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April is GRANGE MONTH! Watch for your Grange Month packets from National Grange to be arriving soon. Plan some activity to involve your community.

Send pictures and articles to the Ohio Granger to be published. Also include the information on your Lecturer and Community Service reports.

Thank you to the Granges that have held a special meeting or honored a member or a person from the community and sent an article to the Ohio Granger.

IRS FILING DEADLINES

There are two quickly looming IRS deadline issues which are being addressed in this article. The first deadline addressed here will be time appropriate only to those reading this issue on the OSG website. Hopefully, this March/April *Ohio Granger* edition will be out to readers in time for members to read it for the second deadline issue. However, as has been stated before, all the latest IRS information will be current on the OSG website under the "From Your State President" tab. It was also sent via e-mail to all those correct address currently on the OSG e-mail list.

The **first issue** deals with the **February 15 (or May 15 –see below) deadline** for tax-exempt Granges to file the electronic 990-n. If you are tax-exempt and have NOT yet filed, the following Granges should do so:

- (1) Subordinate Granges who were not revoked; their fiscal year IS October 1 – September 30, and
- (2) Granges who have filed for reinstatement, claiming the October 1 – September 30 fiscal year, and have received an official letter from IRS declaring that they have been reinstated, (However, if you successfully filed for reinstatement using the calendar year as your fiscal/tax year, your filing deadline is **May 15th.**), and
- (3) Most Pomona Granges.

Pomona Grange EIN's were submitted to IRS last Spring, and you should be able to file for the first time successfully (if you hadn't filed previously - before 2012). However, there have been cases where some Pomona Granges have been mistakenly posted (by IRS personnel) as over \$50,000.00 in annual receipts and have therefore been erroneously placed in a category not able to file the electronic 990-n. If this is the case, you will not be allowed to file as such yet, and you need to contact Gary at the OSG office so he can have the IRS put your Pomona Grange in the proper category in order for you to be able to file the electronic 990-n.

NOTE: If you have filed for reinstatement but have not received a determination by your 990-n filing deadline (February 15 or May 15 – see above), you are not required to file anything else.

The **second issue** deals with revoked Granges who have opted to remain non-exempt by not filing for reinstatement. You should file an IRS Form 1120 for the first time as a new non-exempt entity. If you already filed an 1120 by December 15, 2012, maintaining the October 1 – September 30 fiscal year, you're already okay.

Now, since the time you were revoked, you have **not** been and currently **are not** under the Ohio State Grange's tax-exempt umbrella. Therefore, you need not stay with the Ohio State Grange's October 1 – September 30 fiscal year. You may choose the calendar year as your tax filing year. In this case, you have a **March 15, 2013 deadline** for filing your 1120.

When filing the IRS Form 1120 for the first time, be sure to check the 'Initial return' block just under the 'Name/Address' block at the top of the first page. To file for the calendar year, simply don't fill in the lines 'or tax year beginning.....' at the top of that page. If you are non-exempt and have not filed yet, please consider filing for the first time, using the calendar year, which gives you the March 15th deadline.

As always, if there are questions or concerns, please contact Gary at the OSG office.

OHIO GRANGER PHOTO SUGGESTIONS

As space permits, appropriate pictures will be published in the Ohio Granger magazine. In doing this, there are some things you can do to make those pictures appear better. Most pictures submitted are for membership recognition. The following suggestions apply to all kinds of pictures intended for the *Ohio Granger* but are written mainly for membership recognition. If you plan to submit a picture(s) of your membership recognition award recipients for the *Ohio Granger*, please observe the following items:

If at all possible, use a digital camera. This enables you to be assured that you have a picture with which you are satisfied. Also, e-mailed pictures appear much better in the magazine than a picture developed from a film which has to be scanned for use in the magazine.

If you or your Grange members do not have a digital camera, some of the members of the award recipients' families who will be attending probably do have. Ask one of them to take the picture and e-mail it to the State Office (garyb@ohiostategrange.org).

If you do send a print, lighter pictures work better; darker ones do not work as well. Faxed pictures do not work at all.

Take pictures against a light plain background. Darker backgrounds don't show up as well, and 'busy' backgrounds can be distracting.

Consolidate people who are at the meeting onto one picture.

Identify the people in the picture well. Also include the names and award years of those not present for the picture and state 'Not present'.

**Public Speaking
Sign a Song Contests
March 23, 2013
Ohio State Grange Office,
Fredericktown, Ohio**

“Ohio Grangers, Stepping Up to Serve”



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On July 13, 2013, Grange Youth and Young Adults from around the nation will participate in a ‘first ever’ experience at the **Oliver H. Kelley Farm**, Elk River, Minnesota, about 35 miles northwest of Minneapolis. The event will be an ‘open to the public’ **conferral of the original eight Degrees** of the Grange, to be exemplified in a large tent on the farm site. Those eight Degrees are actually the First through the Fourth Degrees for women and the First through the Fourth Degrees for men. It wasn’t until the early 1900’s that the degrees were combined into what we currently know as the first Four Degrees for Brothers and Sisters combined. Youth and Young Adults from the Eastern Region will be exemplifying the two Third Degrees, the Degree of Harvesters and the Degree of Gleaners. Participants from Ohio will be **Andrew Evans**, Williamsport Grange, Morrow County; **Melanie Fitch**, Olivesburg Grange, Richland County; and **Hope Murphy**, Riverside Grange, Muskingum County. I certainly congratulate them for this honor!

As much interest has been shown in attending this event, we are in the process of scheduling a **Kelley Farm bus tour**, Wednesday or Thursday through Sunday. Although details are incomplete as of this printing, full information will be e-mailed to the addresses on my list, will be posted on our website, will be included in the February mailing of quarterly reports to all Subordinate Secretaries, and will be put in the May/June *Ohio Granger*. This will be a great opportunity to witness those original degrees, to be a part of history, and to visit and spend time at a most historical part of our Order, especially if you’ve never been to the Kelley Farm before.

Be sure to read the article on page 3 concerning **IRS filing deadlines**. Although part of it deals with the February 15th deadline for Pomona Granges and non-revoked Subordinate Granges, which will be well over by the time this issue reaches mailboxes, it *may* still be in time for website readers. All Pomona Granges were originally notified of this by either an e-mail or by a hard copy surface mail the first week of last October and non-revoked Subordinate Granges were notified of this much earlier. This issue *should* be in time for the March 15 deadline for Subordinate Granges filing an IRS Form 1120. Remember, all tax-exempt revoked Granges should file an 1120 by March 15th, and all Pomona Granges and non-revoked Subordinate Granges should have filed an electronic 990-n by February 15th. ALL IRS information is also on the OSG website under the “From Your State President” tab.

I want to really encourage Granges to participate in the **Distinguished Grange Program**. This program honors Subordinate Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in the areas of membership, fundraising, and service to their communities and includes work done from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. This program is presented annually at the National Grange Convention, and all qualified Granges will be recognized at that time. Those Granges will be honored at a special reception at the National Grange Session in Manchester, NH, and will be recognized in the Annual Honors Booklet. At that reception they will receive a certificate to commemorate the occasion and their Subordinate Masters will also receive a ribbon to acknowledge the honor. Granges that are awarded distinguished Granges for five consecutive years will receive a plaque for their hall. This is not a contest but a program that honors all Granges which meet the specific criteria, no matter how many applicants there are. The deadline to register as a Distinguished Grange is August 3, 2013.

To view the program qualifications and to download the application, surf the NG website under ‘Outreach/Values’ then ‘Programs’ or go to <http://www.nationalgrange.org/our-values/programs/> and click ‘The Distinguished Grange Program’ near the bottom of the page for complete details. Be sure to scroll down to ‘Criteria for Distinguished Subordinate Grange’. Notice that there are more points offered in the various categories than are required to qualify. This allows applicants to select their stronger areas and not have to use the ones they may find more difficult to achieve.

There certainly should be many Granges in Ohio capable of accomplishing this achievement. Stelvideo Grange, Darke County, attained this honor in 2011. It’s a little uncomfortable for me to attend this reception with no Subordinate Granges from Ohio being recognized as such. Let’s see how many more Granges can do it!

I also want to urge Grangers to attend the two upcoming departmental conferences, one led by our Deaf, Family Activities, and Legislative Directors, and the other led by our OSG Lecturer/Community Service Director. Our directors put much effort into preparing and presenting their great program; see their articles in this and/or the previous issue. The **Deaf, Family Activities, and Legislative Conferences** will be held on March 16th at

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Legislative Corner

A STRONG GRANGE VOICE



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PORTMAN INTRODUCES “DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT”

Over the past few years, our Ohio State Grange delegates have discussed the need for balancing the Federal budget. In fact the Ohio Grange has policy simply stating: Balance the (federal) Budget! In response to the government’s overspending and possible debt limit increase, Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio) has introduced legislation - Dollar-for-Dollar Deficit Reduction Act which will reduce spending by more than \$3 trillion over the next decade. This Act, introduced in January, will promote spending reform by preventing congress from raising the debt limit unless that legislation also cuts commensurate spending over the next decade.

According to Portman’s website, “the entire amount should be offset within federal programs, allowing the interest savings on the national debt to provide additional savings above the debt limit increase amount.” “Washington cannot continue to raise the debt limit while kicking the can down the road on deficit reductions,” according to Portman. Portman states that “as we begin the latest in the string of battles over raising the debt limit, it’s time to address the underlying problem – why is Washington’s spending so out-of-control that it has to borrow money to pay bills”? Portman also feels that our economy has not exhibited the robust growth we all hope for and “continuing the current pattern of spending will only worsen the matters by piling onto our record high debt and dumping an unconscionable burden on future generations.” “ We have got to spur job creation and get our economy back on the right track and restore fiscal responsibility.” According to Portman, he believes this starts by stopping Washington’s reckless spending pattern of dollars we do not have.

The bill will require the Treasury Secretary to notify congress 60 calendar days before the debt limit is to be reached and extraordinary measures are undertaken. It also requires:

1. That any presidential request to raise the debt limit be accompanied by a proposal to cut non-interest spending by an equal or greater amount over the next decade.
2. Requires that any legislation to increase the debt limit include non-interest spending cuts of an equal or greater amount over the next decade, subject to a point of order, and
3. Prohibits the use of timing shifts and expiring emergency (such as overseas contingency operations) to reach the spending savings target.

Portman believes this bill will reduce spending by more than \$3 trillion over the next decade and will reduce spending below 20% of GDP by 2022. It will also reduce the budget deficit to just 1% of GDP by 2022 – paving the way for a full balanced budget.

For further information on the Dollar-for-Dollar Deficit Reduction Act, log on to www.portman.senate.gov then click on “Newsroom”.

Legislative Conference

Plans are underway for our Annual Legislative Day March 16th at Friendly Hills Camp. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. with our first speaker scheduled for 10 a.m.. Wrap up will be around 3:15 p.m. So far our subject matter will include a panel discussion regarding the 2nd Amendment and gun control – we are working to get a speaker from the NRA Executive Board. Also planned are speakers on updating us on how the mandatory Health Care system is working in rural Ohio. We will have a representative from Gov. Kasich’s office speaking about a proposed “severance tax” on oil and gas wells. As I am writing this - late January - please note line-up of speakers is subject to change. Watch for further information through email Action Alerts.

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Friendly Hills, registration deadline - March 9th. I am really encouraging attendance! A light breakfast will be available at 9:00, and a full meal will be prepared for noon. Since there are three conferences at the same time, we hope that many Granges/Counties will carpool. This is a great way for your Grange members to get good up-to-date information; so why not get a good group together for this event! The registration form is on the website under ‘Forms’, on page 7 of the January/February issue, and page 21 of this issue. The **Lecturer/Community Service Conference** will be held April 13th at the State Grange Office, Fredericktown, registration deadline - April 6th. Registration will begin at 9:00 with the conference beginning at 10:00. Again, light breakfast snacks and noon meal will be provided. The registration form is on the website under ‘Forms’ and page 21 of this issue.

Please keep in mind that the **Public Speaking and Signing contests** will be held at the State Grange Office, Fredericktown March 23rd. There will be no drill contest or Degree demonstration this year.

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Our Junior Grange: It's Just the Beginning of Great Things to Come

Junior Camp

As we are nearing the end of winter, it is time to start making plans for some summer fun. Make plans now to attend Junior Grange Camp from Sunday, June 23 – Wednesday, June 26. This year's camp fee is \$110 per camper which includes camp picture, crafts and snacks.

Camp activities will include making new friends, swimming, crafts, campfire, talent show, dance, numerous classes and special activities. This year's theme is "Rain Forest".

Please encourage the Juniors in your Grange to come to camp and bring their friends. Junior Camp is open to anyone ages 5 – 14. If they are not presently members of a Junior Grange, they can join the Ohio State Junior Grange at camp for \$2 and then be eligible to participate in all of the Junior Grange projects and contests.

Please have camp reservations in to Opal by June 10. We must have your reservations in time to send you health forms and other information and get them back prior to leaving for camp.

Again this year, if you get your **camp reservation and money** in by the June 10 deadline, camp fees will be half price or \$55.00. This is due in part by a resolution by the Ohio State Grange Delegates in 2011.

Camp pictures will again be \$5.

Can You Help

We need approximately 75 each of the following items so that all Juniors attending camp will be able to make one of the State Fair Crafts: Oat boxes, grit boxes, coffee cans, paper towel rolls, shoe boxes, and some cotton or appropriate material to stretch over the coffee cans or oat boxes to make drum heads. These items can be brought to any event at camp prior to June 23 camping date.

We like to have all the kids at camp make each of the crafts, and then we keep the age appropriate craft to enter into the State Fair Contest, and then return them to the kids after the fair.

STATE FAIR

Section J-1201 MAKE IT TAKE IT

A Make It Take It craft will be taught by either a Junior Grange or Grange Youth group each day. A mix of Junior and Youth members may work together on teaching the craft each day to any and all persons in the Youth Discovery Center willing to participate. Participants will

be given their creation to take with them. Special creation ideas and schedule must be submitted to the Junior or Youth Director by July 1, 2013. Schedule must include at least one morning and one afternoon class. Date for each group will be scheduled through the Junior and Youth Directors. Each group will be notified the times they are scheduled. Juniors and Youth teaching the craft will receive a single day admission pass into the fair. Each group will be required to participate in the Daily Parade at 4 p.m. on the day they are presenting.

Section J-1201 CULINARY SHOWCASE

1. Baked goods must be delivered to the Youth Discovery Center between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 for 1:00 p.m. judging.
2. Use recipe of your choice; submit recipe on a **recipe card** with your entry.
3. Use ONLY disposable containers for all baked goods entered.
4. Age shall be as of July 23, 2013. Enter ONLY under your own age level. If you are 14 years of age, membership as a Junior or Subordinate will determine the level you enter.
5. Decision of the judges will be final.
6. The top winning entry in all four classes will be required to attend the Culinary Showcase awards presentation. NO EXCEPTIONS. You MUST enter the baking competition for the opportunity to participate.
7. You will be asked to complete a form for your savings bond while attending the Culinary Showcase Awards Program. Please come prepared to give us your Social Security Number.

Class

J-1	Cookies, Age 5-8, Junior Member	\$100.00
J-2	Cupcakes, Age 9-11, Junior Member	\$100.00
J-3	Brownies, Ages 12-14, Junior Member	\$100.00

The first, second, and third place will receive a ribbon and medallion.

Section J-1202 - CRAFTS

1. Craft must be delivered to the Youth Discovery Center between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, for judging at 3:00 p.m.

2. Ages 5 – 8 Drum: Select a round container (oat box, coffee can, etc.) Stretch material of your choice to make drum head and securely fasten with rubber band, string or other appropriate material. Decorate as appropriate to reflect a drum that might be played in the rain forest.

3. Ages 9 – 11 Rain Stick: Use a paper towel roll to make a rain stick. Decorate, paint with materials of your choice.

4. Ages 12 – 14 Treasure Box: Use a shoe box to make a box to keep small treasures. DO NOT put treasures in the box. Lid may be flat or shaped to resemble a treasure box.

5. Entries to be sent to Patty by June 20 using the entry form in the Junior Leader Handbook, or the Ohio Granger Magazine. Junior Grange members who attend Junior Grange Camp will be automatically entered in their respective age group and the appropriate craft kept at the end of camp. Following the end of the state fair, these crafts will be returned at the earliest opportunity or sent home with the County Grange Deputy at the end of the Ohio State Grange Convention.

Awards

Class	1	2	3
J-1 Drum, Ages 5-8	\$6	\$5	\$4
J-2 Rain Stick, Ages 9-11	\$6	\$5	\$4
J-3 Treasure Box, Ages 12-14	\$6	\$5	\$4

TALENT AND SIGN-A-SONG CONTEST

You might want to start thinking about the talent and sign-a-song contests. Information is in the September/October Ohio Granger and/or the Junior Leader handbook. Entry forms are due to Patty by June 20, but you can send them anytime that you decide what you are going to enter. Please send along the **song titles and composers**. We look forward to a lot of entries this year.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Now is the time to be working on the Membership Contest. It runs from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 and entries must be to Opal by September 1, 2013. There is an entry form in this Ohio Granger Magazine and in the Junior Leader Handbook.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

(Please submit to Opal by September 1, 2013)

Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number _____
 Number of Members signed _____ Names of Members signed _____

Please submit a copy of the signed applications.

JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP

JUNE 23 – 26, 2013, FRIENDLY HILLS GRANGE CAMP

Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____ Phone (_____) _____
(as to be used on camp name badge) (as of 6/23/13) (month-date-year)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Boy ___ Girl ___ County _____ Member of _____ Junior Grange # _____

Will join Ohio State Junior Grange at camp \$2.00 _____

Now belong only to Ohio State Junior Grange \$2.00 _____

Camp Picture \$5.00 _____

Juniors belonging to the Ohio State Junior Grange and their local Junior Grange do not pay state dues after joining.

Camp fee (includes crafts and snacks) \$110 _____ (\$55.00 if mailed and paid by June 10, 2013)

Make checks payable to: Ohio State Grange. Total enclosed _____ Check # _____

I understand that my child will be expected to participate in all camp activities at this year's camp and that my child will be expected to behave appropriately.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Include parents email address if form is emailed _____

Please fill out completely, using a separate form for each camper.

Mail or email by June 10, 2013 (earlier if possible) to: Opal Dyer, 33325 Jesse Creek Road, Bidwell, OH 45614 or email to o_dyer@yahoo.com.

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DEAF ACTIVITIES IS STEPPING UP TO SERVE THE HEARING IMPAIRED

Spring is just around the corner and warmer weather is hopefully here. See the flowers spring forth and the birds singing.

I delivered the hats/gloves/scarves to all the schools and they were very appreciative for them. School supplies were given to National Road and clothing to Ohio School for the Deaf, as last years projects. Thank you for your generous support to these projects.

I have several friends who have total hearing loss in one ear. They have difficulty when people talk to them on the side with no hearing. Because of that, they appear to be aloof or uppity to the person speaking to them. We need to be mindful of those persons who are deaf in one ear and remember to speak to them on the hearing side. There are many people with this disability and they will remind others that they can't hear on one side and may ask you to repeat things to them when they realize you spoke to them. If they know someone is talking, they will automatically turn to the side so they can hear you.

The Deaf Activities goal of growing in the Grange with love will be fulfilled towards some of our friends by being mindful in respecting those with this type of loss.

I plan to begin a series on kinds of hearing losses. The first one will be Treacher Collins Syndrome (TCS).

Treacher Collins Syndrome is a condition in which the cheek bones and jawbone are underdeveloped. Another name is Mandibulofacial Dysostosis.

Dr. Treacher Collins was a British Ophthalmologist in the 1900's and this syndrome is named for him.

He described two children who had very small cheek bones and notches in their lower eyelids. Children are diagnosed who have notching or stretched eyelids and partially absent cheekbones. Their ears are often abnormal and frequently part of the outer ear is absent.

Why does this syndrome happen?

There are two possible ways that TCS develops.

*1. Can develop as a new mutation. This means that both parents pass on normal genes to their child, however sometimes very early in development; a change of one of the genes leads to this mutation. There is no evidence that the mother's actions or activities during her pregnancy contributes to this condition.

*2. It can develop by inheriting it from one of the parents. Note that sometimes one of the parents may have such a mild form of the condition that it goes undetected. Not till the child is born with the syndrome is it realized that the

mother or father has the condition.

What are the chances of producing a child with this syndrome?

It is estimated that TCS occurs in one of 10,000 births. Unaffected parents with one child with TCS, the chances of giving birth to a second child with the condition is negligible. Adults with this syndrome have a 50% chance of passing the condition to their offspring. When a parent with the syndrome passes on the genes, the children may be affected in varying degrees. The degree may be the same as the parent, milder or more severe.

Symptoms are:

- * Abnormal to almost completely absent external ears
- * Hearing loss
- * Very small jaw
- * Very large mouth
- * Defect in the lower eyelid
- * Scalp hair extend onto cheeks
- * Cleft palate

Signs and tests on the infant are:

- * Abnormal eye shape
- * Flat cheekbones
- * Facial clefts
- * Small jaw
- * Low set ears
- * Malformed ears
- * Conductive hearing loss
- * Defects in the eye
- * Decreased eyelashes on the lower eyelid
- * Genetic testing for mutations on the Treacle Gene

You need to consult with healthcare professionals for treatment.

The child usually has normal intelligence.

Some complications are:

- * Feeding difficulty
- * Speaking difficulty
- * Communication problems
- * Vision problems

I hope this enlightens you to some of the facts of one form of hearing loss.

Poptabs - Soup Labels - Hearing Aids and Batteries

Bring your collection of pop tabs, soup labels, used hearing aid batteries, hearing aids and parts to Friendly Hills on Saturday, May 11, 2013. Remember to weigh or count particular items for your reports.

Ohio School for the Deaf Tour

The Ohio School for the Deaf is located around the corner from the hotel for the convention. Gary and I would like to know if you would like for me to schedule a tour on Thursday morning before the meetings begin for the Delegates at convention. This would mean that you would need to arrive early. If anyone attending the convention would like for this event to happen, please notify Gary or myself, so that we can make arrangements.

I hope you are working on your yearly program on hearing loss. Remember to make copies to send with your report in September.

Check your hearing with this **10 Step Quick Test**. Answer **yes** or **no**. If you answer yes to any of them; I urge you to see a specialist for an evaluation.

1. Do people seem to mumble or speak in a softer voice than they used to?
2. Do you feel tired or irritable after a long conversation?
3. Do you sometimes miss key words in a sentence, or frequently need to ask people to repeat themselves?
4. When you are in a group or in a crowded restaurant, is it difficult for you to follow the conversation?
5. When you are together with other people, does background noise bother you?
6. Do you often need to turn up the volume on your TV or radio?
7. Do you find it difficult to hear the doorbell or the telephone ring?
8. Is carrying on a telephone conversation difficult?
9. Do you find it difficult to pinpoint where an object is (e.g. an alarm clock or a telephone) from the noise it makes?
10. Has someone close to you mentioned that you might have a problem with your hearing?

Knowing what causes hearing loss is the key to protecting your hearing. Here are some tips to follow to keep hearing damage at a minimum so that you're not missing out on any of life's sounds.
*Wear hearing protection when around loud noises. Keep ear plugs handy in your car, your wallet or your purse in case you happen upon loud environments unexpectedly.

* Turn down the volume when you can. Keep music at a comfortable level on your mobile phone, in your car and on your home stereo.

Listen for the signs and sounds of spring and be thankful that you are able to hear.

Happy Easter to each and everyone.

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Hi Grange members and friends. It has been a while since we have submitted an article for the magazine and we have been dealing with a number of issues in that time. During last October, give or take a few days we said goodbye to our Camp Caretaker, Mike Welch, as well as our Marketing Representative, Crystal Fuller. Shortly after that we accepted the resignations of Board members John Price and Mike Miller; then Jenny Miller, Treasurer.

With all of these changes we have been struggling to get new board members on the Board and are still in the process of getting reorganized to elect a new set of officers. Hopefully that will happen prior to your reading this, In the mean time we had previously expanded our Board from 7 members to 9 members. We want to welcome Patty McNutt and Mildred Teisinger as the first 2 new board members. Then filling the empty seats, we welcome Larry McKinnis and Marty Tiebout. We are handling our caretaker position duties with part time positions so that we have the flexibility to have from 1 to 3 people working as needed and no one when there are no functions going on that need extra attention. The Camp cell phone is being answered and bookings are going on as usual until we can determine a long term solution to our marketing issues. Hopefully this will be addressed at our next meeting as well.

We want to sincerely thank everyone who has made donations totaling over \$10,000 during 2012. I apologize if we missed getting someone listed or if we failed to honor anyone who

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Butler Grange #933 Columbiana County



Butler Grange holds membership recognition dinner December 1, 2012. (left picture) Master Ida Zepernick presented 75 yr. certificate to Elsie Gamble. (right picture) Betty Vogelhuber sharing 75 year certificate with her son Fred. Other awards went to Charles Grobbs-65 yr. and Phillip Greenisen-55 yr. (Not present at the awards dinner.)

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‘Family Activity Grangers Crafters’

Hello fellow thawing ice cubes. This winter was cold, well at least around Louisville. Hope you have been knitting, sewing, baking, wood working, etc. in your “spare” time. The baking contest will soon be upon us so apple scones and apple dumpling are your objectives. The recipe for the apple scone is in the September/October magazine. The dumpling is your own recipe which must be sent with each entry. Plating is very important to help us get all the entries ready for the judges. Please put the scones (3) on a small paper plate and tape the information card containing your name, Grange name and number and county name and number to the outside of the plastic bag. The single dumpling needs to be in a bowl with the recipe on a separate piece of paper from your information card. The judges need to read the recipe. Thank you for your cooperation. Juniors, youth and young adults please do the same with your entries. Please do NOT write on the plates. It is dangerous since we need to see the information when we check your entries; thus if it is on the bottom of the plate, the plate will need to be turned over possibly damaging your entry.

How are your comfort toys coming? We need a lot to get that 4x4x4 pen filled this year at convention, over 1,000 toys. If you are worried about space to store the comfort toys, try sewing them together and then have a stuffing party as a lecturer’s program in October before convention.

“Spring Fling” is coming quickly. There will be 3 groups there this year: Deaf, Legislative and Family Activity. The date is March 16. There was a registration slip in the January-February Ohio Granger. Registration will start at 9:30 and opening remarks from the Ohio State Grange Master/President around 10. We will break into the different groups, reunite for lunch and then finish the day in groups.

Susan Rindchen, her son Joe and Nancy Ganyard will be returning again this year. They have told you about spinning fleece into yarn and then taking that yarn and knitting or weaving it into an article of clothing. Then they taught you about taking the same fleece and felting it into a hot pad. This year they are living more dangerously and putting a barbed needle in your hand and teaching you to needle felt and ornament. They will “clean” you up by felting a bar of soap to end the day. You may want to bring an apron or towel because of the water and soap. Ann and I will supply the band aids for your stabbed fingers, not

really that dangerous but for some maybe. Also remember these crafts are in the Family Activity contests for convention. Fill cars and come to camp to support this fun and information packed day. Cost is \$15.00 and if you have not registered yet, call the office by March 9.

Another contest for this year is a picnic tote. It is to be made mostly of wood and it should carry at least your paper plates, silverware and napkins. In that same group is a wacky birdhouse. Uniqueness is what we are looking for. We know birds are not fond of bright colors and wierdness. There are specific dimensions for different birds, but they need to be flexible and live life on the wild side too. These two projects have size limits. Both are to be no larger than 18" tall x 18" wide x 18" deep. The third project in this group is something turned on the lathe. It could be a bowl, a pen or pencil, a handle for an ice cream scoop as long as it is turned on a lathe. It also has a dimension limit of no larger than 12" tall x 12" wide x 12" deep. Have fun, be creative, “live on the wild side!”

National Grange Lecturer quilt patch for 2013 is the “Christmas Star” and the colors are red, green and white. The size is 12.5" by 12.5". This includes a ¼" seam allowance. As for which “Christmas Star” pattern it is, at this time we do NOT know. Pete Pompper, National Grange Lecturer has not sent additional information yet. As soon as we receive it; we will get it to each Grange by mail ASAP.



“2012 Ohio’s National Lecturer Log Cabin Quilt”.

We had the quilt blocks which did not go to the National Grange Convention made into a quilt. We will be selling chances for you to acquire that quilt. The quilt has to be seen to be appreciated. It is **goooooorgous**. The picture

of the top in the monthly does not do the quilt justice. The drawing will be at the state convention in October. The chances are \$5.00 donation each. Our committee will have tickets available. We will have them and the quilt at "Spring Fling", Lecturer's conference, baking contest/ Deputy and Officers meeting in May and convention. You can send us a check for your ticket and we will send you back the stub.

We still have available the "Ohio State Grange" reusable bags in green and blue for \$5.00 each.

Craft on fellow Grangers and live on the wild side of life.

Thank You Letters Received



December 6, 2012

Dear Friends of Ohio State Grange Family Activities

Thank you so very much for the nice blanket, pillowcases and adorable comfort toys. I have already distributed the mitten, gloves and scarves for the children of the Share-A-Christmas program this year.

We greatly appreciate your annual support of *Project Linus*. If it were not for the wonderful people like all of you we would not be able to fulfill our mission of providing the blankets to the children.

May God Bless each and everyone of you and Merry Christmas to all.

Linus hugs,
Tami Bucklew
Project Linus Coordinator
Holmes, Tuscarawas, Wayne Counties



November 12, 2012

Ohio State Grange
Family Activity Department
1303 E. Main St
Louisville, OH 44641-1909
Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your donation of handmade stuffed toys for the patients at Nationwide Children's Hospital. We certainly appreciate the concern and commitment you have shown through your generous donation. Your thoughtfulness will make a significant difference in the lives of children and families who are here and are coping with health care issues. Thank you for the effort you have directed toward making their stay here more comfortable.

We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Sincerely,
Kathy Kelterman,
Director, Donor Relations

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MARCH - APRIL
OHIO GRANGER



Find the gavel hiding in an article in this magazine (not including this form) and you could win \$10.

JUST FILL OUT THE FORM AT THE BOTTOM AND MAIL TO:

Ohio State Grange
16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown,
Ohio 43019

WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN FROM ENTRIES RECEIVED WITH THE CORRECT ANSWER.

Entries must be received by

April 1, 2013

Winners from the January - February Issue of The Ohio Granger are:

Doris Philips, Mingo Junction, Ohio
Charlotte Reynolds, Magnolia, Ohio

They found the gavel on page 20 in the bottom right corner the page.

I FOUND THE GAVEL

It was hiding on page _____ of The Ohio Granger.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

G.R.O.W. Club

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The GROW Club elected new officers at the 2012 Annual State Session. The officers are: President- Nicole Swigart, Vice President- Kevin Evans, and Secretary/ Treasurer- Sarah Howard.

We are continuing our RADA Cutlery fundraiser. If you are interested in purchasing some, please contact Nicole Swigart.

2013 is the 30th Anniversary of the GROW Club in Ohio. We are planning an anniversary reunion during the 2013 State Session. If you have any pictures of past royalty (Prince, Princess, Ambassadors, and Young Couples) and/or the State Youth Committee with their sashes, please email them to Nicole Swigart. Also include the name(s), county, and year.



Youth and Young Adults tie fleece blankets to donate to Children's Hospital.

Harrison Grange #1711 Knox County

Harrison Grange hosted Harrison Grange Community Holiday Dinner and Program November 27. Marie Walker, master welcomed 40 members and guests.

Mr. Brian Breece, Mount Vernon agri-science teacher and FFA advisor received the Ohio State Grange Recognition Award for Education, non-member. Breece was in attendance and six officers from the Mount Vernon FFA Chapter were in attendance: President Colton Walker, Vice President Shelby McVay, Secretary Hunter McVay, Treasurer Katricia Phillips, Reporter Bailee Shipley and Sentinel Kirby Phillips. Katricia & Kirby Phillips are Harrison Grange members. Mr. Breece was nominated by Harrison Grange. An enjoyable evening was concluded with visiting and fellowship.



Left to right; Bailee Shipley reporter; Katricia Philips treasurer, Shelby McVay vice president, Mr. Brian Breece agri-science teacher and FFA advisor, Colton Walker president, Hunter McVay secretary, Kirby Philips sentinel.

Former Young Marrieds Group Reunion May 3, 4, and 5, 2013

Come one come all and join the fun!!

The weekend will start Friday evening with camping, for those who wish. This is the work weekend for the camper club, camping will be free for those who wish to join the work detail for the day. Those who do not wish to join the work detail for any reason, are more than welcome to join the fun and festivities. Saturday evening there will be a sit down dinner served by the camp chef, followed by good times, friendship, and reminiscing. You may stay at the camp dormitory style for the night. Sunday morning will start with a brunch followed by a worship service. You may attend any or all of the events as you see fit. Reservations need to be in by April 1, 2013. This event may be attended by all wishing to reminisce old times and new. Any questions phone Larry (419)947-3516 or Glen (740)536-7704.

RESERVATIONS YOUNG MARRIEDS REUNION MAY 3 - 5, 2013

Reservations should be sent to: Larry McKinness 991 Calendonias Ashley Rd S Calendonias, Ohio 43314
 or Glen Fullmer 935 West Rushville Rd NE Lancaster, Ohio 43130

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

WE WILL BE ATTENDING	CAMPING	FRI. _____	SAT _____	\$10.00 PER NIGHT	\$ _____
	SATURDAY DINNER	_____		\$10.00 PER PERSON	\$ _____
	OVERNIGHT	_____		\$10.00 PER PERSON	\$ _____
	SUNDAY BRUNCH	_____		\$ 7.00 PER PERSON	\$ _____
				TOTAL	\$ _____

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LECTURERS' PROGRAMMING; THE HEARTBEAT OF GRANGE GROWTH

It's Spring! If it hasn't come to your area yet it will soon. Spring brings many ideas for program themes: the season itself, spring cleaning, St. Patrick's Day and, of course, Easter. March is National Kite Month. Have your members work in pairs to make a kite and, if possible, fly it. This is especially good if you have Juniors that could team with older adults. April is National Humor Month. I think humor is very important in our programs. Use your imagination! If your Grange no longer does degree work, now is a very good time to review the Second Degree. Even though times have changed, our members still need to be reminded of the principles and teachings of the Grange that distinguish it from other organizations and make it a truly family fraternity.

We are now working to put together all the program helps that you have shared with us and hope to have it ready for the conference on April 13th. Remember, our State-wide Conference on April 13th will be held at the State Grange office in Fredericktown and prior registration is required. Lunch will be provided. This is again a dual conference with Community Service chairmen and we will be exploring ways of working together to keep our Granges growing. Good programs and projects go hand in hand. Bring your September magazine, report forms, requests, suggestions and concerns. The Committee and I are striving to make this conference well worth your time and our efforts. Registration form is on page 21.

I am including two more of our Creative Writing entries:

A POEM FOR CHILDREN

June Truax

Northampton Grange, Summit Co.

A is for Animals....God made them all.
B is for Bears, some large, some are small.
C is for the Cow, who gives us milk to drink.
D is for all the Ducks, who can fly and not sink!
E is for Eagles, who fly so high.
F is for Fish, they swim, not fly!
G is for the Giraffe, so tall to see,
H is for the Hippo, who is bigger than me!
I is for an Iguana, I think, never saw one, have you?
J is for the Jaguar, who is faster than anyone in the zoo.
K is for the Kangaroo, who hops all day long,
L is for a Lion, who is never, ever wrong.
M is for those Mustang Horses, out on the prairie

N is for the Nightingale, who sings like a fairy.
O stands for the Owl, so wise and smart
While P means Penguins, who have such a kind heart.
Q is for the Quail who hide in the grass,
R is for the Rat, who seems to be so crass.
S is for the Snail, who crawls so very slow,
T is for the Turtle, who is just as slow, you know.
U is for the animal who does not exist yet....
V means the Viper, a snake, not a good pet.
W is for the Whale, who puts on a great show,
X is for another animal, whom I don't know.
Y is that rarely seen, very large Yak,
Z stands for Zebra, who is striped white and black.

I love the animals made by God, don't you?
Visit them soon, at the Zoo!!!!

GRANDPARENTS

Fred Sowders, non-member

Sponsored by Olivesburg Grange, Richland Co.

We all have special friends in which we can confide.
and in our youth, at times with them we did abide.

It was always such a joy to spend with them a night or two
and hear their old stories, which seemed to us so true.

They could keep our attention and calm our strongest fears,
also heal a hurt, and wipe away all our tears.

When it was bedtime, the sheets felt worn and thin,
but we were comfortable as they both tucked us in.

Then in the morning the smell of breakfast filled the air,
quickly we jumped up, got dressed and ran down the stairs.

There at the table sat one of our best friends,
the other was at the stove, to our breakfast she did attend.

Then sitting at the table, it was time for the Thanksgiving
prayer,
we all joined hands and our thanks to God we did share.

We often gave them nicknames, like to our sister and brother,
but still our love is for our grandfather and grandmother.

Yes, they are special friends, they deserve our fond love,
but we still commit a lasting love to our God up above.

Les Widder, Chaplain

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Did you see that?

Some of the following thoughts came from the 1-11-13 Upper Room devotional.

One of my favorite subjects that I taught is Social Studies, whether it be American or World History. Different times, I had invited people who were part of a historical event(s) and that could give eye witness accounts. One of my most vivid times was inviting fellow Granger, Hanalore Smith, & my friend, Bernie Comito, to my fifth grade class several years ago. Bernie was a 17 year old Army soldier stationed in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He told the class that some of the planes were flying so low over a pineapple field that he & a buddy were perusing, that they could see the expressions of the Japanese pilots very clearly. This event changed his life. Hanalore told the 10 - 11 year old students that as a 12 year old living in Berlin, Germany, during W.W.II. Her mother cut her hair, dressed as a boy so the invading Russian soldiers would be deterred from any molesting. On one occasion, my Dad shared his experience of living in the 1930's during the Dust Bowl era near Sugarcreek. There were some days that the sky was so dark that many people thought a storm was soon to come, only to discover that it was dust flying towards them from out West. My objective was to make those memories so real that the students will never forget them. Some of my experiences with Israeli history seemed to interest the students as well, because I was able to share them in first hand accounts. A person may soon forget what they read, but will remember for a long time what a first hand experience shared with feeling and compassion. In 1 John 1:1 - 4, the disciple, John, wrote "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of Life. . . And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write to make our joy complete." The eyewitness accounts of Jesus' disciples help lead us to faith in Him. Even though we have not seen Him, we see the results of His mighty power and believe that He truly is the Son of God! Please read all of I John 1. Thank you, Jesus, for providing us first hand eye witness accounts of your supreme greatness and a promise for Eternal Life through Him!

Thought for the day, "Blessed are those that believe but have not seen ~ Jesus"

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday, June 30, 2013

Rural Life Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 30, 2013, at my home church, Roscoe UMC located at 475 High St., Coshocton, OH which is actually Historic Roscoe Village. The church offers two services - 8:30 (outside in the pavilion) and 10:30 AM. You are more than welcome to attend either of these services. The Rural Life service will be held at 2:00 PM in our sanctuary with a covered dish meal at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Beverages and paper products will be furnished. Knox County has graciously offered to host the event on May 4, 2014, and Stark County on May 3, 2015. More details will be forthcoming.

In Memory Of

Alda McConnell

Past Junior Deputy of Lawrence County

Norma Jean Conley

Delegate of Lawrence County

Neal Miller

Past Deputy of Fairfield County

Lois Clark

Past Junior Deputy of Miami County

Mary Vance

Past Junior Deputy of Clinton County

Tom Smith

Past Deputy of Ashtabula County

Thank You

Thank you so much for remembering Tom with so many cards and letters. He had so many good memories.

God Bless you.
Hanelore Smith

OUR GRANGE THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

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Spring will soon be here and we'll all be as busy as bees, but now is also the time to be planning ahead for some of your projects. Have you planned your garden? Is there room for an extra row or two of beans or sweet corn for your local food bank? Do you have extra land at the Grange Hall for a cooperative garden to benefit the less fortunate in your community? Or even enough room for a Community garden? Several Granges have had this type of project with excellent results. Please check with your local food bank on their policy for in-season produce BEFORE you start a garden. CAUTION: any cooperative project must be just that - don't let it slide into one or two people doing all the work.

Are there public places in your community that need a 'spring clean-up'? County fairgrounds, parks, court house lawns, etc.? Don't forget your Grange hall or other meeting place. Make it attractive and inviting. Perhaps you have elderly members or neighbors who could use a helping hand with their yard work. Do you have Youth or Juniors who could help? This type of project is very good for all ages to be working together and emphasizes that the Grange is a FAMILY organization.

Now is the time to plan ahead for your Grange's involvement in community summer celebrations, festivals and fairs. Don't wait until the last minute. Work with other organizations to make these events exciting, enjoyable and memorable. Start gathering materials for your Community Service report and nominations and involve as many of your members in your projects as you can.

Progressive Valley Grange #2433 Coshocton County



Ohio State Grange Master, Gary Brumbaugh, presented the National Grange Fourth Place Award and check to Dean Wyler, Community Service Chairman, Progressive Valley Grange #2433, Coshocton County. Also present is Marilyn Wyler, Master, Progressive Valley Grange.

I hope to see you all at the State-wide Conference for Community Service Chairmen and Program Directors on April 13th. This will be a time to share project ideas and success stories. Come with your questions and suggestions. Bring your September magazine and your packet. Registration is required by April 6th.

SILVER STAR COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS:

Bath Grange #1331, Summit Co.
Beach City Grange #2442, Stark Co.
Collinsville Grange #2264, Butler Co.
Darrow Street Grange #751, Summit Co.
Fairview Grange #1666, Paulding Co.
Griggs Grange #1467, Ashtabula Co.
Harrison Grange #1711, Knox Co.
Hemlock Grange #2049, Meigs Co.
Keene Hill Grange #1602, Coshocton Co.
Liberty Grange #1749, Jefferson Co.
Maplewood Grange #2392, Shelby Co.
McDonald Grange #669, Hardin Co.
Monroe Grange #2018, Clermont Co.
Monroe Grange #2570, Miami Co.
Northampton Grange #2553, Summit Co.
Norton Grange #2566, Summit Co.
Shiloh Community Grange #2608, Richland Co.
Unionport Grange #2728, Jefferson Co.
Ashtabula Co. Pomona Grange #71
Crawford Co. Pomona Grange #36
Summit Co. Pomona Grange #48

Middlebury Grange #192 Knox County



Middlebury Grange #192 held an awards dinner to honor some of our members. There were 26 present. A wonderful meal was served and everyone enjoyed the fellowship for the evening.

First row: Floyd Payne 70 yrs. Art Noble 65 yrs. Vyvian Overly 65 yrs. Second Row: Becky Shinaberry 40 yrs. Richard Daniels 40 yrs. Neil Overly 75 yrs.

Membership

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YOUR INPUT NEEDED

After two years of writing as membership chairman, I would like to ask for some feed-back from the readers. My goal has been to give Ohio Grangers tips on how to ask family and friends to join the Grange without stepping too far out of their comfort zone. Feed-back leads to conversation and conversation leads to a better understanding of the membership process.

I would like to resurrect an old idea from the past and join it with a current Grange project. In doing so, I believe that membership efforts would become easier.

- Old idea resurrected: Establish an annual time frame for Granges in Ohio to do a membership drive.
- Current Project: “Words for Thirds, the Dictionary Project” We could build upon the popularity of the “Words for Thirds” project by using it as a lead-in for a membership drive. With a good number of local Granges participating on an annual basis, the Grange would become known and widely accepted as promoters of the “Words for Thirds” project.

As an example of this plan:

- All participating Granges in Ohio could hand out the “Words for Thirds” dictionaries during the last two weeks of October. We take pictures and send to the local newspapers and media making sure to include contact information for anyone interested in membership.
- During the first two weeks in November, the Granges would follow-up by having a membership drive. With neighbors and friends having seen the news article in the paper recently, they become more open to your membership invitation.

During the membership drive, you could start a conversation something like this: “I am { your name } from { your Grange } and would like for you to be a part of our Grange”. Your neighbor would hopefully say, “Oh yes, you are those Words for Thirds people”. You could then tell your neighbor other things your Grange is noted for. Sure, we will still take in members the other fifty weeks of the year, but the public would know who we are and what we do.

The more local Granges that support this concept, the better our recruiting efforts would be. Please bring membership up at your next meeting and forward to me what you and your fellow Grangers think about this membership plan.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Daryl Flowers

Cheryl Prost Ohio State Grange Secretary

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Spring is on its way!!

The delegate election forms have been mailed to the counties who elect in the odd-numbered years. Secretaries, the deadlines on these materials are important, as they are one of the requirements to earn the Distinguished Secretary Award.

Just a few reminders on elections: Each County shall be entitled to two votes depending on the counties paid –up membership. Counties with 1-500 members shall have two votes. A county with 501-1,000 members shall have four votes. Not more than 2 voting delegates shall be elected from the same Grange. Nominations must be from your own Subordinate membership. Each Grange shall have the right to nominate 2 persons, either two singles or a married couple to cause two votes. In the case of a single nominee, a second person shall be nominated to cause two votes. In the case of a married couple, both names must be nominated and placed on the nominee form, individually. No spouse shall automatically serve unless elected.

Then after this form is mailed to the deputy the process starts. The last being that you vote for the individuals county\wide at a regular meeting after March 25. Please keep in mind that there are two (2) individuals to vote for in each county. Therefore, each member would cast two (2) ballots when voting for the individuals they want to represent their county. Example: If a husband and wife were nominated you would cast two (2) ballots, one for the husband and one for the wife. Refer to the recent mailing from your State Grange Secretary.

These white ballots are to be mailed to me and my address is on the bottom left of the ballot page.

The membership recognition forms everyone is to be using are the pink and gold and white jewelry forms dated January 2013. If you have any with a different date on them please throw them away. Seals are now \$2.50 plus tax.

If you have questions about any of this, please do not hesitate to call me.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

80 year

Eileen Watkins, Maplewood #2392, Shelby Co.

75 year

June Graf, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Betty Poling, Marion #2145, Hocking Co.
Frances Blenman, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.
Kate Clark, Maplewood #2392, Shelby Co.
Olive Clark, Maplewood #2392, Shelby Co.
Maynard Lillie, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.
Arlene Onion, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.
Neil Overly, Middlebury #192, Knox Co.

70 year

Florence McInturf, Neelysville #299, Morgan Co.
Floyd Payne, Middlebury #192, Knox Co.

65 year

Glen Cole, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Gerald Crissinger, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Rev. Millard Mead, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Alvin Miller, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Barbara Miller, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Naomi Beard, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
June Justi, Blendon #708, Franklin Co.
Clair Davis, Richfield #1654, Ashtabula Co.
Dorothy Davis, Richfield #1654, Ashtabula Co.
Robert Strayer, Miami #2158, Logan Co.
Barbara Adams, Maple #2392, Shelby Co.
Dick J. Adams, Maple #2392, Shelby Co.
Bernard Clinehens, Maplewood #2392, Shelby Co.
John Lauby, Lake #1744, Stark Co.
Art Noble, Middlebury #192, Knox Co.
Vyvian Overly, Middlebury #192, Knox Co.

60 year

Arthur Steiger, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Edna Cooper, Marion #2145, Hocking Co.
Lois Morgan Nihiser, Marion #2145, Hocking Co.
Lois Ellinger, Marion #2145, Hocking Co.
Stanley Kolasinki, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.
Ron Bell, Maplewood #2392, Shelby Co.
Beverly Like, Maplewood #2392, Shelby Co.
Joyce Peters, Maplewood #2392, Shelby Co.
Grace Shanower, Lake #1744, Stark Co.

55 year

Susie Cole, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Ron Hord, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Russell Lutz, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Linda Artman, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.
Phyllis Clinehens, Maplewood #2392, Shelby Co.

55 year continued

Fred Smith, Maplewood #2392, Shelby Co.
Grace Thornhill, Maplewood #2392, Shelby Co.
Kenneth Shanower, Lake #1744, Stark Co.

50 year

Dean Burk, Stelvideo #295, Darke Co.
James Cole, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Karen Harmon, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Howard Laipply, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Susanna Robbins, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Barbara Van Scoit, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Janice Howard Becker, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula
Wayne Loyd, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.
Mar Lou Walbridge, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.
Linda Artman, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.
Linda Hochschild, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.
Richard H. Taylor, Genoa #1998, Ottawa Co.
Beth Clark, Maplewood #2392, Shelby Co.
Richard Lillie, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.
Martha Hostutler, Indian Camp #1424, Guernsey Co.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

As reported by Grange Secretaries.

Jeffrey Ward, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.
Jon Maouri, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.
Elizabeth Schaefer, Collinsville # 2264, Butler Co.
Allison Tyson, Yellow Creek # 1795, Columbiana Co.
Beth Proctor, Wakeman # 1399, Huron Co.
Brenda Downing, Wakeman # 1399, Huron Co.
Dale Downing, Wakeman # 1399, Huron Co.
Janet Soper, Wakeman # 1399, Huron Co.
Carol Gray, Limerick Grange # 1917, Jackson Co.
Jeff Gray, Limerick Grange # 1917, Jackson Co.
Teresa Beeson, Limerick Grange # 1917, Jackson Co.
Vivian Laxton, Limerick Grange # 1917, Jackson Co.
Wayne Laxton, Limerick Grange # 1917, Jackson Co.
William E. Pratt, Windsor # 2585, Lawrence Co.
Laura Mae Wheeler, Star # 778, Meigs Co.
Randy Smith, Star # 778, Meigs Co.
William B. Downie, JR., Racine #2606, Meigs Co.
Michael Murphy, Riverside # 1552, Muskingum Co.
Patricia Corder, Riverside # 1552, Muskingum Co.
Keith Kokensparger, Jackson Rehobeth # 2018, Perry Co.
Linda Shiplett, Jackson Rehobeth # 2018, Perry Co.
Stephen Zurmehly, Clarksburg # 2657, Ross Co.
Austin Rainey, Loudon Center # 2276, Seneca Co.
Carol Harrison, Pike # 1669, Stark Co.
Tom Bosler, Robertsville # 1784, Stark Co.
Dreama Powell, Northampton # 2553, Summit Co.
James Case, Darrow Street # 751, Summit Co.
Jeannine Case, Darrow Street # 751, Summit Co.
Marjorie Gannette, Waterford # 231, Washington Co.
Nick Scheck, Salem # 2673, Wyandot Co.

**Justin & Nicole Swigart
Ohio State Youth Directors**

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We held winter youth camp at Friendly Hills January 18 - 20. We had eight youth and nine young adults; two of which were non members, present at camp. The youth and



young adults made no-sew fleece throws for Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. Scraps from these blankets were pieced together to create dog toys and taken to an animal shelter by Jennifer Lanstrum. We had a round table discussion about future workshops, community service activities and fundraisers. A special thank you to **Jennifer Lanstrum, Michelle Chandler, Michael Pankratz and Russ Casseday** for their workshops.

The **public speaking and sign a song** contests will be held on March 23rd at the Ohio State Grange Office in Fredericktown. Entry forms can be found in the previous issue of the Granger and are due by March 4th.

The **Eastern Regional Conference** will be held in Mechanicsburg, PA April 12th - 14th. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can find the registration on page 19 of this issue of the Ohio Granger.

The youth will be collecting coloring books and crayons at **State Convention** to take to Nationwide Children's during the convention. We ask that you bring or get these items to someone who will be attending.

We are looking for **volunteers** to come and speak (workshops) during our youth summer camp. This could be about your career or any topic in which you are knowledgeable. Also, we are looking for any youth who are interested in helping at the Ohio State Fair with the make-it-take-it craft. If you are interested in any of the above mentioned events, please contact us and let us know.

State Fair Craft

Make a 3 piece desk set. This will consist of a pencil holder, paper clip holder and a small paper tray.

**“Grange Youth: Stepping Up To Serve
Their Grange and Community”**

These can be made out of any materials of your choice. You may decorate these if you choose with any decorations, paint or stain.

1. Each entry must have a label securely attached with the following information: Name, Address, Grange Name and Number, County and Age.
2. Ages for this contest are 13-1/2 to 20.
3. State fair crafts will be entered through the Ohio State Grange. Entries will be sent directly to Patty Dyer, State Grange Junior Director. The entries **MUST** be to her by the deadline of June 20th, 2013 with **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Check with the Ohio State Grange office website or Patty Dyer for information and entry forms.

Youth Culinary Showcase Baking State Fair

**Two Crust Pie – Age 13-1/2 to 21
Subordinate Member**

1. Recipe of your choice must be submitted on a recipe card along with the entry.
2. No uncooked fruit will be permitted; may use a lattice top.
3. Use only disposable containers for all baked goods entered.
4. Age shall be as of July 24th, 2013. Enter under your own age level. If you are 13-1/2 years of age, membership as a junior or subordinate will determine the level you enter.
5. Decision of the judges will be final.
6. The top winning entry in all culinary classes will be **required** to attend the State Fair Talent Contest for the awards presentation. You **MUST** enter the baking competition through through Patty Dyer for the opportunity to participate.
7. You will be asked to complete a form for your savings bond while attending the Culinary Showcase Awards Program.

OHIO STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you a high school Junior/Senior and a participant in your county fair? You can apply for an OHIO STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP. The scholarships range from \$250-\$3,000. You do not have to take livestock to the fair to be eligible. All you have to be is a participant at your county and the Ohio State Fair. These scholarships are judged on scholastic standing, citizenship & leadership, state & county fair participation and financial need. An applicant must not be older than 19 years as of January 1, 2013. There is still time to apply. The applications must be postmarked by June 15, 2013. There are 17 scholarships available. For more information or an application you can contact Justin Swigart or Patty Dyer.

Eastern Regional Youth/Junior Conference

Hosted by Pennsylvania State Grange
Wingate by Wyndham, 385 Cumberland Parkway, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Valley Grange #1360, 1230 Rosstown Road, Lewisberry, PA 17339

April 12 - 14, 2013

“Rock and Roll”

Pull out your saddle shoes, grab your poodle skirts and join us for a great rock and roll time at Eastern Regional Youth Conference.

The Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Juniors invite you to the 2013 Eastern Regional Youth/Junior Conference, April 12 -14, 2013. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Wingate by Wyndham. Snacks will be provided on Friday evening. Friday night dinner is on your own and there are several restaurants in the area. Our Saturday activities will be at Valley Grange in Lewisberry. Breakfasts will be provided at the hotel on Saturday and Sunday mornings; Saturday lunch and dinner will be provided by Valley Grange #1360.

Registration deadline is March 10, 2013. Lodging will be at the Wingate and rooms will accommodate up to four people in a room. A block of rooms have been reserved and hotel reservations will be handled through the PA Grange Youth Director.

Cost for the weekend is:

4 persons per room: \$100.00 per person

2 - 3 persons per room: \$130.00 per person

Attending Saturday only (no lodging): \$25.00 per person

2013 EASTERN REGIONAL YOUTH/JUNIOR REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

Grange Name and State _____ Estimated Arrival Date and Time _____

Registration fee enclosed: _____

SEND FORM AND PAYMENT AND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

PA State Grange Youth Dept
c/o Anna May Nauss
10 W. Schoolside Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 10,2013

___ 4 per room My roommates are: _____, _____

___ 2 - 3 per room My roommates are: _____, _____

___ Young Married Couple _____

I plan to enter (check all that apply):

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Prepared Speech: 13 - 19 _____ 20 - 29 _____ 30+ _____

Elevator Speech: 13 - 19 _____ 20 - 29 _____ 30+ _____

Impromptu Speech: 13 - 19 _____ 20 - 29 _____ 30+ _____

Junior Prepared Speech: 8 - 10 _____ 11 - 12 _____ 13 - 14 _____

Jeopardy _____

Signing

Sign a Song: Novice _____ Hobbyist _____ Group _____ Expert _____ Junior 8 - 14 _____

Sign the Alphabet: Junior 8 - 14 _____

**Maplewood Grange #2392
Shelby County**

In combination with a holiday dinner, Maplewood Grange held an award evening presenting various members of the Grange with their membership awards. Members getting awards were Steve Bell, 25 yrs; Beth Clark, 50 yrs; Grace Thornhill, Fred Smith and Phyllis Clinehens, 55 yrs; Joyce Peters, Bev Like, Ron Bell, 60 yrs; Bernard Clinehens, Dick and Barbara Adams, 65 yrs; Olive Clark, Kate Clark, 75 yrs; and Eileen Watkins, 80 yrs.

Steve Bell, Beth Clark, Grace Thornhill, Fred Smith, Beverly Like, Ron Bell, Dick Adams and Barbara Adams were not able to attend.



Master Brent Clinehens presented awards to: (L to R): Bernard Clinehens, 65 yrs, Joyce Peters, 60 yrs.; Phyllis Clinehens, 55 year award; Olive Clark, 75yr award and Kate Clark, 75 years.



Eileen Watkins, 80-year member of Grange was presented her certificate at a recent meeting of the Maplewood Grange.

Ohio Grange Dartball Committee

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The Grange Open Class Dartball Tournament will be held Saturday, April 6, 2013. It will be hosted by Sandusky County, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the V.F.W. 3 miles south of Green Springs (Seneca County) on State Route 19. The V.F.W. address is 5912 E. Co. Rd. 44, Green Springs. Each County may send as many teams as they wish to this tournament (Double Elimination or Round Robin). Be sure to check your teams choice on the Entry Form. Teams may consist of men, women or mixed. Junior Grangers are eligible to play. If a team has trouble finding players (they must be at least 12 years old to play). Only requirement is that all team members must be Junior or Subordinate members in good standing. All teams compete in the same division.

Team captains should arrive in sufficient time for the Team Captain's Meeting to be held promptly at 9:30 a.m. followed by the drawing for bracket positions. Awards will be given to the top four finishers.

2013 GRANGE OPEN CLASS DARTBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

_____ Grange No. _____ Dbl. Elim. ___ Round Robin ___

_____ Grange No. _____ Dbl. Elim. ___ Round Robin ___

_____ Grange No. _____ Dbl. Elim. ___ Round Robin ___

_____ Grange No. _____ Dbl. Elim. ___ Round Robin ___

_____ County will represent said county in the Grange Open Class Dartball Tournament, which will be held at the V.F.W., 5912 E. Co. Rd. 44, Green Springs (Seneca County) on April 6, 2013. The tournament is being hosted by Sandusky County and starts at 10:00 a.m. The Team Captain's Meeting will be promptly at 9:30 a.m. followed by the drawing for bracket positions. A representative from each team should be available for the drawing. A Novelty Board Competition will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. and during lunch break.

Make check payable to: **Ohio Grange Dartball**
And mail to: **Sam Waugaman, 8590 Twp. Rd. 32 N., Clyde, Oh 43410**

Mail entry no later than March 23 along with the \$25.00 entry fee per team.





Winter Youth Camp



Winter Young Adult Camp

Lecturer - Community Service Conference

Ohio State Grange Office
 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019
 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

April 13, 2013 (Registration deadline April 6)

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) _____
 Name _____ Phone Number (_____) _____
 Name _____ Phone Number (_____) _____
 County _____ Grange _____

Mail this form (or a copy) with your check **\$15.00 per person** by **April 6** to:
Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019-9585
 Anyone may attend the conference. You do not need to be the chairperson of your Grange to attend.

55th Annual Legislative Conference

Deaf Activity Conference

Family Activities Conference

Saturday, March 16, 2013 - Friendly Hills Camp - 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Name	Phone Number	Conference Attending
_____	(_____) _____	_____
_____	(_____) _____	_____
_____	(_____) _____	_____
_____	(_____) _____	_____

County _____ Grange _____

Mail this form (or a copy) with your check **\$15.00 per person** by **March 9** to:
Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019-9585
 Anyone may attend any of the conferences. You do not need to be the chairperson of your Grange to attend.

Young Adults

21-40 years old

Nicole Swigart, President
4094 Post Road, Urbana, Ohio 43078
614-323-7007

Winter Camp was held January 18-20, 2013 at Friendly Hills. We had four young adults stay the whole weekend and seven more joined us on Saturday. We went bowling Saturday morning, then headed back to the camp for workshops with the youth. Thank you, Russ and Sarah Casseday, for presenting a workshop about Computer Safety. They told us to change our passwords regularly and to be careful responding to unknown emails. We also participated in workshops presented by the youth; Jennifer Lanstrum, Michelle Chandler, and Michael Pankratz. After the workshops, we helped the youth make ten no-sew fleece blankets for Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. We also made a decorated pet item, which is one of the state craft contest items for the young adults in 2013.

During Winter Camp, we also had our Winter Young Adult meeting. We discussed the up-coming Day Trips. The Day Trips are an opportunity for the young adults around the state to participate in an activity in their own backyard. Starting in April, we will travel to each corner of the state. You are welcome to bring your family and friends. We just ask that you give us a heads up if you are planning on attending so we know to look for you. The Day Trip information is below. The admission prices are subject to change. Several of the locations offer a group rate. If you are interested in spending the day with us, please let Nicole Swigart know ASAP, so we can try to get a group rate. Food is available to purchase at all of the locations EXCEPT the Ohio Caverns. If you have any questions, please ask.

Central Ohio

When: April 27, 1:00 p.m.
Where: Ohio Caverns, 2210 E. State Route 245, West Liberty, Ohio 43357, www.ohiocaverns.com
Cost: Adults- \$15, Children 5-12 years- \$9

Southeast Ohio

When: May 18, 10:00 a.m.
Where: Blennerhassett Island, 137 Julianna St, Parkersburg, WV, www.blennerhassettislandstatepark.com
Cost: Adults- \$9, Children 3-7 years- \$7

Southwest Ohio

When: July 20, 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.,
Where: Air Force Museum, 1:00 p.m., 1100 Spaatz St., Wright-Patterson AFB 45433, www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/
Cost: Free Admission

and

Where: Dayton Dragons Baseball Game, 6:00 p.m.
220 N. Patterson Blvd., Dayton, Ohio 45402
www.milb.com

Cost: \$7, lawn seats (sit on blankets)

Northeast Ohio

When: August 17, 12:00 p.m.
Where: National Hamburger Festival, Lock 3 Park, Akron, Ohio, www.hamburgerfestival.com

Cost: Free Admission

Northwest Ohio

When: September 7, 11:00 a.m.
Where: Sauder Village, 22611 State Route 2, Archbold, Ohio 43502, www.saudervillage.com

Cost: Adults- \$15, Children 6-16 years- \$8,
5 & Under- Free Admission

(Senior, Military, and AAA discounts available)

There is no Day Trip scheduled for the month of June due to our summer meeting. Our summer meeting is June 22, at Whispering Hills RV Park, in Shreve, Ohio, at 5:30 p.m. There will be a covered dish dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. The summer meeting is where we will plan the 2014 young adult program.

Violet Grange #1949 Fairfield County



On November 11, 2012 Violet Grange honored members with certificates, pins, medallions and a program. Pictured (seated) Russell Campbell 65 years; Janet Price 50 years; John Ricketts 65 years. Standing Maureta Ott, Lecturer; Margaret Rudisill 45 years; Marvine Weaver 65 years; Neal Weaver 75 years; Oris Suver 60 years; John Price Master/President.

Absent was Jeff Yost 40 years; Lucille Maurer 65 years and Marie Turley 65 years.

Punch and a decorated cake were served for refreshments.

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was to be remembered with a memory donation. We do keep track of each donation, but our communication during the transition to our new Treasurer, Vicki Smith has taken some time and we are still working on catching up on some of the paperwork and getting things in the format that we were familiar using.

The approximately \$2,000 donation from those attending the Ohio State Grange Convention for the pump for the water well was especially appreciated. It was desperately needed and after several other adjustments and several water tests we are back on a routine schedule with our water system, however we now need service on our water softeners in the near future. There is always something to keep us on our toes. After many months delay, the vinyl siding that was donated for the caretakers house is getting installed and the house is getting repainted inside with necessary repairs so that we may offer the house for rent. We hope that the rent we make on the house will cover or at least go a long ways towards covering our part time caretakers hours.

We are always looking for volunteers and donations as that is how we complete almost all of our projects. Donations do not necessarily have to be cash donations. If you have building materials left over from a project, or other materials that we could use in upgrading our cabins, landscaping or to go towards completing the upgrade of the white barn we would be glad to talk to you. We can be pretty creative in using whatever is available. Our priorities often change based on what we have to work with and what we can afford. An example of an item we could use is a wood splitter, the donation of the wood splitter would be a great tax deduction, and we could use the wood splitter to make money selling firewood to our campers.

There are almost unlimited opportunities of how you can help our Foundation help you. We are here to provide the greatest value we can to Grange members. Remember our facilities are available for family reunions when you have groups getting together from various parts of the state. We are available for holiday parties so that your family can come and enjoy the holiday and leave the details and/or catering to us. (Save the time of cleaning your own house and enjoy the facilities at camp.)

Give us a call if you have questions, suggestions, or if you have something that you would like to donate.

For the next few months; please make donations to the "Ohio Grange Charitable Foundation, Inc." and mail it Attn: Patty Dyer, 2815 Clay Pike, Zanesville, OH 43701. We use a bank in Zanesville and it is easier right now for me to deposit the checks and e-mail the information to our treasurer. I am willing to make daily deposits if you are up to the challenge of sending in the donation.

Again the entire board appreciates the support of the Grange Members and we look forward to hearing suggestions of ways that we can further provide service for the members or the organization.

2012 Donations to Ohio Grange Charitable Foundation

Bath Grange #1331	\$10.00
Belmont Grange #889	\$30.00
Berlin Grange	\$15.00

Amesville Grange #798	\$25.00
Bistor, Teresa	\$500.00
Blue Ridge Grange # 1448	\$25.00
Butler Grange #993	\$50.00
Carlisle Grange #1502	\$120.00
Collinsville Grange	\$50.00
Compromise Grange #133	\$20.00
Darby Grange #779	\$457.00
Darrow Street Grange #751	\$1,000.00
East Plymouth Grange	\$25.00
Eaton Grange #1964	\$100.00
Eden Grange #2550	\$25.00
Ewing Grange #2082	\$25.00
Henney Family, Joe	\$20.00
Henney, John	\$20.00
Hope Chapel Grange #2131	\$10.00
Hopewell Grange #2688	\$25.00
Huntington Grange #2043	\$250.00
Jefferson Grange #1311	\$25.00
Jenny and Mike Miller	\$200.00
Lake Grange #1744	\$10.00
Leesville Grange #2078	\$55.00
Lexington Grange #2672	\$100.00
Madison Grange	\$25.00
Magnolia Grange #1698	\$250.00
Mile Branch Grange #933	\$50.00
Monroe-Dan Emmett Grange #847	\$50.00
Morgan Grange #829	\$100.00
Nashville Grange #2703	\$30.00
Nimishillen Grange #1627	\$25.00
Norton Grange #2566	\$20.00
Oxford Grange #2211	\$500.00
Paul, Marvin	\$120.00
Pike Grange #1669	\$25.00
Pleasant Harmony Twp Grange #2605	\$50.00
Providence Grange #2572	\$50.00
Richard Mahoney Family	\$520.00
Richland Grange #1899	\$15.00
Richvale Grange #1717	\$4,500.00
Riverside Grange #1552	\$25.00
Robertsville Grange #1784	\$100.00
Rock Hill Grange #1852	\$31.23
Salt Creek Valley Grange #2314	\$50.00
Sharec, Ruth S	\$100.00
Sheffield Star Grange #1610	\$20.00
Sherrodsville Grange #1538	\$10.00
Shiloh Community Grange # 2608	\$10.00
Shuler Family, Bob	\$20.00
Smith Grange #1141	\$100.00
Star Grange #778	\$20.00
Star Jr. Grange #878	\$20.00
Twin Valley Grange #657	\$40.00
Union Grange #1783	\$50.00
Unionport Community Grange #2728	\$20.00
Unity Grange #1761	\$25.00
Unity Grange #2116	\$100.00
Valley College Grange #1872	\$25.00
Violet Grange #1949	\$25.00
York Grange #2109	\$15.00

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May - June 2013
 Please have all articles and news items
 to Jim Grafton by
March 20, 2013

March

- 2-3 State Bowling Tournament; Pla-Mor Lanes,
4901 Linden, Dayton **Entry Form Required**
- 4 Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song
ENTRIES DUE
- 9 Deaf/Legislative Conferences and Family
Activities Spring Fling **REGISTRATIONS
DUE**
- 10 Eastern Youth & Jr. **registrations due**
- 16 Deaf/Legislative Conferences and Family
Activities Spring Fling; Friendly Hills
Registration Required
- 23 Public Speaking/Signing Contests; State
Grange Office, Fredericktown **Entry Form
Required**

April

- 5 Local/Subordinate **Quarterly Reports Due**
- 6 State Dartball Tournament, Green Springs
- 6 Lecturer/Comm. Service Conf. **Registration
Due**
- 9 Ohio State Grange Birthday, 1873 (140 years)
- 12-14 Eastern Regional Youth Conference,
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
- 13 Lecturer/Community Service Conference;
State Grange Office, Fredericktown
Registration Required
- 27 Young Adult Day Trip (see page 22)

May

- 3-5 Former 'Young-Marrieds' Reunion; Friendly
Hills
- 4 OSG D/D/O Conference **REGISTRATIONS
DUE**
- 11 State Grange Deputies, Directors, and Officers
Conference; Friendly Hills - Dining Hall
Registration required
- 18 Young Adult Day Trip

**Conferral of the Original Eight Degrees
of the Grange**

Oliver H. Kelley Farm, Elk River, Minnesota

July 13, 2013

Grange Youth and Young Adults from around the nation will participate in a 'first ever' experience at the Oliver H. Kelley Farm. The event will be an 'open to the public' conferral of the original eight Degrees of the Grange, to be exemplified in a large tent on the farm site.

See Ohio State Grange Master Article on page 4 for more details.