to have their hearing tested! Hearing aids help over 90% of hearing losses, and, first-time hearing aid wearers report satisfaction ratings exceeding 90%. Hearing aids can help you:



- Understand speech in both quiet and noisy situations
- Fully enjoy phones, TVs, computers and stereos
- Hear sounds in the world around you
- Remain safe and independent
- Feel less stress and fatigue due to straining to hear

Observe Better Hearing Month!!!



Gratiot Grange #1898 Comm. Serv. Project

For the various holidays the members of Gratiot Grange make some type of a tray favor or little gift for the residents at the Ashley Nursing



Home, in Ashley. They have made items for them for several years and continue to do it today. The residents are so pleased with that they are re-



membered by the Grange members. Great project!

Change in the National Grange Quilt Contest: Please disregard the information that was in the January-February Issue of the Michigan Grange News. This is the newly revised contest information for 2016-2017.

2016 and 2017 QUILTED ITEM CONTEST

The National Grange Quilt block contest is one key to help us share the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange in 2017. The idea behind the contest is to create a vehicle for our members and those who have not yet joined the Grange to share their creative talents. Small monetary prizes will be awarded. Please check back with your State Lecturer or the National Lecturer for more details.

RULES A. The period of the contest runs from January 1, 2016 (2017) until September 15, 2016 (2017) deadline for submissions is September 30, 2016 (2017) to the National Lecturer Amanda Leigh Brozana, c/o National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006. **B.** Judging will be done prior to National Grange session. **C.** Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged, however, they will be exhibited at the National Grange session in Washington, D.C.

D. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be displayed at the Quilt Show associated with the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in Spokane, Wash., in November 2017. All items will be on display and for sale during the event to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity. Upon submission, you will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation and encouraging you to provide it to your tax adviser or to use IRS Publication 561: Determining the Value of Donated Property to understand what you may be able to claim as a tax-deductible contribution. All entries will be given proper credit and awards.

Group I – Adult

Section 1 – Fabric Unfinished Quilt Block

2016 –

Dresden Plate pattern, blues & golds, 16 ½” x 16 ½”

** The 2016 Quilt Block Pattern is the DRESDEN PLATE in Blues and Golds to represent the Grange. The pattern to use can be found at <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=8040>. The block must come UNFINISHED and measure 16 ½” x 16 ½”*

2017 – Spiderweb Star, greens & browns, 12 ½” x 12 ½”

The 2017 Quilt Block Pattern is the SPIDERWEB STAR in Greens and Browns with accent colors reminiscent of the earth and agriculture. The pattern to use can be found at <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=8325>. The block must come UNFINISHED and measure 12 ½” x 12 ½”.

Section 2 – Finished Fabric Quilted Items

Class A – finished table runner – no larger than 18” x 60”

Class B – Finished Quilted Pillow – no larger than 18” x 18”

Class C – Quilted Wall Hanging – no larger than 48” x 48”

Class D – Quilted Coffee Cozy (Suggestion: <http://stitchwerx.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/S304BasicCupCozy.pdf>)

Class E – Quilted Crib/Baby Quilt – no larger than 45” x 54”

Group II – Junior Grange Member

2016 - Log Cabin - red, white and black. Pattern can be found at <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=12662>

2017 - Garden Path - green, gold and white (accents of blue may also be used)

Pattern may be found at: <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=15047>

Section 1 – Fabric Unfinished Quilt Block 12 ½” x 12 ½”

Section 2 – Quilted Potholder

<http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=15047>

NOTE: Finished means (batted and backed)

SUBMISSION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Email (if applicable) _____

Grange Name, Number, State you are representing (if applicable) _____

Total Years of Grange Membership (if applicable) _____

What is special about your Grange/hometown? _____

GREAT LAKES GRANGE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

We were in Indiana April 8-10th for the conference. Discussion was had about Community Service, Deaf Awareness, Membership, the actual performance of the opening and closing of the 4th degree and Roberts Rule of Order. The National Lecturer Amanda was there and gave a really nice talk about building the Grange and a little about herself and what she's about. Next years conference we'll be working on getting more people to attend and new ideas to present. Illinois is the state for next year and sometime in later April.



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NATIONAL GRANGE PHOTO CONTEST

There are changes for this contest. I'll be putting more info in the Lecturers bulletin as soon as I finish it, but here is the most important information.

CATEGORIES FOR 2016 CATEGORIES FOR 2017

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| 1. Grange at work | 1. Granger at Play |
| 2. Faith | 2. Charity |
| 3. Community | 3. Friendship |
| 4. Family | 4. Food |
| 5. Tractors | 5. Barns |
| 6. Young Love | 6. Pets |
| 7. Rural Scene | 7. Patriotism |
| 8. Democracy in Action | 8. Crafting |

These **categories** are different than what the Michigan Lecturers categories are for 2016. You'll have to mail them to the National Lecturer by October 15th . There are **2 classes** for this. One is Junior's ages 5—14 and Adults 14 and up. Only one photo per member. Prizes are first, second & third for each category and each class. \$20. , \$10. , and \$5. One best of show from all categories together will be awarded \$100. I have all the info if anyone wants more on this Just call **989-634-5748** or e-mail **gma4hugs@hotmail.com** and I'll get the forms to you. Pictures from Nov.15 2015 to Sept 30 2016 for this years and Oct 1, 2016 to Sept 30 2017 for 2017th session. 8 X 10 or 8 X 12 on white mat, (NO FRAMES)



NATIONAL GRANGE 15 MINUTE, ONE ACT PLAY CONTEST

There is quite a bit of information about this, 4 pages, so if you'd like a copy I'll get the full information to you. There is a class for a Child's Play -13 years of age or younger and a Adult class. All entries must be sent to the National Lecturer by mail, postmarked by August 12, 2016, and include one copy of the cover pages and script, printed, single sided and bound by a paperclip. Entry fee for scripts submitted for judging is \$10.00. Those plays which win their class and are staged will be videotaped for archival purposes. Manuscripts will not be returned.

CLASS 1. Themed Play-RURAL LIFE Writers can interpret this theme in any way they wish. Plays are written for an adult audience, however, writers should understand the Grange as a family-friendly organization and consider subject matter and language accordingly.

CLASS 2. OPEN TOPIC– Adult Theater Entry This is a play oriented toward an adult audience, however, writers should understand the Grange as a family-friendly organization and consider subject matter and language accordingly.

CLASS 3. Children's Play There is no specific topic or theme for plays submitted to this class. Plays should be oriented toward a family audience with mainly child actors or at least two main characters who are written to be 13 years of age or under.

If you are interested in doing a play **PLEASE** contact me. I will mail you all the rules and regulations for this. **989-634-5748** and please leave a message or send me an e-mail **gma4hugs@hotmail.com**

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We hope everyone is having a nice spring. Or at least wishing for it! Hopefully you are working on projects in your grange.

We are using this issue of the Grange News as a reminder to Community Service Chairman, both new and old, on how to organize the notebook.

Simplify the Notebook!

- ◆ Select the photos that best represent the project
- ◆ If 30 pictures are taken of a project, does not mean all 30 need to be used!

Organize the Notebook

- ◆ You want your notebook to read like a book
- ◆ Keep projects grouped together
- ◆ Keep supporting evidence, such as thank you letters and newspaper articles, with the photo and text of the project

Examples of Organizing

- ◆ Organize the book in 2 separate sections:
 - ◆ New Projects & Continuing Projects
- ◆ Organize each section in chronological order from beginning of grange year to the end
- ◆ OR – Organize each section in order from largest project in terms of hours involved to smallest project
- ◆ Keep the pages clean & concise
- ◆ List all projects at the beginning of the book
- ◆ Try to keep 2 pages of a project as a 2 page spread, so the judge can see they go together
- ◆ May have to go to 3 or 4 pages, depending on the project
- ◆ Do not use tabs with paper inserts – they fall out!
- ◆ If a donation was made to a project, make sure it is listed somewhere

Just a reminder that the Community Service program period is September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016. Notebooks/reports will be due September 10. More information to come in the next Grange News. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Wishing you a beautiful spring, Happy Mother's Day & Happy Father's Day!

Tricia & Helen

Grange Officer's Creed

I BELIEVE....

In the principles of the Grange, in the Ritualism of the Grange, and in the methods, programs, and policies of the Grange.

I BELIEVE....

In working, not weeping; in boasting, not knocking; and in the pleasure of doing my job.

I BELIEVE....

That a man gets what he goes after, that one deed done today is worthy two deeds tomorrow, and that no man is down and out until he has lost faith in himself.

I BELIEVE....

In the Grange of today and the work I am doing, in the Grange of tomorrow and the work I hope to do, and in the sure reward of satisfaction which the future holds.

I BELIEVE....

In courtesy, in kindness, in generosity, in good cheer, in friendship and in honest work and competition.

I BELIEVE....

There is something worth doing every day, for every man ready to do it.

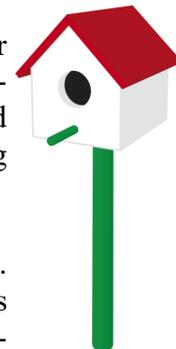
I BELIEVE....

I'm ready for Grange work —

RIGHT NOW!!

Spring

Time to head outdoors!! Spring weather has finally arrived and it's time to enjoy the warmer weather! Plan some community service by making birdhouses or feeders to give to a local nursing home. Or go plant flowers for them, maybe do some yard work cleaning up the brush and leaves from over the winter. Make it a game or a race, have some fun while doing something good for your community.



Summer Camp

We are creeping up onto Summer Camp! Make your plans now to attend, you won't regret it. Harbor Springs Grange will be our hosts this year. Camp will be June 17-19th at the fairgrounds in Petoskey (Emmet County Fairgrounds, 1129 Charlevoix Ave./U.S. 31 S). Several fun things are in the works! Tours, crafts, workshops; you won't want to miss it!! There is no cost to attend.



Things to bring: sleeping bag, pillow, clothes, toiletries, towel, swimsuit, sunscreen, bug spray, spending money.

Grange Month Celebration at Burns Grange

Burns Grange #160 celebrated Grange Month starting with a dinner, followed by a meeting and many awards.



Guy Hubbard

To begin with Guy Hubbard, who serves on the Perry Fire Department, Instructor who trains all Shiawassee County Firefighters, serves on the 911 Board, Serves on the Chiefs Association and the Medical Control Board was presented with the National Grange Fireman of the Year Award. Next, Anthony Karhoff, Shiawassee Township Supervisor was introduced and he gave some detailed information on the new hall that will be built, to house the fire department, library, community room, office space for the township as well as the fire department.



Anthony Karhoff



Dale Moore

He was then presented with the Dedicated Worker award and two twenty-five year awards were presented to Dale Moore presented to Gary Ward was presented to Arlene Sally Labadie, a long time resident of Bancroft was introduced to discuss the history she has compiled for Bancroft.



Connie Johnston

She told that the history on a CD and also in a book. Both are available for sale.



Arlene Hilgendorf

Some of the CD, some of families of the village, not only on the village but on families of the village.



Sally Labadie

Presenters for the evening were Sharon Popler, Master, Chris Johnston, Lecturer. What a fun and exciting night!



Gary Ward

MEMBERSHIP

ASK

- ◆ What is your Grange doing to get new members?
- ◆ Are you having open houses and explaining to those that attend what the Grange is all about?
- ◆ Do you have brochures handy at your hall and with all Grange members to give out to prospective members?
- ◆ Do you talk “positively” about the Grange when you are out and about? (We can’t expect to get new members if we talk negatively about the Grange)
- ◆ Do you have activities planned for your Grange to get prospective members interested? (Every Grange should have activities planned each month)
- ◆ Do you have a interesting, exciting, educational Lecturer’s Program at each meeting?
- ◆ Does your Grange hold at least one meeting a month as the By-Laws require?
- ◆ Are your meetings scheduled for a convenient time for ALL of your members to attend?
- ◆ Do you have a specific time and day that you meet each month? (Changing them to fit one persons schedule will not agree with someone else)
- ◆ People are busy these days and need to have a specific time set for meetings and events.
- ◆ Do you ASK people to join the Grange. Its very rare to have people come up and ask how they can join the Grange....you need to do the ASKING

Let’s all work on the ASK part and see if we can’t increase our membership and keep this super great organization going and going and going!!!!

GRANGE HAPPENINGS

Burr Oak Grange Fish Fry

Sharon Popler and Peggy Johnston had the opportunity to go to one of Burr Oak Granges fish fry’s recently. We had a few reasons for going: we were to pick up some items for the State Grange, we wanted to help with their dinner and we wanted to eat fish! We got there early, took care of business first, waited on the tables and then we enjoyed a super great fish dinner. Wow! What a meal! We met some new members that we hadn’t had the chance to meet before and got reacquainted with some we hadn’t see for some time. We had a great time!

I’ve included a few pictures of the event.



COOKING FISH

CUTTING DESSERTS



ENJOYING DINNER!

Burr Oak Grange has been doing Fish Fry’s for many years!

A Few Things to remember or work on before this Falls Convention

- ◆ Remember that all contest entries must be taken, made, done, within the contest year (October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016).
- ◆ Remember the first National Grange Quilt Contest that was in the Michigan Grange News and quite lengthy has been revised and is in this issue. Be sure to use the right contest information. Also remember these items must be sent to the NG Lecturer no later than Sept. 30th for judging.
- ◆ There are so many various contests available to each and everyone of our many Grangers....be sure to check them all out either in the program book that came out in the Nov.-Dec., 2015 MGN or on the website: michiganstategrange.org.
- ◆ Resolutions are due to the State Grange Office no later than October 1st. There are so many things out in this world, on the local, state, and nationwide that seem to have people upset these days so lets get those resolutions wrote.
- ◆ **MOST IMPORTANT: EVERY GRANGE HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE THREE DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL SESSION.** Normally the Master and spouse or two others elected to serve in this capacity and one youth member (age 14-35). This gives each Grange an opportunity to have a say in what happens in the Michigan State Grange.
SO LET’S SEE AN INCREASE IN DELEGATES AGAIN THIS YEAR! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

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Spring is finally here and almost in to Summer by the time you read this article. I want to bring you all up to date on my little flock of chickens since my last MGN article. My roosters didn't get along too well after I wrote you last and the older rooster needed to be put down. That was such a hard thing to do even though I knew it was the right thing. He was failing and I think it was also age related. And then one of the older hen's had passed away between the time I had done chores one evening to the next evening. But... with Spring cleaning came doubling of the flock size as of April 17th!! We have 5 new hens that are laying very well and they are young too. It was wonderful that someone close to my area (Niles) had placed an ad on Craigslist. A friend of mine was looking for gates to use on her farm and came across it and let me know about it. It was a great deal at \$15 a hen and they are very healthy and pretty colored. The person selling them also had a couple dozen of 7 week old pullets (females) for \$10 apiece. So we took 2 of the seven week olds as well and we are raising them separate from the main flock until they are bigger. We can't wait to see these young girls grow up into hens and what they will look like as adult birds. They are already very pretty with their markings and colors!

Well that is enough for now on my chicken farming. How many of you have planted anything in your gardens yet? Things that could have been planted by now would be seed potatoes, onion sets, cold crops (cabbages, etc) and I even think carrots but not sure so please check before you plant them! Spring sprung so weird this year that I am not ready in my yard and gardens! The weather has been really nice but the darn black flies are so bad they chase me back into the house after a short time in the yard just picking up the hundreds of sticks throughout my yard. I haven't been able to mow for the first time because there are too many sticks.

Please be mindful that this is the time that the country roads and some State Highways will have slow moving farm vehicles on them. If it wasn't for those farmers and their employees we wouldn't have the opportunity to go to farmers' markets or the grocery stores to get the needed foods to feed our fami-

lies. Please give those big vehicles and tractors as much room as you can without causing problems for yourself or others.

Well that is it for now. Good luck with your garden planning and happy growing until later!

Michigan State Grange Family Activities Raffle is Ready to Go!

The 2016 raffle for Family Activities is ready for "YOU" to help sell tickets. We have had three prizes donated this year for the raffle, including a red, white and blue quilt by Plymouth/Westland Grange #389; a red, white and blue afghan and pillow from Dale Moore, Studley Grange #1174 and Burns Grange #160; and red, white and blue hand embroidered pillow cases by Arlene Hilgendorf of Burns Grange #160.

If you would like tickets to purchase or better yet to sell to others, please notify the State Grange Office, 989-288-4546 or msgrange1873@yahoo.com. We will be trying to attend some Grange events and fairs again this summer to sell tickets. If you have an event coming up or can help to get us into your county fair, please let Peggy Johnston know.

The proceeds from this raffle will go to the region that is hosting the annual convention in Northern Michigan this year.

Please try to help to make this raffle a success!



The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will take place at the October 2nd chicken dinner at Burns Grange at 2 p.m. Tickets are packed in books of 6 but can be taken apart to sell single tickets.

License number is X92609

Following is what is listed in the By-Laws under the Directives as responsibilities of Department Directors:

COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR

1. Develop and maintain an up-to-date program with assistance from the committee.
2. Contribute an article for each issue of the Michigan Grange News, space to be determined by the State Master.
3. Plan workshops or conferences.
4. Plan and conduct a statewide Community Service contest and secure judges.
5. Encourage Granges to participate in local Community Service projects and give assistance where possible.
6. Prepare and set up a Community Service display at the Michigan State Grange Convention.
7. He/she shall include in their annual report full disclosure of all money received from the Michigan State Grange and the Michigan State Grange Foundation and how it was spent.

DEAF AWARENESS DIRECTOR

1. Develop and maintain an up-to-date program with assistance from the committee.
2. Contribute an article for each issue of the Michigan Grange News, space to be determined by the State Master.
3. Plan workshops or conferences.
4. Is in charge of motivating Granges to contribute annually to State Grange Deaf Fund, and to send an acknowledgment to each contributing Grange.
5. Prepare Deaf Awareness section of the Michigan State Grange Program Handbook.
6. Prepare and set up a Deaf Awareness Display at the Michigan State Grange Convention.
7. Receive orders for available free educational materials and mail them as requested by Granges, schools, churches, and other organizations that are advocating for deaf and hard of hearing people.
8. He/she shall include in their annual report full disclosure of all money received from the Michigan State Grange and the Michigan State Grange Foundation and how it was spent.

INFORMATION DIRECTOR

1. Prepare New Releases. Keep a record of daily and weekly newspapers, radio stations, television stations and their addresses.
2. Plan workshops or conferences.
3. Prepare publicity section of the Michigan State Grange Program Handbook
4. He/she shall include in their annual report full disclosure of all money received from the Michigan State Grange and the Michigan State Grange Foundation and how it was spent.

JUNIOR DIRECTOR

1. Develop and maintain an up-to-date program with assistance from the committee.
2. Assist Subordinate Granges in organizing a Junior Grange.
3. Be available to help Junior Granges reorganize.
4. Plan and supervise Junior Grange Camp.
5. Contribute an article to each issue of the Michigan Grange News, space to be determined by State Master.
6. In charge of Junior contests, displays, and Saturday Awards Day at the annual convention; make arrangements for Judges for the various contests.
7. Prepare Junior section of Michigan State Grange Program Handbook.
8. In charge of all programs, projects, contests, that are in the Junior Department.
9. Plan workshops or conferences for Junior Leaders.
10. Prepare a Quarterly Newsletter - January, April, July, October.
11. File annual report with the National Grange Junior Director.
12. He/she shall include in their annual report full disclosure of all money received from the Michigan State Grange and the Michigan State Grange Foundation and how it was spent.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

1. Develop and maintain an up-to-date program with assistance from the committee.

2. Contribute an article for each issue of the Michigan Grange News, space to be determined by State Master.
3. Plan workshops or conferences.
4. Work at motivating Granges to hold membership campaigns.
5. Prepare Membership section of the Michigan State Grange Program Handbook.
6. He/she shall include in their annual report full disclosure of all money received from the Michigan State Grange and the Michigan State Grange Foundation and how it was spent.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

1. Develop and maintain an up-to-date program with assistance from the committee.
2. In charge of Family Activities contests, displays, and Family Activities Luncheon (if one is held) at the annual convention; make arrangements for Judges for the various contests.
3. Prepare the Feast Table for the Sixth Degree.
4. Contribute an article for each issue of the Michigan Grange News, space to be determined by State Master.
5. Prepare Family Activities section of Michigan State Grange Program Handbook.
6. Plan workshops or conferences.
7. In charge of all programs, projects, contests, that are in the Family Activities Department.
8. He/she shall include in their annual report full disclosure of all money received from the Michigan State Grange and the Michigan State Grange Foundation and how it was spent.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT DIRECTOR

1. Develop and maintain an up-to-date program with assistance from the committee.
2. Plan and supervise Youth/Young Adult Camps each year.
3. Contribute an article for each issue of the Michigan Grange News, space to be determined by State Master.
4. In charge of Youth/Young Adult contests, displays and GROW Club Luncheon (if one is held) at the annual convention; make arrangements for judges for the various contests.
5. In charge of Youth/Young Adult Day at annual convention.
6. Prepare Youth/Young Adult section of the Michigan State Grange Program Handbook.
7. File Annual Report with National Grange Youth/Young Adult Director.
8. Plan workshops or conferences.
9. Promote the Award Winners Fund in cooperation with the Lecturer.
10. In charge of all programs, projects, contests, that are in the Youth/Young Adult Department.
11. He/she shall include in their annual report full disclosure of all money received from the Michigan State Grange and the Michigan State Grange Foundation and how it was spent.

National Grange has a New Fundraising Program

The Grange is announcing an exciting new fundraising program. The Grange now has it's own URL featuring thousand of partner stores like Walmart, Sears, Best Buy, Whole Foods, Bed Bath and Beyond. Members may sign up for "Keep It Local" and expand their sales as a local partner. Members shop online similar to Amazon, and Grange members get cash back.

- ◆ Convenient online shopping
- ◆ Earn 55% cash back on qualified purchases
- ◆ Earn 0.5% cash back on purchases of everyone you refer to the Grange URL

Visit the website: Go to: <http://www.shop.com/thegrange>

Register as a Preferred Customer

- ◆ Click "Sign In" in the upper right hand corner
- ◆ Select "No I am a new customer" option
- ◆ Follow the prompts
- ◆ Earn up to 55% on qualified purchases

Go Shopping

- ◆ Use the search box at the top of the screen to find a specific item. Create a shopping list: go to "My Lists" under your name.
- ◆ Use Shop Partners to find a specific store like Costco, Nordstrom, Walmart, Whole Foods, Bed Bath & Beyond
- ◆ Use "Hot Deals" to find special deals and coupons to save more
- ◆ Look for the Cash-back icon to find out how much cash back you'll earn.

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