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As many of you know we lost all of our Email contacts awhile ago, when our Email was hacked. I have been working to get as many Email addresses back into the computer, however, I don't have as many as I had. Thank you to the Secretaries that **have** sent me a list of Email addresses for their members, however, many did not tell me if there members wished to receive the Michigan Grange News that way or not, so I have not sent it by email this time. If you receive it by mail and wish to have it by email (must have high speed Internet), or vice versa, let me know. If you wish to **not** receive the news at all, also let me know. Peggy Johnston

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Community Service

Awards

To be Announced

Sue Wagner, Community Service Co Director presented the following awards...

Large Granges (40 or more members)

- 1st place: Oceana Center #1047
2nd place: Home #129
3rd place: Burns #160

Small Granges (less than 40 members)

- 1st place: Studley #1174
2nd place: Gratiot #1898
3rd place: Kinney #754

Oceana Center's Book was chosen to go to National for judging.

Dedicated Worker 2011

John and Eunice Bauserman of Home Grange #129

2011 VIP (Very Important Patron)

Roland Winter, Home Grange #129

State Session

This last session of the Michigan State Grange saw some changes in the scheduling. I would like to hear your input on as to whether or not you liked it or hated it. Your input is vital in our planning for the annual conventions to come. Also, a resolution passed this year for me to set up a committee to look at the feasibility of changing the timing of the start of the annual session. So if I call and ask you to serve on the committee I hope to expect your response to be "I'd be delighted".

National Session

This year's National Grange Convention brought about some more firsts for me. For the first time I was able to take part in the seventh degree as a member of the cast. This is allowing me to be able to say that I have now held a part in every degree of our order. Another first for me was being elected to the position of National Gatekeeper. I will be serving for at least the next two years in that position and look forward to the opportunities that position provides for me and my wife. I am also happy to report that every resolution that we passed at our state convention that was sent on to National ended up with a favorable position. This just goes to show how resolutions we write in our local subordinate Granges can make a difference in the organization when we take the time to do the research and to write the resolutions well. Good job Michigan.

Finances

As was discussed in detail at the convention, our finances are in need of some serious fundraising. I am in the process of selecting a person to fulfill the position of fundraising chairman and will be selecting a full committee to work with them. Though not out of the question, raffles over the past few years are not working well for us so we need to come up with some creative ideas on how we can make some extra money and help sustain the organization as it is today. Otherwise we will be forced to make some drastic changes to the status quo. If you have any suggestions please let me know so that I can pass them along to the next fundraising chairperson.

Grange Branding

The National Grange Communications Department has set up a branding for the Grange that we should all try to work with and help to signify that all of the Granges at every level of the organization are connected together. As with McDonalds they all have the "Golden Arches" and everybody by branding recognizes that those yellow arches are indeed the next McDonalds along the side of the freeway. So the Grange has adopted the new slogan "**National Grange of the order of Patrons of HusbandryAmerican Values, Hometown Roots**". The National Grange has set up a new website with the same web address www.nationalgrange.org and through this website we are going to be able to have a website for every Grange in the country at no charge to the local Grange. We will be able to update and upload information to our own Granges websites or we can ask National Grange to do it for us if we ourselves are not internet savvy. This is allowing the National Grange to have websites for all of our Granges that look similar and assist in the branding of the Grange.

Community Service

With the Sue and Mary Show stepping down, I am in need of a new director for this department. If you or someone you know, would be willing and like to serve the Grange in this capacity, please let me know. This department is just as important as the others and we do not want to downhill. I know Sue and Mary have left some big shoes to fill, but I have the confidence in the next director to be able to fill those shoes well.

**"American Values,
Hometown Roots"**

DEAF AWARENESS

New Director!

Luanna Swainston, Director 965-108th Street, SW Byron Center, MI49315
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Hello! My name is **Luanna Swainston** and I am your Deaf Awareness Director. I have been serving on Lois Nichols (previous director) committee so I am familiar with most of the projects and programs. I am hoping we might be able to add a new project this year involving other deaf awareness programs. I am also asking each of you if you are aware of any programs, please contact me. If you "donate" an item or items to the Michigan School for the Deaf or other deaf - related agency record it and report it on your Grange Deaf Awareness form. You can also let me know before that what you are doing. I found out at the State Grange Convention in Cadillac that some of you are already doing things for the Michigan School for the Deaf. Great!

Check the new Program booklet, which is included in this issue of the Michigan Grange News (Save it) for the ideas for Action and Special Award. Check out the Junior Grange Deaf Awareness Poster Contest and the Essay Contest for all ages. It will give you some ideas on what your Grange can do this year. I have most of the posters and may of the items that are listed as handouts and display, so if you need them, please let me know. Promote the programs and contests early so the entrants can be working on them. Watch for deadlines!

I am now working on the Adopt-a-child program at the Michigan School for the Deaf and the Christmas party. Hopefully by the time you get this issue of the Michigan Grange News I will have the list of students. I am not sure how many there will be. I will assign them as soon as I get them to those of you who have requested a student. If you are not able to have a student this year (because of numbers) please consider helping the school out with school supplies. They are in need of notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, backpacks, paper, folders, etc. . **The Christmas Party at the school is Thursday, December 15th at 1:00 p.m.** We will be serving pizza, chips, cupcakes,. Water and pop to those in attendance. Please join us and watch the happy faces on the students.

I want to **thank Dale Moore** for taking all the pop tabs and aluminum items to get them weighed. Dale has done this for us for many years now. A total of \$75.40 was received for the last two years collection of aluminum. Thanks, Dale!

I look forward to serving you this year. If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please contact me. If you have any suggestions, please contact me also.

I wish each of you and your families a bountiful Thanksgiving and joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

2011 Contest Winners:

Deaf Awareness Posters —ages 5 and under

1st Chloe Badger Home JG #290

Ages 6-9

1st Blake Johnston Burns JG #325

2nd Eowyn Sheffer Burns JG #325

Ages 10-14

1st Jessica Swainston Kent Co. JG 322

2nd Brittany Welsh Kent Co. JG #322

3rd Gavin Lock Burns JG #325

Granges Participating in MSD Adopt-a-child Program or School Supplies: Plymouth/Westland #389, Sturgis #1490, Burns #160, Capitol #540, North Adrian #721, Kent/Ottawa/Oceana #18 Rome #293, Gratiot #1898, Mosherville #1351, Lenawee Pomona #15, Barnard #689, Burr Oak #1350, Fredo-

Pomona Grange Deaf Awareness Recognition: St. Jos/Cass/Kal #4, Hillsdale #10, Lenawee #15, Kent/Ottawa/Oceana #18

Subordinate Grange Deaf Awareness Recognition: Torch Lake #1840, Lime Creek #712, Fredonia #1713, Home #129, Studley #1174, Community #1675, Burr Oak #1350, Barnard #689, Harbor Springs #730, Mosherville #1351, Gratiot #1898, Rome #293, N. Adrian #721, Capitol #540, Burns #160, Sturgis #1490, Plymouth/Westland #389 & Kinney #754.

2011 Volunteers for the Michigan State Grange Office

Judy Bowers, Sharon Popler, Destiny Bowers, Shannon Abbott, Arnette Welsh, Blake Johnston, & Luanna Swainston

2011 Gold Star Granges

Oceana Center #1047, Studley #1174, Home #129, Burns #160

North Adrian #721, Harbor Springs #730

2011 Information Awards

Adams #286, Barnard #689, Burns #160, Carlisle #812, Colon #215, Home #129, Community #1675, Fern #803, Fredonia #1713, Georgetown #458, Gratiot #1898, Kinney #754 Harbor Springs #730, Hudson Center #713, Platte #1328, Lime Creek #712, Maple Leaf #940, Rome #293, North Adrian #721, Oceana Center #1047

Peninsula #706, Pickford #1775, Pittsfield Union #882, West Oshtemo #1630, Studley #1174, Plymouth/Westland #389, Sturgis #1490, Summit City #672, Torch Lake #1840



Sturgis Grange Gathers Gifts

Sturgis Grange #1490 gathered bingo prizes for Fairview and Thurston Woods Nursing homes. A box containing the above items went to each nursing home.

Lenawee County Fair

The Lenawee County Pomona has been serving food during the fair in their Octagon shaped building for 112 years. Sy Cote, Master of the Pomona Grange says "It's homemade, it's inexpensive and it's all sold for a good cause." He says "We make it affordable for everyone to have some wholesome food during fair week."

New Arrival

Matt & Brenda (Kurburski) Dietrich welcomed daughter, Clara Lucille Dietrich into the world on August 26, 2011. Clara weighed 7 lbs. and 8 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Wilbur & Caroline Kurburski of Harbor Springs. All are members of Harbor Springs Grange #730, Emmet County. **Congratulations to all!**

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Historical Collections Annual Report

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters:

This past year has been another busy one as far as collecting and preserving Grange History is concerned. The biggest project this year was typing into the computer over 16,000 names, addresses, dates of joining the Grange, dates of leaving the Grange and any other important information that was found on cards of Grange Members that were kept at the State Grange Headquarters. This Card File was started around 1950 and contains names of all the people that belonged to the Grange in Michigan at that time (There were over 300 Granges in Michigan then) and all that have joined and been lost since then. No one seemed to want these cards but I thought the information needed to be saved for future Generations. The Card file of all the Member of the Grange at this time is still being kept at the State Grange Office and these names need to be added to this list as they become deceased or leave the Grange for some other reason. I believe that this list could be a valuable asset to future Grange Members or Genealogists.

My daughter Jackie Bishop and I spent a day, and I spent one day alone, this summer at the storage shed in Haslett sorting material and deciding what was the most important to save, each time I brought home a trunk load that I could work on at home. More material has been sent to the Bentley Historical Library in Ann Arbor where a lot of our Historic Records are preserved, and also to the Archives at Michigan State University. Both places are glad to receive the Material and more will be sent in the future. Some material is still stored in my basement and some in the storage shed in Haslett. Some of this material is yet to be sorted.

In the process of sorting Grange material I have found more pictures of Grange Halls and Grange events that I have scanned and added to my collection. I have made copies of many of these and have them in notebooks that I plan to have here at the Session for you to look at.

The project of securing a Historic Marker for Jonathan Woodman, second Master of the Michigan State Grange and fifth Master of the National Grange did not receive a lot of our attention this year although some work was accomplished. The only thing that has to be decided at this point is the exact place where it is to be erected and the permission of the owner to place it there. That is the problem. The money has been raised and we are still hoping to have it placed on property that used to be a part of his farm but that may not be possible if permission cannot be secured. We still need approval of the city of Paw Paw also but I am sure this will not be a problem as there are other Markers in the area. .

I would like to welcome everyone to this Annual Session of the Michigan State Grange and if I can be of any help to you, or answer any questions feel free to ask. I hope that this Session will be an educational and memorable occasion for each one of you.

"Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song" (Psalm 95:2)

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6)

This issue is for November and December and these months are the months of two holidays.

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all that we have. We have our natural family, our Grange Family, and the Lord on our side. What more could you ask for? Sometimes people turn their backs away from their family and God because of the fact that they feel that everyone is against them. What they need to understand, is that family and especially God did not turn their backs on a fellow family member.

Many times we do not show others what we are really about. We need to put ourselves out there for others to see and show them how great we really are. Sometimes just a warm smile is enough to make a person's heart feel lighter and more joyful. If we can extend our hands and hearts to others it will come back to us tenfold. We need to be thankful that we can help others as some people are unable to be helpful.

Christmas time is also a joyful time of year. This is a time when we are able to be with family and friends, exchange gifts, and eat more than we need. We also need to remember that this is the time that our Lord and Savior was born for us. A small child that was from a poor family laid in a bed of straw. He was a child of hope and love. This was our future. We need to be like him. We need to be a "child" of hope for those with little to no hope and we need to love all that have been created. Yes, some may not want the love of others but Jesus loves everyone and he is always open and loving to anyone. We need to be like him all during the year but especially right now, we need to open our hearts and arms for all.

Let us remember the loved ones we may have lost, those experiencing a serious illness, and the family member we have fighting in war. We might not know what they are going through, but they may need our arms and love more right now than we might ever know. So during these two months remember to be thankful for all that you have and to open your heart and arms to those in need.

*Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.
 See you in the New Year!*

Another Grange year has come to a close. In Cadillac We honored Grangers and Granges for their work in many areas.

It was also a time to showcase some of the handcrafted items we've made in the past year. Our baking skills were also shown with the many pies, cakes and cupcakes. They were enjoyed by all.

I want to thank all that entered the different contests, hopefully you will find another item to stitch, knit, crochet, craft, or bake from this next years categories there were a few new ones, so have fun.

There was a nice response to the yearly reports. Thank you, chairpersons for sending it back. We even had a few new responses.

We had a nice selection of items given to the Moms & tots Center in Ellsworth. Passing the had helped also with \$110.00. For being a last minute suggestion we responded nicely. But then, that's what Grangers do best when the need arises.

Congratulations to all for your hard work & your entries. A special congratulation goes to Marjorie Lee for her gorgeous three piece baby ensemble. She took Best of Show in our department and the outfit was displayed at National in the Idea Fair room. A job well done, Marjorie!

You may know by now that we have a new title. We are now Family Activities. This new name change is more Granger friendly, by that I mean there is no separation of age or gender for any Subordinate member. We are all equal in involvement and concern for this department.

A family can consist of one person to may. Hopefully our purpose will be to involve, inform, empower, and to celebrate each person in the family unit.

Baby Shower for the Moms and Tots Center

The ladies of the Michigan State Grange included the Moms and Tots Center in their many volunteer efforts in their northern Michigan chapter. An overwhelming array of baby gifts were donated plus a "hatful" of monetary donations of \$110 at a luncheon in Cadillac. We are amazed that folks so far away from us wanted to help the Center. Many thanks, Ladies!

Taken from the Good Samaritan News

2011 Award Winners

Baking — Women — Fruit Pies

1st	Esther Gagnon	North Adrian #721
2nd	Helen Mudd	Studley #1174
3rd	Norma Raynard	Pickford #1775

Men — Cakes

1st	Ted Mudd	Studley #1174
2nd	Kevin Young	Community #1675
3rd	Chris Johnston	Burns #160

Canned Goods — Jelly

1st	Darleen Dhaseleer	Barnard #689
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Jams

1st	Peg Brown	Burr Oak #1350
2nd	Bob Brown	Burr Oak #1350
3rd	Marie Dean	Summit City #672

Fruit

1st	Bill Bowers	Burns #160
2nd	Ardith Merten	Oceana Center #1047

Knitting — afghan

1st	Judy Bowers	Burns #160
2nd	Marie Dean	Summit City #672

Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves

1st	Peg Brown	Burr Oak #1350
2nd	Virginia Buel	West Oshtemo #1630
3rd	Lois Hicks	West Oshtemo #1630

Other

1st	Esther Gagnon	North Adrian #721
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Crocheting — afghan

1st	Doris Ely	Lime Creek #712
2nd	Carolyn Nelson	Peninsula #706
3rd	Lena Belle Latterner	West Oshtemo #1630

Doily

1st	Marjorie Lee	Community #1675
2nd	Doris Ely	Lime Creek #712
3rd	Ardith Merten	Oceana Center #1047

Other

1st	Marjorie Lee	Community #1675
2nd	Doris Ely	Lime Creek #712
3rd	Ladonna Kurburski	Harbor Springs #730

Hand Embroider — stamped

1st	Phyllis Warren	Burns #160
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Original Design

1st	Victoria Parker	Plymouth/Westland #389
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Counted Thread

1st	Jo Morrison	Burr Oak #1350
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Plastic Canvas

1st	Kevin Young	Community #1675
2nd	Esther Gagnon	North Adrian #721

Quilting — Quilt — combination — hand and machine

1st	Jo. Morrison	Burr Oak #1350
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Quilting — 100% machine

1st	Darlene Dhaseleer	Barnard #689
2nd	Virginia Buel	West Oshtemo #1630

Wallhanging

1st	Helen Mudd	Studley #1174
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Quilt Block

1st	Caroline Kurburski	Harbor Springs #730
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Other

1st	Virginia Buel	West Oshtemo #1630
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Pieced and Tied Objects

1st	Group Project	West Oshtemo #1630
2nd	Group Project	Home #129

Sewing

1st	Helen Mudd	Studley #1174
2nd	Jo Morrison	Burr Oak #1350
3rd	Sharon Strebbing	Plymouth/Westland #389

Beading — Jewelry

1st	Ladonna Kurburski	Harbor Springs #730
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Clothing Accent

1st	Ladonna Kurburski	Harbor Springs #730
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Handcrafted Cards — Rubber Stamped

1st	Luanna Swainston	Kinney #754
2nd	Judy Bowers	Burns #160

Any Other — recycled, folded paper art, etc.)

1st	Luanna Swainston	Kinney #754
2nd	Peggy Johnston	Burns #160
3rd	Sharon Popler	Burns #160

Toy Contest — knitted or crocheted

1st	Sharon Strebbing	Plymouth/Westland #389
	Harbor Springs JG #330	

Handcrafted ornaments

♦ Sharon Popler	Burns #160
♦ Judy Bowers	Burns #160
♦ Ladonna Kurburski	Harbor Springs #730
♦ Peggy Johnston	Burns #160
♦ Dawn Laupp	Home #129
♦ Martha Laupp	Home #129

Junior Home Arts Contests

Baked Goods — frosted cupcakes

5-8 yr olds

1st Marcus Johnston	Burns JG #325
2nd Cory Johnston	Burns JG #325

9-14 yr olds

1st Nicholas Eidsmoe	Studley #1174
2nd Elizabeth Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330

Fibers — Scrap Felting

5-8 yr olds

1st Luke Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330
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9-14 yr olds

1st Liz Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330
2nd Emily Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330
3rd Katie Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330

Beading — Necklaces

9-14 yr. olds

1st Liz Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330
2nd Katie Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330
3rd Emily Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330

Bracelets

9-14 yr olds

1st Emily Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330
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Sewing — Pajamas or nightgown

1st Liz Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330
2nd Garth Vorce	
3rd Emily Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330
HM Robert Vorce	Harbor Springs JG #330

Card Making — (Rubber stamped, etc)

9-14 yr olds

1st Katie Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330
2nd Liz Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330

Handcrafted Christmas Ornaments

1st Emily Kurburski	Harbor Springs JG #330
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Special Award:

Mosherville #1351 300 or more stuffed toys made

Granger's making 50 or more toys

Janie Lerchen (89) & Michel Marsh (65), Plymouth/Westland #389; Helen (50) & Ted Mudd (50), Studley #1174; Marie Thelen (53), Capitol #540; Wilma Howe (50), Ann Howell (50), & Laura Payment (50), Platte #1328; Frances Williams (100), Doris Buehrer (100), Irma Egger (100), Ruth Wilson (75), Mosherville #1351 and Virginia Buel (50), West Oshtemo #1630

A Good Job Well Done!

Dale Moore—Exec. Comm. 1993 — 2011

Richard Hazen — Exec. Comm. 2007-2011

Sue Wagner — Exec. Comm. 2009—2011

Sue Wagner & Mary Houghton—Comm. Serv. Directors

2009-2011

Lois Nichols — Deaf Awareness Director 2006-2011

MEMBERSHIP

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Awards

Jackie Bishop, Membership Director presented awards.

Granges with a net gain: Capitol #540, Fredonia #1713, North Adrian #721, Pittsfield Union #882, Plymouth/Westland #389, & Summit City #672.

Other Granges with new members: Burns #160, Home #129, Oceana Center #1047, Studley #1174, & White Pigeon #1345.

Granges that Sent a Report: Adams #286, Barnard #689, Community #1675, Georgetown #458, Gratiot #1898, Hudson Center #713, Lime Creek #712, Pickford #1775, Platte #1328, Rome #293, Sturgis #1490, Torch Lake #1840 and West Oshtemo #1630.

Those that took part in Grange Growth Summit: Sharon Popler, Chris Johnston, Judy Bowers, Athol Hazen, Rich Hazen & Peggy Johnston.

2011 Memorial List:

Ruth Coats,	Betty Rhine,
Torch Lake #1840;	Harbor Springs #730;
Bessie Myers,	Victor Watkins,
Maple Leaf #940;	Mosherville #1351;
Ida Phelan,	Barbara Kelley,
Platte #1328;	Capitol #540;
Mildred Morgan, Kathryn White	Ruby Yeutter,
& Leah Williams,	Rome #293;
Home #129;	Viola Thompson,
Betty Dukavas, John Parker,	Lime Creek #712;
Margaret Raymond, Dorothy	Patrick Peterson,
Combs, & Dorothy Senker,	Fern #803;
Fredonia #1713;	Louis Badour & Augusta Mills,
Anna Warner, Beverly Smith,	Studley #1174;
Elizabeth Meadows,	Vincent Furnari, Norman Stiles,
Barnard #689;	Marie Calvaneau & Anna Plautzer-
Marion Grutsch,	Van-Den-Hull,
Peninsula #706;	Georgetown #458;
Paul Raynard,	Howard Bennett,
Pickford #1775;	White Pigeon #1345;
	Robert Mahar & Carrie Tribble,
	Burns #160.

Master — Chris Johnston
Overseer — Eric Bishop
Lecturer—Sharon Popler
Steward — Ted Mudd
Ass't Steward — Ron Ely
L. Ass't Steward—Cretta Ely
Chaplain — Kathryn Strouse
Treasurer — Kevin Young
Secretary — Peggy Johnston
Gatekeeper — Floyd Hartman
Ceres — Tricia Eidsmoe
Pomona — Karen Strouse
Flora — Nancy Swainston
Exec. Comm.:
Jeff Swainston,
Jackie Bishop
John Baldwin
Deaf Awareness:
Luaana Swainston

Family Activities:
Judy Bowers
Junior Activities:
Connie Johnston
Youth/Young Adults:
Jeff/Nancy Swainston
Legislative:
Jeff Swainston
Agriculture:
Kevin Young
Historical Collections:
Roland Winter
Membership: Jackie
Bishop
Community Service :
To Be Announced

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Agriculture Annual Report

Worthy Master, First Lady, National Grange Representatives, Delegates, Brothers & Sisters,

Welcome to the 138th Annual Convention of the Michigan State Grange! When asked by our Worthy Master, Chris Johnston, if I would be delighted to be the new Agriculture Director, the first question I had asked was "Who me?" Then I said what is required. The answers were "yes, you" and basically write articles for the Michigan Grange News. I of course agreed to the assignment and set forth to talking about some possible changes for the Department. The biggest change that everyone attending the State Convention will see is we changed from having an Ag Breakfast bright and early one morning during Session to the new Salute to Agriculture Dinner on Thursday evening. I am looking forward to this as I believe more Session attendees will attend a dinner rather than an early morning breakfast. During this dinner, I will be hopefully awarding a special gift to a Grange that planted a Community Grange Garden at their Grange Hall property or in the Community if a Grange doesn't own their own hall. I will also be doing a door prize drawing that evening too.

When writing my articles, I tried to bring something of interest to everyone that reads my articles. Sometimes it was interesting facts about the Agriculture Industry in Michigan or depending on the time of year talk about what is happening in Agriculture across our Great State.

If there is something that you would like me to write about in my articles, please let me know the topic and I will do my best to bring it to you in the MGN. I hope everyone has a great Session!

KEEP!

2011-2012

SAVE!

PROGRAM BOOK INSERT

PULL IT OUT!

AND

SAVE!

KEEP IT!!!!

KEEP!

Afton Lawson of Sturgis Grange #1490, St. Joseph County...made and decorated this cake for the Sturgis "Stuff the Grange Hall" event this past July.

What a beautiful cake and it tasted good too! A wonderful addition to this special day!

To Afton, for doing this for Sturgis Grange and all the visitors and guests...

Thank You!



Jeff Swainston, Director 2589 144th Ave., Dorr, MI 49323
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Worthy Master & First Lady, National Representatives, Officers, Delegates and friends:

Welcome to Cadillac for the annual session of the Michigan State Grange and personal greetings from the Legislative Department. It is indeed a pleasure to serve the membership of the Michigan State Grange in this capacity.

This week is an extremely important week for this department. One of the biggest reasons for the convention in the first place is to establish the organization's legislative polity. We add new policy and amend or delete current policy. Being a grass-roots advocacy organization, the decisions you as delegates make here this week shape the future of our organization. Please take this assignment seriously. Please listen to what each person has to say about an issue before making a decision.

The Worthy Master and I have just returned from a legislative fly-in in Washington, D.C. The National Grange is part of a coalition to promote broadband in rural America. Chris and I were invited to participate in this fly-in representing the Michigan State Grange on behalf of the National Grange. The event was jointly hosted by the US cattleman, the National Grange, and several other organizations. You will hear more about this topic and this fly-in throughout the convention.

Activities surrounding the Legislative Department have been thin due to budget constraints. This doesn't mean we haven't been following pending legislation at all levels and participating where appropriate. Hopefully, over the next year we can be more proactive in legislative activity to make sure the voice of the Grange is heard, whether at the local, state, or the national levels.

I look forward to this week in Cadillac. It is always fun to see old Grange friends and hopefully make a few new friends as well. As always, if you have any questions concerning our legislative department, don't hesitate to ask.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

Awards

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2011 Officer Team

Master: Alex Swainston, Overseer: Nicholas Eidsmoe, Lecturer: Kevin Young, Steward: Christopher Eidsmoe, Ass't Steward: Roger Bostwick, Lady Ass't Steward: Tricia Eidsmoe, Chaplain: Tori Parker, Treasurer: Karen Strouse; Secretary: Jessica Swainston, Gatekeeper: Eric Bishop, Ceres: Melanie Bostwick, Pomona: LaDonna Kurburski, Flora: Connie Johnston, Exec. Comm: Sharon Strebbing.

Achievement Award Recipients: Marissa Laupp, Michelle Barnes, Crystal Seaman, Brad Skidmore, Heather Seaman, Marissa Squires, James Laupp, Kristian Cusimano, Kathy Bishop & Wendy Batterson, Home #129; Nicholas Eidsmoe and Christopher Eidsmoe, Studley #1174; Dalton Hester, Tori Parker & Jennifer Iller Plymouth/Westland #389; Shannon Abbott, Jessica Swainston & Alex Swainston, Kinney #754; Daniel Leix, Sturgis #1490; Karen Strouse, Frances Zsigray and Dale Zsigray, Gratiot.

Subordinate Grange Recognition: Kinney #754, Plymouth/Westland #389, Community #1675, Capitol #540, Studley #1174, Mosherville #1351, Platte #1328, Burns #160, Home #129, Sturgis #1490, Hudson Center #713; West Oshtemo #1630, Gratiot #1898.

Special Award:
West Oshtemo:
Youth Camp Hosts

Connie Johnston, Director 6241 Grand River Road, Bancroft, MI 48814
Tel: 989-634-9350 E-mail ckream27@yahoo.com

I know it is the end of fall, soon to be the beginning of winter, but let's start planting seeds!! The 2012 Junior theme is "Plant a Seed" and this would be a good time to start, metaphorically. Just as seeds and plants need sunlight, water and dirt to grow, Juniors needs the same gentle support and encouragement to grow as well.

At our annual session, we had a small, and I mean small as in two Juniors attend. We need to "grow" this department and it is going to take you to do it. Get your Juniors involved. Get your Junior Grange active. Start a Junior Grange if you don't have one already!!

The new programs will be out soon and you can get started on all sorts of activities. Did you know that the winning entries for Juniors in the Junior, Lecturer, and Family Activities (formally known as Women's Activities) department receive money? Check out the departments and get a jumpstart on them. The National Junior program book will be out shortly. Make sure to check out the National Grange website for those contests as well.

We want to wish you Season's Greetings. Here is an easy Christmas craft you can do with your Juniors.

Coffee Filter Angels

What you'll need:

- 3 basket style coffee filters
 - 2 cotton balls
 - 6-8" length of silver or gold ribbon
 - 1 white chenille stem
 - 1 gold chenille stem
 - Scissors
- Hot glue gun

How to make it:

1. Place two cotton balls in the center of one of the coffee filters.
2. Hold the coffee filter with your fingers, gathering the cotton balls in the center to create the angel's head.
3. Place a second coffee filter onto the open end, tucking the filter in a bit into the head area. This will produce the layered effect on the dress.
4. While still holding the filter together, tie a piece of gold or silver ribbon around the "neck" and tie a tight bow. Trim ends and set aside.
5. Take the third coffee filter and fold it in half, then fold the filter up length-wise accordion style. Wrap a white chenille stem around the center, and then fan out the wings. Fold the excess chenille into a loop for your hanger and twist together at the end.
6. Make a halo from the gold chenille by wrapping it around something circular, such as the top of a paint bottle. Twist the



ends to form the halo. Trim the long end of the chenille, leaving approximately 3".

7. Have an adult hot glue the halo to the back of the angel so that it is positioned above the head.

Glue the wings in place behind the angel, hiding the gold chenille from the halo.

Tips:

- To embellish your angel, try using gold glitter glue or glue and glitter as decoration.
 - We do not recommend using markers for facial features as the ink may bleed through the filter.
- If you really want to add facial features, try using a toothpick and acrylic paint.

2011 Contest Winners

Story Writing Contest — 9-11 year olds

- 1st Katie Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330
2nd Jennifer Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330
3rd Robert Vorce, Harbor Springs #330

Ages 12-14:

- 1st Liz Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330
2nd Emily Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330

Coloring Contest — 6 & under

- 1st Luke Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330

Ages 9-11:

- 1st Robert Vorce, Harbor Springs #330
2nd Katie Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330
3rd Garth Vorce, Harbor Springs #330

Ages 12-14

- 1st Elizabeth Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330
2nd Emily Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330

Crafts — Tin Punch — ages 6 & under

- 1st Luke Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330

Ages 9-11

- 1st Jennifer Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330
2nd Robert Vorce, Harbor Springs #330
3rd Garth Vorce, Harbor Springs #330

Ages 12-14

- 1st Liz Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330
2nd Emily Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330

Crafts — Button Craft ages 6 & under

- 1st Owen Bishop, Home #290
2nd Chloe Badger, Home #290
3rd Marcus Johnston, Burns #325

Ages 7 & 8

- 1st Cyrus Bishop, Home #290
2nd Eowyn Sheffer, Burns #325

Ages 9-11

- 1st Katie Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330
2nd Harry Bishop, Home #290
3rd Gavin Lock, Burns #325

Ages 12-14

- 1st Liz Kurburski, Harbor Springs #330
2nd Jessica Swainston, Kent-Ottawa #322
3rd Brittany Welsh, Kent—Ottawa #322

Roland Winter 15150 A Drive North Marshall, MI 49068

2011 MSG Foundation Annual Report

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sister:

I would like to welcome you to the 138th Annual Session of the Michigan State Grange. The Foundation has only been a part of the overall Grange program for about twenty five years, but I believe it continues to be, and will continue to be in the future, a very important part. It gives you our members a place to make tax deductible donations that help with the educational programs of the Grange, and help Youth and adult members desiring higher education, by giving them a place to receive interest free loans. This past year money was used to send our State Grange Lecturer to the Great Lakes Grange Leaders conference, and one \$1,000.00 loan was made to a Grange member. Two \$1,000.00 loans were also paid back to the Foundation. With the economy the way it has been for the past few years our donations have been down this year but our investments have done better than last year.

As a step to recover overdue educational loans, the Foundation has attempted to make contact with those Subordinate Granges with whom the loan recipients were associated. This has resulted in very little response from those Granges, but we will continue to seek out their help in locating and contacting our delinquent loan holders. We ask for everyone's support, as we take these critical steps to maintain the viability of our educational loan program.

Effective January 3rd of this year, the property that was the former site of the Michigan State Grange Office in Haslett was transferred to the possession of the Foundation. It has subsequently been declared property tax-free by Meridian Township, due to the 501 (C)3 designation of the Foundation, a benefit that was not available to the Michigan State Grange. This has certainly supported the decision made by the last Executive Committee, to donate the property. The property is now up for sale and we have great hope that this will provide a significant source of funds for the Foundation's educational and charitable activities.

Like most Foundations we have set up and "Endowment Fund" with only the interest of this fund being used for our programs. As this fund grows and our economy improves this will make more funds available in the future. We have just over \$59,000.00 in the fund at this time, but I would like to see it grow to several times that. If every member and every Grange made a donation (no matter how small) to the Foundation each year this could soon be realized.

I hope your participation in the Michigan State Grange Convention will be an enjoyable and educational experience. If I can be of help just let me know.

*Fraternally, Roland G. Winter, President
Michigan State Grange Foundation*

2011 Michigan State Grange Foundation election results: Kathryn Strouse & Jeff Swainston were elected to a two year term...Roland Winter was elected to a one year term.

MSG Foundation Financial Statement As of 9-30-2011

ASSETS:	
Checking Account	\$ 7,425.00
Money Market Account	1,334.52
CD 4.4%	17,916.73
CD 4.4%	21,838.70
Student Loans	31,663.00

MUTUAL FUNDS:	
Am Capital –Income Builder	9,587.08
Am Capital—World Growth	7,893.30
Am Europacific Growth	5,877.34
Am Growth Fund of America	6,756.82
Am Investments Co. of America	10,828.27
TOTAL ASSETS	\$121,120.76

ALLOCATED FUNDS:	
Endowment Fund	\$59,677.50
Student Loan Fund	377.00
MSG Dir Prom & Dev. Fund	4,696.25
Michigan Disaster Fund	633.00
Jonathan Woodman Mem. Fund	2,043.00
Deaf Awareness Fund	263.00
TOTAL ALLOCATED FUNDS	\$ 67,649.75

NON-ALLOCATED FUNDS	\$ 53,471.01
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**2011-2012 Program Book
Included in this issue. Please be
sure to take it out and save it!!!!**

**MSG FOUNDATION,
2589 144th Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323**

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

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of: _____
 For Memory **Birthday**

Address _____
 Anniversary

City/State _____ **Zip** _____ **Deceased**

Donations made by: _____ **Other**



Happy Holidays!!



I hope everyone is doing Great and getting ready for the holiday season. Time sure is flying by fast!! Several of us have been busy since the State Session. We just recently got home from National Session where our State Master was elected the National Gatekeeper. We're very proud of you Chris. You and Connie did a wonderful job in the 7th degree conferral.

In this new letter your going to get the Program booklet for this next year. In the Lecturer's Program you'll notice **several changes**. Also a few things have been dropped due to no participation in them for a few years.

I hope that you'll look over all the Directors programs and pick out many items that you'd like to make for our next session. **CONGRATULATIONS!!** To all the winners of this years Session.

Our next paper comes out after the Christmas Season, so I'm wishing everyone a very joyous Holiday Season now! Please be careful in your travels and enjoy being with your Family, your Grange Family, and Friends.

TIPS ON WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

1. Glass and ceramic dishes hold heat better and allow you to lower the over temp by 25 degrees.
2. Using a roasting bag reduces cooking time in the oven by nearly one-half.
3. Limit how often you open the oven door. The temp. drops 25 to 75 degrees each time.
4. Your stove or oven may not always be the best choice. Small appliances, such as crockpots and your microwave, may be more energy efficient.
5. When shopping for appliances, check Energy Guide labels. They provide the annual operating cost and efficiency ratings of the appliance.



Taken from Consumers Energy Flyer

Lecturer Contest Winners — 2011

Creative Writing — Stories

1st Darlene Reeser Plymouth/Westland #389

Hand Crafted Art Contest — Ceramics — Subordinate

1st Martha Laupp Home #129

2nd Dawn Laupp Home @129

Candle Centerpiece

1st Sharon Popler Burns #160

2nd Peggy Johnston Burns #160

Wreath Making

1st Peggy Johnston Burns #160

2nd Judy Bowers Burns #160

Miscellaneous Craft

1st Victoria Parker Plymouth/Westland #389

2nd Judy Bowers Burns #160

Ceramics — Juniors 5-9

1st Robert Vorce Harbor Springs JG #330

2nd Robert Vorce Harbor Springs JG #330

3rd Like Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Miscellaneous — Juniors 5-9

1st Robert Vorce Harbor Springs JG #330

2nd Luke Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Ceramics — Juniors 10-14

1st Katie Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

2nd Liz Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

3rd Emily Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Woodworking — Junior 10-14

1st Garth Vorce Harbor Springs JG#330

2nd Emily Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

3rd Katie Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Weaving — Junior 10-14

1st Liz Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

2nd Katie Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Candle Centerpiece — Junior 10-14

1st Katie Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Wreath Making — Junior 10-14

1st Emily Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Miscellaneous — Junior 10-14

1st Garth Vorce Harbor Springs JG #330

2nd Katie Kuburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Poster/Banner Contest — Junior 5-9

1st Jennifer Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Art Contest — Oil & Acrylics — Junior 10-14

1st Liz Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

2nd Katie Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

3rd Emily Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Water Colors — Junior 10-14

1st Liz Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

2nd Katie Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

3rd Mathew Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Charcoal or Pencil Drawings — Junior 10-14

1st Katie Kurburski Harbor Springs JG #330

Photography Contest — Before & After — Sub.

1st Eric Bishop Home #129

2nd Bob Brown Burr Oak #1350

3rd Joan Hellmann Pittsfield Union #882

Grangers in Action — Subordinate

1st Ladonna Kurburski Harbor Springs #730

2nd Holly Bishop Harbor Springs #730

Family — Subordinate

1st Janice Merten Oceana Center #1047

2nd Holly Bishop Home #129

3rd Tricia Eidsmoe Studley #1174

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Grow Club Display

THANK YOU to those of you who sent new pictures and / or "blurbs" to me so I could update the GROW Club display.

If you didn't send me an update you can still do it. Although it won't be on the this year's display it will be on the display next year. I have received 2 since State Session so I have a start for next year. I would be very glad to add yours.

Again, thanks!

Luanna Swainston



A First for Kinney Grange #754

Five of Kinney Grange #754 members delivered 225 dictionaries to three elementary schools involving eight classrooms in the Kenowa Hills School district. This is the district where we hold our meetings.

It was a first for us but there will be more "deliveries". The students, teachers and principals were delighted with them. The third graders were so excited with their own new dictionaries. We were as excited as they were.

Lois Nichols also handed out Deaf Awareness posters and materials to the classroom teachers.

It was a fun and exciting day for all!

Luanna Swainston, DA Chairman

Michigan Grange News issues will be the first of January, March, May, July, September & November. Articles/pictures are due to the State Grange Office on the 15th of the month prior to the issue date. When sending pictures, please send explanation.

Lecturer's Contest Winners continued from page 12

Michigan Sunsets— Subordinate

- 1st Terri Sheffer Burns #160
- 2nd Dale Young Community #1675
- 3rd Sharon Popler Burns #160

Wildlife Animal — Subordinate

- 1st Janice Merten Oceana Center #1047
- 2nd Aubrey Sheffer Burns #160
- 3rd Eric Bishop Home #129

Michigan Sunset — Junior 5-9

- 1st Cory Johnston Burns JG # 325
- 2nd Marcus Johnston Burns JG #325

Before & After — Junior 10-14

- 1st Harrison Bishop Home JG #290

Family — Junior 10-14

- 1st Harrison Bishop Home JG #290

Michigan Sunset — Junior 10 -14

- 1st Aubrey Sheffer Burns JG #325

Wildlife Animal — Junior 10-14

- 1st Harrison Bishop Home JG #290

National Grange Photo Contest Winner:

- Harrison Bishop Home JG #290

Grange All—Stars Talent Contest

- 1st Bill and Helen Stevens Barnard #689 **Best of Show**
- 2nd Floyd Hartman Sturgis #1490

Best Overall Entry for Lecturer's Department

- Eric Bishop — Before and After Photo



Summit City Grange #672, Grand Traverse County Recipient of Historic Preservation Awards

Members of Summit City Grange #672 received a plaque and were honored with an Adaptive Reuse Award from the Historical Society recently.

Pictured above are front row (l-r) Shirley Bowman, Donna Martin (holding a picture of the Grange hall since their renovations), and Margaret Lewis. Back row (l-r) Marie Dean, Master of Summit City Grange (holding the plaque), Adolphus Aldridge, and Fred Hoisington and Steve Harold, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Historical Society's Preservation Awards Committee.

Congratulations!! to Summit City Grange members for the great looking Grange hall and your special honor.