



The Patrons Chain

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE

April 16, 2021



CELEBRATING GRANGE MONTH

Since 1867, Grange has found a way to bring people together. And together has never sounded so good. We know the way, and we welcome you to join us.

Last Week of Grange Month

By Betsy Huber National Grange President

Only one week left in Grange Month! Has your Grange celebrated? Have you had a special event, open (Zoom) meeting, display, or maybe you've been lucky enough to have an in-person event?

There is still time to celebrate Grange month with a news article on your Grange's history or current activity in your town. Update your website with upcoming plans for the rest of the year. Post a Facebook activity like National Grange has been doing this week for Grange Spirit Week.

If you haven't done something special for Grange Month in April, you can certainly plan something for May or later in the year. Just because April has remained under pandemic restrictions doesn't mean you must skip celebrating Grange throughout the remaining months. As you may be starting to hold your Grange meetings in person again, plan an event to celebrate getting together.

There is a long list of suggested activities on the webpage nationalgrange.org under Events, Grange Month 2021. Here are just a few—hold a newspaper or pet food drive for the local animal shelter. Plan a community-wide picnic like North Pole Grange is for July 4th. Beautify a park or your Grange property. Read and record books for children or the visually impaired. Start a community garden at a school or your Grange hall.

There are so many possibilities of things you can do for your community, even if activities are still restricted. Take advantage of this opportunity to advertise your Grange and let your neighbors know what you do. They may be looking for activities to do with their family as spring comes, and they can find them in the Grange!



GET READY FOR THE 155TH ANNUAL
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Social Media Goal-Setting Can Reap Great Rewards

By Kennedy Gwin Communications Manager

In the vast world of social media, gaining follows, likes, and subscribers can seem like a daunting task. But fear not, fellow Grangers! With a few easy adjustments to your social media pages, you can rake in the followers and likes and spread the message about your Grange activities far and wide.

The first thing you should do when goal-setting for your social media pages is analyze your current content. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Does your page have different types of posts? (Examples include news, date-related content such as holiday greetings, celebratory content such as welcoming a new member, quotes that help others learn about the organization's values, re-shared content from sources that provide information to your audience such as scholarship deadlines, legislative initiatives of the National Grange and more)
- How much of the content on your page was made by YOU and not just shared?
- Around what times do you see the most interactions with your page? (You can learn more about this if you are an administrator by going to your Page's Settings and looking for the word Insights or Analytics. Different platforms have different routes to get to the page analytics, so you may have to Google how to learn about your Page's followers or get page insights.)

After taking time to reflect upon what your social media pages have to offer, take some time to make goals. It is important to set realistic goals. You will not gain 10,000 followers, overnight but setting a goal of getting 100 new likes for your page is very reasonable and something you can do by inviting your friends and community members to your page. You don't have to do this alone. Ask your followers to invite their friends to like your page.

Other goals should include creating a cohesive page, posting regularly, and mixing up your types of posts. A cohesive page will have similar brand colors of the Grange and be appealing to the

eye. When posting for your page about 60% of your posts should be made by you, the other 40% can be things you shared from the National Grange, other Granges, other organizations in your community or affecting your followers, or interesting ideas you want your members to engage in.

Dedicating just ten minutes a day to your social media pages can do wonders for your local profile. Don't forget, if you will be unable to post for several days, on most platforms you can schedule posts in advance. See more about this in a future issue.

So get to posting! If you need ideas or help please contact Communications Manager Kennedy Gwin at the National Grange at kgwin@nationalgrange.org.

Cultivating Connections Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>All times Eastern</i>	
Friday, April 23	@ 9 p.m.	Benefits with the Grange
Thursday, April 29	@ 8:30 p.m.	Community Service and the Grange with Pete Pompper
Friday, April 30	@ 9 p.m.	Trivia Night with the Grange

Weekly Benefit

Life Line Screening will provide Grange members with valuable information on how to become proactive about their health and their family's health by offering a way to get high-quality health screenings that are accurate, convenient, and inexpensive. Take advantage of a four package screening that consists of Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package, for only \$135, a special price for National Grange members. visit <https://www.lifelinescreening.com/our-partners/national-grange>.



New Reorganized Grange in Idaho

By Amanda Brozana Rios Membership Director

On Saturday, April 17, Mountain Home Grange #285 came back to life after being dormant for about 25 years. The 27 new members of this Idaho Grange elected officers, who were installed by members of the Idaho State Grange and National Grange Membership, Leadership Development and Communications Director Amanda Brozana Rios.

The new officers watched as Idaho State Grange leadership opened the Grange, then closed the Grange meeting on their own, a first step in their journey as the leaders of the reorganized Grange.

They will call the Mountain Home Grange Hall their home and plan to leave their charter application open through May 2, hoping to add a few more new members at their first event, a craft fair in the building on May 1.

Notes of congratulations and welcome are encouraged, and may be sent to President Nancy Largent at nlargent72@gmail.com. Their next meeting will be held May 10.



USDA's Farm Service Agency is currently accepting new and modified CFAP 2 applications

Courtesy of the USDA

Has your operation been directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic?

USDA is implementing updates to the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) for producers of agricultural commodities marketed in 2020 who faced market disruptions due to COVID-19. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced an expansion of CFAP on March 24, 2021. This is part of a larger effort to reach a greater share of farming operations and improve USDA pandemic assistance.

In 2020, did you own/produce any of the following?

- Livestock (cattle, pigs, sheep/wool, broilers/pullets, eggs and more)
- Row or specialty crops (including aquaculture, nursery, and more)

If so, you may be eligible for financial assistance through CFAP 2. The CFAP 2 signup period has reopened as part of USDA's new Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative. Note: Participation in CFAP 1 is NOT required for assistance through CFAP 2.

To learn more, visit farmers.gov/CFAP, contact our call center at 877-508-8364, or contact your local FSA office.



SUPPLY STORE

www.grangestore.com



Subordinate Grange Manual

Grange Subordinate Manual (soft covered) includes the Alternative Manual, Welcoming Ceremony, and Installation Ceremony, 2013 Edition. These books include the revised pages 2018

Cost is \$10.00
plus shipping



GRANGE REVIVAL

JULY 20-25, 2021
STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA



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WHAT IS GRANGE REVIVAL?

Grange Revival is a family event open for all Grange members and friends to create and strengthen fraternal bonds. From outdoor activities to ag awareness lessons, craft workshops and lots of time to kick back and relax with other Grangers, there is something for everyone.

Take part in planned activities or excursions or strike out on your own to find some fun during the day. Then head back to the campground at night to enjoy a communal meal and maybe even some campfire songs.

Bring your RV, load your car and pack a tent, fly to your destination and stay in a cabin or enjoy the experience with some added creature comforts at a nearby hotel. All the fun of Grange Revival is waiting for you! And don't forget: bring your friends! You need not be a Grange member to attend (but you sure will want to be after it's over!).

GRANGE *Revival*

Days End Campground
Sturgis, South Dakota
July 20-25, 2021

Mark your calendars and pack your bags! Grange Revival 2021 is scheduled for July 20-25, 2021! at Days End Campground in Sturgis, South Dakota. More than 70 Grangers joined us in 2019 for the inaugural event held in Ozark, Arkansas. Now it's your turn!



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Mount Rushmore is about 45 minutes from Days End Campground and Devil's Tower is about an hour and a half. Deadwood is 18 miles from the campground.

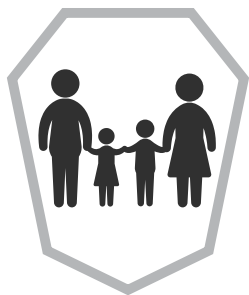


TAKE THE LEAD OR SPONSOR THE FUN

Want to help plan part of the event or lead a workshop? Help plan an excursion? Take charge of an evening activity? Have a talent you'd like to share? Or would your Grange like to sponsor an activity, meal or excursion? Contact us by email at grangerevival@gmail.com or by calling Chris at 509-953-3533 or Amanda at 301-943-1090.

EVENT REGISTRATION

The registration fee, made payable to Grange Revival, covers five dinners (Tuesday through Saturday; leftovers may be available for other meals), an event food tray, t-shirt and admission for most workshops (some excursions or workshops may have a small fee for admission, materials or transportation and will be announced in advance). Registration fee is 50% refundable if canceled at least one week in advance of start of event; fee is non-refundable if canceled less than one-week prior to the start of the event.



Grange Members

Subordinate Members (36+) and E-members	\$75
Grange Youth and Young Adults (14-35)	\$60
Golden Sheaf Members (50+ continuous years in Grange)	\$60
Junior Grangers (5-13), including 1+ Juniors	\$40
Pre-Juniors (0-4 years old)	\$20

Rate by May 1, 2021



Friend of the Grange

Adults (36+)	\$90
Youth and Young Adults (14-35)	\$75
Children (5-13)	\$50
Infants & Pre-Schoolers (0-4)	\$35

Rate by May 1, 2021

For all registrants: \$5 late fee added per person for registrations paid after May 1, 2021

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW BY PRE-REGISTERING

To be added to our mailing list and receive updates about the event, first opportunities to sign up for activities, and more, please pre-register today by completing the enclosed registration form or going online to grangerevival.org and select Registration. You can also call Chris at 509-953-3533 or email grangerevival@gmail.com.

GETTING TO GRANGE REVIVAL

You can drive, fly or take a bus to Grange Revival. The closest airport and bus terminals are both located in Rapid City, about a half hour drive from the campground. We will have a transportation coordinator who can assist with getting you to and from Rapid City with advanced notice. Please contact event organizers to make transportation arrangements.

If you are renting a car for the event, we encourage you to explore savings through your Grange member benefit discount with Hertz and other car rental places. You may also find discounts on flights and other lodging you can use on your way to Grange Revival and on the newest partnership with Harvest Hosts for Grange members who own RVs. Log into your nationalgrange.org account (or sign up) and learn more.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Make your reservation today directly with Days End Campground to ensure your preferred accommodations. Call KK at (918) 327-9529 and tell her you're coming to Grange Revival.

All rates are based on 2 people per cabin/site. Additional people staying in each site are \$2/night for anyone 5 or older (pre-Juniors are free) for RV and tent sites. Pre-Juniors are free in cabins, Junior Grangers are \$4/night and Grange Youth or older are \$8/night.



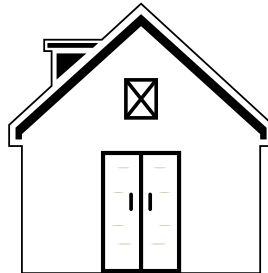
There is a 9% hospitality tax, as noted for each night.

If you wish to extend your stay, rates will apply for up to four days before (July 16) and two days after (July 27) our event. Check-in and check-out time is noon.



The campgrounds has a ramp to offload ATVs and motorcycles if you wish to bring them.

Pets, friendly and on a leash with well-behaved owners who will clean up after them, are welcome.

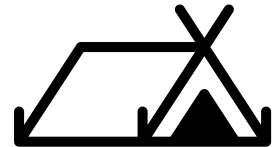


CABINS

Set to sleep 2 adults; AC, mini-fridge, microwave and coffeepot

With Bathroom
\$70/night + 9% tax
(9 available)

Without Bathroom
(bathhouse nearby)
\$55/night + 9% tax
(30 available)

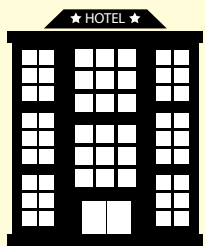


GLAMPING TENTS

2 twin beds; mini-fridge, microwave and coffeepot; no bathroom or AC

\$40/night + 9% tax
(7 available)

Only cabins and glamping tents require a deposit of one night. Deposit is 92% refundable if canceled at least 48 hours in advance of your stay.



If you prefer to stay in a hotel, there are three within a short distance of the campground (Days Inn, Super 8 and Baymont Inn & Suites).

No room blocks have been established and there is no group/event discounted rate. These hotels will not take reservation until sometime in 2020. Contact the hotel directly.



RV/HOOK UP SITES

180 available

Full hook-ups (FHU) include water, electric, sewer and cable.

FHU - Pull-through
\$30/night + 9% tax

FHU - Back-in (up to 80')
\$25/night + 9% tax



DRY CAMPSITES

Bring your own tent/RV

\$10/night + 9% tax
(many available)

Water & Electric hook-up only (available for tent campers and RVs)
\$20/night + 9% tax

GRANGE REVIVAL 2021 REGISTRATION FORM

(This is separate from accommodation reservations. **Make reservations directly with Days End Campground by calling KK at 918-327-9529**)

Your Name _____ Shirt Size _____

Registration type (check one)

Grange Member: _____ Pre-Junior _____ Junior _____ Youth _____ Subordinate _____ Golden Sheaf

Friend of the Grange: _____ Infant/Pre-K (0-4) _____ Child (5-13) _____ Youth/Young Adult (14-35) _____ Adult (36+)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

What days do you plan to attend Grange Revival? (dates) _____

If there are other parties who will attend with you, please indicate their names here so we can keep family/group registrations together.

PAYMENT (choose one)

_____ A payment of: \$ _____ is enclosed, made payable to Grange Revival.

_____ I am pre-registering. Bill me: _____ via PayPal to email above OR _____ by mail to address above.

CONDUCT POLICY (must be signed by each person attending 14-years-of-age or older)

By signing below, I understand and agree to the following: I will not damage event property and will report any defects with venue property to the owners/employees of Days End Campground as soon as possible. I will attain necessary licenses and use recommended safety equipment while on property. I will assist in keeping the grounds clean and listen to all instructions related to campfires, cooking, swimming, recreational water use, etc. Campfires may only be created in approved facility fire rings. If I bring any weapon, including a firearm, large knife or other object, it will be secured by lock in my vehicle or other place where access by attendees is restricted. I will not smoke indoors in any part of the facility and I will not bring or consume any illegal drugs. I will not engage in or enable any minor to engage in underage drinking. I will not be inebriated when tending to a fire, participating in water activities or any other activity that may put myself or others at harm. If I am the responsible party for a minor child, I will ensure the child has appropriate chaperones if outside of my immediate care. I may be asked to leave the event with no refund if I violate any of these policies or act inappropriately for a Grange event. If I provide a form of payment that is declined or returned, I will be charged an additional \$40 insufficient funds fee that must be satisfied before the end of the close of the event or within 5 days after the event ends. I understand I may be required to sign a full conduct and rules policy prior to or at the event and that this is an introductory piece to that full agreement.

Signature (of attendee, or if attendee is under 18 parent/guardian should also initial)

Date

**COMPLETE AND RETURN ASAP TO: Christine Hamp, 16418 N Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.
Call or text (509) 953-3533 to reserve cabins or full hook-up campsites in advance.**