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## 2011 DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

MAY 21, 2011 — NORTH ADRIAN GRANGE

Shepard Road, Adrian

9:30a.m.—3:30p.m.

Potluck lunch at noon (beverages & table service provided)

***COME SEE AND HEAR WHAT YOUR  
STATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES  
HAVE TO OFFER.***

**THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR EVERYONE!!!**

**ALL GRANGERS ARE INVITED**

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STATE LECTURER — SHARON POPLER

STATE DEAF AWARENESS — LOIS NICHOLS

STATE WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES — JUDY BOWERS

STATE MEMBERSHIP — JACKIE BISHOP

**\*\*\*\*\*Community Service Project at the Conference\*\*\*\*\***

*Please bring non-perishable food items for a local food pantry*

*We will do our best to have someone present to accept*

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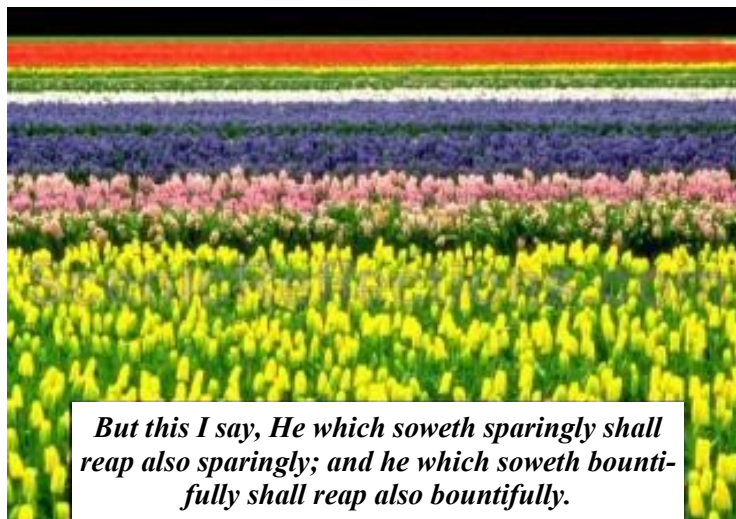
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God is in control of the seasons and the weather. Springtime and its rain come at God's bidding — all of nature is under his control.

Zechariah 10:1 (KJV)

Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.



*But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*

~2 Corinthians 9:6

## GRANGE GATHERING DAY

In last month's Grange Newsletter, Master Chris Johnston mentioned the nationwide Grange Gathering on July 16, 2011.

Bob and I would like to have a Camping Gathering on this day. We are currently working out the details which we should have ready for the June newsletter. In the mean time, we would like to know who would be interested in participating in this activity. If you have your own camper or tent, you are pretty much set. But for those who do not have this equipment, we can put you in touch with an organization that rents campers for a few days or longer. Also, some may wish to come just for the activities on the 16<sup>th</sup> and not do the camping part, that's fine also.

A "rough" tentative schedule:

Friday evening:	arrive and register get acquainted activities
Saturday:	breakfast on your own Community Service activity #1 potluck lunch fun & fellowship Community Service activity #2 potluck supper more fun & fellowship
Sunday:	breakfast cooked by Nichols Church service leave for home

Like I said, Bob and I are still working out the details, such as where we will camp and times and which activities we will do. Also, the schedule is subject to change as we work out the details. But we would be interested in knowing how many people we need to plan for. So, either send an e-mail to [loisketchum@netzero.net](mailto:loisketchum@netzero.net) or call 269-720-5057 and let us know you are interested by June 15th.

## Department Conferences

As you would have already seen, on the front page of this issue is all the particular information about the conference. This is the time of year we are making plans for our Granges and what better way to shake the winter blues than to get together with your Grange friends and talk about your ideas and maybe come up with some new ideas. I know the directors are excited about the upcoming conference, and some have been planning since state session what they would do at their conference. We do have a new director that has said she was a bit nervous however with her background I am sure she will do just fine. Let's make this a great Grange day and plan to attend, this is a great time to practice being "Green" and lets pack our cars so not everyone is driving separately. See you in Adrian...

## Grange Growth Summit

The Grange Growth Summit is just around the corner and for some of you it will be very shortly after you receive this issue of the MGN. I hope that many are planning to attend this event. This will be a time for us to come and learn ways to strengthen our Granges and to grow our Granges. Several years ago we had a lady by the name of Sally Crosair come to our convention and though we already knew it, she said if we continue the way we are and do nothing we will be gone in twenty years. This is our opportunity to turn things around, we have started to see some growth in Granges yet others are struggling. Let's come to this event and begin to put together teams to be able to go around to the other parts of the state and help the Granges that need helping. This is the year we begin the change and this is where we start. **Ask yourself** where do you fall in the line of helping? At the beginning or the end?

## Grange Gathering 2011

On July 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 the National Grange is having a Grange gathering. What this means is that Granges around the country will be having events that either promote Grange, or merely just get together and have fun. In Michigan there are several things in the works, one of which is Bob and Lois Nichols is looking to have a campout over that weekend. Please let them know if you are interested. Also, Let us know if your Grange is planning something for that day and we will get it on the website to let everybody know. Make sure you take pictures so we can pass it on to the National Grange. If you have any questions about this event either call or email myself or consult the National Grange website at [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org)

## Changes

In an effort to keep expenses down to a minimum the Michigan State Grange Executive Committee and I have decided that we will only produce 3 more issues for the remainder of the Grange year. Beginning with this issue there will be a May/June, July/August, and a September/ October Issue of the Michigan Grange News. If you have any questions about this change let me know.

## Legislative notice

Recently the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 872 by a vote of 292- 134. "H.R. 872 Summary: This measure seeks to provide regulatory relief to farmers, ranchers, and forestry managers who use insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides in areas near bodies of water. Currently these folks are regulated under both the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act or FIFRA as well as the Clean Water Act. This measure would alleviate the requirement for these folks to file for additional permits for discharge, as well as lessen the burden on state permitting, and enforcement." The Michigan State Grange has joined a coalition of groups and organizations from Michigan asking Sen. Stabenow (D) MI. who is the chairwoman for the Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry committee of the U.S. Senate to slate the bill for a hearing on the measure. We are asking that the bill be passed by the Senate before the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits become final later this year.

Remember as a grass roots organization legislation that we feel strongly about doesn't have to be a federal issue for us to get involved. As a matter of fact I would like to hear about Granges that are involved locally with your local governments, and what topics you are actively pushing for in your communities.

## Indiana State Grange Bus trip

As a favor to Brother Gordon Groves, Master of the Indiana State Grange, the last issue of the Michigan Grange News had the information about their upcoming bus trip. I have heard that several members from Michigan are interested. I am sure there is still plenty of room available if anyone else is interested in going with them. When Michigan decided that we would do a bus trip last year to the Rededication Ceremony of the National Grange building in Washington, D.C., Brother Gordon and Sister Lucille were some of the first to get registered. It is great to see Granges working together at all levels. For everyone going on the bus trip, have a great time.

Until next time.....

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## May is Better Speech and Hearing Month

To celebrate this special month, I want to share the story of a great Deaf American.

### Lou Ferrigno

One of the biggest characters on television is Lou Ferrigno, best known as the star of the popular weekly program by CBS, *The Incredible Hulk*. As the “green giant” who crushed steel, broke through walls, and terrorized the meanest villains, Lou Ferrigno practically filled up the whole TV screen with his “Incredible Hulk” – a 6’5”, 275 lb. titan with a 59” chest measurement and 23” biceps! What makes his story all the more incredible is the fact that Ferrigno was once a shy and skinny kid – just like the “90 lb. weakling” in the “Charles Atlas” advertisements.

Lou Ferrigno was born on November 9, 1951 and grew up in Brooklyn, New York. He suffered from an ear infection at the age of three, which resulted in a 75% permanent hearing loss. Because the hearing aids of the past weren’t as advanced as today’s, he developed a speech defect. This was harder to overcome than his hearing loss because people assumed he was “dumb” when they heard him talk. Lou’s feelings of inferiority made him isolate himself from his schoolmates and avoid people.

For a while, he attended a special educational program for the deaf at Public School 47, in Manhattan. Later, he transferred to a school in Brooklyn and took lessons in speech and lipreading on Saturdays. However, he still was misunderstood and called “dumb Louie” by the tough kids in his Brooklyn neighborhood.

One day, when he was 16 years old, the shy kid from Brooklyn who had let others tease him and “kick sand in his face” for so long, stepped into a local movie theatre. The feature was *Hercules*, starring Steve Reeves – and seeing it changed Louie’s whole life. He decided to take up body building to try to change himself – like the kid in the “Charles Atlas” advertisement does – from a 90 lb. weakling into a mighty muscle man.

Louie began lifting weights in the basement of his home, and his mother thought he was crazy. When he was 19, he entered a “Mr. New Jersey” contest – and finished 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some people advised him to forget about body building. But Lou refused to quit, and his father not only encouraged him but also became his trainer. Soon, the hard work began to pay off. Lou entered the AAU “Mr. America” competition and finished 4<sup>th</sup>. The same year, he won the “Teenage Mr. America” contest and a free trip to Switzerland.

The stage was now set for Ferrigno to test his muscles in big time competition. At the age of 20, he competed in the “Mr. Universe” contest as the underdog against 90 experienced opponents. He won by unanimous decision – the youngest ever to win the title! After that, he won the “Mr. Universe” title again, but lost the “Mr. Olympia” world class competition to another super body builder, the great Arnold Schwarzenegger. Both men are featured in the classic movie on body building, *Pumping Iron*.

Although he was winning trophies, the prize money was not enough for Ferrigno to earn a living. His first paying job was

as a \$10-an-hour sheet metal worker in a Brooklyn factory. He had learned the trade when he attended Brooklyn Technical High School. Although he stayed on the job for three years, he didn’t enjoy the work, which was hard and dangerous. When a friend and co-worker accidentally cut off his hand one day, Ferrigno decided to look elsewhere for employment.

His first stop was in Canada, where he signed on as a defensive tackle for the Toronto “Argonauts” of the Canadian Football League. After playing in a couple of games, however, he injured his knee and left professional football. Down but not out, Ferrigno surfaced in Los Angeles in 1976 when he heard that Universal Studios was looking for a body-builder for the “Incredible Hulk” role. Lou auditioned and got the job.

Putting on “make up” for the Hulk required the former Mr. Universe to spend over two hours every day in cosmetic preparation. He was fitted with green contact lenses, a false scalp and wig. Then his body was sprayed with green paint. Needless to say, preparing for the role was almost as difficult as the role itself. The work was punishing, and Ferrigno even had to do his own stunts, which were sometimes dangerous. Once, he jumped off a 30-foot-high wall. Another time, he expected to run through a prop – a “wall” supposedly as flimsy as a fence made of toothpicks. A mistake had been made, however, and the wall was almost rock hard. When Ferrigno hit it while running at full speed, he bounced away like a ball. Even the green paint couldn’t cover up some of his black and blue marks.

Like all television series must, *The Incredible Hulk* came to an end in 1981, after several very successful seasons. The series gave Ferrigno the experience he needed to pursue other roles, preferably speaking ones. He continued to take lessons in speech therapy to improve his speech, and one of his biggest boosters is his wife, Carla. They met in 1979 when she was working as a restaurant manager, and Lou found her to be very sensitive and understanding about his deafness and speech problems. They also found they share a common interest as Carla had previously worked with deaf children at the Neuro-psychiatric Institute, University of California at Los Angeles.

In an interview for *People Magazine* (April, 1981), Lou Ferrigno stressed his determination to succeed as a speaking actor. He also joked that his wife, Carla “predicts I’ll be the Clark Gable of the 80’s”!

In recognition of his lifetime battle with his handicap, Ferrigno was chosen to serve as national chairman for *Better Speech and Hearing Month* (May, 1981), during its campaign to increase public awareness of the 22 million Americans with communicative disorders. For this, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York designed an eye-catching color poster which featured “strong man” Lou Ferrigno feeling the bicep muscles of cute little Sarah Halpert, a hearing impaired child. He was also honored by being named honorary director of the National Hearing Association “for his courageous example to all the hearing impaired youth of America that they, too, can be champions.”

It’s certain that Ferrigno will be setting more examples for both hearing-impaired and hearing youth everywhere in the coming years. In 1982, he was chosen for the starring role in a remake of the movie which inspired him as a youngster – *Hercules*. The fact that he was picked for the role, a speaking one, is a tribute to Lou Ferrigno’s dedication, and recognition that he is not only a titan of body, but of spirit as well.



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May as several items listed on the calendar as holiday reminders. Cinco de Mayo, Nurse's day, Mother's day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day are well known days in May. Your May calendar may include a birthday or an anniversary to celebrate. I want to add a day in May and I'm going to call it Mary's Day.

In case you are not aware. the Mary in "The Sue and Mary Show" had a stroke. She is mending quickly and has great determination to be well. She has a fabulous support group with Heather, Laurel, Miranda, Jeremy, and their families and they are her biggest cheerleaders. They are an inspiring group of children and their tender loving care continues to give Mary strength. The gentle kindness and support of Randy is equally important to her. Cards, flowers, games, puzzles, personalized exercise equipment with "You Rock", warm socks and slippers were evidence of caring family and friends that took the time to stop by and give a kiss, shake a hand, and sit-a-spell while she has been away from home.

So to honor my friend, my sister, my fellow Granger, I want to give her Mary's Day. Her day will include a camera that never stops taking wonderful pictures. (Mary is a fabulous photographer and she has an artist's eye to catch images that are clever, funny and absolutely beautiful.) Her day will continue with the sharing of good food, warm weather, friends and folks that can stop by, and for those that can't be there, they will join her in spirit. It must include good music, homemade music if possible. Laughter is a guarantee. She will want a campfire with NO mosquitoes, and a day full of the rest and relaxation that she needs to stay well. Join me in wishing her the best Mary's Day in May.

*In Faith, In Hope, In Charity and With Fidelity,*

*The Sue and Mary Show*

## Welcome New Members!!

Tyrone Phillips — Torch Lake #1840  
 Jim Tuller — Maple Leaf #940  
 Veda Warner ( R ) — Peninsula #706  
 Dianne Warner ( R ) — Peninsula #706  
 Jess Arquette — Fern #803  
 Dave Hansen — Oceana Center #1047  
 Marge & Louie Mills — Pittsfield Union #882  
 Amelia Hefferlin — Pittsfield Union #882  
 Mary LaFountain — Pittsfield Union #882  
 Janette Lutz — Pittsfield Union #882  
 Zeke La Fountain — Pittsfield Union #882  
 Penny Corbett — Pittsfield Union #882

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Midwest Youth/Junior Conference will be here before you know it. June 10-12, 2011 at our home in Dorr. For you GPS users it is 2589 – 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Dorr, MI 49323. We have plenty of room for all to camp here at the ranch. We have a limited supply of tents and campers available but bring your own if you have them and are able to bring them.

Bring your tents, campers, sleeping bags, pillows, personal items, talent show items, bathing suits, and a great attitude. This will be a fun-filled weekend with workshops, games, field trips, movies, and a whole lotta fun.

The cost for the weekend is \$40.00 for the youth and \$25.00 for the juniors. Don't let the costs stop you from coming. There is some limited scholarship money available for those who don't feel they can afford the costs.

Any questions or concerns – Facebook me, email me, or call me at (616)813-8746.

I have attached a tentative schedule for the weekend.... tentative meaning subject to, and likely to change.

### Friday June 10-

Arrival date - anytime... set up tents, campers, etc.  
 6:00 Evening Bonfire with wiener roast 7 s'mores - Y & J  
 8:00 Get acquainted activities - Y & J  
 9:30 Junior Vespers  
 10:00 Junior lights-out  
 11:30 Youth Vespers  
 12:00 Youth lights-out

### Saturday June 11-

7:00 Rise and shine - Y & J  
 8:00 Breakfast & Clean-up  
 9:00 Morning Workshops - Y & J (Seperate)  
 10:00 Break  
 10:30 Public Speaking Regional Competition - Y  
 10:30 Games - J  
 11:30 Lunch Prep  
 12:00 Lunch & Clean-up  
 1:00 Field Trips Junior possibilities - Museum, Zoo, Waterpark — Youth possibilities - Beach, Zoo, Beach  
 5:00 Return and prep for supper  
 6:00 Supper & Clean-up  
 7:00 Sign-a-song Regional Competition  
 7:30 Talent Show - Y & J  
 9:30 Junior Vespers  
 10:00 Junior lights-out  
 10:00 A Night at the Cinema - Y  
 11:30 Youth Vespers  
 12:00 Youth lights-out

### Sunday June 12-

8:00 Rise and Shine - Y & J  
 9:00 Breakfast & Clean-up  
 10:00 Morning Worship  
 11:00 Camp Clean-up  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Departure for home

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**Hi everyone,**

*May and June* are busy months with Mother's Day, May 8th., Memorial Day, May 30th., Flag Day, June 14th., Father's Day, June 19th. Graduations, open houses, showers (baby and wedding), weddings, birthdays, the whole gambit. Summer even arrives June 21st., though it doesn't seem like we've had spring yet!

We mustn't forget Grange activities and event. **GRANGE GROWTH SUMMIT** at Community Grange May 13-15th. **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS CONFERENCE** on May 21st at North Adrian Grange.

The joint conference by **Deaf Awareness, State Lecturer, Membership and Women's Activities** makes it easier for our members to attend, with the price of gas we need to combine our activities. Invite a new member, someone who hasn't attended a conference in awhile, or even a non-member. What a great way to show them a little bit about the Grange.



*For the Women's Activities portion, how about bringing one or two of your contest entries for display, perhaps they will inspire some others to try their skill.*



## APPRECIATION

I recently had the opportunity to attend the Great Lakes Grange Leaders weekend activities. **APPRECIATION** — 1. Appropriate gratefulness. 2. Clear recognition. Not near enough, I'm as guilty as the next person. Take our State Lecturer, Sharon Popler, she is a beacon of light for the Michigan State Grange. She works hard for all of us. I appreciate everything she does in the name of this great organization. Another person we all should appreciate is Peggy Johnston, our State Secretary, for the first time I ever attended a Grange meeting I knew Peggy lived and breathed Grange, she is a shining star.

On a lighter subject I'd like to pass along a recipe for one of my favorite spring vegetables. Hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

### Rhubarb Custard Pie

1 1/2 c. sugar  
1/4 c. flour  
3/4 tsp. nutmeg  
dash of salt  
3 slightly beaten eggs  
4 c. 1-inch pieces rhubarb  
2 T. oleo



Blend dry ingredients, add to eggs, beat smooth. Add rhubarb, stir in. Pour into a 9" pie shell, dot with oleo. Cover with top crust, I like a lattice top crust. Bake at 400 degrees for 50 minutes.

**Hope to see you on the 21st of May at North Adrian.**

*Judy*

## JUNE IS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Duties/Responsibilities

### MASTER:

- ◆ Preside at all meetings of the Grange
- ◆ See that all officers and members of committees appointed perform their respective duties
- ◆ Declare the result of all balloting and other votes of the Grange
- ◆ See that all laws and usages of the Order are duly understood and obeyed
- ◆ Perform such other duties as may be required by the ritual or action of the Grange.
- ◆ Serve with the Executive Committee.

### OVERSEER:

- ◆ Assist the Master in preserving order and decorum in the Grange
- ◆ Preside in the absence of the Master
- ◆ Perform such other duties as may be required by the ritual or action of the Grange.
- ◆ Serve with the Executive Committee

### LECTURER:

- ◆ Plan, prepare and present programs of interest to the membership at each meeting.
- ◆ Preside in the absence of the Master and Overseer.

### STEWARDS:

- ◆ See that the meeting room is properly prepared.
- ◆ Conduct initiation and such other ritualistic ceremonies as may be required with the aid of the Assistant Stewards.

### ASSISTANT AND LADY ASSISTANT STEWARDS:

- ◆ Conduct initiation and such other ritualistic ceremonies as may be required.
- ◆ See that the meeting room is properly prepared.

### CHAPLAIN:

- ◆ Assist in ritualistic ceremonies as may be required.
- ◆ Serve as contact with family of deceased members to offer and organize Grange funeral home service

### TREASURER:

- ◆ Keep an accurate account of all the moneys deposited by the Secretary.
- ◆ Pay bills and Report regularly on the condition of all accounts
- ◆ Present the records to the auditing committee when called upon to do so.

### SECRETARY:

- ◆ Record all proceedings of the Grange.
- ◆ Make all necessary reports to Pomona and State Grange
- ◆ Keep accurate records of the membership of the Grange.
- ◆ Receive and deposit all monies coming into the Grange

### GATEKEEPER:

- ◆ See that the gates are properly guarded.

### CERES:

- ◆ Assist in the opening and closing of the Grange with the flag presentation.

### POMONA:

- ◆ Assist in ritualistic ceremonies as may be required.

### FLORA:

- ◆ Assist in ritualistic ceremonies as may be required

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- ◆ Act for and in the name of the Grange between meetings only in conjunction with the Master
- ◆ Provide such oversight as may be required to insure the safety and security of the property of the Grange.

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As Secretary of Home Grange, I am responsible for our Annual Membership recognition program. We honor not only the new members that have joined in the past year, but also those who have served our Grange and the community for many years. In the process of this planning, I recalled that there was a poem that I have heard my Dad (Roland Winter) say many times over the years, and although I could not remember exactly how it went, thought it could be appropriate for the occasion, since he was receiving his 70th year award. Once I clarified what the poem was, it all came back to me. While reading it and listening to it being read, it seemed that this poem is really appropriate as we consider what ways we can grow the membership of our local Granges. I hope that each of you will take it to heart and move forward with a grin and do it!

### **It Couldn't Be Done**

by Edgar A. Guest

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;  
At least no one ever has done it";  
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,  
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.  
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
There are thousands to prophesy failure;  
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,  
The dangers that wait to assail you.  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing  
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

One that you can build your skills in recruiting new members is to attend the Grange Growth Summit to be held May 13-15 in Niles, Michigan at Community Grange. There has been information in the past two Michigan Grange News issues and more information may be found at the Michigan State Grange and National Grange websites. There is a fee of \$42. Rusty Hunt, National Grange Membership & Leadership Director, will train us in ways to grow our local Granges. After learning these techniques, we will practice our skills as we work with our Granges throughout Michigan. Our Worthy Master, Chris, has worked hard to get Rusty to come to Michigan, so let's make a good effort to support this event. It will help the Grange in Michigan grow. Once again, from the poem above, "Just start to sing as you tackle the thing That "cannot be done," and

you'll do it." I look forward to seeing you at Community Grange.

**Be Positive!  
Promote the Grange!**

### **Celebrate Members**



### **Home Grange Membership Recognition Program**

April 16 was a special night at Home Grange. New members Marissa Squires and Brad Skidmore (now serving in Singapore with the Marines) were welcomed to our Grange and presented membership pins. Brad's grandmother, Eunice Bauserman, accepted Brad's in his absence. John Newberry was presented his 60-year member award. Roland Winter was presented a 70-year member award. Chris Johnston, Michigan State Grange Master assisted Eric Bishop, Master of Home Grange, in presenting the awards and pins. Seven Michigan State Grange officers were in attendance for this event. Cake, punch and tea followed the special program.



**Burns  
Grange  
presents  
Comm-  
unity Citizen  
Award  
during  
April Jam-  
boree.**

Sharon Popler, Master presented the Community Citizen Award to Forest Cottenham, a Bancroft resident, who has been in charge of the jamborees for many years. He also has arranged for several other jamborees in the area. Recently he turned his responsibilities over to someone else and is setting back and enjoying the music. The Grange has appreciated all that he has done for them.

**Congratulations to Forest!**



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Spring is here!? Well it should be but at the time I am writing this article it sure doesn't feel like it. The temperatures are still cooler than they should be for this time of year and the ground isn't warming up so the farmers can be planting their crops. There is plenty of moisture in the southwestern corner of Michigan as we seem to be getting rain just about every day here. Good Friday it poured most of the day. With all this cool wet weather it means it is time to do yard work and start mowing your lawns. If you haven't already, you are probably starting to plan your vegetable gardens and flower beds just as I am getting ready to do. Hard to plan for the yard when it is cold and rainy and so much to clean up and do before you can plant.

Just like the farmers that plant their crops to feed their animals or that they sell which are probably in turn used to feed us, they too have been planning but I am sure they were planning most of the winter. They have to plan early so they can make sure they have enough seed on hand and the right chemicals are planned for weed killing and fertilizing the crops once they start growing.

I am lucky when it comes to mulching and fertilizing my vegetable garden. I do not have to buy anything special as I have my nephews' and niece's goats that they raise every year for the fair. Something has to be done with the soiled straw so until the garden is planted and has grown some, it gets piled next to my garden plot when the kids are cleaning out their goat pen. Straw is a natural mulch item which helps cut down on the weeds and will in turn break down and return to the soil. There is also fertilizer material in the straw to feed the plants and help produce my garden produce.

### Special Project

If you are able to plant a garden, think about what you are planning or wanting to plant this year before buying your plants. Map out your garden spot and see if you are using it to full capacity. If you have a little extra room without cramping the plants too closely, think about planting a few extra plants. As we just celebrated Earth Day, the big thing in my area is Community Gardens. You can do your own version of a Community Garden without having the Community come and help you work it etc. When it comes time to harvest your Garden, share some of that extra harvest with family, friends, neighbors, Church members, Grange members, etc. What a wonderful way to spread the good harvest of your hard work then to share your bountiful harvest throughout the summer and early fall. Another spin to this just came to me while I am sitting here writing this article and I guess you could call this an Ag Challenge. Most Grange halls have a yard area. Why not plant a Community Grange Garden where all of the members, young and old, can take part in planting and caring for the Garden. This could be a great tool to getting your Community to the Grange Hall as well if you plant a big enough Grange Garden where you ask the Community to come and help work and allow them to pick / harvest the products out of that Garden as well.

I hope to hear from Granges that take on this idea and let me know how their Grange Gardens are growing. This article I am told is for May & June so this would give you plenty of time to make plans, plant your garden(s) and report back to me which Grange(s) took my Challenge. Plant your Grange Garden, take pictures

throughout the growing season and share them with me. I would like to hear from the Granges that plant a Grange Garden so I can make a list. From that list, I will make up slips and bring them to State Session in Cadillac to hold a special drawing during the Ag Dinner that is being planned. The prize will be something that the winning Grange can use to help work in your Grange Garden. Until July Happy Growing!!



*Above:* Michigan attendees at the Great Lakes Grange Leadership Conference in Lacon, IL. (l-r) Mary Beth Bower, Peg Brown, Lois and Bob Nichols, Sharon Popler, Chris and Connie Johnston, Judy Bowers and Peggy Johnston.



Miss Tootie Fruity (aka Sharon Popler, Michigan State Grange Lecturer) taking part in the Miss Un-Beautiful Pageant during the Saturday night program at the GLGLC in Illinois. Lots of laughs by everyone!

### Burns Grange presents Dedicated Worker Award during April—Grange month



David Sanderson, Superintendent of the Michigan School for the Deaf of Flint, was presented the Dedicated Worker Award for 2011 during Grange month. Presenting the award are Master, Sharon Popler and Lecturer, Chris Johnston. David brought an interpreter with him to help us that cannot sign. David is retiring at the end of this school year. Five ten year awards and a 25 year award were also presented. The 2011 Burns Grange V.I.P. Award was presented to Secretary, Peggy Johnston.



## Six Degree Dresses For Sale:

Ginny VanSickle — 517-467-2406 or jackvan69@aol.com has a white 6th degree dress for sale. Size 16 — excellent condition — \$75.00

Gerry Cote — 517-265-2566 or syandgerry@tc3net.com also has a white 6th degree dress for sale. Size 16 — 55 inches long. — \$50.00

We are also looking for a size 18 or 20 6th degree dress, if anyone has one they would like to share or sell.

## JUNIORS

## Growing a Garden

To be Announced

### It's Gardening Time

Soon the weather will be just right for all of the gardens to be planted. Following are a few Gardening tips for you parents to use to work with your kids to grow a garden.

1. **Choosing the Plants:** More than likely kids will choose vegetable they like to eat. Remember that the garden space is small, so stick to a handful of varieties. Include some flowers as well. Bright flowers at child height, like zinnias and cosmos, will keep them fascinated and also make good choices for cutting and bringing indoors. You can't miss with sunflowers. Every kid is amazed at anything that grows 8 feet tall.
2. **Starting seeds:** Let the kids help with starting the seeds. Some of the seeds may be too small for little fingers, but they can always be the helper who covers them with soil.
3. **Garden Journals:** To keep the kids interested until the plants come up, have them start a garden journal. They can draw a picture of what they think the plants will look like and make notes about when they planted the seeds and when they first saw a sprout pushing up.

### My Spring Garden

Here is my little garden,  
Some seeds I'm going to sow.  
Here is my rake to rake the ground,  
Here is my handy hoe.  
start  
Here is the big, round yellow sun;  
The sun warms everything.  
Here are the rain clouds in the sky;  
The birds will start to sing.

Little plants will wake up soon,  
And lift their sleepy heads;  
Little plants will grow and grow  
In their little, warm earth beds.

4. **Put the Garden Where They Will See It:** To start the garden, pick a sunny spot in the backyard near where the kids play or often walk. The more they see their garden, the more they'll notice changes. Keep the space to about no more than about 4' x 4'. If you don't have a yard, you

can still have a garden in pots on a patio or inside on a windowsill, maybe even in their room.

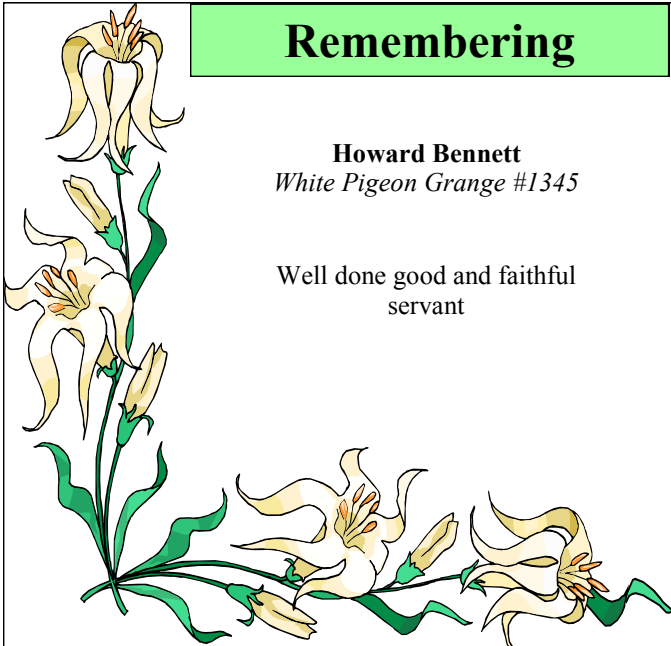
5. **Playing with Dirt:** Remember that kids love playing with dirt. Let them help you prepare the soil, even if all they are capable of is stomping on the clumps. Kid sized tools will make them feel even more a part of the project.
6. **Identify the Garden as Theirs:** Mark each plant with the tag or seed packet it came with, so that the kids can see what the flowers or vegetables will look like. Also make a sign for the whole garden with the child's name, so everyone can see that it's their garden.

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## Remembering

Howard Bennett  
White Pigeon Grange #1345

Well done good and faithful  
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### Do you need help?

Have you ever sat through a meeting with a great idea? Have you ever wanted to do something educational or charitable in your area? The Michigan State Grange Foundation could help you. More often than not people think of the Foundation and all they think about is the student loan program. The Foundation is set up to help Granges promote the Grange through educational and charitable ways. So next time you have a great idea or you want to do something in your area why not ask the Foundation if they can help.

### Student Loans

Yes we do still have the student loan program and we are in the process of attempting to collect on several outstanding loans. If you have in the past had a student loan through the foundation and are not sure if you paid it off or not contact any member of the Foundation and we can help you find this information out. There will be letters sent out to those we have contact information for informing them of their outstanding loan and for those that we do not have information for, a letter is being sent to the Subordinate Grange we believe them to have been associated with. We want to collect these outstanding funds so we may be able to continue this great program that has helped many Michigan Grangers over the years.

Faternally, Chris Johnston

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7. **Playing with Water:** Playing with water is right up there with playing with dirt. Give the kids a small watering can to use one their garden. Show them how to gently let the water go right to the roots of the plants. Hoses are just asking for trouble.
8. **Include the Whole Environment:** You can also teach them about mulching and composting, by letting them spread grass clipping and shredded leaves around their plants to conserve water and help feed the plants. Don't forget to point out any interesting insects.
9. **Patience Isn't the Only Virtue:** Kids don't have a lot of patience and they may try to pull up their radishes just to see they are ready. Let them keep tabs this way.
10. **Let Them Make their Own Mistakes:** Sometimes adults don't have a lot of patience either. Let the kids have control of their garden. If it's messy, it's their mess. Let them enjoy it and take pride in their own piece of land.

**Happy Gardening!!!!**

#### \*\*\*\*NEW PRICE\*\*\*\*

### Michigan State Grange Cookbooks



**Yes!** We still have "Sharing our Best" Cookbooks available. There are over ten cases left.

If you have an event coming up in the near future and would like to have some of these books to sell, PLEASE, let us know at 989-288-4546 or

msgrange1873@yahoo.com and we will do our best to get them to you.

We are offering the cookbooks to Granges for \$5.00 each, but you can add a couple of dollars to that cost to make a little for your own Grange.

The cases contain 24 books.

**GREAT LAKES GRANGE LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE 2011**

Just a few weekends ago I had the chance to meet with a really great group of people.

\*\*\*GRANGERS\*\*\*

What a wonderful time.

This years Community Service project was the  
"Children's Hospital of Illinois"

Many people brought all kinds of items that young children can use to pass the time while they are in the hospital. I would like to thank the Plymouth/Westland Grange for their very generous donation to buy supplies for this. Thank you to all that brought items.

This years theme was "Spreading the Appreciation". There were several mini seminar's from each state that we attended.

Michigan's seminar was "Creative ways to get people active".

E-mails were sent out to several Granges for different idea's that they do for their Granges. Below is a small list of just a few ideas Michigan Granges came up with.

1. Involve a local assisted home to help with Grange happenings. Put thank you's in local paper. They love to see their names in the paper. Good publicity also!
2. Treat all new members like they're important too!
3. Plan a trip. Have members put money in a fund for it. Have fund raisers for it.
4. Have your Junior Grangers come in and plan and prepare a dinner for all. They'll need help and what better way to get all involved!!!
5. Keep members happy by letting them do the job they are elected to . When they know what their responsibilities are and when they do them right give them praise and THANK THEM!. They feel good about what they have done and feel appreciated.
6. Plan a couples night out. Pick a special place to go to. Dress up. Maybe go back to someone's house and have refreshments and talk about what fun it was!!
7. Find a family in your area that is in need and then for the holiday's have your members bring in canned goods, paper products, then deliver them. Choose several holidays to do this through out the year.
8. Have a surprise birthday party for your members. Say a little something special about each person and how important they are to your Grange!!

These are just a few of the idea's we discussed. I'm sending a full copy to all the state Lecturers. If you would like a list, just contact me by e-mail or phone and I'll get a copy to you. I hope that these will help your Granges in one way or another.

Maybe a Prom at your Grange hall. Wear suits, prom dresses

Decorate your hall, maybe serve refreshments and dance the night away!!!

Just remember to have fun and always invite the public, young at heart, and the press!!!!

Sharon Popler henpop@msn.com or 989-634-5748

**WITH THE COMING OF SUMMER WE ALSO  
MUST REMEMBER THE WEATHER CAN CHANGE  
AT ANY MOMENT.**

**FACTS ON MICHIGAN TORNADO'S**

Tornadoes are categorized using the F-scale (formulated by T. Theodore Fujita) based on wind strength and/or the amount of damage the tornado causes:

F0-40-72 mph In Michigan 23% of all tornadoes  
F1- 73-112 mph have been F0, 40% have been F1,  
F2- 113-157 mph 26% have , 3% have been  
F4 -207-260 mph rated F4, and less than 1% been  
F5- 261-318 mph rated F5.been rated F2, 7% have  
F3- 158-206 mph been rated F3

The deadliest Michigan tornado ever recorded struck on June 8,1953. It was rated an F5 and moved across Genesee and Lapeer counties. 115 people were killed along a 27 mile long track. 7 other tornadoes struck that day in Michigan. An additional 10 people were killed. Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 and 9 p.m. but have been known to occur at all hours of the day or night. Most tornadoes occur during the months of June, July and August in the late afternoon and evening hours.

Tornadoes are most often spawned by giant thunderstorms known as "supercells." These powerful, highly organized storms form when warm air along the ground rushes upward, meeting cooler, drier air. As the rising warm air cools, the moisture is carries condenses, forming a massive thundercloud, sometimes growing to as much as 50,000 ft. in height. Variable winds at different levels of the atmosphere feed the updraft and cause the formation of the tornado's characteristic funnel shape.

**Average number of tornadoes per year (1950-2004)**  
910

**State with highest number of tornadoes per year(1950-1994)** Texas (avg. 125)

**Top 5 states with highest incidence of tornadoes (average per year 1950-2004)**

Texas 134 Oklahoma 58  
Kansas 56 Florida 51  
Nebraska 43

**States with lowest incidence of tornadoes (1950-2004)**

Alaska 2 Rhode Island 9  
Hawaii 31 Vermont 37  
Oregon 87

**Most tornadoes in one month** 543 (may 2003)

**Most tornado deaths in one year** 519 (1953)

**TORNADO "WATCH"** A tornado/severe thunderstorm watch is issued whenever conditions exist for severe weather to develop. Watches are usually for large areas about 2/3 the size of lower Michigan and are usually 2-6 hours long. Watches give you time to prepare.

**TORNADO "WARNING"** A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED BY THE LOCAL National Weather Service office whenever a tornado had been sighted or NWS Doppler Radar indicates a thunderstorm capable of producing a tornado. A severe thunderstorm warning is issued whenever a severe thunderstorm is observed. Warnings are for smaller areas, such as counties, and are usually 30 minutes to 1 hour in length. You must act immediately when you first hear the warning. If severe weather is reported near you, seek shelter immediately. If not, keep a constant lookout for severe weather and stay near a shelter. The cloud directly associated with a tornado is dark, heavy cumulonimbus from which a whirling funnel-shaped pendant extends to the ground. The sound occurring during a tornado has been described as a roaring, rushing noise, closely approximating that made by a speeding train.



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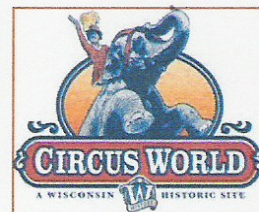
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