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Well the hot days of summer are upon us, it's fun and family time. Fun with the abundant fairs that are throughout our state and family with reunions, weddings, and family outings. Our Granges will be hosting picnics or mystery rides to get Grangers and friends together before they go back to school or their winter havens.

The Northeast Lecturer's Conference will be in the books and hopefully everyone returns with new material and friendship to share at their meetings. Lecturers need to have the opportunity to have a program at every meeting, for this is one of the principles of the Grange founders, for education and social activities for our Grangers. The office of Lecturer is one of the hardest but with a good program it can keep members coming back to our meetings.

In my travels we see that many of our Granges are struggling to get new members, or members to come to a Grange meeting. The State Grange membership committee has offered programs and a membership packet for new members. Some have asked for these tools and have benefited from its success. Those who haven't fall under the excuse that it will not work. Well... is what you are presently doing working? If not please ask

our membership committee for help, if it doesn't work then you can blame me for making you do it.

Many Granges are having problems filling out Executive Committee Reports for the State Grange. I will set up a workshop after National Session for Masters, Secretaries, Treasurers and Executive Committee members to review and answer questions as to what we are looking for on these forms, and any other questions about Grange meetings.

National Grange is celebrating 150 years in Washington, D.C. this November and we are working on a bus and lodging for members to go down and participate in the celebration. Keep your eyes open for further information on this trip.

The Big E is just around the corner and I hope to see you up at the New England Grange Building. This is the place to see old friends and make new ones by working in the sales room or sitting in the Connecticut Room. Be aware of traffic delays on the Springfield end of I-84 due to construction. It might be wise to approach from the Agawam side of the fair.

I hope that everyone has had conversation on the Pomona issue because this will be a topic at State Session and hopefully some ideas or answers can be obtained as to what Connecticut is to do about Pomona Granges. Our deliberations are being watched by National Grange as well as our neighboring states. The same questions are being asked in their states.

Enjoy your summer and hope to see you about.
Noel.

Growing for the Future



Three generations of Molodich women pose for a picture outside Betsy's Stand. Pictured left to right are Betsy, Helen and Katie Molodich.

by Kristen M. Castrataro
(Granger Editor's Note: This article was originally published in Country Folks Magazine. The Molodich Family belongs to Ekonk Community Grange No. 89 in Sterling).

When Betsy Molodich started "Betsy's Stand" in 1998, she could hardly have imagined what the future would hold. Her brother-in-law had been selling apples and cider out of the stand for years, but when cider moved from fresh to pasteurized, the business model had to change. At her husband's instigation, Betsy took over the stand, changed its name, and shifted towards vegetables. It was a good move. Farming came naturally to Betsy. She grew up on a dairy farm and earned an Associate's Degree

in Plant Science from UCONN. She married a dairy farmer and worked part-time at Westview Orchards in Plainfield, CT before operating "Betsy's Stand."

As Betsy describes it, the business grew with her family. Her mother-in-law Helen would babysit in the stand while Betsy worked in the greenhouse, did fieldwork, or sold at the farmers market. The kids, Katie and Andrew, had a play area in the corner of the stand.

As the children grew, Katie worked alongside her mom, learning the business. Katie's predilection for agribusiness matured as an FFA member at Killingly High School. She needed to choose a Supervised Agricultural Experience, so she decided to start a mum business. In order

to buy pots, starts, and other materials, she saved birthday and Christmas money and invested it in 50 mums. Each successive year she increased by 25 mums. Now she and her mother grow 600.

She decided she enjoyed working with her mom and would like to pursue agriculture as her career. She earned her Associates Degree in Plant Science from Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture at the University of Connecticut.

Katie was elected FFA State Vice-President her sophomore year at UCONN. The leadership skills Katie gained in FFA benefit her at Betsy's Stand as well. It was she who started their CSA three years ago. With 17 members, it is growing by word-of-mouth, an

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2016 Session Schedule

(This schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice)

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Ballroom, Holiday Inn Norwich, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
- Introduction of National Representatives
- Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees
- Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
- Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
- Roll Call of Granges
- Report of Credential Committee
- Session Committee Announcements
- Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- 8:00 P.M. Address of State President Noel T. Miller
- Report of Overseer
- Reports of Secretary
- Reports of Treasurer
- Report of Executive Committee/Board of Directors
- 9:00 P.M. Closing
- 9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins

Friday, October 21, 2016

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
- Roll Call of Officers

- Minutes of Previous Day's Session
- Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- 9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business: Election of Officers
- 9:30 A.M. Report of Legislative Committee
- Report of Agriculture Committee
- Report of General Deputy
- Reports of Pomona Deputies
- 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
- 11:00 A.M. Presentation by American Senior Benefits
- 11:30 A.M. Report of Connecticut Granger
- Report of Camp Berger
 - Ruel Miller, Camp Liaison
 - Lyn & Chris Kimberly, Camp Directors
- Report of Connecticut State Grange Foundation
- Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (*Nutmeg Ballroom*)
- Hosts: TBD
 - Blessing by State Chaplain Charles Dimmick
 - Family Activity Presentation & Awards
 - Membership Awards
 - Public Relations Awards
 - Agriculture Contest Awards
- 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
- 2:15 P.M. Address of National Representatives
- 2:45 P.M. Business Session

- 3:15 P.M. **BREAK**
- 3:30 P.M. Report of NEGB Trustees
- 4:30 P.M. Closing
- 8:00 P.M. 6th Degree Conf., Grand Ballroom, Holiday Inn Norwich
- (Open to Sixth Degree members, registration not required)
- Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
- Escorting of National Reps.
- Recognition of Honored Guests & P.V. Delegates
- Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form
- Rose Drill
- Recognition of G.S. Grangers
- Community Service
- Honor Grange Awards
- Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
- March to the Table - Officers and Court



132nd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

State Session is not just for the officers and delegates. All members are encouraged to attend all or part of the Connecticut State Grange convention to help celebrate our accomplishments during the previous year and start a new Grange year inspired and energized.

ALL MEMBERS (Delegates and Non-Delegates) are required to register to attend most sessions/activities of the convention. The exceptions are the Sixth Degree on Friday evening and the Lecturer's Program during the Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening. All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Registration for Friday and Saturday also includes admission to that days' buffet luncheon. The Celebration Banquet is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the Central Office if you have any questions. Make additional copies of this form, if necessary.

REGISTRATION

Grange Name _____ No. _____

Name _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____
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Name _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____

FULL SESSION (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Fri. & Sat.)

Adult Registration - \$30.00	# of Members _____	x \$30.00 = _____
Junior Registration - \$20.00	# of Members _____	x \$30.00 = _____

CELEBRATION BANQUET (Saturday Evening at 7:00 P.M.)

of People _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Meal Choices (*indicate the number of each person's choice above*):

- 1) Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus with Fresh Horseradish Aoli
- 2) Parmesan Dijon Crusted Chicken Breast
- 3) Roasted Atlantic Salmon and Shallot Jus
- 4) Vegetarian Lasagna

All entrees include Freshly Tossed Caesar Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter, Chef's selection of Vegetables, New York Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water

THURSDAY, OCT. 20 & FRIDAY, OCT. 21 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

Adult Registration - \$15.00	# of Members _____	x \$15.00 = _____
Junior Registration - \$10.00	# of Jr. Members _____	x \$10.00 = _____

SATURDAY, OCT. 22 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

Adult Registration - \$15.00	# of Members _____	x \$15.00 = _____
Junior Registration - \$10.00	# of Jr. Members _____	x \$10.00 = _____

TOTAL = _____

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Questions: Please call the Central Office at 860-633-7550 or the State Secretary's Cell 860-307-1522 or email: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org

SESSION & HOTEL ROOM REGISTRATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 5

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Call the Holiday Inn Norwich at 860-889-5201 (mention the Connecticut State Grange to receive our group rate)

Please Note: Candidates must be at the Holiday Inn Norwich by 7:30 P.M. Candidates must have the Fourth and Fifth Degree words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to give to the Deputy at the door. Applications for the Sixth Degree will be on sale during the Session and at the door on Friday. Cost of application: \$10.00.

Saturday, October 22, 2016

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
- Roll Call of Officers
- Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
- Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- Junior and Youth Tour
- 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
- 9:45 A.M. Business Session
- 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
- 11:00 A.M. Budget Approval
- 11:45 A.M. FFA Rep.
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recog. Luncheon
- Hosts: TBD
 - Blessing by State Chaplain
 - Junior Recognition
 - Youth Recognition
- 1:45 P.M. Business Session
- 3:00 P.M. Closing
- 3:30 P.M. Install. of Officers
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet (Ballroom)
- Professional Agric. Awards Scholarships
- 2014 CSG Granger of the Yr. Lecturer's Program
- Past Deputies Raffle

Join us for the 132nd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange. All Granges should be present for roll call on Thursday evening and we encourage ALL members to be present for all or part of the session.

Central Pomona No. 1

- Central #1
- Southington #25
- Meriden #29
- Higganum #124
- Hemlock #182

CENTRAL POMONA #1

Corr: Cindy Charbonneau
 Our meeting on September 15 is scheduled for Meriden Grange Hall at 7:30 P.M. Our Lecturer, Martha Trask will be presenting a program on edible landscaping. The co-host for refreshments will be Higganum Grange. Each Grange is asked to bring three items for our CWA table (cupcakes & muffins).

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: Cindy Charbonneau
 Our August 12 we will have our picnic and movie night at Meriden Grange Hall. The picnic starts at 6:00 P.M. The movie will

start at 6:45 P.M. The movie is entitled, "Saving Mr. Banks" from Disney starring Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson. An animated short will precede the main feature. Visitors are welcome to come and join us. Please call Cindy at 203-237-4617 by Aug. 11 so we can be sure to have enough hot dogs and hamburgers.

Please see the ad on this page and join us on Sept. 10 for the 87th Meriden Grange Fair from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. Additional information is available on Meriden Grange's website: www.meridengrange.org/grangefair.asp.

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2

- Quinebaug #2
- Senexet #40
- Wolf Den #61
- Ekonk Community #89
- Ashford #90
- Killingly #112
- Echo #180

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray
 The Fair Committee has been meeting and planning fun activities to keep families happily busy throughout Fair day, Sat., August 13th (9am-2pm) on the grounds at 723 Ekonk Hill Rd. in Sterling, CT. Exhibits will also be featured inside the hall. We have two volunteer Fire Departments who will participate this year as well as "Animal Experiences" outstanding hands-on show! As always, great food in the Grange kitchen prepared by our own cooks. Unique this year will be a one day "Ekonk" post office at our Fair. Oneco Postmaster, Maurice Bessette, has arranged for Ekonk cancellation stamps on all letters brought to the

Fair. Ekonk did have its own post office "back in the day" at the current home of Helen, George and Louise Molodich. Philatelists mark your calendars: this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to get this unique cancellation stamp! Postmaster Bessette has been a friend of the Grange for years, always present at our Christmas bazaar with stamps, coins and his smile! Folks are encouraged to bring any entries on Friday, August 12th between 3 and 6 p.m. for judging. This year, our Fair book will be available on line-if you have any questions, call Secretary, Paulette Craig at 860-564-3687 or 860-608-8086. We do NOT have a supper planned for August.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie Johnson
 On June 8 there was no meeting because of illnesses. On June 9 we held a potluck night and 9 attended.

Master John Carter went to Pomfret Community School to present graduating 8th graders a gift.

Election of officers for the coming year has all staying the same.

Sybil Williams is in the hospital in Hartford. Our best wishes go out to her. A picnic was held on June 27.

For the Lecturer's program the Master had a reading on flags and father's day.

ASHFORD GRANGE #90

Corr: Joan Gobin
 Ashford Grange #90 will have an informal meeting on August 14 at 2:00 at the Knowlton Memorial Hall. The meeting will be open to the public.

We will be discussing the different aspects of Grange and will also be presenting membership awards. Anybody interested in visiting will be welcome.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno
Aug. 15: Vacation Picnic
Sept. 19: Installation Postponed to Oct. 3
Oct. 3: Installation
Oct. 8: Apple Festival

New officers elected at our last meeting are as follows: Master, Eleanor Davis; Overseer Linda Harkins; Lecturer, Glenna Bruno; Treasurer, Penny Bennett; Secretary, Pat Valys. David Griffiths was elected to the Executive Committee for a three year term.

The fundraising dinner on July 13 was a cold dinner of salads, etc. For our Grange dinners you don't have to tip and with a cost of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. These dinners will be held every month until fall on the second Wednesday. Also planned - YoYo lessons. An apple festival and Farmer's Market on Oct. 8th and Nov. 12 respectively.

Other Killingly events will be announced at a later date. Health note: Exercise to keep your brain sharp. As we get older, this is a much needed exercise

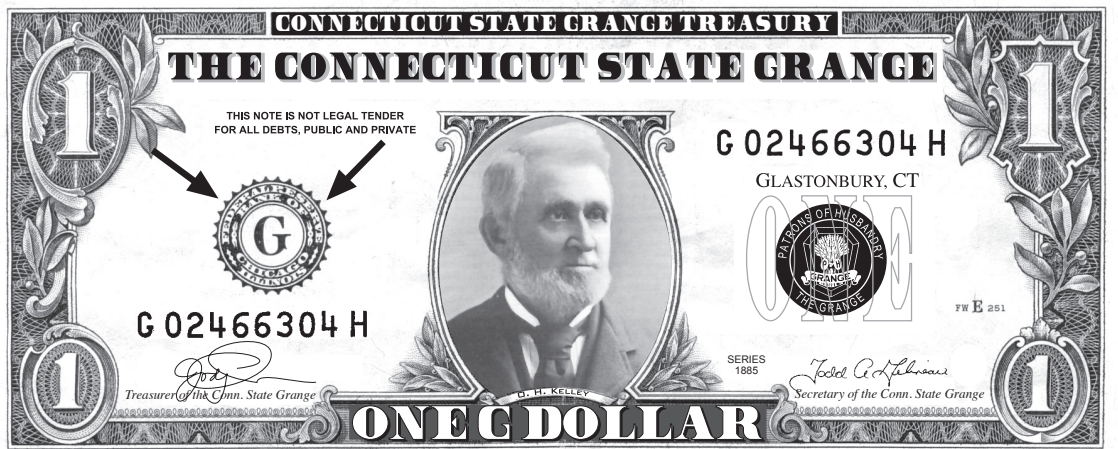
or activity.

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John
Aug. 9: Omit
Aug. 23: "Heat Wave Over"

State Executive Committee member Jeff Barnes presented Gloria John with her 70th seal and also presented Alma Graham with her 25th certificate at our May 24th meeting. Master James Palmer presented a 50 year certificate to Pat Maines. We had our annual picnic at Jim and Pat Palmer's home. Had great weather. We have some entries in the contests. We will be getting ready for our Ham and Bean Supper on Sept. 17th. We had several entries in our contests. We have lost three of our members: Wilda Adams, Florence Palmer and Gretchen Tellier. We will surely miss them. We now have two members in nursing homes, Alice Jensen and Louise Garabedian. We hope everyone is trying to keep cool this summer.

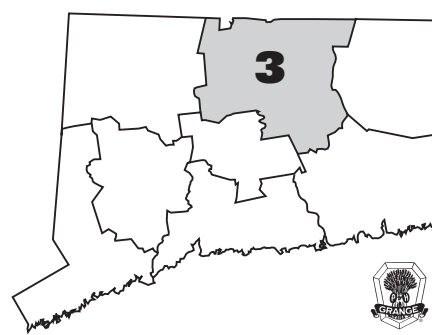
G Note Leader Board



Vernon Grange #52	\$325.00
Cheshire Grange #23	315.00
Prospect Grange #144.	175.00
Winchester Grange #74	161.00
Meriden Grange #29.	72.00
Manchester #31	47.00
North Stonington Community Grange #138.	41.00
Riverton Grange #169	35.00
Coventry #75	30.00
Oxford Grange #194	9.00
Harmony Grange #92	3.00
Miscellaneous Donation	1.00
	\$1,214.00

These totals represent all Granges who have turned in G Notes to the State Secretary as of July. We know there are many other Granges collecting notes and are saving them up to turn in at a later date. A check may be submitted in lieu of turning in the actual notes. Checks may be sent to the Central Office and made out to the Connecticut State Grange with a memo that says "G Notes". This program will continue until State Session when the last of the money may be turned in. *Thank you for your support of this program!*

East Central Pomona No. 3



- East Central #3
- Granby #5
- Glastonbury #26
- Manchester #31
- Vernon #52
- Coventry #75
- Hillstown #87
- Enfield #151
- Simbury #197

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: Noel Miller

No meeting until September 10, 2016 (because of Labor Day). Hope all are having a marvelous summer and see you in the fall.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Aug. 4: Meeting, 6 P.M., Picnic at 6:45 P.M.

Glastonbury will meet at 6 P.M. for a brief business meeting. This will be followed by our annual Peachy Picnic at 6:45 P.M. Chef, Tom Breen, will prepare the hot dogs and hamburgers. All members will provide the various salads.

September 1st will be our Installation of Officers. Brother Daniel Posuniak will be installed as Master. It is a 7:30 meeting and refreshments are potluck desserts provided by all members. All members are encouraged to try to attend and get the "New Grange Year" off on the right foot.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

Aug. 5: Picnic Time

Vernon Grange will have a potluck picnic at the Strong Family Farm

(weather permitting) and a tour of the farm for our August meeting.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Aug. 18: Summertime, Ref. Noel & Marcia

Big thanks to Nancy Messino, Richard Rider and friends for removing the dead trees from behind the hall. This is a big help and now we can take back the backyard for once and for all.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Aug. 13: Show & Tell

Sept. 10: Installation of Officers

Election of Officers saw a few changes as new members accepted some positions and look forward to growing in their Grange experience. Our Master Jim asked to stand down as work and family obligations have increased substantially, and yours truly was elected to that office. We voted to have an Ethnic Dish picnic for July and I will have a report on that next month. Meanwhile we wish you all a happy summer. Come visit, we love company.

Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

It's that time of year!

by Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

Reminder: Time to be working on your PR Contest Entries

Summer is the perfect time to be planning your entries for the 2016 Public Relations Contests. The Public Relations committee is offering three contests this year, all with a deadline of October 1, 2016. October will be here before you know it. It's easy to participate. Let's take a quick peek at each one.

1) Promote Your Grange Creative Video Contest: Create a video promoting your Grange. The video can be any length, and of any theme. Use your imagination! If you have a smart phone - you can shoot video!

2) Best Cooperative Partnership Contest: An integral part of Grange public relations is partnering with other local groups and organizations. This could be a co-hosted event, a co-sponsorship of a project or initiative, a project to benefit

or honor a group/organization, and so much more! Write a description of how your Grange has integrated/utilized a Cooperative Partnership, and include photos to accompany the description if appropriate.

3) Social Media Participation Contest: Create a Buzz about your Grange, its projects, activities and events by managing a proper Facebook or Twitter Page. This contest is open to all Community Granges, Pomona Granges and Junior Granges. Pages must be active at any point within the period of November 1, 2015 - October 1, 2016.

All of the details, rules, and information for the contests can be found on the Connecticut State Grange website at www.CTStateGrange.org, and are also available in the Blue Book. Entries should be mailed to Robert Charbonneau, 102 Spring Street, Meriden CT 06451, or sent via e-mail to publicrelations@ctstategrange.org.

Growing for the Future

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approach that works for the Molodiches. Their current size is just about what they can handle without hiring more help. Betsy and Katie are the two primary employees, although Helen (at age 91) continues to tend the stand when they are at markets and Betsy's mother Verna serves as the primary blueberry picker.

What the small staff handles is impressive. The two women grow "the best sweet corn around". They grow blueberries, greenhouse tomatoes, peaches, squash, potatoes, garlic, and more on 17 acres and are considering adding an additional high tunnel. Their stand opens May 1 with bedding plants, starter vegetable packs, and hanging baskets and runs through November. They regularly attend six markets in addition to the on-farm stand and the CSA.

The summers are so busy that Katie and Betsy take only one day off each summer for a fun day trip.

With so many different pieces to manage, effective communication is critical. The Molodiches' system is unique. Each morning Betsy puts a list on the kitchen table of things that need to be accomplished that day. As she completes the tasks, Katie crosses them off.

One common pitfall in family businesses is that the constant togetherness of family and business can become grating. The

Molodiches avoid this by consciously finding time apart. Katie notes: "We don't do everything together. She does her thing; I do my thing." Betsy adds, "We have to have our own space."

For Katie, doing her own thing means keeping incredibly busy. As soon as Betsy's Stand closes, Katie begins making wreathes and selling Christmas trees at Geer Tree Farm. In the spring, she and her boyfriend tap trees and make maple syrup on his family's farm.

In the midst of all this activity, Betsy and Katie maintain a commitment to evaluating their business and making improvements. Each year they aim to do one thing that is different, easier or new. One new thing they did this year was to host a farm walk for their CSA members to show them where their food comes from. On the production side, they purchased a plastic layer and a rototiller that will help reduce weeding time and labor. They are looking ahead to adding a larger wash station as well.

Whatever other changes they make, it is clear that Betsy and Katie have no intention of altering the values that have made their business so successful. They are committed to providing quality products to their customers and to cultivating the interests and strength of each person in their family. In the process, their customers end up feeling a bit like family as well.

Past Deputies Association

The next meeting of the Past Deputies Association will be held at the home of Jody and Jodi Ann Cameron in Brooklyn on Saturday, August 6th. All Past Deputies are welcomed to come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

The day starts off at 2:00 with a social hour hosted by Bob and Marge Sendewicz. This will be followed by a short meeting at 3:00 presided by President Jody Cameron. Marge Bernhardt will present the program. Noel Miller and Hank will be in charge of mingling. So come and mingle with Noel.

Members are asked to bring a dish to share, items for the country store titled "Good Old Summertime," a chair and your bathing suit if you would like to try out their new swimming pool.

Raffle tickets will be passed out for the October gift card raffle.

See you at the Camerons on the 6th.

87th Annual Fair

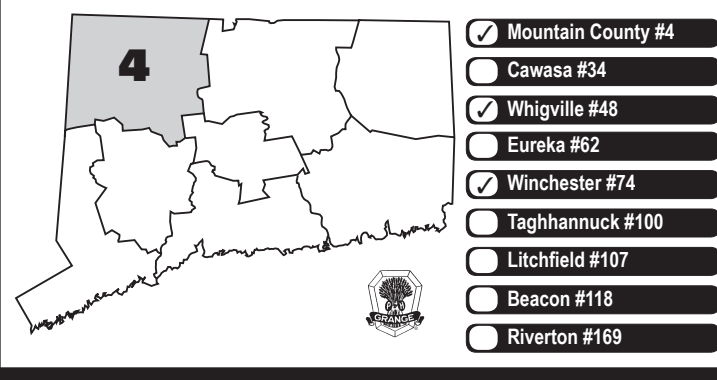
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Meriden Grange, No. 29

September 10th, 2016 - From 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
At the Meriden Grange Hall, 540 Broad Street,
Meriden, CT

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Mountain County Pomona No. 4



MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Mountain County Pomona does not meet in the month of August. Get out and enjoy the weather. Fall is coming!

Our next meeting will be held at Eureka Grange on Sept. 12. This meeting will also be the night we draw the winners in our annual Gift Card Drawing. Tickets are available for \$1. each from any officer of the Pomona. Tickets have also been sent to Granges that do not have a representative as a Pomona officer. The gift cards, in the past, have been from places like Dunkin Donuts, Walmart, Target, McDonalds, Stop & Shop and many others. It's a fun drawing and your chances for winning are really good. This is the main fundraiser for the Pomona so please buy as many tickets as you can!

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

NEW DATE!!!!

Whigville Grange Fair will be held on Saturday, August 27 from 10-2. This year the fair will feature a handmade miniature of Burlington, complete with a railroad. A teacup auction with live music, food, and more. Agricultural, baking and hobby competitions are open to all, with no entry fee. The Grange is located on S. Main St. in Burlington (just off Route 69). For an entry form, please send name and address to D. Brown at b_gary@sbcglobal.net.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Aug. 9: Fair Set-Up

Aug. 13: Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market

Aug. 23: Awards Night & Annual Picnic, 6 P.M. Dinner

Fill up the car and head for the hills on Aug. 13

when Winchester Grange holds its annual Fair and Flea Market at the Grange Hall and on the Green in Winchester Center. Do you have flower, vegetable, fruit or baking entries? Bring them along! Lunch will be served all day and there's the popular flea market on the Green. Admission and parking are free as are the fun and family atmosphere of the event. See you there!

Coming next month will be details on our annual participation in Winchester Center Days... a celebration of the fall season in Winchester Center. All

four organizations (Fire Dept., Church, Historical Assoc. and Grange) team up to present this event which features food (of course), music, a car show, displays, demonstrations, games and much more. Admission and parking are free.

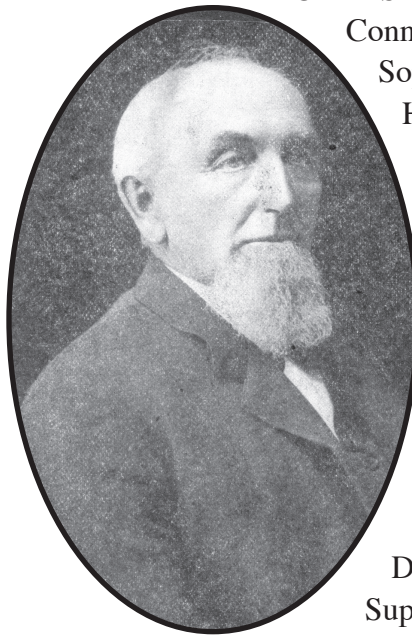
We have had inquiries about our 125th Anniversary Cookbooks recently. Yes, we still have cookbooks and are happy to sell them to you. We are now in our THIRD printing of the book due to the tremendous popularity. When the current printing is sold there will be 250

books in circulation. This is way beyond what we could have imagined for a small fundraising project initiated for our anniversary-- especially three years later!

We remind our members that the St. Pauly Clothing Shed is still available at the Grange Hall behind the Post Office entrance. Every pound of donations results in a percentage of money returning to the Grange. As you clean out your closets, please remember to set aside some things for the Grange.

State Master Orson Sumner Wood

Orson Sumner Wood was born on November 15, 1839 in Mansfield, Connecticut. He was the son of Eleazer Lawrence Wood and Sophronia Ann (Balch) Wood.



He received his education in the regular local schools in Norwich and graduated from Yale University in 1864.

He was a farmer and educator. A Republican in his politics and a Congregationalist in his faith.

On March 15, 1870 he married Mary Ellen Miller in Ellington, Connecticut. She was the daughter of Franklin E. Miller and Jane (Collins) Miller.

To them were born the following children: Robert E.; Frank O.; Anna; and Jennie L. Wood.

He represented the Town of East Windsor in the General Assembly in 1869 and again in 1872. He was Decon of the Ellington Church 1894-1900 and 1902-1904; Superintendent of the Schools of East Windsor; a teacher; a member of the Oriental Lodge F. & A.M. of Broad Brook and Assistant Principal of the Ellington High School.

His Grange record of service is as followx: Charter Lecturer of Ellington Grange and its Master; Lecturer and Master of East Central Pomona Grange; Deputy for Tolland County in the State Grange during 1888 and 1889; General Deputy of the State Grange during 1910 and 1911. Overseer of the State Grange during 1890-96: and sixth Master of the present State Grange during 1904-1907; Chaplain of the National Grange during 1907-1909.

His wife was his ever faithful helpmate in all his enterprises whether local, state or National.

It was during his administration that a number of the first set of Juvenile Granges were organized which are as follows: Hopeful Juvenile Grange #2, North Cornwall Juvenile Grange #3; Killingly Juvenile Grange #4; Brooklyn Juvenile Grange #5; Bolton Juvenile Grange #6 and Wangumbaug Juvenile Grange #7.

He personally organized the following Subordinate Granges: East Windsor #94, Mashapaug Lake #101 and Somers Grange #105. The following were organized by others during his administration: Redding #163 (2nd Org), Durham #57, Natchuag #68, Totoket #83, Wangumbaug #85, Pachaug #96, Putnam #97, Preston City #110, Hebron #111, Aspetuck Valey #160, Bozrah #161, Old Lyme #162, Bethel #164, Ridgefield #165, Salem #166, Ledyard #167, Stonington #168 and Riverton #169.

In his obituary notice, we found the following: "A man of force and character. He was a man of superier judgment and of deep convictions. His counsels in the affairs of the State Grange were timely and good. Conservtive by nature he was slow to adopt any measures until thoroughly satisfied that it would be for the best interests of all. He was affable in

manner and courteous with all. He was a model presiding officer and under his skillful hand the routine and special business of the State Grange Session were conducted with dispatch."

On November 5, 1911, he passed away and was buried in the family plot in Ellington.

65th Annual WINCHESTER GRANGE FAIR AND FLEA MARKET

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 13, 2016
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Winchester Grange Hall
100 Newfield Road • Winchester Center**

**Contests & Exhibits • Food from Café 74
Book Sale • Bake Sale • Kid's Games • Fun**

www.WinchesterGrange.org

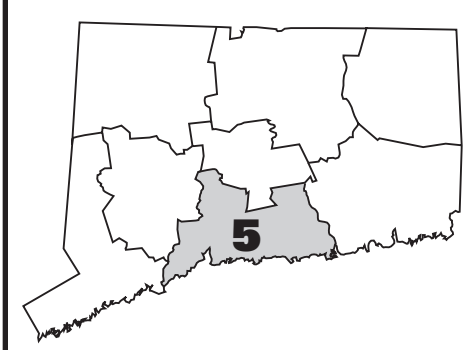


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New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- New Haven #5
- Cheshire #23
- Wallingford #33



NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch
Sept. 12: Regular Meeting/
 Installation of Officers
 at Cheshire Grange, 7:30
 P.M.

Oct. 17: Regular Meeting,
 Fall is in the Air, Cheshire,
 7:30 P.M.

Election of Officers in
 June found a few changes
 to the line-up. Barbara
 C. Kulisch is Lecturer,
 Richard Bernhardt is
 Steward, Marge Bernhardt
 is Treasurer and Wesley
 Dymoke is Gatekeeper. We
 are all ready to start a new
 year with Don Lanoue in
 the Master's chair.

Our door is always open
 so please stop by for a
 visit.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Dan Lauttenbach

On June 9 we had our
 "Summer Program." A
 business meeting was
 conducted first. Janet
 Haller reported that the
 fair ads are continuing

to come in and we have
 a few more than we had
 last year. Also, there will
 be an ad advertising Amy
 Gallatin and Stillwaters
 bluegrass band that will
 be playing at our Grange
 Hall on October 15. Under
 new business, Vern Grant
 was contacted by one of the
 contractors working on the
 new bridge nearby the hall
 who wanted to know if they
 could store some of their
 equipment on our property.
 He was given the go ahead
 to proceed with negotiating
 with them.

Upcoming events:

Aug. 25: "Summer
 Social", Ref. Lisa

Sept. 17: Annual
 Wallingford Grange Fair,
 Contact Janet Haller @
 (203) 314-6922 for a Fair
 book.

Oct. 15- Amy Gallatin
 & Stillwaters bluegrass
 band. Telephone Jim or
 Lisa Lamoureux at (203)
 238-1510 for tickets.

Cheshire Grange No. 23



From Cheshire Grange — Our summer shell favors have been delivered to Marbridge. This is definitely a good time to have a beach party.



It's almost time for the Cheshire Grange Community Fair to be held Aug. 23 & 24. The signs are almost ready... are you?



Members and friends of Cheshire Grange enjoy the annual Grange picnic held at the Bernhardt home in July.

Granger Address Changes

Name: _____

Grange: _____ No. _____

OLD ADDRESS:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

NEW ADDRESS:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please clip and mail to:

Connecticut Granger, P.O. Box 1393,

Glastonbury, CT 06033

or email: Granger@CTStateGrange.org

Ready to go "Around the World"?



Joanne Cipriano
 Social Connection Director
Social@ctstategrange.org

Our "Teamwork" evening is now history. If you didn't attend I want you to know you missed a fun evening. Lots of delicious hot soups: chicken made by Barbara Robert, chili by Jodi Ann Cameron, tomato by Jane Miller and beef barley by yours truly. This plus plates of sandwiches and dessert all made by volunteer Grangers. Barbara and I would like to thank Marge Bernhardt, Eloise Osuch and Cindy and Ray Legg for helping us set up and everyone who helped with the clean-up.

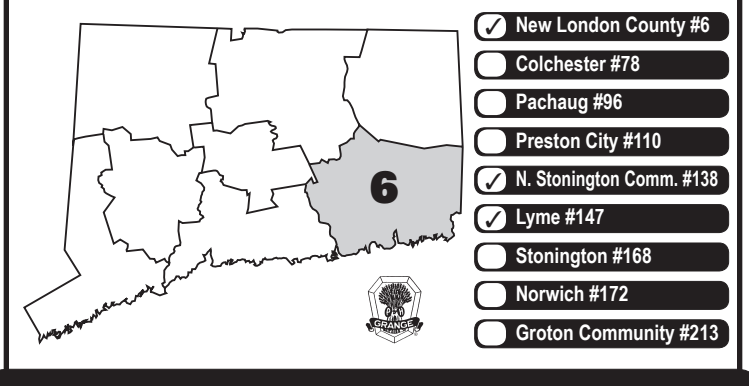
Also special thanks to Todd Gelineau for printing the tickets. He has come up with all the clever designs for all our events. Also to MaryAlyce Lee for the favors and table decorations and Jody Cameron for being our scorekeeper.

We have received a few applications for the "Granger of the Year" Award and look forward to receiving many more.

Our next event will be "Around the World" and we need volunteers to make some ethnic foods. Any takers? We don't need these tomorrow but we like to plan early.

We hope you all are enjoying the nice weather and look forward to meeting with you soon.

New London County Pomona No. 6



NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Sept. 5: "Hats Off!" Groton Grange

Congratulations to Jason Miner who took third place at State in the Talent Contest representing New London County Pomona. We were disappointed that an emergency prevented our A-Number winner to participate in the State contest; but there is always next year!

Unhappily, Quinebaug Pomona has decided to close its doors. Happily, Senexet #40, Wolf Den #61, Ekonk Community #89, Killingly #112 and Ekonk Community Jr. #101 are now members of New London County Pomona No. 6. Welcome to all our new members. Please come to a meeting soon. Groton Grange will hold a brief meeting at 7:00 P.M. followed by our meeting at 7:30. Groton meets at St. Andrew's Church on Route 1 in Groton. Hope to see a good crowd there.

The summer is upon us with its long and sultry days,

With trips to beaches, picnics and our backyard grills ablaze.

Before we know it, fall will come with all those falling leaves,

So don't forget Pomona; and join us, if you please.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Aug. 12: "Inspire Envy"

Aug. 26: "Don't Give Up On Yourself"

We are sad to report the passing of Nancie Gray, a 65 year member of our Grange. She will be sadly missed.

Election of Officers returned many of our Officers to their former positions, led by Robert Miner as our Master. The two exceptions are our new Overseer who will be Charlie Pianka and Jason Miner, our youngest member, was elected to be our Gatekeeper. We wish them both well in their

travels through the chairs. An impressive, candlelight memorial program reminded us of the sad loss of three of our members this past year.

Our picnic was well attended with 23 people enjoying a delicious potluck augmented by hot dogs and hamburgers cooked by Mike Riley, who was incited as a guest and ended up as chef extraordinaire.

Our Aug. 12 program is in the charge of the ladies with the men dishing up the refreshments; and our Aug. 26 program finds the tables turned. These are always very enjoyable evenings, with each group trying to outdo the other at the refreshment table. Hope to see a good crowd there. And if we can only get a little rain to turn our lawns green again, next time I'll tell you all about joyous July.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Sept. 1: Summer Capers. Besides the Fair what else did you do this summer?

Oct. 6: Are you ready for State Session?

Nov. 3: Ag Program- The Frost is on the Pumpkin

On a blistering hot night in July we held our meeting in our hall. We are working on a certificate night in December and will probably have about 35 to give out ranging from 25 years to 75 years. Hopefully the man upstairs will send us a pleasant evening.

The Lecturer shortened her program due to the excessive heat and the roaring of fans.

We continue community service with many members donating food to meal sites, volunteering at meal sites, hospital volunteering and driving elderly to doctor visits.

Norman Stitham outdid himself with our quarterly newsletter. He told the story of "I am the Nation." It really hit home being around the fourth of July. "Our Independence."

Hayden Reynolds has lined up terrific entertainment. I just hope we get decent weather.

Groton celebrates Independence



Groton Community Grange #213 participated in the Groton Independence Day Parade with cars decorated with Grange balloons and decals on the doors.



Todd A. Gelineau
State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

By the time you are reading this article, the calendar will have changed to August and there will be precious few weeks left before fall Grange activities kick into high gear.

The biggest of those activities is State Session. As I have mentioned in previous columns, the Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Norwich, October 20-22. We have a good number of resolutions in the hopper and expect many more before the Sept. 15 deadline (for printing in the Session Booklet). As the State Master has mentioned in his column, Pomona will be an important issue to be discussed as we have one resolution on this subject. Please discuss in your various Granges so your delegates are informed as to your own Grange's preference and opinion.

Registration and reservation information is included again in this issue. Please make your room reservations as soon as you can to be certain to receive the Grange discounted rate. This hotel is in very close proximity to Mohegan Sun (maybe an incentive to attend) and rooms may become hard to find if you wait too long and miss out on the Grange block of rooms.

DO NOT LOSE YOUR VOTE(S)

There are a number of Granges who have not sent in their dues for the second quarter. This quarter determines if your Grange's delegates will be eligible to be seated at State Session. Please make sure your

State Secretary

dues are paid. The added incentive is to avoid the \$25 late fee assessed on all reports not received by the 30th day following the closing of the quarter.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Notices have gone out to Granges who have not submitted their membership mailing lists. The original request went out over a year ago and we sincerely thank all who responded and continue to update their lists with the form provided with each quarterly report blank. This is not optional as it is required by the National Digest and in turn the State Grange is also required to compile a complete statewide list to be used for internal purposes and not for sale to outside/non-Grange affiliated entities.

NEW TO THE STORE

We have recently received a supply of Grave markers with flags that are now for sale through the Central Office. The markers are similar to ones seen in cemeteries for the armed forces or organizations like the American Legion or VFW. These durable holders are of good height and contain a flag holder for a blue Grange flag. Contact us if you are interested.

CLARIFICATION

We have had a number of Granges make a similar error on their quarterly report forms. At the top of the form we ask for the number of family plan members. This is the total number of all members who are part of family plans in your Grange. For example: If your Grange has 4 family plans with 4 members in each family, you have 16 family plan members. Further down on this form we ask for the number of family plans—this is simply the number of families in your Grange who are part

of this program. Using the example from above it would be 4 for our fictitious Grange. Please let me know if you have any questions about this or any other part of the form.

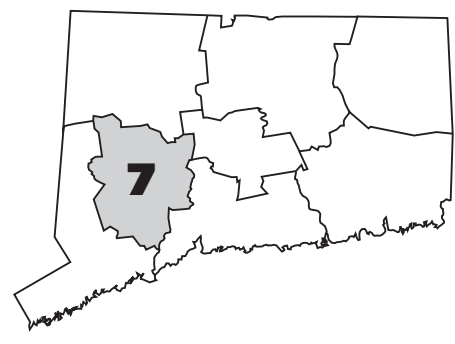
CALL TO SESSION

As is customary and required at this time of year, the annual Call to State Session will be going out at about the same time this Granger is being read. Please take note of all information contained in the call and encourage your members to attend all or part of State Session. The Convention is not just for delegates and State Officers. We want all members to get at least a taste of what it's all about and maybe aspire to become more involved with the State Grange in the future.


Included in the Call will be the delegate credentials. Please decide on your delegates as soon as possible and return your credentials to me at the Central Office as soon as possible. There is no such thing as TOO SOON. Having them in early allows us to prepare packets, badges, etc. well in advance, eliminating the last minute rush that always seems to happen. The credentials only tell us who the official voting representatives of your Grange will be. Registration is separate and also should be done as soon as possible. Each year we do have a number of people who are scrambling to get their reservations in and end up waiting to see if we have any cancellations for the Celebration Banquet because they didn't meet the deadline. Even then you end up with the entrée selected by that other person—great if you like that item, not so much if you don't!

With all of that said, enjoy the remainder of your summer while you can!

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- Excelsior #7
- Beacon Valley #103
- Bethlehem #121
- Prospect #144
- Bridgewater #153
- Wolcott #173
- Oxford #194



BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox
Aug. 14: Pomona Picnic at 1:00 P.M. Potluck at the Maddox home. All are welcome.

Aug. 22: Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Cheryl, Ray Johnstone refreshments.

Our holiday flea market is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 12, 9-1. For table space please call Linda at 203-264-8151... \$25 per table.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Robert Buck
Aug. 5: Game Night
Aug. 19: Agriculture Comm. Program

July was a slow month in Oxford. We had our summer picnic put off for a week by the threat of bad weather, and another regular business meeting later in the month. The weekly Open Mic Nights are taking place every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Painting in the hall continues thanks to the efforts of Martin Earley. We are exploring fundraising options to pay for the materials for a handicapped ramp on the hall so we can take advantage of an offer from a town resident to build the structure with the labor provided for free.

GMO labeling law awaits signature



Alma Graham
 Legislative Director
Legislative@ctstategrange.org

Have you submitted your resolutions to the State Grange yet? It is not too late to send a resolution in. The deadline for submitting resolutions for the 2016 session is September 15th. We have had some great discussions at the state convention on your resolutions. Resolutions concerning Grange law and national issues may be sent to National Grange for discussion as well.

On the national level, Congress just passed a GMO labeling bill that is now heading to the President. The Senate passed it earlier in the month. This was in response to the government and food industry

concern about state-by-state patchworks of laws concerning GMO labeling. They wanted to bring some consistency to the labeling laws. The Connecticut General Assembly passed our own bill a couple of years ago but it has not gone into effect yet. Ours required neighboring states to approve similar bills

electronic code readable by smart phones that indicates if the product contains GMO Modified ingredients. This bill gives the US Department of Agriculture two years to write up rules for this new legislation.

There will be some exemptions from the labeling law. Foods primarily consisting of beef, poultry, pork or eggs will not be required to be labeled, even if the feed the animals eat contain GMO corn or soybeans.

Agricultural and food industry groups have supported this legislation. Some groups have expressed concern that consumers will not be able to read the electronic labels. According to the food industry about 75 to 80 percent of food contain some genetically modified ingredients, mostly corn and soy beans. This legislation will provide consumers with the information they have asked for concerning GMO ingredients in their foods.



before being activated. The state of Vermont did pass a strict GMO label law that has gone into effect but this new national law will preempt it.

The new GMO labeling law would require most food packages to carry either a text label, a symbol or an

Family Activities



Irene Percoski
 CWA/Family Activ. Director
cwa@ctstategrange.org

By the time you read this, the needlework, craft and baking contests have been judged and ribbons awarded. Now is the time to complete the reports due on September 1st for Subordinate Granges and September 15th for Pomona Chairmen. Even if your Grange did not do much it is still important to send in a report and make suggestions, any complaints or changes about things in our CWA/Family Activities that can increase more participation. I do read every report as they are important to me. Thank you in advance.

Lecturer's Dept. deadlines near



Marge Bernhardt
 State Lecturer
lecturer@ctstategrange.org

and who helped with our program.

I have heard about several new Lecturers taking office this year. Best wishes to all of you. And to everyone else, welcome back! Don't forget whether you are new at this job or a seasoned veteran, I am always here to help.

If you are leaving office, please pass along any forms or information you have. It is hard getting started and there is probably information that you have that your

successor can use. If you are new and don't get anything handed to you, let me know and I will make up a packet for you.

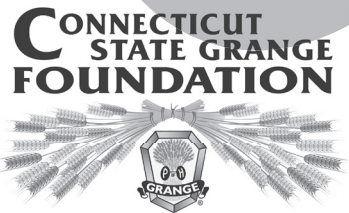
As this Grange year comes to a close, don't forget your Complete Programs, Essays and Should Auld Acquaintance Forms need to be sent in. The Honor Lecturer Form will be included with the next newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Hope to see you around the State.

Plant Seeds for the Future

Consider leaving a planned gift for the Connecticut State Grange Foundation, Inc.* The size of your gift does not matter. What matters is that we all participate and support the future of the Grange!

Please contact us if you need assistance.



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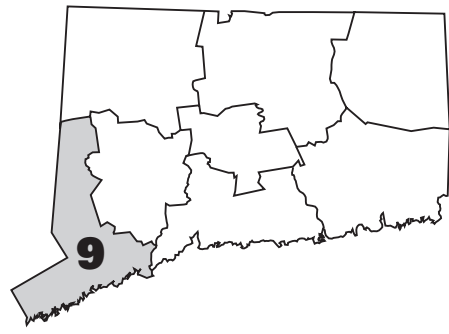
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A promotional billboard/banner at Camp Berger this summer.

I hope everyone is having a relaxing and healthy summer. By the time you read this, The 101st Northeast Lecturers' Conference will be in the past. My sincere thanks to everyone who attended

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- Fairfield County #9
- Redding #15
- Harmony #92
- Greenfield Hill #133
- Norfield #146
- Cannon #152



HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: George Ward

Aug. 26: Regular meeting at 7:30; Ref. Ice Cream Socia at 6:30. Lecturer's program to be announced.

Our agricultural fair is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Grange Hall. There will be exhibits of vegetables, plants, needlework, canned goods and more. Antiques will be available for sale. Food will be prepared and on sale by our kitchen staff. Old cars and farm equipment will be on display. Note: The date for our regular meeting has been changed to the fourth Friday, August 26, because we will be setting up and registering articles for the exhibits on Friday, Aug. 12, the eve of our Fair.

Our 125th Anniversary is scheduled for Sunday,

October 2 at the Grange Hall. More information will be forthcoming in upcoming issues of the Granger.

The Connecticut Farm Bureau met at Harmony Grange Hall on Tuesday, June 28 and presented the program, "Farm Fantasy to Reality: Creating a Successful Business Plan."

A business plan is a critical element to farm success. The plan was presented by Joseph Bonelli, UConn Extension Educator.

The Monroe Zoning Board of Appeals at their meeting on July 5, 2016 approved the variances submitted by the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, for the roundabout at the intersection of Routes 111 & 110 in Monroe.

Granger Of the Year

Nominations Due Sept. 30

Every Grange has a member or members who go above and beyond what is expected and make their Granges better through their contributions. The Social Connection Committee is looking for nominations from every Grange in the state. Winners will receive their awards and recognition at the Celebration Banquet at State Session.

Grange Search-A-Word

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EVERYBODY'S GOING THIS YEAR!

FAIR GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE No. 133

Saturday August 27, 2016 10am-3pm

- Special Events:**
Judged Exhibits:
 Vegetables-Flowers
 Fruits-Baked Goods
 Photography
 Arts - Crafts -- and more
 Games -- Raffle -- Vendors
- Lectures on:**
 Raising Chickens
 Antique Farm Tools
 Fairfield Community Garden

Pony Rides
 Children 4 yrs & older
 Food & Refreshments

Grange Hall
 1873 Hillside Road
 Fairfield, CT



Celebrate summer with a new zesty twist on traditional salad. This recipe from Ready-Set-Eat is not only easy, but tasty too! Perfect for Grange picnics and potlucks.

CORN AND BLACK BEAN CHOPPED SALAD

Ingredients:
 3 cups chopped iceberg

- lettuce
 2 cans whole kernel corn, drained
 1 can Whole Black Beans, drained, rinsed
 1 can Ro*Tel® Mexican Diced Tomatoes with Lime Juice & Cilantro, undrained

2 tablespoons Canola Oil

Directions:

Toss together all ingredients in large bowl until combined. Add your favorite shredded cheese to make this salad more hearty.

Source: http://www.readyseteat.com/recipes-Corn-and-Black-Bean-Chopped-Salad-6047.html?utm_source=outbrain&utm_medium=outbrain&utm_campaign=outbrain

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing: submissions@ctstategrange.org.

Last Month



This Month




We heard from Janet Haller regarding the July photo. She believes the photo was taken in November 1972 because of the ribbon badges worn in the photo, representing when the National Grange Convention was in Connecticut in 1972. She thinks they may have been taking tickets for an event that was part of the Convention, like perhaps a banquet or meal. The woman on the left is Joan Goetgen. She was from Tunxis Grange. She has no idea who the woman in the middle is. Janet believes the woman on the right is also from Tunxis Grange, but does not remember her name.

Hank the Burro

Connecticut's Grange Mascot



340 Likes!

Looking at Litchfield Grange's plans

By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange Friends!
Hope everyone is having a good summer and staying cool.


The end of June, I accompanied Noel to various inspections. We went to Meriden on June 24th. I always like seeing my Grange friends around the state!

We also made the trek to Rindge, New Hampshire for NE Grange Sunday. Cathedral of the Pines is a beautiful location to hold such a moving service. Our Chaplain Charles Dimmick did a fine job representing Connecticut. It was nice to meet up with Grange friends from our neighboring states.

I accompanied Noel to a recent meeting of Litchfield Grange where they discussed working to repair their Grange Hall.

Want to keep up on my travels? Be sure to follow me on Facebook. Please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>

Say Hello if you see me around the State!



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Junior Grange

In June we elected: Evelyn as President, Abbey as Vice President, Jenna as Chaplain, Casey as Program Director, Ariella as Steward, Kayla as Assistant Steward, Katelyn as Lady Assistant, Brianna as Treasurer, Lillian as Secretary, and Kaelyn as Greeter. Notice we have ALL GIRLS! One boy, so far has volunteered to be in charge of Family Activities! I am glad William was willing to step up!

In July we were saddened to hear about brother Charles Thurlow passing. We will remember him as a kind and generous

man who always had a nice word for everyone, and who always supported us.

In July we also discovered that all of our seeds planted in our garden had been eaten, with one exception. It was replanted, but we aren't too hopeful. We will need to figure out what to do next year so that we don't have the same problem. If anyone has any suggestions, we'd love to hear them!

In August we are paying for Animal Experiences to come to our fair at 1 p.m. Dave is a great guy with MANY animals. Most of which we can hold and pet. Enjoy your summer!

EKONK JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

In May, we gave a Sterling 5th grader, and her family a check for \$916.00. This child has lost a leg, just above her knee from a rare form of cancer. We had a spaghetti supper and a plant sale, as well as some donations to raise this money.



Left: A screenshot of the Pokestop featuring the Grange emblem on the outside of the National Grange Headquarters at 1616 H St. NW in Washington, D.C. Is your Grange hall a Pokestop???



From National Grange — Guess what... We're a Pokestop! The phenomenon that is Pokemon Go may be just the thing to help promote your Grange if your Hall is a Pokestop or Pomegym. Don't know what we're talking about? Find a Grange Youth member and they're likely already playing this hit new game for smartphones that encourages players to get out and explore their communities while collecting Pokemon and interacting with other players.

In My Opinion...

A number of years ago, we attempted to have occasional opinion pieces (or letters to the editor) in the Granger. However, the "back and forth" turned pointed at times so the feature was eliminated. If you would like to present a topic or respond to a topic printed here, please do so, but please remember your obligations as Grange members and keep your comments respectful and to the point. As always, I (the editor) reserve the right to edit or omit any and all submissions.

This month's submission...

I think it is wrong to change the name of the Grange Master to President. The Grange is named for an English farm that had a master and overseer. Today there are headmasters of prep schools, masters at colleges, postmasters, toastmasters, Master of Arts degrees, all kinds of masters.

There is no reason to change a name that will be 150 years old in 2017... Grange Master.

Barbara Bartram, Taghannuck Grange #100

In Memoriam

Charles "Chuck" Thurlow, G.S. Ekonk Comm. #89	
Nancie Gray, G.S.	N. Stonington #138
Wilda Adams	Echo Grange #180
Florence Palmer, G.S.	Echo Grange #180
Gretchen Tellier	Echo Grange #180

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State Chaplain God's Mercy



Charles Dimmick, State Chaplain

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." The word "mercy" is very common in the Bible, appearing 352 times in the King James Version. Knowing that there are sometimes great difficulties in finding proper translations from Hebrew to

English, I got to wondering just what extra meanings the word might have in Hebrew. Much to my surprise I found that there are five different Hebrew words translated as "mercy", each with slight but significant changes in meaning. For instance, in Psalm 4 we read "have mercy on me and hear my prayer"; the word translated "mercy" is "chanan", which means to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior. But in the passage from Psalm 23, which starts this article, the word used in Hebrew is "cheched", which originally referred to bowing in courtesy towards an equal. It can also mean "kindness", and indeed in Psalm 117 the same word "cheched" is translated "merciful kindness".

Properly translating "cheched" into English has been recognized as a problem for hundreds of years. There is no one word which can give all its multiple shades of meaning. Indeed, looking at various translations of the Bible I find our familiar "goodness and mercy" of the 23rd Psalm rendered also as "goodness and love", "goodness and unfailing love", "goodness and lovingkindness", "goodness and faithful love", "goodness and gracious love", "goodness and faithfulness", and "your kindness and your mercies".

Let's pass over for now the other three words translated as "mercy" and concentrate on these two. I think they are revealing in showing us the nature of God's mercy. In the first instance God will show his mercy by bending down and saving us in our distress, thus showing "chanan" towards us. In the second instance, having raised us to safety, he will offer us his eternal friendship, his "cheched", his merciful kindness to us and asks only that we accept it.

This, then is God's great mercy: that although he is as much superior to us as we are to a grain of sand, he will raise us up and of his great love will disregard our inferiority, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, and treat us as friends, showering us with his kindness. One cannot help but be reminded of that great old Gospel hymn: "What a friend we have in Jesus".



Deadline for next issue: August 5!