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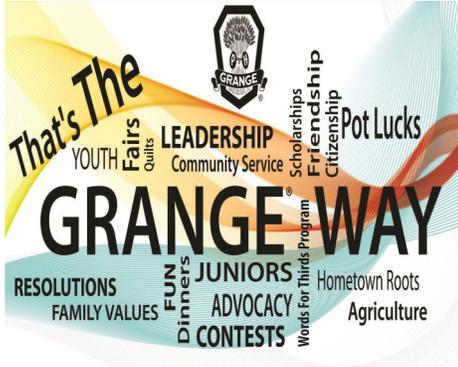
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Mother/Father's Day

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In the next two months we celebrate holidays that honor our parents, Mother's Day and Father's Day. In Exodus 20, when God delivered the Ten Commandments to Moses, the 5th commandment is "Honor your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you." This is the first of the commandments with a promise. Later in the Old Testament we are told to care for our parents (Psalms), show respect for our parents (Leviticus), and obey our parents (Deuteronomy).

Most of us will find some way to celebrate these holidays with our families. We may send a card, make a phone call, have dinner together, or give gifts as a sign of our appreciation for all our parents did for us, not only when we were young, but also as we mature in later life.

Please remember as you celebrate together, these are not just "Hallmark Holidays," they are inspired in the scriptures. And if you don't have any children or if your parents have passed, remember how you may have been a parental influence in someone's life or how someone other than your parents may have been an influence in your life. By all means, enjoy the family time!!

What Famous Mothers Might Have Said

Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary's Mother: "I don't mind you having a garden, Mary, but does it have to be growing under your bed?"

Mona Lisa's Mother: "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, Mona, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"

Humpty Dumpty's Mother: "Humpty, If I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall.

Columbus' Mother: "I don't care what you've discovered, Christopher. You still could have written!"

Babe Ruth's Mother: "Babe, how many times have I told you -- quit playing ball in the house! That's the third broken window this week!"

Michelangelo's Mother: "Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

Napoleon's Mother: "All right, Napoleon. If you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, then take your hand out of there and prove it!"

Custer's Mother: "Now, George, remember what I told you -- don't go biting off more than you can chew!"

Abraham Lincoln's Mother: "Again with the stovepipe hat, Abe? Can't you just wear a baseball cap like the other kids?"

Mary's Mother: "I'm not upset that your lamb followed you to school, Mary, but I would like to know how he got a better grade than you."

Batman's Mother: "It's a nice car, Bruce, but do you realize how much the insurance is going to be?"

Goldilocks' Mother: "I've got a bill here for a busted chair from the Bear family. You know anything about this, Goldie?"

Little Miss Muffet's Mother: "Well, all I've got to say is if you don't get off your tuffet and start cleaning your room, there'll be a lot more spiders around here!"

Albert Einstein's Mother: "But, Albert, it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair?"

George Washington's Mother: "The next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!"

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Great Lakes Grange Leaders Conference

In June, Grangers from the entire region will be moving into Home Grange in Ceresco for a weekend. Along with the Youth Young Adults and Juniors from the region for a joint conference. This is a trial run of what has the potential of being an educational meeting and assist in breaking the barriers between the “wiser” generation and the younger generations, to give the organization a push in the right direction. We will be having joint workshops and separated workshops as well as tours of various locations. Sleeping arrangements are sleeping on the hall floor, camping in the Grange hall yard with no electrical or sanitary hookups, or other lodging arrangements can be made at near by motels/hotels. For more information see the Lecturer’s column.

American Handicraft Raffle
to benefit Grange Foundation, a charitable 501(c)3 organization





Win one of three hand-made items.

- 1) Queen-size (77x90) Garden Path quilt made from blocks submitted to the 2017 National Grange Lecturer's Contest
- 2) Spiderweb Star quilted table runner (16x63)
- 3) Hand-painted Patriotic Saw (26" blade)

\$5 donation per ticket.

Raffle will be held during the Evening of Excellence at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, at the Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center in Stowe, VT. Need not be present or a member of Grange to win.

To purchase tickets, contact YOUR STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT OR National Lecturer Chris Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or (509) 953-3533.

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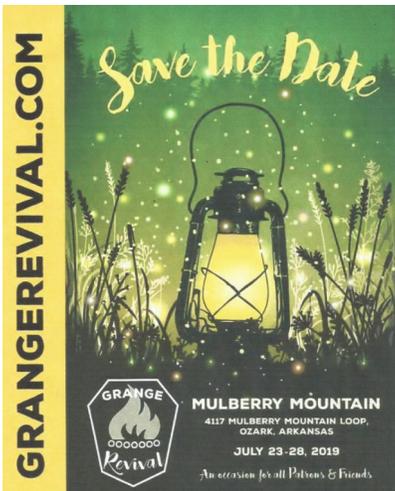
American Handicraft Raffle

The National Grange Foundation is having a fund-raising raffle. The Prizes are 1st place - Queen Size (77" x 90") Garden Path Quilt made from Blocks submitted to the 2017 National Grange Lecturer’s Contest; 2nd place - Spiderweb Star quilted table Runner (16"x63"); 3rd place - Hand painted Patriotic Saw (26" blade). Tickets are a \$5 donation, and since it is for the Foundation it is a tax-deductible donation. Tickets can be purchased by contacting myself.



Michigan State Grange Fundraiser

The gold pins with the shape of Michigan and the Grange emblem are available at the cost of \$5.00 each with the funds going towards the 150th celebration of the Michigan State Grange, that will occur in 2023. If you or your Grange are interested in them please contact the Michigan State Grange Secretary.



Grange Revival

For those of you who receive the Grange Today magazine, a publication of the National Grange, you will be reading about the Grange Revival Camp coming next year (2019). While this is just in the beginning stages of planning, this will be a five-day event, July

23 – 28, of relaxation and fellowship with many opportunities available for different activities on your own or with Grangers from across the country. Look for further information at “Grange Revival” on Facebook or <http://grangerevival.com> to sign up to get information as it becomes available. More information to come in future editions of the Michigan Grange News.

Michigan State Grange Officers

For those officers wishing to NOT seek re election this October please make it known the Michigan State Grange Secretary, in accordance with the letter you should have received by now from her.

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Well, will spring weather ever get here? Hopefully we will see flowers starting to bloom and warm weather here to stay for a few months. Spring is always a refreshing time of the year with new "birth"!



Your Grange should have received letter concerning the Deaf Awareness Fund. This Fund is used in presenting a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating senior at POS. A donation is also sent to the Alexander Graham Bell for their Summer Camp to help purchase supplies. This is just a couple of recipients as a result of the Deaf Awareness Fund. **Thanks for considering this!**



Please look through the Program Booklet to see what contests there are for Deaf Awareness (also other departments) and enter. Think about what you can write in the **Essay Contest**. Maybe have a meeting where everyone can write their idea on deafness. It can be on true happenings, educational or fictional. It has to be 300 words or less. There is a Poster Contest for the Juniors. Encourage your Juniors to enter. They can show their ideas on Deafness. The rules, etc. are found in the Deaf Awareness section of the Program Booklet. Look it over and consider entering.

Look over the list of items in the Deaf Awareness Annual Report and discuss some of the items to work on as a group. One item is for the Michigan School for the Deaf and that is laundry bags for the students who stay all week at the school only going home weekends and the laundry bags would be helpful for them. Also slippers sizes appreciated! I will try to get an updated Wish List when school starts in the fall. You Granges and Grangers seem real supportive of items on the list. The teachers are real appreciative of this.



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Again, Happy Spring!!!

POSTERS ARE AVAILABLE

You just have to contact

Luanna Swainston, DA Director

And she will get them mailed to you

So you can put them where they can

Do someone some good.



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Lately, it seems I have been a little critical for how things get done. It seems like communication is outdated. Yeah, we have tweets and texts, e-mails and the like but honest to goodness communications seems to be a has been item. This is true, sadly, within our Granges, as well. We just don't do the personal side of communication anymore. And I might be a little guilty of this as well. Anyway here's my ideas for better communication in Grange.

- C—Come to meetings and events.
- O—Offer to help others.
- M—Make a contribution of time, food, money, etc.
- M—Mix with other Grangers
- U—Understand things—if you don't, ask questions
- N—Notice how helping others gives you a good feeling, too
- I—Invite Neighbors, friends and family members to Grange events, (and to join).
- C—Continue to use the ritual to show Grange pride and fraternal spirit.
- A—Actively help committees for the betterment of the Grange and community
- T—Take time to enter contests and come to events
- I—"I can make a difference" should become your motto
- O—Open your hearts and hands to help others
- N—Now is the time to take the first step in being an active Granger.

Spring is Here!

Spring is here and we're all glad for that, but it's a good time to think about our pets, too. Here are some pet preventatives to think about:

- What can one mosquito bite cause? Heartworms
- Canine male heartworms life span is 5-7 years.
- They can grow up to twelve inches.
- They can produce up to 250 worms inside your pets heart.
- Feline heartworms life span is 2-3 years.
- They can grow up to 5-8 inches.
- Can produce up to 6 worms inside your cat's heart.

Fleas are the number one case of skin allergies in dogs and cats.

Fleas cause Dermatitis and Anemia and can transmit Tapeworms and Murine Typhus.

The adult flea finds a host to latch on and takes a blood meal from its new host, then quickly mates.

Female fleas lay eggs up to fifty per day.

One flea can consume 15 times its weight in blood each and every day.

Great Companion

I ran across this article recently, and thought I'd pass it on.

A senior dog can make a great companion for a senior human as they may already be trained and are usually a little less active and demanding than a puppy. Still, some breeds are better suited for seniors due to their size and temperament.

The best breed for seniors are:

1. Pug
2. Schnauzer
3. Cocker Spaniel
4. Chihuahua
5. Boston Terrier
6. Shih Tzu
7. Beagle
8. Poodle
9. Yorkshire Terrier
10. Pomeranian

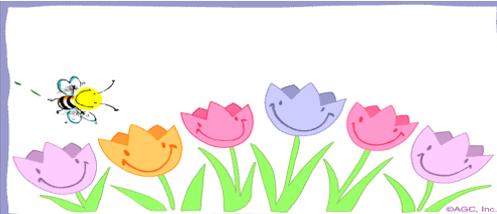
Just remember that breed alone cannot determine if a dog is right for someone, if you get an adult dog, you will have a better idea of the dog's needs and behavior.

FOUR CLUES FOR WINNING

- Hard work and good luck travel together.
- The competition always deserves respect.
- Hustle can make up for mistakes: haste creates them.
- Seek character—not characters.

Coach John Wooten, UCLA

This year the Great Lakes Leadership Conference will be held along with the Youth/Junior Mid-West Conference. The date for this is June 15-17, at Home Grange. If you are interested in attending please e-mail me at **gma4hugs@hotmail.com** and I will send you the registration papers. They are due by June 1st. A meeting is planned to set a schedule of events for the conference. We will be doing things along with the youth/juniors.



Below is a word scramble with all spring related words. I know we're all tired of the cold weather and ready for the warmer air to come our way. Maybe this will help in some sort of way to ease us into a more spring atmosphere !!!! Enjoy !!

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| 1. OMTSHRE YDA _____ | 13. DARENG _____ |
| 2. PGNSIR _____ | 14. MROTSREDNUHT _____ |
| 3. WERSOFL _____ | 15. ROSCUC _____ |
| 4. SLIPTU _____ | 16. AEIOSNLDND _____ |
| 5. SWORM _____ | 17. GORSF _____ |
| 6. CLOD _____ | 18. SUGB _____ |
| 7. BIONR _____ | 19. RATUNE _____ |
| 8. SAGRS _____ | 20. BETUTFRYL _____ |
| 9. UNS _____ | 21. MOSOSBL _____ |
| 10. NOOATDSR _____ | 22. SERET _____ |
| 11. BBEUILRD _____ | 23. HATSEFR ADY _____ |
| 12. FADDOLSLI _____ | 24. WINGRAM _____ |

Happy Mothers Day
Happy Fathers Day



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| 1. Mother's Day | 9. Sun | 17. Frogs |
| 2. Spring | 10. Tornadoes | 18. Bugs |
| 3. Flowers | 11. Blue Bird | 19. Nature |
| 4. Tulips | 12. Daffodil | 20. Butterfly |
| 5. Worms | 13. Garden | 21. Blossom |
| 6. Cold | 14. Thunderstorm | 22. Trees |
| 7. Robin | 15. Crocus | 23. Father's Day |
| 8. Grass | 16. Dandelions | 24. Warming |

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I want to know who made Mother Nature so mad that my area of the state is seeing temperatures in the 30s and 40s in the middle of April. As you go north, the weather conditions got worse from north of Kalamazoo to some pretty heavy wet snow fall in the Torch Lake area. I leave on the 22nd for Grand Traverse Resort and will likely see snow when I get there. I did notice that things are starting to really green up this Spring which of course means the grass will need to be mowed when it warms up again. Fresh asparagus will start to be picked in my area of the State as well.

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 to Subordinate members. Please check the Program Booklet for more details. Be sure to check out the Family Activities section as they put in a neat class in their Department having to do with Antique Agriculture items.

We are running behind at getting things done around my little farm this spring due to the colder than normal April weather. I have yet to get the chicken coop cleaned but that is because we need to finish sealing up the outside run from predators before I let the hens out in it. The pigs and market goats for my nephews and niece will be coming to the farm around the 27th and 28th of this morning and there is still things to prepare before they can come to the farm.

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.

This article's Myth about Farming is Farming is Traditional and Low Tech. Self-driving cars are still

Attention all Grange Lecturer's and Leaders!

As it says on the front page of this issue you are all invited to attend the conference at Home Grange on June 15-17.

Cost for the conference is \$50.00 per person, besides your lodging. Camping space is available if you have a unit but no hookups. There are several hotels/motels in the Marshall, Ceresco, and Battle Creek areas. Some are kind of pricey so you might want to share a room/expenses to save a little.

This conference will be in junction with the Youth and Juniors. Lots of activities/workshops are being planned.

Contact Sharon Popler at 989-627-3801 or gma4hugs@hotmail.com OR Peggy Johnston at 989-288-4546 or 517-285-6532 or msgrange1873@yahoo.com for registration forms or other information.

There will be a silent auction, so please bring some items "wrapped" for that event. The proceeds will help the Leaders Conference with expenses next year.

Also canned foods or paper products will be collected for a community service project.

And don't forget to bring some snacks, veggies or fruit for snacking on.

A tour of Roland Winter's Grange museum is planned and possibly a tour or a horse stable.

Deadline for registering is June 1st.

out of reach for consumers, but tractors have been driving themselves around farms for years. And driving tractors isn't the only role GPS plays on a farm. Farmers collect geospatial data to monitor variations across a field in soil type, water and nutrient use, temperature, crop yield and more. The average farmer on farmer's Business Network, a social media-like platform for farm analytics, collects about four million data points every year. Artificial intelligence helps sort through all this data and maximize performance within a field down to the square meter.

With all this technology going into modern farms, the demand for skilled workers in the agriculture sector is rising. In 2015, the United States Department of Agriculture reported that jobs in food and agriculture outnumber degrees granted in those fields nearly two to one. Of those job opportunities, 27 percent are in science, technology, engineering or math.

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

Chaplains Article Continued from page 2:

Jonah's Mother: "That's a nice story, but now tell me where you've really been for the last three days.

Superman's Mother: "Clark, your father and I have discussed it, and we've decided you can have your own telephone line. Now will you quit spending so much time in all those phone booths?"

Thomas Edison's Mother: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Thomas. Now turn off that light and get to bed!"

Reasons God Made Dads

Because children need strong role models

Because someone needs to show children how to handle tough times

Because there needs to be someone to say "go ask your mother."

Because the grass doesn't mow itself!

Because someone needs to teach their kids to "think big."

Because sometimes children need help making the right choices.

Because someone needs to coach the children's little league.

Because someone needs to show their children the importance of faith.

Because someone needs to teach children the importance of family.

Because someone needs to pay the bills.

Because children need to understand the importance of education.

Because children need help finding the courage to pursue their dreams.

Because children need to be taught to serve others.

Because someone needs to show kids how to rise above difficult circumstances.

Because moms need help!

I'm An American Farmer

Author Unknown

I'm an American farmer. I work hard with my hands.

I am proud to be a part of this land.

I'm up early in the morning to milk the cows

And in the afternoon I work with my plows.

I mow the grass, I bale the hay

I sweat in the sun 'til the break of day.

I plant the oats, I plant the corn

From the late sunset 'til the early morn

It's a half past eight and it's getting kind of late

I've got to get those cows a headin' toward the gate.

There's always work to be done

And there's not much time for fun.

But I'm proud to be a farmer to feed this land I love

I mow the grass, I bale the hay

I sweat in the sun til the break of day

I plant the oats, I plant the corn

From the late sunset till the early morn

We've got to work hand in hand

To save this great land

We've got to save the American farm

From any kind of harm

So buy the farmer's products, And help the farm survive

Let the farmer know you love him, and stand by his side.

Community Service

Notebooks

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This is the May/June issue of the Michigan Grange News. As I write this, we have snow on the ground again in Midland & currently a wintry mix. Hopefully we will get some spring weather before summer officially arrives!

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. Please remember a notebook is not required. Completion of the summary page is acceptable. If sending a notebook, the summary page MUST be at the front of your book & filled out completely.

Simplify the Notebook!

- Select the photos that best represent the project.
- If 30 pictures are taken of a project, does not mean all 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, 2017 to August 31, 2018. Notebooks/reports will be due to Tricia by September 10.

Wishing you a beautiful spring (eventually?), Happy Mother's Day & Happy Father's Day!

Tricia & Helen