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**THE GRANGE TODAY:
Stepping Up To Meet The Challenges
Of Tomorrow**

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Debbie and I had a wonderful time at the 157th National Convention in Niagara Falls, New York. We had several virtual committee meetings before we got to Niagara Falls. We also had several committee meetings after we got to New York.

A total of 19 people from Ohio attended National Convention. Three members from Ohio took the sixth degree and the 7th degree. A total of 138 took the 7th degree.

We also watched Ohio's Talent winner Kea Shaffer perform her solo. Kea did an excellent job representing Ohio Saturday night at the Night of Excellence.

Many resolutions were brought to the floor. Some sparked lengthy discussions like cannabis and health care issues.

It was reported by President Betsy Huber that no progress on the sale of the National Grange building had been made. The latest buyer had backed out of the sale. The Executive Committee is continuing to seek a buyer.

This being an election year at convention a few offices have changed.

- Master/President Chris Hamp
- Overseerer/Vice President John Benedik
- Lecuturer Tom Gwin
- Steward Chris Johnston
- Chaplain Kay Stiles
- Gatekeeper David Allen
- Pomona Barbara Foster
- Priest Archon Chip Narvel

As we begin this new year, Debbie and I would like to thank you for your continued support. We hope you will take part in the Grange activities that will be taking place in your subordinate, county, and state. We hope to see as many people as possible over this coming year.

Did You Know?

While some people prefer sunny summer days, the awesome aspects of autumn, or the beautiful bloom of spring, a small number of Americans - about 7 percent - say winter is in fact their favorite season, according to 2013 data from YouGov. Overall, Westerners were most likely to love winter, with 14 percent preferring the coldest season of all.

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Happy New Year! It was so nice to meet a lot of you at the State Convention after talking to you on the phone throughout the year. As the new year starts, I hope many of you set some new goals for your Granges. Try something new.

It is soon going to be time for half of the state to elect new delegates for the State Grange Convention. Please return the nominations to your Deputy by the deadline. When your Granges vote, please be sure to fill in all the blanks, stamp with the Grange seal, and record the number of votes for each nominee.

During this season of love, let's get together and make some homemade Valentine cards and send them to some Grangers we haven't seen for awhile and let them know we miss them. It would also be a wonderful community service project to send Valentine cards to nursing homes and shut-ins in your area.

This past weekend we had our County Pomona meeting. After the meeting, I asked the youngest future junior grange member if he had fun? He said,"yes" and told me he would be back! That inspired me and made me smile. I had his Daddy in Junior Grange and it is such a blessing to see all of our Junior Grangers grow up and accomplish so many interesting careers, etc.

Enjoy the beautiful scenes of winter.

Debra Hogue

Secretaries Of The Month

November

Secretary	Grange	County
Gary Reel	Dublin #1409	Mahoning
Janet Anderson	New London #2401	Huron
Susan Taylor	Genoa #1998	Ottawa
Sharon Coon	Miami #2158	Logan
Miriam Cochran	Beach City #2442	Stark

December

Carol Carman	Rock Hill #1852	Belmont
Diana Nordquest	Mile Branch #933	Columbiana
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Got Music Part 2

Shofar

This devotion will be an abbreviated sermon that was presented at the OH State Grange Convention on October 29th.

Earlier this summer, I visited the Sullivan Church of the Nazarene to hear Darlene Neptune talk about one of the most well known and famous American prolific hymn writers.

Fanny Crosby wrote 8,000 Gospel songs and hymns during a lifetime, which spanned nearly a century. She passed away when she was 95. Frances Jane Crosby was born in Putnam County, New York, on March 24, 1820. A poorly trained doctor applied a mustard plaster poultice to her eyes when she was only six weeks old, rendering her totally blind. Even in her childhood, she realized she had a special gift. However, not even the loss of eyesight could render defeat to this astoundingly courageous soul. Aunt Fanny, as she later was affectionately called, also wrote 1,000+ nonreligious songs, and had four books of poetry and two best-selling autobiographies published.

One day in 1873, Fanny was visiting with a friend, Mrs. Joseph Knapp, a musician of sorts and wife of the founder of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. During their visit Mrs. Knapp played a tune on her piano, which she had recently written. She then asked Fanny, "What does this tune say?" After kneeling in prayer for a few moments, she rose and declared, "It says, Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!" Fanny began to dictate verses to Mrs. Knapp, who wrote them down, fitting them to the melody just as we hear it sung today.

In 2001, a premature baby named Christopher Duffley surprised doctors by surviving. At five months old, he entered the foster care system until his aunt's family adopted him. A teacher realized four-year-old Christopher, though blind and diagnosed with autism, had perfect pitch. Six years later at church, Christopher stood onstage and sang, "Open the Eyes of My Heart." The video reached millions online. In 2020, Christopher shared his goals of serving as a disability advocate. He continues to prove that possibilities are limitless with the eyes of his heart open to God's plan. If you search in YouTube for Christopher Duffley, you will be able to view this service.

What do these two peoples lives have in common? They both were blind but that did not inhibit their love of sacred music and the sharing of it.

The lyrics of Great is Thy Faithfulness was written by Thomas Chisholm in 1923. It talks about God's faithful-

ness over his lifetime. Chisholm sent the song to William Runyan in Kansas, who was affiliated with both the Moody Bible Institute and Hope Publishing Company. Runyan set the poem to music, and it was published that same year by Hope Publishing Company and became popular among church groups. The Biblical lyrics reference Lamentations 3:22-23. 22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The song was exposed to wide audiences after becoming popular with Dr. William Henry Houghton of the Moody Bible Institute and Billy Graham, who used the song frequently on his international crusades.

Total Praise was written by Richard Smallwood in 1996. He wrote it when his mother had begun struggling with dementia and a family friend was dying of cancer, leaving Smallwood to serve as a caregiver at times for both. Psalm 121:1 - 5 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. 2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. 6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

One of Richard Smallwood's most beloved and enduring gospel songs is "I Love the Lord." The powerful lyrics and soul-stirring melody have touched the hearts of countless listeners over the years. This song holds a deep and profound meaning that resonates with individuals on their spiritual journeys. At its core, "I Love the Lord" expresses a sincere and unwavering love for God. The lyrics illustrate a deep connection with the divine, an abiding faith, and a yearning to please and honor the Creator. It is a declaration of devotion and a testament to the transformative power of God's love in one's life.

Hallelujah, What a Savior was penned and composed by Philip Bliss. Philip wrote the music for several other hymns as well, including, It is Well. He was called back to Chicago to be with DL Moody and Ira Sankey. Traveling by train in December, the trestle collapsed over the river near Ashtabula, OH. He survived the crash, but he could not find his wife, Lucy. He went back into the wreck

looking for his wife where he died in the fire.

Each one of the titles of music above were shared by His B'LL's(D) (pronounced His Bells Duh) individually or as a group and consisted of Brenda Widder, Lisa Tharp, Les Widder and a close family friend, Darius McBride.

As mentioned before, music can speak when words cannot! I hope you have a great rest of your Winter! And a special thanks to Williamsport Grange for organizing and presenting the Memorial Service.

Rural Life Sunday

I am looking for a Grange to host the annual Rural Life Sunday (in a church) which will be held on May 5, 2024, with a meal at 1:00 PM and service at 2:00 PM.

Ohio State Grange Memorial Service Williamsport Grange and His B'LL's(D)



In Memory Of

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Happy New Year Grangers! Heading into the new year – how is your Grange stepping up to meet the challenges of Tomorrow? Yes, there will be projects to be continued another year, some may have run their course and hopefully you are planning something new. I can tell you some of the remarks I hear from the report judges is that they look to see what new projects a Grange is doing. Remember even if your Grange is small, partner with another organization or group who want to better your community.
Lecturer/Community Service workshop

I hope you are planning to join us at the Lecturer/Community Service workshop on Saturday March 2nd at the Ohio State Grange office. Mark your calendars now. This is always a fun day starting with refreshments and fellowship around 9 AM and everyone is on their way home no later than 3 PM. All Grangers are welcome at this event and it is well worth the registration fee.

I realize September 1st seems far off at this time, but do you realize one third of the current Grange year is behind us, so it is best to start organizing your community service report information now. If you adopted a family at Christmas or remembered the shut-ins, make sure you document all that information now to help make putting the report together easier. Also remember if you post your activities on your Grange social media page and our Ohio State Grange Community Service facebook page – you will know where you have the information saved. In your packet this year, I added a page of community service project ideas that other Granges have submitted in their reports. Feel free to take on similar projects in your area if it fills a need.

Make A Difference Community Service Food Drive

This year at our convention in October, I am bringing back our Make A Difference Community Service Food Drive. So plan now to either send donations directly to the Ohio State Grange office for the food drive or bring non-perishable food items to convention.

The one good thing about the winter season is we have the Spring and Summer to look forward to in just a couple months. Until then, stay warm and thank you for championing your Grange community service efforts. I look forward to seeing many of you in March at our workshop. If you have any questions or need assistance, reach out to me.

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GRANGE YOUTH

Grange Youth: Stepping into the future with new challenges and adventures

Happy 2024! As a new year is upon us, we have the gift of another year to make a difference in our communities and to get more involved in Grange. Now that the weather is cold and it gets dark so early, it is a great time to start working on your Grange contest entries! NEW!! In 2024, ALL Youth activity contest entries (found on pages 6-7 of the September/October Granger magazine) will come to the state (like the Juniors). Please pass this change to all the Youth and Deputies in your Grange. Be sure to check out the September/October issue of Granger magazine for details on all the entries that are available for Youth and subordinate members. We would LOVE to have several Youth members participate in the Spring baking contest; this year the Youth recipe is for M&M Blonde Brownies (which we will be baking for a “taste test” at Winter Camp!). We are very excited to have ALL of the Youth activities come to state to showcase their work, increase their chances of winning, and for everyone to enjoy the work they’re submitting. Now, get to work on those projects!!



Convention Updates:

Congratulations to our Youth 2023 craft winners from convention: 1st place Washi Tape, Jacob Corll & Nick Headley; Emoji Jars 1st place Taylor Anderson & Nick Headley, 2nd place Amilyah Lloyd, 3rd place Hailey Cross, and 4th place Brody Nusbaum. Thank you to all participants and we hope that we’ll have more entries in Youth activities this year!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Youth raffle. We appreciate the generous donations of raffle items, cash gifts, and ticket purchases. The raffle raised \$908 to support the Youth program. Additionally, a special “thank you” to Mr. Bob White and the Grange Member Services Corporation for their generous \$500 donation to the Youth program. We greatly appreciate the contributions and will use the money to support Youth activities to help build participation and engagement in the programs. It was fun for the Youth to hand out the prizes to the raffle winners during the Youth & Junior luncheon!

It was wonderful to have so many Youth involved

in the convention: Jacob Corll, Steward; Alexis White, Gatekeeper and SYC; Amber Corll, Pomona; Amilyah Lloyd, Youth delegate, 6th Degree marching candidate, and Female Youth Ambassador; Kendrick Hooten, Youth delegate and 6th Degree marching candidate; Brayden Swaggard, 6th Degree marching candidate, and Male Youth Ambassador; Hailey Cross, 6th Degree marching candidate; and Taylor Anderson, attendee.

Congratulations to our 2023-24 Youth Ambassadors, Amilyah Lloyd and Brayden Swaggard! We are so happy that you are representing Grange Youth over the next year and look forward to updates about your Grange adventures.



Amilyah is the daughter of Elizabeth Tolley & Joseph Tolley and granddaughter of Pat Swaggard. She is a member of Mile Branch Grange #933 in Columbiana County. She is a freshman at Alliance High School where she is a straight-A honor roll student, plays flute in the marching band, a member of the jetsetter stage crew, and a softball player. She serves as Pomona in her county Grange and enjoys helping with Pomona dinners, Public Grange annual dinner, tractor pulls, and activities within the community. She helps the Junior Grange leaders with junior activities throughout the year and was a Youth counselor for Junior Grange Camp this past year. Amilyah was the Youth Delegate for the 2023 Ohio State Grange Convention and the 2019-21 Junior Grange Princess. She is interested in pursuing a position on the Ohio State Junior Fair board in the future to represent the Ohio State Grange. When Amilyah grows up, she thinks she would like to be a nurse.

Brayden Swaggard is the son of Steve & Jennifer Swaggard and grandson of Pat Swaggard. He is a member of Mile Branch Grange #933 in Columbiana County. Brayden is a junior at Southeast High School and attends Maplewood Career Center for Auto Collision Tech. He serves as Gatekeeper at his county Grange, helps with the Juniors at the local level, serves community dinners, and works in the sausage shack/Johnson bar for tractor pulls. He was a Youth counselor for Junior Grange Camp this past year and was the 2019-21 Junior Grange Prince. Brayden enjoys drawing, working on cars, and spending time with

his family and friends. He currently works at Dunkin Donuts and when he grows up, he wants to be a collision mechanic.

If you've not yet watched the recording from the National Grange Convention opening session by the National Youth Officer Team, you should definitely check it out! It would be amazing if our Youth could do an opening at our 2024 state convention, let's try to make it happen! Invite your friends to join Grange and to get involved in Youth programs. Let's build the Youth program to be strong, active, and develop more emerging leaders in the Grange.

Youth Winter Camp:

Back by popular demand, we are having a Youth Winter Camp this year! The Youth have spoken and we have listened. Youth members said they wanted a chance to get together, hang out, play some games, build friendships, do community service, and learn something new. So, this year we are having a "Winter Camp-In" at the Ohio State Grange Office, January 5-7th! Details on Winter Camp can be found on our Facebook page. Looking forward to providing pictures and an update on Facebook and in the next Granger edition!



Holidays:

Hopefully everyone is staying healthy and safe and enjoyed the holidays over the past couple of months. Continue your celebrations throughout January & February with some of these lesser known "holidays."

January 3- Festival of Sleep Day- This day was set aside to allow people to catch up on the sleep they lost during the busy holiday season. Celebrate by sleeping or giving someone else some help so they have less work to do themselves and they can get some additional rest!

January 4- National Trivia Day- celebrate by participating in a trivia game online, play a friendly game of Trivial Pursuit with your family & friends, or even just binge watch Jeopardy! Maybe you'll even learn something new.

January 13- Make Your Dreams Come True Day- write down your goals & dreams, create an action plan, and start taking steps to achieve them!

January 14- Organize Your Home Day- Tackle the clutter in your home! Sort items into categories: donate, keep, or trash. When trying to decide which items to keep, instead of thinking "do I need to keep this," consider "does someone need this more than me?"

January 21- Squirrel Appreciation Day- Go for a walk and watch the squirrels scurry around carrying nuts and seeds! You may even see them trying to eat out of your bird feeders!

January 24- National Compliment Day- Make someone's day by giving them a compliment! Have you ever no-

ticed how a compliment makes others feel happy, and in turn it gives you joy, too? Use this holiday to give compliments to others and perhaps it will become a good habit to continue all days of the year!

January 31- Backwards Day- Have fun doing things in reverse! Say "goodbye" instead of "hello" when you answer the phone, eat dinner in the morning and breakfast in the evening, or try writing like Leonardo da Vinci and write sentences backwards!

February 4- Thank Your Mail Carrier Day- "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Be sure to give your mail carrier appreciation for their services to provide you mail delivery. Did you know that the National Grange campaigned for rural free delivery of the mail? Free mail delivery began in cities in 1863, but it took many years of the National Grange pushing for rural free delivery for service to be extended outside of cities. On October 1, 1896, rural free delivery began which meant mail would be delivered to rural areas for free; rural families would no longer have to travel to distant post offices to pick up their mail, or pay for costly private express companies to deliver their mail.

February 7- Send a Card to a Friend Day- Send a greeting card to a friend or family member to let them know you're thinking of them. As we get older, it's fun to receive something thoughtful in the mail instead of "bills" and junk mail.

February 11- Make a Friend Day- Take time to expand your social circle and renew friendships with existing friends. Remember the childhood song, "make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold."

February 17- Random Acts of Kindness Day- Do something nice for someone! Some ideas are to give a compliment, encourage others, make a donation to a special cause, or give someone a telephone call to let them know you care. "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted" – Aesop.

February 22- Single Tasking Day- Everyone is always so busy doing several things at once and trying to master "multi-tasking." Use today as an opportunity to reduce distractions and focus on a single activity and do it well.

February 27- No Brainer Day- Take a break! Relax, celebrate the simple things, and appreciate the simplicity of slowing down for the day. Give your brain a rest!

February 28- 2024 is a leap year! Celebrate this 29th day in February that only happens every 4-years, and don't forget to call your friends who have a leap year birthday since they only get to celebrate on the 29th every four years!

Best wishes for a safe and healthy winter season! Be Proud. Be Leaders. Be Grange Youth.

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It is hard to believe that 2023 is behind us and we are planning another year! We hope that this article finds every reader well and ready for a wonderful 2024.

During the 2023 Ohio State Convention we celebrated the 150th Birthday of the Ohio State Grange. During the weekend our juniors showcased their talents in the junior craft room which exhibited the work of juniors from across the state. I am certain the judges had a hard time choosing winners in each category! The list of winners for each craft and age group are listed below. This year's Art and Photography participation increased, and we had changes in categories as well. We look forward to 2024 for further opportunities to see what our juniors are capable of with their arts and crafts.

This year we a wonderful turnout of candidates for our royalty contests! We loved seeing more juniors in the pageant as candidates for prince and princess this year and can't wait to see the turn out next year! We are proud of everyone who tried something new. It is not easy to be interviewed or sit up on stage at the ages of our Juniors and all did wonderfully well. Please consider having all eligible Juniors from your counties participate at the convention next year!

The winning Juniors will represent the great state of Ohio through 2024 at the local and state level with all our State Junior Grange Activities and while traveling throughout the state visiting Granges at the local and county level. They will also attend National Convention the following year! We are Happy to announce our 2023-2024 Miss Ohio Junior Grange and Mr. Ohio Junior Grange are Zoey Howard and Brandon Davis and our 2023- 2024 Junior Prince and Princess are Calen Clopp and Dessie Wolf! We look forward to watching our juniors shine at different state dinners and banquets throughout the year.



At our Junior/ Youth luncheon on Saturday awards were presented along with review of our program from the current year and upcoming year.

The following awards were based on Junior Grange Notebooks submitted to convention:

Community Service 1st Mile Branch Junior Grange
Community Service 2nd Stelvideo Junior Grange

Communications 1st Mile Branch Junior Grange
Communications 2nd Stelvideo Junior Grange,
Programming 1st Stelvideo Junior Grange
Programming 2nd Mile Branch Junior Grange
Membership 1st Stelvideo Junior Grange,
Membership 2nd Mile Branch Junior Grange

The Overall Outstanding Junior Grange was awarded to Mile Branch Junior Grange!

We want to thank all our Junior Granges for participating!

Junior Degree

The juniors made us proud on Saturday afternoon when they performed their degree. We had many juniors in speaking parts for the first time. This year we also had a very young junior team and each of them gave a shining performance. We could not have asked for anything better. We would like to extend an invitation now for our 2024 degree performed at the convention. Please plan to attend next year and support the future of our great organization.

Junior Lock-In

Our first event for 2024 will be our Junior lock-in overnight on 4-13-24. This will be followed immediately by the Junior and Youth Workshop on 4/14/2024. We hope more will attend this year as the pick up time coincides with the workshop. All Juniors, Youth, Leaders, Delegates, and any juniors are welcome to attend the Workshop!

Junior Grange Lock-In 4/13-4/14 More information to follow.

Summer Camp

We are already working on planning summer camp. This year camp will be held at Camp Wilson. Date will be announced. The camp video from last year can be accessed on YouTube by searching "Ohio State Junior Grange" within the YouTube search bar and adding 2023.

Please consider showing the video to any prospective Junior Grange Member or Junior Granger who is considering attending camp. We would love to see our numbers grow! Non-members can attend and we will make them Junior Grange state members for an additional \$2.

Junior Granger Information Request

We asked each Junior Leader or delegate to email or mail us a list of all your current juniors. In this list, please include the following: Names, Address, Email, DOB, Date Joined, Parent names and Phone Number.

With this we hope to have an up to date and accurate roster which will allow us to improve communication

across the state with each of our local Junior Granges and their Leaders. We also ask for the Junior Leaders to include their own Name, Email, Phone, Address.

If there is anything you need, please feel free to reach out. Our numbers and email address are in the heading. We are available via text, call, email, messenger, and traditional mail. One of us will contact you within 48 hours.

As this year draws to a close and the next year begins, we are feeling truly thankful to be able to work with some fantastic juniors and their families. We are blessed to be able to serve our juniors for another year and are looking forward to all the good things the year has in store.

Junior Prince Candidates



Calen Clopp Owen Davis Hunter McCammon

Junior Princess Candidates



Karmyn Carson Kaitlynn Cross Kaylee Emrick Allyah Pletcher Riley Russell Caydence Slonaker

Mr & Miss Ohio Junior Grange Candidates



Dessie Wolf Brandon Davis Monty Wright Abigail Casseday Zoey Howard

Junior Degree Team



Junior and Youth Royalty



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“In Step to Meet Tomorrow’s Challenges”

State convention was full of recognitions, seeing old friends and making new memories! Two highlights for me as a Granger and State Lecturer were presenting five Quilts of Valor and serving on the 150th Anniversary committee. Look for a special article about the recipients in this magazine. Other contest winners are listed in this article and this magazine.

Outstanding Pomona Lecturer’s Notebook

Marjorie Sponcil, Columbiana County Pomona #62

Outstanding Subordinate Lecturer’s Notebook

1st Place Helen Hayes, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula Co.

2nd Place Beverly Foutz, Collinsville #2264, Butler Co.

3rd Place Marjorie Sponcil, Unity #1761, Columbiana

Best of Show Art-

Jim Wilson, Hocking County

Best of Show Photography –

Jill McNeil, Stark County

Kea Shaffer, Painter Creek Grange, Hardin County did a great job at the Evening of Excellence presenting her vocal solo “He Touched Me.”

Many Ohio Grangers had their quilt blocks on display at National Grange. I won the silent auction with squares from Ohio and others and plan to make a few items from them.

Tom Gwin, Washington, was elected National Lecturer. He has served as Washington State Lecturer and President. I look forward to working with him this year. On the way home from National, mom and I stopped in Fredonia, New York to see Fredonia Grange #1! It was the first working Grange in the Nation and still is active in their community.

Don Graf and Kathie Burkman, Crawford County submitted the only entry in the Heirloom Program Activity. They created puzzles and a complete program around the July 2023 quote “Since God placed man on earth, agriculture has existed. There is no occupation that precedes it. Before literature existed, before governments were known, agriculture was the calling of man. And all the fruits of social progress since then grew from the brown soil.” (From Installation Ceremony.) This contest will continue for 2024.



The Programs to Share entries were down in 2023, with only 17 being submitted. If you take the time to plan a program, take the time to submit it and be recognized. 2023 winners were:

150th Anniversary of Ohio State Grange

1st Place – Viola Wayne, Mile Branch Grange, Columbiana

2nd Place – Kathie Burkman, Leesville Grange, Crawford

3rd Place - Marjorie Sponcil, Unity Grange, Columbiana Co.

Safety Program

1st Place - Kathie Burkman, Crawford County Pomona

2nd Place - Kathie Burkman, Leesville Grange, Crawford Co.

Any Topic

1st Place – Marjorie Sponcil, Columbiana County Pomona

2nd Place – Darla Sutton, Robertsville Grange, Stark County

3rd Place – Helen Hayes, Jefferson Grange, Ashtabula Co.

The categories for the 2024 Programs to Share are **any health topic, something about Ohio and any topic**. Mental health, preventative health care, smart food choices, and allergic reactions are some possible health program topics.

Lecture/Community Service Conference

The Lecturers/Program Directors and Community Service Chairmen Conference is scheduled for March 2, 2024, beginning at 9:30. Light breakfast starting at 9:00. The conference will be at the State Grange headquarters in Fredericktown.

The National Lecturer continues to put together “A Quarter’s Worth,” the National Lecturer’s Newsletter. They are filled with information that could be used in programs. Any Granger can submit articles for this newsletter. If you are a Lecturer and would like to receive an emailed copy, send me your email. If you do not have email, I will mail you a copy. All issues are available on the National Grange website. Look for Lecturer’s Programming under the Programs tab. All other National Lecturer programs are listed there also.

Talent Contest

The Talent Contest will be held at The Ohio Eastern Star Home Community Room, 1451 Gambier Rd., Mt. Vernon OH 43050 on Saturday, June 15, 2024 beginning with the Juniors at 1:00 pm followed by the adult contestants. Start thinking about entries from your Grange now. Don’t Wait until the last minute. If you like to sing but don’t want to do a solo, ask someone to join you for one of the other categories.

Quilts of Valor



L-R Arden Fitch, Diana Nordquest, Harvey Hinshaw, Etta Arnholdt, Richard Mahoney, Wayne Doner.

Etta Arnholdt served in the United States Navy from November 9, 1993-November 24, 2002. Etta was a Photographer's Mate Airmen. She was stationed in Alaska, California and Virginia and the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and the USS Harry S. Truman Aircraft Carriers. While serving, she received the Navy Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, 2 National Defense Service Medals, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Wayne Doner was inducted into the United States Army in February 1966. He was trained for 13 weeks on Morse Code that he never had to use. After training he went to Fort Stewart as Bco. Signal NCO and the Company Commander's Driver. Wayne deployed in February 1967 by troop ship to Ben Hoa Air Force Base. He drove all ranks of officers and was awarded Driver of the Month twice. Wayne shared that he had liver and onions almost every day and he still hates liver. Wayne received the Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal. Wayne was discharged in February 1968.

Arden Fitch served in the United States Air Force from 1969-1973. Arden was stationed at Lackland AFB, Shepherd AFB and Kincheloe AFB. Arden was trained as a plumber. He was deployed to Vietnam just 10 weeks after his marriage to Pat. Arden was part of the US Air Force support group providing maintenance to the base buildings. On December 25, 1971 Arden attended the BOB Hope performance. Later Arden was transferred to Nakhon Phanom, Thailand serving as a military director of the plumbing department. Arden served on the "Equal Opportunities and Treatment Board" focusing on issues involving black and white military personnel. After returning to the states, Arden and Pat moved to California to finish his military service. Arden noted that Olivesburg Grange paid his dues while he served in the US Air Force.

Harvey Hinshaw served in the United States Army from 1976-1977. While in Korea, Harvey served as a Chaplain's Assistant. He received a Defense of Korea Medal after discharge.

Richard Mahoney was drafted in the summer of 1959 to serve in the United States Army. He spent time Ft. Hood Texas, Ft. Hood Georgia and at Camp David. As a Spec. 4, he was sent to Korea for one year and worked in phone communications. Rich was discharged in August 1961 in time to help with the Pike Grange food stand at the Stark County Fair.

2024 National Grange Lecturer's Virtual Photo Contest

STATEMENT OF INTENT

To encourage members and friends of the Grange to submit photos that can be used in National Grange publications and virtual media. Submitted photos will become the property of the National Grange and may be used in National Grange publications, marketing, merchandise, and virtual media.

RULES

- A. The National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers.
- B. Photos must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 10 MB via Google Forms at <https://grange.biz/grangephoto2024> by September 1, 2024.
- C. Divisions - there are four divisions:
 - ▶ Abandoned Buildings - farm structures, houses, outhouses, etc.
 - ▶ Clouds - storms, sunsets, etc.
 - ▶ Monuments - cemeteries, parks, roadside, etc.
 - ▶ State, County, or Community Fairs
- D. Each individual is limited to entering a total of four (4) photos across all categories.
- E. Entries must be no more than one (1) year old at time of submission.
- F. Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest.
- G. Any entries received after the September 1, 2024 deadline will not be judged.

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded for each division: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30 and 3rd - \$20.

The top three photos in each division will be featured in future marketing or promotional items from the National Grange Lecturer.

Ann Shank - Lyn Shank

Family Activities Directors

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STAY SAFE
STAY CONNECTED
STAY POSITIVE

The holidays are over and the new year is beginning. What will you do in this new year? Bake something? Sew something? Knit or crochet something? Saw or drill something? If you have read the Ohio State Grange September-October magazine then you will have read the endless possibilities of things to do. The Lecturer has pictures for you to take or pose for, poems to write or recite, paintings to brush or finger. The Community Service Director has you recording your Granges projects for all to read about. This is not just for the subordinate Grangers. Look what the new Youth Director has for the youth to get involved in: camps and activities, community services. The juniors have many, many things to glue, paint, sew, cut and slice, bake and flour. Read through the magazine again and again. You may find something different every time you do.

Here in the F.A. sections we want to thank all that participated in our contests and reached the state level, the list of winners will follow this article keep reading! We had 139 entries in Columbus and the judge was very complementary of them all. The junior entries were very low, in the sewing, but not bad with the magic marker shoes. Please remind your juniors and their leaders and parents to look in the F.A. pages for junior contests. The comfort toys are judged and then collected and donated with the subordinate ones to the Children's Hospitals. Thank you to Lee Darst and Kate Russell for taking the toys to Akron Children's Hospital and Toledo Children's Hospital.

The "Music Quilt," made in memory of Judy Lauby, was auctioned off at state convention in October. Our quilter made a five block by five block quilt, three pillows and two table runners from the blocks that were donated. The reason they did not all go into the quilt were a few came after we had given the blocks, material and batting to her and some were not the correct size so she made the extra items. The auction brought \$920.00 and that money will be donated to "Cases for Smiles" the organization that makes and gives bright and cheerful pillow cases for children with cancer or other terminal illnesses in the hospitals around the world. Next year we are not doing a memorial quilt block. Instead we are asking you to make red, white and blue blocks in any design with a finished measurement of 12-1/2 x 12-1/2 unfinished. The blocks will be judged in the F.A. room at convention next year buuuuuuuut you can make more than two or three or more blocks and help Diana Nordquest our "Quilt of Valor" coordinator make quilts for the men and women who served in the armed forces. Diana gave out

five quilts this year at convention but has a very, very long list of women and men who deserve a beautiful red, white and blue Quilt of Valor. Please help if you can. *****VERY IMPORTANT***** Diana would like the blocks by the May 4th deputy, directors and officers meeting so she has time to put the blocks together and then get the quilts together, quilted and finished to be given out at 2024 convention.

Also on **May 4th is the State Baking Contest.** There is still lots of time to perfect your recipes for: a healthy, Gluten free, diabetic bar; raisin bread and orange cookie with icing. A men's rendition of the vanilla rich chip cake. The recipe is in the Ohio Granger or on the F.A. facebook page near you.

Mark your calendar for the 2024 Spring Fling 17th edition. **April 13 at Valley College Grange in Wayne County and April 20 at Frontline Church in Amanda, Ohio** hosted by Clearcreek Grange in Fairfield County. Cost is \$20.00. Social hour starts at 10:00 followed by our speakers, lunch at noon or thereabouts and craftiness to finish the day around 2:00. Reservations must go through the state office and be sure to tell which date you will be attending. This is also for potential Grange members and friends.

At convention several Granges and counties brought in pillow cases for "Cases for Smiles":

Hardin County 23	Knox County 22
Crawford County 11	Coshocton County 9
Pike Grange 3	

We also received comfort toys:

Hardin County 46	Summit County 23
Coshocton County 16	Nimishillen Grange 10
Wayne County 5	

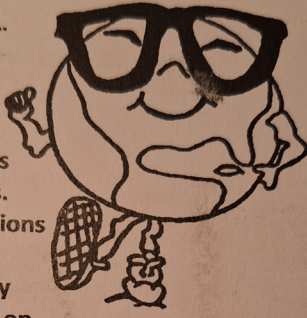
Knox County brought in 20 blankets and Summit County added 7 more.

Several counties brought in bags and bags of socks for "99 for the One." The "Sockless Monster" is still hungry for new socks as well as the holey ones, just saying.

Arriving just in time to be put in this magazine is the 2024 National Grange Quilt Block Contest information. The name of the block is "Split Back Star" and the colors are red, white and blue. This pattern was the 2023 Quilts of Valor official block. It is 12.5"x12.5" UNFINISHED block. The instruction for the block will be placed on the F.A. facebook page and the State Grange website. Make note the due date to the National lecturer is September 1, 2024. We would like to take a picture of your block and place it on the facebook page so please send the block to us

by August 20, 2024. The extra ones you make can be sent to National but only one can be judged or you can send them in for Ohio State Lecturer's Quilts of Valor. These need to be finished for May 4 to be put together and quilted for the Ohio State Grange convention in October, 2024.

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Haiti	('99,'10,'11,'15,'16)
Venezuela	('01)
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Tanzania	('05)
Ecuador	('06,'08)
Peru	('08,'11)
Panama	('14)

2024 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Quilt Block Contest provides an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort.

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone - Grange members and members-to-be.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2024.
Send entries to: Tom Gwin, National Lecturer, PO Box 1186, Olympia, WA 98507-1186
- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 158th National Grange convention in Bettendorf, Iowa.
- D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but you must choose one quilt block per person to be judged.

F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.

G. A 2024 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS

- Group I -Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II - Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$30), and 3rd (\$20) place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

Any questions? Contact Tom at lecturer@nationalgrange.org

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Grange Member: Prospective/Not Yet a Member:

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

- Group I - Adult (Age 14+) - Group II - Junior (Age 13 and under)

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2024. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you. Please make as many blocks as you wish, but only one contest entry per person. Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

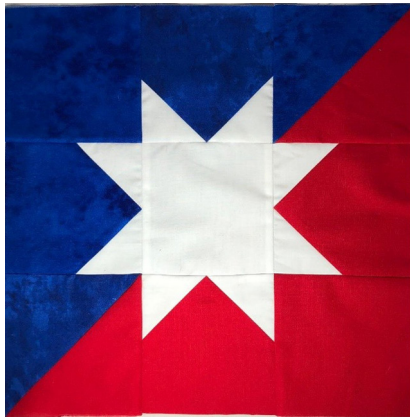
Mail entries to: Tom Gwin, National Lecturer, PO Box 1186, Olympia, WA 98507-1186

2024 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

Split Back Star Block

Pattern courtesy of Kim Di.Joseph

This pattern was the 2023 Quilts of Valor official block



pieces Needed for one
12" finished block

White:

1-4 ½" square

8-2 ½" squares

Red:

3-4 ½" square

1-5" square

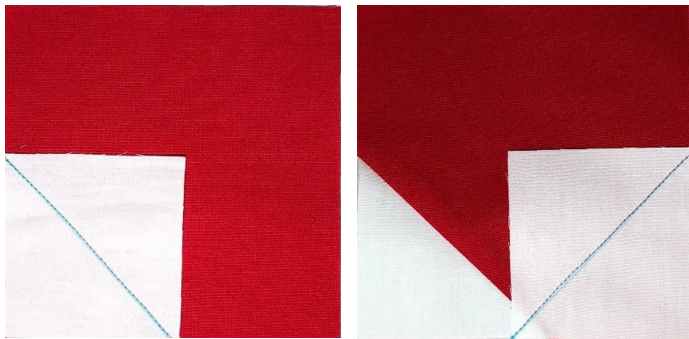
Blue:

3-4 ½" square

1-5" square

Step 1: STAR POINTS

With 2 red and 2 blue 4 ½" squares, sew a 2 ½" white square to one corner. Cut ¼" off the sew line and press towards the white. Sew the 4 remaining 2 ½" squares to the other side of the color, cut ¼" off sew line and press towards the white. These 4 units will make your star points.



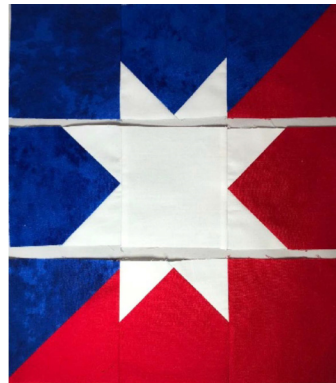
Step 2: HST's

With a 5" red and a 5" blue square. Place right sides together, draw a line diagonally and sew ¼" on each side of the line.

Cut on the draw line and iron. Square both HST units to 4 ½".

Step 3: ASSEMBLE BLOCK

You will now have 9 squares, each measuring 4 ½". Assemble in 9 patch style to create your QOV Split Back Star.



The National Grange Guide to Contests & Programs

The National Grange Guide to Contests & Programs has been released on the National Grange website for all members. This guide incorporates the contests and programming from the Junior, Youth, Lecturer, Community Service, Communications, Membership/Leadership, Legislative, and Member Programs Departments.

National Grange Guide to Contests & Programs



2024 edition

Take a look at all of the new contests for the 2023-2024 Grange year, with most contest and program deadlines set for September 1, 2024 (please look at each contest outline for finalized information).

The contests are also listed on each department's page on the National Grange website for easier viewing.

Ohio State Grange Convention 2023 Favorable Resolutions

Ohio State Grange 2023 Agriculture Committee

Resolution 001 – Therefore, Be It Resolved The Ohio State Grange members support State and Federal legislation strengthening landowner rights in eminent domain cases.

Resolution 002 & 003 – Therefore, Be It Resolved that Ohio State Grange and National Grange encourage Congress and State Legislatures to enact laws preventing foreign entities from buying or leasing U.S. land, particularly protecting natural resources from abuse to benefit foreign concerns to the detriment of domestic (U.S.) needs.

Ohio State Grange 2023 Grange-By-Laws & Good of The Order Committee

Resolution 001 – Therefore, Be It Resolved that all resolutions that are voted adversely get a written summary as to why it was rejected in committee.

Resolution 003 – Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Ohio State Grange oppose State Issues 2 in November of 2023, the legalization of Recreational Marijuana

Resolution 005 – Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Ohio State Grange induct Ronald and Aileen Hiltner, Morgan Grange #829, in the Ohio State Grange Hall of Fame for their many contributions and devotion to Patrons of Husbandry.

Changing Report Due Date FAC report – Therefore Be It Revolved that the Ohio State Grange allow the Family Activities Committee to move due date for their report to October 20th, or convention to allow more report to be received.

Ohio State Grange 2023 Education & Health Committee

Resolution 004 – Therefore, Be It Resolved, that The National Grange urge our law makers (Congress) to pass regulations that would require manufacturers to label items that have these chemicals used when they are made. Also ask that these items be tested as to how toxic they may be. The consumer should know that PFASs are used in what they are purchasing.

Ohio State Grange 2023 Citizenship & Public Affairs, Transportation & Taxation, Labor & Judiciary Committee

Resolution No. 6 – Therefore It Be Resolved, that the Ohio State Grange and National Grange go on record urging our Legislature in Congress to vote yes on concept of 2023/2024 HR1122, HR3712 and SB887 to protect Americans from the Federal Government controlling our money. The Grange needs to be vigilant about any future legislation or federal moves to initiate Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

Resolution No. 2 – Therefore It Be Resolved, that the Ohio State Grange request the Ohio Department of Safety to educate, license, and enforce the current law in ORC 4511.521 and ORC 4511.55 on the operation of electric bicycles for the safety of the public.

Resolution No. 3 – Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ohio State Grange and National Grange go on record asking our congressman and women to start and support legislation that would protect all pension assets; even if they are sold, bartered or traded to a non-qualifying plan.

Resolution No. 4 – Therefore, Be It Resolved, The Ohio State Grange and National Grange encourage Congress to continue to address wage discrepancy issues and be involved with the upgrading of the rules for H-2A program to ensure all States are treated fairly.

Resolution No. 6 – Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Ohio State Grange go on record urging Ohio Department of Transportation to go back to having the pull tabs also available and attached to the emergency phone numbers in all rest area rest rooms. Maybe even in the rest room stalls.

Resolution No. 7 – Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ohio State Grange encourage the Ohio State legislature to hold only a primary and general election.

Committee Resolution – Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ohio State Grange, oppose any taxing or service fee by the United Nations.

Ohio State Grange 2023 Budget Committee Resolutions

Budget Committee Resolution – Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Ohio State follow present policy when it comes to transferring funds from the Matured Dormant Grange Fund to meet necessary expenses of the Ohio State Grange.

Did You Know?

Building a snowman is a classic winter activity, but the residents living in Bethel, Maine, took the tradition to the extreme in Feb. 2008 when they spent a month building a Guinness World Record-setting snowperson-who was, in fact, a snowwoman named Olympia. The frigid figure was made up of 13 million pounds of snow and featured eyelashes that were made from eight pairs of skis, an eight-foot-long nose made from chicken wire and painted cheesecloth, lips made from five red car tires, and arms made from two 30-foot-tall spruce trees. Olympia was also decorated with three giant truck tires as buttons, a 130-foot scarf, a 48-foot-wide fleece hat, and a snowflake pendant that was six-and-a-half feet wide. In total, the impressive snowwoman's height measured just over 122 feet, which is just a few feet shorter than the Statue of Liberty.

2023 Convention Winners

Family Activity Department

Spring Fling - 8 entries

1st Place	Kira Burns	Athens County
2nd Place	Debie Russell	Miami County
3rd Place	Wayne Doner	Mercer County
4th Place	Miriam Zech	Wayne County
5th Place	Viola Wayne	Columbiana County

Comfort Toys - 10 entries

1st Place	Marjorie Sponcil	Columbiana County
2nd Place	Oneta Debolt	Knox County
3rd Place	Rhea Janos	Butler County
4th Place	Colleen Lockhart	Geauga County
5th Place	Cathy Uher	Coshocton County

Home

Bat House - 4 entries

1st Place	Lyn Shank	Stark County
2nd Place	Russ Cahill	Hardin County
3rd Place	Belinda Lett	Knox County
4th Place	Nick Headley	Ashtabula County
5th Place	Larry Kinder	Miami County

Knife Block with Cutting Board - 3 entries

1st Place	Wayne Doner	Mercer County
2nd Place	Tom Debolt	Knox County
3rd Place	Larry Kinder	Miami County

Bird House - 6 entries

1st Place	Wayne Doner	Mercer County
2nd Place	Bob Lewis	Miami County
3rd Place	Margaret Ann Ruhl	Knox County
4th Place	Linda Wiggins	Geauga County
5th Place	Nick Headley	Ashtabula County

V. A Stitch in Time

Class A - Betty's Cutlery Roll - 8 Entries

1st Place	Jenny Houchin	Hocking County
2nd Place	Diana Nordquest	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Elaine Hoover	Hardin County
4th Place	Priscilla Arnholt	Knox County
5th Place	Sharon Orce	Stark County

Class B - Kitchen Helpers - 7 Entries

1st Place	Marjorice Sponcil	Columbiana County
2nd Place	Oneta Debolt	Knox County
3rd Place	Miriam Zech	Wayne County
4th Place	Stephanie Marous	Ashtabula County
5th Place	Kathie Burkman	Crawford County

VI. Busy Needles (Nifty Needles & More) - Subordinate

Class A - Afghan

A1 Crochet - 9 entries

1st Place	Faye Steele	Richland County
2nd Place	Barb Wood	Hardin County
3rd Place	Acelia Drier	Muskingum County
4th Place	Beverly McCurdy	Hocking County
5th Place	Judy Williams	Knox County

Family Activity Department

Class B - For the Table

B1 Crochet - 2 entries

1st Place	Opal Dyer	Meigs County
2nd Place	Beverly McCurdy	Coshocton County

B3 Tatting

1st Place	Leah Gault Hart	Coshonton County
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Class C - Baby Afghan

C1 Crochet - 8 Entries

1st Place	Barb Wood	Hardin County
2nd Place	Gladys Wilhelm	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Ila Yost	Meigs County
4th Place	Faye Steele	Richland County
5th Place	Karen Cottrill	Fairfield County

C2 Knitted - 3 entries

1st Place	Betty Conner	Wayne County
2nd Place	Faye Steele	Richland County
3rd Place	Cindy Buck	Muskingum County

Class D - Rock-A-Bye Baby

D1 Crochet - 4 entries

1st Place	Judy Williams	Knox County
2nd Place	Acelia Deier	Muskingum County
3rd Place	Gladys Wilhelm	Columbiana County
4th Place	Barb Wood	Hardin County

D2 Knited - 2 entries

1st Place	Loretta Crego	Knox County
2nd Place	Ruth Bowman	Miami County

Class E - Something to Wear

E1 Crochet - 6 entries

1st Place	Judy Williams	Knox County
2nd Place	Faye Steele	Richland County
3rd Place	Barb Wood	Hardin County
4th Place	Joyce Keslar	Columbiana County
5th Place	Julie Grandbouche	Ashtabula County

E2 Knitted - 3 entries

1st Place	Cindy Buck	Muskingum County
2nd Place	Joyce Keslar	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Faye Steele	Richland County

Class F - Shawl - Wrap - Prayer Shawl

F1 Crochet - 4 entries

1st Place	Julie Grandbouche	Ashtabula County
2nd Place	Jane Pelikan	Athens County
3rd Place	Faye Steele	Richland County
4th Place	Lynnette Bramely	Geauga County

F2 Knitted - 3 entries

1st Place	Margaret Ann Ruhl	Knox County
2nd Place	Shirley Johnson	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Cindy Buck	Muskingum County

2023 Convention Winners

Family Activity Department

Class G - Embroidery - Set of Tea Towels - 6 entries

1st Place	Marjorice Sponcil	Columbiana County
2nd Place	Pat Furey	Athens County
3rd Place	Ann Shank	Stark County
4th Place	Rosalie Johnson	Meigs County
5th Place	Faith Blankenship	Ashtabula County

Class H - Counted Cross Stitch - 7 entries

1st Place	Ann Shank	Stark County
2nd Place	Betty Conner	Wayne County
3rd Place	Hannah Taulbee	Hocking County
4th Place	Pat Furey	Athens County
5th Place	Opal Dyer	Meigs County

Class J - Plastic Canvas - 8 entries

1st Place	Carol Corbin	Clermont County
2nd Place	Mary Beutel	Knox County
3rd Place	Barb Wood	Hardin County
4th Place	Opal Dyer	Meigs County
5th Place	Stephanie Marous	Ashtabula County

Class K - Embroidery Tennis Shoes - 3 entries

1st Place	Faith Blankenship	Ashtabula County
2nd Place	Harvey Hinshaw	Darke County
3rd Place	Ann Shank	Stark County

VII - Busy Needles (Nifty Needles & More) - Junior

Class A - Sharpie Canvas Shoes - 8 & Under -

3 entries

1st Place	Leah Faye Acker	Wayne County
2nd Place	Maddie Nordquest	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Brandon Davis	Darke County

9-11 years of Age - 2 entries

1st Place	Haddie Gilpin	Darke County
2nd Place	Owen Davis	Darke County

12-14 years of Age - 6 entries

1st Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County
2nd Place	Abby Cox	Hocking County
3rd Place	Kaylee Cox	Hocking County
4th Place	Jakob Harrison	Darke County
5th Place	Alexa Munoz	Butler County
6th Place	Daniel Davis	Darke County

Class B - Comfort Toys

8 & Under - 1 entry

1st Place	Levi Nordquest	Columbiana County
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9-11 years of Age - 1 entry

1st Place	Owen Nordquest	Columbiana County
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VIII. Quilt Contest - Subordinate

Class A - Quilted Tote Bag - Machine Quilted - 5 entries

1st Place	Betty Conner	Wayne County
2nd Place	Diana Nordquest	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Kathie Burkman	Crawford County
4th Place	Sharon Orce	Stark County
5th Place	Faith Blankenship	Ashtabula County

Family Activity Department

Class B - Quilt by an individual - Machine Quilted - 3 entries

1st Place	Sherry Cognion*****	Coshocton County
2nd Place	Sharon Orce	Stark County
3rd Place	Rosemary Beeler	Butler County

Class C - Quilted by a Group - Machine Quilted - 1 entry

1st Place	Butler County	
	Rosemary Beeler	Butler County

***** Best of Show

Youth Winners in the Family Activity Room

Washi Tape Craft - 1 entry

1st Place	Nick Headley	Ashtabula County
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Emoji Jar Craft - 1 entry

1st Place	Nick Headley	Ashtabula County
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Youth Winners in the Junior Room

Emoji Jar Crafts

1st Place	Taylor Anderson	Mahoning County
2nd Place	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Hailey Cross	Columbiana County
4th Place	Brody Nusbaum	Richland County

Washi Tape Craft

1st Place	Jacob Corll	Mahoning County
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Lecturer Department

Creative Writing - Poetry

1st Place	Samantha Blanton	Knox County - NM
2nd Place	Joyce Leyrer	Butler County - NM
3rd Place	Beverly Foutz	Butler County

Creative Writing - Prose

1st Place	Lonnie Totten	Knox County
2nd Place	Arden Fitch	Richland County
3rd Place	Don Graf	Crawford County

Read-the-Book - Fiction

1st Place	Beverly Foutz	Butler County
2nd Place	Ruth Bishop	Wayne County
3rd Place	Mabel Collen	Geauga County

Read-the-Book - Non-fiction

1st Place	Jackie Wilkins	Coshocton County
2nd Place	Arden Fitch	Richland County

Creative Writing - Write-a-Song

1st Place	Lonnie Totten	Knox County
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Art - Scenes

1st Place	Ashley Bottom	Richland County
2nd Place	Gene Newman	Miami County
3rd Place	Valerie Deedrick	Knox County

2023 Convention Winners

Lecturer Department

Art - Americana

1st Place	Jim Wilson	Hocking County
2nd Place	Jenna McNeil	Stark County
3rd Place	Heidi Brooks	Fairfield County

Art - Animal

1st Place	Susan Hazen	Athens County
2nd Place	Taylor Anderson	Mahoning County
3rd Place	Gene Newman	Miami County

Art - People

1st Place	Taylor Anderson	Mahoning County
2nd Place	Susan Hazen	Athens County
3rd Place	Crystal Patton	Hocking County

Art - Computer generated

1st Place	Beth Hicks	Fairfield County
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Photography - Scenery

1st Place	Jill McNeil	Stark County
2nd Place	Heather Miller	Knox County
3rd Place	Kira Burns	Athens County

Photography - People

1st Place	Darla Sutton	Stark County
2nd Place	Brooklyn Nusbaum	Richland County
3rd Place	Jan Doner	Mercer County

Photography - Farm/Agri

1st Place	Cindy Campbell	Knox County
2nd Place	Viola Wayne	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Troy Michel	Hocking County

Photography - Animal(s)

1st Place	Wayne Doner	Mercer County
2nd Place	Carolyn Kienzle	Hocking County
3rd Place	Tim Burns	Athens County

Photography - Grange Activity

1st Place	Lynne Hinshaw	Darke County
2nd Place	Heather Miller	Knox County
3rd Place	Jennifer Cox	Hocking County

Photography - Any Other

1st Place	Etta Arnholt	Knox County
2nd Place	Jill McNeil	Stark County
3rd Place	Amy Collen	Geauga County

Photography - Scenery

1st Place	Brenda Carr	Ashtabula County
2nd Place	Emily Fitch	Richland County
3rd Place	Richard Lockhart	Geauga County

Heirloom Activity

1st Place	Don Graf/ Kathie Burkman	Crawford County
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Junior Department

Photography - Sunrise/ Sunset - 8 & Under

1st Place	Claire Hogue	Muskingum County
2nd Place	Madelyn Nordquest	Columbiana County

Junior Department

Photography - Sunrise/ Sunset - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Ian Munoz	Butler County
2nd Place	Leah Faye Acker	Wayne County
3rd Place	Owen Davis	Darke County

Photography - Sunrise/ Sunset - 12-14 years old

1st Place	Carson Haney	Clermont County
2nd Place	Jakob Harrison	Darke County
3rd Place	Alexa Munoz	Butler County

Photography - Patriotic Photo - 8 & Under

1st Place	Leah Faye Acker	Wayne County
2nd Place	Brandon Davis	Darke County

Photography - Patriotic Photo - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Ian Munoz	Butler County
2nd Place	Owen Davis	Darke County
3rd Place	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland County

Photography - Patriotic Photo - 12-14 years old

1st Place	Naomi Sparks	Butler County
2nd Place	Bryson Nusbaum	Richland County
3rd Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County

Photography - Country Scene - 8 & Under

1st Place	Keria Emrick	Darke County
2nd Place	Leah Faye Acker	Wayne County
3rd Place	Levi Nordquest	Columbiana County

Photography - Country Scene 9-11 years old

1st Place	Owen Nordquest	Columbiana County
2nd Place	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland County
3rd Place	Ian Munoz	Butler County

Photography - Country Scene 12-14 years old

1st Place	Bryson Nusbaum	Richland County
2nd Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County
3rd Place	Alexa Munoz	Butler County

Photography - Grange/Community Service 8 & Under

1st Place	Brandon Davis	Darke County
2nd Place	Leah Faye Acker	Wayne County

Photography - Grange/Community Service 9-11 years

1st Place	Kylee Emrick	Darke County
2nd Place	Ian Munoz	Butler County
3rd Place	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland County

Photography - Grange/Community Service 12-14 years

1st Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County
2nd Place	Alexa Munoz	Butler County
3rd Place	Bryson Nusbaum	Richland County

Photography - Pets - 8 & Under

1st Place	Levi Nordquest	Columbiana County
2nd Place	Abigail Casseday	Washington County
3rd Place	Brandon Davis	Darke County

Photography - Pets - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Owen Nordquest	Columbiana County
2nd Place	Haddie Gilpin	Darke County
3rd Place	Owen Davis	Darke County

2023 Convention Winners

Junior Department

Photography - Pets - 12-14 years old

1st Place	Logan Shold	Wayne County
2nd Place	Destiny Kienzle	Hocking County
3rd Place	Bryson Nusbaum	Richland County

Art - City Scope - 8 & Under

1st Place	Christopher Casseday	Washington County
2nd Place	Levi Nordquest	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Branson Wolfenbarger	Hocking County

Art - City Scope - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Owen Davis	Darke County
2nd Place	Kylee Emrick	Darke County
3rd Place	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland County

Art - City Scope - 12-14 year old

1st Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County
2nd Place	Daniel Davis	Darke County
3rd Place	Alexa Munoz	Butler County

Art - Portrait - 8 & Under

1st Place	Christopher Casseday	Washington County
2nd Place	Abigail Casseday	Washington County
3rd Place	Keria Emrick	Darke County

Art - Portrait - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Bennett Hogue	Muskingum County
2nd Place	Truett Layman	Darke County
3rd Place	Owen Davis	Darke County

Art - Portrait - 12-14 year old

1st Place	Phoebe Sparks	Butler County
2nd Place	Alexa Munoz	Butler County

Art - Cartoon Character - 8 & Under

1st Place	Honor Layman	Darke County
2nd Place	Keira Emrick	Darke County
3rd Place	Alex Clopp	Darke County

Art - Cartoon Character - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Bennett Hogue	Muskingum County
2nd Place	Truett Layman	Darke County
3rd Place	Kylee Emrick	Darke County

Art - Cartoon Character - 12-14 year old

1st Place	Destiny Kienzle	Hocking County
2nd Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County
3rd Place	Bryson Nusbaum	Richland County

Art - Mythological Creatuer - 8 & Under

1st Place	Keria Emrick	Darke County
2nd Place	Christopher Casseday	Washington County
3rd Place	Eden Layman	Darke County

Art - Mythological Creature - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Owen Davis	Darke County
2nd Place	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland County
3rd Place	Bennett Hogue	Muskingum County

Art - Mythological Creature - 12-14 year old

1st Place	Phoebe Sparks	Butler County
2nd Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County
3rd Place	Carson Haney	Clermont County

Junior Department

Art - Computer Generated - 8 & Under

1st Place	Honor Layman	Darke County
2nd Place	Brandon Davis	Darke County
3rd Place	Eden Layman	Darke County

Art - Computer Generated - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Truett Layman	Darke County
2nd Place	Kylee Emrick	Darke County
3rd Place	Owen Davis	Darke County

Art - Computer Generated - 12-14 year old

1st Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County
2nd Place	Daniel Davis	Darke County
3rd Place	Jakob Harrison	Darke County

Craft - Fridge Critters - 8 & Under

1st Place	John Shaeffer	Fairfield County
2nd Place	Gretchen Blosser	Fairfield County
3rd Place	Christopher Casseday	Washington County
4th Place	Avery Swaggard	Columbiana County
5th Place	Aliyah Noble	Columbiana County
6th Place	Honor Layman	Darke County
7th Place	Abigail Casseday	Washington County
8th Place	Eden Layman	Darke County

Craft - Fridge Critters - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Haylie Blosser	Fairfield County
2nd Place	Jozua Hugus	Fairfield County
3rd Place	Keely Pishner	Meigs County
4th Place	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland County
5th Place	Olivia Wetzal	Clermont County
6th Place	Olivia Warren	Fairfield County
7th Place	Hunter McCammon	Columbiana County
8th Place	Ian Munoz	Butler County

Craft - Fridge Critters - 12-14 years old

1st Place	Maya Dunham	Clermont County
2nd Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County
3rd Place	Leah Nipper	Clermont County
4th Place	Alexa Munoz	Butler County
5th Place	Abby Cox	Hocking County
6th Place	Kaylee Cox	Hocking County
7th Place	Logan Shold	Wayne County
8th Place	Carson Haney	Clermont County

Craft - Cardboard Weave - 8 & Under

1st Place	Micah Adkins	Darke County
2nd Place	Honor Layman	Darke County
3rd Place	Eden Layman	Darke County
4th Place	Gretchen Blosser	Fairfield County
5th Place	Autumn Shold	Wayne County
6th Place	Aliyah Noble	Columbiana County
7th Place	Brandon Davis	Darke County
8th Place	Avery Swaggard	Columbiana County

2023 Convention Winners

Junior Department

Craft - Cardboard Weave - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Natalie Shold	Wayne County
2nd Place	Haley Swaggard	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Hunter McCammon	Columbiana County
4th Place	Natalie Weinland	Columbiana County
5th Place	Karmyn Carson	Mahoning County
6th Place	Jozua Hugus	Fairfield County
7th Place	Haddie Gilpin	Darke County
8th Place	Haylie Blosser	Fairfield County

Craft - Cardboard Weave - 12-14 years old

1st Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County
2nd Place	Logan Shold	Wayne County
3rd Place	Moxon Gilpin	Darke County
4th Place	Jakob Harrison	Darke County
5th Place	Abby Cox	Hocking County
6th Place	Joey Clopp	Darke County
7th Place	Daniel Davis	Darke County

Craft - Paper Cup Lantern - 8 & Under

1st Place	Honor Layman	Darke County
2nd Place	John Shaeffer	Fairfield County
3rd Place	Hamilton Greve	Darke County
4th Place	Keria Emrick	Darke County
5th Place	Levi Nordquest	Columbiana County
6th Place	Brandon Davis	Darke County
7th Place	Autumn Shold	Wayne County
8th Place	Gretchen Blosser	Fairfield County

Craft - Paper Cup Lantern - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Owen Davis	Darke County
2nd Place	Natalie Weinland	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Owen Nordquest	Columbiana County
4th Place	Haylie Blosser	Fairfield County
5th Place	Jozua Hugus	Fairfield County
6th Place	Haddie Gilpin	Darke County
7th Place	Keely Pishner	Meigs County
8th Place	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland County

Craft - Paper Cup Lantern - 12-14 years old

1st Place	Leah Nipper	Clermont County
2nd Place	Maya Dunham	Clermont County
3rd Place	Carson Haney	Clermont County
4th Place	Bryson Nusbaum	Richland County
5th Place	Moxon Gilpin	Darke County
6th Place	Logan Shold	Wayne County
7th Place	Joey Clopp	Darke County
8th Place	Jakob Harrison	Darke County

Craft - Stained Glass Tissue Painting - 8 & Under

1st Place	Aliyah Noble	Columbiana County
2nd Place	Autumn Shold	Wayne County
3rd Place	Branson Wolfenbarger	Hocking County
4th Place	John Shaeffer	Fairfield County
5th Place	Gretchen Blosser	Fairfield County

Junior Department

Craft - Stained Glass Tissue Painting - 8 & Under continued

6th Place	Avery Swaggard	Columbiana County
7th Place	Keria Emrick	Darke County
8th Place	Hamilton Greve	Darke County

Craft - Stained Glass Tissue Painting - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Haley Swaggard	Columbiana County
2nd Place	Kaitlynn Cross	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Natalie Weinland	Columbiana County
4th Place	Jozua Hugus	Fairfield County
5th Place	Natalie Shold	Wayne County
6th Place	Owen Nordquest	Columbiana County
7th Place	Olivia Warren	Fairfield County
8th Place	Sophia DeBell	Clermont County

Craft - Stained Glass Tissue Painting - 12-14 years

1st Place	Logan Shold	Wayne County
2nd Place	Maya Dunham	Clermont County
3rd Place	Carson Haney	Clermont County
4th Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County
5th Place	Joey Clopp	Darke County
6th Place	Moxon Gilpin	Darke County
7th Place	Daniel Davis	Darke County
8th Place	Jakob Harrison	Darke County

Craft - Salt Painting - 8 & Under

1st Place	Branson Wolfenbarger	Hocking County
2nd Place	Autumn Shold	Wayne County
3rd Place	Riley Russell	OSG Morrow County
4th Place	Claire Hogue	Muskingum County
5th Place	Levi Nordquest	Columbiana County
6th Place	Gretchen Blosser	Fairfield County
7th Place	Abigail Casseday	Washington County
8th Place	Christopher Casseday	Washington County

Craft - Salt Painting - 9-11 years old

1st Place	Natalie Shold	Wayne County
2nd Place	Natalie Weinland	Columbiana County
3rd Place	Kaitlynn Cross	Columbiana County
4th Place	Haley Swaggard	Columbiana County
5th Place	Owen Nordquest	Columbiana County
6th Place	Haylie Blosser	Fairfield County
7th Place	Calen Clopp	Darke County
8th Place	Truett Layman	Darke County

Craft - Salt Painting - 12-14 years old

1st Place	Abby Cox	Hocking County
2nd Place	Maya Dunham	Clermont County
3rd Place	Moxon Gilpin	Darke County
4th Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke County
5th Place	Kaylee Cox	Hocking County
6th Place	Destiny Kienzle	Hocking County
7th Place	Logan Shold	Wayne County
8th Place	Phoebe Sparks	Butler County

Ohio State Grange Master's Address 150th Ohio State Grange Annual Session

To the Officers, Delegates and Members of The Ohio State Grange:

Greetings and Welcome to the 150th Annual Session of the Ohio State Grange. It has been a very eventful first year as your state master as we are entering this milestone celebration of our organization.

Directly after being elected as your State Master during last year's convention, I was excited to attend the National Convention, which was hosted in Sparks, Nevada, with the First Lady. During the course of the week, we served as delegates that provided a new and rewarding experience at the national level. It was there, during those important sessions with so many great minds, we were able to become more involved in the process to see resolutions from Ohio, as well as other states, have the potential to become Grange policy.

After the conclusion of the National Convention, I had a renewed sense of pride in the organization and was ready to begin working with my new staff members in the office. We worked together getting acclimated with new systems, hired a new bookkeeper, and were faced with several other challenges including switching to a new phone company. It was a troubling time, and I greatly appreciate the support and patience from all of our members while we were working hard to keep everybody connected with the office. Additionally, there are upcoming changes to our websites, emails and a new Family Matters distribution list regarding important announcements to be later communicated.

In mid-January, it was brought to my attention that the camp where we've hosted Junior camp at for several years was no longer able to facilitate our annual needs. With the help of our Junior Directors a replacement was found at Camp Asbury in Hiram, Ohio where camp was held in July of 2023. The juniors were pleased with the replacement camp and found many new exciting activities to try.

Another new change that occurred early in my term was the news that the company who was contracted to print the monthly magazine would be closing their operations. As I was limited on time and unable to secure another printer for the next publication, it was discovered that the machine in our office was capable of performing the printing, folding and stapling needs for us to meet our next mailing deadline. A huge thanks to the Executive Board for their approval in allowing us to complete this action in the office which saved us money versus the use of a printing company. While I recognize this is more work for the office staff, in the long run, it will continue to be more cost effective and better quality.

I would like to see the Ohio State Grange build and strengthen in our Junior, Youth, Family and Deaf Activities Programs. In keeping with the theme of growth, the Junior and Youth directors strive to support these by continually coming up with new ideas to keep the younger generations actively engaged. I have always been partial to the younger members of the organization and enjoy spending time with them during their annual summer camps. With our continued support of these groups, future Grange leaders can mature and flourish within the organization. There are no small jobs within our Grange, and with that I am actively seeking the Director roles to be filled in our Deaf and Legislative departments. These programs contain very pertinent information and are extremely beneficial to our members which impact our everyday life.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to those who have gone the extra mile to help me in this new chapter with the Grange. To my State Officers, Deputies, Directors and Committee Members, you all work extremely hard and tirelessly, and I greatly value the time and effort you have put forth in making the Grange a success.

I would like to say a special thank you to our sons & daughters-in-law. Jim & Sandy, Scott & Jennifer for just being there when we needed you or answering the many technical questions when we needed answers. Thank you so much. To our 4 granddaughters for understanding that grandpa & grandma can't make it to all your events but will try our best.

To my wife, Debbie, there are not enough words to thank you for all that you've done in the office as well as in my everyday life. You are always there when needed, and the one person I can always count on.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, I would like to say "Thank You" in advance to all of the Grange Members for stepping up to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Fraternally Submitted
Mike Russell, Master/President
Ohio State Grange

Did You Know?

Santa Claus isn't the only winter figure with a jolly nature. While people born during the spring and summer months tend to have "excessively positive temperaments," they're also "more likely to experience rapid shifts in mood," according to 2011 research published in the Journal of Affective Disorder. On the other hand, those who made their entrance into the world during winter are "less likely to have irritable temperaments."

STATE DARTBALL TOURNAMENT

Ohio Grange April 6th, 2024

What is Dartball? Short answer- It's a family affair. That's right, unlike many sports, the entire family can participate in the sport of Dartball: grandma, grandpa, dad, mom, brothers and sisters and all of your cousins.

Dartball is a sport that can accommodate those with disabilities. It is easy to make adjustments. For example, moving the batter closer to the dartboard if a player is in a wheelchair, using a walker or dealing with limited arm movement. It is all about helping every person who wants to participate and have fun competing.

Saturday, April 6th tournament. With that being said, it is time to talk about the Ohio State Grange Dartball Tournament sponsored by Knox County Granges which is open to all Granges in all 88 counties in Ohio. On April 6, 2024 the Ohio State Grange Dartball Tournament will be played at The Fredericktown Schools Administration building, 117 Columbus Road Fredericktown, Ohio. The Captain's meeting will begin at 9:00am and the tournament will begin at 10:00am. Every Ohio Grange is encouraged to put a team together and participate.

How is Dartball played? Today's American style Dartball is modeled after our American favorite pastime sport-Baseball. The dartboard is a 4-foot square board which resembles a baseball diamond with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, home base, foul ball, outs, and strike areas on the board. The Dartball board height must be 54 inches from the floor to the center of the board. The 6 ½ inch Apex No.2, 3 or 4 feather wooden dart is used in all competitive matches with a pitching distance (the line from which you throw the dart at the board) of 20 feet. All darts must be thrown underhanded. As in baseball, each team takes a turn at "bat", the other team takes the "field" during the 9-inning game. Each team gets 3 outs. As in baseball, a batter can advance a runner around the bases to score a run. The team that scores the most runs at the end of 9 innings wins, or at the end of overtime innings should both teams be tied at the end of 9 innings.

Team Makeup: These rules apply specifically to the April 6, 2024 Ohio Grange State Dartball Tournament. Each team will consist of 6 to 9 players.

For each team with less than 6 players, an automatic out must be taken, but may be placed anywhere in the lineup. 5 is the minimum players allowed for a team. Junior Grangers 10 and older, are allowed to play if a team is in need of players. A team can also use 2 non-Grange members to play on their team if they cannot field 6 players. If an individual Grange does not have enough Dartball players to field a team, they can combine with other Granges from

their county and/or another county to fill their roster.

Format for Tournament play will be a Round Robin Tournament. In past years, the tournament has been completed before 3 pm. The top 4 Teams receive plaques. Lunch & refreshments will be available during the tournament.

How do I sign up? Send your name, mailing address, email address and telephone/cellphone number to:

R. Dave Daniels,

Secretary/Treasurer-OSG Dartball Tournament Committee
Cell Phone # 419-612-8178

Email: rddaniel9@gmail.com

10181 Gregg Rd., Fredericktown, OH 43019

Ned Campbell,

Chair-OSG State Dartball Tournament Committee

Cell Phone# 740-398-4587

Email: can@ecr.net

We do have a number of previous Grange participants on our mailing list, but to be sure your county and/or Grange gets on the list, please contact Dave Daniels.

If you want to get into the April 6th Ohio State Grange Tournament and would like guidance on putting a team together, please contact Dave Daniels. We want to give everyone the opportunity to participate, and are willing to help you get there. Entry forms will be emailed/USPS mailed in February 2024 and will be available on the Ohio State Grange Web Site. All entries must be post-marked no later than March 22, 2024 (2 weeks prior to the tournament).



2024 OHIO STATE GRANGE DARTBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

_____ Grange No. _____ County _____
 _____ Grange No. _____ County _____
 _____ Grange No. _____ County _____

The Ohio Grange Dartball Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at the Fredericktown Schools Administration Building, 117 Columbus Rd., Fredericktown, OH., 43019.

The tournament will be hosted by Knox County.

9:00 a.m. - The Team Captains' meeting will be held to review 2024 Tournament Rules and discuss planning for the 2025 tournament. A representative from each team should attend this meeting.

10:00 a.m. - Announcements concerning the tournament will be made and tournament play will begin in the following format:

- A 1 or 2 Division - Round Robin Tournament (same as previous years)
- The top teams from each division will play-off for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th plaques
- ** A "Novelty Board Competition" will be held from 9-10 am and during lunch break.
- ** Refreshments/Lunch will be served by Knox County Granges.

Mail entry to: Dave Daniels OSGDTC Sec./Treas. 10181 Gregg Rd. Fredericktown, OH 43019

Mail entry form no later than March 22, 2024 along with the \$30.00 entry fee per team. Make checks payable to Ohio State Grange Dartball.

Family Activities Spring Fling Conferences

Spring Fling 1 Saturday, April 13, 2024
Valley College Grange, Wayne Co.
2411 Shreve Rd, Wooster, Ohio

Spring Fling 2 Saturday, April 20, 2024
Frontline Church Of God (host: Clearcreek Valley Grange)
5195 Amanda Northern Rd, Amanda, Ohio

10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

We will attend: Spring Fling 1 _____ Spring Fling 2 _____

Name _____	Phone Number _____
_____	(____) _____
_____	(____) _____
_____	(____) _____

County _____ Grange _____

Mail this form (or a copy) with your check \$20.00 per person by April 8 for Spring Fling 1 or April 15 for Spring Fling 2 to: **Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019-9585**

Anyone may attend the conferences. You do not need to be the Committee Person of your Grange to attend.

Lecturer/Community Service Conference

Saturday, March 2, 2024 - Ohio State Grange Office - 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Name _____	Phone Number _____
_____	(____) _____
_____	(____) _____
_____	(____) _____

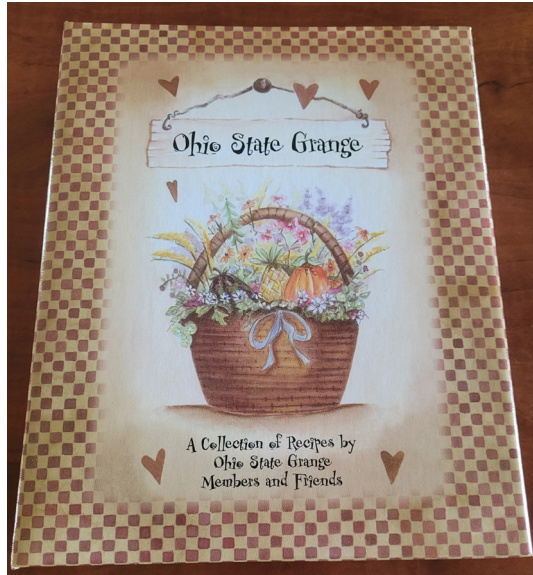
County _____ Grange _____

Mail this form (or a copy) with your check \$20.00 per person by February 24 to:

Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019-9585

Anyone may attend the conferences. You do not need to be the Committee Person of your Grange to attend.

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The next issue is planned for
March - April 2024
 Please have all articles and news items
 to Jim Grafton by January 20, 2024

Calendar

January 2024

5-7 Winter Youth Camp, OSG Office, Fredericktown
 10 Board Meeting

February 2024

14 Board Meeting

March 2024

2 Lecturer/Community Service Conf. OSG Office,
 Fredericktown

April 2024

6 Dartball Tournament, Fredericktown, Knox Co.
 13 Spring Fling, Valley College Grange, Wayne Co.
 13 Junior Shut-in, OSG Office, Fredericktown
 14 Junior/Youth Conference, OSG Office, Fredericktown
 20 Spring Fling, Frontline Church, Fairfield Co.

Ohio Grangers attending National Grange Convention, Niagara Falls, New York



front row: Gavin Carter, Valerie Carter, Crockett Carter.
 Middle row: Joyce Blosser, Emma Ashley, Kea Shaffer, Judy Carrick, Viola Wayne, Rachel Carter.
 Back Row: Diana Nordquest, Carl Cognion, Sherry Cognion, Nathan Carter, Keith Ashley, Bryce Carter, Sharon Orce, Mike Russell, Deb Russell. Not Pictured: Noah Blosser.

Spotlight on New Youth Members

We would like to recognize and celebrate new Youth members who have joined subordinate Grange. Please email us your new member name(s), Grange, and county throughout the year and we will recognize them in each Granger edition.



L - R, Sarah Houchin, Kaylee Cox, Master Carolyn Kienzle, Isaac Kienzle, & Destiny Kienzle

In November, Ewing Grange #2082 in Hocking County gained four subordinate Grange members who transitioned from Juniors to Youth: Kaylee Cox, Sarah Houchin, Destiny Kienzle, and Isaac Kienzle. We look forward to them being involved in the Youth programs!