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## State President



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What wild weather we had in May with damaging winds and hail having some effect on our Grangers in the western section of the state. May we all get through the hassles of clean-up and insurance paperwork to get back to normal. We always talk about the weather because it is ever changing. We remember those years of wet or droughty summers, freezing cold or mild winters, early plantings or later than ever plantings. With the weather patterns we have to adapt to change, so we must adapt to changes in the Grange.

When our founding fathers designed the Grange in 1867 did they think it would survive 150 years later? I think they would have thought the message would be the same but the presentation would adapt to the times, so we need to reach out with open arms to the new ideas of today's potential members. Through our values and moral fiber of Honesty, Charity, Ethical, Fairness, we need to reach out to the next leaders of the Grange and see what they can do to expand our Grange into the next 150 years. We should never give up our principles for "That is the Grange Way," but like the grasses

and the trees bend to the high wind yet stand tall in the calm.

The CWA's "Let's Celebrate" starts June 9 and 10. Make sure the entries are in before judging on Saturday. Grange Sunday is on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the Youth and Juniors will have soup and sandwiches and dessert like last year. The Talent Contest is to follow. Join in the fun.

The new Pomona Granges seem to be moving forward and response from former members are warm. Don't give up your membership to the Pomona Grange. Come out to the new Pomona Granges and see what's new in them. More the merrier.

State Session is just around the corner. This is the time to write resolutions that will be acted on at the State Session and some can go on to National Grange in Vermont. State Session is open to everyone, although only Delegates can vote, there are opportunities for all at State Session. You may get inspired to run for an office in your Community Grange.

As the summer vacation time approaches, remember to meet during the summer and to celebrate with picnics and fun. Fairs will be about and look for the Connecticut Grown flyer from the Department of Agriculture for the Connecticut State Grange advertisement.

I found an old Granger paper from when I was Director of the Ag. Committee, which talked about the newborns at the UConn Campus farms and the arrival of school

buses as signs of spring with school children's first experience with agriculture being their visits to the farms. It was as important then

as it is now that our children know where their food comes from and the importance of locally grown produce. So support local farmers'

markets and set up a stand for membership and spread the word that the Grange is still here. "That is the Grange Way."

## Tick-Borne Diseases on the Rise

By Ferzone Dhanoa, Patch National Staff (Orig. Pub. May 3, 2018)

Tick-borne illnesses are on the increase in the United States and disease cases have doubled between 2004 and 2016, according to a new report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Further, the report found that disease cases from infected mosquitoes, ticks and fleas have tripled in 13 years and since 2004, nine vector-borne diseases were discovered or introduced for the first time from the United States and its territories.

According to the CDC report, 48,000 tick-borne diseases were reported in 2016 and Lyme disease accounted for 82 percent of all tick-borne diseases between 2004 and 2016. In 2004, 22,000 tick-borne diseases were reported. In its report, the CDC said the nation needs to be better prepared to face this public health threat.

"Zika, West Nile, Lyme, and chikungunya- a growing list of diseases caused by the bite of an infected mosquito, tick, or flea- have confronted the U.S. in recent years, making a lot of people sick. And we don't know what will threaten Americans next," CDC Director Robert R. Redfield said in a news release. "Our Nation's first lines of defense are state and local health departments and vector control organizations, and we must continue to enhance our investment in their ability to fight against these diseases."

In Connecticut, between 2004 and 2016, there were 36,727 tick-borne disease cases, according to CDC data. Connecticut was in the top 20 percent of states for tick-borne diseases and had one of the highest number of disease cases. Tick-borne diseases occur throughout the country but predominate in the eastern parts of the country and along the Pacific coast.

The CDC identified four other tick-borne diseases; spotted fever



A deer tick, most common in the Eastern U.S.

rickettsioses, babesiosis, and anaplasmosis / ehrlichiosis, that have all seen a rise in the 13 year period.

According to the CDC, ticks are partially hard to control. The New York Times reported that ticks need deer or rodents as their main blood hosts and their populations have increased while predators like foxes have disappeared. The CDC notes that tick-borne pathogens rarely cause sudden epidemics because humans are typically incidental hosts that do not transmit further. In comparison, mosquito-borne illnesses are transmitted directly between humans by the mosquitoes.

The CDC says their data underestimates disease occurrence and it is estimated that Lyme Disease affects 300,000 Americans every year. Many cases result in minimal symptoms.

The lead author of the CDC study, Dr. Lyle R. Petersen, told the Times that warmer weather is an important cause in the surge but he didn't directly link the increase to climate change. Petersen also said a lack of vaccines and jet travel were factor in the surge.

The CDC says the burden falls on local health agencies to survey and control ticks and nearly all vector control operations are locally funded and operated. With ticks being difficult to control, the CDC says people must take extra steps to protect themselves.

Here are some steps you can take to prevent yourself from being bitten by a

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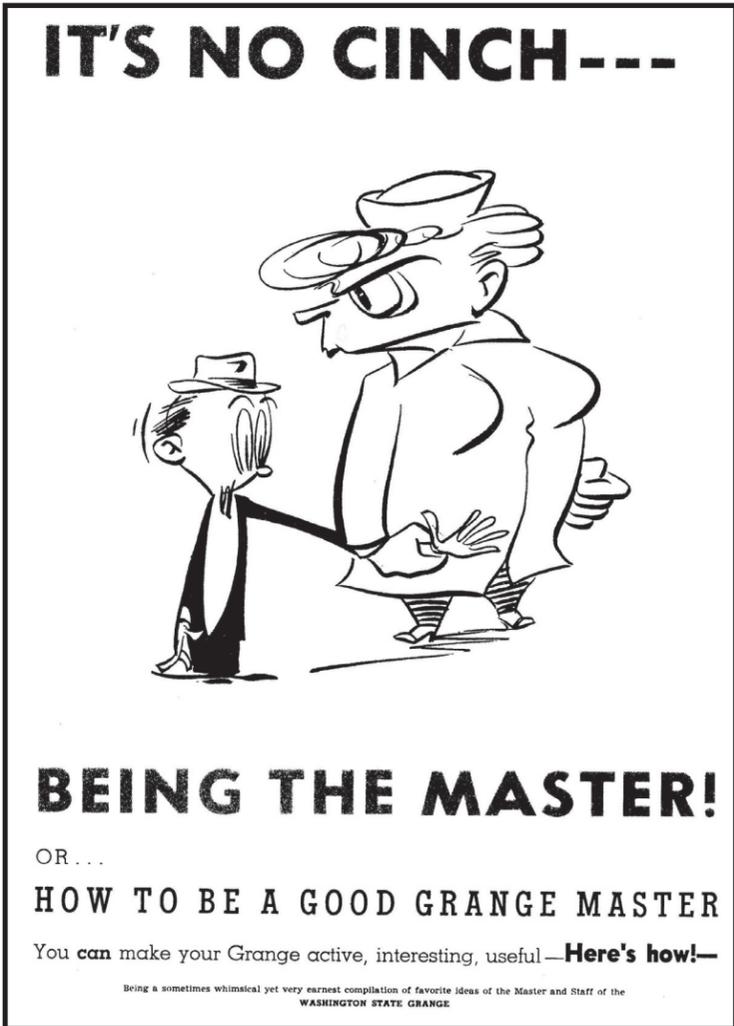
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# It's No Cinch ... Being A Grange Master!



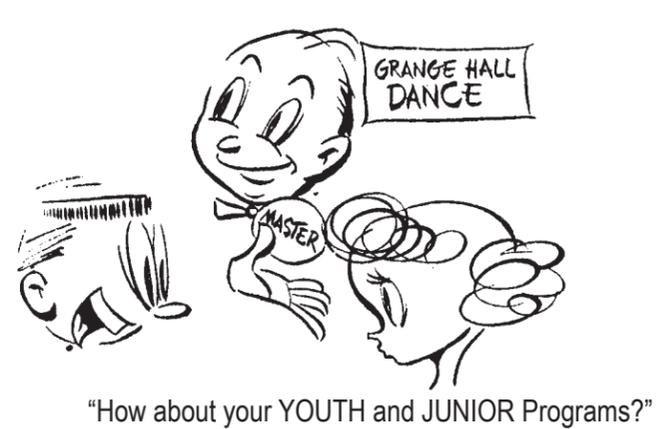
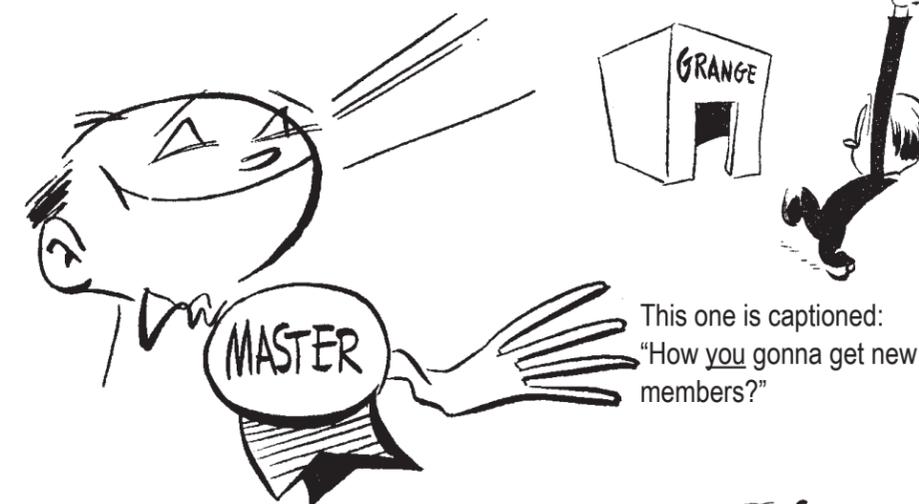
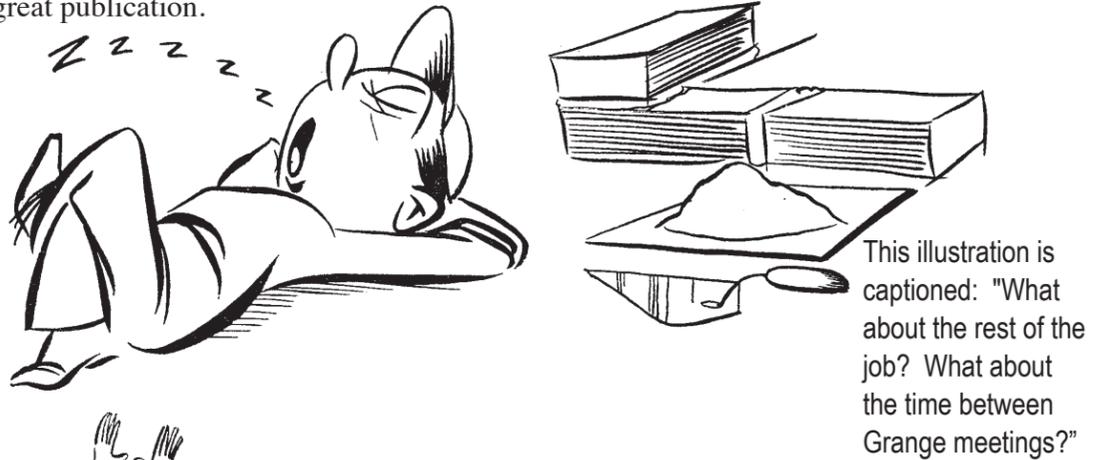
Todd A. Gelineau, Editor

In 1966, the Washington State Grange, in cooperation with the Grange Insurance Association and the Grange Mutual Life Company, published the booklet shown at left, "It's No Cinch ... Being the Master! or How to be a Good Grange Master."

The booklet offered useful information on how to grow membership and to be an effective Grange officer. A modern booklet that offers information for Grange officers and committees is available through the National Grange website.

In this issue we have re-printed some of the illustrations from that earlier publication because they are both entertaining and have a style that is a great reflection of the time in which they were printed. As the WA State Grange states on the cover, "Being a sometimes whimsical yet very earnest compilation of favorite ideas of the Master and Staff of the Washington State Grange." Some illustrations are as true today as they were then.

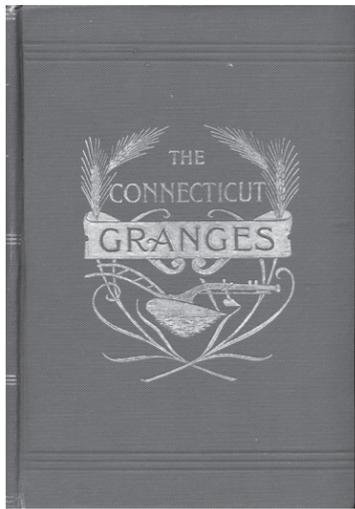
While cleaning out Past State Master Bud Beecher's home in Winchester Center, family members offered us copies of this booklet found in the house. We hope you enjoy the illustrations and we give great credit to our Brothers and Sisters in Washington for producing a great publication.



The closing graphic might include a wide array of electronic distractions today but the sentiment is just the same now as it was then...

## "Now let's go to Grange..."

# A look back at Lyme Grange No. 147



The following is another excerpt from the publication, "The Connecticut Granges." This month we look at the town of Lyme and Lyme Grange.

"It is one of the loveliest nooks on the New England coast, and if its distinguished sons and daughters could all be gathered home, the world might well pause to exclaim, in figurative language: 'However small a treet in the great orchard, Lyme is a matchless producer of fruit.'" This is what Martha Lamb, the distinguished historical writer, had to say in a delightful article about old Lyme, in the Harper Magazine for August, 1876. These seem to have been Lyme's contribution to Connecticut's title to greatness. It was a generous quota of surpassing quality. Nature had done little for the town to make it a producing factor in the material growth of the commonwealth, but an abundant compensation lay in its rich fecundity as the mother of patriots, statesmen, jurists, divines and men and

women skilled to mould events and character for the shaping of human progress. Its historing during the period in which the revolt of the Colonies against British oppression was brewing, is fruitful of interest, and makes it the peer of the home of Jonathan Trumbull. Lyme and Lebanon were linked by a fraternity of spirit which would have made them the twin sisters of sedition.

Settlement began in 1664 in that part of the town set off in 1855 and incorporated as Old Lyme. It was called East Saybrook then, and doubtless many of its first comers were from the Saybrook colony on the west side of the Connecticut River, of which it was a part. It was set off and erected into a township in 1667.

The settlers cast off their allegiance to the Saybrook church in 1666 and employed Mr. Noyes to perform the ministerial offices. No ecclesiastical society was formed until 1693, the functions pertaining to such being administered by the town. On March 27, of that year, a society was formed, by unanimous vote of town meeting, and Mr. Noyes, who had been preaching to them for twenty-seven years, was "called to office." Twenty-seven years would seem a long probation, but this patient cleric may be presumed to have found in his unattached condition many felicities to offset

the inevitable annoyance of such abnormal relation. That he was a man of parts, and withal, a pleasing preacher could be fairly assumed from his induction into the pastorate after such an extended period of trial.

In 1817 the fourth church edifice was build and is the present sanctuary of the Society. The elm trees planted about this building by official action of the church are its defense against the rough elements and perennial miracles of praise for those who set them in their abiding places. the Congregational Church at Hamburg was constructed soon after the close of the first quarter of the last century. The date is supposed to have been 1727.

It was through the good offices of Gilbert H. Strong that Lyme Grange No. 147 was created. Inspired by a large faith in Grange principles, and a desire that his town should possess every advantage that would make for its gain and betterment, he applied himself with such earnest purpose and well directed energy that the Grange was organized on the 9th of April, 1896, under the direction of Deputy Samuel A. Chalker.

The roll of charter members includes twenty-two names.

The Grange (as of 1899) has suffered no losses by death, and the losses by demit and withdrawals have been but three.



Lyme Grange Hall

Eleven new members were added in 1896, three in 1897, and ten in 1898, making our total present membership forty-three.

Great pains have been taken by the several Lecturers to provide interesting and instructive programs and the members have largely taken part in the discussion of the general topic. The Lecturer's Hour has been thrown open to the public on several occasions and these meetings have been well attended and those present seemed to enjoy the entertainment provided.

For the first two years after its organization the Grange rented a Hall of Pythagoras lodge in Hamburg at a cost of \$30 per annum. In the spring

of 1898 a hall nearby was purchased and refitted at a total expense of about \$1,000, which amount remains a debt upon the order.

In September, 1897, the Grange held an Agricultural Fair and Cattle Show which was so successful that a much more extensive exhibition was planned and carried out in the fall of 1898.

There is ample reason for believing the Grange will continue to grow in number and prosperity, and that it will become and ever increasing force for usefulness in the community where it has already wrought for much by its precepts and practices.

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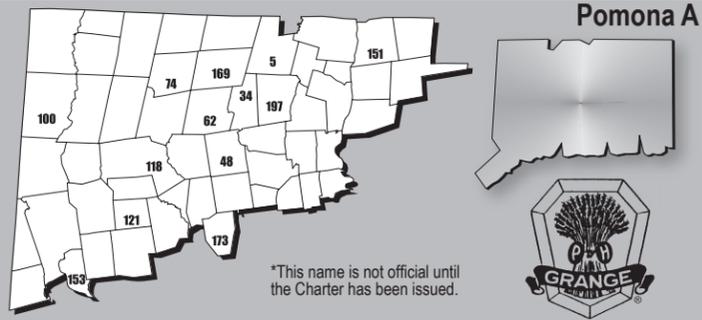
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# Mountain Laurel Pomona



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| Cawasa No. 34      | Enfield No. 151     |
| Whigville No. 48   | Bridgewater No. 153 |
| Eureka No. 62      | Riverton No. 169    |
| Winchester No. 74  | Wolcott No. 173     |
| Taghannuck No. 100 | Simsbury No. 197    |
| Beacon No. 118     |                     |

### WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

**June 12:** Strawberries Are Here; Ref. Bill & Betty Ahrens

**June 17:** Strawberry Festival, Grange Hall, 2;30-5:00 P.M.

**June 26:** Election of Officers; Ref. Shirley Lemieux

If you missed Winchester Grange's Music Night in May you missed one of the best programs in a long, long time. Congratulations to Mary Lou Keefe and Don Fancher for organizing such a wonderful night of entertainment. Several months ago, Mary Lou asked members to write down favorite songs or songs they would like to hear at the music night. The selections were varied and she worked hard to make sure most of the requests were met. We heard hymns and pieces by Billy Joel, John Lennon, J.S. Bach, Dolly Parton, the Pink Panther and even some original compositions.

We thank Mary Sullivan, Judy Robinson, Pete Hurlbut, Jerry Alonzy, Mary Lou Keefe, Alexis LaMere, and Abigail Lang for sharing their musical talents with us. It was an

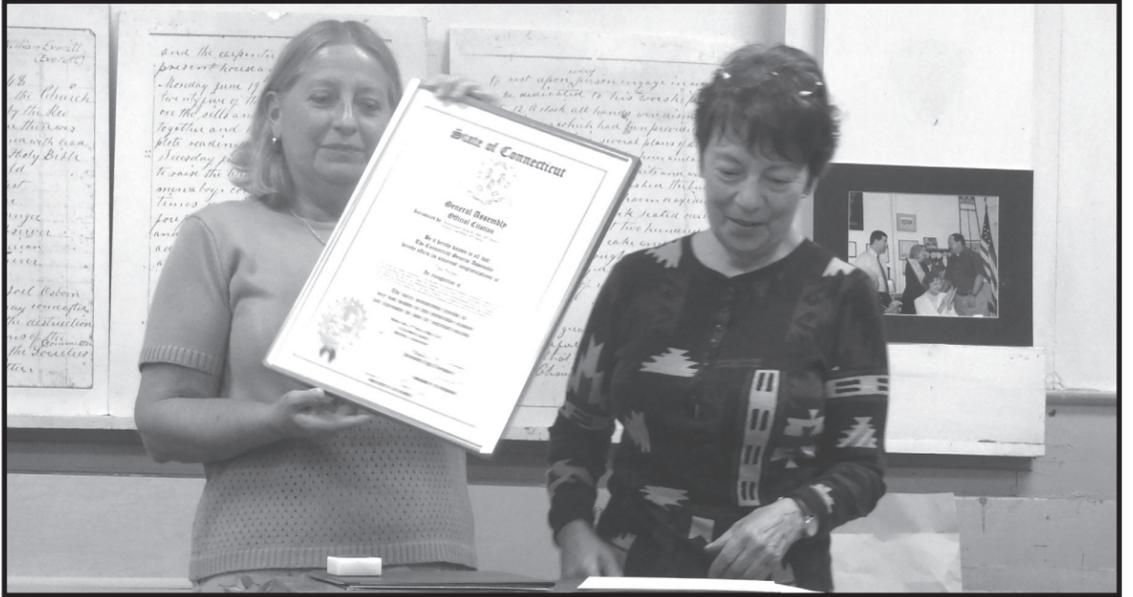
enjoyable evening of music in Winchester Center. Don Fancher promises an even bigger and slightly different style of program next year. Join us!

Looking into June, all hands on deck for the annual Father's Day Strawberry Festival at the Grange Hall from 2:30 – 5:00 P.M. Come and enjoy the area's largest servings of Strawberry Shortcake served on Grange-baked biscuits with fresh strawberries and Grange-whipped cream. You can also have sugar-free and take-out is available.

### BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Bridgewater Grange's Roast Beef Dinner for Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> will be postponed. The terrible storm that came through the area on the late afternoon of May 15 knocked down many trees. Many area residents are without power and may be for days. The date for the next dinner will be sometime in June. As of this writing we do not know the status of our bake sale on the morning of Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. If the Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club has their sale we may have the bake sale still.

# Taghannuck Grange No. 100



Taghannuck Grange No. 100 recently presented its Citizen of the Year Award to Tina Pitcher of Sharon. Grange Master Barbara Prindle is pictured at right.



Still the Homegrown Band performs during the program portion of the open meeting.

Take Dad Out For Dessert!

## Winchester Grange

# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

**FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 17**  
**2:30 PM**

**WINCHESTER GRANGE HALL**

On The Green • 100 Newfield Rd, Winchester Center

**Strawberry Shortcake: Adults \$6.00, Children \$4.00**  
**Take-Outs Available • Bake Sale**



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## Granger Shout Out



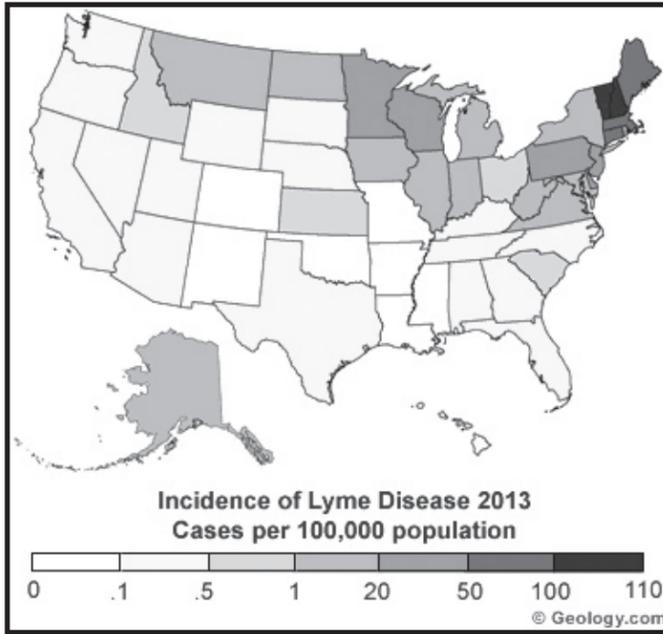
A sincere thank you to Rich Bernhardt from Cheshire Grange for all his help at the Social Connection's Mystery Dinner. It was appreciated.

# Ticks!

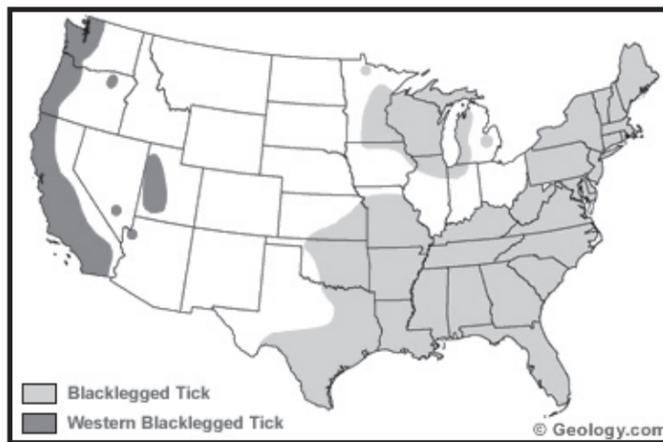
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tick (via the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene):

- Stay on cleared paths and hiking trails when walking in heavily wooded areas.
- Wear light-colored, Permethrin-treated clothing to allow you to better see ticks that crawl on your clothing. Wear long-sleeved shirts and tuck your pant legs into your socks so that ticks cannot crawl up the inside of your pant legs.
- Apply repellants containing DEET to prevent ticks from attaching.
- Check for ticks on your body and clothing after returning from wooded, brushy, or tall, grassy areas and remove any ticks you find on your, your child or your pet.
- Keep in mind that young ticks are very small (about the size of a poppy seed), so seek help to inspect not easily reachable areas. Be sure to look carefully in areas of the body where hair is present, since it may make it difficult to see the ticks. Adult ticks are about the size of an apple seed.
- Shower after being in an area with ticks, and promptly put clothes in a dryer on high heat to kill ticks.
- Speak to your vet about tick prevention products for your pet dogs and cats.
- Remove leaf litter and debris to reduce the likelihood of ticks around the home.
- If you get a rash or fever, let the doctor know if you may have been exposed to ticks, even if you don't remember having a tick bite.

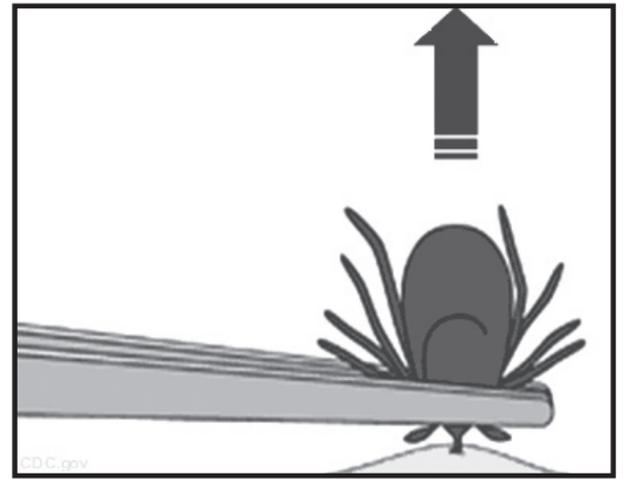


This map shows the incidence of Lyme Disease nationwide per 100,000 people. New England has the highest number of cases with only Vermont and New Hampshire registering more cases than the rest of the region.

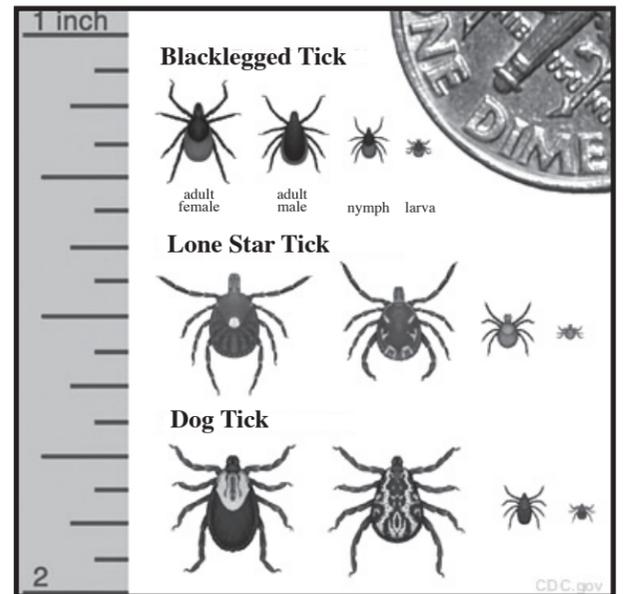


The Blacklegged Tick dominates the eastern United States (light grey) while the Western Blacklegged Tick is found in Pacific coastal areas and pockets are found in four other areas of the west.

## Tick Removal



Remove a tick from your skin as soon as you notice it. Use fine-tipped tweezers to firmly grasp the tick very close to your skin. With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from your skin. Then clean your skin with soap and warm water. (For more details see information at left.) Illustration by the Center for Disease Control.





## Let's Celebrate Day

Contests • Exhibits • Food • Fellowship • Entertainment • Fun

### Sunday, June 10, 2018

### Doors Open at 10 AM

Cheshire Grange Hall, 44 Wallingford Rd., Cheshire, CT

- Non-Denominational Fellowship Service at 11:00 AM
  - Lunch by the Youth and Junior Committees
  - Talent and "A Number" Contest Run-offs
- Contests and displays including needlework, baking and crafts, photography and more!

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Complete Contest Rules and Information are available in the Blue Program Book and on the Connecticut State Grange website:  
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## Social Connection

Joanne Cipriano, Director

I can now report that our Mystery Dinner is a thing of the past. Hopefully everyone had a good time. We had a good time planning it.

Barbara and I would like to thank Rich Bernhardt, Eloise Osuch, Pat Fischer, Jody Cameron and Lin Erickson for all their help. We would also like to thank Todd Gelineau for printing the tickets and Robert Charbonneau for supplying the music. And lastly to everyone who came and those who brought items for the Country Store our sincere appreciation.

We hope you are filling socks to be donated to the West Haven Veterans Hospital. If you need a pair of socks give me a call. I had some donated.

## So. CT Past Masters

The June meeting of the Southern Connecticut Past Masters will be held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Charles Dimmick will present the program. As always our meeting starts with a potluck supper served promptly at 6:30 and we always have a country store. Place to be announced so check before you start out.

## Enfield Grange #151



Enfield Grange was well represented by this booth at their town's recent Spring Fair.

## NUTMEG POMONA



Redding No. 15	Greenfield Hill No. 133
Cheshire No. 23	Prospect No. 144
Southington No. 25	Norfield No. 146
Meriden No. 29	Lyme No. 147
Wallingford No. 33	Cannon No. 152
Harmony No. 92	Hemlock No. 182
Beacon Valley No. 103	Oxford No. 194
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### NUTMEG POMONA

*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Nutmeg Pomona met at Cheshire Grange for Installation of Officers. Roy Harrington did the honors assisted by Betty Jane Harrington, Maureen Sanborn, Mary Alyce Lee and Wesley Dymoke. The following officers were installed: Master Donald Lanoue, Overseer Charles Dimmick, Lecturer Lois Evankow, Steward Gino Piancentini, A.S. Thomas Honyotski, LAS Betty Jane Harrington, Chaplain Cindy Hupper, Treasurer Marge Bernhardt, Secretary Joanne Cipriano, Ceres Janet Haller, Pomona Karen MacDonald, Flora Cindy Legg and Executive Committee Robert Sendewicz, Roy Harrington and George Ward.

The name Nutmeg was a suggestion of Joanne Cipriano who made favors for everyone – a bottle of nutmeg with the following scrip attached.

#### THE NUTMEG AND I

The nutmeg and I have a lot in common. For instance:

- Nutmeg has been around for many years – so have many of us.

- Nutmeg gets along with other ingredients – so should we get along with our fellow granger.

- Nutmeg is used for many things – so should we be versatile and try new things.

- Nutmegs are rough and egg-shaped –

The first degree tells new members that they are not chosen by outward appearance.

- Nutmeg is slightly sweeter than many spices – and so are some grangers sweeter than others.

We should accept everyone as they are.

- Nutmegs can be purchased in the hard shell for self grinding or already ground in bottles – just as us

Grangers – some take the easy way and other the hard way.

Nutmeg helps regulate blood pressure, relieves pain like arthritis, promotes digestion, improves brain health, detoxifies the body and treats insomnia.

We do not have to impress others by being the jack-of-all traits – we should just be ourselves.

Looks like we picked the right name!

Our next meeting is in September. We will give you a heads-up.

### CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

*Corr: A. Ruel Miller*

**June 6:** Election of Officers and Memorial Program, 6:30 Potluck Supper

**June 20:** Young at Heart

We had a successful CWA program in May all about pirates.

We hosted the Mystery Dinner in late April for the Social Connection Committee. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the evening. Several of our members attended the recent 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Greenfield Hill Grange. It was a very impressive event.

Again, a reminder of our June 16 Roast Pork Dinner at our hall.

### BEACON VLY. GRANGE #103

*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

Our June meeting will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and we will be celebrating our 129<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will be honoring some of our members for continuous

membership- Robert Burns 75 years, William Brush 70 years, Charles Brush 65 years, Theodora Gagnon and Thomas Honyotski 60 years, David Knapp 45 years and Judy and Tom Morse 25 years.

Our next tag sale will be held on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. In conjunction we will have a Bake Sale and Pancake Breakfast. Doors open at 8 A.M.

Ron Fischer will hold the next Open Mic on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5 P.M. As usual we invite everyone to come and enjoy the music or participate. Snack food will be available – as always everything is free of charge.

### GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

*Corr: Jim Golias and Lori Golias*

With April behind us our Flea Market was a great success. Many found their treasures and the vendors made the bucks.

Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was an amazing day. Thank you to all who helped plan, cook, clean, set-up and break down the hall. On to 125 more years!

Our focus is now set on planning our Annual Agricultural Fair. Save the date for August 18 from 10-3.

Best wishes to all while you sow your seeds, and plant your produce. May the weeds be few and the rain be abundant.

### HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

*Corr: Maureen Sanborn*

**June 8:** Memorial

**June 22:** Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled.

**July 13:** Picnic

**July 27:** Omitted, unless regular meeting is cancelled.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

### OXFORD GRANGE #194

*Corr: Robert Buck*

**June 1:** Summer Fun

**June 15:** June Madness

**June 29:** G.O.M.A.D. Potluck Supper and music, 7:00 PM supper, 8:00 music starts

As of the end of April, we received good news that Selectman Jeff Haney

was in treatment for his illness that interrupted the handicap ramp construction project. By May, the project was planned to resume with two volunteers from the American Legion under Jeff's advisement. So the project continues, though we will need to raise more money for the decking once the frame is done. The gardens continue to develop with plantings and landscape revisions to fortify the soil and retain moisture in the ground. Our March and April weekly Permaculture Salon presentations by the self styled Mugworts group in the Grange were very successful and we anticipate

continuing them perhaps on a monthly instead of weekly basis. In the warmer months, we are planning to use these times as outdoor work session for the gardens to get more of us involved in the work that needs to be done. Many hands make light work!

The chili cook-off was very successful with over 40 in attendance and over \$400 raised. Thanks to the eleven chili cooks and martin for providing music. Congratulations to Glenn on winning #1 in the cook-off, and Eloise Osuch of Bethlehem for placing #3. The #2 winner was a visitor and not a Granger.

## Election time...



**Marge Bernhardt**  
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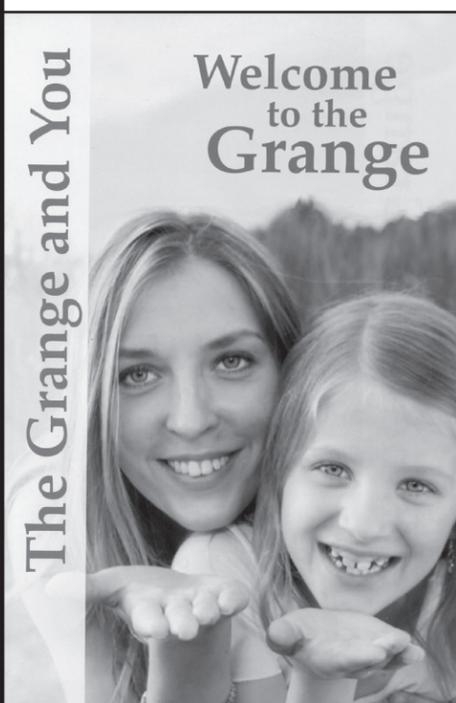
Every Grange needs a reliable Lecturer. Hopefully everyone will all be able to fill this spot with a qualified person. I am willing to work with any new or seasoned Lecturer to help you plan a years' worth of programs. If your Grange elects a new Lecturer, please let me know as soon as possible. I will send them a packet of old

newsletters to help them get started.

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

Enjoy your summer with its' Grange picnics and your family activities but let's not forget our Grange Fairs which will be starting next month. Why not get a couple of items together to exhibit at a Grange Fair near you. We could all use an extra exhibit or two to give people something to look at and enjoy.

## NOW Available from the State Grange Store



The CT State Grange has just received a fresh supply of "The Grange and You." This booklet is designed to give new members (especially those not immediately receiving Degrees) important background information about the Grange. Contact the State Secretary for more information.

This booklet can also be useful and informative for existing members!

# Cheshire Grange No. 23



Cheshire Grange members participate in a program about Pirates.



Anna Doolittle received her 70 year seal from Grange Master Ruel Miller. Her husband Dick looks on (will be a 75 year member soon).



## CHESHIRE GRANGE HOSTS ROAST PORK DINNER



SATURDAY  
**JUNE 16th**  
6:00 p.m.

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# 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](mailto:submissions@ctstategrange.org).



There were no answers to last month's Window picture.

## E. Connecticut Pomona



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Glastonbury No. 26	Pachaug No. 96
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Colchester No. 78	Norwich No. 172
Hillstown No. 87	Groton No. 213
Ekonk Community No. 89	

### E. CONNECTICUT POMONA

*Corr: Noel Miller*

**June 9:** Vacation at North Stonington Grange, 7:00 P.M.

We had a successful Fifth Degree with 7 candidates at Killingly Grange, the court was beautiful and I thank the Camerons for setting up the court. The joint effort of the officers pulled the degree together well with only a few bumps in the road from the merger of the two Pomona's styles. Practice makes perfect. Come join us in June.

### GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

*Corr: Kathryn Ruff*

**June 7:** Election of Officers – 7:30 P.M.

**June 16:** Monte Carlo Whist Card Party – 7:00 P.M.

**July 5:** Independence Day

Just a special note that June 7 is Election of Officers. We need all our members participation in selecting the officers that you wish to serve you for the coming year.

Refreshments will follow the meeting and will be served by Doris Monaco and Mario Accornero.

Our last card party for the season is June 16 at 7:00 P.M. We wish all a pleasant summer and see you in October.

### SENEXT GRANGE #40

*Corr: Diane Miller*

**June 20:** Summer Begins, 6 P.M.

We continue to be busy keeping the hall in order.

We catered the local

Dart Ball awards night. Good group of members.

We are holding our meetings at 6 P.M. during the warmer months.

We made a donation to the Killingly FFA Chapter and the 4H Cow Camp.

The local AARP meets in our hall monthly.

The kitchen is being used for meetings and meals.

### COVENTRY GRANGE #75

*Corr: Noel Miller*

**June 7:** Election of Officers

We have held several tag sales in May with one rescheduled after rain showers shut us down. Our parking lot has been requested by a local farm stand for a trial period hoping to get the farmers market traffic.

### N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

*Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller*

**June 8:** "Study the past if you would divine the future"

**June 22:** "Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."

We learned all about full moons at our April 13 meeting. On April 27 we celebrated Grange Week by honoring our Community Citizen, Steve Holliday, and presenting seals and certificates to longtime members in a hall packed with 56 people. State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt was on hand to help with the presentations. Congratulations to all the recipients.

We send healing thoughts and best wishes

to our Ceres, Debbie Barnes, who continues to recover in a Westerly rehabilitation facility. Hope she will be back with us soon.

June 8 will be election of officers. June 22 is our annual picnic. The fun starts at 6:30. The Grange supplies the hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish to add to the menu. Sue will have games for the youngsters after the meal. Keep in mind that the North Stonington Agricultural Fair is fast approaching. Mark July 12-15 on your calendar. And if that little opossum, who keeps turning the motion sensitive light on will just find another yard to haunt, next time we'll tell you all about merry May.

### ENFIELD GRANGE #151

*Corr: Irene Percoski*

**June 16:** Election of Officers.

**July 14:** Red White & Blue – Picnic. Bring a dish that begins with the letter "G"

We learned all about Root Beer at our last meeting and had a lot of fun. I'm anxious to try some of the delicious sounding recipes made with root beer. Who knew? Welcome back Richard, it's been a long winter. Our Spring Fair was a great success as lots of people stopped to chat, admire our wares, make a purchase and ask about the Grange. The only discouraging thing to hear was – "I didn't know Enfield still had a Grange" Why we are so invisible is a puzzle as we do a lot of Community Service, and have been a presence at the Farmer's Market for the past 5 years. We got an invitation to come before another group to talk about the Grange, and hopefully interest some to join.

Our challenge for the July picnic is to provide a food dish that starts with the letter "G" and I hope we all don't bring grapes. I know we meet early in the day but truly hope to get visitors. Please come, our door is always open.

## Relay for Life



Ekonk Community Grange members operate their food booth at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds during the recent Relay for Life.

## Simsbury e-Cycling Event



Thank you to Green Monster and the scouts for our successful e-cycling event last Saturday (May 12). The rain and cold weather did not keep anyone away. We filled up the truck! Next scheduled e-cycling is October 27 from nine to noon.

## Simsbury Makers Faire



Thanks to everyone who visited us at the Simsbury Library Maker Faire. And Thanks to Lela who did an excellent job presenting. Who knew fermentation could be so easy!

## Bridgewater Citizen of Year



On April 27, Bridgewater Grange #153 honored Diana Kelly with the Citizens Award for her work and dedication to the Burnham School PTO.

## Wallingford Grange #33



Wallingford Grange celebrated spring with its annual Plant Sale at the Grange Hall.

## Hillstown Grange Bluegrass



Hillstown Grange #87 is held its annual Blue Grass Night with the Yankee Blue Grass Jammers on April 26th at the Hillstown Grange Hall. It was great fun for all ages.



# Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

## Do you know your media and how it works?

by Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

Understanding the various types of media, and how the media works, what makes news interesting to the public, and how to make the news, are all valuable pieces of knowledge for any Grange. Favorable media exposure means recognition in the community, acknowledgement of Grange activities, services and accomplishments and a higher profile of your Grange among potential members.

So, how does your Grange get into the news? The key to media coverage can be simply explained as a two-step process: develop the right story and deliver it to the right media.

Although all media outlets search out and welcome all types of news stories, television, radio and print each have their own unique qualities that will affect their interest in your story.

**PRINT:** This is often called traditional media, or old-fashioned media, and includes newspapers, magazines, and books. What makes the print media unique is its ability to provide in-depth commentary by publishing longer news articles. Basically, print publications provide the most important details of a story, where as radio and television only provide the snapshots or the fast facts of a story. Today's print media may not necessarily be exclusively made out of ink and paper. It also includes digital accessibility, such as eBooks and digital magazines, and web-based versions of newspapers. For Granges, this is the most commonly used type of media, and one of the most important tools in their media arsenal.

**RADIO:** Before the advent of television, radio broadcasts were what people relied on for their primary source of information. Today, Radio may not be a first choice when it comes to news coverage but when speed counts, radio, just like television, has the advantage of being able to produce and air a broadcast report minutes after news breaks. When radio is not covering breaking news, it gets most of its news stories from local, regional and national print publications and from local sources. Another advantage of local radio is that morning-drive and rush hour shows often have large followings and loyal listeners.

**TELEVISION:** Television has

been coming into the homes of families across America for over 60 years. Today there are hundreds of channels available at our fingertips for viewing, and on-demand viewing and streaming of programming allow viewers to expand their selections. But where Granges are concerned, local television news programming and informational programming are where their attention should be focused. Television's strength is its ability to blend pictures with storytelling to create a compelling and visual broadcast. It also can produce and air breaking news stories moments after it occurs, as well as extend across boundaries by covering news in other locations while bringing live broadcasts from those areas to its local viewers.

**SOCIAL/INTERNET:** As the internet evolves and grows in popularity, more people rely on it as a source of frequent news and information. Traditional media outlets have companion websites and an internet presence. Social Media continues to grow at record paces, dominating the internet landscape. According to a Pew Research Center study, Facebook and YouTube dominate the social media space, with 68% of US adults frequently utilizing YouTube and 73% of US adults utilizing Facebook. Some 88% of 18- to 29-year-olds indicate that they use any form of social media. That share falls to 78% among those ages 30 to 49, to 64% among those ages 50 to 64 and to 37% among Americans 65 and older. Granges are embracing the internet. In Connecticut alone, there are over 40 Facebook Pages for State, Community, Pomona and Junior Granges.

With the ever-expanding 24/7 online and traditional media world, reporters and journalists are hungry for authentic original sources and stories. Why shouldn't these stories be about your Grange?

Pitch yours professionally, and you have a chance at media coverage and reaching many more people than you ever thought possible.

Contact Terri or Bob with your questions at [information@ctstategrange.org](mailto:information@ctstategrange.org) or [publicrelations@ctstategrange.org](mailto:publicrelations@ctstategrange.org).

SOURCE: <http://www.pewinternet.org/2018/03/01/social-media-use-in-2018/>



By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange friends! It's hard to believe that nearly half of the year has already passed. Fair season will be starting soon, and Let's Celebrate Day is in a couple of weeks. I can't wait to see all of my Grange friends at Cheshire Grange Hall on June 10th.

Don't forget to follow me on Facebook for news of my latest travels. Please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>

## Hank's Watermelon Salad



### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 pounds seedless watermelon (about 1 small or 1/4 large), rind removed, cut into 1-inch chunks (about 2 pounds of chunks after rind is discarded)
- 1 tablespoon juice from 1 lemon, plus 4 (2-inch) strips zest, removed with a sharp vegetable peeler
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 1/4 cup roughly chopped fresh mint leaves
- Up to 4 ounces (1 quart) arugula leaves (optional)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 ounces feta cheese

### DIRECTIONS:

Place watermelon chunks in a large bowl. Finely chop lemon zest. Add lemon juice and half of zest to bowl with watermelon. Add oil, mint, and arugula (if using) and toss until watermelon is evenly dressed. Season lightly to taste with salt and pepper. (The cheese will add saltiness, so go light on the salt at this stage.)

Transfer salad to a wide, shallow bowl or a large plate and spread out evenly. Crumble feta over the top. Sprinkle with remaining lemon zest. Drizzle with more olive oil and a few grinds of black pepper. Serve immediately.

Notes: This dish greatly depends on the quality of the feta. If you have options at your supermarket, look for true Greek or Bulgarian sheep's-milk feta, which tends to be creamier and tangier than domestic cow's-milk versions. To make this salad a meal, feel free to add other chopped ingredients. Try some fresh arugula leaves or some cubed cucumbers, halved cherry tomatoes, thinly sliced red onion, and a few small slivers of black olive.

SOURCE: <https://www.serious-eats.com/recipes/2016/06/watermelon-feta-mint-salad-recipe.html>



## EKONK JR. GRANGE

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

Link Cooper, from our subordinate Grange cut and prepped the wood for the bird houses/nesting spots. We made 15, that will be hung at the Juniors' homes.

We have been pretty busy, although I've been negligent about getting my news in.

In March, we went on a nature hike with a guide from the Denison Pequotsepous Nature Center. He showed us where and how to find signs of animals. We had a lot of fun and hiked for about 2 hours.

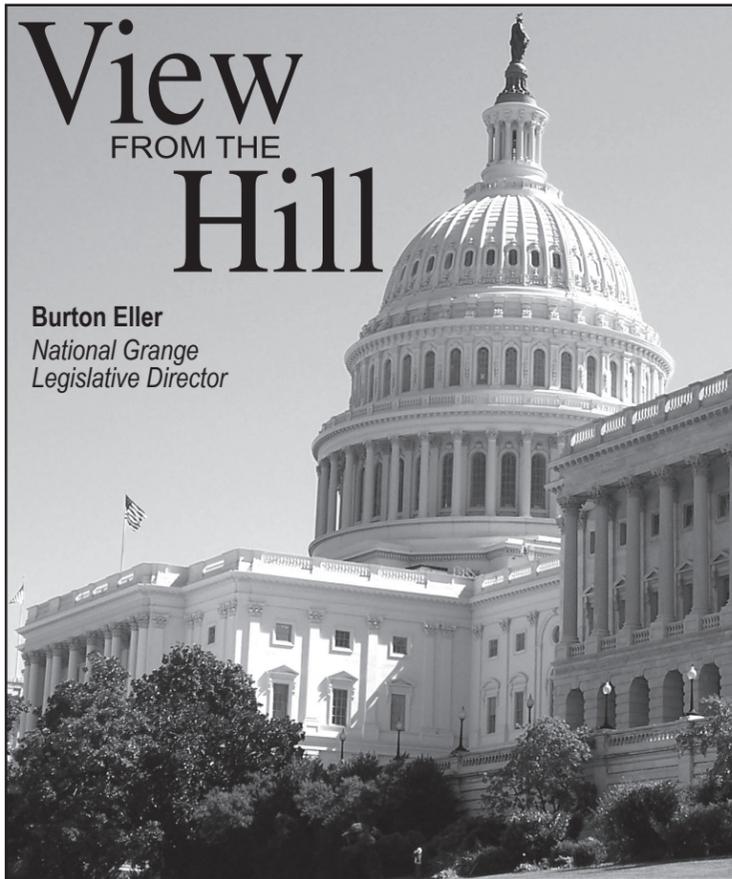
Katie Molodich came to our April meeting and talked to us about pollinators, and what pollinators are and what we can do to help them. She brought pots for us to plant sunflowers seeds in as well. We had a fun time planting and learning about pollinators.

In April we also held a Pampered Chef fundraiser, raising almost \$50.00.

We voted \$400.00 towards Camp Berger for interested members. We have at least 2 who want to go as counselors in training.

Please, feel free to come to any of our meetings!





**Burton Eller**  
National Grange  
Legislative Director

#### National Grange Fly-In:

This year's fly-in to Washington April 15-18 was the largest in recent years. A total of 34 Grangers of all ages from 14 states had 30 appointments on Capitol Hill with their senators, representatives and congressional staff. They discussed matters related to broadband and telecommunications, health care, farm bill, farm policy, dairy policy, rural concerns, the opioid crisis and a slew of back-home issues. Attendees were treated to extensive in-depth briefings at the National Grange building and USDA before venturing to the Hill. A highlight was a briefing from the White House by Ray Starling, Special Assistant to the President for Agriculture, Trade and Food Assistance. Junior Grange members at the fly-in had the unique experience of being interviewed by RFD-TV. The major objective of the fly-in is to carry local, state and national Grange policy positions into meetings with lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

#### Agriculture:

##### Sign Up for New Dairy Assistance

Grangers are encouraged to sign up by June 1 at their Farm Service Agency office for the new dairy Margin Protection Program. This issue was lobbied hard by the Grange and included in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (omnibus package). The new MPP offers increased protection to dairymen when the difference between the all milk price and the average feed cost (i.e. the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. USDA has a web tool to help dairymen

use data unique to their individual operations to test a variety of financial scenarios before enrolling in the new MPP. The tool is located at [www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool).

##### Farm Bill Ready for House Action

Farm bills are traditionally a bipartisan exercise on Capitol Hill. Not so this time, at least not on the House side. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Conaway and Ranking Member Peterson worked together for months on a draft farm bill. Then politics eclipsed policy. A version of the bill was leaked to some Democratic members who became outraged at a proposal to require stricter work requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) recipients. Republicans pushed the farm bill through Committee on a party line vote over the objections of Committee Democrats who vowed to block the farm bill over the proposed work requirements. This will set up an acrimonious and bitter partisan debate when the farm bill reaches the House floor in May. Meanwhile, Senate Agriculture members still believe they will be able to craft and pass a bipartisan farm bill by fall.

Here is a summary by title of the House farm bill (H.R.2) as passed by the Ag Committee as it heads to the full House:

- Title I. Commodity - An escalator provision to Price Loss Coverage (PLC) raises reference prices. Dairy adds higher coverage levels of \$8.50 and \$9.00 for the first 5 million pounds of production. Members of LLCs and S corporations can qualify individually for

payments up to \$125,000 annually. The definition of family is expanded to include cousins, nieces and nephews. Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) yields would be based on the county where the farm is located and would separate irrigated and dryland acreage.

- Title II. Conservation - The Conservation Security Program (CSP) is eliminated and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is expanded. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage is increased to 29 million acres up from the current 24 million acres. Funding for the Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) is slightly increased.

- Title III. Trade - Reauthorizes and funds USDA's foreign trade programs.

- Title IV. Nutrition - The most controversial section of the House farm bill is nutrition. It requires work-capable adults under age 60, including parents of children older than 6, to work or be in an approved training program 20 hours per week. The SNAP earned income deduction is increased by 10 percent. □

- Title V. Credit - The maximum allowable indebtedness is increased for both guaranteed farm ownership and guaranteed operating loans. The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Individual Development Accounts Pilot Program is continued.

- Title VI. Rural Development - This section adds \$150 million to the \$600 million in the omnibus spending bill to fund grants and loans to rural internet providers. It includes loans to develop Agricultural association health plans to benefit farmers and others on rural areas. It does not include funding for Value-added Producer Grants, the Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program, the National Organic Cost Share Program, and several other smaller programs.

- Title VII. Research - Level funding is maintained for the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research. Funding for the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative is increased.

- Title VIII. Forestry - Expedites approvals for logging in national forests to combat insect and disease infestations, protect municipal water sources and improve critical habitat.

- Title X. Crop

Insurance - There are no major changes to crop insurance. Conservation compliance requirements added by the 2014 farm bill are continued. The beginning farmer definition is changed so that someone in business for up to 10 years can qualify for whole farm revenue insurance premium discounts, up from the current 5 year limit.

- Title X. Miscellaneous - One-time funding for a foot-and-mouth disease vaccine bank is approved as is authorization for Secretary Perdue's reorganization of USDA. A Food Loss and Waste Reduction Liaison at USDA is created for measuring and reducing food waste.

#### Health Care:

##### Fighting Opioid Addiction

The National Grange has joined a nationwide coalition to combat our national opioid and drug abuse crisis. Coalitions will be organized by state to include community and advocacy leaders like the Grange who will work together as partners to ensure those struggling with addiction have access to high-quality care. A major focus of the campaign is the safe disposal of opioids and other addictive drugs.

Partners will have the opportunity to work together at the local community level to mobile health care providers, EMT, fire fighters, law enforcement, community and civic groups, pharmacists, policy makers and more. Plans are to provide print and digital advertisements, education kits and in-person events that directly engage the community. A major initiative will be a partner-driven effort to disseminate prescription drug disposal kits to residents free of charge. Maryland State Grange was part of the Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative roll-out in Annapolis April 26.

##### Medicare Plan Finder Problems

The federal government's online tool to help seniors make decisions about Medicare Parts C and D apparently has major flaws. The independent assessment was conducted by the Clear Choices Campaign, a health care cost transparency initiative of the Council for Affordable Health Coverage and the nonprofit National Council on Aging. The report called for a retooling of the MPF plan and offers numerous recommendations to improve

MPF. The National Grange is a member of the Council for Affordable Health Coverage and will monitor the retooling process.

#### Telecommunications:

##### Broadband

Rural broadband deployment continues to be a major priority for the National Grange. Effective use of the additional \$600 million awarded to USDA for rural broadband in the Omnibus spending package will be the focus of upcoming listening sessions around the country for the next six months. Agriculture Secretary Perdue and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Pai kicked off the first session in Washington April 18. Participants highlighted the challenge to build strong broadband systems that are sustainable and long-lasting for rural America. The next listening session will be in Minnesota in June.

##### Lifeline

The federal government's Lifeline program provides inexpensive phone connectivity to seniors, veterans, the disabled, and those in isolated rural areas. The Federal Communications Commission wants to counter allegations of waste, fraud and abuse by greatly restricting the program. The Grange strongly supports the elimination of all waste, fraud and abuse from Lifeline but urges the FCC to do no harm to this vital program.

##### One School, Two Distinctions

The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences gives its diverse student body an education that prepares them for college as well as a career in agriculture. It is a public school set on a working farm. It is also one of eight schools from around the country, and the only agriculture school, selected in the 2017 "Schools of Opportunity" project. The project recognizes public high schools that work to close opportunity gaps by creating environments that reach every student.

##### Perspective:

"Spring is the time of the year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade." Charles Dickens

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcomed." Anne Bradstreet

# Camp Berger's first year

As camp season is rapidly approaching, we offer the following article about Camp Berger that appeared in the September 1956 *National Grange Monthly* magazine. The article was sent to us by Prospect Grange member Dolly F.H. Stevens.

by *Ralph Rennie*

One hundred fifty-seven Subordinate, 12 Pomona, and one State Granges have written a new and glowing chapter in Grange history. It was done in the nation's third smallest state, the Nutmeg State, Connecticut. Thus, 1956 goes down into the ledger as the year of the State Grange Camp.

At the October 1955 71<sup>st</sup> annual State Session Connecticut Patrons passed Resolution No. 21 which read: "Be it Resolved that the Executive Committee and the Camp Committee of the Connecticut State Grange are hereby empowered to purchase and develop a permanent Juvenile Grange Camp as proposed at this meeting or in some other manner if deemed advisable for the best interests of the Order."

State Master Donald K. Peck was quick to gear his forces to the task. Almost immediately with the passing of the resolution, various groups were making their way to the front of the convention with cash for the project.

The camp, situated on a beautiful spring-fed lake, comprises about 10 acres. It has a large dining-recreation hall and kitchen, 12 sleeping cabins and a

headquarters and infirmary building. All facilities are excellent. The value of the camp has been conservatively estimated at \$30,000. It will house about 125.

There were anxious days when the water system did not move along according to schedule. Even in the final week before the slated opening, there was question as to whether or not the camp would be in operation this year. The State Master, who has bushels of drive-threw every ounce of energy into the critical hours as did his able assistants and, as planned, the camp opened on July 29 with an appropriate dedication service. An inspiring address was given by Past State Master Sherman K. Ives. The camp was filled to capacity and hundreds of "Nutmeggers" were present for the opening.



"A bosky jam session in full swing at Camp."

## In Memoriam

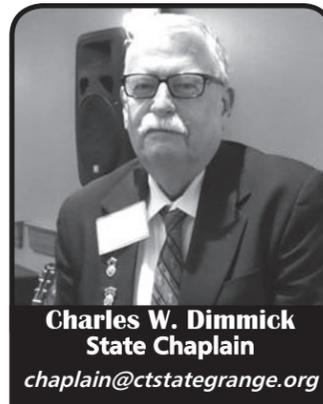
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Use the email or the regular mailing address listed  
in the Granger Staff list in this issue.

## Why worry?



Charles W. Dimmick  
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"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a

single hour to your life?" **Matthew 6:25-34**

There's a huge difference between planning for the future and worrying about the future. Jesus talked about both on different occasions.

It is not only Jesus who tells us not to worry. St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, tells us: "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus".

Note that there is nothing wrong with planning for the future. But Jesus warns us in two parables that we should plan wisely, expecting that things may go wrong. First is the parable of the three wise virgins, who brought extra oil for their lamps, and the three foolish virgins, who did not do so. When the expected bridegroom was late in making his appearance foolish virgins had no oil with which to replenish their lamps and greet him. And second is the parable of the wise and foolish builders: the first built his house upon the rock and the second built his house upon the sand. The storms came, with their winds and waves, and the house built on rock stood and the house built on sand collapsed. Finally, there is the admonition: "Do not store up treasures here on earth, where moth and rust may corrupt, and thieves break in and steal; but rather build up treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, nor thieves break in and steal."

To sum up: we should plan wisely and hopefully for the future, but what the future brings is in God's hands and we shouldn't worry about it.

Thanks to Peter Keefe, who gave me the idea for this column.

## Wolcott Grange



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