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**Mid West Youth & Junior Camp / Great Lakes Grange Leaders Conference
June 15-17, 2018 Home Grange, Ceresco, MI**



Grange members from Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan gathered at Home Grange in Michigan for the Mid West Youth and Junior and Great Lakes Grange Leaders Conference. Charlene Espenshade, NG Youth Director, Samantha Wilkins, NG Junior Director and Betsy Huber, NG Master were all in attendance. Tours included Tracy Myers Malone's Horse Farm and Roland Winter's Grange Museum. Crafts, games, workshops, contests and tons of fun were enjoyed by all. The new name for the Conference is now known as the Midwest Grange Leadership Conference. Check them out on Facebook.

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God's Abundant Beauty

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Summer has finally arrived here in Michigan, albeit a bit tardy. Not all that long ago we were worrying about the possibility of more snow and then all of a sudden, BAM, its 90 degrees.

With the changing of the seasons there are many of us that are excited to get back outdoors and enjoy all God has created for us to enjoy. In the creation story, Genesis 1:31, "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

Each of us has a different way to enjoy the beauty of His creation. For some of us, it is putting away our phones and computers and sitting in the woods beside a stream watching the wildlife. For others, it may be a ride on the bicycle or taking a hike on one of the many remote trails found around our great state. Maybe kayaking or tubing down the river is your "happy place." Some enjoy time spent gardening, either flowers or vegetables. Even in the stillness on a golf course when you tee off at 6:00 am, you can take pause to enjoy God's wondrous creation all around.

However you prefer to enjoy God's abundant beauty, share it with friends and family. Sometimes solitude is what we long for and quite necessary at times, but it can be more enjoyable and more meaningful to share the experience with others. It doesn't take a lot of words, just sit and enjoy the time together.

I know there will be a few of you who would prefer skiing or snowmobiling or ice fishing, and for you, your time will come once again. But for now, enjoy the changing of the seasons. The greatest thing about living in Michigan, in my humble opinion, is that we have four distinct seasons (usually), and although we may have a favorite, in each season we can find a wide array of God's beauty all around us.

May God bless you all as you enjoy His creation!

~In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.~ Psalm 95:4-5

IN MEMORY OF

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| <b>Linda Haraugh</b>                        |                       |                       | Mosherville Grange #1351   |
| <b>Dorothy Cousino</b>                      |                       |                       | Adams Grange #286          |
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| <b>Ardith Merten</b>                        |                       |                       | Oceana Center Grange #1047 |
| <b>Betty Capper</b>                         |                       |                       | North Adrian Grange #721   |
| <b>Emma Dausman</b>                         |                       |                       | Kinney Grange #754         |
| <b>Jim Passage</b>                          |                       |                       | Torch Lake Grange #1840    |
| <b>Charles "Bud" Burch</b>                  |                       |                       | Studley Grange #1174       |
| <b>Well Done Good and Faithful Servants</b> |                       |                       |                            |

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## **Welcome to Summer:**

This past month has been a reminder that we are heading into the warmest months we get to experience. Just when you think we have a little more time before it gets really hot and muggy, you realize school is out for the summer and right around the corner is Midwest Youth and Junior Camp. This year, we as a region have decided to try something most of the regions around the country have been doing for a few years now and have a joint Great Lakes Grange Leaders Conference and the Midwest Youth/Young Adult/Junior Camp at the same time in the same location. Last October, Home Grange #129 in Ceresco offered to be the host to the Midwest Youth/Junior conference this past June, then sometime during the winter the Masters and other leaders had a discussion leading to the decision of having a joint conference. While Sister Jackie Bishop was all for hosting the Youth and Juniors she was a little unsure about hosting a whole slew of other fine Grangers. All in all, we had a great Conference. A special Thank you to all who were involved in the planning of this conference and to those who helped supply meals and goodies to those attending. I need to give a Special Thank you to Connie Johnston and Sharon Popler whom did most of the arranging of the schedule, Jackie Bishop whom planned the meals and arranged for the food to be ready when it was meal time, the members of Home Grange who helped with providing the goodies, the members of Fredonia Grange #1713 for a great Breakfast Sunday morning, Roland Winter for opening his museum for the members of the rest of the region to view. Also, to National Master Betsy Huber for attending, National Youth Director Charlene Espenshade and her team for taking care of the Youth Programs, and National Junior Director Samantha Wilkins for taking care of the Junior portions of the conference. Once again it goes to show that when Grangers work together great things can be accomplished. During the wrap up meeting of the Conference it was decided that we should continue with this type of Conference and have jointly decided to change the name of the two separate conferences to one unified name of Midwest Grange Leadership Conference (it even has a Facebook page already up and running). Thanks again to all involved in the

planning, preparation and execution of this great weekend.

## **Grange Revival:**

Mark your calendars for July 23 – 28, 2019, and get your campers or tents ready to head to Mulberry Mountain Lodge in Ozark, Arkansas. The National Grange is planning a week of activities, fun and fellowship for members of all ages. There are several members from around the Nation that have taken on responsibilities for planning activities for all members of different age groups and even one for new members. Pricing for the camp is coming soon but from what I have seen and heard it looks to be an exciting and fun filled experience for all. If you have any questions feel free to ask myself and I will see what I can do to find the answers for you. You can also stay up-to-date with information on the “Grange Revival.”

## **Michigan Grange Pins**

As you have probably heard the newest Michigan Grange pins have arrived and are ready to be purchased. The cost is only \$5.00 plus shipping. They are available from the Michigan State Grange Secretary. The funds raised from the sale of these pins is being set aside for the celebration that only comes around once every 150 years. In 2023 the Michigan State Grange will be celebrating 150 years of service to the people of the Great State of Michigan.



## **Resolutions**

I know this may sound silly of me to ask, but the earlier the resolutions are submitted to the Michigan State Grange Secretary the earlier we can get them out to the chairman of the session committees. They are due no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> to the State Secretary and remember, they must be signed and dated by the Master and Secretary with the date they were adopted in your Grange. I say lets work on getting them in a little earlier than we have in years past, knowing that most Grangers are procrastinators I figured a little push early on would help this process along.

Until next time!!! Stay Cool this Summer, Enjoy Life, Enjoy Grange, and get out and enjoy this great state we live in.....



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## Michigan School for the Deaf Graduation – 2018

On Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Phil and I and Peggy Johnston attended the 2018 Graduation Ceremony at the Michigan School for the Deaf. There were 12 graduates that received their diplomas. I had the privilege to present the \$500.00 scholarship to Samantha Rae Trout.

She came to MSD 3 years ago from Elk Rapids. She had received a certificate of completion from her home school. She was encouraged to attend MSD to receive more sign language skills and be around other deaf students. Samantha wanted her diploma and worked very hard to get it and managed to get all credits in the 3 years thru a lot of hard work and determination. She is fluent in sign and can lip read. She has come a long ways. One of her activities was working on the Yearbook which is “published” every

year. (I will bring the yearbook to the Michigan State Grange convention for everyone to look at).

She was the recipient of many scholarships and awards at Graduation. She received our scholarship of \$500.00. From the Michigan Deaf Association she received one of the awards given to two students who have shown the most academic improvement in their high school years. The Mattie Sundquist Award is presented to a senior who has shown outstanding citizenship. The Detroit Association of the Deaf recognizes two students that is in one or more activities on campus who extends his or her involvement beyond the campus and into the community. He or she serves as a role model for the student body by volunteering , participation in events, excelling in school, reaching out to fellow students, and portraying an overall positive attitude. Samantha received a \$500.00 scholarship from them.

She was very excited to receive her diploma. At 22 years old she plans on attending MCTI (Michigan Career and Technology Institute) in the Construction Trade.

She is a very energetic young girl and we wish her much success in her future endeavors.

Thanks to you Granges and Grangers for your support to the Deaf Awareness Fund. Without your generosity we would not be able to do this. A big THANK YOU!!!!

(A \$150.00 check was also sent to the Michigan Association of Alexander Graham Bell to be used for their camp fund for supplies needed). WOW what support! You all receive a “pat on the back”!



## IN MEMORY OF



### Ardith Merten

Lady Assistant Steward

1988-1998

Flora

1984-1988

First Deaf Awareness Director

Youth Director

Michigan State Grange

Ardith passed away on June 11, 2018. She married Herbert on July 11, 1959. They raised three sons, Thomas, Herbert and Fred and four daughters, Patricia, Janet, Susan and Ann. Herb preceded her in death in 2017.

Ardith felt that the children she and Herb raised were the greatest gifts. She was very active in Oceana Center Grange, the Pomona and State Grange. She was the author of two cookbooks, “Cooking with Mom” and “Oceana’s Recipe Gar-

den”.

Ardith was very passionate about the Youth programs and the Deaf Awareness program. She was the first Deaf Awareness Director for the MSG and as such was instrumental in securing the first Apple Computers for the School for the Deaf in Flint. She worked with Patty Carncross to develop the “Your Noisy World Could Get Silent” brochure and poster. The deaf program in Michigan was picked up at a national level and helped deaf awareness grown across the nation through the Grange.

Memorial contributions were asked to be made to the Wings of Mercy or the Daughters of American Revolution.

**“Well Done Good and Faithful Servant”**

*Give what you have to somebody,  
it may be better than you think.*

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

*Every one of us needs to show how much we care for  
each other and, in the process, care for ourselves.*

*Princess Diana*

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By the time you receive your Michigan Grange News, our State Grange Convention is less than 4 months away. Hope you are working on your entries for the many contests of the Family Activities Department, as well as all the other various contests in the other departments....Remember, winning a ribbon and recognition is nice, but the spirit of participation should be your motivating factor.

And don't forget to check the program book for details, and please notice that the quilt contest has been opened up to non-members (prospective members) so be sure to promote this among friends and fellow quilting enthusiasts.

I found this article recently, there's lots of good ideas and some I have already put into practice.

### **How to Accident Proof Your Property**

1. Make sure you have secure, easy grip handrails along all stairs
2. Ensure that loose carpeting and tiles are secured to the floor.
3. Use a contrasting paint color to draw attention to short flights of stairs. Or, place non-skid tape on the edge of each tread.
4. Arrange furniture so it provides ample room for walking, especially if someone in your home uses a cane, crutches, walker or wheelchair.
5. Secure light pieces of furniture so they do not move if someone bumps or leans on them.
6. Secure phone and extension cords to walls to minimize tripping hazards.
7. Use non-skid safety strips or non-slip bath mats in tub or shower.
8. Think about installing a grab bar on the edge of a vanity or shower wall.
9. Use automatic night lights that turn on in the dark and stay off when light.
10. Make sure tile and vinyl floors are dry after cleaning or spills before walking on them.
11. Keep outdoor walkways clear of leaves and debris.
12. In winter, keep walkways clear of ice and snow.
13. Fence in pools and water features, and keep surrounding area clear of toys, leaves, etc. that someone could trip on or slip on.
14. Store outdoor extension cords when not in use.
15. Pick up tools when not in use, never leave tools like a rake or shovel on the ground.
16. Install smoke alarms on every floor, make sure they work.
17. Lock liquor cabinets and remove all poisonous household items from accessible locations.
18. Keep meds out of reach of small hands—and clearly marked for big ones.
19. Install lights in medicine cabinet so mistakes are not made when taking meds.
20. If you have babies or toddlers around or visiting, cover sharp edges with rubber cushioning.
21. Remove glass shower doors and replace with unbreakable versions.
22. Set hot water thermostat below 120 degrees to minimize chance of burns. Especially important if small children or elderly are in home regularly.
23. Use faucets that mix hot and cold water, or paint hot water knobs on faucets red.
24. Install toilet guardrails or provide a portable toilet seat with built in rails.
25. Store firearms in a locked cabinet, and ammo in a separate locked cabinet.
26. Cover outlets with child proof outlet covers. This also minimizes drafts in home.
27. Keep small sharp objects like tiny nails, pins and razors out of reach of small hands (which are usually attached to curious mouths.)
28. Make sure TV's and other large objects are secure and not able to tip.
29. Make sure pictures are secured to walls and out of reach of inquiring hands.
30. Keep knives in a knife rack high on the wall.
31. Never wear loose fitting clothing or dangling sleeves when cooking.
32. Never leave food unattended when cooking — including food on outdoor barbecues.
33. Keep space heaters away from curtains, furniture, etc. and unplug when not in use.
34. Don't use electric tools or appliances with frayed cord. Replace the cord, or the item.
35. Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and one near bedrooms, and know how to use them.

### Midwest Grange Leadership Conference

The weekend is over and boy oh boy what a super weekend we had !!!! The National Master was here from Pennsylvania. Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan were also represented at the newly combined "Midwest Grange Leadership Conference." A really great time was had by all. Workshops, crafts, tours, super fellowship, meetings, then to top it off, a really nice worship service on Sunday Morning. A HUGE "THANK YOU" to Roland for opening his home up for everyone to come and see the Michigan St. Grange Museum. Everyone was so impressed by all the information he's gathered there. Then to the young gal who showed us her horses and how she started her small business ( didn't look small to a lot of us) a lot of hard work for her and family. To Home Grange for the use of their hall and to Jackie for feeding all of us through out the weekend. To Fredonia members that came and made breakfast for us on Sunday, to Kathryn, who drove over and did the Sunday worship service, And to all the people that gave up their time to come and help make it all come together!!!! A HUGE THANK YOU. This is what GRANGERS do, we love to help !!! Connie, Thank you for a job So Well Done !!! You got it all set up and it was SUPER!!!! You could tell by all the super comments and happy faces as they left for their homes. I really enjoyed working with you !!! I met some young folks this weekend and was so impressed with all their knowledge of the Grange. I think the future of the Grange is Wonderful Hands, and I made some new friends with them !! Thank You !! So, as we say at the end of the day, its been :::

### ANOTHER GREAT GRANGE WEEKEND

Summer is finally here and boy have we had some hot weather!! I'm hoping everyone is enjoying either some kind of vacation, family gatherings or Grange outings. As a reminder don't forget to start working on some of the entries for State Session. Now is the time to get your camera's out and start getting some of your pictures lined up. Maybe you'd like to write a short story about a happening this summer. The Folk Art contest has several things you might like to do. Now's the time to start. You can take your time and enjoy a great day of creativity. But don't forget, there are many category's in the Family Activities Department and the Agriculture Department and also the Deaf Awareness Department that you can look at and choose to do. If you've got a young one, look at the Juniors Department and have a Great time helping them do crafts for that department!!! I hope everyone has a super summer and what ever your plans are have a wonderful time and please be safe. Here's to a fun filled next few months.

### UNSCRAMBLE THE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION

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|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Mobautileo | 8. torgacd  | 15. ryccemtool | 16. OXCART     | 8. DOGCART    |
| 1. Nagow      | 9. tfra     | 16. cotxra     | 15. MOTORCYCLE | 7. ROWBOAT    |
| 2. Taslioab   | 10. ceyible |                | 14. TRAIN      | 6. SLEIGH     |
| 3. Seorh      | 11. cukrt   |                | 13. TROLLEY    | 5. CANOE      |
| 4. Noace      | 12. Imaec   |                | 12. CAMEL      | 4. HORSE      |
| 5. Lisgeh     | 13. roytell |                | 11. TRUCK      | 3. SAILBOAT   |
| 6. Torwboa    | 14. ranit   |                | 10. BICYCLE    | 2. WAGON      |
|               |             |                | 9. RAFT        | 1. AUTOMOBILE |
|               |             |                | ANSWERS        |               |

### Did You Know... Horse and Carriage

The first baby carriage was made in 1733 by William Kent, an English architect. A miniature version of a horse-drawn carriage, this invention was hooked up to a small animal, such as a goat or dog, so the child could enjoy a ride.

Did you hear about the restaurant  
on the moon?

The food is great, but there's no  
atmosphere.

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Wow where has this year gone!? We are almost half way through it as I sit here on June 20<sup>th</sup> which means the first day of Summer is tomorrow on the 21st! Crops are in full swing of growing and or producing here in Michigan. We are done with strawberries and rhubarb and asparagus is about done as well. The farmers hopefully by this time have gotten all their field crops in and already spraying for weeds etc. It has been a very wet growing season so far which has caused lots of farmers to get their field crops in late. Farmers that make hay are having troubles getting it made and some haven't been able to do 1<sup>st</sup> cutting yet.

It is just amazing on how time is flying right by! Before we know it we will be up in the Kalamazoo area at the West Oshtemo Grange Hall for our next State Session. I hope everyone has planted something to show in the new Agriculture Department classes during State Session. We planted pumpkins, winter squash and sunflowers here. I hope they grow. I think something eat my sunflower starts though. **Remember that there are new classes in the Ag Department for State Session!!!**

Like many other areas across our Great State, the youth around here are getting ready for the local county fairs. My nephews and niece are working with their market and show goats and market pigs getting them ready for our county fair, Berrien County Youth Fair, which is in August. Right now they are just walking their market goats to get them used to being handled and bracing them for when the judge goes to check the muscle on their rumps and backs. They look really good right now and we still have just under two months before Fair. Good luck to all that have family and friends that exhibit at the county fairs!

I haven't been able to keep up with all the current events going on in our Nation but we have to watch what is going on with the Farm Bill. Please let your State Senators know how important the right Farm Bill is to not just our State Agriculture but our Nation and World.

Our next Myth in Agriculture is A pesticide is a pesticide. Pesticide is a generic term for a range of compounds. Different classes target certain types of pests: herbicides for weeds, fungi-

cides for fungi, insecticides for insects, rodenticides for rodents. Some kill very specifically. For example, certain herbicides target only broad-leafed plants, but not grasses. Others, such as certain insecticides that can also harm larger animals at high doses, cross categories.

Pesticides fight bugs and weeds in organic and conventional fields. The difference is that organic pesticides cannot be synthesized artificially. This does not necessarily mean they are less toxic. Toxicity depends on the specific compound and a person's exposure to that compound. Some pesticides, especially older ones, are toxic at relatively low levels. Others are safe even at very high doses. Pesticides also differ in how quickly they break down in the environment.

Different regulations apply to different pesticides. Permits are required to purchase some agricultural chemicals, and many farmers call on crop consultants to diagnose problems in a field and prescribe treatment.

Well I have rambled on enough for this article. I hope the rest of your Summer is good and not too hot and not too wet or dry! See you all soon!



## Citizens of the Year Named

White Pigeon Community Association selected Charlie Carpenter and Beverly Souter as its 2018 Citizens of the Year.

*Charlie serves as Master and Beverly as Lecturer of White Pigeon Grange #1345 in St. Joseph County.*

The honorees were recognized during the Summertime Tunes event and will participate in the White Pigeon Days parade, set for 7 p.m. Friday, July 6.

Souter said that the honor is very humbling and Carpenter said he just enjoys helping people—that's his main goal..

Both of these individuals have been extremely active in their community for many years.

**Congratulations to both from the Michigan State Grange!**

## Save the Date and Make Plans to Attend

### GRANGE REVIVAL

Mulberry Mountain  
4117 Mulberry Mountain Loop  
Ozark, Arkansas

**July 23-28**

### An occasion for all Patron's and Friends

#### Affordable Fun— Fellowship

Fish \* Swim \* Craft \* Hike \* Play \* Perform  
ATV trails \* Sports \* River Access \* Campfires  
Campsites \* RV sites \* Cabins

*"Grange at your pace. Grange with your feet up."*



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Welcome to summer! Believe it or not another Grange year is almost over. Hopefully you have found 1 or 2 projects to use for the community service program. They do not have to be huge projects. Anything that helps your community counts. We just want the Grange name to get out in your community so people know you exist. You will be surprised at how many people and organizations will recognize your Grange after a while!

**Reports** – I want to emphasize how important it is for every Grange to send in a community service report. Even completing only the form that is mailed to you helps me. The National Grange wants 25% of the Subordinate Granges in Michigan to submit a report, so each and every one of you counts in my report to them!

### Notebook Size:

- The maximum size notebook that will be al-

lowed is a 2 inch binder.

- Your Grange will be disqualified from judging if the notebook is larger than this requirement.

The due date for your community service book or form is Monday, September 10. You can include projects from September 1, 2017 thru August 31, 2018. Please send your report to Tricia at the above address. If you have any questions or need special delivery arrangements, please contact Tricia at the above phone number or email.

Wishing you a wonderful & safe summer!

Tricia & Helen

### View From the Hill Report

June was an active legislative time in Washington. After the defeat of the farm bill on the House floor May 18, there was a scramble to bring the farm bill back to the floor before the June 22 deadline to reconsider. The farm bill was not defeated on its merits or the lack thereof; it was used as leverage to force the House leadership to allow members to vote on a comprehensive immigration bill. The hardline immigration bill, which included Rep. Goodlatte's ag worker provisions, was voted on and defeated which cleared the way for reconsideration of the farm bill. House members passed their version farm bill June

22 on a party-line margin of two votes, 213-211. Deep partisan divides in the House continue over SNAP work requirements and several ag policy provisions.

Over in the Senate, it looked like a different political world. Ag Committee chairman Roberts and ranking minority member Stabenow had worked together for several months with committee members and members of their own parties to craft the sections of a bipartisan farm bill capable of broad Senate support. When the committee began markup June 13, the bill passed out of committee in a record three hours on a 20-1 vote; the one dissenting vote was over a procedural issue, not against the farm bill.

Health care is always high on the agenda at the National Grange. The National Grange is partnering with a National opioid crisis action coalition, Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI), to mobilize local communities and advocacy leaders to actively address our nation's opioid crisis. Also this month, the price of drugs, access to affordable medical care, Medicare, Medicaid, Health and Human Services regulatory authority, opioid legislation, and several more health care issues were in the Grange spotlight.

### ELECTION OF MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE OFFICERS

In accordance with the delegate action the following information is presented for the benefit of the Granges in Michigan.

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|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Master</b>                                        | <b>Chris Johnston</b>  |
| <b>Overseer</b>                                      | <b>Jackie Bishop</b>   |
| <b>Lecturer</b>                                      | <b>Sharon Popler</b>   |
| <b>(Sharon is not seeking re-election)</b>           |                        |
| <b>Steward</b>                                       | <b>Barbara Castle</b>  |
| <b>Ass't Steward</b>                                 | <b>Tim Johnston</b>    |
| <b>L. Ass't Steward</b>                              | <b>Barb Johnston</b>   |
| <b>(Tim and Barbara are not seeking re-election)</b> |                        |
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| <b>Pomona</b>                                        | <b>Karen Strouse</b>   |
| <b>(Karen is not seeking re-election)</b>            |                        |
| <b>Flora</b>                                         | <b>Tricia Eidsmoe</b>  |
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|                                                      | <b>Doris Felton</b>    |

All nominations will take place at the State Grange Convention in October.

It is very important that every Subordinate and Pomona Grange has delegates to the convention and that the Granges instruct their delegates as to how they wish them to vote.