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Betsy E. Huber, National Grange Master/President



Betsy Huber was born and raised on a dairy farm in Chester County, Pennsylvania. She has been a Grange member since age 5, was active in the Junior Grange, and held many offices in the Community and Pomona Granges, including President.

From 2002-10 Betsy served as President (referred to in the Grange as Master) of the Pennsylvania State Grange, the first woman to hold that position. Previously she served six years as Vice President (known as Overseer) and held many other positions on the state, county, and local levels of the Grange. Following her term as State President, she returned to the State Grange as Government Relations Director for three years until she was elected President of the National Grange in November 2015 – also the first female to hold that position. She also serves as Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Young

Farmers Association and as a Trustee of The Pennsylvania State University from 2005 to present.

From 1992 to 2002, Betsy was the Legislative Assistant to State Representative Arthur Hershey in his district office. Prior to that she was employed by Lincoln University for three years and by the National Grange for seven years as secretary to the Women's Activities Department.

She served 24 years as a Supervisor of Upper Oxford Township, Chester County, and served as Treasurer of the Chester County Association of Township Officials and on several committees for the State Association. Other board memberships include PA FarmLink, PA Department of Environmental Protection Ag Advisory Committee, the PA Alliance for Livestock Care and Well-being, and the PA State Council of Farm Organizations where she served as President for two years. She represented the Pennsylvania State Grange on the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School Board of Overseers 2002-15.

In November 2006 she was elected to the National Grange Board of Directors and in November 2007 she was elected chair of the Board, serving until 2014.

For 39 years, she was married to Henry T. Huber, who passed away in 2006. They are the parents of three children and grandparents of eight, with two great-grandsons.

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Sept. 5	Labor Day
Sept 18	Northern Michigan Picnic— Barnard Grange
Sept. 22	First day of Fall
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Oct. 20-22	Michigan State Grange Annual Convention
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GRANGE HAPPENINGS

Studley Grange #1174 presents membership awards



Worthy State Grange Master, Christopher Johnston presented Ted and Helen Mudd and Betty Jacobs with their 50 year Award certificates at a recent Studley Grange meeting. Upper photos.

Worthy State Grange Master, Christopher Johnston presented Elizabeth Bauknecht with her 65 year seal.

A decorated cake was served after the meeting.



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More Information: nationalgrange.org**

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National Representative

This year, we welcome National Grange Master Betsy Huber to the 143rd Annual Session of the Michigan State Grange. I have gotten to know the Worthy Master over the past eight years and consider her to be a friend, a mentor, and a “Grange Grandmother”. I believe she will make many new friends when she comes to visit us and will fall in love with the beautiful colors that Northern Lower Michigan has to offer during this time of year. When you arrive at the convention, please welcome Sister Betsy to this Great State.

Convention

This year’s convention is slightly different than those of years past. With the shortening of the convention we will not be spending the entire afternoon in our committees working on the resolutions like we have done the past couple years. Instead we will be working on them in our committees prior to the opening of the session on Thursday afternoon. During this committee time I would expect that all committee work or at least most of it will be completed. If your committee does not have any resolutions, I would encourage you to go through the current policy of the Michigan State Grange and see if there are any changes that need to be made or anything that needs to be removed. Another change from the shortening of the session is that the 5th and 6th degrees will now be done first thing Saturday morning. If you have any members coming to take the degree, please be sure to let them know when they will need to be there.

150th Annual session of the Michigan State Grange

In a very short seven years we will be celebrating the 150th annual session of the Michigan State Grange. I would implore you start the conversation, start thinking about how we want to celebrate having served the citizens of the state of Michigan. It almost seems like it was just yesterday that we went through and did all the planning and preparing for the events leading up to the 125th Annual session. I am sure that whomever the next State Master will be appointing a committee to begin the prep work towards the celebration.

Farewell

As I sit here tonight and write this, my final article for the Michigan State Grange News as your State Master, I am reminiscing about all the fun and excitement my wife and I have been a part of over the last eight years. I wish to thank the members of the Michigan State Grange for a wonderful four terms and for the privilege of serving in this capacity. It has truly been a pleasure to serve as the delegates to the National Grange Conventions to represent the members of the Michigan State Grange and to represent the Great State of Michigan on so many different levels.

2016 Michigan State Grange Annual Convention

- Where:** Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI
- Rooms:** Guest rooms: \$79.00 for single/double + tax
- 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.
- Credentials, meal reservations, and resolutions due to the State Office no later than Oct. 1st.
- Due to a slight complication, we do not have the meal prices for the Friday noon awards luncheon and the Saturday night banquet at the time of the printing of the Michigan Grange News.**
- Please ask your Secretary to let you know the prices as soon as she/he gets your credentials forms/visitors forms. Remember meals and registration need to be into the Michigan State Grange Office no later than Oct. 1st. Also at last years session it was voted to raise the amount of delegate & visitor fees to \$15.00 for delegates and \$10.00 for visitors.**

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Grant Money Presented to Michigan School for the Deaf

On July 13 Peggy Johnston and I presented a check for \$300.00 to Mark Bovey, the Administrative Manager at the Michigan School for the Deaf, that we had received from the National Grange Foundation. Peggy and I had applied for a grant from the Foundation with the purpose of assisting the school with their water problem. Our state was awarded this grant for the purpose of promoting deaf awareness this year.

They plan on using this grant money for purchasing water for the school. When talking with Mr. Bovey he figures it will be a long time, possibly months even years before this situation is taken care of. They are doing everything to keep the students and school personnel safe. Our best to them!



Luanna Swainston, Mark Bovey & Peggy Johnston

Wow! Where did the summer go? And to think that State Grange is just around the corner! There are so many things that have to be done before that and dates to be met. Deaf Awareness is no exception.

I have received a few Deaf Awareness Directors Reports. The deadline is coming up soon (September 10, 2016) I would like everyone to send in the report whether you do a lot or just a little. Just mark off the items that you do on the report and send it to me even if you don't have the required 15. I still would like to hear what you are doing. Each report is important! Thank you!

I want to THANK the Granges and Grangers on their donations to the Deaf Awareness Fund. Again this year we

were able to present a scholarship to the Valedictorian at the Michigan School for the Deaf. We also helped the Alexander Graham Bell purchase supplies for their summer camps. It is still not too late to donate if you haven't. These "groups" really appreciate our assistance.

We are still asking for afghans, quilts, fleeces and blankets for the Michigan School for the Deaf. Last year many were made and donated to the school. They are used in the TV room, game room and in the dorm rooms. Bring the finished "project" to the State Grange Convention.

Speaking of the Michigan School for the Deaf, I need to know if you or your Grange would like to have an Adopt-a-Child for Christmas. I do have some Grange and Grangers names already but I need to make sure you still want to be involved. It is a very rewarding program and the expressions on the student's faces is worth everything. It is a great experience! Thanks! Contact me by e-mail (plswainston1@gmail.com), call me at 616-262-3516 or mail me at 965-108th Street, SW, Byron Center, MI 49315. Seeing that the next Michigan Grange News doesn't come out until November I need to know now as the student forms go out around the first of October.

I hope you have been collecting Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education (see article below), beverage tabs and clean aluminum. All these can be brought by you or sent with your delegates to the State Convention.

Campbell Labels for Education program winding down

As of August 1, 2016, only UPCs with the Labels for Education logo will be accepted and redeemed for points into registered schools' bank account. They have begun the process of removing the logo and expect there will be a limited number of products that contain these labels in stores through August 1, 2017. Once all Labels for Education logos have been removed from the products, UPCs will no longer be accepted. The banked points schools have accumulated will not be affected.

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Gratiot Grange #1898 Continues Community Service Project with Grant from National Grange Foundation

Several years ago, a member of the Gratiot Grange attended the light and sound parade in Ashley during the Trading Days Weekend Celebration. The lights weren't bad but she reported that the sound (sirens from many, many emergency vehicles) was unbearable.

With the health project that the Grange has, Deaf Awareness, she suggested that people needed to have ear plugs prior to this parade. So the Grange decided to look into purchasing a large amount of ear plugs and get ready for the next years parade.

We at that time applied for a grant through the National Grange Foundation to help cover the cost of the earplugs and we got it. We then purchased several hundred pairs and have since handed them out each year at the parade.

This year we were getting low on earplugs so decided to apply for a grant once again. We were awarded a \$200 grant and have purchased 1300 pairs of earplugs for the next few years.

With Junior Grange camp being the same weekend as the parade in Ashley this year, and several of our members attending the camp we were unable to attend the parade in Ashley so we instead handed out the remaining earplugs we had at the 4th of July parade at Home Grange.

We are definitely ready for the parade in Ashley next year!

Thank you to the National Grange Foundation for helping us to fund this project.



Sharon Popler,
 Gratiot Grange member

Handing out earplugs at the Home Grange 4th of July Parade.



Baby News!

Congratulations! to Marissa and Thomas Williams on the birth of their son, Waylon Neal Williams, born July 30. He weighted 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 18.75 inches long. He was welcomed by grandparents Mark and Janelle Laupp and Great Grandparents Carl and Martha Laupp. All are members of Home Grange #129, Calhoun County.

Wow! August is almost over and another County Fair season is in the books for my area. I am sitting here after finishing up a very busy week (August 20th) at the Berrien County Youth Fair both as a volunteer and a very proud Uncle! We started out the fair week not on a good note as this was not the year for the Young family to exhibit pigs! We lost a pig back on June 14th and then on August 14th the remaining 3 pigs didn't make weight to be shown at the fair. I know we all were disappointed but the kids moved on and did very well with their Boer Breeding Stock and market goats! With the fair week past us, that means my chores will slow way down as I do not have goats and pigs to care for any longer. They will surely be missed for the next few weeks, but I do have chores to do yet. My small flock of chickens and one rooster are still doing well. They enjoy all of the things from the garden that have been there a little too long. Like zucchini that are the size of baseball bats or tomatoes that the bugs started to eat on. They expect "goodies" every time I go out to the coop!

The garden was doing very well but was neglected the last few weeks so I am afraid to see what it looks like. Tomatoes were just starting to come on and mom has harvested about 1/2 bushel so far to can. I haven't been out in the garden lately because after getting so much rain during the week of our County Fair the mosquitoes have gotten very bad! I have to make a fast trip to the chicken coop they are so bad!

As we move in to the harvest season, please keep in mind that we will once again be sharing the roads with very large sized farm equipment. I know we are all in a hurry to get where we are going but we need to keep in mind that those big pieces of equipment help to put food on our families' tables.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Michigan State Grange Convention that is being held in mid October at the Shanty Creek Resort in Northern Michigan. A lot of new things going on this session as we have Election of Officers with a number of current officers not wishing to accept their office again and a new location that we are being hosted at. Keep in mind that State Session has been shortened by one full day so check the MGN and the website for the new schedule. See you at State Session!!

Northern Michigan Picnic—Barnard Grange-Sept. 18, 2016. Potluck Dinner 1:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome!!

Hi Everyone! I hope you all are having a really GREAT Summer!! It’s been really hot for the last month or so. I like warm weather, but this is almost too much. But let’s not complain!!!! Winter will be here soon enough and we’ll be complaining about the cold. State Session will be here very soon. I’m hoping everyone is working on their entries for the different departments. There are so many to choose from I’m looking forward to seeing everyone in October!! Till then, please be safe in all your travels.

This year is an election year and I’ve got a US Presidential Election Quiz for you. Have fun!

1. If you vote for the incumbent president, you are voting for the:
*Current President, * Current Favorite *Current Underdog * One opposite to what you had planned.
2. What does PAC stand for:
*Political Action Congress *Political Action Committee *Prison Action Committee *Politically Active Consortium
3. Which two states do not use the “Winner Takes All” Method?
*Hawaii and Maine *Alaska and Maine *Nebraska and Hawaii * Nebraska and Maine
4. Representatives serve in the congress for a period of
*2 years *3 years *4 years *6 years
5. What is the length of a Senator’s term?
*2 years *3 years *4 years *6 years
6. What is the minimum age limit for a person contesting for the post of President?
*18 years *21 Years *35 years *40 years
7. Where is the first primary held?
*New Hampshire *California *Texas *Little Rock
8. What is the total number of electoral votes?
*500 *528 *538 *438
9. Which animal is the symbol of the Democrats?
*elephant * dove *rabbit *ass (donkey)
10. Which animal is the symbol of the Republicans?
*donkey *elephant * tiger *dog
11. When does the oath taking by the new President take place?
*20th January, the next year *13th January, the next year *14th February, the next year *the first Monday of the New Year.



- Answers:**
1. Current President
 2. Political Action Committee
 3. Nebraska and Maine
 4. 2 years — the number of Representatives from each state depends on its population
 5. 6 years—Each state gets to elect a total of 2 Senators
 6. 35 years. Only natural born American citizens can contest for the post of the President of America.
 7. New Hampshire
 8. 538—The total number of electoral votes and to win a candidate must secure at least 270 electoral votes.
 9. Ass (Donkey) When Andrew Jackson ran for President in 1828, his opponents called him a jackass for his populist views. Jackson, however picked up this name and turned it to his advantage by using the “Donkey as his campaign symbol.
 10. Elephant, In Harper’s Weekly, and artist drew an elephant. This has since then become the Republican symbol.
 11. 20th January, the next year.

Community Service

Books Due

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 Helen Mudd 1757 Stewart Road, Midland, MI 48640
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As I am writing this article, the temperatures are in the 90's. It has been a hot summer and I am so ready for autumn!

It's time for the annual reports to the Michigan State Grange. Hopefully you have completed your community service book or are working on it. I still need to get my book completed for Studley Grange!

I have tried to pass along information in previous Grange News as a guide to putting together the community service book. If you have any questions at all, please give me a call or email me. I want to help in any way possible.

Your book needs to be at my house in Midland by Saturday, September 10. If you have any questions or need to make special arrangements to get the book to me, please contact me. I am willing to work with you so that your community service book can be entered in the contest this year.

In the meantime, enjoy the remaining days of summer! I look forward to seeing you at the Michigan State Grange convention at Shanty Creek Resort.

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Entries/Money

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Just around the corner is State Session! With the shortening of session, there will be many changes. There won't be a Junior presentation on the floor anymore, but we will still have awards and winners to be announced at the Awards Luncheon. So get all your entries into be judged! There is money to be won!!

As the years go by, there comes a time to pass the torch. This is my time to pass the Junior torch to the next leader. I've had a great time as the Junior director the last number of years, but it is time to get some new life and enthusiasm into the program. I would like to thank you for all the support and the financial backing of the program you have given me. The Juniors are the future and a new leader will help in giving a guiding hand to teach them the way.

Family Activities

Beware of Scams

Marybeth Bower, Director 708 Ralston Road, Colon, MI 49040 Tel: 269-

I received a call from the IRS a few weeks ago. They told me I owed back taxes and needed to get a special credit card to pay these right away or the IRS would be at my house to arrest me. Knowing that it was a scam I laughed at them. This made them very angry. Many of my senior friends are getting these calls. The police told that a local man had paid them \$100,000.00. The number they call from is out of the country so if you sent the money there is little chance of getting it back. Please tell everyone IRS does not contact you by phone. You will get a letter from them with a number to call. This is just many one of many of the scams going on out there...be careful of your information.

SCHEMING
CRAFTY
AGGRESSIVE
MALICIOUS
 DON'T LET THEM CON YOU

Ask for things in writing. Read all information carefully. Fraudsters like to make you think they are a well known company, tweaking their names to make you think they are the real McCOY. Very little is free in these times— flee from free— never give a credit card number for something that is free. You are probably signing up for some FEE based service. Remember if it is to good to be true—it probably is.

I am getting ready for the upcoming elections. Know the candidates read about what they stand for. If they are incumbents check their voting records. And be sure you vote every election. I say I am protecting my right to complain—if you don't take time to vote do not complain. Deadlines are coming up for voting.) printed from the state at election time. Remember to bring a picture ID.



Family Activities Contests

Hope you are all working on your entries for Family Activities contests. Remember to have an entry form filled out and attached to each entry. Also remember only one entry for each division. The display room will be open at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday to accept entries.

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
9:30a.m.	Adopt Order of Business 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 5 th Degree 6 th 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 143 rd Annual Session
7:30p.m.	Annual Banquet Dedicated Worker/VIP Announcement Youth/ Young Adult Raffle Dance

**Hope to see
representation
from all Granges**

THREE PROJECTS TO REMEMBER FOR CONVENTION

ATTENTION Grangers and Granges. With the problems that the Michigan School for the Deaf have had with their water situation we can help them by “donating” gift cards to Meijers, Walmart, Target or any stores in the Flint area that sells bottled water “or” give cash. Look for a collection container in the display area. They figure this situation will take months, even years before it is resolved. Let’s help them out!

REMEMBER to bring your pennies or other coins or dollars for the NG Convention Fund Collection

DON'T FORGET to bring your items for the Silent Auction! This is a fun type of fund raiser for the Michigan State Grange!