

# Patrons Chain

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#### From the Eastern Region

"It is a pleasure for the Eastern Region to celebrate this 150th Annual Convention with all of you," said Jessie Cope, one of the 150th National Grange Convention Coordinators. "The Force," welcomes you to the metropolitan area of Washington, D.C.! The committee has planned a wonderful convention, including day and night tours of Washington, D.C., workshops, banquets and entertainment.

The theme, Power of the Past, Force of the Future, tells the story of Grange - a spectacular POWER across this country over its 150 years and a FORCE in legislative matters and our communities far into the future.

The state in the Eastern Region are: Delaware, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Potomac #1 (DC), South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

#### Quoteable

"Our theme for this week is Teamwork and Cooperation." Betsy Huber, National Grange President. Read more about fostering teamwork on pg. 2

Learn more about your Brothers and Sisters in the Grange! Each day a featured poll question will be included in the newsletter. Look for the poll page and submit your answer by 5 pm in the Session Room (Potomac Ballroom). Poll results will be included in the next newsletter!

# Welcome to Washington

**BY ANN KEETON** 

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"It is with feelings of unfeigned pleasure that I welcome you here today; no better evidence of the extent and increase of our organization can be adduced than that furnished by the presence here of so many State Representatives, and it argues well for the future strength of our Order that, even in its infancy, it is so vigorous and progressive."

In his Master's Address given in Georgetown, William Saunders spoke these words to the delegates present at the National Convention of 1873.

Our Founders would be honored to know that 143 years later our organization has continued to bring individuals and families together to support their communities and advocate on behalf of rural America and agriculture.

How exciting to begin this 150th year, to stand on the same ground that our forefathers once stood.

As we prepare to work on the mission that our forefathers once debated, we should be filled with pride and enthusiasm to be involved in an organization that has stood its ground and paved way for all those who have followed and continues to stand the test of time.



Marie and Scott Nicholson spenst some time prior to session visiting some of the sights of Washington D.C. Here they are posing with the Grange Marker on The Mall.

Welcome to this 150th National Convention, and to the first newsletter of the Patron's Chain, the official publication of the 150th Annual National Grange Convention.

### Washington is an asset to National Grange

BY TERESA THOMAS

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Loretta Washington, Sales, Benefits, and Programs Director, the newest National Grange Staff Member, is taking the 150th National Grange Convention by storm.

Before joining the National Grange staff Washington was a Development Specialist at A2W and Bonner & Associates. She served as an Agriculture Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Agent for the USDA/Virginia Cooperative Extension Service and a Vocational Agricultural Teacher.

At the National Grange Wash-



ington takes care of all advocacy initiatives including recruiting, coordinating individual and organizational supporters, staging events, organizing fly-ins, and supervising call banks. "I joined the Grange in October. As a new member, I don't know everything about the Grange. I get the chance to look into the box, whereas everyone else is already in the box. I get that 'out-of-the-box' view to see what's going on, how things are handled. And it makes the job more interesting, and I learn more. This gives me the chance to give a new perspective on everything," said Washington.

If you have any questions about the areas Loretta Washington covers she can be reached at sales@nationalgrange.org or by dialing the National Grange number at (202) 628-3507, ext. 109.

# Opinion / Editorial

We welcome guest writers and letters to the editor as well as short feedback. Should you have something you wish to say - from praise of our coverage to complaints about our word searches - please send your thoughts or opinion pieces to communications@nationalgrange.org. We welcome full-length editorials from guest writers on topics of interest to members but will screen for language and approriateness of content. We reserve the right to edit grammar and spelling of submissions. Submissions may be made by members attending convention or those not attending or not yet Grange members. Thank you in advance for your contribution.



**BETSY E. HUBER** National President (Master)

### **National President's Message**

Session of the National Grange! It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Washington DC, my home away from home for the past year. Our dedicated staff is excited to see you all again or meet you for the first time and assist you in any way to make this convention successful.

Our theme for this week is "Teamwork and Cooperation."

As I said many times through this year, one of my goals is teamwork at all levels of the Grange. Each of the levels

Welcome to the 150th Annual and elements of our Granges should be a cohesive team, from the committees at the Community Grange, to the officers of the Pomona and State Granges, to the officers and delegates of the National Grange. When these groups are working as a team among themselves, we need to then increase the cooperation between them and the other teams. This team effort increases when Community Granges reach out to Pomonas for assistance, and Pomonas reach out to State Granges for specific help that they need to be more successful.

This year we have increased the communication between the National Grange, State Granges and local members through the State Masters e-newsletter and the Patrons Chain. I hope in the coming year you will return the favor and increase your communication with us. Let us know what you are doing in your state or in your local Grange so we can share your great ideas with others across the country.

**Together Each Accomplishes More** - TEAM!

## Grange Radio returns to web airwaves

BY JOSH BARFIELD

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Grange Radio is back and better than ever. With a new website and renewed vigor. The National Grange is working hard giving voice to rural America, bringing interviews and a variety of music for your listening pleasure.

Streaming 24 hours a day, every day, Grange Radio is filled with music that crosses generations, reflective of the diversity and interests of our community.

It also includes civically minded interviews with Grange members and interesting voices from all over the country, like the interview airing at 9 a.m. today, Sunday, Nov. 13, with National Master Betsy Huber, the short bits profiling the 17 Communication Fellows, or updates on committee and legislative work.

Headed by National Communications director Amanda Leigh Brozana, the effort has been part of a larger, concerted project to diversify and give new life to Grange promotion across a spectrum of mediums.

"It's important for us to make sure we are communicating with folks outside our membership," Brozana challenged. "We can't expect to draw new members unless they know we are lively and fun; we hope Grange Radio becomes a touch point in their lives."

Post-convention, local correspondents and volunteer Grange member will act as reporters providing quality updates from local subordinate Granges, rounding out the regular policy and general updates and an-



Josh Barfield (right) and Justin Leonard (left), TracFone Communications Fellows, recording in the studio.

nouncements from a national perspective out of our main studios.

Josh Barfield and Justin Leonard of North Carolina are leading the production team while Convention is in session, while Nick Oliver from Washington State was vital in preliminary efforts.

"We have had a blast hosting and producing Grange Radio," Justin said. "We hope to ask some important questions, get candid interviews, and have fun with our many colorful members."

Their studio is just across from the gift shop, so please stop by and say hello! Listen in and let us know what you think.

#### LISTEN NOW

at grangeradio.com. Weekly programming updates can be found on the website.

Monday Nov 14	PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE				
NOV 14					
9am (eastern)	Grange Radio Introduction and				
	Future				
	Josh Barfield, Host and Producer (10				
	mins)				
10am	Interview				
	Betsy Huber, National Grange				
_	President. (25 mins)				
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	Nathan Strawder. (10 mins)				
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3pm	Communications Fellow Feature				
	Mandy Bostwick, Ann Keaton, and				
	Samantha Wilkins (5 mins)				
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	President. (25 mins)				
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9pm-11pm	Editor's Primetime Mix				
Throughout	Music and Announcements				

### City of our founders: A timeline of DC conventions

BY MANDY BOSTWICK

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The Grange is rich with history, tradition, and ritualism, and Washington, DC has been there through it all. A meeting of the Founders, held on December 4, 1867, took place in William Saunders' office around a plain wooden table. It was at that table that this wonderful organization was born.

Washington, DC has played host to the Annual National Grange Convention fifteen times over the last 150 years. Eight of the 23 National Grange Masters have lead this majestic organization in session while in the DC area. William Saunders lead the first six sessions, with the first delegate session taking place in 1873.

At the 1873 session, 23 members were in attendance. Over four January days, committees were formed to adopt the Constitution, Pre-Amble, and By-Laws, and appointed to draft the Articles of Incorporation of the National

1880- The 14th Annual Session was called to order on November 17th by Master J.J. Wood-

1881- At the 15th Annual Session, Master J.J. Woodman stated in his Master's address that the Grange is Non-Partisan. "Yet the principles we teach underlie all true politics, all true statesmanship, and if properly carried out, will tend to purify the while political atmosphere of our country, for we see the greatest good to the greatest number."

1883- At the 17th Annual Session J.J. Woodman stated in his Masters address "I shall ever carry with me the kindest and most fraternal feelings towards all, and the conscientious conviction of having discharged every known duty, according to my best ability. Give to my successor the same support and encouragement that you have given to me. Uphold his hands, and encourage him in his fraternal work, and with renewed faith, hope, and perseverance, press 'ONWARD' our glorious work." Woodman continued to serve as National Master from 1880-85.

1896- 30th Annual Session of the National Grange Convention was held at the Hall in National Hotel with J.H. Brigham presiding. The Seventh Degree was conferred with 83 members on the evening of Friday, Nov. 13th, the third day of the session. George Bowen was the High Priest of Demeter at that time.

1900- 34th Annual Session was called to order by Aaron Jones. Only two founding members, Oliver Hudson Kelley and John Trimble (serving as Secretary of the National Grange), were in attendance at this meeting.

1908- Idaho was recognized as a new State Grange at the 42nd Annual Session held in the National Hotel Hall with Master N.J. Bachelder presiding.

1916- The 50th Annual Session of the National Grange Convention held in the Hotel Raleigh Auditorium. Master Oliver Wilson introduced Oklahoma as a State Grange.

Between these conventions National Grange switched from opening in the Sixth Degree to opening in the Seventh Degree.

1928- At the 62nd Annual Session, Acting Secretary of Agriculture in the United States Department of Agriculture, Brother Renick W. Dunlap, was introduced and he welcomed the National Grange to Washington, D.C. The presiding Master was L.J. Taber.

It has been 88 years since the National Grange Convention has been held in the city where the Founders worked long and diligent hours to formulate the precepts of our Order. As stated in the Preamble, "To those who read aright, history proves that in all ages society is fragmentary, and successful results of general welfare can be secured only by general effort." 150 years of the organization proves that the general effort of our Founders and all the members who have joined following the inception has been relevant in lives today.

### 16 for '16: Communication Fellows begin work

BY DEBBIE GEGARE

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The Communication Fellow Program returned to the 150th National Convention this year with an expanded leadership and educational program for the members selected, made possible by the generosity of multiple donors.

These volunteers from across the nation applied and were selected for the opportunity in August and began using an online meeting forum for training and assignment discussion in September.

The program is designed for the members to receive extensive training in many areas of communication and is sponsored by TracFone, Hilton, AT&T, Pennsylvania State Grange, Oregon State Grange, Illinois State Grange, New York State Grange, New Jersey State Grange and Lyle and Patti Lee from Illinois.

"We are so excited to have the Fellows here," National Grange Communications Director Amanda Leigh Brozana said. "They are an integral part of the production and coordination of our Annual Session. They provide a vital service required to effectively record and broadcast our event and truly are part of the department for years after their experience."

This year the TracFone Fellows include: Debbie Gegare of Janesville, WI, Stacy Bruker of Marysville, PA, Corey Spence of Rockport, MA, Karie Blasingame of Belividere, IL, Lindsay Schroeder of Shoemakersville, PA, Mandy Bostwick of Ozawkie, KS, Nathan Strawder of Leawood, KS, Mandee Strawder of Ankeny, IA, Ann Keeton of Mands, OK, Samantha Wilkins of San Antonio, TX, Lori Wuest of San Antonio, TX, Brittany Gordon of Washtucna, WA, Elizabeth Hiner of Durango, CO, Teresa Thomas of Albany, NY, Katie Kurburski of Harbor Springs, MI, Justin Leonard of Carrboro, NC, and Josh Barfield of Durham, NC.



Amanda Brozana

First Row (left to right): Stacy Bruker, Teresa Thomas, Lindsay Schroeder, Brittany Gordon. Second Row(left to right): Ann Keeton, Katie Kurburski, Elizabeth Hiner, Karie Burlingame, Lori Wuest, Josh Barfield. Third Row (left to right): Justin Leonard, Corey Spence, Mandee Strawder, Mandy Bostwick. Fourth Row (left to right): Debbie Gegare, Nathan Strawder, Samantha

These members arrive days before Session to receive more extensive hands-on training from a multitude of presenters in press release writing, interview techniques and other public relation skills, opinion-editorial piece writing, crisis communications, and communicating across generations to using different media platforms.

One very Washington D.C. feature of the program was a presentation Friday night by Ben Wolfgang, a White House correspondent from the Washington Times. He talked to the group, and a few other National Grange officers and delegates or past delegates, about covering the recent election and about how to get press coverage now in a time when rural America is in the spotlight.

This week they will produce and publish articles for our daily newsletter, write press releases and record podcasts and videos. They will be taking pictures, conducting interviews, and be actively updating the National Grange Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Grange Radio, the Internet radio station that will be operated by volunteer Fellows, was relaunched. The station will feature various styles of music, U.S. agricultural news updates, and personal interviews from Grangers across the country, but this week will be part of our convention coverage outlets.

#### **FELLOWS**

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After session ends, they will use the skills developed and honed during the 10day program throughout the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

"The Fellows will not only be able to make an impact on their local and state Granges, but also help us promote the Grange in our 150th anniversary year," Brozana said.

Many of the Fellows agreed that the workshops gave much more than just communication training. They have learned about job skills and leadership skills.

"I realized after that my resume wasn't as functional as I thought it was, but I've fixed it now. This is great," said Teresa Thomas after the resume workshop.

Josh Barfield said he was very interested in the presentation by National Grange Legislative Director Burton Eller on Satur-

"His presentation was particularly insightful on the complexity of some of the more hot-button issues in the Grange. What he made clear, though, was that the values of diversity and non-partisanship, along with grassroots involvement with real people on an emotional level, is what will allow the Grange to break through the normal boundaries around these issues and make a positive difference," Barfield said. "I hope Grange can be a place that puts a face on abstract and controversial social issues – that's our challenge."

Throughout the way, many Grange presenters were interactive and asked Fellows for feedback and guidance, a key feature of the program to integrate ideas from more often younger members and allow brainstorming across regions and ages.

"In so many organizations committees make decisions about programs. It was a good feeling to know that our ideas and opinions [on the topics] are valued and sought out. The Grange really does work to bring all its members into the program from inception to implementation," Corey Spence said.

### Welcome new delegates: Eshelmans

#### BY BRITTANY GORDON

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Harold Eshelman, the new Master from Idaho, is looking forward to being at the National Convention this week. "I want to see the Resolution process at Nationals", Eshelman stated. "I'm interested what the results will be after the Delegates go through the committee work. Elshelman also said that even though he has been to multiple National Conventions he has never been to one as a Delegate.

Eshelman grew up in the Grange with his family. During his senior year in college, he was elected Master of his subordinate and accepted. He said that the hardest part of being Master is learning the ins and outs of the Grange but with hard work it can be

One goal for Eshelman this year is to visit every Grange in Idaho State. "We will have to replace ourselves one day and to do so, we have to go out



get kids and excited about Grange", the he stated. "We need to find a way to get youth excited about Grange, the competwhile ing with high school sports." Another goal he has from the year is to develop a State Junior

Grange. "I have found a new energetic dynamic, " he said, with excitement when discussing the development of an Idaho Junior State Grange. He is looking for new ways to bring in younger members and is looking forward the upcoming year.

# Policy: A delegates work

BY NATHAN STRAWDER

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In a time where policy is driven by partisan politics, the influence of money, and the power of few, Grange Policy shines above the rest as a prime example of what democracy is all about. Long before policy is set, it originates as an idea at the local level. It passes through the ranks of being crafted, discussed, and by majority vote at the local Grange, the State Grange and finally the National Grange. This year 115 resolutions fill the Delegate Binders, that originated in communities spanning our great Country and seek to become Grange Policy. The Grange is an organization run at the grassroots and this is grassroots at its finest.

On Saturday Burton Eller, Legislative Director of the National Grange, took time to speak to this year's Communications Fellows. He explained to the Communication Fellows that the Grange's nonpartisan grassroots nature of creating policy allows the Grange to walk into the offices of Senators and Representatives on both sides of the political aisle.

A wide variety of resolutions have been sub-

mitted this year that deal with current issues each American faces and sees in the news.

The Convention Committee on Agriculture has resolutions concerning Agri-Tourism, Urban Agriculture and the Grange's role in improving the health of Honeybees.

The Convention Committee on Education and Health will discuss resolutions deciding the Grange's stance on the definition of the term "Natural" used in food labeling. The Committee will also discuss the Grange's role dealing with the widespread Opioid and Heroin Crisis that exists in the United States.

The Communication Fellows will look at the resolutions included in the Delegate Binders and watch the process of each Convention Committee's review of resolutions throughout this week. They will also ask Delegates who have been tasked with the responsibility of choosing the direction of Grange Policy how they work to ensure that the policies approved this week best represent the Grange's membership and how they work to ensure the Grange can continue as driving force in non-partisan pollical action.

### **Ceremony Planned** to Honor Soldiers

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Grangers will witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Grangers who are veterans of major wars and an active duty soldier will then lay a wreath at the tomb in memory of the fallen.

If you are unable to attend the ceremony you will able to join via the digital live stream on the National Grange Facebook page. Remember to visit and like www.facebook. com/nationalgrange. Be sure to add the hashtag #150yearsofgrange to your photos to add them to the National Grange coverage of the Convention.

# Benefits on display

BY KARIE BLASINGAME

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National Grange is very please to announce the arrival of representatives and a new Extended Health Care offering (Long Term Care). They will be on hand at the 2016 Showcase. The program is with a national recognized provider and it comes to our members with a discount!!!!

We are now making it possible for the members to enjoy new Supplemental Health Benefits Offered by Aflac, at policy premium rates that are lower than rates available to the general public. These supplemental health benefits and the reduce members rates are available to Grange members, members' spouse and members' dependent children. Please stop by and visit the Jerald Kerr and the Aflac team at the showcase.

Member Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services will also be at the Showcase with the updates to the Affordable Care Act, will be giving a presentation on Friday, Nov. 18, @10:30 in the Fairfax Room.

Great American Insurance Group, Leah Miller will also be at the showcase to talk about insurance for your Grange Hall and will be giving a presentation on Thursday @ 4:45 pm in the Fairfax room.

Choice Hotels is a big success to National Grange members, save 20% at over 4,000 Comfort Inns, Comfort Suites, Quality, Sleep Inns, Clarion, MainStay Suites, EconoLodge, and Rodeway Inn hotels worldwide. To receive a Choice Privileges membership please call 1-800-258-2847 or visit www. choicehotels.com provide the National Grange ID code number 0021166.

### Switzer part of delegate experience

BY STACY BRUKER

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The John Trimble Legislative Experience (JTLE) is a prestigious program sponsored by the National Grange Youth Foundation that provides young members, age 14 to 34, the opportunity to participate at the Grange's annual national convention. Pennsylvania native, Gail Switzer, who maintains her active membership at Marion Grange No. 1853 in Berks County, has been chosen the 2016 JTLE Participant.

As the JTLE participant, Switzer will serve as a voting committee member with the opportunity to share the voice of young members and influence what resolutions from her committee will be considered by the full voting body to become policy for the nearly 150-year-old organization. Only those designated by States Granges as their delegate or delegates, based on the number of active Granges their state has at the time of the convention, are able to vote on policy on the floor.

Switzer said she is looking forward to learning from this experience, providing a youth perspective on Grange issues and potential policy and sharing knowledge about the workings of the Order at its highest deliberative level with Grange members in Berks County and beyond.

"As the Berks County Junior Director, I think this will be a great opportunity to share with the Junior Granges a bit about how the Nation-



al Grange works and how important it is to be involved in the legislative process, both in the Grange and in local, state and federal government," Switzer said.

National Grange Youth Development Director Charlene Shupp Espenshade said while all the candidates were very worthy of serving, she believes Switzer is a great fit for the program during the historic 150th Convention.

"The John Trimble Legislative Experience is a

great hands-on learning opportunity for Grange Youth. During the course of session, Gail will be able to learn about the National Grange policy development process," Espenshade said. "She will participate on one of the National Grange policy committees and assist the legislative department as delegates execute their policy decisions."

National Grange President Betsy Huber, said she has known Switzer for many years as the two both attend Goshen Grange No. 121 in Chester County. Huber, would traditionally serve as a reviewer of applicants for the JTLE program, but recused herself because of the connection, said she is confident Switzer will bring a great deal to the committee she is assigned.

Switzer recently earned her master's degree from Texas A&M in Special Education with an emphasis in Behavioral Analysis. She said she has become increasingly more interested in the legislative work of the Grange because of her job as a teacher for autistic children at a school for children with special needs.

"Working with individuals on the autism spectrum has taught me that we all need to look out for the rights of those with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities and other genetic and neurological diagnoses. Organizations like the Grange have the power to see that they don't fall through the cracks when it comes to legislative policy," Switzer said.

### 2016 brought changes

#### BY KARIE BLASINGAME

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Delegates at the 149th National Grange Session in Lincoln, Nebraska, elected their first female, Betsy Huber of Pennsylvania, to represent the National Grange as the 23rd National President for the next two years.

Throughout this year, Huber has traveled to many Grange sessions and meetings to participate and share her goals and objectives about the National Grange. One of Huber's primary goals is improving communication across all levels of the Grange. Under her leadership, the National Grange Office has been able to bring back a

monthly e-newsletter, Patron's Chain, available online to all members. Other legislative and membership e-newsletters get sent out from the National Grange Office regularly as well. Huber also sends out a Master's e-newsletter to all the State Grange Master's around the country. To improve Lecturer programs, Amanda Brozana, National Grange Lecturer, has begun sending out Lecturer programs in a box, "which has really helped out communictions," Huber said.

Another of Huber's goals throughout the year has focused on improving the financial resources of the National Grange. Rooms on the second floor and in basement spaces of the National Grange Building have been cleaned and

remodeled. The National Grange Staff is working diligently with a real estate agency to rent out the spaces that are still available. "The goal is to have the basement space rented out by the first of the year," Huber stated.

Other financial changes that Huber and the National Grange Staff have made are reviewing all contracts and where possible signing new contracts with lower rates for the National Grange. Some of the contacts include the electric, gas, and security. It's the "little things that will add up, we are working on it and we are getting there," Huber said.

### Live stream schedule

Monday, November 14, 2016

4:00 pm (EST) - Changing of the Guard

4:15 pm (EST) - Wreath Laying at Arlington

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

9:00 am (EST) – Legislative Breakfast - Speaker: Rep. Glenn Thompson (PA)

3:00 pm (EST) – State of American Communities Address - Betsy Huber, National Grange President

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

8:00 am (EST) – Salute to Ag Breakfast

Speaker: Michael Scuse, USDA Acting Deputy Secretary

Speaker: Val Dolcini, Adm. of the Farm Service Agency, USDA

12:15 pm (EST) - Convention Luncheon - The Grange, its Brand at 150 and Beyond Speaker: Clay Snyder, Hilton Resorts & Hotel Sr. Brand Manager

7:45 pm (EST) - Speaker: Megan J. Brennan, US Postal Service Postmaster General

Friday, November 18, 2016

8:30 am (EST) – Youth Drill and Opening of the Grange

7:30 pm (EST) – Evening of Excellence – Grangers perform and Youth Speak

Saturday, November 19, 2016

6:30 pm (EST) – Celebration Banquet – Performances by Upbeat Patrons Band with the Brother and Sister Chorus, Community Service Awards, presentation of quilt to National Foster Parents Assoc. and more.

Click on the Livestream link at www.nationalgrange.org

### Herd struck by tragedy

#### BY ANN KEATON

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It was a cold crisp day on the Lenawee County Fairgrounds; the Michigan State Grange was midday thru their Friday's session when tragedy struck.

"Chuck the Badger, a loyal member of the Herd vanished before our eyes," said Chris Johnston, Michigan State Grange President.

Chuck is popular amongst the Grange members. He helped raise money for the 2013 Fellows, and has had a passion for leading his members.

Chuck also has a very adventurous side. Prior to his disappearance, Chuck accompanied Chris on a hunting trip and enjoyed when the two eyed a gigantic buck across the field.

Chris and the Michigan State Grange are hoping for the safe return of Chuck.

Many might not realize he has significant medical issues. He was wounded while on duty directing his fellow Michigan Grangers and lost his nose in battle. Through reconstructive surgery he now has a nose but may no longer be able to smell the sweet smells of the potlucks.

Chris hopes upon return, Chuck will be Grange.



able to resume his leadership position in the Chuck enjoys time with Michigan State President Chris Johnston before his disappearance.

#### **UNscramble**

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