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ELECTION OF OFFICERS MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE

In accordance with the delegate action the following information is presented for the benefit of the Granges in Michigan.

Master	Christopher Johnston (not a candidate for office)
Overseer	Jeffrey Swainston (not a candidate for office)
Lecturer	Sharon Popler
Steward	Ted Mudd (not a candidate for office)
Ass't Steward	Tim Johnston
Lady Ass't Steward	Barbara Johnston
Chaplain	Kathryn Strouse (not a candidate for office)
Treasurer	Kevin Young
Secretary	Peggy Johnston
Gatekeeper	Walter Murphy
Ceres	Nancy Swainston
Pomona	Karen Strouse
Flora	Tricia Eidsmoe
Executive Committee	Dale Moore
	Jackie Bishop

All nominations will take place at the State Grange Convention in October. It is very important that every Subordinate and Pomona Grange have delegates to the Convention and that the Granges instruct their delegates as to how they wish them to vote.

AGRICULTURE

Crops

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Wow where has this year gone!?! We are almost half way through it as I sit here on June 20th which is the first day of Summer! Crops are in full swing of growing and or producing here in Michigan. We are just about done with strawberries and rhubarb and asparagus is about done as well. The farmers hopefully by this time have gotten all their field crops in and already spraying for weeds etc. Hopefully they are getting the need rain too! We just had a nasty storm go through the Niles area which headed southeast after doing some damage to the south end of Niles. I know of some farmers that are about to do their second cutting of hay already.

Michigan is the #1 of grower of blueberries and they are just about ready for the picking this year!

Just amazing on how time is flying right by. Before we know it we will be up at Shanty Creek for our next State Session. Keep in mind that it has been shortened by one full day and the schedule is going to be changed due to this. Some things will have to be condensed or eliminated in order to keep everything within the 2 full days that the Michigan State Grange will be in session. More of the new schedule will be mentioned at a later date by the State Grange Master I am sure.

Like many other areas across our Great State, the youth around here are getting ready for the local county fairs. My nephews and niece are working with their market and show goats and market pigs getting them ready for our county fair, Berrien County Youth Fair, which is in August. Right now they are just walking their market goats to get them used to being handled and bracing them for when the judge goes to check the muscle on their rumps and backs. They look really good right now and we still have just under two months before Fair.

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State Session Schedule

In this Issue of the Michigan Grange News is the tentative schedule for the 143rd annual session of the Michigan State Grange. Many of you will remember that the By-Laws were changed last year to reduce the number of days of our session. I strongly encourage you to look over the schedule and notice the changes that have been made. *MOST notably; Committee Meetings are scheduled for Thursday at 4pm, yes before the session is officially opened, however this will be the time for committees to take action on all resolutions.* Since we have the abbreviated session we will not be scheduling committee time during session. Also Nominations for Officers and Foundation directors will be on Friday morning and will be closed just after Session opens so that the election committee can get to work. Next important change is the degrees will be on Saturday Morning. Opening the Saturday Session with the Fifth Degree followed by the Sixth Degree. In the Next issue of the Michigan Grange News we will introduce to you the National Rep that will be joining us for a period of time for our Convention.

I mentioned earlier that this is an abbreviated Convention, this means that we should hopefully be busy with resolutions. Also a big change for the convention there will only be two meals that are planned. We will be having an Awards luncheon on Friday for all the department directors minus Lecturer, Youth, and Community Service who will be giving theirs out at other times. There will also be the annual Banquet on Saturday evening. Meal prices will be coming in the next issue of the MGN.

I look forward to seeing you all at Shanty Creek resort in October.

Reminder

I stated during last year's convention that this is my last term as your State Master. So I am hoping that someone is ready to take the reins and lead this organization onward and upward. I have enjoyed the last eight years that I have had this position but I believe that an organization without change in the leadership is an organization without change. I am not going away; I will continue to serve this organi-

zation in the best way that I can however this will not be in the leadership role I currently hold.

Resolution Timeline Reminder

We are always looking for resolutions that will shape the Grange to continue to make it a relevant and prosperous organization for the next 150 years and beyond. It would however be nice to have the resolutions into the State Secretary on or before the 1st of October so that I have time to be able to follow the directives and get them out to the different committee chairmen prior to the convention.

National Session

I am hoping that there will be a good size group of individuals going to this historic annual convention of the National Grange as we are celebrating our 150th annual session in the Washington D.C. area. Remember this is the only time in the history of our order we have celebrated 150 years of continuous service to our members and our communities. There are special events going on and the General Tour in particular is sounding like an interesting one. Sign up before all the spots are gone!!

2016 Michigan State Grange Annual Convention

Where: Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI

Rooms: Guest rooms: \$79.00 for single/double

Reservation Number: 800-678-4111 ext. 4400

You can also make reservation at: <http://reserve.shantycreek.com/?g=447148>

Rooms will be held until September 20, 2016, be sure to make your reservations prior to that date.

RESOLUTIONS DUE TO THE MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1ST....START WRITING THEM NOW!

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MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF GRADUATION

On Thursday, June 9th, Phil and I along with Peggy Johnston and Sharon Poplar attended the graduation ceremony at the Michigan School for the Deaf. I had the honor to present the \$500.00 scholarship to the Valedictorian, Craig Cooper Langmaid. Thanks to all who contributed to the Deaf Awareness Fund and made this possible. He plans to further his education at NITD in New York. He will be working on a Computer Major and also wants to get an Associate and Bachelor Degree in Applied Computer Technology.

C.J. (Craig's nickname) has been a student at the school for 13 years. His activities in the past 4 years have been basketball, football, track, Big Sister, and Student Body Government. His senior year he was Class President.

C.J. received many scholarships and awards at Graduation. Among these were the Flint Association of the Deaf (This award is given to the best all-around male student); Michigan Deaf Association (this is an award presented to two students who have shown the most academic improvement in their high school years); Cathy Cottress Award (this \$100.00 award is presented to a graduate who is going on to higher education in the accounting or computer field.); AFSCME –In Honor of Sandra Evans (the student must be accepted in a college or trade school; have a GPA of 3.0 or higher; must have been a dorm student at MSD or four years (9th – 12th grades); must have leadership qualities; must submit a 250 word essay on “How Did Attending MSD Prepare Me for the Future”. ; Quota International of Flint (this \$1000.00 scholarship is to be used towards college tuition and/or expenses for a student with outstanding citizenship, a positive outlook on life and strives to be the best they can be. A student with a high GPA during high school, and demonstrates leadership qualities); Martin Belsky Scholarship (this scholarship is to be used towards college tuition and/or expenses for a male and female student with at least a 3.2 GPA or above, demonstrates good sportsmanship, and preferable involved in athletics (but not required); Genesee Career Institute Certificates; Earl Jones Award- Valedictorian (this award is presented to the Valedictorian of the Class of 2016. This represents



academic excellence and is determined by the highest cumulative GPA while attending Michigan School for the Deaf from 9th -12th grades.; and the MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE \$500.00 scholarship award which is presented for outstanding scholarship. This is presented to a student who will be going on to higher education. Many of these scholarships and awards included financial assistance.

There were 10 Seniors who graduated. The Commencement Guest was Brian J. Whiston, who is the State Superintendent and the Commencement Speaker was Johnston Grindstaff, the Professor of Art and Media Design at Gallaudet University.

C.J. was also involved in the Class song "See You Again".

In the yearbook each of the Seniors had a message. C.J.'s was "I feel overwhelmed. My Senior class has known each other since elementary and it's about to come to an end".

What a fine young person and we wish him well in his future endeavors!

Congratulations Craig Langmaid!

In Memory Of



Russell 'Alex' Cottle
May 31, 1929—March 6, 2016

Brother Alex served as Treasurer for the Michigan State Grange from 1984-1992. He was a Golden Sheaf member of Pickford Grange #1775. He had served in many capacities in his Grange. Alex was a lifelong member of Pickford United Methodist Church. He served on the Chippewa County Fair Board for 30 years and was the fair treasurer for most of those years. He also served as superintendent of dairy for the fair. He was employed as a building inspector for Mackinac County. He also served as sexton of Cottle Cemetery. He served on the Northwoods Christian Camp Board of Directors.

Alex is survived by his wife, Delores, three daughters, two sons, thirteen grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

His service was held on Friday March 18 at the R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford with burial in the Cottle Cemetery in Marquette Township.

Memorials are to be directed Northwoods Christian Camp on the Rapson, Inc., P.O. Box 574, Pickford, MI 49774, Pickford Museum, P.O. Box 572, Pickford, MI or Pickford United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 128, Pickford, MI.

Our sincere sympathy to Delores and the family and to the members of Pickford Grange.

**Well Done Good and Faithful
Servant**

GRANGE HAPPENINGS

FERN GRANGE #803 DEGREE DAY

Fern Grange held a wonderful potluck dinner, including grilled steaks for their members and guests on May 7th.

Following the dinner the Obligation Ceremony was presented along with the 3rd and 4th degrees.

There were several of their newer members present to witness the degree work. Most had already witnessed the 1st and 2nd degree earlier.

Peggy Johnston, Secretary of the Michigan State Grange and Dale Moore, Executive Committee member of the Michigan State Grange were present and helped them in presenting these degrees.

A good time was had by all.

MOSHERVILLE GRANGE #1351 APPRECIATION DINNER AND PROGRAM

On April 27th, the members of Mosherville Grange #1351 prepared a delicious dinner for their many guests, including homemade ice cream!

After the dinner they presented the Community Citizen Award to the Harmonica Due (David Burns and Ed Binion) These two started playing the harmonicas with a club that consisted of 12 several years ago. Some of those have moved on to other things and of course some of them have passed away but these two continue to entertain for not only the Grange but many others.



Linda Harbaugh, Mosherville Grange member introduced Sharon Popler, Michigan State Grange Lecturer; Peggy Johnston, Michigan State

Grange Secretary; and Glen Foust, member of Adams Grange. She then thanked several other non members for all of their help throughout the year on their projects. A potted plant was presented to Pat Railer for her assistance to the Grange.

MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE LECTURERS PROGRAM FOR 2016

I have had some questions about Michigan's program booklet . So I needed to make it a little clearer for everyone. The only change in the booklet is that there will be "NO" best of show from the photo contest to go to National. **Everything else is the same.** The National Lecturer has set up her own programs and if you want to enter, you'll have to send your entries to her. A best of show photo will be chosen in her program at Nationals. I have all the info and can send it to you, if your interested.

I know that many of you have started your projects for State Session, but I'll just do a short run down of the different items that you may find interesting to do.

HAND CRAFTED ART CONTEST:

- A. Table Centerpiece made with candy bars. This one should be fun making and EATING ALSO!!
- B. Homemade wooden shelf.(**no larger than 18"**). This can be painted or stained or just plain too.
- C. Decorated **hand** towel and washcloth set. (stitched, painted, or any other type of application is okay home-made though.)
- D. Decorated **small** mirror. Something around 12 X 12 in size or smaller.
- E. Miscellaneous Craft. Items must not qualify for any other departments contest list.

THE TALENT SHOW AND ART CONTEST remain the same as posted. This year it would be GREAT to have a few more people in the talent show!!

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 1. Decorated dining table, 2. Picture of Church with Steeple, 3. Farmer working in a field, 4. Picture of flower garden or flower bed. 5. Treasures from the garden.

I've had a lot of entries in the past few years, which is Wonderful!! So I'm just reminding people about some of the rules. Please keep pictures **no larger than 8 X 10 and no smaller than a 4 X 6.** All pictures should be matted, **no frames or glass are allowed.**

I hope all of you are having a GREAT summer. Why does it seem like each year goes by faster and faster. Is it because we're so busy?? There is never enough hours in a day!! Please be safe in your travels, enjoy your time with families , vacations, and Grange events. Lets all work together so at the end of the day we can say, " Boy, it's been a Great Grange Day"!!!!!!!

JUNIORS**Junior Camp**

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Successful Camp

Camp was a huge success! We had a total of 5 Juniors and 9 Youth/Young Adults. We enjoyed a tours at Kilwins Chocolate and a rescue farm. We had three different crafts, some swimming time, other games like dodge ball and softball. The Juniors enjoyed watching the movie Wall-E while the Youth went miniature golfing. I believe everyone there have a great time. The food was awesome as well!!

Many Thanks

Many thanks to Harbor Springs Grange #730 for hosting. Thank you to those that set up the two great tours and special thanks to Foster Kurburski and Matt

Dietrich for your mad skills at the grill! I also want to thank my committee, Karen Strouse and Terri Sheffer for their assistance with the crafts and camp in general. And also Liz, Emily and Katie Kurburski for always being one step ahead of me in getting things cleaned up!! You girls worked hard and I appreciate all the help you did without being asked!!

State Session

Next up for the Junior Department is State Session! All of the crafts done at camp will be entered for the state session department contests!! We did yarn bowls, paper mache hot air balloons, Deaf Awareness Posters and decorated mirrors. Hopefully those that weren't able to attend camp will give these juniors a little competition!!

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Welcome to summer! Believe it or not another Grange year is almost over. Hopefully you have found 1 or 2 projects to use for the community service program. They do not have to be huge projects. Anything that helps your community counts. We just want the Grange name to get out in your community so people know you exist. You will be surprised at how many people and organizations will recognize your Grange after a while!

Pete Pompper, National Grange Community Service Coordinator, was inquiring into how many Granges award a scholarship. It was amazing how many Granges gave scholarship(s). The dollar amount varied widely too. Studley Grange gives one \$500 scholarship to a high school senior pursuing an education in the field of agriculture. Our criteria is a broad area of what we feel constitutes a study in agriculture. We allow agriculture to be soil conservation, forestry, pre-vet medicine, horticulture or environmental science.

Reports – I want to emphasize how important it is for every Grange to send in a community service report. Even completing only the form that is mailed to you helps. The National Grange wants 25% of the Subordinate Granges in Michigan to submit a report, so each and every one of you counts in my report to them!

Just a reminder that the due date for your community service book or form is Saturday, September 10. You can include projects from August 31, 2015 thru August 31, 2016. Please send your report to Tricia at the above address. If you have any questions or need special delivery arrangements, please contact Tricia at the above phone number or email.

Wishing you a wonderful & safe summer!
 Tricia & Helen

Family Activities

Entries

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Reminder:

Just a reminder to get those projects finished for the judging in October. There are oh so many projects that

GRANGE HAPPENINGS



HOME GRANGE #129 HONORS MEMBERS

On April 30th Home Grange honored several members with membership awards. From the left to the right are: John Newberry—65 years; Roland Winter—75 years; Bruce Bishop—50 years; and Linda Bishop—40 years. There were also two 10 year awards given to Marissa Williams and Crystal Seaman who were not able to attend the meeting.

AGRICULTURE — CROPS *continued from PAGE 2*

Good luck to all that have family and friends that exhibit at the county fairs! We are short one market pig as when I was doing my turn at chores (since all the animals live on my small farm) I went to water the pigs and we had one that had died suddenly. We are not sure why other than it was something internal as she was fine around lunch time when the kids were out walking their goats. It was sad but is a fact of life when you raise livestock. You worry that nothing happens to any of the others but you deal with the loss and move on. We were just blessed that the one that died was not the only pig for the nephew that owned her. It does mean that we will not have fresh pork this year for the freezers now.

Well I have rambled on enough for this article. I hope the rest of your Summer is good and not too hot and dry! See you all soon!

can be entered. Be sure to check the 2016 program book that was included in the November-December MGN or look the program info up on the State Grange website michiganstategrange.org. Be sure to **follow the rules** completely~~make sure that you **label** all entries~~All items have to have been completed during **this** contest year and not before~~you can only enter **one** item per category.

143rd Michigan State Grange Annual Convention Tentative Schedule

Thursday, October 20

- 1:00p.m. Registration
- 2:00p.m. Display Room Opens for entries
- 4:00p.m. Committee Meetings
- 6:00p.m. Baking Contest Judging
- 7:00p.m. Welcome
Talent Show
Baking Contest Auction
State Officers/Department Directors
State Officer Practice

Friday, October 21

- 7:30a.m. Registration and Nominations for Officers and 2 Foundation Members
- 9:00a.m. Open 143rd Annual Session in 6th Degree
- 9:15a.m. Lower to 4th Degree – admit 4th degree members
Flag Presentation
Roll Call of Officers
Roll Call of Delegates
Welcome by City Officials
Executive Committee Response
Partial Report – Credentials Committee
Adopt Order of Business
- 9:30a.m. Lecturer, Family Activities, Junior, Deaf Awareness contest judging
- 10.00a.m. Report of Executive Committee
Financial Reports
Proposed Budget
Masters Address
Session Committee Reports
- 12:00p.m. Awards Luncheon

- 12:45p.m. Foundation Meeting
- 3:00p.m. Budget Approval
Election
Speaker
Session Committee Reports
- 6:00p.m. Dinner Break
- 7:30p.m. Call to Order
Memorial Service
Session Committee Reports
Close in 4th degree
6th Degree Practice
5th Degree Practice
Session Committee Meetings

Saturday, October 22

- 8:30a.m. Open with 5th Degree
6th Degree
Feast Table and Executive Committee Milk Break
Roll Call of Officers
Session Committee Reports
- 12:00p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:30p.m. Call to Order
Roll Call of Officers
Adoption of Friday's minutes
Unfinished Business
Installation of Officers
- 4:00p.m. Closing of 143rd Annual Session
- 7:30p.m. Annual Banquet
Dedicated Worker/VIP Announcement
Youth/ Young Adult Raffle
Dance

**Hope to see
representation
from all Granges**