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2011 Department Directors Meeting — North Adrian Grange — May 21st

Thirty-two Grange members attended the Department Directors Workshop held at North Adrian Grange. **THANK YOU !** North Adrian Grange for hosting this event. The Directors taking part in this workshop were: Lois Nichols, Deaf Awareness; Judy Bowers, Women's Activities; Sharon Popler, Lecturer; and Jackie Bishop, Membership Director. To begin the day Worthy Master, Chris Johnston welcomed everyone, Sharon Popler lead everyone in a get acquainted game and then each director talked for a few minutes on their department. A potluck lunch was enjoyed by all, followed by Round Robin sessions with the directors. Each Director had some interesting things to discuss, do, or act upon in their sessions.

There was a Community Service Project done on this day by those that attended also. Everyone was asked to bring in some non-perishable foods, or household products to donate to a local pantry. (Pictured below are Sy Cote and Esther Gagnon with the supplies collected) Thank you to all that participated in this project.

Below are a few pictures from the days event.



Sy & Esther with food pantry collection.
Judy Bowers and group



Lois Nichols and group
Get Acquainted Game



Sharon Popler and group
Jackie Bishop and group



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Summertime Blessings

Summertime Blessings...come in all shapes, sizes, colors, smells and tastes.

Shapes: vegetable or flower gardens, watermelons or tomatoes, zucchini or cucumbers, lilies or roses and so many others.

Sizes: big pumpkins and small pumpkins, bush roses and climbing roses, big gardens and small gardens and more.

Colors: pinks, yellows, blues, greens, oranges, reds, purples, browns, and even whites.

Smells: fresh rain, freshly mowed grass, the smell of roses, lavender, phlox and even the marigolds (that keep the rabbits from the garden) and the smell of all the fruits and vegetables as they are being canned.

Tastes: fresh strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, corn, and lot and lots of other scrumptious things.

Who do we thank for all of these shapes, sizes, colors, smells, and tastes? I hope that we all give a huge thank you and praise to God for giving us the rain, sun, warmth, and the ability to grow these delicious tasting foods and wonderfully smelling beauty's.

Of course it takes a lot of hard work from all of us to grow these things but we could not do it without God's help.

GRANGE GATHERING DAY — July 16th Planned by Bob and Lois Nichols

Bob and I would like to have a Camping Gathering on this day. The camping will take place at the Fairgrounds in Evert. Address is 101 Recreation Avenue, Evert, MI. (just north of 10 on the west side of Evert) It is dry camping. Cost is \$10.00 per night per unit and a \$5.00 gate fee. If you have your own camper or tent, you are pretty much set. But for those who do not have this equipment, we can put you in touch with an organization that rents campers for a few days or longer. Also, some may wish to come just for the activities on the 16th and not do the camping part, that's fine also.

A tentative schedule:

Friday evening, July 15th Arrive and Register
Get Acquainted Activities

Saturday: July 16th Breakfast on your own
Community Service activity #1
Potluck lunch
Fun & Fellowship
Community Service activity #2
Potluck Supper
More Fun & Fellowship

Sunday: July 17th Breakfast cooked by Nichols
Church service
Leave for home

For more information or to let us know that you will be there call us at 269-720-5057 and let us know you are interested. Please do not email me as my computer is on the blink.

SUMMERS HERE

Summer is finally here, I think. After the elongated winter it is nice to see, though we could stand to not have so many upper 80 degree days. But now that summer is here; that means fall is just around the corner. Now I know you all know what comes in fall... that's right, in just 16 short weeks it will be time for state session. I know you are thinking that 16 weeks is a really long time but is it? After the 4th of July activities are over, and with so many other summer activities that will be happening like the county fairs, the session will be here in no time. So, really state session is not that far away.

RESOLUTIONS

With the annual session just a few short weeks' away; that means reports are going to be due shortly and those resolutions that everybody has been working on all year round are due in to the Secretary by the 1st of October. If you have questions in regards to the resolution writing process, let me know and I will do my best to assist you in the writing of them. The resolution process is the mainstay of how we continue to operate as a grassroots organization.

NATIONAL GRANGE GATHERING DAY

July 16th is fast approaching and I know of several events that are being planned. This is an opportunity to get the entire town or even just the whole neighborhood together and spend the day celebrating the Grange. So many times when we have our summer picnics or our Grange events, we forget to realize the whole reason that we are even together doing the things we do for the betterment of rural America. This doesn't have to be a one year event. This is something we can do year after year and continue to make it grow. Remember the more fun we have, the better chance we have of getting people to come and join with us in our mission. Remember to take lots of pictures and send a copy of them to us either by postal mail or by email and tell us the story about what you did to celebrate the Grange.

CHANGES TO THE STATE CONVENTIION SCHEDULING

Throughout the year, I have been announcing that there will be some changes to the schedule of the con-

vention. And while I would have liked to have had them all spelled out for you at this time, I haven't had the time to get that accomplished. Make sure you keep an eye out in the next edition of the MGN as it will have the full schedule of events spelled out. There will be a special page on the website with all the information regarding the session as it becomes available. Also, the earlier you have your delegate information in to us the earlier I can get committee assignments made. In accordance with the by-laws, the committee chairmen are to have a copy of their committee's resolutions one week prior to the convention in order for the chairman to be able to research them. So that we, as committee members, are making the best informed judgment we can on the subjects.

FUNDRAISING

As you may have noticed, the Michigan State Grange has not been doing a lot of fundraising this year. The budget indicates a fundraising income of \$5,000.00 of which we are nowhere near. If anyone has a suggestion that we might try, please contact either a member of the Executive Committee, the State Overseer, or myself, so that we might be able to rectify this situation. To this point, we have not transferred any money from the Invested Funds to supplement the monetary needs of the day to day operations of the Michigan State Grange and we would really like to keep it that way.

STATE SESSION MEAL PRICES

Because I know so many of you like to know this information as early as possible for planning purposes; and because this is a two month issue of the MGN, these are the **TENTATIVE** prices for the meals:

Grow Club Past/Present Officer,	
New Delegate Luncheon	\$16.00
Salute to Agriculture Dinner	\$17.00
Women's Activities Luncheon	\$16.00
Junior Luncheon	\$16.00
Celebration Banquet	\$25.00

Please notice that the Salute to Agriculture is a dinner and not a breakfast this year.

Until next time.....

Grange Growth Summit — Community Grange #1675 — Niles, MI — May 13, 14, 15th



Summit Attendees: Front Row (l-r) Gordon Groves, Indiana State Grange Master, Jackie Bishop, Home Grange, Sharon Popler, Burns Grange & Gratiot Grange, Judy Bowers, Burns Grange, Peggy Johnston, Burns Grange & Gratiot Grange, Rusty Hunt, NG Membership Director. Back Row (l-r) Hope Murphy, Ohio State Grange, Athol Hazen, Fredonia Grange, Rich Hazen, Fredonia Grange, Daryl Flowers, Ohio State Grange and Chris Johnston, Michigan State Grange Master.

The Grange Growth Summit was held at Community Grange in Niles. A huge thank you goes to the cooks and hosts shown below for the great meal they prepared for those attending and for being such great hosts. Thank You!

Also a special thank you to both Burr Oak Grange and Sturgis Grange for allowing the Summit members to come to their Granges and meet and work with them. Both groups served a wonderful lunch for those that attended.

The cooks consisted of (l-r) Wanda Norton, Lena Young, Kevin Young, Eleanor Moore and Marjorie Lee.

What a great weekend....if you get a chance to attend one of these meetings....do it!



AGRICULTURE

Grange Gardens??

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Where has the summer gone!? At the time of writing this it is already mid June. Before long the area fairs will be here and gone and school will be back in session. But until then there is plenty of things to get done before Old Man Winter returns to Michigan. I hope everyone was able to get their gardens planted finally. My family's garden finally got planted around Memorial Day weekend. I think the Farmers have all of their crops in by now and those that make Hay have done their 1st cutting and should be ready for 2nd cutting soon. Winter Wheat will be harvested in July. Keep an eye out while driving on country roads for farm vehicles as



they are in and out of the fields making hay and baling the straw after harvesting the wheat.

Speaking of planting gardens, I haven't heard from any Granges that they planted a Community Garden as part of my Ag Challenge. I have to admit though that I had good intentions to plant even just a few tomato plants or

even pumpkins at my Grange Hall but never got a chance

because of the rainy weather and then really hot weather. I would really like to hear from you if your Grange planted a Community Garden on the Grange property. If I do not hear that a Grange(s) did get to plant one this year, I will still bring something to have as a drawing to be used at your Grange to plant your Community Garden for next year.

Agriculture comes in many different shapes, sizes and forms. I am sure most Grangers attend a County or Local Fair each year. What a wonderful place to see all the forms of Agriculture in one place! Attending a Fair is also a great way to show our support to the Agriculture Industry in Michigan. We need to show our support to the Youth and Young people that work very hard all summer (and some even year round) on their projects that they exhibit at the Fair. What a wonderful place for these young people to learn the importance of Agriculture as a way of life. Many young people that exhibit at the local and county fairs get so involved with their project areas sometimes motivate them to attend a College or University and study in that field.

The State of Michigan needs new and up and coming Farmers to keep our State's very large and important Agriculture Industry as a National Leader in many areas.

Community Service

Notebook Time!

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The time has arrived for you to get your yearly reports for the Community Service competition. The State Grange budget is suffering, so reports will not be automatically sent unless you ask for them. It will only take a little effort on your part to get one. The State Secretary can be contacted to obtain a copy. Her contact information is listed in the Roster or in this publication. She has access to the Program Book and can make arrangements to get you a copy. Mary and Sue can be contacted with the information listed in the header of this column to get a copy to you. The November issue of the Grange News held the Program Book and a copy of the form is listed in there.

The form is important because supplying the completed form is the first step for being eligible for the cash prize. The first place winner will get the largest portion of the prize money so, get busy and compete for the bragging rights for being the number one Grange in the State of Michigan. You may recall our last two State Winners have competed at National Grange and both have been in the top 4 Granges in our Nation. Congratulations one more time for the members of Fredonia Grange who are the reigning Best of Show Grange for Michigan 2010/2011.

The report accompanied by the photos, news articles, stories, and descriptions of the hard work your Grange has done for the last 12 months is what will be judged. Put the information together in an easy to ready and attractive manner to tell YOUR Granges story. If you have done one thing really well or if you have done many things really well, both are important to us. Please consider telling us about what you have done to make a difference in your Grange and in your community. It will be such a pleasure to read all the entries. Hopefully your entry will be there to enjoy.

Below you will see a portion of the information that is available on the Website regarding the report. It tells when the information is due. Please mail or deliver notebooks to Sue Wagner at the address above. They must arrive by August 10.

PURPOSE: Community Service is the heartbeat of the Grange. Granges that have a strong Community Service Program have a strong Grange. The purpose of the Community Service Report is to recognize and reward outstanding efforts made by Granges in their communities. The report is also intended to share information between Granges and inspire new ideas and programs.

PROGRAM PERIOD: The program period is from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011. Continuing projects may be reported each year.

REPORTS: Community Service Reports should be sent to the Community Service Directors and be postmarked by **August 10th** to be judged in the competition.

DIVISIONS: Granges are divided into two categories: small Granges with 40 members or less and large Granges with more than 40 members. Membership numbers are determined by the third quarter membership report to the State Secretary. Granges will compete within own category except for Best of Show, which will be chosen from the First Place winners of both categories.

PS. In last months article there was a report that my Co-Director Mary recently had a stroke. I want to take this opportunity to tell you that she is recovering and is just as sassy as she was before. If you sent her cards of well wishes, I know that she thanks you. If you didn't

Welcome New Members!!

John Deyeo — Fredonia #1713
Melissa Elch — Fredonia #1713
Marilyn Green — Fredonia #1713
Christopher Hazen — Fredonia #1713
Sandra LaHart — Plymouth/Westland #389
Judy Harsh — Plymouth/Westland #389
Dalton J. Hester — Plymouth/Westland #389
Victoria L. Parker — Plymouth/Westland #389
Kathryn Simmons — Plymouth/Westland

JUNIORS

Summer Camp

To be Announced

It's time for Summer Camp!!

July 22-24, 2011

**West Oshtemo Grange
Corner of North 3rd Street and West H
Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI**

**Cost: \$25.00 per child
Scholarships Available**

**Bring your sleeping bags, air mattresses
and pillows for a fun event.**

**Registration form and permission slip
can be found on the website.**

www.michiganstategrange.org

Or

**Contact the Michigan State Grange Office
989-288-4546 or
msgrange1873@yahoo.com**

Come have fun and meet new friends.

send a card but carried her in your thoughts, again I know that she thanks you. If you haven't sent her a card of well wishes and would like to, her address is shown above and she would love to hear from you.

In Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity
The Sue and Mary Show

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Summer Health Advice

Summer's hot hazy days can be dangerous especially for older adults, however we all can be affected.

Hyperthermia is an abnormally high body temperature caused by a failure of the heat regulating mechanisms of the body to deal with heat from the environment. Heat fatigue, heat-related dizziness, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are commonly known forms of hyperthermia.

The combination of outside temperature, general health, and individual lifestyle can increase one's risk. Lifestyle factors can include not drinking enough fluids, no air conditioning, lack of mobility and access to transportation, overdressing, visiting overcrowded places, and not understanding how to respond to hot weather conditions.

Older people, particularly those with chronic medical condition, should stay indoors on hot and humid days, especially when an air pollution alert is in effect. People without air conditioners should go to places such as senior centers, shopping malls, movie theaters or libraries.

Health related factors that may increase risk, include:

- ◆ Being dehydrated
- ◆ Poor circulation, inefficient sweat glands
- ◆ Heart, lung and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever.
- ◆ High blood pressure or other conditions that require changes in diet.
- ◆ Reduced perspiration, caused by medications such as diuretics, sedatives, tranquilizers and certain heart and blood pressure drugs.
- ◆ Taking several drugs for various conditions. It's important, however, to continue to take prescribed medication and discuss problems with physician.
- ◆ Being substantially overweight or underweight.
- ◆ Drinking alcoholic beverages.

Heat stroke is a life-threatening form of hyperthermia. It occurs when the body is overwhelmed by heat and unable to control its temperature. Someone with a body temperature of 104 degrees is likely suffering from heat stroke and may have symptoms of confusion, combativeness, strong rapid pulse, lack of sweating, dry flushed skin, faintness, staggering, possible delirium or coma. Seek immediate emergency medical attention for a person with any of these symptoms, especially an older adult.

If you suspect someone is suffering from a heat-related illness:

- ◆ Get person out of sun and into a shady air-conditioned or other cool place. Urge them to lie down.
- ◆ If you suspect heat stroke, call 911.
- ◆ Encourage the individual to shower, bathe, or sponge off with cool water.
- ◆ Apply a cold, wet cloth to the wrists, neck, armpits, and/or groin, places where blood passes close to the surface of the skin, and the cold cloths can help cool the blood.
- ◆ Offer fluids such as water, fruit, and vegetable juice, but avoid alcohol and caffeine.

Department Directors Workshop

On May 21, 2011, North Adrian Grange hosted the MSG Department Directors Workshop. We had a pretty good turnout, would have like to see more in attendance.

Women's Activities played a small part in the days events. We had samples of projects for the upcoming contests in the fall.

No crafts or speakers were involved in our round robin sessions. It was more of a thought provoking, time. The main question that was asked of all in attendance was "What Does Women's Activities mean to You?" Some of the responses were home, family, crafts, women's issues and interests, community, health, and cooking. Some even said they really didn't think about women's activities.

Women's Activities department is very diverse. It touches all of us in some form or another. Doesn't matter if you are male or female, young or old, single, married, empty nesters, or with children.

To me the department means family, home & community. Each of these can have pathways leading in many directions

Today's side trip is about heat-related illness. Don't be fooled that this is a problem just for other adults, its not. Young athletes, babies, anyone really can become overheated. I had this happen to me on Memorial Day a number of years ago. I was working on a dresser and bookcase in the garage, then decided to carry the dresser upstairs by myself. I made it upstairs, however the next thing I remember is my husband helping me get into the shower. I lost part of that day, didn't know what day of the week it was, or that it was a holiday. I spent quite a few hours in emergency, and none waiting to be seen.

Take Care! Judy

**Michigan State Grange
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Granges: Maybe you could plan a special fund raiser to help pay for your delegates expenses.

Complete information will be in the next issue of the Michigan Grange News.

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Since the last issue of this publication, two very important meetings have been held that related to membership and growth of the Grange in Michigan: 1) Grange Growth Summit held at Community Grange and 2) Department Directors meeting at Adrian Grange. Both gave me an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Granges in Michigan. Below are some highlights of these two events. I am available to come visit and learn more about your Grange with advance notice, as one of my two jobs takes me out of town (and the state) approximately two weeks of every month.

Seven Michigan Grangers were present at the **Grange Growth Summit** (as well as two from Ohio and one from Indiana). Rusty Hunt, National Grange Membership/Leadership Director provided training to those in attendance entitled, "Choose Your Altitude", "Revitalization with Teams", and "Creating Grange Growth". As a part of our 13-hour day on Saturday, we used the team techniques learned in the first two workshops by splitting into two teams and visiting Burr Oak Grange and Sturgis Grange in Saint Joseph County. The teams were served wonderful lunches by the local Granges, and then we worked together to look at local Grange needs and ideas for meeting those needs. We were lucky to work with Granges that are already active in their communities and were eager to find ways to encourage growth in their Granges. At the end of the Grange Growth Summit, the Michigan team members set some goals for Michigan. **We have two immediate goals: 1) revitalize Capitol Grange in Haslett, and 2) create and train two additional teams, one that will be based in southeastern Michigan and one that will be based in northern Michigan.** A date is set for July 23 at Capitol Grange, Grange Acres to begin to meet these goals. Under planning is a meeting from 1:00 to 2:30 pm for Grangers that wish to become part of the southeastern or the northern teams. A meeting will follow at 3 pm as a kickoff to the revitalization of Capital Grange; this meeting will be advertised especially in Grange Acres, and we are hopeful to have a good attendance. Anyone interested in these activities is encouraged to attend either or both of these meetings.

At the Department Directors meeting at Adrian Grange, I announced the "Ya Gotta Wanna" membership awards to be given out at State Grange. Criteria

for these awards are still under development, but the usual categories of largest net membership growth and most new members are likely to be included. I would also like to have an award for Granges who have a specific membership initiative or program to recruit new members. This will need to be reported when you submit your annual membership report. If your Grange has a specific member that has been instrumental in recruiting new members, this should also be reported.

What is your most favorite Grange event ever? This question was answered by all of the attendees to my workshop at the Directors meeting in Adrian. Here is the list of replies – maybe there is a possible idea for your Grange to try from this list!

Seventh degree, State convention, Grange Week, appreciation dinner for people who have helped our Grange in different ways, Christmas party at the School for the Deaf, square dancing, degree team, Quilt show, started a new Grange, demonstration on making homemade ice cream, pot lucks and picnics, mystery ride, pancake supper night, bake sales, Country Jamborees, bus trip to Washington, womanless wedding, popcorn sales, Christmas program with children participating plus Christmas carols with a terrific leader, when I won the driving contest over two boys, when I became State Grange King at the Petoskey State session.

Be Positive!

Promote the Grange!

Celebrate Members!

Grange Happening

Torch Lake Summer Picnic



July 18th ~ 12 noon
Freedom Park ~ Rapid City
(south end of park)
Meat and buns furnished
**Come and enjoy
the fellowship!**

Jeff & Nancy Swainston, 2589 144th Ave., Dorr, MI 49323
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Summer is a busy season for most of us and its no different for Grange Youth. On June 10-12 there were 18 Youth & Juniors from all over the Midwest gathered at the Swainston Ranch in Dorr for Midwest Youth/Junior Conference. Grangers from Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Germany, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts spent the weekend learning about the Grange, the Kelly Farm, and Youth activities for the upcoming State and National Conventions.

Friday afternoon found all the folks arriving and setting up camp. Tents, campers, sleeping bags, pillows, and blankets were all part of the set up. Friday evening there was some get acquainted time around a campfire that included roasting hot dogs for supper and marshmallows for s'mores a bit later. Eventually everyone found their way to their night facilities to get a good night's rest.

Saturday morning arose and so did the campers to a breakfast of French Toast and sausage. Workshops were presented by Charlene & Diane about Grange programs for Juniors and Youth and support of the Kelly Farm in Minnesota. The workshops were followed by the public speaking contests for all that chose to participate. There were many that did and awards would be presented during the evening program.

After lunch we all loaded into vehicles and headed to the beach. It was a bit chilly that day but several had never seen Lake Michigan and the thought of going for ice cream on the way back home dispelled any concerns about the air and water temperatures. The afternoon was spent at Grand Haven State Park with many of the youth daring to stick more than just their big toe in the 59 degree water... brrr. When we finally dragged them away from the beach we stopped at Temptations in Grand Haven for ice cream before heading back to the ranch.

After feeding them a supper of Dick's Market world class Kiel-

basa on the grill, the evening proceeded with the sign-a-song contest and a talent show. The talent show consisted of singing, signing, instrumentals, skits, and poetry. At the conclusion of the talent show there was a bit of time for s'mores and popcorn to be popped before the onset of movie night. "Second Hand Lions" was the movie of the night and was shown on the big screen tv inside to stay away from the mosquitos.

Sunday morning breakfast was a variety of scrambled eggs, some with meat, some with cheese, and some plain. After breakfast a worship time was led by Sara Ellwanger of Illinois and Jeff Swainston led some singing. After breakfast it was time to clean up camp and get things packed up and ready to head home. The final lunch consisted of hamburgers on the grill and any leftover snacks.

A friendship circle was formed to say our good-byes. Its always hard to say good-bye after a great weekend but we finally managed to head them all down the road until the next time we meet. Since then I have marveled at the number of pictures on Facebook and messages back and forth between new friends that were made that weekend. It makes all the work that we put into these events all the more worthwhile.

Now on to the next event

Michigan State Grange Youth/Junior Camp will be held July 21-24, 2011 at West Oshtemo Grange. Youth will gather on Thursday evening and Juniors will roll in on Friday evening. There will be some specific activities for the Youth during the day on Friday before the Juniors arrive on Friday evening. Cost of the camp will be \$25 for all youth and juniors but don't let the cost keep you away. There is some financial assistance available for those who cannot afford the fees. There will be a dinner and program on Saturday evening for any and all who wish to attend. Just let me know if you plan on coming so we can plan for enough food.



Top Left—Jessica Swainston, Alex Sawinston and Valary Muller discover how cold the water really is.

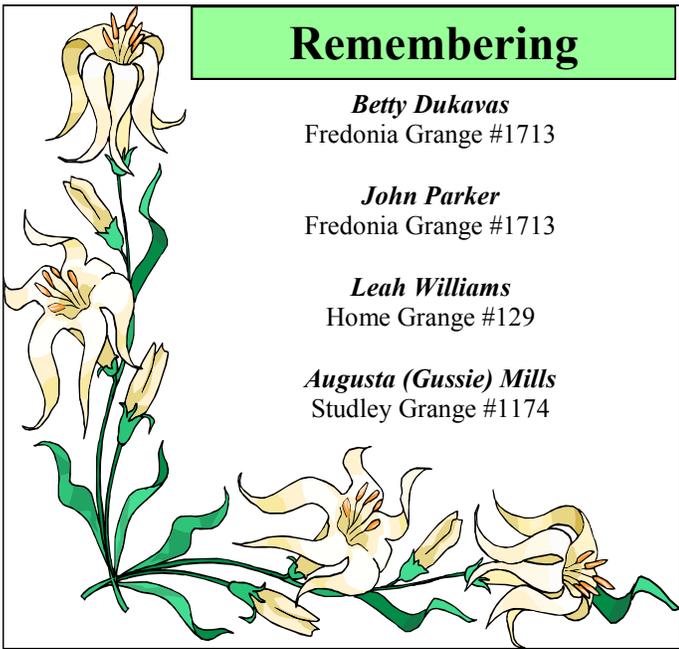
Top Middle — Charlene Espenshade & Diane Szkutak spend the afternoon on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Top Right — Rachel Edelen and Jessica Swainston make popcorn before the movie.

Bottom Left — Nancy Swainston in her new hairdo.

Bottom Right — Group shot.





Remembering

Betty Dukavas
Fredonia Grange #1713

John Parker
Fredonia Grange #1713

Leah Williams
Home Grange #129

Augusta (Gussie) Mills
Studley Grange #1174

Grange Gathering Day Event July 16th

Everyone is invited to attend!

“Stuff the Grange Hall”

Sturgis Grange #1490
27470 E. Fawn River Road Sturgis, MI

2-4 p.m.
Come and enjoy
Ice cream And music

Let’s fill the Grange Hall

Mosherville Grange #1351 Holds Appreciation Night

Members of Mosherville Grange recently held an Appreciation Night at their Grange hall. A wonderful dinner was served to the members and guests. The program consisted of presenting awards: 10 yr. award & Community Citizen Award. Entertainment was presented by Meagan Brown (great granddaughter of Irma Egger) who shared several songs with the guests. (what a voice!), speaker, Sen. Bruce Caswell and entertainment by the Three Harmonica Boys. Michigan State Grange Master, Chris Johnston was the emcee for the evening.



Meagan Brown sharing her beautiful voice with some wonderful Country songs.

Michigan State Grange Master, Chris Johnston presenting Irma Egger with a 10 year membership award.



Senator Bruce Caswell speaking to the group. He is a member of Mosherville Grange.



Michigan State Grange Master presenting the Community Citizen Award to Janice Johnson.

The Three Harmonica Boys



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Now with summer just beginning, I hope that everyone has enjoyed the wonderful springtime that has just passed, with the planting of seeds and with beautiful flowers blooming everywhere. As we settle into our busy Grange schedules lets not forget the Michigan State Grange Foundation and the many things that it does to help the Michigan State Grange.

The Michigan State Grange Foundation was established in 1986 and since that time it has been an important part of the Grange in Michigan. Many young people have received interest-free loans to continue their education and most of the Department Directors have received funds to promote their educational program that have helped not only Grange members but others in the community as well.

To continue this help and make more money available we need the help of every Grange and every Grange member. The Foundation is funded entirely from your donation and the donations of your Grange, plus interest received from the Endowment Fund. Your donations make money available for current help and to build the Endowment Fund. Fifty percent of all undesignated donations go into the Endowment Fund.

Since The Michigan State Grange Foundation was established twenty five years ago we have come a long way with over \$120,000.00 in total assets. Of that amount over \$ 30,000.00 is out in loans to Collage students to further their education, or persons who have completed their education and are working to pay the amount of their loans back to the Foundation. Over \$ 57,000.00 of that amount is in the Endowment Fund with only the interest being available to use. There is also money available, and being used by the Michigan State Grange Department Directors, for the educational part of their program.

As you can see the Foundation plays an important part in the overall work of the Michigan State Grange.

It is one of our goals to continue to make money available to the Student Loan Fund to help our young and older Members as well, with their educational endeavors.

Our goals can only be met by your continued support and donations to the Michigan State Grange Foundation We THANK YOU for your past support and look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Roland G Winter President,

Congratulations!

On May 10th, Kevin Daniel Hall was born to Ann and Greg Hall of Owosso. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 15 ozs. And was 20.5 inches long. He was welcomed at home by his parents and brother, Jacob.

Ann is a member of Burns Grange #160 in Shiawassee County.

Congratulations to the Hall family!

2011 Michigan State Grange Election

This October at the Annual Convention we will be voting for one Executive Committee Member. Due to the change in the By-Laws at the last convention, there will only be three members on the Executive Committee after this election.

Those holding the positions that are up for election this year are:

Sue Wagner — Georgetown Grange #458
Is not running for re-election

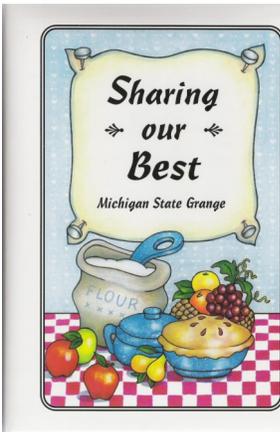
Dale Moore — Studley Grange #1174 &
Burns Grange #160

Richard Hazen — Fredonia Grange #1713

The two members that were elected last year are Jeffrey Swainston, Kinney Grange #754 and Jackie Bishop, Home Grange #129.

******NEW PRICE******

**Michigan State Grange Cook-
books**



Yes! We still have "Sharing our Best" Cookbooks available. There are over ten cases left.

If you have an event coming up in the near future and would like to have some of these books to sell, PLEASE, let us know

at 9 8 9 - 2 8 8 - 4 5 4 6 or msgrange1873@yahoo.com and we will do our best to get them to you.

We are offering the cookbooks to Granges for \$5.00 each, but you can add a couple of dollars to that cost to make a little for your own Grange.

The cases contain 24 books.

DIRECTORS CONFERENCE AT NORTH ADRIAN

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to all the GRANGERS who worked so hard to put on a GREAT conference! THANK YOU NORTH ADRIAN for hosting the conference. Thank you so much to all who came. We were small in numbers, but a great time was had by all. In the program book for this year, we made a change in the Lecturers Dept. Where I put that you'll need 4 place mats for judging, you'll only need 2. Several people felt that in a household with only 2 people why make 4. So for judging, only 2 will be needed.

THANKS AGAIN
NORTH ADRIAN!



FACTS AND TRIVIA ON JULY 4TH

1. When the flag is not on display, it should be respectfully folded into a triangle, symbolizing the tricorne hats worn by colonial soldiers in the Revolutionary War.
2. The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776, but first observed in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. In 1941, Congress declared July 4th a federal legal holiday.
3. On Sept 2, 1752 the Liberty Bell was delivered where it cracked while doing a sound test. The cracked bell was melted down and re-casted. Copper was added to make the bell less brittle. The tone was not liked so it was melted down again, where the tone was still not approved of. A new bell was ordered from England. But when it arrived it was agreed that the sound was no better than the last. The previous bell was left in the steeple and the new bell was placed in the cupola on the State House roof.
4. Folktales says that George Washington interpreted the flag in this way; The stars were taken from the sky, The red from the British colors, and the white stripes signified the secession from the home country.
5. Betsy Ross sewed the first American flag. Experts at the Betsy Ross House suggest it was Francis Hopkinson, a New Jersey delegate to the Continental Congress and a signer of the Declaration of Independence who designed it.
6. The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign at the same time, nor did they sign on July 4, 1776. The official event occurred on Aug 2, 1776, when 50 men signed it. There names were withheld from the public for more than 6 months to protect the signers. The last to sign was Thomas McKean in Jan, 1777.



7. The origin of Uncle Sam probably began in 1812, when Samuel Wilson was a meat packer who provided meat to the US Army. The meat shipments were stamped with the initials, U.S. Someone joked that the initials stood for "Uncle Sam". This joke eventually led to the idea of Uncle Sam symbolizing the United States Government.
8. Thirty places nationwide with "Liberty" in their names. Liberty, Missouri (26, 232) boasts the highest population of the 30. There is one place with the name Patriot— Patriot, Indiana, with a population of 202.
9. John Adams wrote with the signing of the Declaration of Independence "It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."
10. Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson picked the eagle for the national seal (Franklin wanted the turkey.) The Bald Eagles get their white head and tail feathers after about 4 -5 years of age. Bald Eagles mate for life, but if one dies the survivor will accept a new mate. It is a felony to shoot an eagle.



SUMMER MEANS FAIR TIME

I just got on line to find a list of all the fairs in Michigan. I counted 86 fairs across Michigan. The e-mail address is www.michiganfairs.org/locator.asp. Just click of the fair you want to go to and all the information will be displayed for that fair. What a wonderful way to get out, meet people, talk about the Grange!! Also what a good way to get some ideas for projects for our up-coming State session. All of our departments have many areas you could get ideas for. If you need any registration papers for your projects, just let me know.

Sharon



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Michigan Grange News

We have had a couple of issues of the Michigan Grange News that have been sent by email to some of our members. It is going okay...for the most part. However, in order for this to continue to work, I need your cooperation. If your change your email address...please let me know. If your email is interrupted ...please let me know. If you decide you don't want to receive it that way anymore...let me know.

Also...**Secretaries**...when you take in new members, please be sure to ask them how they would like to receive the news and include an email address on the quarterly report form.

No matter how hard I have tried, I have just never been able to read peoples minds. So please assist me when needed.

Thank you, Peggy Johnston
msggrange1873@yahoo.com or 989-288-4546

Dictionaries Delivered

What a rewarding program!

Harbor Springs Grange #730 delivered dictionaries to Shay Elementary School. They gave books to three 3rd grade classes and one mixed class.

Barbara Vorce of Harbor Springs Grange is shown below presenting a dictionary to

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