



# Grange Beacon

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## Master Eileen Hebert

I would like to thank everyone for their confidence in electing me as Master of the Rhode Island State Grange.

My week at National Session was certainly a challenging experience. I have attended National Session on a number of occasions, but being a delegate is a whole different experience. As new delegates, Walter Hartley and I arrived a day early, which was much appreciated as it was the only day I had to relax. The rest of the week was just straight out- session starts at 8:30, runs to 5:00PM with a break for lunch, and then after dinner, committee meetings until sometimes 11:00 at night.

As I write this, it became apparent that this would be the "THANK YOU" column. When the National Grange Session is held in your region, it takes many people to make it a success.

I would like to thank Paul and Barbara Rush for all their work in organizing and staffing the Hospitality Room on Tuesday at National Session. Although they were not able to be with us in Vermont due to Barbara's illness, they were in everyone's thoughts.

I especially want to thank Walter and Danielle Hartley for their tireless work on the host committee. As part of the Northeast Connection, Walter spent many evenings in the past 2+ years on conference calls, planning the details of the National Session hosting. When he was elected second delegate for Rhode Island, he passed many of his duties over to Danielle. When Barbara became ill, they stepped in to make sure that everything went smoothly for the hospitality room on Tuesday.

Thank you to everyone that made the trip to Stowe to help out for Rhode Island's hospitality day.

Nettie Hartley received special recognition on the floor of the session, when Amanda Brozana thanked her for all her work in the session office.

Jack and Shirley Lawson served as deputies for two days, taking the words at the gate for session.

Thank you to Celeste Spencer who transported and chaperoned three Rhode Island youth who were trumpet girls in the Seventh Degree – Jasmine Richard, Lauren Kenyon and Ava Grenier-Riley. Congratulations our youth for a job well done. Steve and Claire Logan were regional coordinators for the seventh degree. Approximately ten members from Rhode Island took the seventh degree.

Steve Logan and Jack Cottrell received Quilts of Valor at the National Grange Session. The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national program that began in 2003 as a way to thank veterans for their service, sacrifice and valor. The National Grange became a partner through the "Under My Wings" program, and presented its first quilts last year in Washington.

Richmond Grange received third place for their community service book. Ashley Sears took best of show for her photo in the lecturer's photography contest. Nettie Hartley earned third place in the junior public speaking contest.

On Friday night, the Evening of Excellence showcased the best in talent, sign-a-song, and public speaking genres. While there were many outstanding performances, one of the most enjoyed was an impromptu act involving Walter Hartley and Jodi Cameron from Connecticut. Although they were only charged with moving equipment on and off the stage to accommodate performers, their antics evolved into a "Laurel and Hardy" comedy act, which entertained everyone between acts.

I would like to mention several members who attended the entire session and were always in session meetings, cheering us on – the "entourage" - Cathy and Dennis Kamowski, Louise Roberts, Jeannette Kenyon, Mary Petrarca, Sue Kenyon and Shirley Guertin. It was good to have friendly faces in the crowd.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and s Happy and prosperous New Year.

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### Rhode Island State Grange Officers 2018-2020

Front row-left to right: Nicole Ohneck-Ceres; Jeannette Kenyon-Pomona, Celeste Spencer-Flora, Betsy Huber, National Master, Roxanne Nelson-Secretary, Laura Gotauco-L.A.Steward, Cathy Kamowski,-Ex. Comm, Patty Cottrell-Ex. Comm.

Back row – left to right: James Chase-Ex. Comm, Kent Novak-Gatekeeper, John Lawson, Jr.-Chaplain, Danielle Hartley-Lecturer, Eileen Hebert-Master, Walter Hartley-Overseer, Dennis Robidoux-Treasurer, Paul Ohneck- Ex. Comm, Tom Gotauco-Steward. Not pictured – Arthur Manchester, Jr.-A. Steward



*Photo by Howard Paster*

Harold Stedman(center), Master of Perryville Grange, was presented with the Rhode Island State Grange Life Membership Award for serving 50 consecutive years of Grange Service by Shirley Lawson (right), and Larry Spencer(left), Master



**At left:** National Master, Betsy Huber stands with a welcome poster made by Rhode Island junior grangers

*Photo by Howard Paster*



**At right:** Celeste Spencer-RISG Flora, Betsey Huber, Jeannette Kenyon-RISG Pomona, and Susan Kenyon-RISG Ceres at state session.





## Information Howard Paster

As I am writing this column, it is after our State Grange Session at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Warwick. Congratulations to all the winners in the various departments. Before I go on, there were other activities prior to State Grange Session that I participated.

On Sunday August 12th, I provided Publicity for and attended the judging of the Washington County Fair Royalty at Richmond Grange Hall and the announcing of the winners at the Main Stage of the first day of the Fair. Took pictures at both venues.

Also in August, I worked all 5 days in various booths at the Washington County Fair. In particular, I worked one shift in the State Grange Corn Dog Booth, worked two shifts at Slocum Grange Chowder and Clam cake Booth and various times in the State Grange Membership Booth. Got names from visitors that stopped by the membership booth interested in joining the Grange.

I would like to thank Peggy Fish from my committee for filling in for me presenting awards at Junior Awards Day at Moosup Valley Grange Hall on Sunday September 23, 2018 for the department as Carole and I were away in Indianapolis, Indiana for the funeral of Carole's sister Florence Miller.

If anyone needs help with the department, you can call me at 401-295-8381 or anyone on the committee. The committee is Barbara Rush, Cathy Kamowski, Kathy Stedman, Lillian Kruszyna, Carole Paster and myself.

I would like to thank our new State Grange Master Eileen Hebert for once again appointing me as State Grange Information Director and I have the same people on the committee.

Had unfinished business and delivered certificates to Laurel Grange.



If any members are interested in the details of projects and contests for any of the departments, they may be viewed online at: [www.rigrange.org/books.html](http://www.rigrange.org/books.html)

Entry blanks for contests are also available, and can be filled in online and printed.

All documents are in PDF format.

Thank you to John Lawson III for making this information available for everyone online.

## Washington County Fair news



(photo by Howard Paster)

Fair Royalty on the Fairgrounds stage after the winners were announced. Seated at left is Olivia Baxter the Fair Queen. Behind her are the runners up from left are Jasmine Richard, Veronica Webb and Jenna Ohneck. Seated at right of stage is Carina Costa, the Fair Princess, and behind her runner up Desiree Richard.

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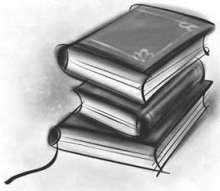
Peggy Fish (at right), with help from the first customer, performed the ribbon cutting to reopen the Exeter Grange French Fry Booth at 4:30 PM on Friday of the most recent Washington County Fair at the Washington County Fair in Richmond.

The French Fry Booth had a small fire that was quickly put out. No one was hurt and damage was minimal. Thanks to the firefighters, their booth neighbors, friends and the staff of the Washington County Fair, they were able to rebuild and get back in business.

Exeter Grange would like to thank many organizations and individuals that made donations to help get the Grange and the French Fry Booth back on their feet. This included the Rhode Island State Grange, Washington County Fair Comm. and Ashaway Grange. Thank you to everyone that donated time, money, a laugh, a hug, a hammer, a prayer and most of all love and support. Most of all a family for five days at the Washington County Fair every year in August.



(Photo by Howard Paster)



## Secretary Roxanne Nelson

I am happy to write my first beacon article as State Secretary, and I am excited to see what will happen and to be part of the next Grange year! I am also honored to learn from Shirley Lawson, our new Emeritus State Grange Secretary, and an honor that Shirley definitely deserves.

This quarter we welcomed the following new members:

- Christina LaPaglia - Richmond #6
- Ben Ell come - Hope Valley #7
- Monica Gears - Hope Valley #7
- Lynn Parker - Little Compton #32

We also honored the following with membership awards:

25 Years:

- John Riemer - Richmond #6
- Roxanne Nelson - Richmond #6

55 Years:

- Tead Sosnowski - Richmond #6

75 Years:

- Shirley Tucker - Richmond #6

Unfortunately, we also lost the following members:

- Kathleen Maher - Exeter #12
- Elaine Congdon - Kickemuit #24
- Gladys Nelson - Roger Williams-Rumford #52
- Florence Miller - Roger Williams-Rumford #52



Photo by Julie Brodeur

**Above:** On November 2nd, Paul Brodeur, President of Richmond Grange (center). presented 25 year certificates of membership to John Reimer, (left), and Roxanne Nelson (right).

Other awards: 55 years to Ted Sosnowski (not pictured) and Shirley Tucker (75 Years).

**At right-** Keith Tucker (right) of Perryville Grange, received his Golden Sheaf Award for 50 years of membership from RISG Deputy Dennis Kamowski.



## Chaplain John A. Lawson, Jr.

The State Chaplain's craft for the Junior Grangers was a **Coloring Contest** of an inspirational picture. Thanks to the Juniors who took the time to submit entries. I was able to attend Junior Awards Day to present the prizes, and I look forward to sponsoring another contest for the Junior Grangers next year.

### The True Meaning of Christmas

Jesus Christ was born this day, so many years before,  
He came a servant to the lost, though he was Lord of Lords.  
We celebrate this joyous time, reflecting on His birth,  
Not born in a mansion, but a stable as if He had no worth.

He came so He could identify with the human heart of man,  
And gave His life as a sacrifice, offering a better plan.  
A plan that reconciles us back to our loving Father God,  
Bringing hope and redemption from sins ruling, iron rod.

For this is the only reason that we should celebrate this day,  
To become focused on anything else, would take the  
meaning away.

So let's arise with joy in our hearts and share it with  
everyone

The meaning of Christmas will always be the birth of Jesus  
– God's son. by M.S.Lowndes

May you all have a very merry and blessed Christmas  
with family and friends, always remembering to **“Keep  
Christ in Christmas”**.

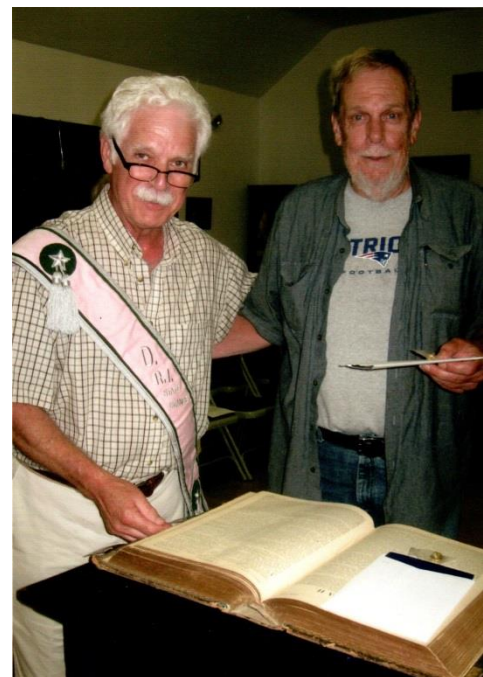


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### Lecturer Danielle Hartley

It's the start of another grange year and I will take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected state officers as well as the appointed deputies and department heads. I wish you all great successes, much fun and deep satisfaction in your future endeavors and undertakings. No pain- no gain. Likewise, I am excited with the concept of the election of our state's first female master. Change sometimes proves difficult; however, I am proud for the progressive thinking of our voting body. I am confident that all of our grangers will show their support for Eileen and assist in any way possible. How befitting for our first female national master to be present and assist in this year's installation. History in the making- isn't it sweet?

Our current state of grange affairs is in need of much help, support and resuscitation. Membership could benefit from deep fertilization, tender loving care and the attention of all members. Attendance is vital for a quorum to be possible to enable a meeting to take place. If you belong in name, make your best efforts to attend scheduled meetings and programs. Participation is necessary if we wish to perpetuate the success of our great organization.

In the next couple of weeks, department heads will be busy attempting to plan this upcoming year's activities. State wide day will take place on Sunday November 25 at Rocky Hill Grange. All are welcome to attend and participate. Program books will be distributed to the subordinate and Pomona representatives to be addressed at your individual grange. As per usual- if you have any questions- never hesitate to contact your state officers, masters or department chairperson(s).

Any suggestions will be discussed and considered, whether it be for different programs, scheduling, etc. How can we better our programs, increase our membership, strengthen our organization?

I look forward to joining you in Vermont at National Session. A lot of hard work and effort has gone into planning the various activities, tours, events; some comically, others met with much frustration. Come experience National Session in November. It will prove to be interesting, informative and entertaining.

### At Right-----→

Perryville Grange recently presented a set of African drums to the Curtis Corner Middle School in South Kingstown. The drums were purchased with money earned at a fund raiser back in June, which featured the fabulous music of local bands. Laurette Vitello accepted the drums on behalf of the school.



### Membership Matters Steve & Claire Logan membership@rigrange.org

One of the most important duties of the Membership Department is to assist with State Degree Day. The host for this year is Slocum Grange on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> which is quickly approaching. We are encouraging not only new candidates but also there are many members that have not yet witnessed the Degrees which are such an important part of the lessons of our Grange. Please invite them to attend.

During our first membership committee meeting a goal was set to have a net gain of membership of the RI State Grange. This is going to be a difficult goal to achieve, but with "teamwork" between the committee, all the Directors, Officers and members of the State Grange, we can/will do it!

I think an explanation of what a net gain is important to understand. July to June is what National Grange uses to announce a gain or loss of membership. We are using the same time frame of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 to achieve our goal. Next is what a gain of membership is. We will use the State Secretary's quarterly report of June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020 to compare actual members. Next is how do we achieve a net gain? In order to do this we will have to replace all the members we lose due to death, nonpayment of dues, demits to other states or leaving us. In addition we will have to add new members. As you can see we have our work cut out for us and will need a lot of help. Everything we do has to be and should be geared towards Membership – promoting your Grange of its Community Service, Agriculture, Legislative, Deaf & health, Information and of course Membership – ask people to join, welcome and mentor them.

The Membership Committee is working on projects and other goals and is interested in any and all input that you may have. -----

**Left to right –**  
Kristen Flynn,  
Overseer and  
Publicity chairman,  
Laurette Vitello,  
Katie Flynn,  
Lecturer



Photo by Howard Paster



## Community Service Marie Robidoux

State session was exciting this year! Congratulations to our new State Master Eileen Hebert. We wish her a wonderful and outstanding two-year term. The installation was beautiful and moving. Best wishes also to all the new and reelected state officers and committee directors.

Thank you to everyone that entered the Community Service contests. The following receive gifts, certificates, ribbons or monetary prizes.

Empty plate project: One Pomona and eight Subordinates reported. Number one Exeter Grange # 12, number two Richmond # 6, number three Chepachet # 38, and number four Little Compton # 32. The following received honorable mentions: Providence County Pomona #1, Perryville # 14, Portsmouth # 29, Slocum #36, and Roger Williams – Rumford # 52.

“Words for Thirds” the Dictionary Project: One Pomona and nine Subordinates participated: Number 1 Roger Williams – Rumford #52 - 408 dictionaries, number two Richmond # 6 - 309 dictionaries, number three Slocum # 36 - 263 dictionary, and Moosup Valley # 26 - 242 dictionaries. Honorable mention goes to Providence County Pomona # 1, Exeter # 12, Perryville # 14, Little Compton # 32, Chepachet # 38, and Old Warwick #41.

Helping a Four-Legged Friends was not judge, but the following receivable honorable mention: Richmond # 6, Exeter # 12, Perryville # 14, Portsmouth # 29, Little Compton # 32, Slocum # 36, and Chepachet number # 38.

The VAVS Project (Veterans Administration Volunteer Services) was also not judge but the following generously participated: Providence County Pomona # 1, Washington County Pomona # 2, Exeter # 12, Perryville # 14, Portsmouth # 29, Slocum # 36, Chepachet # 38, Old Warwick # 41, and Roger Williams – Rumford # 52.

Community Service Projects Reports were entered by 10 Granges. Number one was Richmond # 6, (this report will go on to National for judging) number two was Chepachet # 38, number three Little Compton # 32, and number four Exeter # 12. Honorable mention goes to Providence County # 1, Perryville # 14, Moosup Valley # 26, Portsmouth # 29, Slocum #36, and Roger Williams-Rumford # 52.

Community Service Award recipients: It was a tie for the Group category: Breadlines Inc., Ministries - Anne Pari, president, and Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Tina Lundgren, director; Firefighter Chief Robert Selzer submitted by Chepachet Grange #38; Law Enforcement Officer Trooper David O’Neal and Canine Ruby submitted by Chepachet Grange # 38 (they were not present – the award was received by Trooper Scott Carlson, Director of the State Police Canine Unit); Teacher Sandra Makielski submitted by Slocum #36; and Citizen Mark Rechter

submitted by Chepachet # 38. A reception following the awards program was again a success. All enjoyed getting to know one another, making connections and engaging in conversations. Thank you to my committee, family, friends, and Grangers for helping at the reception.

On September 23, at Moosup Valley Grange “Junior Awards Day,” Moosup Valley Junior Grange # 27 came in first in the “Red Sneakers Step-up” by raising \$2,527 for juvenile diabetes research. Newport County Junior Grange # 41 came in second for their patriotic work on Flag Day.

Holiday time is here! Please be generous to our food pantries and adopt a family. Remember pet shelters and ask what their needs are. Encourage pet adoption. These animals will make a great gift.

Please remember our veterans with cards and donating to VAVS or your favorite veterans’ organization.

Thank you for your Community Service. Dennis and I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy and Healthy 2019.



## Richmond Awards Night



**Above-** Christopher Sherman from Richmond Carolina Fire Department received the Firefighter of the Year, presented by Sandi Mumford Meyers. Christopher is pictured with his family.



**At left:** Alexandria LaPrise from RI Dairy Farms Cooperative received the Agriculturnist of the Year, presented by Julie Brodeur at left.

*photos courtesy of Julie Brodeur*





**Above:** Roxanne Nelson received Granger of the Year, presented by Carol Rathbun



**At left:** Michael Chappell from the South Kingstown PD received the Officer of the Year, presented by Stephen Logan.

**Below:** RICAN received the Citizen of the Year. Accepting for the group was Catherine Fox, Executive Director, along with a volunteer. Presented by Jack Cottrell.



### Programs of the Granges of Rhode Island **December 1, 2018 thru February 28, 2019**

Moosup Valley Juniors - 10:00 am  
Newport Cty Juniors - 10:00 am  
Providence County Pomona – 4:00  
Washington County Pomona - 7:00  
unless otherwise stated

Newport County Pomona starts at 4:30  
unless otherwise stated

Other Grange meetings start at 7:30 except:

\* meeting at 7:00 pm

\*\* meeting at 8:00 pm

**OM** - Open Meeting **PL** - Pot Luck

Outlined items are state events – the department sponsoring the event is listed at the right of the box. In most cases more information is found in the column for that department

#### Please note the following changes to meeting times:

**Kent County Pomona – from 8:00 to 7:30**

**Moosup Valley – from 8:00 to 7:30**

**Chepachet – from 7:30 to 7:00**

**Newport Cty Juniors – from 7:00 Friday to 10:00am Saturday**

#### **Saturday, December 01**

Providence Cty Pomona Christmas Program  
Chepachet

#### **Monday, December 03**

\*Ashaway Christmas Party!

#### **Tuesday, December 04**

\*Chepachet. Deaf & Health

#### **Wednesday, December 05**

\*Perryville Christmas Program –  
Share ornament/decoration story  
RW-Rumford. “Out of the Mouths of Babes”

#### **Thursday, December 06**

\*Portsmouth 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

#### **Friday, December 07**

Richmond Arrangements with Edie

#### **Saturday, December 08**

Newport Cty Pomona Little Compton  
Women’s Activities Program and Card Exchange

#### **Monday, December 10**

Hope Valley (6:00pm) Christmas Party  
Pot Luck w/\$15 Yankee Swap  
Kickemuit. Christmas Thoughts –  
Bring a \$5 gift to exchange

#### **Thursday, December 13**

Exeter Merry Christmas

#### **Friday, December 14**

Slocum Yankee Swap & Cookie Swap

#### **Saturday, December 15**

Newport Cty Jrs. Christmas Party  
Slocum Public Breakfast – 7:00-10:00am  
Chepachet. Hi-Lo-Jack – 1:00PM

**Monday, December 17**  
 \*Ashaway Business Meeting/ornament making

**Tuesday, December 18**  
 \*Chepachet. Christmas Party/ PL 6:30  
 Bring cards and \$10 dollar gift to exchange

**Wednesday, December 19**  
 \*Little Compton Christmas Dinner (no meeting)  
 Old Warwick Christmas Party  
 Pot Luck, \$10 Gift Exchange  
 RW-Rumford.(PL 6:30) Christmas Program  
 Gifts for needy children & Food Bank Donations

**Thursday, December 20**  
 \*Rocky Hill Christmas Party

**Friday, December 21**  
 Richmond Pot Luck Christmas Party(6:30PM)  
 Yankee Swap (\$15 gift) – Roxanne's house

**Wednesday, January 02**  
 \*Perryville Deaf & Health Awareness  
 Moosup Valley Dues are Due!!  
 Bring on the Blizzard

**Thursday, January 03**  
 \*Portsmouth Grandma's Attic

**Friday, January 04**  
 Richmond National Quiz Day

**Saturday, January 05**  
 Providence Cty Pomona RW-Rumford  
 Afternoon – Deaf & Health  
 Evening – Family Feud

Newport Cty Jrs. Badge Preparation

**Monday, January 07**  
 \*Ashaway New Years Party!  
 Resolutions for the year as a grange

**Wednesday, January 09**  
 Kent Cty Pomona Old Warwick  
 It's Soup

**Friday, January 11**  
 Slocum Memory Game

**Monday, January 14**  
 Hope Valley (6:00pm) Game Night  
 Bring your favorite board game

Kickemuit. Deaf & Health  
 Bean Bag Baseball

**Tuesday, January 15**  
 \*Chepachet. Bring your baby pictures –  
 Let's guess who's who

**Wednesday, January 16**  
 \*Little Compton(PL 6 PM) Deaf & Health  
 Old Warwick Winnie the Pooh, that's Who

**Thursday, January 17**  
 Exeter "Baby it's Cold Outside"  
 \*Rocky Hill Dues are due  
 Ways to save energy and still stay warm in the winter

**Friday, January 18**  
 Richmond Popcorn Program –  
 Everything Popcorn

**Saturday, January 19**  
 Slocum Public Breakfast – 7:00-10:00am  
 Newport Cty Jrs. Crafts by Carol Gafford

**Sunday, January 20**

Winter Youth Fun Day Youth  
 Slocum - 2:00PM

**Monday, January 21**

\*Ashaway Business meeting/MLK Program

**Monday, January 28**

Kickemuit. Human Horse Races

**Friday, February 01**

Richmond Bingo

**Saturday, February 02**

Newport Cty Jrs. Human Race Game

**Monday, February 04**

\*Ashaway Valentine's Day Cards  
 Will You be my Valentine

**Tuesday, February 05**

\*Chepachet. Family Feud  
 (Snow date Feb. 19)

**Wednesday, February 06**

\*Perryville Maple Syrup Recipe Share!  
 Moosup Valley Game Night

**Thursday, February 07**

\*Portsmouth Snowball Festival – Deaf & Health

**Friday, February 08**

Slocum Brown Bag Auction  
 (snow date Feb. 22)

**Saturday, February 09**

Family Game Night/Pizza Party Lecturer  
 Slocum – 4:00PM

**Monday, February 11**

Hope Valley (6:00pm) Chain Reaction Game  
 Kickemuit. Will You Be My Valentine?  
 Youth Night

**Friday, February 15**

Youth Rock-n-Bowl Youth  
 Old Mountain Lanes – Time TBA

Richmond Youth Night

**Saturday, February 16**

Slocum Public Breakfast – 7:00-10:00am  
 Newport Cty Jrs. Work on Arts & Crafts Projects

**Monday, February 18**

\*Ashaway Business meeting  
 Make your own shortcake

**Wednesday, February 20**

\*Little Compton(PL 6 PM) Women's Activities  
 Old Warwick Valentine's – Mardi Gras Party  
 Off the Rails

**Thursday, February 21**

Exeter Agriculture & Women's Activity Night  
 \*Rocky Hill U.S. Presidents Day theme

**Saturday, February 23**

Washington Cty Pomona Richmond(4:00PM)  
 Fair Report

**Monday, February 25**

Kickemuit. Newport Cty Juniors bring program

**Friday, March 01**

Bean Bag Baseball entries due Youth

**Saturday, March 02**

Juniors Lip Sync Contest Juniors  
 Slocum - 4:00PM





## Juniors Judi White

It's been an exciting fall for the Juniors. I know some of you are sad the warmer weather has left and the cooler weather has arrived.

Statewide Junior Awards Day was held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Moosup Valley Grange; the Juniors were given their awards they earned throughout the year, the crafts that they put so much work in to were on display, and the badges earned were awarded. Graduation certificates were presented, as well as, the Providence Grange Award and 1+ Program Spirit Award.

The Providence Grange Award was presented to Moosup Valley Junior Grange. The 1+ Junior Program Spirit Award was presented to Richmond Grange. The following were awarded their Graduation certificates

- Ava Grenier-Riley - Moosup Valley Junior Grange #27
- Kaitlyn Little - Moosup Valley Junior Grange #27
- Desiree Richard - Moosup Valley Junior Grange #27
- Matthew Ullucci - Moosup Valley Junior Grange #27

We had approximately 80 people in attendance and all had a wonderful time and enjoyed a delicious dinner.

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported the juniors of RI at ALL their events this past year. We look forward to seeing you at the Junior events coming up in 2019.

The Junior Committee and I have already been busy working on the 2018-2019 Junior Program and have planned lots of activities and crafts for the Juniors. We've also made some exciting changes for the upcoming year, please come out to State Wide Day on November 25<sup>th</sup> to find out what is coming.

I wish for everyone to have happy, healthy, holiday season and a wonderful New Year!!!!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 4pm Lip Sync Contest at the meeting of Providence County Pomona hosted by Roger Williams-Rumford Grange
- March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10am Junior "Amazing Race" Day at Moosup Valley Grange Hall
- March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm Public Speaking Contests at Moosup Valley Grange Hall
- April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm Sign Language Contest at the meeting of Newport County Pomona hosted by Kickemuit Grange



**Top Photo** – crowd at Junior Awards Day at Moosup Valley Grange.

**Middle photo** – Displays of junior crafts

**Bottom photo** – Junior Leaders – Barbara Rush from Moosup Valley Junior Grange and Jeannette Kenyon from Newport County Junior Grange.





## Deaf and Health

### Jennifer Lawson

Well now that State Session is over congrats to all the winners. This is the time of year that we start planning for the coming year. This department is working hard to make fun and informative outings.

We are planning to continue with Box Tops for the school the Deaf. Again we are planning to go bowling at Dudex and then back to Kickemuit for refreshments more information to follow.

The Pomona Contest will be All Change Counts this is a good way to raise some funds for Project Close-Up.

The school so far has collected \$130.30 in box top money. I am always trying to help them reach that goal of \$1000.00. They are most happy with what they get. Thank you to all.

As always if you have any questions please call me or email me.

### *More from State Session...*



Sandra Makielski, received the State Grange Teacher of the Year Award presented by Carol Perry, Slocum Grange Comm. Serv. chairperson. Sandra has been a Social Studies Teacher at Davisville Middle School in North Kingstown since 1997 and is an organizer of the Empty Bowls Project.

*All photos by Howard Paster*



**At left:** Marie Robidoux, Betsy Huber, Diane Andrews

**Below:** Betsy Huber and Mary Petarca



**Above:** Betsy Huber and Shirley Guertin

**At Right:** Eileen Hebert and Betsey Huber

**Below:** Betsy Huber, Barbara & Paul Rush



**At left:** Betsy Huber, Laura & Tom Gotaucio & children





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