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The State Fair is coming – July 22 thru July 31!



Fried Chicken



Ham



Potato Salad



Pies, Cakes, Ice Cream, oh my!

Are you getting hungry yet?

**If you can't come and help, COME TO EAT!
See you at the Grange Food Booth!**

President, Jim Correll:

The lesson of the second degree of the Grange is hope. The symbols are summer, youth, fruit blossoms, and the plant. Does this not remind us all of the Delaware State Fair and the Delaware State Grange Food Booth?

The Fair comes right in the middle of summer when fields and orchards are growing; making grain and fruit and we are all hopeful for a bountiful harvest. Does this not remind us all of the Delaware State Grange Food Booth?

We all work hard before the fair preparing the booth and then during the fair preparing food and serving our many loyal customers. We have Faith and Hope that many, many will come and support the Grange.

I hope that many youths and the young at heart will come and work at the food booth and enjoy the fellowship of the Grange.

The first work day at the Food Booth will have passed by the time the Granger comes out. The second workday is July 17 (the Saturday before the fair starts). Lunch will be provided. The work day starts at 9am.

It is with sadness that I report that Henlopen Grange has sold their Grange Hall. We now have 3 Halls left in Delaware. Harmony #12 in New Castle County, Capital #18 in Kent County and Broadcreek #59 in Sussex County.

I am happy to report that the Harmony #12 Grange Hall is now in useable condition and work is getting nearly complete. Thanks to all the volunteers who are working on this project. Pencader Grange has scheduled a meeting to be held at the Harmony Hall in September. A big thumbs up!

Volunteers have also been helping Capitol Grange #18 to repair their parking lot. A big thank you to all who came out and help with these projects.

Membership: Membership growth has been at a standstill since the pandemic hit. Now that things are getting back to normal, we all need to work on getting new members and growing our Granges.

The State Grange Picnic will be held at Bill and Donna O'Days Farm on Aug 8, at 2:30pm. Meat and drinks, plate and plasticware will be provided. Bring a covered dish and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.

Farm Family of the Year: Nominations for Farm Family of the Year are open until November 1st. If your Grange would like to nominate a family, please send your nomination to the State Grange Office.

Granger of the Year: Nominations for Granger of the Year are open until November 1st. If your Grange would like to nominate a Granger, please send your nomination to the State Grange Office.

From the Patron's Chain:

Facebook is increasing its number of users every day. It is currently the largest social media platform in the world and helps us connect to fellow Grangers from across the state. While social media can be a drag to some people it is time to reframe your thinking and see it as a tool for your Grange!

Facebook is a great tool for getting the word out about events and other local projects your Grange is participating in, for member recruitment, and connecting with fellow like-minded individuals.

Ever had the idea to host an event, and you weren't sure how you were going to advertise, or reach people in other districts? Well Facebook has this amazing tool that helps you create your own event, and even assists in getting the word out to your community, and further. By posting this information local

members of your community can see it through geotags, this helps in advertising. Creating an event on Facebook can also help with transparency. Transparency is particularly important when hosting events, that way people know basic things like where and what time the event is, while also showing what the event is supporting and who the funds from the event directly benefit.

Facebook can also benefit your Grange by recruiting new members while making impactful connections. Facebook supports in the reengaging of lost, potential, and uncertain enrollments. While often we hear that Facebook can become an echo chamber due to its algorithm, it can also help you connect with members of your community. Through Facebook you can message people within your community and invite them to Grange meetings, or even your local events to get them involved. After COVID-19 more people than ever are looking for something to do, and people to meet. People who are posting in your local community garden page, or local community service pages are the perfect people to network with, to build your Grange numbers. Sometimes all it takes is one invite to an event to get a new member of your Grange.

State Lecturer, June Unruh:

Snapping turtles are named for their method of biting. They are noted for their large size and aggressive nature. They are tan to black in color and have a rough upper shell, a long tail, and a large head with hooked jaws. The female can lay up to 20 to 40 eggs. Snapping turtles are valued for their food (Snapper Soup), which is quite delicious. It is usually unaggressive in the water; however, it may lunge and snap while on land. This is the time of year they lay their eggs. You may have seen them crossing the

road during your travels. Snapping turtles can live anywhere from 30 to 50 years.

The first week in June, I found a female snapper turtle in our back yard, which is quite common for us since we live on the Blackbird Creek, preparing to lay her eggs. So, I pulled up a chair to observe. It was quite interesting to watch. The whole process took approximately an hour. I “snapped” a few pictures which I would like to share with you. She had already started digging the hole to deposit her eggs when I spotted her in the back yard. She uses her back legs, alternately, to dig the hole. Her body is close to the ground while digging...when the hole is deep enough, she raises her body and starts to lay the eggs. I counted at least 20 eggs deposited into the hole. When she had finished laying, she started to cover the hole with the dirt that she had removed from the hole using her back legs alternately again.

She started to leave but she spotted me and walked around that area 3 times protecting the area. (I figured that I was her predator). When I walked away for a few minutes, she had walked away and I didn't see her anymore. I then covered the spot with a piece of screen and placed a few heavy stones on top of the screen so no animals could dig up the eggs. This fall, probably late August or September, I hope to find some little snappers crawling from that area. If we do, we pick them up and gently place them back into the marsh to start their life.



Chaplain, Anna Seuberth:

Marty Haugan Canticle of the Sun..... The heavens are telling the glory of God. And all creation is shouting for joy! Come, dance in the forest, come play in the fields, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord. (Vs 3) Praise for the rains that waters our fields, and blesses our crops so all the earth yields; from death until life her mystery revealed springs forth in joy....

We are singing with joy for life is starting to change back to a normal ... going to the beach ... working at the fair at the Food Booth seeing friends and family thanks to all who could and did receive their vaccine ... Please if you can ...help us out at the fair. God Bless us all.

State Fair News, Michael Lynch:

The Delaware State Fair looks like it will be back to business as usual this year as it was before the pandemic. The Food Booth Committee made plans for this year's Fair under the restrictions that were in place at the time they met in April. Therefore, we are going to have to make some adjustments. We are in desperate need for volunteers to come and work any time at our Food Booth. We know that not everyone is comfortable working under these conditions, such as fully vaccinated people not required to wear masks. This is a personal choice that everyone has to make for themselves.

Also, we are asking that all of our workers please log in anonymously (no names) as to what they have to eat on the sheet that is provided at the desk area. These numbers of the food we produce that is consumed are important and very helpful. Personally, I am looking forward to seeing everyone once again working together at our Food Booth at The Delaware State Fair.

State Secretary, Sally Bowman:

Well, it is almost June. Where did May go? Our family still spends most of our time at home even being vaccinated. We did get up to PA to celebrate our Aunt's 101st birthday with family.

Phil and I ventured out mid-May to Doylestown PA. We went to the Mercer Museum, amazing place. This man collected everything that had to do with work of any kind. He built a museum made completely of reinforced concrete to house this collection. He also built a home/castle out of concrete and a tile making factory out of concrete which still produces tile. Very beautiful, expensive tiles. We went up for a short weekend to celebrate our 45th anniversary, stayed at a Band B. After being home for so long it feels very odd to travel, even a bit scary!

I hope you all have gotten your vaccinations. That is so important. You know vaccinations can rid the world of disease if all people get the vaccine. The World Health Organization did this with smallpox years ago; they eradicated it from the earth. Now no one gets a vaccination for smallpox.

The 2nd quarter notices have gone out, due back to me by the end of June. I come into the office occasionally now. Debbie processes the checks and leaves me the paperwork. With computers and flash drives I can keep records in 2 places. All of your paperwork should go to the office. If you need supplies such as member dues reminders or GS forms or Silver certificates, we have the forms at the office. Just ask me and I will get them to you. If you have questions, you can always call me at home 302-335-3395. My cell is 302-242-5913.

Secretaries, if you have changes of officers, members move, emails added or changed, or losses of members; please remember that it is important to let me know as we keep all this information in the database and I also put it in the National Database. Members should tell their secretaries when they have changes as the

secretaries do not always know when that happens, especially since Granges have not met in a year.

Have a good summer, safely.

Family Activities, Becky Correll:

It is June already with crops making fields green and flowers in bloom. We are also getting close to the fair around the corner.

Maybe some of you have been busy with some of the projects for the hospital. I still make deliveries to volunteer services at Bayhealth. We make bears (small and large), moon pillows for cancer patients, port pillows for patients receiving treatments, blankets, lap quilts, baby hats, and I am making receiving blankets out of flannel material. If anyone is interested in making anything, the opportunity is here for you to join in.

I did have the chance to make face masks during the virus for the hospitals. I turned in about 80 masks plus some for family and friends.

Time to look at future projects to do. Please submit ideas to the Family Activities Department.

It would also be fabulous for someone to take the lead on a project, getting others to join in and complete it in order to join in to help others.

Remember that the emergency people could use some bears for children involved in emergency situations to help calm them.

The fair is just around the corner and we will be taking in cakes for dessert. Please!! Make sure cakes are iced when cool. Cakes can be sheet (9x13), Bundt, or angel food pans. **Please** no cream cheese icings. You can use drizzle icing or powdered sugar instead.

Thank you to all who worked on the projects for your Grange.

Web News, Andrew Adams:

Hey All! Over on the website end of the Grange, things are looking better and better, I am soon to have an online application form and an online payment form, so if we wish to invite new Grangers to our ranks or, if you wish to pay dues, or pay for T-Shirts, etc. etc. we can do it through the website. With the help of National Grange, I have been setting up secure ways to do the online payments, so it will be one less thing to worry about. If anyone has any announcements for Grange meetings starting back up or wants to post a message to the State Grange, please call or text me at 302-464-9045 or email me at andrewadams119@gmail.com. I may be contacting some of you guys to get some basic information from subordinate Grange's masters soon.

Hope to see some smiling faces at the Fair soon!

From the Editor, Debbie Edwards:

Fields once brown have now turned green.
Wheat turning brown can also be seen.
Little lambs are happy and gay!
And cows with calves lazily munch hay.

The State Fair is on, Dad yells with glee,
And all the kids get ready to see
The animals and rides and food all around,
While Mom makes cakes, aromas abound.

If this little ditty brings a smile to your face,
I have done my job in this small space.
Come to the fair, to help or to eat!
'Cause the Delaware State Fair is really neat.

<p>Please join us at the Food Booth at the State Fair from July 22 through July 31.</p>
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We have a "corrections" corner now! If you need to make changes to an article, we can make note of the corrections in the next issue!

Directions to Billy O'Day's farm for the Aug 8 State Picnic, 2:30PM.

4170 Woodland Ferry Rd

From the North: Take Rte 1 S to Rte 13, In Seaford Turn Right on Rte 20, Turn Left on Woodland Station Rd, Turn Left on Woodland Ferry Rd, 4170 will be on your right.

From the South: Take Rte 13 N, In Seaford Turn Left on Rte 20, Turn Left on Woodland Station Rd, Turn Left on Woodland Ferry Rd, 4170 will be on your right.

Grange News:

Pencader Grange, David Z. Correll, President:

Pencader will hold their meeting in September at the newly refurbished Harmony Grange!

Capitol Grange, Iva Hazlett, Secretary:

Just some pictures of the volunteers working on the parking lot. Thanks to Jim Correll, Harvey Thomas, Ed Hazlett, Monica Holmes, Danny Holmes and Gene Hartnett.



Smyrna Grange, Donna Jean Kiessling:

In May we resumed meeting in person and also held our annual elections. New Officers elected were DJ Kiessling, President; Paul Buckley, Vice President; Paige Boise, Lecturer; Carol Binns, Pomona; and Paul Buckley, Executive Committee. Officers were installed by State President Jim Correll at our June meeting.

Members helped with the Food Booth Power Wash and Capital's parking lot project. We're getting excited to have the Food Booth open this year during the Fair. We discussed our participation and are planning to participate in both Food Booth workdays and the State Fair. Members are also planning on attending the State Picnic and set the date for the Smyrna Picnic on Sunday, August 22 at 2:00 PM at the Correll Farm.

At our June meeting we reviewed the Second Degree and are planning to briefly discuss one of the Degrees during each meeting as a way for new members to become more familiar with the tools and lessons of the Degrees. We also discussed writing a brief mission statement for our Grange that we can use for marketing and education.

In Memoriam:

Ralph Crossan, Harmony Grange

Corrections:

The following items were listed incorrectly in the last issue:

- Phil Bowman is a member of the Executive Committee from Kent County.
- Phil Bowman's email address is: shepherd262@gmail.com.
- Paul and Paula Buckley's Phone Number: 302-653-8096
- Vaughan Webb's Phone Number: 302-858-2894

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Upcoming Events/Meetings:

July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
 July 17 9 am 2nd workday at Food Booth –
 Lunch Provided

July 22 – July 31 State Fair

Aug 8 2:30 pm State Picnic – Sussex Billy O'Day's Farm
 Aug 15 Granger Articles due!
 Aug 22 2 pm Smyrna Grange Picnic – Jim Correll's
 Aug 24 7 pm Executive Committee Mtg.
 Sept 6 LABOR DAY
 Sept 11 PATRIOT DAY
 Sept 12 2:30 pm Worship Together – Kent
 Host – St. Peters, Smyrna
 Sept 12 GRANDPARENT'S DAY
 Sept 15 Granger Articles due!

Sept 26 DAYLIGHTS SAVINGS TIME
 Sept 28 7 pm Food Booth Committee Mtg.
 Sept 30 Community Svc Reports Due to
 Ron Martin
 Oct 11 Columbus Day
 Oct 14 6:30 pm New Castle Pomona -
 Harmony Grange
 Oct 15 Granger Articles due!
 Oct 17 7:30 pm 5th Degree Practice
 Oct 19 7:30 pm 5th Degree Conferral
 Oct 24 7:30 pm 6th Degree Practice
 Oct 26 7:30 pm 6th Degree Conferral
 Oct 31 Halloween

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