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COMMUNICATION THE KEY TO CONNECTION BETTER HEARING & SPEECH MONTH

- For over 75 years May has been designated as Better Hearing and Speech Month -- a time to raise public awareness, knowledge, and understanding of the various forms of communication impairments to include those of hearing, speech, language, and voice. Communication impairments affect the most vulnerable in our society -- the young, the aged, the disabled, and the poor.
- Helen Keller once noted that of all her impairments, she was perhaps troubled most by her lack of speech and hearing. She elaborated, that while blindness separated her from things, her lack of speech and hearing separated her from people -- the human connection of communication.
- An estimated 28 million Americans have a hearing loss that can be treated; yet fewer than 7,000,000 use a hearing aid. You could be one of them. Now is a good time to take stock of your own hearing and seek help if you think you may have a problem.
- You have a hearing loss if you
 - *frequently ask people to repeat themselves*
 - *often turn your ear toward a sound to hear it better*
 - *understand people better when you wear your glasses or look directly at their faces*
 - *lose your place in group conversations*
 - *keep the volume on your radio or TV at a level that others say is too loud*
 - *have pain or ringing in your ears*
- "People who see themselves in these statements should see an audiologist for a hearing test. Even a very slight hearing loss can have an impact on your daily life. Hearing loss is treatable, and there is no reason for anyone to miss all the important sounds of life.

HAVE YOUR HEARING TESTED

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May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 14	Mother's Day
May 20	Armed Forces Day
May 29	Memorial Day
June 14	Flag Day
June 18	Father's Day
June 21	Summer Begins

Enjoy the Great Weather!



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Comparing

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Have you ever compared yourself to someone? Maybe you've compared yourself to a coworker who received a higher position, or an entrepreneur who made more in a day than you might make in 5 years? Have you ever compared yourself to people who you consider less accomplished than yourself?

Teddy Roosevelt once said, 'comparison is the thief of joy'. That's because comparing oneself to another often leads to discouragement or pride. It isn't a healthy practice and should be avoided.

Remember that we are all different in many ways. God will ultimately hold you accountable for what you were given, not what others have received. Our calling is to be responsible with the opportunities that God provides us. Do your best with what you are given.

Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.

~Galatians 6:4



NATIONAL GRANGE

Membership Recognition

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	Orders: \$75.00-\$99.99 = \$10.00
	Orders: \$100.00—\$124.99 = \$12.00
	Orders: \$125.00—\$249.00 = \$15.00
	Orders: \$250.00 and above = \$20.00

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Spring has Sprung

The grass is green, and a million leafy banners are beginning to be unfurled. Temperatures are rising, we are seeing rain fall and not snow. What does this all mean? Yes it means that as you drive through the rural areas of our great state, you will be seeing the big machines that can, through modern engineering, transform brown boring fields in to these amazing production plants without many workers. These production plants from all across the country have the ability to feed millions of individuals around the world. In the last 150 years of the National Grange we have influenced education to our farmers on methods of increasing production without increasing tillable soil. Over the next 8 years the agriculture industry has to again revolutionize their means of producing products to be able to feed approximately 25% more individuals around the world. So, the question is what can we as Grange members do to assist in this process? Just to let you all know of our impact on Federal legislation that impacts the local farmers ability to do their job and to do it better and still turn a profit. We have been invited to take part in the beginning process towards the 2018 Farm bill. Sen. Debbie Stabenow has invited us to be part of the open house style discussion on the process to organizing the Farm Bill.

State Grange Session

This year's annual session will be held at the Comstock Inn and Conference Center in Owosso, MI. In the next issue of the Michigan Grange News, we will have more pertinent information pertaining to the convention.

Also as a reminder to the members of Region 3 that we should have a location for next year's convention announced at the convention this year.

National Session 2019

It has been announced that in 2019, we will be helping to host the National Grange Session in Minnesota. We are looking forward to taking the National Grange back to the home state of the Father of the Grange, Oliver Hudson Kelley. In the coming months and years the Midwest region State Masters will be working diligently to make this another great successful convention.

National Grange Announcement

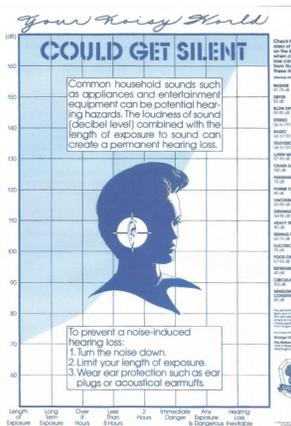
The National Grange has proudly announced that Worthy National Master Betsy Huber, has been appointed to the Federal Communication Counsel's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee.

Congratulations Betsy!!!

Until next time!!!

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

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Happy Spring! April Showers bring May Flowers and May is Better Hearing and Speech Month.

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. 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 call upon the People of the United States to observe this with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

I hope each Grange presents a program on Deaf and Hard of Hearing in some form. Let me know about your program and please provide a picture or two of your activity. Thanks in advance.

Your Grange should be receiving a Deaf Awareness Fund plea letter. Please consider contributing to this Fund. From this Fund we will be presenting a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating senior to help further their education, which we have presented for years. Graduation is Thursday, June 8 at 1:00 at the Michigan School for the Deaf in the Jeter Center located at 1235 W. Court Street in Flint.

With this Fund we also hope to help support the Alexander Graham Bell's summer camp programs. This money is usually used for equipment and supplies for the campers.

With your help we will be able to help support these programs and maybe others. Individual contributions are also accepted and appreciated. Thanks!

There are many happenings in the months of May and June. There will be many graduations from high school and college. Here's wishing them a successful future in starting college or successful career in whatever they endeavor.

Mother's Day is May 14. Do something special for your mom. If she is not with you remember the good times you had with her.

Memorial Day is a day to remember those who have died trying to keep our country's freedom and support those who are now in the Military services and keep them safe. This year it is recognized on May 29th.

Flag Day is June 14th and it is a day when we should proudly display our flags and not only the 14th but every day possible.

Father's Day is on the 18th of June. Do something special for Dad! If he is not with you reminisce about the past when he was with you.

The First Day of Summer is June 21st. Warm weather should have arrived so you can enjoy doing things with family, vacationing, yard work, sprucing up the house, camping, etc.

I hope you have looked through the Program Booklet under the Deaf Awareness department to see what programs you can get involved in. Please consider the programs. Thanks!

Again, have a Better Hearing Month!!!

Family Activities

Eating Vegetables

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6 Ways to Sneak Vegetables into Children's Meals

Struggling with getting your kids to eat vegetables? Research shows it can take up to 15 attempts before a child enjoys a new food.

While you keep on trying to introduce new flavors, you can ensure even picky children get their daily dose of vegetables with these six simple cooking hacks.

- ◆ Steam cauliflower and puree. Fold into mashed potatoes before serving.
- ◆ Finely shred zucchini and layer into lasagna and other casseroles before baking.
- ◆ Chop mushrooms and brown with ground beef before making tacos or sloppy joes.
- ◆ Add a dollop of unseasoned pumpkin puree to spaghetti or mac-and-cheese sauce.
- ◆ Blend spinach into a blueberry smoothie and the dark color will mask the green.
- ◆ Add a container of carrot baby food to pizza sauce before making that pie.

Best First Fruit and Vegetables for Babies

With so many types of food available, it can be difficult to know which are best for baby's first tastes.

La Leche League International has these recommendations for infants:

- ◆ Bananas cut into slices and then quartered.
- ◆ Unsweetened applesauce or tiny apple chunks softened in the microwave.
- ◆ Finely chopped plums, peaches, pears and apricots, gently cooked if necessary.
- ◆ Avocado diced into small, bite-size pieces.
- ◆ Baked or boiled sweet potatoes cut into tiny chunks.
- ◆ Mashed white potatoes.
- ◆ Finely chopped or mashed baby carrots, green beans, peas and squash.

Spices that Kill Germs

Just jazzing up your favorite dishes with extra garlic, onion, allspice or oregano can subdue sneaky germs before they reach your dinner plate. According to researchers at New York's Cornell University, these spices are such powerful antibacterials, they kill up to 100% of germs on contact. In second place, thyme, cinnamon, tarragon and cumin, which killed up to 80% of the bacteria on contact.

English Broken Here

A collection of signs and notices written in English that were discovered throughout the world:

In a Paris hotel elevator: Please leave your values at the front desk.

In a hotel in Athens: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. daily.

Outside a Hong Kong tailor shop: Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from the Russian Orthodox monastery: You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists, and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

In an Austrian hotel catering to skiers: Not to perambulate the corridors in the hours of repose in the boots of ascension.

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant: Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

In a Rhodes tailor shop: Order your summer suit. Because it is big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.

In a Bucharest hotel lobby: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

In an advertisement by a Hong Kong dentist: Teeth extracted by the latest Methodists.

GRANGE HAPPENINGS



Alvin and Marie Thelen had served many years on the Board of Directors for the Grange Acres Senior Housing. After Alvin's death, Marie continued on as President for the Board. Recently due to health issues, Marie decided to give up the Presidents position and later decided it best to give up being a Board member. The Present Board voted to honor the Thelen's in a couple of ways. Marie was presented with a

framed Proclamation in her and Alvin's name.

The Board of Directors also decided to dedicate the newly renovated Community Room in the Wm. J. Brake Building in Alvin and Marie's honor. That room will be known as the "Thelen Community Room."

TORNADO SAFETY

Once again, its that time of year when Spring bring severe storms and our eyes go to the skies. Here are some precautions that we all should know in case of an weather emergency;

At home, have a family tornado plan in place, based on the kind of dwelling you live in. Know where you can take shelter in a matter of seconds. Have a pre-determined place to meet after a disaster. Store protective coverings (e.g. mattress, sleeping bags, thick blankets) in or next to your shelter space, ready to use on a few seconds notice. If there is no basement, know the smallest room in the center of the home with no windows. Get as low as possible and cover yourself. If there's a basement go to an area where you know there isn't any heavy items above you that might fall down on you. Under the stair well is usually a good place to go. If in a mobile home GET OUT. Get to a shelter. Even mobile homes that are tied down are not safe. If you have a pet, put them on a leash or in a carries and take them with you.

Know the signs of a tornado: Weather forecasting science is not perfect and some tornadoes do occur without a tornado warning. There is no substitute for staying alert to the sky. Here are some things to look and listen for

1. Strong, persistent rotation in the cloud base.
2. Whirling dust or debris on the ground under a cloud base,—tornadoes sometimes have no funnel. Also a dark, often greenish sky.
3. Hail or heavy rain followed by either dead calm or a fast , intense wind shift. Many tornadoes are wrapped in heavy precipitation and can't be see.
4. Day or night—loud, continuous roar or rumble, which doesn't fade in a few seconds like thunder.
5. Night—Small, bright, blue-green to white flashes at ground level near a thunderstorm. These mean power lines are being snapped by very strong wind, maybe a tornado.



SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH:

Conditions are conducive to the development of severe thunderstorms in and around the watch area. These storms produce hail of 3/4 inch in diameter and/or wind gusts of at least 58 mph.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING:

Issued when a severe thunderstorm has been observed by spotters or indicated on radar. And is occurring or imminent in the warning area. These warnings usually last for a period of 30 to 60 minutes.

TORNADO WATCH:

Conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms and multiple tornadoes in and around the watch area. People in the affected areas are encouraged to be vigilant in preparation for severe weather.

TORNADO WARNING:

Spotters have sighted a tornado or one has been indicated on radar, and is occurring or imminent in the warning area. When a tornado warning has been issued, people in the affected area are strongly encouraged to take cover immediately.

When a tornado warning is issued, you should open all the windows in the house (MYTH) Get to shelter FIRST

Tornadoes won't cross over rivers or other bodies of water (MYTH) Doesn't matter what's in front of it, it will cross over it.

The best place to be during a tornado is the southwest corner of your basement (MYTH) The truth is, no one part of your basement is any safer than another.

If in a car go under an overpass. (MYTH) An overpass is one of the most dangerous things you can do when a tornado is approaching. You have no protection from flying debris or the winds.

The following was furnished by Ton Smith, Past MSG Lecturer and was an article he found in a 1946 Michigan Patron.

Juvenile Members

Which position in the Grange do you occupy?

1. An attendant, or an absentee?
2. A pillar, or a sleeper?
3. A wing, or a weight?
4. A power, or a problem?
5. A promoter, or a provoker?
6. A giver, or a getter?
7. A worker, or a worrier?
8. A Booster, or a boaster?
9. A peacemaker, or a strife creator?
10. A supporter, or a sponger?

GRANGE HAPPENINGS

Grange Month was celebrated in a big way at Burns Grange #160, Shiawassee County. We started our evening with a bountiful potluck dinner with members and friends. Grange was opened in regular form and a few business items were taken care of. Senator Rick Jones (also an Associate Member) spoke to the group on historical facts on Michigan in honor of Michigan's 180th birthday. We learned a lot about our state that I am sure not all of us knew. Thank you Rick!

Burns Grange Lecturer, Kirk Maylum presented awards to Lieutenant Dale Shiffer of the Shiawassee Township Fire Department as the Fireman of the Year. Next Officer Jim LePage of the Bancroft Police Department and Sparrow Security was presented with the Law Enforcement of the Year Award. Kristin Pohl, teacher at the Durand Middle School was presented with the Teacher of the Year Award. These were followed by the Community Citizen Award that was presented to the Rauch Tower VFW-Byron for their continued work helping those in need in this area. The VIP (Very Important Patron) award was given to Rick Jones, for the attention he gives, individuals, organizations such as the Grange, and businesses throughout the area. He even advertises our chicken dinner on his facebook page. A short candy bar quiz was done by Peggy Johnston. Membership awards were presented to Allison Driskell for 10 years of service, Peggy Johnston for 50 years of service, David Johnston Jr. for 25 years of service and to Donna McDaniels for 70 years of service to the Grange. This was followed by a Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity candle ceremony by members, Chris Johnston, Kirk Maylum, Dale Moore and Peggy Johnston. What a wonderful night. As we say at Burns after an event or even a meeting....Another Great Grange Day!

Community Service

Organizing

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We hope everyone is having a nice spring. 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 and the new size requirement. Please remember a notebook is not required. Completion of the report form is totally acceptable.

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

Notebook Size

- ◆ The maximum size notebook that will be allowed is a 2 inch binder.
- ◆ Your Grange will be disqualified from judging if the notebook is larger than this requirement.

The Community Service program period is September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. Notebooks/reports will be due to Tricia by September 10.

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

Tricia & Helen

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Spring is finally here and almost in to Summer by the time you read this article. The flowering trees have been very colorful this Spring! Things have really been greening up this Spring which of course means the grass is needing to be mowed. Fresh asparagus is starting to be picked in my area of the State. The fruit trees are budding as well so hopefully we do not get any frost at the wrong time as that could damage the fruit crop for later in the year.

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! When planning your garden spots, keep in mind the new Ag Classes that you can enter at this year's Annual State Grange Session. Each class is open to Junior members on up through Subordinate members. The 3 classes for this year are Pumpkin, Late (winter) Squash, and Sunflower head. Please check the Program Booklet for more details. Family Activities also has a new class this year which is Decorated Pumpkin so you could actually enter 2 classes with your harvest from your pumpkin patch!!

Spring sprung fast this year and 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 yet because there are too many sticks. Maybe I will get to finally mow after going to pick up the fair pigs on April 23rd. The fair goats will be coming to live here any day as well. So my little farm is going to get busy very soon. We still have the chickens and hoping to add a few more hens to the flock very soon.

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 families. 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!



MIDWEST YOUTH CONFERENCE

Friday, June 30 7 p.m. To Sunday, July 2nd 10 a.m.
Rock Creek Grange Camp
12134 N. 39th Ave. E.
Kellogg, Iowa 50135

Cost \$60.00

We will be sleeping in cabins (not air conditioning, one for women and one for men), they do get pretty cool at night. I usually bring a medium weight blanket. If you are driving and want to bring a fan you can do that as well. We will have some fans in the cabin. There are indoor toilets and showers available. Iowa weather is very unpredictable so please bring a variety of clothing. If you bring any snacks that need refrigeration we will have some space available. You can bring the registration form with you or fill one out when you get here. Please send in your money payable to — Jr. Grange Camp: Samantha Hanson, 1808 5th Ave. Grinnell, IA 50112 -990-3055 Email: iowajrgrange@gmail.com phone 1-641 and tell me that you are coming. Any question please ask! Items to bring: bedding (fitted sheet, sleeping bag, pillow) Shower supplies including a towel, swimsuit, clothes, for Iowa weather including tennis shoes, flashlight, bug spray, sunscreen and any medications that you take.

Midwest Youth Conference 2017

Host: Iowa

Please let me know by June 23rd if you are coming!

Name: _____ Email _____
 Address: _____
 Parent/guardian Name if under 18 _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell _____
 Mode of Transportation Vehicle _____ Fly _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
 Any health conditions we should be aware of: _____
 Taking any medication while at the conference (in case you need to be taken to ER)? _____
 Participating as: Junior (5-14) _____ youth (14-35) _____
 Director _____ Along for the ride _____ Other _____
Prepared Speech: ages 14-21 _____ ages 22-35 _____ ages 36+ _____
Elevator Speech: ages 14-21 _____ ages 22-35 _____ ages 36+ _____
Impromptu Speech: ages 14-21 _____ ages 22-35 _____ ages 36+ _____
Junior Prepared Speech _____
Sign-a-song
 Novice _____ Expert _____ Group _____ Junior (ages 8-14) _____
Sign the Alphabet (ages 8-14 only) _____