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**Ramada Inn**

**7501 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI**

**Important:** Reservation **must** be made prior to **September 28, 2012** with the hotel. After that date the rooms that are blocked for us will be released and reservations might be hard to make...plan ahead! The rooms will be \$69.00 per night + tax. Reservations can be made by calling **517-627-3211**, be sure to tell them you are with the Michigan State Grange.

**Important:** Convention meal tickets **must be** purchased prior to October 1st. Tickets will not be sold after this date, without there being an additional charge added to them. Again...plan ahead!

### **Menus:**

Past/Present, New Delegate, GROW Club luncheon —

Thursday noon — Swiss Steak — \$15.00

Salute to Ag Dinner — Thursday evening — Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo — \$22.00

Family Activities — Friday noon — Stuffed Pork Chop — \$15.00

Junior Grange luncheon — Saturday noon — Mac-n-Cheese — \$15.00

Annual Banquet — Saturday evening — Roasted Turkey Dinner — \$24.00

**Get your plans made and made reservations and purchase meal tickets early!**

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Burns Grange — Lots of  
great plans made**
- July 15**    **Michigan State Grange  
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## Chaplain

## Psalm 19: 1-2

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*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. (Psalm 19:1-2)*

I was able to witness one of God displays of love and works of his hands. Karen and I were sitting outside when the most beautiful sunset seemed to happen right in front of our eyes. We had a lot of black clouds around us but all of the sudden there was a break in the clouds and the sun shown through. There were rays of lights pushing themselves in front of the black clouds. That was when I knew that God was in his glory.

To many times all we can see is the black clouds that are in front of us. We don't look for the cracks that might show us beauty and knowledge. When all we see is darkness around us is when we give up. We forget to look for the beauty in the cracks let alone the trees, plants and flowers. A blue Jays song might not be great music to our ears but to God's ears it is a lovely song. If we just sit and open our ears to hear all the things going on around us we will also hear God's voice. Don't close your eyes and ears off to the sounds and sights before you. Open them wide and listen to the wind blowing in the trees, the crops growing in the fields and the tiny bug that is pestering us at the time. These are all of God's creations and sounds of his voice. You just might even hear the whisper of Gods voice in your ear.

We are heading into the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. Be careful and safe while you are with your family. Sit back and listen to the sounds of the family and all the love that they have to share with us.

Until I write again. God be with you and you should know that He is in his glory.

## AGRICULTURE

## Rain Needed!!!

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Does anyone have any rain they could spare?! I do not know about you but my area could really use some badly needed moisture. We did get some rain on Saturday (6/16/12) but it isn't enough to make up what the farmers need to make their crops grow during this very important development stage. I know I have been watering my garden every evening just to keep the plants from drying up and it has paid off. They are looking really nice and I hope if you have a garden, no matter the size, that your plants are all doing well also.

Speaking of gardens... I haven't heard from many Granges that said they have planted their Community Garden. Remember the size doesn't matter as I know there are numerous Granges that do not have a large area around their hall or they do not own a hall. The gardens can be planted at a member's house or like Plymouth Westland last year planted theirs at the place where they hold their meetings etc, at Maxwell's! Or another option is container gardening. No place to plant in the ground, use containers to plant a few tomato plants or peppers etc. I hope to hear from a few more Granges as of right now I know of only 2 Granges that notified me of their gardens.

Well by the time I write my next article we should be enjoying fresh produce out of our gardens and from our local farmers' markets.

We are also in that great time of year called the Fair Season! I know many Granges have participated in their local County Fairs with Educational Booths, displays and exhibits. Many Grange members also have relatives that exhibit at these County Fairs. I myself have 2 nephews and a niece that exhibit at our County Fair. They house their market goats and pigs at my house as they do not live in the country. Please be sure to support your local County Fair and Exhibitors as this is a very important time for these youth when they show how hard they worked with their animals, crafts, etc.

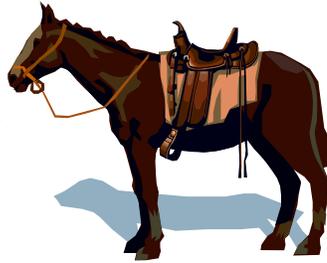
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**Welcome to Summer**

I assume that everybody is enjoying this little taste of summer we have been experiencing and I am sure that a lot of you agree with me in asking, where the heck is the 70 degree weather? I know for me I would much rather it be just a little bit cooler so that it is bearable to work in our gardens and on our lawns. For those of you who are farmers, I agree we need some rain for the crops and I know the warm nights help the crops grow better, but like most farmers you have equipment that is always in need of repair and I hope you are drinking lots of water if you insist on working in this heat wave.

**Great Lakes International Horse Show**

During the convention last October Brother Floyd Hartman brought this show to our attention and asked if we would like to take part in this event by possibly sponsoring a class or a trophy of some nature. By the end of the convention we had received a couple of donations for this event. However, in order for us to do many of the options the Horse show gives, we would need more donations. If you or your Grange would be interested, please feel free to contact me and we can discuss in further details what our options are.



able for display at various fairs and shows please let me know so that we can work something out about getting it to you. From our previous experience tickets sell a lot faster when the actual prize is right there in front of people.

**2014 National Grange Convention**

The 2014 National Grange Convention is right around the corner and we will be once again helping to host the convention. In the coming months I will be taking down a list of people who are willing and able to assist with the different tasks that need to be completed at the convention.

**Bus Trip Interest?????**

In July of next year (2013), The National Grange Youth and Young Adults Department will be putting on the original 1867 first four degrees which consists of the first four degrees for the men and the first four degrees for women. This will be taking place at the Oliver H. Kelley farm in Elk River, Minnesota. I believe the degree work will be done outside as it originally was intended and the officers will be dressed in period clothing. This is probably a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the ritual the way the founders of our organization saw the first four degrees done. If there is a big enough interest I will look into getting a bus trip started. Please let me know if you are interested in going to the Kelley Farm for this exciting event.



**Raffle**

The Raffle that I mentioned in my last article is still pending for the license from the state. As soon as I have the license in hand we will be

getting tickets out to those who are willing to help sell them. As a reminder the raffle is for a 2012 Harley Davidson Sportster 883 motorcycle. Shortly after starting this raffle we will be submitting the license application for the fall raffle of a half a cow and a whole hog. If anyone is interested in having the motorcycle avail-

*American Values.  
Hometown Roots.*

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**Luanna Swainston, Michigan State Grange Deaf Awareness Director and Terrence Kidman, MSD recipient of the \$500.00 scholarship.**

On June 7th I had the honor of presenting the Deaf Awareness Scholarship of \$500.00 to Terrence Kidman, a graduating Senior at the Michigan School for the Deaf. What a great experience! Terry was involved in many activities of the school such as football, drama, basketball, Singing Hands, Track and Field to name a few. He had been at MSD for seven years. He was the Class of 2012 Class Treasurer. Terry graduated class Valedictorian. He received many awards and scholarships at Graduation. His plans are on attending Kalamazoo Valley Community College in the fall and then hopes to go to NTID to become an animation illustrator. He would like to set up his own business, hiring deaf employees and make animation films, or work for Disney. With his determination, he should achieve his goal.

Terry was one of six graduates this year. They were the last class to graduate from the present building. Students will be attending the brand new school where construction has just finished this next fall.

Congratulations to Terry and the other Michigan School for the Deaf 2012 Graduates.

I hope each of you have a good 4th of July and the rest of the summer. Time sure flies by when you're having fun. If any of you take a vacation with your family, enjoy it and be safe.

Seeing that May was Better Hearing and Speech Month, did any of your Granges have a program concerning Deaf Awareness? If so, please let me know.

I received the following article and pictures from Jessie Cunningham of Barnard Grange on a Fund Raising Activity that they had at their Grange. What a great program for the month of May, the month to recognize the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Thank you, Jessie for sharing with us.



**Jessie Cunningham, Barnard Grange Deaf Awareness Chairman and Dr. Marlene Bevan, audiologist**

*During the month of May the Barnard Grange participated in Deaf Awareness by having a guest speaker, Dr. Marlene Bevan, an audiologist, along with our annual Fund Raiser. Dr. Bevan spoke and showed slides on all the new extraordinary technologies and the maximum benefits that are available to them with hearing problems to help them improve the quality of their lives. Some of our members can attest to the value of her word and service to their path of better hearing.*

*This year our Grange made a commitment to respond Marlene Bevan, audiologist*

*to the Wish list from the Michigan School for the Deaf of what is needed in the classroom. With our donations and those of friends our goal was made possible. With great anticipation a shopping day was planned. We purchased 46 items for the school. A few days after shipping we received a thank you acknowledgement from the school administrator who was elated with the generosity and credited all Michigan Grangers that have contributed to the school in various ways over the years.*

*We will also present a scholarship to the Michigan State Grange for Deaf Awareness.*

*Everyone connected with the Grange order value its service to society.*

*Jessie Cunningham, Deaf Awareness Chmn.*

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### **Deaf Awareness Appeal**

May was also the month to contribute to the Deaf Awareness Fund. If you did, Thank You! If not, it is not to late. We were able to give a \$500.00 scholarship to a senior at the Michigan School for the Deaf and hope to do some things for a couple of other programs, so your donations would be appreciated. Thanks!



**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

Can you believe it is July already, where has the year gone? It won't be long and we will be at STATE SESSION. Hope you are working on a project or two or three. Here's a reminder of what the categories are.

**BAKED GOODS — MEN AND WOMEN**

**YEAST BREAD — MACHINE OR BY HAND QUICK BREADS-ANY VARIETY**

**CARROT BAKED GOODS —ANYTHING OTHER THAN BREAD USING CARROTS**

**CANDY — FUDGE ANY OTHER**

**CANNED GOODS —JAM OR JELLY FRUIT OR VEGETABLE ANY OTHER,(EX. MEAT OR FISH)**

**KNITTING — AFGANS, ANY SIZE SCARF, HAT OR MITTENS ANY OTHER ITEM**

**CROCHETING —AFGHANS, ANY SIZE DOILY ANY OTHER ITEM**

**EMBROIDERY —STAMPED ITEMS ORIGINAL DESIGN MACHINE**

**COUNTED THREAD —CROSS STITCH ( IF PICTURE NO FRAME) PLASTIC CANVAS ANY OTHER**

**QUILTING —MACHINE OR COMBINATION OF MACHINE AND HAND WORK QUILT-ANY SIZE WALL HANGING ANY OTHER( EX. POT HOLDER OR PLACEMAT)**

**QUILTING —100% MACHINE QUILT ANY SIZE WALL HANGING ANY OTHER (EX. TREE SKIRT)**

**PIECED OR TIED ITEMS —MACHINE OR COMBINATION OF MACHINE AND HAND WORK QUILT, ANY SIZE TABLE RUNNER ANY OTHER (EX. VEST, PILLOW, ETC.)**

**SEWING-PURSES OR TOTES MISCELLANEOUS (EX. APRON, CLOTHESPIN BAG, ETC.)**

**FIBER —NEEDLE FELTING SCRAP FELTING**

**TABLE CRAFT —TABLE FAVORS NAME CARDS**

**TOY CONTEST —STUFFED TOYS FROM FABRIC KNITTED OR CROCHET WOODEN**

**HAND CRAFTED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT. — JUDGED BY POPULAR VOTE, TOP THREE GO ON TO NATIONAL**

**JUNIORS CATEGORIES —EACH CATEGORY WILL BE JUDGED IN 2 AGE GROUPS 5-9 & 10-14 YEAR OLDS**

**COOKIES —DROP NO BAKE**

**BEADING NECKLACE BRACELET**

**FIBERS —SCRAP FELTING**

**SEWING —PILLOWCASE ANY FLEECE CLOTHING**

**PAPER ART — CARD TABLE FAVOR**

**TOY CONTEST CAT OR DOG TOY**

**HAND CRAFTED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT —JUDGED BY POPULAR VOTE, TOP THREE GO ON TO NATIONAL**

**NATIONAL QUILT BLOCK CONTEST**

**DESIGN — LOG CABIN**

**COLORS — FALL COLORS**

**SIZE —10 ½ BY 10 ½ FINISHED (10" BLOCK WITH ¼" ON EACH SIDE FOR PIECING TOGETHER) NO BACKING.**

THE SIZE OF THE STRIPS ARE YOUR CHOICE AS LONG AS YOU COME UP WITH THE PROPER SIZE BLOCK. STRIPS OF 1 ½ " WIDE WILL GIVE YOU A BLOCK THE PROPER SIZE, USING 19 STRIPS. THE BEGINNING STRIP IS USUALLY RED AND IT WOULD BE 1 ½ BY 1 ½ , USING THIS METHOD.

**ONE QUILT BLOCK WILL GO ON TO NATIONAL.**

LET'S HAVE A VARIETY TO CHOOSE FROM, WE'LL MAKE THE JUDGES JOB A HARD ONE.



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The following is an excerpt from the Huff Post blog in Washington DC posted by Jim Abrams. I believe it gives a good overall picture of what lies ahead in the legislative debate over this year's farm bill.

A five-year farm and food bill that would revamp the federal safety net for farmers and eliminate direct government payments for idle crop fields took its first step toward passage last Thursday in the Senate.

A 90-8 vote to officially begin debate opens the way for what could be several weeks of attempts to amend proposed legislation that spends some \$100 billion a year on crop insurance, conservation and nutrition programs.

The measure would save \$23 billion over a 10-year period from current spending levels. Some of those savings would come from eliminating the current system where farmers get direct payments from the government regardless of whether they actually plant a crop.

"This is not your father's farm bill," said Senate Agriculture Committee chairman Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., who crafted the legislation with the top Republican on the committee, Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas.

The old direct farm subsidy program would be replaced by a new plan that places greater stress on subsidized crop insurance and a new program that compensates farmers when revenues from planted fields fall below levels as determined by a five-year average.

Roberts said the bill cuts or streamlines more than 100 programs, including combining four commodity protection plans into one and reducing conservation programs from 23 to 13.

The White House on Thursday issued a statement in support of the legislation, saying it would eliminate direct payments, tighten eligibility requirements and strengthen access to healthy, affordable foods. The Obama administration also said the bill would protect emergency food aid and increase flexibility in the delivery of international food aid.

"It is critical that the Congress pass legislation that provides certainty for rural America and includes needed reforms and savings," the White House note said.

The farm bill, which differs from many bills in not splitting Congress among party lines, could become one of the few major measures to reach the president's desk before the November elections. But it won't be easy.

Senators are likely to use the bill as a vehicle to take up unrelated issues, such as looming automatic cuts in the defense budget set off by the failed negotiations in Congress last year to reduce spending. Southern senators are also expected to seek changes in the new revenue protection program, which they say discriminates against southern crops such as rice and peanuts.

Other legislators are seeking reductions in the crop insurance program under which the government shoulders more than 60 percent of farmers' insurance premiums and protest the bill's cuts of more than \$4 billion over 10 years in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps.

About 80 percent of the \$100 billion in annual spending under the bill would go to nutrition programs. Some 46 million

The Michigan State Grange Foundation is actively searching for people who in the past have taken out student loans. The Secretaries of the Granges those people are presumed to have belonged to have been contacted as to whether or not these individuals are still members or if there is a forwarding address for them. The people we are looking for are those that have outstanding student loans. We are trying to re-establish a connection with them and work towards getting their student loans recovered so that we may continue to issue loans to active Grange members looking to pursue higher education. If you suspect some of these members may have belonged to your Grange, ask your Secretary if they have received a letter from the Foundation. If they have not, contact a member of the Foundation and we will be glad to assist you in obtaining this information.

Along with the student loan program the Foundation is also assisting the Michigan State Grange Department Directors with their programs provided they are under the parameters of the Foundation being either educational or charitable. With that, if anybody is planning a program for their Grange or for the community that would also be educational and you are in need of some financial assistance, please feel free to present a request to the Foundation by sending it to either Roland Winter or Jeff Swainston via postal mail or by email. We would be glad to take a look at it and see if we feel it is something we can contribute to.

The Foundation would like to extend a sincere Thank You to the members that have recently passed and remembered the Foundation in their wills, your contribution to the foundation is greatly appreciated and you will be missed. Thank you.

*Submitted by, Chris Johnston, Master*

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Americans receive food stamps, a number that has risen sharply during the economic downturn.

The House Agriculture Committee is expected to write a farm bill more sympathetic to southern growers, who want to keep aspects of the existing system where farmers are paid when prices dip below certain target levels. House Republicans also say that more savings can be squeezed out of the food stamp program.

The current farm act expires at the end of September.

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**You are invited!!**

**Who:** All Youth, Juniors and those young at heart

**What:** Youth/Junior Summer Camp

**Where:** Burns Grange #160  
 6630 Cole Road, Bancroft

**When:** July 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>

**Why:** For lots of fun activities, educational workshops and making and renewing friendships

Cost for Juniors is only \$10.00

Plans are in the works for a fun-filled camp this month! Join us as we are in or watch a parade in honor of Independence Day! Participate in games and activities at the park and we'll finish our day watching a spectacular display of fireworks! We'll have crafts to enjoy and most likely a spot to spend the hottest parts of the day swimming.

What to bring: sleeping bag, pillow, clothes, swimsuit, towel, toiletries, pajamas, sunscreen, bug spray and extra spending money (there is are some arts and craft booths at the park)

Camp is sure to be a great time and you won't want to miss it!

**Summertime Precautions**

With the summer comes hot weather and outdoor fun. Take care of your Juniors with these summertime precautions:

**Keep yourself and your children hydrated.** When the weather is hot and humid, the best thing to do is drink, drink, and drink. Water and sports drinks are the best liquids for children and adults to intake during the sweltering days of summer. Make sure that you and your children are drinking fluids even if you are not thirsty in order to stay hydrated. Offer cool drinks to younger children often, because they tend to get dehydrated more easily than older children and adults.

**Do not spend extended periods of time outside in the hottest parts of the day.** If you are planning on taking your children to the park or playground, it is best to choose a cooler part of the day to go. Before 11am or after 4pm tend to be much more comfortable times to be outside than from 11am to 3pm. By choosing a cooler time of day, you and your children will be able to enjoy yourselves and not spend most of your time wiping the sweat from your brow.

**Apply sunscreen after approximately 15 minutes of sun exposure for Vitamin D production.** A sunburn can be an extremely uncomfortable and painful experience. To lessen the chances of this skin condition occurring, you and your children should apply sunscreen after approximately 15 minutes of sun exposure (the ultraviolet B rays from the sun enable the body to produce Vitamin D, an essential vitamin for your immune system and overall bodily health).

You should apply a sunscreen with at least a 30 SPF protection (most of the sunscreens that are made for children are at this level). By doing this, it will help to protect you and your children from sunburn, and in extreme cases, skin cancer.

**Utilize a natural form of bug repellent that is safe for children if you are going to be in a place where insects are a problem.** If you and your children are going hiking in the woods or are visiting a place where mosquitoes or ticks are prevalent, you may want to use a bug repellent to help minimize the chances of bites. This author uses Burt's Bees Insect Repellent that is a combination of various essential oils that most insects find offensive. Whichever insect deterrent that you choose to use, make sure that it is safe to apply to children.

**Make sure that your children wear shoes in areas where bees are collecting nectar from clover or other plants.** To prevent the incidence of bee stings, have your children wear shoes when walking in areas where bees are located. Explain the importance of what bees do, and encourage your children to walk carefully through patches of clover and other plants that bees tend to choose.

**Have you and your children wear long pants if you will be in an area where poison ivy, poison oak, or poison sumac are present.** To prevent the oils from poison ivy, poison oak, or poison sumac plants from coming in contact with your or your children's skin, you and your children should wear long pants. If you or your children are especially allergic to any of these poisonous plants, you may want to wear gloves when removing the pants.

**Watch out for snakes if you and your children are hiking or going on a trail in a wooded area.** Encountering a snake while hiking with your family during the summer months can be a scary and interesting experience. Be sure to watch where you walk and keep your children close to you. Do not let them wander off. Too, prior to going hiking, you and your family may want to do some research on snakes as to which ones are native to the area in which you will be, are poisonous, are beneficial, etc.

**Supervise your children at all times while you are on a family excursion.** Whether you are at the park or playground, on a road trip, or in the great outdoors, make sure that you are aware of the location of your children (particularly younger children). Depending on the setting, various dangerous situations (i.e. aggressive animals, threatening people, unforeseeable accidents, etc.) can occur, and if you know where your children are, you can be there to intervene if the situation calls for it.

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**REMINDER—REMINDER**

**The National Lecturer has asked all State Lecturer's to let all our members know that the photo contest at National level is still on!! There was some question about the quilt squares taking the place of the photo contest. But it is not. So be thinking about what picture you would like to enter for the contest.**

**KOEGEL HOTDOGS**

Albert Koegel came to this city in 1916 hoping to establish a meat business that would grow along with the auto business. Koegel's products are widely available in Michigan and the Toledo area-but nowhere else. They have over 100 employees and sell hot dogs, Italian sausages, foot-longs and salami.

**Flint is where they are located.**

**MUSTARD**

Charley Marcuse is the "singing hot dog man" at this ballpark. In 2008 he invented a new mustard that is sold at a certain ball field, surrounding stores and now on line. Its called Charley's Ballpark gourmet-style mustard. But it's not yellow.

**The ballpark is Detroit Tigers Ballpark.**

**POTATO CHIPS**

Since 1930 Better Made Factorys in this city, turn 50 million pounds of spuds into potato chips every year. Old timers may recall when they were sold a pound at a time in tin cans.

**The name of the city is Detroit**

**CHERRIES**

What's a picnic without a Michigan Cherry Pie. The state produces 75 percent of the nation's tart cherry crop; those are great for pies and loaded with anti-oxidants. Michigan produces about 17% of the nation's sweet cherry crop.

**PICKLES**

How many of us love a good pickle? Well, Vlasic pickle's are one of Michigan's products. The plant in this city employ's 300 full time and 600 seasonal workers. In the 1940's The Vlasic family made pickles easier to transport and sell and boosted shelf life, making Vlasic a national brand by the 1970's.

**The name of this city is Imlay City, MI**

**ICE CREAM**

Founded in 1895 as a dairy cooperative, this company started making ice cream in 1926. They now offer more than 30 flavors ,several of them Michigan themed such as Mackinac Island Fudge, Grand Traverse Bay Cherry Fudge and the limited edition, Pure Michigan Caramel Apple. It's the current official ice cream of Michigan state parks.

**The name of this city is Hudsonville, MI**

**SOFT DRINKS**

How many of us remember the song "Faygo remembers," theme song, that was widely broadcast in the 1970's? The Company was founded in 1907 by a pair of baking brothers who based the fruity flavors on their frosting recipes. Faygo still has its headquarters in this city, its best known for its strawberry "red pop" and classic root beer, their currently promoting a brand-new flavor, Candy Apple. **This city is Detroit, MI**

**JULY 4th**

In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, starting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. This most American of holidays will be marked by parades, fireworks and backyard barbecues across the country.

1. 31 places have the word liberty in their names. The most populous one is Liberty, Missouri. 5 places have the name of Freedom in their names. America is in 5 places across the U.S.
2. 81 million Americans said they have taken part in barbecue's during the July 4th holiday. The beef probably came from Texas, the chicken from Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama or even Mississippi.
3. \$190.7 million in fireworks come from China, representing the bulk of all U/S. fireworks imports (\$197.3 million).
4. 50 U.S. flags are flown 24 hours a day at the Washington Monument in Washington DC. Some other places are Fort McHenry, the United States Marine Corp Memorial and over the White House in our nation's capitol.
5. 66 million trips to the nations US national parks, 80 million in California, 59 million in Ohio, 56 million in New York, 48 million in Washington and 44 million in Illinois have the highest number of visits
6. \$3.2 million in U.S. imports of American flags: more than half of this amount (\$2.8) was U.S. flags made in China.

## Community Service

## Projects

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Welcome to summer! Hopefully, by now, you have found 1 or 2 projects to use for the community service program. It does not have to be a huge project. Anything that helps your community counts. We just want the Grange name to get out in your community so people know you exist. You will be surprised at how many people and organizations will recognize your Grange after a while.

Just a reminder that the due date for your community service book is Monday, September 10. You can include projects from August 1, 2011 thru August 31, 2012. Please send your report to Tricia at the above address. If you have any questions or need special delivery arrangements, please contact Tricia at the above phone number or email.

Wishing you a wonderful & safe summer! Tricia & Helen

### Looking to Preserve Traditional Music...can you help?

My name is Dave Langdon. I live in Okemos, MI near Lansing. I have played the fiddle for over 30 years. I am working on a project to try to preserve traditional music as it has been played in Michigan.

At one time, people would gather in a home, a Grange, or township hall or other building and have a dance for entertainment. The type of music would vary depending on who the musicians would be and the instruments they could play. In addition, if there was dancing, there might have been a dance caller who knew and could teach and lead dances. Also the ethnic makeup of the area could have an effect on the type of music or dance.

I'm interested in talking to anyone who participated in these events, from musicians to callers to dancers and anyone else involved." In many cases the people I am interested in would be at least 85 years old or older if still living. I am also interested in contacting family members of the people mentioned above or anyone else who might have audio or video recordings of this music being played, at an event, at home, or with friends.

My objective is to gather as much of this type of music as I am able, either by collecting previously recorded material, or by recording in live sessions. At some point, I would like to put some of these recordings and other information on a web site and I am also hoping that the collected materials will someday be preserved and made available to researchers and interested individuals at a public archive in Michigan. I am doing this project because I believe very little of this music is publicly available and because I feel that it is a valuable part of Michigan's culture and history that deserves to be preserved and passed on to future generations.

I am not looking to profit personally from this project and would appreciate any information that you could provide.

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Mr. Langdon attended the Jamboree at Burns Grange and enjoyed himself very much. If you have any info for him please contact him.  
Peggy Johnston, Burns Grange Secretary

## State Secretaries Contest

### Identify the Patrons Below

A little quiz for everyone to take part in. You still have the chance to send in your guesses of the officers/department directors that were in the last couple of issues and this one.

Either email or mail your answers or guesses to me and for each one you have correct, your name will be put in a drawing that will take place at the Annual Convention for a chance to win a \$50.00 gift card. These are pictures of past or present State Grange officers or Department Directors. All are living and all are serving the Grange well.

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You can still send in the names of the pictures that have been in the last couple issues.

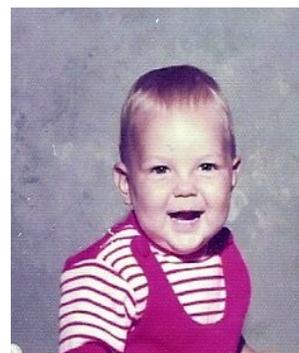
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Send in your answers

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## Net Gain in Membership for Last Quarter!

It would appear that some Granges in Michigan have been quite successful in acquiring new members, as Peggy Johnston, MSG Secretary recently reported to me that we had a net gain in Membership for the last quarter. This is outstanding news, and brought to mind the previous Michigan State Grange Membership Director's phrase, "Wahoo!!" It would certainly appear that some Granges in Michigan 'wanna!

I have been working on contacting each Grange in Michigan to discuss their progress in the membership arena and to further familiarize myself with their activities. I have completed nearly half of my calls at this point. I have had some very exciting phone calls with regard to membership. There seems to be a renewed interest in the Grange in many of our Michigan communities. It is not totally apparent the reason for this, but we certainly need to capitalize on the situation. In some cases, those inquiring were not interested in joining at this time, but they might have a change in heart in the future. The more we can help others know what the Grange is about and what its values are, the easier it will be to get new members. If at all possible, it is very important to get phone numbers or e-mail addresses so that these interested parties can be contacted later or sent the local Grange newsletter.

For those Granges that have recently acquired new members, there were some common threads that I wanted to pass along. In all cases, the Granges have some sort of activity or fill some need that brings non-members in contact with Grangers. In some cases, it is dances; in some cases, it is hall rentals; in others it is Bingo. In all cases, it took someone to bring the subject of Grange membership up with the non-members to get that signed application and dues check. One person I talked to finally asked a friend to join, and got the "yes" and the dues check quite quickly. Several Granges have non-members who assist on their projects. One reason given why one of these "helpers" joined was because she saw a lot of "cooperation" amongst Grange members, and wanted to be around these people even more. One Grange holds their meeting before a monthly activity, and this has encouraged attendance at meetings and additional involvement. Those Granges that have several new members all spoke of the renewed energy that their Granges have as a result of newer members with newer ideas.

Suggestions that I heard from several veterans with a history of recruiting new members were: 1) membership needs to be talked about at each Grange meeting in a positive way – always brainstorming ideas for promoting the Grange activities and ideas for which people might have interest in the Grange and might join; 2) since most Granges in Michigan have a number of older members, it might be wise to try to add members that are in their 50s or 60s; 3) adding new members is not easy, but we must persevere!

As I was thinking about these calls, I realized that Grange members aren't very good braggers, as a whole. When I would ask what kinds of activities that the Granges had, it was typical

to hear "Oh, not that much", and then these same people would proceed to list off a list of five to ten activities. I encourage all Granges to publicize their activities in their local weekly or daily newspapers. Our communities need to be aware of the kinds of community service and other activity that is happening state-wide. I would also encourage each Grange to add at least one new activity each year (and perhaps drop one that hasn't been working out so well lately).

Plan for Success! Be Positive! Promote the Grange!  
Celebrate Members!

## Juniors continued from page 7

**Have you and your children's medical information and insurance card readily available.** You do not plan for an injury or an emergency to happen when you are out with your family, but in the event that one does take place, be sure and have your and your children's medical information and insurance card easily accessible. If your children are going somewhere with a relative or friend, make sure that you provide them with this information as well as a note stating that he or she has your permission to approve medical treatment for your children.

**Inspect your children for ticks, mosquito bites, and other evidence of contact with insects.** Once you and your children return home after your summer excursion, you may want to check your children and yourself for ticks, mosquito bites, and other possible insect-inflicted marks. Ticks tend to favor the warmer parts of the body, so be sure and check those areas in particular.

If you find a tick on one of your children, you can follow the proper procedure (<http://firstaid.webmd.com/tc/how-to-remove-a-tick-overview>) to remove it completely and effectively. If you notice mosquito bites on yourself or your children, you can rinse them with cold water and apply either alcohol or peppermint oil to help with the itching.

**Have your children take baths after their time spent outdoors.** Taking a lukewarm bath can help your child to cool down after spending time outside. Too, if your child has been exposed to poison ivy, the chances of removing the oils before a rash appears are better.

*Taken from Yahoo's Summer Safety Tips for Parents and Caregivers of Children by Ruth Carter*

## Welcome to Our Grange Family

Torch Lake #1840—

Mark Philips  
Janice Tingley  
Ben Shafer

Fredonia #1713—

Mary Leahy  
Community 1675 —  
Christa Platt  
Doug Shaffer

Barnard #689 —

Mary Ann Otmanowski ( R)  
Summit City #672 —  
Nick McAllister  
Dave Aslin  
Robert & Annette Hulett  
Charles Pardee

Gratiot #1898 —

Rick Mills  
Chris & Connie Johnston  
Jody Barnes ( R)

Fern #803 —

Kenny Spicer  
Oceana Center #1047 —  
Ruth Ann Eilers

Pittsfield Union #882 —

Lori Walters  
Celibeth Donnelly  
William & Bethany Cron  
Megan Hagenauer

## Kinney Grange #754 at the Grand Rapids Festival of Arts

			
<p>L-r Peggy Johnston, Sharon Popler, Michelle Abbott, Lois Nichols, Bob Nichols, Judy Bowers &amp; Nancy Swainston.</p>	<p>Peggy Johnston, Sharon Popler, Luanna Swainston, and a customer purchasing popcorn and pop. Brrrrrrrr it was a very cold and wet day! Wouldn't have been surprised to see snow!</p>	<p>Harry Brown our "Popcorn King" assisted by Arnette Welsh</p>	<p>L-r Michelle Abbott, Phil Swainston, Nancy Swainston, Arnette Welsh, Harry Brown Emma Dausman <i>Photos by Luanna Swainston &amp; Judy Bowers</i></p>

The members of Kinney Grange manned a booth at the recent Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts June 1-2, 2012. This was our 5th year of doing this. Our menu is Popcorn, Golden Cheddar and Caramel Corn. We also serve Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Powerade and Water. Our goal is to earn enough money to buy dictionaries for the Words for the Thirds Program. After a rainy Friday, the weather on Saturday and Sunday was much better. We were one of 30 organizations to have a food booth at the Festival. We had Kinney Grange members including our Junior Grange members, Grangers from other Granges and non-Grangers helping us. Over 350 man-hours was recorded. The Festival involves many stage performances of all types, an art tent, activities and art projects for the kids and a variety of good food, both American and "foreign country" food. It's an exciting weekend with many activities, something for everyone!

*Submitted by Luanna Swainston*



### Gratiot Grange Distributes Earplugs Prior to Ashley Trading Days Light and Sound Parade

**Karen Strouse**

**Connie, Cory & Marc Johnston**

**Judy Bowers**

Four years ago, one of the Gratiot Grange members attended the Light and Sound Parade on a Friday night during the Ashley Trading Days and she came back telling the rest of our membership how there were so many people holding their hands over their ears to protect them from the noise of the emergency vehicles with their sirens blaring. She said that she had an idea for a Community Service Project for our Grange. During that next year we looked into purchasing earplugs, getting a grant from the NG Foundation (Deaf Activities fund) and making up some information cards to attach to the earplugs. Three years ago we started our project and each year we give out more and more earplugs. We do this to help the people protect their hearing, get our Grange name out in the public and of course it is a wonderful Community Service Project.

*Pictures and Article submitted by Peggy Johnston*

## YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

## Camp

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Sleeping will be in the Grange Hall, bring your sleeping bag, and gear!

The 2012 Youth/Young Adult Camp will be held July 13-15 at Burns Grange #160, 6630 Cole Road in Bancroft. We will again be combining camp with the Juniors and this year we will also begin on Friday afternoon. Cost for the youth is \$20 but don't let the cost deter you from attending. There is scholarship money available for those who might need financial assistance. Please call us at 616-813-8746 or email jeff@jnsphoto.biz and let us know you are coming. Bring your friends and hope to see you there!!!

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## Mid Michigan Pomona Degree Team

Mid Michigan Pomona #61 presented the first four degrees on Sunday, June 24th at Burns Grange in Shiawassee County. Pictured above are front row l-r Sandy Persons, Helen Mudd, Dale Moore, Maryette Kucharski. Second row l-r Sharon Popler, Phyllis Warren, Arlene Hilgendorf, Judy Bowers, Connie Johnston. Back row l-r Destiny Bowers, Peggy Johnston, Ted Mudd, Bob Persons, and Chris Johnston. A special thank you to Bob and Sandy Persons of Fern Grange for attending and taking part in the degree conferral. We had five that had never had the full degrees.



Master Kevin Young and Bob Shaffer

## Community Grange #1675 Celebrates

Community Grange #1675 held a "Celebrating the Grange" celebration during their meeting in May. A ham dinner and potluck was enjoyed by members and friends of the Grange. The program of the evening was given by Molly and Bob Shaffer from the Old Rugged Cross Foundation on the updates of the project at the Old Rugged Cross church located in Pokagon. After their program, Master Kevin Young presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bob Shaffer who is Chairman of the Pokagon Township Cemetery Board for the Board's hard work and dedication for the maintenance and upkeep of the 3 cemeteries in Pokagon Township. Bob stated that it is a combined effort of not only the Cemetery Board, but also of the Cemetery Sexton Doug Shaffer and the entire Pokagon Township Board of Trustees. Bob said he would made sure to present the Certificate to the entire Board at their meeting in June and it will be displayed in the Township Hall.

*Submitted by Kevin Young*



## Burns Grange members placed 60 flags at local cemetery to recognize Veterans for Memorial Day



Sharon Popler, Peggy Johnston, & Judy Bowers

Peggy Johnston & Judy Bowers

Placing the flags on the graves of Veterans prior to Memorial Day is an ongoing project by Burns Grange members. In the past we have furnished the flags and placed them. This year, the flags were provided by the cemetery board, however, we still placed the 60 flags throughout the Union Plaines Cemetery on Reed Road, Byron.

*Article submitted by Peggy Johnston, Photos by Sharon Popler*