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**From Blue Jackets to Blue Sashes; the Connection Between FFA and Grange**



Grange members like Joe Stefenoni, Gail Switzer, Victor Salazar, and Caroline Tart are also members of the FFA.

**By Charlene Espenshade**  
**Youth/Junior Development Director**

Walk the halls of almost any high school in America, and there are few things as universally recognizable as the blue corduroy of an FFA jacket. It is not only the unique style and bold colors that make it stand out, but also the young men and women who wear these jackets with pride. For many, the FFA is a focal point of their high school career. However, from the first time a student dons their FFA jacket, in the back of their mind, they realize it will one day come to an end.

Hanging up the blue jacket can be an emotional time for a retiring FFA member. They have

invested countless hours in preparing for contests, developing leadership skills, and organizing their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project. Many are faced with the question of "what now?" For many, the Grange serves as the springboard for FFA alumni looking to take the next step in life.

Across the country there are Grange members, both current FFA members and alumni, who call the Grange home and say the blue sash of the Grange is a perfect fit.

From its inception, the Grange has advocated agricultural edu-

cation, and has been an ardent supporter of FFA. Formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, the FFA was formed in 1926 to augment what was taught in the classroom with extracurricular activities. The Grange supported vocational education efforts, including the passage of several laws that lead to the FFA's formation. The first FFA Executive Secretary, Henry Gloscoe, was also a Seventh Degree Grange member, and is the author of the FFA Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

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# President's Message

## Communication is Key

As I've traveled the nation having conversations with our members this year, there are certain things that have become apparent. The first is that communication remains a challenge within our organization.

Looking back at how we've done it in the past, it seems that members used to come out in greater numbers to hear what the National and State Leaders had to offer. I am sure they also spoke up to let those leaders know what they and their local Granges wanted and expected. Our advantage is that transportation is now relatively fast and easy. We can drive much greater distances in less time than they could 60 plus years ago due to road improvements and more reliable and comfortable cars. Our disadvantage is that there are more demands on our time than ever before. It is our belief, at the National level, that we must give value to our members for their time or we cannot expect them to give of that precious commodity.

For the first few decades of the

Grange's existence, the postal service was the only method to communicate between Granges and members, outside of physically going to talk with them. Today, the postal service is trying to reduce service while steadily raising the cost of this type of communication. While most members have alternatives to only using the postal service, it still remains an effective and important communication tool for many people. When the telephone made its way into rural America, it became an essential tool to keep local members informed of what was going on. As that technology matured, we held teleconferences and sent faxes, all of which served to improve how we communicated throughout the Grange.

With the advent of the electronic age, our organization began building websites and using email to foster the exchange of ideas within our organization. Today, members use voice over internet with Teamspeak and many daily use social networking sites like Facebook to reach out to our members in new ways.

As the number of methods increase, the challenge is how to use them to ensure that every member is "in the loop" within their Grange. It is obvious that if your Grange only uses one method of communication with your membership, you are leaving some of them out. Those who attend meetings and activities need to share information with all the other members. Newsletters, telephone trees, email blasts, websites, and Facebook all add to the critical communication flow within your Grange.

It is crucial that every member be kept "in the know" by your Grange. It makes them aware that you consider them important, it gives them positive things they can share with others, and it builds their pride in your Grange. All of these things make it better for your Grange and builds the sense of family within your Grange.

Your National Grange has adopted many of these technologies to help our State and Community Granges. Many of our departments have been able to increase their service and benefits to our members and Granges while actually having no increase in the cost of doing business. Our constant goal has been to help our State and local Granges to take advantage of every opportunity to grow.

Communication has always been a challenge and I expect it will always be a challenge. As new methods appear, we need to have our members evaluating and testing them to ensure that our organization continues to grow and prosper. Internal communication within our organization ensures that we remain relevant and responsive to our membership and



that contributes immensely to our continued success.

Our history of advocating for improvements in communication shows that our members have always been concerned about communication. Today, the challenge isn't so much of how to give people a voice, but how to maximize and share it with a diverse membership.

Communication is essential to success and the first step is within your Grange membership, while the second step takes the message out into your community. I commend every Grange that seeks to improve their communication and urge every member to offer their ideas and suggestions. What will be the topic of conversation and action at your next Grange meeting? What answer are you going to propose to this challenge?



## BUILDING A STRONGER GRANGE

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# AG Talk

**By Leroy Watson**  
National Grange Director of Legislative Affairs

Grange members across the nation continue to be actively engaged in discussions and public meetings related to the future of agriculture in the United States. This month we highlight three different and important agriculture related issues presented by three different Grange leaders from various Grange states. The issues covered in these brief reports address: 1) prices received by dairy farmers for their milk; 2) the impacts of economic concentration on family farmers and ranchers and 3) the importance of agriculture interests staying engaged with environmental issues. These brief essays demonstrate not only the breath of issues facing family farmers and ranchers in today's economic and regulatory environment but also the depth of talent and commitment by Grange leaders to continue to take leadership positions on behalf of family farmers and ranchers.

On a personal note, I have submitted my resignation as Legislative Director of the National Grange effective August 11, 2010. I want to express my appreciation for all of the support, guidance and counsel that I have received from the agriculture community, both within and outside of the Grange, during my tenure as National Grange Legislative Director these past 11 years. Being able to direct the National Grange Legislative Department, and take an active role in addressing the public policy issues facing family farmers and ranchers and the rural communities that nurture them, has been the highlight of my nearly 30 year career in government relations.

My replacement is Ms. Nicole Wood of Alexandria, VA, who is profiled in more detail elsewhere

in this edition of *The New Grange*. Nicole brings a wealth of government relations experience to the National Grange Legislative Department that she has acquired over her 14 year career working for numerous trade associations and corporations. Her previous professional experience with agriculture issues is limited, but she has demonstrated over her career that she can adapt to new issues and assignments readily. She is a consummate government relations professional, yet still approachable and easy to talk to. She is also not afraid to reach out to gather knowledge and experience on new issues from those who have worked on these issues in the past. I hope that everyone who has worked in the fields of agricultural policy advocacy will welcome Nicole and will give her all of the cooperation and courtesy that you have shown me.

Fraternally,  
Leroy Watson

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## Pennsylvania State Grange Testifies on Milk Prices

**From the *Pennsylvania State Grange Advocate***

Brother Matt Espenshade testified on behalf of the Grange at the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board's Over Order Premium (OOP) hearing in June in support of extending the premium payment for Class 1 milk at the \$2.65 per hundredweight level. Matt provided compelling testimony about the plight of dairy farmers forced to contend with

depressed milk prices despite rising production costs. Even with past increases in the OOP and other cost saving measures on their own farms, dairy farmers are lucky to break even with the milk production costs. He highlighted the need for changes in the milk pricing system including changes to the Federal Milk Marketing Order to revamp the Dairy Product Price Support and Milk Income Loss Contract programs.

## A Good Look At Economic Concentration In Agriculture

**By Jim Miller, CO State Grange Agriculture Director**

You may have read that USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and US Attorney General Eric Holder are conducting five workshops around the country looking into issues related to competition and how ag markets are regulated. While it is a good idea to focus on market concentration, these workshops afford an opportunity for people with very narrow agendas to find a soapbox.

The first one was held in Iowa and focused on issues related to crop production. The main topic was concentration in the seed business. Loosely translated, that means, "Is Monsanto too big?" Obviously, those seed companies who compete with Monsanto (and there are many) think so. But remember, farmers benefit significantly from the science that Monsanto has brought to modern ag production.

The second was held in May on concentration and production contracts in the poultry business. Good topic; some of the production contracts I've heard about place outrageous demands on the grower that zap profits and create a sort of indentured servant relationship.

The third was focused on dairy issues, including marketplace transparency and vertical integration.

The fourth was held August 26 right here in Colorado. It will be held in Fort Collins at CSU and will focus on concentration in the livestock industry, including packer concentration. This is a great opportunity to learn about how beef markets really work.

The last one will be in December in D.C. The topic will be how the food market operates and the margins that producers receive relative to the prices that consumers pay. I look forward to the final report.

## Maryland Governor's Forum on Agriculture

**By Allen Styles, MD State Grange Legislative Director**

At the recent Governor's Forum on Agriculture, the most important issue facing farmers that was identified by those in attendance was environmental regulations, especially those relating to the Chesapeake Bay. The EPA is working on Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the watershed. A group of environmentalists has sent a letter to the governor detailing what they believe needs to be done. There are some excellent suggestions but there are also some troubling recommendations regarding agriculture. Maryland Farm Bureau sent a petition to the governor protesting some of the provisions. There is a perception being promoted by the environmental extremists that farmers react negatively to all attempts to clean up the Bay. The agricultural community needs to be careful not to help make that perception seem real. I am planning to hold a meeting of the MD State Grange Legislative Committee to address this issue, to join with those components that we feel are correct and to make improvements and the necessary corrections to those that are harmful to agriculture. We must not leave the impression that we automatically say no to everything.

## Grangers Lend Helping Paw

Robin Dickson and her company, Dogs for the Deaf, have become a staple at our Annual Conventions since the 2002 Convention in Portland, Oregon. However, the Grange's association with Dogs for the Deaf dates back much further than that. According to Ms. Dickson, the collaboration between the two companies is "a natural tie with the deaf awareness that the Grange works so diligently on."

Dogs for the Deaf, founded in 1977 by Roy G. Kabat, serves as one of the oldest hearing-dog organizations in the country. Dogs for the Deaf rescues shelter dogs from the West Coast, trains them, and places them in the home of a member of the deaf community. The dogs participate in a months-long training session where they learn to respond to several different sounds, including but not limited to, alarm clocks, smoke detectors, and telephones. Once in the home, the dogs can easily learn new sounds to add to their repertoire. Dogs for the Deaf prides itself in not only providing this invaluable service to the deaf community, but in also rescuing otherwise homeless dogs and finding them a loving home. In their 30-year history, Dogs for the Deaf has placed more than 3,000 dogs in homes with members of the deaf community.

Collaboration between the Grange and Dogs for the Deaf can be traced back to the early days of Dogs for the Deaf, when, according to Ms. Dickson, "The Grange was one of the first groups that started donating to us in the 1970's." Because Dogs for the Deaf is a not-for-profit company, they are totally dependent upon donations from groups such as the Grange. "Roxyann Grange in Medford, Oregon has donated to us every month since the 1970's," said Ms. Dixon. By having a booth at the Idea Fair, Robin Dickson can get her company's message out to Grangers across the country. It is important to her that Grangers know that

although her "company operates from the West Coast, dogs can be placed all across the country and Canada."

The National Grange is proud to announce that it has produced a new Dogs for the Deaf DVD featuring Robin Dickson demonstrating what her dogs are capable of doing. This video will be available free of charge to any Grange that wishes to receive a copy. Dogs for the Deaf has also partnered with the National Grange to offer an additional educational DVD, which is available for loan from the National Grange. If your Grange is interested in either of these great DVDs, or in donating to Dogs for the Deaf, please contact Samantha Johnson at [sjohnson@nationalgrange.org](mailto:sjohnson@nationalgrange.org) or (202)-628-3507 ext. 109. For more information about Dogs for the Deaf, please visit their website at [www.dogsforthe deaf.org](http://www.dogsforthe deaf.org).

### New DVD!

The National Grange is pleased to announce the availability of The Dogs for the Deaf DVD. This DVD highlights the Grange's relationship with Dogs for the Deaf and Robin Dickson's demonstration from the 2009 National Grange Convention.

The DVD is available to all Granges and Grange members and is approximately 15 minutes.

The National Grange, along with local Granges, has worked with Dogs for the Deaf for many years and this DVD expands on that relationship. The National Grange encourages you to use this as a new tool to get your Grangers involved with Dogs for the Deaf.

To request copies of the DVD, please contact Samantha Johnson at 888-447-2643 ext. 109 or [sjohnson@nationalgrange.org](mailto:sjohnson@nationalgrange.org).

## Meet Our New Staff Members!

### Nicole Palya Wood Legislative Director

My name is Nicole Palya Wood and I have recently taken over for Leroy Watson as Legislative Director, here at the National Grange. For the past 14 years, I have worked in government affairs, serving numerous organizations in Washington, D.C. and in State Legislatures. I am a native Virginian, being born and raised in Alexandria, where I still reside today. As we progress through the next political cycle, I look forward to representing you on the issues currently facing the Grange and its members. Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope to meet you all at the upcoming National Session in Charlotte.



### Barbara Covington Jones Communications Director

It is an honor to be working as your new Communications Director. I am a former National Grange employee, a 7th Degree member, and a Past Master of Potomac Grange No. 1. From the beginning, working at the National Grange was a natural progression because I grew up in rural America (High Point, North Carolina) and spent many summers on my grandparents' farm, where I learned the value of hard work, the importance of a strong family, and where food really comes from.



I have always worked in information and communications for non-profit organizations in the DC area. And, here at National Grange, we are using the most current and effective methods of communicating with our members and will continue to explore ways of only getting better.

I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's Session.

### Grace Boatright Program Assistant

My name is Grace Boatright, and I recently became the new Program Assistant here at the National Grange headquarters. I was born and raised in Austin, TX (hook 'em horns) and moved to Washington DC about 4 months ago. Most people think that Texans wear boots and hats, live in the country, and say "ya'll" all the time, and I'm proud to conform to this stereotype completely. My family lived in the country my whole life and although I love Washington DC, I can't wait to get back to the peace of a small town. I recently graduated from Concordia Lutheran University with a BBA concentrated in finance, and am thrilled to begin my career here at the National Grange. Thank you for your continuing support and dedication to the Grange and I hope to meet many of you at the upcoming Convention in Charlotte.



## Blue Jackets to Blue Sashes (*Cont'd*)

Some might think the similarities between the two organizations are coincidental. However, look beneath the surface, and the connection is profound.

Victor Salazar, 2010-2011 Connecticut FFA State President said, "Both organizations are rooted in agriculture, both promote excellence, and both make the member a better individual." Salazar served as the 2008 National Grange Youth Master as part of the National Grange Youth Officer Team.

"I believe the best way to illustrate the connection between the Grange and the FFA is to look at the closing charge of the Master in the Grange and the President in the FFA," he cited the charges' common themes of diligence in labor, honesty and fairness. While each is said differently, the similarity is undeniable.

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"These were written more than 50 years apart from each other, yet they say basically the same thing. To me this exemplifies the connection between the two organizations the best," Salazar said.

National Grange Master Ed Luttrell said the FFA provided him with several life skills that he utilizes today in his Grange duties. However, he is quick to point out that it was in the Grange that he

was able to take the classroom experience and apply it to real life.

"That is why the connection is so positive. You learn the skills on one side [in FFA] and then use them on the other side in Grange," said Luttrell. During his time in the Hillsboro Mid-High chapter in Oregon, Luttrell said he participated in every FFA contest possible, soaking up information "as a sponge." A favorite contest was parliamentary procedure, a skill that comes in handy in his current role as National Master.

Former Pennsylvania FFA State Reporter, and Elizabethtown Grange member, Suzannah Mellinger said that the one unique aspect of the Grange is its sense of family among its members. It is one of the reasons she joined the organization near the conclusion of her State Officer career. She also noted that for FFA alumni looking for the next step in leadership, the transition into the Grange is an easy one.

Caroline Tart, the 2009-2010 National Grange Youth Mentor and Rosewood FFA Chapter member, is facing this difficult phase of her FFA career; putting on her blue jacket for the last time. Like Salazar, she has had an active FFA career, including chapter and regional FFA offices and serving as a National FFA convention delegate for her home state of North Carolina.

"Hanging up my blue jacket was a very tough realization and the end of an era," Tart said. "However, having the Grange there helps fill the void immensely. I know that it is an organization that has a passion for agriculture and helps improve the youth of today and those two things are what I am passionate about." She also noted her dedication to agriculture and education did not have to end with FFA and that she is able to continue her work, just in a different way.

2009 National Youth Officer Team Master Joe Stefanoni of California encourages FFA members to seek the Grange to use their talents; "Once FFA members are out of high school they have very few places to use those skills, and the Grange is one of the places they can." He is a member of the Sebastopol-Analy FFA chapter.

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As an FFA member who has an appreciation for the opening and closing FFA ceremonies, Stefanoni said he has developed a passion for such Grange traditions as its rituals, describing them as "beautiful."

Pennsylvania's Gail Switzer, 2008-2009 National Grange Youth Mentor, and Conrad Weiser, FFA Alum-

ni, said the National Grange Youth Department activities allow her the opportunity to continue her leadership growth through contests such as public speaking, gaining responsibility by completing tasks, and making her community better through Grange service projects.

The Grange is noted for its traditions of family and rural advocacy. It is those traditions that have made the lasting impact for FFA alumni in the Grange.

"The thing I remember most from FFA is the friendships we had," said Luttrell. "We were the ag boys when I was in FFA... in reality, we were a close bunch because of the activities. Those things are exactly the same in the Grange, except the friendship and fellowship is far deeper and much longer lasting. There is a real difference from being a group of just high school students to being a part of a group that includes grandparents and little kids. The family structure of the Grange fills the void from FFA. It's more than a bunch of peers, it's a family. As we go through life, family becomes more and more important to us."

*There are many ways to stay connected with the National Grange:*



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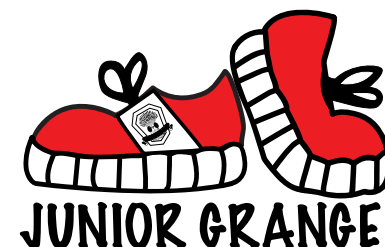
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Watch our President's monthly video messages, in addition to videos of events and interviews with staff and officers.

# Junior Grange

## Regional Conferences — Junior Grange Winners

Each year the National Junior Grange encourages Juniors to participate in the Regional Youth Conferences held throughout the United States. This year we had some outstanding Juniors participate in the Public Speaking Contest, Sign-A-Song Contest, Manually Sign the Alphabet, and Share a Skill or Talent. So make sure you encourage your Juniors to be a part of this experience next year. They are sure to have a great time.



### 2010 Regional Conference Winners

#### Eastern Region

##### Public Speaking 8-10 years old

1st place  
Michael Bethany, Florida

##### Public Speaking 11-12 years old

1st place  
Joshua Bethany, Florida

2nd place  
Grace Wadsworth, Pennsylvania

##### Public Speaking 13-14 years old

1st place  
Derek Snyder, Pennsylvania

2nd place  
Dagen Smith, Pennsylvania

3rd place  
Jennifer Reed, Pennsylvania

##### Share a Skill or Talent

Amanda Mitchell, New York

#### Midwest Region

##### Public Speaking 8-10 years old

1st place  
Katie Kurburski, Michigan

##### Public Speaking 11-12 years old

1st place  
Emily Kurburski, Michigan

2nd place  
Maddie Johnson, Illinois

##### Public Speaking 13-14 years old

1st place  
Elizabeth Kuburski, Michigan

2nd place  
Rachel Edelen, Iowa

##### Manually Sign the Alphabet 11-12 years old

1st place  
Emily Kurburski, Michigan

2nd place  
Stevie McCombs, Illinois

##### Manually Sign the Alphabet 13-14 years old

1st place  
Elizabeth Kurburski, Michigan

##### Share a Skill or Talent

Emily Kurburski, Michigan  
Liz Kurburski, Michigan

Katie Kurburski, Michigan  
Rachel Edelen, Iowa

Maddie Johnson, Illinois  
Stevie McCombs, Illinois

#### Northeastern Region

##### Public Speaking 8-10 years old

1st place  
Sarah Jordon, Massachusetts

##### Public Speaking 11-12 years old

1st place  
Sarah Hyatt, New York

2nd place  
Lauren Good, New York

##### 3rd place

Katerina LaCroix, Massachusetts

##### Public Speaking 13-14 years old

1st place  
Grace Dunderdale, Maine

2nd place  
Cristian Johnson, New York

##### Manually Sign the Alphabet 11-12 years old

1st place  
Quinton Tarbell, New York

##### Manually Sign the Alphabet 13-14 years old

1st place  
Grace Dunderdale, Maine

##### Sign-A-Song 8 and Under

1st place  
Jomni Tarbell, New York

##### Sign-A-Song 8-10 years old

1st place  
Sarah Hyatt, New York

##### Sign-A-Song 11-12 years old

1st place  
Quinton Tarbell, New York

##### Share a Skill or Talent

Quinton Tarbell, New York  
Savannah Hallowell, Massachusetts

Jomni Tarbell, New York  
Cristian Johnson, New York

Lauren Good, New York  
Sarah Jordon, Massachusetts

#### Great Plains Region

##### Public Speaking Participants

Colton Conrady, Oklahoma  
Jack Lynn Keeton, Oklahoma

Haley Thompson, Oklahoma  
Christopher Thompson, Oklahoma

Melody Shufeldt, Oklahoma  
Olivia Shufeldt, Oklahoma

Avery Couch, Oklahoma  
Charlie Hunt, Washington

Carly Conrady, Oklahoma  
Katelyn Thompson, Oklahoma

#### Western Region

##### Public Speaking 8-10 years old

1st place  
Paul Fricke, Washington

##### Public Speaking 11-12 years old

1st place  
Rachel Fricke, Washington

2nd place  
Lexie Smith, Washington

3rd place  
Jake Gwin, Washington

##### Sign the Alphabet 8-10 years old

1st place  
Morgan Browning, Washington

##### Sign the Alphabet 11-12 years old

1st place  
Kennedy Gwinn, Washington

2nd place  
Lexie Smith, Washington

3rd place  
Rachel Fricke, Washington

##### Share a talent or skill

Kennedy Gwin, Washington  
Paul Fricke, Washington

Rachel Fricke, Washington

# Membership Minute

## *We need you, Let's Go!*

By Rusty Hunt,  
Membership/Leadership Director

Like the old commercial, "Looking for a few good men..." Grange leaders all over the country are looking for a "few good Grangers." More and more State Masters are beginning to look at starting teams or expanding the teams they already have. They are looking for Grangers that have some ideas and are willing to work with others to help struggling Granges, as well as helping to start Granges in communities that don't yet have one. We need you; so jump on the Grange band wagon and let's go!

At just about every event I attend, Grangers come up to me and ask what can be done for our Grange? The situations and scenarios are different, but all the answers share one common thread; they all need some attention from us. There needs to be a Granger willing to listen and then take action towards a solution. In most states, there are those that have the time and talents needed to help a few Granges. These helpful Grangers are willing to try different approaches to the problem until they find what works for that community Grange and its members. They are willing to spend time with the Granges in need of assistance to ensure success.

But, one person cannot take care of all the Granges needing help. There just isn't enough time in a day, week, month or year for one person to do all that is needed. We, the Grange, need YOU!

We all know of Granges that need some attention. They are not getting a quorum or just barely have enough members showing up to pay the bills. They lack creativity and have lost the energy to look for new programs and activities. Therefore, we ask the National Grange or State Grange Membership Director what can be done. Well, since Samantha is fresh out of magic wands and pixie dust in the Grange Store, we will just have to go over and pay a visit to that Grange to talk with them and assess the situation. If I am the one driving to that Grange I will be calling you to go along. Since you are closer to them, and you have a concern for their Grange health, it seems only fitting to ask you along. This will also give me a chance to visit with you and share some of the ideas I have on how to best help this Grange. I will be able to show you how I approach the different situations so that you can follow up with this Grange at their next meeting without me. But, having been

there and worked with you, I will have some firsthand knowledge and will be able to visit via phone and internet to advise you along the way. I am now freed up to go help another Grange with someone else, just like I did with you. You will also be gaining some experience to share with another Grange, and you can take someone with you and start showing them how to help.

There are Granges in every state that are struggling and need attention. That is why we need teams of helpful Grangers in each state to assist. There are also those communities that do not have a Grange and need one. Who is going to start those? We all want to start new Granges. There needs to be a team for this too. I have even been talking with one State Grange that is starting a "ritualistic" team. I got the feeling they had no problem finding folks to serve on that team, since they had more Grangers sign up for that team than the others.

If you are not on a team now, and would like to be, contact your State Master. The more flexible you are, the more opportunities you will have to serve on a team. The more rigid you are with your

time and talents, the less the State Master is going to be able to use you. Try to attend a training weekend or conference so you can meet your State leadership and directors. Get to know them and share your ideas and willingness to help. I know that as I travel around and get to visit Granges, I will send out the call to those I know in that state or area: "We need you. Let's Go!" I am always looking for help and potential new team members and team leaders.

You all have some good ideas and you all know of Granges and communities that could use some help. Many of you have asked for programs and information from me. This is great and I am glad to provide it. Also, ask your State Leaders for help. They have lots of useful information and programs, and can provide more knowledge of the Grange in your area and state. By asking, you also show your concern and willingness to help. Together we can come up with more ideas and raise our chances of success.

I need you, your State Grange needs you, and the Granges and communities around you need your knowledge, energy, and willingness to help. Now Let's Go!

## Midland Grange #27 Celebrates Grange Month

Midland Grange #27 celebrated Grange Month by recognizing Community Volunteers. Louise Rathfon and Pastor Rick Betts, both of Georgetown, received the Grange Subordinate Community Service awards. Pastor Rick Betts was awarded due to his establishment of Crossroads Community Church, and his involvement in community pastoral

duties. Louise Rathfon received the award for her many years of being involved in the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops as a volunteer. She has also been very active in many other community organizations.

Pictured right: Thomas Bunting (Pack 95 "Dragons"), Louise Rathfon, Patti Bunting (Grange member), and Tyler Bunting (Pack 95 "Dragons")



# Fun and Games Page

## Crossword Puzzle

### Name Protection

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### Fun Facts

#### A Grange Building Fact:

*The Federal Government tried three times to take the first National Grange Building for a Federal Office Building, finally successful in 1958.*

#### North Carolina Fun Facts:

*The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill is the oldest State University in the United States.*

*State Motto: Esse quam videri (To be rather than to seem)*

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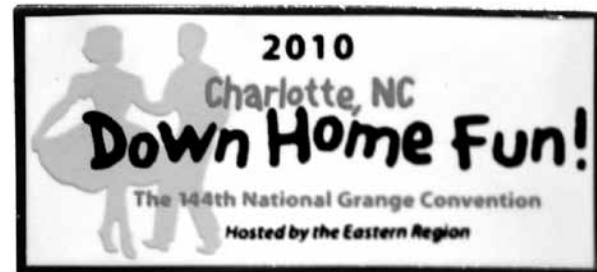
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# What's Cookin' in the Grange



## Set Waldorf Salad

- 1 3-ounce package lemon gelatin
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup ginger ale
- 1 cup chopped apples
- 1/3 cup thinly-sliced celery
- 1/3 cup chopped walnuts

- Dissolve gelatin in boiling water in bowl. Add ginger ale; stir gently. Chill in refrigerator until partially set.
- Fold in apples, celery and walnuts. Pour into shallow dish. Chill until firm.
- Serve on lettuce-lined salad plates. Garnish with mayonnaise.

Yield 12 servings.

### Approx Per Serving:

Cal 61; T Fat 2 g; 29% Calories from Fat; Prot 1 g; Carbo 10 g; Fiber 1g; Chol 0 mg; Sod 27mg.

From the Colorado State Grange Cookbook: The Flavor Of Colorado.

## U. S. Pharmacy Card

The National Grange is happy to announce a new member benefit with U.S. Pharmacy Card. The U.S. Pharmacy card is for individuals and families and usable in over 59,000 participating pharmacies. Grangers can save up to 65% on prescriptions for either brand name or generic drugs. It even covers many pet prescriptions. Grangers can also save up to 50% or more on Lab and Imaging Tests. To receive your free card please contact Samantha Johnson by e-mail at [sjohnson@nationalgrange.org](mailto:sjohnson@nationalgrange.org) or by phone at 888-4-GRANGE ext. 109.



## Washington State CWAs Share Recipes in “Cream of the Crop” Cookbook

“The Grange is many things. The Grange is a place to gather with friends and family, a place for serious discussion and policy planning, a place for dances, celebrations and good times.

“No matter the activity, you can bet there will be food. Great food. Old-school, homemade food. Real food, made with care and love by people with decades of cooking experience. It’s the type of food that not only fills your belly, but fills your soul and brings back memories of other good times,” says Grange member Dan Hammock.

Finally, dozens of these recipes are available in one place. “Cream of the Crop” is the latest State Grange cookbook, put together by State CWA Donny Moody and featuring recipes from CWAs across the state.

The book is hot off Morris Press Cookbooks’ press and in its 100-plus pages are recipes for appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, vegetables and side

dishes, main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts, cookies and candy, and “this and that.”

Along with the recipes are many cooking tips, handed down from generations of Grangers. Also included are recipes specific to those with special health concerns, including diabetes and those who need a gluten-free diet.

Recipes run the gamut from traditional (like a killer pot roast recipe from Clayton Grange’s Karen Richards, p. 25) to more exotic fare (the book kicks off with Fort Colville Grange’s Bertha Clure-Hinton’s salmon quesadillas). You’ll find recipes featuring beef, chicken, fish, and a mouth-watering assortment of desserts.

“Cream of the Crop” can be ordered from State CWA Donna Moody, [donnamoody@wwest.net](mailto:donnamoody@wwest.net); (360) 465-2253; or PO Box 157, Rosburg, WA 98643. The cost is \$10, plus \$2 shipping and handling.

## Pomona Summit

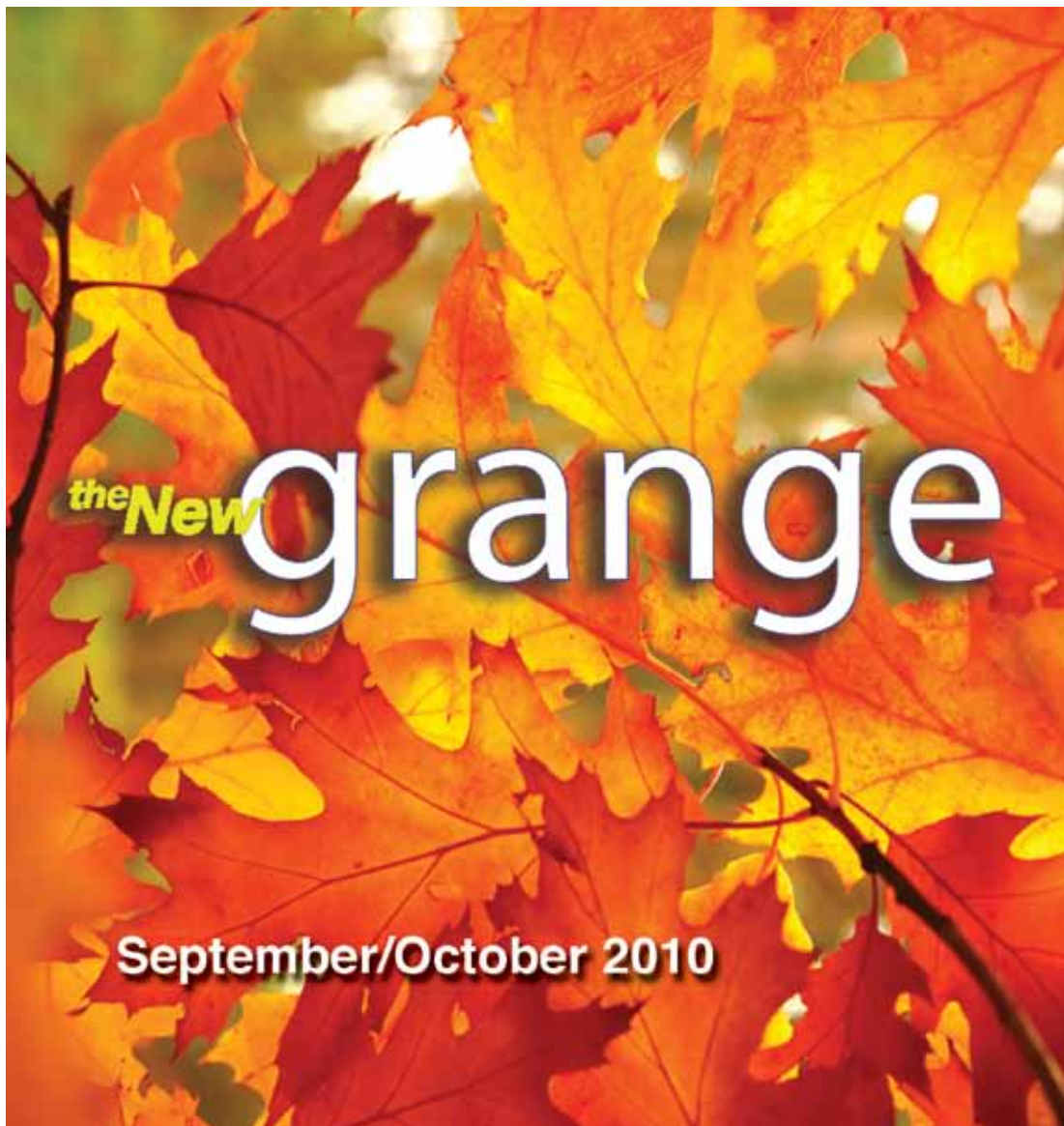


Shown above, 43 Grange members from nine different states attended the Pomona Summit, held September 24-26, 2010 at the London Grange (#1492) in Grove City, PA.



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Charlotte, North Carolina

145th National Grange Annual Convention  
November 8 - 12, 2011  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

146th National Grange Annual Convention  
November 13 - 17, 2012  
Boise, Idaho

147th National Grange Annual Convention  
November 12 - 16, 2013  
Manchester, New Hampshire