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National Grange Headquarters Building Sold

Christine Hemp, National Grange Master, has signed the final paperwork that our National Grange Headquarters Building at 1616 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. has sold.

The National Grange Executive Committee signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement with 1616 H Street NW LLC, a District of Columbia limited liability company, on January 17, 2024, and the sale closed on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

The Purchase and Sale Agreement requires the Grange to vacate the 11th floor offices and the basement levels in the next 30 days but allows the Grange to remain in our new 1st and 2nd floor spaces free of charge for 6 months. The National Grange Executive Committee is working to determine our needs and reviewing options for what to do moving forward once our 6 months run out.

Quarterly Reports

Quarterly Reports are due the 5th of January, April, July and October.

E-mail from the Ohio State Grange

To receive e-mail updates, notices, concerns, announcements, and other special reports and information from the State Office, send an e-mail to mikelarussell@yahoo.com requesting that service and stating your Grange name and number. *Your address will be kept private.*

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

As we move into a new month, I think Spring is just around the corner. I believe we all have had enough of winter for this year. Hope you are all surviving this crazy weather.

I am pleased to announce our new Deaf Chairman Theresa Hass. She is a member of Jefferson Grange in Ashtabula County. She has a lot of good ideas and information for the deaf program. Look for her article in this magazine. We welcome her and look forward to working with her.

I'm still looking for a Legislative Chairman. If anyone is interested or knows of anybody that would like to do it please contact me at the office or my cell phone number.

March will bring a lot of Grange activities on the state level. March 2nd is the Lecturer/Community Service conference. This will be held at the State Grange Office. I know that Diana and Kevin will have a great day planned. Reservation forms for this are in the January-February issue or call the office. It is \$20.00 for the day and the deadline is February 24th. Hope to see a lot of Grangers and friends there.

The state dart ball tournament will be held in Fredericktown on Saturday April, 6th. This will be held at the Administration Building, 117 Columbus Rd. Mail entry and \$30.00 entry fee to Dave Daniels, 10181 Gregg Rd. Fredericktown 43019 no later than March 22nd.

Junior shut-in and conference will be held April 13th – 14th. This will again be held at the State Grange Office. Hope to see a lot of Juniors attend as this is a fun-filled weekend.

Spring Fling will be held April 13th at Valley College in Wayne Co. Then on April 20th at Frontline Church Of God in Fairfield Co. The Family Activities Committee is planning a fun filled day with interesting speakers and craft time. The reservation form is in the January-February issue or call the office. The cost of the Spring Fling is \$20.00 and deadline is April 1st for the first one and April 15th for the 2nd one.

Deputies, directors and state officers conference will be held Saturday, May 4th, 2024. This will be held at the Highwater United Church of Christ in Licking Co. The address is 1213 Dutch Ln. Rd. NW, Newark 43053.

More information will be sent out soon.

Rural Life Sunday will be held May 5th, 2024, at the Highwater United Church of Christ. Would like to see a great turn out for this. More information see Chaplain's article in this magazine.

Looking ahead for this summer a reminder of family campout. This will be held June 21st-23rd at Whispering Hills Jellystone RV Park in Big Prairie, Ohio. Would like to see a good group as our numbers have gone way down. This is a fun relaxing weekend. If you are interested in coming, get a hold of Whispering Hills Jellystone RV Park. Let them know you are with the state Grange group. They have campers, RV parking, cabins, and tent area. Bring the whole family or friends and you can split the cost of the cabins. The cabins are different sizes with kitchen, bathroom, and are furnished with bedding, dishes etc. There is also what is called primitive cabins. Go to their web site for more information. They fill up quick so call as soon as their season opens.

Also, youth camp will be held June 7th-10th at the beautiful Lone Star Lodge in Hocking Hills in Logan, Ohio. Jennifer has a wonderful fun-filled camp planned. The youth are on the move and hope to see a good attendance.

Junior camp will be held July 7th-10th at Camp Wilson in Bellefontaine, Ohio. This is a beautiful YMCA camp and has a lot to offer our juniors. Our directors have a great fun-filled camp planned. Hope to see a lot of Grangers at all the summer camps.

Have you asked someone to join the Grange lately. The best way to ask a person to join is by telling them about the Grange. The history, how much fun you have had at a Grange event or interesting information you may have received at a Grange meeting. Also, the many people you have met and became wonderful friends.

We wish you a great Spring and Summer and hope to see many of you at all the events coming up.

Secretaries Of The Month

January

Secretary	Grange	County
Connie Patterson	Progressive Valley #2433	Coshocton
Karen Sadler	Lisbon #1568	Columbiana
Lynn Hinshaw	Stelvideo #295	Darke
Joan White	Painter Creek #1923	Hardin
Judy Rhodes	Ewing #2082	Hocking

February

Janet Anderson	Bath #1331	Summit
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(The Quiz)

I believe it is important to give your brain a rest occasionally. According to the Bible, that is why God created a day of rest (Sunday). We need that time to just do nothing. According to Today in the Word, the author suggests that there are 5 steps to finding Rest in God. (1) Call to Him during Sleepless Nights {Psalm 4}, (2) Trust God with Your Future {Psalm 16:1 - 2, 7 - 11}, (3) Allow Him to Lead You {Psalm 23}, (4) Give all your worries to Him {Psalm 127} & (5) Quiet your Soul before God {Psalm 13}. Please take some time to read these scriptures.

I was given a subscription to The Vendor just recently from my sister, Brenda. It is quipped with stories, interesting news tidbits, one line quotes, home remedies, etc. and is fun to read with little effort. It is published twice per month at The Vender Publishing, 2680 TR 7, Brinkhaven, OH, 43006 with phone 330-852-6128. Below is a list of questions. See how much you know. The answers are listed on page 20 of this magazine. Let your mind just coast! :-)

- 1) What country produces the most pineapples? A. Mexico, B. Argentina, C. Costa Rico, D. Peru
- 2) What is the proper word for a baby kangaroo? A. Kangy, B. Joey, C. Rooley, D. Puppy
- 3) How many peanuts are in every all full sized Snickers bar? A. 16, B. 20, C. 24, D. 28
- 4) Which chain restaurant was originally called Pete's Super Submarines? A. Jimmy Johns, B. Subway, C. Quiznos, D. Panera Bread
- 5) What color did Pantone choose as the 2023 color of the year? A. Barbie Pink, B. Viva Magenta, C. Midnight Black, D. Peach Fuzz
- 6) Which country has the most natural lakes? A. Russia, B. Sweden, C. Canada, D. United States
- 7) What is the largest and most populous country in Africa? A. Democratic Republic of Congo, B. Egypt, C. Nigeria, D. South Africa
- 8) Which planet in our solar system has the highest average surface temperature? A. Jupiter, B. Mercury, C. Mars, D. Venus
- 9) Which president banned blue jeans from the Oval Office? A. George W. Bush, B. Bill Clinton, C. Donald Trump, D. George HW Bush
- 10) Who invented the flushable toilet? A. Liutprand, B. Sir Roger Bacon, C. Sir John Harington, D. Claudius Ptolemy
- 11) In which year was Kwanzaa first celebrated? A. 1944, B. 1955, C. 1966, D. 1977

12) Where did bristle toothbrushes originate? A. Sweden, B. France, C. China, D. Africa

13) The word December comes from? A. A Greek goddess, B. Tenth month C. Twelfth month, D. A Roman ruler

14) In which state is the geographic center of 48 contiguous states? A. Kansas, B. Iowa, C. Missouri, D. Wyoming

15) Which states's capital lies on top of a dormant volcano? A. Alabama, B. Mississippi, C. California, D. Hawaii

16) Portland, Oregon, had its name originally decided by a coin toss. What was the other choice? A. Boston, B. New Baltimore, C. Clarkstown, D. Oceanside

17) What is the national animal of Scotland? A. Clydesdale horse, B. Unicorn, C. Highland cattle D. Red deer

18) Where did the name Jessica come from? A. The Bible, B. Shakespeare made it up, C. Norse mythology, D. Mid-eastern tradition

19) What country is home to the most different languages? A. United States, B. Canada, C. Papua New Guinea, D. Sudan

20) How many different flavors are there in a box of Fruit Loops? A. 1, B. 2, C. 3, D. 4

21) What was the first Airline to start serving hot meals on board? A. Pan-Am, B. Lufthansa, C. Southwest, D. United Airlines

22) What college did Queen Elizabeth II attend? A. None, B., Oxford, C. Cambridge, D. Benenden

23) What is the world's most-stolen food? A. Apricots, B. Bagels, C. Cheese, D. Doughnuts

24) What of the following is actually a nut? A. Pistachios, B. Cashews, C. Almonds, D. Chestnut

25). Which state has the most malls per square mile? A. California, B. Florida, C. Michigan, D. New Jersey

How many answers did you get right? And, don't forget to rest in the Lord!

Rural Life Sunday

Highwater United Church of Christ, 12113 Dutch Lane NW, Newark, will host the annual Rural Life Sunday on May 5, 2024, with a meal at 1:00 PM and service at 2:00 PM. More information will be shared via Grange Family en masse emailings about the meal when it becomes available. This is Ned and Cindy Campbell's home church. Morning services are at 8:30 & 10:30 AM and all are invited to either service as well.

National Grange Theme 2024 -2025
“Grange Strong: Rooted. Resilient. United.”

National Grange President Christine Hamp has announced the 2024-2025 theme that will be used by the National Grange and Granges around the country:

Grange Strong is “a powerful expression that embodies the strength, unity, pride, and resilience of the Grange,” said Hamp, “It reflects our collective power, shared values, and enduring spirit. This phrase signifies a commitment to supporting one another, facing challenges with resilience, and working together to achieve common goals.”

Throughout the next two years, Granges are encouraged to use the “Grange Strong” theme in their programming, displays, exhibits, and more. We encourage Grange members to use the hashtag #GrangeStrong in your posts, so we can connect with one another.

Here are some suggestions for using the theme:

Grange Strong

- Highlight the strengths of your Grange and your Grange members. Encourage your members to take pride in the things they are good at or feel “strong” while doing.
- A literal “strong” event. The Grange encourages health and wellness, perhaps partner with a local gym for an all-levels strength training night for your Grange and the community.

Rooted

- Use “rooted” to share the Grange’s agricultural roots. How about a seed swap night? A connection to local farms and farmers? Supporting your local FFA or 4-H clubs?
- You can also use “rooted” to show how your Grange has deep “roots” in the community. Whether your Grange is 150 years old or newly chartered or reorganized, putting down roots for the benefit of your community is important. How has your Grange made a difference where you work?

Resilient

- Has your Grange, your community, or somebody within weathered a storm? Has your Grange stood by them? Come out stronger? Be proud of how you’ve come out stronger or with a more defined purpose!
- With a 150+ year history, the Grange has seen and done a lot through history. Show our resilience by showcasing how we have adapted through our history, while working



to make communities and the country better and stronger.

United

- The Grange is a network of 1,400 Granges around the country. “United” with one another in creating shared programs and events, working together to show that there is no “i” in GRANGE.
- Come up with a project, fundraiser, or event that can use the talents of each of your Grange members – from the youngest to the oldest.

No matter what you come up with, Grange Strong: Rooted. Resilient. United. can be our National rallying point for the next two years, bringing together each of our mem-

bers, building up the Grange, and highlighting the good that is being done around the country.

Welcome New Members!

Ralinda Stiers - Waterford Grange #231 - Washington Co.
Theresa Gillfillan - Painter Creek Grange #1923 - Hardin
Scott Gillfillan - Painter Creek Grange #1923 - Hardin Co.
Annyka Barth - Painter Creek Grange #1923 - Hardin Co.
Warren W. Leippy - Unity Grange #1761 - Columbiana
Priscella R. Beachler - Unity Grange #1761 - Columbiana

The following graduated from juniors
Sarah Houchin - Ewing Grange #2082 - Hocking Co.
Kaylee Cox - Ewing Grange #2082 - Hocking Co.
Destiny Kienzle - Ewing Grange #2082 - Hocking Co.
Isaac Kienzle - Ewing Grange #2082 - Hocking Co.

People Pride and Progress Book Offer

When you purchase the People Pride and Progress by David H. Howard you will also get the Official Dedication Ceremony for the Grange Halls along with National Grange - Let it be Perpetual Historical booklet compiled by the National Grange Historical Committee Total value is \$20.00 on sale for \$5.00 plus shipping.



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GRANGE YOUTH

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

**Be Proud. Be Leaders.
Be Grange Youth.**

We are looking forward to a fun-filled year of Youth activities! Our year got off to a great start with Winter Camp! Let's keep that positive momentum going. We want LOTS of participation for the Youth crafts and baking contest this year. Just another reminder that **ALL YOUTH ENTRIES ARE TO GO TO STATE CONTESTS** so that everyone's work can be displayed and judged. Youth crafts will be included in the Family Activities room at Convention.

Be Proud. Be Leaders. Be Grange Youth.

Youth Winter Camp 2024 - January

To begin the year, eight Youth members and two of



their guests attended Winter Camp at the Ohio State Grange headquarters January 5-7th. We had a GREAT time! We are hoping our two guests will become Grange members. Prior to camp, we gathered names of Grange members who may need a little pick-me-up and the Youth hand made cards for 28 Grangers! Thank you to everyone who provided us names for our project. It was nice for the Youth to be able to use their creativity to make cards for Grangers and hopefully bring a smile to their day. The Youth also made the Family Activities Youth Craft No Sew Pillow, so we have at least ten fabulous entries for that contest already for convention! No worries for those who couldn't attend Winter Camp, we will have that activity available again at Summer Camp if you want to make your pillow with us instead of on your own. Reminder: **ALL YOUTH CONTEST ENTRIES GO TO STATE**, not just county winners; they will



be included in the Family Activities room. Also, as a fun activity at Winter Camp, the Youth painted wood blocks and really showcased some of their artistic talents! Additionally, each person created a giant cookie with the mix-in's of their choice that they decorated and enjoyed as a late night snack. The Youth had fun playing games such as charades (courtesy of Riley R.'s topics), musical chairs, the "try not to laugh" challenge, and a late-night game of hide & seek in the dark. Abby C. made a Grange Jeopardy game using questions from the Grange Ambassador, Prince/Princess, and Youth Conference tests dated clear back to 1963 and it became quite lively! Special thanks to Mike & Debbie Russell and Sandy & Riley Russell for being part of our fun at Winter Camp!

Spring Baking Contest - May

Another activity at Winter Camp was to bake the Family Activities Youth recipe, M&M Blonde Brownies, and Hailey C. made the whole dessert by herself and it turned out delicious! We encourage



all Youth to make this dessert for the Family Activities Spring Baking Contest; there are not a lot of ingredients in this recipe and the instructions are simple to follow. You may need to bake it for an additional amount of time than the 22-25 minute recommendation on the recipe, depending on your oven; we added 2 minutes to the recipe at camp and it turned out perfectly. Please note that the dessert will look slightly under-done, which is normal. It is important to let the dessert sit for at least 2 hours prior to cutting into it so that it has time to cool and set up... trust us, it's worth the wait! Reminder: **ALL Youth baking entries go to the State contest.**

Youth Summer Camp 2024 - June

Youth Summer Camp for Youth members (subordinate age 13 ½ - 21) will be held in Hocking Hills June 10-13th. The location will be at the beautiful Lone Star Lodge (check it out at <https://www.hockinghillsserenitycabins.com/Lone-Star-Lodge-Hocking-Hills.html>). The Youth at Winter Camp were extremely excited about this new location that is bigger than the prior year cabin and with more amenities. We are working on the itinerary

for camp and will post updates on our Ohio State Grange Youth Facebook page. We will be doing community service activities, Youth officer elections, practicing for the convention opening drill, making the contest Youth crafts, working on Pillar projects, learning about Grange history, and having lots of fun. We would love all Ohio Granges' participation to help with our community service projects. In addition to doing an in-person community service activity in Hocking Hills during Camp, the Youth will be making cards again for Grangers who need their day brightened. Please email us names and addresses of Grangers and we will add them to our list. Additionally, the Youth have asked to pack children's snack bags to provide to food pantries, so if Granges could collect kid friendly snacks (granola bars, packs of crackers, gummy snacks, etc.) to contribute to our project, we would greatly appreciate the donations.

Please mail Summer Camp registration forms and \$100 payment to the Ohio State Grange office by May 31, 2024 to secure your place at summer camp. Please contact me with any questions.

I am thrilled to announce that Asa Houchin is joining us as leader at Summer Camp! Asa was selected as an Ohio State Grange Youth Ambassador at the 2015 State Grange Convention and named a National Grange Youth Ambassador at the 2016 National Grange Convention. His experiences through Grange, both as a Youth and Subordinate member, have helped shape who he is today, and we look forward to him working with our Youth at camp.

National Grange Youth Opportunities – Due September 1st, 2024

Since the National Grange Convention is in our Midwest Region this year, we want Ohio to be well represented with Youth participation. Please visit www.nationalgrangeyouth.org

for details on the opportunities listed below, and more! The submission deadline to the National Grange Youth Director for the National Grange Youth projects and opportunities is September 1, 2024. Please let me know if you are submitting projects or applications for these National activities so we can help promote your participation.

As part of the National Grange Youth initiatives this year, all Youth members are encouraged to complete Pillar Projects. At Winter Camp we discussed ideas that Youth members can use to complete Pillar Projects, whether individually or as a group, and we look forward to seeing their work. Youth members wanting to learn more about Pillar Projects, please visit www.nationalgrangeyouth.org for more details and templates, and contact me for additional information, if needed.

Youth interested in applying for the National Youth Officer team must submit their application to the National Grange Youth Director by September 1, 2024. The National Convention will be held November 12-16th, 2024 in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Ohio State Grange Convention - October

Our plan is to perform the opening drill on Saturday morning of the Ohio State Grange convention. We will be practicing the drill at Summer Camp and also Friday evening of Convention (at the hotel) to prepare for the drill the following morning. More details to come as we get closer to convention.

The Youth Raffle will be held again at Convention this year. This is a terrific fundraiser for the Youth program and we greatly appreciate all of your donations and support. Raffle winners will be drawn at the Luncheon on Saturday at convention.

Summer Youth Camp Registration
Lone Star Lodge, Hocking Hills
June 10 - 13, 2024

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Grange _____ Number _____ County _____

Shirt Size (circle one) Small Medium Large XL 2XL

Summer Youth Camp is \$100.00 per person. Mail registration to The Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE OHIO STATE GRANGE.**

If you have any questions or concerns contact Jennifer Cox at 740-438-2351 or the state office at 740-694-0211. Camp Details:

Campers should arrive between 5 and 9 pm on Monday evening and depart by 10 am on Thursday. Medical information and participation forms will also need to be completed and turned in prior, or upon arrival to camp. Watch the Ohio Grange Youth Facebook for more information. Please contact Jennifer Cox with questions.

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We hope that your 2024 has been lovely for each of you so far. We are looking forward to spending another wonderful year with our Ohio Juniors and we have lots of fun activities planned!

Lock-in

The annual lock-in will be held at the state office on 4/13- we have been planning a fun filled night of activities, crafts, baking and fellowship for the Juniors. There is no cost to attend this event and we encourage our juniors to bring friends.

Junior/Youth Workshop

Following our lock-in, we will be having our workshop to help build the foundation and promote growth of the program. All are invited and we will have a review of the yearly plan, time for engagement activities to help bring new and exciting ideas to help build the programs, and we also try to have a speaker from the national and state level attend and present. Please encourage any parent, leader, delegate or Granger who wants to support or has ideas about building the junior grange plan to attend. We would absolutely love to see every Grange in our state represented. Virtual options can be made available.

Baking Contest

The baking contest will be at the Deputy Meeting in May. We are hoping for another great turn out! Recipes were in the October monthly as well as the Junior Grange Leader Handbook. If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to us for any questions you might have.

Day Trip

This year's first day trip will be held on May 19, 2024 and we are looking at scheduling a tour of the State Capital on this date. This is open to all ages. Be on the lookout for more details on social media and in future articles!

Talent Contest

Remember it's not too early to get your talent contest applications in. We are looking to have a good turn out this year, we have learned over the past year that we have some incredibly talented juniors and would love to see each and every one come out and perform. The date for the Talent Show is June 15, 2023 At State Grange Office. The talent application will follow in this article.

Camp

This year we have found a new and exciting camp that brings a new adventure for the Juniors. There are a lot of new activities to experience from a tree house to giant swing as well as some previous favorite activities including lake time and archery. We have been diligently working on different craft ideas and working on the theme of the camp this year. We are hoping to have a great turn out and another wonderful camp. The camp will be held at Camp Wilson. The dates for camp are July 7th – 10th Registration is due by June 10th. Cost will be \$125.00 plus \$5.00 for picture if you want one and \$2.00 if you are an Ohio State Junior Grange only member or to join the Junior Grange. Please feel free to share the video we have created on YouTube to spark interest to perspective Juniors. Our main goal is to create a welcoming, fun, friendly environment in order to build the Junior Grange so that the future of the Grange becomes brighter. You can apply digitally to Ohiojuniorgrange@gmail.com or by mail to Elizabeth Tolley 429 Hester Ave Alliance Ohio 44601. Link to register - You can find the registration form "Junior Camp Registration" at: <https://form.jotform.com/ohiojuniorgrange/junior-camp-registration>

Prince and Princess

We really want to promote this opportunity across our Juniors in the state. Please pass the information along to subordinate members who may have someone in their family or local Grange who may be eligible. Contest participants must be 8 years old and a member of the state, county, or local Grange. This is a great way to be able to tour the state, promoting Junior Grange locally, increase public speaking ability as well as interview skills. The contest interview and pageant will both be on Saturday at convention. We hope to have even more participants this year and will be promoting this contest at our events throughout the year.

Membership

If at the local level you have juniors that are joining, please remember to send the membership list to state office. This way we can keep track of all members for the state of Ohio. Also, we are asking for the local junior Grange leaders to send us a list of all your juniors with address, email, phone number, DOB and date joined. You can either email them to us or mail them to Elizabeth.

Also, just a friendly reminder, The National Grange is requiring background checks for all leaders and individuals over the age of 18 that will be working directly with juniors as leaders and teachers. The National Grange has chosen these checks to be completed by “Safe Gatherings” at www.safegatherings.com, will include an abuse prevention module, and everything is handled through The National Grange office. The cost per individual is \$35. Also, the State Master Mike Russell would encourage a fingerprint background check as an alternative to Safe Gatherings. This can be done through your local Sheriff’s Department. We encourage Subordinate and Pomona Granges to consider paying for the required background checks for their junior leaders.

Important Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Baking Contest @ Deputy Meeting - May 4, 2023
Junior Talent Show - June 15 1:00 pm
Ohio State Junior Camp - July 7th- 10th
State Convention - October 24th – October 27th
National Convention - November 12– November 16 (for junior activities)

Fraternally yours,
Elizabeth Tolley and Sarah Casseday

National Grange Community Service Team

The National Grange Community Service Team introduces themselves to you.

Currently, no changes have been made to the National Grange’s Community Service programs, so please continue to do your service and notebook or reports. Contact information will be coming to you shortly.

Introducing the Team:

Emma Edelen is a member of Chester Royal Grange #2181 in Iowa, where she is also the Iowa State Grange Lecturer and Youth Director.

Randee Farmer of Kansas is a member of Bayneville Grange #1810, Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49, and is also the Kansas State Grange Community Service Director.

Diana Nordquest from Ohio serves as Secretary and Community Service Chairman of Mile Branch Grange #933 and is the Lecturer of Ohio State Grange. “I love to quilt and bake,” says Diana.

Rebekah Hodgson of Jonesboro, Maine and East Peoria, IL, is a member of Jonesboro Grange #357 (ME), where she serves on the Jonesboro Grange Executive Committee, and a member of Hopewell Grange #1747 (IL).

Bonnie Mitson of Idaho currently serves on the Idaho State Grange Executive Board, and is the Idaho State Grange Community Service Director.

Marie A. Robidoux is a first-generation Granger, having joined the Chepachet Grange #38 in Rhode Island in 1975.

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As your Grange is stepping up to meet the challenges for tomorrow – what activities do you have planned? Any Granges planning to take part in the total solar eclipse on April 8th? Are you distributing the special solar eclipse glasses or hosting food and drink at your hall for outside visitors? Please make sure that you share any Grange month activities on our Facebook page.

Thank you to everyone that had the opportunity to attend our Lecturer/Community Service workshop on March 2nd. Diana and I always enjoy the participation and sharing at the conference. Thank you to the state Grange office for hosting us, Columbiana County for the breakfast food and Morgan Grange #829 for the delicious lunch. For anyone that could not make it to the conference, please check out the Rural Minds website. The National Grange has partnered with them to provide vital information regarding the suicide epidemic in rural America. This is a great community service program to share so that people get the help they need and we remove the barriers to having these conversations.

Please share your Grange’s community service project photos and information on our social media page so others can see what you are doing in your community. It may be something another Grange could also do. Now for a few reminders – in order to be a Grange in Action you will share one photo for each of three projects on an 8 ½ by 11 sheet of paper with a brief description of each project and email it to the National Grange. If you have any youth or juniors in your Grange, be sure to support them and help get them to camp and convention. They are the future of our organization. We will be collecting non perishable food items at convention this year for the Make A Difference Day project. If you are looking for some projects to help support financially – consider the Flying Horse Farm by sending your donations to the State Grange office. I would again like to make a presentation to the Flying Horse Farm at our convention in October.

If you have any specific questions, please remember you can contact me any time. I am happy to help you where I can.

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Grange Month will be celebrated in April. Plan a program or activity to celebrate. Make your community aware of the events and activities that your grange does. Newspaper articles, open houses, membership recognitions, free meals, displays in public buildings are ways to share our great organization with others.

The Lecturers and Community Service Conferences are scheduled on Saturday, March 2, 2024, beginning at 9:30. Light breakfast starting at 9:00. Lunch will be provided. We will be talking about Lecturer's programs and Community Service Projects, along with the usual fun and fellowship.

The State Talent Contest is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2024 at the Ohio State Grange headquarter beginning at 1:00p.m. Plan to enter and start practicing! The Best of Show will be eligible to participate in the Evening of Excellence in Bettendorf, Iowa in November.

Creative Writing entries can be sent to me at any time through regular mail or email. I am including the categories and rules. Please read the rules carefully before submitting. Many entries are eliminated due to length.

CREATIVE WRITING

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

Class B Prose – Adult/Subordinate Theme – Special Family 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 enjoy 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, 2024. 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.

“In Step to Meet Tomorrow’s Challenges”

PROGRAMS TO SHARE

Programs to share can be entered at any time during the year. Remember there are three categories: 1. Any health topic 2. Something about Ohio – historical sight, famous person, special food, etc. Choose a topic and create a program. Do not make it a general Ohio program.

3. Any Topic

Lecturers and members can submit one program in each category. Grangers who serve as both Pomona and Subordinate Lecturers can submit two in each category.

Some ideas for Ohio programs include: Presidents, State Parks, Professional Sports Teams, Agriculture, Inventions, Ohio made Products or Famous People from Ohio. Health program ideas include Injury Prevention, Mental Health, Fitness, Chair Exercise, Food Allergies, and Injury Prevention.

The rest of my article will focus on National Grange Lecturer's photo and program contests. All information is available on the National Grange website www.nationalgrange.org on the homepage under the Programs, click on Lecturer's Programming. All of the entry information is there along with the winners from the 2023 contests. When entering, make sure that you use the correct year's information and forms. The 2024 National Grange Lecturer's Weather Watcher Challenge and 2024 National Grange Lecturer's Garden Design Contest will be highlighted in the May-June Ohio Granger.

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, out-houses, 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.

2024 National Grange Lecturer's Design-a-Program Contest

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Grange Lecturers are frequently designing and creating programs for their home Granges and communities. We encourage Grange members to share these programs and the steps they take so that other Granges could potentially replicate the programming without "reinventing the wheel."

RULES

A. The National Grange Lecturer's Design-a-Program Contest is open to any Grange member – not just Lecturers.

a. Any program, event, fundraiser, educational event, speaker, or game are acceptable. Think outside of the box

b. This program is open to Pomona, Subordinate/Community, and Junior Granges, as well as Statewide departments (Youth, Junior, Community Service, etc.)

B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2024. Submit entries at: <http://grange.biz/grangeprogram2024>

C. All entries must be received electronically as a single file. (If you need assistance creating a PDF file, please email National Grange Communications Director Philip Vonada at pvonada@nationalgrange.org)

D. Divisions

a. Internal Grange program for Adults

b. External Community program for Adults

c. Program designed for children

E. Entries must include a written description that includes:

a. The format of the event (lecture, hands-on, fundraiser, etc.)

b. Goal of the program (what did you intend as the main takeaway by attendees)

c. Detailed plan for the program, including any preparations done in advance

d. Specific materials needed

e. Time required (Preparation, program, clean-up)

f. Length of program

g. Minimum number of participants needed (both for creating/carrying out the program/event, and for taking part in the program/event)

h. Summary of how the program was received and any feedback from attendees

i. Link(s) to any videos, PowerPoints/slideshows, or multimedia used during the event.

j. 2-3 photos of the program/event happening

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Lecturer's contests and projects.

2024 Calendar Updates

June

10-13 Summer Youth Camp, Lone Star Lodge, Hocking Co.

12 Board Meeting, OSG Office, Fredericktown

15 Talent Contest, OSG Office, Fredericktown

21-23 Family Campout, Big Prairie

July

5 Quarterly reports due

7-10 Junior camp at Camp Wilson, Bellefontaine

10 Board Meeting OSG Office, Fredericktown

August

14 Board Meeting OSG Office, Fredericktown

September

1 All reports and resolutions due to directors and state office except FAC reports.

11 Board meeting OSG Office, Fredericktown

October

5 Quarterly reports due

9 Board meeting OSG Office, Fredericktown

24-27 Ohio State Grange Convention at Marriott in Dublin

November

12-16 National Grange convention in Bettendorf, Iowa

13 Board meeting OSG Office, Fredericktown

December

11 Board meeting OSG Office, Fredericktown

23-31 State Grange office closed for holidays

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STAY SAFE

STAY CONNECTED

STAY POSITIVE

Well, the holidays are over, and we should all be re-cooperated. Well maybe not completely! March is when your peas should be started or in the ground but beware of late frost. Start your tomatoes in the house but Mother's Day is the best date for planting outside. March is spring cleaning, out with the old in with the new. March is also the look forward month!

Look forward month? Yes, we, the Family Activity Committee, are looking forward to "Spring Fling". April 13th is the first date. It will be at Valley College Grange in Wooster, Ohio. April 20th will be the second one, hosted by Clearcreek Valley Grange, will be at Frontline Church of God in Amanda, Ohio. Ann has several speakers set up and we will NOT be painting this year, but you never know what will happen! You, your friends and fellow Grangers will have to come and see what is!

Reservations must go to the State Grange office along with \$20.00 a person. You must tell which date you will be attending so we have enough supplies and food! The deadline is Sunday BEFORE the date you want to attend. There is limited space because of fire codes and preparations. The reservation form is in the Ohio Granger magazine, along with Lecturer's and Community Service Conference.

Next dates on the 2024 calendar for F.A. is May 4th, at Highwater United Church of Christ, State Baking Contest. Remember ALL juniors and youth baking comes to State Baking. *****VERY IMPORTANT*** DO NOT super tape** your information to the bottom of container – plate – bag! In order for us to check it in we have to flip the container over and it smashes – breaks – damages your bake goods. Just put a single piece of tape on the information to top and we will move it to the bottom. Remember to include your recipe, again a piece of tape to the top of container or bag.

This is also the day when the unwanted prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses need to come to the church with your deputy. Even if you donate to the Lion's Club or other organization make sure you put that on your FA reports. We can take anything else you have been collecting: socks, fleece blankets, pillowcases. We will also collect and distribute hats, gloves and school supplies to continue the Deaf Committee's great projects. You can continue to support the dog project by sending you donation to the Ohio State Grange office earmarked for the dog project.

We, the F.A. committee, would like to welcome Jennifer Cox as the new Youth Director.

A change happened at 2023 Ohio State Grange Convention. A resolution was accepted by the Delegate body to change the due date for the Family Activity report. **ONLY THE FAMILY ACTIVITY's** report will be due by convention. So you have time to have your County contests and turn in the results on your reports.

It has come to our attention that we did not make notice that in the "Sheep to Shawl" we do NOT have "baby quilt, quilted wall hang or small quilted" item. We replaced it with "Quilt of Valor" block. Sorry for any inconvenience. Just a reminder we changed the names of the divisions but not the classes.

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.

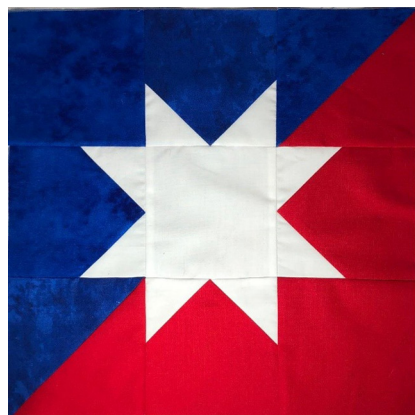
Questions? Contact Tom at lecturer@nationalgrange.org

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 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.

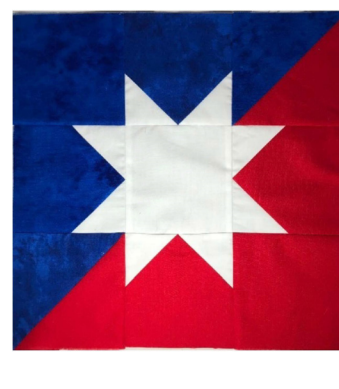
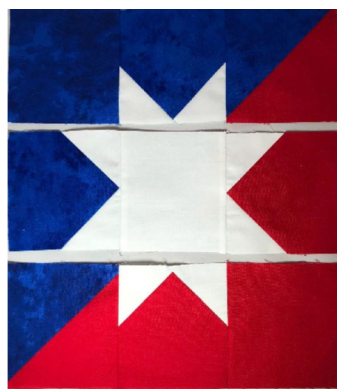
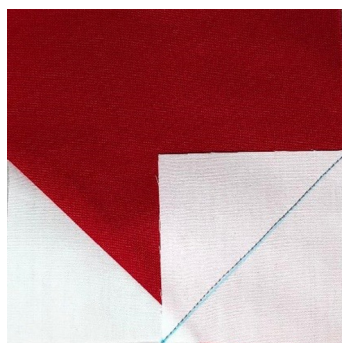
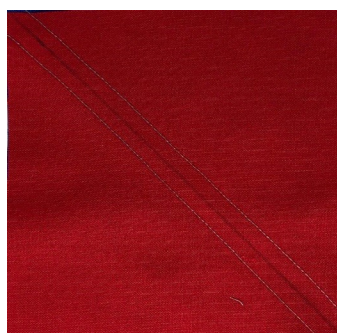
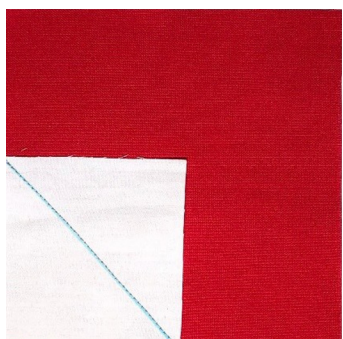
Cut on the draw line and iron. Square both HST units to 4 ½".

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.

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.



2024 National Grange Quilt Block 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

THE OHIO GRANGE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY FOUNDATION



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No Time to Waste - Deadline is April 1, 2024

Do you have a piggy bank? Are there any coins between the cushions of your family room couch? Do you keep extra coins in the console of your car? I don't think these coins will add up to enough to send your student to college. But I know where you can find a \$1000.00 Scholarship. The application deadline is April 1, 2024.

Are you a parent, a grandparent, a neighbor, a community resident who knows of someone attending college and would be helped by a scholarship from us? It is no secret but there have been twelve students helped to achieve their dreams when they applied and received a scholarship from Ohio Grange Patrons of Husbandry Foundation.

Scholarships are given to Ohio students who are studying in the various areas of Agriculture.

The Ohio Grange Patrons of Husbandry Foundation was formed in 2016 to promote programs for the preservation, interpretation, and continuing legacy of the Grange. The Foundation will be an advocate for all who believe in agriculture and the needs of rural America through education and encouraging the American culture, heritage, citizenship by facilitating charitable activities to benefit those in need. The Foundation has been formed to be a Tax Exempt corporation (501C3) under the IRS rules.

The Foundation is working to promote educational opportunities through a scholarship for Ohio youth who are interested in Agricultural pursuits. We want to give \$1,000 scholarships to students for the 2024-2025 school year who desires to help in developing a better and higher manhood and womanhood in Agriculture. We are looking for a student who is enrolled at an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university in the state of Ohio and plan coursework leading to a major and a degree associated with Agriculture, Food Science, Animal Sciences, Pre-Veterinarian, or Environmental Sciences. No applicant needs to be a grange member to be considered for the scholarship, just securing a degree related to agriculture.

Students that are interested in this scholarship for college must complete an application and return to the Foundation by April 1, 2024. The recipient of the scholarship will be notified by May 15, 2024. More information will be provided on the ohiostategrange.org web site under Ohio Grange Patrons of Husbandry Foundation (OG

PoffHF Scholarship). You can also e-mail johnearlprice@aol.com or call 740-243-4455 for more information.

In addition to scholarships, we can also help fund educational experiences in your community for such items for Grange Institutes, Creation of posters, Awareness of hazardous chemicals, or Farm Day Exposure. What can you do to inform your community, not just Grangers, but everyone?

Have you ever given to the Ohio Grange Patrons of Husbandry Foundation? It's as easy as writing any amount of check and putting it in an envelope and mailing to our treasurer. Ten dollars would be good. One hundred dollars would be better. A thousand dollars would be awesome. Ten thousand dollars would be outstanding and more would be unbelievable. Every penny goes to support scholarships and educational experiences. You should check with your employer to see if they have a program to donate to a 501C3 organization. If you have an IRA and are required to take minimum distribution, please check with your accountant to see how you can donate to the foundation and decrease your taxes. Due to donations given we have been able to give 2 scholarships to young people in Ohio last year. If you are interested in preserving the legacy of the Grange please consider a donation to the Foundation, which is tax deductible. We will be glad to work with individuals in their estate planning to help fund the Foundation. We are also interested in receiving donations from Corporations with the desire to see the Grange heritage live on. We gladly accept donations in any amount from you, your grange or a memorial or in honor of a special person. A tree grows tall but a gift toward the scholarships lives on forever. Send your donations to:

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Did You Know?

March was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after Mars, the god of war. After the switch to the Gregorian calendar in 1752, January became the start of the new year.

March was actually named for the Latin Martius—aka Mars, the Roman god of war and a mythical ancestor of the Roman people via his wolf-suckling sons, Romulus and Remus.

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“NO BARRIERS FOR DEAF PEOPLE”

Great News!!

We have much to celebrate!!! It is official, I am your new Deaf director for the buckeye state. Greeting to all Ohio Grangers. Mike and I had several discussions about the importance of providing and addressing concerns that can have a negative effect on the Deaf community and how State Granges can make a positive impact.

First, let me introduce myself, my name is Theresa Hass and I live in Conneaut, small town located in Ashtabula County. My husband's name is Scott Hass and we have three wonderful adult children, Kyle, Kristopher, and Kattiejo. We are also proud grandparent of two boys, Callum and Conner. We own and operate two family farms. In 1936 my great grandparents bought a farm in Monroe Township. Scott's family farm is located in Pierpont Township where he owned and operated a tractor and equipment business, called Swampy Acres for many years. Our family has been a part of both Grange and 4-H organizations for more than thirty years. In 1991 I began my career in healthcare as a respiratory therapist and in 2005 I became a Registered Nurse.

The last Deaf director correspondence was back in 2022, so moving forward let's look at the history and the many community projects the Grange supported over the years. Currently there is no Deaf Director at the National level. Meanwhile, Ohio has been blessed with the strong support from individuals like Howard Caldwell, who in 1983 appointed Janet Price followed by Sarah Grafton. Then came Judy Carrick, who for several years was an advocate for DOGS FOR BETTER LIVES, and many others behind the scene. Here are just a few of the valuable projects and past goals sponsored by the State Grange: the deaf activities state fund, dogs for better lives, ICCD-KAYLA ROHR, local DEAF schools wish list, hats and gloves, and ear plugs. I am in the process of putting together a goal and project lists for the remainder of 2024. If anyone sees or HEARS of any needs please reach out to me. All ideas are welcomed. I would like the focus for this year be, “NO BARRIERS FOR THE DEAF PEOPLE”. The deaf community should be able to enjoy all life has to offer. Come on Grange members!!!! Let's Make This Happen.

The Goal of the Grange Deaf Activities Director is to serve not only the deaf, but anyone with hearing impairment. In addition, bring awareness to the negative impact hearing loss can have not just on the Grangers, but also others in the local community. According to a study done in 2022 by Bowling Green

State University, it reported that in 2021, 1.5 billion people of all age groups were affected by some level of hearing loss. Hearing limitations include individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing and have some degree of hearing impairment. The prevalence of people with hearing limitations report released by Starkey Laboratories, showed 1 in 3 people over the age of 60 have been diagnosed with a disabling level of hearing loss while 1 in 6 age 49-68 have some level of hearing loss. The purpose of these studies was to bring awareness how this growing disability will effect society. Individuals with hearing issues often feel frustrated, lonely, helpless, and afraid causing them to withdraw from public and family gathering such as church and Grange functions. With hearing loss being so prevalent, the number of churches with hearing devices for these individuals is startlingly low. To continue to provide spiritual guidance and moral well-being of Grange members, the Chaplain and the Deaf Director will need to address these concerns together.

There are many different roles and officers of the Grange but two vital roles include the Chaplain and the Deaf Director. The first Chaplain of the National Grange was Aaron B. Grosh (1803–1884), one of the founders of the National Grange. The Chaplain serves as a spiritual advisor for the organization and helps members grow in their relationship with God. Unfortunately for the older adults, accessibility to attend and stay connected to the word of GOD will become more difficult due to hearing disabilities. It is estimated that 38% of adults age 50-64 attend church at least once a week and 48% are older than 65. Many Granges and religious organizations focus their services and worship for people who can hear. The stigma reflects the feeling there is nothing substantial for people with hearing disabilities when attending Grange functions or church services. Due to the age groups mentioned, it is predicted a record number of congregational members will leave the church within the next five years. In addition, today's churches are not prepared to address the challenges that already affect their congregation or the state Granges. Older adults are withdrawing from society and the young people are not filling these voids. Here are a few things the Chaplain can do to help Grange members stay connected to God. Make a concerted effort to mentor members with hearing disabilities, provide spiritual growth and encourage them to take part in church functions. Encourage members to reach out to those with hearing disabilities to allow the opportunity to engage in scripture together one on one. Lead by example! Increase awareness and respect for

members who are hard of hearing by providing accessories that helps them stay connected and grow spiritually.

The Deaf Director role is to provide Grange members with new knowledge on how to protect their hearing and also help those with hearing loss get the services they need. One of the biggest obstacles Deaf Directors face is getting individuals to admit or recognize they may have some degree of hearing loss. Most of these individuals with hearing loss will do very little to seek appropriate hearing health care or treatment. The mission of EAR (Education and Auditory Research) Foundation founded in 1971, is to provide information and research to address hearing preservation and early detection of hearing loss (www.earfoundation.org). To help prevent hearing loss the American Academy of Audiology and the Hearing Loss Association of America recommends the following guidelines for home, work, and public functions such as churches or Grange meetings: Avoid or limit exposure to excessively loud sounds, turn down the volume of music systems, TV, radio, and move away from the source of loud sounds when possible. Use hearing protection devices when it is not feasible to avoid exposure to loud sounds or reduce them to a safe level or take listening breaks to reduce your exposure. Use quieter products (power tools, toys, recreational vehicles) whenever they are available. Reduce equipment noise by replacing worn, loose, or unbalanced machine parts and keep equipment well lubricated and maintained. Make hearing protection convenient and use hearing protection devices (such as earplugs and earmuffs) when you cannot avoid loud sounds. Stash earplugs in your car, workshop, pockets or other easy to access places.

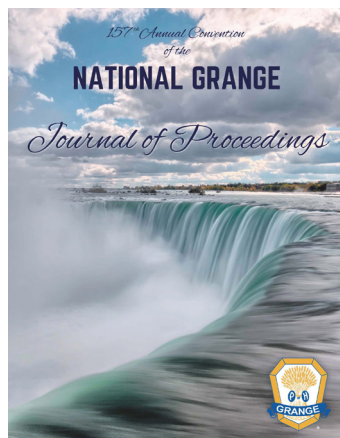
I would like to conclude with this Goal in mind "No Barriers for the Deaf community". I read an article called 'No Barriers for the Deaf in Churches', author unknown. The title says it ALL! **NO BARRIERS! THAT IS OUR GOAL TOO.**

Thank you, Theresa Hass

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I would like to welcome our new secretaries. May all your members encourage you as you learn your new duties. Please call if you have any questions. The family memberships are causing some confusion. In the Subordinate Grange, a family whose members are fourteen years of age (thirteen years and six months or more) may fill out an application to join the Grange. The election process to membership and becoming a member for all members of the family is the same as for an individual.

A family membership unit consists of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents. Quoted from the National Grange By-Laws: "Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, foster, adopted or step-children under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education or military service. Legal dependents of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family." So one family membership unit would consist of at least 3 members.

This morning we woke up to a beautiful covering of snow outside. All my grandchildren had several days off from school this week. My youngest grandson just called and wanted to know if they could come help milk cows and go sled riding (our hills are more fun). He also put his order in for supper!

I just talked to our National Grange Communications Director, Phil Vonda. I was surprised to have someone answer the phone. He's probably snowed in, too.

Yesterday I sent a card to a couple. The card had bright yellow flowers and birds on it. Told them to think of Spring.

I enjoy all the seasons of the year. May it remind us of the wonderful reasons we are Grange members and live our lives to the fullest. May God inspire us to do His will. Happy Easter!

Blessings, Debra Hogue

Did You Know?

There are quite a few notable historical people born in April, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Shakespeare, and Queen Elizabeth II.

On April 14, 1912, the famous Titanic ship hit an iceberg and sank on her first and only voyage.

George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30, 1789.

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 _____
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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
_____	(____) _____
_____	(____) _____
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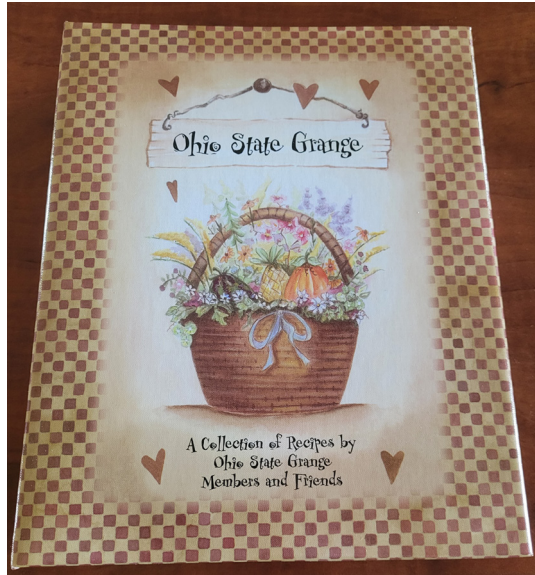
County _____ Grange _____

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

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May - June 2024

Please have all articles and news items
to Jim Grafton by March 20, 2024

Calendar

March 2024

2 Lecturer/Community Service Conf. OSG Office,
Fredericktown

April 2024

1 Wayne Co. Spring Fling Registration Deadline
5 Quarterly Reports Due
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, Frederick
town
15 Fairfield Co. Spring Fling Registration Deadline
20 Spring Fling, Frontline Church, Fairfield Co.
25 Registration Deadline, Deputies, State Officers,
Directors Conference

May 2024

4 Deputies, Directors, State Officer Conference,
Knox County
5 Rural Life Sunday, Knox County

158th National Convention

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Midwest Region is hosting the 158th National Convention November 12-16, 2024 at the Isle Casino Hotel in Bettendorf, Iowa. The Midwest Region consists of Grangers from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. Ohio's main responsibility will be the Showcase room which includes planning, set up, monitoring and tear down. The room will have vendors, GROW Club auction, National department displays, a Midwest states display and interactive community service activities.

Ohio will also be in charge of the hospitality room on Friday, November 15. We provide snacks for the day along with Grangers to be in the room throughout the day. Workers will be needed all day.

Contact Mark Naylor or Diana Nordquest if you are planning to attend National Convention and willing to help with Ohio's responsibilities.

Family Activities "Spring Fling"

10:00 A.M. 3:30 P.M.

April 13, 2024

Valley College Grange
2411 Shreve Rd, Wooster, Ohio, Wayne Co.

April 20, 2024

Frontline Church Of God
5195 Amanda Northern Rd, Amanda, Ohio
hosted by Clearcreek Valley Grange, Fairfield Co.

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Rural Life Sunday

May 5, 2024

Highwater United Church of Christ
12113 Dutch Lane NW, Newark, Ohio

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