

District of Ross Mills  
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2018, What will it bring?  
Like always, some good and some not so good.

***Donald Pangborn wrote back to us through email and let us know that in the school picture from last month he is in the back row, third from the left; between Donald Everett and Merle McChesney.***

## Do you feel good about yourself as a kid? ~*An Emory Original*

When I was 5 or 6 I would be out in the barn with my dad. He gave me things to do, such as, he gave me a pail with some milk in it and told me “Give this to that calf and make sure she don’t spill it. And when that calf has drank it dry, bring me the pail and you can take them other calves some.” He would tell me how much feed to put in their feed boxes and maybe put some bedding around them. “Don’t let them kick you!” Lots of times when you are working at putting bedding down they will start playing, jumping and kicking and blating.



They had a collar around their neck and tied with a rope 3 or 4 feet long. My dad would be milking the cows or doing other things when I was doing these things.

I think many times things could be done a lot quicker if he had done himself, but he was giving me responsibility.

I was with my dad a lot when I was growing up. I remember walking with him when rounding up the cows in the pasture at milking time. And Rover the dog was right along. He was a lot of help when it come to bring the cows to the barn to be milked.

I remember the old cow barn. Dad had wires with hooks that he hung the milk pails from. He never set the pails on the floor. The milking stool was made with a place to set the pail when he was milking the cow. He also had places to hang the kerosine lantern.

Many nights before dad left the house to go to the barn he would remove the globe form his lantern and clean it with some pieces of newspaper.





## **Ross Grange To Meet Jan 8**

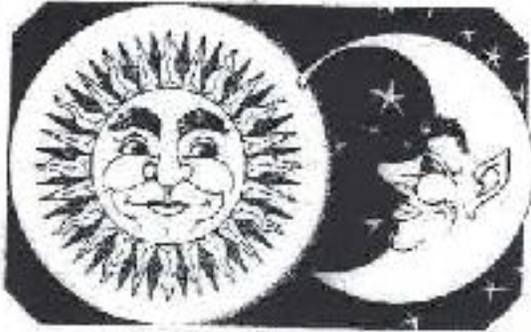
Ross Grange held its annual Christmas past at the home of Norm and Opal Sprague with a variety of foods brought by participants. Instead of a gift exchange members brought hats and mittens which will be given to nurses at Falconer and Sinclairville schools.

They will also receive gift cards to use for students needs. The Christmas community service project was a donation of \$100 to the Blue Star Mothers to use for postage of packages sent to service men and women.

Several cards were signed for shut-ins. Christmas memories were shared and Christmas games were enjoyed.

January, February, and March meetings will be held in the daytime at the Falcon's Nest Banquet Hall. They will be the second and fourth Monday, with the business meeting at 1 pm., including refreshments provided by the committee.

The next meeting will be Jan. 8. All are welcome.



## ECLIPSES FOR 2018

*There are five eclipses:  
Three eclipses are of the Sun  
and two are of the Moon*

### **January 31 - Total Eclipse of the Moon**

Begins at 10:50 a.m. and ends at 4:10 p.m. Total phase begins at 12:51 p.m. and ends at 2:08 p.m. Visible from western South America, North America, Asia, Australia, the Middle East, eastern Africa, eastern Europe, the Pacific Ocean, and the Indian Ocean.

### **February 15 - Partial Eclipse of the Sun**

Begins at 6:50 p.m. and ends at 10:47 p.m. Visible from southern South America, Antarctica, the south Pacific Ocean and the south Atlantic Ocean.

### **July 13 - Partial Eclipse of the Sun**

Begins at 1:45 a.m. and ends at 4:14 a.m. Visible from extreme southern Australia, the south Pacific Ocean, and the south Indian Ocean.

### **July 27 - Total Eclipse of the Moon**

Begins at 5:13 p.m. and ends at 11:30 p.m. Total phase begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 9:14 p.m. Visible from Australia, Antarctica, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, South America, the south Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean, and the Atlantic Ocean.

### **August 11 - Partial Eclipse of the Sun\***

Begins at 8:02 a.m. and ends at 11:31 a.m. Visible from extreme north North America, northern Europe, Asia, and the north Atlantic Ocean.

*\*All times are Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), known also as Universal Time (UT).*

The above was taken from The 2018 Farmers Almanac.

**Thank you for baring with me for another year!**