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July 6-12	Grange Camp Columbia, NC
September 11-14	State Convention Charlotte, NC
November 8-15	National Convention Carnival Cruise

The Grange is a grassroots, community service, family organization with a special interest in agriculture and designed to help meet the needs of people, young and old, through a cooperative effort with government and other organizations that also seek the greatest good for the greatest number.

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FROM JIMMY

Since the new administration has come to office, actions that have been taken are resulting in a lot of uncertainty. This article is not about whether you like or dislike what is taking place with the federal government. It is about the uncertainty!

Decisions that have been made regarding the effort to stop government waste is hitting close to home. From what I have seen, some serious waste has been discovered. However, many programs that I view as needed have been put on hold. For example, federal funds for farmland preservation have been held up. One of the Soil & Water Districts in the state was awarded \$15 million to preserve farmland. The program is on hold without an answer as to what the future will be.

The Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation fund depends on federal grants to match with state money to preserve farmland in the state. We do not know when or if the funds are going to be released. The Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation also depends on federal grants for some of the programs being conducted. When will the funds be released, if ever?

Are services going to be impacted? I read an article last week about the Farm Service Agency office in Wilkes County

being closed and employees reassigned to other locations. This means farmers will have to travel further to access these services. Some other offices in NC are also scheduled to be closed. These closures also apply to the Natural Resources and Conservation Service.

How will the closing of the US Education Department affect us? Maybe a lot. Maybe very little. Just more uncertainty.

Sometimes all of the things going on around us for which we have no control creates anxiety because things are changing and we do not know how they will impact us. It is certain that you have a voice. There are those who you can contact to view your concerns such as your member of congress and both senators. Keep in mind that they also have district offices. For agricultural related issues, you can also write the new Secretary of Agriculture. Writing the President is not out of the question. In all cases your communications should be respectful and civil because that is who we are as Grange members.

If we can be of help in the Grange office, let us know.



PATTERSON GRANGE by : Madalyn Hodge

“Let’s load up our smoker with butts and do a fundraiser,” said Dillon Freeman and Blake Hodge. That’s how it all started as Patterson Grange hosted a BBQ fundraiser benefiting the Rodriquez family on March 15, 2025. This family of six lost everything in a house fire the night of March 3. They lived about a mile and a half from our Grange Hall. The day after the fire, we agreed that our community organization needed to do something to help them. Within a day, the plans were made, and as a community, everything came together over the next ten days. There was a lot of shopping, cabbage chopping, BBQ smoking and dessert making. Wayne Brother’s, Inc discovered that one of their employees was involved and graciously funded all the food and supplies. Grace Lutheran Church of Salisbury, along with our Grange bakers, made many desserts for the event. On Wednesday before our fundraiser, we gathered to make 200 pounds of red slaw and to set up our Grange Hall for the event. We sold over 700 plates with BBQ, slaw, baked beans, dessert and drink. At the event, we also had a raffle basket supplied by Wayne Brother’s sister company, Preferred Construction Supply. We provided an opportunity for folks to dine in, chat and visit, but also set up a drive-through line for pickup. For some folks in the area, it was their first time in the Grange building. We certainly hope they will be repeat visitors. The event was an overwhelming success with donations pouring in, one all the way from California.



NC Grange was proud to be part of the Ag Products Reception hosted by the Department of Agriculture in March. The event brought 15 elected officials, 34 Representatives, 6 Senators, 100 department representatives exhibitors and 197 additional General Assembly or agriculture industry attendees! The NC Grange served goodies from local caterer, Lady-fingers, and desserts from Maxie B’s.



VILLEWORTH GRANGE by : Jessica Horton

VilleWorth members have been meeting weekly in preparation for our big planting days this spring. Mid April means plants are ready to go in the ground and members have been busy cultivating seedlings. Many peppers, tomatoes and more are ready for planting!





NORTH CAROLINA STATE GRANGE

Contests

The 2025 Contest Guide is available! The guide has been updated to reflect a new submission format. Instead of submitting via paper, now all submissions will be done online at ncgrange.com/contest-entries by August 1. We also have updated baking, photo and writing categories. We hope you will participate and share your talents with us!

Baking

- Pound Cake
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Pumpkin Bread
- BBQ Sauce
- Apple Pie
- Cherry Cobbler
- Gluten Free
- Jelly

Photography

- Vegetables
- Pine Trees/Evergreens
- Pet Noses
- Holding Hands

Writing

“Who has significantly impacted your life, and how?”

ST JOHNS GRANGE

by : Emily Hartsell

On Saturday, April 5, the youth and juniors of St. John's Grange hosted their first-ever fundraiser, a hotdog lunch. These young members helped to plan the entire event, and it was a smashing success. Youth members Ryleigh Hartsell and Gavin Hall worked together collecting money and taking orders. Another youth member, Anna Hahn, worked to make sure things ran smoothly in the kitchen. Junior Raegan Hartsell manned the hotdogs and buns, while Maddi Hagler, Avery Furr, and Sloane Walker added all the toppings you could ask for including ketchup, mustard, slaw, chili, and onions. The group was rounded out by Tye Furr, Garrison Hall, and Silas Walker helping serve drinks, chips, and desserts. These youth and juniors will host the Hotdog Lunch Fundraiser on the first Saturday of every month from 11 am- 1 pm. They plan to use their earnings to help with summer camp fees and their own community service projects. St. John's Grange is beyond proud of this group of hardworking young people!



FERGUSON GRANGE

by : Sharon Underwood

Ferguson Grange met in March with an interesting program by member Brian DeCann on "Old Time Construction." He showed a power point of old methods of home building and a series of photos of a beautiful rock home he constructed in New York.



Assist Western NC!

Western North Carolina is still in need of supplies. NC MedAssist is working to fulfill the need of medicine, but they need our help to deliver those supplies. Can you make a trip west like our own Jimmy Martin here?

NC MedAssist collects the orders and plans the route for you. All you have to do is drive... take a friend and make a day of helping others.

If you want to help make a delivery, contact Jessica Horton at JLHorton@NCGrange.com to get connected with NC MedAssist.



CHAPLAINS CORNER by : LaRue Tart

GIVER OF LIFE

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." I John 4:9 NIV

Father and his son, Jesus Christ. God loved us so much that He was willing to walk through it to give us a completely transformed life, not just for this time, but for eternity.

It's the season of life, not only for the earth around us in its growth of crops and fruits, but in us through the risen Christ of life for us to live for eternity with Him.

Let us thank Him for a love that was undeniably life changing for all of us who believe. Ask Jesus to come into your heart to be reborn into a life for Him, and to give you that hope that this life is the beginning of your eternity with Him. As you reflect on this new life, let your heart be stirred with joy. Jesus loves you!

As a follower of Jesus, we have experienced His grace, love, strength, compassion and joy in the middle of our circumstances. Not not only did Jesus do something that was life changing, the scripture says it was life giving when Jesus came into the world.

We were given a new life, a new reality, when Jesus became flesh, lived amongst us, died, and rose again. Experiencing humanity and the evil of the world was a sacrifice for both our heavenly

2025 Family Conference

Beaufort, NC

The 2025 Family Conference was hosted at the beautiful Beaufort Hotel in Beaufort, North Carolina. This historic fishing town, tucked in the turn of the Intracoastal Waterway near Cape Lookout, is the third oldest town in the state and is the seat of Carteret County. Grangers were able to enjoy the historic homes, stunning waterfront and shops during the weekend.

Members began arriving on Thursday evening with a welcome and activities hosted by Bobbie Dellinger, NC Grange Program Director. The evening concluded with fun and fellowship in the hotel lobby. Friday morning, attendees gathered for a slate of speakers. First was Kim Evans with

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. Evans' role with the organization is Principal Project/Program Manager. She spoke about the importance of youth mental health and signs to look for when a youth is struggling. She also informed everyone how to be trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid.

Next, Mikey Fulk, President of the Working Lands Trust, spoke about farmland preservation. She educated the group on how to see that land cannot be developed going forward while still maintaining the ability to live and farm the property. Grangers had many great questions about their programs. To learn more about The Working Lands Trust,

visit workinglandstrust.org. Jimmy Gentry, NC Grange President, completed the morning by speaking about the various programs that members can participate in through the State and National Grange. You can find all of these programs at ncgrange.com and nationalgrange.org. After the speakers, attendees were free to explore the area during the afternoon before joining that evening for a fun night of trivia.

Saturday morning, Grangers were able to hear from another panel of speakers that began with John Davis, a professional political analyst. He spoke about swing states like North Carolina and how they played such a large role in the 2024 election. The next speaker was Representative Jimmy Dixon, Chair of the House Agriculture Committee. He was able to speak on issues facing North Carolina farmers. Lastly, Jessica Horton, NC Grange Event Coordinator, spoke about changes to the State Grange's contest guide. Many updates were made by the program chairs, but the largest update is that all contest entries will now be submitted electronically. No more mailing folders to the office! This should streamline the process and make entering much simpler.

Throughout the morning, our Junior members, ages 5-12, gathered to make two different beach crafts led by Junior Director Emily Hartsell. They also enjoyed games and getting to



spend time together. These activities allowed their parents to enjoy the morning's line up of speakers.

Saturday afternoon was filled with tours around town, and the weather was perfect for all the activities people participated in. Attendees were able to take a boat tour with the Beauty Barge along the lovely Intracoastal Waterway where horses and dolphins were spotted. Other attendees boarded a popular double-decker bus to see all the sites around historic Beaufort. Our group of youth enjoyed an outing to Fort Fisher where they learned about the history of the fort before enjoying a little free time on the beach. Meanwhile, our group of young adult members took the ferry to Shackleford Island where they enjoyed shelling. With a wide variety of activities, the afternoon was fun for all attendees.

Saturday evening, members gathered for a special meal together before enjoying a fun evening of bingo with lots of prizes.

The weekend also held a raffle to win a pair of tickets to see Brooks and Dunn in concert from a suite in Raleigh. We thank Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina for providing the tickets. All raffle proceeds will help replenish the Disaster Relief Fund after all funds were distributed following Hurricane Helene. Other prizes included restaurant gift cards.

Before departure on Sunday morning, NC Grange Chaplain LaRue Tart led the group in a worship service. Before saying their goodbyes, members expressed their admiration of the event and were excited about attending more NC Grange functions.



Each year, up to six Grange youth are selected through an application and interview process to serve on our State Youth Leadership Team. These young people exhibit leadership skills, motivation, and enthusiasm and are willing to give their time to help grow the Youth program. The team members help lead activities at various events, recruit new youth, and help plan Grange Camp. Serving on the team offers youth an excellent leadership opportunity. Congratulations to our 2025 Youth Team!

Ryleigh Hartsell



Hometown: Mt. Pleasant
Grade: 10th Grade
Future Studies: Architecture or Marine Biology
Hobbies: Dancing, Fishing, Cheerleading
Fav Camp Activity: Great Grange Challenge
Grange in 1 word: Inspiring
Grange’s Impact: Grange has given me friends that are like family and helped me become the leader I am today.



Nick Cameron

Hometown: Carthage
Grade: 11th Grade
Future Studies: Sports Medicine
Hobbies: Football, golf, time with friends
Fav Camp Activity: Rock Wall Climbing
Grange in 1 word: Exciting
Grange’s Impact: Grange has allowed me to meet lots of great people who I can look up to.

Caroline Barber

Hometown: Durham
Grade: College Sophomore
Future Studies: International Business
Hobbies: Reading, exercising, cooking
Fav Camp Activity: High Ropes
Grange in 1 word: Family
Grange’s Impact: Grange is my ultimate safe space because I know that I can be my true self and am accepted as I am.



Taylor Rogers

Hometown: Vanceboro
School: College Sophomore
Future Studies: Elementary Education
Hobbies: Hiking, watching movies, crafting
Fav Camp Activity: Costume Night
Grange in 1 word: Rooted
Grange’s Impact: Grange has opened doors for me that I never thought were possible. I’ve gotten to travel, make lifelong friends, and even spoke at the USDA!



Cade Howerton

Hometown: Roxboro
Grade: 11th Grade
Future Studies: Biology and genetics
Hobbies: lacrosse, playing Jazz, spoiling my dog
Fav Camp Activity: Friday night’s dance
Grange in 1 word: Opportunity
Grange’s Impact: Grange has made me a more outspoken leader. I am not afraid to be a leader in all my activities, even outside of Grange.



Kayla Laws

Hometown: Roxboro
School: 12th Grade
Future Studies: Business and Dance
Hobbies: Dancing, Swimming, Shopping
Fav Camp Activity: the nightly activities
Grange in 1 word: Empowering
Grange’s Impact: Grange helped me as a shy little girl to become an outstanding leader, and taught me not to be afraid to come out of my comfort zone.

CORRIHER GRANGE

by : Vinnie Duncan

Corriher Grange members and guests kicked off Grange Month on April 5 with their annual award recognitions and VA community service project.

Those receiving recognition include: Church of the Year, Prospect Presbyterian; Educator of the Year, Uletha L. Oglesby; Farm of the Year, Rosedae Farm, Scott and Vernelle Davis; Fire Department of the Year, Landis Fire Department; Fire Fighter of the Year, Alex Parham; Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, John Bringle. Vinnie Duncan received the surprise of the evening with recognition as Granger of the Year.

Members brought individual trail mix and sugar free hard candy for the VA Substance Abuse resident program at WA Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury. To support Rowan County 4-H, members placed orders for their annual Port-A-Pit Chicken event on Wednesday, May 7.

Due to a generous grant from the NC State Grange's Building Renovations program, proceeds from monthly spaghetti suppers, donations from members and many member work hours, Corriher Grange is undergoing a major renovation project with rewiring, new ceiling in the main hall, remodeled kitchen and bathroom facilities, and other upgrades. Once complete, an open house will showcase our Hall improvements to the community. Thank you NC State Grange for your support!



Welcome to our newest Grange members!
We are delighted to have you join us.

Associate Members:

Pam Billings
Amy Williams
Betty Bennett
Bert Bennett
Ann Bennett
Mark Robinson
Dennis Francis
Katherine Robinson
Ryan Olufs
John Robinson
Douglas Boyd
Bill Davis
Cherry Teague
George Teague
Jeffery Turner
Jessica Evans
John Leatherwood
Brooke Klamah
Beverly Bridge
Frank Fowlkes
Taylor McDaniel
Jerry Cox Jr.
Scott Marlow
Danny Owen

Grantham:

Brian Giddens
Jerry Grantham
Steve West
Kellie West
Old Richmond:
Nancy Crooks
St. John's:
Bryson Hagler

Cathy Strube

Corriher:

Ferman Karriker
Carla Earnhardt
Chris Earnhardt
John Goodman
Paula Goodman

Lori Barbee

Guilford:

Shannon Kerr
Ragan Price
Frank Smith

JoCo:

Joe Austin

Ferguson:

June Glass

AMBASSADORS VISIT WASHINGTON DC

YOUTH
by : Jennie Gentry



The National Grange Ambassador Team visited Washington, DC, in March to celebrate National Ag Day. Among the group were Taylor Rogers, National Youth Ambassador, and Laci Liles, National Junior Ambassador, both of North Carolina. The 5-day trip was packed full of events and was quite the journey for these young leaders.

Rogers and Liles were joined by the rest of their teammates, Young Adult Ambassador Ashlan Smith, Youth Ambassador Shae Smith, and Junior Ambassador Justin Dusko. The first day took them around our nation's capital where they visited monuments and museums including The People's House, a new museum full of interactive exhibits about the White House. They also engaged in discussion with National President Chris Hamp about shaping the future of our organization.

Their second day, March 17, the group started their morning attending a meeting with the House Ag Committee staff members. They gained much insight into legislative work and the committee's role in shaping agriculture policy. The afternoon took them to Farm Bureau where they networked with students from FFA, 4-H and AFA while learning more about the advocacy process and how to talk to legislators.

Later in the day, the group attended a reception at the National Press Club, hosted by Agri-Pulse, before attending a pizza party on the rooftop of John Deere's headquarters. With a beautiful view of the White House, the Ambassadors enjoyed the pizza party which allowed time to mingle with other students and network John Deere leaders. On Tuesday, March 18, National Ag Day, the Ambassadors joined Grange staff at the official Ag Day kickoff at the USDA. After hearing from several speakers, our own Taylor Rogers participated in a student panel, representing the Grange. The discussion focused on the day's theme, "Together We Grow." Rogers emphasized the power of unity in agriculture stating, "Without being 'together' as a united front to fight for what we need in agriculture, we really can't get anything

done." She continued, "Being able to communicate with each other with a nonpartisan look, coming together not by political affiliation but by our beliefs in agriculture and what we want for the future, we can grow to build that future."

After the kickoff, students attended a USDA Careers Panel where they were inspired by several USDA staff members who offered excellent advice for the future. The afternoon brought a visit with the Senate Ag Committee staff for more discussion on the legislative process. During the afternoon, Liles and Rogers also took time to make visits to the offices of their NC legislators. Escorted by Jennie Gentry, the pair expressed the importance of funding and quicker support to all those affected in Western NC by Hurricane Helene. The day ended with a reception in the Kennedy Caucus Room of the US Senate.

Attending with the Ambassadors were two members of the National Grange Youth Advisory Council, the National Grange staff, and the Junior Ambassador's moms as chaperones. All did a great job representing the Grange. The busy week was full of excellent leadership opportunities for these young members who used their voices to support agriculture.





CAPITOL NEWS
by : Laurie Barnhart

The North Carolina General Assembly has worked at an intense pace over the last few months, which is typical at this point in long session. All bills, with the exception of appropriation bills, had to be filed in the Senate by March 25 and in the House by April 10. 760 bills have been filed in the Senate and 893 in House, bringing the total bills filed to 1653. The next bill deadline, referred to as Crossover, is May 8. As a reminder. Crossover is the last day for a bill to pass out of the chamber it was introduced in and crossover to the opposite chamber for consideration. If the bill does not make the deadline, the bill is considered dead. It can be revived by reintroducing a new bill in the next long session.

The budget process in the Senate has certainly been rolling along. This session, the Senate drafts their version of the 2025/26 budget first. It will then pass to the House where members will work on their version. The expectation is the Senate's budget will be released in late April.

A top priority for the General Assembly this session has been passing legislation providing disaster funding for aid to areas of North Carolina affected by Hurricane Helene. There has been some hesitation to release funds due to the delay in funding from the Federal Government. If State funds are released too soon, it can affect the amount of funds appropriated from Congress. Thus far, four disaster funding bills have been passed and signed by the Governor, the most recent being HB47 providing \$528 million in funding for those areas. There will be more funding to come. Following are State bills the NC Grange is watching. More information on the bills can be found at www.ncleg.gov/Legislation.



- HB 62 Farmers Protection Act.
- HB 90 State & Local Gov't Retirees COLA
- HB106 Revive High-Need Retired Teachers Program.
- HB 126 (SB59) Revise Voluntary Ag. District Laws.
- HB130 Agriculture Crops Disaster Relief.
- HB133 NC Farmland and Military Protection Act.
- HB134 Prohibit Misbranding of Certain Food Products.
- HB135 Misbranding/Cell-Cultured Meat/Env. Assess.
- HB 471 Food Labeling Transparency Act.
- SB 261 Energy Security & Affordability Act
- SB 313 Supporting Small Farmers for NC's Future Act
- SB 314 Eliminate ETJ Overlap
- SB 317 Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (UPHPA)
- SB 338 NC Farmland and Military Protection Act
- SB 394 IBT Reforms
- SB 435 Restore Master's Pay for Teachers & ISP
- SB 411 School Bus Cameras/Evidence
- SB 493 Land Use Clarification & Changes
- SB 504/HB 133 NC Farmland & Military Protection Act
- SB 394 Prohibit Foreign Ownership of NC Land
- SB 530 Ag Manufacturing Economic Development
- SB 534 Capital Project Funding at NCA&T/WSSU

Governor Stein released his version of the budget on March 19. Key highlights of the Governor's budget proposal are below.

Education: More funding for schools and teacher raises

Stein is calling for over \$14 billion for education for each of the next two years, with a strong

emphasis on teacher pay and school infrastructure. His plan includes:

- A 10.7% average pay increase for teachers over two years, making North Carolina's starting teacher salary the highest in the southeast

- A \$4 billion bond to improve school buildings, addressing aging infrastructure and crowded classrooms
- Hiring more school counselors, nurses and social workers to provide student support services
- Free breakfast for all public school students, ensuring children start the day with a meal
- Stein also proposes phasing out the Opportunity Scholarship Program, or school vouchers, and redirecting the money toward public education. The voucher program has the support of the Republican majority in the General Assembly.

Workforce development and tax relief

To strengthen North Carolina's workforce, the budget proposes:

- Free community college for students entering high-demand industries like health care and information technology
- Expanding apprenticeship programs, particularly in rural areas
- New tax credits for middle- and low-income families, potentially providing up to \$1,600 to some families

While Stein is pushing for tax relief for working families, his plan freezes the scheduled corporate and personal income tax cuts, keeping the individual tax rate at 4.25% and the corporate tax rate at 2.25% to maintain state revenue. Stein warns his budget office forecasts the state is facing an \$800 million revenue shortfall in two years.

Public safety and the opioid crisis

The proposal also aims to recruit and retain law enforcement officers by:

- Raising salaries for state law enforcement officers, including correctional officers and youth counselors
- Offering signing bonuses for new hires and out-of-state transfers
- Expanding resources for the fentanyl crisis, including a new fentanyl control unit to crack down on trafficking
- Funding more body cameras for law enforcement to improve transparency

(spectrumlocalnews.com)

The changing of the administration in DC in January has brought about enormous change in the Federal Government. Following are excerpts and highlights from National Grange's March recap, "View from the Hill."

USDA releases market, disaster, and conservation aid

Secretary Brooke Rollins has released the \$10 billion in market relief for row crop producers that was authorized by Congress in December. Congress also authorized \$21 billion in disaster aid will also be released. In addition, the department is releasing conservation program payments for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQUIP), Conservation Security Program (CSP) and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP).

Improper payments in SNAP and farm programs

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) says the USDA is one of 16 federal departments and agencies that reports improper payments totaling \$162 billion in fiscal 2024, including \$10.5 billion in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Significant improper payments were also found in farm commodities and conservation programs.

WOTUS to be revised

EPS Administrator Lee Zeldin says his agency and the Army Corps of Engineers will begin the work of coming up with a new rule to define Waters of the United States. Bodies of water that fall under the WOTUS definition are subject to federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. Previous administrations, including those of Obama, Trump's first and Biden, have all tried to craft rules that would stand the test of time, but all attempts at doing so have been met with lawsuits. WOTUS is now defined one way in 24 states and another way in the remaining 26 as a result of these lawsuits.

In Memoriam

*Roger Swing
Jane Bost
Cary Glass*

*Arcadia Grange
St. John's Grange
Ferguson Grange*

You light a lamp for me. The Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.

*Psalm 138:28
* 50 Year Member*



2025 - THE YEAR OF CHANGE

I attended the NC Cattlemen's Convention in Hickory at the end of February this year. I normally do try to attend this conference to get ideas on how to improve our beef operation. I also make a concerted effort to make some contacts for the NC Grange while I am there, so I have a dual purpose in attending.

This year, one of the conference topics included ways to make your operation more profitable. With the cost of fuel, fertilizer, chemicals, and replacement livestock all on the rise, this session was a necessity to attend. The presentation really caught my interest when they discussed the utilization of a GPS system when reseeding, spraying, or spreading fertilizer on your pastures or hay fields. In the research, they equipped a single nozzle sprayer in an ATV (all-terrain vehicle) that had a wide spray pattern. Then, they had several ag interns spray the field without the GPS guidance. Those students had either spray overlaps or missing coverage of 10% and up to almost 35% in some areas. The average variance of coverage was around 20%. Next, the same individuals were allowed to use the GPS system installed in the ATV that gave a visual of the area sprayed. They could see where they were overlapping coverage as well as the areas they were completely missing. In these trials, the overlap or missed coverage was reduced down in the range of a low 2% to a maximum of 8%. With the cost associated with omission or overlapping, the GPS system could easily pay for itself very rapidly. Hence, we now have a portable GPS system that we can move between tractors and our ATV for such operations as needed for enhanced efficiency.

In thinking about the upcoming graduations from high school or college, who are you turning to for guidance for you, your child or grandchildren's life and or health insurance? Don't be like a recent phone call I had where the lady wanted to know how much money she could get if she "cashed-in" her term life insurance. She was told by a friend she could do this, and she needed to get those dollars out of that policy as soon as possible. Of course, I had to inform her that Term Life Insurance plans typically do not have any "cash value" and there was nothing there for her to withdraw from her policy. Then, I asked if this friend was an actual insurance agent, to which the caller had to reply that they were not a licensed agent. As these young people exit out of school, connect them with a good NC Grange Agency and let them guide your loved ones

with sound insurance advice. Now is the best time to secure their financial future while premiums are typically at their lowest cost. Like the GPS system, our NC Grange Agents can help identify areas of missing coverage as well as duplicate coverage they may not need. Working with a knowledgeable insurance professional can save you money and ensure your insurance program actually fits your current and anticipated future needs.

If you don't know of a Grange agent in your area, please contact me, and I will get you in touch with someone in your area. Give us a call today and our insurance agents will make sure that you have the correct life and health plans that best fit your needs and circumstances.

REGISTER NOW!
Grange Camp
July 6-12
ncgrange.com/events

SAVE THE DATE September 11-14, 2025 State Convention Charlotte, NC



Be sure to check out The Grange Hall Podcast on Spotify, Apple Music, etc.

2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION ITEMS

Insulated Cups	\$20
Bags	\$50
Beach Towels	\$35
Shirts	\$15



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