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When I became your State Master the State Executive Committee presented "Values of the Connecticut State Grange: Honesty, Community, Charity, Integrity, Friendship, Citizenship." These values are the core of our Grange, we have used these values as reasons to join the Grange in our membership drives. These values help explain our story as to what the Grange is all about. Yet we have witnessed that when these values are not followed our Grange is challenged by outsiders who say we have hypocrisy in our Order. We must follow the verses of the "Sifting Song" of the Second Degree. "And while you're sifting don't forget, to always sift yourself." The Grange is a family, we work as a team and no one is better than anyone else. We are all equals. Our halls are sacred spaces and should never be used for unwanted activities by its members. The National Grange Digest has rules for proper use of the halls. If there are questions, please call me as to what to do. Members that don't follow the rules should be held accountable for their misuse or the mistrust of their actions. If we don't and lose the trust of the community (non-Grangers), it may never be regained. How many times have we seen when a dinner falls short? The next time we witness a decline in support.

This year the Pomona Granges will have inspections to help determine the Honor Grange Awards. The Community Granges will not have inspections due to

the lack of Deputies. This year a survey has been sent to the Community Granges. Fill them out and return them by July 1 and you will be fine. If you don't return them, then a visit to one of your meetings will be scheduled with a deputy or State Officers. They will be looking to see that you are following the guidelines of the Grange.

We remind all Granges that Quarterly Reports are due each quarter and Granges two quarters behind are at risk of losing their Charters. Late payments are also subject to a \$25.00 late charge per quarter.

Camp Berger is the jewel of the Connecticut State Grange. This is our 61st season and the Camp Directors Lyn and Chris Kimberly have done wonders to our Camp. Many improvements and upgrades have been made to the Camp with more for the future. Community Granges that wish to donate camperships are reminded that the fee is \$400 per campership. Please don't short change a camper the chance for a memorable time at our Camp.

The Big E is just around the corner and anyone that wants to participate in the Grange Day Parade or work in the New England Grange Building, let me know. I need a list of names of people attending and working at the Big E. This list needs to be in by June 1. Grange Day is Sept. 24th this year. It is our 150th Celebration of the Grange. There will be prizes for the State that has the most marchers in the parade.

This year during Grange month, our Community Granges have done many activities to welcome the public into our organization and I thank you all for the hard work that everyone does to promote our beloved Grange. Keep up the good work and remember "Sift out fair virtue, love and truth, from envy, hate, and strife, and make your sifting tell."

Happy Mother's Day!

Talking with Veterans



Recently Colchester Grange #78 conducted a program at Harrington Court Health Care in Colchester. Members sat with residents and had a discussion regarding WWII. Grange member (Eva O'Connell) holds a poster that displayed hometown U.S.A. during the United States commitment during WWII. Grange member Bonnie Trecarten took notes regarding the conversation. We found the conversation very interesting and learned a great deal of new information regarding what people did on the front lines and at home to protect the freedom we all look forward to. People in the picture left to right: Robert Lapre, Eva O'Connell, Bonnie Trecarten, Eleanor Warrender, Jeanne Cote, Roger Bergeron and Robert Winters.

by Catherine Russi, Colchester #78

As Memorial Day approaches, Colchester Grange members Kathy Russi, Eva O'Connell and Bonnie Trecarten recently sat down for a conversation with local Veterans and residents of Harrington Court Healthcare Facility to discuss their memories and experiences of World War II and the Korean War.

Harrington Court residents Eleanor Warrender and Jean Cote, although young at the time, recalled contributing to the war effort by collecting stamps, recycling newspapers, tin, rubber, and cardboard. They remembered their mothers and Aunts donating nylon stockings to be used for parachute material. To compensate for no stockings, women drew black lines on the backs of their legs to simulate wearing them. Also, they noted that due to women's participation in the war efforts as nurses and factory workers ("Rosie Riveters"), women's clothing went from skirts and dresses to include more practical pants, starting new fashion trends.

Resident Robert LePre, 95, spoke of his WWII experiences in combat with his Army Division in Europe. One mission he recalled was near the end of the war in German occupied Czechoslovakia at the order of Army commanders and ultimately General Patton. The Russian Army, badly depleted and hungry, was advancing with plans to destroy and then use for food and transportation the famous Lipizzaner horses. Robert's Army Division held the Russians back and protected the horses so they could be relocated. Robert was honored with an award for his participation in this successful World War II mission when the Lipizzaner horses came to Salem, CT to perform. He also spoke fluent French and was an interpreter during the War. He added that General Patton was greatly respected by his men, and quote: "He had a job to get done and he did it!"

Colchester resident Robert Winter recalled his family's experiences with food and gasoline rationing and

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Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 18, 2017



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5G Mobile Networks Will Bring Healthcare Closer to Rural Communities

The following is an opinion piece written by National Master Betsy Huber for the March 28, 2017 edition of "The Hill."

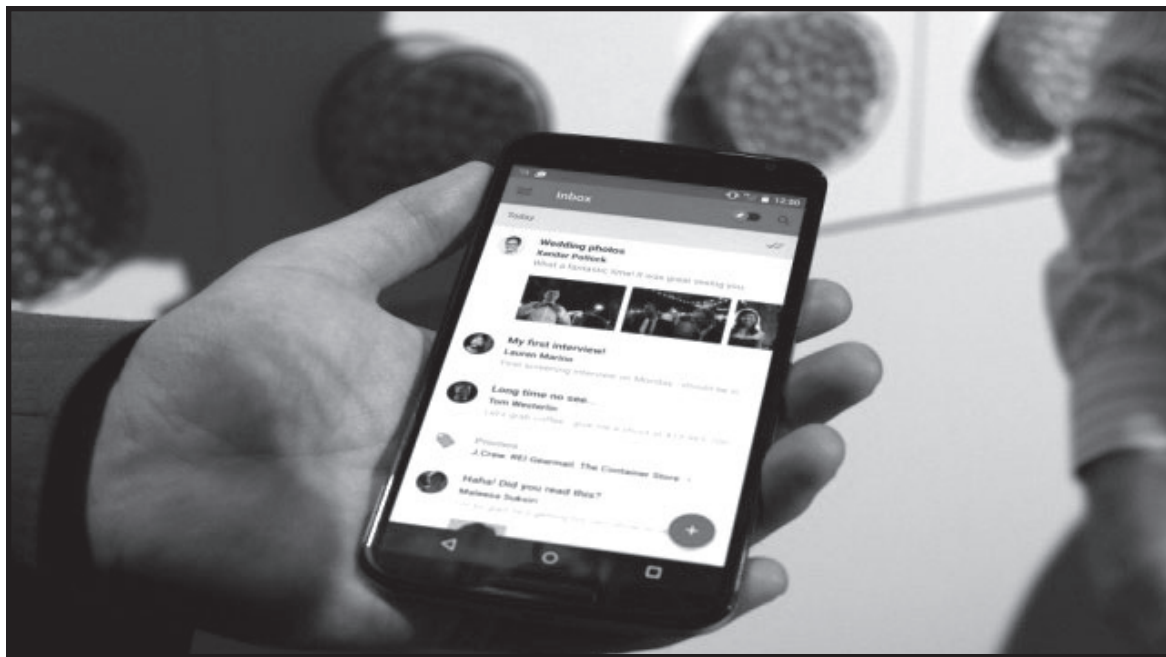
Staying connected to the rest of the world is vital to the wellbeing and prosperity of communities in rural and small town America—especially when it comes to health care. But given the vast distances often involved, it has proven challenging for many rural communities to access a robust, physical connection to the global digital network.

According to the Federal Communications Commission, 39 percent of rural Americans lack access to broadband internet, creating a real disparity between those who live in the country and those who live in cities and towns. Chairman Ajit Pai has taken steps to enhance rural broadband access and adoption through his Digital Empowerment Agenda and Phase II of the Mobility Fund (MF-II). At February's open commission meeting, Pai noted that "for far too long ... the commission has not kept its promise to rural America to hold an MF-II auction. While urban and suburban America continue to see improvements in mobile service, many rural areas continue to be dead zones. We cannot leave these areas behind. From precision agriculture to the sharing economy, mobile broadband is critical to rural America."

While closing this "digital divide" through fiber-based broadband deployment is important, other technologies, such as 5G mobile networks will also be vital in filling in rural access gaps and making sure that rural residents have access to the same connectivity as their suburban and urban peers.

So are we talking about connecting patients to healthcare with a network experience much like our cell phones? Not quite.

5G is the next step in the evolution of the mobile or cellular networks we use today and was a major



theme at this year's Mobile World Congress—the world's largest gathering for the mobile industry—held in Barcelona, Spain. Among the 5G-related topics discussed was how 5G could help "to deploy broadband more easily to rural areas."

5G technology will mean more powerful networks with a greater capacity to move data, and therefore a "faster" internet experience than what has been afforded by the 4G technology in use today. 5G will bring more than ten times the speed we have today with 4G. There have also been advancements in the antennae that emit and receive network signals. These and other network improvements will assist in delivering a higher-quality 5G experience. When fully deployed, 5G mobile technology could be a massive boon to rural communities, especially when it comes to so-called "tele-health care."

As we approach National Doctor's Day on March 30th, the National Grange celebrates a day that is working to advocate for ways that doctors can extend their reach to more patients. One way to do so is the use of tele-health.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), tele-health care is "the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support and promote long-distance clinical health care." Tele-health could be a real game-changer for rural America, which is chronically underserved when it comes to accessing medical

services.

For those today who must travel long distances or invest financial resources that are already scarce to access care, having a consultation via the internet could save significant time and money, enable necessities like follow-up visits, and

help with overall peace of mind.

Take, for example, Children's Mercy Kansas City, a hospital where 26 of the hospital's 47 pediatric specialties are connected through a telemedicine network available to patients across Kansas and Missouri. This

network is helping many families connect with medical specialists who would otherwise be hours away and unreachable for many rural and small town residents.

Fortunately, this is just one example of how 5G-based tele-health care could help improve the lives and health of rural Americans. As the deployment of 5G networks rolls out, we expect many more—and more powerful—health care benefits for our Grange members across the country.

Betsy Huber is the president of National Grange, the nation's oldest rural and agricultural organization, which celebrates its 150th Anniversary this year.



By Hank the Burro

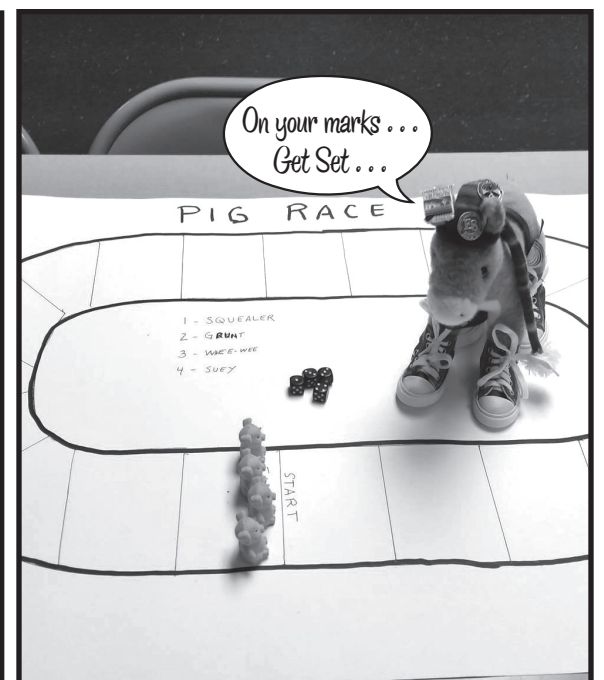
Hello Grange Friends!

Now that the weather is better, we have been on the road visiting Granges! We started April by going to the Past Deputies Meeting where we had lots of fun playing Games.

We then had a nice Easter with the family - and the flowers were blooming! I may have filled my Easter basket with an egg or two.

Then we went to Hillstown Grange to listen to some toe-tapping music with the Old Time Fiddlers. It was great to see Chief Ken Smith out and about at 95 years young! We won on the raffle too.

Be sure to follow me on Facebook for news of my latest travels. You never know where we will visit! Please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>



Talking with Veterans

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explained how the rationing for gas was done. He stated vehicle owners were rated on their occupations by A-D, with Doctors receiving the most at A ratings, nurses and medical personnel next at B ratings and so forth. Many received little or no gasoline. He said only Doctors could purchase new vehicles, always black, and headlights were partially blacked out due to possible air raids. Robert discussed air raid preparedness explaining there were air raid wardens trained to identify plane characteristics and report suspicious planes. They also patrolled neighborhoods making sure curtains were pulled, lights were out and everyone was safely inside. Robert also mentioned V-mail. Mail was reviewed and arrived to servicemen and women with blacked out portions so no messages detrimental to the war efforts could be read. Robert remembered food rationing and the victory gardens that were planted to supply vegetables as few were available to purchase. Peddlers in carts traveled to homes selling what fruits and vegetables they had to those that didn't have gardens. He remembered seeing Ragmen in horse drawn wagons and people selling their cloth to them. One meat source that was available was bologna, due to the availability of scrap meats, and bologna sandwiches were heavily consumed. He mentioned that new boots were not available and worn boots were just resoled. All mentioned their families receiving yellow powder to add to lard to make it seem more like butter as real butter, along with sugar and other staples was scarce during the war years.

Harrington Court resident Roger Bergeron also contributed that he participated in the Korean War and was wounded in combat in Korea and was sent to Japan to recover. Roger received awards for his service and is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Colchester Honor Guard.

Long time Colchester Grange member and resident Dorothy Johnston was the air raid warden for the town of Colchester during World War II. Dorothy was very active in the Grange and contributed to her community through Grange activities.

Our conversation concluded with our observation that the generations that experienced these Wars were resilient, innovative, and knew the value of co-operation and sacrifice. We thank them for their service both on the battlefields and on the home front.

2017 CT State Grange Calendars Available

The 2017 edition (2nd in the series) Grange Hall Calendars produced by the CT State Grange are still available. The year is still young making it a perfect time to get your copy. Like last year, these calendars feature pictures of 12 additional Grange Halls. You will especially want one if you purchased the 2016 calendar!

The calendars are \$13.00 each. Shipping is extra and will be determined by the location of the person ordering. Orders may be placed by emailing the State Secretary at Secretary@CTStateGrange.org. You may also call 860-307-1522. Or you can order by mail to: CT State Grange, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT. Checks should be made out to the Connecticut State Grange.

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Past State Master Minor Ives



Minor Ives was born on August 24, 1883, in South Meriden, Connecticut, the son of Julius I. Ives and Mary (Johnson) Ives.

He received his education in the local schools and Pequod Business College.

He married Ethel May Disbrow of Meriden, Connecticut on November 30, 1905. She was the daughter of Frank A. Disbrow and Amelia (Bolles) Disbrow.

To them were born the following children: Edith Lucretia, Julius Disbrow, Ruth Ethel, Minor Edward, Frank Almon, and Annah Amelia Ives.

He served as Treasurer of the Connecticut State Pomological Society for a number of years and for over thirty years has been a member of the Board of Appointment and Taxation in the City of Meriden, Connecticut; Trustee of the Cuno Foundation of

Meriden; past Director of Meriden Savings Bank; past Director Eastern States Farmer's Exchange. All his life he has lived upon and farmed that beautiful place on the hilltop overlooking the City of Meriden, known as "Diamond Hill Farm" He has served as a Trustee of the New England Grange Building ever since its inception, having the responsible position of custodian. He has served as Treasurer of this Building ever since the resignation of Sherman K. Ives as Trustee member. He is Independent in his political views and supports and attends the Methodist Church in South Meriden.

Sister Ethel Ives is a real homebody. Her family interests have always been her most outstanding quality. However as the wife of State Master Ives she always fulfilled the duties required of the State Master's wife graciously and efficiently.

Brother Ives has been a long and faithful worker in the cause of the Grange and has passed the fifty year mark of membership. He has filled many Subordinate, Pomona, State and National offices. Some of which are as follows: Master of Meriden Grange #29, Master of Central Pomona #1, Assistant Steward of the Connecticut State Grange 1916-7, Steward 1918-1921, Overseer 1922-25 and was the 13th Master of the present Connecticut State Grange for 1926-1929, an Executive Committee member for 1930-41, many years serving as its chairman; and as Priest Orator in the Assembly of Demeter of the National Grange for 1929.

Farmill River Juvenile Grange #2 was personally organized by Brother Ives, and the following Subordinate and Juvenile Granges were organized during his administration as State Master: Granby #5, Eureka #62, Oxford #194, Lisbon #195, Windsor #196, Ridgefield Juvenile #1, Norfield Juvenile #3, Pachaug Juvenile #4, Beacon Valley Juvenile #5, Bethany Juvenile #6, Canterbury Juvenile #7, and Trumbull Juvenile #8.

Brother Ives is outstanding in his sincerity of purpose and he has ably filled the many stations he has been called upon to serve in.

State Secretary



Todd A. Gelineau
 State Secretary
 secretary@ctstategrange.org

At the end of April, a mailing was sent out from the Central Office. Killing several birds with "one stone" there were a number of items included.

The first is the Inspection Form for 2017. As the State Master explains in his column, this form replaces the annual visit of the Deputy for this year. The questions are basically the same questions that were included on the back of the previous inspection forms. Please fill yours out and return it to the State Master no later than July 1. Failing to do so will result in a visit from the Deputy or a State Officer. (Hint: the form is much easier!)

The second item is the Officer and Committee Listing for the State Directory. THIS IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT THIS YEAR as we don't anticipate Pomona Handbooks to be printed this fall in light of the changes to Pomonas. An accurate listing of all officers and committees in the State Directory will be extremely important. Even if you don't elect this year, please PLEASE PLEASE return your completed form to the Central Office as soon as possible (immediately after your elections, if held).


It seems like I talk a lot

about shipping charges for National Grange. In recent days we received notice of yet another change in the charges for Golden Sheaves and letters for 75 years and beyond. Please disregard the shipping charges listed on the back of the yellow form we have provided to all Granges. Shipping charges are now calculated based on the total amount of purchase:

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- Orders \$10.01 - \$19.99 . . . \$5.00
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- Orders \$250.00 and above . . . \$20.00


We apologize for any confusion all of these changes may have caused. It's very important that the correct amount of postage is added to your check (made out to the National Grange) as the order will not be processed if the amount is incorrect. The process has not changed, however, as all orders should be sent to the Connecticut State Grange for verification.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me!



Central Pomona No. 1

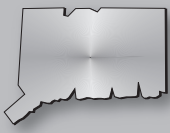
Southington #25
Meriden #29
Higganum #124
Hemlock #182



Since November 30, 1886


CENTRAL POMONA #1*Corr: Maureen Sanborn***May 12:** May Day**May 26:** Omitted, unless regular meeting omitted

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***May 7:** Open Mic, Talent and A Number Night; Host-Vernon #52 and Stafford #1

Letters have gone out to all Pomona members as to what to do with the Grange Hall at East Central Pomona Grange #3. Please attend this meeting and voice your concerns. This will be the time to hear from you as to the future of the building. Hope to see you there.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31*Corr: Leona Wilson***May 2:** CWA Program**May 16:** Memorial Service**June 2:** Program at Vernon**June 6:** Rainbows & Butterflies

On March 21 Vernon Grange came to visit with us. We had a wonderful time and learned all about chickens including Vernon Grange Master, Nancy Strong, in chicken socks. On May 2 our CWA chairman will present the program. On May 16 we will have our Memorial Service.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75*Corr: Noel Miller***May 4:** May Day, Ref. Pat Ridzon**May 18:** Vegetables, Ref. Marilee Manning

Our snow birds have returned and now we must get back to work. We invite members to come back and renew the friendships that you have had in the Grange. Get well wishes to R. MacRobbie and D. Ridzon for speedy recoveries.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87*Corr: Curt Upton*

The Hillstown Grange

is holding a Free Old Tyme Grange Ham and Bean Dinner event on Thursday, May 25th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m for dinner and entertainment. Everyone is welcome for a free dinner of ham and beans with all the fixings. Reservations requested so we know how much to prepare. Dinner will be served between 6 and 7 pm.

The Agricultural Committee will have our Agricultural Fair information and forms for entering items on September 15/16. A raffle will be held to benefit our building fund.

Entertainment will be a short history of the Grange in East Hartford and some old fashion skits.

The Hillstown Grange is located at 617 Hills Street, East Hartford, CT. Located in the Hillstown corner of East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester since 1888. The Grange is the oldest Agricultural group in the United States.

For more information and for seating call Curt at 860-569-3184 or email: hillstowngrange@aol.com.

ECHO GRANGE #180*Corr: Gloria John***May 9:** CWA**May 13:** Memorial – Chaplain

We are now meeting two times a month on the second and fourth Tuesday. We hope the weather will cooperate and begin to have nice weather.

It would be nice to start working on our gardens.

We're still working with "From the Heart" with items.

A night of bluegrass at Hillstown



Bluegrass in the hills with Yankee Bluegrass Jammers at Hillstown Grange on Thursday, April 27th.

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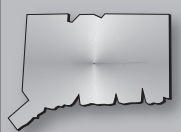
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Mountain County Pomona No. 4

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



Since February 1, 1888

MOUNTAINCOUNTYPOMONA#4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

May 8: Winchester Grange, Fifth Degree, Paid Supper @ 6

June 26: Meeting at Taghhannuck Grange Hall, Sharon

By the time this goes to print, the next meeting of Mountain County will be just a few days away. We hope the meeting was well attended and there was a big class of candidates for the Fifth Degree.

The June meeting will be our annual visit to Sharon, home of Taghhannuck Grange No. 100. The weather should be beautiful for an early summer drive out to Pomona, and the best part is daylight will be much longer by then. See you there!

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

Whigville Grange #48 was full of people on April 22 for the first-ever Whigville Preservation Award ceremony. Award recipients were Sherwood Anderson, Laura Barr, and Kent Glowa.

Patti Smaldone, leader of the Whigville Preservation Group, opened the first annual Whigville Pride Day by expressing gratitude for those who have helped to maintain the agricultural character of our community.

TomMorrowoftheWhigville Preservation Group thanked award recipient Sherwood Anderson, a resident of Whigville for 45 years, for his many contributions to our community. "Woody," as he is called by his friends, was a founder of the Main Street Community Foundation which serves Burlington and five other surrounding towns. He was also a founder of the Burlington Land Trust, our preservation group's parent organization.

Patti Smaldone of the Whigville Preservation Group thanked longtime resident Laura Barr for her role in ensuring that the beauty of Whigville would not be destroyed by unwanted development. In the late

1980s the quality of life here was threatened by a 629-unit housing development. Laura helped start the Whigville Property Owners Association which was part of a coalition of community groups that defeated the massive housing proposal.

Kent Glowa, one of the Whigville Preservation Group's founding members, received the preservation award. Kent was the leader in all aspects of renovating the Whigville Grange #48, donating his time, energy, and expertise. He found licensed contractors to help us with specialized work at virtually no cost. Kent is one of the new generation of leaders following in a long Whigville tradition.

Tom Morrow, a founder of the Whigville Preservation Group, was at the Whigville Grange#48 with Beth, Marty, and Jeanne Lowrey. The Lowrey family has been here for more than two centuries, back when Whigville was known as Poverty Hollow. All these years later, the Lowreys are still helping to make this a great community to live in.

Paul and Kathy Condon started a dogwood sapling and then planted it in front of the Whigville Grange #48 It replaces the old maple that had to be taken down last fall. We appreciate the symbolism of new beginnings in this agricultural community, especially during spring, a time of hope and promise.

Kent Glowa received a Whigville Preservation Award from Mark Smaldone, one of the founders of the Whigville Preservation Group. Kent led the effort last year to restore the exterior of the Whigville Grange #48. As a Burlington Land Trust board member, he is very active in maintaining the hiking trail system here in northwestern Connecticut.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

May 9: Flowers for Mom, Ref. Craig Leifert

May 23: Time to Start Planting; Ref. MaryLou & Peter Keefe

June 13: Election of Officers, Ref. Shirley Lemieux

June 27: Dads & Strawberries, Ref. Potluck, 6 P.M.

For the last couple of years, Winchester Grange has partnered with Riverton Grange #169 to present dictionaries to third graders in the Winchester Public Schools. This year, Winchester went solo with the project to enable Riverton to concentrate on Schools in their immediate vicinity. 78 total dictionaries were presented to the excited students. Even in this day and age, a printed dictionary can make a great impact on the education of students.

Visitors are always welcome at Winchester Grange meetings and events. Join us!

TAGHHANUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

Taghhannuck Grange got a good Spring Cleaning on April 27th to be ready for our Citizen of the Year Dinner on May 11th at 6:30PM. It is a pot luck dinner and everyone is welcome to attend. This year it was Kent's turn to nominate our citizen. They chose Bob Bauer who has an impressive record of service to his country and his community.

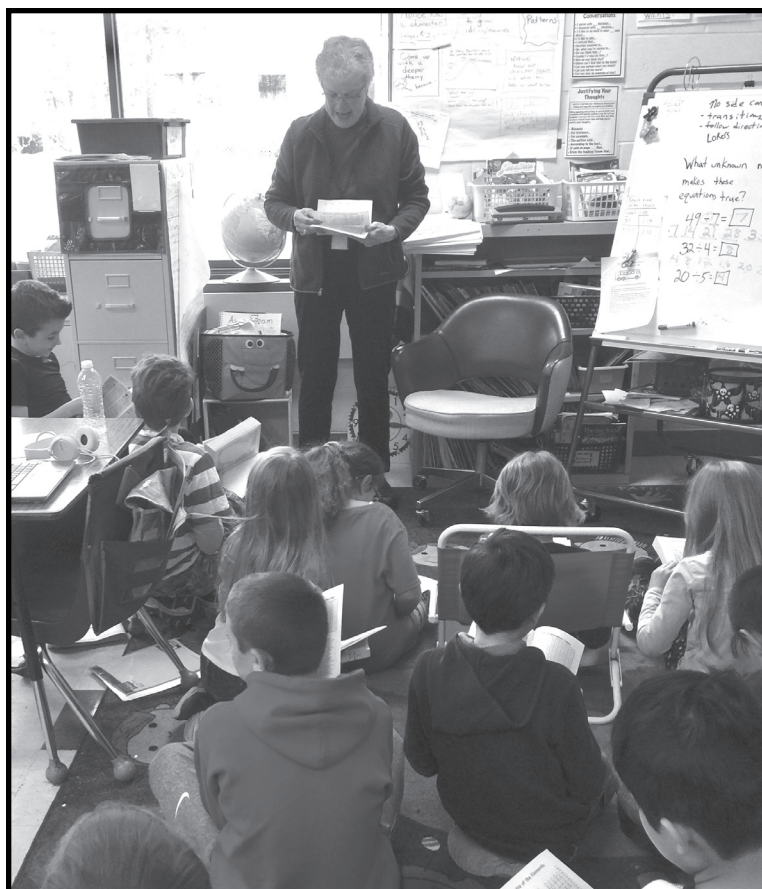
Our May 25th meeting is Mother's Day with the CWA doing refreshments.

We will be busy the following week getting ready for our **Annual Plant & Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00am to 2:00pm at our Grange Hall.**

We will again feature a vast array of plants, both flowers and vegetables. The plant sale features large healthy plants ready for your garden including heirloom varieties. The rummage sale has something for everyone at bargain prices.

Donations will be gratefully accepted at the Hall on Tuesday, May 30th and Wednesday, May 31st from 10am to noon. We also will receive donations Thursday evening June 1st from 5pm to 7 pm. everything should be clean and in working order. Please no furniture or televisions. If you can not donate during the posted hours or have any questions about the sale call Brent Prindle at (860) 364-5373. All funds raised benefit the numerous community service projects.

Winchester words



Sue Addison, Secretary of Winchester Grange #74 presents dictionaries to third grade students in the Winchester School System. 78 students received dictionaries this year.

Whigville Pride



Patti Smaldone, leader of the Whigville Preservation Group, opened the first annual Whigville Pride Day by expressing gratitude for those who have helped to maintain the agricultural character of our community. More on this event is listed in the Whigville column at left.



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New Haven County Pomona No. 5

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Wallingford #35



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NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

May 8: Fifth Degree

June 12: Regular Meeting
– Program: “Young at Heart”

We were finally able to hold our March 13th meeting where the CWA chairman presented her program entitled “Down on the Farm” which was enjoyed by all in attendance. Country Store proceeds were donated to “My Sister’s Place” one of their donations for the year.

We will be conferring the Fifth Degree for inspection.

We will get to enjoy the January program which was postponed due to the Nor’easter of heavy wind/rain at our June 12th meeting.

All meetings are held at Cheshire Grange Hall at 7:30 P.M. with Donald Lanoue, Master presiding.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

May 3: Alive Inside also, Mens Bake Off

May 14: CWA Night (Open Meeting)

We presented a 55 year seal to Nancy Hale which was an honor to recognize her years in the Grange. We were saddened by the loss of Janet Hale, Nancy’s sister who died unexpectedly in February. Our March and early April fund raising dinners added to our treasury. We held the State CWA Baking Contest in early April and had good participation.

At a recent legislative night, we had as our speaker Rep. Liz Linehan from the 103rd district, giving us a rundown of what faces the 2017 State General Assembly. Looking forward to some Spring weather when it decides to surface.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Daniel Lauttenbach

May 11: “Gardening” by Vern Grant. Ref: Lisa

May 25: “132nd Wallingford Grange Anniversary” Ref: Jane and All Officers

Meetings in March: March 9 – Janet Haller put on a CWA program titled “Down on the Farm”. We learned what state programs, projects: grange trust fund, scholarship fund and camp Berger Maintenance fund, My Sisters Place and contests: NE Needlework will be for this year. Did a word find out of this year’s themes. Also had a round-about reading by picking a topic by opening an egg from a basket of Easter Eggs that contained topics from this year’s programs, projects and contests. At our April 27 meeting we will bake some oatmeal cookies using this year’s state recipe.

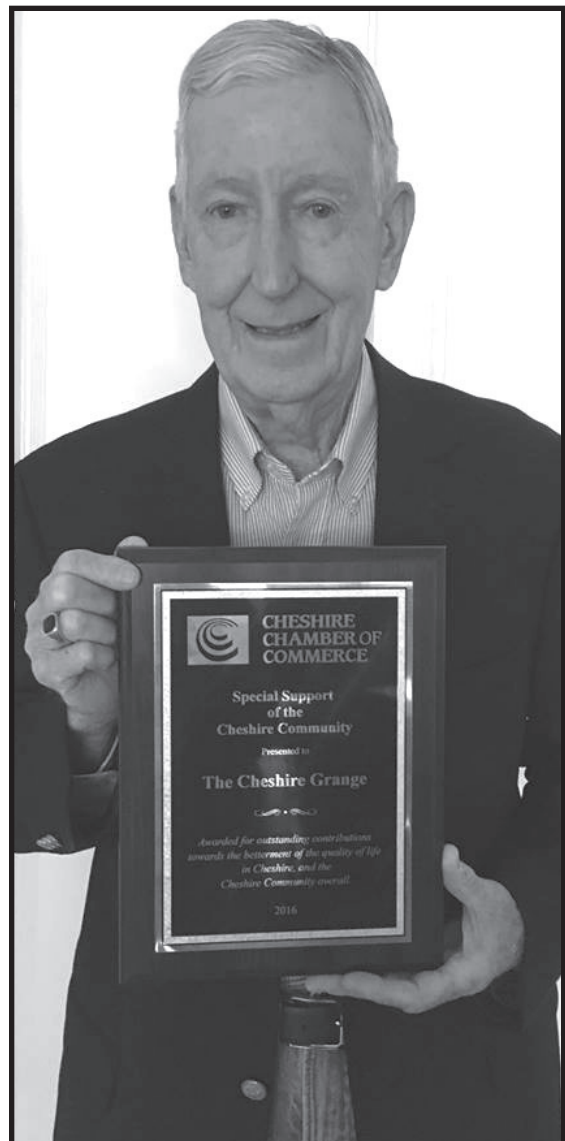
March 23 – Jim Lamoureux put on this meeting’s program titled: “Connecticut Maple Sugaring”. The traditional sugaring season in Connecticut runs from early February to late March. The ideal weather for the sugaring season is warm sunny days for maple trees to start yielding sap and yet stop the sap at night when the temperature drops below freezing. The sap is a colorless liquid that contains about 2 to 4 percent sugar. The sugar-makers as the maple syrup producers are called collect this sap and boil it down. Usually it takes about 40 gallons of raw syrup to get 1 gallon of maple syrup. Once the season begins the sugar-makers work at it almost around the clock since the sap will keep flowing during the season and it needs to be boiled down as soon as possible because otherwise it will spoil.

Cheshire Grange honors members



335 Years of Grange Service... Ruel Miller, Master, presented the following Certificates and Seals at our last meeting: Marge Bernhardt (top left) 60 year seal; Barbara C. Kulisch (top right) 55 year seal; Barbara Foskett and Jane Miller (bottom left) 60 year seals; and Larry & Shirley Warner (bottom right) Golden Sheaf Certificates.

Cheshire honored




The Cheshire Chamber of Commerce has awarded Cheshire Grange their award for Special Support of the Cheshire Community. The award reads “Awarded for Outstanding Contributions towards the betterment of the quality of life in Cheshire and the Cheshire Community overall”.

Franciscans of Cheshire receive check




Sister Suzanne Gross representing the Franciscan Life Center attended the last meeting of Cheshire Grange where she was presented a check from The Cheshire Grange Community Fair in recognition of their work in the community.



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 COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Please don't miss our conferral of the Fifth Degree at North Stonington Grange on Saturday, May 13. If you are a Fourth Degree member, consider continuing your Grange journey and experience this lovely Degree. Pomona meets four times a year and dues are only \$6.00. If you are a Pomona member and would like to help put on the Degree, we will rehearse on Sunday, May 7th at 6:30 P.M. at North Stonington Grange.

It's spring at last! (Or so they say – but they're predicting snow today.)

But it's New England! Blink your eyes!

And tomorrow will bring another surprise.

SENEXT GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

May 17: Memorial and May Day

We have been busy getting the kitchen updated. We have added a grill and redid the work table area.

Since we will no longer be doing the food booth at the Woodstock Fair we have moved all the equipment to our hall. We will sell some equipment that we will not be using.

The 4H Dairy Club continues to meet at our hall and have volunteered to help with spring cleaning.

The local AARP also has monthly meetings at the hall.

We have encouraged group meetings for non-profit groups.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Bonnie Trecarten

The May submission for Colchester Grange has been printed on the front page of this issue as it is so timely for Memorial Day. The members of Colchester Grange should be congratulated for having this discussion and helping to preserve the stories of these service members.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

Our Grange was honored to have been contacted by a Penn State

Junior, writing an article for the new publication by National Grange, "Good Day". An article will be in the issue now being worked on about our Good Friday fundraiser for 11 year old Kaycee Chester. Kaycee is a 6th grader at Sterling Community School. She beat cancer in 2016, but it has come back. She's had surgery on 1 lung as well as her shoulder and still has more to go. She is fighting Stage 4 osteosarcoma. Kaycee is an inspiration with her winning smile and "I will beat this" attitude! We hope our fundraiser, coordinated with Sterling Cadet Girl Scout Troop 65016 and our Junior Grange will be a HUGE success as we help Kaycee WIN her fight!

Our active Juniors enjoyed their visit to Stonewall Farm, Keene, NH-loved the draft horses, the maple sap run and visiting their working dairy farm! They took their homemade Easter cards to a Plainfield Convalescent Home and thrilled the residents with just their youthful exuberance!

We will again serve all food at the 2017 combined Woodstock/Plainfield Relay for Life at Brooklyn Fairgrounds May 20th & 21st. Jody Cameron, Link Cooper, Barbara Bonin and Ashley Finley will head up this event--thanks folks!

We will have our annual Membership Awards Luncheon on Sunday, May 7th at 1:00 p.m. We have 15 awards to be presented from 25 to an amazing 80 years! The same volunteers who are heading the Relay for Life volunteered to chair this event as well--more thanks!

We donated \$100.00 to the Killingly High School FFA Scholarship Fund and \$300.00 to the State FFA Career Development program. We also sponsored our 15th annual Sterling Community School Earth Day Poster awareness contest and gave books to every 2nd grader at the school.

Bill Reid, Ranger for the Last Green Valley, presented an outstanding

program at our April meeting. We learned that 26 CT towns and 9 in MA are included in the 700,000 acres encompassing the Last Green Valley and that 77% of this area is undeveloped! He had amazing pictures he had taken of fisher cats, black bear, American eagles - 6 nesting areas in the "Valley", plus forest and farmland scenes! Thanks for the program, Link!

We had an amazing time at Richmond, RI (23 Ekonk folks attended) and so look forward to them joining us May 1st!

May 13th will be our annual Roast Beef Supper for the Veterans Home in Jewett City-5 p.m. starting time--see YOU there!

74 year Granger, Marion R. Emmons, celebrated her 90th birthday Easter Sunday, surrounded by family. Through the years, she has been very generous to our Grange!

Plan to visit us any first Monday at 7:30 p.m. Our doors are always open!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno

May 1: May Baskets. Make one.

May 15: Memorial Program – Chaplain

Spring has sprung. Thank goodness but it's still March weather. I'm sure some of you gardeners are already ordering from the seed catalogs- our Feb. Bluegrass and Chicken Rice Dinner was a big success with a full house. Good music and happy folks. The "Shrove" dinner or Fat Tuesday before Lent went well. Good attendance with lots of pancakes and desserts. Grangers love to eat. We don't always get a big attendance at our suppers as we are in the midst of many fast food restaurants and places in the area. We now have a refreshment committee. Our May 1 meeting will be Nancy Arena. May 2nd will be Gert Blain. Other members will fill in at other meetings when willing to do so.

We meet in our big hall at our regular 7:30 time. Visitors are welcome. Bluegrass monthly.

Upcoming Events: Our usual Wed. dinner will be held in May. Keep tuned or call. We are looking forward to our Summer Farmer's Markets and Tomato Festival.

It was sad to read of the passing of Woody Tucker of Rhode Island and Past High Priest of Demeter. Well done good & faithful

servant.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

May 12: "Man Cannot Live By Bread Alone"

May 26: "The Best of Friends Must Part"

Our March 10 program was lost to a snowstorm so we exchanged Officers on March 24. Ellie Banker proved herself to be an able Master. It's always fun to see the gentlemen take over positions traditionally reserved for the fairer sex (isn't it, Ted)? Sue's crossword puzzle on ritual was a real challenge for some of us.

On May 12 Christopher Cleland from American Senior Benefits will present a program on Social Security and Medicare. Don't miss this one! It could save you some money. Our Memorial Program will be presented on May 26. Our meetings are open to all. Please come and invite a friend. And if this nice, wet spring will just rid us of those nasty gypsy moth eggs, next time I'll tell you all about awesome April.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

June 1: Come and see the polls are open. Election.

July 6: Fireworks and sparklers

Aug. 3: Picnic 6:30 P.M.; Getting ready for the fair.

April showers bring May flowers, of course! However,

despite the torrential rain and the loud snappy lightening, eight brave people turned out for our April meeting.

Our very reliable Treasurer, Nancy Beebe, had all her records in tip top shape for the Exec. Comm. Report. That amazing Norman Stitham has done it again. He published a booklet about our Grange, facts from years ago, answers to many questions, all laminated and bound. He has also made fabulous posters advertising our campaign to collect old towels, blankets, leashes, collars and cat and dog food to be donated to the rescue facility in Old Lyme. They do such a wonderful service rescuing animals.

Amy Winninger, our representative to the Cub Scouts, attended their Blue and Gold Banquet and presented the Scouts with a generous check. Our Grange has sponsored the Cub Scouts for many, many years.

Our food and plant sale, May 20 is well published. We hold it the same day as the church across the street holds their rummage sale. The flow of traffic is good.

The snow drops that came up in Feb. and got frozen in March, have gone by without opening their buds into flowers.

However, the daffodils seem to have survived and are showing yellow. Hooray for spring!

Nominations needed



Joanne Cipriano
Social Connection Director
Social@ctstategrange.org

Can't report on our "Around the World" dinner in this issue of the Granger but I will in the next issue. I hope everyone will be saying they had a good time. We have a new helping hands project and hope to be announcing it at the dinner.

For now we are asking that you choose your "Granger of the Year." Applications will

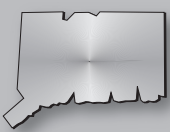
be sent to the Secretaries when State Secretary Todd Gelineau returns your quarterly report.

Talk to you next month.

Southern Connecticut Past Masters Assoc.


Southern Connecticut Past Masters next meets on May 13th at Redding Grange. Agenda for the evening is potluck supper at 6:30 P.M. followed by the meeting as soon as the dishes are done. The meeting will include our usual Country Store and program "Green Acres" in the charge of Charles Dimmick. As program chairmen are hard to find, our programs this year will be put on by various volunteer members. Variety is the spice of life.

Come and enjoy an evening with your fellow Grangers. The weather should be nice by this time.



Excelsior Pomona No. 7

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



Since October 22, 1891

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7*Corr: Jean Meehan*

We were pleased to welcome State Grange Secretary Todd Gelineau and State Grange Treasurer Jody Cameron and Sister Jodi Ann Cameron to our March meeting.

We are sad to hear all Pomona Granges will no longer exist at the end of October. A lot of history will be deleted from our organization. We do hope there is a future for new Pomona Granges. As our members are getting older, a lot of us don't like to drive at night a long distance, so we hope the new Pomona Granges will consider this when forming their new by-laws. We are wishing everyone a great summer.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

The next meeting of Beacon Valley Grange will be held on Friday, May 12. The program, "A Rose by Another Name" will be presented by Lecturer Cindy Legg. Our theme for the Country Store and refreshments is "Green Thumb." The Joanne's will be in charge of refreshments. On June 9th we will be celebrating our 128th anniversary. Please save the date.

We are still planning fundraisers. Our April Tag and Bakery Sale was successful and we are planning another one for May 6th. Our next open mic will be held on May 20th. Come and enjoy the music or entertain us.

One of our projects to make our ladies room more handicapped accessible has been completed. Unfortunately, our hot water heater had to be replaced. Our next fundraisers will be held to pay for it. Any donations or suggestions from our members unable to attend meetings will be appreciated. Please send them to Treasurer Mary Lou Raymond or Master Joanne Cipriano.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121*Corr: Rob Buck*

On Monday night the 24th of April, Bethlehem Grange #121 held an

Open House and Awards Night. There were seventy five in attendance to witness Vera Rosa being presented the 2017 Grange Community Citizen Award for all her volunteer work. In addition to members of Bethlehem Grange, there were representatives from the Connecticut State Grange and other local town Granges, members of the Bethlehem Ambulance Association, and the Soroptimist Club of Greater Waterbury. Vera's volunteerism includes past work with the PTO, and Girl Scouts. She volunteers at The Church of the Nativity, St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter, as well as working with the Bethlehem Land Trust, Democratic Town Committee, Soroptimists of Greater Waterbury, Empty Bowls Food Bank, Bethlehem Ambulance Association, and the Bethlehem Fair.

Several membership awards were also passed out to longtime members of the Grange. Those in attendance to receive their awards were: Edwin Whitehead, John Roden, and Andy Roden for 60 years each, and Fred Fairchild for 30 years.

Joe Shupenis of the Old Bethlehem Historical Society and Town Historian gave an interesting talk on the history of Long Meadow Pond over the years. The evening concluded with a social hour and refreshments provided by Grangers and guests.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153*Corr: Charles Perry*

The annual Bridgewater Grange Community Service Award will go to Scott Benjamin for his work with the Roxbury Running Club. Besides running a fine series of fun runs to help promote good health they give back to the community. Any money above the operating costs are given to various high school teams or local charities. The Roxbury Runners have been holding Saturday morning runs since the late 1970's and

Scott Benjamin has been involved for most of that time and has been the director for the last 12 years.

This event will take place at the Saint Marks Church across from the Bridgewater Town Green and next to the Post Office. The starting time will be 7:30 PM on Friday April 28th. Parking is available by the Congregational Church across from the Green. Refreshments will be served. The public is welcomed. Come learn about and support two fine local organizations that contribute to our community.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144*Corr: Jean Meehan*

Prospect Grange is so proud to announce that Brittney Ward, one of our members was just hired as a crime scene forensic technician. With some help from Prospect Grange Scholarship Fund and eight years of schooling, she accomplished her dream. Congratulations, Brittney! Brittney follows Staci Puto, the granddaughter of two long-time Prospect Grange members becoming a teacher that fulfilled her dream with the help from funds from the Prospect Scholarship Fund. Congratulations, Staci.

April was Grange month and Prospect Grange sponsored an essay contest at Laurel Ledge School in Beacon Falls. This is another school in the Region 16 school system. The contest is about what is my favorite season? Grades three, four and five are participating. Cash awards and certificates of participation will be given to those winners the first week of May.

Easter food baskets were made up and distributed to elderly citizens that have no family. Easter plants were given to our Grange shut-ins.

Our Grange Open House held at the Community Recreational Center was well attended. We are hoping this open house brings us new members.

We are looking forward to permanently moving into a room at the Community Recreational Center located across the street from our old Grange Hall.

WOLCOTT GRANGE #173*Corr: Karen Mowad*

You're invited on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 11-3—A Vendor Fair featuring

Multi-Consultant LulaRoe Event. 2 floors of fun! Mary Kay, Touchstone Crystal, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, 31, All Natural Products, and more! Free Admission. At the Grange Hall, 313 Boundline Rd., Wolcott, CT 06716. Email with questions: kmowad25@aol.com.

Cupcake Decorating Class, Friday, May 26, 2017, 6 P.M. – 8 P.M., \$25 per person. Sponsored by a local Bristol baker. Decorate and take home cupcakes and watch a fondant demonstration. All materials provided. Space is limited. Please mail payment to reserve your space today! Wolcott Grange, 313 Boundline Road, Wolcott, CT 06716.

Save the date! Saturday, June 3, 2017, 8 A.M. – 2 P.M., Annual Community Tag Sale, 313 Boundline Road, Wolcott, CT. Inside and outside (Rain or Shine). Free admission. Rental space available for \$10.00 per table. Email questions to kmowad25@aol.com.

OXFORD GRANGE #194*Corr: Robert Buck***May 5:** Ritual Review**May 19:** Hobby Night

On March 31st, Oxford Grange began a new series of monthly potluck, music and dance nights, called GOMAD. Many local people, and a few from farther afield attended as well as many musicians. Billy Fischer of Bethany called for contra-dancing. Close to a hundred people attended, and all enjoyed the evening. New member Erik von Koniger is spearheading

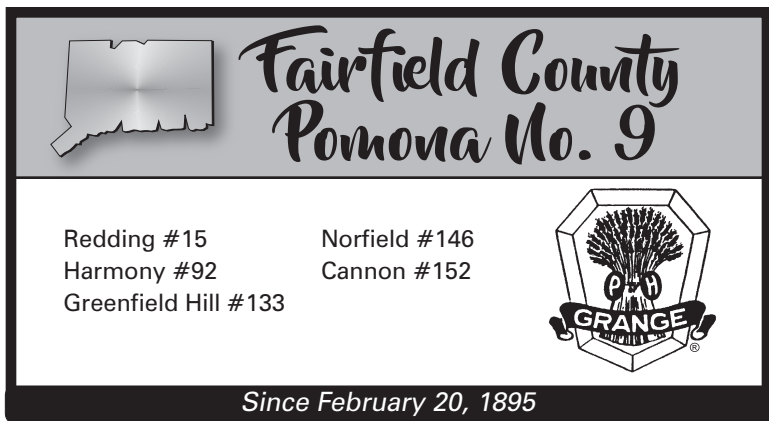
this event. In May, the chili cook-off was held and Selectman Jeff Haney was honored with the Community Citizen Award for his service to the town of Oxford. Not only does he work his regular job, but he serves as selectman, built the new town dog shelter, and will be building the handicapped ramp for the Grange. Our Green Gold and Other Treasures program wraps up May 11th, and has been well received. New members Richard Wilber and spouse Nancy Prior have worked closely with Treasurer Raye Hodgson to produce this series of film and discussion sessions. Watch Facebook for dates of Open Mics and events that may not appear in the Granger. Our March 10 program was lost to a snowstorm so we exchanged Officers on March 24. Ellie Banker proved herself to be an able Master. It's always fun to see the gentlemen take over positions traditionally reserved for the fairer sex (isn't it, Ted)? Sue's crossword puzzle on ritual was a real challenge for some of us.

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**Fairfield County
Pomona No. 9**

Redding #15 Norfield #146
Harmony #92 Cannon #152
Greenfield Hill #133

Since February 20, 1895

HARMONY GRANGE #92
Corr: George Ward
 May 12: Regular Meeting, Refreshments at 6:30., Meeting at 7:30. Lecturer's program to be announced later.

Harmony Grange did not hold its meetings in March because of the inclement weather and it effected about every Friday in March. Meetings have been rescheduled for April when the weather will be better

Spring is here and planting season close by as seed catalogs have been received.

Our Spring Fair is scheduled for May 13, a day before Mother's Day. A tag sale will be part of it. Our Agricultural Fair, normally held in August, is uncertain as of this date because of the roundabout. No schedule has been presented as to when construction will begin.

If construction begins at Hurd Avenue, parking and placement of exhibits we have at the Fair would be effected.

Harmony Grange would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Mothers on Mother's Day and wish them a happy Mother's Day.

CANNON GRANGE #152
Corr: Don Offinger
May 4: Our 116th Anniversary Date!

May 18; Business Meeting

Jun 1: Business Meeting, Election of Officers

Jun 15: Business Meeting

We began our annual Grange Month Celebration a bit early with our Silent Movie Night in mid March. What a great evening that was with four Laurel & Hardy films to enjoy. John Mucci played a beautiful piano score to each silent movie. An appreciative audience of all ages! Thanks to our youth members for managing the popcorn stand: Sara Shepherd, Lauren Georgeou, Anna Clark and Aaron Clark. We continued our Grange Month Celebration on April 20th with a splendid presentation aligned with our program theme of Healthy Living, by Pam Lillis. Pam gave an interactive demonstration and talk on home canning and preserving fresh produce, making before our eyes a fruit compote. Talk about tasty and healthy!! Thank you Pam for a great evening.

Also aligned with our Healthy Living programs, the Tai Chi sessions were a big hit with all who registered for our daytime class and our evening class. Bil Mikulewicz is a certified Tai Chi Instructor and effortlessly led the classes. Watch for

future announcements for upcoming Tai Chi classes at our Grange Hall. A terrific job, Bill!

Plans for our Agricultural

Fair on August 27th are being made. Advertisements for the Fair Book have been coming in, and categories for the competitions are

being determined. Please circle our fair date on your calendar.

State budget woes continue



Alma Graham
Legislative Director
 Legislative@ctstategrange.org

Congratulations to Ekonk Grange member Christopher Sebastian. He has been hired as a Legislative Aide by the National Grange and will be working this summer with Berton Eller at National Grange headquarters in Washington D.C. Christopher is presently a student at George Washington University in Washington D.C. I understand he received full scholarships. His career goal is to work for the State Department as an Ambassador. According to the members of Ekonk Grange, he is surely already

missed. Christopher runs the popular Duct Tape booth at their fair where he creates all sorts of items with duct tape. Christopher is also an Eagle Scout and as his project he rebuilt the pavilion on the Grange grounds.

On the State level, budget negotiations are in full swing with the Legislative session deadline quickly approaching. The Governor threatened state employee layoffs again for this year. State employees already were hit with over one thousand layoffs last year. The Governor is using this tactic to force the unions into opening up state contracts for concessions.

Many towns are having a difficult time developing their own budgets for the coming year because of uncertainty about amount of state funding that they may receive. I have heard of towns that are working with their town attorneys about

the legality of holding off development of town budgets until the state legislature votes on a budget. Others are looking at possible steep increases in their mill rates. It is looking like many social programs and agencies will be hard hit with cuts.

There are still active discussions on possible highway tolls this year. It is looking very likely that this will be included this year. Discussions have also included increasing bottle deposit fees and a tax on plastic bags. I will say that in my travels, I have run across many countries and cities that have banned the use of plastic bags. Paper bags were primarily used and some also did not offer any bags unless you paid for them. You are encouraged to supply your own reusable bags. They told me that the money received from the bags was being used for charities.



Eye on Communications
 GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Formula for a successful Grange

Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

Yes, it's true. Some Granges are more successful than others. These are the Granges that host numerous events, are a centerpiece of their community, and get lots of solid news coverage from the local media. What is the formula that these Granges use to become successful?

We find that three key ingredients are needed for a successful Grange -

- 1.) Time and Investment
- 2.) Solid Communications
- 3.) Dedicated People / Enthusiasm

Time and Investment: To make real and positive changes in a Grange takes commitment from its membership. In many cases, this means more than just proclaiming support - it often means support through volunteerism and an investment of time. Granges rely on volunteers and the time that each person can commit to the organization. It is important to find a good mix that fits your Grange - so that members do not become run down or burnt out. Delegating responsibilities is important, as is ensuring that every member is involved who wishes to contribute.

Solid Communications: Granges must continually work to communicate with the general public in a manner that brings them positive press, community involvement, and support for new programs as well as their overall mission, goals and objectives.

When looking for a way to promote your Grange - start with your own membership. Internal Grange communications are just as important as external communications. Maximize the communications methods that are easily available to all Granges, such as hanging posters, utilizing Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), having a Grange website, mailing postcards and letters, and even picking up the telephone.

Dedicated People / Enthusiasm: "You've got to have passion, and believe in what you're doing." Grange members are characterized by diverse backgrounds and experiences. Many have been or are members of other organizations as well as their Grange. Those members who dedicate efforts towards making their Grange successful easily reap the rewards, such as becoming a trusted leader or mentor to other members, meeting goals and project objectives, growing their Grange membership numbers, and even gaining financial rewards for the organization. This translates to being creative, taking risks and being willing and able to challenge others. When an individual member is successful, their enthusiasm for the organization soars, thus lighting the pathway for others to take a similar route to success. Combined personal successes equal a Grange that is growing!



Mid-Spring Buffet

Greenfield Hill Grange #133
 1873 Hillside Road
 Fairfield, CT 06824

May 20, 2017
 Fundraiser
 6:00pm - Doors open at 5:30

Menu
 Stuffed Cabbage, Chicken Francaise, Buttered Noodles, Vegetable, Salad, Bread & Butter Dessert, Coffee, Soda & Water Bar
 BYOB

For Tickets Call
 Jim 203. 259. 8023
 Steve 203. 367. 4373

NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

Donation \$20.00
 Children \$10.00
 (under 5 - free)

Are your entries ready?



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer
lecturer@ctstategrange.org

Time is getting short. Let's Celebrate and Grange Sunday are coming. Have you taken any good pictures lately? If so, Why not enter them in the photo contest. This contest is open to all Grangers as well as their children and grandchildren. However, only Grange Members may compete at National. There

are Six Categories – America The Beautiful; Animals; Grangers In Action; Family Celebrations; Historic Places or Events; and, Antique Vehicles.

The Rules are pretty simple...

- Only prints accepted. No slides in any category.
- Participants may enter all categories but are limited to one entry in each category.
- Entries must have been taken by the participant less than one year prior to the Judging.
- A rigid backing is required for all photographs. No glass or frame is allowed.
- Print may be processed commercially, but it must have been taken by the entrant. Remember, this is a picture you took, not a picture of you.
- Size of backing: No smaller than 4" x 6" or larger than 11" x 14".
- Name, Category, Grange and Number must be placed on the back.
- Youth Entries (Age 14 and under) will be judged separately.
- Judging: Photos will be judged at Cheshire Grange Hall on Sat. June 10th. Entries may be mailed or given to the State Lecturer ahead of time, or brought to Cheshire Grange Hall between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. the day of the judging.

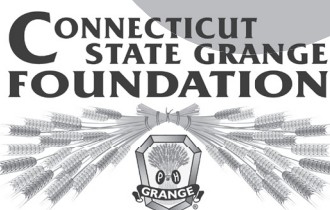
On Sunday, June 11th we will have our annual "Talent" and "A Number" judging. All entries go directly to the State judging this year. Your Pomona Lecturer should be contacting you soon to see what you have for entries.

See you around the State.

Plant Seeds for the Future

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

Please contact us if you need assistance.



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Ham & Bean Supper

The Hillstown Grange is holding a Free Old Tyme Grange Ham and Bean Dinner event on Thursday, May 25th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m for dinner and entertainment. Everyone is welcome for a free dinner of ham and beans with all the fixings. Reservations requested so we know how much to prepare. Dinner will be served between 6 and 7 pm.

The Agricultural Committee will have our Agricultural Fair information and forms for entering items on September 15/16. A raffle will be held to benefit our

building fund.

Entertainment will be a short history of the Grange in East Hartford and some old fashion skits.

The Hillstown Grange is located at 617 Hills Street, East Hartford, CT. Located in the Hillstown corner of East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester since 1888. The Grange is the oldest Agricultural group in the United States.

For more information and for seating call Curt at 860-569-3184 or email: hillstowngrange@aol.com.

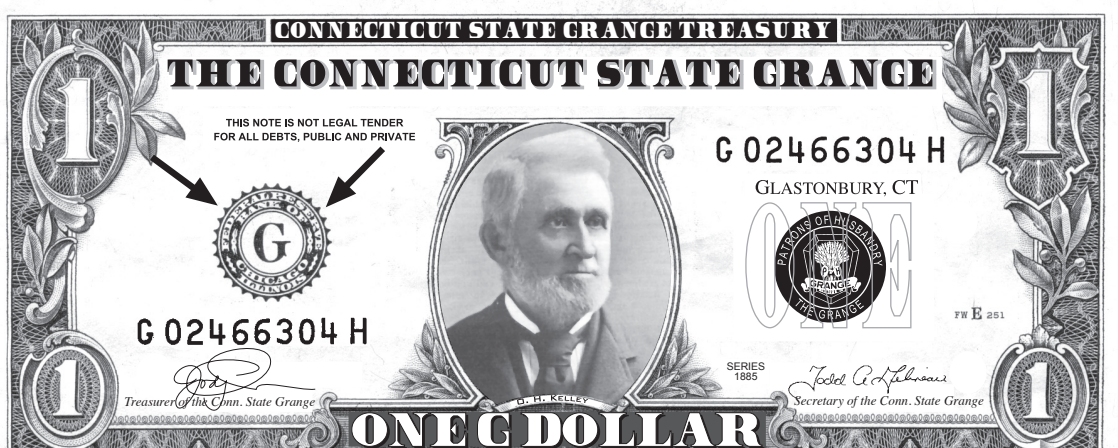
Ekonk Comm. Grange Juniors

On Good Friday, a fundraiser was held for 11 year old Kaycee Chester (Stage 4 cancer and 6th Grader at Sterling Community School). Pictured is Lillian R. Sharpe who came up with the idea to have the fundraiser with \$21 worth of gourmet chocolates and nuts. The picture was taken in the kitchen of Ekonk Community Grange #89.



Cassie Kittens and Tara Farms, both animal rescues, visited with Ekonk Junior Grangers. \$345.00 was raised for the shelters! -In addition to the items donated by Juniors and their families!! Photo by Rebecca Gray Gervais.

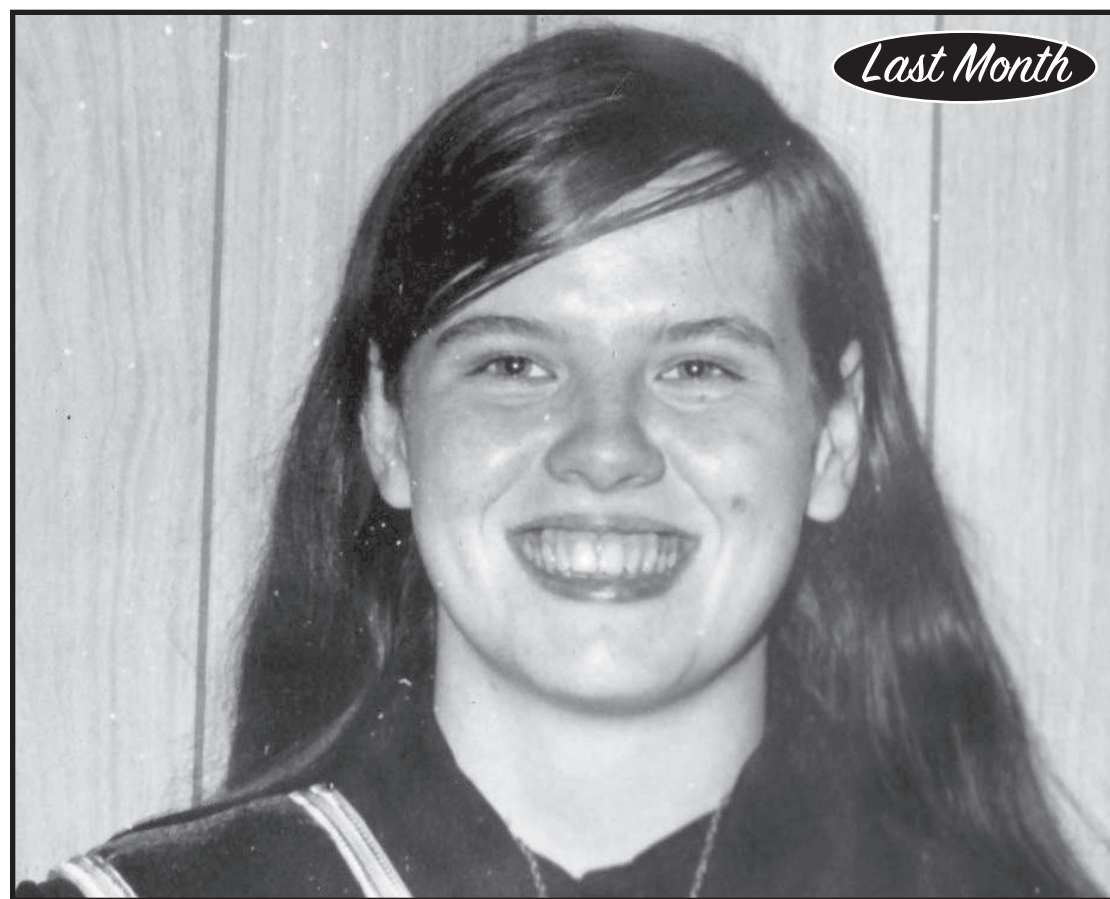
G Note Leader Board



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

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.



For the Feb. Window Picture- there are four women, I think I can identify. First (left) is Frances Lasch of Brooklyn Grange #43 and Nancy Wood of Killingly Grange #112. Nancy is 2nd from left with the big hat. The other two women look very familiar but I can't remember their names. Submitted by Glenna Bruno of Killingly Grange #112. No answers were received for last month's picture.



One of the special ways that Granges can celebrate Mother's Day is by preparing Mom's favorite recipes for May refreshments and potlucks. These are the special dishes that bring back fond family memories - and fond Grange memories too! This simple recipe from Taste of Home is a perfect dessert.

Hot Milk Cake Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2-1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1-1/4 cups 2% milk
- 10 tablespoons butter, cubed

DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, beat eggs on high speed for 5 minutes or until thick and lemon-colored. Gradually add sugar, beating until mixture is light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour and baking powder; gradually add to batter; beat at low speed until smooth.

In a small saucepan, heat milk and butter just until butter is melted. Gradually add to batter; beat just until combined.

Pour into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

YIELD: 12-16 servings

SOURCE: <http://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/hot-milk-cake>



**Deadline for the
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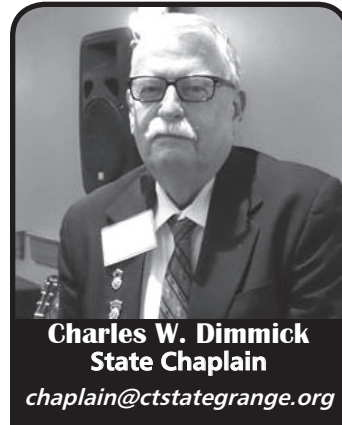
In Memoriam

Mildred McBroome, G.S.
Ekonk Community #89

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

State Chaplain



Reference to the Spirit of God is to be found throughout the Holy Bible, from one end to the other. The second line of the first chapter of Genesis states that "the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." And the Spirit is again to be found in the very last chapter of Revelation.

In the Old Testament the word usually translated as "spirit" is *Ruwach*, which in a different context may also mean "wind" or "breath". In fact, in some instances the "Breath of God" and the "Spirit of God" are identical. In Genesis 2:7 God "breathes life into Adam", thus imparting some of his Holy Spirit. Jumping way ahead to the New Testament, according to John, after Jesus' resurrection he appeared to his disciples and "breathed on them and said 'receive the Holy Spirit' " which is again a connection between breath and spirit. Finally, at the day of Pentecost, when the disciples were gathered in the upper room, "suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from Heaven and filled the entire house". This was a massive influx of the Holy Spirit settling on all the disciples.

I'm no theologian, but it seems to me that each one of us already contains a portion of the Holy Spirit within us, and can get more just by sincerely asking. St. Paul says "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that God's spirit dwells within you?" And in the eleventh chapter of Luke we are told that God will give the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks. But be careful what you ask for. Instead of getting just a little bit more of the Holy Spirit you may get "filled with the Holy Spirit", and you will never be the same again.

John the Baptist began his ministry "filled with the Holy Spirit", only eventually to be beheaded by Herod. On the day of Pentecost, Peter and the other Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spent the rest of their lives dedicated to the propagation of the gospel. A similar fate befell Paul on the road to Damascus. Most of these eventually ended up as martyrs, but not before firmly spreading the Word of God throughout the then-known world. So, being filled with the Holy Spirit is both highly desirable and somewhat dangerous.

Hillstown Pancakes

The Hillstown Grange will be holding a Pancake Breakfast from 8:30am to 11am on Saturday, May 6th. Take a break from the spring cleaning and garden work and enjoy pancakes, sausage, bottomless cups of coffee, tea and juice for just \$5; children under 12 just \$3. This month's special will be various berry toppings with whipped cream. We will also have our special syrups and kid in all of us chocolate chip pancakes.

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Needs for the Big E

The following is a wish list of craft and needlework items for the Country store at the Big E. Please clip this out and keep it handy.

- Large and medium afghans
- Baby afghans, sweater sets, head bands, slippers, toys, etc for babies. (include size when possible)
- Long Kleenex box plastic canvas covers
- Quilted Wall hangings
- Corn bags for microwave
- Dog toys, scarves and knitted sweaters
- Cat beds and catnip toys (please use fresh catnip)
- Wool felted dryer balls -these go into the dryer and

help the clothes dry faster

Half-towels, (LOTS), full size aprons, tote bags, and plastic bag holders.

Draft stoppers

SCRUBBIES (LOTS)

Adult slippers, hats, mittens, winter scarfs (some in colors for men, dark greens and blues)

Children's mittens and hats, lots of small and medium sizes.

Women's sweaters (please attach note with size)

Stuffed toys for all ages

Adult bibs, medium and large sizes.

Embroidered pillow cases, napkins, small table cloths.

Couch and toss pillows

Refrigerator magnets (use large enough magnet with a good glue)

Well-made Christmas ornaments, wall decorations, Stockings, toys etc.

Thanksgiving, Halloween and winter season items of all kinds

Please do not send items for other seasons as they do not sell well.

Please continue to make the other things you do even if they are not listed here as they sell very well. Keep in mind that our patrons are looking for the items we have and are sold out fast as many, many people come here first every year because they love the high quality of hand and homemade items.

If you would like to work at the Big E, you must contact the State Master, Noel Miller, by the end of June as tickets need to be ordered well in advance.

