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From the President's Desk



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Do you ever sense that your members are at or reaching burnout stage in your Granges. If not, great! As that means you're likely doing fulfilling projects and keeping members active in productive ways. If so, maybe your members are in the same positions for too long and it's time to cultivate new leadership among newer members. Or maybe it's time to pull the chute on the old and institute some new ideas and programs to liven things up. Remember too that people like to receive recognition for their efforts on behalf of the Grange. Traditionally, members were recognized for years of service starting at 25 years, then nothing until 50, and afterwards in increments of five years. Todd Gelineau has introduced and made available certificates for 30, 35, 40 & 45 years. Consider awarding your members these extra recognitions to say that you appreciate what they are doing. A kind word (and action) in season goes a long way.

Editor's (State Secretary) Note: Awards for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years were proposed a few years ago and Secretaries were not interested. If you are interested in recognizing members for these years of service, please contact the State Secretary as

awards are available from National Grange for these accomplishments. We may even create Connecticut specific awards if the demand warrants.

From the Heirloom Program comes this: "We recognize the necessity of experimentation to develop and better methods of education, but we caution against the widespread adoption of these innovative and experimental methods until they have been proven effective." One thing in our local (Connecticut) educational systems that seems to have proven ineffective is how we go about funding our schools town by town with property taxes. Wealthier towns have typically had better funded schools while poorer areas

were forced to make up shortfalls with Education Cost Sharing grants. Amount spend per pupil is being shown not to explain everything about poorer performing schools as various socioeconomic factors such as lack of adequate parenting are being recognized as contributing to poor pupil performance. the Grange stands in favor of studying the ECS system to make it work better as every child deserves access to the same quality education.

From the *Speak Like a Champ* series from National President Christine Hamp, the phrase for the month is Future Proofing. This indicates intentional preparation for long term success. To do this, we must anticipate future trends, challenges and opportunities and then build capacity, infrastructure, ...Continued next page

Reaching More People without losing the personal touch

by Terri Fassio, Co-Public Relations Director

Being a Grange member for any length of time, you know that our most powerful marketing tool is personal. Word-of-mouth built the Grange and still builds strong Community Granges today. With the addition of a few simple tools, we can help those personal connections increase their reach without losing the authenticity that makes them work. Let's start with what Granges have been doing successfully for years, because these methods remain as effective today as they were decades ago.

The phone chain is still one of the most reliable ways to spread the word. There's something about hearing a friendly voice that an email or text just can't replicate.

Printed flyers and face-to-face conversations continue to be impactful. A well-designed flyer at the library or laundromat catches attention, while mentioning what's happening at the Grange when you're standing in line at the grocery store or at the church coffee hour puts a face on the organization. ...Continued on page 2



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and leadership to navigate these successfully. We must remain resilient as adaptability and forward thinking for decision making should be top priorities. The development of programs, leaders, operational systems for the future are to be prioritized as well.

The Call to Session has gone out to all Granges. Resolutions are already coming in and I have 13 to assign so far. Get in your resolutions on subjects of your choice that concern you. This is your chance to have a voice in CSG and National Grange

policy. Granges should be thinking about delegates and I hope folks other than delegates will consider attending as well.

Is your Grange one where the leadership is in sync with the members and vice versa? Are there hidden agendas? Do your members get along and work together and see value in getting along as opposed to infighting? We have a Digest of Laws and it lays out the rules of how we operate. Like elections;

there are no slates of officers allowed to be elected by a vote cast by the secretary. Offices are voted on one by one by paper ballot on suggestions, not nominations. Everyone has a chance to run if wanted. Monetary expenditures should be voted into action by majority vote. No one member or small group of such should be forcing unwanted actions and spending on their Grange in a dictatorial way. Let's try to get along as best we can and in Granges where these problems arise, please take heed.

Reaching More People

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Local newspaper announcements still reach a good audience, particularly in our smaller Connecticut towns where community papers remain popular. These communication methods work because they're personal and rooted in community. Don't stop doing any of them. But what if you could take the personal methods and help them reach even more people? That's exactly what a few simple digital tools can do.

Email works much like phone chains, but has the capability to reach more people instantly. It still comes from a real person, and people can reply directly. Text messages are even simpler. A quick text reminder takes seconds to send and gets read almost immediately.

Facebook acts like a digital bulletin board available 24/7. You don't need to post daily — once a week keeps people informed.

These simple digital tools don't replace the personal touch. They amplify it. But the real magic happens when you combine traditional and digital methods. Many Granges are already doing this.

The Multi-Channel Event Promotion. When promoting your Grange event, print flyers and distribute them around town. Take a photo of that flyer and post it to Facebook, then email it to your member list. Use your phone chain to personally invite key members and even community leaders. The day before, send a few quick text messages: "Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow!" The content is working everywhere —reaching people who check local bulletin boards, Facebook, email, and those who respond best to a personal call or text.

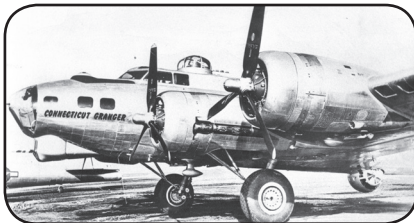
How to start? Take what your Grange is already doing that works and keep doing it. You probably have certain members who'd be happy to handle email, others Facebook, and more who would rather be making phone calls. The division of labor has always been a Grange strength.

Don't try everything at once. If email seems manageable, start there. Send one message a month about upcoming meetings and events, and try it for a few months. Did more people show up? If it works, keep doing it. If not, try something else. The goal isn't to do everything. The goal is to reach more people about what your Grange is doing.

Whether you're making a phone call, posting a flyer, sending an email, or having a conversation at the store, the principle is the same: you're connecting with people and letting them know your Grange is active and worth being part of. That message is timeless.

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Thursday, October 15 - Saturday, October 17, 2026

HOTEL RESERVATIONS DUE: SEPT. 11

SESSION REGISTRATIONS DUE: SEPT. 30

Name _____ Delegate? Yes _____ No _____

Grange _____ # _____

Email _____

REGISTRATION 1

Sessions:

Full Registration [3 Days] (\$50)	_____	\$ _____
Thurs./Fri. Only Registration (\$25)	_____	\$ _____
Friday Breakfast? _____ (FREE)	Friday Lunch? _____ (FREE)	
Friday Night Banquet	Baked Stuffed Sole (\$35).	\$ _____
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To reserve hotel rooms, call the Holiday Inn at 860-889-5201 and ask for the CT State Grange block.

142nd Annual Session Resolutions

1) RE: ALTERNATE DELEGATES

WHEREAS each year all Granges in Connecticut select two delegates to represent their individual local Granges, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange is governed by delegate bodies who by their vote select the officers who conduct the business of the Connecticut State Grange, and

WHEREAS these delegates vote on by-laws and set directions for activities, programs and legislative priorities for the Connecticut State Grange, and

WHEREAS presently the local and Pomona Granges only select two delegates prior to the session, but if one or more of those selected delegates are unable to attend the Annual Convention the Granges may not have any representation during the session.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange amend the By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange to allow the selection of Alternate Delegates who will be allowed to replace the appointed delegates prior to the beginning of the session, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED Article IV, Voting Members and Representation Section 1A of the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws be amended to read: ~~If an~~ In the event an illness, accident, or family emergency occurs to a delegate or delegates or a member of immediate families after the selection and State Grange notification process, the ~~Executive Committee of the affected Grange is authorized to choose an alternative delegate~~ Grange will also select one alternate delegate who will be authorized to replace the selected delegates in the event the appointed delegate(s) are unable to attend the Annual Meeting. The State Secretary must be notified before the beginning of the Annual Meeting of the replacement of the appointed delegates by the alternate delegate. Once the session has commenced, the delegates cannot be replaced.

SOURCE: CSG Board of Directors

REFERRED: Credentials, Constitution & By-Laws

2) RE: OVERTURNING OF CITIZEN ELECTION RULING

WHEREAS the Supreme Court decision in the 2010 Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission case struck down limitations on independent political spending by corporations, labor unions and other organizations citing First Amendment free speech, and

WHEREAS allowing corporations to make limitless donations to candidates running for federal elected office may influence elections with the influx of large donations, and

WHEREAS this decision has allowed corporations, labor unions and unknown entities represented by lobbyists access to our elections with the ability to influence candidates and voters via enormous donations

to political action committees, special interest groups, blanket media blitzes on all levels and more, and

WHEREAS these actions minimize the effects of grassroots donations by overwhelming the public forum with the quantity, frequency, expert production and advantageous placement of message, all of which require ever-increasing funding, and

WHEREAS a concentration of financial influence lets special interests overpower the voices of most people when policy decisions are made and elections held, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange urge Congress to overturn the Citizens United ruling which allows corporations, labor unions and other organizations to make unlimited donations to federal election campaigns for political candidates, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolutions be sent to the National Grange for its support.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange #75; Eastern Connecticut Pomona Grange #14

REFERRED: Legislative/Insurance

3) RE: MISUSE OF FEDERAL LANDS

WHEREAS American federal lands have been set aside for hundreds of years for Americans and the world to experience and wonder at, and

WHEREAS federal lands are under the control of the Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense and the National Parks Service, and

WHEREAS this administration is relaxing regulations related to mining, energy exploration, development and removing the protected American Bison herd, to allow ranchers to graze domestic livestock, for a fee, and

WHEREAS the debris of the East Wing of the White House is being deposited at the Washington Public Golf Course without proper permits for remediation and has been found to contain lead, asbestos, and heavy metal, and

WHEREAS these actions have not been approved by the United States Congress.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange urge Congress to halt the exploitation of federal lands for mining, energy exploration, the removal of protected species, and contamination of air, soil and water resources and to preserve federal lands for posterity as they were intended to be, and this resolution to be sent to the National Grange for their support.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange #75; Eastern Connecticut Pomona Grange #14

REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

4) RE: MOVING THE NATIONAL

GRANGE OFFICE

WHEREAS the National Grange is renting space from the new owners of the National Grange building, which the National Grange built in the 1950s, and

WHEREAS under new ownership the National Grange pays rent of \$51.00 per square foot which is \$65,200.00 per year under a three year contract, and

WHEREAS under the contract the new rates will be \$55.32 per square foot or \$70,686 per year, and

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Committee Assignments

Credentials, Constitution & By-Laws

Chair: Ruel Miller

Vice Chair: Patrick O'Brien

Granby #5

Lyme #147

Senexet #40

Taghannuck #100

Vernon #52

Winchester #74

Wolcott #173

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Chair: David Roberts

Vice Chair: Charles Dimmick

Bethlehem #121

Ekonk Community #89

Harmony #192

Hemlock #182

Killingly #112

Riverton #169

Stonington #168

Ekonk Jr. Grange #101

Legislative/Insurance

Chair: Donald Lanoue

Vice Chair: Ted Powell

Cannon #152

Cheshire #23

Greenfield Hill #133

Hillstown #87

Norfield #146

Redding #15

Stafford #1

Wallingford #33

Hillstown Jr. Grange #87

Agriculture/Conservation/ Environment

Chair: Jaimie Cameron

Vice Chair: Noel Miller

Beacon Valley #103

Bridgewater #153

Coventry #75

North Stonington #138

Oxford #194

Simsbury #197

Whigville #48

WHEREAS the National Grange has reported that we all need to tighten our belts, due to loss of revenue.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the National Grange Board of Directors search for a new facility outside of the District of Columbia that will be more suitable and affordable.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange #75; Eastern Connecticut Pomona Grange #14

REFERRED: Good of the Order/Membership/Master's Address

5) RE: MISUSE OF HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES

WHEREAS the laws for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes were designed for buses and two or more people per vehicle for carpooling resulting in laws that reflect this intent, and

WHEREAS some vehicles are using the HOV lanes with one person, and

WHEREAS there are not enough law enforcement officers to enforce the law of misuse of HOV lanes, and

WHEREAS law enforcement could use cameras to catch violators and send tickets as they do with speeding tickets.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange urge the Department of Transportation to install cameras on HOV lanes to catch violators and collect fines as it does with speeding cameras.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange #75; Eastern Connecticut Pomona Grange #14

REFERRED: Good of the Order/Membership/Master's Address

6) RE: POST OFFICE LETTER STAMPING POLICY

WHEREAS the United States Postal Service's new policy allows letters to be stamped at a processing center rather than the local post office, and

WHEREAS the local post offices have processed stamped letters for over 100 years, and

WHEREAS many sorting offices add delay by days affecting the official post mark on bills, documents, letters and mail-in voting ballots, and

WHEREAS mail from one state can be shipped to neighboring states to be processed, causing even more time delays.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange urge the United States Postal Service to allow the local Post Office to reinstate hand cancellation of mail needing date stamped letters, and this resolution is to be sent to the National Grange for their support.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange #75; Eastern Connecticut Pomona Grange #14

REFERRED: Legislative/Insurance

7) RE: NATIONAL PARK STAFFING

WHEREAS National Park staffing has been drastically cut by the Federal Government

for cost savings, and

WHEREAS these staffing and budget cuts have had a major effect on the operation and maintenance of our National Parks, and

WHEREAS some parks have had to be partially closed to the public, with reduced services causing litter and facilities not to be properly managed, resulting in visitors unable to experience these parks in a safe way.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge Congress to restore full funding for staffing and maintaining our National Parks, and this resolution is to be sent to the National Grange for their support.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange #75; Eastern Connecticut Pomona Grange #14

REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

8) RE: SCHOOL BUSES ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS Connecticut General Statutes §14-281a establishes the maximum speed limits for school buses which may not exceed 50 mph on divided limited-access highway, and

WHEREAS the law states "a safe rate of speed, consistent with the volume of traffic" is not going 50 mph which is well below posted speed limits, and

WHEREAS 50 mph speed on interstate highways can be up to 20 mph slower than the posted speed limit, and

WHEREAS going slower than the posted speed limit and not with the flow of traffic poses a dangerous risk of an accident due to sudden slowdowns and traffic merging from highway entrances.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee urge Connecticut legislators to consider changing the 50 mph speed limit on interstate highways for school buses to the posted speed limits for the protection of all vehicles and passengers on interstate highways.

SOURCE: Vernon Grange #52; Eastern Connecticut Pomona Grange #14

REFERRED: Good of the Order/Membership/Master's Address

9) RE: ELIMINATION OF THE USE OF PASSWORDS WITHIN THE NATIONAL GRANGE

WHEREAS the National Grange and its Subordinate Granges have historically utilized passwords as a means of identification, tradition, and internal communications, and

WHEREAS certain longstanding practices, including the use of passwords, may no longer align with contemporary cultural standards, inclusivity expectations, or operational needs in modern society, and

WHEREAS the continued use of passwords may create unintended barriers to participation, discomfort among members, or misalignment with the organization's commitment to respect, accessibility, and evolving community values, and

WHEREAS the National Grange seeks to foster a welcoming, transparent, and inclusive environment for all current and prospective members.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the National Grange hereby formally discontinue the creation, communication, and use of any passwords at all levels of the organization, including National, State, Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all rituals, procedures, documents, and instructional material referencing passwords shall be reviewed and revised to remove such requirements, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED this change shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and all Granges are encouraged to ensure a smooth and respectful transition away from password usage.

SOURCE: Ekonk Community Grange #89; Eastern Connecticut Pomona Grange #14

REFERRED: Credentials, Constitution & By-Laws

10) RE: SUPPORT FOR CONNECTICUT DAIRY FARMERS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DAIRY SUSTAINABILITY TAX CREDIT

WHEREAS Connecticut's dairy farming industry has been a foundational component of our state's agricultural heritage and rural economy for generations, and

WHEREAS in the 1950s and 1960s, Connecticut was home to nearly 1,000 dairy farms, declining to 817 farms in 1975, 100 farms in 2018, and now approximately 80 dairy farms remaining statewide, and

WHEREAS dairy farming families such as the Smith family of Cushman Farms in Franklin, founded in 1938, represent multi-generational agricultural traditions that are now at risk due to unsustainable economic conditions, and

WHEREAS current federal milk pricing averages approximately \$18.74 per hundredweight (cwt), while production costs for smaller farms can exceed \$23 per cwt, resulting in significant financial losses for Connecticut dairy producers, and

WHEREAS dairy farmers report receiving milk prices comparable to those in 1995, despite decades of inflation and dramatically increased operating costs, including feed, fuel, labor, insurance, and equipment, and

WHEREAS Connecticut dairy farmers are projected to lose an estimated \$20 million this year without state intervention, and

WHEREAS dairy farms contribute significantly to Connecticut's economy, generating more than \$2 billion in annual economic activity, maintaining approximately 18,500 milking cows that produce the equivalent of two million glasses of milk daily, supporting over 800 jobs, and contributing substantial tax revenue, and

WHEREAS neighboring states, including

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Massachusetts and Maine, have established dairy tax credit programs that provide financial stabilization during periods of depressed milk prices, helping sustain their dairy industries, and

WHEREAS legislation entitled “An Act Establishing a Tax Credit for Dairy Farmers” has been introduced in the Connecticut General Assembly proposing a \$20 million aggregate tax credit to provide relief during cyclical milk price downturns, and

WHEREAS Connecticut dairy farmers, through coalitions such as “Very Alive,” are advocating for both immediate short-term relief funding and long-term structural solutions, including a refundable dairy tax credit tied to milk price triggers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Grange support the preservation and sustainability of Connecticut’s dairy farming industry as vital to our state’s agricultural heritage, food security, open space preservation, and rural economy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Grange urge the Connecticut General Assembly and the Governor to enact legislation establishing a refundable dairy tax credit program activated during periods of milk price downturn, similar to programs successfully implemented in neighboring states, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Grange support the establishment of an Agriculture Sustainability line item of at least \$20 million to provide immediate short-term relief to Connecticut dairy farmers, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that if adopted by the Connecticut State Grange, copies be transmitted to the Governor of Connecticut, members of the Connecticut General Assembly, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, and Connecticut’s Congressional delegation.

SOURCE: Riverton Grange #169; Mountain Laurel Pomona Grange #15

REFERRED: Legislative/Insurance

11) RE: SUPPORT OF CONNECTICUT PUBLIC ACT 490

WHEREAS agriculture and forestry have long been essential components of Connecticut’s economy, heritage, and rural character, and

WHEREAS Connecticut Public Act 490, enacted in 1963, was established to help preserve farmland, forest land, and open space by allowing eligible land to be assessed for property tax purposes based on its current use rather than its potential development value, and

WHEREAS this important legislation has helped many Connecticut farmers and landowners retain their land in agricultural and forest production rather than being forced to sell due to increasing property tax burdens, and

WHEREAS the preservation and farmland and forest land helps sustain local food production, protects natural resources, supports wildlife habitat, and maintains the scenic rural

landscapes that define many Connecticut communities, and

WHEREAS the continuation and strengthening of Public Act 490 is vital to ensuring that agriculture remains a viable part of Connecticut’s future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Grange strongly support Connecticut Public Act 490 enacted in 1963 (Public Act 490) and its continued role in preserving farmland, forest land, and open space throughout the state, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the Connecticut State Grange to reaffirm its support for Public Act 490 and to advocate for policies that protect and strengthen this important program, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange encourage the Connecticut General Assembly and state policymakers to maintain and protect Public Act 490 as a critical tool for preserving Connecticut’s agricultural lands and rural heritage.

SOURCE: Riverton Grange #169; Mountain Laurel Pomona Grange #15

REFERRED: Legislative/Insurance

12) RE: SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DEDICATED AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEES IN THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS agriculture has played a vital role in the history, economy, and cultural heritage of the State of Connecticut since colonial times, and

WHEREAS Connecticut’s farmers, agricultural producers, and related businesses contribute significantly to the state’s economy, provide locally produced food, preserve open space, and sustain rural communities, and

WHEREAS agricultural policy issues often involve complex matters including farmland preservation, environmental stewardship, food production, taxation, land use, water resources, energy, and agricultural business regulation, and

WHEREAS in recent years, legislative oversight of agricultural matters within the Connecticut General Assembly has been divided among multiple committees, resulting in fragmented consideration of issues affecting the state’s agricultural community, and

WHEREAS the establishment of a dedicated Agriculture Committee in each chamber of the Connecticut General Assembly would allow for more focused attention, specialized expertise, and consistent policy development related to agriculture, and

WHEREAS many state legislatures across the nation maintain standing Agriculture Committees in both legislative chambers to ensure that the interests and needs of the agricultural community receive appropriate attention and consideration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Grange respectfully urges the Connecticut General Assembly to establish a Joint Committee on Agriculture with primary

jurisdiction over legislation and policy matters relating to agriculture, farming, food production, farmland preservation, aquaculture and related rural economic issues, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such committees would provide clear legislative oversight and ensure that agricultural policy is considered comprehensively rather than being divided among multiple committees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we encourage the Connecticut State Grange and other agricultural organizations throughout the state to support efforts to strengthen legislative attention to agriculture, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Connecticut, the leadership of the Connecticut General Assembly, and the members of the General Assembly.

SOURCE: Riverton Grange #169; Granby Grange #5; Mt. Laurel Pomona Grange #15

REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

13) RE: CREDENTIALS FOR A CANDIDATE SEEKING THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS the President of the United States is the highest political office, and

WHEREAS existing criteria includes minimal age, birth and citizenship requirements, and

WHEREAS considering the depth and breadth of responsibilities of a president, additional considerations for qualification need to be developed, and

WHEREAS recommendations for these considerations may include educational and vocational background, demonstrated competency in high level leadership positions, and proof of legal personal financial management, and

WHEREAS the individual should not have any connection with extremist groups nor foreign groups in conflict with the United States of America, and

WHEREAS evaluations of cognitive, emotional, social and physical skills should be conducted by qualified professionals, and

WHEREAS preference may be offered for individuals who have served as an elected official at a local, state or national level, and

WHEREAS a convicted felon may not be eligible for consideration, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange urge the Congress to establish a Congressional Committee to determine the appropriate eligibility criteria for candidates seeking the office of President of the United States of America and present a Constitutional Amendment for ratification, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED this resolution be sent to the National Grange for their support with this important effort.

SOURCE: Greenfield Hill Grange #133; Nutmeg Pomona Grange #16

REFERRED: Credentials, Constitution & By-Laws

Thank you... on to the Big E



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This year's contests are done. Winners will be posted. Once again, I want to thank those of you who attended this year's CT Grange Family Festival and for all of your beautiful entries. The first-place winners will be up at the Big E. I'd like to thank Hillstown Grange for allowing us to use your Hall. The food was fabulous and everyone had a great time.

I want to thank everyone who came to help during the July clean-up and who will help over Labor Day weekend. I am always grateful for everyone giving up time out of the holiday weekend. It's very much appreciated.

The Big E starts on Friday Sept. 18th and runs through October 4th. Clean up will be the following Monday, October 5th before we close up the building. If anyone has time to volunteer during the fair, please contact Noel Miller or Dawn Percoski. We will give you an entrance ticket as well as a parking pass. The lot is very easy to get to and keeps you out of the traffic. We needed help for the donations table for our Quilt raffle as well cashiers, table straighteners and other light duties. Most important, we would like to open the upstairs CT room during Grange Sunday and Connecticut day. Any time during the fair if you would also like to volunteer to walk around upstairs to open it up on any other days would also be really appreciated. Please contact Noel Miller if you can spare time.

Just a few quick notes from the FAC. We will be having our yearly basket raffles at State Session. If you can't come to the State session and you wanted to participate, just

ask someone who is going and have them get tickets for you. You can always send me a check and let me know which basket(s) you want. (I don't like sending money in the mail) The ticket prices will remain the same. 3 for \$10.00. We hope you will enjoy these baskets. The first one is all about the children, the second basket is about gardening

and the third is a surprise.

Hospitality Room Help

I will be coordinating the Hospitality Room again this year. No home baked goods but if you would like to donate snack items, please send it along with someone who is coming to state session. Fresh fruit, finger items and water/drinks are welcome. All food must be individually packaged such as in the Family packs. See you there!

Make your reservations now



Now is the time to reserve your room(s) for the 142nd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange. We will be returning again to the Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Boulevard, Norwich, CT 06360. Room rates remain the same as last year:

Thursday, October 15 \$109 +tax and fees

Friday, October 16 & 17 \$129 +tax and fees

Please don't wait until the last minute to make your reservations as rooms are always in high demand due to the hotel's proximity to the casinos. When making your reservation, **please call 860-889-5201** and let them know you are reserving your room under the Connecticut State Grange room block.

If you have any difficulty making your reservation, please contact the State Secretary at 860-307-1522 or Secretary@CTStateGrange.org.



Chaplains of the Northeast Region gathered at Stockbridge Grange (MA) for Grange Sunday services on Sunday, July 26.



EASTERN CT POMONA #14

Corr: Carol Hnath

Sept. 12: Regular meeting at N. Stonington Grange Hall, 7 PM

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is planned for Sept. 12 at N. Stonington Grange Hall at 7 PM. The program is entitled "A Squirelly Program." Come and see what our Lecturer has planned for us! We will be installing one member of the Executive Committee and sharing any ideas or plans discussed at our officers' planning meeting.

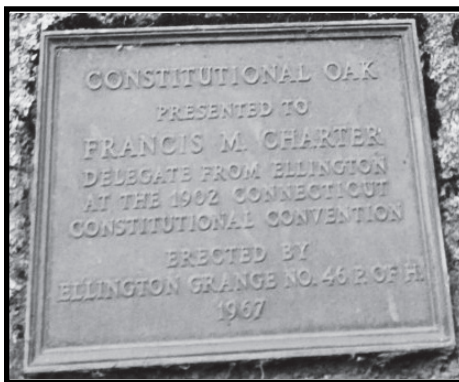
SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Aug. 1: Locally Grown Day/Senexet Grange Fair

Aug. 5: Duffy Scholarship Awards

Ellington Grange



While Ellington Grange has closed, there is still a Grange presence on Ellington Green, in the form of a plaque next to a beautiful towering oak tree planted in honor of the 1902 CT Constitutional Convention.

Celebration

Our President Amy Monahan hosted another Community Breakfast on July 11th. The public is invited to this social event to connect residents with information on local issues and happenings on the second Saturday of the month. At the June 13 breakfast Congressman Joe Courtney explained the Social Security issues facing seniors.

On July 15th we will celebrate membership anniversaries for the following members at a picnic: Randolph Blackmer 70 years, Eddie Duhamel 70 years, Bonnie Achtermeier 60 years and Father A. Stephen Marcoux 45 years. Thank you for supporting the Grange!

On July 19th Roseland Park's "76 Celebration" of America's 250th and Roseland Park's 150th anniversaries will include Senexet Grange's display where we will be promoting our 140th and our building's 90th anniversary with America 250 tablecloths to sign or color. We will be providing handouts to promote our Grange.

On August 1st our grange coordinates Locally Grown Day—a day where local farms, garden centers, crafters, etc. invite the public to visit them for activities and to learn what is available in our area. We will print a map and an activity pamphlet as well as providing handouts at all locations promoting the Grange. Also, we will be sponsoring free Sunrise Yoga at our hall where our Grange Fair entries and a Historic Barn Display will be set up. We are also inviting the public to bring in a white t-shirt to make themselves a Great American 250 T-shirt (blue paint handprint over the heart, and red and white painted stripes below).

On August 5th we will invite the recipients of John F. Duffy and Helena B. Duffy Scholarships and their families to our hall for presentation of their awards. This year we are proud to provide

Scholarship



Jeff Watson, of Coventry Grange, presents the 2026 Colchester Grange Scholarship to Jillian Snow and Harrison Billcot of Bacon Academy in June.

scholarships for eight local students: Jackson Durand, Eva Monahan, Harrison Durand, Siobhan Hart, Kaylee Saucier, Spencer Mayo, Andrew Landreville, and Eden Lusignan. Congratulations and sending wishes for a successful college career.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Irene Percoski, Cherie Robinson

Aug. 7: Potluck Picnic

Sept. 11: School Days

After a brief meeting, with Sister Irene Percoski standing in as President, we headed off on a mystery ride. The first leg of our ride took us to Ellington Center Historical District. Sister Claudia Markowski, exploring the Green, noted a tree with a plaque erected by Ellington Grange in 1967, commemorating the Connecticut Constitutional Convention of 1902. Some of our members remember visiting Ellington Grange, back in the day. The second leg of our Mystery

Ride took us to Kloter Farms Ice Cream, where we enjoyed delicious ice cream and wonderful Grange fellowship.

August brings us back to our annual Potluck Dinner before our meeting. The weather will dictate if we meet at Strong Farm or in the air-conditioning of our hall. Please join us, but be sure to check where you can find us picnicking.

NORTH STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Aug. 14: The Dog Days of Summer

Aug. 28: Last Hurrah Before School

Robert Miner will again lead us through the next Grange year and most of our Officers remain in their positions; but happily we welcome two new Officers this year to complete our slate. Carl Johnston becomes our new Gatekeeper and Susan Grufstead will sit with the Graces as Flora. After Election of Officers at our first meeting in June Lecturer Sue instructed us in safety measures for exiting a car which has become submerged, essential information which we sincerely hope we never have to put into practice.

Our annul picnic was well attended. Delicious hamburgers and hot dogs cooked to perfection by our excellent chefs were augmented with macaroni, potato and three-bean salads and a plethora of delicious desserts provided by attendees. Dick and Carmella Tarryk provided a lovely background of tunes and Sue's games kept all occupied until the shadows lengthened into darkness.

Heads up, ladies! You are in charge of the August 14th program and the men provide refreshments. The tables are turned on the 28th with the men providing the program and the ladies the refreshments. And if these "dog days of summer" will just cool down a bit, next time we will tell you all about jammin' July.

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 uncover 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.

This Month



We heard from Doris Desjardin, a 78 year member of Ekonk - "I received the *Granger* and when looking at the monthly paper I didn't know anybody, but then I came across the photo of the Beacon Valley Grange Awards, and in that picture the lady receiving the award, Barbara Kirk, looks just like the lady in the Window to the Past photo. I could be wrong, but if not, they could be twins! So I thought I would let you know."

Distinguished Grange *Time to wrap up your projects!*

This program is open to Community, Pomona, State, and Junior Granges.

The 2025-2026 Distinguished Grange program counts all activities from **July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026**. Applications are due by September 1, 2026.

More information and applications: nationalgrange.org/distinguished





MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd Gelineau

In July, the annual request for handbook information went out to all Granges in the Pomona. It is extremely important to hear from all Granges by the date on the letter. Delays will only result in the books coming out later than planned.

Like last year, we have also included a sheet for Boosters. For \$1 per name, you can have your name printed prominently on the inside cover of the handbooks as a Pomona Booster. Your support with this project helps offset the cost of the books that are provided to Granges free of charge.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Patti Fippinger

Our Dairy Supper was held prior to our June meeting. It was a great way to showcase how many delicious dishes utilize our dairy products. It was a great success and enjoyed by all!

Planning continues for the Grange Music Festival on Saturday, July 18. This week we are working on final preparations. We are looking forward to an awesome family celebration and hope to share some pictures next month.

Family game nights continue throughout the summer. Fun and games from 6-8 PM. Bingo begins at 8:00 pm. Our remaining summer dates are: Weds. Aug. 12 & 26 from 6-9 PM.

Our annual Grange Fair is



Saturday, August 22, 10-2. Adults and children are encouraged to submit their creations. What a great way to share your talents and hobbies with neighbors and friends! Come see what we're all about. Free parking and admission, entertainment, food, teacup auction, and children's activities.

We continue to pursue all avenues of revenue to help with our roof replacement project. We have moved to the second phase of the Economic Development Commission grant process and look forward to a successful response from community and businesses alike.

We continue to collect towels and facecloths for our local shelter. Donations are accepted at any Whigville Grange monthly meeting.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Aug. 25: Awards Night & Picnic, Dinner at 6 PM (provided by the Grange)

Taghhannuck Grange held the next installment of their Farm School "More On Biodynamics," held in conjunction with Motherhouse in July. At left, Taghhannuck's youngest member, Sunny, sprays droplets of a preparation onto local farm and garden plants to "enhance their vigor and vitality".

Sept. 8: School in Session (Country Store), Ref. by Pam Wright

Sept. 23: Installation of Officers, Ref. by Ramona Fassio

By the time you are reading this, our Grange Fair and Flea Market will likely be over. We thank all of the members and friends of the Grange who made the Fair possible. The Fair serves as an important annual community reunion of sorts.

Our next meeting will be an Open Meeting for the purpose of presenting Membership Awards to deserving members of the Grange. The meeting will be preceded at 6 PM by a picnic dinner provided by the Grange. Guests are always welcome, so join us!

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

Aug. 13: Organizing by Allie Hanlon
Ref: Lynn Cline

Sept. 10: Autumn by Debra Tyler
Ref: Debra Tyler

Oct. 8: Halloween Costume Party by Debbie Hanlon
Ref: Debbie Hanlon

NOTE: Refreshments & Social Hour time at 7PM with Meeting at

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7:30PM Unless otherwise noted.

Our Grange Farm School Committee along with Motherhouse held their 2nd and workshop called "More on Biodynamics" which demonstrates our 2nd degree and also our 3rd workshop "Chick Chat & Harvest" which reflects our 4th degree. This was held at Debra's barn, and each workshop had a focused attendance.

Sharon Kroeger brought up the dangers of Glyphosate at our last meeting. We had an in-depth discussion about this. Glyphosate is primarily applied to control grasses and broad-leaved weeds that compete with crops, orchards, vineyards, and pastures, making it a key tool for farmers. While helpful to farmers, is harmful to the environment and is also affecting the bees. She will have a resolution ready for next year's State Session.

Our representatives at State Session are looking forward to seeing you there.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Dorothy Fairchild

July 12: Memorial Hall

Bethlehem Grange meets at Memorial Hall on the Green. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 9, at 2pm. Country Store is conducted at every meeting.

Al Maddox welcomed State V.P. Ted Powell and his wife Stephanie as well as visitors from Bridgewater Grange and Whigville Grange.

We enjoyed our annual indoor picnic which was well attended at our last meeting. Food was abundant and a good time was had. Barbara Robert conducted a Bingo game with prizes.

The Pomona Book for next session was finalized. We decided to use the subject of Holidays for our upcoming programs.

Thanks to Cheryl and Ray Johnstone and family for setting up the America's 250 Birthday table display. They and a few others were stationed in front of the schoolhouse adjacent to Memorial Hall from 2:00pm until 5:00pm.

August program: Sweden, Barbara R.- Refreshments Cheryl & Ray Johnstone.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Marguerite Smith

Our monthly music series continued on July 6 with Joshua Aciare's music, multimedia show and prose reading. It was well received by our now familiar crowd. Word is getting out and we're hosting larger groups. Don't miss Tim McDonald on August 3rd!

We will have our Simsbury Grange banner on the back of a float for the July 11th town parade thanks to Flamig Farm. We decided on positions for next Grange year, reviewed resolutions, discussed raising our dues, decided that at least 5 of us will attend Winchester's July 28 meeting, discussed Big E Grange work days and CT state Grange session in October.

July 17th - Friday - Several of our Grange members headed over to Riverton Grange to attend their monthly meeting.

August 3rd - Music Monday - Tim McDonald - Originally from Worcester, MA, Tim spent decades working in LA and San Francisco as a performer, writer and jingles singer. Now living in New England,

this stellar player is known for his agile guitar work and his exquisite vocals. Doors at 6:30, music 7:00-8:30pm.

August 6th or 12th - TBD - Monthly meeting on Zoom to review our June Fair and vote on positions for the 2026-2027 Grange year. We have a Google Doc where all members can add their thoughts so that review will be easy.

August 9th - Sunday - Jeff Verney is a welcome presence at Simsbury Grange. He is a familiar face among local music lovers and for the last 4 months, has hosted a monthly "Troubadours of Happiness House Concert." Riley Cotton is up next. The Texas transplant Americana singer has been described as "...An old-school type of songwriter whose songs and performance are able to cross space and time to touch that part of your brain where love, loss, happiness, and longing all co-exist". Doors open at 4:30pm with concerts from 5:00pm to 6:30pm at the Grange. No admission charge, donations are welcome, BYO food and beverages. Save these dates:

Sept 7th, Music Monday - Eric Paradine - Jazz, Blues

Oct 5th, Music Monday - Kira Sorensen - Singer Songwriter

SPEAK LIKE A "CHAMP"

Speak like a "CHAMP" is a monthly message designed to get everyone speaking the same language to encourage positive teamwork as we Grange.

FUTURE-PROOFING

Future-Proofing is the intentional process of preparing an organization, community, or system for long-term success in a rapidly changing environment. It involves anticipating future trends, challenges, and opportunities – and building the capacity, infrastructure, and leadership needed to navigate them effectively.

Future-proofing prioritizes resilience, adaptability, and forward-thinking decision-making. For the Grange, it means developing programs, leaders, and operational systems that will remain relevant and impactful for the next generation, not just the current one.

Legislatively Speaking



Noel Miller
Legislative Director
Coventry Grange #75
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Happy 250th birthday United States of America! Just seems like yesterday our ancestors were at Lexington and Concord, as Minutemen were fighting for our liberty and freedom from England. Today we seem to be in the same events as our forefathers were in 1776.

In May there was a program on the History Channel on Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR), our 32nd President. Starting with Herbert Hoover in the 1920's, the country was booming with industry and agriculture in their golden days until the crash of 1929. The rich lost everything, President Hoover stated the Federal government had no plan to deal with disaster relying on the wealthy to bail out the country. With no money, the millionaires did what they thought was best by closing factories, laying off workers and closing banks causing the country to slip into the Great Depression. "Brother Could You Spare a Dime" was written for the despaired.

Roosevelt felt the need and ran for President winning with a plan and a vision. His Fireside Chats calmed the nation. He listed four freedoms (Speech, Religion, Wants, and from Fear).

FDR's administration created jobs and work programs to get people back to work, creating an infrastructure to build roads, bridges, dams, parks, reclamation of forests, restoration of farmland through conservation programs. People were

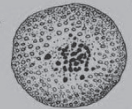
working, factories reopened and the country was pulling itself up by its bootstraps. WWII was developing in Europe and Americans didn't want any part of the conflict but FDR knew if we didn't aid in the fight, the world would be in trouble. Aid was offered to England. Production of ships, planes, trucks, tanks and arms were ramped up to aid our friends in defeating their enemies. The War Powers Act had factories closed down for domestic work and opened for war production. GM built trucks and tanks, Ford built planes, Jeeps and vehicles. My mother worked at Underwood Typewriter in Hartford assembling manual typewriters. During WWII, Underwood assembled M1 Carbines in the Hartford plant and my mother was a final assembler of these.

December 7, 1941 was the "Day of Infamy" as Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii drawing the United States into the war. The Army went to Europe and the Marines fought the Japanese on the Pacific front while the Navy and Air Corps went where needed. All nations worked together in defeating Hitler. FDR didn't live to see the end of the war. The question was always, "What if FDR saw the end of the war, where would he be?" We know that the Marshall Plan (European Recovery Plan) helped rebuild Germany and Japan. Would FDR's 2nd New Deal have brought the Freedoms of Want to the US? If only.

As we celebrate our Nation's 250th birthday, just remember that 100 years ago the stock market crashed and the Depression was next. Remember, "History tends to repeat itself."

What is Cyclospora?

Cyclospora is a waterborne parasite found in fecal matter that can cause cyclosporiasis - an intestinal illness that typically results in prolonged, watery diarrhea.



Decrease Your Risk Of Cyclosporiasis

Monitor FDA & CDC Food Recalls

Avoid affected foods, but there is no reason to avoid all fresh produce.



Be Safe At Home

Before and after handling food, wash hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. Thoroughly clean all surfaces and utensils that come into contact with food.



Cook to 158°F

Cooking produce to at least 158°F kills Cyclospora.





NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Nutmeg Pomona met at Beacon Valley Grange on June 28th. Very important meeting – Election of Officers. When we meet next September 27th at Wallingford Grange a few faces will be installed. Lecturer Karen Macdonald – Greenfield Hill Grange, Chaplain Kathy Barnes – Wallingford Grange, Treasurer Diane Calabro – Cheshire Grange, Secretary Mary Alyce Lee – Cheshire Grange and Jim Ritter – Harmony Grange. Remaining officers remain the same as do all committees. Lecturer Robert Charbonneau will present his final program titled “Autumn Leaves”.

Greenfield Hill Grange was the winner of the Community Service Soup collection. It was voted to continue this project again. We also voted to support a Resolution presented by Greenfield Hill Grange regarding Election of the President of the United States.

Note the date of the September meeting has been changed. New handbooks will be distributed at this meeting. Plan to have someone attend to pick yours up.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

Aug. 5: History of Cheshire Grange

Aug. 19: Omitted-Fair Work Week

Aug. 22-23: 141st Cheshire Grange Community Fair

Our 100 percent commitment will

60 Years



George Creamer (left) receives his 60 year seal from Cheshire Grange President Ruel Miller.

be putting together this year's fair with all of our standard attractions to include our very popular roast beef dinner on Sunday the 23rd with servings at 12:15 and 1:30pm. Take outs at 2:30pm. As previously mentioned, this is our biggest community event of the year. The dinner price is \$25.00 per person. Quite the deal.

Several of our members participated and attended the Town of Cheshire's 250 year anniversary celebration at a local park on July 4th. The program was well attended despite the oppressive heat. A big time for our town and we were glad to be a part of it.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Stephen Fengler

On Juneteenth, Wallingford Grange hosted a youth event where youth learned several different colonial dishes! Youth at the event made Johnny Cakes, Pease Porridge, and hermit cookies while learning basic kitchen skills along the way. Youth also were able to discover how families cooked and ate in colonial times.

There will be several events coming up in August and September. Wallingford Grange will be hosting a

Floral Arranging Class (August 12th, 6-8pm). We will also be starting up our painted chair auction starting on July 26th. Our 89th annual Grange fair is also occurring on Saturday, September 12th from 12-5pm. Lunch will be served throughout the day. We will have Backyard Shenanigans for the Kids, Live Music, Crocheting Demonstration, Exhibits, Bake/Craft Sale, Educational Interactions, and More!

Fair books are now available at the Wallingford Grange Hall and at various local Wallingford businesses and public places. An electronic copy of the fair book can also be found on our website by clicking on the Calander/events tab and then clicking on the agricultural fair section. Please use the fair book for inspiration on different baked goods, vegetables, flowers, photos, and more one can submit at the fair! The deadline to submit entries into the fair is September 10, 2026.

To stay informed about these different happenings and upcoming events at Wallingford Grange, please follow our “Wallingford Grange” Facebook page. Hope to see you at these events!

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Golias

A few highlights: A huge thank-you to Boy Scout Troop 90 and their parents for sprucing up the grounds at our Grange this spring. We are so grateful for their hard work and community spirit.

In June, we celebrated America 250 with a BBQ dinner, complete with strawberry shortcake. We were honored to welcome guest speaker, historian, and author Laura Lugo, who shared the story of the 100 Revolutionary War veterans interred in Greenfield Hill Cemetery. Laura spent six years researching and writing *The Connecticut Revolutionaries of the Greenfield Hill Cemetery: 1775–1783*. Thank you, Laura, for preserving this

history and bringing these men's stories to light.

Also, in commemoration of America 250, Greenfield Hill Grange had a dogwood tree planted on the grounds. The tree was generously donated and planted by Oliver's Nursery, and we are deeply grateful for their kindness in helping us mark this special occasion.

We hosted a craft night to make Christmas ornaments to be sold at the New England Grange Building at The Big E. Thank you to all of the crafty volunteers who came out to help—we appreciate your time, talent, and creativity!

Hello Summer! So far, so true! The Old Farmer's Almanac was right on target about our past winter, and it looks like the summer forecast may be coming true as well. "Hotter-than-normal summer across most of North America for 2026, featuring prolonged, sweltering heat waves in July and August."

Here's hoping it will be moderate for all the Granges' upcoming Agricultural Fairs. Speaking of: The Greenfield Hill Grange fair date is set for August 22, 2026. We hope to see you there. As well, we are hosting our "End of the Summer (are we really there already?) Lobster Bake Fundraiser"-- complete with shrimp, corn, coleslaw, potatoes, and all the fixings. BBQ chicken is a choice for the land-lovers! Saturday, September 12, 2026. This event sells out and is a reservation only event. Please call Jim 203.259.8023 for tickets. See you at the Grange!

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Sept. 11: Installation of Officers

Sept. 25: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled.

Oct. 9: Autumn Leaves

Oct. 23: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meetings.

Winchester celebrates 250

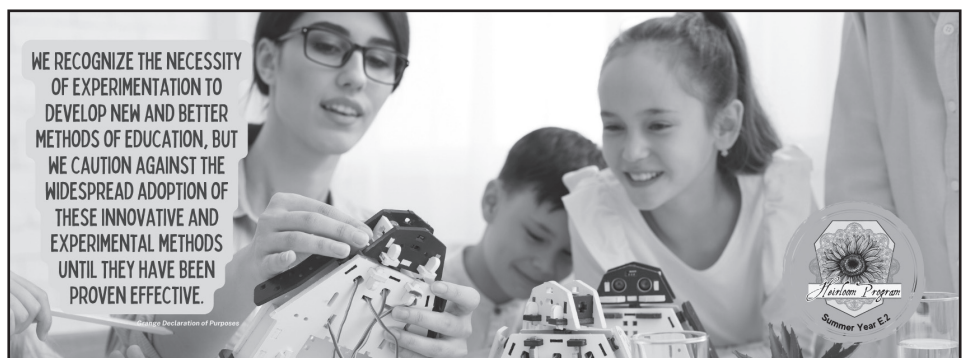


Winchester Grange held its America's 250 Dance on Saturday, July 11 featuring Mad River Music. The well attended event was held in conjunction with 250th celebrations held throughout the year in the Town of Winchester.

Senexet honors Eddie



Senexet Grange presented Edward "Eddie" Duhamel with his 70 year seal and an early birthday cake at their membership picnic at Roseland Park in July. Happy 89th birthday!





CANNON GRANGE AGRICULTURAL FAIR & EXPO

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**AUGUST 30, 2026
10:00AM - 4:00 PM**

CONTESTS/DEPARTMENTS
INCLUDED THIS YEAR

- STATE BAKING DEPT.
- CULINARY DEPT.
- CRAFTS & COLLECTIONS DEPT.
- SEWING & NEEDLEWORK DEPT.
- VEGGIES & FRUIT DEPT.
- FLOWER DEPT.
- PHOTOGRAPHY DEPT.
- EGGS DEPT

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Whigville Grange Agricultural Fair 2026



**Want to Show off Your Home Grown veggies
and flowers?** 🌱

**Do you make homemade jams, pickles, baked
goods, needle work, crafts, paintings,**

drawings, or have a collection? 🧶

Are you a photographer?

Anyone can enter No entry fee Kids can enter too!

Enter or just come and enjoy.

Sat., August 22nd 10AM -2PM

At Grange Hall, 153 S. Main St Burlington (Whigville)

**Free parking and admission, entertainment, food, baked goodies,
teacup auction, children's activities. Crafters are welcome. For more**

info or entry forms contact Sue: E-Mail at: slfk@msn.com

or call 860 583 8515 or text 860 402 9129

COMMUNITY



Community Service Reports are due by SEPTEMBER 1, 2026.

We ask all Granges to report even if they
do not record hours for their members.

The Community Service Contest is divided
into several categories:

- Granges with 50 or more members
- Granges with 49 or less members
- Junior Grange & Plus One
- Pomona Granges

Contact Ted Powell, Comm. Serv. Chairperson
for more information.

Vernon Grange presents



SUNDAY ON THE FARM

FREE! **RAIN or SHINE!**

August 23, 2026 • 10 AM -2 PM

(Open House! Come and leave anytime!)

at the **Strong Family Farm**

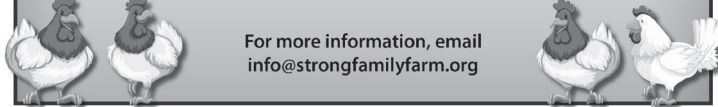
274 West St., Vernon - less than a mile off of exit 66 on I-84



**FREE and all welcome to come -
especially Grangers, Friends and Family!**

Featuring... Delicious food truck available to purchase luncheon fare, crafts,
story times, backyard chicken raising lectures, scavenger hunt and more,
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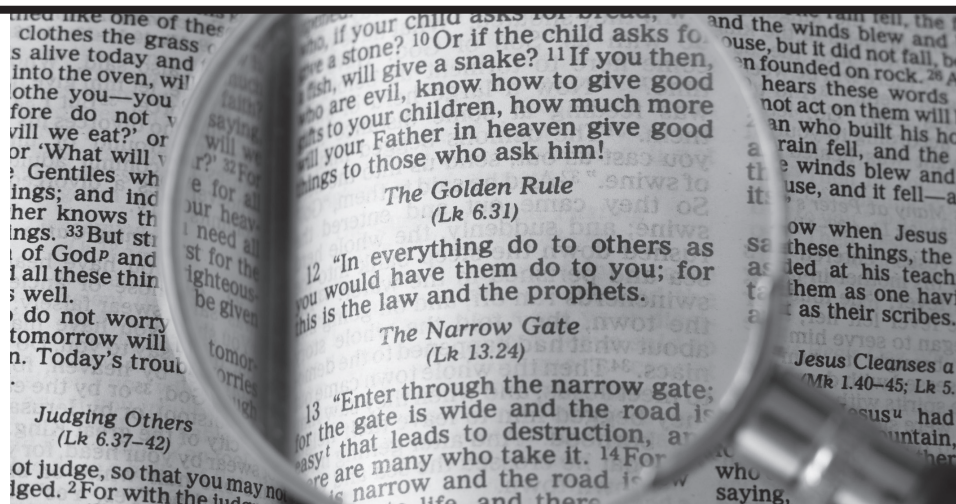
The Golden Rule

Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 7:12*

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against any of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. *Leviticus 19:18*

Every major religion has some variation of the Golden Rule. In Buddhism it is expressed in the teaching "Whatever is disagreeable to yourself do not do unto others." Various forms exist, some stressing that you should treat others as you wish to be treated, and some stressing that you should Not do to others those things that you do Not want done to yourself. Generally it stresses reciprocity, or may list specific examples, such as "you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness, you shall not lie." In Judeo-Christian tradition it is also a version of what Jesus called the second great commandment "You shall love your neighbor as yourself".

There are those who will nitpick



this moral teaching and come up with all kinds of possible exceptions or different ways of interpreting things. Most famous is the young lawyer who asked Jesus "Who is my neighbor", which led to the telling of the parable of the Good Samaritan. And there are times when common sense will show you that following the intent of the teaching is far more important than following the strict letter of the teaching. As a trivial instance, there are a number of foods which I like which another person might find repulsive or they may have a strong allergic reaction to. Giving them a share of what I eat might be harmful to them and certainly not an example of my showing love to them. Rather I should be giving to them what They want to have and what would be beneficial to them.

Use common sense when following the Golden Rule. Adapt the spirit of the rule; treat people with basic respect and empathy,

rather than blindly following the literal phrasing. This will require a bit more work on your part. It means that in many cases you will need to do some investigating to determine what other people would really want you to do to or for them. As in the saying "walk a mile in their moccasins" you might be surprised as to what you find out, but you will be a better person for it.

In Memoriam

Martha Trask
Cheshire Grange #23

Arthur "Skip" Beebe
Lyme Grange #147

Edward J. Ryan
Wolcott Grange #173

Cheryl Ann Gordon, G.S.
Hemlock Grange #182

"Well done, good and faithful servants."