The convention season has once again come to an end with the completion of our State Session in September and the National Grange Convention in early October. Both were significant events to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to have them available for you to look over when they give their reports. While it will be printed after the first of the year, and the report booklets are available for you to
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YOUTH AGRICULTURE PROTECTION ACT AE-24 Onondaga County RESOLVED New York State Grange supports the Student Agriculture Protection Act which would modify the require-ment for calculating taxable income to exclude from the gross income of a student agri-culturalist up to $5,000.00 of the gain from the sale or exchange of personal property (including livestock, crops, and agricultural mechanics or shop products) produced or raised by the stu-dent agriculturist. CLOSING MEXICO BORDER AE-27 Onondaga County RESOLVED that New York State Grange is opposed to any effort by the President or Con-gress to close the border with Mexico as it would negatively affect the agricultural economy of the United States. FARM ANIMAL PROTEC-TION LAWS AE-48 Cortland County RESOLVED New York State Grange asks our New York State legislature to vote “No” on legislation that would take away the farm animal protection laws out of Agriculture and Market Laws and place them under the Penal Code. Farm animal pro-tection laws should remain un-der the jurisdiction of Agricultu-re and Markets. HONEYBEE COLONIES RE-PORT & FUND RAISING AE-53 Otsego County RESOLVED That New York State Grange call upon the USDA to immediately re-fund the Honeybee Colonies Report and assure that it is retained in the US Budget for 2020 and beyond. THE WATER AFFORDA-BILITY, TRANSPARENCY, EQUITY, AND RELIABILITY (WATCH) ACT AE-54 Cortland County RESOLVED, New York State Grange supports federal legisla-tion that would provide ade-quate funding to fix and main-tain our nation’s reservoirs, treatment plants, and pipes to ensure that the people in our country have access to clean drinking water. ANIMAL HATCHING PROJECTS AE-58 Ontario County RESOLVED, that New York State Grange opposes any legis-la-tion that would amend the New York State Education law that would ban animal hatching projects in New York State Schools. DEVELOPMENT OF AN AG-RICULTURE EDUCATION TEACHER REPARATION CERTIFICATION PATHWAY AE-62 Tompkins County RESOLVED, New York State Grange supports the develop-ment and creation of an agricul-ture education teacher certifica-tion pathway through a collabora-tion among the New York University of New York College System allowing colleges to provide technical coursework required for certification, as well as work with SUNY Empire State College with dual enrollment of students to begin graduate coursework in education while completing undergraduate re Community Service Report Thank you to all of the Granges that submitted a Community Service Report this year! The judges worked hard at judging all of the reports. It is always fun and exciting for me to see all the different projects that our Granges do to help their communities across New York State. The results are as fol-lows: 1st place – Butternut Valley Grange #1533, Otsego County 2nd place – Stanford Grange #808, Dutchess County 3rd place – Interlaken Grange #160, Seneca County 4th place – Dryden Grange #112, Tompkins County Butternut Valley Grange’s report was sent to National Grange for consideration as the National Grange Community Service Report winner. 3rd place, Tompkins County Butternut Valley Grange’s report was sent to National Grange for consideration as the National Grange Community Service Report winner. At the New York State Grange Annual Convention food was collected for the LaFargeville Central School District. This school district has 20 – 25 stu-dents that receive a bag of food each week. The Superintendent of the school, Tom Hoever, came to the State Grange Sen-sion to say a few words about the program and to receive the food and monetary donations that were given. He said that the school is very appreciative of the amount of food that was donated by members of the New York State Grange. A representative from the Samoa-rian Medical Center’s Walker Center for Cancer Care in Watertown was on hand Sunday to accept a check for $2,800.00 that was collected in ‘C’ bills this past year. Thank you to everyone that diligently checks those dollar bills and saves out the ‘C’ bills so we can continue in the fight against cancer. Thank you for promoting the Grange in a way that shows that our organization is very community service oriented. It truly is a joy to be a member of such a wonderful organization! NEW DAY AND NEW HOUR On the Pacific coast of the State of Oregon, there’s a particular section where a gentleman works each day with a metal leaf rake. He and several helpers, also with tools, make a large, beautiful labyrinth. They work at a fast pace because people are arriving to walk the wonderful sand crea-tion. The purpose of the work is for the enjoyment of the visitors to quietly walk the path of the labyrinth. Some meditate and pray while walking. Others just enjoy the sounds of nature around them and watch the sand beneath their feet as it ac-cepts their footprints. Then the ocean high tide comes and the beautiful labyrinth is no more. The water has washed it away. Someone asked the gentle-man artist, “Why do you go to all this work when you know the tide will come and take it all away?” He responded, “Each day is a new day, each hour is a new hour. We have the chance to do things over, make things better by using the newly clean and smooth sand to begin again.” How will each of us spend our “new day and new hour” after the tide washes away the old day and old hour? Thank you Jefferson County Grangers for the wonderful warm welcome you gave Roger and I upon arrival with the cargo trailer of Session equipment. You even went an extra step by deliv-ering our personal luggage to our room. Blessings to all for the Christmas season.
RESOLVED, that New York State Grange advocates for the initiative with State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor and support state funding for this initiative.

REGIONAL DAIRY PRICING SYSTEM

RESOLVED, New York State Grange supports legislation to enable dairy producers to receive a fair market price. We encourage Congress pass legislation that will include regional fair market prices, a farmer led milk production growth management plan and develop a smart dairy trade policy.

THE FARM WORKERS FAIR LABOR PRACTICES ACT

RESOLVED, that New York State Grange supports the passage of the Farm Workers Fair Labor Practices Act of 2019, also known as the Farm Workers Fair Labor Practices Act AE-83.

Written in Committee RESOLVED, we strongly oppose the Farmer Workers’ Fair Labor Practices Act.

EDUCATION

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AS A SECONDARY LANGUAGE

Onondaga County RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports the teaching of American Sign Language (ASL) as a secondary language for students who do not use ASL as their primary form of communication for graduation credits, and be it further.

RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports efforts to secure funding for certified teachers and materials to teach ASL as a secondary language.

LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS

Onondaga County RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would provide loan forgiveness program for teachers who agree to teach in designated underserved areas, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, for a minimum of five years, and be it further.

RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Education also establish a loan recapture program that would recover funds for loans that were forgiven should the teacher fail to complete the five-year agreement to teach in the underserved rural school.

EALIER HOUR FOR SCHOOL DAYS

RESOLVED, that New York State Grange supports legislation that would strengthen the existing Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) of 1991 by making fines for intentional robocalling violations larger and ensuring that telephone companies implement new technology that is being developed to identify calls as potentially fraudulent so that consumers can determine whether or not to answer them.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX

RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports leaving the amount contributed to the Social Security tax at its current level.

ADVERTISING OF E-CIGARETTES AND VAPING

RESOLVED that New York State Grange recommends federal passage of a law to ban television, radio, and social media advertising of e-cigarettes and vaping devices containing nicotine.

THE OLDER AMERICAN REAUTHORIZATION ACT

RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports the passage of the Older American Reauthorization Act of 2016 which amended Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reauthorize through fiscal year 2024 appropriations for the Administration on Aging, including the Eldercare Locator Service, pension counseling services and information programs; grants for state and community programs on aging; grants and contracts for educational activities; Older American community service employment programs and grants for Native Americans.

HEALTH

RELEASE OF MEDICAL RECORDS FOR TREATMENT H-1

RESOLVED that New York State Grange opposes the New York State Legislature to modify Public Health Law 17 in order to remove language that requires a written request or authorization from a patient before a healthcare provider can release protected health information to another healthcare provider for purposes of continuing treatment.

FACILITIES/FUNDING FOR TREATMENT/Education of opioid drug usage H-16

Ontario County RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports the New York State legislature to support bills that would increase funding for the treatment of and education facilities regarding opioid drugs, and be it further

RESOLVED that some existing public facilities, that are no longer in use, be repurposed as treatment and education facilities for opioid addiction, and be it further.

RESOLVED that funds acquired through Opioid Lawsuits be applied to opioid treatment and education programs in New York State.

LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA H-28

Onondaga County (Combined with 17 Ontario County) RESOLVED that New York State Grange opposes the legalization of recreational marijuana sales.

EXPANSION OF “THE DOCTORS ACROSS NEW YORK” PROGRAM H-30

Onondaga County RESOLVED that New York State Grange opposes legislation that would allow the Commissioner of Health to include dentists in the “Doctors Across New York” Program to provide dental services to underserved areas of the state and would extend the duration of the program.

TREATMENT FOR EATING DISORDERS H-33

RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would require insurance companies to provide full coverage for full access to treatment for all eating disorders.

UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD BANK H-34

Onondaga County RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports the creation of a public umbilical cord blood banking program, overseen by the Department of Health, to increase public awareness of the potential benefits of umbilical cord blood banking, to promote research into the uses of umbilical cord blood and to facilitate pre-delivery arrangements for public storage of umbilical cord blood donations.

SCHEDULE II OPIOID ACCESS H-35

Onondaga County RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would require patient counseling before issuing a prescription for Schedule II opioids, requires practitioners to consult with the patient regarding the quantity of the opioid medication to be prescribed, the patient’s option to fill the prescription in a lesser quantity than as prescribed, to inform the patient of the risks associated with opiate addiction and document the reasons for the prescription.

ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE FOR TICK-BORNE DISEASES H-36

Onondaga County RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports changes in the insurance regulations so
State Grange is opposed to separating New York City from upstate New York, maintaining the diversity and unity of one Empire State as we have known it since becoming a state in 1788.

State Grange opposes legislation that doubles the fines of speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or texting while driving when there is a minor child (under the age of 16) in the vehicle at the time of the arrest or infraction.

State Grange opposes legislation that authorizes the New York State Department of Health Tick-borne Disease Institute to maintain funding in their annual budget of at least $1 million in order to provide grants for organizations in NY to execute proper research, detection, education and outreach efforts to combat tick-borne illnesses.

STATE ISSUES
TERM LIMITS FOR STATE OFFICIALS SI-2

Dutchess County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would create term limits voted upon by the people for the people as a state referendum, and be it further

RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would create New York State term limits for New York State Senators and Assemblymen.

Assemblywomen from unlimited 2-year terms to four (4) 2-year terms for life and be it further

RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would create New York State term limits for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller from unlimited 4-year terms to two (2) 4-year terms for life.

STATE LEGISLATOR PAY RAISES SI-6

Dutchess County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports New York State Senate Bill favors a taxpayer voice in the decision regarding New York State Legislative pay raises.

KEEPING NEW YORK ONE STATE SI-12

Otsego County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange opposes legislation that would require the health insurers would provide coverage for acute and long-term medical care for Lyme Disease and other tick-borne related pathogens.

STATEMENT OF PREVENTION H-67

Written in Committee
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation to expand suicide prevention education and resources to schools, service organizations, and state agencies.

PREVENTION OF E-CIGARETTES, VAPING AND VAPING DEVICES H-68

Written in Committee
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that prohibits vaping, vapes, and e-cigarettes.

LYME DISEASE H-69

Written in Committee
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that authorizes the New York State Department of Health Tick-borne Disease Institute to maintain funding in their annual budget of at least $1 million in order to provide grants for organizations in NY to execute proper research, detection, education and outreach efforts to combat tick-borne illnesses.

TAXATION/FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
HELPING OUR MILITARY IN EMERGENCIES (HOME) FUND TFR-5

Cortland County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that would amend the New York State tax law and the New York State finance law in relation to providing for taxpayer gifts for the Helping Our Military Families in Emergencies (HOME) fund and establishing such fund, and be it further

RESOLVED that all unexpended, Helping Our Military Families in Emergencies (HOME) monies are dispersed to current fiscal year applicants prior to the end of the fiscal year.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE FEE ON TELEPHONE BILLS TFR-14

Ontario County
RESOLVED New York State Grange supports legislation that would require that all monies raised from the 911 emergency service fee collected on telephone bills in a county be allocated directly to 911 emergency services in the same county.

SCHOOL GARDEN FUND TFR-25

Onondaga County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports the creation of the New York Farm to School and School Garden Fund that would allow individuals to make a gift on their New York State personal income tax for such a fund. The fund would be used to establish school gardens and purchase equipment and educational materials to promote student’s consumption of local products be conducted in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

COMMUNICATION SERVICE SURCHARGE IN ONONDAGA COUNTY TFR-31

Onondaga County
RESOLVED that New York State Grange supports legislation that extends the authorization for Onondaga County to charge $0.65 per access line per month wireline communication service surcharge to fund the Onondaga County Interoperable Communication System (OCICS) until 2029.

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.

UNFORTUNATELY

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 economic matter.
We had a good State Session and I was glad to talk with several people. New York received 7 awards out of 9 items sent to the Northeast Exposition. Winners are as follows: Embroidery – 2nd place Arlene Lewis, Otsego Co.; Plastic Canvas – 3rd place Richard Ballard, Otsego Co.; Counted Cross Stitch – 1st place Cathy Stark, Dutchess Co.; Quilted Wall Hanging – 3rd place Holly Williams, Lewis Co.; Baby Afghan – 1st place Sandra Tabor-Hunkins, Otsego Co.; Stuffed Toy – 1st place Cathy Stark, Dutchess Co.; Adult Garment – 2nd place Maryann Campbell, Otsego Co. Congratulations to everyone! There will be some size limitations for the Northeast Exposition next year, which are in the handbook. The size limitations will not be as strict for New York judging, but keep the size limits for Northeast Exposition in mind in case your entry qualifies for submission. Also, there will only be first, second, and third, but not a fourth place (for Northeast Exposition) next year.

There were few baking entries this year: 2 Diabetic and 17 Regular Chocolate Jumbles. Winners are as follows: Diabetic: 1st Kelly Frost, Jefferson Co.; 2nd Helen Ritchey, Otsego Co. Regular – 1st Betty Wakefield, Chautauqua Co.; 2nd James Richard- son, Cortland Co.; 3rd James Roulo, Allegheny Co. Hon. Mention: Noel Clawson, Sene- ca Co. Canvas and Plastic Canvas Co- esee Co.; Elizabeth Williams, St. Lawrence Co.; Matthew Horton, Steuben Co.; Martha Babbitt, Rensselaer Co.; Elliot Wilcox, Dutchess Co.; Florence Kersman, Otsego Co.

We will be working to- wards hosting Northeast Lead- ers Conference in March and the Lecturer’s Family Activi- ties Conference in April. More information to come!
2019 Junior Grange Craft Projects

All projects will be judged in groups as follows: Ages 5-8; 9-11; and 12-14

Birthdate as of Jan. 1

All crafts need to be labeled with Name, age, address, Junior Grange, County

Note: Each Junior Grange is allowed to send a total of 15 craft projects to States Grange for state-level judging. Plus OJAY crafts. You may send one for each age group for all five projects. Junior dues MUST be up to date/current.

Dum Cake
Using anything edible, such as fruits, nuts, chocolate chips, pie fillings, etc., add cake mixture as per recipe. Make a “dump cake.” Use a disposable 8x8 or 9x9 pan for judging. Include recipe.

JUDGING: Flavor – 40% Appearance – 30% Texture – 30%

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Robert L. Yunker was recently recognized for 75 years of membership in the Grange, “The Order of Patrons of Husbandry.” Robert “Bob” became a member of Perry Grange #1163 in 1944. He then joined the Wyoming County Pomona Grange, the New York State Grange and the National Grange. As a Grange member, Bob served in various offices in Perry, Warsaw, Pomona Grange and in Genesee Co. Pomona Grange. He served two years as Gate Keeper in New York State Grange and in Deputy State Master for Wyoming, Genesee, Orleans, and Monroe Counties. Bob represented the Grange on the Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District for 18 years. He represented Wyoming County on the NYS Association of Conservation Clubs. He served as Vice President, was a member of the executive committee, were coordinators for the Grange Oxo-Roast at the NYS Fair for 8 years. He served on the first NYS Grange Youth Committee and attended the first Leadership School when it was held with Daughters. He was the Executive Director of the New York Chapter of the Land Improvement Contractors of America for 20 years.

Bob was a dairy farmer for many years until his retirement in 1987. He and Loretta raised five children. He is a former 4-H Leader, member of Daughters of the Kansas Grange and belongs to LaGrange Baptist Church.

Bob recently reached his 90th birthday and resides at Wyoming County Skilled Nursing Facility, Dryden.

Sandy Creek Grange has been involved with several activities at the Sandy Creek Fairgrounds and the Oswego County Fairgrounds.

The first was a “bike rally” at the Sandy Creek Fairgrounds. The participants were from around Oswego County and then back to the fairgrounds. It was a warm day and the breakfast and fluids were greatly appreciated.

The next event was the 4-H horse competition also at the Sandy Creek Fairgrounds. Competitors took place in the events and also stayed overnight. The Grange provided meals for the for those competing. All seemed to have a good time with the competition and seeing friends. It was a wonderful weekend with families, horses, ribbons and trophies.

The third event was the 17th annual Oswego County Progressive Agriculture Safety Day at the Oswego County Fairgrounds. The event was coordinated by the Cornell Cooperative Extension as well as the Farm Bureau and Sandy Creek Grange. Over the past 17 years we have seen approximately 7500 students through a safe safety day. This year there were 202 children. Thank you to Caazeno via Equipment for bringing equipment for the show.

Statistics show that every three days a child dies in an agriculture related incident. Every day at least 18 children are injured in agriculture related incidents. Sadly a 12 year old girl was killed in a tractor accident recently.

that I have learned as a Grange have helped shape me into the person that I am today. Everyone has heard the story; “What’s so important about the Grange?” If it’s so important, why aren’t you a member of the Grange? ‘Grange Baby’! Basically I’ve been in the Grange my entire life. I cannot recall a time in my life that I wasn’t doing anything with the Grange. The longer I’ve been a part of this amazing Organization, the more I see the things I would not have learned/done without the influence the Grange.

In my early years of Juniors, everybody was so welcoming and wanted us all to feel included in all we did We did community service projects, games, and practiced all our parts for opening session. Many of the Grangers that I grew up with are still heavily involved. They are also some of my best friends.

One of the Presidents that I looked up to was John Fine. He knew how things needed to be done and seemed to always be busy. But he always had time to volunteer to help the Juniors. He put in so much fun with something that would affect us for the rest of our Grange lives. We practiced our lines every day before we put on the Junior degree at Oregon State Session. We also practiced very hard on our marches. But our mentors made it so much fun to learn. I remember we had contests to see who could remember their lines first. Some of us went so far as to memorize everybody’s lines, too. And there was John, encouraging and applauding us for the great job we were doing.

When the day came that we had to put on Degree, we would
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G.R.O.W. Club Banquet. On Friday evening, we were pleased to have Elliot in the show playing his euphonium as part of the Evening of Excellence. The ParliPro Team competition was held Saturday morning. We placed second and our ParliPro Team was Ryan Orton, Katie Fallon, Sasha Secor, Elliot Wilser, Matthew Horton and Ayden Slominski. Grange Baseball was next with Matthew Horton and Elliot Wilser competing against several others. Matthew Horton came in second place and surprised the crowd with how many home-run questions he could answer. Elliot Wilser from Dutchess County received his Seventh Degree that afternoon and was in awe with the meaning and how he felt everything finally came full circle. The youth attending National Grange said one of their favorite things was the tour of the Oliver Hudson Kelly farm and their community service project afterwards at Feed my Starving Children. Our youth activities at State Grange in Watertown included attending the opening of the State Grange session Saturday.  
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9 In 1993, Copake’s Grange Hall was brand new, built in a style that was straightforward, unpretensi-
tious, yet impressive--much like the Grangers who constructed it. They celebrated their accomplish-
ment in September of that year with a grand dedi-
cation ceremony and party. "Copake Grangers are royal entertainers," the local newspaper reported, a well-earned description, given that they hosted a dinner for 250 people.

Not unsurprisingly, Copake Grangers are much the same today. On September 14, 2019, the Copake Grange Hall was again filled with the joy and ex-
citement of an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social and Square Dance fundraising evening. With mem-
bership in the Copake Grange approaching 100 and numerous guests, there was hardly a seat to be had in the theater space, and the dance floor was delightfully crowded. An energetic square dance caller, Suzi Myers Tipa, got people swinging their partners and do-si-do-ing, followed by the eve-

ning with a Virginia Reel. There were also games to play—Guess the Number of Pennies had people trying to figure out how many pennies were in a large glass jar, and there were a few rounds of the newly-invented 1993 Bingo. Fabulous stuffed ani-

mals went to the lucky and happy winners. Ice cream in several flavors with sweet toppings was served up and savored throughout the evening.

Fun and fundraising went hand in hand. The proceeds from the evening's food went toward nearly $9,000, which puts today's Grangers ahead of their predecessors. The minutes from the Septem-

ber meeting reported that they had raised $231.29 at their Ice Cream Social. In today's dol-

ars that would be $6,743.10 - quite a hefty sum, at that. Funds raised will go toward much needed repairs of the historic Grange building.

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Junior Grangers at State Grange

Kirkland Junior Grange of Redwood, NY was invited to present the Junior Grange Opening and Closing exercises at the NYS Grange annual meeting in Watertown on October 27th. The Junior Grange started with a marching drill that included the seating of their officers. After opening the meeting and presenting the American flag, the Junior Leader invited the Junior Camp Directors, Ryan Orton and Sherri Taft to give the Junior Grange Camp report. It was followed by some of the Junior campers singing a camp song that they had learned at camp.

To introduce the National Junior Grange theme: "Heroes in Training Since 1846," 5 Junior Grangers were questioned about "If they could have any super power, what would it be and why?" Some of the responses were stop bullying, do away with hunger, and bring peace to our world.

Miss Fire Prevention, Emilee White, her court, Brody Beckwith, Nathan Frost, Steven Frost and Kaitlyn White, Treasurer, Junior Grange Master, Jen Ritchey, Glenn Foster, Laura Palada and Roger Halbert. The program ends on April 1 and items can be dropped off at the GMU School designated for Owen or other students you wish to support.

Junior adults in Grange sometimes struggle to find place in Order

BY KATIE FALLON 2019 Outstanding Young Patron (NY)

When we were Juniors, running around the hall, pronouncing words wrong, or being so scared we cried, older members still loved us. We were sometimes sassy, or unpredictable, or just plain moody. We were still supported and followed by the Grange! We had all eyes on us, as we would someday become officers and wear the sashes you’ve protected for so long.

We grew up, and started going to college, we started our careers, and now families. We still want to take our turn to don the regalia and protect the emblems of our Order. However, we’re instead stuck in this awkward middle spot where we’ve started to be overshadowed by the next adorable generation and still looking forward to you, our more experienced generation, for guidance in our lives and in the Grange. We felt like we could do or be anyone or anything we wanted to, thanks largely in part to your support.

Some of us have been fortunate enough to be elected into offices on all levels. Some were pushed into it due to declining membership, others are still too afraid to speak up when they want a chance to lead. We find our place where we can, including with the Juniors to keep them entertained and teach them about the Grange, and the youth, preparing them for life in ways we never were.

I myself have been fortunate enough to be elected as Junior president to many youth. I voice my concerns and opinions, and just ask for a chance. For four years I filled in the office of a member who preferred to be on a bowling league rather than attend meetings. I’m not one to slip into the shadows, I work hard every day to prove that I can do more. Some young adults are afraid to speak up, they think they might say or do the wrong thing, or feel as though since they are no longer kids, it’s inappropriate to continue asking for help. Don’t give up on us just because we were getting older.

Change can be scary, and it can be hard to pass on responsibility to people who are sometimes still viewed as children. Together, we can bridge the gap and continue to grow an organization we all love. Remember, we are here because we want to be productive citizens.
The New York State Grange is involved at Empire Farm Days. This event is a large show of Agriculture Equipment and supplies. It has been held in Seneca Fall NY for the last several years. Originally it was an activity of the New York Potato Club demonstrating the harvesting of potatoes. The Potato Club is now one of the sponsors of the event along with several others.

The Grange has a family area where people can come in and rest out of the weather. There are daily demonstrations as well as displays. The photos here show some of the demonstrations. The State Grange also has a display that tells about the Grange. The State Grange, because of its affiliation with the Council of Agricultural Organizations also attend a luncheon where scholarships and awards are granted to those involved in agriculture. One of the largest awards is given for Conservation Stewardship. County Soil and Water Conservation organizations work hard to promote good soil and water conservation with farmers. They submit an application and the best involvement is given the award.

The commissioners of Agriculture for New York State attends as well as legislators and representative from other agriculture groups.
The National Grange Session was held in Minnesota this year. The Grange determines its legislative policy, gives its awards, reports on the state of the Grange and confers the highest degree of the order. New York sent as its delegates State Grange Master and Sharon Croucher. Worthy Master Coye also serves as a member of the National Grange Executive Committee and Bruce Croucher serves as the High Priest of Demeter. We were also pleased to have several other members from New York that attended.

We were also pleased to welcome Adyn Slominsky, Eliot Wilser and Sasha Secor who served as Youth Officers during the session. Eliot Wilser was the New York State Grange representative in the Evening of Excellence.

Adyn, Sasha and Eliot with Worthy Master Stephen C. Coye

Adyn, Sasha and Eliot with High Priest of Demeter Bruce Croucher

The New York State Grange Session was held in Watertown this year. Delegates from across the state gathered to develop land review legislative for New York State Grange. The list of new policies are listed in and earlier part of this paper. The State Grange also presents awards and reports on the condition of its Granges. This year the Master of the National Grange was our guest.

This also an opportunity to witness the 6th degree of the order, and the installation of officers. There are also speakers and entertainment. The President of the New York State FFA and the State Dairy Princess attended and gave remarks. The Grange was also able to witness the South Jefferson FFA group do and exhibition of Parliamentary Procedure. following are several photos of the happenings at the session courtesy of Anna Ritchey.

Ryan rton receive a special award from National Grange Community Service Director Pete Pomper and National Grange Youth Director Mandy Bostwick

A very poignant time at the National Session is the presentation of Quilts of Valor to Grange members that have served in the Armed Forces. These veterans are honored for their service to our country by receiving a specially designed quilt using red, white and blue. The National Grange Lecturer and representatives from the Quilts of Valor organization from Minnesota presented the quilts.
Grange Camp was held July 21 – 26, 2019, at Camp Wyomoco in Wyoming County. Fifteen campers and seven staff members from around the state attended camp. The mornings were filled with Leadership, Crafts, and Outdoor Skills and Our Living Environment classes. The campers had the choice to do different activities in the afternoons. The choices were: swimming, fishing, sports/recreation (hiking, archery, kickball, gaga ball), horseback riding, baking, and rocketry. The evening had time for skit practice, drill practice, and the annual Grange Camp Dance. Each night ended with a campfire before the campers went to bed. It was a busy week and everyone had a great time!

Many awards were given out on Friday afternoon to the campers. The Campership Awards were given to Madison Van Skiver (Steuben County) and Wyatt Fuchs (Wayne County) as these two have shown growth through the years and were excellent helpers all week at camp. These two campers will be able to attend camp for free next summer. Congratulations Madison and Wyatt!

Camp for 2020 is in the planning stages. Information will be sent out as soon as details are finalized. Our goal is to have the information in the mail by mid-February. We hope to see more campers next summer!

The New York State Fair gives the New York State Grange great opportunities to tell its story. The Grange exhibit area is in the end of the poultry building along with the State Fair Museum. There are display areas for different segments of the Grange to tell fairgoers about their particular events. There is also a stage where entertainment takes place several times during each day. On Grange day, the New York State Grange has the opportunity to have participants of the State Grange talent show appear. The Grange also has a float in the Dairy Day Parade.

Photo above is entrance to Grange Exhibits
Photo Below is the Grange “Ye Olde Ox Roast”

Photo above is the Grange Parade Float
Photo on left is one of the entertainments that occurs at the Grange exhibit building. There are also several groups that come back year after year to demonstrate clogging.