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Master's Column



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When Oliver Hudson Kelley and the other six founders organized our great Fraternity those 144 years ago, they were sure to include that community service must be one of the major programs of any Grange. For a Grange to be of any worth in it's community, service to others had to be a priority.

Community Service is an interesting arrangement of two words that mean a great
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The Legislative Log



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At the last writing of this article, we were anticipating the Regional Legislative Conference in Lewis County on May 7. We enjoyed a most successful day with Senator Joseph Griffo, Assembly Members Ken Blankenbush and Addie Russell and Jay Matteson, Agricultural Development Corporation, the presenters. We also had written remarks from Senator Patty Ritchie who was unable to personally attend. Over forty Grangers were in attendance from Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida and St Lawrence Counties. Thanks to Adirondack Grange, Lewis County, for hosting the meeting, providing refreshments upon our arrival and for the luncheon at the conclusion of the meeting and to all for attending and sharing ideas and concerns with these leaders.

Since the last edition of The Empire State Granger, I have been in contact with all 61 members of the New York State Senate and the 151 Members of the Assembly regarding the concerns of the New York State Grange, namely the economic decline of the State, the rising taxes

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ADA/DC Representative

Carroll Wade

June is National Dairy Month!

A tradition beginning in 1937, the declaration not only honors dairy farmers' hard work and dedication, but also their pride in producing nature's most nearly perfect food.

To help put this delicious and healthy food directly into peoples' hands, the regional dairy checkoff program (American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc.) is diligently working to build partnerships with industry leaders to bring dairy products directly to people the way they want it, when they want and where they want it.

On the national level we have begun to partner with pizza chains to help increase pizza sales both short and long term. One of these partnerships has resulted in the creation of Domino's "American Legend" pizzas. The new high-quality specialty pizzas use up to 40 percent more cheese.

Locally, the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council has partnered with Wegmans – one of the state's fastest growing shopping centers – to help make the connection between fresh, wholesome dairy foods and the farmers that produce them by launching the "Celebrate America's Dairy Farmer" campaign. The campaign dispels the myth that "local foods" means only seasonal items such as strawberries, tomatoes, and sweet corn – but actually includes many of

the dairy products every family loves to enjoy 365 days a year.

Helping to direct programming as Chairman of the Board, Carroll Wade (Chairman February 2007 and Director since 1996), owns a dairy farm (Wade Crest Farms) outside of Jasper, New York (Steuben County). His family, which has worked the 550-acre farm for four generations, switched to organic methods over 20 years ago and currently milks 45 cows.

Carroll has always taken pride in being a leader in several agricultural organizations. In addition to his leadership role at ADADC, he currently serves on the National Board of National Farmers Organization (NFO), the New York State Promotion Advisory Board, Agricultural Program Advisory Committee of Steuben County Cooperative Extension, and the United Dairy Industry Association.

Submissions for Empire State Granger

We are very interested in publishing positive articles about Granges. If you have an event or participate in a Community Service, please submit an article. Include original pictures, (not copies from a newspaper). Typewritten or electronic submissions are preferred (no FAX). Send To: Bruce Croucher, 2514 County Road 25, Clifton Springs, NY 14432 or E-Mail to croubr@fltg.net

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deal to us separately and in combination. Getting a real sense of "community" for your Grange can sometimes be difficult.

Is it within one mile of your meeting place, or five miles? Is it only the town or municipality that carries your post office address, or several locations? Your sense of service might not be what others feel. Your need to do something for others might not be what they would like to have done for them or to them!

Community service projects across NYS are as wide and varied as the leaves on a single tree. Some examples are: an Easter Egg Hunt in April, a children's Christmas Party in December, making Valentine Cards for residents of a nursing home, sending "care" packages to armed service personnel overseas, the "Words for Thirds" dictionary project, sponsoring a defensive safe driving course teaching safe driving techniques, sponsoring and/or working with the local 4-H Clubs, Boy & Girl Scouting Troops, or FFA Chapter, holding a pancake breakfast or spaghetti supper for a local charity need - the list is endless as you can see.

The time is getting close when you should tell everyone what community service activities you Grange has accomplished, no matter how large or small the effort. Your Community Service report, hopefully along with a scrapbook of your activities, must be received by the Community Involvement/Service Director, Debbie Vail, 6 DeForest Lane, LaGrangeville, NY 12540 no later than September 1, 2011. Please take the time to at least complete and send in the Report Form found in your 2010-2011 State Handbook. If you need another form, contact Debbie Vail at 845-724-5417 or dvvail@aol.com

Community involved and

involving the community are the secrets to a successful Grange in the twenty-first century. Best wishes for successful programs and projects in your Grange and its community!

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that burden our agricultural industry and small businesses and the overwhelming volume of mandates that are trampling local municipalities and our public school systems. We commended the Governor and State Legislature in the efforts of establishing Medicaid Redesign, the Mandate Relief Redesign, and the review of Spending and Government Efficiency (SAGE) Commission. We strongly urged the Governor and Legislature to make good efforts in these regards before the close of the Session in June. Hopefully your local newspapers ran an article about these concerns as a press release was sent from the New York State Grange to several daily and weekly papers statewide in late May.

Please remember that all resolutions to be acted upon at State Grange in October must be postmarked by September 1 and sent directly to my home address so that the resolution packets can be distributed at State Legislative Day on September 24 to the Delegate-at-Large for each Pomona district. Late resolutions (no later than September 10) will be accepted but ONLY IF sent to me electronically at rhalbert1@stny.rr.com by that date (and hard copy to follow with appropriate signatures for verification). Resolutions are to be processed through a Pomona Grange, but may come directly from a Subordinate Grange if there is no Pomona meeting held by September 1 from the date of passage at the Subordinate level.

We are starting our plans for State Legislative Day, to be held on Saturday, Septem-

ber 24 at State Grange Headquarters in Cortland. At this writing, invited presenters include: Senator James Seward (R) and Assembly Member Barbara Lifton (D); Senate Agriculture Chair, Patricia Ritchie (R) and Assembly Agriculture Chair, William Magee (D). Also invited are U.S. Congressman Richard Hanna; Nicole Palya Wood, Legislative Director for the National Grange, Patrick Hooker, Director of New York State Agribusiness Development and Kathy Carpenter, Executive Director of New York State Association of Rural Health. The day will start at 10 a.m. and will conclude around 2:30 p.m. PLEASE save the date and plan to attend this educational and worthwhile day... you will be a more informed and educated Grange member, I promise!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. We'll see you at the State Fair or another Grange activity in the near future.

IT'S ONLY MY OPINION

By Roger J. Halbert, Legislative Director

As I write this in mid-June, the Legislature has less than one week to finish up its business for the intended end of Session on June 20. Among the top issues are sweeping ethics reform, a tax cap and same-sex marriage, high priorities for Governor Cuomo. It will be a marathon week at the Capitol as the Legislature is set to adopt 100 bills a day until the session ends.

The ethics bill would require lawmakers to disclose their outside income and client lists and establish a

new oversight commission for both the legislative and executive branches. Legislative leaders and Cuomo reached a tentative deal in May to limit the growth in property taxes to 2 percent a year. But that legislation is being tied to extending rent-control regulations for New York City and its suburbs, complicating its adoption. A Siena poll indicates that 67 percent of those surveyed support a 2-percent property tax cap and more than half the poll's participants identified the tax cap as one of their top two legislative priorities. Business groups were urging lawmakers to pass the tax cap, while education groups were warning that it would be destructive for schools and local communities.

On top of all of these issues, a new survey finds that more than one-fourth of New York adults, including more than one-third of those under age 30, plan to move out of the state in the next five years, mostly for financial reasons. The poll was released recently by the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, YNN and NY1. YNN and NY1 are Time Warner Cable's 24-hour news channels serving upstate New York and New York City respectively. Right now, many young people do not see their future in New York and unchecked, this threatens to drain the state of the next generation.

The Marist poll found more than 60 percent of respondents who plan to leave New York cited economic reasons, such as jobs, the cost

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of living, and taxes, as the reasons why. More than three in four adults statewide (77 percent) see New York to be an expensive place to live for the average family. The figure includes 55 percent of respondents who say the overall cost of living is not very affordable and 22 percent who report it is not affordable at all. Similar to the Siena report mentioned earlier, nearly 7 in 10 registered voters statewide (69 percent) want a cap on property taxes so they don't rise more than 2 percent annually, according to the recent Marist poll. However, the survey also found 26 percent do not want the cap, fearing it will cause cuts to local services or raise other taxes. Another 5 percent are unsure.

More than 3 in 10 (31 percent) expect their money matters to get better, compared to 27 percent in February 2011 while 22 percent believe they'll get worse (compared to 19 percent in February 2011). Marist College conducted the telephone survey of 941 adults, age 18 and older, between April 25 and April 29.

I wonder how many issues that our Legislature considered in the last days of this Session will affect these dire feelings revealed in these statistics from the recent Siena and Marist polls. I know we cannot expect miracles from our elected officials, but I know one thing for sure... our elected officials need to forget their partisan politics, their allegiance to party bosses for fear of losing some of their perks and chairmanships... and think about what is best for New York State. We all... constituents and lawmakers... should have the desire of returning New York State as the Empire State. Time is running out, I'm afraid, and the mice are abandoning the sinking ship.

Hey, it's only my opinion!

State Grange Secretary



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Wow! Spring did find us!! We thought we had planted the wrong seed corn – the plants are popping up so fast thought maybe we'd put in popcorn!!

The letter to Pomona Secretaries and Pomona Masters was mailed May 17th and it included the information needed by delegates for the 139th State Grange Session at the Hudson Valley Resort in Kerhonkson, NY. I would like to include that information here also.

The \$5.00 Grange registration fee will be collected at the Grange registration table at the Resort. The fee is charged to anyone receiving a packet. The room rate is \$97 per night plus 10% tax. Approximate meal prices are: Breakfast Buffet: \$10.40; Lunch Buffet: \$12.60; Dinner Buffet: \$20.80.

Pomona Secretaries: Reminder: Resolutions are to be mailed to Roger Halbert, Legislative Director to his home address: PO Box 321, Gilbertsville, NY 13776
Deadline: September 1st
Reminder #2: Delegate lists are due in my office August 15th.

Community Grange Secretaries: Thank you for sending your quarterly reports in on time. I have the least number of delinquent Granges on my list in the 20 years I've been in office. Now I'd love to see the reports from the eleven delinquents – that would make my day !!

Closing thought: Don't worry about swallowing your pride. It has no cholesterol!

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THE BEAUTIFUL LESSONS WE LEARN IN THE GRANGE – this is the title of a series of songs in the brown Grange song-book. There is an introductory and a finale song with a song for each of the first five degrees. These songs tell the story of the Grange ritual, explaining the meaning and symbolism of each of the degrees.

This last weekend we had the pleasure of attending the degrees day at Malone Grange in Franklin County. Everyone stepped up to the plate to fill needed positions and did a spectacular job at the position they were asked to fill. The youth did the fifth degree and as usual did a great job. The songs mentioned above were used as the opening and closing songs and the others were sung as an introduction to each degree. We (Al and I) did the tab-leau's for each degree and helped set up the court of Pomona for the fifth degree.

I have seen all seven of the degrees many times but for the first time I realized during the first degree the full circle that the seven degrees make and the real beauty and meaning in the degrees. The Founders of the Grange were very smart and thoughtful people. The Ritual that they developed teaches not only lessons for the Grange but also lessons for life and daily living.

The lessons taught in the degrees are lessons for life. If all Grangers lived these lessons in their lives the Grange would be a very large organization and the Communities where the Granges are located would be happier healthier places.

Every Granger should see the degrees as many times as he or she can. New things are learned from each degree each time that they are seen. Many Grangers have been obligated using the obligation or welcoming ceremony but have never seen any of the degrees. These Grangers are missing out on the chance to learn where many of our rituals/sayings used during our regular meetings have come from and their meaning to the Grange. There were eight Grangers who had never seen the degrees at this weekend's Degree Day. I hope that they learned something from the experience and will see them again. I also hope that we as Membership/Leadership Directors can plan more of these Days across the State so more Grangers can have the experience. Another is being planned in Dutchess County in the Fall. We will work with any Pomona or Subordinate Grange who wants to host a Degree Day. Just contact us at the e-mail or phone number listed below to start the process.

And always remember:
The Grange is a family fraternal, community service organization with roots in agriculture. We develop personal leadership skills in our members and strengthen our communities through local involvement. Faith, family, patriotism and activism are the foundation of our values.

**We are America's
Family Fraternity!
WE ARE THE PLACE
TO GROW!**

State Lecturer



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Although some Granges may take a break from formal meetings during July and August, it is still a busy time for Grange activities. I hope that New York will have good participation in the North East Lecturers Conference and in Grange Gathering Day events.

The winners in the talent, art and photography contests are listed below. Now is the time to plan for next year's contests by snapping lots of photos and by sketching or painting a beautiful summer scene.

2011 Art and Photo Winners

Photography Photography Division I Our Beautiful Community

1st Place – Art Bush, Jefferson Co. (Best of Show)
2nd Place – Bonnie LaSalle, Oneida Co.
3rd Place – Thomas Fuchs, Wayne Co.
H.M. – Anthony Thayer, Delaware Co.
H.M. – Robert Masti, Steuben Co.

Just For Fun

1st Place – Shirley Hewlett, Dutchess Co.
2nd Place – Paula Turner, Steuben Co.
3rd Place – Nancy Henderson, Onondaga Co.
H.M. – Mary Eddy, Jefferson Co.

Grange Involvement

1st Place – Bonnie LaSalle, Oneida Co.
2nd Place – Jonathan Cook, Steuben Co.
3rd Place – Heidi Henderson, Onondaga Co.
H.M. – Julie Ormsby, Allegany Co.

Photography Division II Our Beautiful Community

1st Place – Jillian Cudney, Dutchess Co.
2nd Place – Kyle Eldred, Chenango Co.
3rd Place – Emma Williams, Lewis Co.
H.M. – Jomni Tarbell, Genesee Co.

Just For Fun

1st Place – Jomni Tarbell, Genesee Co.
2nd Place – Kyle Eldred, Chenango Co.
3rd Place – Aaliyah Williams, Lewis Co.
H.M. – Jillian Cudney, Dutchess Co.

Grange Involvement

1st Place – Jillian Cudney, Dutchess Co. (Best of Show)
2nd Place – Jomni Tarbell, Genesee Co.
3rd Place – Kyle Eldred, Chenango Co.

Photography Division III Our Beautiful Community

1st Place – Heather Goettel, Dutchess Co. (Best of Show)
2nd Place – Holly Williams, Lewis Co.
3rd Place – Charilyn Crossman, Onondaga Co.
H.M. – Quinton Tarbell, Genesee Co.

Just For Fun

1st Place – Hannah Vaughn, Erie Co.
2nd Place – Quinton Tarbell, Genesee Co.
3rd Place – Mackenzie Ormsby, Allegany Co.
H.M. – Karli Palmer Bouton, Chenango Co.

Grange Involvement

1st Place – Heather Goettel, Dutchess Co.
2nd Place – Quinton Tarbell, Genesee Co.
3rd Place – Karli Palmer Bouton, Chenango Co.

ART

Art Division I Oils, Acrylics, Crayon Marker

1st Place – Tina Stearns, Erie Co. (Best of Show)
2nd Place – Mike Cooney, Wayne Co.
3rd Place – Joan Hadlock, St. Lawrence Co.
H.M. – Katri Adams-Ormsby, Allegany Co.
H.M. – Michael Smith, Dela-

ware Co.

Watercolor

1st Place – Robert Pfohl, Erie Co.
2nd Place – Dodie Gearing, Columbia Co.
3rd Place – Jane Kaszczynek, Steuben Co.
H.M. – George Reed, Oswego Co.
H.M. – Irena Morse, Dutchess Co.

Charcoal or Pencil

1st Place – Michael Smith, Delaware Co.
2nd Place – Deanna Side, Wayne Co.
3rd Place – Robert Pfohl, Erie Co.
H.M. – Andru Russo, Allegany Co.

Art Division II – 5-9 Jr. Oils, Acrylics, Crayon Marker

1st Place – Christopher Good, Genesee Co. (Best of Show)
2nd Place – Alex Ormsby, Allegany Co.
3rd Place – Tatum Haight, Cayuga Co.
Watercolor
1st Place – Kobe Haight, Cayuga Co.
2nd Place – Hunter Kelsey, Genesee Co.
3rd Place – Ryleigh Ormsby, Allegany Co.
H.M. – Emily Cady, Dutchess Co.

Charcoal or Pencil

1st Place – Jillian Cudney, Dutchess Co.
2nd Place – Jomni Tarbell, Genesee Co.
3rd Place – Molly Yorkey, Cayuga Co.
Art Division III – 10-14 Jr.
Oils, Acrylics, Crayon
Marker

1st Place – Shannon Ruso, Albany Co. (Best of Show)
2nd Place – Lauren Good, Genesee Co.
3rd Place – Mackenzie Ormsby, Allegany Co.
H.M. – Veronica Ganzhi, Dutchess Co.

Watercolor

1st Place – Mackenzie Ormsby, Allegany Co.
2nd Place – Aaron Johnson, Otsego Co.
3rd Place – Lauren Good, Genesee Co.

Charcoal or Pencil

1st Place – Veronica Ganzhi, Dutchess Co.
2nd Place – Shannon Ruso, Albany Co.
3rd Place – Travis Bresett, St. Lawrence Co.
H.M. – Hannah Vaughn, Erie Co.
H.M. – Hannah Yorkey, Cayuga Co.

• 1st through 3rd place winners have been held for display at State Grange

2011 Talent Contest Winners

Community Grange; Vocal Solo:

1st – Grace Schell, Oneida County
2nd – Bob Mullen, Genesee County
3rd – Sarah Gearing, Columbia County
4th – Bill Gearing, Columbia County

Vocal Group:

1st – Bill and Sarah Gearing, Columbia County

Instrumental:

1st – Grace Schell, Oneida County *Best of Show
2nd – Katri Ormsby, Allegany County

Junior Grange:

Vocal Solo:

1st – Veronica Star Ganghi, Dutchess County *Best of Show (Junior)
2nd – Lauren Good, Genesee County

Instrumental:

1st – Jillian Cudney, Dutchess County
2nd – Quinton Tarbell, Genesee County
3rd – Sarah Hyatt, Genesee County

Variety (Sign-a-Song)

1st – Jomni Tarbell, Genesee County



New Grange Members

Chautauqua Co.

Fredonia #1

Alan Hess
Charissa S. Jozwiak

Chenango Co.

Otselic Valley #1398

Grace Kinicki
Tom Kinicki
Joan Klahs

Sherburne #1400

Dorothy Beeching

Columbia Co.

East Chatham #1066

Shereta Gardner

Cortland Co.

Albright #440

Nicolas Marcin

Dutchess Co.

Fallkill#882

Irene Labarbera

Fulton Co.

Mayfield #683

Sandra Geiger
Donna Terwilliger
John Terwilliger

Dutchess Co.

Stanford #808

John M. Bilski
Lance J. Smith
Fallkill #882
Virginia Labarbera
Jefferson Co.

Union #5

Robert Laisdell Jr.

Ontario Co.

Wide Awake #747

Clyde Johnson

Otsego Co.

Butternut #1533

Kurt Funke

Patti Funke

Sonja Galley

Rensselaer Co.

Brunswick #1337

Evelyn Biskbeck

Saratoga Co.

Milton #685

John Mancini

Ryan McKinley

Sarah McKinley

Greenfield #807

Butch Duffney

Joseph Grono

Corinth #823

Tom Hoover

Joe Mihalak

Micelle Mihalak

Ellen Mitchell

Beatrice Sontag
John Sontag
Schuyler Co.
Townsend #1208

Martin Hughes

Washington Co.

Whitehall #922

Eian Darling

Wayne Co.

Lincoln #122

Brian Campbell

Jacqueline Campbell

Donna Walz

Wyoming Co.

Curriers #1273

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We are getting ready to welcome you to the Hudson Valley for this year's Grange Session.

I hope all the Granges and Grangers are sharing their many talents with the community through community service and involvement with other organizations. Remember all reports must be to me by September 1, 2011. For all Pomonas if all the Granges in your area send in their reports even without the extras in a book, your Pomona gets \$10.00. Please let me know if any Granges have closed or consolidated in your Pomona so that I can take them off the list.

I am hoping that more Granges participate in the 5 Emblem report. Please look it over and give it a try.

Again this year we will be accepting food, personal hygiene and cash donations for an area food pantry. An easy project to help the hungry is to sponsor or partici-

pate in an area walk for hunger; in our area we call it a CROP Walk. If you participate or sponsor in this event please get the news out to area papers and take pictures, maybe wear a Grange shirt. If you're also having a food drive for donations to be brought to session include it in your annual report. You could collect items outside a grocery store or work with a local church for donations. Don't forget to get some publicity on the project.

Thank you in advance for all your hard work and time. Together we can create change and a great Grange!

Family Activities



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The Lecturers' and Family Activities Conference on Saturday April 30th went well. I thank everyone who attended. We had a speaker from the Health Dept., a Diabetes Nurse Educator Rebecca Canzano.

The winners for the contests: Woodworking - 1st Katri Ormsby, Allegany Co.; 2nd David Emu, Steuben Co.; 3rd Elvin Elliot, Ulster Co. Junior Woodworking - 1st B.J. Hyde, Onondaga Co.; HM Jack Noel, Erie Co. Quilted Wall Hanging - Machine Done - 1st Marietta Vaughn, Erie Co.; 2nd Mindy Eldred, Chenango Co. Quilted Wall Hanging - Hand done - 1st Helen Forward, Dutchess Co.; 2nd Beula Beller, Lewis Co. Baby Quilt - Machine done - 1st Eileen Johnson, Dutchess Co.; 2nd Marietta Vaughn, Erie Co.; 3rd Katri Ormsby, Allegany

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Calendar of Dates, 2011

- July 29 - Executive Committee, 1 pm Friday
- August 1 - 4 - Northeast Lecturer's Conference, Bridgewater College, Massachusetts
- August 9 - 11 - Empire Farm Days, Seneca Falls, Visit the Grange Tent
- September 1 - Community Service Reports and Scrapbooks due to Debbie Vail, Director
- September 3 - Grange Day at New York State Fair
- September 15 - Lecturer's reports, Pen-in-Hand, Sally Benson Award applications due to State Lecturer
- September 15 - Membership/Leadership Essay Contest & Annual Report for Community & Junior Granges due to Al & Vinni Kirmss, Directors
- September 15 - Robert A. Earlandt Memorial Award Application to State Youth Director
- September 23 - Executive Committee, 10 am Friday
- September 24 - State Legislative Day at Headquarters
- October 1 - Degree Day, Freedom Plains Grange Hall, Dutchess County, 2 p.m.
- October 21 - 25 - 139th Annual New York State Session, Hudson Valley Resort and Spa
- October 21 - Junior Grange Craft Projects and Lecturer's Symbol Craft are due at State Session
- October 22 - Chocolate Cake Entries due at State Session
- October 22 - 6th Degree Conferral at State Session, 7:30 p.m.
- October 25 - Executive Committee, following State Session
- November 8 - 12 - 145th Annual National Grange Session in Tulsa, Oklahoma

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Co.; HM Pat VanLare, Wayne Co. Baby Quilt - Hand done - 1st Sara Forward, Dutchess Co.; 2nd Connie Whitman, Otsego Co.; 3rd LeEtta Widrich, Lewis Co. Afghans - 1st Charlotte Brenon, Jefferson Co.; 2nd Norma Polanowski, Alleghany Co.; 3rd Vera Farkas, Albany Co.; HM Pat VanLare, Wayne Co. Crocheted Doilies - 1st Vera Farkas, Albany Co.; 2nd Helen Horth, Chautauqua Co.; 3rd Nancy Griffin, Alleghany Co.; HM Julia Bassette, Lewis Co. Plastic Canvas - 1st Sandra Rock, Otsego Co.; 2nd Charlotte Brenon, Jefferson Co.; 3rd Viola Horton, Steuben Co.; HM Braedy George, Alleghany Co. Knitting - 1st Nancy Griffin, Alleghany Co.; 2nd Henry Rowland, Saratoga Co.; 3rd Shirley Hewlett, Dutchess Co.; HM MaryLou Eastman, Otsego Co. Embroidery - 1st Ryan Orton, Dutchess Co.; 2nd Marjorie Davis, Chenango Co.; 3rd Gladys Howe, Otsego Co.; HM Kathleen Hughes, Oneida Co.

The following items will be sent to the Eastern States Exposition in Massachusetts in September: Afghan - Charlotte Brenon, Jefferson Co.; Doilies - Lois Kesby, Chautauqua Co.; Embroidery - Marjorie Davis, Chenango Co.; 3-piece Baby set - Nancy Griffin, Alleghany Co.; Plastic Canvas - Sandra Rock, Otsego Co.; Counted Cross Stitch - Ryan Orton, Dutchess Co.; Adult Garment - Shirley Hewlett, Dutchess Co.; Latch Hook - Marian Miller, Oneida Co.; Quilted Wall Hanging - Helen Forward, Dutchess Co.

We congratulate everyone and all their hard work.

We are also looking for anyone who could help demonstrate canning at the New York State Fair on Saturday September 3, 2011. Please let me know if anyone could help out.

Sports



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Spring was a little slow getting around this year. So now that the good weather has arrived we are in full swing with our programs. We have had our Dart ball tournament and Bowling tournaments. I am happy to say that both had increases again this year as we had four regions for dart ball and I had one more team for bowling. We had an increase to 18 teams for bowling.

We hope to have a good turnout for the Golf event. It would be nice to have a new extra team there too. I would like to thank Linda Batsford, Carl and Cindy Bullock for helping me with our events. It is always nice to see new members joining us and always great to see Grangers that return each year.

This year the Youth and Steuben County sent teams to the Dart ball tournament. We had some close results and a few games went into 12 to 14 innings to finally have a winner. I am proud that the youth played. They showed that if you don't win just keep trying.

This year the winners were as follows for Dart Ball
 1st Hamptonburgh # 950
 Orange County
 2nd Harmony # 372
 Cortland County
 3rd Steuben County
 Steuben

4th NYS Grange Youth
 Bowling was held on June 5th with 18 teams coming to Cortland. It was our 40th year and I am sorry to say that our bowling founder Bob Payne was ill and couldn't make his 40th tournament. We wish him a speedy recovery. For a

while I thought we were going to be doing the tournament the old fashion way of manually scorekeeping. But the computer got fixed the night before. Fun was had by all who bowled.

This year's top 6 teams are as follows.

1st Steuben King Pins
 2nd Cortland Pomona Grange #25 Team #1
 3rd Saturday Night Grangers #1
 4th Adams Acres
 5th Ravena Grange
 6th Cortland Pomona #25 Team # 2

By the time this Granger is sent out our Golf tournament will have been played and I will report on those results in the August Granger. I hope that everyone has had fun and remember we are still sponsoring the Special Olympics. So send your donations to NYS Grange Secretary with a note saying please apply to the Special Olympics fund. I would like to thank everyone who joined us this year and thank you to all who have sent in donations for the Special Olympics.

Youth

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The Spring Youth Weekend was held at the Veteran Grange Hall in Chemung County from April 29 - May 1 with fourteen present from Steuben, Alleghany, Genesee, Onondaga, Albany, and Dutchess Counties. Though we only had a small group, we still had a lot of fun.

On Friday night, we enjoyed a covered dish dinner with the Veteran Grange members and then filled the Officers' chairs for the Veteran Grange meeting as follows: Master - Jo Barringer (Genesee), Overseer - Dan Russell (Dutchess), Lecturer - Kenly Ciampaglione (Dutchess), Steward - Andru

Russo (Alleghany), A.S. - Allison Orton (Dutchess), LAS - Santa Netti (Onondaga), Chaplain - Katie Hanlon (Dutchess), Treasurer - Julia Masti (Steuben), Secretary - Ben Kauppi (Genesee), Gatekeeper - Sara Recktenwald, Ceres - Pat Campanelli (Chemung), Pomona - Alice Rote (Chemung), Flora - Mary Johnson (Chemung), Pianist - Ryan Orton (Dutchess). We used the new alternate opening and closing ceremonies. We also supplied the Lecturer's Program and held "The Grange Wedding of the Year" in honor of the Royal Wedding being held the same day. It was an absolute riot, and those present commented that they hadn't laughed that much in a long time! After the meeting, a dartball game was held between the older and younger youth. Though the younger youth were winning with a score of 9 - 0 after the first inning, the older youth eventually won the game with a score of 20 - 19.

On Saturday, after a delicious breakfast, we traveled to Cortland for the State Talent and Public Speaking Contests. On the way, we had a photo scavenger hunt which really had our teams thinking about what they could find on the list on their way to Headquarters. Some of the pictures were very interesting! Though there were no entries in the Sign-A-Song Contest this year, the Public Speaking Contest was excellent with many different topics addressed such as music, Grange, and health topics. Congratulations to the following winners:

Prepared Speech - Age 14 - 19:
 1st - Teresa Thomas, Bethlehem Grange #137, Albany County
 2nd - Sara Recktenwald, North Cameron Grange #355, Steuben County
Prepared Speech - Age 20 - 29:
 1st - Heidi Henderson, Baldwinville Grange #1251, Onondaga County

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Elevator Speech - Age 14 - 19:
1st - Sara Recktenwald, North
Cameron Grange #355, Steu-
ben County
Elevator Speech - Age 20 - 29:
1st - Heidi Henderson, Bald-
winsville Grange #1251,
Onondaga County
Impromptu Speech - Age 14 - 19:
1st - Ben Kauppi - East Pem-
broke Grange #1157, Gene-
see County
Impromptu Speech - Age 20 - 29:
1st - Johannah Barringer,
Stafford Grange #418, Gene-
see County 2nd - Matt Shoop,
Bethlehem Grange #137,
Albany County 3rd - Heidi
Henderson, Baldwinsville
Grange #1251, Onondaga
County

All 1st place winners in
the Prepared Speeches are
eligible to compete at the
Regional Contest at the
Northeast Youth Conference
in Maine in July.

On the way back to Che-
mung County, we had a re-
freshing stop at Buttermilk
Falls in Ithaca. Some Youth
members walked all the way
to the top and enjoyed a
breath-taking view! After
dinner, we had a dartball
rematch against Veteran
Grange, who challenged us to
a game after their defeat
against us about 2 years ago.
The score was very close for
the entire game and it was
tied in the 9th inning when
Veteran Grange's Pat Cam-
panelli scored the winning
home run! The final score
was 12 - 11, which means a
tie breaking game will have
to be played!

Sunday greeted us with an
early morning start with
another fantastic breakfast.
We then returned to Cortland
for the State Dartball Tourna-
ment where we played
against teams from Orange,
Cortland, and Steuben Coun-
ties. We could certainly tell
they had practiced because
they were winning by a large
margin! Even with all the
practice we had over the
weekend, we came in 4th
place. But, we had a very
good time playing one of our
favorite games.

We would like to thank all
the members of Veteran
Grange for their gracious
hospitality and all the won-
derful and delicious food they
served! We hope to have a
Spring Weekend at their Hall
again in the future! Thanks,
also, to Jerry Batsford for his
guidance and helpful hints
during the Dartball Tourna-
ment.

The Youth performed the
fifth degree and helped with
the first four degrees in
Franklin County on June 11th.
On June 12th the Youth toured
Lake Placid with a simulated
experience of riding a bob-
sled, a luge, a skeleton and
ski jumps. Next month the
youth will be traveling to
Brunswick, Maine for the
Northeast Conference.

Be on the lookout for
information regarding the
Northeast Youth Conference
from July 8 - 10 at Bowdoin
College in Brunswick, Maine,
as well as new information in
our 2012 - 2013 State Hand-
book when it becomes avail-
able this summer.

Host Fund Tour

Join the New York State
Grange Host Fund on its
Motor Coach Tour to "The
Big E" (the Eastern States
Exposition) on Monday,
September 19, 2011. This is
the largest fair in the North-
east, and is a showcase for all
6 New England states.

Boarding locations for this
one-day trip are Rome and
Albany. The cost per person
is \$69, which includes trans-
portation, admission, and a
private tour of the Grange
Building. The bus will arrive
at the fair at 11 AM, and we
will leave at 7 PM. The trip
is open to the public, so be
sure to tell your non-Grange
member friends.

For more information, or
to make reservations, please
contact Kathleen Hughes at
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MUSEUM PROMOTES BRICK WALKWAY

Does your Community,
Pomona, or Junior Grange
have a brick on the Museum
Walkway? Have your re-
membered or honored past
state officers, deputies, long
time members? If not, why
not? Bricks are available in
two sizes 8" x 4" (\$50.00) 3
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Pictures of the Museum
and Walkway are also on the
Web Site. The recent instal-
lation of 17 bricks brings the
walkway up to date. It's not
too early to start thinking
Christmas. The Museum will
be selling a Pewter Christmas
Ornament with the Museum
Logo fashioned by Silver
City Metals, Sherill, NY.
The ornaments come boxed
with red ribbon and sell for
\$10.00. We hope to have
them available by State Fair.

Check with Roland Shea at
the OxRoast. You may order
yours now by contacting
Gerald Batsford, Beverly
Marvin, or Roland Shea. If
your Grange would like to
plan a trip to Cortland to visit
the Museum, contact Gerald
Batsford to make arrange-
ments. See you at State
Grange in October.

Sample Museum Brick
Below 8" x 8" size (grey)



Chaplain's Corner

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Sincere condolences to
Oliver and family, with his
mother's recent passing into
eternal rest. Jesus said, "My
peace I leave with
you ." May His Holy Spirit
uplift and sustain you.

State Master Expresses Gratitude

On behalf of my family
and my sister Mary's family,
we would like to express our
sincere appreciation to the
many Grangers across NYS
who remembered us with
sympathy cards, telephone
calls, e-mails, Mass Cards,
financial memorials and
words of comfort upon the
passing of our mother, Rose
M. Orton. She loved the
Grange and was a dedicated
member for 73 years. Again,
thank you fellow Brothers &
Sisters for helping us get
through this trying time.
Fraternally,
Oliver Orton, State Master



5th degree officers team at the June 11th Degree Day at Malone Grange, Franklin Co. The officers are: 1st row, standing & seated, l. to r. – Ed Hadlock (St. Lawrence); Emily Ormsby (Allegany); Edith Barney (Franklin); Oliver Orton (Dutchess); Robert Masti (Steuben); Allison & Ryan Orton (Dutchess); Rosanna Clark (Franklin); Julia Masti (Steuben); Lyn Lobdell (Franklin) The Court, back row seated, l. to r. – Brenda Burke, Georgianna Boyea, Shirley Rockhill, Helen Martin (Franklin); Sara Recktenwald (Steuben); Susan Turcotte, Joann Ward (Franklin); Joan Hadlock (St. Lawrence); Edith Johnston (Franklin). A total of 12 candidates participated in the 1st five degrees conferral.



On June 12th the Youth toured Lake Placid with a simulated experience of riding a bobsled, a luge, a skeleton and ski jumps. Next month the youth will be traveling to Brunswick, Maine for the Northeast Conference. Pictured left are the Youth at the Lake Placid Olympic mu-



Cayuga Lake Junior Grange #410 performed an entrance drill and opening and closing ceremonies at the 100th Anniversary of their sponsor, Cayuga Lake Subordinate Grange #1210 on May 7th at the Agricultural Museum, Emerson Park, Auburn. Left to right front row: Kobe and Tatum Haight; Allayna Dillon; Haley, Molly Yorkey and Rebecca Gates. Second row: Hannah Yorkey; Jared and Allie Wilmot; Christian Taft; Jakob Dillon. Back row: Kristina Wilmot; Tessa and Sherri Taft and Maria Staehr.



Photo on left – l. to r.: Dorothy Burdick, Lecturer, Stanford Grange #808, Dutchess Co; Beth Merrill, LAS, National Grange (NH); June Williams, Stanford #808, Silver Star recipient



Photo on right Martha Mae Phillips, Secretary of Perthshire Grange #1445, Fulton Co – in the photo are l. to r. – David Newkirk, Master, Fulton Co. Pomona; Martha Mae Phillips, 75 yr. member; Oliver Orton, State Master

State Fair Exhibits **Ye Olde Ox Roast**

Hopefully we have all arrived at summer weather and sunshine. Fair time won't be far behind, State Fair too. I am always willing to accept help of all kinds. State Fair will be August 25 through September 5. Demonstrators and greeters are especially welcome. A special need this year is a working refrigerator for the building office. We make ice and need to keep a few things cold. Anyone willing to donate a refrigerator should contact me right away. For ease of transport the closer to Syracuse the better but will accept anything reasonable.

Hope to see many of you at the fair exhibiting your Grange Pride. Contact Emily Ormsby, 799 Sibley Road, Alfred Station, NY 14803. Tel: 607-587-8747
E-mail ormsbyhomesteads@hotmail.com

Letters have been sent for volunteers to help serve at the Ox Roast. This is our largest fund raiser of the year. If you are able to spend some time helping, you should contact Roland and Joanne Shea. His number is 315-495-6791. After August 17, call his cell number 315-762-2086.

The fair runs from August 25 through September 5. The work shifts are from 11 AM to 4:30 PM and from 4:30 PM to 10:00 PM. You will be provided with admission to the fair and one meal.

If you cannot work, but could send a donation to help defray expenses that is also appreciated. Donations may be sent to NYS Grange, 100 Grange Place, Cortland, NY and indicate it is for the Ox Roast.

Your help is really appreciated.



Photo on left "At the regular meeting of Moravia Grange #952 held on May 13, 2011, Virginia Connor, State Secretary presented 55 year membership seals to Geraldine Compton, Doris Smith, and Thomas Conklin. After the meeting members and guests enjoyed refreshments and a time of fellowship."



Butternut Valley Grange presented a check for \$1,000 to Allen Anderson, President of the Gilbertsville Improvement Society. Roger Halbert, Master made the presentation at the May 9th meeting. The donation is to help with renovations of the local Post Office and was proceeds from the recent Roast Pork Dinner. Picture Left, Allen Anderson, right, Roger Halbert.