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## NATIONAL GRANGE MASTER VISIT TO MICHIGAN

Pictured to the left are those that attended the visit by the National Grange Master, Ed Luttrell at Capitol Grange in Haslett on April 13th.

Many things were discussed throughout the evening, including the financial status of the National Grange and the status of the Trademark program.

Pictured to the left are: (l-r) Connie Johnston, Athol Hazen, Helen Mudd, Darwin Isham, Judy Bowers, Peggy Johnston, Marc and Cory Johnston, Helen Mudd, Dale Moore, Ted Mudd, Roland Winter, Chris Johnston, Luanna Swainston, Peg & Bob Brown, Jackie Bishop and Ed Luttrell. Picture was taken by Sharon Popler.

Oh yes, like most Grange events...we had a wonderful potluck dinner.

## National Grange Master Visit —Great Lakes Grange Leaders Conference

### GREAT LAKES GRANGE LEADERS CONFERENCE

Eight Michigan Grangers traveled to Blue Grass, Iowa recently to attend the Great Lakes Grange Leaders Conference. Workshops were presented by the State Lecturer's, Also a presentation was given by N.G. Leadership/Membership Director, Michael Martin. A lot of good fun, fellowship and food was enjoyed by all who attended.

A community service project called "Jared" boxes for children that are in the hospital were donated to and put together and taken back to each of the state represented.

Those attending from Michigan were: Peg Brown, Darlene VanZuilen, Mary Beth Bower, Pat Kline, Sharon Popler, Judy Bowers, Destiny Bowers and Peggy Johnston.



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Memorial Day,  
Flag Day and  
Father's Day**

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## Chaplain

## One Nation Under God

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As I sit here and write this piece I keep looking out my window. The sun is shining bright and all is well in the world. But is it?

I sit and listen to the news at night and there is nothing good being said. Another shooting, more men killed overseas, another house fire, a nursing home burns and seniors are hurt but luckily no one dies. What is happening to our world?

Some times I think that the bad in our world is due to the fact that there are people out there that do not want God in our world. We have just celebrated the rising of our Lord this past month. We just had earth day this past month. We are looking toward Flag Day this coming month. Mother's day is just around the corner. We even have Memorial Day coming up. Then let us not forget Father's day. Are these just holidays that get us out of work or long weekends? Are these just times for us to get together with our families?

By now you are saying "what is Kathryn talking about"? Let us look at a couple of these "holidays". **Earth Day.** The idea came to the Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Senator Nelson announces the idea for a "national teach-in on the environment" to the national media. As a result, on the 22 of April, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spill, polluting factories realized that they shared common values.

**Flag Day.** In 1885 BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School to observe June 14<sup>th</sup> (the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official adoption of the Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after President Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1949 that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14<sup>th</sup> of each year as National Flag Day.

All of these holidays are about people and our great nation. People have come together to celebrate what this nation was founded on. One Nation, Under God. We need to place God back in our schools, in our homes and our lives. So much evil is out there because of the fact we have let others tell us that we can not talk, read or see anything about God when we are in a school or a public place. We need to take this back and bring God back into our Country just like the men wanted when they formed our great nation.

Remember this as you celebrate the upcoming holidays. God is everywhere no matter if you want him or not. He will not let his children down.

**Mid Michigan Pomona Hosting a Degree Day  
Sunday, June 24, 2012  
Burns Grange Hall, 6630 Cole Road  
Bancroft, MI**

**Potluck dinner at noon**

**First, Second, Third and Fourth Degrees  
Will be conferred in the afternoon  
(short break between 2nd and 3rd degrees)**

**Bring a passing dish, and a car load or two or more of  
Grangers that have or have not had the full degrees.**

**Come and learn or renew the meaning of the degrees.**

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## Fundraising

Your **State Grange Executive Committee** has decided on **two raffles** for this year. Now I know what you are saying not more raffles. Well the truth is the Michigan State Grange needs to raise some money and since nobody is coming forth with some viable ideas we have returned to old faithful. With that having been said I think you might be surprised by the prizes. For the **first raffle** we have decided on a prize of a **2012 Harley Davidson Sportster 883 motorcycle**. The cost of the tickets is going to be **\$5 each or 5 for \$20**. As soon as we have the license number from the state, the tickets will be printed and the sale will be on. If you are interested in having the motorcycle for an event or if you want to help sell tickets please let me know as soon as possible so that we might be able to sell as many tickets as possible. The **second raffle** we will be doing will be ending at the banquet on Saturday of the convention in October. There will be **two prizes** for this raffle, with the **first prize a half a cow** and the **second prize is a whole hog (both freezer meat)**. The cost of the tickets for this raffle will be **\$1 each or 6 for \$5**. This second raffle will not begin until sometime in August. We are still considering our options for the end date of the first raffle.

## National Masters Visit

For those of you who missed the National Masters visit to our state on the thirteenth of April, you missed out on a lot of information about the National Grange. For the members that showed up, **National Master Ed Luttrell** told us the latest happenings with National Grange such as the **financial status**, where the funds come from and where they are distributed, the **trademark protection** and how many infringement issues are currently being dealt with and how many have been successfully won, the **new National Grange Website**, and about up coming events such as the **Youth being given permission to perform the original four degrees as they were written next summer** (July 13, 2013 at the Kelley Farm), along with other interesting information. He has been gracious in sending me copies of the presentation he made that evening and **I would be happy to come to your Grange and share that information with you**. Just let me know when is a good time for you and we will see if something can be arranged.

## Community Service

In this issue of the Michigan Grange News you will see some new but familiar faces. **The new co-directors of the Community Service Department are Helen Mudd and**

**Tricia Eidsmoe**. They are both members of Studley Grange in the Midland area. The **first change** to the Community Service program you will notice is the change in the due date of the community service notebooks. Per their request, I have agreed to let them move the due date back to September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions regarding Community Service, their contact information can be found later in this edition of the Grange News, it is also available on the website and in the Roster. **To Tricia and Helen, I say Thank you for taking on this important position and welcome to the team of Directors.**

## Degree Day

It has been brought to my attention that the **Mid Michigan Pomona** members will be putting on a **Degree Day** to consist of the first four degrees. The event will be held **Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Burns Grange** hall just south of Bancroft. After a potluck lunch at noon, the first degree will be starting at 1p.m. and the next three to follow with a coffee break between the second and third degrees. This event is open to all Grange members who have never seen the full exemplification of the first four degrees or to all who may wish to see them again. **Bring a car load and let's have a good time.**

## Convention Meal Tickets

In the **next issue** of the Michigan Grange News we will have the **prices for the meal tickets** at the convention listed. Due to the timing of when we need to notify the hotel on the numbers, this year **we will need to have all of the meal tickets purchased by October 1<sup>st</sup>**. This means that we will not be selling any meal tickets at the convention. If this is a problem for anybody please feel free to let me know. We are considering allowing for a few tickets to be sold after October 1<sup>st</sup> at a higher rate. But more information will be in the next issue and can always be found on the website when things are finalized.

*American Values.  
Hometown Roots.*

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April showers bring May flowers. I don't know about your flowers, but mine bloomed in April! What will May bring? I know—Better Hearing Month! Please plan a program, set up a display or use whatever works for your Grange.

It is also the month to support the programs of Deaf Awareness. We will be doing the scholarship for a student at the Michigan school for the Deaf which we have been doing for many years. Their graduation ceremony is June 7.

We have 2 new projects this year. A few years ago we helped with financial assistance to the Michigan Alexander Graham Bell Camp Program. It is a camp for Oral Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. In contacting them this year they are in need of financial support toward supplies for the campers. These supplies include hearing aid drying kits, hearing aid batteries, backpacks, flashlights, teaching supplies, etc. This is their 25th Annual Camp which is being held from July 15-27, 2012. Many activities are being planned including rock climbing, high and low ropes. Backpacking, hiking, horseback riding, individual and team sports, archery, water sports, swimming, canoeing, fishing, arts and crafts to name a few. Amplification support and a 1—hour daily language enrichment program for children with hearing loss is conducted.

I received a letter from a junior at the Michigan School for the Deaf. Jennifer Wickman has been accepted to attend the National Association of the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp, a prestigious camp for selected deaf and hard of hearing high school students from all over the nation. She is anxious to attend this camp. She will have an opportunity to participate in many activities which will develop her scholarship, leadership and citizenship skills. She wants to bring back the skills to teach students at her school to have better respect for them selves and the people around the. What an honor for her. Our financial support would help her toward her goal.

Your donation to the Deaf Awareness Fund will help support these programs. Time is of essence at this time for the projects. Thank you in advance for your support.

How are you coming with your afghans, fleece throws, or quilts this year for the Michigan School for the Deaf? They are supplied for a couple of years with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves and suggested the afghans, fleece throws and quilts for the students this year. They are used in the TV room, game room or their own rooms. Also, for those Granges and Grangers who had students at Christmas time at the school, a birthday greeting or small gift would be suggested. Remember your student throughout the year.

June is a busy month for most of us. Warm weather, yard work, sprucing up the house, camps and of course Flag Day on the 14th are just some of the activities you may have. Enjoy your month!



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Of course everyone knew what could happen if the temperatures got hot too early this spring. Things do not look very good in my part of the State for the fruit farmers. Everything from grapes to apples to cherries to peaches had blossoms out because of the temps that were in the 80s for almost a week to ten days. Then the bottom dropped out and the frost and freeze warnings happened and caused major damage. They are estimating that about 90% of the grape crop is gone. I have heard that the Cherry crop in the northern part of Michigan was not spared from damage either. This Statewide damage in our fruit crops spells major concern for our State economy as Agriculture is a huge part of the Economy for our State.

While I sit here writing this article, I think of all of the farmers in my area that are out in their fields working up the soil or preparing it to plant or even some are planting their crops. Please keep these people in your prayers and thoughts for safety while they are using their big equipment to help feed our Country and the World.

As our farmers throughout the State are planning and planting their fields, are your Granges making plans for your Grange Gardens? I have heard from at 2 Granges so far that they are planning their Gardens. Community Grange's Youth have been put in charge of planning and planting pumpkins at their Grange Hall. Burns Grange Juniors are looking to plant something as well. Please send me an email if your Grange is planning to put in a Garden too. I would love to hear from a few more Granges. It would be nice to get updates throughout the growing season on how the gardens are doing. I do not need to get a report sent in like you would for the other State Grange departments but if you have pictures etc that you would like to share at our State Convention in October, maybe we could find a small place to display them for all to see the hard work that was done.

### PUZZLE

If you take 20 dollars from the first and put it into the second of 3 purses, the second would then contain 4 times as much as remains in the first. If 60 dollars of what is now in the second is put into the third, the third will contain twice what is in the first and second together. Now, if 40 dollars be removed from the third and put into the first, there will be 1/2 as much in the first as in the third.

What did each purse hold originally?

A young man at the age of twenty enters the mercantile business at an apprentice wage of \$900 per year. He is to receive a yearly increase of \$60 per year until he reaches the age of sixty, when he is to be retired on one-half of his average salary earned during the last five years that he worked. What will be his retirement salary?

Answers: Puzzle #1 \$50.00, \$100.00 and \$120.00, respectively.  
Puzzle #2 \$1560.00 per year.

Spring has returned! The earth has awakened from its' winter slumber. Beauty is all around us with tulips and daffodils, trees and shrubs are in bloom or opening their leaves.

Our weather for a while was more like summer than spring, pushing nature ahead of schedule.

Trees like apple and cherry may be affected by our warm days and frosty nights.

Our hands are itching to get out and play in the dirt. We have cleaned up the flower beds and garden space, now it's time to plant. Don't have a space for a garden, think again. Container gardening is very popular right now; it's easy to care for, attractive, and beneficial in many ways. Almost any container can be used for planting, just make sure it has drainage. To make a container lighter use Styrofoam pieces in the bottom. I have a large galvanized tub on my deck for lettuce and I filled it half full of chunks of the white stuff. You can even have a movable garden; use a child's Red Radio Flyer wagon or any old wagon, wheelbarrow, etc.

Mix the herbs with some flowers if you like. Herbs prefer well-drained soil and a sunny location. They smell great in the summer, and can be used in a variety of ways. Here's a list of herbs you may want to try and how to use them. Hope this chart will inspire you to give some of the herbs a try.

### HERBAL CULINARY CHART

**BASIL-HERB VINEGARS, HERB BUTTER, TOMATOES, TOMATO DISHES, SUMMER SQUASH AND ZUCCHINI, SALADS, PESTO, SOUPS, CHEESE BALLS, DIPS, BREAD, MARINADES, BOUQUET GARNI, MAYONNAISE.**

**BAY-USE IN ALL WILD GAME DISHES, AND MOST SOUPS AND STEW BENEFIT FROM ITS ADDITION.**

**CHIVES-SALADS, POTATO SALAD, BUTTER, BREADS, FISH, DIPS, EGG DISHES, SOUPS, SOUR CREAM, HERB VINEGAR (USE THE FLOWER HEADS).**

**CILANTRO-SALSA, SAUCES, PESTO, VINEGARS, SOUPS, STEWS.**

**DILL-CUCUMBERS, POTATO SALAD, VINEGARS, GREEN BEANS, BREAD, CABBAGE, CAULIFLOWER, TOMATO SOUP.**

**FENNEL-THE GREENS CAN BE USED ALMOST INTERCHANGEABLY WITH DILL. USED TO ADD FLAVOR TO BREAD AND DESSERTS.**

**FRENCH TARRAGON- CHICKEN, FISH, VINEGARS, BUTTER, MAYONNAISE, SOUPS, STEWS, GREEN BEANS, MARINADES AND RUBS.**

**GARLIC, LAMB, POTATOES, MOST MEATS AND VEGETABLES.**

**LAVENDER-BAKING, TEAS, VINEGAR, TO FLAVOR SUGAR, BOUQUET GARNI, HEALING TINCTURE, BATH AND DRYER BAGS FOR ITS' CALMING AND RELAXING BENEFITS.**

**LOVAGE-USED AS A CELERY SUBSTITUTE.**

**MARJORAM, SWEET-A DELICIOUS SUBSTITUTE FOR GREEK OREGANO, Milder AND SWEETER.**

**MINT-PEAS, TEA, JELLY COOKIES, ICED TEA, LAMB, TABOULLI.**

**OREGANO, GREEK- FISH, SHELLFISH, LAMB, POULTRY, TOMATO SAUCES, BUTTER, MEAT MARINADES AND RUBS, EGGS, MUSHROOMS, PIZZA, GREEN BEANS, CHEESES, DIPS, SOUPS, VINEGARS, BEEF, PORK, BOUQUET GARNI.**

**PARSLEY-MEATS, VEGETABLES, SALADS, STEWS, QUICHE, POTATOES, DIPS, TOMATO SAUCES, BUTTER, STEWS, BOUQUET GARNI, EGGS, FISH.**

**ROSEMARY- HERB VINEGARS, LAMB, CHICKEN, POTATOES, MARINADES, HERB MUSTARD, SALT SUBSTITUTE BLENDS, BUTTER**

**SAGE-PORK, POULTRY, STUFFING, PORK MARINADES AND RUBS, BREADS, EGGS, VINEGAR.**

**WINTER SAVORY-GREEN VEGETABLES, BUTTER, BEEF, PORK, EGGS, DIPS, VINEGARS.**

**SORREL, GARDEN-SOUPS AND TO PERK UP SALADS.**

**THYME-VINEGARS, CARROTS, SALADS, SALAD DRESSING, MARINADES, SOUPS, STEWS, POULTRY, PORK, BEEF, LAMB, GREEN VEGETABLES, BUTTERS, EGGS, FISH, SEAFOOD.**

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U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, recently announced her new *Grow it Here, Make it Here* initiative to advance Michigan's emerging bio-based manufacturing industry. Bio-based manufacturing, using agriculture goods to make value-added products, is an industry poised to grow and create jobs in Michigan. The *Grow it Here, Make it Here* initiative includes several provisions to support Michigan bio-based manufacturers and innovators to spur new job growth.

Senator Stabenow said: "When we grow things here and make things in Michigan, we create jobs in Michigan. Henry Ford knew this over 80 years ago when he discovered how to use agriculture products in his automobiles. Today, Michigan innovators are building off of his work to make things with Michigan-grown products. We are at the forefront of bio-based manufacturing, and my initiative will help businesses who want to invest and create new jobs here in America."

The Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee is extremely pleased because the vast majority of the new bio-based products are formulated with soybean oil.

Michigan has geographic advantages over other states in terms of diverse feed stocks, vast agricultural supply chains and bio research facilities. Michigan has the ability to shape its own future and has significant opportunities to expand its bio-based industry and advance its position in the global bio-economy market.

Senator Stabenow's *Grow it Here, Make it Here* Initiative consists of four parts:

**Strengthens the Bio-preferred Program**, which certifies and labels products so consumers can choose to purchase goods made of agriculture materials, and provides a preference for these products. Her initiative also calls for greater accountability in the initiative, including auditing and compliance activities to ensure the integrity of the certified label.

**Spurs the commercialization of new agricultural innovations** by streamlining and focusing resources to help new bio-based projects move from the development to the commercialization phase. Her initiative focuses the USDA's Biomass Research and Development Initiative on the commercialization of bio-based products-bridging this gap to help accelerate the bio-based industry.

**Increases access to capital for bio-based manufacturers** by expanding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Bio-refinery Loan Guarantee Program, so bio-based manufacturers have access to loans to help finance new operations or expand existing ones.

**Creates a new tax cut** for Michigan companies that invest in new facilities or purchase equipment to manufacture bio-based products. Only companies that manufacture these products in America will be eligible for this incentive.

Michigan innovators and entrepreneurs are processing Michigan-grown crops such as wheat, sugar, corn and soy for use in advanced manufactured goods across the state.

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I was asked to write this piece for the Michigan State Grange Foundation. Since I had only been to really one meeting I was not sure what to write about. I talked to our Worthy Master to find out what he suggested since I felt that Eric Bishop's article last time said everything that I want to say and that needed to be brought to the front.

So I am going to write this piece about the Student Loan Program that is available to everyone that is a student. I am not just talking about the students that have just gotten out of High School and are going on to college but I am talking to those out there that are thinking that they are too old for college or just don't have the money to spend on the books, once grants pay for the classes. There is help out there for all of us that want to further our education by way of the Foundation Student Loan Program. The Loan is for anyone who is a Fourth Degree Grange member in good standing. There is a \$1000 loan that is interest free (where else can you get an interest free loan for school) for every calendar year. You are only allowed to receive a total of four loans per student. It does not matter if it is for an associate, bachelors or master degree. You have to be in good standing the whole time you have the loan. Repayment of the loan starts within 90 days from when you graduate or stop your education.

Here is the bad news. You have until July 1<sup>st</sup>. to put in your application for the fall and winter terms. If you decided to start classes in the Spring you have to have your application in by January 1.

You are able to get a loan application on the Michigan State Grange web site, [www.michiganstategrange.org](http://www.michiganstategrange.org). The Loan applications are to be sent to: Michigan State Grange Foundation, % of Jeffrey Swainston, Secretary, 2589 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Dorr, MI 49323.

Looking forward to seeing your loan application soon.

*Written by Foundation Member, Kathryn Strouse*

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**Its time! Its time! Its time!!** Spring planting is upon us....get those seeds planted! What are you doing to grow your Juniors? The summer is going to be busy for those little ones with sports and camps. Do your best to keep the Juniors involved in your Grange!

In conjunction with the Agriculture department, why not have a Junior garden at your hall, or another location available to you. This can create so many opportunities. It will be educational watching and learning what it takes to grow something. Depending on what you plant, you'll either have a beauty or bounty harvest. You'll have an entry for the Agriculture department and you'll also get the Juniors involved and excited! What an easy thing to do! And on a side note, the juniors love digging in the ground, therefore, doing most of the work!!

Also, mark the calendar!! July 13-15<sup>th</sup> will be the Summer Junior Camp, of course with the Youth. We are still setting up the location and have a couple inquiries to make, and then we'll be able to get the rest of the details together. This is a great learning experience and is a ton of fun for your Juniors! We'll have all sorts of crafts and educational things to do! Your Junior won't want to miss out!

With the warm weather finally upon us, time to get the children outside! Run off some energy, have fun and enjoy the beautiful weather! Here is one game that your Juniors will enjoy!

**Rainbow Tag**

With a handful of painted sticks, a few good hiding spots, and four or more players, you can play this game of capture the flag meets hide-and-seek in your backyard or throughout you entire neighborhood.

**What You Need**

Four or more players

Five tongue depressors, each one marked with a color of the rainbow

Water-based face paint crayons in the same rainbow colors

A pink or rainbow-colored article of clothing

Wet wipes

**Instructions**

To prepare, hide each tongue depressor along with the matching color of face paint in a different place around the yard.

Next, choose someone to be "Pinkie", the player who sneaks around trying to tag the other players and undo their progress. Give Pinkie something pink or rainbow-colored to wear.

To play, set everyone but Pinkie out in search of the sticks.

Each time a player finds one of the colored sticks, he should discreetly -- don't give away the location to the others! -- paint a stripe on his face, then leave the stick and paint in place. Bluffing is encouraged to keep the locations secret.

The catch: Pinkie will be lurking, trying to tag the players. Every time she does, she wipes off one of their stripes.

The first player to get one stripe in each color wins.



*In Memory Of...*

**Richard Winter — Home #129**  
**Lillian Sebring — Fredonia #1713**  
**Veda Warner — Peninsula #706**  
**Jim Mills — West Oshtemo #1630**  
**Venida Burch — Studley #1174**  
**Alverne Eady — Oceana Center #1047**  
**Dennie Bower—Colon #215**  
**Mary Harris — White Pigeon #1345**  
**Dorothy Ulrich — Burr Oak #1350**  
**Dorothy Pagels — Sturgis #1490**

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Right now in our backyards, if we are lucky enough, we have asparagus and rhubarb to pick and use. Here's a recipe I love to make.

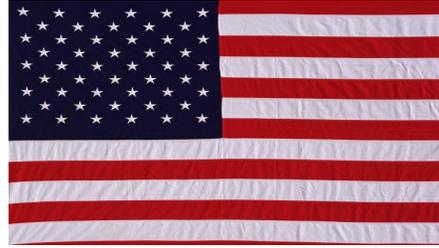
**RHUBARB CAKE**

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1 1/2 c. brown sugar</b> | <b>1/2 c. shortening</b>      |
| <b>1 egg, beaten</b>        | <b>1 tsp. vanilla</b>         |
| <b>2c. flour</b>            | <b>1 tsp. soda</b>            |
| <b>1c. sour milk</b>        | <b>2c. finely cut rhubarb</b> |

**TOPPING:** 1/2 c. sugar, 1 tsp. cinnamon, and 1/4 c. chopped nuts

Cream together sugar and shortening, stir in beaten egg and vanilla. Mix dry ingredients together, add alternately with sour milk. Stir in rhubarb. Pour into a greased and floured 13" x 9" pan. Sprinkle with topping. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 40 minutes.



**THE HISTORY OF ARMED FORCES DAY**

On August 31, 1949, Louis Johnson, who was the United States Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the armed forces unification under one department—the Department of Defense. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day too. The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950. The theme for the day was “Teamed for Defense” which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government department. According to the U. S. Department of Defense, the day was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job was performed and the role of the military in civilian life. Armed Forces Day was a day for the military to show “State-of-the-art” equipment to Americans. It was also a day to honor and acknowledge Americans in the armed forces. Parades, open houses, receptions and air shows were held at the inaugural Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide today and is part of Armed Forces Week.

**How it is Celebrated:**

Multi-service military displays in areas open for the public

Various educational activities that teach children about the armed forces.

“Support the Troops” themed motorcycle rides.

Large parades and other local celebrations.

This year Armed Forces Day is May 19, 2012.

**A few Other Holidays in the Month of May.**

National Day of Prayer— Thursday May 3rd.

Cinco de Mayo Day - Saturday May 5th

Mothers Day Sunday—May 13th

National Maritime Day—Tuesday May 22

Memorial Day -Monday May 28th

International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers

Tuesday May 29th.

**THE HISTORY OF FLAG DAY**

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America’s birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School to observe June 14th ( the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as “Flag Birthday”. Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as “Flag Birthday”, or Flag Day.

In 1889, George Balch a teacher in New York City planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the Board of Education of New York.

On May 8th, 1893 the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, unanimously endorsed the displaying of the Flag on June 14th, with school children being assembled for appropriate exercises, singing patriotic songs, and having parades. Each child was given a small Flag to carry. In 1894, the first public school children’s celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held. More than 300,00 children participated from across the city.

In a speech made by Franklin Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered on Flag Day 1914, he repeated the words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning:” I am what you make me: nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself”

Inspired by 3 decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day was officially established by Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. Various communities celebrated Flag Day for years after Wilson’s proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as **NATIONAL FLAG DAY.**



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I am Tricia Eidsmoe and with my mom, Helen Mudd, we will be the Michigan State Grange Community Service Chairmen. We are both long time members of Studley Grange #1174 in Midland County. I am currently the secretary & Helen is overseer and we have also had positions within the Michigan State Grange.

The first order of business is to inform you of the **due date** for your community service book. Books will be due **September 10** and need to be sent it to me at the above address. Yes, this deadline is a change from previous years. I will not be putting together a slide show for state session so I do not need the books before this date. With the date change this year, I will allow projects from August 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012. This should accommodate all projects that may have occurred during the time period of the old due date. The due date for the Dedicated Worker and V.I.P. entries is also extended until September 10.

The last order of business is to give any assistance you may need either determining a project for your Grange or putting your book together to be judged. A piece of advice I have is that community service has a different meaning to every Grange. Some Granges are more rural than others, so it may take a bit more work to find a project. I will put together for state session a presentation board with a project done at each Grange that completes a book. Hopefully this will give everyone an idea of what they can take back to use at their own Grange.

If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind, feel free to contact me. If I can't answer your question, I'll pass you along to my mom!!

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

Tricia & Helen

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Bio-based manufacturing is a key sector of Michigan's agriculture industry. Agriculture is Michigan's second largest industry, supporting one out of every four Michigan jobs.

Using American-grown bio-based products displaces foreign petroleum, reducing the nation's dependence on foreign oil. This redirects investment into domestic operations rather than sending wealth abroad and strengthens American manufacturing and agriculture. Currently, bio-based products represent 4% of the market for the plastic and chemical industries, replacing petroleum based products. Recent U.S. Department of Agriculture analysis puts the potential market share of bio-based plastic and chemical products in excess of 20% by 2025 with adequate federal policy support. Studies show that if that 20% threshold is realized, it would create over 100,000 American jobs. Other forms of bio-based manufacturing would create even more.

*Portions of this column and information therein was taken from the Michigan Brief press release from Senator Debbie Stabenow's office.*

**State Secretaries Contest  
 Identify the Patrons Below**

A little quiz for everyone to take part in. I'm giving you another issue period to identify the three pictures that were posted in the last issue besides I have added another 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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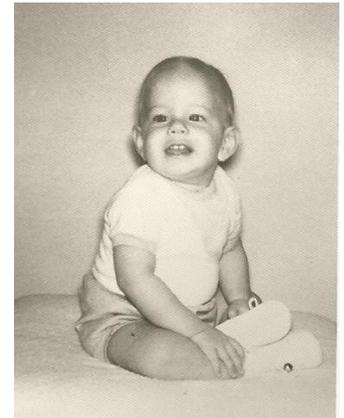
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## Ya' Gotta Wanna: What Are Your Grange BHAGs?

I am sure hoping that all of you are enjoying our nice Spring weather, and that your Grange Month events were all huge successes. Speaking of success, I have heard from Kevin Young at Community Grange, and they have recently acquired two new members. I asked him about how they did this, and here is his reply: "I know them both. Actually one of them was in the Hall for a party that we rented to and couldn't believe how it looks. He is the Sexton for our Cemetery that is behind the Hall as well. He asked me after that party how can he and his girlfriend belong to the Grange. I said you just did what you needed to do which was ask me and I was able to get him the applications. I was in 4-H with his girlfriend so I know her really well too." These two are the 2% just waiting to be asked to join the Grange (or who ask us) and say "yes" immediately. Have you thought about who attends your events that might like to join, but haven't asked how they can join?

I attended the meeting at Capitol Grange this past week for the National Master's visit. One of his phrases that he talked to us about was "**The Future is Ours**". This phrase goes right along with the kinds of things that I have discussed in my earlier articles with regard to planning and thinking ahead. If we do nothing, we know what will happen! The National Master told us that the National Grange is closer to a net gain in membership than it has been in the past 30-40 years. This was exciting news. If we can get some new members and/or a couple new Granges in the state, Michigan can be a leader in seeing a net gain in this coming year. Michigan is not that far away from this either. We actually had a net gain for the first quarter this year. Thanks to everyone who is working hard to achieve this goal. Of course, keep in mind that our State Master/President Chris Johnston has a BHAG (big, hairy, audacious goal) of 25% increase this year.

In order to make that 25% goal, I need each Grange in the state of Michigan to set their own goal with regard to membership for this coming year, and report it to me. I have asked for this in past articles, but have only received a goal from one Grange. Since I now have the current Roster, I plan to be contacting each Membership Chairman to find out their Grange's goals. By the time you read this, I may have already contacted your Grange.

The National Master showed us a video about the **Grange Declaration of Purposes**. This video is extremely well done. I encourage your Grange to get a copy from National Grange and to show it at a Grange meeting. It will remind members about what we are about, and can help in motivating us all to recruit additional members.

One of the key questions your Grange might want to answer as you plan for membership recruitment is in what ways is your Grange relevant to your community. What else could be done to be even more relevant? These might be questions that you ask non-members as well.

Persistence will be needed as you move towards your BHAGs. Past Michigan State Master Bob Brown recently told a story about a couple that had been asked to join Burr Oak Grange several times. The couple came to work on their fish fries, but didn't seem to want to be involved further in the Grange. After a couple years, this couple decided they liked these Grange members, and like Kevin's new members, they asked to join! Remember, 76 % will say "no", but we just need to find the other 24%! (the 2% who will join right away, and the 22% that we can get to "yes" with a bit of encouragement)

I would like to visit some of your Granges. To date, I have received no invitations to visit Granges this year. Because of my two jobs, a bit of lead time will be necessary, but especially with good weather now, a visit is even more possible.

Send me your BHAGs today! I look forward to your successes!  
**Plan for Success! Be Positive! Promote the Grange! Celebrate Members!** (I'm assuming ya' wanna!)

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE

In accordance with the delegate action the following information is presented for the benefit of the Granges in Michigan.

Master	Christopher Johnston
Overseer	Eric Bishop
Lecturer	Sharon Popler
Steward	Ted Mudd
Ass't Steward	Ron Ely
Lady Ass't Steward	Cretta Ely
Chaplain	Kathryn Strouse
Treasurer	Kevin Young
Secretary	Peggy Johnston
Gatekeeper	Floyd Hartman
	<b>(not a candidate for office)</b>
Ceres	Tricia Eidsmoe
Pomona	Karen Strouse
Flora	Nancy Swainston
Executive Committee	Jeff Swainston
	Jackie Bishop

All nominations will take place at the State Grange Convention in October.

It is very important that every Subordinate and Pomona Grange have delegates to the Convention and that the Granges instruct their delegates as to how they wish them to vote.



### Mosherville Grange #1351 Appreciation Night

Mosherville Grange #1351 recently held their Appreciation dinner and awards. Michigan State Grange master, Chris Johnston presented the Community Citizen Award to Helen Bernath, a non Grange member that has helped them tremendously with Grange projects. Living about 45 minutes from the Grange she is always there to help when help is needed. Rep. Bruce Caswell, a Grange member told of some of the sacrifices that have had to be made in the state in the last year. Art Brogli played the accordion and did some yodeling for entertainment. Also the Three Harmonica Boys entertained the group.

## Rosters, Legislative Policy And Journal of Proceedings

By now some members have received the Roster, Legislative Policy and possibly the Journal of Proceedings that have been mailed. Only certain officers receive these, so if you did not and would like to view one please contact the Secretary or Master of your Grange.

It has always been said that once the Roster is printed, it is outdated. There are always changes that need to be made. This year, I have to admit that I missed making a couple of corrections and I apologize for that. No matter how many times I go over it before printing it, I can always find something that is wrong once the printing is done. A few of these changes came in after the printing. The following changes do need to be made in the Roster:

- Page 8 Torch Lake Grange #1840  
FA — Karla Smith — should be Shafer
- Page 8 Maple Leaf Grange #940  
Master — Duane M. Warner  
335 W. Mill Street, Hastings, MI 49058  
Tel: 269-282-9087
- Page 9 Calhoun County Pomona Grange #3  
Master— Wendy Batterson  
1193 M Drive South, East Leroy, MI 49051  
Secretary — Kristina Cusimano  
5509 One Mile Road, East Leroy, MI 49051
- Page 11 Fredonia Grange #1713  
Master — Richard Hazen  
9890 22-Mile Road, Marshall, MI 49068  
Tel: 269-420-1194
- Page 12 Char-An Pomona #38  
Secretary — Doris Felton  
P.O. Box 243, Alden, MI 49612  
Tel: 231-331-6033
- Page 21 Lecturer, CS, DA — Doris Ely  
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If you see other corrections that need to be made, please let the State Office know so that corrections can be made and reported.



### What a wonderful way to spruce up a Grange hall

Janet Dillivan of Burr Oak Grange does a marvelous job of decorating their bulletin board. This is just one of the displays that she has done in the Burr Oak Grange hall. She uses her creativity to put something fun, educational, or just plain exciting on their bulletin board. A display like this is great if you have a Grange hall where you serve meals or others rent it. Even if you meet in a library or other facility, maybe they would let you do a display. Colorful, cheerful displays spruce up the surrounding areas and people do take notice. Congratulations to Janet for a beautiful job well done.



**Harbor Springs #730** handed out dictionaries to 3rd graders in the Shay Elementary School. Pictures at the left are Barbara Vorce, Wilbur Kurburski and Joretta Bethke. Photo was taken by Caroline Kurburski.

**Harbor Springs #730** members donated handmade quilts statewide and to mission in Haiti. 24 were given to veterans, 12 to mission in Haiti, and 12 to the mission in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. A total of 48 were donated. Pictured with one of the handmade quilts are Wilbur Kurburski, Clara Corey, & Pam Cuthbert.



**FERN GRANGE #803** presented dictionaries to the 4th graders from Morley Elementary. Fern Grange chose Morley Elem. To distribute the dictionaries as many schools in the

area are provided dictionaries through the Lions Club and Morley did not. 4th Graders in four classes were given 106 dictionaries. The building principal was happy to get them before the fourth graders head off to the middle school.

In the above picture Linda Bula from Fern Grange is shown with the 4th graders from Mrs. Portrykus 3rd/4th grade combination room.

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In July 2013, the National Grange in conjunction with the Minnesota Historical Society's Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm will be hosting an historical reenactment of the Grange degrees. As part of this project, the National Grange Youth Department will be responsible for providing the youth and youth adults (14-35) to present the four degrees.

- Youth with speaking parts will be responsible to memorize their parts.
- Youth may be asked to participate with non-speaking parts of other degrees.
- First degree team will be responsible for opening the Grange
- Fourth degree team will be responsible for closing the Grange.
- There are 17 offices to be filled: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, G.K., Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and three executive committee positions. Musicians will also be needed.
- Those applying for a position should be Grange members who are at least 14 years of age and not over 35 years of age.
- The National Grange Youth Development Director will contact each applicant with additional questions during the selection process. Team captains, National Youth Director, and National Master will select the officers for each team.
- The selection process will be based off letters of recommendation as well as the application.
- Each applicant will be notified of the results no later than July 1.
- Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a member of their local Grange—preferably master-state youth director, and state Master.
- Applicants must be committed to memorizing their speaking part if the office they are applying to fill has a speaking part. Each Applicant must be willing to comply with the dress guidelines that will be established for Youth officers.
- Degree teams will practice at 2012 and/or 2013 regional youth conferences or other time as selected by the degree captains.
- Single youth applicants must not have become pregnant or have children during term of service. If under 18, must have parent's consent.
- The National Grange Youth Foundation is actively seeking grants to offset costs for the teams. Youth/Young Adults will be responsible for the balance of costs for participation.

Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2012 to the National Grange Youth Development Director. The application to participate can be found on the National Grange website.

### **Midwest Youth Conference**

Midwest Youth Conference will be held June 22-24, 2012 at Pine Lake Camp in Westfield, WI which is approximately an hour north of Madison. People may bring their campers. Cost is \$55 per person for cabin style sleeping. Hotel style is \$65 per person plus meals. Complete details can be found on the National Grange website. If you are interested in attending please contact me ASAP. We will be carpooling and there will be scholarship money available so don't let the cost prevent you from attending.

### **Michigan State Grange Youth & Junior Combined Camp**

Michigan State Grange Youth & Junior combined camps will be held July 13-16, 2012 at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. Bring your friends and plan to attend. More details will be posted on the Michigan Grange Youth Facebook page as they become available.

Any questions on either of these camps, call me at 616-813-8746 or contact me on the Michigan State Grange Youth Facebook page.