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

Hope all of you are enjoying this beautiful fall season with all the beautiful colors that are all around us.

I would like to thank each and every one for attending the convention. It was held at the Marriott Columbus Northwest in Dublin October 26th-29th. This was a special convention celebrating the 150th anniversary of The Ohio State Grange.

Also, a special thanks to the 150th celebration committee for all their hard work. They put together years of history of the Ohio State Grange. To Kevin Evans for putting together the slide show. I hope everyone enjoyed seeing all the pictures and a bit of history.

I would also like to thank the committee chairman, all the delegates for all their work on the resolutions. Resolutions were down this year, hope to see the numbers increase for next year.

We would like to say congratulations to all the winners at the convention. Especially the youth and junior royalty. We are looking forward to seeing them at grange functions this coming year. Don't forget to invite them to any special activities you may have. They would be delighted to come and visit.

A special thank you to Noah and Joyce Blosser for stepping up to take on convention directors in the absence of JoAnn Ingram. To all who helped make the convention a success.

Debbie and I will be traveling to Niagara Falls, New York in November. We will be attending the National Grange Convention. This will be held from the 12th-18th. Ohio best of show winner Kea Shaffer will be performing on Saturday November 18th in the Night of Excellence show. We hope to see other Ohioans there also.

As this year draws to a close it has been a pleasure to serve as your Master/President for the last year. Looking forward to serving you in the coming year. Debbie and I want to wish all the grangers the very best in the coming year. Happy holidays to each and everyone.

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I would like to thank all the secretaries that have sent in their Grange Officers List and Grange Membership List. This helps so much. It is hard to believe it has been a whole year since I started this position. The time has gone by fast. It is a privilege to serve the wonderful Grangers in Ohio.

My sister, JoAnn, had some friends (non Grange Members) help her and her little helpers put up 2 Grange booths at the Canfield Fair. I complimented the couple that helped how nice the booths looked and appreciated them helping. She had just retired and this was the first year not going back to school as a teacher and didn't know what she was going to do. I hinted to my sister that they needed to join the Grange!

The men are finishing up the hay, the neighbor has been picking apples in his orchard for a month and we need to get ours soon. The canning and freezing of fruits and vegetables are coming to an end and the field corn is drying down a little slower this fall.

At this time of year, we pause and I enjoy singing the song "We Gather Together". May we also pause and remember to thank the Lord for all our many blessings. We need to praise Him each day for the gifts of health, freedom, friends and family (which includes our Grange family).

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Debra Hogue

Secretaries Of The Month

September

Secretary	Grange	County
Jeanine Girard	Williamsport #1815	Morrow
Lynn Eisele	Collinsville #2264	Butler
Debbie Russell	Staunton #2685	Miami
Sharon Ball	Muskingum Co. Pomona #35	Muskingum
Dale Dirkson	Hardin Co. Pomona #43	Hardin
Patricia Cline	Ashley #2625	Delaware

October

Dorothy Ruff	Thurman #1416	Gallia
Carolyn Kienzle	Hocking Co. Pomona #98	Hocking
Roland Tkach	Wakeman #1399	Huron
Wendell Lauth	Bristol #2527	Trumbull

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Thanksgiving Thoughts

The thoughts for this devotional were derived from a faculty member at Grand Canyon University.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

When is it easiest to be thankful? When things are going good, right? While it might be easier to praise God when you are most happy and comfortable, it is just as important, if not more important, to thank Him in the midst of trials.

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul tells the church at Thessalonica to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This can be hard to do, especially when things aren’t going well. So why do we have to give thanks? Why can’t we give in to cynicism and thanklessness? Because God calls us to a life of continual thankfulness. It is God’s will that we give thanks.

This is not to say we need to be always smiling. Sometimes things in life are bad and we should mourn or be upset, but it is in these moments that God asks us to thank Him anyway.

The trials in our lives are not pointless. God has a purpose for everything, even the bad. We might not be able to see the good, but God can see the whole picture and we can gain hope in knowing that our suffering is not in vain, but rather, part of God’s greater purpose.

Furthermore, in Colossians 3:17 it says, “And whatever you do whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

No matter how we feel at any given moment, we are still in control of what we say and do, and we should use this opportunity to point our lives back to God. A defining characteristic of a Christian is how he or she responds to trials. By finding the good in the bad and giving thanks despite the negative circumstances, Christians set themselves apart from the rest of the world while simultaneously lifting their own spirits by fixing their eyes on God instead of on the world.

So this Thanksgiving, whether you see the blessing abounding in your life or you are struggling to find anything to be thankful for, turn to God, the one who blesses you with grace and salvation daily and who longs for you to praise Him in the midst of your suffering, trusting in Him and His perfect purpose for your life now and forevermore.

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord, Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty Heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power; Praise him for His surpassing greatness. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, Praise Him with the harp and lyre, Praise Him with timbrel and dancing, Praise Him with the strings and pipe, Praise Him with the clash of cymbals, Praise Him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

Clear Creek Valley Grange #1843 Fairfield County

Clear Creek Valley Grange 1843 held their annual picnic and award ceremony on August 5 at Robert and Jody Blosser’s home. Ben Blosser, master presented awards. Left to right Martha Marie Carpenter, lecturer received 60 year



award. Ben Blosser master. Joyce Ann Blosser, secretary received 60 year award. Jack Shaeffer received 50 year. Not present Grant Neilley 50 year award and Roger Miller 50 year.

Pleasant Grange #1615 Fairfield County

Pleasant Grange #1615, Fairfield County, Pleasantville, Ohio, celebrated on August 17, 2023 a Grange Membership Recognition for their members.



Pictured left to right: Edward Rowles (76 years), Glen Fullmer (50 years), Linda Fullmer (50 years), Janice Hardwick (60 years), Joan Wade (50 years) and Mary Neibling (48 years). Not pictured Bill Ginnery (55 years) and Beverly Rowles (74 years).

**STAY SAFE
STAY CONNECTED
STAY POSITIVE**

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As the families gather together we the Ohio State Grange Family Activities committee want to wish everyone a year full of Thanksgivings, a Merry Christmas and healthy happy New Year. As we cannot control a lot of our future and a fair portion of the present let's continue to be the Grangers we have always been and help those in need if only with kind words and deeds. This WE can control. Life hands us a lot, what we do with it is ours to concur from start to finish. Let's work side by side to strengthen our Grange and our country for our now and future family members.

The results for the 2022-2023 contests will be in the January/February magazine. This happens because the convention was October 27-29 and this article had to be in before September 20. Hope you found something to peak your interest in the 2023-2024 Family Activity contest pages. We changed some name of divisions and tried to take your suggestions and expand on them for interesting projects for you to experiment with over the holidays. The baking is a good one to try on the family and friends.

Now that the seriousness is written, we do wish love, peace, hope and kindness to all in the coming years; let's look to the lighter side of OSG family activity. Many hospitals are relaxing their requirements for donations. Check with the hospital and maybe homeless shelter in your area for donating comfort toys, fleece blankets, knitted or crochet hats, toys. The Sockless Monster is still collecting socks of all sizes and "holiness" for 99 4 the one in Butler County. The "holey" ones they coat with Vaseline, put it in a mason jar and pour rubbing alcohol in. When it is lit it is used for a little light in their shelter. So don't forget to feed the Monster. We are still collecting unwanted prescription eyeglasses for VOSH (due May 4th). Some Granges have gone to their local Wal-Mart and ask their optometrist to donate. If they are giving to the local Lions Club or someone ask them to split the returned pairs or donate every other month.

Lets talk baking: CORRECTIONS

Class A –Men's-Vanilla Rich Chip Cake

Not sure where the "Note: 2 slices-1/2 inch to 3/4 inch thick-pan size" came from. It should be 2 pieces of cake 2 inches by 2 inches on a plate or in a container with your name, Grange name and county name and number on a piece of paper on top with a piece of tape.

Class C-Raisin Bread-mini loaf-your own recipe

Under notes: - mini loaf pan size is 3x5 inch (5-3/4" x 3-3/4") the pan holds 2 cups.

Trial and errors work well at Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years to find your best recipe. Good Luke!

IV. Hardware Store:

Class A phone stand holder

Class B trivet for hot dish

Class C Welcome sign

Class D misc hardware sculpture and Spring Fling contest are for members and POTENTIAL MEMBERS. Show it to a friend at church or at the McDonalds early morning meeting. Invite friends to Spring Fling. Get others involved.

Wayne, Jan, Harry, Staci, Deb, Kate, Mike, Ann and I look forward to seeing you and a friend at Spring Fling in April. We will have the nailed down dates on the F.A. facebook page and the OSG website very soon. There will be two again this year. And we all are looking forward to tasting your perfected trial and error baking from the Gristmill.

Have a safe healthy year. STAY SAFE! STAY CONNECTED! STAY POSITIVE!

**Monroe-Dan Emmett Grange #847
Knox County**

Monroe-Dan Emmett Grange 847 placed first in the Subordinate booth division at the 2023 Knox County Fair. The booths are based on the current Ohio State Grange theme and features the community service work of each Grange.



Did You Know?

Fourty six million turkeys are eaten on Thanksgiving. In addition to Thanksgiving, 22 million turkeys are eaten on Christmas and 19 million turkeys on Easter.

Americans consume between 2,500 and 4,500 calories at the Thanksgiving table.

Americans consume 80 million pounds of cranberries during Thanksgiving, including 5,062,500 gallons of jellied cranberry.

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

Hi friends! I'm Jennifer Cox. I am excited to serve as the Youth Director. My family and I are members of Ewing Grange #2082 in Hocking County. Both of my daughters, Kaylee & Abby, were Junior Grange Princesses over the past two years. I am a Budget Director at Ohio University and a "retired" adjunct professor with 19-years at Franklin University. I look forward to working with you and engaging our Youth to be active with the Grange Youth programs. There are so many opportunities for Grange Youth to get involved in leadership, citizenship, and social experiences; develop life skills; and to learn how to become active Subordinate Grange members.

I hope everyone is feeling energized after a great time at the convention. This year's theme for the luncheon and pageant was Happy Birthday to the Ohio State Grange from Juniors and Youth. Thank you to the Ohio State Grange for supporting the Youth activities- the luncheon, pageant, pizza party, and dance were so much fun. Also, thank you to everyone who donated items to the Youth raffle and purchased tickets. The raffle proceeds help fund Youth programs, camps, and other activities. We appreciate your generosity and support.

We need your help, Youth! What type of programming would you like to participate in over the coming year? Currently there is not a winter camp scheduled, but we will plan events to get together and build a strong, active, and fun Youth program. How great would it be for our Youth to work with the Juniors at their summer camp?! Wouldn't it be wonderful for the Youth to open a 2024 Ohio State Grange convention session, as was done in the past? How about preparing for job interviews and higher education applications and scholarships? Please email me your contact information at ohiograngeyouth@gmail.com so we can build a Youth email list. Also, email your ideas for Youth activities and let's start planning some fun! Don't forget to mark your calendar for June 10-13th for summer Youth camp- more details to come.

Be Proud. Be Leaders. Be Grange Youth.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

85 Years

Gladys Wihelm – Mile Branch #933 – Columbiana Co.

80 Years

Jackie Hollowell – Collinsville #2264 – Butler Co.

75 Years

Elvin Barnet – Mile Branch #933 – Columbiana Co.

Dick Lotze – Robertsville #1784 – Stark Co.

Mary Hartzell – Pike #1669 – Stark Co.

Marian Chace – Mason #1680 – Warren Co.

Marjorie Bean – Albany #1611 – Athens Co.

Bonnie White – Albany #1611 – Athens Co.

Bruce Fissell – Williamsport #1815 – Morrow Co.

70 Years

Ron Hiltner – Morgan #829 – Knox Co.

Velma Hewett – Monroe Dan Emmett #847 – Knox Co.

Helen Totten – Monroe Dan Emmett #847 – Knox Co.

Marie Bolin – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.

Naomi Crown – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.

Helen Pyles – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.

Carolyn Spencer – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.

Kinsey Tanner – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.

Stella Walker – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.

Joyce Weiser – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.

Shelda Cranston – Mile Branch #933 – Columbiana Co.

Marvin Dye – Mile Branch #933 – Columbiana Co.

Dana Boyce – Mile Branch #933 – Columbiana Co.

65 Years

Edna Armstrong – McCutchen #2360 – Wyandot Co.

Vickie Morris – Albany #1611 – Athens Co.

Judith Howenstine – Mike Branch #933 – Columbiana Co.

Dorothy Montgomery – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.

James Marshall – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.

Helen Pyles – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.

Shirley Mitchell – Timber Run #1899 – Muskingum Co.

Richard Mahoney – Robertsville #1784 – Stark Co.

Gail Jones – Monroe Dan Emmett #847 – Knox Co.

60 years

Betty Lou Smith – Robertsville #1784 – Stark Co.

Dorothy Montgomery – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.

Rita Bennett – McCutchen #2360 – Wyandot Co.

Rose Jones – McCutchen #2360 – Wyandot Co.

Kathy Mayer – Pike #1669 – Stark Co.

Ivan Tribe – Albany #1611 – Athens Co.

Ida Tribe – Albany #1611 – Athens Co.

Albert Keirns – Albany #1611 – Athens Co.

Matha Marie Carpenter – Clear Creek Valley #1843 – Fairfield

Joyce Ann Blosser – Clear Creek Valley #1843 – Fairfield Co.

Bill Crego – Morgan #829 – Knox Co.

Dean McCullough – Painter Creek #1923 – Hardin Co.

Samuel Dalton – Painter Creek #1923 – Hardin Co.

Marilyn Dalton – Painter Creek #1923 – Hardin Co.

60 Years Continued

Janice Hardwick – Pleasant #1615 – Fairfield Co.
Carl Rainey - Loudon Center #2276 - Seneca Co.

55 years

David Barnett – Mile Branch #933 – Columbiana Co.
Donald Barnett – Mile Branch #933 – Columbiana Co.
Michael Johnson – Mile Branch #933 – Columbiana Co.
Dorothy Montgomery – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.
Deanna Tribe – Albany #1611 – Athens Co.
Lynn Eisele – Collinsville #2264 – Butler Co.
Beverly Foutz – Collinsville #2264 – Butler Co.
William Ginnery Jr. – Pleasant #1616 – Fairfield Co.
Susan Rainey - Loudon Center # 2276 - Seneca Co.

50 years

Tom Althouse – Willow Grove #1688 – Columbiana Co.
Susie Griffin – Perry #2729 – Stark Co.
Mark Steiner – Mason #1680 – Warren Co.
Joseph Steiner – Mason #1680 – Warren Co.
Berno Stephanson – Mason #1680 – Warren Co.
Kevin Blakley – Collinsville #2264 – Butler
Grant Neilley – Clear Creek Valley #1843 – Fairfield Co.
Roger Miller – Clear Creek Valley #1843 – Fairfield Co.
Jach Shaeffer – Clear Creek Valley #1843 – Fairfield Co.
Joan Wade – Pleasant #1615 – Fairfield Co.
Glen Fullmer – Pleasant #1615 – Fairfield Co.
Linda Fullmer – Pleasant #1615 – Fairfield Co.
Mary Sheppard – Monroe Dan Emmett #847 – Knox Co.
Joel Snyder – Robertsville #1784 – Stark
Charlotte Sweitzer – Robertsville #1784 – Stark
Richard Teisinger – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.
Alic Fulk – Timber Run #1898 – Muskingum Co.
David Weinman – Union #1783 – Wayne Co.
Millie Norris – Robertsville #1784 – Stark Co.
Anthony Tiell - Loudon Center #2276 - Seneca Co.

McCutchen Grange #2360 Wyandot County

At the Oct 3rd meeting, McCutchen Grange #2360, Wyandot County, members and 2 guests enjoyed a hayride, with a weiner roast, s'mores, donuts and freshly pressed homemade cider.



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“In Step to Meet Tomorrow’s Challenges.”

The Lecturer’s Department theme is “In Step to Meet Tomorrow’s Challenges.” Our job as Lecturers is not to lecture but to educate, entertain and help our members to use their talents. Each Granger has interests and talents which can be used in Lecturers programs.

Now is the time to review the 2023 September-October Ohio Granger with your members. Look at new contests or categories, identify contests open to non-members, have members decide on a contest they could enter. If you have youth and/or junior members, there are contests open to them in the Lecturers and Family Activities departments in addition to the Junior and Youth departments. Lecturer’s packets for 2023-24 were distributed at state convention. Contact your county Deputy or delegate if you have not received your packet. For counties with no one attending convention, packets will be mailed to individual Grange Lecturers or Master, if there is no Lecturer.

Lecturers when planning your programs for November and December, try to think beyond traditional holiday programs. What about a program on squash, apple cider, cranberries, or turkeys? Check with your members about Christmas traditions in their family or heritage. Instead of a member gift exchange, have members bring toys, hats and gloves, socks, canned goods or money to help a charity in your area. Possibly have a speaker at the meeting and present them with your gifts.

If you prefer traditional programs, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving, the birthday of The Grange, Pearl Harbor Day, Christmas, and New Year’s Eve are possible program themes. Non-traditional program themes might include Husbands Cook Dinner Day, World Kindness Day or the Salvation Army’s Kettle.

I hope that everyone has a Bountiful Thanksgiving, a Joyous Christmas Season and a Prosperous New Year!

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We cannot believe how fast this year has flown by. We continue to be impressed with everything our Juniors have accomplished across the state!

This year started out with a fresh new vision along with new adventures with the Summer Camp. We located a camp in Northeast Ohio which turned out to be an awesome location in which we made some great memories. We gained 6 new juniors and had some fellow juniors join us for camp for the first time due to location. It was full of twists and turns, but all the juniors enjoyed the camp and are looking forward to another year. Camp Asbury was very accommodating and brought new items to the camp agenda, our special activity this year was minute to win it games and we had the naturalist from Hiram college come for our educational experience.

After Summer Camp our royalty were busy traveling all over the state of Ohio to represent the organization- please see pictures.

We ended the summer season with a family day trip to the Ohio Caverns, the juniors in attendance along with families learned some very interesting facts about how crystals are made and how Ohio is known for the most colorful caverns. We are excited to see these day trips grow in coming years and we hope they will become an activity in which to invite friends to experience a Grange activity for the first time and for the whole family to be involved in. We have two dates planned for next year but are still looking for places to visit. If you have a place or experience in mind that is fun and might not be well known please reach out and let us know!

We hope to continue to see the junior grange grow and help to secure the future of our organization. Remember, as we move into the winter, we have opportunities to invite friends and family to join us in our special events at Grange and in our community service projects.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are both good times to plan a special community party at the Grange or for planning an event of some kind with nursing homes in your communities. We hope all our Junior Grange Families have a lovely holiday season and we look forward to another wonderful Junior Grange year!





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Looking FORWARD To
The Future

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Greetings Community Service Directors and Grangers. I distributed the Grange packets at convention to the deputies and for those that I could not, have mailed those directly to each Grange using the directory of names submitted to the state Grange office. In your packet this time, I included a list of projects that were reported in the annual Community Service reports so you can see some of the projects taken on by some of your peer Granges. I so enjoyed seeing so many Grangers at the 150th annual session of the Ohio State Grange. We were honored to have our National Master in attendance to share in convention activities. At the Friday evening banquet, we recognized the top four Community Service reports, Spotlight on Service and Individual community service awards.

Community Service Reports.

- 1st Place Community Service Report
 - * Clearcreek Valley Grange #1843 Fairfield County
- 2nd Place Community Service Report
 - * East Plymouth Grange #1548 Ashtabula County
- 3rd Place Community Service Report
 - * Monroe Grange #2570 Miami County
- 4th Place Community Service Report
 - * Pike Grange #1669 Stark County

Thank you to all the Granges that submitted a report. I receive 29 subordinate Grange reports. I am always amazed at the creativity of the Granges and the variety of projects that are undertaken to serve our communities. Truly every Grange that is active in their communities are winners. Here is a listing of all the reports received in alphabetical order.

Grange Name	County
Bath #1331	Summit
Clearcreek Valley #1843	Fairfield
Collinsville #2264	Butler
Cove Spring #2414	Miami
East Plymouth #1548	Ashtabula
Ewing #2082	Hocking
Harrison #1711	Knox
Hopewell #2688	Mercer
Huntsburg #2541	Geauga
Jefferson #1311	Ashtabula
Leesville #2078	Crawford
Maplewood #2392	Shelby
Mile Branch #933	Columbiana
Monroe #2018	Clermont
Monroe #2570	Miami

Monroe-Dan Emmett #847	Knox
Nimishillen #1627	Stark
Olivesburg #2641	Richland
Painter Creek #1923	Hardin
Pike #1669	Stark
Robertsville #1784	Stark
Sheffield Star #1610	Ashtabula
Star #778	Meigs
Stelvideo #295	Darke
Tiverton #1515	Coshocton
Unity #1761	Columbiana
Unity #2116	Mercer
Valley College #1872	Wayne
Wayne #262	Knox

Spotlight on Service Award

- * Collinsville Grange #2264 Butler County
- * Mile Branch Grange #933 Columbiana County

Granger of the Year

- * Beverly Foutz, Collinsville Grange #2264 Butler County

Volunteer of the Year

- * Jill Oliver, Non-Member nominated by Denise Hodges East Plymouth #1548 Ashtabula County

I was a bit disappointed in the individual nominations come in this year. We had no Teacher, Fire Fighter or Law Enforcement nominations submitted. So many individuals are deserving of these awards in our communities so let us make that a goal to recognize more individuals next year. And remember, for nominations that did not win at the state level in the past can be resubmitted with more information to be considered at the state level.

Time flies when you are having fun – I find it hard to believe that this begins my tenth year as the Ohio State Community Service Director. It is an honor I have thoroughly enjoyed. If there is anyone out there who would like to take on this role, I will gladly share with you what is involved and you can shadow me this year or whatever support you desire to take on the reins in 2024. I am not resigning but being proactive to make sure there is new blood and ideas to support the future of the grange.

As we prepare to go into the holidays there are so many opportunities to provide for those in our communities. As we remember all the things, we have to be thankful for, it reminds us to follow the precept of our order. This is what we do best. I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Kevin Evans 5523 Township Road 128 Edison, Ohio 43320. Mobile Phone: 419-560-4791

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.

Dogs for Better Lives

I've received information that our fourth dog has been placed. The dogs name is Freya. She is in Rochester New York with Nicole.

Nicole is a pediatric nurse and is back in school to become a nurse practitioner Over the four years of college, she lost all of her hearing. Since she was in school at Rochester, where there is a deaf community, she was able to learn ASL. She has gotten a cochlear implant that helps her hear some things now.

Freya was placed and it was a miracle. Freya alerts her to the alarm clock and people calling her name. She alerts her to 10 sounds at this time.

With Freya, Nicole feels herself again. She's confident and adventurous. She says that Freya and she have gone on adventures, such as cross country skiing, hiking, camping, paddle-boarding and even rock climbing.

Freya's favorite toys are ducks, so they go to see the ducks and geese on Lake Ontario. Nicole said that Freya is



the light of her life.

Nicole THANKS the Ohio State Grange for our sponsor support.

We will conclude with a fifth dog. Dogs for Better Lives, is hoping to hold monies sent of \$1175 for us, until we are able to send the remaining \$3,825 in one check. The monies sent was in memory of Committee member Mary Biss.

If you wish to donate monies for the fifth dog, send a check to the State Office, earmarked for Dogs for Better Lives, marked (dog).

When the monies are accumulated, the check will be sent for the fifth dog.

Thank you all that donated for this very special project. It meant a lot to the committee and me.

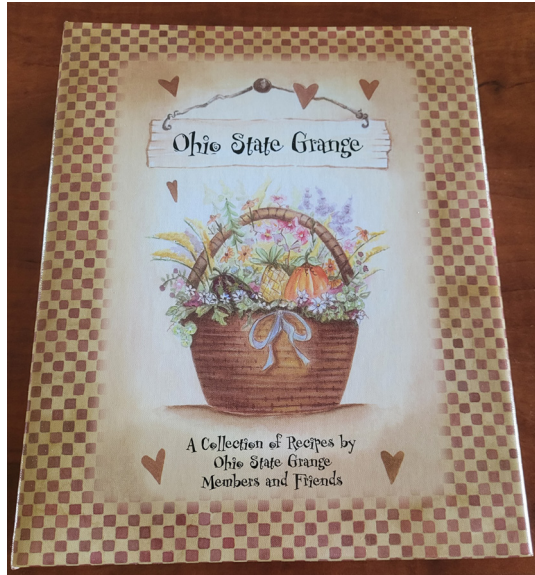
Judy Carrick

Did You Know?

In a national survey of Americans favorite Christmas food the #1 pick is roast potatoes, with a win percentage of 76%. Mashed potatoes came in second (75%), and turkey was third (73%)—the only protein in the top five.

The three least favorite dishes were: Tofu, Plantains, Turnips/Turnip greens.

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The next issue is planned for
January - February 2024
 Please have all articles and news items
 to Jim Grafton by November 20, 2023

November 2023

8 Board Meeting
 9-20 Office Closed due to National Convention
 14-18 National Grange Convention- Niagara Falls
 23- 27 Office Closed due to Holidays

December 2023

13 Board Meeting
 22 to January 1 Office Closed due to Holidays

January 2024

10 Board Meeting

February 2024

14 Board Meeting

Collinsville Grange #2264 Butler County

I belong to Collinsville Grange #2264. After the very scary incident with Daymar Hamlin on the football field last January, one of our members asked if our Milford Township Community Center had an AED. The Grange has dances and special events there a few times per year, however the building is rented and used by various groups for meetings and family events.

After finding out that there was not a device available in the building, the Collinsville Grange completed a Grant application through Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's Community Connection program. We requested about \$1600, and received \$900. When we approached the Milford Township Trustees, they were so appreciative of our efforts. Word got out that we needed additional funding to make this project a reality. Donations came in from the Milford Township Fire Department, Bluegrass Dance Group, Butterfield Farms, Beeler Farms, Collinsville Modern Housewives, and the Grange.

The Township Clerk ordered the AED unit and the Grange ordered a Stop the Bleed Kit, as an extra safety measure.

A process that began in February was finally completed when the AED arrived at the end of August.

The Grange, founded in 1867, has long been known as a fraternal, non-partisan, non profit grassroots organization that advocates for Rural America and agriculture. It also focuses on legislative issues, family values and community service. Collinsville Grange was organized in January 1920.

This project lends itself to people coming together and working to make our communities a better place to live. Team work makes the dream work!

The Grange will host trainings this fall to help make residents more aware of the availability of the device and become more familiar with its location and importance. The community will be welcome.



Pictured L-R with the AED and Stop the Bleed Kit on the table: Mollie Hansel, Milford Township Clerk, Marilyn Dickerson, President of Collinsville Grange, Norma Jean Bolton, Collinsville Granger who got the project rolling, Andy Denny, Community Connection Coordinator at Butler Rural Electric, on hand to present the \$900 Grant money, Phil Foutz, Grange Treasurer, and Beverly Foutz, Collinsville Grange Community Service Chairperson. The Foutz's are Butler County Grange Deputies.