State's economy. Stay tuned.

As the Grange year winds down we trust your Grange will not take the opportunity rest on its laurels, but will continue serving the community and looking for new opportunities to reach out. There is no Grange visibility without community service, and when you get right down to it, there is very little need for a Grange in the community if it does not attempt to serve it. As a reminder, Community Service Reports are due September 1 to the Director. These reports can be as elaborate as you wish to make them, but simple statements filled out on the form as to what has been done is sufficient. Please do not get the idea that only large membership Granges can win, as that is not true. The impact is what counts. Granges with membership of less than 25 have won State and National Awards. And, just like the lottery, if you’re not in it, you won’t win. Another reason the reports are valuable is that it assists the State Grange leadership in the development of its programs and publicity, which is by design to bolster the work of the local Granges. The reports are important, please take the time to submit them.

The 2021 State Grange Handbooks will be in your possession shortly, if not already by the time you are reading this column. As I have mentioned previously, these are designed to give opportunities and ideas for service, to your members and to the community. The Grange Master along with the various committees should meet together soon, and map out a program for the year. Don’t forget that you may have members that may be very interested in photography, for example, but do not regularly attend meetings. These opportunities are for all our members.

As our annual State Grange Session is rapidly approaching, we would encourage all to be sure all Delegate information has been forwarded to the State Secretary. The Delegates are very important to our Organization, as they chart the course for the coming year and beyond. We would also encourage Delegates to come to the Session prepared. Resolutions and the budget are forwarded in advance, and should be re-

New York State Grange
147th Annual Session

Hilton Garden Inn
Holiday Inn Express
Watertown, NY
October 18 - 22, 2019
Hosted by Jefferson County Program of Events

General Session
The 147th General Session of the New York State Grange will be held in the Ballroom of the Hilton Garden Inn.

Session Committee room assignments will be posted at the registration area. Committees and group meetings will be announced. NO meetings will take place while guest speakers are giving presentations.

- Session Pianist - Irene Fassett

Friday, October 18
10:30am-5:00pm Registration - Lobby
3:00pm - Hotel check-in

1:00pm NEW Delegates Meeting
2:00pm Junior Projects Check-in
Adirondack Mts. Room
2:00pm Session Committee Meetings

Delegates should attend their assigned Committees only.
Room assignments will be posted on arrival.

5:15pm Milk Punch Reception
Served by the NYS Dairy Princess and the Jefferson County Dairy Princesses?
6:00pm Annual Banquet
NYS Dairy Princess, NYS FFA President Peyton Fontaine

8:15pm Lecturer’s Program
Laura Magrum, Lecturer
Saturday, October 19

7:00am Pomona Lecturer’s Association Breakfast
8:00am Registration – Lobby
Hilton Garden Inn
State Officer’s Practice - Ballroom
Baking Entries
9:00am Opening of the 147th Annual Session of the NYS Grange in the Sixth Degree
Ballroom
Lower to Fourth Degree Recognition of Past Masters and First Ladies, Honored Guests and Officials
Quorum Call

Report of the State Master
Stephen C. Coye
Five Minute reports
- Roger Halbert, Secretary
- Kenneth Smith, Treasurer
- Richard Church, Chair
- Executive Committee
- Virginia Dehner, Chair
- Audit Committee

9:30am Junior Project judging
11:00am Recess
Session Committee meetings
(Locations as posted at registration)
Rehearsal for Sixth Degree
Ballroom
1:00pm Session Committee Meetings
(Locations posted at registration)
3:00pm Reconvene General Session
5:30pm Five Minute Reports
Departmental, Project and Program Chairs:
- Laura Magrum, Lecturer
- Cindy Bensone-Pollard, Legislative Director
- Sherri Taft, Community Involvement/Service
- Brenda Noble, Family Activities
- Barton Snedaker, Leadership/Member ship
- Roland Shea, Museum Corp Board President
- Amy Knowles, State Fair Director
- Letitia Pickering, Fund Raising Chair
- Jim and Cindy Pollard, Ox Roast Co-Chairs
- Roland Shea, Headquarters Task Force
- Carol Bailey, Historian
5:30pm Closing in the Fourth Degree
7:30pm Seating of State Officers
Speaker: Betsy Huber
National Grange Master

Confering the Sixth Degree
Closing in the Fourth Degree
After closing - Youth Officer Rehearsal Ballroom

POTPOURRI
On July 17 Governor Cuomo signed the farm laborers fair labor practices act into law, changing the relationship between the farm owner and his hired help that has been in existence for more than 80 years. Unionization, collective bargaining, overtime, and respite days will become part of the process beginning January 1, 2020. Rumors started flying following the 2016 State Legislative elections that this was going to happen, and subsequent to that we, along with other significant agriculture based organizations and growers adopted policy opposing the act and lobbied accordingly. While the enacted legislation is more palatable than the bill first proposed, it still leaves much to be desired, and to our mind creates a more than even chance that it will further depress NY agriculture. It is interesting that the legislation gathered only limited support from upstate Legislative Members. We can only hope that future elections will further depress NY agriculture.

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Our Vision!
- Initiator of Community Action
- Facilitator of Leadership Develop-
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- Advocate for Families
- Trusted Conveyor of Issues to Legis-
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July/August 2019
It’s hard to believe that summer is almost over. It seems like time keeps going faster each year. Our Grange year is also coming to a close. Have you had an open meeting to talk with your community and see what we, as a Grange, can do to help?

A reminder that resolutions that you would like to have considered at this year’s State Grange session, please be sure that they need to be to me by September 1st. If you email them to me, please remember that I need the originals with the Grange seal and signatures sent to me for my record. If you are not able to get your resolutions to me prior to the deadline, you are still able to get them considered at State Grange. You will need to have your delegate-at-large or delegate bring them to State Grange. You will need 30 copies. They should be brought to me prior to the start of the Session Chair meeting at 1 PM on Friday.

Delegate packets will be distributed at the annual legislative conference. Please be sure that if you are a delegate, that you receive your resolution packet prior to the start of State Grange session. Please be sure that you have the time to review all the resolutions that have been made for consideration by the delegates to act as committee chairs. If you are asked, I hope that you will say yes.

The annual Legislative Conference will be held September 24th at the Grange headquarters in Cortland. At the time of this writing, planning is still under way. The day will start at 9:30 AM and should end around 2 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please be watching for further details in the mail.

If I can be of any help to you or your Grange, please let me know. I will be glad to help in any way possible.

Opinion article:
The state legislature has completed its work for another year. What are your thoughts on how things went? We did get a budget on time. Many issues were addressed.
The Farm Workers Fair Labor Act was signed into law. The Governor pushed this issue during the session. Despite hearing from many farmers, he still seems to think how this would affect them in a negative way, the bill was pushed through the legislature. Now many groups are speaking out against it. We will have to see if the corrections will be made.

Other issues that were passed in the legislature but are still awaiting the Governor’s signature include:
- Prohibit the sale or ownership of bump stocks
- The manufacture of 3-D printed guns
- Allows cameras on school buses to use photos for prosecution of illegal passing of a school bus

These are just a few of the issues that the Grange worked on this year. Did you contact your representatives to let them know how you feel on issues that were important to you? I hope that you did.

Chaplain’s Corner
Virginia L. Conner

MORE ON BIRDS
This new fascination with birds is really something! I guess I took birds of all species for granted and just assumed they would appear in our yard and singing their sweet songs every day. Then one day I noticed that the Baltimore Orioles were no longer present. Then the finches were not appearing to eat the nyjer seed. What had I done wrong? I mentioned this to a good friend who has watched birds for years and is very knowledgeable of their habits. She said that it’s nest- ing time and you won’t see them for awhile but they will return. Then one day I saw the finches back at the feeder with hungry appetites which kept me busy refilling the feeder! But the Orioles never re-appeared. I figure someone else had better tasting food in their feeder! Another observation is the eating habits of birds – some eat in the early morning, some come to the feeders in late after- noon/early evening to eat. There are some who are there all day long! Roger thinks I feed the birds too much – that there are seeds in the fields for them to eat. That brings to mind the Bible verse in Matthew 6:26: “Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them”. I’m guessing the reason we feed them is to lure them closer to our windows so we can see their pretty colors, hear their wonderful songs and learn the different species. There are a couple ladies in our church who make a big deal out of who will see the first grosbeak, finch, Baltimore oriole, indigo bunting etc. in the spring. Every notice in the Fall months the electric and phone lines have lots of birds sitting on them for yards – wing to wing – and seem to be gathering together? I’ve been told that they are discussing their trip south! And if you listen closely, they do make a lot of chatter while perched on those wires! Mmmmm we hu- mans and the birds have many similarities, don’t we!!

State Grange Historian
Carol Bailey

DID YOU KNOW…
That Granges had an early history with racing? With fair season upon us it is interesting to look back at some past fairs. In the minutes of several Granges I read that they had displays of fruit and vegetables. Sometimes handiwork and grains were exhibited also. Sometimes prizes or ribbons were awarded.

However the first fairs as we know them were much earlier than the Grange fairs. In my area Charles Williamson, land agent for the Pulney estate, suggested a country or county fair such as was the practice in England. The first recorded fair in the Genesee country was in Geneva in October, 1807. Exhibits seemed to be geared toward agricultural products. Fat cattle, lean cattle, sheep, horses, wheat and others grains were for sale. As early as 1818 the state began providing funds as evidence when Ontario County received one thousand dollars for premiums for fruit and nur- tural and manufacturing divisions. Fairs continue to receive money from the state budget.

Myron Holley of Lyons helped form the first agricultural society in the area in Febru- ary of 1818 and he served as vice president.

On October 18, 1818 a fair was held in Canandaigua where cattle and swine were on display. As part of the activities a bowling match was held. In 1819 domestic manufacturing was included and women won some prizes.

At the 1820 fair a premium of $10 was offered for the best cultivated farm. There were two winners, one from Palmyra and the other from Sodus. (Wayne County was still part of Ontario until April, 1823) There was also agriculture ball during that fair. Wayne and Yates Counties continued to participate in this fair for several more years. Fairs must have had some celebrations as I found mention of one, a couple years ago that were on the chart, “More draining of lands, less draining of bottles” and “farmers need good tools, strong teams, neat farms and smart wives.”

In 1856 the Palmyra Union Agricultural Society was formed and has had a fair continuously since then. In 1962 the society was contemplating not having a fair for lack of support. Pomona and commu- nity Granges stepped up to help and a fair was held. The Grange of Wayne County continue to have displays there as well as a food booth. It is a good way to promote the Grange.

The first New York State Fair was held in 1841 in Syra- cuse. Admissions accounted for $394 and disbursements were $1087.50. The balance sheet showed $2,56.87 receipts. It was attended by 10,000 to 15,000 people. It was held downtown with no enclosed grounds so an exact attendance is not known.

Some of the fair presidents in the early years were well known personalities such as James S. Wadsworth and Ezra (Continued on page 3)
NEW YORK STATE GRANGE
2019
Calendar of Events, Activities, & Dues Dates

August 5-7
Northeast Lecturer’s Conference
August 6-8
Empire Farm Days, Seneca Falls
August 21 – Sept. 2
New York State Fair – Syracuse
August 31
Grange Day at the NYS Fair
September 1
State Junior Grange Clinic
September 1
National JG Report due
September 15
Empire State Grange Copy Due
September 15
Lecturer’s Reports due to State Lecturer
September 19
Executive Committee – HQD – 11:00 a.m.
September 27-29
Fall Youth Weekend – North Cameron Grange
355 – Steuben County
September 28
State Legislative Day – HQD
September 30
Subordinate Dues to State Secretary
October 18-22
State Grange Annual Session – Hilton Garden Inn, Watertown
October 20
Museum Dinner at State Session
October 22
Executive Committee Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Watertown
October 22
NYS Grange Foundation Annual Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Watertown
November 2
NYS Grange Museum Annual Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Museum
November 5-9
National Grange Session, Doubletree, Bloomington/Minneapolis, MN
November 15
Empire State Grange Copy Due
December 30
Subordinate Dues to State Secretary

The time has come to wrap up your community service reports for the year! Has your Grange been busy doing projects that benefit your community? Have you found new and innovative ways to promote the Grange while continuing to help members of the community around you? Please put all of your community service into a report and make sure they are postmarked and mailed to me by September 1, 2019. If you submit your report electronically, you must also submit a hard copy. Your report can be created in whatever way is easiest for your Grange to put it together, whether it be a scrapbook, a letter, a memo or an outline. Be sure to fill out the cover page and summary of activities for your Grange as these documents include information that is included in the scoring of your report.

Community Involvement
Sherri Taft

Youth
Paula Turner Elaine Smith

Spirits Stick returns to New York for THIRD time! New York State had the largest delegation in attendance at the Grange Northeast Youth Conference (NEYC) held July 12-14, 2019 at UConn, Storrs, Connecticut. Those attending the conference from NY won the coveted Spirit Stick for the third time, since the awards inception 9 years ago. New York participants won the award based on their enthusiasm, participation, positive attitudes, helpfulness and behavior. No other state in the NE region has ever received the award twice! New York has received the Spirit Stick in 2015, 2018, and now in 2019. Those attending were from Albany, Dutchess, Onondaga, Oswego/Delaware, and Steuben Pomonas.

The theme for the NEYC was “Finding Our Hero Self.” The weekend was filled with workshops, contests, vespers, worship, food, fun, and fellowship. As participants arrived they received a theme T-shirt, conference materials and dorm room assignments. Friday evening consisted of dinner, get acquainted games, and fellowship time, and vespers presented by Connecticut members. The National Grange Youth Team, represented by National Youth Director, Mandi Bostwick, National Grange Director, Samantha Wilkins; and National Outstanding Young Patron, Katie Fallon from NY, presented a multimedia, interactive workshop focusing on multi-generations working together to accomplish Grange goals in our communities.

On Saturday afternoon included the new Grange Trivia Baseball contest, Public Speaking Contest, and the Sign-off in Latin Language Contest. We congratulated the following New Yorkers for placing as follows:

Grange Trivia Baseball - 1st place – Matthew Horton, Steuben County
2nd Place – Teddy Secor, Dutchess County
3rd Place – Eliot Wilser, Dutchess County

All three will be competing at National Grange on November 8th.
Prepared Speech – Youth: 3rd Place – Sasha Secor, Dutchess County
Young Adult: 1st Place – Matthew Horton, Steuben County
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ly eight officers then there should be eight other members (hopefully more). Randomly number the people in attendance with a number - in this case 1-8. Randomly number the officers' chairs, too. Each officer should take their appointed place at the rap of the gavel. If this is done as a Lecturer's Program then the Lecturer (or whom ever is officiating) calls on the person with Number 1. That person is then told which officer has the same number. Let's say it is the Steward. The person with Number 1 then takes their chair and sits next to the Steward - not to replace but sit by. Continue through the numbers matching each officer with a "double" for the duration of the meeting. You will know your Grange better than I. Of course not everyone is going to be comfortable or willing to participate. You may want to do this with people who volunteer. Being the officer's "double" for one meeting does not mean they will be expected to take that office at some future time. If the change is well received then offering the "double" a chance to participate as the officer would also be possible. Something like reading the Overseer's opening, saying the Chaplain's prayer or the Master's closing statement. Seeing the meeting from a different point of view may be very beneficial to new or un- sure Grangers. Just a suggestion.

The Granges in Otsego County, like other counties, are plowing headlong into our county fair. This may be a good way to get some of your less active members interested in something outside your building. The more opportunities to volunteer at booths, programs or other venues. How about staffing an information table along with 4H, working in the fair office or taking tickets. Your fair directors will probably be willing to find something for individuals or a Grange to do. The fair is a good place for your subordinate or Pomona Grange to be active and visible.

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The Grange Golf Tournament was held at Apple Valley Golf Course in Lafayet NY.

The winners this year were a team from Clifton Springs Grange, (The Long Drivers). The team consisted of Kevin Marvin, Pinky Tiebout and Andrew Croucher. Cortland County took the second and third positions and the Clifton Springs Grange (The Short Drivers) finished out the field.

We’re winding up this year’s sports program with the Golf Tournament on Sunday, July 14th. I would like to thank Linda Batsford for everything she did to run the Bowling Tournament this year. We had 10 teams participate and everything went great. Many thanks also to everyone who helped Linda.

This year we had ten bowling teams participate which was really great. This year Cortland Pomonla took first place with Livingston Pomona coming in second place with only sixteen pins separating the two teams. You can’t get much closer than that! Owahena Four came in 3rd place and K Fives came in fourth place.

Thank you to everyone who participated and RSVP to Paula by September 27th.

A final word about State Session, the host Jefferson County committee has been alerted by the host hotel that meal service during our convention is being re-located to an area that cannot accommodate credit card transactions. Thus, only cash can be accepted if partaking of their lunch or dinner buffets. Please plan accordingly…this is for meal service only during the convention.

The summer has quickly arrived and already on the downhill side as we enter fall. We’ll soon see many of you in Watertown! Until then, happy Granging!

State Lecturer

Laura Magrum

Summer has been flying by and before you know it we will have State Fair to close out the season. I hope everyone considers visiting the State Fair this year especially during Grange Day on Saturday August 31, 2019. Check out the Grange building for programs throughout the day.

The new Handbook will be out soon, so be sure to check out the changes to the Art & Photo Contests. Looking forward to seeing some great creativity with the entries next year! Also, be sure to try your hand at writing an article for the Empire State Granger and perhaps your local paper.

Hope everyone has enjoyed the Grange year as it is coming to a close soon. Have you tried any new programs this year? What worked with your programming and what did not work?

Family Activities

Brenda Noble

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. We will soon be getting ready for State Session. The baking contest recipe for Chocolate Jumbles has 3 squares of chocolate. We suggest using 3 ounces of chocolate because the chocolate comes smaller than when the recipe was published in the recipe book.

The handbook will soon be out, so be sure to ask the Secretary for your Grange for the Family Activities section of the handbook. There will be some changes to the Handiwork and Woodworking sections. There will also be some different baking contests. We will have some recipes available as suggestions, but you may use your own. The suggested recipes will be available at State Session during the Idea Fair.

If anyone has items for the Northeast Exposition, please get them to me as soon as possible. I appreciate the help from everyone and all the work you are doing.

Sorry for the delay in getting the Dartball photos into The Granger.

Photo Left 1st Place in Darball, Dutchess County Photo below is Cortlandville, 2nd place.
Ideas for Future workshops or crafts:

(consider age of JG members/number of persons that will attend for food and supplies.

Complete address: _____________________________________________

Name:  ______________________________________________________

12887      phone 518

Send to: Gail Chamberlain, State Junior Director,  3627 Co. Rte. 21 Whitehall, NY

Directions to Odd Fellows Hall

12:30 Saturday, September 21

LUNCH

1:15 Ritual / practice

2:00 Workshop —what do you think?

SAFE TRIP HOME

Directions to Odd Fellows Hall - 81 N, Exit 47 to Rte.411, right, North onto Rte. 37 North (Olmitstead Corners) Go 7 miles to Redwood Odd Fellows Hall across from Laundromat (street parking only) If coming South on 37, is South of Ham-

mond in Redwood.

Leadership/Informational Workshop

September 21, 2019 @ Odd Fellows Hall, Redwood

Jefferson County

NO cost for JG members/Leaders/Parent/Grange participants

2019 – Heroes in Training

Saturday, September 21

9:30 Welcome - Gail Chamberlain, NYS JG Director

Agriculture Awareness Project - Dairy Awareness

The importance of dairies and dairy products

Create a flier

Dairy Craft

“Kelly Farm Project”

12:30 LUNCH

1:15 Ritual / practice

2:00 Workshop —what do you think?

SAFE TRIP HOME

Registration Form (copy as needed) Send by September 10, 2019

Send to: Gail Chamberlain, State Junior Director, 3627 Co. Rte. 21 Whitehall, NY

12887    phone 518-499-1028

Name:

Complete address:  

City:  State: N.Y. Zip code

Telephone: E-mail

Grange No.   County

Please check all that apply:

(note age of JG members/number of persons that will attend for food and supplies.

Junior member  Leader  other/friend

Community Grange member  Parent

Allergy or health concerns: _____________________________________________

I hope you are making plans to Attend the next Junior Leadership Day in Jefferson County in September and see our “Heroes in Train-

ing”. We will be learning about Dairy awareness, the newest passion was just released and practice for State Session Junior Program.

Such a busy time and it has been quite warm as well. Vacations, county fairs, 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. Remember when you are making a display – really promote the Junior Grange! Have a JG member, parent or community Grange member by the display to answer any questions and perhaps increase your membership. People are more interested if they are able to speak to a person who is positive and excited about their organization!

Did you complete your membership report? and your Junior dues (including 1 $) should have been submitted with donations. Find re-

port in the State Handbook. It is also time to get your Junior activities report ready. If you send it to me (or a copy) by September 1, I will send them on to the National Director. Every Junior Grange should submit a report. It can be found in the State Handbook or National Grange website.

If you have any pictures of your displays or activities, send me some! I am in the process of making a picture display from New York State Juniors for the Big-E and also one for State Session. Have fun and keep on learning new ideas to share.

Bryanna Marie Warner—DeNise Scholarship Winner

Bryanna Marie Warner lives in Frewsburg, New York and is the daughter of Richard and Marie Warner. She has one brother. Brya-
nna attended Frewsburg Central School District where she was on the honor roll throughout her middle and high school careers. She was

also a member of the National Honor Society. Bryanna particularly enjoyed her business courses. She embraces the challenge of under-

standing the wants and needs of the consumer and how to determine what will appeal to them in terms of marketing and sales. Bryanna was a member of the Varsity Bowling Team which was honored as a Scholar Athletic Team. She participated in the Changes Today Community Service Club, a community service-based club which she helped to create. Bryanna will attend either Wilminton College or SUNY Morrisville in the fall where she will pursue a degree in Agri-

cultural Business Development and a career in the agricultural de-

partment of the fair industry.

Bryanna has been a member of 4H for nine years. She serves as President of her local 4H Club and has also been a teen ambassador as well as Junior Superintendent in the 4H Snack Bar. She is also a member of the All-American Quarter Horse Association, Interscholastic Equestrian Association, National Junior Swine Association, New York State Pork Producers, and the American Hampshire Sheep Association. She competes and shows her animals at the Chautauqua and Erie County Fairs. Bryanna has achieved many great honors in the equine industry. She has established herself as a “trusted and valued teen leader that helps with program development, manage-

ment, and education.” She has also been referenced in “a wonderful, capable young woman who has a bright future in whatever she de-

cides she wants to do.”

Bryanna spends her summer vacations at home, working for local businesses. She has held the positions of Assistant at Payline Show Horses, Gardener at 3C’s Catering and Stable Hand at Homestead Stables. You will also find her in the barn working with her live-

stock, preparing them for shows in which she competes. She enjoys showing her livestock and horses at county, state and national events and competitions. Bryanna also gives back to her community by participating in the Changes Today Community Service Club, Blue Star Mothers Care Packages Packing, and the Red Kettle Campaign.
Ken Smith and family installed Col. Harper grange officers August 6th. We will have a brand new look this coming yr. as we had new members step up and take offices that hadn't changed in many yrs. It will be an exciting time for us.

SCHENEVUS: The Otsego County Outstanding Grangers for 2019 was presented to Anthony and Doris Thayer both members of Colonel Harper Grange located in Haperrasfield.

The award was presented at the Pomona Grange meeting/picnic held at Borst Field in Schenecas with 25 Grangers attending on Saturday, June 8. Barton Snedaker, Master spoke on there involvement in Grange. Tony a member for 19 years while Doris joined at the age of 14 and is a Golden Sheaf member for 20 years as a team servicing up many yrs. It will be an exciting time for us.

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The newly elected officers for Yorktown Grange P of H #862 are as follows:

Master - Mark Franks
Overseer - Robert Fervan
Lecturer - Nicole Fervan
Steward - Carolyn Gallagher
Assistant Steward - Scott Nelson
Lady Assistant Steward - Anne Anderson
Treasurer - John Bell
Secretary - Josh Davies
Financial Secretary - Heidi Bornemann
Chaplain - Rosemary Gallagher
Executive Committee - Gina Franks, Curt Chase, Julie Aitchison
Flora - Ada Ereno
Pomona - Linda Doerr
Ceres - Ann Marie Sasso
June 23rd, the Yorktown Grange held its 8th annual Car Show and it was a huge success, due in part to wonderful weather and due in no small part to the hard work of the many volunteers who made it possible. Attendance was at an all time high.

We are holding our 95th Annual Yorktown Grange Fair “Back to the Garden”, September 6, 7 & 8th. All are welcome and invited to attend.

We are also looking forward to hosting “A Night of 1000 Jack O’Lanterns” on our grounds this coming October 10,11,12,13 & again October 17, 18, 19 & 20th. This is the link to the event and tickets: The Rise - Yorktown Event

This is a photo of North Cameron Grange celebrating Red Nose Day.

Back row (Left to Right): Sam Kaczynsce, Lew Taft, Jane VanSkoffer, Jane Kaczynsce, Lois Force, Matthew Horton, Phil Warner
Front row (Left to right): Gene Eldred, Cherry Eldred, Viola Horton, Chris Turner, Paula Turner, Cheryl McGlynn

Doris choreographed the Rose Drill presented by eighteen ladies of Granges in the Country. They both did an amazing job in designing the banquet centerpieces. “Doris and Tony are not only dedicated Grangers-they are warm and open friends to many. Sincere, generous and dedicated in their friendships and will extend the hand that is needed to anyone. They both embody the teachings of the Grange and exemplify its lessons in their daily lives”, said Snedaker.

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, 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)

The National Grange publishes a great magazine called “Good Day”. This magazine has a great deal to offer Grangers and the general public. It is well worth the subscription price.

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This wonderful magazine may have to be discontinued as the subscriptions are not keeping up with the expense. It would be a shame if the magazine has to stop publication as an economy measure.

CALL THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AT NATIONAL GRANGE 1-888-447-2643

Grange Activities

The Rise - Yorktown Event

Interlaken Grange #160 held a special dinner and program on Thursday June 27 at Interlaken grange hall in Covert. New York State Grange Chaplain Virginia Connors was present to present membership awards to Interlaken Grange members 40 year to Burton Foster , 50 year to Elena Cre-