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Master's Message

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Hello Everyone!! I hope you had a nice fall season and was able to get a chance to do some leaf peeping or get to local Farmer's Market.

I'm going to try to be brief with this article as we don't have our information from our Department heads yet. This will serve as a reminder that our State Wide Information Day is scheduled for Sunday, November 30th at 2:00 PM in Chepachet Grange Hall. There will also be a scheduled Deputies meeting and a Secretary's Workshop scheduled for that day as well. It's funny that as I'm typing this information, this date will already have passed, so I hope there was a good turnout of Granges, Deputies and Secretaries. Thank you to all of our Department Heads for presenting this coming year's activities, contests and events.

Just a few items to recap for those that weren't there. At our recent meeting of the Executive Committee and Foundation, it was announced that Past State Master Steve Logan will serve as my Special Deputy. I have the utmost faith and confidence in Steve in guiding our Deputy pool and assisting our Granges in their continued works and keeping them going in the right direction. Brother Dennis Robidoux was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Foundation until our annual meeting at next year's State Session where there will be an election to fill the remainder of that term.

I went over the evaluations submitted at State Session with the Ex. Comm. and as a result of the comments, it was decided that we would return to our normal schedule of our first day beginning on Thursday and wrapping things up on Saturday. We will be returning to have our meeting in the ballroom, our luncheon upstairs and the banquet will be returning downstairs for more space. I was thinking that there would need to be a special meeting of the voting delegates, however, with the resolution being written as a "2-year trial" and with it not being successful, there is no need to have that meeting as there is no change in our Bylaws. I will say that there were only 28 surveys turned in. A very disappointing number.

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990-N time is just around the corner...

Reminder to all granges:

Filings of 990-N or 990's are due by January 15th.

There are consequences with the IRS if these are not filed.

You can use the 990-N if your gross receipts are less than \$50,000.

If you need help with the 990-N, call or text me.

If you need help with the regular 990, call an accountant.

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Don't mess with the IRS!

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The Juniors had a busy and exciting year in 2025! Their hard work was recognized during the Junior Program at State Session on Saturday morning. This year's Graduation Ceremony celebrated Juniors who completed the program in both 2024 and 2025 — congratulations to all of our graduates!

We're also proud to share that the 2025 Mini Prince is **Mason Houle** of Moosup Valley Junior Grange #27, and the 2025 Junior Ambassador is **Hailey Fish**, also of Moosup Valley Junior Grange #27. Great job to both of you!

The Junior Committee is already busy planning next year's program, so stay tuned for what's ahead in 2026. Don't forget to keep an eye on the Junior Department website for updates and important information.

The Junior Grange and Junior Program are wonderful opportunities for children ages 5–14 to learn, grow, and build leadership skills — all while having fun! If you know a child who's had their 5th birthday but not yet their 14th, we'd love to have them get involved. Reach out to any Junior Leader or to me for more details.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!



Photo At Right –

RI Day visit to the NE Grange Building

Many RI grangers in the photo!
Board of Trustees for the Big E



Deaf & Health Jennifer Lawson

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I would like to say congratulations to all the winners from the Deaf and Health Department at State Session. I would like to say thank you to my committee. Most everyone will be staying on this year. We are looking forward to a much better year than last.

The committee meeting will have already been held by the time you read this. There is a new program that we are excited about, as we will be partnering with The Lions Club and collecting eyeglasses. I hope to have more information on this by the state-wide meeting. We also will be keeping many of the older projects such as Bowling, and Box Tops.

A few members came to me during state session and asked for help with the Box Top app. I was more than happy to help, and I will help anyone who needs it. Box Tops seem to be doing good. As of this writing, we are at \$114.90 to the School for the Deaf for the Box Top program. The school goal is \$500.00 dollars. I will talk more about this at state-wide day.

Please remember your health hints each meeting and report them on your end-of-year report. Some will be included in your folders at state-wide day.

If you have any questions, please e-mail or call me my **NEW number is 588-2407.**



Photo by Kent Novak



Chaplain
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As, was mentioned in my annual report, thank you to all who have helped with the Traveling Bible this year. In order to complete the Traveling Bible program, it just needs to travel to Oaklawn and Roger Williams-Rumford Granges. Roger Williams-Rumford then in turn, will present it to the Master and Chaplain of the State Grange at the next State Grange session. It will be placed on the State Grange Chaplain's station for years to come. The former Traveling Bible will be given to the Grange Museum which is located at Slocum Grange.

May you all have a blessed holiday season remembering the reason we celebrate Christmas. God Bless,



State Lecturer
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I hope everyone is doing well! The Hartley family has been very busy recently with State Session, the Scituate Art Festival, and National Grange Session. We are looking forward to the lull of winter to hopefully be able to rest and prepare for the great Grange events planned this year.

In September, Grangers gathered at Rocky Hill Grange for the family movie night and ice cream social. We watched Rescued by Ruby and Blue Miracle. Everyone seemed to love the movies based on true stories, and everyone left with full hearts, not to mention the tasty ice cream. This was the due date for lots of contests, and let me tell you, my bin for entries was overflowing! Thank you to everyone who entered or tried something new!

In October, we gathered for State Session, where we celebrated all of our award winners at the Lecturers/Youth Banquet. To save space in the Beacon, all winners are listed in the Journal of Proceedings. Great job, everyone!

The Lecturer's Department mourns the loss of a committee member, Patty Cottrell. We are deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved committee member, whose kindness and compassion touched everyone who had the

privilege of knowing her. She was one of the kindest people we knew—always ready with a warm smile, a cheerful laugh, a thoughtful word, and a willingness to help. Her support and advice guided us through many challenges and inspired us to be better, both as individuals and as a team. Her presence brought light and positivity to every meeting and project, and her absence will be felt profoundly. We will always cherish her memory and the lasting impact she made on our community.

The department's events this year will be:

February 22, 2026- Soup a Bowl and family game night at Richmond Grange at 4 pm

March 21, 2026- Sip in Paint in memory of Patty Cottrell at Oaklawn Grange at 2 pm

May 23, 2026- Laying of flags on Veterans' graves at the Veterans cemetery at 8 am

June 13, 2026- Family Cookout at the Washington County Fairgrounds at 2 pm

September 12, 2026- Family Movie Night and Ice Cream Social at Chepachet Grange at 7 pm

We have decided to take a year break from the adult art contest to replace it with a patriotic contest for America's 250th. This contest will be described in the Lecturers' Department Book, which every Grange will receive. The book is also posted on the Rhode Island State Grange website for anyone who wants specifics.

I look forward to seeing everyone at these various events! For any questions or information, feel free to reach out to me!



Women's Activities
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Hello to everyone! My first update for the Beacon and I am excited to share with you the members of the committee... Claire Logan, Danielle Hartley, Diane Pierce and Kent Novak. We had our first meeting to brainstorm ideas for the upcoming year. By now you would have received your program books from the State wide information day, and I hope you are all as excited as we are for the projects and contest for 2026. Our Women's Activity Day will be April 25, 2026 and will be held at Rocky Hill Grange. Please reach out to me or a committee member if you have any questions. I am looking forward to a great year of activities and lots of fun!



Information
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Most of what I have with this issue of the Grange Beacon for the Information Department will be about the winners of the contests and programs, which were announced during State Grange Session.

Before doing that, I will mention that in August, I was at the Washington County Fair part of all 5 days with the heat and humidity of the Fair from Wednesday August 13th to Sunday August 17th. I worked 1 shift at Exeter Grange French Fry Booth, 1 shift at Perryville Grange Candy Booth. Most of the time, I worked part of 4 days for Membership Director Kelly Riley under the Membership tent.

Subordinate Grange Entries-Newspaper Photo Contest

1st Place-Kathy Stedman-Perryville Grange
 2nd Place-Julie Brodeur-Richmond Grange
 3rd Place-Harold Stedman-Perryville Grange

Newspaper Photo-Pomona Entry

1st Place-Kristin Paulson-Newport County Pomona

Newspaper Photo-State Grange Entry

1st Place-Marie Robidoux
 2nd Place-Kathy Stedman

Newspaper Photo-National Grange Entry

1st Place-Kathy Stedman-Honoring pre-school teacher as National Grange Teacher of the Year

Single Article-Subordinate Entries

1st Place-Mary Petrarca-Perryville Grange
 2nd Place-Mary Petrarca-Kickemuit-Portsmouth Grange
 3rd Place-Shirley Lawson-Roger Williams-Rumford Grange

Paint the Rock to Promote Anything They Want

1st Place-Celeste Spencer
 2nd Place-Joyce Bastien
 3rd Place-Kathy Stedman

National and State Grange Recognition Certificates for Publicity Chairpersons

I thanked Philip Vanada, National Grange Communications Director for the design of the National Grange Certificates and Judi White for the printing of the State Grange Certificates and the laminating of both National and State Grange Certificates.

Julie Brodeur-Richmond Grange #6
 Kristen Flynn-Perryville Grange
 Walter Hartley-Moosup Valley Grange #26
 Walter Elwell-Little Compton Grange #32
 Raechel Robidoux-Chepachet Grange #38

Rachel McNally-Oaklawn Grange #42
 Shirley Lawson-Roger Williams-Rumford Grange #52
 Jennifer Lawson-Roger Williams-Rumford Grange #52

I thanked all Grange members for their entries for the Information Department. It was very much appreciated.

For the 2026 Grange year, I will have the same committee as this past year of Peggy Fish, Mary Petrarca and Kathy Stedman.



Photo by Steve Logan

The three graces, the three musketeers, the three tenors? No, it's three Floras of the RI State Grange spanning the last 35 years.

From left to right, Claire Logan (2000-01 thru 2010 - 10 years), Celeste Spencer, current RISG Flora (2010-11 thru 2025 - 15 years, and Eileen Hebert (1990-91 thru 1998 - 8 years. Not shown is June Cottrell who was Flora from 1998-1999. Also not shown is Lorna Stedman, Flora from 1976-77 thru 1990 (14 years).



**Programs of the Granges of Rhode Island
December 1, 2025 thru January 31, 2026**

Moosup Valley Juniors - 10:00 am
Washington County Pomona - 7:00
unless otherwise stated

Newport County Pomona starts at 7:00
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

December

Washington Cty Pomona Christmas Party - TBA
Tuesday, December 02

Chepachet Grange History
Wednesday, December 03

*Perryville Christmas Party
Moosup Valley(PL) Christmas Party
RW-Rumford Things you didn't know about the Grange

Friday, December 05

*Richmond Christmas Activity/Christmas Cards

Saturday, December 06

Moosup Valley Jrs Christmas Party

Monday, December 08

Hope Valley (6:00PM) Christmas Party with \$15 or less Yankee Swap

*Kickemuit-Portsmouth Christmas Party
Bring Christmas cards and \$8 gift to exchange

Friday, December 12

Slocum Christmas Game

Tuesday, December 16

Chepachet(PL 6:30) Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 17

*Little Compton Christmas Dinner (no meeting)
Old Warwick(PL) Christmas Party
RW-Rumford Christmas Potluck at 6:30PM
Bring your favorite board game

Thursday, December 18

*Newport Cty Pomona Little Compton Christmas Party & Card Exchange

*Rocky Hill Christmas Party

Friday, December 19

*Richmond Christmas Party Pot luck & Yankee Swap at 6:30PM

Saturday, December 20

Chepachet(1:00pm) High-Lo Jack

Friday, January 02

*Richmond Meeting omitted – Happy New Year

Merry Christmas



Saturday, January 03

Moosup Valley Jrs Let's Play Games

Monday, January 05

Hope Valley (6:00PM) Casino Night

Tuesday, January 06

Chepachet to be announced

Wednesday, January 07

*Perryville Rhone River Cruise Presentation
Moosup Valley Logo Night
RW-Rumford New Year's Program – Bring baby pictures

Friday, January 09- Sunday, January 11

2026 NE Leadership Conference Colchester, VT
Hampton Inn, Colchester

Friday, January 09

Slocum Happy New Year! Surprise!

Monday, January 12

*Kickemuit-Portsmouth Game Night at 6PM no meeting

Wednesday, January 14

Kent Cty Pomona Rocky Hill Program TBA

Thursday, January 15

*Newport Cty Pomona RW-Rumford Pot Luck at 6PM – Deaf & Health
Exeter Pack your bags, we're going on a trip – Think warm thoughts

*Rocky Hill Ways to save on your ENERGY bill

Friday, January 16

*Richmond BINGO!

Saturday, January 17

Moosup Valley Jrs Candy Bar Bingo

Wednesday, January 21

*Little Compton(PL 6PM) Deaf & Health
Old Warwick(PL) Christmas Party
Rumford Winter quizzes and puzzles

Wednesday, January 28

*Providence Cty Pomona RW-Rumford Agriculture

Monday, February 02

Hope Valley (6:00PM) WAC Night

<u>Tuesday, February 03</u>	
Chepachet	Planning meeting
<u>Wednesday, February 04</u>	
*Perryville	W.A.C Program
Moosup Valley	Deaf & Health
RW-Rumford	CWA Program & penny social
<u>Friday, February 06</u>	
*Richmond	WAC Program
<u>Saturday, February 07</u>	
Moosup Valley Jrs	Valentine Craft
<u>Monday, February 09</u>	
*Kickemuit-Portsmouth Game Night at 6PM no meeting	
<u>Friday, February 13</u>	
Slocum	Valentine Bingo
<u>Wednesday, February 18</u>	
*Little Compton(PL 6PM)	Women's Activities
Old Warwick	Health & WAC
RW-Rumford	Youth Night
<u>Thursday, February 19</u>	
*Newport Cty Pomona	RW-Rumford
RI & National Contests – Bean Bag Baseball	
Exeter	"I see red"
*Rocky Hill	Presidents' Theme
<u>Friday, February 20</u>	
*Richmond	Ritual Night
<u>Saturday, February 21</u>	
Moosup Valley Jrs	Field Trip
<u>Sunday, February 22</u>	
Soup a Bowl and game night Lecturer	
Richmond Grange – 4PM	
<u>Wednesday, February 25</u>	
*Providence Cty Pomona	Chepachet
	Youth Night
<u>Saturday, February 28</u>	
Washington Cty Pomona	Richmond
	Fair Report

Master's Message from page 1

Speaking of disappointing numbers..... I have never seen such a low turnout in attendance for a State Session!! What can we do about this? The message needs to get out that this isn't just for Officers and Delegates, it's for EVERYONE!! Roxanne and I have already begun talking about some changes for next year, but if any of you have any thoughts or suggestions that might help, please let me know.

I was also announced at our Information Day that Eileen and I have found our replacements for the Youth Department!! Congratulations to Tom and Laura Gotauco and they now lead the Youth Department down its path to the future.

I have nothing to report on from National Session as of today, but did on the 30th. Hopefully I'll still have a tan

when we see each other in person as we do our winter travels visiting Granges.

How's that for being brief?? See Nettie, I CAN do it.....

I am, as always, gratefully yours,

~Walter



The following were winners in various youth contests during 2024-2025. They received their awards at the RISG Session banquet on Saturday evening.

At youth activities day:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Bean Bag Baseball | Moosup Valley |
| Chocolate Chip Cookies | |
| Adult 1st | Celeste Spencer |
| 2nd | Valerie Richard |
| Youth 1st | Molly Sheehan |
| 2nd | Nettie Hartley |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Youth Night Report | Tom Gotauco |
| Youth Night Attendance-youth | |
| 1 st (tie) | Nettie Hartley |
| | Desiree Richard |
| 2nd | Jasmine Richard |
| Youth Night Attendance-adult | |
| 1st | Valerie Richard |
| 2nd | Jen Lawson |
| Digital Scavenger Hunt-adult | |
| 1st | Julie Brodeur |
| 2nd | Steve Logan |
| 3rd | Diane Pierce |
| 4th | Celeste Spencer |
| Digital Scavenger Hunt-youth | |
| 1st | Nettie Hartley |
| 2nd | Regan Barrow |

In addition to searching and photographing the weekly subject that I sent out each Saturday morning, at the end of the scavenger hunt, contestants were asked to put the pictures together and guess what they had in common. The answer, which almost everyone guessed was that all items were in "The Wizard of Oz".

Thank you to everyone who entered contests and participated in youth activities throughout the year. Please support our new youth co-directors, Tom and Laura Gotauco.



**Halloween Fun
at**

**Newport
County
Pomona**

**Photos by
Jen Lawson**



New Masters in the grange

Photos by Kent Novak



Walt Weber

Old
Warwick
Grange



Valerie Richard

Richmond Grange





Community Service

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Hi Everyone! It seems State Session was just last week and here we are approaching mid-November. State Session was again enjoyable, the banquet was a lot of fun, the 6th degree was lovely, complemented by the Rose Drill.

Community Service Programs had good participation this year. The Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS) received generous item donations as well as monetary, which includes gift cards and cash. All these contributions are used to help fill gift bags for female and male veterans in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts healthcare facilities, including the Bristol Veterans Home.

The “Empty Plate” had less participation this year, but a definite increase by Grange members volunteering time and effort to food pantries. That’s great! “Helping Our Four-Legged Animals” also had an increased by Grangers volunteering time to take care of needy animals. Words for Thirds: “The Dictionary Project,” thanks to all that participated and thank you also to all who enjoyed the two Papa Gino fundraisers.

There were seven entries for the Community Service Project Report Workbook. Honorable mention goes to Perryville Grange #14, Kickemuit-Portsmouth Grange #24, and Roger Williams-Rumford Grange #52. In fourth place Slocum Grange #36, third place Richmond Grange #6, second place Little Compton, Grange #32, and first place Chepachet Grange #38. There is no National Grange contest for Community Service Workbooks this year.

Cohen Piers from Moosup Valley Junior Grange #27 was First Place for his poem in the Junior Grange Contest VETS entry. The poem is printed at the end of this article, please use it in your veterans programs that you may have this year. This past Sunday, November 9, 2025, Chepachet Grange printed it in their program for the veterans luncheon they held.

The award this year for the outstanding community service work is as follows: Group of the Year submitted by Chepachet Grange #38 is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Saint Eugene Conference; Teacher of the Year is Jason Ford submitted by Little Compton Grange #36; Firefighter of the Year is Michael Horan submitted by Roger Williams-Rumford #52; and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year is Jeffrey Jenison and Citizen of the Year Melissa Bouvier, both from Chepachet Grange #38.

It’s not too early to research awardees for 2026. Individuals love to be recognized and Award Nights are inspiring and good for Grange membership.

The holidays are fast approaching. Please be generous to your food pantries and pet shelters. Veterans Administration Volunteer Services are in need of low denomination, gift cards and socks. I’ll pick them up for Dottie if you call me.

Dennis, Raechel, Maggie and I wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy 2026. Thank you for all you do.

Marie.

Veterans are really brave people
Who went far away to keep us safe
They wore uniforms and boots
And carried heavy backpacks

Some went on big ships in the ocean
Some flew in airplanes way up high
Some walked through forest and deserts
Even when it was scary

They missed their families a lot
And probably their pets too
They stayed to do their job
Because they wanted to protect us

Now they’re home and
We want to say thank you
For being so brave and strong
They’re all heroes to me

Veterans are special
They help make our country free
So we can play at the park
And sleep safe in our beds

Thank you veterans
For everything you did
You’re the best!

Cohen Piers (13)
Moosup Valley Junior Grange

Project Sustenance at Chepachet Grange

In a recent story published by *NRI Now*, the Rhode Island Department of Health reported that the northwestern towns of Burrillville, Glocester, Foster, and Scituate have seen an uptick in nonlethal fentanyl overdoses compared to the rest of the state. Around the same time, the National Grange introduced **Project Sustenance**, a branding initiative for Granges across the country to address food security, personal and/or community sustainability, or civic participation.

To encourage engagement in Project Sustenance, Rhode Island State Grange through a membership department program, offered seed funding of \$500 to each Grange: Community (subordinate), Pomona, or Junior to execute projects within the three core Project Sustenance focus areas. Specifically, projects that met critical needs within the Granges service areas. Granges could work together to put on bigger projects and increase the funding allocation.

At an April meeting, the Chepachet Grange in Glocester, Rhode Island, along with assistance from Providence County Pomona, voted to take action on this pressing concern by hosting a program on **“Fentanyl and Other Drugs.”** A five-member committee was formed to develop the event. With the support of Lt. Jeffrey Jenison of the Glocester Police Department, the Grange built a coalition of community partners to design and deliver the program.

Planning and Partnerships

On May 1, community organizations gathered to discuss goals, target audiences, and strategies for success. Over the next four months, bi-weekly Zoom meetings allowed the coalition to coordinate efforts. The final program included a series of engaging ten-minute sessions led by experts and community leaders:

- **Fentanyl & Other Drugs** – Brandy Bates, Burrillville Addiction Assistance Prevention (BAAP), with Lt. Jenison
- **Alcohol & Marijuana Abuse** – Michelle Gerard, Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition (BPAC)
- **Vaping** – Scott Gagnon, MPP, PS-C, Dirigo Empowerment Institute, sponsored by the Opioid Research Network (ORN) at UMass Chan Medical School
- **Safe Disposal of Drugs** – Christine Dixon, RN, representing the Veterans Hospital and Butler Hospital in Providence
- **Narcain Training** – Catherine Ahern, MSW, University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy

- **First Responders’ Perspective** – Donna Trinke and Aiden McKinnon, Chepachet Fire Department

Additional demonstrations and activities enhanced the event. Detective Kyle Shibley of the Rhode Island State Police brought the department’s rollover simulator, showing the dangers of impaired driving. Outside, participants experienced an alcohol and drug impairment simulation using “drunk goggles,” supervised by State Police officers. Local law enforcement also attended, including a K-9 unit that circulated among participants.

Engaging the Community

To encourage attendance, incentives were provided:

- Raffles for two \$100 gift certificates to local restaurants (*Assados* and *Tavern on Main*) and many other businesses supported the project with gifts and gift cards.
- A **poster contest** for adults and students with cash prizes, based on the theme *“Don’t Do Drugs”*
- A participation card system, where attendees listed their name, email, and telephone number and had their sessions stamped for proof of attendance and raffle eligibility

Promotion efforts included press releases, flyers with QR codes linking to the event schedule, and school district mailings sent home by area superintendents.

Event Night & Outcomes

On the night of the event, participants attended each of the above sessions, getting their card stamped to be eligible for the drawings. Grange members staffed an information table offering literature and free gifts, while nearly the entire membership contributed to running the program. The community response was strong, with participants engaged throughout the six sessions. A highlight was the attendance of a local football coach and his team, who completed all sessions together—an encouraging sign for future outreach.

At the conclusion, participants were asked to complete a survey, with a \$50 gift card raffle offered as an incentive. Feedback collected will help shape next year’s event, which will focus on drawing in organized groups such as sports teams, scout troops, and youth organizations.

Lasting Impact

Our presenters were enthusiastic about holding this event again next year, and participants left empowered with knowledge, resources, and tools to address substance use issues in their families and neighborhoods. The success of

Project Sustenance at Chepachet Grange showed what can happen when community organizations come together for a shared purpose and just as importantly, the event united Grange members in a shared mission of service—showcasing the Grange’s role as a cornerstone of community support and education. Chepachet Grange is proud to be part of the solution.



Keep in touch...

Don't miss out on your next issue of the *RISG Grange Beacon!* If you have moved since your last issue, or you will be away temporarily for the winter or other reasons, please let us know. You may mail address changes to the address at the right or to the email address: ehebert94@aol.com. We must have your correct address for delivery, even temporary addresses. **Beacon issues will not be forwarded by the post office even if you have filed a change of address form.**

We would also appreciate hearing from anyone who, for whatever reason, does not want to continue receiving the Beacon. We are sorry to see you go, but will respond to your wishes promptly.

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- RISG Scholarship
- Youth Education/Travel Fund
- Hearing Aid Fund
- Woodrow and Marjorie Tucker Research and Education Center

- Patrons in Need (PIN) Fund
- Jeff Sousa Memorial Scholarship Fund
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- Kenyon Memorial Scholarship Fund



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