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STATE MASTER CHRIS JOHNSTON ATTENDS NATIONAL GRANGE 150TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Senator Debbie Stabenow and Michigan State Grange Master, Chris Johnston with the National Grange Champion of Rural America Award Sen. Stabenow was presented.

National Grange Master, Betsy Huber, Michigan State Grange Master Chris Johnston and Senator Debbie Stabenow at the 150th Anniversary Gala.

Michigan School for the Deaf Students Listening to the Christmas Story Being Told

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A baby girl was born to Erik Perry and Alexandra Swainston on Christmas Day!
Azalea Joy Perry was born at 7:41 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 20 3/4 inches long.
Proud Grandparents are: Jeff and Nancy Swainston, Proud Aunt Jessica Swainston and Proud Great Grandparents: Phil and Luanna Swainston

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2018!!

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VIP RECIPIENT

One of the highest honors we can bestow upon our Brothers and Sisters is to be recognized as a Very Important Patron. Brother **RICH HAZEN**, Fredonia Grange #1713, received this honor during the recent Michigan State Grange Convention in Owosso. However, with everything else going on in the last issue of the MGN this was overlooked. I personally apologize to Brother Rich and to the members of Fredonia Grange #1713. Brother Rich is very deserving of this award. I have had the pleasure to work with him in the past and know that he has earned his ranks as the 2017 Very Important Patron.

National Grange

With this being a full election year at National Grange here is the run down of officers: Master, Betsy Huber PA, Overseer, Phil Prelli CT, Lecturer, Christine Hamp WA, Steward, Chip Narvel DE, Asst. Steward John Plank IN, Lady Asst. Steward, Brenda Rouselle VT, Chaplain, Barbara Bordereux FL, Treasurer, Dwight Baldwin IA, Secretary, Judy Sherrod TN. Gatekeeper, Chris Johnston MI, Ceres, Cindy Greer CO, Pomona, Susan Noah OR, Flora, Lena Shufeldt OK, Exec Comm, Leroy Watson NH, Lynette Schaffer IL, Steven Coye NY, Duane Scott WI. High Priest of Demeter Bruce Croucher NY, Priest Archon Roger Bostwick KS, Priest Annalist James Owens ME.

I look forward to working with this group of individuals over the next two years.

After we had made the journey back home from the convention in Spokane WA. We started looking forward to the National Grange Gala that was held on December 4th at the Decatur House and Carriage House in Washington D. C. This was the official 150th birthday celebration of the National Grange. During the reception I had the pleasure to meet and speak with Sen. Debbie Stabenow. While we talked about issues facing rural Michigan, we got the opportunity to learn more about each other's background. After a brief meet and greet we moved into presentations where National Master Betsy Huber presented two Champions of Rural America Awards. One was presented to Sen. Stabenow and the other was presented to Sen. Susan Collins from Maine. Before the Gala, two Congressmen were presented the same award in their office. They were Rep. Collin Peterson from Minnesota and Rep. Greg Walden from Oregon. The awards were presented to these four due impart to their unwavering dedication to the advancement of rural America. It was an honor to be on hand to help present these awards.

State Grange Pins

A few months ago, the Executive Committee approved a pin to be commissioned to be sold to raise funds for the Michigan State Grange's 150th celebration coming up in 2023. The cost of the pin is $5.00 and can be ordered thru the State Secretary. If shipping is required to get them to you there will be shipping costs added to the total cost.

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Also available are Grange "Do-ers" Challenge coins. The cost of those is $20.00. These can be requested through me and I will see how many are still available from the Washington State Grange.

Until next time…..
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Christmas Party at the Michigan School for the Deaf

We had another successful Christmas party with 30 students at the Michigan School for the Deaf. Thanks to the many Granges and Grangers who helped make it exciting for the students. Included Granges were Runs #160, Gratiot #1898, Burr Oak #1350, Barnard #689, Oceana Center #1047, West Oshtemo #1630, St. Joe/Cass/Kalamazoo Pomona #4, Fredonia #1713, North Adrian #721, Rome #293, Plymouth/Westland #389, Mid MI Pomona #61, Studley #1174, Mosherville #1351, Carlisle #812, Kinney #754, and the Michigan State Grange. Grangers who were involved were the Claudia Libbey family, Marshall and Jackie Bishop, Ted and Helen Mudd and Tricia Eidsmoe, Phil and Luanna Swainston, Peggy Johnston, Dale Moore and Sharon Popler.

Mr. Mark Bovey, the Assistant Manager, welcomed the Grangers and thanked us for continuing to support the school and the Christmas party. He then introduced Camille Jeter-Lorelle who signed the story, The Night Before Christmas while Jackie Lozano interpreted the story. What a fantastic job they did.

The students then had a lunch of pizza, chips and pretzels, cookies and beverages. Thanks to Burns Grange and Studley Grange for supplying the beverages and Studley and Kinney Grange for supplying cookies. Thanks to Sharon Popler, Helen and Ted Mudd and Tricia Eidsmoe for serving the pizza.

Thanks to Fern Grange #803 for a sizeable donation to help with the party.

Then what the students were anticipating was opening their gifts. What an exciting group of students and the enjoyment the Grangers had of watching the excitement and happy smiles on the student's faces. Thanks to the many Granges and Grangers involved in the Adopt-a-Child Program. You made "their day"! It was all worth it!!!

From the State Session I took 2 small quilts, 3 knitted/crocheted blankets, and a scarf and mittens to the school. Also included were 297 Box Tops, 160 Labels for Education and 59 Spartan UPC symbols. Please continue to save the Box Tops and Labels for Education. What a great support we have from our Granges and Grangers involved in these programs. It makes it all worthwhile. Thanks to Susanne Middlewood, from the school, for all her help in making this a successful party too.

I hope each of you and your families had a **Merry Christmas, and wishing everyone a bright and Happy New Year!**

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Women's Department

A few weeks ago, when we were trying to select ideas for the contests and activities in the Family Activities Department, it go me thinking how much it has evolved.

Well over 100 years ago there was a Committee on Women's work. You can just imagine what this entailed. Remember, women were just getting the vote, so I'm guessing this committee discussed sewing, cooking, child rearing and how to be a supportive farm wife.

Then, it became the Home Economics Committee. Again it involved those things listed above, but also included national sewing and needlework contests. And how many new Grange Halls were built using the talents of Grange women for public dinners, bake sales, food at auctions, etc. And they started to think in broader terms, too. Support for the CARE programs brought many needed services to third world countries, and the basis was laid for Grange Deaf Activities.

And then it became the Women's Activities Committee and Grange Women were encouraged to be more active in their communities. The Golden Quill project of the late 70's –early 80's urged women in the Grange to get involved in legislation and community action issues. All this time the many contests continued.

Today, we call it Family Activities. I've always heard it said, "In the Grange, we are one big family", so the emphasis of the program has shifted to finding activities and projects for all ages, all interests and all concerned. We've tried in the New Grange program to find some contests that will appeal to a broader range of interest. But this committee needs to do more in their Granges than just push for entries. We need to find projects and activities for all to participate in. Here are a few of my ideas to better involved our family and Grange family in making the Grange experience a good one.

1. Put together a Grange family cookbook. Everyone loves potlucks and every Grange I have ever visited has special people, known for a special dish. Collect the recipes and let all share in the good taste. It could be used as a fundraiser, too.
2. Plan a special outing. Visit a local museum, zoo or attraction as a group. More people make for more fun, and if enough can go, group rates might be secured.
3. Do something this year you have never done before and let everyone help with the planning. It might be a community service project, a dinner, an awards night or whatever, but include as many as possible in the planning. This should help to get greater interest as well as attendance.

The big holidays are over (thank-you) but that doesn't have to mean that the joy of giving has to stop. I found this years ago & clipped it for use sometime. Hope you enjoy it and practice it.

Eight Wonderful Gifts

That don't cost a cent.

The Gift of Listening
But you must really listen. No interrupting, no day dreaming, no planning your responses, no second-guessing. Just listen.

The Gift of Affection
Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, and pats on the back. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for your family and close friends.

The Gift of Laughter
Clip and share cartoons and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

The Gift of a Written Note
It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a lift.

The Gift of a Compliment
A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job," or "Thant was wonderful," can make someone's day.

The Gift of a Favor
Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

The Gift of Solitude
There are times when you want nothing more than to be left alone. Be sensitive to that same need in others and give the gift or solitude when it seems needed.

The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition
The easiest way to feel good is to offer a kind word to someone. Really, just a cheery "Hello" or "How are you?" can go along way.

Lecturer

Happy New Year

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Boy oh Boy, what a busy year and an extra busy Christmas Season. I know all of you have been busy with family events, Grange events, baking for the holidays, shopping and traveling to and fro. I hope you've had a **Wonderful time** and may the **New Year** be filled with **Good Health, Love and Joy for all.** With the new year here and the Michigan State Grange paper being sent out, the program booklet for next year is included. I have made some changes in each of the category's. I hope you enjoy them and can get started working on some of them. Have Fun.

FUN WINTER FACTS AND TRIVIA

- The lowest temperature ever recorded was in the Antarctica on July 21, 1983. It was –98.2 degrees Celsius (-128.6 Fahrenheit).
- Winter cold kills more than twice as many Americans as summer heat does.
- The months December, January & February are winter months in the Northern Hemisphere, but in the Southern Hemisphere (for Example, in Australia) the coldest months of the year are actually June, July, and August.
- The Southern Hemisphere typically has milder winters than the Northern Hemisphere. This is because the Southern Hemisphere has less land and more maritime climate.
- According to the Guinness World Records, on January 28, 1887, a snowflake 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick fell in Fort Keogh, Montana, making it the largest snowflake ever observed.
- Every winter, at least one septillion (that's 1 followed by 24 zeros) snow crystals fall from the sky.
- The largest recorded snowman ever built was in Bethel, Maine, in February 1999. The 113 foot, 7 inch snowman broke the previous record held by Yamagata, Japan at 96 feet 7 inches.
- A single snowstorm can drop 39 million tons of snow.
- Snow appears white because snow is a bunch of individual ice crystals arranged together. When light hits snow, it bounces all around the ice crystals and the "color" of all the frequencies in the visible spectrum combined in equal measure is white, While white is the color we see in snow, the individual ice crystals are actually translucent.
- Depending on the season, some animals actually change color. For example, the Arctic fox's fur changes to white during the winter so that it can better blend in with the snow.
- During the winter, the black bear goes into hibernation , slowing its heartbeat to about 8 beats a minute from the usual 40 or so. It can go as long as 100 days with out food!
- Mt. Baker ski area in Washington State holds the world record for snowfall at 1,140 inches of snow during the 1998-1999 winter season.

AGRICULTURE — Garden Planning

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Happy New Year everyone! Wow, did 2017 really just end?!! Well I am sure everyone is starting to think about Spring and winter is not even half over! I am thinking of Spring because I am already tired of snow thanks to the great Lake Effect area that I live in. It is December 12th as I write to you and we have already had 2 big lake effect snow storms since Dec 1st, and there is more coming and then 40 degree weather and then more cold and snow just in time for Christmas. I know it is important to have snow during the winter months as that helps to add moisture to our farm fields and also helps to protect the winter wheat during the cold months.

Yes, snow is a part of everyday life during winter in our community. And don't we often wish we didn't have to live with it, but we couldn't live without it.

So while you sit and look at the snow float from the sky, think about what you might want to plant in your gardens or yards this coming spring. Now is a great time to be looking through the seed catalogs and plant books for those special favorites you might want to plant and then share the crops with friends and neighbors.

Here is a good reason to be planning early. Be sure to check out the Agriculture Department in the Program Book. I have added some new classes as well as keeping the classes from 2017 for all ages (separate divisions for Adults and Juniors) to enter at the 2018 State Session pertaining to Agriculture. I hope all will really look at entering something. If our State Session was during the late Summer or early Fall months, we could do more classes to deal with fruits, vegetables and flowers. But it is kind of hard to do tomatoes or raspberries in late October. Have fun with these classes as I took some of the suggestions that were given at the 2017 State Session for possible classes and also ideas from the Illinois State Grange Agriculture contest classes from clips provided to me by Brother Tom Smith of my Pomona Grange.

In the coming articles I will be including some items that were in an Article entitled "10 Myths About Farming" which was written by Jenna Gallegos from The Washington Post. Topping the list was: *Most farms are corporate-owned.* This myth is probably the most pervasive on the list. It is also the furthest off-base. Nearly 99% of U.S. Farms are family owned. The vast majority of these are small family farms, but the bulk of our food comes from large family farms.

Well that is all for now. Here is hoping 2018 is a great Grange year for all and brings bounty to our Agriculture Neighbors and Friends!

Community Service — Size

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Sixteen pages. That is the size of the Community Service book that took 2nd place in the country at National Grange. This Grange is from Bangor, Maine and has 31 members.

I attended the National Grange Convention in Spokane and was able to view all the community service books from across the country. There were 26 books sent to National Grange. It was very interesting to see what other Granges are doing for projects!

Studley Grange was the winning book from Michigan. They were one of three Granges to receive honorable mention at National Grange.

16 pages. Think about this when compiling your book for next year. We can all learn a lesson from this.

Have a safe and warm winter! Tricia and Helen

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GRANGE GY YOUTH JUNIOR Grange

Help Wanted

Next year is Michigan's turn to host the Midwest Regional Youth and Young Adult Conference. As no one has stepped up to take on the challenge of the Junior/Youth/ Young Adults Director, we need help. If you are able to assist us in hosting this conference, please let me know. We need a location, meals and educational activities to do. We aren't opposed to camping in a yard or sleeping on a Grange Hall floor. We would like to be near the Indiana border so those traveling from the further Midwest states don't have as far to go, but will consider all options!

10 Ways to Prepare for a Happy New Year!

1. Revisit your successes and failures this past year. Each year provides great learning opportunities. Sit down and review and take stock in what worked well and what didn't
2. Clean out your space. Its tough to feel ready to go when surrounded by clutter. Spend some time organizing your work-space, living space, and computer desktop. You will feel organized and ready to begin a new year.
3. Get rid of excess. So many people are on the verge of being or becoming a hoarder. It's so easy to say I might need that someday or maybe someone else will need it. Just get rid of those things that you really don't need.
4. Resolve outstanding work/pleasure conflicts. Make time for everything that is important. You only have one chance to do so many of these things. Which is more important...figure it out.
5. Resolve outstanding personal conflicts. Troubling issues have a negative impact on you and everyone around you. Life does not have to be miserable, change your relationship if required but just don't live in agony. Just fix it.
6. List three skills you want to improve. Nobody is perfect (although you run into those that think they are). Do a thoughtful self-assessment and figure out what simple changes will help you be the person you truly want to be.
7. Set a plan for one major objective. If you could accomplish one major thing in 2018, what would it be? Now is the time to set out a clear plan to do just that. List the action steps, milestones, and resources required. Put it I an exciting presentation and go recruit the people to get it done.
8. Create a Q1 to do list. Plan ahead for what will get you off on the right track for the year. You can always adjust to meet changes but at least you start with a solid road map.
9. Contact people you want in your life next year. No one reaches the pinnacle of success on their own. It's possible you already have exactly the right people in your life to get you there, then again maybe not. Get the contacts started today with at least three people who are going to help you excel next year.
10. Enjoy. Yes, I gave you a lot of stuff to do to make the next year a success, but its for the most part productive and fun. Preparing for a successful future should be enjoyable, exciting and energizing. Take part in the satisfaction that you will conquer 2018 with joy and confidence.

Wanted/Needed

A Junior/Youth Director and a Membership Director are needed for the Michigan State Grange.

If you are interested in helping with either of these positions, please contact Chris Johnston, Master at:

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GRANGE HAPPENINGS

St. Joseph/Cass/Kalamazoo Pomona #4

St. Joseph/Cass/Kalamazoo Pomona Grange #4 is working hard on various activities to help others and promote our organization. At the St. Joseph County Grange Fair in September, Betty Persons chaired the Fair display project and did a great job.

We are collecting old pill bottles to be re-used and have quite a lot already gathered. At our December meeting, members were asked to bring food stuffs and Stacie Bower will be delivering these to the Keystone Place Near Centreville, a homeless shelter for our area.

Our December meeting fell on the second, just 2 days prior to the official 150 year birthday of the Grange. For the program a five part candle ceremony was observed which had been written by Past Michigan State Grange Lecturer, Tom Smith. The 5 candles of various colors were placed around an American and Grange Flag with Robert Latterner, Master; Mary Beth Bower, Overseer; Lena Young, Chaplain; Stacie Bower, Acting as Lecturer and Tom Smith, Secretary taking part.

And we are busy getting plans in order, along with our Grange Friends at Home and Fredonia Granges to host the October 2018 Michigan State Grange Convention.

Studley Grange Distributes Dictionaries

Studley Grange #1174 of Midland presented 140 dictionaries to the third graders of Pine River and Floyd Elementary in October. Pictured are Grange members and students from both schools receiving their dictionaries.

The Grange members feel this is a very worthwhile project. The teachers are very appreciative of receiving these dictionaries and the students are excited about them and read them as books. This year a parent asked one of the teachers at the beginning of the year about their student receiving a dictionary!

This is the 15th year Studley Grange has donated dictionaries in the Bullock Creek School District. We have given away over 2,100 dictionaries during this time.

Floyd School ↑

Pine River School ↓

Burns Grange #160 Completes 15 Years of Distributing Dictionaries

Burns Grange recently completed distributing dictionaries for the 15th year. This year we handed out 847 dictionaries to the third grade students in Shiawassee County. This included: Durand, Byron, Corunna, Owosso, New Lothrop, Ovid/Elsie, Morrice, Perry and Laingsburg public schools and Laingsburg Christian, St. Pauls-Owosso, and the Salem Lutheran School– Owosso.

We are always welcomed with open arms when entering these schools. It gives us such a great feeling to present each of these students with a dictionary all their own.

The one thing that happens now and then with us that really makes us feel Super is when we are in a local store or restaurant and we hear a youngster telling his mom or dad that "there is the dictionary lady." Makes us smile!

Happy Winter!

Secretary **Mailings Coming**

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Mailings Coming Soon!

With any luck at all you will be reading this before the New Year or shortly thereafter. This issue is always the hardest one to get in the mail. Between all the holiday festivities, collecting the articles, finding the time to just get it all put together and finally getting my crew together to get it done! Then we have the weather to deal with.

Don't forget that in this issue is the **2017-2018 Michigan Grange Program Book.** Please be sure to pull it out and keep it handy so you can refer to it for the contests and programs for this year. There are some changes, so be sure to check that out. Both the Lecturer's and Family Activities Department have made one of their contests available to non-members (prospective members). Be sure to tell your friends and lets get a **super increase** in entries this coming fall.

Also coming in the mail or by Email soon will be the **2018 Legislative Policy Booklet, 2018 Roster, and 2017 Journal of Proceedings.** Followed up by the By-Laws in the near future. At this point they are all either done and ready to go or just about there. Soon.

Shortly after the first of the year we will be sending out the **Lecturer's, Family Activities and Deaf Awareness bulletins** for January, February, and March. Please use the information in these bulletins at your meetings and let the directors know if they are helpful or if there is other things you might like to see in them. They do all this work for you!

MORE GRANGE HAPPENINGS

Colon Grange #215 has had a Holiday Shop for over 25 years. They provide two gifts for all 1st graders to give their parents.

The Colon Honor Society help with the wrapping.

It is fun to talk with the kids in the honor society, as they remember picking out gifts as first graders themselves.

More Pictures from the Michigan School for the Deaf Christmas Party…..

What a Wonderful Christmas Experience At MSD

Phil Swainston helping A Student

Servers: Sharon Popler, Helen Mudd and Tricia Eidsmoe

Story Teller: Camille Jetter-Lorelle

Make your plans now for 2018…

- Check the suggested activities in the program book under the Deaf Awareness program and figure out which ones you can accomplish this year. Most are fairly easy to do, a few needs some planning, but they can be done.
- Plan to make a donation to the Michigan State Grange Deaf Fund. These funds are used to help others throughout the year.
- Give some thought to joining the "Adopt a child" program at Michigan School for the Deaf this next year. This year we had 30 students and 21 sponsors. Five of the students gifts were purchased from the Deaf fund. Some of the Granges and Grangers take 2 or 3 students to help out. Plan now to put away an extra $50.00 and take a child to sponsor. It is so much fun and very rewarding!!!!

Good Day Magazine — Time to Renew
or if you did not sign up for this communication from National Grange this past year...now is the time to do so. $14.00 a year for 4 issues.

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NG 2018 Quilt Block Contest and Rules

2018 Quilt Block Pattern Announced

The Quilt Block has been such a big success that the National Grange decided to continue the contest.

The Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.

There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.

All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. You will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.

GROUPS

Group I - Adults (ages 14+)
Group II - Juniors (ages 13 and under)

PRIZE (at National)

Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both Groups. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries.

Tender Heart

Sherbet Pinks / Oranges - 4 colors, 2 light and 2 dark – prints or solids

Cut 4 strips, 2½" x 10" (one of each color).
Sew strips together (ALL seams are ¼"), along the long side, to a make a strip set.
Strip set should measure 8½" x 10". Press all seams.
Cut strip set in half, length-wise, to make 2 rectangles. Each rectangle should measure 5" x 8½".
Flip one rectangle around so colors are reversed.

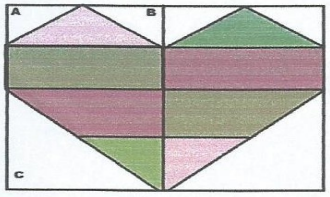
White

Use 100% cotton, solid white for the corners.
Cut 4 squares, 2½" x 2½".
Cut 2 squares, 5" x 5".

Constructing the Quilt Block:

Fold the four 2½" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line.
Place a creased 2½" white square on one corner of a 5" x 8½" strip-pieced rectangle with right sides facing. Stitch on the sewing line, then trim the excess fabric ¼" away from the sewn seam (A).
Repeat for the adjacent side of the rectangle (B). Make 2 and sew them together vertically.
Fold the two 5" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line (C).
Place a creased 5" white square on top of one lower corner of the block with right sides facing. Stitch on the marked sewing line, then trim the excess fabric ¼" away from the sewn seam.
Repeat for the other side of the rectangle to make the bottom of the heart.

Unfinished Block is 8½" x 9½".



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