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a very Merry Christmas,
and a Prosperous New Year.*



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The Post Office is at it again. If the abbreviations that we use are not the same as the postal service they automatically reject the address with the bulk mailing permit we have for the magazine. Approximately 500 addresses were rejected for the September - October Ohio Granger due to incorrect abbreviations or zip codes without the 4 additional digits on them.

If someone in your Grange did not receive their September - October or November - December magazine please contact the Ohio State Grange office at 740-694-1669 or e-mail at osg@ohiostategrange.org. with their complete address. We are attempting to correct the 500 incorrect addresses that we have, hopefully to the satisfaction of the postal service.

We use the bulk mailing permit and service to save money on the mailing of the magazine but it can sometimes create other headaches.
Jim

**“NEW GRANGE ADVENTURES
SWEET SUCCESSES”**



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As I write this article, the office is overflowing with convention preparations. By the time you read this issue, the State Convention will be history. All of the highlights and winners will be in the January/February, 2008 issue. Hopefully, almost everything will be packed away for another year.

My special “THANKS” to the wonderfully generous Granges and Grangers who gave monetary gifts to help defray the convention expenses as well as the centerpieces, favors, mums, welcoming reception, Memorial Service, Rose Drill, Junior hospitality room, and all the extras. The donations, both small and large, mean so much because they are given from the heart.

While at the convention, the Delegates set Grange Policy for another year as they reviewed over ninety resolutions assigned to the committees. Those resolutions which passed the delegate body concerning National Grange have been sent for consideration at the National Session in November.

Ohio can be very proud of our representation at the National Convention. Our Best of Show Talent winner, Mindy Nungesser, Fairfield County, will be performing at the Night of Excellence on Thursday, November 15th. Dale Hogue, the retiring Male Ambassador, will be presented during the Night of Excellence. He will participate in the Youth Activities while there.

The winning state Community Service Book will be on display. Ohio has been asked to send three items from our contest entries to be displayed in the “Showcase of Excellence” room with entries from all Grange states. What a difficult decision to select only three for that honor from the many entries from our grangers. Again this year, the host states are asking for 10 Christmas ornaments from each state. The decorated tree will be donated to a charity. Thank you to the Grangers who contributed the beautiful ornaments from Ohio.

The reproduction of the original 1938 yellow Ohio State Grange Cookbook is no longer available. They were all sold at the convention. There may still be a few at the granges to sell but not at the office. We

still have the blue 1997 Blue Cookbook which sells for \$8.00 plus tax and shipping and handling.

The State Grange has been asked to contribute recipes from the 1938 and 1997 Ohio State Grange Cookbooks for the 2007 edition of “Best of the Best from Ohio Cookbooks: Selected Recipes from Ohio’s Favorite Cookbooks”. I am pleased to announce there could be as many as 12 recipes included. I was asked to verify the ingredients and instructions for that many. I will be pleased if we have a few published.

The transfer of Friendly Hills Grange Camp from Ohio State Grange to the Ohio Grange Charitable Foundation (501-C-3) should be final. The Foundation Board and the OSG Executive Board have worked long and hard to ensure this was handled properly. The process has not always been smooth with a project this major.

Gary and Linda Brumbaugh are chairing the Grange Rally Weekend, April 4, 5 and 6, 2008 at Friendly Hills Grange Camp. Call them to volunteer for the committee. The cost for the weekend will be \$55.00. The registration form will be in the January/February issue of the “Ohio Granger”.

My wish is for all Grangers to have a very successful grange year.

As we enter this Thanksgiving season, let us keep all those who can not be with their loved ones in our prayers. Let us open our hearts and homes to offer comfort to the less fortunate. Americans are truly blessed. Let us give “THANKS “ for our bountiful lives as we gather with our families.

Have a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas. This is such a special season. Remember the true meaning when your family and friends gather. May we all enjoy the gifts given and received in the spirit of the holiday.

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Well, here it is fall again. By the time you receive this article, State Grange Convention will be over. Wow, where did this year go?

H B 261 Sale of Tax Certificates - Representative L. Bolon

Rep. Bolon, a former Columbiana County Treasurer, and Rep. Jon Peterson, a former Delaware County Auditor, said HB 261 would extend to counties with populations of less than 200,000, the authority to collect delinquent property taxes by selling tax certificates on delinquent properties by public auction or through a negotiated sale. Bolon said the county treasurer would:

1. Select the parcels and compile a list of each parcel with a description of the property and the delinquency.
2. Follow the necessary notifications requirement.
3. Conduct the sale at any time after completion of the advertising for the sale.
4. Hold the sale on the date, time and place designated.
5. Be authorized to offer the certificate for sale individually or in blocks consisting of any number of certificates.
- 6 Be allowed to conduct either public auction sales or negotiated sales.
- 7 Be allowed to conduct regional sales with county treasurers of other counties.
- 8 Be allowed to promulgate rules governing the eligibility of persons to participate in negotiated sales.
- 9 Inform the owner that the tax certificate is sold, discuss the owners options to redeem the parcel and name the certificate holder.

H B 235

Untreated Sewage Discharge - Rep. Oelslager
The bill would establish notification requirements for the discharge of untreated or partially treated sewage onto land or into waters of Ohio.

A proponent, Amy Gomberg, said currently 85 Ohio communities use combined sewer systems that were built to manage both municipal sewage - waste from residential, commercial and industrial sources -

and storm water. Both types are delivered to the treatment plant simultaneously. The OEPA used to require waste water treatment plants to report sewage discharges, but the agency suspended that requirement years ago. She said the problem is that the OEPA still does not have the ability to consistently collect statewide sewage overflow information. Gomberg made the following recommendations:

1. The legislature should pass HB 235, making the reporting of any and all sewage discharge mandatory and consistent. The bill should require waste water treatment facilities and the OEPA to notify the public in real time when these public health threats occur.
2. Communities need to incorporate technologies that help prevent excessive storm water from inundating the sewer systems. With more control over the storm water that enters combined sewer systems, there will be less sewage overflowing into the waterways.
3. State and Federal officials need to support more funding for sewage infrastructure improvements, such as the separation of sanitary sewage and storm sewer systems.

Prayer

The US Supreme Court has ruled against government-sponsored prayer, but made an exception for Congress and State legislatures in its 1983 ruling *Marsh v Chambers*.

The Ohio House is going to implement tougher standards for those invocations prior to sessions after concerns raised recently about the contents of the prayers. House clerk Laura Clemons sent legislators a memo the same day that Rev. Keith Hamblin, pastor of Calvary Bible Church in Lima, Ohio, gave an invocation where he said that legislators should vote the right way on the day's agenda, which included a controversial strip club bill. He also made multiple references to Jesus. Clemens said in the memo that she received several complaints from members about the disregard for the guest minister guidelines, with the increasing tendency of our guest invocators to use language referring to a particular deity. Clemens said

in the memo that she must strongly remind members that the United States Supreme Court has ruled that prayers for public functions must remain non-denominational, non-sectarian and non-proselytizing.

Prescription Drugs

National Grange urged the U. S. Senate to oppose importation of prescription drugs. Leroy Watson, Legislative Director for the National Grange, wrote to members of the U.S. Senate urging them to oppose the importation of prescription drugs from outside the U.S. unless they required the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services to certify their purity and safety.

That's all for now,
Gene

2007 HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT



Men's Class A

- 1st Dondi Fitch
- 2nd Tim Gunkle
- 3rd Larry Boze

Women

- 1st Eldonna McKinniss
- 2nd Marlene Blackford
- 3rd Teresa Burk

Men's Doubles

- 1st Dondi Fitch and Glen Fulmer
- 2nd Bernie Blackford and Larry Boze
- 3rd Tim Gunkle and Dean Burk

High Qualifiers

- Men's Larry Boze
- Women's Teresa Burk

Men's Class B

- 1st Ernie McGinniss
- 2nd Dean Burk
- 3rd Bernie Blackford

Low Qualifiers

- Men's Ray Gunkle
- Women's Marlene Blackford

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WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN FROM ENTRIES RECEIVED WITH THE CORRECT ANSWER.

Entries must be received by
December 5, 2007

Winners from September - October Issue of The Ohio Granger are:

Marie Setzler, Tiffin, Ohio
Dale V. Shellhouse, Tiffin, Ohio

They found the gavel in the 41 and Over Camp picture on the top of page 37.

I FOUND THE GAVEL

It was hiding on page _____ of The Ohio Granger.

Name _____

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Have Fun -- Start Looking

JUNIOR GRANGERS – BRIGHT BEGINNINGS FOR FUTURE SUCCESSES

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Following are the State Fair Crafts for 2008 which must be entered through the **Ohio State Fair by June 20, 2008**. If you attend Junior Grange Camp and make your entry there; your item will automatically be entered.

Section J-1202 – Crafts

1. Crafts must be delivered to the Youth Discovery Center between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 for judging at 3 p.m.
2. *Class J-1 - Snowman - (Ages 5 – 8)* Make a snowman with materials of your choice. Not to exceed 12” tall.
3. *Class J-2 - Christmas Ornament - (Ages 9-11)* Make or decorate a Christmas ornament – suitable to hang on a Christmas tree.
4. *Class J-3 - Christmas card - (Ages 12-14)* Make a homemade Christmas card suitable to send to a family member.

JUNIOR RITUALISTIC AND DRILL CONTEST

It is time to begin thinking about making your entry into this year’s Ritualistic and Drill Contest. A few extra minutes of practice at each regular meeting will help you be ready for the contest. For those Junior Granges having problems coming up with enough members to put together a team, consider doing a drill. You can do a drill with as few as eight members. You can use taped music or a piano player (which does not have to be a grange member).

JUNIOR GRANGE REPORTS

Thank you to all those who took time to fill out your Junior Grange Reports and/or do a notebook for us. You should have your 2007-2008 Junior Handbook by now. If not, please check with your Junior Deputy or call us and we will see that you receive one. You can start your 2007-2008 notebook now. Just get some plastic sleeves and insert items into it monthly as they happen and it will make it much easier to complete your report and notebook at the end of the year.

2007 STATE FAIR WINNERS CULINARY SHOWCASE

Cookies – Ages 5 – 8 (7 entries)

- 1 - Kaylee Huston, Ohio State Jr. Grange, Butler Co.
- 2 - Alex McMullen, Geauga County Pomona Junior Grange, Geauga County
- 3 - Karah Nungesser – Clear Creek Valley Junior Grange, Fairfield County

Cupcakes – Ages 9 – 11 (6 entries)

- 1 - Kelsey Huston, Ohio State Jr. Grange, Butler Co.
- 2 - Samantha Stutzman, Huntsburg Junior Grange, Geauga County
- 3 - Hayley Williamson, Geauga County Pomona Junior Grange, Geauga County

Brownies – Ages 12 – 14 (7 entries)

- 1 - Michael Rondini, Geauga County Pomona Junior Grange, Geauga County
- 2 - Ashley Rondini, Geauga County Pomona Junior Grange, Geauga County
- 3 - Carrie Chuha, Huntsburg Jr. Grange, Geauga Co.

CRAFTS

Decorated Plastic Jar – Ages 5 – 8 (20 entries)

- 1 - Kaylee Huston, Ohio State Jr. Grange, Butler Co.
- 2 - Jessica Skitzki, Huntsburg Jr. Grange, Geauga Co.
- 3 - Joshua Dix, Pike Junior Grange, Stark County

Decorated Visor – Ages 9 – 11 (30 entries)

- 1 - Kelsey Huston, Ohio State Jr. Grange, Butler Co.
- 2 - Angela Stevenson, Ohio State Junior Grange, Butler County
- 3 - Corey Shiltz, Ohio State Jr. Grange, Miami County
- HM - Leah Buzek, Pike Junior Grange, Stark County
- HM - Janelle Mears, Stelvideo Junior Grange, Darke County

Bird House – Ages 12 – 14 (20 entries)

- 1 - Megan Dyer, Star Junior Grange, Meigs County
- 2 - Sheem Kendall, Ohio State Jr. Grange, Summit Co
- 3 - Ethan Widder, Ohio State Junior Grange, Tuscarawas County

Culinary Showcase Winners

Following are the recipes for the first place entries:

KAYLEE'S FAVORITE COOKIE Kaylee Huston

1 cup soft butter 2 1/2 cups oatmeal
 1 cup sugar 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 cup brown sugar 1 teaspoon baking soda
 2 eggs 12 oz. chocolate chips
 1 teaspoon vanilla 4 oz. Hershey bar, grated
 2 cups flour 1 1/2 cups chopped and ground nuts

Measure oatmeal and then blend in blender, a small amount at a time. Blend to fine powder. In another bowl, cream butter and both sugars, add eggs and vanilla and mix well. Mix together with the flour, oatmeal, pinch of salt, baking powder, baking soda, and add to sugar and egg mixture. Stir in nuts, chocolate chips and grated Hershey candy. Roll into balls and place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes at 375 degrees.



Kaylee Huston



Kelsey Huston

Not pictured Michael Rondini

COCOA OR NEVER FAIL CUPCAKES

Kelsey Huston

1 egg 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 cup cocoa 1 cup sugar
 1/2 cup (oil) shortening 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 1/2 cups flour 1/2 cup hot water
 1/2 cup sour milk

Put in bowl in order given. Do not mix until last item has been added, then beat well. Bake in greased cupcake pan or cupcake liners in 350 degree oven for 20 minutes.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

1/4 cup butter, softened
 16 ounces powdered sugar, sifted
 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and cream cheese together. Gradually add powdered sugar. Beat until mixture is light and fluffy. Add vanilla. Frost cupcakes.

BROWNIES - Michael Rondini

2 squares unsweetened chocolate
 1/3 cup shortening 1 cup sugar
 2 eggs 3/4 cup flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup nuts

Melt unsweetened chocolate and shortening together over hot water. Beat in sugar and eggs. Sift flour, salt and baking powder together and add to chocolate mixture. Mix in nuts. Spread in 9" x 9" greased baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Deerfield Grange #1015 Morgan County



Martha Porter honored for 70 years of membership and Mary Bankes honored for 60 years.



Kenneth Porter honored for 65 years of membership and Pauline Nelson honored for 75 years.

New Adventures in Deaf Activities



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As we begin a new 2008 Grange year we are ending our last year with reports and articles. I'd like to welcome the nice fall weather with the school football/band season underway. Soon the Ohio State Grange Convention will be here and it too will be an ending of our last year activities in presentations, awards and recognitions. In this article I'd like to report on our 2007 Camp for deaf children and their families.

For Camp Opportunity XIII, July 27-29, "Work Safe, Play Safe, Be Safe!" was our theme. Our attendance was low with only 33 campers due to changing our camp dates back to the original weekend, but we had a very educational and fun camp.

First Aid Kits:

Thank you to all the Granges and Grangers who donated items for our great first aid kits. I had planned for each camper to put together a kit. We ended up making a total of 25 kits instead of the planned 50. They were filled with necessary items of first aid needs. Twenty five made at least one for each family and one for our Ohio State Grange Office. A big thank you goes to Summit County for all the cotton balls, soap, Q-tips and items bagged up for the kits; to JoAnn Ingram for the containers; and to Stark County, and Janet Price for the tweezers and rubbing alcohol. Thank you Patty Dyer for ordering the small first aid kits that we included in our kits. Thank you to each Grange and Granger who donated money to go towards the kits of which totaled \$285.00. The committee shopped for items that were not donated before camp began. Our kits included small cards containing "quick glance instructions" on how to administer First Aid to a particular incident requiring immediate attention. Those helpful cards were put together by Juli Grafton with information taken from a 4-H First Aid project book.

Our Guest Speakers:

Lynne Riggle from the Muskingum Valley Chapter First Aid/CPR instructed us on administering CPR to a choking adult victim and then to babies. She gave us valuable information about administering first aid. We each practiced the proper use of our triangle bandage from our first aid kits. Lynne

highlighted valuable information in her handouts. She included the importance of calling 9-1-1 while someone is administering CPR, AND to continue administering CPR until the paramedics arrive to take over.

Trevor Starling, chief of Muskingum Twp. Fire Department and several co-workers instructed us on the safe way to escape a burning building. Feel for hot spots on the door, if it is hot do not open it. The best way of escape is the exit farthest from the source of fire. They instructed us on the importance of all family members meeting at the same location outside the home so everyone will be sure that all are safe. They instructed us in the proper use of a fire extinguisher. Several campers operated the big high pressure extinguisher hose on the fire truck. The firemen even allowed us to sit in their truck and pretend for a moment that we were firemen. They explained the functions of switches and knobs inside the cab. This was a highlight for the campers and staff alike. The Zanesville Fire Department made sure the fire house was at the camp for our use and one of their firemen stayed and participated in their instruction sessions.

A representative from Sorenson Video Relay Service introduced the video phone to families of deaf children. The phone is free to deaf people but hearing people have to buy it. The service is only one way and you have to call Ohio Relay Service to connect with a deaf person. For instance: I call Ohio Relay and give them the phone number of my deaf friend. The interpreter from Ohio Relay then calls my deaf friend, but instead of typing on their TTY what I say, he signs the message I speak through him to my friend into a camera. As he is signing what I am speaking the video camera video relays him interpreting my message to my deaf friend. It is displayed to my friend on a small TV screen. It is a great invention. They are still working on making the phones two way so two deaf people can talk to each other on the phone via video relay. My deaf/blind client Marilyn is checking into getting one of the video phones. She is legally blind but has some sight is her left eye. I am hoping she will be able to see the signs well enough to know what the interpreter

is signing to her.

Our very own Rocky Woodburn, McConnellsville Chief of Police led us in discussion and advised us to always pay attention to the traffic around us not to be applying make up, eating or talking on our cell phones. Most accidents are caused by people not paying attention to their surroundings. He led the class wearing his work uniform and two blondes were too distracted by his looks to listen to his words. I won't tell who they were. Ask Jenny Woodburn and Vesta Kidd how much they learned in his class.

Our evening of fun was singing and dancing to music by Jim Schwab from J & J Karaoke. We had so much fun we decided to ask Jim to provide the music for our 2008 camp luau. Ben Bravis, our 5 year old deaf boy from Stark County sang the most songs. He enjoys being involved and being the highlight of the show. You go Ben!

Our last, but not least, instructor on Safety was Kayla Rohr from Rochester Institute of Technology. Her college posted safety Do's and Don'ts for Students on campus and she shared it with campers. Juli Grafton read the list while Kayla signed to the deaf kids.

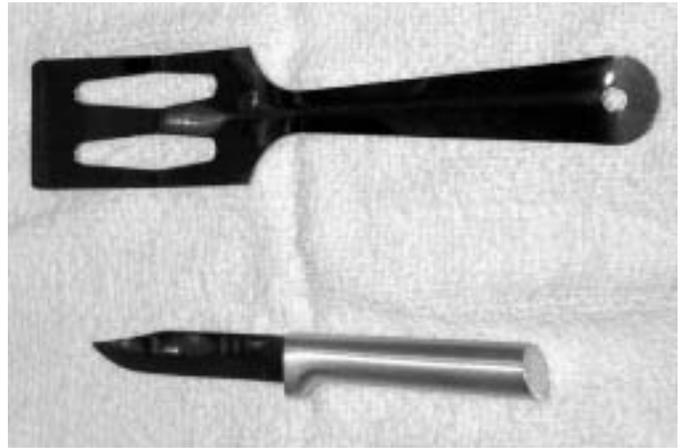
Juli and Kayla both were interpreters at our camp this year. They are very impressive in their capabilities. Ohio State Grangers should be very proud of the progress of both girls. The Grange Sign-a-Song contests were an inspiration and instrumental in their choices to be interpreters. Camp Opportunity has provided a great opportunity for them to practice their knowledge amongst friends. Our camp is not only for deaf children and their families; it is also for anyone interested in working with deaf people.

2008 Camp Opportunity

Camp Opportunity XIV is scheduled for July 18-20, 2008 at Friendly Hills. The scene will be a water park with a big water slide and a Luau for our Saturday evening fun. We plan to learn about water safety from our own lifeguard Toby Fitch at our 2008 camp. Toby was unable to attend camp this year due to his soccer trip to England. The cost for the 2008 camp will be \$55.00 per camper five years old and older.

Rada Cutlery

The Rada Cutlery Project is an ongoing project for 2007-2008. We are selling paring knives, item #R101 for \$3.75 and server spoons, item #R116 for \$4.50. Sorry to inform you but Rada had a price increase since we began our sale last fall. I do have a few of the items on hand. To order go to the website



www.helpourfundraiser.com. Our internet order number is 500430 and the password is "deaf". It is possible to order any item from the catalog on the internet. They will cut a check and mail it to me. The proceeds of our sale are going to help sponsor the 2008 Ohio Deaf Blind Conference. Please do not write on a piece of paper the items that you are interested in with a name and address for Rada to send the items to, that is not enough information for them to process the order, nor to give OSG Deaf Activities credit for the order. Please either order your items on the internet or through me. Thank you for your help with this project.

Progressive Valley Grange #2433 Coshocton County



Above are ten of the thirtytwo new members of Progressive Grange. They are (front) Todd Garber (holding Ryan), Lori Garber, Tiffany Zimmermen, Heath Deibel, Todd Lahmers. (back) Robin Mullens, Marilyn Wyler, Master, Bill Richard, Anna Harstine, Ben Harstine, Andrea Ciazia, Jim and Evelyn Childress, Coshocton County Deputies.

“Sweet Blossoms of News...”

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This has been an exciting year for me to learn the responsibilities of the State Secretary position. Hopefully, I have answered everyone’s questions and responded back to you in a timely manner with answers. By the time you read this State Convention will be over and I congratulate anyone who participated in the session. Also, congratulations to all who received the 6th degree.

The delegates had the task of determining which resolutions should become Grange Policy and which should not. Your diligence on behalf of our order is greatly appreciated. I hope everyone enjoyed their experience and made lasting friendships with other Grangers.

A large number of subordinate secretaries continue to receive the Distinguished Secretary Award.

Also congratulations to the Pomona Secretaries who filed their report and fee on time.

The 2008 annual password will be mailed to each grange after the December 2007 quarterly report and dues have been received at the state office. The key will be sent to the Secretary and the cipher to the Master. Contact the state office if your dues have been paid and you have not received your password by February 1. Make sure when you fill out your reports that all spaces are filled in accurately.

The holiday season seems to go by so fast. Try to enjoy them with friends and family, get plenty of rest and do not get stressed out. I wish every one a bountiful Thanksgiving, a joyous Christmas with Christ in your hearts, and a Happy New Year.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

75 year

Dorothea Wisener, Morgan Grange #829, Knox

70 year

Betty Vogelhuber, Butler Grange #993, Columbiana
Elsie Gamble, Butler Grange #993, Columbiana
Alice Morton, Mt. Hope Grange #1667, Harrison

65 year

Ileana Williams, Tallmadge Grange #2589, Summit
Florence McInturf, Pennsville #1757, Morgan
Duane Gordon, Fairview Grange #1666, Paulding

60 year

Charles Grubbs, Butler Grange #993, Columbiana
Don Williams, Tallmadge Grange #2589, Summit
Don Barrick, Morgan Grange #829, Knox
Art Cochran, Morgan Grange #829, Knox
Frances Varner, Morgan Grange #829, Knox
Ruth Tipton, Nashville Grange #2703, Holmes
Kenneth Wilson, Union Grange #869, Knox

55 year

Mary Lang, Nashville Grange #2703, Holmes
Frances Jean Miller, Nashville #2703, Holmes
Shirley Haudenschild, Nashville #2703, Holmes

50 year

Phillip Greenisen, Butler Grange #993, Columbiana
Carolyn Wolcott, Tallmadge Grange #2589, Summit
Clyde Diehl, Liberty Grange #1776, Knox
Eileen Diehl, Liberty Grange #1776, Knox
Oneta Debolt, Morgan Grange #829, Knox

Did you know?

One year on earth is 365.26 days long. One day is 23 hours, 56 minutes, and 4 seconds long. The extra day in a leap year was introduced to compensate for the discrepancy in the Georgian calendar.

Earth is slowing down - in a few million years there won't be a leap year.

Membership Success = Gaining new members

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Hello from beautiful Coshocton County:

Another Grange year has ended and our membership is still dropping. However, four grangers excelled in recruiting 52 new members. Evelyn and I are extremely proud to recognize Marilyn Wyler from Progressive Grange in Coshocton County as our first place winner in the state membership contest with 30 new members. Marilyn's husband, Dean Wyler brought in 10 new members. Christopher Brown from Bayard Grange in Columbiana County recruited 7 new members and Phyllis Clinehens from Maplewood Grange in Shelby County brought in 5 new members. Due to her hard work, Marilyn Wyler received her room, meals and a plaque at state convention. Dean Wyler won his room and a plaque, Christopher Brown won his meals and a plaque. Phyllis Clinehens won a Grange shirt as the top recruiter in her district. These prizes were presented to them at the State Grange Convention in Dublin. Again, we wish to say thank you to these people for their dedication and good work.

Also, we wish to thank Past Master, Laddie Marous for doing the preliminary leg work which led to the reorganization of Scioto Grange in Jackson County where we inducted 19 new members.

This is the last article which I will be submitting as I had decided some time ago to step down from the position of membership director. Because of my involvement in other organizations, I feel that I can no longer devote the time necessary for this position. Evelyn and I wish to thank each and every one of you who has helped us in this recruiting program. President, Viola Wayne has appointed new Directors for this position and I extend my congratulations and best wishes to them. Please help them in any way that you can.

Fraternally,
Jim Childress

As State Master, it is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Dondi and Teresa Fitch of Richland County as Membership Directors for the State. They have graciously accepted this challenge. Please give them your support.

I extend a huge "Thank You" to Jim and Evelyn Childress for their years of service to the State Grange as Membership Directors. You have traveled many miles to promote membership in the Grange.

Viola Wayne
State Master

Dondi and Teresa Fitch

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Hello Grange Friends,

We are proud to be your new Ohio State Grange Membership Directors. We are Dondi and Teresa Fitch. We have one son Terry. We are members of Olivesburg Grange #2641 in Richland County.

I joined Olivesburg Junior Grange at age five. Teresa was a charter member of Fairfield County Pomona Junior Grange. We both attended junior and youth camp. You guessed it, we met at grange youth camp!

I have represented Ohio as State and National Grange Prince. Teresa has represented Ohio as State Princess and National Grange First Runner Up. We have both served on the State Youth Committee. After we were married we served on the Junior Grange Committee.

We have both held many junior, subordinate and county grange offices. We are both 25 year members. I am currently master of Olivesburg Grange. Teresa is serving as chaplain and executive committee.

Membership is not a position, title, or job. Membership is "Hi! How are you? Would you like to join us?" Membership is showing you care! Help us help the Grange!

Dondi and Teresa

Did you know?

There are more than a billion cattle in the world, about 200 million in India.

Twelve cows are known as a "flink."

New Adventures With Grange Youth Will Be A Success

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It is fall again. This is the time to see all the beauty around us. What a wonderful season! The youth department has been busy with finishing up late summer activities and getting ready for convention.

The youth attended our annual convention in October. The theme was the Oriental Express. The youth luncheon was held on Sunday at noon. Everybody in attendance enjoyed a wonderful lunch among oriental decorations. Awards were given out to the youth and the sign-a-song winners entertained us.

Sunday afternoon was the youth pageant with the young couple presenting the pageant with the oriental theme. Retiring speeches were given by the ambassadors Sarah Cole and Dale Hogue and young couple Chris and Christine Brown. They did a wonderful job this past year. More information on the ambassador winners will be in the next Ohio Granger magazine.

Sunday evening the youth opening team opened the opening session. The youth directors gave their annual report. The opening team did a great job for having only a couple of practices together.

We want to thank the SYC Luke Widder, Melanie Fitch, Justephanie Chandler and Andrew Rohr for a job well done for the weekend, Viola Wayne for all her help and guidance for the convention, Ada Cummins and her helpers for watching our raffle table, and all the parents and Grangers that also helped in some way.

Please remember Winter Youth Camp will be held January 11th – 13th at Friendly Hills Camp. The cost for the weekend is \$55.00. The SYC has a great weekend planned. We will again have our annual mud/snow football game. Plan to attend and bring a friend. **Please remember the deadline**, as we have to know to give the cook notice. **The deadline is December 28th (no later)**. Registration slips are in this magazine or you can contact the directors for slips and information. You can also call us with your information.

We do have some new information on the Eastern Regional Youth Conference. This will be held the weekend of April 11, 12, and 13th. The conference will be held in Greenville, Tenn. This is in Green Co. bordering North Carolina and within 50 miles of Virginia. The cost and deadline information will be in the next magazine or from the directors. We hope you will plan to attend, as we will again be getting a chartered bus. We hope to have a great turnout.

Remember the public speaking and sign-a-song contest. This will be held March 8th at the drill and ritualistic contest. These contests have been down in numbers the last couple of years. Please consider entering one or both of these contests. It is a good experience. The winners will compete at the Eastern Regional Youth Conference. More information is in the September-October Ohio Granger.

We want to thank all the Grangers for your continued support and encouraging words. To our assistants Debra and Ron Hogue, we say a huge thank you for all your help!

As we close out this article we would like to wish all of you a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays.

Ohio State Fair Winners

Culinary Showcase

- 1 - Brian Hicks, Clear Creek Valley Grange, Fairfield County
- 2 - Jessie McCrady, Clear Creek Valley Grange, Fairfield County
- 3 - Howard Hugus, Clear Creek Valley Grange, Fairfield County

Decorated Brick Doorstop

- 1 - J. D. Stover, Clearcreek Valley Grange, Fairfield
 - 2 - Dale Hogue, Eureka Grange, Muskingum Co.
 - 3 - Thomas McCrady, Clear Creek Valley Grange, Fairfield County
- HM - Jessie McCrady, Clear Creek Valley Grange, Fairfield County

Simple Cherry Pie by Brian Hicks

2 cups frozen cherries 3/4 cup flour
 2 cups sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Mix all ingredients - cook on stove until filling thickens. Pour into unbaked pie crust. Add top crust. Bake 15 minutes at 375 degrees then 30 minutes at 350 degrees.



Pie Crust by Brian Hicks

3 cups flour 1/4 cup crisco
 1 stick butter 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 cold water

Mix and roll out into 2 pie crusts.

Donations

Where should they be sent?

Donations to the **Junior, Youth, Women's Activities and Legislative Departments** should be sent to The Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019.

Donations to the **Deaf Activities Department** should be sent to Ohio State Grange Deaf Activities, % Sarah Grafton, 167 S. Harris Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43204.

Donations to **Friendly Hills Camp** should be sent to Ohio Grange Charitable Foundation, % Jenny Miller, 13076 Williamsburg Ave., Uniontown, Ohio 44685.

Grange Portfolios

The Youth and Young Adult/Young Marrieds are selling special leather zippered portfolios. These include a pad of paper and ink pen. On the front of the portfolio is the grange emblem with the words Ohio State above it and Grange below the emblem. To the left of the emblem is the word est. and 1873 to the right of the emblem. The printing is white. These are very nice to carry when you don't want to use a bigger bag or briefcase. They hold a lot of special papers. They also make nice gifts for any graduating seniors your Grange might have. The portfolios sell for \$15.00 each. The proceeds from the sale will be divided between the two groups to help with their programs. We hope that you will support the Youth and Young Adult/Young Marrieds. We will have the portfolios at the different grange events and the Youth and Young Adults/Young Marrieds will have some. For more information or if you would like one of these please contact Mike & Debbie Russell. You may contact us at 937-773-4905 or 937-541-1849 Mike's cell or 937-541-1903 Debbie's cell. You can also email us at debrakrussell@sbcglobal.net.



Winter Youth Camp Reservation

January 11 - 13, 2008

Friendly Hills Camp

Open to All Unmarried Subordinate Grange Youth ages 13 1/2 - 20

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Birthdate _____ M _____ F _____ E-mail _____

Grange _____ No. _____ County _____

Cost per person: \$55.00 Reservation Deadline: December 28, 2007

Mail to: Debbie and Mike Russell, 440 W. Loy Rd., Piqua, Ohio 45356

Welcome!

New Members from July, August, September as reported by Subordinate Secretaries

Ashtabula, East Plymouth #1548, Eddy Copeland
Ashtabula, East Plymouth #1548, Harley Chandler
Ashtabula, East Plymouth #1548, Shannon Copeland
Athens, Albany #1611, Robert Wiley
Athens, Albany #1611, Sally Jo Wiley
Carroll, Sherrodsville #1538, Betty Peoples
Clermont, Monroe #2018, Gordon Idlett
Columbiana, Bayard #1878, David Peterson
Columbiana, Bayard #1878, Kyle Kempf
Columbiana, Bayard #1878, Linda Peterson
Columbiana, Bayard #1878, Mary Jo Kidd
Columbiana, Bayard #1878, Scott Kempf
Columbiana, Willow Grove #1688, Ernest Greenisen
Coshocton, Plainfield #1326, Deanna Cognion
Fairfield, ClearCreek Valley #1843, Audra Zerovnik
Fairfield, ClearCreek Valley #1843, Carl Underwood II
Fairfield, ClearCreek Valley #1843, Lauren Underwood
Fairfield, ClearCreek Valley #1843, Sean K. Mallon
Highland, Whiteoak Valley #2039, Jerry Pruitt
Highland, Whiteoak Valley #2039, Sue Knoche
Highland, Whiteoak Valley #2039, Ton Knoche
Hocking, Hocking #2029, Lonnie Payne
Hocking, Laurel Valley #2708, Shelby Karr
Jackson, Limerick #1917, Patricia Kay Spires
Jackson, Limerick #1917, Robin R. Bissell
Jefferson, Brush Creek #1915, Ronald Brewer
Jefferson, Brush Creek #1915, Shelly Brewer
Muskingum, Friendly Hills #2773, Karen Walker
Muskingum, Riverside #1552, Hope Murphy
Stark, Pike #1669, Bob Anstine
Stark, Pike #1669, John Cunningham
Stark, Pike #1669, Renda Phelps
Stark, Pike #1669, Shirley Cunningham

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LaRue, OH 43332

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Medical underwriting may apply.

Donations - Thank You

Junior Fund

Unity Grange, Mercer County	\$50.00
Valley College Grange, Wayne County	\$50.00
Carlwick Grange, Muskingum County	\$10.00
Unity Grange, Columbiana County	\$10.00
Waterford Grange, Washington County	\$15.00
Riverside Grange, Muskingum County	\$12.50
Mt. Nebo Grange, Columbiana County	\$50.00
Mile Branch Grange, Columbiana County	\$50.00
Fairfield Grange, Fairfield County	\$25.00
Thurman Grange, Gallia County	\$25.00
Hilliard Grange, Franklin County	\$25.00
Fairfield Co. Pomona Grange, Fairfield Co.	\$25.00
Pike Grange, Stark County	\$10.00
Star Junior Grange, Meigs County	\$10.00
Fairview Womens Activities, Paulding Co.	\$5.00
Lake Grange, Stark County	\$25.00
Smith Junior Grange, Mahoning County	\$2.00

Youth Fund

Blendon Grange, Franklin County in memory of Marie Caldwell	\$25.00
Sherrodsville Grange, Carroll County	\$25.00
Marion Grange, Hocking County	\$10.00
Leesville Grange, Crawford County	\$5.00
Valley College Grange, Wayne County	\$50.00
Carlwick Grange, Muskingum County	\$10.00
Unity Grange, Columbiana County	\$10.00
Waterford Grange, Washington County	\$15.00
Walhonding Valley Grange, Coshocton Co.	\$50.00
Riverside Grange, Muskingum County	\$12.50
Blue Ridge Grange, Coshocton	\$10.00
Mt. Nebo Grange, Columbiana	\$50.00
Mile Branch Grange, Columbiana	\$50.00
Montgomery Co. Pomona, Montgomery Co.	\$25.00
Richvale Grange, Muskingum County	\$10.00
Fairfield Grange, Fairfield County	\$25.00
Unionport Community Grange, Sececa Co.	\$5.00
Fairfield County Pomona, Fairfield County	\$25.00
Neelysville Grange, Morgan County	\$100.00
Hilliard Grange, Franklin County	\$25.00
Genoa Grange, Ottawa County	\$25.00
Pike Grange, Stark County	\$10.00
Fairview Womens Activities, Paulding Co.	\$5.00
Lake Grange, Stark County	\$25.00
Smith Junior Grange, Mahoning County	\$2.00

Family Activity (WAC)

Valley College Grange, Wayne County	\$50.00
Unity Grange, Columbiana County	\$10.00
Carlwick Grange, Muskingum County	\$10.00
Riverside Grange, Muskingum County	\$12.50
Mt. Nebo Grange, Columbiana	\$50.00
Mile Branch Grange, Columbiana	\$50.00
Ross Grange, Greene County	\$25.00
Hilliard Grange, Franklin County	\$25.00
Dublin Grange, Mahoning County	\$25.00
Fairfield Co. Pomona, Fairfield County	\$25.00
Tallmadge Grange, Summit County	\$10.00
Cumberland Grange, Guernsey County	\$5.00
Pike Grange, Stark County	\$10.00

ROSS GRANGE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Members of the Ross Grange recently joined together for a lunch to celebrate their Fifty Year Anniversary. State Master, Viola Wayne, was in attendance to recognize the occasion.

At the present time there are 250 Granges in Ohio with 8400 members. Greene County still has four active Granges and a Pomona Grange. Members from Bath, Bellbrook and Caesars Creek Granges were also on hand to commemorate the day.



Eighteen members and their guest mark the 50th year for Ross Grange.

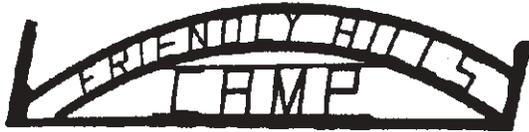


Ross Grange Master Lee Marshall (left) and State Master Viola Wayne (right) recognized Ray Bentley for his 68 years of Membership.

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FRIENDLY HILLS CAMP

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From SR 60 (about 4 mi. N. of Zanesville) go East on CR3 (Richvale Rd.). Follow Richvale Rd. to Friendly Hills Rd. turn North and go about 1/2 mile.

By Patty Dyer, Chairperson, Board of Trustees

By the time that you read this we will have ended another Grange year. Hopefully we will have cleared the last hurdle in signing the Mortgage Deed to transfer the ownership of Friendly Hills Grange Camp from the Ohio State Grange to the Ohio Grange Charitable Foundation, Inc. We have encountered a few snags along the way, such as getting a new survey and a new property description which the Muskingum County Engineers office will accept. Hopefully this has been worked out. The agreement basically calls for the OGCF to make annual payments to the Ohio State Grange over a 10 year period with a balloon payment at the end of the 10 year period. If the Foundation is unable to make the balloon payment then the property reverts back to the Ohio State Grange and the mortgage payments minus reasonable rental payments will be refunded to the foundation.

We have said goodbye to Camp Manager David Slack. Mildred Teisinger is now assisting us with marketing the camp to outside groups. I am happy to report that as I am writing this article we have a new square dance group using the Ross Building for the first time. It looks like they are going to have a decent crowd so we hope this becomes a regular event for Wednesday and Saturday nights. We are showing the facilities for a possible wedding reception. We have another new group lined up to use the facilities during the State Grange Convention.

We have been working hard during the past

year to cut our expenses and increase our visibility to new groups. We still need to fill many of the open days on our calendar so that these outside groups can help cover the operating costs of camp. The more outside income we can generate, the more affordable camp will be for our Grange activities. While the only constant seems to be change, we hope that we are making changes that will benefit the Grange members and the Camp in the long run. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is a problem and please offer a solution if possible. Communications are a key to moving forward and we hope that we are improving in that area. While we have had problems over the past years, we have worked hard to address those problems as we have been made aware of them.

On behalf of the OGCF Board and the many Grange members that utilize the camp throughout the year, I would like to say a big Thank You to the Camp Advisory Board and all of the many volunteers that have put in countless hours over the past year to do everything from routine maintenance, upgrading the sewer plant, landscaping, cleaning and janitorial services, mowing, getting the swimming pool opened, repairing water leaks, and trouble shooting, and repairing miscellaneous other problems as they came up. We are also very grateful for the donation and installation of window air conditioners to cool the dining hall. This certainly helped during a few really hot summer days this summer. The number of volunteers is too great to list without running the risk of missing someone. Please know that your efforts have been noticed and appreciated.

For all of the donations of money and materials, we again say a big Thank You. While we are working hard to reduce our expenses and increase our income, the turnaround does not come easily or quickly. Many of our facilities are getting some age on them and require maintenance or replacement, such as some of our water pressure tanks, kitchen fire suppression system, the dining hall roof, and front addition/ enclosed porch on the Ross Building. We are still exploring alternatives for repairing the White Barn. We would like to explore some upgrades to the camp ground such as adding water and upgrading electrical hook up to the camp sites as

well as repairing or replacing the shower house and dump station. We know many of these projects are beyond our reach right now, but we need to develop the plans and have them reviewed and approved so that we can start applying for grant funds to help pay for these upgrades. If any Grange member is an architect or engineer that would like to help us in developing plans for any of these projects, please let us know.

Another new connection is discussion with the American Red Cross to serve as an emergency shelter in case of a Natural Disaster or other emergency which might require shelter or food service facilities. The availability to meet this need would be coordinated to what facilities we might have available at the time the need might arise to not interfere with programs and activities we already have scheduled.

If you know of someone who might be interested in using the facilities or other contacts we should explore, give us a call and we will do what we can to meet their needs.

While our long term future is looking better, our short term cash flow remains really tight. Please keep the donations and memorial gifts coming. We are still looking for individuals or Granges to adopt a few special projects. If you are looking for a work project to help out, give us a call and we can discuss some projects we would like help with. As the priorities change from time to time the list grows and changes between meetings and articles. Several projects seem to hang around waiting to someone to adopt them.

As we are quickly approaching the end of the year we ask that you consider a tax deductible donation to the Ohio Grange Charitable Foundation, Inc. before the end of the tax year. If you don't have the available funds now, remember us in your estate planning or as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy. While there are many worthwhile charities in your local communities and across the state, we ask that you strongly consider helping us to help the grange members and programs this year. If you prefer to target your donation to a particular program or project, please let us know. While general donations are greatly appreciated we also look forward to expanding the programs through targeted donations such as scholarships to the various camps, and donations to help with program expenses for various Grange programs. Donations to help towards facility repair and maintenance are also greatly appreciated. If you would like your donation to go towards the endowment fund we will invest those funds and only

use the interest so that the funds will grow and become a permanent base to help with future programs and operations.

As always we welcome your comments and questions as we move forward. You have truly helped to keep the *friendly* in Friendly Hills and allowed many campers to build great memories of their days at camp.

Ohio Grange Charitable Foundation Donations

Baughman Grange #2114, Memorial Gift - Verta Zimmerman,	\$50.00
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Mt. Nebo Grange #664, Memorial Gift - Theron Lamoncha,	\$25.00
David L. Slack,	\$300.00
Unity Grange #2116,	\$50.00
Tiverton Home Ec Club,	\$50.00
Blendon Grange #708, Culinary Showcase,	\$145.00
Jack & Norma Isler, Memorial Gift - Marie Caldwell,	\$50.00
York Grange #2109, Memorial Gift - Leon Zieber Jr.,	\$25.00
Jackson Grange #228,	\$2,566.71
Sheffield Star Grange #1610,	\$20.00
Darrow Street Grange #751,	\$1,000.00
Ashtabula County Pomona Grange, Auction of Baked Goods,	\$51.50
Leesville Grange #2078,	\$10.00
Perry Grange #2729, Culinary Showcase,	\$100.00
Compromise Grange #133,	\$20.00
Perry Grange #2729, Memorial Gift - John Frieg,	\$35.00
Racine Grange #2606,	\$10.00
Sherrodsville Grange #1538,	\$25.00
Mason Grange, Committee on Women's Activities,	\$25.00
Marion Grange #2145,	\$50.00
Smithville Grange #2514,	\$100.00
Lexington Grange #2672, Memorial Gift - Howard Taylor, Marie Newburn, Dorothy Kirkland,	\$75.00
Hilliard Grange # 2715, Memorial Gift - Kelly Conklin,	\$25.00
Sodom Grange,	\$10.00
Viola Wayne, Memorial Gift - Marie Caldwell,	\$25.00

OGCF Donations Continued on page 19.

“SWEET SUCCESS STARTS AT HOME”

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The ghosts and goblins have come and gone collecting all our goodies and leaving a scary memory behind. Of course there are always the little cute ones to make you smile. Hope your summer did not go as fast as ours. Seemed like school just ended, then it was time to think about starting again.

Our Stark County Fair is over for another year. Ann's building was very successful. Ann is on the senior fair board and is in charge of the Grange building. This building houses the fruit and vegetables, the flowers, the Grange displays, hay and grain, pumpkins and squash, and sunflowers. This year she had five subordinate Granges, Stark County Pomona and Pike juniors building great displays to showcase their activities and community service. Her building was UP 1,000 entries this year. She got over \$1,000 from the auction of the baked goods people allowed her to auction off after judging was completed. We had a great time at the fair. Long days and short nights make for tired, but very happy people. This was only the end of August.

Ohio State Grange Convention has also come and gone. We want to send out thousands of thank yous to our committee, Viola Wayne and Mary and so many others who have helped us this first year. We hope you have destroyed your September-October Ohio Granger magazine by continuous looking and relooking at the different activities that are open to everyone to enjoy. We mean everyone, Grangers [men, women, youth, and juniors] as well as nonmembers [cousins, neighbors, friends, anybody and everybody].

If you have any questions about any of the projects for the coming year, feel free to write us at our address or e-mail address above. We are hard to catch sometimes, but be patient and we will get back to you with an answer.

We still have several of the linen towels left to sell. They are \$10.00 each and are designed to hang over a display rod and be readable on both sides.

Ann and I went to the Wayne County Fair in September. We were in the Grange building and over -

heard a couple talking about something eating the raisin bread in the display. Whatever was eating the bread had rolled it onto this lady's cross stitch. She wanted to get it off but could not reach. I suggested she use her husband's umbrella and stab the bread. Instead she rolled the bread off. Ann and I introduced ourselves as state women's activity chairpersons and she said she was the Union Grange women's activity chairperson. It is a small world, and you do not know where we might show up. Let us know when you meet and we will try to come and talk about our projects and contests.

In each monthly we want to give you more information on our projects and contests for the next year. This month we want to talk about the coupons we are asking you to cut out and send. The manufacturers are allowing an extra six months before the coupons expire. You need to cut out coupons that are for groceries, not restaurants. Here is one of the addresses to mail them to:

48 MSS/DPF
Att: Coupon Connection Program
Unit 5200 Box 105
APO AE 09464

The post office will require some paperwork be filled out. I asked for an extra one to fill out before I go to the post office. Remember to keep track of the weight you send for your reports next year.

Speaking of reports, Ann and I are very excited with the reports we received and have read. Just remember, fill out your paperwork no matter how little you feel your Grange does. Sometimes small Granges do a lot more than they think they do if you compare membership size to project success. Let us know every little thing you do. You could inspire another Grange to do that project too. We want to read all about it!!!

Con Kerr Cancer pillowcases is another one of our projects for this year. Your Deputies have copies of the pamphlet that tells you how to make the pillowcases. You have either sewn or fleece tied instructions. If they do not have enough copies please

write to us or e-mail us for a copy. We are working with Cindy Kerr for a list of hospitals to take these cases to for the children. Cindy's son has had a setback in his battle with cancer, thus our progress has been slowed but, continue to sew. Please keep track of how many cases you make and if you have a hospital you have taken some to, also keep track of these for your reports.

We took out something to wear in the nifty needles because people have asked to do baby afghans. We are willing to try new things if there is a strong interest in that area. YOU need to let us know what YOU want to do.

The family activity committee is asking for your input on having a cornhole tournament next summer. With the growing interest in this game we are putting out a feeler to see if there would be enough interest to make this a success or not.

If you are a cornhole fanatic, please contact us at our e-mail address or write to us. If you are not a fanatic and are interested in playing, contact us also. Our e-mail address and street address are listed at the top of the article. We would plan to have a men's, women's, youth, junior and mixed division.

Details to follow.

Family Activities Tea Towel



The State Family Activity Committee is selling a very nice tea towel. Your county Deputies should have some in their possession. If they do not, please

contact us, coachshark1@hotmail.com or 330-875-5843. Each towel is \$10.00. We will have them at the state events and at the state office.



OGCF donations continued from page 17.

Hope Chapel Grange #2131, Memorial Gift - Charlie Gill,	\$10.00
Liberty Grange #1749,	\$25.00
Anonymous Donor, Camp Opportunity for Families XIII,	\$200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Brumbaugh, In Memory & Honor of Marie Caldwell,	\$40.00
Alice & Patrick Sweely, Memorial Gift - Marie Bickle,	\$15.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Price, Memorial Gift - Marie Caldwell, Frank Piper and Ralph McConnell,	\$100.00
Smith Grange #1141, Memorial Gift - Marie Bickle,	\$100.00
Mile Branch Grange #933,	\$100.00
Ewing Grange #2082,	\$25.00
Anonymous Donor, Memorial Gift - Beulah Winter for Camp Opportunity,	\$50.00
Norton Grange #2566, Memorial Gift - Carol J. Hausch,	\$20.00
Ross Grange #2766,	\$25.00
Jackson Rehoboth Grange #2000, Memorial Gift - Paul Callahan,	\$25.00
Beach City Community Grange #2442, Memorial Gift - Jackie Swart,	\$50.00
Dublin Grange #1409, Jr. Grange Program,	\$25.00
Stacey Jaskiewicz, Culinary Showcase,	\$100.00
Hilliard Grange #2715, Culinary Showcase,	\$145.00
Fairfield County Pomona Grange #1, Culinary Showcase,	\$100.00
Deerfield Grange #1015, Youth Camp Donation,	\$25.00
Bayard Grange #1878,	\$50.00
Violet Grange #1949, Memorial Gift - Ernestine Lemon,	\$25.00
Belmont Grange #889, Proceeds of Sweet Walk at Traveling Grange Program,	\$36.60
Cumberland Grange #2187,	\$5.00
Janet Morris,	\$25.00
Star Grange Jr. Grange Program,	\$25.00
Guernsey County Pomona Grange #91, In Honor of Howard & Marie Caldwell,	\$500.00
Collinsville Grange #2264, Jr. Grange Program,	\$10.00
Pomona Grange #50,	\$50.00
Fairview Womens Activities,	\$5.00
Hemlock Grange #2049,	\$5.00

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Hello again. The new Grange is well under way and I hope it is off to a good start for all of you. The State Convention is over and the 2006-07 Grange year has been duly reported and recorded. And what a year it was! Seventy-three Community Service reports were submitted and evaluated. And they were all winners. Some Granges were able to do more than others but everyone did something to benefit others. The summary of projects was given at the Convention and a copy was included in the Community Service packet which was distributed for every Grange. If you do not have your packet by the holidays please check with your Deputy. Packets were given to Deputies or Delegates. Those that were not taken were mailed to the Subordinate Masters so that every Grange would have one. Even if your committee has already set goals and decided on your projects for the year, please go over that summary together. You may find an idea or two that will help you with your projects. Remember that no project is too small if it helps someone. If you decide on a big project, you may want to get another organization to work with you. Just make certain that you maintain the initiative and keep it a Grange cooperative project. Many reports included services, etc. that were performed by individuals. That's good as long as they act on behalf of the Grange. For example: if you are walking in the Relay For Life make sure that those in charge know that you are sponsored by your Grange. Wear your Grange hat, shirt, jacket, or even carry a Grange umbrella so that others can see that you're a Granger. If you are ringing bells for the Salvation Army have a sign that gives the Grange name. Let your community know that you are there as a Granger because the Grange **CARES** and we do what we can to make a better community.

Just a note of interest: The projects reported the most often all dealt with food. From grocery coupons and 'Goody Boxes' for our military to support of local food pantries, to holiday food baskets, to banquets served as a service, to dinners and bake sales to raise funds for other projects. No wonder the Grange is noted for its good cooking!

For this Grange year we will continue to promote the Dictionary Project, phonics phones, Habitat for Humanity, The Kelley Farm, and Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, and projects of support for our military personnel and their families. Information on Farm Safety 4 Just Kids was in my July-August magazine article. The Kelley Farm and Habitat for Humanity are promoted by the National Grange. The Deaf Activities and Women's Activities department projects are also community service and should be reported as such. Coupons for service personnel may be sent to:

- 1) 48 MSS/DPF
Att. Coupon Connection Program
Unit 5200 Box 105
APO AE 09464
- 2) Allison Thompson Hall
PSC 2 Box 10421
APO AE 09012
- 3) Navy Marine Corps
Family Services Center
MCB Camp Butler
Unit 35026
PO AP 96737-5026

Two other organizations here in Ohio who assist our service people are:

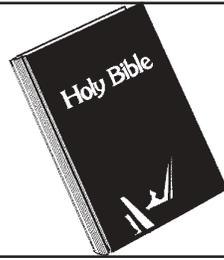
- 1) Interservice Family Assistance Committee
1-877-695-2170 or www.homefront.ohio.gov
- 2) Ohio National Guard Family Assistance Program 1.800.589.9914 or
www.ong.ohio.gov/family

Be sure to check first as to what is acceptable and what cannot be used in the way of coupons. It is best, because of the time element, for you to send directly to them. If you give them to me I will send them on, but it will take more time. For the last two organizations, please check with them directly to find out how you can help.

If you give used postage stamps to me I will pass them along. But it is also best if you can donate them locally.

All of the local projects reported show just how

READ A BIBLE VERSE DAILY



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Thanksgiving is upon us and we are dreaming of food, good times, family and fellowship. Do we also think of sacrifice, want, poverty and need among our fellow citizens and other nations of this world? Do we say "Lord there is so great a need, what can I do to relieve it; for I am only one person and have limited resources to work with".

What do we mean only one person? What about asking God to help us help others with limited funds? The smallest mite can be used to build more. Do not sell God and yourself short.

In December we will celebrate what I believe to be the second most important special day on the Christian calendar. I often wonder as a father if I could do what God did. Could I or any other Father send my son to die on a cross to save a world when it is doubtful the world deserved saving?

Do we understand the decision that God took when he told his Son, "You must leave your heavenly home and all its comforts. You will be born to a virgin, who is to be married to a carpenter. When you are a

young boy you will go into the temple and amaze the Pharisees with your knowledge. You will be baptized by an itinerant preacher. You will be rejected by your own people who will not understand that your kingdom is not of this world. One of your disciples will betray you. Your best friend will deny you, not once but three times on the night you are seized, beaten and condemned to die. You will suffer a painful and torturing death on a Roman cross. But you will live again! By doing this I will establish a religion that will have no end and for those who believe there will be no death."

Could I? Yes I could.

Would I? I don't know.

What would you do? Think it over.

My wife, Donna and I wish you a Bountiful Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas Season.

Yours in Love and Faith,
Ohio State Grange Chaplain
Rich Mahoney

Read the Ten Commandments

Community Service Continued

our communities differ, and also how they all have the same needs. Remember to serve your own area according to its needs. There was a phrase that was popular a while ago - "Bloom where you are planted" - that is exactly what the Grange must do. I like the way Griggs Grange presented it in their fair booth: "We were about farmers - today we are about people helping people."

The holidays are fast approaching and I know that Ohio's Grangers will be doing just that. There will be many, many holiday projects. May we leave no one alone, hungry or hurting this most joyous season.

Holiday Blessings to All.

Knox County Grangers



Jenny Algire (third from left) presented 40 ConKerr Cancer Pillowcases to Nancy Karam (right), Administrator of the cancer clinic, and nurses from the children's floor at Knox Community Hospital. The pillow cases were made by Knox County Grangers.

‘LIVE ADVENTUROUSLY WITH SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS’

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Greetings and Thank You. Thank you to all of the Lecturers who sent in reports, programs and entries. We had 57 Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer's reports: 27 programs reported; 18 creative writing entries and 9 Granger-of-the-Year nominations for a grand total of 111 items. We had 99 last year so we did have a gain. I am pleased with your participation. I read each report and entry. I was impressed with your dedication and versatility. I read some very good programs. I was also pleased to read how many of you incorporate the other departments of the Grange into your programs and activities. Many of you emphasized how your members like to have fun at Grange meetings. This is good and absolutely essential for the survival of the Grange. People of all ages need to enjoy their Grange membership or they won't return and our Granges will not grow. But it can't be all play. We need some 'meat and vegetables' to go with the 'dessert.' This is the challenge to every Lecturer, new or experienced, to find a good balance. Include the children. Let the Junior Grange take charge of the caroling this Christmas. If you do not have a Junior Grange but there are children who come with their parents or grandparents, include them in some way. Make them welcome and have something that they will enjoy. Sometimes it is good to have them work with adult partners if you have a quiz or game. Involve them but don't let them disrupt your meeting. If you include the little ones, you are more likely to keep the whole family in the Grange. If you have older children, you must be flexible. School activities will sometimes come first. Be patient. Involve them through the school. Have the FFA Advisor bring some students to tell you about their convention or completions. Vocational students can explain their organization like V.I.C.A. and their activities. For the younger students, sponsor an art, essay, or coloring contest in cooperation with the school. Have a special meeting (supper?) to honor the winners. Invite the teacher, principal and Superintendent. You could have 2 or 3 Grangers go to the school but you won't have all of these people or Mom and Dad if you do that. And this is a perfect opportunity for some really positive publicity.

New Lecturers may be looking for some help

finding resources and developing their programs. Experienced Lecturers may be able to help. The local Library, Extension Service or Speakers Bureau are good resource people. And, depending on your situation, you may want to check out that 'other AAA - the Area Agency on Aging. They have loads of information. I have a lot of program materials, both 'tried and true' and 'fresh and new'; some of it organized and some of it not. I'm happy to share whatever I can, whenever I can. Plan now to attend the State Lecturers Conference in March. One state-wide session was requested and it will be held at the Ohio State Grange office. I realize that one date will not work for everyone so if any of you would like to have a one, two or three county meetings in your area, don't hesitate to contact me.

Program topics abound for this time of year. As I have said before, traditional programs are wonderful for the holiday season but try to add something new and different. If your Grange meets the first week of December, how about a birthday party for the Grange? Then later learn more about the Eight Founders. They were real people and not nearly as stern as they look in the pictures that hang in our Grange halls. Gary Brumbaugh, our State Historian, suggests that we have one program a year on the Grange, its purposes, teachings, history, and ritual. January seems like an excellent time for that. If you need help, don't hesitate to call.

A word about the Talent Contest. We were asked to move to another location. Under the proper circumstances it could have been a good thing. But we did not have those circumstances. Our representative to the State Fair is working on getting a better situation.

Did You Know?

Turkey is the traditional dish for the Thanksgiving feast. In the US, about 280 million turkeys are sold for the Thanksgiving celebrations. There is no official reason or declaration for the use of turkey. They just happened to be the most plentiful meat available at the time of the first Thanksgiving in 1621, starting the tradition.

REUNION REFLECTION

John E. LePage Jr.
Cumberland Grange #2187, Guernsey County

When I was off seeking knowledge
Out on my own at college,
Why didn't anyone tell me,
Why didn't anyone say,
"Savor, relish, cling to this day"

I wish I'd paid more attention to those
Around me at the dorm and in class.
Hundreds, no thousands of stories to hear,
Everyone with a hope, dream or fear;
But I was too busy with my own story to ask.

I am left wondering what happened to them,
All the different faces now lost from the names.
We sat side by side for awhile on life's ride,
Leaning calculus or analyzing literary schemes;
But I never did know their hopes or dreams.

I was so guarded, following what I wanted to do.
I guess I didn't have time for deep friendships,
Though back then, I thought I had a few.
But time and tide makes promise keeping hard,
Old friendships become a name on a Christmas card.

The career I was building got off to a fast start,
Circumstances changed and so did my heart.
What I'd pursued with zeal, lost its appeal.
The roads not taken began looking really good,
Dreams shaken, I tried to regroup the best I could.

I followed a path of least resistance, I do that best,
Retreating to my family, a haven from life's contest.
I could live comfortably, without much worry or care;
But time is cruel to those in and out of school,
Now slowly my family's fading like the rest.

Twenty-five years have come and gone
Since I left the charmed life of class and dorm.
I should've gone back to see what they came to be.
Did they find what they hope to find?
Or turn out like me, a superstar in my own mind!

My Little Bride

Karen Fulks
Greenwood Grange #1061, Hardin County

A beautiful daughter,
A beautiful bride,
I look at you with joy and pride.

No more tears or broken hearts,
Today will be a brand new start.

Love and Happiness
I wish for you,
For what was one
Is now two.

My little girl
All beautiful and grown,
As your mother
If I'd only known:

To rock you longer,
To sing more songs,
To kiss your boo-boos.
And play along.

Time flies by and I knew someday
The words "I do"
You would say.

In your life
There's someone new,
But that's ok
He loves you, too!

Cookbooks

The Blue cookbook is now \$8.00

P & H - \$2.75 each or \$5.25 for two.

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Important Dates

November

12-17 National Grange Convention, Reno, NV
21-26 OSG Office closed for Thanksgiving

December

24-25 OSG Office closed for Christmas
26 Winter Youth Camp reservations due
31-Jan 1 OSG Office closed for New Years

January

5 Deputy Conf. OSG Office, Fredericktown
11-13 Winter Youth Camp, Friendly Hills Camp

February

15 Ritualistic and Drill entries due
15 Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song entries due

March

1-2 Bowling Tournament, Canton
8 Ritualistic and Drill Contest, Friendly Hills
8 Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song contest
15 Legislative and Deaf Conf. Friendly Hills
29 Lecturer's Conf, OSG Office Fredericktown

Leadership Tip "Create An Atmosphere"

Every wonder why astronauts wear space suits in space? It's because we die when there is no atmosphere. The same lesson applies to our Grange members, with the exception that they don't die, they leave. As a Grange leader you need to create an atmosphere that promotes growth in your members and in the Grange. There are two components you can use in creating a new or better atmosphere in your Grange.

You create an atmosphere with your words. Use words that are positive; can rather than can't, will rather than won't, yes rather than no. Also use words that look forward; tomorrow rather than yesterday, plans rather than the past. Be sure to use words like "thanks" regularly and always encourage members to offer ideas.

You also create an atmosphere with non-verbal methods. Make sure that your body language matches your words. Smile! You could make a poster that has your Grange goals listed. Put up something in your hall that promotes fun. Show your confidence in your teams by staying out of their way. Even brag to other Granges about what your members are accomplishing by working together.

Become a better leader by creating a positive atmosphere in your Grange!

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