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## Mount Everest

### What's Your Ambition?

Mount Everest towers 5 ½ miles above the surface of the earth. The mystical mountain has lured countless adventurers to scale its majestic peak.

Edmund Hillary and his guide, Tenzing Norgay, let the first successful ascent against the towering Everest. Week after week they inched up the face of the world's tallest mountain. The odds were overpoweringly against them. Avalanches threatened to claim their very lives. Deep crevasses resisted their passing. High winds howled warnings. Extreme steepness defied their ingenuities. This air sapped their strength.

As they ascended, they continued to build new camps. Each camp got smaller as more and more of the expedition team retreated. But eventually what was left of the team arrived at the top of Mount Everest. In his autobiography, Hillary described the exhilaration of becoming the first to stand on top of the world.

Here is the interesting part. Fifteen minutes after they arrived, the raw fury of nature forced them to begin their descent. Fifteen minutes at the top. All that effort and sacrifice for fifteen minutes of fame.

Each of us has our own personal Everest. Some goal to achieve great heights. Some motive to walk among great people. Many people often describe their search for human achievement along the line of climbing the peak of a temporal summit.

Most of us, at some point in our lives, will climb the wrong mountain. We pursue selfish ambitions. We climb to the top of our ladders only to find out they were leaning on the wrong wall. For fifteen minutes of fame. Was it worth the price?

Do you have a mountain of ambition you are trying to scale? Only a weary few get to stand at the top, for maybe fifteen minutes. Are you climbing the wrong mountain? Are you ascending a hill where you can dwell in eternity or are you simply looking for your fifteen minutes of fame? If you have been climbing the wrong mountain, ask God to redirect your ambition. Only He can help you refocus your visions and your ambitions for your own life. From His mountain we will never need to descend. The choice is yours. Will it be fifteen minutes or eternity?

Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy. ~Psalm 99:9

### MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE WISH LIST

If you can help out the Michigan State Grange with some of the items listed on the list below, it would be greatly appreciated. Your help would reduce the office supply cost for this next year. Please consider giving. Either bring it to the annual convention or mail it to Michigan State Grange, 404 S. Oak Street, Durand, MI 48429. Thank you!

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**Pencils.** #2 lead

**Color ink cartridges** HP 61

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It seems like it was just the other day we were packing our stuff and heading home from state session, but here we are again starting to ramp up for the fun and fellowship we all look forward to. During this year's convention, we will be once again deliberating on the many resolutions that all the Granges in the state of Michigan have composed and sent in for consideration. I am hoping to have many more than we had last year. As a reminder, all resolutions are due to the State Grange Secretary by October 1<sup>st</sup> with an original signed by the Master and Secretary of the respective Grange and dated as to when it was adopted. We will also be electing one member of the Executive Committee and two members to the Board of Directors of the Michigan State Grange Foundation.

### **National Grange Youth News**

The National Grange Youth Department has been mostly self-sufficient through donations to the National Grange Foundation Youth Development Fund, however since the funds have started to run a little low. The youth department is looking to raise money by offering up several individuals to have a pie thrown in their face during the national convention this year. So as the amount that corresponds to the individuals whom have been assigned a dollar amount, or bounty if you will, that person will be getting a pie in the face. Currently there are three individuals confirmed that will be partaking in the fun (Myself included). In order to reach the full amount of the youth departments goal and be able to throw a pie in the Worthy Master Betsy Huber's face the amount of \$10,000.00 needs to be reached. Remember the full benefit of this event is the youth who are not only the Grange leaders of tomorrow but also the life blood of the Grange today.

### **State Session**

Located elsewhere in this issue you will find the full schedule of events for the upcoming State Grange convention, to be held at the Comstock Hotel and Conference Center in Historic downtown Owosso. I personally look forward to having all of you visit my home county and see what we have to offer. I am looking forward to the convention and to

seeing all of my Grange Friends and Family as we do every year. Also, please take note of the program book that was distributed early this Grange year at the new contests that the Agriculture Department has set up for us this year. I'm hoping our pumpkins will last to be able to enter them.

### **Let's Celebrate**

While we have been asked to throw a celebration, and honor the National Grange on its 150 years of Service to Rural and Urban America, remember that we here in Michigan will also be celebrating 150 years of service to Michiganders in the very near future. In preparation for this the Michigan State Grange Executive Committee and I have been working on designing a pin that is to be sold as a fundraising plan towards our Sesquicentennial celebration coming up. I hope to be able to unveil the new pins during the convention. Also, if you or somebody you know would be interested in being part of the Sesquicentennial celebration planning committee please feel free to send me an email and I will begin working on the establishment of the committee.

### **Help Wanted**

Next year is Michigan's turn to host the Midwest Regional Youth and Young Adult Conference. As no one has stepped up to take on the challenge of the Junior/Youth/Young Adults Director, we need help. If you are able to assist us in hosting this conference, please let me know. We need a location, meals and educational activities to do. We aren't opposed to camping in a yard or sleeping on a Grange Hall floor. We would like to be near the Indiana border so those traveling from the further Midwest states don't have as far to go, but will consider all options!

Until next time, remember our Motto:  
In Essentials Liberty;  
In Non- Essentials Unity;  
In all things Charity.

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Where has the summer gone? It's hard to believe that fall is just around the corner and State Grange Convention will be here before we know it.

A reminder of the contests available and hopefully we will have some entries.

## Deaf Awareness Essay Contest

The Deaf Awareness Essay Contest is open to everyone. The rules are as followed:

Must be a Subordinate or Junior member or family member of a Subordinate member to enter.

All entries are to be brought to the convention for judging with Division number, name, Grange name and number and county.

Essays must be on the topic "Deaf Awareness". They can be based on true happenings, educational or purely fiction.

Stay within a 300 word limit.

The Divisions are:

Division I - Juniors 6 and under

Division II - Juniors 7 - 8

Division III- Juniors 9- 11

Division IV- Juniors 12 - 14

Division V - Subordinate Grange members

**Awards:** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each division will be recognized with ribbons and certificates and the Junior Grange members will also be awarded with prize money. 1st place -\$3.00, 2nd place -\$2.00 and 3rd place \$1.00.

## Junior Grange Deaf Awareness Poster Contest

**Purpose:** To teach Junior Grange member about hearing loss, hearing protection, and how deaf and hard of hearing people communicate and to give Juniors the opportunity to express their creative abilities.

**Awards:** Ribbons and money awards in each age group  
1st place- \$3.00, 2nd place-\$2.00, 3rd place-\$1.00

**Judging:** The judging will be on Correction of Message and Educational Value of poster and neatness.

**Four Age Groups:** 6 and under, 7 - 8, 9-11, 12-14 who are Junior members or family member of Subordinate members.

**Rules:** Poster to be made on poster board (max. size 18x24 inches). You can use crayons, markers, pencils, pens, cut out pictures and/or photos. The name of the entrant



to be placed on the back of the poster along with age, Junior Grange name and number and county.

**Entry Deadline:** to be at the State Grange Convention by Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Bring it in or send it with delegates to where the posters will be judged.

**Let's get some entries in both contests!!!**

## Adopt-a-Child Christmas Party

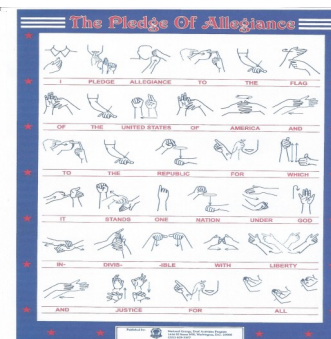
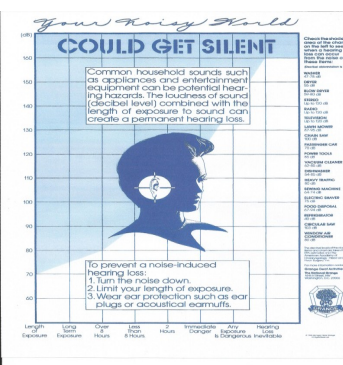
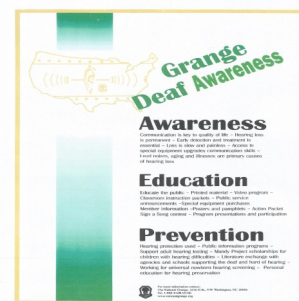
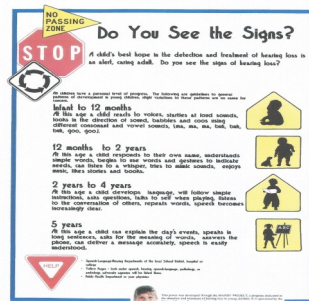
Adopt-a-Child Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 20 at 11:00 am. I have heard from many of you but let me know by the end of State Session your wishes as to participating in the program. It is a very rewarding experience!

**Reminder:**

- Deaf Awareness Report forms are due by September 10.
- Bring to State Session: Quilts, blankets, fleeces to be given to the Michigan School for the Deaf.
- Also bring your Box tops and Labels for Education. These also will be given to the Michigan School for the Deaf.



**Have a great fall and see you at the State Grange Convention!**



## Family Activities

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### State Convention

The 2017 Michigan State Grange Convention is coming up quickly, will you be represented? All Granges have some members who are entitled to advance in their degrees and should attend. There are all the contests available to challenge your talents and creativity, and you certainly should be represented by delegates to chart legislative policy and Grange direction for the coming years. The simple answer to all of this is read your program books, read the Grange News and listen at Grange when communications are read. So many problems could avoided if we would all just communicate a little better in all forms.

There, I'm down off my pedestal for now. Please do a final push for entries in the Family Activities Department. Your interest and participation is what determines what will be in the next program book. And a special push is needed for entries in the quilt contest to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Grange. **(See page 10 for Quilt Contest Information.)**

Remember, with the shortened session, it is imperative to have your entries registered in time for judging. Please check the schedule for accurate times and locations.

### Farmer's Markets

A Farmer's Market is likely coming to a field or parking lot near you—if there isn't already one operating nearby. The USDA says that between the years 2008 and 2013 the number of farmers markets doubled nationwide.

Buyers who are not familiar with farmers markets can look at these seven reasons to give them a try:

1. Food at farm markets tend to be limited to in season offerings. Some nutritionists suggest eating seasonally available foods is better for your body, because humans ate seasonal produce for thousands of years before shipping and refrigeration changed how people got their food. Also, many people feel that fresh, seasonal foods taste better than the alternatives.
2. Discover new foods. There is always something new at a farmers market and this can entice shoppers to expand their taste buds. Explore interesting, locally grown items. Even kids may fall in love with colorful fruits and veggies and their refreshing tastes.
3. Embrace organic and non GMO offerings. Many farm markets offer foods that are organically grown and produced without GMO's. Farm Market retailers also tend to give first hand accounts of where their foods come from and how they are grown or raised.
4. Indulge in nutritious foods. The vivid colors and smells emanating from farmers markets indicate just how fresh and nutritious the offerings tend to be. Farmers who peddle their wares at markets adhere to careful farming methods to ensure their foods are as nutritious as possible.
5. Learn secrets and recipes. In addition to fresh produce, farmers markets may offer baked and other prepared goods. Shopkeepers often mingle with their customers, offering trade secrets and recipe ideas, and, local farm families supported by farmers markets generally offer supreme customer service to keep shoppers coming back week after week.
6. Turn the trip into a social excursion. A farmers market can be an exciting and flavorful social gathering place for families and groups of friends, as well as a great place to meet other members of the community. Sometimes farmers also mingle with local artisan, so the market can be a one stop shopping locale for locally produced food and art.
7. Save Money. Farmers markets may well sell organic produce at a cost comparable or even lower than other retailers. That's because local farmers do not have to transport their items as far as other retailers whose foods were shipped in from far away places and picked prematurely.

Any time of year is perfect for grabbing a tote bag and browsing the wares at a nearby farmers market, where shoppers are bound to find something fresh, unique and delicious!



## Learning Something New

Well, you've heard the old saying, You learn something new every day. Well I learned something a few days ago and I had never heard of it.

**I love corn on the cob**, and every time I clean it, I hate having to work at all the silk, getting it off the corn and then cleaning the mess I've made. But loving corn the way I do, I get over it. Then I heard that for each strand of silk I have to take off, it represents a kernel of corn. Yeah!!!! Right!!!! Well I looked it up and sure enough its true. Corn is a monoecious plant, which produces both male and female flowers on the same plant. The corn silk growing out of the ear is the female part of a corn plant, and the tassel growing out the top of the corn stalk is the male part. As the pollen matures, it is released and carried by the wind to the female stigma of nearby corn plants. The pollen then travels down the style (silk) and then fertilizes the ovary (kernel) on the fruitcase (cob). This develops into a kernel of corn at the other end of that strand of corn silk. If all ovaries have been fertilized, the ear of corn is completely filled out with kernels. If there are a few kernels missing or they are poorly formed, those ovaries were not fertilized or were aborted during development.

Long story short, I'll never complain about the silk again!!! As long as all those strands of silk keep producing delicious corn on the cob, I'll clean everyone of them.



Recently I was at the Dr. office and I asked him about an article I had read, to see if there was any truth to it. He said that he had been to an informational seminar and had heard of this. He also didn't have any real info on it. I told him what it was for and he thought it would be something good to know though. So here it is.

**HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE?** Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. Always call 911 first.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart can also help it regain normal rhythm.



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Wow! August is almost over and another County Fair season is in the books for my area. I am sitting here after finishing up a very busy week (August 23rd) at the Berrien County Youth Fair both as a volunteer and a very proud Uncle! We started out with loading the 4 market pigs in less than 5 minutes! The kids washed the pigs in the trailer and then my oldest nephew gave each pig a haircut. The pigs looked very good and all made weight on Sunday morning during weigh in at the fair. The market goats and breeding stock all made it to the fair in good condition as well. The proud Uncle was so happy with how the kids did this year with their goats. They did very well with showmanship and then came the really proud moment when 2 of the kids were in the champion drive for Grand Champion Dairy Market Goat, which my niece was the winner with her goat that we raised in my back yard! Then the oldest nephew exhibited not just the Champion but also the Reserve Champion Boer Females with 2 of his goats. On Tuesday, the winning continued when the younger nephew took numerous Champions with his Dairy Goats. He and Bombshell were chosen Sr. Champion Dairy Goat which was his first ever time to win a trophy at the fair. And he continued winning through the Dairy Goat show and also received Grand Champion Dairy Goat honors with Bombshell which meant he got to sell a Quart of Milk from Bombshell. The pigs looked really well but the judge wasn't really sure what she was looking for as she said one thing throughout the show but really went with just the opposite. With the fair week past us, that means my chores will slow way down as I do not have goats and pigs to care for any longer. They will surely be missed for the next few weeks, but I do have chores to do yet. My small flock of chickens and one rooster are still doing well and we added 6 young pullets to the flock at the end of July. So we will be up to a total of 15 hens and Pretty Boy to keep them all in order. They enjoy all of the things from the garden that have been there a little too long. Like zucchini that are the size of baseball bats or tomatoes that the bugs started to eat on. They expect "goodies" every time I go out to the coop!

The garden was doing very well but was ne-

glected the last few weeks so I am afraid to see what it looks like. Tomatoes were just starting to come on and mom has harvested about ½ bushel so far to can. I haven't been out in the garden lately with having been busy with the fair but we haven't had much rain so things got a little dry while at the fair all week. I have been watering it again and do see I have at least 2 nice green pumpkins about the size of soccer balls right now! I hope everyone that have planted items for the Agriculture Department classes are doing well too!

As we move in to the harvest season, please keep in mind that we will once again be sharing the roads with very large sized farm equipment. I know we are all in a hurry to get where we are going but we need to keep in mind that those big pieces of equipment help to put food on our families' tables.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Michigan State Grange Convention that is being held in mid October at the Comstock Inn in Owosso. I know our host region has been working hard to make this convention very nice. Keep in mind that State Session is still on a shortened schedule so check the MGN and the website for the proposed schedule. See you at State Session!!

## Community Service

## NOTEBOOKS

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Summer is coming to an end. As I write this, the night time temperatures have dropped into the low 40's. Time to turn on the furnace!

Fall means it is time for the annual reports to the Michigan State Grange. Hopefully you have completed your community service book or are working on it. I still need to get my book completed for Studley Grange!

I have tried to pass along information in previous Grange News as a guide to putting together the community service book and remind you of the size requirement. If you have any questions at all, please give me a call or email me. I want to help in any way possible.

Your book needs to be at my house in Midland by Sunday, September 10. If you have any questions or need to make special arrangements to get the book to me, please contact me. I am willing to work with you so that your community service book can be entered in the contest this year.

In the meantime, enjoy the remaining days of summer! I look forward to seeing you at the Michigan State Grange convention in Owosso.

Tricia

### ***Wanted/Needed***

Both a Junior/Youth Director and a Membership Director are needed for the Michigan State Grange.

If you are interested in helping with either of these positions, please contact  
Chris Johnston,  
Master at:  
989-666-6648 or  
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### **Convention Activities**

- Traveling to Owosso, Michigan home of the Curwood Castle and the Michigan Steam Railroading Institute.
- Meeting New Grange delegates.
- Visiting with new and old friends and fellow Grangers.
- Work on resolutions to better our Grange and Country.
- Numerous contests for everyone to enter in most every department. Let's see an increase in participation this year in all contests!
- Experiencing the Grange Ritual
- Conferring the 5th and 6th Degrees
- Receiving awards for your Grange's years work
- **Silent Auction to help the Michigan State Grange....be sure to bring your items.**
- Pennies from Heaven will be collected on Saturday to help with the 2019 National Grange Convention.
- Region 2 will be having the drawing at noon on Saturday, October 21 for the raffle they have been holding. Twelve prizes to be given away....get your tickets!
- Fun, Fellowship and even Food.
- A time to remember those that have gone on before us.
- A final get together for this convention at the banquet.
- Enjoy some great music.

**See You In Owosso!**

### **Region 2 Raffle**

Region 2 is holding a raffle to help defray costs of the convention. Tickets are available by sending your check or money order to Peggy Johnston, 404 S. Oak Street, Durand, MI or purchasing them at the convention.

Twelve prizes are available on this raffle: 1st—Char Broil Grill, 2nd—Remington gas trimmer, 3rd—\$100 basket of Michigan food products, 4th — \$100 Shell Gift Card, 5th — Copper Square Pan Set, 6th-7th-8th prizes are handmade baby quilts, 9th-10th-11th-& 12th are 1 qt. jugs of Maple Syrup.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. Drawing will be at noon on Saturday, October 21st at the Comstock Inn, Owosso, MI



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With our annual State Grange session rapidly approaching, I am hopeful that we will have many resolutions from our local Granges being sent for consideration. One of the main purposes of our State and National Conventions is to establish legislative policy for our organization. Since we are a grass-roots rural-advocacy organization, this process should be extremely important to the well-being of our members, friends, and neighbors. To streamline the process I am including the following the National Grange tutorial on how to write a proper resolution. I know some of you are going to say you have heard this before, but based on some of the resolutions that arrive at the State Session, not everyone has remembered it. Since we are now dealing with a shortened convention, it is imperative that resolutions are submitted in the proper form. If there are ever any questions on writing resolutions please contact me or Chris and we will help you with the process. See you in Owosso!

### Writing Resolutions that Work

The Grange has a long history rooted in member participation in our policy development through our resolution process. Each Granger is tasked with addressing voids and surpluses in our policy and can propose to implement these changes by offering amendments to your local and State Granges. Drafting resolutions may seem like a daunting task at first, but if you follow three simple steps listed below, you will soon be on your way to writing a clear and effective resolution.

First, it is important to know the anatomy of a resolution. There are three main parts, the **Title**, the body or **Whereas** section, and the conclusion or **Resolved** section.

The Title should clearly state the issue to be addressed. For example, if you are drafting a measure to deregulate the postal service, your title should be something along the lines of:

**Example:**

**Deregulation of the Postal Service** rather than just Postal Service

The whereas section is where you get to make your argument for why this resolution is necessary. This section does not become policy but explains to other Grangers why the issue is important and provides details, data, and other reference material so they can be better educated on voting for the issue.

**Example:**

**Whereas, the federal government imposes unreasonable regulations and mandates on the U.S. Postal Service but no longer funds any of the organization's operating costs; and**

**Whereas, the U.S. Postal Service will continue to be forced to close local post offices and reduce services under such a business model; and**

**Whereas, the U.S. Postal Service could survive and compete if allowed to create its own business model free of Congressional oversight; and**

**Whereas, the National Grange has a rich tradition in helping to ensure the rural free delivery of mail; be it**

The Resolved section must be a complete sentence which sums up what your resolution is trying to achieve and can stand alone without any of the supporting information.

**Example:**

**Resolved, that the National Grange support legislation that creates an autonomous U.S. Postal Service which can set its own operating procedures and business model without the undue regulation of the federal government.**

### Writing Resolutions that Stand the Test of Time

In closing, make sure your resolution can stand the test of time. A good deal of Grange policy dates back 75 years or more and continues to be relevant because the ideals and concepts hold true today. However, we also have policy that is out-of-date and relates to issues that have been dealt with on the local and congressional levels. If you have a resolution that deals with an issue that is connected to a current event or particular bill, your resolution may be included in the committee of jurisdiction's policy statement for that year, rather than passed as a resolution. Rest assured that this is still very important and is actually a better home for your resolution. Good luck and happy policymaking!

## 2017 Quilt Block Contest

### RULES:

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
- B. All contest submissions must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2017.

Send submissions to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer  
16418 N. Birdie Road  
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 151st National Grange convention in Spokane, Washington.
- D. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. Upon submission, you will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit.
- F. A 2017 Quilt Block Contest Submission Form must be completed for each block.

GROUPS: Group I – Adult (Age 14+)

Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES: Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both Groups.

Ribbons will be awarded to all submissions.

### Garden Path (10½” Unfinished Block)

#### Cutting Instructions:

**Dark print** (please use browns or greens) 1 square, 4½” x 4½”

4 strips, 2½” x 5”

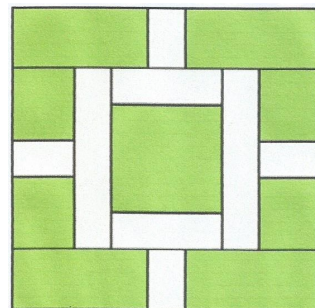
4 strips, 2½” x 3”

**Cream print**

4 strips, 1½” x 2½”

2 strips, 1½” x 6½”

2 strips, 1½” x 4½”



Piecing the Block Sewing instructions (ALL seams are ¼”):

- A. Sew the 1½” x 4½” cream strips to the top and bottom of the 4½” square.
- B. Sew the 1½” x 6½” cream strips to the sides of the square.
- C. Sew together the dark print 2½” x 3” and the cream 1½” x 2½”, keeping the cream in between the dark print (make 2). These will be the sides of your square.
- D. Sew together the dark print 2½” x 5” and the cream 1½” x 2½”, again keeping the cream in between the dark print (make 2). These will be the top and bottom of your square.
- E. Attach the sides (C) to the center block. F. Attach the top and bottom (D) to the center block.

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### SUBMISSION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Member: ☐ Non-Member: ☐

Grange Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail to Christine Hamp at the address above by October 31.

## 2017 MSG Election

Executive Committee — one member — now held by Ron Ely

Foundation — two members — now held by Jeff Swainston & Kathryn Strouse

## FOUR PROJECTS TO REMEMBER FOR CONVENTION

**REMEMBER** to bring your pennies or other coins or dollars for the NG Convention Fund Collection...we host again in 2019

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**DON'T FORGET** to bring your items for the Silent Auction! This is a fun type of fund raiser for the Michigan State Grange!

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**Bring your** extra dollars for the two raffles — Region 2 raffle...page 8 and the Youth 50/50 at the banquet.

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**ITEMS NEEDED** from the Michigan State Grange Wishlist...page 2

**MSG FOUNDATION,**  
**Kathryn Strouse, Sec/Treas.**  
**P.O. Box 84**  
**North Star, MI 48862**

Please accept my donation to help support the Mission of the Michigan State Grange Foundation.

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ In Memory

\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Birthday

\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Anniversary

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Deceased

Donations made by: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other

Thank you for your Support!

## GRANGE HAPPENINGS

### Studley Grange #1174 Food Stand Celebrates 60 years at Midland County Fair

Members of Studley Grange have opened the food stand at the Midland County Fair for 60 years. With the temporary closing of the 4-H building due to water damage from the June floods they served breakfast for the first time in 25 years.

Reports are that they were extremely busy this year but found time to celebrate the 60 year anniversary with cake and coffee one afternoon.

Congratulations on 60 years!

### DICTIONARY PROJECT

With many Granges getting ready to start the Dictionary Project in their areas once again here are 10 reasons why a dictionary is important.

1. A dictionary is an essential tool for a quality education.
2. A child cannot do his or her best work without a dictionary.
3. A dictionary helps you teach your friends and siblings and relatives new words.
4. A dictionary is shared by everyone in the home.
5. Using a dictionary keeps you from looking stupid.
6. A dictionary makes you smarter.
7. A dictionary helps you make new friends by creating new associations by learning new words.
8. A dictionary helps you learn more words so you can earn more money.
9. A dictionary helps you understand the world we live in.
10. A dictionary helps us work together.

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The difference between the right word and almost the right word is the difference between lighting and lighting bug.

*Mark Twain*

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### The Top Ten Reasons to Use a Dictionary

1. To spell words correctly
2. To learn new words
3. Find the correct translation of a word
4. To learn the multiple meanings of a word and parts of speech.
5. To learn the meaning of a word
6. To understand what people are saying
7. To understand what you read
8. To better express yourself
9. To learn the plural form of a word
10. To learn the proper pronunciation of a word

**144th Michigan State Grange  
Comstock Inn, Owosso, MI  
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

(Subject to change)

**Thursday, October 19**

1:00p.m. Registration  
2:00p.m. Display Room Opens for entries  
4:00p.m. Committee Meetings  
6:00p.m. Baking Contest Judging  
7:00p.m. Welcome  
Baking Contest Auction  
State Officers/Department Directors  
State Officer Practice

**Friday, October 20**

7:30a.m. Registration  
9:00a.m. Open 144th Annual Session in 6th Degree  
9:15a.m. Lower to 4th Degree – admit 4th degree members  
Flag Presentation  
Roll Call of Officers  
Roll Call of Delegates  
Welcome by City Officials  
Executive Committee Response  
Partial Report – Credentials  
Committee  
Adopt Order of Business  
9:30a.m. Lecturer, Family Activities, Junior, Deaf Awareness contest judging  
10.00a.m. Report of Executive Committee  
Financial Reports  
Proposed Budget  
Masters Address  
Session Committee Reports  
12:00p.m. Awards Luncheon  
12:45p.m. Foundation Meeting  
3:00p.m. Budget Approval

Election  
Speaker  
Session Committee Reports  
6:00p.m. Dinner Break  
7:30p.m. Call to Order  
Memorial Service  
Session Committee Reports  
Close in 4th degree  
6th Degree Practice  
5th Degree Practice  
Session Committee Meetings

**Saturday, October 21**

8:30a.m. Open with 5th Degree  
6th Degree  
Feast Table and Executive  
Committee Milk Break  
Roll Call of Officers  
Session Committee Reports  
12:00p.m. Lunch Break  
1:30p.m. Call to Order  
Roll Call of Officers  
Adoption of Friday's minutes  
Unfinished Business  
Installation of Officers  
4:00p.m. Closing of 144th Annual Session  
7:30p.m. Annual Banquet  
Dedicated Worker/VIP  
Announcement  
Youth/ Young Adult Raffle  
Dance

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**Thursday, Oct. 19–Saturday, Oct. 21**

**Comstock Inn,  
Owosso, Michigan**

**Hope to see you there!**