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Leroy A. Watson is the Special Director for Trademark Protection and Brand Management for the National Grange, a responsibility he has held since August 2007. Watson's duties include addressing both incidental and deliberate attempts by corporations and businesses to infringe on the National Grange's 135 year old trademarks for the word GRANGE, the famous GRANGE LOGO and other valuable trademarks owned and operated by the National Grange for the benefit of the nearly 2600 local county and state Grange chapters across the nation. Under Watson's leadership the National Grange has successfully deployed legal strategies to turn back attempts by major corporations to dilute and eventually seize control of the registration of the name GRANGE as a commercial intellectual property asset.

In addition Watson has worked with more than 40 entrepreneurs around the nation to provide licenses for these start up companies to use the GRANGE trademark in their businesses to help generate local economic activity and local jobs in rural communities across the nation. Watson also works with many of the local, county and state chapters of the National Grange to advise them on strategies for better using GRANGE trademarks to enhance their fundraising and

community service programs. Watson is a native of Vermont, where he still owns and operates his family's farm.

He has a degree in political science from the University of Vermont, and a law degree from George Mason University in Arlington, VA. He also studied administrative law at the University of Exeter in Exeter, England, and is admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Watson served as the National Grange's Legislative Director in Washington, DC from 1999 until 2010. Watson also served as the National Grange's Assistant Legislative director from 1985 until 1995. He subsequently was Director of Regulatory Management for the National Biodiesel Board, a non-profit trade association dedicated to the commercial promotion of biodiesel fuel in the U.S. Prior to that, he was a Regulatory Analyst for Gordley Associates, a government relations consulting firm in Washington, D.C. He has also served as Legislative Director of the Vermont State Grange, and as legislative assistant for both the Vermont Farm Bureau and Vermont State Employees Association.

Watson and his family reside in Appleton, Wisconsin. Watson volunteers as a member of the National Grange Historical Committee and as a director for the O.M. Kile Rural Leadership Fund, a small grant making foundation working to fund projects that enhance leadership skills among rural young adults. Watson previously served as chairman of the board for the Vermont State Grange Educational Aid Foundation, a non-profit affiliate of the Vermont State Grange that provides loans and scholarships to rural students from Vermont to continue their education beyond high school.

Leroy is a Services Overseer for Potomac Grange No. 1. He is a member of Wisconsin State Grange.

New Hampshire State Grange Community Service Launches Christmas Project for Teenagers


New Hampshire State Grange Community Service Director Dick Patten and members of his committee are launching a new Christmas Project for teenagers. Dick Patten began working on this project last Christmas and introduced this proposal to the committee who represent all areas of the Granite State.

Many times there are trees in stores and churches asking for gifts for children from infant to 18 years of age. The Christmas stars list the sex of the child, age, and gift needs or wishes. In most cases, the stars listing the infants or young children are taken first. The New Hampshire State Grange Community Service Department would like to change that. The Grange feels the teenagers would enjoy opening a gift on Christmas morning. Thus, the project has been named "Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas".

The Grange will be asking not only its members but residents in their community to support this project by donating a gift for a teenager. The gifts could be gift certificates from McDonald's, Burger King, Super Cuts, Pizza Hut, Wal Mart, Target, Best Buy, or the Malls in the state. It doesn't have to be a super expensive gift to bring a smile to a teen. The Grange will be working with Operation Santa Claus, Friends of Forgotten Children and more.

Grange members will be asked to bring gifts for this project to the State Session to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua in October. Please contact State Director Dick Patten at 603-496-2917 and let's assist Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas. The Community Service Department will be contacting people from Coos to the Sea to support this project.

**Support the Granite State Granger
with your donation.**



**Outside My Window
on Parker Street
James Tetreault
NH State Grange Master**

I hope you all have had a great summer. What a great opportunity to promote the Grange! With many old Home Days, fairs and summer agricultural events going on, let's get the Grange name out into the public!

It's been a busy summer for Grange work. I had the opportunity to travel to San Antonio, Texas in June to represent the National Grange at the Great Plains Conference which was a combined Youth and Lecturers conference.

I just returned from NY and the 99th North East Lecturers conference. What a great time! If you have not had the opportunity to attend Lecturers' Conference, please think about attending the 100th annual next year in Maine. I want to take a moment and congratulate our State Lecturer Sister Hannah West for a great program. NH had a small but dedicated delegation this year as because of the distance we were missing some of the Brothers and Sisters who usually attend. Noel the Hamster attended and had a great time with other members of the Grange Herd. Sister Sharon Croucher did a wonderful job as our host this year. It was great to see many old friends and have the opportunity to meet some new ones.

During the summer months some Granges tend to go on break. Enjoy lots of summer cookouts and picnics but don't forget to think about fall inspections coming up starting next month. By now each Pomona and Subordinate Secretary should have received the fall report for your Deputy, if you have not received it, please contact your Deputy. I also want to remind you to file your final reports for the year with the different Department heads.

State Grange will be held this year at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua. This will be your opportunity to assist our organization in setting policy and selecting your Grange leaders for the next two

years as this is a full election year. We will be pleased to have as our National Grange Representative this year Brother Leroy Watson, National Grange Trade Mark Manager. I look forward to seeing you all in Nashua in October for State Grange.

**State Lecturer
Hannah West**



What a wonderful time we had at the Northeast Lecturers' Conference in August! The New Hampshire delegation was very small, but we made up for it in talent and enthusiasm. The New Hampshire program was very well received, as was my workshop. The campus of Keuka College in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State was beautiful and welcoming. I can't thank Jim Tetreault enough for driving out with passengers and playing a major role in the NH program. Ida Hutchins and Dot Haskins continued the support they have always provided, and I thank them for spending the extra money to travel the extra distance this year. My own family was supportive as usual, taking a West-Boisvert female road trip and transporting all the State Lecturer's paraphernalia. Everyone, including three-year-old Rebecca, participated in the NH program, and Mary West also performed on Spirit Night. Again, a thousand thanks to everyone from New Hampshire.

It was worth the drive to see a large delegation of New Yorkers enjoying their first NE Lecturers' Conference. Some of them travelled as far as the folks from Connecticut and Massachusetts to attend a conference in their own state. Wouldn't

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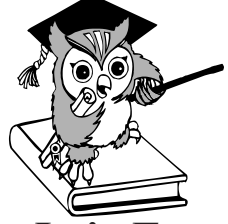
it be terrific if we had a bus load of folks from New York next year in Maine? Some of us forget just how far others have to travel to attend events in our North East Region.

Now it is time to finish up the Grange year by turning in reports and contest entries. Report forms (Blue for Subordinate Lecturers and Green for Pomona Lecturers) are in the back of the Lecturer's booklet that was passed out at State Grange last October. If you cannot find yours, please contact me, and I will see that you receive one. The questions deal mainly with State events and programs. If you find yourself answering "NO" to most of them, please put a note on the back or on another sheet of paper saying what you did do. Reports are due on or before October 1st.

Contest entries are also due on or before October 1st. I need time to have them judged before State Grange. The Photography categories are People, Farm Animals, and Churches. The Create-a-Card topics are Thanksgiving, Birthday, Sympathy. Do not neglect Creative Writing. The Cinquains are back in the Poetry Department with two subject categories: Grange and Nature. The "Tell the Story" topic is "A Special Holiday." You may write about a particular holiday you remember or just tell why a certain holiday is important to you. Then there is the Book Report. Just read a book and tell why you were impressed or entertained by it. There is a 500 word limit on the Story and the Book Report. That sounds like a lot of words, but it comes out to about one page typed.

There is the Art Contest as well. Contest details are in the Lecturer's booklet. Please label your entry on the back with your name, Grange, and the division and class of your entry. For example, you need to tell me if the picture of a cow next to a church is going to be judged as Church or Farm Animal.

I hope to see you at State Grange in Nashua. You will be able to admire the contest entries on display and pick up the prize(s) you have won. Contest entries will be returned at the close of the session, unless they go on to be displayed at National Grange.



**Grange
Services**
Lois Enman, Director

Wow, time for another article for the GSG. Where did our summer go?

At the committee's annual meeting in July we had five applications for scholarships. We were please to help the following members their education:

- Emmanuel Gooding**
Nashua Community College
Nashua, NH
Karl McDerby
Clarkson University
Potsdam, NY
Andrew Perry
Lyndon State College
Lyndonville, VT
Hillary Ward
Plymouth State University
Plymouth, NH
Kathe Wolfe
Southern NH University
Manchester, NH

Our committee wants to thank members for their donations to the Educational Loan Fund (ELF). The invested funds interest provides the money for scholarship awards. Please challenge your Grange to send a donation to this fund. Please send your donations to:

Rodney Huntoon
8 Pine Acres Road, Suite 808
Concord, NH 03301

A reminded to all members, you can still get your Sam's Club membership. You will need to download the certificate off the State Grange web site at www.nhgrange.org under Grange Services Committee and bring your current dues card to your local Sam's Club. This offer runs through January 2015.

I hope to see you in October at State Session in Nashua, NH.



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**Concord-Pineconia Grange
Celebrates 100th
by Richard Patten**

I would like to thank everyone who came to help Concord Grange celebrate their 100th birthday. We have scheduled several public events this year with the 28th annual Concord Christmas Tree Lighting as the final event.

The Flagpole Dedication at Keach Park was excellent with Nevers' Band presenting a wonderful concert. The Grange with Walgreen's Pharmacy sponsored Splash Bash for kids in grades 3-5. Many thanks to State Lecturer Hannah West for putting up the State Grange Information Tent. It was great to have State Master James Tetreault, State Overseer Chris Heath, State Assistant Steward Arthur Merrill, State Executive Committee member Beth Merrill, Community Service member and Membership member Norman Brandt and Subordinate Deputy Dorothy Haskins present. Several City officials were also present for this special evening.

The flagpole was dedicated with the assistance of the Concord Fire Department color guard and Jerry Venne representing the Veterans. The Grange served a special anniversary sheet cake during intermission to everyone. We also sang Happy Birthday to Grange member Arline French, who had just celebrated her 100th birthday.

I had the pleasure and honor to present special commemorative trophies to family members of the charter members and the relatives of Grange families who were so instrumental in the formation and community involvement of Pineconia Grange on the Concord Plains as it was known in 1914.

The Centennial Cookbook organized by Rodney Huntoon with assistance from Shelley Huntoon, Esther Herrick, and Yvonne Crocker arrived a day late, but is now available for \$10 a copy. The book contains recipes as well as a history of Pineconia Grange written by me. Our Grange history was very interesting as I found out so much that I wasn't aware of. Please contact Rodney at 224-4320 or myself if you would like to purchase a copy. They will make great Christmas

gifts for someone who loves to cook.

The Grange has tried to be heavily involved in the Concord Heights community. The Grange will be having a special float in the 63rd annual Christmas Parade slated for Saturday, November 22, at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to help us with the float, we would welcome any assistance. The theme for this year's parade is "Christmas on the Farm" in recognition of the Grange's 100th anniversary. This will be my 43rd year as chairman with James Cusano assisting.

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be Friday, Nov. 28 at the State House Plaza with all kinds of activities starting at 3:30 p.m. The giant Blue Spruce tree on the Heights at the intersection of Loudon and Airport Roads has been lit by the Grange for 75 years this year.



Aurora Grange #235 held its Community Citizens' award ceremony on June 4. Jimmy Owen, seen here with Master Lindsey Gray (and Lecturer Chip Evarts in the background), was this year's recipient. Jimmy gives a lot to the town of Pittsburg, serving on the fire department, supervising young people during the town's clean-up week, and is always willing to lend a hand to those in need. Many of Jimmy's family turned out for the ceremony.

On August 6, Aurora Grange held its annual picnic at the home of Chip and Eddie Evarts. Members of Mohawk Grange and Stratford Grange were also present as were State Deputy, Jean Abbott, and Doris Mitton. The food was delicious, as always, and everyone shared news of their Granges' programs.

**Who gossips to you will gossip of you.
--Puerto Rican Proverb**

Home Grown Politics
*Across New Hampshire Farmland
 to Concord and Washington*
Bob Haefner
Legislative and Agriculture Dept.

I think you all know that I have tried to get a closer relationship between the NH Farm Bureau and the NH State Grange. As I result I have been and continue to represent our State Grange on the Farm Bureau Government Affairs Committee. Recently I spent the entire day at the Farm Bureau with the Government Affairs Committee, the Policy Committee and the County Presidents as well as the Farm Bureau Directors. I was there both as the Grange member of the Government Affairs Committee and in my role as a Legislator. That meeting was a kick off to updating Farm Bureau Policies.

I sometimes for this column and for that matter my role as your legislative and Agriculture Director find I cannot separate it from my role as a Legislator and my connection to national and regional legislative organizations. I have no problem reporting things I do as member of State Agriculture and Rural Leaders (SARL) in this column, or talking about the Grange at Council of State Governments.

In August Sister Tara Sad and I traveled to the Eastern Regional Conference of the Council of State Governments (CSG – ERC) annual meeting in Baltimore, along with four other legislators from New Hampshire. As usual we attended a personal development workshop, this one on Risk Assessment, did a Maryland agriculture tour and most importantly participated in several agriculture and rural affairs policy discussions. Having a regional forum is great because we can network with other northeastern legislators who generally have the same issues that we do in New Hampshire.

In January Sister Tara and I will also participate in the SARL Ag Chairs summit. That is a group of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Legislative Chairs and Ranking Members for both House and Senate from all fifty states. In January New Hampshire State Grange will host the Northeast Grange Leaders. I look forward

ward to meeting with my counterparts, the other northeast Grange Legislative Directors.

I have kept busy with Judging Outstanding Young Farmer contest, and selecting our Legislative and Agriculture Awards for this year. You will have to wait for State Session in October to find out who are the recipients. Again I plan on making the Legislative award at State Session but presenting the Ag Awards at local Granges.

The Big E is fast approaching. On Sunday September 21 we will celebrate Grange Day at the Big E. Once again let me make the pitch to come to West Springfield on Grange Day. After seeing the fair and making purchases of local NH products at the New Hampshire Building, then march with us in the parade. NH needs a better showing of Grangers in the parade. It is always the same few folks that march.

Legislatively we are watching for the re-written FSMA rules and will participate as a State Grange during the comment period. We are also awaiting the release of the proposed rules for “Waters of the US”. Both of those rules have good intentions, but both could seriously and negatively impact our small northeast producers.

Your New Hampshire Grange Foundation awarded six \$1500 scholarships this year. The checks have been cut and sent to the awardees. We had six of the most qualified applicants one could imagine. We advertised it at both the Grange and the Farm Bureau. All of the recipients were either education or agriculture majors. What a great bunch of young adults!

Grange Friends’ Reunion

Cam Twiss had a visit from another member of Watatic Grange who lives in Plymouth, Maine. Alta Lawn joined when she was 14 and remained a member for a number of years. About 15 years ago she was reinstated and helps out as she can from a distance. The two contacted another long time friend from Orange, Massachusetts who joined them for lunch. The three "girls" have been friends since they were five years old.

**Visit the State Grange website at
www.nhgrange.org**

**A Midwest Safari
 for the Whole Family**

Registration is currently open for the 148th Annual National Grange Convention. This year’s convention promises to be the most fun, family-oriented event ever. Convention will take place November 11th through the 16th in Sandusky, Ohio at the Kalahari Resort, home of the country’s largest indoor water park. The Kalahari Resort not only features the water park but boasts five on-site restaurants, a spa, a game room (with laser tag, miniature golf and duck pin bowling), and family suites to accommodate up to 12 people. The suites include balconies, fireplaces, full size refrigerators and full kitchens with pots, pans and service for 12. Cooking meals on site will be great for keeping costs down especially for larger groups.

There is always plenty of fun to be had at the Convention activities. You can participate in workshops to learn something new; peruse the Idea Fair to bring back programs for your Grange; and check out the Best of Show with displays of award winning crafts, community service books, the Quilt Block contest and the Photo Contest. The Evening of Excellence is always a great show to attend and for even more fun you could drop by the youth costume dance. This year there will be a safari theme. If Grange traditions are more your style, don’t forget to obtain or observe the Sixth and Seventh Degrees or spend some time in Session watching the Delegates and Officers discuss the business of the Grange.

The host committee has planned tours to a NASA facility where you could learn about rocket launches and to the Thomas Edison Birthplace Museum in a neighboring town. The Junior Grange tour will visit the Merry-Go-Round Museum to ride an old restored merry-go-round and see carvers handcraft horses for these historic rides.

Special room rates are available only if you book by October 10th. There are lots of room types available so check out our website at <http://bit.ly/conventionregistration2014> for a chart of options and book early so you are guaranteed the type of room you need.

Community Service Thoughts



Richard Patten

I hope every Grange will submit their yearly report form to myself and Debbie, who is Family Activities Director. This year it is one form, but there is a section for Community Service. I am hopeful that your Grange will submit a booklet to be considered for National Grange Prizes. I am also hoping that you will submit a thorough report if you don't do a notebook. I enjoyed the reports I got last year. I know some people don't like doing booklets, but I would like you to send me what your Grange did for Community Service.

I hope that you sent in nominees for the Recognition Awards. I have received several and hopefully will receive a few more. There must be someone in your Grange that deserves to be recognized for Granger of the Year as well as the public servants in your community. These will be honored at the State Grange Session.

I am hoping that Grange members will support the new Christmas project (see page). I realize many Granges do special Christmas projects such as adopt a family or children for gifts. I am hoping that there are teenagers who would enjoy a gift as well. I know comments have been said that teens could care less or don't need gifts and Christmas is for kids only. Well, I know when I was a teen I couldn't wait to open a gift on Christmas morning Senior Citizens love Christmas gifts as well. Christmas is for all ages.

We will be collecting canned food for a local food pantry this year at State Session. Thank you for all your support for the Community Service Department.

There are many ideas for community service projects this fall. Schools have reopened and there are still items your Grange could provide. You might check with the principal to see if there are some unfortunate students who couldn't afford a new book bag or backpack, or school supplies like notebooks, pencils, pens. You might see if they would like volunteers to come and assist the teach-

ers with reading or other assistance in the classroom. There are some schools who do the adopt a Grandparent program. Homecoming events might interest your Grange to provide refreshments or flowers for the Homecoming Queen and King. There might be some students who can't afford to have a hot lunch at school. These are just some ideas.

Halloween is on the horizon and maybe your Grange could sponsor a Halloween party for children in your community. You might do a Halloween party for the senior citizens as well. Halloween can be a fun time for people of all ages. Please think about sending Halloween cards to seniors, shut-ins, and to our veterans, whether it is at Liberty House or Tilton Soldiers Home. Most people enjoy getting a greeting card and knowing that someone remembered them. A good place to buy greeting cards is the dollar stores. At most of the dollar stores I know cards are one dollar each.

The Committee will have met by the time this edition of the GSG comes out, and we have planned a new program for next year. I will be sending a letter out just before State Grange to remind your delegates and others who might come to Nashua about what to bring for Community Service donations.

Thank you for the support you have shown, it has been wonderful. I am so proud of the community service our Grangers do.

**A Hearty Grange Welcome to
 the Following New Members**

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Joan Blood | Antrim |
| Brian Murphy | Antrim |
| Rose Novotny | Antrim |
| Bill Kennedy | Blazing Star |
| Linda Kennedy | Blazing Star |
| Michael Braley | Blazing Star |
| Liz Hughes | Blazing Star |
| Frank Porter | Blow-Me-Down |
| Lucille Noel | Chichester |
| Keith Davison, Sr. | Chichester |
| Elaine Langvin | Concord |
| Jennifer McCormick | Joe English |
| Rondi Gannon | Lower Intervale |
| Kirk McNeil & Lauren Rumlper | Manchester Community |
| Herb Vadney | Wicwas Lake |
| Karen Vadney | Wicwas Lake |
| Allan Perkins | Wicwas Lake |
| Pam Hatch | Wicwas Lake |
| Betty Alstrom | Wicwas Lake |
| John Moulton | Wicwas Lake |
| Liz Lapham | Wicwas Lake |



**Membership
 Anne Boisvert**

I'm happy to report that the Membership department has had or will have an exhibit in Stratham, Cheshire, Hopkinton, Hillsborough County, Rochester, and Deerfield fairs. Thank you to my committee members Norman Brandt and Beth Merrill for making it possible to exhibit in more than half of the fairs in the state again this year. Many other Granges have been exhibiting in agricultural fairs throughout New Hampshire, though it seems to me that participation is a little lower this year than usual. As I mentioned in my early summer mailing, fair exhibits are a great way to make the Grange visible in the community as well as being a surprisingly good fundraiser. The best of show prize at Hopkinton Fair for example is \$200 cash!

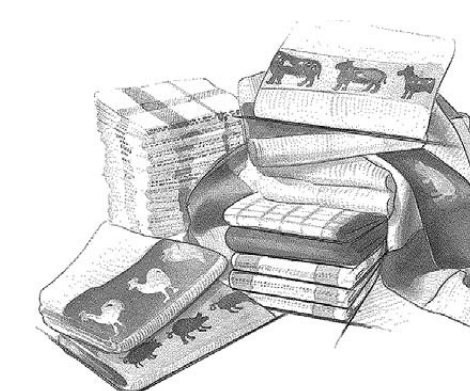
The deadline for asking has come and gone for the “ask someone to join the Grange” postcard contest, but postcards may still be sent in until the 1st of October as long as the asking was done before July 1st.

There is a possibility that there will be another degree day before State Grange session, but things haven't come together yet. A mailing will be sent out if/as soon as a location is found for that event.

Dish Towels Needed

The dish towels at the State Grange Building are in deplorable condition. We need a “Towel Shower.”

If you or your Grange could provide a new dish towel or two, there will be a box at the Membership Table at State Grange to accept them.



**Wingold Grange #308
Ham & Bean Suppers
East Kingston Town Hall**

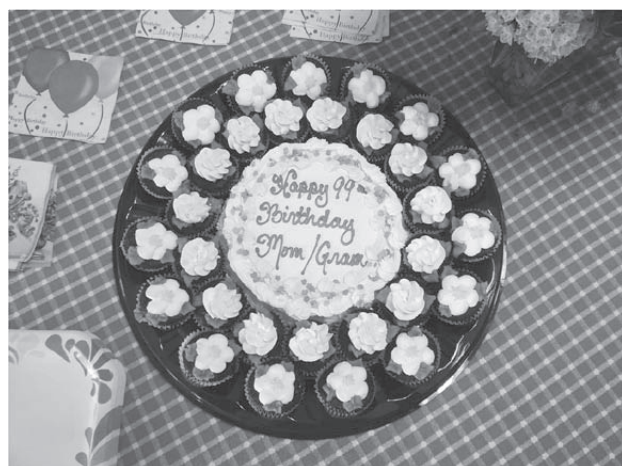
**5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
September 13, 2014**

**Meal Includes:
2 types of beans
Cole Slaw
Potato Salad
Spiral Ham
Rolls
beverages
Home made pies**



Phoebe Willey, age 99

Tuftsboro Grange #142 celebrated its oldest living member's 99th birthday on Sunday, June 28th, at Applegate Gardens in Tuftsboro, New Hampshire. Phoebe Willey was born and raised in Tuftsboro and lived in Tuftsboro on and off her whole life. She returned to live here permanently three years ago when she took up residence at Applegate Gardens. Present to celebrate with her were her daughters, Ruth Willey of Claremont and Florence Perkins of Tuftsboro, grandchildren David Perkins along with Wayne and his wife Joy. We celebrated with balloons and with ice cream and cake along with the wishes and glad tidings of many friends and relatives.



State Historian Luncheon

Dick Patten is planning to do a State Historian Luncheon at the upcoming State Grange Session to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua. To date no one has reserved a ticket. The cost is \$13.00 inclusive and features a Salad Bar lunch with soups, bread, many different salad items and beverage.

Dick will have 35 tickets to sell, and he has a deadline of October 14. He is hoping to honor a couple of members with the Grange Founders Award. He has tried very hard to keep the price affordable but there were not many choices. The salad bar was \$9.99 then add tax and tip and that brought it to \$13.00 even. He is not making any money on this.

Please contact him at 496-2917 or 228-1803 or email dickpatten7@gmail.com for reservations.

Thank You to everyone who shared their condolences for the passing of Phyllis Taylor. Your calls, cards, presence and donations in her memory are much appreciated. Tricia and Terry Taylor, Pat, Tiffani and Jeff Price, Chris and Megan Ricker, and all their families.

Time to Order Dictionaries

For those of you who participate in the Dictionary Project the books can be ordered as soon as you have the count of students. This is a busy time for ordering all over the USA, so it will take at least three or four weeks for your dictionaries to arrive. The price of dictionaries has taken quite a leap this year and the dictionaries you ordered last year are now \$2.60 each with labels if you order through Suncook Valley Pomona. They are available on line at www.dictionary-project.org at \$2.50 each if you are able to order by full cases (24 books to a case) and print your own labels. Shipping is included either way you order.

Remember, someone asked you to join the Grange. Don't forget to ask someone to share the same opportunities that you have received.

Grange Bulletin Board

**NH State Grange Banquet
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nashua, NH
Saturday, October 25, 2014**

Reservations are now being accepted for the State Grange Banquet on Saturday evening, October 25, at 6:00 p.m.

Menu selections are as follows:

**Sun-dried Tomato Mascarpone Ravioli
Stuffed pillows of Pasta tossed in a
Basel Pesto Cream Sauce**

**Georges Bank Haddock
Day Boat Haddock with a
White Wine Butter**

**Maple Pork Loin
Tender Pork Loin served with
an Apple Chutney**

The above dinners will include a Salad, Vegetable, Herb Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Marble Cheesecake, Coffee (regular or decaffeinated) and Assorted Teas.

A children's menu and dietary options will be determined upon request at the time of reservation.

\$36.00 for adult meals

To make a banquet reservation contact Tricia Taylor (State Ceres) by Friday, October 10, 2014. No late reservations will be accepted after the due date as we have a deadline to meet with the hotel. Any e-mail, telephone or invited guest reservations that are not paid for by the due date will be canceled. All checks should be made payable to the **NH State Grange** and mailed to:

**Tricia J. Taylor
477 Eastern District Road
Danbury, NH 03230
603-630-0159
jdno7tt@gmail.com**



In Memoriam

Muriel Kenneson	Baker's River
Annie Eckerman	Croydon
James Colby	Daniel Webster
Howard Bemis	Golden Rod
Ruth Hubbard	Grafton Star
Pauline Follansbee	Hampton Falls
Alice June Daley	Hampton Falls
Donald Morgan	Hooksett
Carol Morgan	Jeremiah Smith
Mabel Lavoie	Jeremiah Smith
Marjorie Star	Joe English
Sue Ann Tingley	Joe English
Robert Burrill	Mohawk
Jean Paige	Mount Hope
William Rooney	Mt. Livermore
Louise Steel	Rockingham
Reginald Amazeen	Tuftonborough
Bill Edney	Wicwas Lake
Roberta Boynton	Wicwas Lake
Glenn Stewart	Wingold
Eva Smith	Wingold

National Grange Appoints New Legislative Director

J. Burton Eller, Jr., Managing Director of Burton Eller Associates in Washington, DC has been appointed Director of Legislative Affairs for the National Grange. Eller will be responsible for implementing the Grange public policy and government affairs agenda in the nation's capital while engaging grassroots Grange members in this process. He will represent the Grange before Congress, agencies of the Federal Government, coalitions, working groups, and other organizations. Another important responsibility of the Director will be to increase the organization's influence and visibility at the national level and to serve as a reliable resource on rural America, agricultural policy and other issues important to Grange members.

Burton has been the head of two Washington offices, CEO of two associations and Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture at USDA.



Seated: Brenda, Kody and Sandra Paquette. Standing: Raymond, Billie and Ronald Paquette. Photo by Angela Wheeler/Colebrook Chronicle

Mohawk Grange Honors Members

On Monday, August 4, Mohawk Grange in east Colebrook recognized two long-standing members: Sandra Paquette, who has been a member of the Grange for 60 years, and her sister-in-law, Brenda Paquette, who has been a member for 55 years. Master Michelle Hyde presented the two women with their membership seals.

"What can we say more about the Grange than the Paquette family?" asked Master Michelle Hyde during the ceremony. "The Paquette family is one of the cornerstones of our Grange heritage."

When Sandra joined the Grange it was with Columbia Grange. Sandra gave Hyde a little background history, explaining that when Columbia Grange closed the members began attending Colebrook meetings. When presenting the seals Hyde humorously asked, "How many brown breads and chicken pies would that be?" The Granges are well-known for their community dinners which have helped to raise funds for Grange projects. Those dinners have usually been accompanied by live music, leading into a fun night of dancing after everyone had eaten. "Can't count those," laughed Sandra.

To Brenda Paquette, Hyde presented a seal for 55 years of membership, "For all the pies that you made and all the roadside pickups and all the work that you did for the Grange, everything that you have done, we want to thank you," said Hyde. "I've had a good time with everything I've done," said Brenda.

"Yes, we have all had a good time with our work, but we can't do it without our steadfast members," replied Hyde. She offered a final congratulations and thanked the two women for their years of service. (with permission of **The Colebrook Chronicle**)

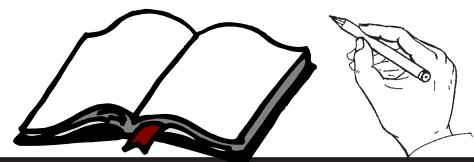
Calendar of Events

- Sept. 12-28 - Eastern States Expo.
- Sept. 15 - Registration Deadline for Deerfield Fair Exhibits
- Sept. 19 - NH Day at Big E
- Sept. 21 - Grange Day at Big E
- Sept. 23 - Blueberry Pie Day at Big E
- Sept. 25-28 - Deerfield Fair
- Sept. 25 - Youth Report due to Pomona Chairman
- Sept. 25 - Youth Report Booklets due to Youth Director
- Sept. 26 - 2nd Blueberry Pie Day
- Sept. 29 - Lecturer's Contest Entries due to State Lecturer
- Oct. 1 - Youth Report Forms due to State Youth Director
- Oct. 3 - State Grange Session Reservations due to Crowne Plaza Hotel
- Oct. 4 - Ukulele Festival at Antrim Grange Hall 7 p.m.
- Oct. 10 - Banquet reservations due with payment to Tricia Taylor
- Oct. 14 - Historian Luncheon reservations due with payment to Dick Patten
- Oct. 23-26 - 141st Annual Session of NH State Grange in Nashua
- Nov. 11-15 - National Grange Session in Sandusky, Ohio

Deadline

The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in December, 2014. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before November 16, 2014. Report on events of September and October. Look ahead to events of January, February, and March.

**State Grange Historian
Richard Patten**



Many times I have been told I live too much in the past. I guess that could be true, but as Historian I enjoy studying the past of this great organization. It amazes me that every time I pick up a journal and read I always find something new. Recently, I was sent the history of The Agate, which was very interesting. When I first heard about The Agate, Pineconia Grange invited them to come and hold their meeting. They met on Saturdays with a supper first and a business meeting with a program following. I was told only Past Masters and their spouses could join. It seemed like a very secret organization. I was told that they never usually came this far north to meet. The Agate usually held their meetings in the southern part of the state.

The Agate was formed on April 24, 1954, when twenty-nine Grange members gathered at the Kingston Inn for a dinner and to plan to form a Past Master's Association. The purpose, according to Article 2 of the original Bylaws, was "To promote community improvement through united effort." After much discussion by all present, a business meeting was called by temporary chairman Everard Horr, and a motion was made and unanimously voted to form a Past Master's Association and that there be NO jurisdiction limit. The first set of officers installed were: President, Everard Horr; Vice President, Randall Richardson; Secretary, Clara Aiken; Treasurer, Russell Pearson. The President then appointed a General Committee, a Committee on By-laws, and a Membership and Dues Committee. It was further voted to hold a meeting of the Association every two months, and that all names received on or before the next meeting would be registered as Charter members. Charter Night was held September 25th at Simpson's at Dover Point with 111 names on the roll call. The official Past Master's song was introduced, and it has been sung at each meeting of the Agate held since that time.

The words were written by Sister Muriel Nelson, a long time member and secretary of Junior Grange #150 of Grasmere. The President serves a one year term and it is interesting to see the names of those who have served. The list that was given to me stopped at 1984. Some of the names I remember and maybe you do as well are: Ralph Emerson, Charles Eastman, Edwin Hardy, Ruth Richardson, Mary Marlatt, Albert Noyes Jr., Leonard Twiss, Ruby Noyes, Thelma Brusseau, Ernest Dustin, Carryl Heath, Aime Lemire, William Humphrey, Marion T. Jones, Barbara Humphrey, and Natalie Heath. I would write so much more as this was interesting, but I will have this in the book that I am writing. I would like to thank Cam Twiss who sent this to me.

I have been busy this summer finding homes for more Secretary books. My only problem is finding the time to get them delivered. Some of the historical societies or libraries are only open a few days a week. In the coming weeks, I will be delivering Hiram R. Roberts, Mascoma, Profile, and Millville Granges.

I have been studying the 1939 Journal of Proceedings. There were 280 candidates for the sixth degree. I found the pleasure of knowing when I joined in 1966: Edwin & Awilda Hardy, Rev. H. Franklin Parker, Earl Fitch, and some of Pineconia's members. I also found in the Executive Committee minutes of October 21, 1939, that it was voted to move the 1939 Session from Manchester to Concord. Manchester was slated to hold the session but for unforeseen circumstances, it couldn't do it. The headquarters for the 1939 were the Eagle Hotel in Concord. The dates for the session were December 12, 13, and 14. It still amazes me with Christmas so close how the State Grange could hold its session. They always drew a tremendous attendance. It would be so nice to see a large attendance at this year's session in Nashua. I have already started on my Historian report. I can tell you this is one the hardest reports I have ever done.

**"Even if you're on the right track,
you'll get run over if you just sit
there." - Will Rogers**



**Haven Haynes and Lynda Gaudette of
Mohawk Grange**
photo courtesy of The News and Sentinel,
Colebrook, NH

Former recipient Lynda Gaudette of Colebrook was at the Indian Stream Health Center's annual dinner meeting on August 12 in Colebrook to present the third annual Community Health Advocate Award to Haven Haynes Jr. of Beecher Falls, Vt.

Haven has been a member of the Mohawk Grange since 2007, and since 2007 he has amassed over 4000 hours of community service from knitting hats to gathering firewood for those in need, Lynda Gaudette and Arthur Couture nominated Haven for the award. Haven is also the Master of Upper Coos Pomona Grange.



Local Methodist Pastor Paula Fletcher happily picks a pie from the Mohawk Grange sale on August 8 in Colebrook; at left is MaryAnn Woodard Neary. (Courtesy of The News and Sentinel, Colebrook, NH.)



**Junior Grange
Joann Brandt, Director**

Schools are starting and soon we will be back in the swing of the fall season. What about Grange? Junior Grange is a great learning time for young children. They can tell us of their events and get used to speaking in front of people. This will also better them as they have reports in school. We can encourage them in many ways.

I am beginning to review next year's program ideas and would love to hear from any of you. We want Junior Grangers and young children attending your meetings to have something to do. How would you like to assist the Juniors in your area? Have you made a list of young children ages 4 ½ to 14 in your town or Grange area and invited families to participate in your Grange? Did you know that if you have 17 youngsters and your Grange has been striving, I would love to have you have your own Junior Grange?

Did you encourage the families to try the no-bake cookies to practice and make again for State Grange on Saturday in October? I did not hear from you about any entries for the Big E Junior Grange contest.

Attending the Northeast Youth and Junior Conference in Nashua I enjoyed working with Juniors from Massachusetts and Connecticut. They did Public Speaking by writing and then reading their story. Some did Sign Language as well. It was a lot of fun. We attended some of the Youth activities and watched the Drill Teams perform. What a great job they all did. Of course, I was rooting for New Hampshire!

Our August area meeting was not possible as I have been having to work five days a week and that doesn't give me the time to plan like I had been this past year. I set up a Junior Grange display for Stratham Fair and also at Cheshire Fair. Come see us at Deerfield Fair as I will be there every day. We are in the same building as the vegetables, canning and baked

goods. Any Junior families coming, stop by and say hi. The weather has been much cooler this year and I hope you have all had a great summer.

There will be some Junior activities available at State Grange. Please let the children know, and we will plan time during the day to do something to break up their day.

As we work together to grow our Junior Grangers, feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions to help us grow.

**Outreach
Director
Stephen
Tracy**



As most of you know I have had to take a temporary 'time out' for personal reasons while rebuilding my home from the July 3rd tornado, so I do not have much to report. I have been out doing PR at public functions in the Upper Coos area which got the Grange in the local newspapers and another radio spot. Due to that and the growth of activities in Granges up north there is more public talk of the Grange. This is good. Stratford Grange honored a young lady as Community Citizen and consequently her family of 4 and possibly 2 aunts maybe joining.

Mohawk Grange has received a Community Service Award and Haven Haynes of our State Grange Community Service Committee also received an award. This reflects favorably on the Grange. I hope that Granges have taken advantage of fairs and farmer's markets to promote the Grange.

On a personal note, I wish to thank all Grangers who sent well wishes, checks, etc. while I have been dealing with the tree in my house. I will not list any person or Grange as I may forget someone and that would be bad. Your kindness is appreciated. It gives me another benefit of being a member to promote the Grange.



State Grange Organizing Deputy Stephen Tracy of Stewartstown presented the Indian Stream Health Center's sixth annual Outstanding Community Service Award to Mohawk Grange Master Michelle Hyde, during the ISHC's annual dinner meeting on August 12 in Colebrook. From scholarships to serving community meals, the Grange in East Colebrook exemplifies the organization's mission to enhance rural life and build better people, according to Mr. Tracy's nomination. (Photo courtesy of The News and Sentinel, Colebrook, NH.)



Mohawk Grange Master Michelle Hyde makes her purchase as members (from the left) Wayne Brown, Sonja Sheldon, Ann Woodard and MaryAnn Woodard Neary look on during the August 8 pie sale on Main Street in Colebrook. The Grange realized over \$400 from the sale and spared a lot of happy people from baking duties. (Photo courtesy of The News and Sentinel, Colebrook, NH.)

**A baby is an angel whose wings
decrease as his legs increase.
--French Proverb**



**GRANGE
YOUTH**

Sherrill Bokousky

The Youth Department has had a very busy summer. In June we had a Summer Rally weekend on June 6, 7, and 8 at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia. The agenda for the rally started out on Friday evening with folks arriving and spending time getting settled in. As this was a joint event with the Junior Department each group had their own agenda with lots to do. We had eleven adults and five Juniors staying for the full weekend.

Saturday's Youth activities included time spent working on the contest entries for recycled art. A sign-a-song workshop was done by Kathy Yardley with the group. Later that day was the Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song entries. The group sign-a-song went on to the regional youth conference in July. Saturday evening we had a campfire meeting and election of officers was done. There were plenty of s'mores, and it was a great time to relax and enjoy the wonderful weather we had.

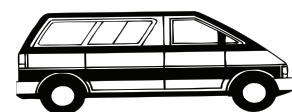
On July 11, 12 and 13 New Hampshire was the host state for the Northeast Regional Youth Conference. This was held at Rivier University in Nashua, and we had a great attendance for the weekend. Saturday we had Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests. We had Grange Jeopardy and one minute games to end the evening with a raffle for tickets received during the conference. Drill competition followed on Sunday morning with five teams entered. Massachusetts placed first with New Hampshire placing third.

Now we come to the time for review. I am hoping you will take some time to fill out the Youth report and send it along to me. There are a few things in the program that are for youth only but a lot of it is for ALL. The Youth Program has the contests and rules listed for them. The two state contests are Recycled Art and Christmas Ornaments. Please know that everyone can participate in these

contests. We also have the 2014 Photo Scavenger Hunt.

You will also find the Youth Program, the Scavenger Hunt and all registration forms on the NH State Grange Website. It is also time to look at the Youth Report to see what you can do before time runs out. We have a lot of activities that you can participate in whether you have youth or not. This report will also help to plan the coming program.

We will continue to send emails, Facebook posts, and try to contact as many folks as possible. Mailings sent out to Granges should be read at your meetings by the youth chairman or secretary. If you receive a message about an event please let us know if you can make it or not. I thank you in advance for your support of the Youth as it will help me and the Youth Committee to make better plans for future activities.



*Family & Community
Department
Deb Patten*

Can you believe it? We are nearly through summer and heading to fall! That brings new reminders to all of you for the work of Family Services.

Needlework Contests

I received several items of needlework but truthfully not nearly as many as last year. I am hopeful it was just an off year for everyone. Please consider working your crafts as there is bound to be a category your entry could fall into. The winners of each category go to Eastern States for a New England judging. All entries received this year will be on display at State Grange and can be signed for and picked up for return to the owners at State Grange at the end of the session.

Mittens and Galoshes

Hopefully you are working on knitting mittens so we can warm the hands of many children this winter. These are due at State Grange in October. Please also supply two pair of boots from each Grange if possible and bring these to State Grange as well.

Annual Reports and Donation

Please be sure to submit the annual Family & Community Service report form which was supplied to you earlier this year. This is due by September 15, 2014. If you need another copy please let me know. It was in the packet supplied to you at State Grange last year or mailed to you if you weren't at State Grange. If you want your community service projects to be judged at National Grange you must do a booklet. Otherwise the paper form is sufficient.

Your donation is important to the committee and helps us to do our projects such as providing a goody bag to every resident at Glencliff Home and all of the Community Service projects such as Liberty House, Dare etc. The total donation is \$15 per grange for combined Family and Community Service. Please make checks payable to Family & Community Services and send to me at Debra Patten, 30 Pinewood Trail, Concord, NH 03301. Thank you very much for your support.

Baking Contest

I am sure by now you have had your contest at your Subordinate and your winning entry went to your Pomona for judging. All of the Pomona winning entrants need to please bring their winning entry to State Grange to be judged Friday. I will need them all to be at State Grange no later than 11:30 a.m, on Friday. I will ensure there is refrigeration to keep them in until they are judged.

Fudge, Trail Mix, Brownies

Please be thinking about donating fudge, trail mix and brownies/cookies for State Grange. Please be sure to indicate if nuts are included so we can ensure someone with an allergy to nuts doesn't get into serious trouble.

RADA Cutlery

We still have the ability to order the RADA cutlery as a fundraiser for Family & Community Services. I have catalogs and am more than happy to place an order. I will have catalogs and a small supply of the most requested items at State Grange. Please stop by the Family Services table or contact me at 603-228-1803 if you wish to order or purchase any items.

I think that is it for now. Please be sure to contact me if you have additional questions or suggestions.

**New Hampshire State Grange
Patrons of Husbandry
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Nashua, NH**

Special & Invited Guests
Leroy Watson,

**National Grange Trademark Manager
Governor Maggie Hassan
Mayor Donnalee Lozeau
Christopher Williams,
Nashua Chamber of Commerce**

**Thursday October 23, 2014
Registration opens at 3:00 p.m.
(\$10.00 Delegate Registration Fee)
(\$5.00 Attendee Registration Fee)**

**Opening Session ~ 4:00 p.m.
Procession of State Officers
Opening in the Sixth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Grange lowered to the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Granges
Introduction of Special Guests
Closing the Grange**

**Evening Session ~ 7:00 p.m.
Public Program
by Alvirne High Jazz Band**

Friday, October 24, 2014

**Morning Session ~ 8:00 a.m.
Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Minutes from
Thursday Session
Announcement of Session Committees
Reading NEW Resolutions &
2013 Convention Rules
Reports:
Session Coordinator Ken Berry
Fundraising Sherrill Bokousky
Family Weekend/Visioning Deputy ...
Robert Trombi
Trustees of Trust Funds
Diane Collins
Eastern States Trustees ... Matt Clark
Outreach Deputy Stephen Tracy**

**Grange Memorial Service
11:00 a.m.
Chaplain, Matthew Clark
(Gates and Registration will be closed)**

**State Historian Luncheon ~ 12:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Library
(For tickets contact Richard Patten,
Historian)**

Afternoon Session ~ 1:30 p.m.

**State Master's Address
James M. Tetreault**

**Reports:
Treasurer, Daniel P. Bascom
Secretary Gerald J. Leclerc
Executive Committee Chris Heath
General Deputy Arthur Merrill
Lecturer Hannah West
Historian Richard Patten**

**The New Hampshire Grange
Foundation~ 3:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting by Foundation
Directors and Officers
Note: all Delegates please be present.**

Fifth Degree Obligation ~ 7:10 p.m.

**Evening Session ~ 7:30 p.m.
Conferral of the Sixth Degree
Introduction of Guests
Introduction of members of
The Assembly of Demeter
Parade of Deputies
Closing in the Fourth Degree
State Officers receiving line
following the closing**

Saturday, October 25, 2014

**Morning Session ~ 8:00 a.m.
Procession of Youth Officers
(State Officers to be at their Stations)
Opening in the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of State Officers
Calling the Roll of Youth Officers
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading the Minutes from
Friday Session
Informational reading of
Convention Rules**

**Reports:
Youth Director, Sherrill Bokousky
Junior Director Joann Brandt
Granite State Granger .. Hannah West
State Grange Building
Anne & Marty Boisvert
Grange Services Lois Enman**

9:30 a.m. Election of State Officers

**Reports:
Webmaster Wayne Turcotte
Membership Anne Boisvert
Family Committee Debra Patten
Community Service ... Richard Patten
National Session 2013 Wrap-up
Beth Merrill**

Afternoon Session ~ 1:30 p.m.

Budget 1:30 p.m.

**Reports:
Resolutions Committee, Tara Sad
Master's Address Committee
Credentials Committees
Unfinished Business
Closing the Grange 4:30 p.m.**

**Evening Session ~ 5:30 p.m.
NH State Grange Banquet
(For tickets contact Tricia Taylor,
State Ceres)**

**Program:
Introduction of Dignitaries
Recognition Awards
50/50 Raffle Winner/Conclusion of
Silent Auction
Start of new 1/20 Club
Entertainment by Erik and
Kathryn Hodges**

**Sunday, October 26, 2014
Hudson Grange Hall
4 Windham Road, Hudson**

**Grange Church Service ~ 10:00 a.m.
Chaplain, Matthew Clark**

**Installation of Officers - 11:00 a.m.
Introduction of Committee Directors**

**Reception Honoring
Newly Installed State Master**



Antrim Grange News

by Beth Merrill

Our 12th annual Art Show was held in June, and was a great success, with several new artists displaying their work. We acknowledge and thank Bank of New Hampshire for sponsoring the People's Choice Award, won by Crista Tenney. For the second year, Rick and Diane's Restaurant sponsored the Pizza Box Art Contest won by Jaxon Salamy in the youth division and Louis Hugron's model of their restaurant storefront earning the top award in the open division.

We welcomed new members Joan Blood, Rose Novotny and Brian Murphy this spring.

In July, we enjoyed a cookout and pot luck supper and made final preparations for our Summah Suppah, Penny Sale, and benefit concert fundraisers. We are fundraising to pay for the exterior Grange Hall painting project (which is already underway thanks to the efforts of Brian Murphy). Putting on a supper at the Grange hall is an interesting and challenging task due to the special challenges of our historic building (and why we've avoided this type of fundraiser until now), but with great teamwork the members pulled it off with flying colors, according to feedback from our Summah Suppah patrons. Thanks to Tenney Farm and Patten Hill Farm for providing berries for pies for the supper and to Edmunds' Store, Great Brook Vet Clinic, Tenney Farm,

Patten Hill Farm, Bellows Nichols Agency, Dunkin' Donuts, Crotched Mountain Ski Area, Frank Gorga, Diane Gutgesell, Virginia Pereira, Brian Murphy and Barbara Mervine for their donation of items for our Penny Sale.

If a community member wishes to provide some financial assistance for this ongoing project, tax deductible donations can be made payable to the NH Grange Foundation and sent to Andrew Savage, Treasurer, 18 Mill Street, East Rochester, NH 03868. Checks should include a notation that the donation is designated for the Antrim Grange Hall Painting project. We are so grateful for the support of our community.

Fair season is upon us, and our exhibit at Cheshire Fair, created by Dawn Hugron and Gloria Davis received a blue ribbon. This exhibit will also be entered at Hopkinton, Hillsborough County, and Deerfield Fairs throughout the fall.

On October 4th, the third annual Ukulele festival takes place at the hall at 7:00 p.m. Admission is by donation, and refreshments will be provided in the same manner. Last year's event attracted a capacity crowd, a result of the Ukulele Society of Antrim's increasing popularity and perhaps a bit of notoriety, too. Antrim Grange is grateful to them for their benefit concert in July held in support of our Grange Hall Painting Project.

On October 15th, Antrim Grange member and 2014 Conval graduate, Davi Pen-

ny, will present a program about her trip to Germany in April and her American cross-country truck driving experience. The public is welcome to come! Here is an excerpt from her journal, "We were in a traffic jam about ten minutes ago. It lasted for maybe 20 minutes, and it was quite funny. We had the CB on, and the guys were just going at it. It was great. One of the better comments was 'If I got out of this truck wearing shorts and sandals, my granddad would rise from his grave and beat me!' I was very enthusiastic to all our fellow truckers; a big grin and wave. I got smiles and waves in return. Yay for forcing truckers to interact with people who are not truckers." Join us at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall to hear more travel tales from this extraordinary young woman.

This fall, we look forward to meetings and events at the Grange Hall that will be warm and toasty, thanks to the new pellet stove installed by the other fraternal resident at the Grange Hall, the Waverly Lodge Odd Fellows.

The end of October will have many of our members attending the annual State Grange session, this year in Nashua. In November, Arthur Merrill and Bob and Adam Paquin-Varnum will travel to Sandusky, OH for the National Grange convention.

Keep abreast of our activities and programs in local papers, on our facebook page or on our website at grange.org/antrimnh98.

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