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National Grange Telethon Tomorrow

By Betsy Huber, National Grange President

We at the National Grange Headquarters are all excited for the first ever National Grange Telethon, happening tomorrow! Junior Grange Director Samantha Wilkins and Youth Development Director Mandy Bostwick will be live on Facebook from 12 noon until 8 pm Eastern time, (9 to 5 Pacific) Saturday June 5th, with a multitude of special guest speakers and performances. I hope you will tune in for as long as you can.

Mandy and Samantha have worked hard to enlist interviews and testimonials from youth and former youth all across the country. I'm sure you will recognize many of them!

Of course this event will be lots of fun and great entertainment, but the purpose is to raise funds to support our Youth and Junior programs. Part of our training for youth involves opportunities that may be outside their comfort zone—travel to other states, meeting Grangers they've never met before, public speaking and leading workshops, and many other great experiences to develop their leadership potential and expand their horizons.

These things are not possible without funding and that is where our individual Grangers and local Granges come in. Our young people are already a step ahead of the norm with the experience they receive in their local Granges. Please give them the opportunity to build on that experience and become the leaders of your Grange, your Pomona, your State Grange, and even your National Grange.

So when you tune in on Saturday, have your credit card or checkbook handy to send off a donation to the Grange Foundation. No amount is too small, but please be generous in supporting these great kids. Thank you so much.

Fellows Application is Live

By Kennedy Gwin, Communications Manager

Any Grange member interested in participating in a rigorous, hands-on training program in communications, with additional resources for membership, programming and engagement, is invited to apply for the 2021 Communication Fellows program.

This program is made possible thanks to generous funders, but there are a limited number of spots available. Fellows receive the bulk of their training during a 8-day experience at the 155th Annual National Grange Convention, held this year Nov. 6-14 in Wichita, Kansas. Those

selected also are expected to make time for several teleconferences between July and October, as well as a few brief assignments prior to the start of National Convention.

This year, Fellows will hear from the National Master, National Grange Staff and Officers, other communications professionals and more. Fellows will produce content for the daily convention newsletter, interviews and content for our social media channels and stories/elements for Good Day!™ magazine, livestream events – and much more.

This is a hands-on training with support from many of the more than 45 previous Fellows who have participated in the program since 2012. Those previous Fellows now hold many significant offices and jobs in their State and National Grange and often credit the program with providing them insight into the differences across State Granges and the opportunities and challenges to the organization, as well as great motivation for being part of our next 150+ years of service.

Any Grange member in good standing may apply, but all applicants must have a nomination letter from a State President/National Delegate; National Officer; National Grange Staff Member or past Communication Fellow.

The deadline for all materials to be submitted by email to the National Grange Communications Department via email (kgwin@nationalgrange.org) is PRIOR to “start of business” (9 a.m. Eastern) Thursday, July 15th.

We strongly encourage those who have not participated in the program previously to apply and will be given the highest priority.

If you have any questions about the program please contact kgwin@nationalgrange.org.

It's Telethon Week!

Samantha Wilkins, National Grange Junior Director

We are so excited to present this Saturday, June 5th, the first ever Virtual Telethon! This telethon event is hosted by the Grange Foundation in a mission to raise funds for the Youth and Junior Grange programs. The goal is set at \$20,000 to be able to fund this year's programming but realistically we need a lot more than that to continue these programs for years to come. The telethon will be streamed live on our Facebook/YouTube pages from 12pm-8pm eastern time. We will have plenty of testimonies from Grangers around the country to share with you as well as a variety of talent from our members. We will have several folks join us live on screen to speak about a variety of topics, as well as a few surprises fit in throughout the day!

We hope that you are making plans to join us not only to view the gnarly entertainment; but also, in hopes that you will consider donating to these funds. For more information on the Telethon please visit- www.grangefoundation.org/telethon. Every donation over \$75 will receive a FREE Telethon T-shirt. To make your donation and secure your T-shirt please visit the donations tab on the telethon site!

Make sure to like, share, and comment during the broadcast! We will see you there!!

Retractable Grip Pen - \$.75 ea
 JG Lunch Bag - \$3.00 ea
 Magnet, 4.25" W x 4.75" H,
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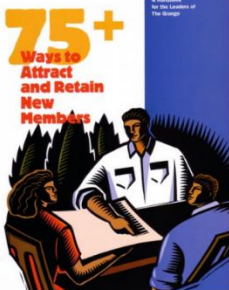
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SUPPLY STORE



Grange 75 Ways to Attract and Retain New Members

An information handbook on membership development and retention for Subordinate Granges. These come in a 1-inch blue binder with Grange emblem on it

Cost is \$10.00 plus shipping

**WELCOME TO THE
 GRANGE
 STRANGER CREEK
 JUNIOR GRANGE!**





**LIVE CONCERT
7 P.M. THURSDAY, NOV. 11**

PETERSON FARM BROTHERS

Nationally known brothers whose parody songs bring the message of agriculture far beyond their Central Kansas farm

FREE WITH CONVENTION REGISTRATION

(\$25 for public with no convention registration)

Convention attendees can add a meet-and-greet experience with the Peterson Farm Brothers after the show for only \$15

Greg, Nathan and Kendal will speak to National Grange Youth and Junior convention attendees throughout the day Thursday

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PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOURSELF WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE



A COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and others from infection.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and here now. Strong confidence in the vaccines within communities will lead to more people getting vaccinated, which will lead to fewer COVID-related illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths.



As a rural leader, you can do the following to build COVID-19 vaccine confidence in your community:



Encourage people in your family, organization, and community to be vaccine champions and to share testimonials about why they got vaccinated.



Have discussions about COVID-19 vaccines, so people can share their views and ask questions. Ask local doctors, nurses, or other health care professionals to help answer people's questions.



Share [key messages](#) about vaccine safety through multiple channels that people trust, such as local radio stations, schools, and in faith-based settings.



Help educate people about [COVID-19 vaccines](#), including how they were developed and monitored for safety and how individuals can talk to others about the vaccines.



Learn more about [finding credible vaccine information](#). When you come across COVID-19 information, cross-check it with [cdc.gov/coronavirus](#) and learn how to respond to misinformation that you encounter.



Make your decision to get vaccinated [visible](#) and celebrate it.

You have three ways to find vaccines near you:

- Go to [vaccines.gov](#)
- Text your ZIP code to 438829
- Call 1-800-232-0233

For more information about protecting yourself and others from COVID-19, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](#).