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**Ohio State Grange
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Looking Forward To The Future**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Just finished the Farm Science Review...always glad the Grange makes a showing there. During this time of year, everyone is getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Hope you all have a safe and Happy Holidays...

Since the Convention is over, you will have a new Master/President and other new Officers. My Husband and I have enjoyed being in this position (for the most part), and wish everyone the best. We appreciate all the help given to us by Directors, Officers and Members. We also appreciate the Granges that have taken us into their lives, hearts and homes. We won't forget this....Ever...

Take Care,
Sue and Bruce Roy

Reminder to Treasurers:

The Bonding deadline to the State Grange is December 10th...we need these by then, in order for National to receive by end of December. All checks are to be made out to the Ohio State Grange.

Thanks,
Bruce Roy

Junior Grange Stations Available

Blue Ridge Grange has combined with Keene Hill Grange, and no longer needs its Junior Grange Stations. If you would like these Stations, please call the State Office.

Thanks,
Sue

In Memory Of

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As of this writing, the Ohio State Grange convention has not been completed. We have 24 resolutions to discuss and vote on by the delegates. We have 3 resolutions for Agriculture; 3 resolutions for Budget, including a Budget for 2023; 8 resolutions for the By-Laws/Good of the Order; 2 resolutions for the Citizenship/Public Affairs; 3 resolutions for Education/Health; and 5 resolutions for the Transportation /Taxation Committees. There is an election of all the State offices except two Executive Committee. There will be lots to report next issue.

And speaking of elections, November 8 is the election that will elect all the State Offices being Governor, Lt. Governor, Auditor of State, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General. We have a very important U. S. Senate race and also the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and two other Supreme Court Justice positions. I know that we all have State Representatives running and half of the Ohio State Senators. So remember to get out and vote on or before November 8th.

Jenny Camper was my guest on the Buckeye Patrons Pulse Podcast and we talked about the legislation passed by the Federal Legislators in regards to the insulin caps in Medicare. This is great news, but we are going to be working on new legislation to include other diseases with high medicine amounts. Why shouldn't they be included with this cap? The second podcast, Jenny Camper and I talked about H. B. 135 at the State Senate. This bill, if passed, will make insurance companies accept coupons that the insurer uses to pay for high medicine and add to your deductible. This just isn't right that if the manufacturer gives you a discount on your medicine, you should be able to use it towards a deductible. The Ohio House of Representatives have passed the bill unanimously and it is sitting in the Senate. Remember, all bills not passed by December 31 are considered dead and have to be reintroduced in 2023 to the new Legislators and all is lost with what we have done this past two years.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. This will be my last article as I will not be your Legislative Director next year. I have enjoyed working with everyone and meeting you, but I need to move onward.

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“Celebrating and continuing the Deaf Activities into the future”

Thank you to all who sent reports. Our numbers were down this year. I'll report winners in the Jan./Feb issue. Have a good year.

For the article this time, I'm going to write the program from Deaf Chairman, Jan Doner from Unity Grange #2116 in Mercer County. I felt it was a good program and very informative for all.

"WHY YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T USE Q-TIPS TO CLEAN YOUR EARS"

This is what she wrote.

You cannot only irritate, scratch and cut the ear canal, but you can also damage the ear drum, and render your efforts unsuccessful, by pushing whatever wax has built up even deeper down the ear. People don't really realize the wax they see on the Q-Tip would have come out anyway, because the ear cleans itself.

Earwax can be pesky. In some cases, too much earwax can cause hearing problems, itching, dizziness, and discomfort. But it's a myth that you need to routinely clean out your ears. In most cases earwax is actually healthy and protective for the ear. Earwax helps protect against infections, dry skin, and unwanted dirt and debris. When you use a cotton swab, also known as a Q-Tip, you can accidentally damage your ears. In fact the most common causes of eardrum rupture is from trauma, like using cotton swabs or other instruments in your ear.

How often do you need to clean your ears? Most people do not need to routinely clean their ears. Our ears are normally self-cleaning. Our ear wax traps dirt and debris and is slowly pushed out on its own. This helps particles from getting in our ears and also prevents infection. Some people may be at a higher risk for abnormal wax. This is called Cerumen Impaction. You may be at a higher

risk if you are older, wearing hearing aids, or have had a history of Impaction already.

HOW TO SAFELY REMOVE EARWAX WITHOUT USING A Q-TIP:

OTC- over the counter alcohol or peroxide-based ear drops may help prevent excessive wax build-up and are generally considered safe, when used as directed.

Hydrogen peroxide used in small drops, can help soften the wax and break down the harden wax, so it comes out on its own.

Mineral oil, also can be used in small drops, helps soften the wax.

Stay around the outer ear, using a tissue is considered safe as long as you do not get into the ear canal. **THE BEST OPTION:**

Your Doctor has a special tool designed to remove earwax build-up or other objects. Sometimes this involves using water and saline to rinse the ear.

I will end with this:

WHAT IF YOU SUDDENLY LOST YOUR HEARING - WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU WOULD MISS HEARING?

Birds, music, people talking (family members and friends), Grandchildren, TV, phone, radio, horns blowing, machinery, animals, water falls, ocean waves, miss being included, leaves blowing in the wind, baby crying, alarm clock, clock ticking.

PLEASE PROTECT YOUR HEARING!!

Thank you to Jan for a good program and for great information. I hope this helps and gives you another area of information to present to your members.

Wishing you all, a Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas.

Thanksgiving History

Thanksgiving Day, annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. The American holiday is particularly rich in legend and symbolism, and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie. With respect to vehicular travel, the holiday is often the busiest of the year, as family members gather with one another. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on Thurs-

day, November 24, 2022.

Plymouth's Thanksgiving began with a few colonists going out "fowling," possibly for turkeys but more probably for the easier prey of geese and ducks, since they "in one day killed as much as...served the company almost a week." Next, 90 or so Wampanoag made a surprise appearance at the settlement's gate, doubtlessly unnerving the 50 or so colonists. Nevertheless, over the next few days the two groups socialized without incident. The Wampanoag contributed venison to the feast, which included the fowl and probably fish, eels, shellfish, stews, vegetables, and beer.

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Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to congratulate all the Grangers who have dedicated many years of membership to our Organization. It is amazing how many have been recognized this past year. I would also like to commend the Delegates who performed the difficult task of reviewing and making decisions on the resolutions presented at the 149th Annual Session of the Ohio State Grange. It was a wonderful time to renew our Grange enthusiasm and friendships. My sincere thanks to each Secretary who has continued to give his/her best throughout the year. I truly appreciate your hard work. Don't forget that the 2022 4th Quarter Report and dues payment must be postmarked by Jan. 5th.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Deb Hamilton

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

80 years

Ray Monroe, Jefferson #1331, Ashtabula Co.

75 years

Beth Hnida, Jefferson #1331, Ashtabula Co.
Naomi Beard, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Gerald Crissinger, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
Barbara Van Scoy, Oxford #2211, Erie Co.
Eddie Lindimore, Neelyville #299, Morgan Co.

70 years

Virginia Foster, Unit #1761, Columbiana Co.
Alice Knauer, Oxford #2211, Erie Co.
Mary Ruth Archer, Sharon #1561, Noble Co.
Gerry Lotze, Robertsville #1784, Stark Co.
Donna Mahoney, Robertsville #1784, Stark Co.

65 years

Shirley Johnson, Mile Branch #933, Columbiana Co.
Phyllis Buxton, Morgan #829, Knox Co.
Oneta Debolt, Morgan #829, Knox Co.
Jack Redman, Madison #1981, Licking Co.
Dale McCormick, Neelyville #299, Morgan Co.
Barbara Reed, Sharon #1561, Noble Co.
Marge Aller, Robertsville #1784, Stark Co

60 years

Alan Howenstine, Mile Branch #933, Columbiana Co.
Fay Pearce, Mile Branch #933, Columbiana Co.
Louise Crane, Unit #1761, Columbiana Co.
Betty Kolbfell, Unit #1761, Columbiana Co.
Tom Mollenkopf, Unit #1761, Columbiana Co.
Barbara Van Scoit, Leesville #2078, Crawford Co.
James Bertsch, Oxford #2211, Erie Co.
Marjorie Raines, Morgan #829, Knox Co.
Anna Chadwick, Morgan #829, Knox Co.

55 years

Helen Hayes, Jefferson #1331, Ashtabula Co.
Wendell Obernyer, Jefferson #1331, Ashtabula Co.
Alice Brunner, Mile Branch #933, Columbiana Co.
Kay DeTray, Mile Branch #933, Columbiana Co.
Marilyn Ramsey, Mile Branch #933, Columbiana Co.
Chester Ward, Unit #1761, Columbiana Co.
Gary Weaver, Oxford #2211, Erie Co.
Steve Chadwick, Morgan #829, Knox Co.
Jennette Redman, Madison #1981, Licking Co.

50 years

Frank Jokinen, Jefferson #1331, Ashtabula Co.
Carol Mead, Jefferson #1331, Ashtabula Co.
Marie Clark, Mile Branch #933, Columbiana Co.
Loren Cope, Mile Branch #933, Columbiana Co.
David Dye, Mile Branch #933, Columbiana Co.
Bonnie Kohl, Morgan #829, Knox Co.
Patty Krueger, Morgan #829, Knox Co.
Willis Smith, Morgan #829, Knox Co.
Bill Norris, Robertsville #1784, Stark Co.
Mike Norris, Robertsville #1784, Stark Co.
Ruth Wheeler, Robertsville #1784, Stark Co.

Richland Grange #1899 Fairfield County



Richland Grange membership presentation. row 1 Evelyn Palmer, 65 yrs, Joan Miller, 70 yrs, Becky Ginnery, 60 yrs. row 2, Keith Dennis, 50 yrs, Brad Dennis, 25 yrs, Joan Wade, 49 yrs, Cecelia West, 25 yrs, Dennis West, 55 yrs.

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Christmas Thoughts

I can't believe that it is time to write about Christmas again! I am so looking forward to this Christmas to celebrate with yet the newest grandchild, Charlotte Josephine Widder, who's proud parents are Ethan & Cara Widder. She is named after my mother and her maternal great grandmother. She is my 4th grandchild/daughter. Christmas is a time of making memories and remembering those from long ago.

One of my favorite childhood memories dates back to when I was in 3rd grade. My dad, hitched up Duke, one of our horses, to an open sleigh. We delivered gifts to my paternal grandparents who lived a mile west of the family farm. To get there, we traveled a mile west on US 39 which was quite snow covered. My brother, Dan, & I hung on the back end of the sleigh and Brenda sat on my Mom's lap while Dad drove the horse. It was quite heart warming to see the expressions of the occupants in the ditched cars waving back to us with delight. I will always remember the warm smiles of Dad's parents as they saw us pull in their driveway. Then, there were the many times after the noon Christmas meal, my maternal Grandmother, Margarita Kinsey, would have devotions and then pray over her families in English and finishing is Swiss. We would also sing Christmas Carols around the piano.

Just recently I came across the story below. It is also very heartwarming and another reason to treat "strangers" with glee for one never knows with whom they are conversing.

The old man sat in his gas station on a cold Christmas Eve. He hadn't been anywhere in years since his wife had passed away. There was no decorations, tree, or lights. It was just another day to him. He didn't hate Christmas, just couldn't find a reason to celebrate. There were no children in his life.

He was sitting there looking at the snow that had been falling for the last hour and wondering what it was all about when the door opened and a homeless man stepped through. Instead of throwing the man out, George told the man to come and sit by the space heater to warm-up.

"Thank you, but I don't mean to intrude," said the stranger. "I see you're busy. I'll just go"

"Not without something hot in your belly," George turned and opened a wide mouth Thermos and handed it to the stranger. "It isn't much, but it's hot and tasty. Stew. Made it myself. When you're done, there's fresh coffee."

Just at that moment he heard the "ding" of the driveway bell. "Excuse me, be right back," George said.

There in the driveway was an old '53 Chevy. Steam was rolling out from under the hood. The driver was panicked.

"Mister can you help me!" said the driver with a deep Spanish accent. "My wife is with child and my car is broken."

George opened the hood. It was bad. The block looked cracked from the cold and the car was dead. "You aren't going in this thing," George said as he turned away.

"But mister. Please help...."

George went to the office wall and got the keys to his old truck, and went back outside. He walked around the building and opened the garage, started the truck and drove it around to where the couple was waiting.

"Here, you can borrow my truck," he said. "She isn't the best thing you ever looked at, but she runs really well."

George helped put the woman in the truck and watched as it sped off into the night. He turned and walked back inside the office.

"Glad I loaned the truck to them. Their tires were shot, too. That old truck has brand new tires..."

George thought he was talking to the stranger, but the man had gone. The thermos was on the desk, empty with a used coffee cup beside it.

"Well, at least he got something in his belly," George thought.

George went back outside to see if the old Chevy would start. It cranked slowly, but it started. He pulled it into the garage where the truck had been. He thought he would tinker with it for something to do. Christmas Eve meant no customers. He discovered the block hadn't cracked, it was just the bottom hose on the radiator.

"Well, I can fix this," he said to himself. So he put a new one on. "Those tires aren't going to get them through the Winter either."

He took the snow treads off of his wife's old Lincoln. They were like new and he wasn't going to drive the car. As he was working he heard a gunfire. Running outside and beside a police car an officer lay on the cold ground bleeding from the left shoulder.

The officer moaned, "Help me."

George helped the officer inside as he remembered the training he had received in the Army as a medic. He knew the wound needed attention. "Pressure to stop the bleeding," he thought. The laundry company had been there that morning and had left clean shop towels. He used those

and duct tape to bind the wound.

"Hey, they say duct tape can fix anything," he said, trying to make the policeman feel at ease. "Something for pain," George thought. All he had was the pills he used for his back. "These ought to work." He put some water in a cup and gave the policeman the pills.

"You hang in there. I'm going to get you an ambulance." George said, but the phone was dead. "Maybe I can get one of your buddies on the 2 way radio out in your police car."

He went out only to find that a bullet had gone into the dashboard destroying the radio. He went back in to find the policeman sitting up.

"Thanks," said the officer. "You could have left me there. The guy that shot me is still in the area."

George sat down beside him. "I would never leave an injured man in the Army and I am not going leave you." George pulled back the bandage to check for bleeding. "Looks worse than what it is. Bullet passed right through 'ya. Good thing it missed the important stuff though. I think with time you're going be right as rain."

George got up and poured a cup of coffee. "How do you take it?" he asked. "None for me," said the officer.

"Oh, you need to drink this. Best in the city." Then George added: "Too bad I don't have any donuts."

The officer laughed and winced at the same time. The front door of the office flew open and in burst a young man with a gun.

"Give me all your cash! Do it now!" the young man yelled. His hand was shaking and George could tell that he had never done anything like this before.

"That's the guy that shot me!" exclaimed the officer.

"Son, why are you doing this?" asked George. "You need to put the cannon away. Somebody else might get hurt."

The young man was confused. "Shut up old man, or I'll shoot you, too. Now give me the cash!" The cop was reaching for his gun.

"Put that thing away," George said to the cop. "We got one too many in here now."

He turned his attention to the young man. "Son, it's Christmas Eve. If you need the money, well then, here. It's not much but it's all I got. Now put that pee shooter away."

George pulled \$150 out of his pocket and handed it to the young man, reaching for the barrel of the gun at the same time. The young man released his grip on the gun, fell to his knees and began to cry.

"I'm not very good at this am I? All I wanted was to buy something for my wife and son," he went on. "I've lost my job. My rent is due. My car got repossessed last week..."

George handed the gun to the cop. "Son, we all get in a bit of squeeze now and then. The road gets hard sometimes, but we make it through the best we can."

He got the young man to his feet, and sat him down on a chair across from the cop. "Sometimes we do stupid things." George handed the young man a cup of coffee. "Being stupid is one of the things that makes us human. Coming in here with a gun isn't the answer. Now sit there and get warm and we'll sort this thing out."

The young man had stopped crying. He looked over to the cop. "Sorry, I shot you. It just went off. I'm sorry, officer."

"Shut up and drink your coffee." the cop said.

George could hear the sounds of sirens outside. A police car and an ambulance skidded to a halt. Two cops came through the door with guns drawn.

"Chuck! You ok?" one of the cops asked the wounded officer.

"Not bad for a guy who took a bullet. How did you find me?"

"GPS locator in the car. Best thing since sliced bread. Who did this?" the other cop asked as he approached the young man.

Chuck answered him, "I don't know. The guy ran off into the dark. Just dropped his gun and ran."

George and the young man both looked puzzled at each other. "That guy works here," the wounded cop continued.

"Yep," George said, "just hired him this morning. The boy lost his job."

"Well, looks like you got one doozy of a break there. That ought to solve some of your problems." George went into the back room and came out with a box. He pulled out a ring box. "Here you go. Something for the little woman. I don't think Martha would mind. She said it would come in handy some day."

The young man looked inside to see the biggest diamond ring he ever saw. "I can't take this," said the young man. "It means something to you."

"And now it means something to you," replied George. "I have my memories. That's all I need."

George reached into the box again. A toy airplane, a racing car and a little metal truck appeared next. They were toys that the oil company had left for him to sell. "Here's something for that little man of yours."

The young man began to cry again as he handed back the \$150 that the old man had handed him earlier. "And what are you supposed to buy Christmas dinner with? You keep that, too. Count it as part of your first week's pay."

George said. "Now get home to your family."

The young man turned with tears streaming

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Ohio Lecturers: Educating and Entertaining For 150 Years

Thank you to all the Grangers and Lecturers who took time to fill out reports, submit Programs to Share and Creative Writing Entries. Check out your September-October Ohio Granger for changes to the contests. Many categories were changed to help in the celebration of the Ohio State Grange's 150th Anniversary.

The Creative Writing entries had a few new Grangers enter along with the faithful who often enter. Many Grangers read lots of books. I encourage you to look at the rules and send in an entry. Here are the titles of this year's entries.

*The Girl Who Chased the Moon by Sarah Addison Allen

*The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

*The Baxters...A Prequel by Karen Kingsbury

*Dream More by Dolly Parton

*The Philip Biddinger Genealogy by LaVerne Biddinger Snyder

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

The 2022-23 Lecturer's packets were distributed at state convention. They were sent home with your deputies or delegates. If no one attended convention from your county, the packets were mailed directly to grange lecturers. Remember that packets contain report forms and contests labels along with program ideas. Please use the programs or portions of them during your meetings. Other Lecturers put time into planning the programs and are willing to share.

The Talent Contest will be held at The Ohio Eastern Star Home Community Room, 1451 Gambier Rd., Mt. Vernon OH 43050 on Saturday, June 17, 2023 beginning with the Juniors at 1:00 pm followed by the adult contestants. Start thinking about entries from your Grange now. Don't Wait until the last minute. If you like to sing but don't want to do a solo, ask someone to join you for one of the other categories.

Program ideas for November and December include Veteran's Day, Pearl Harbor, Thanksgiving, Christmas, sweet potatoes, farm toys, games & puzzles, or cookie cutters. For Christmas plan an activity to give to others. Most of us don't need another trinket from a gift exchange. Bring

socks, toiletries or non-perishable food to donate to a local agency.

Wishing all of you a healthy and bountiful Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas! It is a wonderful time to do something for others!

Heirloom Program

Many Granges are using the monthly quotes during their meetings. It can be as simple as reading the quote followed by a short discussion to developing a Lecturer's program around the quote. The Lecturer's department has a special contest for Grangers to create an activity using one of the quotes. The National Grange Heirloom Program focuses on different quotes for our Grange lessons. The monthly quotes are taken from our First Four Degrees, Installation Ceremony and Declaration of Purposes. More information is on the National Grange website under Programs. There are pictures for your Grange Facebook page, posters to promote activities in your Grange and activities for your members.

The quotes for the November-January are listed here.

A.3 (November) – "We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that 'progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion,' while 'the fault lies in bitterness of controversy.'" (Grange Declaration of Purposes)

A.1 (December) – "It is in the Home that we enjoy the fruits of our labors in the fields of the farm, and the fields of life." (Fourth Degree; Steward)

A.2 (January) – "If we desire to encourage [children] to love rural life, we must make its labors cheerful. What a child sees makes the most lasting impression. We may tell them of the pleasures and independence of [rural life]; but if their daily intercourse with us shows it to be tedious, irksome, laborious, without any recreation of body or mind, they will soon lose all interest in it and seek enjoyment elsewhere." (Fourth Degree; Vice President)



**STAY SAFE
STAY CONNECTED
STAY POSITIVE**

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The holidays will soon be upon us, the kids home from school on their holiday breaks, worries about relatives coming over or going over there for dinner, shopping for everyone, not very relaxing couple of months and then the wonderful Ohio weather hitting in the next couple of months. Well now that I made you think of the chaos of the winter months let's look at the opportunities we have in the Family Activity section for you to relax and create things you may never have done before or have not done in a while.

If you're a sewer material will be going on sale or if you have a stock pile you could use some to make a pillowcase out of a yard and a quarter for "Case for Smiles". "Case for Smiles" gives these pillow cases to terminally ill children in the hospitals across the country. Your pillow cases will stay in Ohio and go to one of the children's hospitals here. Diana Nordquest has a friend who is the coordinator in this area, her thank you letter was in the September October magazine, and she is always in need of pillow cases. You can also pick up some fleece, NO fleece for the pillow cases please, and you and the kids could tie two colors together and donate them to "Linus Blankets". The blankets can be just one color of no sew fleece. Any blanket in sizes of baby no smaller than 36"x36", child 40"x60" and teen 45"x72". The blankets can be larger because fleece can come in 54" to 60" wide so you don't cut small piece off and waste but you can use the scrape to make stuffed balls the kids love, if you need a pattern let us know it is very simple the kids, scouts and whoever can make. We also have a very simple fleece hat pattern the kids can make from 22"x15" piece for the deaf committee, our Mom and our niece Alison use to do a bunch when they were able.

We also have a piece of material for you to create a Musical quilt block in memory of Judy Lauby, part of our state pianist couple who passed away this past year and was from Stark County, Ann and my home county. The piece of material is 10-1/2"x10-1/2" and you create a finish block of 12-1/2"x12-1/2" using part or all of this piece of material in combination with other material. We only have one print this year. We need the block by May 1 so we can get it put together and quilted to sell at the convention in October.

If you're a baker you could try out Caroline Hall's Kitchen Stadium recipes: "Everything Cookie" from Rick Feister, Unity Grange, Mercer County; men's "Cool Whip Cookies" from Harry Traxler, McCutchen Grange, Wyandot County; "Buckeye Brownies" from Mary Bebout, Morgan Grange, Knox County; "Seven-Layer Cookie" from the

1967 Ohio Grange Magazine in the "HEC" section. They are all four great eats but the brownies need a large glass of milk and control on your part, addicting.

Coming soon, not too soon please slow and study calendar, "Spring Fling" will be April 15, 2023, in Wayne County hosted by Valley College Grange and then on April 22, 2023, in Fairfield County hosted by Clear Creek Grange. More information will be mailed out - directions to each site, cost and where to make your reservation to - and it will be in the March April magazine. Pre warning we will be painting again. And bring a friend, potential member, with you. We have asked a naturalist to come and talk.

Since the hospitals are accepting gifts again all your comfort toys judged at the subordinate and county level needs to come to convention along with your county winner. The toys are divided between the children's hospitals in the state.

For 2022 we received 33 Family Activity reports, so far, from:

Unity Grange	Mercer County
Leesville Grange	Crawford County
Valley College	Wayne County
Monroe Dan Emmett	Knox County
Columbiana County Pomona	
Mile Branch Grange	Columbiana County
Mercer County Pomona	
Hopewell Grange	Mercer County
Painter Creek Community	Hardin County
Mason Grange	Warren County
Bath Grange	Summit County
Cove Spring Grange	Miami County
Eaton Grange	Lorian County
East Plymouth	Ashtabula County
Baughman Grange	Wayne County
Knox County Pomona	
Lake Grange	Stark County
Monroe Grange	Miami County
Morgan Grange	Knox County
Deerfield Grange	Morgan County
Hocking Grange	Hocking County
Unity Grange	Columbiana County
Richland Grange	Fairfield County
Little Muskingum Grange	Washington Co.
Ewing Grange	Hocking County
Hocking County Pomona	

Family Activities continued on page 11.

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Greetings Community Service Directors and Grangers. How wonderful it was to once again be able to attend the Ohio State Grange convention where we not only do the work of the Grange, but we also got to watch our youth and juniors as they become future leaders of our great organization. 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 –

Collinsville Grange #2264 Butler 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 –

Ewing Grange #2082 Hocking County

Thank you to all the Granges that submitted a report. I received 34 subordinate and 3 Pomona 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 Grange #1331	Summit
Baughman #2114	Wayne
Clear Creek Valley #1843	Fairfield
Collinsville #2264	Butler
Cove Spring #2414	Miami
East Plymouth #1548	Ashtabula
Ewing #2082	Hocking
Harrison #1711	Knox
Hopewell Grange #2688	Mercer
Huntsburg #2541	Geauga
Jackson Rehoboth #2000	Perry
Jefferson #1311	Ashtabula
Leesville #2078	Crawford
Little Muskingum #2621	Washington
Maplewood #2392	Shelby
Mason Community #1680	Warren
McCutchen #2360	Wyandot
Mile Branch #933	Columbiana
Monroe #2570	Miami

Monroe #2018	Clermont
Monroe-Dan Emmett #847	Knox
Nimishillen #1627	Stark
Olivesburg #2641	Richland
Painter Creek #1923	Hardin
Pike #1669	Stark
Richland #1899	Fairfield
Robertsville #1784	Stark
Sheffield Star #1610	Ashtabula
Star #778	Meigs
Unity #1761	Columbiana
Unity #2116	Mercer
Valley College #1872	Wayne
Victory Grange #1592	Jackson
Wayne #262	Knox
Crawford Co. Pomona #36	Crawford
Wayne Co. Pomona #52	Wayne
Knox Co. Pomona	Knox

Spotlight on Service Award

Unity Grange #1761 Columbiana County

Granger of the Year

Margaret Ann Ruhl, Wayne Grange #262 Knox County

Bill Walter, Robertsville Grange #1784 Stark County

Firefighter of the Year

Maurice Hammond, Neelyville Grange #299 Morgan Co.

Police Officer of the Year

Rene Joris, Non-member nominated by Wayne Grange #262 Knox County

Volunteer of the Year

Oneta Debolt, Morgan Grange #829 Knox County

Reverend Timothy Jones, Non-member nominated by Victory Grange #1592 Jackson County

I was so excited to see more individual nominations come in this year. So many individuals are deserving of these awards so it is hard to narrow them down to those selected. But truly they are all worthy of recognition.

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

Chaplain continued from page 7.

down his face. "I'll be here in the morning for work, if that job offer is still good."

"Nope. I'm closed Christmas day," George said. "See you the day after."

George turned around to find that the stranger had returned. "Where'd you come from? I thought you left?" "I have been here. I have always been here," said the stranger. "You say you don't celebrate Christmas. Why?"

"Well, after my wife passed away I just couldn't see what all the bother was. Putting up a tree and all seemed a waste of a good pine tree. Baking cookies like I used to with Martha just wasn't the same by myself and besides I was getting a little chubby."

The stranger put his hand on George's shoulder. "But you do celebrate the holiday, George. You gave me food and drink and warmed me when I was cold and hungry. The woman with child will bear a son and he will become a great doctor. The policeman you helped will go on to save 19 people from being killed by terrorists. The young man who tried to rob you will become a rich man and share his wealth with many people. That is the Spirit of the Season and you keep it as good as any man."

George was taken aback by all this stranger had said. "And how do you know all this?" asked the old man.

"Trust me, George. I have the inside track on this sort of thing. And when your days are done, you will be with Martha again." The stranger moved toward the door.

"If you will excuse me, George, I have to go now. I have to go home where there is a big celebration planned."

George watched as the man's old leather jacket and his torn pants turned into a white robe. A golden light began to fill the room. You see, George, it's My birthday. Merry Christmas." -Author Unknown

Prayer ~ O Lord Jesus, as we gather with family and friends for yet another Christmas celebration, let's not forget what happened in Bethlehem but later at Calvary on the Cross. For that, we are very grateful and appreciative that You were willing to come to our Earth to gather us all to Eternity (if we choose to)! In Your precious Name, Amen!

Family Activities continued from page 9.

- Goshen Community
- Racine Grange
- Robertsville Grange
- Timber Run Grange
- Star Grange
- Stark County Pomona
- Nimishillen Grange
- Hardin County
- Meigs County
- Stark County
- Muskingum County
- Meigs County
- Stark County

Thank you! If you forgot or misplaced yours please send it now: 1303 E. Main, Louisville, Ohio, 44641 or if you are tech savvy scan the report and send it: alshank@att.net. Also remember that any suggestions you give us on your 2022 report will NOT be able to be used till 2024. Reports due September 1 but our September October article is due in July. Your state F.A. state winners for 2022 will be listed in the January February 2023 magazine. Have a great Holiday and keep the snow small and the temperature above the single digits, like we have control, LOL, LOL! Stay Safe Stay Positive Stay Connected

Caramel Corn – from Ohio State Grange 2010 Cookbook

Karen Fulks-Greenwood Grange #1061

Hardin County

- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup corn syrup
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon soda
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

In a saucepan, melt the butter. Stir in sugar, corn syrup and salt. Bring to a boil. Stirring constantly until it boils. Without stirring, boil over medium heat for 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Add soda and vanilla. Pour over corn and stir. Put popcorn on large cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Stir every 10 to 15 minutes while baking.

Christmas Plants

Poinsettia (Euphorbia pulcherrima)

Subtropical plants native to Mexico, poinsettias have evolved into a symbol of Christmas because of their festive red and green colors. Also, the shape of the poinsettia's flower is said to symbolize the star of Bethlehem. Be sure not to overwater poinsettias, as they are susceptible to root rot. Water when the top 2 inches of soil feels dry, and make sure the container has adequate drainage. Also, poinsettias need lots of bright, filtered sunlight, so they don't grow leggy.

Mistletoe (Phoradendron leucarpum)

It's tradition to kiss under the mistletoe during the holidays. Mistletoe itself naturally gets up close and personal with other plants. It's classified as parasitic because it attaches to a host tree via a root-like structure called a haustorium. The foliage is evergreen, and female plants will produce a plethora of white berries. Mistletoe plants require very little care, but you will need to start with a healthy, established host tree for them.

Christmas Display at the Grafton Farm



For the past several years we have decorated a hillside hayfield which faces State Route 213 for Halloween, Christmas, Valentines Day, and Easter. This is our Christmas display from 2021. The display is assembled with painted milkjugs with a C-9 lightbulb inserted into the top of each jug and strings of led lights. The tree is approximately 180 feet tall. The Christmas display is lit each evening from dusk until midnight 10 nights before Christmas till 10 nights after Christmas. If you are in the area of 1730 State Route 213, Steubenville, Ohio drive by and have a look! Merry Christmas!

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Ohio State Grange
16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019

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Entries must be received by
December 1, 2022

Winner from the September - October
issue of The Ohio Granger is:

Gary Weaver, Sandusky, Ohio
The gavel was in the middle of page 17.

I FOUND THE GAVEL

It was hiding on page _____ of The Ohio Granger.

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Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

What is your favorite Christmas song?

- The Christmas Song – Nat King Cole
- White Christmas – Bing Crosby
- Sleigh Ride – Leroy Anderson
- Jingle Bells – Bing Crosby & Andrews Sisters
- Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas – Judy Garland
- Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow – Vaughn Monroe
- The Star Carol – Tennessee Ernie Ford
- Santa Claus Is Coming To Town – Peggy Lee
- I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus – Jimmy Boyd
- The Little Drummer Boy – Harry Simeone Chorale
- Blue Christmas – Ernest Tubb
- I'll Be Home For Christmas – Bing Crosby
- Frosty the Snowman – Gene Autry
- Santa Baby – Eartha Kitt
- Run, Rudolph, Run – Chuck Berry
- Jingle Bells – Ella Fitzgerald
- Christmas, Baby Please Come Home – Darlene Love
- A Holly Jolly Christmas – Burl Ives
- Felix Navidad – Jose Feliciano
- Happy Xmas (War Is Over) – John Lenon & Yoko Ono
- Christmas Must Be Tonight – The Band
- Christmas Wrapping – The Waitresses
- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – Julie Andrew
- In the Bleak Mid-Winter – Gustav Holst version
- In the Bleak Mid-Winter – Harold Darke version
- Coventry Carol
- Once in Royal David's City
- Mary's Boy Child – Harry Belafonte
- It Came Upon a Midnight Clear – Norah Jones
- I Wonder as I Wander – Harry Connick Jr.
- Away in a Manger – Sarah McLachlan
- The First Noel

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GRANGE YOUTH

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As you're preparing for the upcoming holidays, I hope all of you are also giving back. Giving back to your communities, your Granges, and your loved ones. Let's remember that it's truly better to give, than to receive!

As of this writing, we have not yet attended the Ohio State Grange Convention, but I am confident that it was a great time! A very big thank you to our Youth Ambassador for 2021-2022, Ryan Patton, and our National Grange Ambassador, Amber Corll. You both have represented us well.

We are busy planning for our Winter Youth Camp, and we hope to see you all there. We are tentatively planning some outdoor winter fun and some cozy indoor fellowship

as well. Please keep an eye out for additional details as they become available. The easiest way to keep in touch is to "like" our Facebook page! You can also send us your email address and we will reach out that way as well. The dates for Winter Camp are January 13 – 15, 2023. The cost for the weekend will be \$100, unless you register prior to December 1, 2022. Please feel free to bring your non-Grange friends! We'll always welcome your friends as ours! Please complete the form and return it to Sarah along with a check. If you'd like to pay via Venmo or CashApp, please call or text Sarah for additional instructions.

We wish you all a fantastic holiday season and we can't wait to see you in 2023! -Sarah & Cassie

WINTER YOUTH CAMP RESERVATION
January 13th – 15th, 2023. Location to be Determined.
RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 1st, 2022

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Birthdate _____ M _____ F _____ Grange _____ # _____
County _____ Email _____

THE COST IS \$100.00 PER PERSON FOR THE WEEKEND. The cost will be reduced to \$50 if reservation is received before December 1st, 2022. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE OHIO STATE GRANGE. Mail reservations & checks to Sarah Howard, Ohio State Grange Youth Director: 4 Compass Point Ct. Mount Vernon, OH 43050. Feel free to email or call/text If you have any questions. Arrival time begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 13th and checkout by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday January 15th.

Christmas Facts

1. We Eat More Chocolate

Chocolate is an easy gift. Whether it's a last minute Secret Santa present or a stocking stuffer, chocolate seems to be the go-to gift when buying for someone.

2. The Numbers On The Scale Increase

Did you know that the average person gains between 1.7-3.3lb over the Christmas and New Year period? The average person consumes approximately 6,000 calories on Christmas Day. This is almost 3 times as much as we would consume on any other given day. Leading up to Christmas however, we consume an additional 500 calories when attending parties and other celebrations.

3. We Like To Raise Our Glass

Having a drink (or 2 or 3) over the holidays isn't uncommon. Did you know that alcohol consumption increases by a staggering 40 percent in Britain at Christmas time?

4. We Throw A Lot Of Food Out

Do you find the days (and sometimes weeks!) following Christmas day have a lot of leftover food?

5. Surprisingly, We Exercise More

31% more to be exact! Given the fact that we are indulging more, our motivation to exercise also increases.

Ohio Grange Dartball Tournament

April 1, 2023

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 1st 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 1, 2023 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 it 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 1, 2023 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, Sec./Trea.-OSG Dartball Tourn. Comm.
Cell Phone # 419-612-8178

Email: rddaniel9@gmail.com

10181 Gregg Rd., Fredericktown, OH 43019

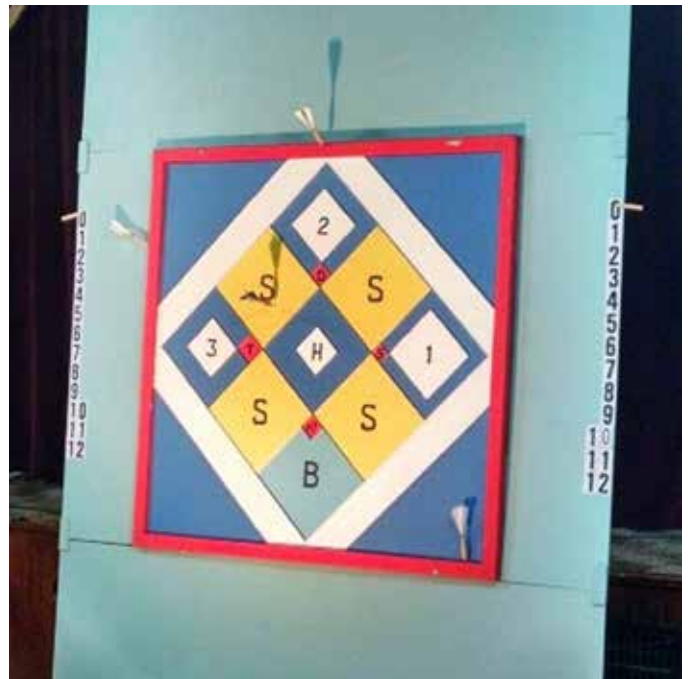
Jordan Miller, Chair-OSG Dartball Tournament Comm.

Cell Phone# 419-307-5601

Email: jordanmiller04@gmail.com

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 1st Ohio State Grange Tournament and would like guidance on putting a team together, please contact Dave Daniels or Jordan Miller. 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 2023 and will be available on the Ohio State Grange Web Site. All entries must be postmarked no later than March 17, 2023 (2 weeks prior to the tournament).



2023 OHIO STATE GRANGE OPEN CLASS DARTBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Grange No. _____ County _____

The Ohio Grange Open Class Dartball Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Fredericktown Schools Administration Building, 117 Columbus Rd., Fredericktown, OH., 43019.

The tournament is being hosted by Knox County.

9:00 a.m. - The Team Captains' meeting will be held to review 2023 Tournament Rules and discuss planning for the 2024 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 17, 2023** along with the \$30.00 entry fee per team.

Make checks payable to Ohio State Grange Dartball.

Installation reminds us of our pledge By Betsy Huber, National Grange President

In my Grange, September is traditionally the month for the election of new officers and their installation. I know some Community Granges are on a different schedule, but many elect and install in the fall.

I urge you to perform the Installation Ceremony in the Subordinate Manual, either the full form or the alternative form. These words are extremely valuable in instructing the officers of the duties they are assuming. The alternative version is succinct and to the point, in modern language taking only 20-30 minutes to do. The full form is more historical, flowery language and takes longer but, like great literature, is beautiful to hear and reminds us of our legacy.

If you don't have an Installing Officer willing to come to your Grange, try having each officer read aloud their charge in turn. Or have each officer install the next one in line - an executive committee member installs the President; the President installs the Vice President; the Vice

President installs the Lecturer, and so on.

The important part of the ceremony is the pledge to perform the duties of the office and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grange. These pledges mean something within our Grange and even in courts of law. When a person becomes a Grange member and takes the obligation in the Degrees or the Welcoming Ceremony, when a new Grange is formed and members sign the charter application, and when officers pledge to perform their duties - these pledges are just as binding as signing any contract and have been used in recent court cases upholding the Grange rules.

No matter how you choose to install your officers, it is vital that you DO install them using the pledge and instructing them in their duties. And then mentor them as they take on new, unfamiliar tasks. Your Grange will be better for it!

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November

- 9- Board Meeting
- 11- Veterans Day
- 16-19- National Grange Convention-Sparks, Nevada
- 24- Thanksgiving (Office closed)

December

- 7- Pearl Harbor Day
- 14- Board Meeting
State Offices closed until Jan. 3rd
- 24- Christmas Eve
- 25- Christmas Day
- 26- Boxing Day
- 31- New Year's Eve

January

- 5- Quarterly Reports Due
- 10- Board Meeting
- 13-15- Youth Winter Camp-Place and Time TBD
- 16- Martin Luther King Day
- 27- Holocaust Remembrance Day



**Have a fantastic Thanksgiving, a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Officers
and Staff of the Ohio State Grange**