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## Pomona decision reached



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So far this weather has thrown us for a loop. Cold wet March, cool west April, cool one day heat wave the next May and wet then sunny June. Farmers are playing catch up with planting in the fields and getting the hay crop in the barn. Mother Nature sure knows how to play tricks on us. Let's have a quiet beautiful summer.

We have great news to announce. The State Executive Committee has finished redistricting Pomona Granges. The roll out of this will be Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M. at Good Will Grange Hall in Glastonbury. All are invited to see the new three Pomona plan. We feel this is the best design for strong Pomonas to grow in the future for the State of Connecticut. In order for this to work everyone needs to step up and support these Pomonas for if we don't then this hard work was for naught. I believe this plan will succeed and these new Pomona Granges will supply the best leadership and membership for them to succeed and grow. Join us on July 9.

There has been murmurings of Granges closing. Yes, we have three on the list. I do have to remind all Grangers that if your Grange wishes to surrender its Charter, sell your hall or property, that your Master must contact the State Master. Every member must follow the Digest of the National Grange for the rules on closing and selling Grange

property. If you don't then we are no better than the old California State Grange, which stole from Grangers and cost the National Grange, which we are all a part of, over 1 million dollars in legal fees to get back those monies and properties for the California State Grange. We have all taken the obligations to abide by the National Grange By-Laws and Digest. If you have any questions or concerns call me, your State Master.

Summer is the time to get ready for State Session in October. A new schedule is being looked at as a way to get better attendance. The Sessions are open to everyone if you wish to see what goes on at the State Session you can register for the day and sit in on the sessions and have lunch. You can't vote but you can witness the activities that are there. So, in the future you may be a delegate at session. I invite everyone to come see what we do at State Session.

If you missed Let's Celebrate and Grange Sunday you missed out on a great day. We had more entries in the Cookie Contest, Talent and A-Number. The luncheon by the Youth and Junior Committees was great. Even Hank the Burro left "stuffed."

I thank the Worthy State Chaplain Charles Dimmick for his program, and the State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt for the Talent and Photo contest. Irene Percoski and her CWA team is to be congratulated for the needlework and craft contests. We have many talented members who can show you their imaginations in making true art. Thanks to all who attended this year.

Last month's Search-A-Word is a difficult one. I am pretty good at these word finds but I could only find one Kelley as listed to the

right of the puzzle. I see no Oliver or Temperance in the puzzle. I have searched for 5 days to no avail. Also, I found only one Boston. If I am wrong please show me the way. Happy Summer!

*Editor's Note:* The State Master is not wrong! Due to a glitch in the software used to generate the puzzle, the words Noel mentions above were omitted. We apologize for the agony this puzzle put many of you through!

## New Scholarships

*Todd Gelineau, State Sec.*

At the 2016 Annual Session, Delegates approved a resolution directing the State Scholarship Committee in cooperation with the State Executive Committee to review the Student Loan and Scholarship program.

The most significant change to the program is the addition of two new scholarships for students entering their first semester at an accredited college or university. Two \$500 scholarships will be available to students who meet the same criteria as the existing scholarships with the exception of the need for a high school (or equivalent) transcript.

In recent years, the Committee has awarded up to five \$2,000 scholarships. This amount will now become the minimum award with the dollar amount of the scholarship determined based on the number of awards and the amount of interest income available to the Committee.

On the Student Loan side, it has been decided to open up the amount available to borrow. Loan amounts will be determined on a case by case basis using criteria and credit information outlined by the Committee and the State Grange Executive Committee.

This is a great opportunity for college-bound high school seniors. Any assistance available to them will make their likelihood for success in college that much greater with the addition of the new \$500 scholarships.

With the ever-increasing cost of higher education, the availability of additional funds from Student Loans will also make it possible for students to reach their educational goals.

In the past, a co-signer was the only major requirement for a Student Loan. Credit checks have been added to the application process to ensure the security of the funds entrusted to the State Grange for this program over the years.

Problems with re-

payment of Student Loans are rare and we thank the many members who have faithfully paid back their loans.

As always, more information about the Student Loans & Scholarships are available by contacting the State Secretary at Secretary@CTStateGrange.org.

If you have received an application for the Student Loan, please keep in mind that all applications and supporting documents are to be received at the Central Office no later than September 1. All incomplete applications will be disqualified. We do try to notify applicants when items may be missing, but this is not always possible when applications arrive "under the wire."

Nancy Weissmuller will report on behalf of the Committee at the upcoming State Session, outlining all of the changes and to encourage our members to promote the program.

↔ *Statewide* ↔

# POMONA

## REDISTRICTING MEETING

**Sunday, July 9 • 2:00 P.M.**

Good Will Grange Hall (Home of CSG Central Office)  
43 Naubuc Avenue, Glastonbury, CT 06033

*The State Grange Executive Committee will unveil the plan and answer your questions. Please join us!*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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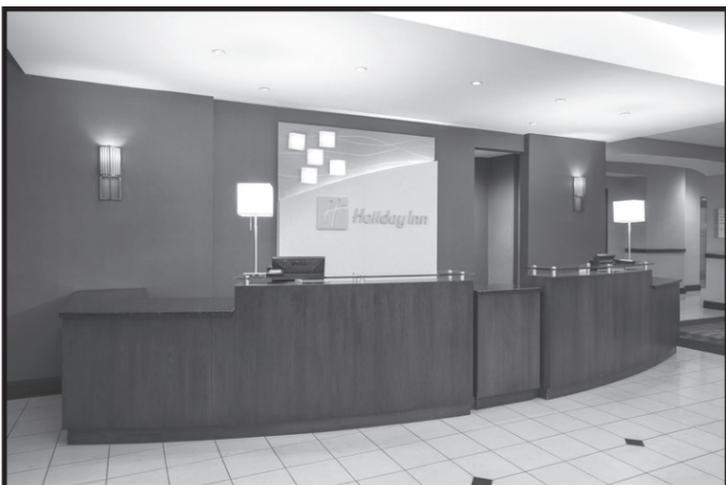
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# State Secretary



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I have mentioned in previous issues the problems with the Celebration Banquet at State Session. After careful consideration by the Executive Committee and discussion with the Holiday Inn, we have decided on a couple of changes to the schedule.

First, the Celebration Banquet will now be held on Friday

evening (Oct. 20) beginning at 7:00 P.M. The Sixth Degree will move to Saturday afternoon following the close of the afternoon business session. It is our hope that these changes will encourage more people to attend the banquet and will make it easier for members wishing to receive the Sixth Degree to get to Norwich on a Saturday afternoon.

An additional problem with the banquet has been the difficulty in getting members to reserve tickets in advance. Many meals are requested during the week of the session, making it difficult to have an accurate count for the hotel and forcing us to give them higher numbers in the hope that members will buy the tickets. So, beginning this year, there will be a cut-off of October 1 for advance purchase of Banquet tickets. After Oct. 1 the price will increase to \$40 per person.

A mailing recently went out to all Granges with requests for several things. First, please let us know how many dues receipts are needed for your Grange. Please fill out and return the Officer and Committee form for the State Directory. Please consider donating to the gift for State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt. The gift will be presented to her during Lecturer's Conference in Vermont. Please complete and return your inspection form to the State Master and consider nominating a member of your Grange for Granger of the Year. That's a lot of things, but they really don't take a lot of time to do and your immediate return will make our work at the Central Office so much easier. I thank you in advance!

Room reservations for State Session can be made at any time by calling the hotel at the number listed in the article on page 2 of this issue. The rate continues to be \$92 plus tax. Remember to mention the Connecticut State Grange when making your reservations. The Call to State Session will be out by the beginning of August and will contain registration information and delegate cards. Please return one card to the Central Office and present the other to your Delegates to be turned in at State Session.

Summer is always the steady wind-up to State Session and this year is no exception! Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance.

# On to the Big E



**Irene Percoski**  
CWA Family Activ. Director

cwa@ctstategrange.org

Our State Contests have been judged and all first place winners now go on to the Big E for the Northeast Needlework Contest. A complete list is printed in this issue. I hope you have clipped last month's list of items to make for the Big E and are busy making something. Preparations for opening the building are set for Labor Day when items are

marked, the building is cleaned and set-up begins. If you can get your items to me before Labor Day I will be happy to deliver them for you. If you would like to help on that day, call me. My phone # is 860-749-0463.

Now is a good time to remember our animal friends. Please think of helping an animal rescue or shelter with a contribution of food, blankets and perhaps some toys. Most are very happy to accept old but usable bath towels and blankets. Check the yellow pages for one near you.

# Past State Master Frank H. Peet



Frank H. Peet was born on November 30, 1892 in Kent, Connecticut. He was the son of Frank S. Peet and Annie (Hall) Peet. He received his education in the local grammar schools, High School and Connecticut Agricultural College.

On September 25, 1915, he married Clara Boyd Tuttle. She was the daughter of Doctor Albert L. Tuttle and Lana W. Sloat Tuttle.

To them were born the following children: Phillips and Horace Peet.

He was a Republican in his politics and a member of the Kent Congregational Church. He held the following Town offices: Selectman; a Member of the Board of Relief (now known as the Board of Tax Review); Constable;

Represented his town in the General Assembly in 1939 and served as Senator of his District for two separate terms; was Commissioner of Agriculture during 1945, and 1946 and as Deputy Commissioner of Farms and Markets during 1947 to 1953 and is now Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture at this writing; Past President of Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Glastonbury, Connecticut. While in the Senate of the State of Connecticut he served as President Pro Tempore. He was a member of St. Luke's Lodge No. 48 of the Masonic Order and a Member of the Eastern Star.

He held many Grange offices, some of which are as follows: Master of Kent Grange; Master of Housatonic Valley Pomona; Deputy of Housatonic Valley Pomona 1916-1921; General Deputy of the State Grange 1922-1925; Steward of the State Grange 1926-1929; Overseer of the State Grange 1930-1933; and the 15th Master of the present State Grange 1934-1937 and a member of the Executive Committee of the State Grange during 1938-1945. Sister Peet has held various offices and has always been his

helpful assistant.

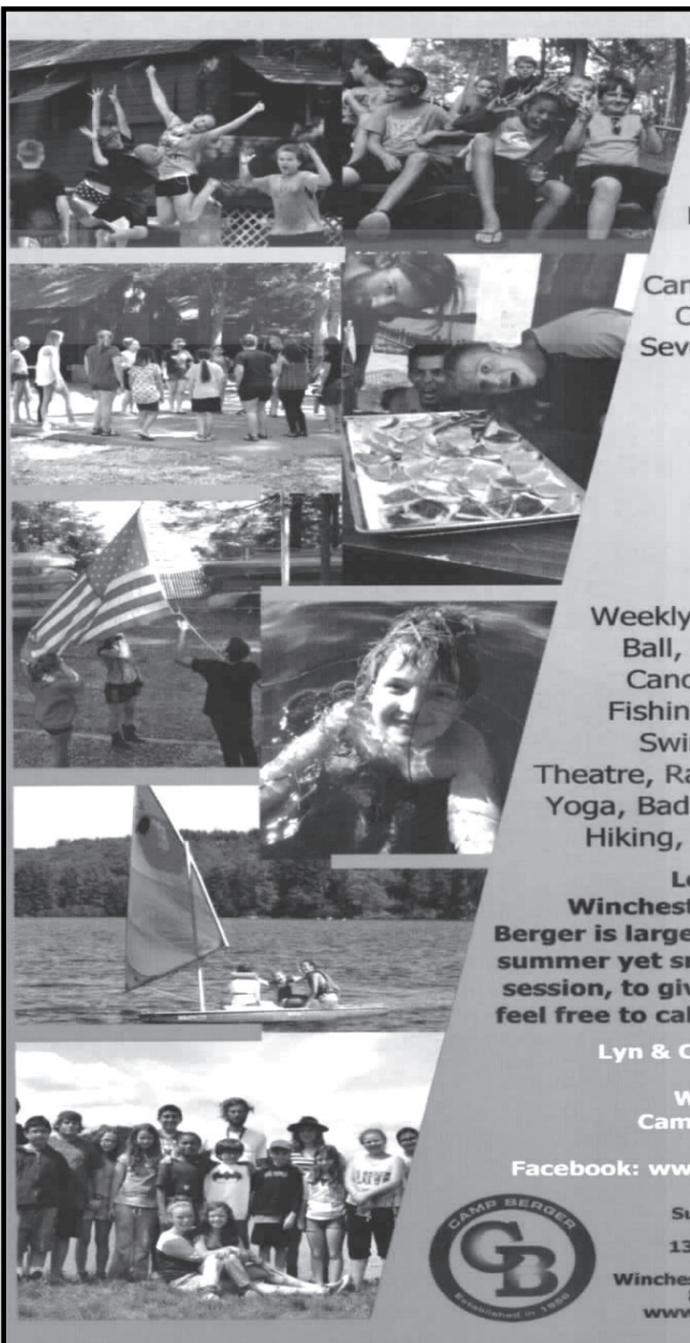
He personally organized the following Granges: Metichewan #190. The following Granges were organized during his administration: Laurel #201, Hannover #202 and Pettipaug #203. Junior Granges organized were Highland #15, Stonington #16, Mystic #17, Wolf Den #18, Metichewan #19, Little River #20, Mad River #21, Morris #22, Bolton #23, Salisbury #24 and Wichita #25.

Brother Peet was a Director of the National Grange Fire Insurance Company of Keene, NH.

Brother Peet brought much honor to the Connecticut State Grange through the positions he has held in the State Government. He has always had Agriculture as his first interest and has served long and well in this field.



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## Central Pomona No. 1

Southington #25  
Meriden #29  
Higganum #124  
Hemlock #182



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**MERIDEN GRANGE #29***Corr: Robert Charbonneau***July 14:** Picnic and Short Meeting, 5 P.M., Location TBD**Aug. 11:** Picnic and Short Meeting/Movie Night, 5 P.M., Meriden Grange Hall**HEMLOCK GRANGE #182***Corr: Maureen Sanborn***July 24:** Light Houses**July 28:** Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled. Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.**Aug. 11:** Picnic and Meeting**Aug. 25:** Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled. Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.



## East Central Pomona No. 3

Stafford #1	Hillstown #87
Granby #5	Ashford #90
Glastonbury #26	Enfield #151
Manchester #31	Echo #180
Vernon #52	Simsbury #197
Coventry #75	



Since September 7, 1887

**EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3***Corr: Noel Miller***No meeting in July/Aug.**

We are planning to confer the Fifth Degree in October so if anyone needs the Fifth Degree before State Session, please call us. We will even feed you!

**VERNON GRANGE #52***Corr: Nancy Strong***July 5:** July in the Sky booth**July 7:** FDR's Green Towns**Aug. 4:** Hot Diggity Dog History and Hot Dog Social

Vernon Grange had a great program swap with Manchester Grange. Manchester put on a travel program of us in June in exchange for a program we did for them in March. More Granges should do this. It's so much fun visiting. On July 5th Vernon Grange will have a booth at Rockville's "July in the Sky" Fireworks. Our Deaf Committee will be handing out ear plugs for hearing awareness. We are trying out the National Grange Lecturer's program on July 7th - FDR's Green Towns and on August 4th it's "Hot Diggity Dog History and Hot Dog Social."

**COVENTRY GRANGE #75***Corr: Noel Miller***July 20:** Summer Refreshments, Marilee Manning**Aug. 17:** Dog Days - Refreshments, Darby Polansky

We have taken in one new member, Nick Winter, into our Order and we welcome him into our group. We were saddened by the loss of Albert Bray, a 65 year member and Past Master of Coventry Grange on June 14. He was a school teacher in Lebanon and sold Christmas trees at his home in town. We are still chugging along with plans for the near future. Let's hope the weather holds out for a nice summer.

**ECHO GRANGE #180***Corr: Gloria John***Aug. 8:** Omit**Aug. 22:** "Back to School"

We have entered some of the contests.

We have three of our members in nursing homes. We held our picnic at Jim and Pat Palmer's home.

We did not serve our spring Ham and Bean Supper. Attendance was low last year.

**ENFIELD GRANGE #151***Corr: Irene Percoski***July 8:** Picnic Time**Aug. 12:** Dog Days of Summer - bring items for animal shelter

We will have started to participate in Enfield's Farmer's Market by the time you read this. This is our major fundraiser for the year. Let's make sure our booth is well stocked

with baked goods and craft items. Good news for this year is that food trucks will be allowed to park nearby which should attract more shoppers.

Dawn Percoski was the winner of our baking contest and will bake again for the state contest.

In August bring your pet food, blankets, old, but useable towels, pet toys, leashes- anything that the shelter can use to make rescued pets comfortable.

On a sad note I went to the wake of Fred Kaeser in May. Fred was a former Master of Wapping Grange and came to Enfield when Wapping closed. Fred and his wife, Midge, were lovely people and loved the Grange very much. He was always open and friendly, ready to lend a hand or take part in a skit. I miss him.

**SIMSBURY GRANGE #197***Corr: Susan Masino***Sept. 16:** Agricultural Fair, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Save the date for our FREE FAIR on Saturday September 16 from 10-3, 236 Farms Village Rd., West Simsbury. Vendor tables are \$25 and non-profits are free. We were 100% booked last year so contact us ASAP if you want one! New this year we will have a "build your own" 12" x 12" Lego creation. It will meet the specifications of our Lego contest - so you can enter it in the fair next year for a cash prize! At the fair we will have all of our usual contests, vendors, live music, performances and great old-fashioned kids' games. And - back by popular demand: arrive by 10 a.m. to hear the sound of the bagpipes of the Talcott Mountain Highlanders echoing across the beautiful fields of West Simsbury. We have added plenty of seating areas so everyone will be able to enjoy a cold lemonade (50 cents), hot dog, or slice of pizza (only \$2!). Also, we have good news that our grant application has moved forward!

On June 12 the Town of Simsbury Board of Selectmen voted to forward our 2 neighborhood assistance grants to the State for consideration. Fingers crossed and we will keep you posted. The application was pretty easy and with sufficient advance notice we are happy to help other Granges apply next spring. The grant does not give the Grange any direct money, but it would make donations eligible for either a 100% or a 60% tax credit. Grant requests can be up to \$150,000. The Simsbury Grange submitted one grant for \$14,000 (energy conservation projects) and one for \$22,000 (upgrades related to job training).

# Meriden Meatloaf



Meriden Grange #29 recently held a Meatloaf Dinner. Above Cindy Charbonneau (right) and another member of the Grange prepare the dessert - Strawberry Parfait.

# Hillstown Grange



Members of Hillstown Grange #89 help to prepare care packages for troops overseas.



## Mountain County Pomona No. 4

Cawasa #34	Litchfield #107
Whigville #48	Beacon #118
Eureka #62	Riverton #169
Winchester #74	
Taghhannuck #100	



Since February 1, 1888

**MT. COUNTY POMONA #4**

*Corr: Todd Gelineau*

The June meeting of Mountain County Pomona was held at Taghhannuck Grange in Sharon on June 26. As of this writing, the meeting was the next day so we can't really say how the meeting went. Our next and last meeting of Mt. County will be held on September 11. The meeting location will be announced soon. Until then, enjoy the summer weather. More news in the August issue!

**WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48**

*Corr: Debbie Brown*

The June meeting of Whigville grange featured a delicious dairy dinner. A great program by Lecturer Helena Schwalm about all the things that happen in June followed. Due to the kindness of a new member, we enjoyed our air conditioner! The Grange fair is to be held on Sat. Aug.26. Food, exhibits, fun, are all planned. On Oct. 29 the Grange will be the site of the annual Burlington road race, and fall festival, sponsored by the Land Trust and Whigville Preservation group. Come see us, our next meeting is July 12.

**WINCHESTER GRANGE #74**

*Corr: Todd Gelineau*

**July 11:** Vacation Time-Country Store, Ref. Sue Kline & Bill LaTulipe

**July 25:** Is It Hot or Cold - Ref. Men- Todd Gelineau, Chr.

**Aug. 8:** Fair Set-Up, Ref. Women- Sue Addison, Chr.

**Aug. 12:** 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Grange Fair & Flea Market

**Aug. 22:** Awards Night, Picnic @ 6 P.M.

The Strawberry Festival, held on Father's Day, is now over and we thank all of the members who made the event possible. It takes a lot of help from hulling berries,

to chopping, serving and cleaning up. We even had the help of Bob & Cindy Charbonneau of Meriden Grange for the hulling on Friday evening. Thank you! It's usually one of our largest fundraisers of the year and this year's did not disappoint. We were also pleased to have the Laurel King and Laurel Queen runner-up with us to help serve the shortcake. It was a great day in Winchester Center.

Looking ahead, we will be holding our annual Grange Fair & Flea Market on Saturday, August 12. Premium flyers will be out soon. Keep an eye on our website as well!

**TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100**

*Corr: Barbara Prindle*

Taghhannuck Grange had a very successful Rummage & Plant sale on June 3rd. It was a great success as we made over \$2400.00.

This is our major fundraiser for the year. Robin Hood Radio and the Waterbury Republican-American and the Lakeville Journal were very accommodating with PSA announcements.

We also donated 75 vegetable plants to the Sharon Health Care Center. They have raised beds there and the residents will watch the plants grow and enjoy the produce.

Our July 13th meeting is "The Fair" led by Debbie Hanlon which means we begin to discuss our entry for the Bethlehem Fair in September. We won the blue ribbon last year because of much planning and hard work on our exhibit.

Our July 27th meeting is "Work in Progress" by Ruth Schnell. Ruth also won our Cookie Contest on May 25th for the Old Fashioned Oatmeal Cookies. She will bake them again for the state judging.

# Rummage and Plant Sale



**Top-** Customers look over the selection of plants available at the Taghhannuck Grange Rummage and Plant Sale in June. **Botom-** Faith Maus, member of Winchester Grange, makes a purchase inside the hall.

*Ruth Epstein, Waterbury Republican-American*

SHARON – The lines always form well before the 9 A.M. opening of the Taghhannuck Grange's annual plant and rummage sale, and Saturday was no exception.

Its popularity stems from the bargains that await customers. The rows of plants come from an anonymous donor and so petunias, marigolds, zinnias, tomatoes, eggplants and much more that are set up outside are priced at \$1 a container. They fly off the tables in a short time.

The large room of the historic Grange hall is filled with items enticing to those looking for clothing, housewares, knickknacks, crystal, paintings and many

*Waterbury Republican-American Photos*

other irresistible items. While most bear price tags, negotiating is permitted. At some point in the day, shoppers are asked to "just make an offer."

The Grange, one of the few still in operation in the area, covers Sharon, Warren, Kent and Cornwall. All funds raised benefit the organization's numerous community service projects, donations and future programs and activities including the Dictionary Project that distributes dictionaries to each third-grade student in the schools of the four towns.

*From Taghhannuck Grange: Thank you to Ruth Epstein at the Waterbury Republican-American for the pictures and article printed in "In Your Corner."*

## The Bob Charbonneau Show

**Thursdays at 8:00 PM EST**  
**Saturdays at 9:00 PM EST**  
**Tuesdays at 10:00 PM EST**  
**& Wednesdays at 2:00 PM EST**



<http://www.GrangeRadio.org>



## New Haven County Pomona No. 5

Cheshire #23  
Wallingford #35



Since December 4, 1888

### CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

**July 19:** Picnic at Marge Bernhardt's Pot Luck 6:30

We had a fun time at our Ballroom Dancing program in early May. Our CWA program was very well attended. We learned all about the duties of Cheshire's Animal Control officer, April Leiler. Our attendees were well engaged with her presentation. Our fair premium book is getting ready for publication with final ads coming in. The fair will be our focus this summer. Our dates are August 26th and 27th

We hope you will all enjoy the summer, which, at this writing, has not seemed fit to show its face

### WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Daniel Lauttenbach

**July 13:** Our annual picnic at the Grange Hall at 6pm. Bring a covered dish to share. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Soda will be furnished. Please feel free to bring family or friends.

May 11: Agriculture committee reported that the fields are ready but the weather is not. As I write this report I have the heat going in the house to chase the chill and dampness out. It is supposed to go into the forties tonight. The committee reported further that in Binghamton, NY there was heavy wet snow that may have caused some crop damage. Geremia Farms was looking for season help. The weather wasn't looking to promising for the day before Mother's day with heavy showers in the middle of the day; for that reason I decided to call off our Flower sale. Janet reported that she

received back some ads for the fair book. Jim had brought in 2 cases of fair booklets from the ACF.

A very interesting Gardening Program was then presented by Vern Grant. Vern is your typical home gardener and he has had a garden for quite a few years. He starts his plants indoors early. He makes a miniature greenhouse with seed trays. To get started he mixes water with starter soil to get it moist and then puts the soil in the seed trays. To these trays he adds 8 to 10 tomato seeds to each compartment. Then he bags the tray and places the tray on heating pad that keeps the tray at a temperature of 72 to 76 degrees. The bag helps keep the soil moist. There is no need for light yet because the seedlings don't need it yet. After 5 to 7 days the seedlings appear and he will place them under a standard double bulb 4ft fluorescent light fixture for 17 to 18 hours a day. When they get about a few inches tall he will take 4 to 2 seedlings from each compartment and plant them in a 4" inch pot. When they are about 4 to 6 weeks old he will transfer these pots out to his garage to harden them up. When they have been out there for a week or so then they are ready to go outside once the weather is warm enough. Vern also explain how he saves seeds: he just doubles up a paper towel and just puts the seeds in-between. So nothing real complicated. He also likes to use and make his own organic fertilizer. He uses pin wheels along the garden and pie tins on fishing line to chase birds away.



## Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

### Summertime is PR Contest Planning Season

By Terri Fassio,  
Public Relations Co-Director

The Public Relations committee is offering three contests for 2017, all with a deadline of October 1. It's easy to participate. Let's take a quick peek at each one.

**1) Promote Your Grange Creative Video Contest:** Create a video promoting your Grange. The video can be any length, and of any theme. New this year — the video must be created by the Grange (or a member of the Grange) and not be produced by a non-Grange entity.

**2) Best Cooperative Partnership Contest:** An integral part of Grange public relations is partnering with other local groups and organizations. This could be a co-hosted event, a co-sponsorship of a project or initiative, a project to benefit or honor a group/organization, and so much more! Write a description of how

your Grange has integrated/utilized a Cooperative Partnership, and include a photo to accompany the description if appropriate.

**3) Social Media Participation Contest:** Create a Buzz about your Grange, its projects, activities and events by managing a proper Facebook or Twitter Page. This contest is open to all Community Granges, Pomona Granges and Junior Granges. Pages must be active at any point within the period of November 1, 2016 – October 1, 2017.

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

## Cheshire Grange makes tray favors



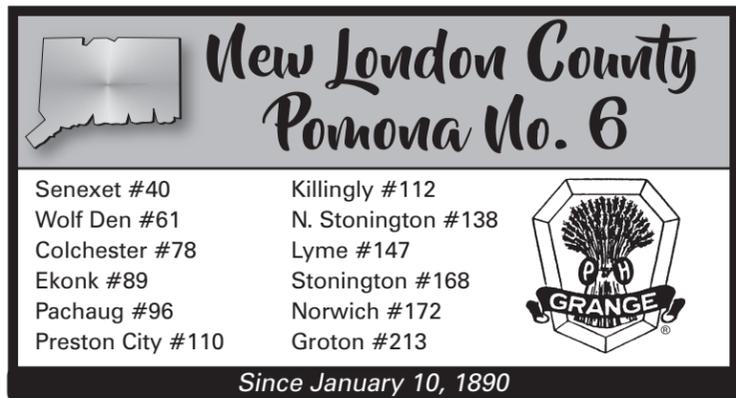
The members of Cheshire Grange #23 recently made tray favors to brighten up the spirits of residents of Marbridge Retirement Center in Cheshire.

## Riverton Grange Fair

3rd Saturday in August



Food Available  
Agriculture, Photo  
& Craft Exhibits



**New London County  
Pomona No. 6**

Senexet #40	Killingly #112
Wolf Den #61	N. Stonington #138
Colchester #78	Lyme #147
Ekonk #89	Stonington #168
Pachaug #96	Norwich #172
Preston City #110	Groton #213

Since January 10, 1890

**NEW LONDON CTY. POMONA #6**

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller  
**Sept. 14:** "I Hear Music"-Stonington Grange #168

At our June meeting at Pachaug Grange we held a lovely memorial program for members lost during the year. Too many flowers lay at the Altar as a sad reminder of the number of Brothers and Sisters who have now joined the Great Grange Above. We received a lovely thank you note from Ekonk Junior Grange for the two camperships we donated.

Membership Chairman Jeff Barnes reported that the State Executive Committee has come to a final decision as to the distribution of the new Pomonas. An announcement will be made on July 9 at Good Will Grange. The final meeting of New London County Pomona No. 6 will be held at Stonington Grange in September. Our Charter will then be turned in and a new era of Pomonas will begin. Looks like it will be an evening of music. Please come and join us in our final good bye.

And so it's time to say good-bye to all those happy years,

Remembering the laughter, remembering the tears.

Remembering the friends we made who now have gone to rest

And knowing that, through all those years, we have been truly blessed.

**SENEKET GRANGE #40**

Corr: Diane Miller

**July 19:** Surprise  
**Aug. 3:** Awards Night

We have continued to work on making the hall a better place to meet.

The upstairs is rented to a person restoring a pipe organ.

We had our memorial program and will be having the scholarship program before the students leave for college.

The local 4H club will be doing some clean-up work outside our hall.

We had a tag sale in June to clean out our extra stuff we were no longer using.

We continue to meet monthly and encourage visitors.

**EKONK COMMUNITY GRANGE #89**

Corr: Sue Gray

Ekonk was thrilled with the article in the Spring 2017 "Good Day" about our fundraiser for 12 year old Sterling 6th grader Kaycee Chester and her continuing battle with cancer. Kaycee truly is an inspiration to all who meet her, with her beautiful smile and positivity! Our Junior Grange held a "May Calendar" fundraiser and added \$1,600.00 to the list of donations from our Grange/Junior Grange/Sterling Girl Scouts to Kaycee and family.

Our May roast beef supper raised just under \$1,000.00 which Link Cooper and Paulette Craig delivered to Bill Czmyr, head of the Jewett City "Home for Homeless Veterans". This has been an annual project since the facility was dedicated in 2012. We were so pleased to donate \$1,625.00 to the 2017 Relay for Life--profits from our Grange food booth held at the event at Brooklyn Fairgrounds.

We held a "Food Safety" class at our Grange in June, which was well attended and all attendees left certified for another 5 years. Our Grange booth at Brooklyn fairgrounds needs some plumbing and carpentry attention before Fair season and it was voted to allot \$1,000.00 for this purpose. Members will provide the labor.

Election of officers found Link Cooper elected as President. We are so pleased that several newer members will be Installed as officers in the fall. As our ritual says, "new ideas are the materials with which progress is made!"

We at Ekonk are "Do'ers" and will continue to make progress! Our Juniors will have spent a day hiking in Purgatory (yes that is correct). Sutton, MA has a natural cleft carved into our earth, formed way back by glacier activity.

Our Juniors will have hiked the trails and enjoyed what nature had to offer by this reading. Our Blueberry Supper will be

Saturday, July 15th. Betsy Molodich has the tastiest blueberries that we bake into blueberry crisp for the dessert. The main course will be baked stuffed chicken breast.

We will be hosting the National Junior Grange Ambassador, Alexandria Jomni Tarbell in August. Washington County Fair and Ekonk Community Grange will pay travel expenses for her chaperone, Stephanie Inglis. Jomni (as she likes to be called) is an active member of East Pembroke Junior Grange in western New York. While here, Jomni will spend an entire day as guest of Washington County Fair, a day touring with Ekonk Community Junior Grangers, enjoy a Grange family picnic and hopefully, make lots of new friends in RI and CT. Our annual Grange Fair will be Sat., August 12th from 9-2. See you around!

**KILLINGLY GRANGE #112**

Corr: Glenna Bruno

**June 3:** Silent Auction, 4:30-6:30

**June 5:** Elections

**June 19:** Dairy Month-Shadow Ritual

**July 3:** Before July 4, RWB

**July 17:** Picnic, Eat Out? Somewhere

The Silent Auction will be over by the time this is printed, but last year it was a success. Hopefully the same this year. There is a pork dinner before or during the auction. We hope you came prepared to bid. We have to brag about Pat Valys' dinners and Millie Brigg's delicious pies.

Our Wednesday dinners have been okay but could have more Grangers attending.

The May baskets we planned didn't go off as well as I had expected. Only three baskets were made by members. Guess May baskets are "old fashioned." Guess this Lecturer has to get up to the 21<sup>st</sup> (and beyond) century. Maybe this Lecturer didn't give good directions as to what May baskets are all about. We had a skit for Mother's Day- with 6 members holding one letter of the word "Mother" and we sang the old song MOTHER.

On June 19 we had the State Master, Noel Miller and State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt helping with the "Shadow" ritual for our new members to be familiar with their office - or station- a good time to

have a neighbor's night.

Our apple festival has been postponed until next year. Come up is a ham and bean supper. On the second Wednesday, these are going on all year. Keep posted.

**N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138**

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

**July 14:** Meeting Omitted-It's Fair Time!

**July 21:** "In For a Penny, In For a Pound"

At our May 12<sup>th</sup> program Christopher Cleland from American Senior Benefits, gave us some timely advice on insurance and retirement. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we remembered our three sisters who passed away this year with a lovely candlelight ceremony. The

Memorial Day Parade was rained out so no float this year; but our Hall was host to the town's Memorial Day service. We also hosted the NorthStonington Education Foundation's annual road race fundraiser. We cooked hundreds of hamburgers and hot dogs for the runners and volunteers.

It's July and that means it's time for the North Stonington Agricultural Fair. The dates are July 13-16 this year. Lots of animals, food, crafts, entertainment, pulls, contests, games and fun are on hand, so don't miss it. And if these rain clouds would just go away and let a little sun shine through, next time I'll tell you about jolly June.

**CWA Needlework Winners**

**Class A - Afghans**

- 1st place: Josephine Fazzino, Beacon Valley #103
- 2nd place: Pat Margelony, Vernon #52
- 3rd place: Terry Violette, Colchester #78

**Class B - Doilies**

- 1st place: Josephine Fazzino, Beacon Valley #103
- 2nd place: Carol Nelson, Vernon #52
- 3rd place: Mary Tischofer, Colchester #78

**Class C - Embroidery**

- 1st place - Dawn Percoski, Enfield #151
- 2nd place: Shirley Moore, Riverton #169

**Class D - 3 Piece Baby Set**

- 1st place: Margaret Easton, Coventry #75
- 2nd place: Sue Hass, Colchester # 78

**Class E - Plastic Canvas**

- 1st place: Dawn Percoski, Enfield # 151
- 2nd place: Shirley Moore, Riverton # 169
- 3rd place: Joan Zeigler, Redding # 15

**Class F - Counted Cross Stitch**

- 1st place: Mariellen Baxter, Vernon # 52
- 2nd place: Sandy Peterson, Lyme # 147
- 3rd place: Barbara Foskett, Cheshire # 23

**Class G - Adult Garment**

- 1st place: Edith Schoell, Manchester # 31
- 2nd place: Heidi Brown, Colchester # 78

**Class H - Latch Hook**

- 1st place: Dorothy Joselovich, Redding # 15
- 2nd place: Dawn Percoski, Enfield # 151

**Class I - Quilted Wall Hanging**

- 1st Place: Alma Graham, Echo # 180
- 2nd place: Karen MacDonald, Redding # 15
- 3rd place: Sandy Peterson, Lyme # 147

**Class J - Stuffed Toy**

- 1st place: Janet Huhtala, Cheshire # 23
- 2nd place: Lois Evankow, Glastonbury # 26
- 3rd place: Cathy Russi, Colchester # 78

**Class K - Baby Afghans**

- 1st place: Dorothy Mroka, Colchester # 78
- 2nd place: Mary Alyce Lee, Cheshire # 23
- 3rd place: Dot Margelony, Vernon # 52

**Craft Contest - Needlework**

- 1st place: Lois Evankow, Glastonbury # 26
- 2nd place: Jane Miller, Cheshire # 23

**Craft Contest - Other Media**

- 1st place: Shirley Moore, Riverton # 169
- 2nd place: Irene Percoski, Enfield # 151
- 3rd place: Charlotte Locke, Colchester # 78

**Baking Contest**

- 1st place: Jane Miller, Cheshire # 23
- 2nd place: Dawn Percoski, Enfield # 151
- 3rd place: Linda Harkens, Killingly # 112

**Make A Basket**

- 1st place: Susan Kline, Winchester # 74
- 2nd place: Cathy Russi, Colchester # 78
- 3rd place: Dawn Percoski, Enfield # 151

**Junior Entries - Make A Basket**

- 1st Place: Angelina D'dominicis, Hillstown # 87

Congratulations to all of the winners. On to the judging at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in September.



## Excelsior Pomona No. 7

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



Since October 22, 1891

### BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

Our July meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be a busy night as we will have our Officers Planning Meeting preceded by some kind of supper at 6:00 P.M. We haven't decided what we want to eat yet. Following the supper we will have our meeting.

By the time you read this we will have celebrated our 128<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Thanks to all our members who did anything to make it a happy occasion. Also to all our fellow Grangers who came to help us celebrate.

We will have also had a tag sale and raffle drawing.

Our open mics give us a chance to hear some good music. Our next one is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>. Come and share the music and a snack with us – you will be glad you did.

### BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

*Corr: Al Maddox*

**July 24:** Next Meeting

The annual picnic of Excelsior Pomona will be held at the home of Skip Maddox on Sunday, August 13 beginning at Noon. It's a potluck and all are welcome.

### OXFORD GRANGE #194

*Corr: Robert Buck*

**July 7:** Dogs

**July 21:** Summer Fun Game Night

You can't rely on the Excelsior Pomona program book for our Grange programs from June to September as the printer left them out, so pay attention here if you're coming to visit.

It's taken a little longer

than we expected to get the handicapped ramp up and going. Thanks to Glenn Belinsky for repairs made to doors in the hall. He has installed some pneumatic door-closing devices so there will be no more doors blowing open in the winter without closing and locking them. We had frozen pipes in the bathroom this past winter due to this.

The Festival of Arts, Culture, and Entertainment (FACE) put on by the Cultural Arts Commission back in May featured some wonderful programs at the Grange: music by performers the Claudettes, and guitarist Hiroya Tsukamoto on Saturday the 20th, and a poetry salon on the 21st, all of which were quite enjoyable. Martin and Karen Earley are stepping down from Cultural Arts to devote more time to the Grange. FACE attracted two new members to the Grange.

The G.O.M.A.D. (Grange of Oxford Music and Dance) events have attracted 40-50 people into our hall on the last Friday of each month since March. They are exposing the Grange and have people asking how they can help the organization. At each event, at least \$100.00 in donations has been collected and put toward Grange hall repairs. One of the new members who joined us out of this group has expressed an interest in helping us explore the possibility of installing a commercial grade kitchen in the hall.



On June 4 from 2:00-5:00 PM, Oxford Grange hosted the Oxford Historical Society's Adeline Gray Day Program. Adeline was an Oxford resident who has the distinction of being the first person to live test a nylon parachute on June 6, 1942 (at the age of 24), so this was the 75th anniversary of that jump which was done at Brainard Field in Hartford.

The program started out with a 2:15 PM parachute jump by Melissa Touma (landing in the ball-field at Center School), skydiving instructor from Connecticut Parachutist, Inc. in Ellington. First Selectman George Temple presented an official proclamation of Adeline Gray Day.

Dottie DeBisschop of the Oxford Historical Society talked about the life and legacy of Adeline, and showed the citation from the 131st district representative Dave

## Who was Adeline Gray?



Guests listen to the talk about Oxford's Adeline Gray.



Adeline Gray at the Pioneer Parachute Company, Manchester, 1944 – Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

Labriola and the General of parachute science and Assembly. Jim Reuter, of Adeline's life. Melissa, who Pioneer Parachute Co. in made the jump, answered Manchester, CT, where questions about skydiving. Adeline also worked in the There were about 60 in past, talked about aspects attendance.

## Let's Celebrate Performances



Above: Jane and Ruel Miller of New Haven County Pomona perform their skit during the A-Number competition at Let's Celebrate. The Talent Contest Winner was Raye Hodgson representing Oxford Grange on the Auto-Harp. The "A Number" Winner – No. Stonington Grange with "George Goes On Vacation" (Jeff Barnes and Nancy Weissmuller)



# Fairfield County Pomona No. 9

Redding #15  
Harmony #92  
Greenfield Hill #133

Norfield #146  
Cannon #152



Since February 20, 1895

## In Memoriam

Evelyn Haines      Redding Grange #15  
Marion Blake      Bethlehem Grange #121

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

### REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Kevin Parker

Redding Grange has not been very active recently. Things are beginning to pick up now. We have taken in one new member who has a lot of new and helpful ideas for increasing our membership and improving the appearance of our hall.

In June we will celebrated "Father's Day" and had some fun. We had country stores and raffles at our June Grange meetings to help raise funds for improvements to our hall. Come one, come all and enjoy the night out.

### CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

**Aug 3:** Business Meeting  
**Aug 17:** Fair Set-Up begins

**Aug 27:** 85th Cannon Grange Agricultural Fair 10 AM - 4 PM

**Sept 7:** Business Meeting

Elections for the key officer position for the next year have been made. Bil Mickulewicz will be our next president, John Kriz continues as Lecturer, and Michele

Clark and Don Offinger as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Doug Shepherd will become the new chair of the Executive Committee. The program theme for the ensuing year is "Eating Well" where we will learn new ways to enjoy the food we grow, purchase and make (think baking and preserving!) The new theme is a perfect segue from our previous years programs of "Living Well".

Right around the corner will be August 27th when we will hold the 85th edition of the Cannon Grange Agricultural Fair. We look forward to seeing many neighbors and friends come to the Fair. We have a very nice group of community organization participating this year from several towns, and the Exhibit Hall will be filled with wonderful entries by children and adults. Come see them and enjoy our Fair.

Please note our schedule listed above. Meetings begin at 7 PM. Visiting Patrons are always welcome--won't you join us?

## A summer view



Greenfield Hill Grange Hall bathed in sunlight on a recent summer day.

## And the nominees are...



**Joanne Cipriano**  
Social Connection Director  
Social@ctstategrange.org

Not much to report at this time except we hope you have chosen someone from your Grange to be your "Granger of the Year." With so many exceptional Grangers this should not be a difficult task.

Applications are being sent out by State Secretary Todd Gelineau. Watch for it and I'll be watching for the

completed application from you.

Barbara and I are hoping you are having an enjoyable summer. We are.

## So. Connecticut Past Masters

We do not hold regular meetings in the summer months but even better, we hold our annual picnic. Marge Bernhardt has graciously extended an invitation to hold the picnic at her house. A perfect place for a relaxing picnic.

We will start at 2:00 usually playing some card games or just sitting, chit-chatting, whatever your choice. A picnic supper is served around 5:00. The date is Saturday, July 8. Everyone is asked to bring a small door prize so that everyone goes home with something.

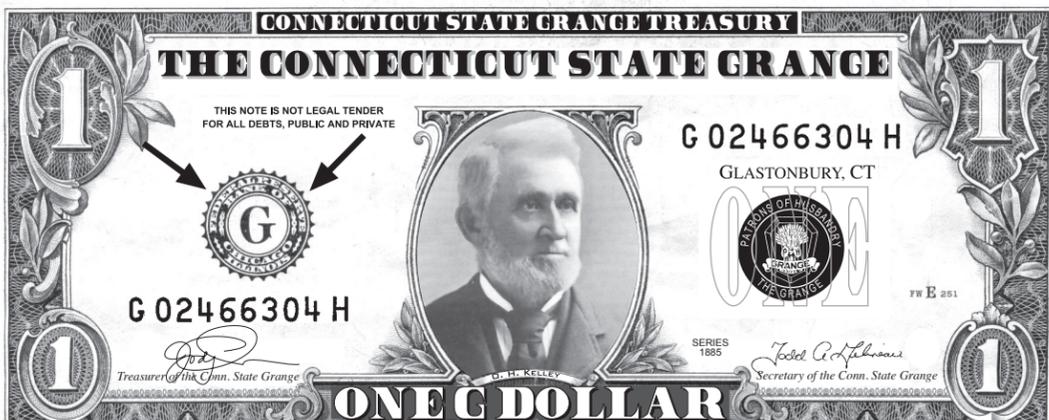
Looking forward to enjoying a hot dog with you at Marge's on the 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Deadline for the Next Issue is EXTENDED!

Articles will be accepted until July 15 for the Aug. Issue

## G Note Leader Board



Keep looking for those G-Notes and help us defray the cost of future National Grange conventions.

# Lecturer's Award Winners



**Marge Bernhardt**  
State Lecturer

lecturer@ctstategrange.org

*Marge Bernhardt, State Lecturer*

What a nice Grange Event we had as we Celebrated the Grange on June 11th. We started with our Grange Sunday Service, followed by a delicious meal served by our Youth and Junior Committees. Then we went upstairs for some good Grange Entertainment. My thanks to all who participated and helped to make this day such a success.

## Our Talent Winners were:

Raye Hodgson, Oxford Grange  
Geno Piacentini, Redding Grange  
Sue Pianka, No. Stonington Grange

## "A Number" Winners:

No. Stonington Grange  
Granby Grange  
Beacon Valley Grange

## Photo Contest Winners were as follows:

### "Youth"

#### AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

1. Kayla Michaud, Hillstown  
2. Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown

#### ANIMALS

1. Kayla Michaud, Hillstown  
2. Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown

#### GRANGERS IN ACTION

1. Kayla Michaud, Hillstown

#### FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

1. Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown  
2. Kayla Michaud, Hillstown

#### HISTORICAL PLACES OR EVENTS

1. Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown  
2. Kayla Michaud, Hillstown

#### ANTIQUÉ VEHICLES

1. Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown

### "Adult"

#### AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

1. Charles Bierce, Riverton  
2. Lois Evankow, Lyme  
3. John Yeski, Winchester

#### ANIMALS

1. Charles Bierce, Riverton  
2. Lois Evankow, Lyme  
3. Gail Prelli, Riverton

#### GRANGERS IN ACTION

1. Lois Evankow, Lyme  
2. Michelle DeDominicis, Hillstown  
3. Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton

#### FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

1. Michelle DeDominicis, Hillstown  
2. Charles Bierce, Riverton  
3. Lois Evankow, Lyme

#### HISTORIC PLACES OR EVENTS

1. Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton  
2. John Yeski, Winchester  
3. Shirley Moore, Riverton

#### ANTIQUÉ VEHICLES

1. Debbie Barnes, No. Stonington  
2. Jeff Barnes, No. Stonington  
3. Lois Evankow, Lyme



*By Hank the Burro*

Hello Grange Friends!

We had fun in the month of June! First we went to see our friends in Fairfield County Pomona. It was a nice evening and a good meeting. Then we went to Let's Celebrate Day/ Grange Sunday at Cheshire Grange Hall. Congratulations to all the contest winners - there were so many good entires in all the categories. CT State Grange Chaplain Charles Dimmick has an inspirational service too. Lunch presented by the Youth and Junior Committees was yummy. You never know where we will visit! Be sure 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>

## Is your Grange "Distinguished"?

The Distinguished Grange program honors Subordinate and State Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in areas of membership, fundraising, and service to their communities.

The award for being named a Distinguished Grange is presented annually at the National Grange Convention.

The 2016-17 Distinguished Granges will be honored for their work done from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The postmark deadline to submit your materials to

be considered for Distinguished Grange is August 13, 2017 for paper submissions and August 17, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EST for electronic submissions. Applications received after this deadline will not be awarded Distinguished Grange.

Distinguished Granges will be honored at a special reception and will be recognized in the annual convention program. They will receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement. Granges that qualify as a Distinguished Grange for five consecutive years will receive a plaque for their Hall.

The National Grange encourage every Grange to complete as many requirements or optional components of the program as possible and improve upon their tally each year. Doing so not only allows Granges to be recognized but solidifies their presence in their communities and meaning for their members.

For more information and a copy of the application, please visit [www.NationalGrange.org](http://www.NationalGrange.org).



**DISTINGUISHED  
GRANGE**

## Sesquicentennial packets available

The Sesquicentennial committee has researched and compiled a packet of interesting information designed to assist Granges in making the most of the opportunity to learn about and to celebrate the rich history of Grange. The packet - which was earlier sent in hard copy to your State Master and Secretary - contains interesting historical facts, short biographies of important Grange leaders as well as suggested ways to celebrate. Lecturers or any other Grange member who is in charge of sesquicentennial events should find the information very helpful. For more information, please visit [www.NationalGrange.org](http://www.NationalGrange.org).

## Plan to be in Spokane

Please join us for the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the National Grange hosted by the Western Region! Come join your Grange friends from across the nation at the RL Hotel (Red Lion) at the Park located in Spokane, Washington November 7-11, 2017.

Sign-up before September 1<sup>st</sup> and save \$5 with the early bird registration. Online registration ends October 20<sup>th</sup>. See you in Spokane!

Please visit the National Grange website for full details.

Hotel: RL Hotel (Red Lion) at the Park Hotel, 303 W. North Drive, Spokane, WA 99201; (509) 326-8000.

# WINDOW TO THE PAST

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



We heard from Joanne Cipriano with the answer to the June Window to the Past photo - "The picture in the "Window to the Past" is the late Theresa Caliendo from Southington Grange. Theresa was Junior Deputy under late State Master Frank Warner and Junior Director under late State Master Joseph Bell. I'm not sure who the little girl is but Theresa had granddaughters who were very active in the Junior Grange."



This Brownie Flag from Spicy Southern Kitchen makes a fun, patriotic dessert. Covered with white frosting, fresh blueberries, and sliced strawberries.

## Brownie Flag

### INGREDIENTS:

- 12 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- 2 (16-ounce) containers white frosting



### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line a 9X13-inch pan with aluminum foil. Make sure the foil extends up the sides so that you will be able to lift the brownies out of the pan. Spray with cooking spray.

Melt butter in a medium saucepan. Whisk in sugar and cocoa powder. Make sure mixture is not hot and then whisk in eggs and vanilla extract. Stir in flour, salt, and baking powder. Fold in chocolate chips. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake for about 22 to 25 minutes. Let cool completely.

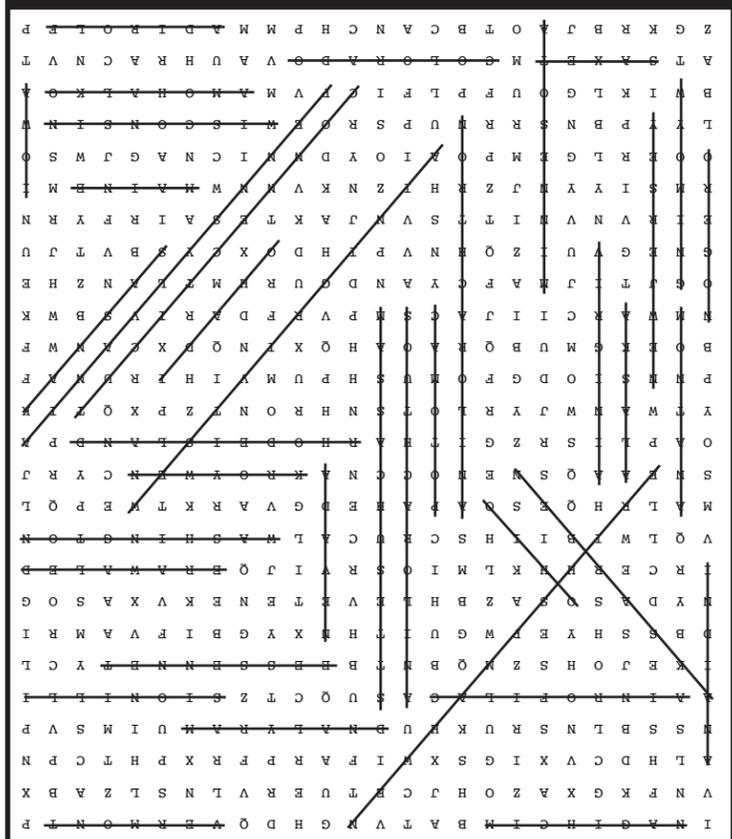
Lift brownie out of pan and place on a serving tray. Spread with a thin layer of frosting. Arrange blueberries in rows in top left corner. Place strawberry slices in 5 rows. Place remaining frosting in a large pastry bag fitted with a large star tip. Pipe frosting between rows of strawberries.

Refrigerate until ready to serve.

YIELD: 24 Servings

SOURCE: [https://spicysouthernkitchen.com/brownie-flag/#\\_a5y\\_p=3904125](https://spicysouthernkitchen.com/brownie-flag/#_a5y_p=3904125)

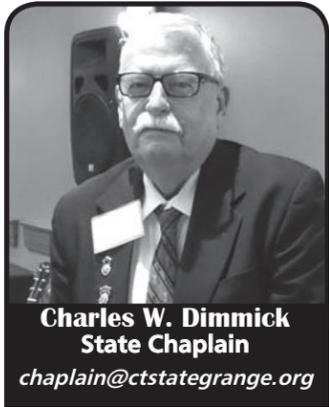
## Answers to Puzzle on Page 12



### Last Month



# Am I my brother's keeper?



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Although this question was originally, rather flippantly, posed by Cain, after having slain Abel, as an attempt to feign innocence, it is answered fully in many places in scripture. Yes, I am my brother's keeper, in that I am told to watch out for the

welfare of all other people with whom I have any sort of relationship. This can be divided into two parts: firstly we should avoid any sort of violence towards others, including not only physical violence but also heated argument and verbal abuse, slander, gossip, and arrogance; secondly we should act with brotherly love towards all, keeping them safe to the best of our ability, and helping them to find adequate food, shelter, and love.

Perhaps St. Paul says it best in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapters 12-13, which includes this description of brotherly love:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

And again, in the first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul writes:

"And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those

who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all"

And in Psalm 82 we read:

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain

the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

And finally, as members of Patrons of Husbandry, we are told that part of the chief objective of the Grange is "to develop a mutual respect and concern through Brotherhood.

## State Grange Word Search

I N A G I H C I M B A T V N G H D Q V E R M O N T P  
 V N F K G X A Z O H J C E T U E R V L N S L Z A B X  
 A L H D C V X I G S X W I F A R P F R X P H T C P N  
 N S S B L N S R U K H U D N A L Y R A M U I M S V P  
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 B O E K G M U B Q R A O A H Q X I N Q D X C A N W F  
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 B W I K L G O U F P L F I C P V M A M O H A L K O A  
 A T S A X E T M C O L O R A D O V A U H R A C N V T  
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### We start with an apology...

Due to a glitch with the software to generate last month's puzzle, several of the words were inadvertently omitted. We know many members lost sleep and hair trying to find the words that were, well, just not there. We apologize profusely! This month we offer a new puzzle that has been tested and the answers are included on page 11. Good luck and enjoy this puzzle which includes the names of all states and one U.S. territory that is home to a Grange or Granges.

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| <b>The Clues:</b> | Iowa          | New Hampshire  | South Carolina |
| Alaska            | Kansas        | New Jersey     | Tennessee      |
| California        | Maine         | New York       | Texas          |
| Colorado          | Maryland      | North Carolina | Vermont        |
| Connecticut       | Massachusetts | Ohio           | Virginia       |
| Delaware          | Michigan      | Oklahoma       | Washington     |
| Florida           | Minnesota     | Oregon         | West Virginia  |
| Idaho             | Montana       | Pennsylvania   | Wisconsin      |
| Illinois          | Nebraska      | Potomac        | Wyoming        |
| Indiana           | Nevada        | Rhode Island   |                |

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The Colchester Grange is happy to announce a new trip and an exciting way to celebrate the New Year.

### California New Year's Getaway featuring the Tournament of Roses Parade December 29, 2017-January 2, 2018

Colchester Grange #78 is promoting an exciting trip while supporting the local scholarship fund for Bacon Academy.

The trip includes: Pick-up in Colchester, round trip Air from Bradley, hotel transfers, viewing of the floats in their final stage of decorating, attend Bandfest featuring the bands that will perform in the parade, special New Year's celebrating, and enjoy reviewing the parade in your reserved seating. Cost is \$2,829--book now and save \$100 cost per double \$2,729 per person. Contact Cathy Russi for more information 870-887-9621 or crussi45@sbcglobal.net. Deposits are due by July 25, 2017.

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