

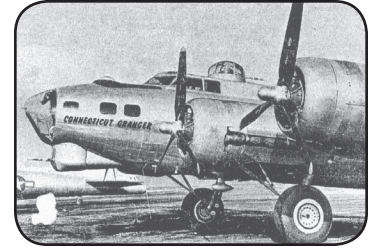
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"Service is the rent you pay for having room on the Earth." This was the fortune cookie I got after attending the 89th Connecticut FFA State Convention at E.O. Smith High School in Storrs. I spent the day there watching and listening to these students and I was amazed with the energy, public speaking, and teamwork that these FFA members give. I sat in on their Convention and witnessed an engaged group of studnets working toward a brighter and better future. They awarded 146 State Star awards, the highest award at the state level. There are 3,300 FFA members with 20 chapters in Connecticut. They elected new officers and I congratulate them for a successful year. Michael Wetherell of Killingly is the new President of the Connecticut FFA Association. The energy of the election and installation of new officers has the feeling of the Price is Right TV show. Let all of our Granges invite these FFA Chapters to put on a program in our halls. They are willing to come to us. You just have to ask.

Echo Grange Hall has been sold and Litchfield Grange Hall will be by the printing of this issue. This is a difficult thing that I have had to do as

your State Master, but it is necessary that we not have empty Grange Halls around this state. Everyone should be working to bring in new members. Materials are available from the membership committee. Call them and they will assist you with a membership drive. Mentor new members so they have someone to answer questions and feel welcomed into the Grange. Remember what experience you had as a new member.

I want to thank the Worthy Chaplain for his Sunday Worship Service on Grange Sunday though the participation was lower than pervious years the sermon was enjoyed by all there.

The Let's Celebrate Day had fewer entries in the Photo and Needlework Contests but as we talked about it, the new Pomonas are getting a late start and were not able to spread the word as in past years. Next year will be better.

The Youth and Juniors had an excellent luncheon with soups, salad, Subway and dessert. The local Subway in Cheshire donated the Subway sandwiches to the Junior Grange so a bigger profit will go to the Youth and Junior programs. Thanks to all that attended.

The skits and A-Numbers were fewer than in previous years. I thank all Granges that had a number to present in the afternoon.

After the contest a comment was made about some of the skits as being offensive. One had the mention of transgender, from a Grange member who has come out in life as a transgender. The

comments were this was not appropriate for a Grange skit. I disagree because the Grange is a family organization and we should not and she should not discriminate against anyone for their beliefs. We should not judge people for their lifestyle choices, that is God's duty on Judgment Day not ours. The other was religious themed skit of shouting Bingo numbers instead of giving last rights. I'm sorry but this is a skit, it wasn't in bad taste. I thought it was funny. This time in this country we cannot laugh at ourselves without offending someone or something.

It's time we loosen up and have open discussion of what we want in our Grange, because what we are doing is not working. The First Degree contains a charge from the Steward, "Wearing that garment is to teach you that those we admit into our circle are not chosen by outward appearance, and that we are not deceived by outward appearance. It is of the mind and the heart that we look for all good works, therefore, in your intercourse with the world, remember that a noble mind and generous heart are often concealed behind the garment of poverty." Our Obligations also tell us to protect Brothers and Sisters from harm. So, please as I stated in my first Granger article, "Be Nice."

Fair season is here so go out and promote the Grange, new members are out there they just haven't been asked. Talk about your experience with the

Grange and and bring in that next member. Good luck and have a safe summer.

From the television show

YOU can shape Grange policy at State Session



Alma Graham
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While visiting with my Representative, Joe Courtney of the second district, I found that there has already been a bill submitted defining the definition of milk. HR 778 - Dairy Pride Act 'to prohibit the sale of any food that uses the market name of a dairy product, is not the milk of a hooved animal, is not derived from such milk, and does not contain such milk as a primary ingredient.' This bill has been introduced in the house but has not moved forward. We need to nudge it a bit. There is a similar one in the Senate, S 130, but it is still in committee.

I am reprinting most of an article from June of last year which gives details on writing a resolution. I encourage you all to submit your resolutions soon as possible.

Remember that all resolutions that you plan on sending to State Grange need to be sent from your local Granges to your Pomona Grange for action before being sent on to State Grange. The deadline for submitting resolutions to State Grange is September 15th. Some of the new Pomonas are only meeting four times a year which means that your resolution will need to be submitted before their September meeting. This process of submitting them to the Pomonas allows resolutions to be considered by a larger audience and to educate others on the intent of your resolution.

Your resolutions do not need to be only of a state or national issue. Resolutions concerning local issues may be presented by your local Granges to your local officials. You could also show your support of other organizations, projects, and special recognitions by using resolutions.

Resolutions need to be written in specific way. You first should have a title. The next section is the WHEREAS sections. This is where you list concerns and details educating the readers about the topic you are writing about. The next section is the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED sections. This is where you state what actions you wish to happen. This section should be able to stand alone when the

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Hometown Roots*

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133rd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

October 18, 19 & 20, 2018 • Holiday Inn Norwich



**Reservations:
860-889-5201**

**Conn. State Grange Rate:
\$92.00/night, plus tax**



The Connecticut State Grange returns again to the Holiday Inn Norwich for the 134th Annual Session, October 18-20, 2018.

The most important thing we can impress upon you at this time is to **MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

We had some difficulty with room availability last year because the Holiday Inn is so close to Mohegan Sun Resort & Casino. Many members waited until the end of September and early October to make the call and rooms were either in

short supply or sold out.

Members who have special room requirements should also call as soon as possible. We have a specific number of rooms reserved in our block. Once those rooms are sold we can only add rooms if they are still available and the hotel is reluctant to release additional rooms at a late date because they can be sold a full rate to the general public rather than at the discounted rate the Grange receives.

Please call the local number we have listed at the beginning of this article.

Calling the Holiday Inn corporate line can result in misinformation about room availability and pricing. If you do have difficulty reserving a room or are quoted a price that is more than the \$92/night Grange rate, please let me know by email or phone and I'll make sure your reservation is corrected.

When calling be sure to tell them you are reserving under the Connecticut State Grange block of rooms and rate.

We will have more information regarding the schedule for session in next month's issue but please note that this is a full election year. It is also the year when National Grange will meet in Stowe, Vermont. Members who need the Sixth Degree before heading for to Vermont for the Seventh should plan on attending the Sixth Degree on Saturday at State Session.

The Celebration Banquet worked extremely well on Friday evening last year, so it will be held again on Friday, October 19 beginning at 7 P.M. in the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn.

We have four new menu options this year with Fillet Mignon, Chicken Marsala, Shrimp Scampi and Pasta Primavera. All are served with a tossed salad, warm rolls and butter, vegetables, chocolate mousse cake and coffee/beverages. The \$30 price is an exceptional value when you consider the cost of restaurant meals today.

Your full or one day registration will include the buffet luncheons for that day as well. A Deli Luncheon will be served on Friday and a Southern Barbecue will be served on Saturday.

We encourage all members to come for all or part of State Session. It's not just for the officers and delegates. We want all members to come and experience Session and go back to their Granges energized for the new Grange year.

Any questions about Session can be addressed to me at the Central Office or by emailing: secretary@ctstategrange.org.



134th 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 Saturday and the Lecturer's Program during the Celebration Banquet on Friday evening, along with the Installation of Officers.. 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 _____	Delegate? _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____
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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 \$20.00 = _____

CELEBRATION BANQUET (FRIDAY Evening at 7:00 PM.)

of People _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Meal Choices (indicate the number of each person's choice above): **BEFORE SEPT. 15, \$30 - \$40 AFTER**

- 1) Grilled Fillet Mignon served with a Rosemary Demi Glaze
- 2) Chicken Marsala with Wild Mushrooms in an Italian Wine Sauce
- 3) Shrimp Scampi
- 4) Pasta Primavera

All entrees include Freshly Tossed Garden Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter, Chef's selection of Vegetables, Chocolate Mousse Cake, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water



THURSDAY, OCT. 18 & FRIDAY, OCT. 19 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

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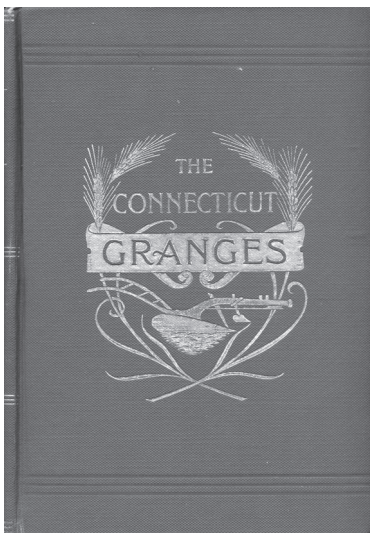
Mail to: Connecticut State Grange, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033

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)



A look back at Wethersfield Grange No. 114

This month we look back at Wethersfield Grange No. 114. The following history was first published in "The Connecticut Granges," in 1900 by the Industrial Publishing Company, New Haven, CT.

by Dudley Wells II

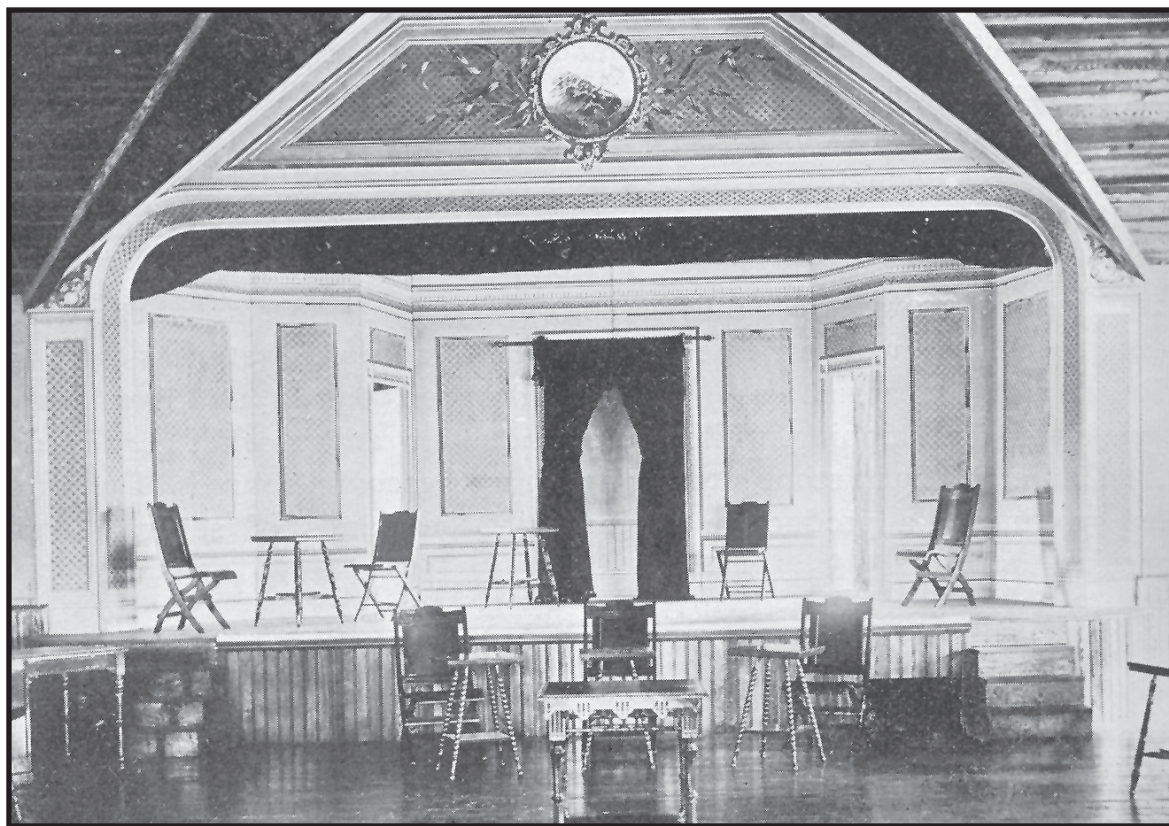
A meeting for the purpose of organizing a Grange was held in the Academy Hall, Wethersfield, Conn., Tuesday afternoon, March 4, 1890. Stephen M. Wells was elected chairman and Dr. E.G. Fox, clerk. Brothers J.H. Hale and J.S. Kirkham were present and told of the many benefits to be derived from such an organization, and so much interest was manifested that an invitation was extended to present names for charter members, which was responded to in a very satisfactory manner.

A committee (one from each school district) was appointed to decide upon a date when a meeting should be called to organize a Grange.

The meetings during the first year were so very interesting, mainly from the efforts of Lecturer, Dr. E.G. Fox, that many applications for membership were received. **This necessitated seventeen special meetings** to initiate the candidates, as the time could not be spared at the regular meetings for that purpose. The number of candidates elected members was one hundred and twenty-eight, forty-five brothers and eighty-three sisters, and two brothers were admitted by demit from Newington Grange. Two members were lost by death. The average



The exterior of the former Wethersfield Grange Hall.



The beautiful interior of the former Wethersfield Grange Hall.

attendance for the first year was eighty seven.

On January 27, 1891, Brother George A. Hopson inspected the Grange and installed the new officers. During the year the Grange conferred the four degrees on twenty-one candidates, eight sisters and thirteen brothers; also added one

sister and one brother by demit, and lost one brother by death.

In 1893 the Grange gave its first annual excursion. These afterwards became a source of fame and profit. It was a success under the good management of Brothers F.H. Robbins, S.F. Williams, R.T. Hewitt

and Dr. E.G. Fox.

The officers for 1894 were installed by Brother Adams. This year the Grange gave another excursion, going to Niantic with about 1,700 people on board the steamer City of Lawrence. This event netted the Grange nearly \$1,000.

In 1895 the Grange

voted to amend the by-laws, so that the offices of Treasurer and Secretary might be filled by the same persons for two or more years in succession, believing it would be better not to have the books of record change hands every year.

In 1896 the officers were installed by M.w.M. Luther Adams. On March 9 of that year the Seventh Anniversary was celebrated with all but the Gatekeeper's chair filled with Charter Members of this Grange.

At this meeting a communication from Dr. Bowen was read and the following resolution adopted: "Resolved - That this Grange views with hearty approval the work of the Law and Order League of Connecticut, and protests against the repeal of its charter or any part thereof; believing that the hands of the organization should be strengthened rather than weakened by Legislative Act."

In the fall of 1897 a joint stock corporation, with a capital stock of \$5,000 was formed under the laws of the state for the purpose of building a new Grange Hall. This stock was divided into 200 shares, one-fifth of which was subscribed for the Grange, the balance being readily taken by individual members. The hall was built in the summer of 1898, and was finished in time for the annual Grange Fair in October.

In the last quarterly report, dated March 31, 1899, the Grange registered 147 sisters and 104 brothers, with another class of candidates to be enrolled the present month.

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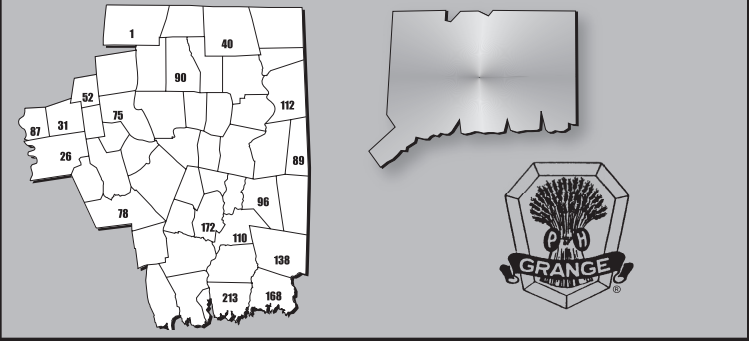
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WHEREAS sections are removed. It needs to state the topic of concern and the recommended actions. If it is a national issue and you wish it to go to National Grange state that in one of the resolved sections.

If you need any help with your resolutions you can contact any member of the Legislative Committee. There is also information on how to write a resolution on the Grange Website, ctstategrange.org. Look under Grange Information – State Grange Information – How to Write a Resolution. (<http://www.ctstategrange.org/HowtoWriteResolution.asp>)

E. Connecticut Pomona No. 14



Stafford No. 1	Ashford No. 90
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Manchester No. 31	Preston City No. 110
Senexet No. 40	Killingly No. 112
Vernon No. 52	N. Stonington Comm. No. 138
Coventry No. 75	Stonington No. 168
Colchester No. 78	Norwich No. 172
Hillstown No. 87	Groton No. 213
Ekonk Community No. 89	

E. CONN. POMONA #14

Corr: Noel Miller

Sept. 8: Glastonbury Grange #26

Our last meeting in North Stonington we had 24 members present and some missing. Pat Valys filled in for Edith Schoell who fell and is housebound at this time. Next meeting will be in South Glastonbury at the meeting place of Glastonbury Grange #26, Masonic Lodge, Rte. 17A, Glastonbury. Hope to see you there and have a cool festive summer.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Aug. 2: Summer Picnic

Sept. 6: Installation of Officers

Our last Monte Carlo Whist Card Party for the season was held on June 16. They will resume in October on the third Saturday, October 20th at 7:00P.M.

On August 2, our summer picnic will be held. We will hold a short business meeting at 6:00 P.M. followed by the picnic. The Grange will supply the hot dogs and hamburgers and condiments and Tom Breen, our chef, will prepare them. Members will supply covered dishes, etc.

Various year end reports will be ude soon to the State Grange, such as the Community Service Report and CWA Report. Committee chairpersons, please take note.

September 6th our Installation of Officers is scheduled. Then the new year's activities begin.

In early April, for Grange month, we received permission from the Masons to hang our sign up on the side of the Masonic Hall.

SENEKET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

July 18: Summer Fun

Aug. 2: Awards Night

At our last meeting we had our election of officers. Joan Perry was re-elected Master. We held the baking contest with three entries. These were the Cross Bone Cookies. There were very delicious.

We are planning our exhibit for the Woodstock Fair. The theme will be directed to our Grange goals. Killingly Grange will work with us. This exhibit is an important way to show the public what the Grange is.

Member Ciri Miller spoke of her involvement with the Woodstock Academy Music Program and the concert that will be held outside at the Putnam Rotary Park. She was selected scholar athletic recently for her senior class.

Our upstairs hall continues to be rented to a local artist.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

July 5: Summertime

We had Election of Officers and have a full slate of officers thanks to our new members from Echo Grange #180. We had a successful tag sale running three Saturdays bringing in much needed cash and getting rid of very valuable items. Congratulations to

Judy Hill for winning second prize at Let's Celebrate for her Cross Bone Cookies. We have a young couple with a farm stand in the front driveway trying it out for the sale of strawberries and vegetables. They used to set up at Echo Grange Hall, trying the Farmers' Market following in Coventry.

EKONK COMM. & JR. GRANGES

Corr: Sue Gray

First let me say that I am very sorry to have not written a column last month, but remember what our beloved ritual says, "...so far as I may be able and the interests of my family will permit". Russell was in the hospital when the last column was due and he took precedence over my Grange obligations.

Our Awards celebration was perhaps the best ever, with 500 years of Grange membership honored! Our State Senator, Heather Somers, attended with citations from the General Assembly for 80 year Granger and World War 11 Veteran, George Turner; also sisters Marion R. Emmons and Ruth P. Rosebrooks (75 years each) and last but certainly not least, our 2018 Community Citizens, father and son, Michael and Wyatt Jordan, who saved a 24 year old woman trapped in a burning pickup truck. Doris Desjardins was honored for 70 years of Grange membership and Barbara and Sam Mosier 25 years. Bruce Lindberg was honored for 60 years of membership and finally, the Hnath family (brothers Jonathan and James (25) and their father, Paul (40)). Russell and I were named Grangers of the Year (total surprise) and the Sterling Board of Selectmen named May 6th as Russell and Sue Gray in Sterling for Russell's years of devotion to our town. Senator Somers also had a citation from the General Assembly for us.

Our Grange completed another year of providing the food for the Relay for Life (\$725.00 donation from

the profits) and our annual roast beef supper for the Veterans home in Jewett City, CT netted \$930.00. Our Grange was invited to the dedication of a park at the site of the Veterans Home, since we have been in since the home was just a dream. We were represented and provided a salad for 80 attendees. As I write this column, Steve Denton has his equipment in our Grange driveway, digging out grassy areas and bringing in gravel to expand our parking area, which is long overdue. Jodi Ann Cameron is again Chairing our booth at the Brooklyn Fair (Aug. 23-26).

We held election of officers and Link Cooper will once again serve as our President. Lillian Sharpe was re-elected President of our Junior Grange. The Junior Grange is purchasing a new entry rug/mat for the Sterling Municipal Building-much needed! Both Grangers have been invited to enjoy a summer picnic with Richmond Grange (RI) on Friday, August 3rd. Our Fair will be Sat., August 11th.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno

July 2: Meeting

July 16: Grange Picnic at Quaddick Lake, 6 P.M.

All our meetings have been held. I missed a May meeting. I guess I'm getting tired and forgetful. Our Silent Auction and Pork Dinner went well. We made a good profit. The pork dinner was great. We served about 72 people.

Our June meeting was well attended and all officers were present. Our new Master presided over the meeting. We voted in one new member.

Our second-hand stove is in but not hooked up and we have to move out the old wrought iron stove.

Upcoming Events: July 16 Picnic, Aug. 4- Yard Sale. Hopefully a cabaret and peach shortcake dinner. Also on Aug. 8 will be a cold buffet.

Our election of officers remained the same with the exceptions of Glenna Bruno choosing to decline Lecturer. Pat Valyse suggested having revolving lecturers programs by each member. A planning meeting was suggested but no definite date as yet. Also a dinner on September 15 is being planned. More on that later.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

July 13: Meeting Omitted, It's Fair Time!

July 20: "You Cannot Open A Book Without Learning Something." CWA has program.

At our first program in may we played Jeopardy with all the categories having something to do with May. At our second meeting we remembered members lost during the past year and honored Memorial Day. We hold only one meeting in July because our Agricultural Fair will be held July 12-15 and we host the New London County 4H Expo July 27-29.

Memorial Day Weekend is always a busy time for us. On Saturday we hosted the North Stonington Education Fund's annual road race and picnic. This organization raises money to offer grants to our schools for special projects and programs. We cook the hamburgers and hot dogs for the picnic in our food booth. This year we fed over two hundred runners and their families. Many thanks to those who helped! On Monday we put our float together in front of the hall. The Annual Memorial Day Parade forms on our grounds and marches through town. A big thank you to Gloria and Richard White, who lend us their hay wagon and vehicle for the occasion, and Jeff Barnes, who drives it. After the parade we had three generations of Rileys helping to take it apart and stow it away for next year. And if those darn gypsy moths will just leave us alone this year next time I'll tell you all about jolly June.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

The Power of “Did You know?”

by Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director
Did You Know...

that ... 72% of consumers shop at stores within 10 miles of their home.

that ... 81% of shoppers conduct online searches before making big purchases.

that ... 72% of adult internet users use Facebook. 35% of those users are 65 and older.

that...90%of all socially active businesses have indicated that their social media efforts have generated more exposure for their business.

that ... research has shown when people hear information, they are likely to remember only 10% of that information three days later. However, if a relevant image is paired with that same information in a visual, people retained 65% of the information three days later.

that ... 66% of Americans own at least two digital devices -- smartphone, desktop or laptop computer, or tablet -- and 36% own all three.

that ... 29% of people want to talk to a salesperson to learn more about a product.

So what does all of this have to do with Grange? Everything. Each one of the statements above can directly apply to your Grange. Granges operate as if they are businesses, and as such, many of the same statistical statements apply. Let’s substitute Grange terms instead of business terms to the ‘Did You Know’s’ above. It’s eye opening.

(Grange-altered) Did You Know...

that ... 72% of Grange members look for Grange meetings within 10 miles of their home.

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that ... 66% of Grange members own at least two digital devices -- smartphone, desktop or laptop computer, or tablet -- and 36% own all three.

that ...29% of prospective Grange members want to talk to an active Grange member to learn more about the organization.

If you or your Grange needs assistance in marketing, social media, publicity and more, please contact the Public Relations Committee. We’re here to help! E-mail: publicrelations@ctstategrange.org or information@ctstategrange.org.

Source: <https://www.hubspot.com/marketing-statistics>

Lyme Ticks Abundant in State

New Haven, CT – The Tick Testing Program at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) is reporting peak tick abundance throughout the State at this time, and higher than average infection with *Borrelia burgdoferi*, the causative agent of Lyme disease. According to Dr. Goudarz Molaei, who directs the CAES Tick Testing Program, “we have received over 2,600 ticks so far this year for testing and greater than 40% have tested positive for Lyme disease spirochetes. This is roughly 10% higher than what we have typically seen over the last five years.”

The Experiment Station is also reporting high tick infection rates with *Babesia microti*, the causative agent of babesiosis, a malaria-like illness (8%), and *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*, the causative agent of human granulocytic anaplasmosis (12%).

“We are in the midst of a peak activity for nymphal stages of blacklegged “deer” ticks, *Ixodes scapularis*, that are often difficult to detect because of their small size and propensity to quickly attach and feed”, said Dr. Theodore Andreadis, Director of the CAES. “Using tick repellants when hiking or camping and conducting tick checks remain the best ways to reduce the risk of contracting tick-borne diseases”.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Lyme disease is the most commonly reported vector-borne disease in the United States that affects an estimated 329,000 people annually and can cause severe damage to joints and the nervous system. The Connecticut Department of Public Health reported 2,022 cases of Lyme disease in 2017. Several hundred cases of babesiosis and human granulocytic anaplasmosis have also been diagnosed.

Detailed information about the Tick Testing Laboratory, personal protection measures, tick control measures, and tick-associated diseases can be found at the following websites:

- <http://www.ct.gov/caes/cwp/view.asp?a=2837&q=378212&caesNav=|>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/>
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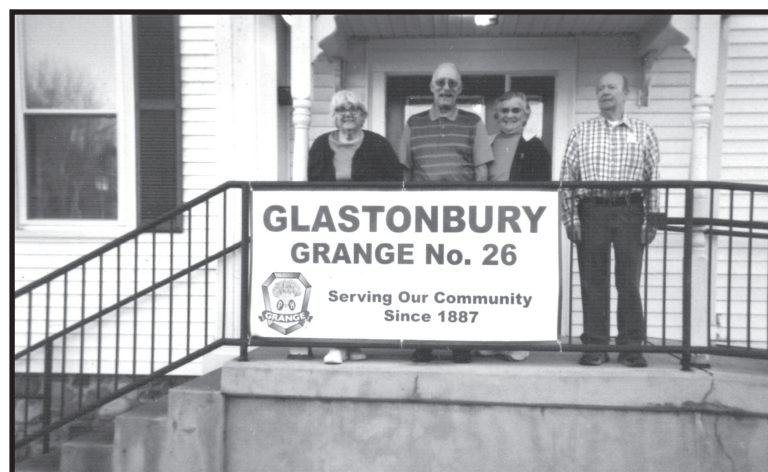
A deer tick, most common in the Eastern U.S.

Relay for Life



Once again, Ekonk Community Grange opened their food booth at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds for the Relay for Life Northeast on May 19.

Glastonbury Grange is easier to find!



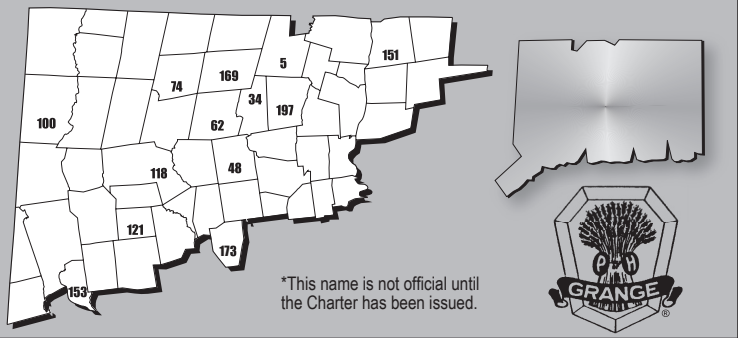
In early April, for Grange Month, Glastonbury Grange #26 received permission from the Masons who own the hall in which they meet, to hang a sign on the side of the building. Pictured left to right: Ann Posuniak (A.S.), Dan Posuniak (Master), Kay Ruff (Sec.) and Robert Nordstrom (Steward).

Hillstown Chili Fest



Hillstown Grange #87 recently held its annual Chili Fest at the Grange Hall in East Hartford featuring live entertainment and plenty of delicious chili and desserts.

Mountain Laurel Pomona No. 15



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| Winchester No. 74 | Wolcott No. 173 |
| Taghannuck No. 100 | Simsbury No. 197 |
| Beacon No. 118 | |

MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau
Aug. 25: Meeting of Mountain Laurel Pomona, 4 P.M., Memorial Hall, Bethlehem

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

July 10: Fireworks are Over, Ref. Fran & Charlie Cooper
July 24: Fair Set-Up, Ref. All Members
Aug. 11: Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market,

9am-2pm
Aug. 14: Awards Night, Ref. Community Picnic
Aug. 28: Dog Days (Country Store), Ref. Marie Steiner & Sue Kline
 It's July and we are happy to say goodbye to our old parking lot in front of the hall! It has served us well but it has to go! Through the generous donation made by the Volunteer Fire Department and by the loan secured through the State Grange we are finally able to have it repaved. It will be nice to have a pothole and crack free parking area at our hall. It will dramatically improve the appearance of our property and the neighborhood. The project should be completed by the end of July, just in time for...

The Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market is scheduled for Aug. 11 at our hall and on the green in Winchester Center. The

Fair features a giant book sale, exhibits of vegetables, fruit, flowers and baking along with a drawing for gifts, food from our kitchen and grill and our flea market on the green. If you would like more information about exhibiting or renting space on the green for the flea market, please visit our website or call our lecturer Ramona at 860-482-2733 ~ www.winchestergrange.org.

Our Strawberry Festival on Father's Day was extremely well attended with a very good profit realized. We thank all of the members and friends of Winchester Grange for donating their time to hull berries on Friday evening, to bake biscuits on Saturday, and to do all of the various things that needed to be done on Sunday morning, and of course, the actual Festival on Sunday afternoon. It takes many

hands to accomplish this event and we are not always sure how many there will be, but it always turns out well in the end. THANK YOU!

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

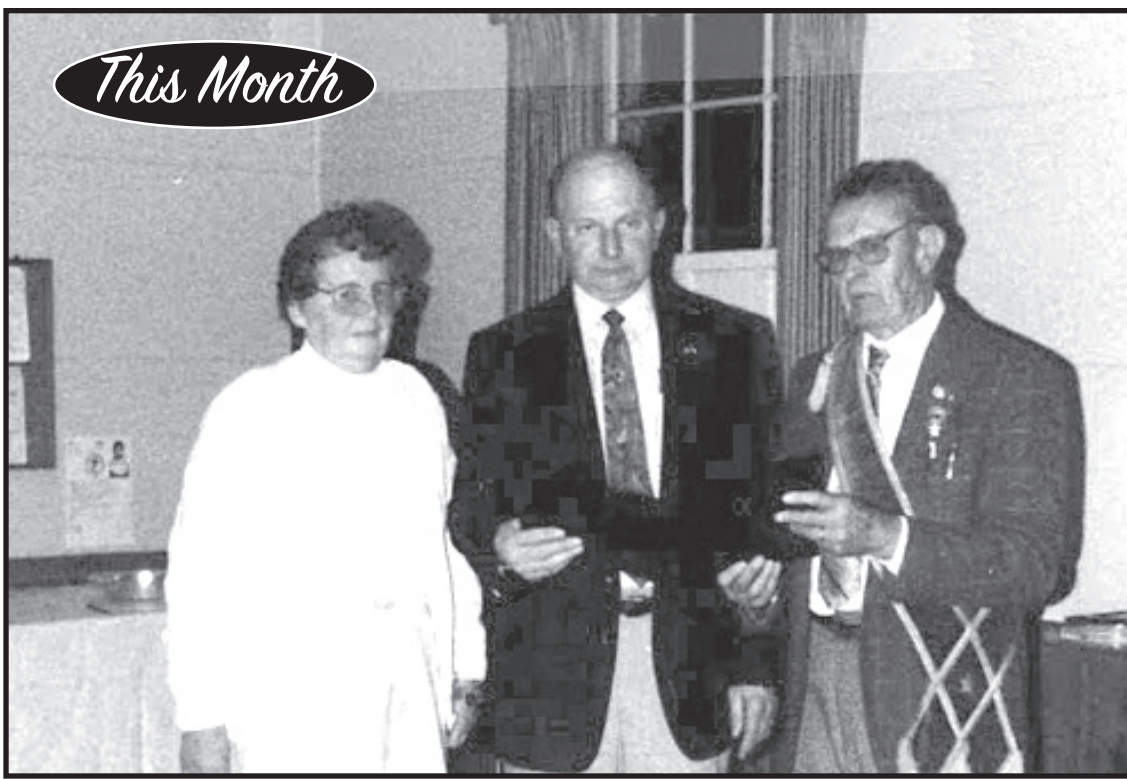
Corr: Irene Percoski
July 11: First Day of Farmers' Market, 3 P.M.
July 14: Red, White & Blue, Picnic – Bring a dish that begins with the letter "G"
Aug. 11: Summer Fun
 The weather has been wonderful so far and I hope it stays that way for a while. Come to the Farmers' Market and visit our booth. This year we will be on the front lawn at the Town Hall on the corner of Main St. and Rte. 5. There is plenty of parking so traffic will not be a problem. Along with our handcrafts we will have some luscious goodies. Hope to see you there.

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.

We heard from Janet Haller on the May 2018 photo. The photo is from National Grange when it was in Hartford in 1972, and shows the Prince and Princess representatives from each state. Connecticut's prince is Gordon Fraser of Lyme Grange, who is in the back row, fourth man in from the right. Connecticut's Princess is Lori, but not sure about her last name. She is fourth woman in from the right in the middle row.

July 2017 Photo -- We heard from Janet Haller with information from the July 2017 photo. Pictured are the winners of the Sewing Contest from 1972. Theresa Caliendo from Southington Grange on the left, and her granddaughter April (Caliendo) Osser. They were the Best of Show winners and went on to National Grange. Also pictured were Ellen Foley who was sponsored by Franklin Grange, and Rita Whewell who was sponsored by Stonington Grange.



There were no answers to last month's picture.

Thank you for entering



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer
lecturer@ctstategrange.org

- 1st Mary Bathrick & Colleen Kelly, Cheshire
- 2nd Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown
- 3rd Kayla Michaus, Hillstown
- "A Number"
- 1st Hillstown
- 2nd Lyme
- 3rd Cheshire

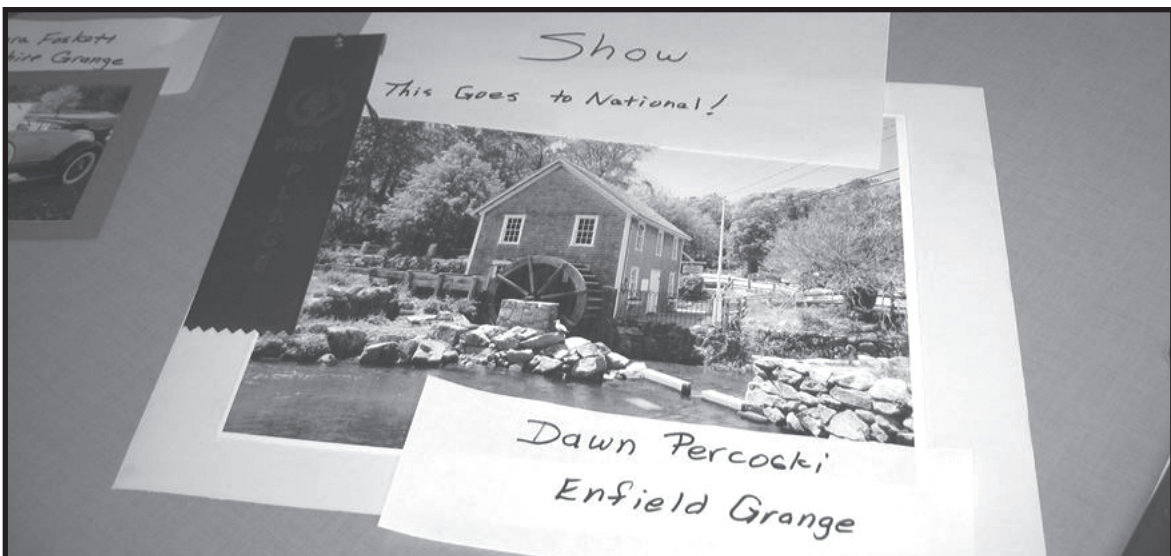
and lazy days in the sun, but please don't forget the rest of our activities. Write a letter to a soldier in harms way. I can guarantee it will be appreciated. And, if you don't know who to send it to either get it to me or check out anysoldier.com on your internet. Visiting their site may inspire you to write several.

Photo Contest Best in Show: Dawn Percoski, Enfield

I know it is summertime when lots of our Grange activities slow down and we look forward to picnics

Plus, while you are enjoying those picnics why not think about your favorite food and write an essay about it. It only takes 150 words or less.

My thanks to all who participated in and attended Grange Sunday. And, the winners were...
Talent Contest



Congratulations to Dawn Percoski of Enfield Grange for receiving Best of Show for her photograph entered in the Lecturer's Photo Contest at Let's Celebrate Day in June.

Taghannuck Grange holds Rummage Sale



Patrons flocked to the Plant & Rummage Sale put on by the members of Taghannuck Grange No. 100 (Sharon) on Saturday, May 5. Photo by Ruth Epstein, Waterbury Rep.-Amer.

Winchester holds 65th Annual Strawberry Festival



The Winchester Grange Strawberry Festival is the first public appearance for the newly-crowned Laurel Kings and Queens following the Laurel Festival the previous weekend. The Father's Day tradition features the area's largest servings of homemade Strawberry Shortcake (held by Laurel Queen Runner-Up and Adiran Delacruz, Laurel King).



Mary Bathrick and Colleen Kelly, of Cheshire Grange, perform their first place winning number in the Let's Celebrate Talent Contest.



Michelle DeDominicis takes part in the first place-winning skit for Hillstown Grange at Let's Celebrate Day in June.



Twin sisters Saige Gabelmann, left, and Keira, enjoy some strawberry shortcake with their father David on Fathers Day during the annual Strawberry Festival at Winchester Grange Hall on Sunday afternoon. Republican-American Photo

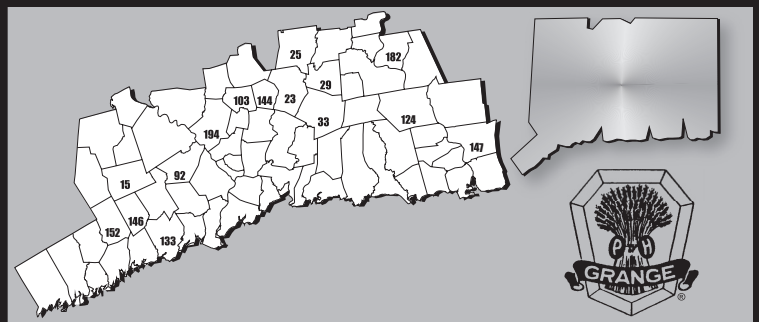
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GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Lori Golias Burany & Jim Golias

The members of the Greenfield Hill Grange extend many thanks to all the various Granges that attended our 125th anniversary celebration on April 29th. We hope you had a good time. Thank you, too, to all the speakers at all levels, Grange, State and Town officials. Special Thanks to "Hank the Burro" for making the party. "Nice sneakers"

Our next event that is in the works is our Annual Agricultural Fair. It will be held on August 18th from 10: am to 3:00pm. Please save the date.

While in the garden, get the flowers and produce ready for judging. There are many categories as well as baking, crafts, photography and more!

Come join us as we hold our 125th Agricultural fair!

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

July 5: Curiosity Killed the Cat, Come and See

Aug. 2: What will the weatherman send us for our Fair?

Sept. 5: Have all your reports been sent to the State Grange?

At last, we were able to have a Grange meeting without turning the furnace on. Daffodils are in full bloom. The landscape is just beautiful.

We voted to suspend several people due to non-payment of dues despite several notices.

Our food, plant and tag sale will be over by the time you read this. Our hall is full of wonderful tag sale items once again. It's amazing what can be accomplished when everyone works together. Hopefully our Treasury be boosted by the revenue from all our efforts.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

July 5: Business Meeting

July 19: Business Meeting

Aug 2: Business Meeting

Aug 16: Preparations for the Ag Fair

Aug 26: Annual Agricultural Fair (10 Am - 4 PM)

Activities at the Cannon Grange Hall have been many and varied: an informative and interactive program on Wine-making was presented by John Kriz back in May. John is an award-winning vintner, sommelier and connoisseur of wines and meads. A very lively and well-attended public program featured our local State Representatives and Senator for what has become an annual Legislative Session Wrap-Up hosted by our own Gail Lavielle.

Planning for the upcoming Agricultural Fair slated for Sunday, August 26th has been underway for several months. Not only will we be encouraging our area neighbors and friends of Cannon Grange to prepare and submit exhibits for judging, but we are encouraging all Grange members from nearby Pomonas to come support our wonderful fair. Please circle the date

We are appreciative of Lena Ivanaj, one of our new members, who graciously spent many hours recently, with her sister, cleaning our Hall back to a shiny and bright space; the kitchen looks like a fine commercial kitchen. Thank you Lena!

We now have WiFi at Cannon Grange Hall!

Dearta Fusaro has very kindly been updating our Hall Rental Program and aligning it to other venues in town in terms of services offered and fees charged.

Don Offinger reports that his farm's spinach crop is now in its 4th cutting,

and hopes to match last year's results of 6 cuttings before it bolts.

Please note our meeting and event schedule. Visiting Patrons are always welcome -- won't you join us?

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

July 13: Picnic

July 27: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled

Aug. 10: Livin' Is Easy

Aug. 24: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

July 6: The Science of Gardening

July 20: The Science of Gardening

July 27: G.O.M.A.D.-Music and Dance Party, 7:00 PM

After the Permaculture Salon series ended in April, we continued meeting Thursday nights for several weeks at the hall to have garden work sessions. Mulching the garden beds and setting contributed plants in the ground has progressed so the area is shaping up nicely. Thanks to Glenn Belinsky, and Raye Hodgson and Randolph Brown for their contributions! Although not damaged by the tornado passing through the area on May 15, the hall lost power for several days and the May 18th meeting was canceled to allow people time to clean up at home. G. O.M.A.D. was held on the 25th of May, and regular meeting schedule resumed in June.

New member Erik Von Koniger, recently relocated from New York City to an old farm in Northfield, CT, experienced heart problems and was hospitalized in Danbury Hospital in May. He had recovered partly by late in the month with the insertion of a stent and was facing cardiac rehab for which we wish him well. He has been instrumental in promoting G.O.M.A.D., and has long term ambitions to improve our kitchen facilities to be able to hold food preparation classes.

By fall, we will probably be planning another fund raiser to help with the many upgrades the hall needs, as well as the recurring bills we face.

Open Mic



Beacon Valley Grange #103 (Naugatuck) recently held another of their very successful Open Mic Nights at the Grange.



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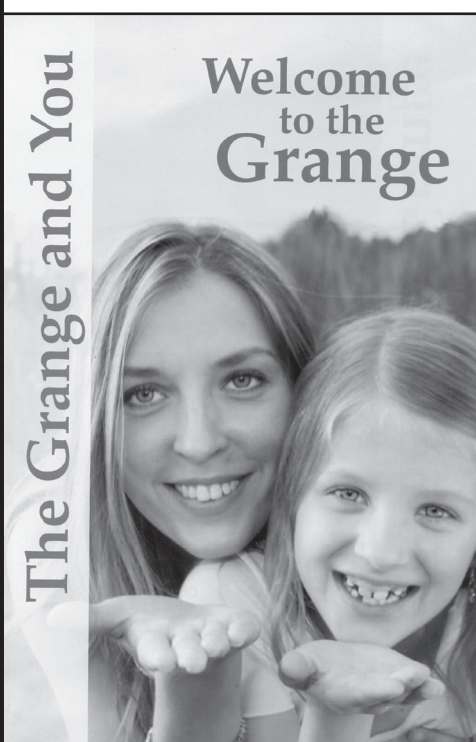
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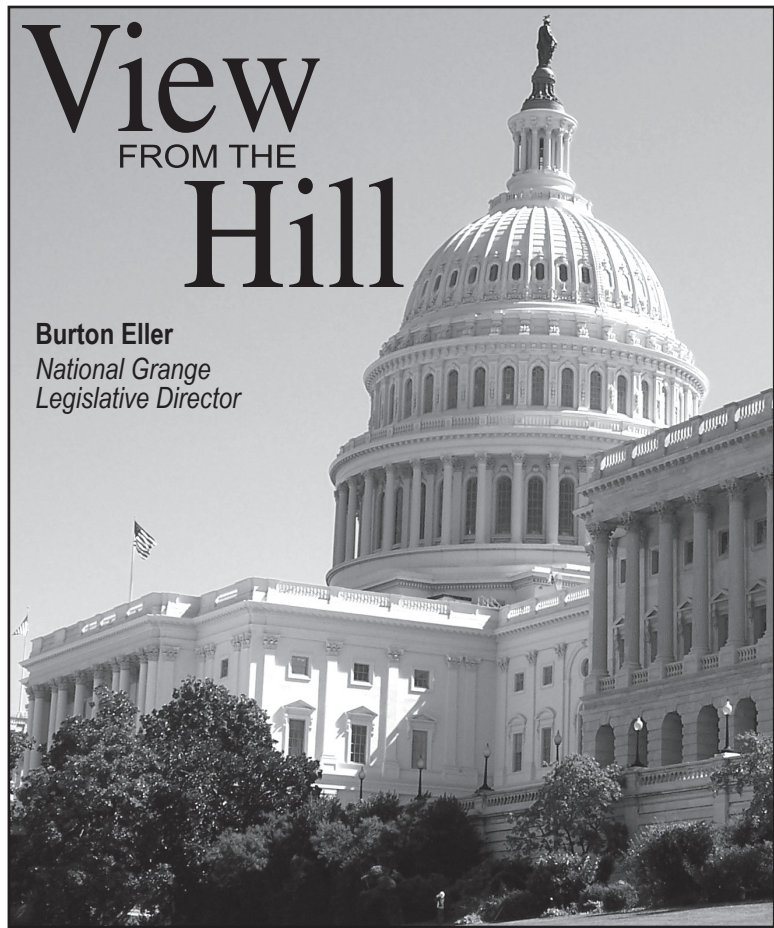
An occasion for all Patrons & Friends

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!



View FROM THE Hill

Burton Eller
National Grange
Legislative Director

OVERVIEW:

Congress returns to Washington after their Memorial Day Recess the week of June 4 to wrestle with the calendar and a plethora of unresolved legislative and public policy issues. The farm bill failed on the House floor under pressure from feeding program (SNAP) and immigration advocates who wanted leverage to address changes to these two specific issues. On the other side of the Hill, the Senate Agriculture Committee stepped up efforts to pass a farm bill out of committee by mid-June.

House members have almost enough votes to force a discharge petition to allow immigration votes on a permanent fix to the high profile “Dreamers” situation. A compromise on tougher work requirements for SNAP recipients will be necessary to get any Democrats to vote for the House farm bill. The stalemate on negotiations revising the NAFTA trade agreement threatened farm prices for agriculture commodities. New U.S. tariffs placed on imported steel and aluminum from Canada, Mexico, and the European Union brought threats of retaliatory tariffs on American goods and farm commodities sold abroad.

Finally, it seems

everyone in Washington can spell and say rural broadband expansion. After years of lip service, new broadband providers, additional money, higher priorities, increased commitments and public policy pronouncements are targeting rural broadband deployment.

Access to affordable health care in rural and small town America is always on the agenda for the National Grange. Rural hospitals continue to close faster than local telemedicine clinics can replace them. Prescription drug pricing is a main street topic now in Washington. Profit-taking along the chain from drug maker to patient user is under scrutiny. Counterfeit imported drugs continue to pose a health risk to domestic patients.

**AGRICULTURE:
Farm Bill**

The House farm bill went down in flames May 18. Democrats were outraged at the increased work requirements for able-bodied SNAP recipients without dependents. Conservative Republicans used the farm bill vote attempt to leverage a vote on the “Dreamers” immigration dilemma. It appears House leaders will have to reach a deal on immigration with conservatives before the

House farm bill can be reconsidered. It’s still uncertain whether the House will try to pass a farm bill with Republican-only votes or attempt a compromise on the SNAP provisions to draw Democrat votes. The Senate bipartisan farm bill meantime is nearing completion according to Chairman Roberts, R-KS., and ranking Democrat Stabenow, D-MI. Committee action on the Senate bill could come as early as the week of June 11. Roberts says he has commitments from Senate Majority Leader McConnell, R-KY. and Minority Leader Schumer, D-N.Y. for a clear pathway” to the Senate floor if the bill receives a substantial majority committee vote

Waters of the United States

The House Energy-Water Appropriations Bill is ready for floor debate. It contains a provision to repeal the “Waters of the United States” rule that redefined the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act to include practically all land and water in the country which the National Grange opposes. The appropriations provision is intended to expedite the process of replacing the rule.

**HEALTH CARE:
Drug Prices**

The President unveiled his plan to lower drug prices. Among the biggest policy changes are the provisions to require drug companies to disclose their prices in television ads, shorten the time for cheaper generics to reach the market, and target pharmacy benefit manager “Middlemen” for increased transparency on how well (or not) they are passing drug discounts along to patients. National Grange president Betsy Huber issued a statement commending the President and his Administration for their efforts to lower drug prices for rural and senior patients across the country. However, the Grange is

waiting for more clarity on several items including the price of sole-source branded drugs and possible changes to Medicare Part B which could raise specialty drugs prices and limit their availability to lifesaving treatments for seniors.

Beware of the Out-of-Pocket-Cliff

With recent Part D changes to cost-sharing incentives and a looming out-of-pocket cliff or “donut hole” coming by 2020 that could raise senior’s costs by \$1500, Part D beneficiaries need decisive action from Congress to protect their access to life-saving drugs. The National Grange encouraged all House Democrats to cosign a letter with Schneider (D-IL-10) and Kelly (D-IL-2) urging the House to legislatively fix this threat before it’s too late. House Republicans were encouraged to cosign a similar request letter with Representative Hudson (R-NC-8).

Department of Health and Human Services Adds Rural Health Strategy

HHS’ Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services says it is set to begin focusing efforts on better prioritizing the unique health care needs of rural populations. The agency says it will look at ways to improve reimbursements for rural providers, recruit and train health care workers, make health care options more affordable and advance the use of telemedicine.

Pigs and Cows Allergy Partners?

Living close to a livestock farm may lower one’s risk of common allergies among adults who aren’t farmers or ag workers according to research published in Occupational & Environmental Medicine. In fact, the closer the proximity to pigs and cattle the better the chance to lower the risk of allergenic sensitization. In addition, those who lived in an area of high farm density as a child had

significantly lower allergy risks, suggesting that long term exposure may be particularly effective.

**ELECOMMUNICATIONS:
Broadband**

Grange president Betsy Huber wrote Representative Curtis (R-UT-3) to support his Rural Broadband Permitting Efficiency Act, H.R. 4824. Breaking down jurisdictional and bureaucratic barriers will go a long way to expedite broadband deployment. Curtis’ bill would:

Delegate federal environmental compliance to a state on behalf of the relevant federal agency Provides a categorical exclusion for any broadband project within an existing operational right-of-way.

Consolidate efforts in the executive branch to create a single federal point of contact for the broadband deployment project.

What does broadband have to do with the opioid epidemic in rural America? More than one might think according to Anne Hazlett, Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development at USDA. Some roots of the opioid crisis appear to stem from deep and challenging issues such as generational poverty, over prescribing medication, lack of economic opportunity, lack of access to quality medical care, and a sense of isolation. Eighty percent of American households that do not have access to reliable, affordable high-speed internet are in rural communities. Seventy five percent of the country’s schools that lack high-speed internet service are in rural areas. Available, accessible broadband can help in the fight against opioid addiction and aid in the recovery process.

Lifeline

The National Grange continues to support the Lifeline affordability program that enables the elderly, disabled, isolated, low income, unemployed and other eligible rural ...Continued next page.

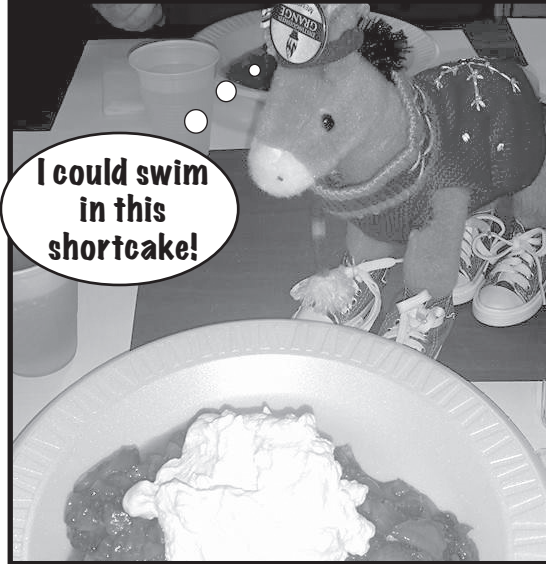


By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange friends! We started out the month by going to Beacon Valley Grange, where they were celebrating their 129th Anniversary. We had so much fun - and I even danced to the music!

It was great to see all my friends at Let's Celebrate Day at Cheshire Grange Hall. All of the entries were very nice to see, and congratulations to all the winners. For Father's Day, Noel, Marcia and I went up to Winchester Grange for their Strawberry Festival. It was MMM Good! Fair season starts soon - so I hope to see you around the state!

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>



View from the Hill

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citizens to access telephone connectivity to the outside world. The National Grange sometimes looks to its state Granges for help. New York State Grange president Stephen Coye recently filed formal comments with the New York Public Service Commission on behalf of the National Grange supporting a petition for TracFone Wireless to participate in the New York Lifeline Program.

IMMIGRATION:

Immigration is suddenly on the front burner in Washington. Proponents of leveraging floor debate on immigration policy in the House of Representatives have 213 of the 218 signatures needed. Also, conservative Republicans joined Democrats in voting against the farm bill as a means to leverage immigration consideration; this means the farm bill stands no chance of passing until immigration is addressed in some form or fashion. The problem is that the GOP appears divided within its own ranks on an immigration strategy. Moderates want to limit debate to a pared-down bipartisan bill that would create a path forward to citizenship for those brought to the U.S. as children, referred to as "Dreamers". Another issue certain to be added is the policy of separating immigrant parents and children at the Southern border. Conservatives are demanding a more comprehensive approach to curb illegal immigration, create legal pathways to citizenship for qualified persons, close the border to illegal crossings and create a workable farm worker program. National Grange policy is to support a legal immigration process for all immigrants and create a workable, efficient, practical and relevant ag worker program.

TRADE:

Trade Economy

Agriculture depends on trade. No matter where one stands on the many aspects of trade, it's a fact that our agricultural economy relies heavily on the foreign consumer buying the food we produce. Threats of trade wars send shock waves through farm country, financial markets, manufacturing, the supply industry and the rest of America's production economy.

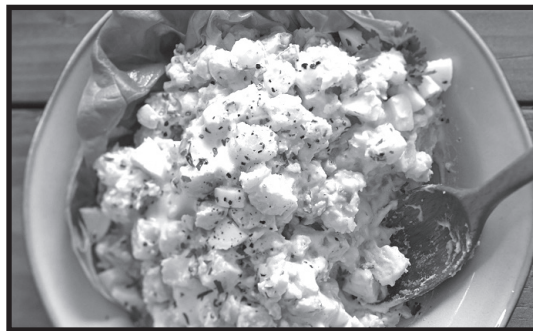
NAFTA

Most Americans appear to support free and fair trade between countries. The difficulty comes with one's definition of fair trade. Is trade fair if a country wants to carve out a special benefit, product or commodity for special treatment similar to today's dairy issue with Canada? Issues like the Canadian dairy restrictions abound as nations attempt to negotiate or renegotiate trade agreements. The brick wall on renegotiation of the Canada-Mexico-United States NAFTA trade pact is a case in point. Until all countries involved are able to reach a compromise on these "sacred cows", a new NAFTA agreement will remain elusive.

Tariffs

Then there are tariffs. Tariffs are like extra high taxes placed on the things we want to buy. These new taxes will probably cause us to buy less of that product or not buy any at all. So when America places a 25 percent tariff on steel and a 10 percent tariff on aluminum imported from the European Union, Canada and Mexico, these countries lose the American market. These countries in turn place tariffs on American products and we lose market share there. This circular boxing match on trade continues until one side gives up or until an agreement is reached.

Hank's Ranch Picnic Potato Salad



The 4th of July is one of our favorite holidays to host picnics and potluck dinners. Potato Salad is a summertime staple. Hidden Valley has a recipe with their spin on Potato Salad that could make this dish a new picnic tradition!

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup sliced green onions
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 cup Hidden Valley Original Ranch Dressing
- 2 hard-cooked eggs peeled, finely chopped
- 2½ tablespoons chopped parsley
- lettuce (optional)
- paprika
- 3 pounds Idaho potatoes or russet potatoes, peeled salt
- freshly ground black pepper



DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1 - In a large pot, add the potatoes and enough water to cover.

STEP 2 - Add the salt and bring the water to a boil. Cook the potatoes for 10 to 15 minutes or until tender when pierced with a fork. Drain and set aside to cool slightly.

STEP 3 - In large bowl, combine potatoes, celery, onions, parsley, salt and pepper. In small bowl, stir mustard together with the dressing until well blended. Pour over potato mixture and toss until lightly coated.

STEP 4 - Chill covered for at least 1 hour, overnight is best.

STEP 5 - Serve in a bowl lined with lettuce leaves, if using, and garnish top with the chopped egg and paprika.

SOURCE: <https://www.hiddenvalley.com/recipe/ranch-picnic-potato-salad/>



CWA Award Winners

A big thank you to all who entered our contests and congratulations to the following winners:

List of State CWA Contest Winners:

Class A – Afghans

- 1- Diane Leith – Colchester # 78
- 2- Joyce Haskins – Colchester # 78

Class B – Doilies

- 1- Carol Nelson - Vernon # 52
- 2- Mary Tischofer – Colchester #78
- 3- Annette Nicole Gardner – Colchester # 78

Class C – Embroidery

- 1- Claudia Sopstyle – Enfield # 151

Class D – 3 Piece baby Set

- 1- Margaret Easton
- 2- Lois Evankow – Lyme # 147
- 3- Elsie Johnson – Colchester #78

Class E – Plastic Canvas

- 1- Joanne Cipriano – Beacon Valley # 103
- 2- Joan Zeigler – Redding # 15
- 3- Irene Percoski – Enfield # 151

Class F – Counted Cross Stitch

- 1- Mariellen Baxter – Vernon # 52
- 2- Sandy Peterson – Lyme # 147

Class G – Adult garment

- 1- Pat Margelony – Vernon # 52
- 2- Maryalyce Lee – Cheshire # 23

Class H – Latch hook

- 1- Dorothy Joselovitz – Redding # 15

Class I – Quilted Wall hanging

- 1- Karen MacDonald – Redding # 15
- 2- Lois Evankow – Lyme # 147

Class J – Stuffed Toy

- 1- Dawn Percoski – Enfield # 151
- 2- Lois Evankow – Lyme # 147

Class K – Baby Afghans

- 1- Lois Evankow – Lyme # 147
- 2- Ted Beebe – Coventry #75
- 3- Dorothy Mroka –Colchester #78

Door Decoration –

- 1- Nancy Olsen – Greenfield Hill #134
- 2- Doris Johnson – Cheshire # 23
- 3- Michelle Bernhardt – Cheshire # 23

Craft Contest (Pirates & Treasure)- Needlework

- 1- Lois Evankow – Lyme # 147
- 2- Maryalyce Lee – Cheshire # 23
- 3- Sandy Peterson – Lyme #147

Craft Contest -Other Media

- 1- Angelina Dedominicis – Hillstown # 87
- 2- Cathy Russi – Colchester # 78

Baking –

- 1- Carol Wolmerdorf – Bethlehem #121
- 2- Judy Hill – Coventry # 75
- 3- Wesley Demoke – Cheshire # 23

Junior Baking

- 1- Natalie Roberts – Riverton # 169

Cannon Grange



A wheel barrow load of cut peony stems that we have readied for wholesale. Shown are Adrian Offinger and Don Offinger of Cannon Grange No. 152.

Let's Celebrate ... Entries



Everybody's Going this Year!

Greenfield Hill Grange # 133

Agricultural Fair

Celebrating 125 Years

1893-2018

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

Food & Refreshments

Saturday

August 18, 2018

10am-3pm

Grange Hall

1873 Hillside Road

Fairfield, CT

Greenfield Hill celebrates 125 Years



It was a rainy morning on Sunday April 29th. But soon, the rain gave way to sun, just in time for everyone to arrive. It was a perfect day to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Greenfield Hill Grange.

Grangers, friends, and dignitaries came from all over the state to join the celebration.

Fairfield First Selectman Mike Tetreau presented the Grange with a proclamation stating "Although the family farm is no longer a part of a Fairfield resident's life, there are still many community members who adhere to the core values and ideals the Grange stands for. Grange members love their hometown and deep roots. They enjoy the company of their neighbors, and seek to create an environment for the families and friends."

The Fairfield delegation of the Connecticut General assembly presented an official citation expressing "Congratulations on a job well done" and wishes for "125 more years of success in supporting the rural and agricultural history of our community."

Connecticut State Grange Master Noel Miller reflected on the question "At times we wondered if our founding fathers ever thought we would last this long. And I think they would be shocked and awed that we are still here and as strong as we are here today."

The Queen Anne style building was built in 1897 by Frank Perry. Additions were built in the 1930's. The Greenfield Hill Grange was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2008.

In Memoriam

Vivian Shaw, G.S.
Granby Grange #5

Joseph Bement, G.S.
Ernest Bengston, G.S.
Arlene Hurlbut, G.S.
Winchester Grange #74

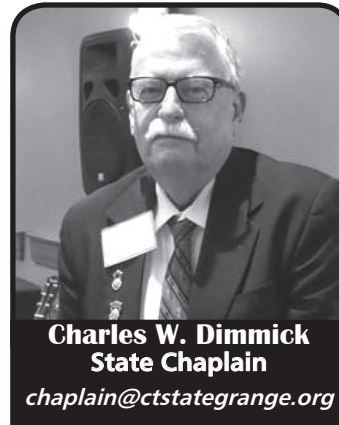
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Please keep us notified of deceased members.
Use the email or the regular mailing address listed
in the Granger Staff list in this issue.

Let God Help You



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Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our
side,
The Man of God's own
choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His Name,
From age to age the same,*

And He must win the battle.

There is an old saying: "God helps those who help themselves" that many people think is part of Holy Scripture, but which in essence is actually contrary to what the Bible tells us. The Bible says, in various forms, that God helps those who cannot help themselves. The grain of truth in the saying is that we should not stand in the way of letting God help us, but should instead reach out for God's help. Picture in your mind a young child who has not yet learned to walk but is anxious to do so. Extend your finger so that the child can grab it, and then be the helping hand so that he or she can take those first steps, with your hand to hold them up and guide them. What if the child did not grab your finger? Then it would greatly handicap your ability to help.

The message is that God is ready and willing to help, but you must be prepared to receive God's help by taking that first tentative move to leave yourself open to God's help. I am reminded of the man who, in great financial difficulty, would pray every night: "Please God, Let me win the Lottery." Finally God answered: "George, Help me out here! Buy a ticket!"

Do not expect that God will solve all your problems for you. What Jesus said (Matthew 11:28) was "Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The promise was not that God would rid you of your burdens, but rather that He would give you the ability to bear them more easily, sometimes showing you the ways that will allow you to lessen them or even let them drop. God wants to work WITH you and use your experiences to learn to live a less worrisome and burdensome life.

Finally, remember that old Gospel hymn which contains the lines:

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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