Lucy Noelle Meehan resides in Worcester NY with her parents, Noel and Laura. Lucy is a graduate of Worcester Central School. During her high school career, Lucy was a member of the Environmental Science Club, serving as Secretary. She was the Her Campus High School Ambassador, and a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society. Lucy earned a one-half scholarship to attend the Concordia Language Villages Finnish Camp over the summer during her sophomore year and was accepted into STAR-TALK Chinese Program 2017 at the University of Mississippi in her junior year. She served as Vice President for the Venturing Crew 008 at SUNY Cobleskill. Lucy was also a member of the Varsity Indoor Track and Varsity Outdoor Track teams. She will attend Mississippi State University where she will major in Food Science and Agriculture Education. Lucy’s goal is to be able to work at the USDA as a policy maker.

Lucy has been very involved in Future Farmers of America where she competed in several competitions. She was awarded the FFA Greenhand Award, the National FFA Spotlight Member of the Week award, the Venturing Award, and was the District 2 FFA Member of the Month. She also served as Reporter for the FFA in 2017. Lucy has also been giving back to her community volunteering at the Scholastic Sunshine Fair, tutoring History, and the volunteering for the Empty Bowls project. She prepared a lesson plan on agriculture for the AG Fair to teach young children. Her lesson plan was chosen, and 650 students benefited from her efforts.

Lucy worked part-time at the Best Western Inn at Cooperstown. She has been described a "an intelligent and capable student with great potential," “a conscientious and responsible young lady,” and “well rounded and determined.” Lucy’s interests include politics, science, learning foreign languages and understanding different cultures.

Joshua Jack Douglas (Denise Scholarship)

Joshua Jack Douglas resides in Richfield Springs NY with his parents, Jack and Christina Douglas. He has one brother and one sister. Joshua attended Mount Markham Sr. High School where he received many awards and honors, many of which speak to his tremendous athletic ability. He played Varsity Football, Lacrosse, Wrestling and Basketball. Though his awards are many, some of the most prestigious were in football, to include Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, All Star 1st Team in both football and basketball, WKTV Athlete of the Week to name only a few. Joshua attended Herkimer BOCES in the Career and Technical Education Building Construction program. Under this program he worked with other students to build homes in his community. His academic achievements paved the way for his acceptance to Virginia Tech where he will pursue a degree in Dairy Management. Joshua’s hope is to own his own dairy farm.

Joshua was involved in many extra-curricular activities that include Mount Markham FFA, where he held the office of Chapter Vice President, the New York Jr. Holstein Club Executive Committee in the position of Activities Chairman, and OHM Jr. Holstein Club as State Director, to name a few. Joshua was a member of 4H and has been involved with working and volunteering at the Herkimer County Fair, Farmer’s Museum Jr. Livestock Show, NY Spring Holstein Show and New York State Fair. He also was involved in many Community Service projects. He received the Outstanding Citizenship and Leadership Award from Herkimer BOCES.

Joshua has also held many part-time jobs working on dairy farms in addition to maintaining his academic and athletic responsibilities. He has been described as “one of the hardest working student athletes

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Laura Magrum

Summer has been flying by, and I hope everyone has been able to enjoy it. Before we know it State Fair will be here and summer will be coming to a close.

On that note, be sure to join us at the Grange building at the State Fair on Saturday September 1st for Grange Day. We will have a program put on by our very own Grangers. We hope to see some support from our fellow Grangers.

The report forms will be arriving in the mail to the Lecture Committee. The report forms are due by September 15. I look forward to hearing how the year has gone for your Granges across the state. Thank you.

From the Secretary’s Corner

Roger Halbert

We can’t say that we haven’t had hot, humid weather this summer. If you don’t care for this, wait a few months, and the glorious colors and autumn’s mellow season will roll blithely on over us, without the heat and humidity. Speaking of autumn, it speaks to us of our State Session that fast approaches.

 Notices have been sent to Pomona Masters and Pomona Secretaries that should, who then should relate the necessary information to those of you who are serving as delegates to this year’s convention which will be held October 19 – 23 in Oneonta, New York. Your convention is hosted by the Granges of Otsego County. As part of the hosting team (chair?), I know Otsego County is anxious to greet you for this annual gathering.

Room reservations can be made at this time by calling the Quality Inn. 518-742-7340 State Highway 23, Oneonta, 13820 (formerly the Holiday Inn until August 1). The telephone number is 607-433-2250. Everything stays the same, except the name. Identify yourself with the NYS Grange block of rooms. Room rates are $95 plus 12% tax for either a room with two queens and limited number of rooms with king beds. This includes a Continental breakfast each morning. There are limited number of handicapped accessible rooms on the 1st floor.

The host county will have the services of the Grange to help our members with luggage if assigned to a second floor room. Rooms will be held at the convention until September 19. All rooms are non-smoking.

We realize that committee meetings start at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 19, check in will be guaranteed by the hotel prior to 3 p.m. but efforts will be made to accommodate an earlier time, pending the vans thograms load from the evening before. Pomona Secretaries are to send in the delegate list from your Pomona Grange by August 15. Those received later than this date will be assigned to committees that are low in numbers to maintain a good balance on all the committees. And if the list has not been sent in, we encourage each Pomona to be represented on as many committees as possible, reducing more than one person from a Pomona district on the same committee. This cannot be avoided if a Pomona has more than 7 delegates.

Whether you are a delegate or not, even State Officers… if you prefer to attend the State Banquet, on Friday, October 19 (the only meal function that we are all together), you are to contact your Delegate-at-Large who is responsible for funding in the meal count and accompanying money to Patrick Pilc, State Overseer. If for some reason, you were missed when your Pomona’s reservations were sent in, please contact Pat Pilc, State Grange Overseer at 607-742-7340. He handles all the banquet reservations.

The Sixth Degree will be conferred on Saturday, October 20. Again, if you are desiring to take the Sixth Degree, tickets will be sent to Pomona Masters/Delegate-at-Large around the immediate area of Oneonta. If you have not been contacted, tickets will be on sale the afternoon of October 20 but we prefer pre-sale to avoid last minute arrangements. The Fifth Degree will also be available earlier that day, so there is no excuse not to avail yourself of taking higher degrees… all with the possibility of taking the Seventh Degree in Stowe, Vermont in November!

Pomona Granges Albany through Livingston County are invited to donate an item for the silent auction, a fun way at fund raising and always creates some healthy bidding during the Session. We thank these Pomona Grangers for helping the cause this year.

Nominations for the Gerald Eastman Award are due in the Secretary’s Office by September 15. The application form was included in a previous ESG edition.

One final word to ALL Grangers… coming to State Session is an opportunity for EVERY Grange member. Any Fourth Degree member can attend the entire four day convention, if you can only spare a few hours or a day, check the printed program that will be published in the Empire State Granger. It is a wonderful opportunity to witness a working Grange and to see what you do back home, how the pieces come together, including resolutions, all leading up to the silent auction that you have the possibility of taking the Seventh Degree, any of the following items?

Junior Grange collars
Junior Grange staves
Junior Grange rug
Junior Grange Manuals
Junior Grange songbooks
Subordinate Grange rug
Officer station scarves
Newest Grange Songbook, 1983 (brown)
Senior, S, AS, L, AS, and G) and state holders
Implement Boxes (complete with all implements and Agate)

If any Grange would like any of these items, please notify State Grange Secretary, Roger Halbert by October 10 and he will have the items to be picked up at State Session in Oneonta. All items listed above are in very good to excellent condition.
August 7-9  Empire Farm Days, Seneca Falls
August 22 – Sept. 3  New York State Fair – Syracuse
September 1  Community Service Reports due to Director
September 1  National JG Report due
September 1  Grange Day at the NYS Fair
September 15  Empire State Grange Copy Due
September 15  Lecturer’s Reports due to State Lecturer
September 21-23  Youth Weekend – Colonel Harper 1508, Dela.
Co.
September 21  Executive Committee – HQD – 11:00 a.m.
September 22  State Legislative Day – HQD
September 29  State Officer Practice HQ 10:30 AM–3:30 PM
September 30  Subordinate Dues to State Secretary
October 19-23  State Grange Annual Session – Holiday Inn, Oneonta
October 23  Executive Committee Meeting, Holiday Inn, Oneonta
November 3  NYS Grange Museum Annual Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Museum
November 13-17  National Grange Session, Stoweflake Resort, Stowe, VT
November 15  Empire State Grange Copy Due
December 30  Subordinate Dues to State Secretary

Family Activities
Brenda Noble

I hope everyone is having a good summer. We will soon be looking forward to State Grange. If anyone has items for the Northeast Exposition please send them to me as soon as possible. You should soon have the Annual Report forms. I do read every one of them and then summarize them for my report. Even if you haven’t been able to do everything, just let me know what your Grange is doing. The reports are due September 15th. I thank everyone for all of the hard work.

The coffee cake contest at State Session should be in a disposable pan. The name of the entrant with their Grange, address, and County should be written on a card and attached to the bottom of the pan.

Community Involvement
Sherri Taft

“We are supposed to be working on our Community Service Project to have into the State Director by September 1, 2018. Maybe we should try and do one more project and include it into our report.”

“I am stepping up our Community Service projects to make sure that they are cool and comfortable and have everything they need.”

Is your Grange looking for one more project to do this year? In the dog days of summer, it is important to check on your elderly neighbors. Research has shown that extreme heat kills more Americans each year than many natural disasters combined. Elderly people lose some of their ability to adapt to heat and certain medications interfere with the body’s ability to handle heat. Checking on your elderly neighbors during the summer heat is considered community service for your Grange. Doing small, inexpensive community service projects are just as important as elaborate projects. The recipients of community service are always grateful, regardless of the size of the project.

As always, if I can be of assistance to you please feel free to contact me.

Sherri Taft
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kidsbreak1@yahoo.com

Secondly, I want to encourage everyone to let the state office know about any projects they have been working on. The state office will recognize some of these projects in our upcoming newsletter.

Your reports are due September 15th. I hope everyone has been able to do everything as well.

National Grange 2018
2018 National Grange

Time is winding down as we approach the 152nd National Grange Convention to be held in Stowe, VT November 13-17, 2018! It will take place at the Stoweflake Mountain Resort and Spa. Registration is open online on the National Grange website until October 12th, but you can save $5 if you register before September 7th! Room reservations at the Stoweflake must be made by October 9th in order to receive the Grange Group rate.

New York will be hosting on Thursday, so we will need volunteers for the entire day. The more the merrier! We will need snack and beverage items to serve in the hosting area that will be coordinated by Roland and Joanne Shee. I can be contacted by email at noble8@aol.com or phone at (585) 813-8238. Reach out to me if you are able to assist in any way.

Thank you!

Hospitality Room
Roland C. Shee Sr
4672 Bear Path Road
Munnsville, New York 13409
Phone 315 - 495 - 6791

June 30, 2018
Local and Pomona Master National Grange Session will be held in Stowe flake Mountain Conference Center Resort & Spa.
Stowe, Vermont November 13th Thu 17th.

It’s time for New York to again step up and Host National Grange Hospitality Room for one day, Thursday November 15 and be open for 14 hours.

We need things for Breakfast, Lunch, Supper and Snacks. We hope many of you can donate some snack food from your area. Some suggestions are: cheese, fruit, juice, punch, raw vegetables, and cookies. Cash donation are welcome. An estimated amount of $ 700.00 per day is needed to host the Hospitality Room.

We will have a refrigerator, sink hot & cold water. We hope everyone will join in the fun and support your hospitality room.

Please discuss this at your next meeting and let us know your plans ASAP.

All letters and donations should be sent to us at the above address thank you.

Joanne & Roland C. Shee Sr.
Hospitality Room Chairman

State Grange Historian
Carol Bailey

The State Grange Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, July 8th at Winged Pheasant Golf Links in Shortsville, NY and we had four teams participate. We had two teams from Clifton Springs and two teams from Cortland County. It was a beautiful day and I think everyone had a great time. Hopefully more teams can join us next year. Thank you everyone for participating!

Sports
Carl Bullock

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DID YOU KNOW...
That Granges helped in the World War I effort? There were several ways in which Granges participated. Some of ways are noted in local Grange minutes, State Grange and National Grange.

Despite the Grange’s principles of peace National Grange...
they a blank slate really to ab-
sorb it. Learning to talk is probably Nature. The language they 
learn is Nurture. So now let's turn to Leadership. Are 
leaders born or made? In my typical midwestern way I will 
answer this question by saying -Yes. My research came up 
with anywhere from four to 
twelve types of leaders or 
leadership. Of course we all know someone who seems to be a 
natural leader. Have you ever 
wondered how that hap-
pens? You could posit that this 
person was the oldest child in 
the family and had to take 
charge or of care for their 
young siblings. Those duties 
might have led to the skills of 
planning, making decisions and 
thinking ahead. Skills that are 
very important for a lead-
er. There are many different 
types of leaders, however. A 
person can be personally warm 
and open. Some leaders can be 
described as forceful. Others 
lead by example. Some leaders 
will not ask anyone to do 
things they will not do them-
se. Some leaders want to do it 
all and feel they do it 
best. Others know how to dele-
gate tasks and responsibility and 
step back to allow the per-
son to follow through without 
interference. Some leaders lead 
simply by the force of their 
personality. 

Then there are the behind the 
scenes leaders. They know 
how to ask the right people in 
the right way to take part or 
serve on committees. Then 
there are leaders who bow 
beat, in a kindly way I hope, to 
get things done. Think about 
the master of your Grange. 
Who are the lead-
ers? Have they been elected to 
positions of leadership in your 
Grange? No Two Granges have or 
need exactly the same type of 
leadership. All Granges oper-
ate differently, even within 
the guidelines of the ritual and Di-
gest. Certain leadership traits 
or styles, obviously, will be 
more successful in some 
Granges than others. 

Most writing about leadership is 
based on corporate and busi-
ness models which do not typi-
ically align with the way Grang-
es function. More often than not 
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I hope you all are having a wonderful summer! Vacations, county fair, and community activities keep us all busy and active. You may be making a display, completing crafts, or maybe preparing an animal for show or preparing the fruit/vegetable/flowers from your garden. Promote the Junior Grange and activities when you are making a display. Have a JG member, parent or community Grange member by the display to answer any questions and help increase your membership. People are more interested if they are able to speak to a person who is positive and excited about their organization!

If you have not completed your membership report—do it now. Junior dues (including 1+) should have been submitted. Refer to the Junior section of the State Grange Handbook. We tried to combine these reports so you would only have one to fill out and should be completed now. Tell me what you have been doing and accomplishing and improving your community. My report reflects what you have done.

Have you seen the “Good Day!” magazine put out by National Grange? This publication is full of interesting articles from all over the US. Juniors can submit articles via e-mail to juniors@nationalgrange.org. One entry will be selected each quarter from the submissions. There is no age restriction on any creative submission, so if you are interested in photography, creative expression through poetry, prose or sketch-writing, all is good! In the Spring issue, I learned about the upcoming Junior Grange Passport Program which will be taking place of the Merit Badge Program and move the Junior Grange into a new stage. Juniors will work through a series of steps to earn a stamp for their passport. Each stamp earned will come with more knowledge gained about that subject but also about the Grange. Every piece of material the leader (including 1+ member leaders) will be available to download from the web making it easier for leaders to provide materials for the Junior members and be budget friendly.

I have heard there are over 130 Juniors participating in the Junior Pen Pal Program across the States and enjoying and learning from their Junior Pen Pal. Recently I was host to my grandson’s “Flat Stanley” project from his school class in Colorado. What fun to write and show what my State and community activities were and they learned of differences and similarities as well as history! I would love to know if any of your Junior members are participating in the Pen Pal Program.

NY Youth Have Two Best of Show Winners and Win the Spirit Stick at NEYC

Fourteen New Yorkers traveled to Fair Haven Camp in Brooks, ME for the Northeast Youth Conference July 13-15th. The weekend was a full one. We began Friday evening with dinner, welcome meeting, and cake and ice cream to continue celebrating the 150th Birthday of the National Grange AND Laura Magrum’s Birthday. Grange games were enjoyed and Grange Teams were formed for PSAs (Public Service Announcements). Vespers finished the evenings on Friday and Saturday.

After Breakfast on Saturday was the “Grange Trivia Lock Box Game”, which is a take-off on an “Escape Room Experience.” National Grange Youth Director, Charlene Shupp-Espenshade, National Youth Ambassador, Tessa Taft, and National Outstanding Young Patron, Jennifer Nauss were all present to introduce this very exciting and challenging team experience that the National Youth Team master-minded. The two teams each had three padlocks on their box and a lot of intricate Grange Trivia to solve in order to get the clues to the #s on the locks. This was followed by a resolution writing workshop that resulted in a variety of creative resolutions. Our six Grange Teams also performed the PSAs that we brilliantly came up with over the course of the day. They were designed to promote the Grange in a TV or radio spot of 60 seconds or less. Actually, there was one Radio Spot entry in that contest this year, that was in the form of a Grange song duet from Connecticut.

On Saturday afternoon, we did very well in the contests with the following winners from NY: Prepared Speech-Young Adult: 1st Place and Best of Show- Kathleen Fallon, Dutchesse Co.

Adult 36+: 1st Place-Therese Fallon, Dutchesse Co. Improvemnt Impromptu Speech-Young Adult: 1st Place-Jomni Tarbell, Genesee Co. 3rd Place- Christian Taft, Onondaga Co.

Young Adult: 1st Place- Kathleen Fallon, 2nd Place- Matthew Horton, Steuben Co. Sign- a-Song, Novice: 1st Place- Jomni Tarbell, Sign-a-Song, Hoobyist- 1st Place and Best of Show-Tessa Taft, Onondaga Co.

Grange Jeopardy was next with contestants from MA, NY, and NH.

2nd Place went to Christian Taft who will be competing at the National Grange Jeopardy on Sunday evening at National Grange, as they are the “Best of Show” winners from our region.

We won many “Door Prizes” and we also had the opportunity to swim or canoe in the very nice lake that was at Fair Haven Camp. We also roasted marshmallows and made S’mores at the campfire Saturday night. The worship service on Sunday was led by Connecticut who will be hosting the NEYC in July, 2018.

New York Youth were pleased to be awarded the Spirit Stick for their enthusiasm and helpfulness displayed during the weekend. The Spirit stick will move around NY to be displayed until next July. NY is the first state to have been awarded the Spirit Stick twice since its inception in 2012. We placed second in the Drill Competition, with Massachusetts in first place.

NYS Youth will be working the evening shift at the NYS Fair Grange Ox Roast on Saturday, September 1, 2018 is Deadline Day for many Youth applications:

1. Robert A. Earlandt Award applications are due to Elaine or Paula by 9/1. This is for youth interested in legislation and can now be submitted by the youth members themselves.

2. Contact Elaine or Paula by 9/1 to apply to be a Youth Ambassador for 2019. We can have one male and one female each year who are between the ages of 16 and 21, and two more age 22-35.

3. National Grange Youth Officer team applications are due to Charlene Shupp-Espenshade, National Grange Youth Director by 9/1/18. Check out the National Grange Youth Handbook @ youth@nationalgrange.org for full details on these and other youth opportunities.

Fall Youth Weekend details are still being finalized, so youth can check facebook in September for a schedule or in an e-mail. The Fall Youth Leadership Weekend will be at Colonel Harper Grange in Delaware County on September 21-23rd. Cost will be $25 with checks made out to Colonel Harper Grange # 1508. Please plan now to join us there and RSVP to Elaine or Paula by September 14th.
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joined in the war effort after war was declared in April 1917. A telegram from National Grange was sent to President Wilson with words of support after the declaration of war. Like men everywhere Grange men went to the battlefields. At home Grange halls were opened for Red Cross work. Granges and Grangers purchased Liberty bonds. Being agricultural oriented the Grange was in the forefront of food production and conservation. The 1917 women’s work committee stressed efficient use of food and scientific housekeeping. These efforts were viewed by the National Grange as honoring the decisions made by those in authority (the federal government).

National Grange enacted a rule that the United State flag must be displayed at all meetings of the Grange or it was not a legal meeting.

Meanwhile on the New York State Grange level the history notes that Granges and individuals were buying Liberty bonds. State Lecturer F. E. Alexander’s idea of raising funds to purchase an ambulance for use in France was under way. However, the war ended and the money was returned to the subscribers. Four thousand dollars was raised.

Women did their part also. They prepared war necessities, hospital supplies, and gifts for servicemen overseas and at training camps. Growing more food for home and the servicemen was part of the women’s job also.

From Newark Grange, Wayne Co. minutes there were several instances of the war being mentioned. The Grange in 1917 gave $25 to the YMCA for the war fund. At a meeting there was a speaker on making bread from flour substitutes. Also from Newark but pertaining to State Grange was the Patriotic Fund. It paid nine dollars per acre for raising wheat. It says there was $147,100 from the fund. Does anyone know more about this?

Sodius market day netted $557 for the Red Cross in 1918 as recorded in the Newark minutes.

On December 29 it is noted that Mrs. William Cornwell would make a service flag for the hall. (These flags consisted of blue stars on a white background and red was incorporated as well. If a serviceman died while serving his star was embroidered over in gold.) In February of the following year there were two stars on it for members, Russell Ridley and Floyd Weingard. As the year wore more names were added. In early 1919 a question arose “Should returning soldiers be encouraged to engage in agriculture?” If you read any farm newspapers now there is mention of various endeavors to help and encourage war veterans to become involved in farming. Interesting how history repeats itself.

At the next meeting a victory program was enjoyed. It included singing the “Star Spangled Banner”, a talk cooperation after victory, reading of a letter from the crown prince to the Kaiser, A Boy’s History Lesson, and closed with all singing “America.”

At an April meeting the question was posed “Do we want the women in overalls to stay with us?” Sometime later a discussion arose about repealing daylight saving time which had started during the war. From Eureka Grange minutes, my home Grange in Wayne County, there are items regarding the war over a couple of years. One member on April 28, 1917 read about the Patriotic Agricultural Service Commission.

At a meeting in March 1918 there was a Potato Week and everyone was urged to use potatoes instead of flour. Mrs. Nash, county economic teacher, spoke on ways to use and prepare potatoes.

In July of that same year the state Food Commission was asking farmers to raise all the hogs that they could. Also the Grange bought war bonds over the years and had a social with proceeds for war relief. Eureka’s minutes of June 14, 1919 recorded the number of stars on service flags in the local churches. There were 186 stars (servicemen) denoting all who served with 14 gold ones (deceased.) There was also one for a nurse (presumably a woman) who died.

As a side note I have a photo of my Uncle Bert in uniform on his horse somewhere in France. I have heard a couple of speakers telling stories from their relatives war diaries.

Any such speakers in your areas would make an interesting lecturer’s program.

The war to end all wars had ended on November 11, 1918 after taking its toll on untold numbers of mostly young men, some being Grangers. This is the centennial year of the ending of the war. It is one to be remembered but not celebrated with parties.

Information from National & Stage Grange Histories

Minutes as noted
Gerald M. Eastman Award

The Gerald M. Eastman Award, first awarded in 1978, is presented annually to an individual Granger or Grange couple who exemplifies Christian principles and influences others in a positive way. This monetary award will be presented during the State Grange Session each October. Nominations for the Eastman Award should be sent by September 15:

New York State Grange
Attn: State Grange Secretary
100 Grange Place
Cortland, New York 13045

Nominations received after September 15 will not be considered for the current year’s presentation. Please forward the following application form as well as supplemental statements that will present the nominee’s qualifications and attributes that the Award recognizes.

Nomination Form

We nominate ___________________________
Grange, No., and County ___________________________
Telephone ___________________________
Address _______________________________________
Signature of Nominator ___________________________
Telephone ___________________________
Address _______________________________________

Grange of Nominator

Additional Documentation About the Nominee

(please type or write legibly, using the reverse side or additional pages)

Identifying Signs of Stress in Farm Families

by Extension Associate Daniel Welch and Extension Support Specialist Katie Stewart

New York State farm families are experiencing higher levels of financial and emotional stress due in part to several years of low commodity prices. This is especially difficult for dairy farmers because regional conditions in dairy markets have further reduced farm income. Farm families can also experience stress as the result of sudden events such as crop loss, an accident, a personal change, or family death. In resistance, one may be at risk for a prolonged physical illness, excessive working hours, or relationship difficulties.

Selected New York Resources to Support Stressed Farm Families

NY FarmNet
NY FarmNet provides free and confidential on-farm services for farmers and farm families in New York. Specializing in personal wellbeing, stress management, family communication, financial analysis, business planning, and family therapy. They also provide resources and tools to help families manage stress.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK (7825), www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Crisis Text Line
Text “STAY” to 741-741, www.crisistextline.org

New York State County Mental Health Directory
http://www.nysmha.org/contact_local_social_service_departments/

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Support Junior Grange

Sing the Praises of Grange

New Grange Members

Albany Co.
Bethlehem #137
Charles W. Ryan Jr.

Chautauqua Co.
Fredonia #1
Kenneth Becker
Robert Fancher
Alisha Travis-Daughtery
Mark Twichell
Cortland Co.
Cuyler #449
Eileen Batford
Genesee Co.
East Pembroke #1157
Alexandra Tarbell
Ross Tarbell
Herkimer Co.

Mills Mill #581
Debra Monroe

Jefferson Co.
Kirkland #684
Debra Cole
Lewis Co.
Adirondack #530
Martha Landon
Debra Roberts
Onondaga Co.
Taft Settlement #473
Sophia Metras
Saratoga Co.
Milton #668
Robert G. Smith
Wayne Co.
Clyde #33
Heath Green

Mackenzie Grace Ormsby

(Susan Freestone Scholarship)

Mackenzie Grace Ormsby lives in Almond, New York with her parents John and Julie. She has two siblings. Mackenzie attended Alfred Almond Central School District. She especially enjoyed her science classes. Mackenzie also found time for AP classes in Biology and US History. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and was a Scholar Athlete. She participated in Musical Theater and Chorus, Tennis, Cheerleading and Academic All-Stars. Mackenzie will attend Keuka College in the fall where she will pursue a degree in Social Work.

Mackenzie has been a member of 4H for nine years in the diary program where she participates in the County Fair, NYS Diary Bowl and Dairy Judging. She served in a leadership role serving as Junior Superintendent of the 4H dairy barn at the County Fair. Heidi was also a mentor to younger 4H members. She received many awards including the county level Stepping Stone, Milestone Awards and a County Medal. She has been a member of the local FFA Chapter for six years where she held the offices of Secretary, Reporter, Vice President and is the current President. She competed in speaking contests, leadership conferences and served as a delegate at State Convention. She received awards for Chapter and Future Empire Degrees in FFA.

In her spare time Heidi enjoys playing the piano. She is currently a member of the NYS Junior Dairy Leaders Program. She serves in her community participating in the NY Agricultural Literacy Week, the Chautauqua County Visit the Farm Day and the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Heidi has spent summer vacations working on the family dairy farm as well as spending time at the County Fair. She has been described as “extremely responsible and dependable,” “the kind of person that will excel in all endeavors of her life,” and “one of our county’s most outstanding youth.”

Heidi Jane Moss

(Denise Scholarship)

Heidi Jane Moss lives in Conewango Valley, New York and is the daughter of Glen Moss, Sr. She has one brother and one sister. Heidi attended Pine Valley Central School where she graduated third in her class. She enjoyed her agricultural classes most as they are most applicable to her future goals. Heidi was inducted into the National Honor Society, where she serves as Secretary, and also received the President’s Award for Educational Excellence. She also participated in Swim Club and Envirothon Team Chautauqua County. Heidi will attend SUNY Morrisville in the fall where she will pursue a degree in Dairy Science. She intends to focus her career in the agricultural industry.

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Support Junior Grange

Sing the Praises of Grange
For many of the players this scramble was and what we stand for. We drive golf carts so anyone can participate. We also included sheets for the Grange Handbook mentioning membership and the Goals of Grange. Of course we had a contact email for people to get in touch with the Livonia Grange 1180.

It was a nice combination of working with another local agency and utilizing their physical resources, i.e., building, so people could see what Grange can do. It is important to remember that Grange is not a requirement. There is a very fun activity. Skill at golf is not a requirement. There are three people on a team and we play a “scramble” format. Each person hits the ball and whichever ball is in the best position determines where the next group of shots begins. Someone who hits the ball a good distance may have their shot used. The next shots are done in the same way. When the green is reached even a person who has only played miniature golf might be the best shot. When all is finished we gather at the clubhouse for good conversation. The only prizes are bragging rights for the team members.

For April Grange Month, Livonia Grange #1180, Livingston County, collaborated with the Livonia Historical Society and placed a Grange Display in the storefront window of the Livonia Historical Society’s building. We placed our Grange Charter in the middle of the window and then pictures of the different activities that we Grange members have accomplished.

We also included sheets from the National Master, Stephen Coye, as well as greetings from NYS Master Margaret Slattery (60), Elaine Melquist (55), Mary Gerace (55), Joseph Gerace (55), Frank Walker (80)

For many of the players this may be the only round of golf played during the year. We have a lot of laughs about our own shots and hope we don’t lose too many golf balls. Watch for the