

District of Ross Mills  
Ross Mills Newsletter  
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Happy Thanksgiving  
from morning to night  
Hope whatever you do  
brings you joy and delight  
Hope family and friends  
and those you hold dear  
Make magical memories  
you'll cherish for years



## MAYFLOWER



The "Mayflower" Landing at Plymouth

**MAYFLOWER** The Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., in 1620 came from England in a sailing vessel. It was named the "Mayflower." The "Mayflower" left Plymouth, England, on September 17, 1620. Two months and five days later it reached Massachusetts Bay. After a month of exploring the coast, the Pilgrims founded their colony and named it Plymouth.

The "Mayflower" was a small ship. It would look very small indeed beside a big ocean liner of today. There were about 100 passengers on the boat. One passenger died and one baby was born during the long voyage. The baby was named Oceanus. Her last name was Hopkins.

Life on the "Mayflower" during the long voyage was not gay. The Pilgrims were coming to the New World to find a place where they could worship as they wanted to. They guessed that there were many hardships ahead of them.

Article from The Golden Encyclopedia Book 10, 1960

Before they left the boat, the men on board made an agreement. They promised to work together to make just laws, and to obey these laws. Their agreement is called the Mayflower Compact.

The "Mayflower" sailed back to England in the spring. The people of Plymouth must have had a homesick feeling as they watched it sail away.

In 1957 the "Mayflower II," built just like the first "Mayflower," sailed across the Atlantic from Plymouth, England, to Plymouth, Mass. Its trip took 53 days. (See COLONIAL LIFE IN AMERICA; MASSACHUSETTS; PILGRIMS.)

Ross Grange meeting was preceded by a buffet meal hosted by Robert Goodwin and Ellie Burch. Betty Wakefield and Opal Sprague, delegates to the annual State Grange Session in Watertown reported on various activities. Mrs. Wakefield placed first in the state baking contest - Jumbo Chocolate Cookies. She received a certificate and a monetary prize. Guests at the banquet who spoke were the State Dairy Princess and State FFA President.

National Grange President Betsy Huber and State President Steven Coye each spoke during the five day session, regarding their activities.

State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, Richard A. Ball, a vegetable farmer from the Schoharie Valley, shared his work and concerns for the farming industry in New York. Junior Grangers and Youth members each presented a program and reports of their activities. Legislative committees each presented resolutions to the delegate body for discussion and voting.

The election of officers was held with Elaine Sprague Smith being elected as State Grange Vice President.

Ross Grange will hold their 20th annual Holiday Happenings craft show November 23 at the Falcon's Nest. Plans for this were discussed. Those wishing information should call general chairman, Betty Wakefield 716 287-3363.

The next Ross Grange meeting will be November 12 with the program by Connie Dalbo on "Chair Yoga". A tureen meal will be held at 6 pm with the program following. The public is invited to attend.



**20<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Holiday Happenings Craft Show**

By Ross Grange #305

Falcon's Nest Banquet Hall

2001 E. Main Street, Falconer

**Saturday Nov. 23, 2019**

**10:00 am to 3:30 pm**

Knitting – Jewelry – Doll Clothes

Baked goods – Christmas Items

Plus many other crafts

Lunch Available (Homemade Pie)

Free Admission – Handicap Accessible

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