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### \*\*\*\*\***REMINDER**\*\*\*\*\*

Be sure to get your report forms for Membership, Family Activities, Lecturer's, Deaf Awareness, Junior, Youth, Gold Star Grange, and Community Service reports/notebooks in on or before September 10th. Please send them to the proper directors.

Resolutions and Pre-Registrations are due to the State Office prior to October 1st.

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Sept. 19	Barnard Grange Country Square Dance
Sept. 20	Northern Michigan Picnic —Summit City Grange
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## "CONVENTION SILENT AUCTION"

We are again this year having our "silent Auction" at the convention. Please be sure to bring items for the auction and money to bid and purchase. This is one way of having a little fun and competition in some cases and raise a few dollars for the State Grange.

**Silent Auction**



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES CONVENTION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

This year we will be helping out the Associated Charity of Lenawee County.

### They accept the following items:



Clothing (good/clean)

Dishes

Kitchen items

Small Appliances

Shoes

Blankets & Bedding

Towels

Jewelry

Home decorations

Holiday decorations

Books & magazines

DVDs, CDs and video tapes

Toys (they DO NOT accept stuffed toys)



**They are always in desperate need of towels and they also need canned goods for their Christmas baskets**

We will have a representative at the Family Activities luncheon to tell us a bit about their charity and to accept the items that we bring and donate. Let's have a good showing of generosity from everyone.



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## State Convention

Since this is the last Michigan Grange News to be published before our convention I figured I might want to divulge some information about it. We will be holding the convention at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds. The meals will also be at the fairgrounds, in the Agriculture Building, which I believe is the building next to the meetings. Elsewhere in this issue you will find the convention tentative schedule. During the convention this year we will be electing one member to the Executive Committee as well as two trustees to the Michigan State Grange Foundation. We will also have some entertainment during the convention from the National Home School Music Ensemble.

Since we are talking about the convention, I feel I need to urge Grangers to write resolutions and get them passed at your Grange then send them in to the State Grange Secretary. Resolutions are due to the office by October 1<sup>st</sup> to be printed in the resolution pad. After that date, they will need to be delivered to me at the convention with ten copies. As a reminder since I know I have said this for the past seven years, resolutions can be about anything that you feel needs to be changed within our state or our country or even within the Grange, if you do not know how to write a resolution, please contact either myself or Jeff Swainston the Legislative director for the State Grange.

## National Grange Convention

This year the National Grange Convention is being held in Lincoln, Nebraska during the week of November 8-14. I would love to have a good showing of Michigan Grangers in attendance. From what I have seen of the schedule, it is looking to be a wonderful time and experience with Grangers from all across the Nation. It will be four years before National Grange is back in our region.

## Storage

The Michigan State Grange Executive committee is looking to purchase a second trailer. We are looking for a trailer that is enclosed and road worthy that we could purchase and use in place of the storage unit that we currently renting at a rate of \$112.00 per

month. It would be helpful if the trailer is smaller than the one we currently own. The current trailer is a tandem axle, V-nose, 6x18 foot enclosed cargo trailer. If we could find a trailer that is 6x8 or 6x10 that would work great. If anyone has one they want to donate that would be even better but if you or someone you know has one we could purchase for a fair price; please let anyone of us on the Executive committee know and we will look into it. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

**Until next time.....**

*American Values.  
Hometown Roots.*

## MICHIGAN STATE GRANGE WISH LIST

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

- 1st class stamps. (Books or rolls)
- Black ink cartridges HP 61XL
- Color ink cartridges HP 61
- 8 1/2 x 11 copy paper (reams) 20# weight
- 11 x 17 copy paper (reams) 20# weight (for MGN)
- #10 White business envelopes
- 6 x 9 OR 9 x 12 Manila envelopes
- Pencils. #2 lead
- Bic Round Stic Grip Pens - fine tip - black ink
- Sticky note pads
- Paper clips - large or small
- White address labels 1" x 2 5/8"

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Wow! Where did the summer go? And to think that State Grange is just around the corner! There are so many things that have to be done before that and dates to be met. Deaf Awareness is no exception.

I have received a few Deaf Awareness Directors Reports. The deadline is coming up soon (September 10, 2015). I would like everyone to send in the report whether you do a lot or just a little. Just mark off the items that you do on the report and send it to me even if you don't have the required 15. I still would like to hear what you are doing. Each report is important! Thank you!

I want to THANK the Granges and Grangers on their donations to the Deaf Awareness Fund. Again this year we were able to present a scholarship to the Valedictorian at the Michigan School for the Deaf. We also helped the Alexander Graham Bell purchase supplies for their summer camps. It is still not too late to donate if you haven't. These "groups" really appreciate our assistance.

We are still asking for afghans, quilts, fleeces and blankets for the Michigan School for the Deaf. Last year many were made and donated to the school. They are used in the TV room, game room and in the dorm rooms. Bring the finished "project" to the State Grange Convention.

Speaking of the Michigan School for the Deaf, I need to know if you or your Grange would like to have an Adopt-a-Child for Christmas. I do have some Grange and Grangers names already but I need to make sure you still want to be involved. It is a very rewarding program and the expressions on the student's faces is worth everything. It is a great experience! Thanks! Contact me by e-mail ([plswainston1@gmail.com](mailto:plswainston1@gmail.com)), call me at 616-262-3516 or mail me at 965 – 108<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315. Seeing that the next Michigan Grange News doesn't come out until November I need to know now as the student forms go out around the first of October.

I hope you have been collecting Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, Campbell Soup points (if you are not sure of this bring the complete label), beverage tabs and clean aluminum. We are still collecting items for the Dogs for the Deaf Program – snack, toys, food, etc. All these can be brought by you or sent with your delegates to the State Convention.

There is an Essay Contest that involves the Juniors- Division I, Youth- Division II and Subordinate members- Division III. The topic is "Deaf Awareness" and can be based on true happenings, educational or pure fiction. It has a 300 word limit and it doesn't take long to have the 300 words. The Award will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each division and will be recognized with ribbons and certificates and the Junior Grange members will also be awarded with prize money – 1<sup>st</sup> place-\$3.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$2.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$1.00. These are due by September 10<sup>th</sup> so get your thoughts down on paper and send them to me. Please place your name on the Essay along with your Grange name and number and county.

The Junior Grange Deaf Awareness Poster Contest is open to Junior Grange members or children or grandchildren of Grange members. There are 4 age groups – 5 and under, 6- 9, 10-11, 12- 14. The poster is to be made on poster board (max. size 18 x 24 inches). Crayons, markers, pencils, pens, cut out pictures and/or photos can be used. Please place the entrants name on the back of the poster along with age, Junior Grange name and number and county. The judging will be on the correctness of the message and educational value of poster and neatness. The awards will be ribbons along with money awards – 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$3.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> place -\$2.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$1.00. The poster is to be at the State Grange Convention by Thursday morning at 9:00 am. Bring it or send it with delegates to where the poster will be judged.

It is a busy time now getting ready for the State Session and I hope to see many of you there.

**"The work of another day demands our attention!"**

***Reminder: If you need or want Deaf Awareness Posters...  
please contact Luanna at the info listed above.***

In an interview, Dr. Wayne Dyer says “Parents want their children to value themselves, to be independent, to take risk, to be free from stress and anxiety, to live peaceful lives, to celebrate present moments, to value wellness and creativity and to feel cense purpose.”

The family is the nucleus of civilization and the basic social unit of society.

For civilization to succeed the family must succeed right now it is not. Family values are a big part of this. Most people believe family consist of 2 parents and their children. This is not the norm in today’s society.

Families need to depend on the extended family of grandparents, aunts, uncle, cousins, and close family friends. We need to value families, values of hard work, raising strong children and praise them in their effort.

**Baseball is widely known as America’s pastime, but it is also popular in Canada, Cuba and Japan, among other countries. It derives its name from the four bases spaced 90 feet apart that form a diamond around the pitcher’s mound. Here is another baseball derivation.**

The term  
“doubleheader,”  
meaning two  
baseball  
games

played  
back to  
back,  
comes  
from

railroad  
terminology.  
When two  
engines

In the  
switching  
yard  
were  
hooked  
up back  
to back on  
a single  
train, the  
train was  
called a  
two-header,  
or, more  
commonly,  
a doubleheader

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Y T R A I N W A S I N G L E

## St. Joseph, Kalama- zoo, Cass County Pomona Grange #4

will be hosting a

### Pancake Breakfast

at the St. Joseph County  
Grange Fair

**Sept. 24, 2015**

**6:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Building 52**

Funds from this to be used to  
build a wall in memory of  
St. Jos. Co. Grange Members  
Active in the fair.

Tickets for the Michigan State  
Grange Family Activities Quilt  
well be on sale that day as well  
in Building 52

**Plan to come and  
support the Pomona  
on this great project!**



I know that most of us have had a pretty nice summer what with vacations, family gatherings, Grange events and such. My vacation has come and gone too fast. Loved being by the ocean. My sisters were in rare form which lead to some Great fun!!!!!! Gardens are coming to a close. Here's hoping yours was really productive!!!

So as summer comes to a close ( Hate to say it) we need to start preparing for the up and coming cooler and colder months. Here are some steps to remember when we have to start turning our furnace's on.

**IF YOU SMELL GAS:**

1. **NO FLAMES OR SPARKS:** immediately put out all smoking materials and other open flames. Do not operate lights, appliances, telephones, or cell phones. Flames or sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or a fire.
2. **LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY!** Get everyone out of the building or area where you suspect gas is leaking.
3. **SHUT OFF THE GAS:** Turn off the main gas supply valve on your propane tank if it is safe to do so. To close the valve, turn it to the right ( clockwise).
4. **REPORT THE LEAK:** From a neighbor's home or other nearby building away from the gas leak, call your propane retailer right away. If you can't reach your propane retailer, call 911 or your local fire department.
5. **DO NOT RETURN TO THE BUILDING OR AREA** until your propane retailer, emergency responder, or qualified service technician determines that it is safe to do so.
6. **GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED:** before you attempt to use any of your propane appliances, your propane retailer or a qualified service technician must check your entire system to ensure that it is leak-free.
7. **PROPANE SMELLES LIKE ROTTEN EGGS, A SKUNK'S SPRAY, OR A DEAD ANIMAL:** Some people may have difficulty smelling propane due to their age (older people may have a less sensitive sense of smell) a medical condition or the effects of medication, alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.

**PROPANE GAS DETECTORS**

1. Under some circumstances, you may not smell a propane leak, Propane gas detectors sound an alarm if they sense propane in the air. They can provide an additional measure of security. You should consider the purchase of one or more detectors for your home.

**CARBON MONOXIDE ( CO) AND YOUR SAFETY:**

1. You can't taste or smell CO, but it is a very dangerous gas, produced when any fuel burns. High levels of CO can come from appliances that are not operating correctly, or from a venting system or chimney that becomes blocked.
2. CO can be deadly !!!!! High levels of CO can make you dizzy or sick. In extreme case's, CO can cause brain damage or death.

**SIGNS OF IMPROPER APPLIANCE OPERATION THAT CAN GENERATE HIGH CO LEVELS:**

Sooting, especially on appliances and vents, Unfamiliar or burning odor, or increased moisture inside of windows.

**WHAT IS PROPANE:**

Propane ( also called LPG is liquefied petroleum gas. It's a liquid fuel stored under pressure. In most systems, propane is vaporized to a gas before it leaves the tank, Propane is flammable when mixed with air (oxygen) and can be ignited by many sources, including open flames, smoking materials, electrical sparks, and static electricity. Severe freeze burn or frostbite can result if propane liquid comes in contact with your skin.

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Here we are, approaching the autumn season. School will be starting soon and with that, the annual reports are due to the Michigan State Grange. Hopefully you have completed your community service book or are working on it. As of the writing of this article, I still need to get my book completed for Studley Grange!

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

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

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

### **Oath of Allegiance to the United State of America**



"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the armed forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, so help me God."

*Article provided by Emma Dausman, Kinney Grange #754*

### **Summer Camp**

What a great camp we had this year! We had a total of 30 Juniors/Youths & Young Adults that attended for a portion here and there. Friday night we enjoyed games and a campfire while getting to know each other. Saturday we started the day off with a tour of Country Dairy where we learned about their process and even got to pet some calves. Afterwards, we returned for a craft and lunch. After lunch, the Youth and several of the older Juniors went tubing while the younger Juniors enjoyed more crafts and some water balloon fun. The members of Oceana Center Grange joined us for a potluck dinner and then were entertained with a number so short and funny skits presented by the campers. After dinner, the Youth left for some go karts and mini golf and the Juniors enjoyed a movie.

It was a very successful camp and we are already looking forward to next year!! I would like to thank the members of Oceana Center Grange #1047 for opening their hall for us. Camp would not be a success without the members who help make it possible. I also want to thank Terri Sheffer who is on my committee for her help; Peggy Johnston and Dale Moore for providing and leading several of the crafts for the Lecturers, Family Activities and Deaf Awareness departments; Jeff and Nancy Swainston, youth directors; Charlene Vanderstelt and Ardith Merten for their help with camp as hosts; and our two cooks in the kitchen for breakfast Saturday morning!!

### **State Session**

You have only two more months to get your entries ready!! This year the Juniors have the coloring contest which the picture can be found in your program book or online, pet rocks, dream catchers and fairy gardens. But don't forget that Juniors have categories in the other departments as well!

Be sure to come and support the Juniors on Saturday of State Session!! We'll be presenting another picture video of camp as well as honoring the Juniors and the Great Supporters to the Junior Department at lunch on Saturday!!

Remember the Session is not just for adults, bring your Juniors too! Wouldn't it be great to have more than my two sons and my niece there for the Junior presentation?! These are the future members of our great organization, but it will be up to you to get them there to enjoy the session as well!

## Celebrating 100 Years!

Please join us in congratulating these two people, a Grange Sister and Brother on reaching the 100 years old mark! What a Milestone!

Wow! August is almost over and another County Fair season is in the books for my area. I am sitting here after finishing up a very busy week (August 23<sup>rd</sup>) at the Berrien County Youth Fair both as a volunteer and a very proud Uncle! With the fair week past us, that means my chores will slow way down as I do not have goats and pigs to care for any longer. They will surely be missed for the next few weeks, but I do have chores to do yet. After writing my last article for July/August MGN I was contacted by a good friend that she was getting rid of her small flock of chickens as she didn't have enough time for them right now. She wanted to know if we were ready to have chickens! So mid July one rooster, five laying hens and one young pullet that will start laying the first of September came to live here at my mini farm. We have been enjoying farm fresh eggs since that weekend and are even getting enough that we are able to sell a few dozen from time to time. Keeps me busy but it is nice to hear Mr. Roo crow throughout the day!!

The garden was doing very well but was neglected the last few weeks so I am afraid to see what it looks like. Tomatoes were just starting to come on and I believe Mom even said the green beans that we planted late were starting to produce. I am sure we have zucchini the size of baseball bats out there too! The chickens will probably enjoy some of that!

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

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Michigan State Grange Convention that is being held in mid October at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds. The last time we were there it was a very nice session and I know it will be just as nice this year as well.

See you at State Session!!

**"If you are doing your best you will not have time to worry about failure."**

*Robert S. Hillyer*



**Bertha Norman  
Kinney Grange #754**

Bertha celebrated her 100th Birthday on August. Her family was hoping that she would receive 100 cards, so if you did not send her one....please do so.

Berthas address is: 10784 Shaner Ave. NE, Rockford, MI 49341

Sister Bertha joined Algoma Grange when she was 14 and later Pomona Grange. She took the 6th degree when State Session was held in Grand Rapids and later in Grand Rapids she took the 7th degree at the National Convention. When Algoma Grange disbanded due to dwindling numbers, she joined Courtland Grange and later when that closed became a member of Kinney. She has held many officers and chairmanships throughout her years in the Grange as well as being a 4-H leader. She has made hand sewn and quilted quilts for over 60 years which she is still doing.



**Wayne Tennant  
Studley Grange 1174**

Wayne lives in Apache Junction, AZ near his daughter.

He will be celebrating his 100th birthday on September 27, 2015.

His address is: 1030 N. Delaware #14, Apache Junction, AZ 85120.

Please send cards to him.

Brother Wayne has belonged to Studley Grange #1174 since July of 1998. Even though he has not had a lengthy membership he has made a great impact on the Grange when he was able to attend the meetings. He was always willing to help where he could and do what he could. He has nothing but good things to say about the Grange and the members (his friends) there. He was visited in Arizona this past winter by a couple of those friends and he was so excited to see them, and asked about everyone he could think of.



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As discussed in last issue's News, the Michigan State Grange Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable not-profit, restricting it from donating funds except for charitable, educational, or healthcare-related purposes. So, you might ask, what organizations would fit within these definitions? First-and-foremost, the recipients of support from Foundations like our own are other 501(c)3 organizations, most frequently those with an established structure for performing charitable work or educational work. For example, the Michigan State Grange provided a donation to support Cub Scouts, as the scouting organization is an established advocate for youth development, with active programs designed along these lines. This donation went to support the Scouts annual Pinewood Derby, an event designed both to develop an interest in engineering and craftsmanship and to foster a bond between the assisting parents and these children.

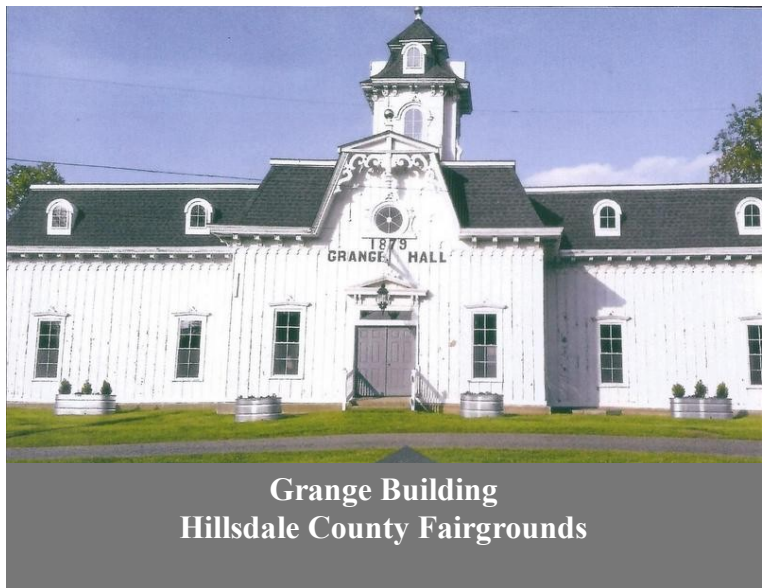
As an alternative to organizations with their own, active programs, donations can also be made to other Foundations, which use the money in much the same way that we do, acting through donations to charitable organizations. During the past year, the Michigan State Grange Foundation made such a donation to the National Grange Foundation, which can now use this support to foster organizations that meet its own Articles of Incorporation, following strict rules for the use of those monies, much as we must do.

Although these requirements need to be very closely managed, our attention to meeting our fiscal responsibilities does generate a significant benefit to the Foundation, as our continued establishment as a 501(c)3 organization allows us to receive donations from other such organizations and Foundations, which would otherwise be prohibited from supporting us. The value of this is particularly evident when we receive donations from Grangers or others who are employed by businesses that maintain their own Foundation. In many such cases, when provided with the supporting paperwork, the Foundation can seek additional funding from these Foundations, in the form of a

matching gift. By keeping ourselves firmly within the requirements of our incorporation, we are well positioned to sometimes double our donor's contribution, by benefiting from a dollar-for-dollar matching donation. If any of our Grangers happen to work for a business that maintains such a program, please don't forget to include the gift match form, as we will gladly complete it to receive the additional funding.

As an organization focused on improving the world around us, the Michigan State Grange Foundation has opportunities for both meaningful contributions to society and potential missteps, in the management of its funds. However, the elected Board is committed to the careful examination of all requests and ideas for donations. By remaining vigilant in our financial dealings, we protect both the short- and long-term future of the Foundation that we've worked so hard to build to its current stature. ~~~~by Eric Bishop

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO HILLSDALE COUNTY FAIR FOR THE NEWLY RENOVATED GRANGE BUILDING**



A rededication of the Grange Building was held on August 22nd. The Grange Hall has recently been refurbished.

If you can attend the Hillsdale County Fair this year, September 27—Oct. 3rd be sure to look up the Grange Building.

**Congratulations to Hillsdale Pomona Grange #10  
Adams #286 and Mosherville #1351 Granges**

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Election 2016 is already in full swing. I can hardly wait for all the political ads to start up on television. The number of candidates seems to increase exponentially each day. I am sure by the time you read this there will be more candidates in the running than there were when I wrote this.

Too many of us just shake our heads and say we don't care. Too many of us wait until everyone else has whittled the race down to the final 2 candidates before we really pay attention. But it's important that we pay attention to what each candidate has to offer. Sometimes it is easier to decide some that we won't vote for than it is to try and figure out the best candidate. Some candidates tend to run on just a few of the issues. They pick one issue that they think we care most about and then beat it to death. We need to be involved in helping decide who the final 2 candidates will be. We need to be aware of each candidate's full platform, not just a couple issues. It doesn't matter male or female, black or white, religious affiliations, ethnic backgrounds... it is all part of the equation.

It's not an easy process and it can be discouraging that the process is started already. But it is an important process that we need to be involved in. So.... Let the fun commence!!!

Also, a reminder that your Grange should be putting the finishing touches on any resolutions for state session. It is, after all, one of the main reasons we have a convention at all. The establishing of our legislative policy is a key component in



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The Michigan State Grange Convention will be here before you know it. That means its time for all year-end reports to be sent to us, including individual Youth reports and also Subordinate and Pomona Grange youth reports. Even if you don't have any active youth in your Grange, we would love to hear from you and show your support for the youth.

That also means we will be looking for youth who will be able to attend this year's state session. We are looking for those who want to eat pizza with us on Friday evening after practicing for the opening of the Grange session by the youth on Saturday morning. Please let us know if you will be able to attend. We had a great attendance at camp this summer and I am hopeful that many of you will be able to attend the session. All the details about the convention are located elsewhere in this Grange News... no sense repeating it all.

A special thank you to Oceana Center Grange for hosting the recent camps for Youth and Juniors. The youth went tubing on the Pere Marquette River and then went to Craig's Cruisers for an evening of fun. They also worked on several projects that will be on display at the session. Also, special thanks to Char VanderSteldt for helping out at camp and assisting with transportation for the special events.

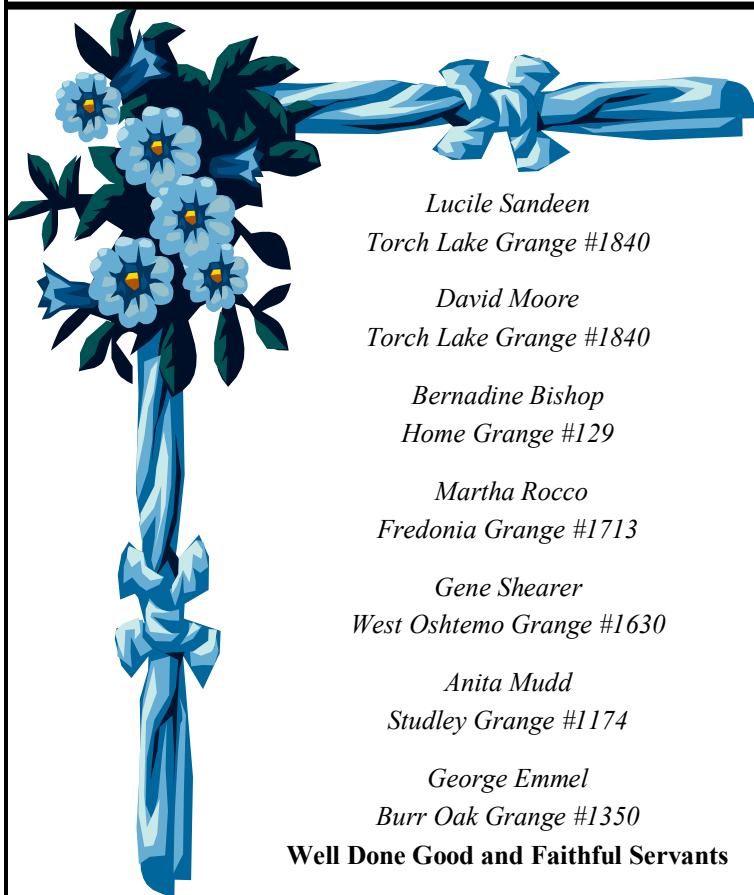
Thank you for all your support of the Youth in Michigan.

defining who we are and where we stand as an organization. So get those resolutions in and I'll see you at state session.



Please join us for the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the National Grange hosted by the Great Plains Region! Come join your Grange friends from across the nation at The Cornhusker Hotel located in Lincoln, Nebraska November 10th through the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## *In Memory Of...*



## GRANGE HAPPENINGS

### **BARNARD GRANGE #689 COUNTRY SQUARE DANCE**

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

At Barnard Grange Hall, corner of Barnard and Klooster Road, Charlevoix, MI

Bring dish to pass. For more information call: 231-675-0004 or 231-547-9153

### **Northern Michigan Picnic**

Northern Michigan Picnic will be at Summit City Grange, Sept. 20th. 1:00 PM potluck. With live music. With Pomona meeting as well. Location of Summit City Grange Hall, Kingsley MI. M-113 to Summit City Rd turn south 2.3 miles left on Factory St. 1 block to Church St. and hall. For more info call 231-675-0004 Randy Cebulski

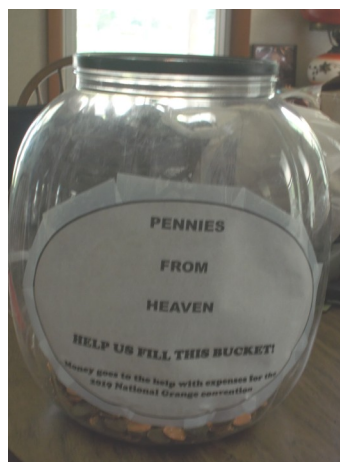
## LAST CHANCE!



### **The drawing is Oct. 4th at 2:00 p.m.**

Now is the time to get your tickets! Contact Peggy Johnston, 989-288-4546 or send your check to 404 S. Oak Street, Durand, MI. Tickets will be filled out and stubs will be sent to you.

**Help Region #5! We need your help!** Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



### **PENNIES FROM HEAVEN COLLECTION**

We have obtained a new container to collect pennies (or other forms of money) to help with the expenses that the Michigan State Grange will have when we again help to host the National

Grange Convention in 2019.

Please save your coins, bills or even checks and either send them to the Michigan State Grange office at 404 S. Oak Street, Durand, MI 48429 or bring them to the Michigan State Grange Convention in Lenawee County this October. The jug will be on my station throughout the convention.

Expenses that we have vary from convention to convention but normally amount to a large sum. This is just one way we can help "in a small way" to come up with the amount needed. I've got the bottom covered!

**SAVE! SAVE! SAVE!**

*"You can only see others as clearly as you see yourself"*



## 2015 ANNUAL CONVENTION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, October 14

3:00p.m. Delegate Registration  
 4:00p.m. Display Room Opens  
 6:00p.m. Baking Contest Judging  
 7:00p.m. NHME Performs  
 7:30p.m. Lecturer Awards  
       Baking Contest Awards  
       State Officers/Department Directors  
       Delegate Reception  
       State Officer Practice

### Thursday, October 15

8:00a.m. Delegate Registration  
 9:00a.m. Open 142nd Annual Session in 6th Deg.  
 9:15a.m. Lower to 4th Degree – admit 4th degree members  
       Flag Presentation  
       Roll Call of Officers  
       Roll Call of Delegates  
       Welcome by City Officials  
       Executive Committee Response  
       Partial Report – Credentials Committee  
       Adopt Order of Business  
 9:30a.m. Lecturer, Family Activities, Junior, Deaf Awareness contest judging  
 10:00a.m. Report of Executive Committee  
       Financial Reports  
       Proposed Budget  
 11:00a.m. Advisory Nominations for One Executive Committee member and Two Foundation Directors  
       Masters Address  
 12:00p.m. **Past/ Present Officer, New Delegate, GROW Club Luncheon**  
 12:45p.m. Foundation Meeting  
 1:30p.m. Session Committee Meetings  
 4:30p.m. Visit Grist Mill  
 5:30p.m. **Salute to Agriculture Dinner**  
 7:00p.m. Call to Order  
       Awards- Membership, Deaf Awareness, Master's Special Award, Gold Star Grange, Information & Community Service  
       Memorial Service  
       Session Committee Reports  
       Close in 4th degree  
       6th Degree Practice  
       5th Degree Practice  
       Session Committee Meetings

### Friday, October 16

8:30a.m. Election  
 9:00a.m. Open Session  
       Roll Call of Officers  
 9:30a.m. Speaker:  
       Budget Approval  
       Session Committee Reports  
 12:00p.m. **Family Activities Luncheon and Awards**  
 2:00p.m. Call to Order  
       Roll Call of Officers  
       Adoption of Thursday's minutes  
       Department Information - Lecturer, Deaf Awareness, Community Service  
       Session Committee Reports  
 4:30p.m. Close in 4th Degree  
 7:00p.m. **Fifth Degree**  
 8:30p.m. **Sixth Degree**  
 10:00p.m. Youth Practice and Pizza Party

### Saturday, October 17

9:00a.m. Open in 4th Degree by Y/YA  
       Youth Awards  
       Roll Call of Officers  
       Department Information – Youth/ Young Adult and Legislative  
       Session Committee Reports  
 10:15a.m. Michigan State Grange Foundation Report  
 10:30a.m. Executive Committee Milk Break  
 11:00a.m. Junior Grange Presentation  
       Department Information – Junior, Website  
       Session Committee Reports  
 12:00p.m. **Junior Luncheon**  
 1:30p.m. Call to Order  
       Roll Call of Officers  
       Adoption of Friday's minutes  
       Unfinished Business  
       Installation of Officers  
       Department Information - Membership  
 4:00p.m. Close of 142nd Annual Session  
 7:00p.m. **Annual Banquet**  
       VIP Announcement  
       Youth/ Young Adult Raffle  
       Dance