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Ohio State Grange

150 Years

Looking Forward To The Future

As the warm summer days are here; so are many Grange activities. We hope you are taking part in some of the activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the Deputies, State Officers & Directors conference May 6th 2023. I would like to thank everyone who played a part in making this a successful day.

Would like to thank everyone who attended Rural Life Sunday held on May 7th 2023, or had a part in making it a wonderful service and lunch.

Summer youth camp was held June 12th-15th at the Rustic Cedar Inn in Logan, Ohio. Debbie & I had a great time spending a day with the youth. What a great group of youth to work with. We want to thank Youth Director Teresa Burk, assisted by Sandy Russell for all their hard work to make it a great camp.

Also, family campout was held on June 23rd thru the 25th at Whispering Hills RV Park in Big Prairie, Ohio. All who attended had a great weekend and it was great to share fellowship with all the Grange family and friends again.

Debbie and I are looking forward to spending a day at junior camp at Camp Asbury in Hiram, Ohio July 5th thru the 8th. It was a great day getting to know all of the junior campers and working with this great group of juniors.

Remember the Ohio State Fair is coming up July 26th thru August 6th. If you would like to work at the Grange booth during the fair contact JoAnn Ingram at 740-374-5001 for details.

It is not too soon to be thinking about convention. This will be held October 26th thru 29th. It will be held at the Marriott North Dublin again this year. The information and registration form is in this magazine. Make sure to watch the deadlines.

Also be sure to get your resolutions to state convention into the office by September 1st, 2023.

Again we wish everyone a wonderful and blessed summer.

Did You Know?

Most Americans live within 100 miles of a dairy farm — making dairy farms the ultimate local businesses! The total economic impact of dairy products produced and sold in Ohio is \$35.1 billion, which generates 136,300 jobs for Ohioans

From National Grange concerning the Kelly Farm

The Grange Foundation has voted to no longer accept donations for the Kelly Farm. For the last eight years we have received very little in contributions, and we have learned that the Farm no longer has any mention of the Grange in their displays. They do not have the Grange meeting set up in the house or any Grange displays in the visitors' center. Of course, your Granges are welcome to send donations directly to the Farm if they wish, but we will no longer serve as middleman.

Please let your Granges know they should not send Kelly Farm donations to the National Grange office.

Delegate Information

Information for the delegates for the State Grange Convention. This will be held from October 26th to the 29th. It will be held at the Marriott North in Dublin, Ohio. The delegates will work with their committee on their resolution on Thursday afternoon October 26th. You also have the option of doing it virtually with the rest of the committee if that is agreed upon by the whole committee. The regular session will begin on Friday morning at 9:00 am in the session room.

Grange History Committee

The Grange History Committee is working on the history display for the upcoming state convention in October celebrating our 150th year. They are asking anyone that might have old pictures or pictures of any Grange events that they could borrow that would be greatly appreciated. If you do please contact Kevin Evans at 419-560-4791. Thank you.

Attention Secretaries

We are trying to update the member database in the office as it is out of date. If you would please send us a list of your members and their addresses if possible that would be a big help. We realize with all the other work you do this is an extra job. This is the only way we can possibly have a correct listing of your current members. If you could send it as soon as possible then we can get it updated. This helps us to send out the September monthly to everyone. Please send the list to the attention of Debbie Russell at Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown 43019.

Make sure to put your Grange name on the list. I thank you for all your help and have a wonderful blessed day.

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Watershed ~ Our Water, Our Home

This devotional is a condensed version from Rural Life Sunday at the McCutchenville Trinity UCC and was adapted from the writing of Gina DeMarco, District Manager Northern RI Conservation District. A special thanks to the McCutchen Grange members especially Harry Traxler for being an integral part of this service.

Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessings of God. But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed plus in the end it will be burned. Hebrews 6:7-8.

The original recipients of the letter of Hebrews were familiar with farming, so the writer uses a metaphor that will speak to them of spiritual matters using something familiar to them, the importance of penetrating rain in producing a crop. It is the slow, frequent rain that is most beneficial to the land. The land must drink it in - absorb it - in order for the water to make its way into the roots of the plant and produce a useful crop of vegetables, fruits, or grains.

If the land is made up of hard packed soil, the rain may be falling, but the crops will not benefit, because the rain will wash off the surface bringing valuable top soil with it. The soil must receive the rain, and the roots of the crops help hold the soil and stop it from washing away.

As the world has developed over the past 2,000 years, we have come to learn the same is true in other types of landscapes; if they are hard or cannot be penetrated, there can be problems. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, when the ground is composed of more than 10% asphalt, buildings, concrete and other materials that water cannot penetrate, the earth is not able to filter out pollutants.

Water is considered the universal solvent meaning that many things dissolve in it. As rain water runs over the surface of the land, it picks up pesticides, fertilizers, road salt, animal waste, automotive fluids and other chemicals – and carries them to the lowest point, which is where water collects – a pond, river, ocean, reservoir, etc. Pollutants from the land that penetrate into the ground during rain can threaten our ground water. This is how a watershed works.

I am a member of the 2018 Leadership Coshocton class. This is something that I should have participated in 20 years ago. During last month's Ag Day class, we were able to see pollution in action with a land model. By simulating pollution (auto oil down the storm drain, animal waste

washed away, etc.), on the landscape and with a good rain could easily see how unwanted things could get into our water system. How many remember about 25 years ago when the Cuyahoga River caught on fire in Cleveland? With a concerted effort and legislation regulating pollutants being dumped in to the river, that is now much better!

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A watershed is the land that water flows across or under on its way to a stream, river, or lake. Land and water are connected. What happens on the land, impacts the quality of water.

To apply our scripture to our lives metaphorically, we must consider that we are the land, the Holy Spirit is the rain, the roots are our commitment to Christ and the crop is the fruit of our lives.

If we are the land, we can compare our receptiveness to the rain to the condition of our hearts before God. If our hearts and minds are hard and do not allow the convicting power of the Holy Spirit to penetrate and change us, then it will do us no good. It can actually do us harm because our hearts will become hardened like Pharaoh in the Old Testament book of Exodus. There are no roots to hold the soil in place. The product of our lives will be like the thorns and thistles and hurt other people and the heart of God.

Think of your life, what flows out of it? Is it life giving and full of fruit of the Spirit or destructive and full of thorns and thistles that hurt others?

God has redeemed us and He calls us to be redemptive. We live in a troubled, broken world marred by sin. Sometimes we are destructive without intent – yet the water still runs off and harms God's human and non-human creation.

What does your life shed onto those around you? Regardless of what that may have been in the past, you can begin to produce fruit – you can be redeemed by Jesus and redemptive toward others and God's natural creation – the earth and the creatures on it.

As we pray to God for rain to water our crops and

Chaplain Continued on page 6.

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Happy Summer Everyone! Thank you Mike for asking me to serve as Youth Director and I look forward to growing our youth program.

The youth spent a wonderful summer camp at the beautiful Rustic Cedar Inn located in Logan OH. We started off camp on Monday with some ice breakers, getting to know you games and ended the evening with a movie night. Tuesday we covered ritual, prepped packages for the local food bank, went swimming, worked on their Emoji jar craft, and enjoyed a night of food and fellowship with Ewing Grange. Thank you Ewing Grange for providing the potluck meal and great company! Thank you also to Mike and Debbie Russell for spending Tuesday with us.

Some of Wednesday's activities included a 2nd community service project, resolution writing, a 150th celebration activity, canvas paint, root beer floats, bingo and line dancing. Thursday we discussed possible future activities and wrapped up camp. Thank you to Sandy Russell for all your assistance! Pictures will be posted on Facebook and (time permitting) at convention.

Convention this year will be held at the Marriott Northwest Columbus, Dublin, OH from October 26th to 29th; more information on scheduling will be communicated as soon as it is available. Anyone interested in applying for Ambassador or Young Couple will need to

complete the entry form below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via phone (937) 621-2200 or email burkt09@gmail.com. Thank you to everyone who has assisted the youth program and for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you all at convention and enjoy the rest of your summer!

**Mr and Miss Junior Grange Ohio (Age 5-7) and
JUNIOR GRANGE PRINCE AND PRINCESS
(Age 8-12)
ENTRY FORM**

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____
_____ Junior Grange # _____
in _____ County _____

Send Form along with resume by September 1, 2021 to: Elizabeth Tolley 429 Hester Ave Alliance, Ohio 44601; or email to ohiojuniorgrange@gmail.com, Directors of Junior Grange.

AMBASSADOR & YOUNG COUPLES ENTRY FORM

FEMALE AMBASSADOR:

Name _____ County _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

MALE AMBASSADOR:

Name _____ County _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

YOUNG COUPLE:

Husband: _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____
Wife _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____ Date Joined Grange _____ Date of Marriage _____

Please email completed forms to: burkt09@gmail.com or mail them to: Teresa Burk, 1616 Etruria Street, East Liverpool, OH 43920. Deadline for registration is October 1st.

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Ohio Lecturers: Educating and Entertaining For 150 Years

Ohio State Grange is 150 years old! What an amazing anniversary that all Granges should be celebrating! The Community Service Department is asking to do 150 of something new to celebrate. Lecturers work with your Grange's Community Service chair to plan and carry out a special project. Share your project with Kevin Evans so he can share it on the Ohio State Grange Community Service Facebook page.

The National Grange Lecturer's Department has a long history with the Quilts of Valor Program. Ohio State Grange will be presenting at least 4 quilts to Grangers who are Veterans. I am accepting names of people to receive a quilt. The names will be accepted until September 15, 2023. The recipients will be selected from names submitted and recipients will be notified so they can arrange to be at convention.

The State Talent contest was held on June 17, 2023. Thank you to all who entered and those who stayed after the conference to be part of the audience. Winners and pictures will be in the next Ohio Granger.

Creative Writing, Programs to Share, Lecturer's Notebooks and year-end reports are due to me by September 1, 2023. The Program to Share categories are: Celebrating Ohio Grange's 150th Anniversary, Safety and Other. I would like to see every Grange submit a Lecturer's Report this year.

When entering the Creative Writing contest, please review the rules. Many good entries are disqualified because of length or not including information required in the Read-a-Book.

CREATIVE WRITING

Class A Poetry – Adult/Subordinate, including Non-Members

Class B Prose – Adult/Subordinate Theme – My Best Grange Memory

Class C Read-the-Book – Fiction

Class D Read-the-Book – Non- Fiction

Class E Write-a-song – Adult/Subordinate

RULES FOR CREATIVE WRITING ENTRIES:

1. Poetry entries are limited to 300 words.
2. Class A Non-Member entries must be sponsored by a local grange. And is the only category open to non-members.
3. Prose entries limited one typed page.
4. Read-the-Book is limited to 300 words. Tell why you enjoyed the book and why you think someone else would en-

joy it. Include the suggested age level of the book.

5. For Class E, write new words to a familiar song that can be used in a grange program. Song should contain 2-4 verses. Include the song title of the tune used. Do not include the music due to copyright laws.

6. All entries should be mailed or emailed to the State Lecturer by September 1, 2023. Entries will be displayed and / or published in the Ohio Granger only if a statement granting permission is signed by the writer is included.

7. Winners will be announced at the Ohio Granger.

Enjoy your summer and stay safe! Contact me if you have any questions or need any help with Lecturer's programs.

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feed our nation, let us take the time to also pray for spiritual revival, rain of the Holy Spirit and spiritual fruit to feed those around us. As we look upon the dry cracked land, we must search our very souls and ask if our hearts are like that soil. Make a conscious decision to allow the work of the Holy Spirit, the rain sent from God, to enter in and flow through us!

Thought for the day ~ If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

***If your county is interested in hosting Rural Life Sunday next year, please let me know. That date will be May 5, 2024. ***



Rural Life Sunday Photos

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The first quarter for 2023 is completed. We have 100 Granges in the State of Ohio. Our Grange membership is 2,326 and 113 Junior members.

When the Secretaries send in your quarterly reports, please send the check with it at the same time. This will help the process at the office.

The Delegate election is over and I would like to thank everyone that participated. We will be seeing some new Delegates at the State Convention this year. The State Master, Mike Russell is planning for the Delegates to have time on Thursday at convention for the committees to work on their resolutions. Each committee will make their own plans.

I am happy to see all the Grangers at the many events the last few months.

I have been amazed at how busy our Secretaries are. I have called them on the phone and they answer on a mission trip out of state, on vacation out of the country, etc. It shows their devotion to their job. I even had a secretary one day as she was going to get her papers to fix a minor problem, saying "Why did I take this job?" (I could hear her in the background). I laughed, it made my day! I say the same thing sometimes when I am writing a sermon to fill in for a pastor.

The choices we make can make a difference if our Granges are going to grow. If we love the Grange, are we honest, friendly, hard working, and willing to try new ideas? If we are, I believe God will make it possible to share this FANTASTIC ORGANIZATION with others!

Secretaries Of The Month

May

Secretary	Grange	County
Darlene Workinger	Plain #2	Stark
Barbara Martindale	Nebraska #64	Pickaway
Karen Streitenberger	Elmdale #2162	Ross
Victor Collen	Ledge #2593	Geauga
Judy Blue	Goshen Comm. #578	Hardin

June

Evelyn Knaup	McCutchchen #2360	Wyandot
Sally Hale	Waterford #231	Washington
Norma Eble	East Plymouth #1548	Ashtabula
Joyce Clemens	Deerfield #1015	Morgan
Dorothy Eckert	Olivesburg #2641	Richland

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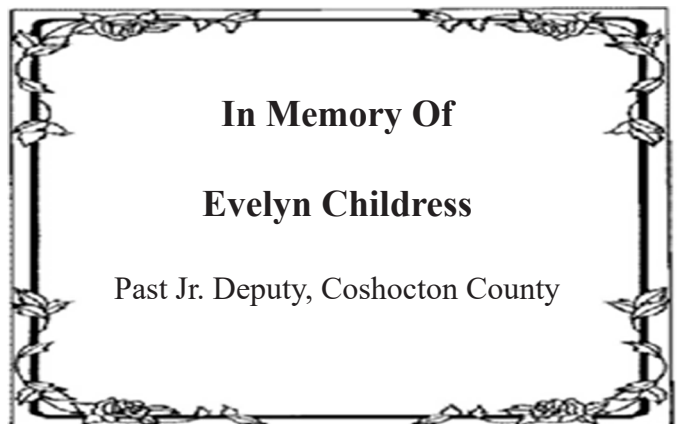
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Hometown Roots.*

**Ohio State Grange
150th Anniversary
1873 - 2023**

**Looking FORWARD To
The Future**

Can you believe that we are wrapping up another Grange year? Your community service report and nominations are due to me on September 1st. It has been exciting celebrating our 150th anniversary of the Grange in Ohio. I look forward to reviewing the Grange reports to see how you have celebrated this year. Remember to email those projects to me so we can share them on our Facebook page so others can see what the Grange is doing to make our communities better. My home Grange celebrated by establishing a high school scholarship program which we are excited to fund as we follow this year's theme - "Looking Forward to the Future". We also continued our Veteran Banner project and brought back Ryan's case for Smiles pillowcase project. We also support the local Jr. Fair awards financially to continue the youth learning more about agriculture.

I know many of you are busy preparing or running a Grange food booth at your county fair. Another great way for exposure to our organization while providing the food and a place to rest and fellowship with friends and family. These also give you the funds to keep your Grange operating and doing other community activities. Just make sure to take a few photos and record them in your report. It feels so good to truly have a year where the pandemic is now in the rear-view mirror. Thank you for your perseverance and fidelity to the Grange. I cherish you all as my Grange family. I have already warned my mailman the reports will be coming.



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Honoring the Past,
While Looking Forward
to the Future****Sarah Casseday**

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We hope all of our juniors and their families are having a wonderful start to the summer!

Camp Updates

- Check in time will be at 1 pm
- There is no heat treat this year with the new camp
- Swim shoes are no longer a requirement with the new lake
- Signs will be posted where to check in and then directions to the bunks will be given.
- Family members are welcome to help setup their child's bunk
- Parents, please talk to your child about possible offices they might be interested in prior to camp. We will go over each office again at camp but some knowledge ahead of time could be beneficial. We are already looking forward to convention in the fall!

Baking Contest

This year the juniors were well represented in all age groups the winners are on page 10.

Junior Prince and Princess

Open to all Junior Grangers ages 8-12 as of September 30, 2023. Pageant will be Saturday Evening of the Ohio State Grange Convention. This will be a two-part Pageant -starting with an informal interview the afternoon of the pageant, and a resume of Junior Grange Activities, along with church, community, school, clubs and different activities for the past two years. Entry Form is on page 5 of this magazine and in 2022-2023 Junior Leader Handbook. Entry forms along with the resume due to Sarah or I by Sept 1st. There will be no county contest, so more than one can run from each Junior Grange/County. The reigning Junior Prince and Princess must remain active in Junior Grange for their reign.

Junior Grange Lock in

We had our lock in again this spring. It was a wonderful event! We would like to thank everyone who brought their juniors to this event!

Junior Day Trips

We did not have a lot of interest for the May Zoo trip. The next Day trip is scheduled for September. Please let us know if this is something you would like us to try to do. This idea was something new we hoped would serve as a way for Granges and Junior Granges to introduce young-

er families into Grange and for our Junior Granges to invite friends to an event. We value your input so please reach out and let us know your thoughts.

Junior Grange Zoom Meeting

We are having bimonthly Zoom Meetings throughout the year to help promote participation and stay connected with the junior leaders. To receive a link for the upcoming meeting- please ensure the junior directors have your current Email and Phone Number.

Junior Grange Report

Please refer to the current Junior Leader Handbook for the details on completing the Junior Grange Report. We greatly appreciate each Junior Grange completing and submitting this report no matter how much or how little your Junior Grange is currently doing. This helps us gauge what parts of the program need changing, and which Junior Granges are active. If you need a copy of the report form, please contact Sarah or I and we will be more than happy to help.

Membership Contest

We are about to start a new cycle for the Junior Grange membership contest! The contest runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 Entries must be submitted by September 1, 2023. There will be an entry form in the Junior Leader Handbook and a future edition of the Ohio Granger Magazine.

Facebook Group

The Junior Grange has a Facebook Group, which is where all updates go out quickly. Please Join our Group (Junior Grange-Ohio)

With all the changes that are coming daily, we will promptly update with any changes that affect the Ohio Junior Grange.

Fraternally yours, Sarah and Elizabeth

Did You Know?

Although small farms make up 72 per cent of all farms, they occupy just 8 per cent of all agricultural land. In contrast, large farms—which account for only 1 per cent of the world's farms—occupy 65 per cent of agricultural land.

2023 Ohio Grange State Dartball Tournament

Nine Grange Teams from Hardin, Knox, Muskingum, and Seneca counties participated in the 2023 Ohio Grange State Dartball Tournament on Saturday April 1st. The Tournament was hosted by Knox County Granges and held at the Fredericktown Schools Administration Building, 117 Columbus Rd., in Fredericktown. Knox County Pomona Grange served refreshments to the 90+ players, spectators, and guests.

Tournament Results were:

- 1st place – Middlebury Grange #192
- 2nd place – Muskingum County Pomona #35
- 3rd place – Loudon Center Grange #2276
- 4th place – Wayne Grange #262.

The 2024 State Dartball Tournament will be hosted again by Knox County Granges on Saturday, April 6th, 2024 starting at 10 am. If your Grange would like to participate, contact the following State Dartball Tournament

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Muskingum County Pomona #35, Muskingum County – 2nd Place

Team Members – Marvin Paul; Caiden Hogue; Roger Hogue; Cameron Hogue; Ron Hogue; Kevin Hogue; Dale Hogue; Bella Lazar; Debra Hogue



Loudon Center Grange #2276, Seneca County 3rd Place

Front Row (L-R) Matt Rainey; Bob Kessler; Jim Rupp; Michelle Rainey. Back Row (L-R) Gene Drake; Sam Waugaman; Ed Waugaman; John Rupp



Middlebury Grange #192, Knox County 1st Place

Front Row (L-R) Jason Nuttall; Bruce Robinson; Kaitlyn Shinaberry; Robert Payne. Back Row (L-R) Howie Miller; Chad Daniels; Trevor Smith; Josh Shinaberry



Wayne Grange #262, Knox County – 4th Place

Front row (L-R) Ed Moore; Dan Moore; Mary Beutel; Bev Edwards. Back Row (L-R) Jordan Miller; Matt Moore; Jim Johnson; John Beutel

Ann Shank - Lyn Shank

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STAY SAFE
STAY CONNECTED
STAY POSITIVE

In this magazine, we have to go back a couple months to catch you up for what has been going on with the Family Activity crowd. We held two Spring Flings again this year. First we met in Wayne County at Valley College Grange in Wooster. We had Kyle Casey from the ODNR, Ohio Department of Natural Resources as our speaker. He spoke on the importance of bats in our world and why we need to help them survive, thrive and have a safe place to live, bat house in the home section of the contests. In the afternoon our speaker was Frank Becker from the Ohio State Extension Office in Wooster. Frank spoke about Victory Gardens, where and when they started, how to get started and what are the best vegetables to plant in the garden. The craft for the day was a "Welcome/Home sign" made of two five foot dog eared fence panel connected together. Everyone also received a Grange emblem and a choice between several options of decorations. The second one was in Fairfield County, hosted by Clearcreek Grange at Frontline Church of God in Amanda, Ohio. The speaker for this day was Diane Stromp from the Linus Project, Blankets for children in trouble. She had blankets cut and we tied them for her and she walked around and talked to everyone. Everyone there then started to paint their "WELCOME/HOME" boards. Our second speaker could not make it, he had COVID. Everyone took a break for lunch and then continued to work on their boards. Several of the boards are pictured in the magazine. Next year's "Spring Flings" are already in the planning stages. Hope to see more of you there.

May was the state baking contest. There were between 20 and 25 entries in each of the subordinate contests. The youth had entries and the junior's three age groups had entries. By the end the judges were on a sugar overload. See the winners:

Before we look to the September October monthly here are a couple things to remember for this 2023 contests. The nifty needle has two sections in each category. **YOU MUST MARK YOUR ENTRIES AS EITHER KNITTED OR CROCHET. IF NOT MARKED THEY WILL NOT BE JUDGED.** We will not try to guess how the entry was made. Please tag the entries with a piece of paper with one safety pin or two pieces of scotch tape so it is easy to read, signed in and then folded over and pinned or taped security to the article before judging. Deputies please make sure you have your paperwork filled out **BEFORE** you get to the check in table so everything flows

smoothly. If you have misplaced yours the entry forms are online. We will be checking in on Wednesday night from 7pm to 9pm. Only Family Activity will be there on Wednesday checking in!! Then we will receive entries on Thursday morning, 8:30 am to 1pm. All entries must be in by 1pm so judging can start at 2:00. The room will be open as much as possible but will not be open during judging. Please be sure to stop in and look at all the beautiful items.

Your Family Activity committee is working on the September October monthly for next year. We greatly appreciate all the suggestions that were given to us at the Spring Flings you may see several. You will also see some changes in contest format, stay tuned!

State Baking Contest Winners

Juniors

8 years & Under

Sprinkle Drop Cookie - 12 entries

1st Place	Branson Wolfenberger	Hocking Co
2nd Place	Levi Nordquest	Columbiana Co
3rd Place	Silas Kramer	Washington Co
4th Place	Eden Layman	Darke Co
5th Place	Riley Russell	Morrow Co
6th Place	Clara Miller	Knox Co
7th Place	Emmett Fitch	Richland Co
8th Place	Gretchen Blosser	Fairfield Co

9-11 years of age

Melt in Your Mouth Cookie - 11 entries

1st Place	Jozua Hugus	Fairfield Co
2nd Place	Truetta Layman	Darke Co
3rd Place	Launce Kramer	Washington Co
4th Place	Owen Davis	Darke Co
5th Place	Jacqueline Coon	Geauga Co
6th Place	Haylie Blosser	Fairfield Co
7th Place	Michael Shaeffer Jr	Fairfield Co
8th Place	Ian Munoz	Butler Co

12-14 years of age

Amish Oatmeal Cookie - 13 entries

1st Place	Joey Clopp	Darke Co
2nd Place	Daniel Davis	Darke Co
3rd Place	Dessie Wolf	Darke Co
4th Place	Kayle Cox	Hocking Co
5th Place	Isaac Kienzle	Hocking Co
6th Place	Abby Cox	Hocking Co
7th Place	Destiny Kienzle	Hocking Co
8th Place	Alexa Munoz	Butler Co

Youth

Your Favorite Chocolate Chip Cookie - 5 entries

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| 1st Place | Jenna Tinker | Stark Co |
| 2nd Place | Amilya Lloyd | Columbiana Co |
| 3rd Place | Hailey Cross | Columbiana Co |
| 4th Place | Nikki Headley | Ashtabula Co |
| 5th Place | Braeligh Blosser | Fairfield Co |

Subordinate

Class A Everything Cookie - 21 entries

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| 1st Place | Carolyn Kienzle | Hocking Co |
| 2nd Place | Debbie Russell | Miami Co |
| 3rd Place | Anne Frizzell | Stark Co |
| 4th Place | Donna Grossman | Geauga Co |
| 5th Place | Rosalie Johnson | Meigs Co |

Class B Men's Cool Whip Cookies - 20 entries

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| 1st Place | Brian Kienzle | Hocking Co |
| 2nd Place | Tim Burns | Athens Co |
| 3rd Place | Steve Echelberry | Muskingum Co |
| 4th Place | Wayne Young | Coshocton Co |
| 5th Place | Brody Nusbaum | Richland Co |

Class C Buckeye Brownie - 24 entries

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| 1st Place | Cathie Wertz | Wayne Co |
| 2nd Place | Pauline Shaeffer | Fairfield Co |
| 3rd Place | Elaine Hoover | Hardin Co |
| 4th Place | Donna Grossman | Geauga Co |
| 5th Place | Diana Nordquest | Columbiana Co |

Class D Seven-layer Cookies - 23 entries

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| 1st Place | Diana Lands | Pickaway Co |
| 2nd Place | Phyllis Reynolds | Washington Co |
| 3rd Place | Crystal Patton | Hocking Co |
| 4th Place | Dorothy Spring | Mercer Co |
| 5th Place | Carolyn Kerr | Coshocton Co |



Did You Know?

Farm and ranch families make up just two percent of the U.S. population, while most people are at least three generations removed from agriculture.

Family Activity Spring Fling April 15



Family Activity Spring Fling April 22



Family Activity Fleece Blanket Donation

Family Activity Eyeglasses Donation To VOSH



Youth Camp - Rustic Cedar Inn - Logan, Ohio



150th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE OHIO STATE GRANGE
Marriott Columbus Northwest-Dublin, Ohio
5605 Blazer Pkwy, Dublin 43017, 614.791.1000
October 26, 27, 28 and 29, 2023

The information for registering and meal reservations for the 2023 Ohio State Grange session is in this article.
ALL persons - participants and visitors - who are registering for the session are to use the
SESSION REGISTRATION and MEAL RESERVATION FORM.

Register your guest rooms directly with the hotel. Call 1.614.791.1000 by Friday, October 6, 2023, and, for the group rate, tell the hotel clerk, "Ohio State Grange" or "OSG". The Room Rate is \$132.00, plus occupancy and sales tax, per room per night. Breakfast is included for all registered guests and will begin at 6:30 a.m. To guarantee room rate and availability, registrations are to be made by the October 6th deadline. Reservations made after that date will be provided on a 'space available' basis and may be subject to a higher rate. All rooms must be guaranteed with a qualifying form of payment. (A valid credit card is best.) Check in: 3:00 p.m.; check out: noon.

Notify the hotel clerk if you want to reserve your room for Thursday and/or Sunday nights when making your guest room reservations by telephone. Persons staying for only part of the nights need to register accordingly.

Hotel amenities include ample free parking, Wi-Fi throughout the entire hotel, in-room coffee makers, refrigerator, ironing boards and irons, hair dryer, voicemail, restaurant, indoor swimming pool, and business work center with computers and internet access.

Please note that you probably won't be able to check into your guest room until 3:00 pm.

Advance registration for the 150th Annual Ohio State Grange Session is required. The advanced registration process allows for printing the name badges and determines the meal reservations and seating. The Grange Banquet, Youth/Junior Luncheon, and pizza for Saturday night are, as stated above, to be ordered in advance through the Ohio State Grange Office. **Please complete the entire form and return it by October 1st. There will be no additional meal event tickets available at the State Office during the session.**

The Session Opening in the Sixth Degree will be Friday morning. Please make sure you are seated and prepared to begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Following the usual formalities, the Session will be lowered to the Fourth degree admitting any additional members and the work session will begin.

For general information, there is a restaurant in the hotel named Two Brother. They may be running a special menu or buffet for \$15.00.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the State office at 740.694.0211

No payments will be accepted during the Annual Session

The Granger Magazine renewal form may be placed in a designated box in the OSG Office. **Each form must have a check or \$5.00 clipped to the form (clips will be provided).**

150th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE OHIO STATE GRANGE – Marriott Columbus Northwest, Dublin

October 26, 27, 28, and 29, 2023

SESSION REGISTRATION and MEAL RESERVATION FORM

This form is for EVERYONE. ALL Delegates, Deputies, Directors, Officers, State Committee Members, Youth, Juniors, and Visitors. THIS FORM and ALL FEES are due to Ohio State Grange on or before Oct. 1st.

REGISTRATION FEE:

Registration fee for all attending session (except Jrs.) \$15.00 per person X _____ persons = \$ _____

MEALS:

Grange Banquet (plated, Friday evening): \$44.00 per person X _____ persons = \$ _____

Youth/Junior Luncheon (Buffet, Saturday): \$26.00 per person X _____ persons = \$ _____

Youth/Junior Luncheon (Buffet, 5-14 Yrs. ONLY): \$13.00 per person X _____ persons = \$ _____

Pizza (2 large pieces + drink, Saturday night): \$12.50 per person X _____ persons = \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

_____ List any Special DIETARY NEEDS

All meal event tickets and registrations ordered on this form will be in the session packet under the name listed directly below. Your packet and confirmation will be sent by U.S. mail prior to the Session.

There will be no additional meal event tickets available from the State Office during the session.

Name (for ticket/badge Session Packet) _____

Street Address _____ Grange County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

List below all the names for whom the meal event tickets and/or registration fees (for name badges) are ordered.

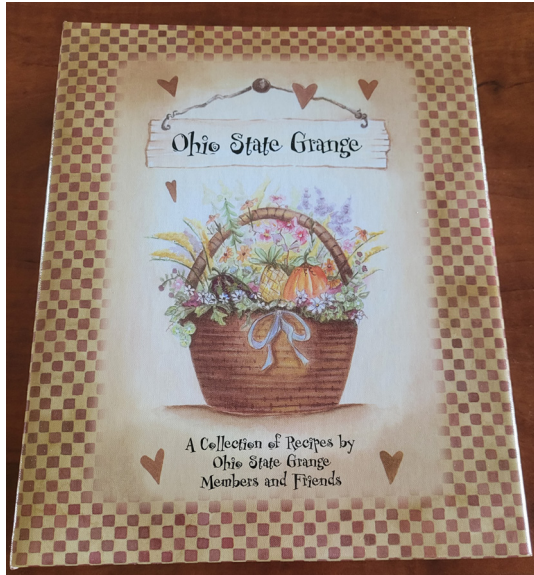
Please list ONLY ONE name per line.

Print name as to be on the name badge No registration fee charge if registrant is a Junior Granger	Please check the appropriate line(s) below						
	Registration (Name Badge)	Grange Banquet Pork	Grange Banquet Chicken	Grange Banquet Walleye	Youth/Jr Lunch Buffet Adult	Youth/Jr Lunch Buffet Child	Pizza & Drink \$12.50
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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6. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Use another sheet of paper, if needed. Total	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1st
SEND TO: OHIO STATE GRANGE, 16303 VILLAGE PARKWAY, FREDERICKTOWN, OH 43019-9585
PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY FORM.
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OHIO STATE GRANGE

OFFICE USE: PM _____; Ch# _____ Confirmation sent _____

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\$10.00 + \$6.00 shipping & handling.
Buy 2 get 3rd one free.
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Ohio State Grange 740-694-0211
Mike Russell 937-541-1849
Deb Russell 937-541-1903

July

- 1 University Grange Scholarship Deadline
- 5 -8 Junior Camp, Hiram
- 5 Quarterly Reports Due
- 12 Board Meeting
- 26 August 6- Ohio State Fair

August

- 6 Ohio State Fair Ends
- 6 Board Meeting

September

- 1 ALL reports Due
- 1 Resolutions Due
- 13 Board Meeting
- 19-21 Farm Science Review

October

- 5 Quarterly Reports Due
- 11 Board Meeting
- 26 - 29 Ohio State Grange Convention, Marriott NW, Dublin

November

- 14-18 National Grange Convention- Niagara Falls

Family Activity Room OSG Convention

Family Activity Committee will be accepting items on Wednesday October 25th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Then again on Thursday morning from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. The FAC room is the Franklin Room just off the lobby across from the Atrium Terrace at the hotel.

Family Activity Nifty Needles

The nifty needle has two sections in each category.

- YOU MUST MARK YOUR ENTRIES AS EITHER KNITTED OR CROCHET.
- IF NOT MARKED THEY WILL NOT BE JUDGED.

Ohio State Fair Volunteers

Remember the Ohio State Fair is coming up July 26th thru August 6th. If you would like to work at the Grange booth during the fair contact JoAnn Ingram at 740-374-5001 for details.

Email Scams

Recently, a number of Grange members across the country have been reporting getting emails “from” National or State Grange Officers. They say things like “Could you help? I’m in a meeting and need something done,” or “I have a sensitive topic that requires your assistance. Please keep this confidential.”

If you look at the email address from which the email came, there’s a 99% chance it does not match the email you typically use for this Officer.

This is a form of a phishing scam – trying to get you to respond, and potentially to “help” by buying gift cards or verifying sensitive information to give them access to your email account, utilities accounts, or even your bank account.

If you ever have a question about whether an email you receive is legitimate, please reach out to the person the email is “from” to verify by phone or a new email.

Ohio State Grange Convention

October 26th - 29th, 2023

Marriott NW - Dublin, Ohio

National Grange Convention

November 14-18, 2023

Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls

Sheraton at the Falls

300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

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