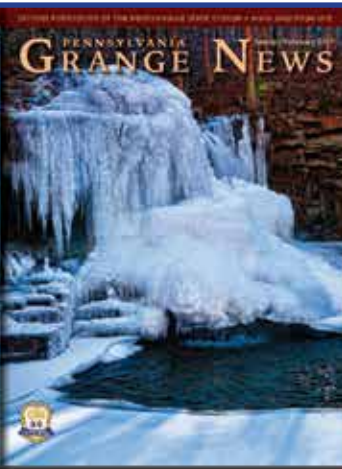
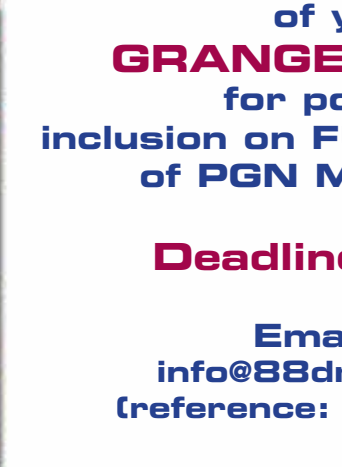
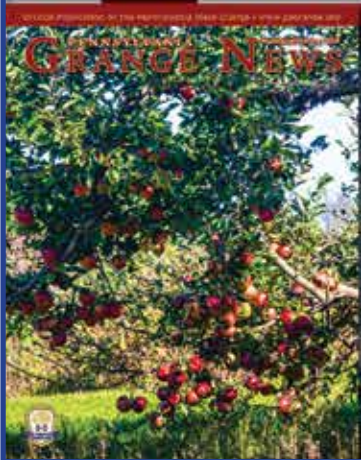


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*The Future of Grange...  
Our Youth & Juniors!*



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## From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell  
PA State Grange President  
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where their food comes from and what is in it.

There is still a large population who really believe milk and other food items come from a grocery store and not the farm. I experienced this personally when I was still farming. We had a group of teenagers from a nearby camp come to tour our farm. As I was explaining what all we did and how the milk makes it way to market, one boy stated very clearly, "I would never drink milk from a place like this". I asked him where his milk came from and he was serious when he said, "my Mother gets it from the grocery store". We must constantly be educating the public every chance we have. Not knowing the truth generates many assumed truths, which people eventually come to believe as the truth.

Dear Fellow Grangers,

Since the last issue arrived at your house we've had National Grange session, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and possibly New Years. As we say good bye to 2018, we have to ask, "what does 2019 have in store"? The Pennsylvania



nia State Grange session provided Vince Phillips, our Lobbyist, and myself a lot of guidance for the coming year. One issue that I'm sure is going to be in the forefront is cell cultured products. This discussion started to really be in the news about mid-2018. There are currently labs producing these products with the intent on calling it "meat". The Grange is very much opposed to labeling these products as "meat". We have been engaged in the battle against the nut, soybean, and other products using the word milk. People today want to know, and have a right to know,

We adopted a resolution for the Pennsylvania State Grange to push for car manufacturers to program new cars so that when the daytime running lights come on, the taillights are also turned on. We will continue to push for a ban on hand held devices while driving. This would be a much more comprehensive law than just a ban on hand held cell phones. The Pennsylvania State Grange testified in person April 3, 2018 before the House Transportation Committee on the dangers of distracted driving. We gave examples

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## Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain



us. This is a serious responsibility and I promise to do my best to live up to this commitment in a dedicated and humble way.

Lastly, we ask to be taught to so order our lives that each day's experiences unfold new glories of living and increase the usefulness of every worthy Patron of Husbandry. I think the best way to work at this is to remember **God's** provisions for the good of his children. We need only to observe the growing plant that hastens to the ripening harvest, the budding rose as it beautifies and sweeten life's pathway, the sunlight that invigorates all life, the storm that purifies and cleanses the atmosphere and enriches and freshens the earth.

As we face a new Grange year as well as a new calendar year, it behooves us to open our eyes and truly see **God's** creation around us, praise Him for the opportunities we have every new day to serve **Him**, and spread **His** love to all **His** children whenever and wherever we meet them.

So, with this prayer in my heart, I look forward to encouraging my fellow Grangers to accept these challenges that we can all be more useful and productive Patrons of Husbandry.

Happy and Productive New Year!

**God Bless You and Yours!**

Prayerfully yours,  
Judy Pressler



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### New Year's Prayer

Our State Session is now in the history books and you will undoubtedly get all kinds of reports of the excellent session it was! It was jam-packed with all kinds of activities, good food, lots of fun, renewing old and making new friendships as well as conducting important business.

We had a full election and I am happy to have been installed as your Chaplain again for another two-year term. I prayed about this and asked God to have **His** way and for me to accept **His** will.

If you have never heard, or if you have heard it (here is a refresher), part of the Chaplain's opening prayer asks **God** to imbue us with the spirit of service AND teach us the responsibilities of leadership. I enjoy serving by volunteering at our local hospital in the ER...will complete my 18th year this November. I take my responsibility of Chaplain very seriously. I enjoy writing to you every other month and I enjoy preparing the devotions and arranging special services for Family Festival as well as at the Session.

The prayer goes on to ask to be reminded that there is a great host of earnest Patrons who follow our example and rely on our integrity and to make us worthy of their confidence and fit custodians of the great trust that is laid upon





## Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR  
Director

I was recently asked, "What is the secret to being successful in growing membership?" I quickly replied, "Great stories and enthusiasm!" So, as we are going into 2019, it is a wonderful time to talk about Grange storytelling and the power of our words!

Take a moment and think about your favorite book, movie, or song, and how the words move you. Words touch your heart many times every day. The words you choose have huge impact on others. You can learn how to take a Grange life experience

### Aim for the Heart...



### when talking about Grange!

and turn it into a great story to recruit members. All it takes is some thought, evoke positive emotion, provide a solution and practice telling the story.

There are some very important points to remember when structuring your story.

- **Relatable Story** - The story must relate to the situation.
- **Simple Story** - It is your story... but keep it simple and easy to tell so the solution comes through loud and clear. Don't get caught

up in sharing every little detail.

- **Uplifting** - It is important to inspire by offering hope and happiness in your story.
- **Solution** - And the moral of the story is.... Keep these things all in mind when you develop stories to share with others...especially when they talk about what hinders them from joining the Grange.

Think of positive things that Grange cultivates in people, like leadership skills, values, commitment, lifelong friendships, and the list could go on and on. It is important to have stories include how Grange changed your life or that of a fellow Granger. What important life lessons have you learned from Grange?

Let me provide you with one issue to get you started on storytelling. I hear quite a bit about kids being involved in sports. What stories do you have that would attract youth or parents to look at Grange in addition or as an alternative to being involved in sports? I would take a guess that a lot of us played sports growing up and were still involved in other groups, what can you share about diversity in activities? (hint: We fill our time with

things we think are important, how do you build importance of Grange?)

Just remember that the best stories are told from your heart, as they will find their way into the hearts of others!

Yours in Grange service,  
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### Fraudulent email alert!!!

The Pennsylvania State Grange has recently encountered some cases of email "Spoofing". Simply put, "Spoofing" occurs when a person sends an email and disguises it to look like it was sent from somebody else. If the recipient of such an email RESPONDS to this email, the response is sent back to the "Spoofers". If the "Spoofers" has requested sensitive information, you can see how responding to such an email can be dangerous.

The Pennsylvania State Grange has taken several steps to combat this type of activity.

- We have changed email providers to a company with more secure email servers and better technical support.
- We have added a Water Mark to all of our outbound emails. The Water Mark is the Grange emblem.
- IF YOU RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE OFFICE AND IT DOES NOT CONTAIN THIS WATER MARK, please contact the office immediately at 717.737.8855. It is likely we will ask you to simply delete such an email, but we may want to gather some information before you do so.

Remember: if you receive an email from the Pennsylvania State Grange Office that does not contain the Water Mark, your computer has NOT been invaded by any virus or malware. It is very important that you DO NOT RESPOND to these emails.





## Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities  
Director

Hi everyone! Hope your fall went well, and your winter is going ok. With State Session, National Session, Thanksgiving, Christmas and 2019 New Years all behind us... I hope all events and holidays were memorable.

I hope all of you have started on the contests for this year. At State

sent them in. The Quilt block for 2019 is "Kelley's colors"... think of the colors of the Grange; Subordinate-blue, Pomona- Green, State - Pink, National- Gold. If anyone needs a copy of the contest, quilt block information, or you just have a question, please call me at home 814.234.4943. If I don't answer, please leave a message or email me at [melmelius59@gmail.com](mailto:melmelius59@gmail.com). I will get back to you.



*Pictured: left to right: Isabella Boone, Evelyn Cottrell, Cindy Liebengerger, and winner of the quilt raffle, Barbara Schroeder.*

session I had a total of 173 entries. Peoples Choice Award was won by Tara Whitehead; queen quilt Embroidery from Lehigh/Northampton County #68. Pomona Director of the Year Virginia Mangel Butler County #17. Subordinate Director of the Year Jane Reppert Hamburg Grange #2103 Berks County #43. Quilt was won by: Barbara Schroeder Berks County #43.

I had 43 Subordinate reports sent in and I had 16 Pomona reports sent in. Thank you to all that

So I just want to say, I hope everyone is staying warm and healthy and working on those Contest projects for this year.

Yours Truly,  
Melanie Melius  
Family Activities Director  
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of how many different things can take your eyes and mind off of the road. Ever try changing the radio on a newer car that you're not used to, like a rental car?

A new issue we will be addressing is the use of drones over public venues such as fairs and outdoor concerts. One of our larger Fairs in the state experienced a concern when a popular group was performing and a drone appeared overhead. It had been announced no videotaping or broadcasting of the event was allowed. The show's management gave the Fair operators only a few minutes to get the drone out of the sky. Police on site were able to quickly locate and apprehend the operator. Drones can pose a safety concern at events like this. The same drone almost came in contact with power lines above the crowd.

The Grange will be continuing our quest for fair and equitable Broadband for all. We will be holding an update meeting at the Pennsylvania Farm Show this year. We will announce the successes that have been made over the last year and draw attention to the challenges that still lay ahead.

Lizzie and I will continue to travel through-out the State holding Town Hall style meetings. These are an excellent way to generate interest in the Grange, educate people in the community on what the Grange does, and attract new members. If your Grange would be interested in us coming to your area, please contact the office at 717.737.8855.

**IT'S THE GRANGE WAY!**

Fraternally,  
Wayne D. Campbell,  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
President







## Deaf Activities & Community Services Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Hello Grangers,

As last year, this was another rewarding year. I continue to be very impressed by the work that you are doing in your communities. For those that sent in their reports, thank you! I looked through each report and book and documented the different projects that are being completed around the state. I have a 7.5 page document of the different ways you raise money and what organizations and causes you donate to or do work for. It is extremely impressive and something each and every one of you should be proud of! We logged about 66,539 hours of community service from the 61 reports that were submitted. Way to go Pennsylvania!

Congrats to the following Granges for their winning reports/books.

### Granges with 25 or less member:

1. Chester Valley Grange #1496
2. London Grove Grange #63
3. Sinking Valley Grange #484

*Honorable Mention: London Grange #1492*

### Granges with 26-60 members:

1. Hamburg Grange #2103
2. Hayfield Grange #800
3. Wesley Grange #1675

*Honorable Mention: Schnecksville Grange #1684*

### Granges with 61 or more members:

1. Valley Grange #1360
2. Plumsteadville Grange #1738
3. Big Knob Grange #2008

*Honorable Mention: Ontelaunee Grange #1617*

### Pomona Granges

1. Centre County #13
2. Bucks County #22
3. Pomona Grange Northumberland/Montour County #31

*Honorable Mention: Berks County*

Congratulations to Valley Grange #1360, as their book represented Pennsylvania at the National Grange Session in Stowe, Vermont in November 2018.

At State Session we collected boxes upon boxes of items for the Gleaners Food Bank and The Western PA School for the Deaf. THANK YOU for the overwhelming support. We sent 12 boxes to each of the locations. It was amazing to see your response. We were also successful with our book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange. We raised \$92 from this sale and sent \$100 to Dogs for Better Lives. Thank you to all that donated books and CDs and to all of those that purchased books and CDs.

During session, we also had our sign a song contest. Congratulations to Philip Vonada who will be representing Pennsylvania at Eastern Regionals to compete for this contest.

Please be reminded that I would like you to e-mail pagrange.dacs@gmail.com when your Grange completes community projects. I will post your projects on Facebook. This allows others around the state (and nation) to see the work you have done and get ideas for more community service projects.

I continue to look forward to hearing about all of your awesome work and hope to see you soon. Feel free to reach out to me to my personal e-mail – g\_switzer09@hotmail.com phone 610-750-4290, or e-mail the address in the above paragraph with any community service/deaf activities projects. – Gail

Personal thank you:

Since the last edition of Grange News I had a few more donations come in for my Global Autism Project trip to India. Thank you to the following Granges and Grange members for your support:

- Warren Forest Pomona Grange
- Washington County Pomona Grange
- Stoney Point Grange #1694
- Chesnut Ridge Grange
- Pleasant Hill Grange
- Walker Grange #0786
- Patricia and Ashley Bird
- Lizzie Bailey

THANK YOU!

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# IN THE DARK

by Barb Gross of Scrubgrass Grange

## One Grange CAN make a difference!

It is 10 PM on Thursday, November 15th, 2018, night and your lights blink off and on for a few seconds and then everything goes black – electricity is nonexistent. So you find the flashlights and lanterns and head to bed throwing on a few extra blankets hoping that when you wake up everything will be back to normal. However upon waking on Friday there is still no electricity and upon checking your phone you discover there are 14,000 Western PA clients that do not have power from three different electric companies! The outside temperature was in the 30's with rain, freezing rain and wet snow which caused trees to bend, break and cause havoc with

the power lines. So you put on a few extra layers of clothes, eat cold food and power up your generators if you are fortunate enough to have one that will keep the heat going and run the microwave.



restrooms, water and a charging station for electronics. The word was put out through the School District phone call system, word of mouth and internet media. The Grange was open for three days with 20 to 30 people served daily – not a great amount but a very appreciative group of people. Because the Grange does food service throughout the year food was



But what do the people do that do not have generators? They can bundle up and weather the cold for a few hours, find a friend who has power or they can find a warming station. Fortunately, the Scrubgrass Grange still had electricity and opened its doors Friday at 11 AM as a Warming Station. The Grange opened with warmth, food,



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## History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee  
Director

The value of preserving State Grange history by microfilming/digitizing historical documents has again been recognized by the Executive Committee's approval of a second appeal for funds. Many generous donations have already been received to the appeal sent last fall to Grange Secretaries, enabling the third and final phase of microfilming/digitizing to begin soon. With the support of more Granges and individuals, we expect to have the finances needed

to finish the records preservation during 2019. A list of contributors will be printed in a future issue.

Be sure to visit the History section of the State Grange website as more and more documents are ready for posting there. This winter we will be adding the rest of the Journals of Proceedings and the charter applications of all 2,110 Granges organized in Pennsylvania from 1871 to the present. The microfilmed copy of documents, providing for their permanent preservation, are being stored in the appropriate climate-controlled atmosphere at the State Archives of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg,

while the digitized PDF version permits accessibility to the public by the posting of the information on the internet.

Local and Pomona Granges that have an interest in microfilming and/or digitizing their records will have an opportunity to do so under the contract negotiated by the State Grange History Committee with IMR Digital just as soon as the balance of the state documents are finished. Even though IMR will probably not be able to start individual Grange's work until later this year, it's not too early to start planning. Contact Jennifer Nauss at [Jnauss89@gmail.com](mailto:Jnauss89@gmail.com) for details about preparing your records and the estimated cost.

Doug Bonsall, Chair  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
History Committee  
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readily available on site – French toast and sausage for breakfast, omelets, soup and sandwiches for lunch and spaghetti, ham and scalloped potatoes were on the menu for dinner.

The Scrubgrass Grange is frequently used by other groups and prescheduled activities went on as usual during the community power outage. Saturday AM the Grange and Quilt Guilds annual Make and Take Day was scheduled where kids 8 to 15 come and make simple sewing projects for themselves, or to use as Christmas presents. Four people brought their sewing machines in for the activity and they were all people without power at home. Then the most amazing thing happened - the ladies who had their sewing machines there for Make and Take kept them at the Grange and sewed at the Grange Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday. It



sure made the power outage much more bearable and everyone enjoyed the fellowship!

Saturday PM a child's birthday party was prescheduled and the family was so thankful for the warmth and electricity because they had not had any at home for two days.

By Monday only 4,000 people

were without power so the Scrubgrass Grange warming station was closed... however Grangers did open their homes to friends who were still powerless and by Wednesday morning there were still about 1,000 homes without power. So be very thankful for your electric power and the many utility workers who work hard year round to keep the lights on for the rest of us.

*- Note from the publishing editor:  
Thank you, Barb, for sharing such a fine example of THE GRANGE WAY! This is what a successful Grange is all about...helping community and friends in need.  
- Heather Hiller*



# Youth News

**Youth Committee**  
 Ellen Wadsworth  
 PA State Grange Youth Director



Dear Pennsylvania Grangers –

The Youth and Young Adults Department is closing out a very successful year in 2018. Along with our many activities through-



*Youth Session: Ellen Wadsworth & State Royalty*

out the year, we recently held our first fall picnic for all youth and young adults in the state. This event was designed to be a free, relaxing and fun event for any who wanted to attend. About 30 youth and young adults gathered at Andrew Kieffer's family farm and enjoyed an afternoon and evening



*Youth Session Ellen Wadsworth and Robert Beamon; Youth Supporter of the Year*

of food and games. Thank you to all who attended and also special thanks to the Kieffer family for hosting us!

We want to thank all Grangers for such an amazing Pennsylvania State Grange Session in October 2018! The Youth and Young Adults Department had several great firsts during this session and it was all because of your support. Throughout the weekend we were able to conduct three different fundraisers in cooperation with Eat N Park, Dennys and Chipotle. As of this writing, the final numbers were not all in yet but we estimate that we will be able to give



*Youth Session*

each youth and young adult competing at National Session at least \$50 from this fundraiser effort.

Sixteen amazing youth and young adults celebrated the weekend as our State Youth Officer Team, performing a drill and opening the Session on Saturday morning. The 2018 State Grange Youth Officer Team consisted of:

- Master – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Huntingdon Co
- Overseer – Evy Zaleski, Lancaster Co

- Lecturer – Isabella Boone, Centre Co
- Steward – Robert Kleckner, Berks Co
- Asst Steward – Isaac Mengel, Berks Co
- LAS – Mikayla Davis, Berks Co
- Secretary – Grace Wadsworth, Chester Co
- Treasurer – Lexus Johnson, Beaver Co
- Chaplain – Hannah Leibensperger, Berks Co
- Gatekeeper – Owen Stemko, Berks Co
- Ceres – Denae Zvarick, Montgomery Co
- Pomona – Anna Benzio, Beaver Co
- Flora – Cassidy Cheddar, Lancaster Co
- Exec Comm – Philip Vonada, Centre Co
- Exec Comm – Jennifer Nauss, York-Adams Co
- Exec Comm – Lindsay Schroeder, Berks Co

Thank you all for a job well done!

The Youth Department was also excited with the number of entries in our contests this year. Here is a list of the winners. Congratulations to you all!

**START WITH A CAKE MIX**

Chocolate Mix - All ages

1. Tammy Schaeffer – Berks Co
2. Jane Adams – Berks Co
3. Barbara Schroeder – Berks Co

**START WITH A CAKE MIX**

White/Yellow Mix - All ages

1. Tammy Schaeffer – Berks Co
2. Mary Ann Haagen – Centre Co

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3. Dina Zug – Juniata Co

### **START WITH A CAKE MIX**

Spice/Other Mix - All ages

1. Jane Adams – Berks Co
2. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks Co
3. Ben Haagen – Centre Co

### **CUPCAKE DECORATING**

Adults (14- above)

1. Heather Druckenmiller – York-Adams Co
2. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks Co
3. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co

### **SCRAPBOOK PAGE**

Grange Related – Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jodi Keith Kensinger – Huntingdon Co /
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co

### **SCRAPBOOK PAGE**

Grange Related –Adult (35+)

1. Cindy Keith – Huntingdon Co
2. Karen Mohn – Berks Co
3. Marty Dinsmore – Greene Co

### **SCRAPBOOK PAGE**

Other – Junior

1. Chase Koscinszko – Lawrence Co
2. Lila Samsel – Berks Co
3. Tabby Samsel – Berks Co

### **SCRAPBOOK PAGE**

Other – Young Adult (22-35)

1. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co
2. Jodi Keith Kensinger – Huntingdon Co
3. Ashley Mohn – Berks Co

### **SCRAPBOOK PAGE**

Other –Adult (35+)

1. Cindy Keith – Huntingdon Co
2. Barbara Schroeder – Berks Co
3. Derek Schroeder – Berks Co

### **BUILDING BLOCK CREATION**

Juniors (5-13)

1. Alexis Servin – Berks Co
2. Tabby Samsel – Berks Co
3. Lila Samsel – Berks Co

### **BUILDING BLOCK CREATION**

Young Adult (22-35)

1. Ashley Mohn – Berks Co
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co
3. Jennifer Beamon – Berks Co

### **BUILDING BLOCK CREATION**

Adult (35+)

1. Karen Mohn – Berks Co

### **RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT**

Container - Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jennifer Beamon – Berks Co
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co
3. Ashley Mohn – Berks Co

### **RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT**

Container - Adults (35+)

1. Derek Schroeder – Berks Co
2. Deborah Kolpak – Chester Co
3. Jane Adams – Berks Co

### **RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT**

Fabric – Young Adult (22-35)

1. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks Co
2. Ashley Mohn – Berks Co
3. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co

### **RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT**

Fabric - Adults (35+)

1. Jane Adams – Berks Co
2. Derek Schroeder – Berks Co
3. Deborah Kolpak – Chester Co

### **RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT**

Wood - Young Adult (22-35)

1. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks Co
2. Jen Beamon – Berks Co
3. Robert Beamon – Berks Co

### **RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT**

Wood - Adults (35+)

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester Co
2. Derek Schroeder – Berks Co
3. Marlene Broman – Butler Co

### **DESIGN A BUTTON**

Young Adult (22-35)

1. Philip Vonada – Centre Co
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co
3. Ashley Mohn – Berks Co

### **DESIGN A BUTTON**

Adults (35+)

1. Karen Mohn – Berks Co
2. Barbara Schroeder – Berks Co
3. Linda Warren – Chester Co

### **CREATE A COMMERCIAL**

Individual

1. Ashley Mohn – Berks Co

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Prepared Speech - Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jodi Keith Kensinger – Huntingdon Co
2. Philip Vonada – Centre Co

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Prepared Speech - Adult (36+)

1. Lurae Benzio – Beaver Co
2. Ginny Straub – Mercer Co
3. Ruth Vonada – Centre Co

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Impromptu Speech - Youth (14-21)

1. Isaac Mengel – Berks Co
2. Mikayla Davis – Berks Co
3. Owen Stemko – Berks Co

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Impromptu Speech – Young Adult (22-35)

1. Philip Vonada – Centre Co
2. Denae Zvarick – Montgomery Co
3. Jodi Keith Kensinger – Huntingdon Co

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Impromptu Speech - Adult (36+)

1. Lurae Benzio – Beaver Co
2. Stacy Bruker – Perry Co
3. Henry Seidel – Berks Co

We awarded our Youth Supporter of the Year at the Youth Luncheon on Saturday. This year's well deserving recipient worked hard all year on youth activities and ways to encourage and support youth and young adults across the state. I was very excited to name Robert Beamon as the 2018 Youth Supporter of the Year.





Congratulations Rob!

We would be remiss if we closed our report of State Session without mentioning our very first marriage proposal during the public speaking contest! Congratulations to Ken Merritt and Joyce Snyder for this thrilling news! We wish you all the best!

Looking ahead for 2019, the Youth Department has a busy and exciting year ahead. The Youth Ambassadors and Young Patron will be participating in the Opening Ceremonies and PA Preferred Reception at the PA Farm Show in early January. We will also hold our annual planning meeting to further plan out our events for the year.

In March, Pennsylvania will host the Mid Atlantic Leaders Conference (MALC) in Gettysburg, PA. The MALC will be held March 15-17, 2019 at the Eisenhower

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## Program Director

Jenn Nauss

PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this article finds you well and that you had a very joyous and blessed holiday with your families and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jenn Nauss and I hail from Mechanicsburg, a small town right outside of Harrisburg. I have been a Granger my whole life and I am honored and excited to serve the Pennsylvania State Grange as Lecturer. I am a past Pennsylvania State Grange Chaplain and past Youth Ambassador and Outstanding Young Patron. I have just finished my term as the National Grange Outstanding Young Patron. I am also proud to be a member of the PA State Grange History Committee. Professionally, I work as a Speech-Language Pathologist in an elementary school, working with K-4th Grade students. In my spare time, I am very active in my church and enjoy spending time with my family and friends.

A sincere thank you to Denise Clare and her committee for their work. Denise wishes to thank everyone for everything over her two years as Lecturer.

It is hard to believe that it is already 2019 – a New Year with new opportunities, in life and in Grange. The 2019 Guide to Contests and Programs is available on the website. They were also distributed at State Session in Octo-

ber. If you cannot access a copy of the guide, please contact me. It is not too early to take a look and start working on your contest entries now!

This year's Talent Contest will take place at Family Festival in July, as it has the last several years. Make sure to look out for more information in future Grange News publications.

This year, Pennsylvania is hosting the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference (for Lecturers, Youth, Juniors, and all Grange Leaders) in Gettysburg. Regional leaders conferences are excellent opportunities to learn, share ideas, and meet other Grange leaders from our region. Save the dates for March 15-17, 2019 and make plans to attend this conference. Look for more information about the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference in the coming months.

Thank you all for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or ideas!

Jenn Nauss  
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Congratulations to the 2018 Lecturer's Department contest winners!

### 2018 Lecturer's Contest Winners

#### Subordinate Lecturer Reports 75 Members or less

1. Judy Stevenson - Wesley #1675, Venango Co

#### 76-149 Members:

1. Ashley Furman- Logan #109, Centre Co

#### 150+ Members

1. Madeline Seidel - Virginville #1832, Berks Co

#### Pomona

1. Nettie Kauffman – Berks Co
2. Kenna Kurtz – Centre Co

#### Container Pot Decorating – Subordinate

##### Pretty

1. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks Co
2. Deborah Kolpak – Chester Co
3. Brynee Baughman – Blair Co
4. Jane Reppert – Berks Co

##### Funny

1. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks Co
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co
3. Linda Warren – Chester Co
4. Will McGregor – Lawrence Co

##### Grange Theme

1. Marlene Borman – Butler Co
2. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks Co
3. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co

#### Container Pot Decorating – Junior

##### Pretty

1. Lila Samsel – Berks Co
2. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co

##### Funny

1. Elijah Bicksler – Berks Co
2. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co

##### Grange Theme

1. Maya Bicksler – Berks Co
2. Tabby Samsel – Berks Co
3. Brooke Bicksler – Berks Co

#### Tissue Box – Card Stock – Subordinate

##### Holiday/Seasonal

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester Co
2. Helen Lafferty – Blair Co
3. Carol Kushma – Lawrence Co
4. Shirley Swires – Blair Co

##### Most Creative

1. Deborah Kolpak - Chester Co
2. Ronald Sweeney – Huntingdon Co
3. Georgette Mummert – Huntingdon Co
4. Linda Warren – Chester Co

##### Grange Theme

1. Linda Warren – Chester Co
2. Carol Kushma – Lawrence Co





3. Ruth Kurtz – Huntingdon Co
4. Georgette Mummert – Huntingdon Co

**Tissue Box – Yarn –Subordinate  
Most Creative**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester Co
- Grange Theme**
1. Shirley Swires – Blair Co

**Tissue Box – Fabric –Subordinate**

- Holiday/Seasonal**
1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester Co
- Most Creative**
1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester Co
  2. Jane Adams – Berks Co

**Tissue Box – Yarn –Junior**

- Holiday/Seasonal**
1. Will McGregor – Lawrence Co
  2. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co
- Most Creative**
1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co
  2. William McGregor - Lawrence Co

**Frames – Prettiest – Subordinate**

- Foam**
1. Jane Reppert – Berks Co
  2. Deborah Kolpak – Chester Co
- Plastic**
1. Dee Ruckert – Beaver Co
  2. Will McGregor – Lawrence Co
  3. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks Co
- Wood**
1. Ada Skiles – Beaver Co
  2. None
  3. Denise Kostelansky – Armstrong Co
  4. Lorena Baughman – Blair Co

**Frames – Funniest – Subordinate**

- Wood**
1. Linda Warren – Chester Co
  2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co
  3. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon Co
  4. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks Co
- Plastic**
1. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks Co
  2. Will McGregor – Lawrence Co
- Foam**
1. Jane Reppert – Berks Co
  2. Kelly Van Ord – Warren Co

**Frames – Grange Theme – Subordinate**

- Wood**
1. Linda Warren – Chester Co
  2. Shelley Fayewicz – Berks Co
  3. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon Co
- Plastic**
1. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co

**Frames – Prettiest – Junior**

- Plastic**
1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co
- Wood**
1. Rebecca Berger – Berks Co
  2. Sarah Berger – Berks Co

**Frames – Funniest – Junior**

- Plastic**
1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co
- Foam**
1. Rebecca Berger – Berks Co

**Wreaths – Subordinate**

- Holiday**
1. Becky Davis – Greene Co
  2. Gloria Smith – Greene Co
  3. Carmie Smith – Greene Co
  4. Nettie Kauffman – Berks Co
- Pretty**
1. Marty Dinsmore – Greene Co
  2. Will McGregor – Lawrence Co
  3. Becky Davis – Greene Co
  4. Deborah Kolpak – Chester Co

**Grange Theme**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester Co
2. Ashley Furman – Centre Co
3. Marty Dinsmore – Greene Co
4. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair Co

**Wreaths – Junior**

- Holiday**
1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co
- Pretty**
1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co
  2. Ruby Reyburn – Chester Co
- Grange Theme**
1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co
  2. William McGregor – Lawrence Co

**My Favorite Anything – Subordinate**

- Wood**
1. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks Co

2. Gene Zvarick – Montgomery Co
3. Dee Ruckert – Beaver Co

**Plastic**

1. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon Co

**Material/Yarn**

1. Sandra Hill – Berks Co
2. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair Co
3. Shirley Swires – Blair Co
4. Jill Cavaleiro – Butler Co
5. Deanna Hollabaugh – Warren Co

**Miscellaneous – Subordinate**

1. Marlene Baoman – Butler Co
2. Jane Reppert – Berks Co
3. Ada Skiles – Beaver Co

**My Favorite Anything – Junior**

- Material/Yarn**
1. Tabby Samsel – Berks Co

**Pen in Hand**

- Poetry-**
1. Melinda Tercha – Berks Co

**Short Story-**

1. Jane Birk – Bucks Co

**Art – Subordinate**

- Landscape or Seascape**
1. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co
  2. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon Co
  3. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks Co
  4. Linda Warren – Chester Co

**Animals**

1. Linda Warren – Chester Co
2. Will McGregor – Lawrence Co

**Still Life**

1. Linda Warren – Chester Co
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co
3. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon Co
4. Deanna Hollabaugh – Warren Co

**Street Art/Graffiti**

1. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon Co
2. Will McGregor – Lawrence v
3. Linda Warren – Chester County
4. Betty Brennaman – Blair Co

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# PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

*The 103rd Pennsylvania Farm Show runs January 5th-12th, 2019*

PA Farm Show Press Release  
11/16/2018

## **PA Department of Agriculture Reveals 2019 Farm Show Theme: Inspiring Pennsylvania's Story**

The 103rd Pennsylvania Farm Show will honor agriculture's rich heritage and promising future with this year's theme, Inspiring Pennsylvania's Story. The theme, which will be represented throughout the weeklong event, will include related events like a daily story time for children, interviews with real Pennsylvanians working in agriculture, and opportunities for attendees to engage and tell their own stories.

"The agriculture industry and the people within it have a powerful story that has impacted our lives for centuries; it's a story of passion, a story of conviction, a story of purpose and meaning, a story of hope," said Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding. "It is a story that is constantly evolving with new pages being written all the time. It's our job to keep telling that story--to help shape the future of an industry that powers, provides for, and inspires Pennsylvania—and that is precisely what we intend to do during the 103rd show."

Today, the Pennsylvania Farm Show released a preview video on social media to announce the theme, unveiled the 103rd Farm Show logo, and will next week begin telling the stories of Pennsylvania agriculture on its social

media channels, including Facebook and Instagram.

Monday, January 7 will incorporate this theme further into special events and activities held at the Farm Show Complex that day.

"Each year, the Pennsylvania Farm Show uses a theme to communicate our vision for the fu-

## **"Inspiring Pennsylvania's Story"**

ture of agriculture, and this year's theme speaks to the importance of using our voices to champion our industry, to be the storytellers expressing our mission and our purpose," said Pennsylvania Farm Show Executive Director Sharon Al-

land. "I encourage Pennsylvanians from across the commonwealth to come to Harrisburg this January, tell their stories, and celebrate our shared sense of community at the 103rd annual Farm Show.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show is the nation's largest indoor agricultural event, featuring 12,000 competitive exhibits, more than 5,200 of which are animal competitions, plus 300 commercial exhibitors. The show runs January 5 – 12, 2019. Admission is free and parking is \$15 in Farm Show lots. The Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center is easily accessible from Interstates 81 and 83



### **What's New at the 2019 Farm Show?**

Here are some novel ideas Inspiring Pennsylvania's Story - what's in store that wasn't before..

Youth Shine in Starring Roles: More youth will show off their skills with the addition of Jr. and Sr. Draft Horse Decorating in the Pleasure category, new Yearling Ram and SimAngus classes (open SimAngus will also be new), and Jr. Vegetable show. Also new this year, qualifiers from each animal class will compete for the title of Master Showman in four age groups. Mem-





bers of a new Youth Committee will plan, host, and emcee events, and act as ambassadors to strengthen the youth voice in the show. Pennsylvania youth are inspiring our future story!

Tasty Treats with an Organic Twist, New from Savor: The Cyclone, a delightful cone of PA Preferred® brioche bread made with organic flour and filled with your choice of organic chicken, or pasture-raised pork smoked on-site, topped with chow chow; and The Layer, five-cheese mac & cheese layered with corn pudding, chow chow, and your choice of organic pork or chicken, drizzled with house-made gold sauce.

Balanced Breakfast: A broccoli and egg breakfast sandwich with your choice of sausage or ham hits multiple food groups for a balanced breakfast from the PA Vegetable Growers Association. More food options will be available in more locations to please every taste from vegan to hard-core carnivore.

Cider Sippin' Story: The Cider Competition was new in 2018. Now that it's an established competition, you can sample the fruits of Pennsylvania's finest hard cider producers' labors. Stop by the Pennsylvania Cider Guild's booth to sip and sample one, or a few, of our hottest new PA products.

Take Some Goodness Home: Hit the new Farmers Market in the Main Hall for some take-home tastes of Pennsylvania brought to you by the PA Farmers Market Association. Take home some cheese, honey, maple products, potatoes, veggies and apples to keep the story alive at home.

Craft Beer Connoisseurs' Delight: Craft Beer has joined the ranks of Farm Show competitions! More than 150 intriguing varieties from craft brewers from Philadelphia County to Allegheny County and everywhere in between will vie for bragging rights in our first-ever statewide competition. From Hefe-

weizens to Schwarzbiers, find out who will win bragging rights and walk away with Best in Class, Best of Show and the PA Preferred® Legacy Award.

Be Inspired by STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math applied in agriculture gives us better food; healthier animals, plants and soil, and helps us tackle climate challenges. Visit the Lancaster Farming Stage in the Expo Hall on Tuesday for a peak at some world champion robotics, and a host of other demonstrations of STEM in agriculture.

Rabbits Multiplying, Well, Like Rabbits; Seven new bunny varieties will join the perennial Farm Show favorite Rabbit Competition. Angorapalooza and the Celebrity Rabbit Hop will also feature the adorable rodents in crowd-pleasing competitions.

Artsy Adventures: Hand crafted items will be demonstrated and displayed in the new Artisans Alley. Illustrate your Farm Show story with the artistry of lace makers, spinners, wheat weavers, horse-hair braiders, pottery, chair caners, bead makers, painters and more.

Proud of Our Pumpkins: Pennsylvania is pumpkin proud, and we're showing it off with two new pumpkin competition classes: Warty and Blue. Check out these funky pumpkins in the Main Hall.

Double Your Draft Horse Fun: Gelding classes will be split into Registered and Grade classes, and in the Draft Horse Pleasure Show, Gelding and Mare Halter classes will be added to the mix.

What Makes a Great Egg?: Find out with new white and brown classes in the Farm Show Egg Competition.

Honey for Your Honey: Expanded Apiary Competition will include Light & Dark Hogg Halfcomb classes. Mystified by bee-keeping terms? Come to the Celebrity Honey Extraction Demo on Friday, January

PA FARM SHOW 2019, the 103rd Annual PA Farm Show, is January 5-12, 2019. If you have not attended in the past, this is a great way to experience and appreciate all that is PA Agriculture. For the full schedule and updates visit <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>. While at the Farm Show, visit the Pennsylvania State Grange booth in the exhibit hall and get a milkshake staffed by Valley Grange in the Food Court.

11 on the Main Hall Stage, and watch some high-profile types get all sticky getting Pennsylvania's liquid gold out of the honeycomb.

Write a Dairy Diary: Opportunities to do some Cow Milking of your own, with more cows in a bigger space – following the Celebrity Cow Milking Contest in the Equine Arena on Friday the 11th.

Speedy Saga: Watch your favorite Pennsylvania luminary scramble to load a skid pulled by a team of draft horses in the new Celebrity Feed Scurry. Miss Pennsylvania will be pitted against media types and legislators in this exciting new race on Thursday in the Equine Arena.

Safety Stories: An interactive Farm Safety exhibit and a Food Safety exhibit hosted by the PA Department of Agriculture Bureau of Food Safety, Pennsylvania State University, FDA, and USDA Food Safety & Inspection Services will demonstrate how PA farmers and government work together to keep food safe from the farm to your table.

Stories On Stage: Special guest readers and "green stories" will take center stage during Children's Story Time featuring agriculture-centric tales for the very young and young at heart daily on the Main Hall Stage.

Seedy Masterpieces: 2018's masterful rendering of Star Wars' Princess Leia in kidney beans and rice

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**Government Matters**  
**Vince Phillips**  
 PA State Grange Lobbyist

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Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange on issues that are important to you. After all, our legislative goals come from members. Please let us know: [legislative@pagrange.org](mailto:legislative@pagrange.org) or 717-737-8855 or 717-346-1063. If you

want help in drafting a resolution to be considered by your local Grange which then gets voted on at State Session in October, please utilize the Pennsylvania State Grange as a resource. If you want to see the positions taken by the Pennsylvania State Grange on legislative and regulatory issues, please refer to our web site, [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org).

The PA General Assembly concluded legislative activities on October 24 for the 2017-18 session. The Senate and House returned for one day in November to elect leadership for the 2019-20 General Assembly. House and Senate Appropriations Committees' Minority and Majority Chairs were elected.

The focus in early 2019 is on the committees. Besides House and Senate Appropriations Committees with the Chairs being selected in November, there are numbers of vacancies created by retirements, lost primaries, etc. Those Majority and Minority Chairs will be selected by the President Pro Tempore and Minority Leader in the Senate and by the Speaker of the House and Minority Floor Leader in the New Year. In the Senate there are four new Republican (Majority) chairmanships

for Education, Judiciary, Law & Justice, and Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness. None of the Democratic Chairs retired. The House has nine Republican (Majority) open chairmanships versus two open Democratic (Minority) Chairs. Other chairmanships may change because the 2017-18 Chair of a committee may have his or her sights set on a different committee to lead.

**Senate Committee Makeup**  
 None of the Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee or Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee members retired or lost primary races.

**House Committee Makeup**  
 The House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee membership will change thanks to two Republican and three Democratic vacancies caused by Representatives who retired or who lost in the election. The House Environmental Resources & Energy Committee loses Majority Chair Rep. John Maher (R-Allegheny/Washington) to retirement and two Republican committee members, Rep. Steve Bloom (R-Cumberland) and Rep. Will Tallman (R-Cumberland/Adams).

# THE PA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## THE ONLY CONSTANT IS CHANGE

**LEGISLATION**

**In one sense, the legislature invented recycling. That means that legislation which did not make it over the finish line in 2018 gets reintroduced. Legislation that had been sponsored by a former member gets recycled over to a new sponsor. What is in a partial list of topics Grangers can expect to see in the new legislative session and how do we feel about them?**

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>GRANGE POSITION</u>	
<b>Agriculture Budget</b>	<b>support increases</b>	
Pennsylvania State Grange is a consistent and unrelenting advocate for full funding of the PA Department of Agriculture, the College of Agricultural Sciences (Extension and Ag Research) at The Pennsylvania State University, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, Center for Rural PA, etc.		
<b>Agri-tourism Liability</b>	<b>support</b>	
Especially given market problems facing Dairy farmers and Chinese Trade War issues being faced by soybean growers etc., it is important for farmers be able to diversify their income. They need to have limited liability		
		when they try to engage in agri-tourism.
<b>Agriculture/Vocational Training</b>	<b>support</b>	
Although generally supporting, Pennsylvania State Grange insists that the PA Department of Agriculture be formally included in any clearinghouse or job-search resource legislation.		
<b>Borrowing/'Raiding' Funds</b>	<b>oppose</b>	
The Pennsylvania State Grange believes that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should live within its means and should not undertake massive borrowing such as the recent equity loan on the Farm Show or diverting money from future payments from the Tobacco Settlement. In addition, PA State Grange opposes raiding		





monies from dedicated Funds to fund the State budget.

**Broadband Access** *support*  
This is the top priority of the Pennsylvania State Grange!

**Dairy Demand** *support*  
A key to resolving the Dairy Crisis in PA is increasing demand for fluid milk through publicity (nutrition) and allowing whole milk to be served at school meal programs. Pennsylvania State Grange also supports efforts to increase PA's processing capacity, encouraging PA consumers to drink Pennsylvania-produced dairy products and continued advocacy to the PA Milk Marketing Board.

**Delaware River Basin Commission Rule** *oppose*  
Pennsylvania State Grange opposes regulations of this Commission that directly contradicts PA state law. We support legislation that reins in the power of the Commission to essentially do what it wants.

**DEP Permitting Public Hearings** *oppose*  
Public hearings should not be the basis for Department of Environmental Protection permit approval of biosolid applications or Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO). Permits should be granted on the basis of science since these permits regulate normal farming practices.

**Distracted Driving** *oppose*  
Use of hand-held devices for texting, talking etc. poses a traffic hazard for other drivers and pedestrians and should be in violation of state law.

**Drone Restrictions** *support*  
Although the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has regulatory authority over use of drones and PA has passed a law regarding their use over correctional institutions and where there is an intent to violate someone's privacy, Pennsylvania State Grange believes there must be restriction on how close an operator can launch drones near a public venue such as a county fair.

**Fake Labeling** *oppose*  
Pennsylvania State Grange believes that milk come from mammals, not vegetables. Although not opposing plant-based beverages (soy, almond, etc.) per se, they should not be labeled as "milk" nor sold in the dairy section of stores. Likewise meat comes from animals, not from a test tube. Any laboratory protein substance should not be called "meat".

**Funding for PA Fairs** *support*  
Pennsylvania State Grange supports sustaining Fairs through the State Budget. Pennsylvania State Grange opposes any effort to reduce operating grants which allow Fairs to meet pressing needs such as liability insurance.

**Health Insurance: No Surprise Billing** *support*  
This forces in-network (lower cost) rates for non-net-

work third parties such as anesthesiologists who work within an in-network health care facility.

**Prescription Drug Price Transparency** *support*  
Pennsylvania State Grange wants to see price transparency, not only through what the Trump Administration is proposing (price disclosure on TV ads) but across the board for prescription drugs.

**Property Tax Exemption/ Grange Halls** *support*  
Some local Granges face financial difficulty because of local property taxes. Pennsylvania State Grange supports legislation exempting historic Grange Halls from paying the Property Tax.

**Protected Farmland** *support*  
Pennsylvania State Grange believes that preserved means preserved and supports restrictions on eminent domain (where a municipality or pipeline or school district attempts to seize protected farmland for other purposes. Pennsylvania State Grange does advocate for some flexibility, for example for allowing farmers to NOT add an additional residence on the farm (Property Tax issue).

**Royalty Protection** *support*  
Royalties must be paid to property owners where natural gas is extracted for the full amount as specified by law.

**Sunday Hunting Ban** *support*  
Pennsylvania State Grange continues to oppose any effort to allow Sunday hunting.

**Tax Reform** *depends on specific proposal*  
Pennsylvania State Grange generally supports Tax Reform but there are simply too many pieces of legislation to list here.

**Telemedicine** *support*  
Telemedicine helps in providing remote medical care to the isolated or for those too sick to travel. However, telemedicine does not work without access to the Internet and smart phones (Broadband).

**Telephone Land Line Access** *support*  
Since Broadband is not available for everyone, it is crucial for rural Pennsylvanians to continue to have land line telephone service as their lifeline (sometimes literally) to others. Specific legislation would continue a special Universal Service Fund for that purpose.

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# Grange News

## PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738 (Bucks County)

Ruth Steeley was recognized at Plumsteadville Grange's July meeting for 80 years of continuous Grange membership. James E. Diamond, Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee and member of Plumsteadville Grange presented Ruth with a Certificate of Recognition from National Grange as well as congratulatory letters from Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell and National President Betsy Huber.



*(Plumsteadville Grange) Ruth Steeley was presented a Certificate of Recognition for 80 years of continuous Grange membership by James E. Diamond. Behind them is the original sign for Plumsteadville Grange which now adorns the Grange's Farm Market Barn.*

Ruth (then Chelton) joined Sparta Grange #110, Crawford County in June, 1938 at the age of 12, along with her older sister Dorothy who was 14, and the rest of her family during a Grange membership drive. She met her future husband Harold Steeley of Bucks County at a State Grange conference, and in 1955 they married. Ruth then moved to Bucks County and transferred her mem-

bership to Plumsteadville Grange #1738 in Bucks County where she remains an active member today

Over the years she has served the Grange in various offices including Lecturer of both Plumsteadville Community and Bucks County Pomona Granges. For many years she and her husband Harold (who passed away in 2014) were instrumental in organizing the many fund-raising dinners served to various community groups as well as handling the "take out" orders for the Oyster & Pork dinners previously served by our Grange.

In addition, for 30 years she and Harold organized a pizza booth at the Middletown Grange Fair for the Bucks County Pomona Grange. Profits from pizza sales funded donations to local charitable and service organizations as well as funding an endowed scholarship at Delaware Valley University which now bears Harold's name.

"Cuba: Friend or Foe", a talk by Dr. James Diamond on his recent trip to Cuba will be held at Plumsteadville Grange Hall on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Dr. Diamond represents the Pennsylvania Grange on the Pennsylvania Engage Cuba Council and visited Cuba on a mission to explore improved relations between the U.S. and Cuba would be mutually beneficial for both the Cuban people and the State's economy. Opening trade would mutually benefit both countries. Dr. Diamond, Former

Dean at Delaware Valley University, has visited over 50 countries in a variety of official capacity beginning his International work as a Peace Corp volunteer.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

The annual Veterans' Recognition was held at Atlantic Grange October 27th. Pomona Master Michael Tau welcomed everyone and opened the program with the Grange Opening and presentation of the flag by Pomona Grange Officers.



*(Crawford County Pomona Grange) Quilts, made by the local PA Stitches of Valor, were presented to each of the service members.*

Arvilla Allen, Pomona Lecturer, recognized all Veterans in attendance covering Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Bay of Pigs. Mrs. Allen introduced John Amato, Veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan. Mr. Amato stated that those who have served in the military



*(Crawford County Pomona Grange) Annual Veterans' Recognition*

never forget what they accomplished and that they will always





remember. Veterans sacrificed many times over and many never returned home.

Certificates were presented to each Veteran that were prepared by The National Grange. Hayfield Master Michael Tau and Lecturer Chester Tau presented a certificate to Kim Lengling. Atlantic Master Esther Horne and Lecturer Arvilla Allen presented certificates to James Burchill, Larry Miller, Duwane E. Foulk, James Lynn, Gary Jeffrey, and Victor Mumford. Each Veteran gave brief remarks following their certificate presentation.

Collene Munn, Chairman of the local PA Stitchers of Valor gave a brief history of the formation of the Quilts of Valor started in 2003 by Kathleen Roberts. Quilts are presented to service members and veterans touched by War. Since 2003 in excess of 196,000 quilts have been made and presented. The 200,000 mark should be reached by November or December. The local Chapter was begun two years ago. In 2017 the local Chapter joined the Quilts of Valor National Organization. Since that time 106 quilts have been presented and it is anticipated that they will reach 130 by the end of 2018. Quilts were presented to James Burchill, Larry Miller, Duwane Foulk, James Lynn and Gary Jeffrey. Ms. Lengling and Mr. Mumford had received quilts previously. Assisting Mrs. Munn were Marsha Waite, Linda McNamara, and Janet Owens.

Virginia Shields presented a reading entitled "I Am A Veteran" and special music was provided by Christopher Seeley and Joe Galbo. Mr. Galbo sang "O Danny Boy".

Crawford County Dairy Maid Lacey Mosbacher and Dairy Miss Sarah Mosbacher were introduced. Lacey has been a Dairy Maid for six years and Sarah a Dairy Miss for three years. The Crawford County Dairy Princess Program

provided ice cream sundaes for refreshments following the program.

### ROSEVILLE GRANGE #1290 (Jefferson County)

Roseville Grange received the honor of having the greatest gain of new members for a Pennsylvania Grange with over 50 members in the 2017-18 year and were awarded with a check in the amount of \$1000! They were quite surprised at having received the honor and were very appreciative of the monetary award. And, they are well on their way to winning the award for the coming year as they initiated three new members at their November meeting. On Nov. 1st Barbara



(Roseville Grange)

Gross, Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee Member, visited Roseville Grange and presented the award. She was impressed with their meeting attendance of over 50% of their members. Roseville Grange is well known in the Community for serving delicious



(Roseville Grange) Barbara Gross presenting the award for the greatest gain in new members, along with a check for \$1000 to Roseville Grange.

home cooked dinners from their commercial, licensed kitchen several times a month. So far this year they have also provided Dictionaries for third graders in three school districts and are planning on visiting nursing homes during December to sing Christmas Carols. Congratulations for a job well done.

### STONY POINT GRANGE #1694 (Mercer County)

Recently we held a Veterans Pancake Day on November 3rd with proceeds benefiting the Mercer County Disabled American Veterans transportation program.



(Stony Point Grange) Pictured left to right ready to flip and serve pancakes are: Ken Ammann, Stony Point President, Ron Amrhein, volunteer, Robert Yeatts, Stony Point member, and Tim McGee, Commander of Mercer County Chapter of the DAV.

**Don't forget to take pictures of your Grange's Holiday events and send those pictures, along with a 60-100 word paragraph, to us by DECEMBER 28th for our March/April Issue of 2019!!! You can email those pictures and stories to us at:**

**info@88dragon.com. or mail your stories and a picture or two to the Grange office:  
20 Erford Road, Suite 216**

**Lemoyne, PA 17043**





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was such a stellar hit, 2019 brings an official Crop Art Competition to the Family Living line-up. Artists will try their hand at creating 2- and 3-D art entirely from dry seeds and beans.

**Organic Boom:** A new area in the Expo Hall will feature the latest in Organic Farming with composting, vermiculture, and conservation will be in the spotlight with no-till rollers, crimpers, transplanters and other green planting practices demonstrated.

**Travel Sherpa:** Keep on top of new developments by tracking real-time traffic conditions on PennDOT's PA 511 app. Make a trip to your favorite app store for a free download that may save you travel headaches.

**Be a Farm Show Social Star:** Follow Farm Show on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for the latest from the show, whether it's parking lot closings, a first peek at a newborn calf, crazy-looking chickens, celebrity sightings, or maybe even you! Tag us to share your adventures – @PAFarmShow

### **Farm Show Food Court**

Food is one of the best parts of the Pennsylvania Farm Show! Remember, New Year's Resolutions don't count during Farm Show.

The Food Court, one of the most popular Farm Show attractions, is located in the Expo Hall and the Main Hall of the complex, and offers a wide variety of Pennsylvania-grown and made products. The Food Court generates income to support the non-profit Pennsylvania Agricultural Commodity Organizations.

### PA Bee Keepers Association

There are 1,700 registered beekeepers in the state of Pennsylvania. Money raised during the PA Farm Show funds honeybee research at Pennsylvania colleges,

promotions for PA honey production and scholarship and travel expenses of the Honey Queen.

Products for Sale: honey ice cream, honey waffles, bottles of honey and beehive products.

### PA Cooperative Potato Growers, Inc.

Chartered in 1922, this is the oldest potato cooperative in the United States. Money raised during the week helps to support the marketing and promotion of PA potatoes.

Products for Sale: baked potatoes, fresh cut French fries, potato donuts, potatoes and baked sweet potatoes.

### PA Dairymen's Association

This is a service organization that provides scholarships, youth programs and agricultural education programs across Pennsylvania. The association maintains the milk house facilities in the PA Farm Show Complex. The Dairymen rely on the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show to fund their activities.

Products for Sale: milkshakes, white milk/chocolate milk, ice cream sundaes, deep fried mozzarella cubes with marinara sauce, toasted cheese sandwich and ice cream cones.

### PA Livestock Association

The main purpose of the association is to develop and conserve the agricultural and soil resources of Pennsylvania by promoting the production, marketing, processing and maximum use of beef cattle, sheep, swine and horse livestock in the state. Money raised helps support youth livestock programs, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and collegiate and youth judging teams.

Products for Sale (Expo Hall): pork barbeque sandwiches, roast beef sandwiches, lamb stew, ham and cheese sandwiches, beef meatball sandwiches, beef sausage, jumbo beef/pork hot dogs, Italian sausage, steak salad, ham salad, horseradish and pink lemonade.

### PA Maple Syrup Producers Council

Income from sales during the show is used to promote Pure Maple products in a variety of ways, including sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Maple Sweetheart.

Products for Sale: maple sundaes, maple yogurt, maple cotton candy, maple coated nuts, maple syrup, maple candy, maple cream sugar, maple sugar and cookbooks.

### PA Mushroom Growers Cooperative

This organization gives its proceeds to the American Mushroom Institute, which conducts research and supports mushroom growers throughout the United States.

Products for Sale: deep-fried breaded mushrooms, packaged fresh mushrooms and portobellos, mushroom soup, grilled portobellas, grilled portabella sandwich, mushroom salad and shroomies.

### PA Vegetable Growers Association

The Association represents the commercial vegetable, potato and berry growers in the state. It provides educational resources and opportunities for its members, to supporting practical production research, to promoting growers and their products, and to representing the interests of the industry. In the past 16 years, the Association has contributed over \$310,000 from its Farm Show profits to vegetable and small fruit research projects at Penn State University.

Products for Sale: vegetable soup, batter-dipped vegetables, blooming onions, strawberry slush drink, broccoli-cauliflower salad, chicken corn soup, chili, dill pickles, carrots and celery, tomato juice, broccoli soup, berry pie, pumpkin pie, chocolate dipped strawberries, vegetable wraps and bean salad.

### Penn Ag Industries Association

The council is a part of PennAg Industries, the oldest agribusiness trade organization in the United States and one of the premier agricultural organizations in Pennsylvania. The funds are used to support programs for industry as well as educational programs for consumers. In addition, \$5,000 in





proceeds are ear-marked to the FFA Foundation Endowment Fund for the next five years. The money will go toward contests, awards and other youth activities related to poultry.

Products for Sale: chicken nuggets, chicken breast sandwiches, hot dogs, turkey barbecue, wings, bucket of chicken, chicken cheese steak, seasoned slow roasted rotisserie sliced chicken, chicken soup, deviled eggs, red beet and mustard eggs, chicken parmesan sandwich, turkey meatball sandwich, pork nachos, chicken nachos and chicken chili, fish sandwich, trout chowder and tortilla crusted tilapia, fresh bagels w/or w/o cream cheese, cinnamon sticky bun, shoofly pie by the slice or whole pies, whoopie pies with white or peanut butter icing, large cookies and cinnamon bun, breakfast sandwich (egg & sausage or Canadian bacon) and slow roasted pulled pork.

#### State Horticultural Association

The SHAP booth at the Farm Show is committed to raising money for the apple and fruit tree industry. One of the major benefactors of the booth is the fruit research lab in Biglerville. The center is committed to development of new knowledge and education necessary to lead and support the successful transition of the industry to new production systems and markets.

Products for Sale (Expo Hall): apple cider, fresh apples, apple dumplings with ice cream, apple butter, cider floats, caramel apples on a stick, dried apple snacks, cider slushies and apple or peach sundaes.

#### Pennsylvania FFA Foundation

The mission of the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation is to raise funds to cultivate Pennsylvania's most important agricultural commodity – our youth. The financial support provided by the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation helps to grow and develop the future agricultural leaders of the Commonwealth. The FFA is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential

for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Products for Sale: Pennsylvania Preferred Pizza.

#### Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association

The Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association (PCA) has over 1400 members, and is affiliated with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. The PCA is a co-sponsor of the Pennsylvania Beef Quality Assurance Program, the Pennsylvania Beef Expo, summer Cattlemen's Field Day, and several other educational and information programs. Monies raised at Farm Show help to provide scholarship for college students, supports many other youth and adult educational activities, and provides funds for NCBA membership.

Products for Sale: rib eye steak sandwiches, Philly cheese steak sandwiches, beef BBQ sandwiches, beef hotdogs, steak, egg and cheese sandwiches, beef sticks, peach tea, apple cider, honey dumplings and chocolate or white milk.

#### Hours:

Fri., January 4: 12 PM-9 PM  
 Sat., January 5: 8 AM - 9 PM  
 Sun., January 6: 8 AM-8 PM  
 Mon., January 7: 8 AM-9 PM  
 Tues., January 8: 8 AM-9 PM  
 Wed., January 9: 8 AM-9 PM  
 Th., January 10: 8 AM-9 PM  
 Fri., January 11: 8 AM-9 PM  
 Sat., January 12: 8 AM-5 PM

Here are some useful links for the various aspects of the PA Farm Show.

#### Visitors Guide:

<https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/plan/Documents/VisitorsGuide.pdf>

#### Schedule:

<https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/plan/schedule/Documents/2019%20FS%20Schedule.pdf>

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#### **Photography – Subordinate Flowers**

1. Ben Kensinger, Huntingdon Co
2. Denise Kostelansky, Armstrong Co
3. Harry Keith, Huntingdon Co
4. Shelly Fayewicz – Berks Co

#### **Sunrise/Sunset**

1. Jenn Nauss – York Co
2. Cindy Keith – Huntingdon Co
3. Lisa Patton – Beaver Co
4. Ashley Mohn – Berks Co

#### **Baby Animals**

1. Ben Kensinger – Huntingdon Co
2. Barbara Schroeder – Berks Co
3. Marty Dinsmore – Greene Co
4. Shelley Fayewicz – Berks Co

#### **Trains**

1. Marty Dinsmore – Greene Co
2. Denise Kostelansky – Armstrong Co
3. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair Co
4. Dianne Geschwindt – Berks Co

#### **Churches**

1. Shelly Fayewicz – Berks Co
2. Marci Jenkins – Berks Co
3. Ashley Mohn – Berks Co
4. Ben Kensinger – Huntingdon Co

#### **Digitally Enhanced**

1. Ashley Mohn – Berks Co
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co
3. Shelley Fayewicz – Berks Co

#### **Collage**

1. Patty Bird – Centre Co
2. Ashley Mohn – Berks Co
3. Marty Dinsmore – Greene Co
4. Ashley Kolpak – Chester Co

#### **Photo Gallery/Slide Show/Story Board**

1. Ashley Mohn – Berks Co
2. Denise Kostelansky – Armstrong Co

The 2018 Best of Show Photography winner, whose photo was displayed at the National Grange Session in Stowe, VT, was Jenn Nauss.





By Barb Gross  
(of Scrubgrass Grange)

Winter weather has arrived and we now have some quiet time to start thinking and planning projects for the coming year for our homes as well as at our Granges. Our Grange Halls often need spruced up a bit so they not only look nice but attract the citizens of the community to come inside the doors. If your Grange Hall, home or barn has not yet been graced with a Wooden Quilt Block this is the time to start planning for such. The PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail has been around for nine years and has definitely grown – we now have at least 50 Granges with Quilt Blocks mounted on their building and at least another 150 Wooden Quilt Blocks that Grangers have mounted on fairgrounds, community buildings, homes and barns. In 2012 in tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the PA Association of County Fairs, many Granges put Wooden Quilt Blocks on their local Fairgrounds and have continued to do so. So if your Grange Hall, Fairgrounds, Community buildings, homes or barns do not yet have quilt block, think about painting one this coming year!

Teamwork is the key to get the Wooden Quilt Block project up and running. It takes one person to spearhead the project, a group of people to choose the pattern, one person to draft out the pattern, several people to gather the lumber and materials, a number of people to paint the block, someone to secure publicity for

*Back to the Land:*

# Quilt Blocks!

the project, a person to secure the free PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail sign before the block is mounted, many to mount the block and one to send in the information to the State Office so the information gets added to the website! And of course it takes a group to keep all the workers fed and happy during the project! With this project, there is a job for every member of your Grange. And yes, I forgot one of the jobs – that of photographer from beginning to end - telling the story of your Wooden Quilt Block!

To make your own Wooden Quilt Block, help is available every step of the way - just **contact Barbara and Glenn Gross at [berglen@verizon.net](mailto:berglen@verizon.net) or 724.290.3783**. We have lots of handouts and have had lots of experience in the last eight years! There are several ways to secure your own Quilt Block: You can work independently from the materials we can provide you (all our instructions and handouts are free) or you can organize a Paint Your Own Quilt Block Class in your area or you can attend a Paint Your Own Quilt Block Workshop that is held at Grange Family Festival or elsewhere in the state.

If you have the interest, we can set up a day long workshop in your area for 12 to 20 people for the cost of materials. Each person can choose the size of their block - a



Centre Co. Grange Fairgrounds



Hayfield



Sugar Hill



Shermanata





Ontelaunee

2' x 2', a 4' x 4' or 8' x 8' whichever size that fits the space they plan to mount it on. All materials are provided by the instructors – MDO board, paint, brushes, patterns, etc. People must register in advance so sufficient materials are on hand. Each person can bring a picture of their favorite quilt block, or can choose one from the internet – just google Quilt block patterns - or choose from a design we have available.

If you desire to come to a workshop at Grange Family Festival in July, just keep an eye out for the info in the Grange News and register. If you wish to attend a workshop held elsewhere in the state, just let us know and we will put you on the waiting list to be notified of time and place

We are here to help you Paint Your Own Wooden Quilt Block from the beginning to the end - just e-mail or call. Happy Quilt Blocking!

PA Heritage Quilt Trail



You can find the application to get your finished quilt block registered with the Grange at: [http://www.pagrangegrange.org/uploads/6/8/1/3/68133151/quilt\\_block\\_registration\\_form.pdf](http://www.pagrangegrange.org/uploads/6/8/1/3/68133151/quilt_block_registration_form.pdf)

**Note from the publishing editor: We will be starting a series on quilt blocks found around the state in our next issue. If you would like to share your Grange's quilt block and the story behind your Grange, along with a brief history about your Grange, please email Heather Hiller: [info@88dragon.com](mailto:info@88dragon.com). Please make sure all photos of your quilt block are very clear**



Roseville

**and colorful...and try to photograph your quilt block straight on (not at an angle). Also make sure the resolution of your photos is at least 300 dpi. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me, or call me at: 570.772.4441. - Heather Hiller**



(L-R). Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell, National Grange President Betsy Huber, Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail Coordinators, Barb and Glenn Gross, Penn State Dean of College of Agricultural Sciences Dr. Richard Roush, and Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding

HAPPY QUILT BLOCK CREATING!





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Hotel. All Grangers and all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend this fun-filled weekend. Registration is open now – accessed through the PA State Grange webpage. Hotel reservations can be made directly with the hotel, 717-334-8121 and use the room block name "PA State Grange" to get our group rate of \$115 per night. There will be workshops for all – a Leader track, Youth track, Lec-

turers track, Junior activities and others. Several officers and staff of the National Grange will be presenting workshops as well. The registration fee is \$70 per person and will include all planned activities and meals for the weekend. There will be the opportunity for additional tours if desired. Children's pricing will also be available. Stay tuned for updates on this great opportunity!

Merry Christmas and Happy New

Year to all!

Ellen Wadsworth  
Youth Director  
cell: 417-967-6474  
e-mail: youth@pagrange.org



**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!**

**Sanatoga #25**  
Charles Nippert  
Carolyn Nippert  
**Columbia-Gillette #83**  
Chris Staudt  
Lynette Staudt  
**Russellville #91**  
Vera Miller  
Alvin Miller Jr.  
**Logan #109**  
Timothy W. Confer  
Brett Corl  
**Shaver's Creek #353**  
McKensie Locke  
Judy Metz Eagle  
**Hayfield #800**  
Tye Cressman  
Meghan Cressman  
**Oliver #1069**  
Susan Gabel  
**Fairdale #1157**  
Faith Townsend  
Edward Townsend  
Alexis Churm  
David Goff  
**Hickory #1285**  
Calvin Dixon  
Samuel Dixon  
Wade Dixon  
**Roseville #1290**  
Charles Brown  
**Harvey's-Aleppo #1444**  
Sheila D. Simms  
Carol McGinnis  
Thelma Szarell  
Taishea L. Ross  
**Ginger Hill #1549**  
Allison Yeckel  
Maxine Ellis  
**Ontelaunee #1617**  
Jocelyn Weddle  
Daisy Hobson

**North Jackson #1740**  
Joanne Brown  
Chris Brown  
**Trexlerstown #1755**  
Diane Schellha  
**Liberty #1780**  
Brittany McGuire  
Patrick McGuire  
Lila Jones  
Eric Jones  
**Allegheny #1843**  
Barbara Daily  
Thomas Daily  
**Walker #2007**  
Christy Benner  
Greg Benner

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Sanatoga #25**  
Mary Simmons  
**Union #152**  
David Lauer SR.  
**Windfall #257**  
Clifford Fleming  
**Halfmoon #290**  
George Peters  
**Sinking Valley #484**  
Jane Teeters  
**Turbett #781**  
Guy Towsey  
**Walker #786**  
Edward E. Singer  
Stella Y. Walmer  
**Rundell's #871**  
Fred Moon  
**Elkland #976**  
Frank Sciacca  
**Star #993**  
Albert Wettstein  
**Banner #1115**  
John Strittmatter  
**Tioga #1223**  
Jeannette Doane  
**Harveys-Aleppo #1444**

Gloria Smith  
**Ontelaunee #1617**  
Eleanor Catherman  
Ella Engel  
**Liberty #1780**  
Earl Wilson  
**Perry Valley #1804**  
Charles Tressler  
**Mt. Nebo #1872**  
Carl Puglia  
**Bernville #1887**  
Carol Loose  
**Hookstown #1980**  
Wilma Buckley  
**Frankfort Springs #1989**  
Gladys Nadik  
**Baileyville #1991**  
Harold Harpster  
**Gideon #2010**  
Alice Fox

**SENIOR BIRTHDAYS**

**Buffalo #1523**  
Alice Grimm  
Irene Powell  
**Plumsteadville Grange #1738**  
Ruth Steeley

*[Correction to an error in the last issue: Our apologies to the membership of Pleasant Valley #1643. We incorrectly placed the following NEW MEMBERS under Sparta #110:*

**Brad Mifsvd**  
**Brian May**  
**Cody Martin**  
**Michael Cyphert**  
**Kathy Miller**  
**Barbara L. Martin**  
*Our deepest apologies...and welcome to PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE #1643!]*



# 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We don't have many dates, yet, for 2019, but here's what we have so far. If your Grange is holding any yearly festivals or events, please email those dates to: [info@88dragon.com](mailto:info@88dragon.com)

## PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

January 5-12, 2019  
Farm Show Complex  
Harrisburg, PA

## FAMILY FESTIVAL

July 18-21, 2019  
Centre County Fairgrounds  
Centre Hall, PA

## AG PROGRESS DAYS

August 18-20, 2019  
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA

## STATE SESSION

October 24-27, 2019  
Ramada  
Inn & Con-  
vention  
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State Col-  
lege, PA



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Category (Please tell us a category you'd like your classified ad to be in) \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Business Cards, please include your business card with your order form and payment)


Please don't forget to include your phone number, so we can contact you if we have questions.

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- Constellation Energy: Switch to CE and receive a \$50 Visa Prepaid Card
- CVS Caremark: Savings up to 50% with CVS RxSavings Plus Card
- National Grange Travel Center
- Safeguard Complete: Members receive 50% off first year
- TSYS Merchant Solutions

#### **Pennsylvania State Grange Benefits**

- American Income Life: All members receive a \$3000 Accidental Death Benefit
- Avis Rental Car: Discounted Member rates
- BJ's Wholesale Club: Save \$15 on Base, or \$30 on Rewards Membership, plus 1 free month
- Comfort Keepers In-Home Care
- Fastenal: Member discounts up to 40% off specific products
- Vision Insurance
- AgraCo: Member discount of 5% on fly traps/mosquito patches
- Country Home Products: Member discount of 5% on all phone orders
- Florian Tools: Member discount of 10% on all tools
- Rohrer Seeds: Member discount of 5% on all seeds

The PA State Grange also offers scholarships and interest free loans



Contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office with questions about becoming a member...and start enjoying the many benefits of being a Grange Member... immediately!

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# PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS

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# Spotted Lanternfly

## Know what to look for

Spotted lanternfly adults are about 1 inch long and a half inch wide with wings folded.

Nymphs are ¼- to ½-inch long and develop through four stages, all of which are wingless.

Egg masses have a gray, mud-like covering, which can become dry and cracked over time. Older egg masses may lose their covering and appear as columns of 30-50 seed-like eggs. Egg masses can be found on trees, rocks, and other hard surfaces.

- A. Adult, wings closed
- B. Adult, wings open
- C. Nymph, early stage
- D. Nymph, late stage
- E. Egg mass, fresh
- F. Egg mass, older



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Emily Swartzman

## Report a Sighting

1. Check if you're in or out of the quarantine zone by visiting [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly)
2. Kill and collect the specimen by freezing it or placing it in rubbing alcohol. If you are able, take a picture of it.
3. Report the sighting online at [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly). If you cannot access the internet, call 888-4-BADFLY (888-422-3359) toll-free. Please only use this hotline for sightings outside of the quarantine zone.

## Stop the Spread

1. Destroy all life stages of spotted lanternfly that you find.
2. Check your car and outdoor equipment for spotted lanternfly eggs, nymphs, and adults before moving within or out of the quarantine zone. Don't move firewood.
3. Share your spotted lanternfly knowledge with others!



**See it? Report it!** [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly)

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**Note:** When emailing images to us, please photograph your events at the highest resolution possible (300 dpi ideal). Photos that come in at anything less than 300 dpi print "grainy" and are very difficult to color correct. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Heather at 570.772.4441. Thank you!





## From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell  
PA State Grange President  
president@pagrange.org

Dear Fellow Grangers,

The temperatures are warming up and we are looking forward to a new planting season. We all hope and pray for a good year for crop production after the rainy year we all endured last year.

April is Grange Month and I encourage everyone to promote the Grange in your area. We are planning a "Day on the Hill" April 09, 2019. This would be a great time to gather your friends and neighbors and come to Harrisburg for the day. This gives you an opportunity to meet face to face with your Legislators or their staff. You can ask questions as to where your Legislator stands on various issues. It gives them a chance to hear where you and the Grange stand on the issues. We live in an electronic society, but meeting face to face has more of an impact than just words in an email.

I have experienced the difference between an email and personal contact with a Legislator. Just like in our daily lives, when they see and hear from you on a regular basis and in a productive way, you develop a relationship. Government should be built on relationships from all walks of life coming together for the common good of all. Government works when there is good communication!

When you visit with your Representatives and Senators tell them your "story". Express to them real life experiences that show how a bill will or has affected your life or others you know. By telling your "story" you make it real, especial-



ly when it comes from the heart. Thank them for their service and offer your contact information so they can communicate with you on the issues.

National Grange Legislative Fly In will be April 28 – 30, 2019. Consider putting together a car load, a van, or even a bus trip to Washington D.C. from your area. Visit the National Grange Headquarters while in the Nation's Capitol. Everything I just spoke about can apply to our National Legislators as well. Make your voice heard!

This Spring let's plant seeds of many different kinds. Seeds to generate legislative action, seeds to grow into food to nourish ourselves and our animals, and seeds to grow our Grange.

We are all GRANGE SUPER HEROES!!!

Fraternally,  
Wayne D. Campbell,  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
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### Seasons of Life

As I write this article, I am reminded of the scripture verse in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." You see we have just celebrated the Christmas season and now as you receive this newsletter, we are entering the Lenten season.

I found a neat quote the other day: Don't put Christ away when you put your Christmas ornaments away! What a good piece of advice that is. So often we just move on and don't think about the "reason for the season" until it is time to begin shopping for next year's Christmas. However, we can rejoice in the fact that He is with us every day in every way if we acknowledge Him. And we become more aware of that as we approach Holy Week and the Easter season.

My, how things change from the excitement and happiness at the birth of the baby to the ridicule and shame they heap on Jesus' head right up to the cruel and painful crucifixion. However, our ray of hope emerges with the glorious resurrection, just as He promised, on Easter morning! A tangible example of this for us is the caterpillar: just when it thought its life was over, it turned into a beautiful butterfly!!

Well, March and April finds us in the throes of changing seasons also, at least in Pennsylvania where we go from frigid winter to sunny springtime.

## Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

We put away the snow shovels, wooly scarfs and ear muffs and drag out the rototiller, packages of seeds and the garden gloves! At our house, it also means raking all the sticks and dead leaves that have accumulated over the winter so the new grass and Crocus have a fighting chance to come to life and grace our lawns and flower beds. Life is not over, it is a new beginning!

So it is with our lives. Birthdays have a way of changing us and our abilities to accomplish tasks. Days and years pass by and we no longer can run 10 miles, or clean our houses, do laundry, bake bread and prepare an elegant meal ALL IN ONE DAY! And it takes longer to repair, restore, and paint a tractor than it did 10 years ago. However, as the seasons of our lives change, there is still a purpose for us: we can rejoice in the fact that we can still study and share the Word of our Lord, minister to the needs of



others with visits, phone calls or cards AND as Paul encouraged the Thessalonians, "pray without ceasing."

This way we can remember that Christ is the reason for the season of Christmas and Christ is the reason for the season of Easter AND Christ is the reason we can rejoice in each new season in our lives!

God Bless You and Keep You in His Presence this Easter Season and Always!

Prayerfully yours,  
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## Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR  
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My husband, Cliff, and I love history. We often go to Gettysburg to immerse ourselves in the Civil War by walking the battlefield, researching, and discussing what we discover. Cliff loves details like tactical locations on the battlefield, what happened where, what made battle maneuvers successful etc. He leads the way on hikes where we jaunt off the “beaten path” to explore the area. Hiking the hills isn’t my first choice of learning history, but I do it. What really draws me in is looking at artifacts, antiques, and learning about the many personal stories documented from the people who were involved in the war. Cliff fills in gaps with details to the stories that make the stories even more meaningful.

It is no wonder that we are drawn to the Grange with such grand history and the many, many stories. I’ve been reading about Oliver Hudson Kelley and his being commissioned by President Andrew Jackson to go to the South after the Civil War and assess the condition of the farming community so plans could be put together for revitalization. Kelley toured the Southern farms and was surprised how inefficient-

ly they were run. He kept a journal of his tours on this trip. When he returned, Caroline, his niece compiled his notes, which eventually turned into a book.

Oliver Hudson Kelley was a visionary. He saw the issues, and he was able to see a bigger picture to resolve the problems. He fell in love with his dream, which created passion that turned into a vision that created the Grange. I tell peo-



ple all the time that the Grange is a wonderful organization based on family values and sense of community. Family values never go out of style and I think people crave them more now than ever. We need to share our historical stories, and then add a more modern spin to them to make them relatable to a younger generation. It is important that we continue to embrace

Kelley’s passion and his vision and look to our future on how to advance the vision for future generations.

Here are some very basic guidelines to accomplish a vision:

1. So you have a dream that you love and you have a burning desire to make it a reality. The first thing you need to do is put your vision in writing.
2. After successfully writing the vision down, study it and start to generate some ideas that can create a plan.
3. Next, set goals that are small obtainable steps to accomplish your plan. These steps are so important and they guide your success in achieving the goals.
4. Remember, establish your steps and get them put into place. Once the steps are done, revisit them, and adjust them as necessary.

### What is your dream for your Grange?

Yours in Grange service,  
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## Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities Director

Progress Days grounds, and is a learning center that will do hands on programs for our tour. I hope everyone will sign up for the tour. I think you will like it there, as it should be very interesting. Any questions about the contest or quilt pattern... just call or email me please.

Hi everyone! Hope all is well in the new year. My year for Grange has started already! I've ordered the tickets for the quilt this year: "Railroad Crossing", and then I headed off to the Farm Show, on January 5th, to sell tickets.

I'm now getting ready for our tour this year for Family Festival in July. This year we will be going to the Pasto Ag Museum. The Pasto Ag museum is on the Ag

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## Penn State University... Need To Know!

The college is working with PDA and USDA in surveillance, management, and public education regarding the invasive spotted lanternfly in Pennsylvania. Towards that end, we are creating educational materials for distribution both online and in print.

All of our content and a process to report any sightings of SLF across the state are on our website at [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly) (or you can just search PSU SLF). We also have a SLF hotline set up to answer questions from the public and to report sightings outside of the quarantine zone - **888-4-BADFLY (888-422-3359)** toll-free.

Spotted lanternfly permits are required for businesses and organizations if you are moving within or from the quarantine zone in the course of your work. We are working with PDA to create an online course for training and permitting purposes for businesses operating within the quarantine

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## Program Director

Jenn Nauss

PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this article finds you enjoying the start of 2019!

### Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference

Pennsylvania is hosting the 2019 Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference March 15-17 in Gettysburg. A busy, exciting weekend has been planned for ALL Grange leaders, including Lecturers. Some sessions include trainings in how to develop high-quality programs, a Lecturer's roundtable to share program ideas, an introduction to the 2019 National Grange Quilt Block Contest, and a PR workshop on how to advertise and publicize programs. Check out the registration information on the State Grange website - I hope to see many of you there!

### Family Festival

Family Festival will be here before we know it - July 18-21, 2019 at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds. The theme this year is "The Fifties—The Movers and The Shakers". The Lecturer's Committee will be hosting two workshops that weekend - one on program development and another on wreath-making. Come prepared to design and create a wreath that can be entered in the contest at this year's State Session.

The annual **Talent Contest** will be held during Family Festival. Contestants may enter in **Vocal, Instrumental,** or **Variety** categories.

The Best-of-Show winner will be selected and share their talent at this year's National Session in Minnesota.

### Contests

It is not too early to begin working on your contests for State Session! Please reference the 2019 Guide to Contests and Programs, which can be found on the State Grange website or with your Subordinate Secretaries.

### Lecturer's Committee

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the Lecturer's Committee. Please feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions about the Lecturer's Department.

- Sara Benzio, Beaver County
- Miranda Irons, Warren County
- Tammy Shaeffer, Berks County
- Denae Zvarick, Montgomery County

### Program Ideas

March:

National Women's History Month. Did you know that the Grange was ahead of the times in granting women the right to vote, decades before the 19th Amendment was ratified? Plan a program to educate your members and the community about this important part of Grange history!

- 3/10: Daylight Savings Begins
- 3/17: St. Patrick's Day
- 3/30: National Doctor's Day; Invite a local medical professional to talk about the health-care system

April:

- 4/15: Tax Day; invite a local

accountant to talk about how to file your own taxes, or local resources that offer tax services

- 4/21: Easter
- 4/22: Earth Day; Invite a representative from your county Conservation District to present a program

May:

- 5/6: National Nurse's Day
- 5/7: National Teacher's Day; Work with your Community Service chair to collect classroom supplies to donate to local teachers; invite a teacher to talk about public education and accept the donation
- 5/12: Mother's Day
- 5/27: Memorial Day

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the many Grange events planned for this year!

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zone. That course should launch in mid-August.

Until then, you will find existing permitting instructions at:

[https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants\\_Land\\_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted\\_lanternfly/quarantine/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/quarantine/Pages/default.aspx)

All the best,  
Mary

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*Editors note: as we did in 2018, each 2019 issue of the PGN will contain additional information about this devastating pest.*





# So You Want To Be A Code Reader?

In 2017, the National Grange Youth Department began sponsoring a Code Reading contest in conjunction with the Assembly of Demeter. The secret work of the Grange, including the signs, salutations, and procedures of the organization, can be found in the Code Book. The Code Book is written in code and requires a Cipher to be read.

In the first year of the contest, fellow Outstanding Young Patron, Phil Vonada and I competed and were awarded first and second prize in the Novice Category; we both read the required sections with no errors.

This year, Phil again read the required sections with no errors and took first place in the Novice Category. I advanced to the Patron Category, which required that I read nearly the entire Code Book. I had the honor to read with the High Priest of Demeter, Bruce Croucher. The Patron Contest follows the Code Reading Award of Merit card requirements. In completing this task, I was awarded first place in the category and was also granted my Code Reading Card. I received an award for my accomplishments, which I was proud and humbled to receive. High Priest of Demeter, Bruce Croucher, hand-crafted a beautiful gavel made from cherry wood from his property.



More information about the contest may be found in the National Grange Youth Program and Contest Handbook. It is interesting – and a lot of fun – to decode the Code Book and learn more about our Grange history and heritage. For any one who is interested in learning more, please feel free to contact me. Code Books and Ciphers may be requested from the High Priest of Demeter, Bruce Croucher.

Jenn Nauss  
Lecturer and Past National Grange Outstanding Young Patron

## MID-ATLANTIC SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR RENEWED FOCUS ON TARIFF STANDOFF



Lemoine, PA...

The Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association (MASA) called upon Federal policymakers not to lose sight of agricultural trade even as other issues like the government shut down and The Wall appear to be dominating policy discussions now.

Representing soybean growers in PA, NJ, MD and DE, MASA said that agricultural trade should be at the center of trade negotiations and that Congress and the Administration must keep its focus on regaining the Chinese market for U.S. soybeans. The six months of the Chinese retaliation to U.S. tariff actions have halted sales, reduced crop prices, and severely impacted U.S. soybean growers.

The value of U.S. soybean exports to China grew 26-fold in ten years, from \$414 million in 1996 to \$14 billion in 2017. China imported 31 percent of U.S. production in 2017, equal to 60 percent of total U.S. agricultural exports and nearly one in every three rows of harvested soybeans.

U.S. soybean growers realized a nearly 20 percent drop in soy prices since last summer, and the future of soy growers' relationship with China continues to be in jeopardy. China has pursued new avenues from which to procure soybeans and other protein crops, including maximizing soybean imports from other exporting countries, particularly Brazil.

“Once, Agricultural exports were the bright spot in America’s trade picture”, said MASA Executive Director Vince Phillips. “Soybean growers fear that China will conclude that America is no longer a desirable trading partner and will decide to keep their soybean business elsewhere. Resolving this lingering trade war with China will help restore certainty and stability to the soy industry.”



## cover story

# Leading Our Youth

### JODI KEITH KENSINGER

*State Grange Outstanding Young Patron*

My name is Jodi Keith Kensinger and I am the 2018-2019 Pennsylvania State Grange Young Patron. I currently reside in Martinsburg (Blair County) with my husband, Ben and our 2 cats, Muffy & Casper. We built a house on my husband's family land, near the family dairy farm where they milk over 100 cows and farm over 200+ acres of hay, corn and soy beans. I work off the farm for Geisinger, working in the Radiology Dept. doing mammograms. But in my spare time, I am enjoying time with family and friends, Grange & Church functions, scrapbooking, and reading. I am the secretary of Lincoln Grange #914 (Huntingdon Co.), Master of Huntingdon Co. Pomona #6 and Jr. Chair of our Junior Grange #509.



I feel like I have been a Grange member my entire life.... my parents, John and Cindy Keith, met in the Grange, at Junior/Youth camp whenever it was held at Camp Kanesatake. So, I have gone to every Grange function and can remember playing on the floor behind Dad's Master station while he was conducting the meeting. I also traveled to many Grange functions with my grandparents, Harry & Joan Keith and my aunt and uncle, Betty & Dean Grove. Now that I am grown up, I have taken an active role in my local and county Granges and also on the State level as well, serving as State Pomona & Flora (2008-2016). I have served as State Youth Ambassador and went on to serve as National Youth Mentor (now known as National Youth Ambassador). I have learned a great deal through the Grange.... how to speak in public (through the public speaking contests), how to use sign language and speak to deaf people, how to conduct a meeting and get business done, etc. People have asked me why I like the Grange so much..... The reason is it's a family organization in which everyone is welcomed, from babies to adults! I have "family" all over the state of Pennsylvania and across the nation. I love the Grange and honestly cannot imagine life without it. When my husband & I got together.... he had to join the Grange.... and someday our future children will be part of this great organization!

When Wayne asked me to write this article, he was curious to get my insight on what it was like to marry a dairy farmer.... So here it is.... Being married to a dairy farmer is hard and tough and comes with its own challenges, but also its own rewards. There are many days that we barely see each other, usually at 5:30 A.M. when I leave for work and then again at 10 P.M. when he gets home. Often many of our date nights consisted of late night tractor rides with supper, under a moonlight sky. But at the end of the day, he was always hap-

py to see me and hear about my day. There were other times when I would be sitting on our front porch swing, listening to the evening breeze when he would roll up in his pick up truck and sit with me, listening to the corn blow in the breeze and the crickets crick in the darkness. Those are the times that I am grateful for.... Quiet times with just him and me, enjoying some of God's great masterpieces.

I am very excited about my year as the PA Young Patron and would gladly love the opportunity to come and visit your Grange! Please contact me today so that I can come visit you and your members. Please contact me at 814-644-1481 or email me at sunflowercow19@yahoo.com.

May you all have a wonderful Easter and spring season! God Bless!

Love Always and Forever,  
Jodi Keith Kensinger  
2018-2019 Pennsylvania Grange Outstanding Young Patron

### ANDREW KIEFFER

*National Junior Mentor Award Recipient*

*(article by Lurae Benzio  
Pennsylvania State Grange Junior Grange Director)*

The Pennsylvania Jr. Grange Department had no problem deciding who should be their first nominee for the new National Grange Award Honoring Youth age Grange members who mentor Jr. Grangers within their state.

Andrew Kieffer was our nominee without any question and we had confidence that he would do well "competing" against other states' nominees. To be clear, there wasn't an actual physical competition where the nominees had to jump through hoops or run laps around the Grange hall. The judges were given the applications to look over and determine who





# Through Example

was worthy of this award, the first to be given at the National Convention, held in Stowe, VT.

If you are not familiar with Andy, as many of us call him, let us enlighten you so you can better understand why he was our nominee for this awesome honor. Andy was born into a dairy farm family in the mid 80's and entered this world with his twin sister, Vicki, leading the way. As a young boy he enjoyed all the joys and work of farm life and grew to love it. Today, Andy is a hardworking farmer who has gained valuable work skills, learned many lessons from working the land and helping with the everyday farm operations. He is dedicated to the family business and takes humble pride in being one of our Pennsylvania Farmers.

Andy became a Junior Grange member at a young age. He attended events in Berks County and enjoyed years at state camp and other events. As Andy moved into the Youth age, he enjoyed spending a week of summer vacation being a counselor at camp and helping with workshops, activities and keeping the oldest boy's cabin, aka Cabin #7, in line. For nearly 2 decades, he has been an avid supporter of Junior programs and does so without asking for much fanfare. In fact, Andy oftentimes doesn't recognize his own worth or value in his talents and sometimes doubts his own worth. When Lurae Benzio attended her first camp as the Junior Grange Director she immediately saw that Andy had to be a part of her "team" and told him sternly - with a smile - that he is NOT permitted to miss camp as long as she was "in charge". Lurae recognized that Andy was a silent leader and enjoyed working with the youngest Grange members and helping them learn many lessons of the Grange. Each year Lurae tells Andy that he is not "too old" to be at camp and that he is not permitted to retire from his camp duties.

The Junior Grange Camp is full of fun activities and exciting events. Along with the fun and games there are many times during the week to teach Grange ritual and conduct a full Junior Grange meeting complete with entrance and exit drills. The campers all have a part to play when it is their time to run a meeting. Andy not only takes time to write the drills for the campers to learn, but teaches it to them within a couple of hours. For those who have marched in drills and been an officer, you know the time it can take to learn a drill. Along with teaching the drill, Andy brings appropriate and often times themed music to march to and we are in suspense to see what he comes up with each year.

Besides conducting the meetings and teaching drills, Andy is willing to do anything to help keep camp running smoothly. He has formed many long lasting friendships with young and young at heart Grangers and continues to offer his skills year after year. But his work of the Grange doesn't stop there. Andrew is a member of Marion Grange #1853 in Berks County and serves as an officer in both the local and county levels. He has also been a State officer for many years and was recently elected to the position of Steward at the 2018 PA State Session. Andy helps at many of the local and county events volunteering his time and supporting the Grange in all areas. Some would wonder how he has time to work at the family farm or sing in a local quartet or enjoy spending time with his family.

Andrew was honored at the 152nd National Grange Convention in Stowe, VT in November while attending the G.R.O.W. Club Dinner. He had just found out a few weeks prior that the Pennsylvania Junior Grange Dept. had nominated him as they announced it at the Pennsylvania State Session in October. Andy was awarded with a plaque along with fellow Elizabeth and Kegan Williams of Ore-

gon who were also inaugural winners of this award.

In a true humble way, Andy responded to many words of congratulations on the Junior Grange Facebook page with these words; "Thank you all for the congratulations and kind words. I thank the committee for even nominating me. However, I must point out that teaching drills at camp would not be nearly as successful without such a great group of campers. I must also thank the helpers and counselors who assist with the teaching and execution of the drills."

Once again, the Junior Grange committee wants to thank Andy for his talents and help with the Jr. Grange program, especially at State Camp and we offer our Congratulations in receiving the National Junior Mentor Award.





# Rural Broadband Access

By Thomas A. Barstow  
Contributing Writer  
January 10, 2019

C. Sherman Allen finds himself getting up at 4 a.m. to send emails and use the internet because his connection might not work later in the day from his home in rural Conneaut Lake in western Pennsylvania.

If he gets a buffering symbol, as he often does, he has learned to just walk away and go do other things involving his home-based business, C. Sherman Allen Auctioneer & Associates.

“Where I live, we don’t have cable,” said Allen, who was among about 25 people who attended a rural broadband seminar Thursday morning at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Allen is among perhaps millions of Pennsylvanians who either don’t have access to broadband internet or who don’t have the internet speeds needed to run modern tools for small businesses, students and farmers. The panel was arranged by the Pennsylvania State Grange, which has made rural broadband its main issue in recent years. Panelists included State Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill of York County; Betsy Huber, President of the National Grange; Steve Sa-

mara, President of the Pennsylvania Telephone Association; and Sheri Collins, Deputy Secretary of the State Office of Technology and Innovation with the Department of Economic and Community Development.

ment – or telemedicine. Students also find themselves without the ability to do basic homework assignments.

Huber has been on national committees that have been studying the problems for years. A num-

## Progress still agonizingly slow for rural regions

The Grange held a similar meeting at the Farm Show a year ago, so the panelists updated the audience on developments since. They outlined how the broadband issue is a suburban problem, not just a rural issue, and how even parts of some urban areas also have access issues. Those lacking broadband cannot take advantage of features such as GPS – which is needed to run modern farm equip-

ment – or telemedicine. Students also find themselves without the ability to do basic homework assignments. Huber has been on national committees that have been studying the problems for years. A number of recommendations have been made to federal agencies that could help alleviate the problems. Model municipal codes and streamlined administrative reviews might help companies gain easier access to communication poles, for example, so new infrastructure could be erected, she mentioned. In Pennsylvania, a company trying to run 20 miles of new broadband might have to go through four different



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municipalities and their various zoning rules, she noted. Standard best practices would help accelerate deployment of new systems, she said. She added, however, that there is no timeframe for when the recommendations might be adopted.

### No quick fixes

While the problems are evident, the solutions have been slower to develop, the panelists noted, partly because the deployment of new systems is costly. In December, the efforts got a boost when the U.S. Department of Agriculture said it would be offering up to \$600 million in loans and grants to build broadband infrastructure nationwide. That might sound like a lot, but the panelists noted that in Pennsylvania alone the cost could be up to \$1 billion to extend broadband to all corners of the state by 2022, which is a stated goal of the Wolf administration.

“It is a billion-dollar proposition to get us to 100 MBPS in rural Pennsylvania,” said Samara. “That is a B, not an M.”

Collins said that she was made a point person for the State in the fall, so she is still learning about the issues. She noted that Gov. Tom Wolf is committed to solving the problem. The State has invested in infrastructure through various funding sources, such as an initiative to leverage federal dollars with State Department of Transportation money to extend broadband along highways.

Some of the panelists noted that funding always will be an issue and that it is difficult to get agreement on consumer fee increases, even if it is something like a relatively modest 25 cents tacked onto existing monthly fees. Because it is a largely rural problem, Samara noted, fee increases are tough sells in urban areas.

Wayne Campbell, President of the Pennsylvania State Grange, noted that many urban projects, such as sports arenas, get financial help from all state residents, so all sides should work together on broadband solutions. Knowing that issues exist in suburban areas, as well, should help garner widespread support through education, the experts noted.

Allen, whose family also runs a dairy farm from his home, said he is a Grange member and attends the Farm Show every year. He attended the first forum on rural broadband last year.

“In my business, I use the internet to do searches on items we are selling,” he said, noting that he also does a lot of work on his smartphone. “I do a lot of email.”

He said he has tried to gauge his internet speed by using an online tool, but the speeds were so slow he couldn’t get an actual

gauge. He is not exactly sure what the issues are, but he is concerned that customers might be paying for speeds they are not getting.

“I am not a techy person,” he said. “But I don’t think there was a whole heck of a lot accomplished since last year. That is my take on it. I guess that is the way the wheels of government turn.”

Campbell and others noted that the successes are there, including a recent announcement about a plan to make improvements in Potter County.

“This is a project that is not going to be completed in one year or two years or even three or four years,” he said at the start of the meeting.



# DAY ON THE HILL



***On Tuesday April 9, the Pennsylvania State Grange is inviting you to make a difference here in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania General Assembly is considering legislation which can affect you, your families and communities.***

Think about some of these issues:

- Rural PA does not have equal access to Internet or cell phone service. PA State Grange advocates for sufficient Internet speed and cell service for all.
- There is a threat to continued land-line telephone service. PA State Grange advocates this service be maintained.
- Some want to curtail print advertising of legal notices in your newspaper. PA State Grange believes this would exclude many rural and urban communities with insufficient Internet access.
- There is legislation regarding Telemedicine which would be helpful to parts of rural PA... and much, much more.

And of course, the State Budget is the BIG issue in the spring! Will there be adequate funding for Pennsylvania's Number One industry, Agriculture? Will Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine get the funding they need? Will there be legislation to protect farmland? Will property owners' Marcellus Shale royalty payments be preserved? These are questions you can help answer by coming to Harrisburg.

Relax. We will make the appointments for you. There will be training on how to talk with legislators and staff for best results. There will be talking points. No one travels alone. You will always be with your fellow Grangers.

**Please return the attached registration form, found on page 15.**

**You have a personal stake in protecting your community!**





# PA State Grange Legislative Day in Harrisburg

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRANGE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register me as an attendee:  
I am a: \_\_\_ Grange Member \_\_\_ Friend of the Grange

Please schedule appointments with:  
My State Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

My State Senator: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Legislators with whom I would like to meet:  
\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### Schedule

**Before 8:30 a.m.**

Arrive at the State Capitol, East Wing Rotunda  
(East side of building)

**8:30 – 9:00 a.m**

Briefing on issues and on how to communicate  
effectively with legislators and staff

**9:00 a.m.**

Appointments begin

**9:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

Meetings with lawmakers, committee chairmen  
and others; Lunch is Dutch treat  
between **11:30a.m. and 1:00 p.m**  
in the Capitol Cafeteria depending on your  
individual legislative visit schedule.

Send or Fax Your Registration Form to  
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# Family Festival

## THE 50'S

### "THE MOVERS AND THE SHAKERS"

#### Schedule of Events

#### July 18-21, 2019



#### Thursday, July 18

1:00 - 5:30 Registration- Bldg A  
 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D  
 7:00-- Registration - Bldg A  
 7:00-8:00 Welcome: Betsy Huber & Wayne  
 Campbell Workshop - Bldg A  
 8:00-8:30 Rootbeer, Coke, Orange Floats  
 8:30-9:30 Bring your Favorite Game  
 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C  
 9:30 Vespers - Bldg A  
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

9:00-10:30 Youth Activity - TBA - Bldg A  
 10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews - Bldg B  
 10:30 - 11:45 "Meeting Grease" - Dr. Diamond  
 Basic Parliamentary Skills  
 10:30-11:30 Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit  
 11:30-12:00 Gift of Life Presentation-Bldg A  
 Blessing of Wrapped in Hugs  
 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D  
 (Impromptu Question to Young  
 Patron Finalists)  
 1:00 Youth Activity - TBA

#### Friday, July 19

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A  
 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D  
 Quilt Block  
 Painting-Bldg C  
 10:00-11:00 English Paper Piercing Workshop  
 10:30-12:00 Registration - Bldg A  
 11:00-12:00 PR Workshop - Vision Boards  
 w/ Lizzie-Bldg A  
 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D  
 1:30-4:00 Tour-Pasto Ag Museum @  
 Penn State Research Center  
 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A  
 2:00-3:00 Make your Own Wreath Workshop  
 Bldg A (State Contest -  
 Lecturer's Comm.)  
 3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth Water Games  
 5:30-6:30 Dinner - Bldg D - Hamburgers,  
 Hot Dogs, Macaroni Salad,  
 Baked Beans & Cookies  
 Hosted by the FA & assisted by  
 Youth Departments  
 7:00-9:00 Sock Hop - Dress the Theme Plus  
 Soda Floats Bldg A  
 9:00-9:15 Cake Walk  
 9:15 Vespers-Bldg A  
 9:30 Knowledge TEST - Bldg C  
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



1:00-3:30 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C  
 Food Safety Workshop  
 2:00-4:00 Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B  
 3:30-4:30 Program Development Workshop-  
 Bldg A - Lecturer Committee  
 5:00-6:00 Dinner - Bldg D  
 Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes,  
 Corn, Sweet Potatoes, Applesauce &  
 Tossed Salad  
 7:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A  
 Introduction of Royalty  
 Ice Cream Social  
 Cake Walk  
 Vespers  
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

#### Sunday, July 21

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D  
 9:00 - 10:00 Worship Service - Bldg A  
 10:00 Clean Up and Depart

Assistance cleaning and packing up of Bldg. D is  
 much appreciated  
 Thank You!  
 Wishing you a safe trip Home!

#### Saturday, July 20

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A  
 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D  
 (Announce Young Patron Finalists)  
 8:30 Group Photo - Bldg A  
 9:00-11:30 Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B



# PASTO AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM







## Government Matters

Vince Phillips

PA State Grange Lobbyist

### IMPORTANT TO YOU!

Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange on issues that are important to you. After all, our legislative goals come from members. Please let us know: [legislative@pagrange.org](mailto:legislative@pagrange.org) or 717-737-8855 or 717-346-1063. If you

want help in drafting a resolution to be considered by your local Grange which then gets voted on at State Session in October, please utilize the Pennsylvania State Grange as a resource. If you want to see the positions taken by the Pennsylvania State Grange on legislative and regulatory issues, please refer to our web site, [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org).

If you are like most Grangers, you have strong feelings about things which are important to you, your family, and your community. You know that these views are important – even vital. Sometimes, these beliefs that you have are life-saving, community-enhancing, or represent the values you hold so dearly. You care about schools. You care about jobs and economic well-being. You care about being able to farm efficiently and restoring profitability to farming, particularly dairy.

**YET...** For many in rural communities, these areas may be important but not important enough to actually do something.

If the above applies to you, please consider this article as a heads-up.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly debates issues and then tries to come up with solutions to problems that they see. Inherently, with some exceptions, the work of the legislature is reactive. Something is wrong that needs correcting. Something is good and needs to be protected. And, there is no shortage of divisive issues. An example is the continuing public debate over fracking. Consider:

- Fracking is good and means economic development and rural prosperity

# WHAT IS IMPORTANT...

VERSUS

- Fracking is bad and constitutes an environmental catastrophe just waiting to happen.

So, legislation is proposed that guarantees royalty payments to property owners having natural gas leases. Legislation is also pro-

posed limiting or prohibiting pipeline construction. One new legislator elected in 2018 won because of her anti-fracking activism.

Members of the General Assembly respond to what their constituents and interest groups sharing their political philosophy are saying to them.

Staying with fracking for a moment, Grange members have strongly differing views on the issue of fracking itself but the Pennsylvania State Grange does not have a formal position per se on fracking itself. Pennsylvania State Grange has taken a position in favor of the royalty legislation since property owners deserve to receive the full amount of royalty income as guaranteed by law. Pennsylvania State Grange took a position against pipeline construction on preserved farmland. We have tak-

# ...TO YOU?

en a position against a proposed regulation from the Delaware River Basin Commission that would ban all fracking in part of northeast PA – not because we like fracking necessarily but rather that Penn-

***Understand that my message is harsh.***

sylvania State Grange opposes an unelected body like the Delaware River Basin Commission saying that it chooses to ignore PA's Act 13 which has the state regulating fracking.

Whether it is fracking or some other issue – funding for Broadband expansion, the Grange's number one legislative priority – or funding for education, law enforcement, Penn State Extension, etc. – the General Assembly will be making decisions with or without you.

If they are not listening to you (because you are not communicating with them), understand that legislators will be listening to someone else.

As your lobbyist, I argue that a person choosing not to contribute to the public discussion is giving





up an opportunity to defend the things in which he or she believes. In deciding not to advocate for rural communities, they are saying in effect to lawmakers, 'Do, what you will, listen to others who do not represent rural interests, and ignore me and what is important to me.'

**HOW TO BE HEARD**

How, then, can a member of the Grange make his or her views felt? The best grass-roots lobbying is done by people who really don't like politics or getting involved in this process. Their effectiveness is shown by the fact that they do not want to advocate but do so because the issues are too important to stay silent.

Add to that the fact that individual Grange members have the credibility that comes from being part of the community, living, working and being affected by public policy.

***If you do not speak up, plan on being ignored!***

There are many ways for Citizen Lobbyists to be heard and you know all of these:

- Letter to the editor to the local newspaper
- Coming to a legislator's town hall meeting or community forum
- Getting involved in a campaign and supporting someone running for office who shares your values
- Getting an appointment to a zoning committee of the township
- Having coffee with a legislator, talking with them at the grocery store checkout, chewing on their ear after church service (not recommended), etc.

**GRANGE DAY ON THE HILL**

Another way is to come to Harrisburg and tell legislators and staff persons what is important to you.



The Pennsylvania State Grange holds a Day on the Hill each year where Grangers come to Harrisburg for the better part of a day to discuss issues. For those who find this daunting or uncomfortable, the Pennsylvania State Grange has developed some protections for a person who is uncomfortable with advocacy.

**First**, the schedule is made up for you ahead of time. It is based on who your legislator is and who you want to see.

**Second**, no one travels alone. People to whom this is unfamiliar are paired with people who have done this before.

**Third**, issues will be discussed before legislative appointments take place. Given the scores of issues out there, the Pennsylvania State Grange likes to focus on one or two to make sure that legislators are getting a consistent message. For this session of the General Assembly, the issue is how to make sure that every person in Pennsylvania has as much access to the Internet that they

want or need. It means having telephone reception, something critical when one is talking about how Telemedicine can be effective.

**The bottom line is that your views on how to make your community better should not be kept to yourself. It should be shared with legislators so that they can represent you better.**

As always, please contact me with your questions or issues on which you feel the Grange should focus.

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# Grange News

## HAYFIELD GRANGE #800



(Hayfield Grange) Front: Raymond Ferry, 10 yrs; Rebecca Jordan, 20 yrs; Middle: James Reichel 55 yrs; Debra Merritt 5 yrs; Denise Clark 50 yrs & Geraldine Reichel 55 yrs; Back: David & Jonathan Merritt 5 yrs.

The Annual Thanksgiving Christmas dinner was held at Hoss's Steak and Sea House on Sunday, November 11th. Master Michael Tau welcomed the 29 members and guests. Walter Clark returned thanks prior to the meal.

Lecturer Chester Tau presented continuous membership awards to David, Debbie and Jonathan Merritt for 5 years; Raymond Ferry for 10 years; Rebecca Jordan for 20 years; Denise Clark for 50 years; and James and Geraldine Reichel for 55 years. Mr. Tau also presented a Sixth Degree Certificate to Morgan Tau who received the Sixth Degree at the Annual Pennsylvania State Grange session on Saturday, October 20th in Butler County.

Unable to attend were Ron Yochum, 50 years; Nancy Poorbaugh, 55 years; and Elizabeth Novotny 60 years.

A total of 51 non-perishable food items were collected and delivered to the Saegertown United Methodist Church's Food Pantry. Also collected were 20 boxes of new Christmas cards that were donated to the Crawford County Care Center and Rolling Fields Elder Care to be used by residents. Nineteen hats, three pair of mit-

tens, 35 pair of gloves and 17 sets of hats/mittens/gloves were donated and will be used for the TLC Boxes for children in Cussewago Township and Conneaut Valley Elementary School, in conjunction with the Hickernell United Methodist Church. The remaining hats, mittens, and gloves will be donated to the Jimmy Moore Christmas Party as a project of Crawford County Pomona Grange.

## ORIENTAL GRANGE #165



(Oriental Grange) Dale Shupp, Judy Shupp, Pat Gunton & Grange Master, Russ Gunton presenting a donation to Bill Ruark, a Seven Loaves volunteer.

This past November, the members of Oriental Grange participated in serving the Thanksgiving Dinner at Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen. Seven Loaves is located in Tunkhannock, Wyoming County.

## PORT MATILDA GRANGE #1284

Port Matilda Grange has been busy! We honored David Richards of Julian for being a 75-year Grange member! A reception with friends and family was held on



(Port Matilda Grange) David Richards, of Julian, was honored as a 75 yr Grange member.



(Port Matilda Grange) Pumpkin growing contest at the local elementary school.

October 18, 2018 for David. Congratulations to him!

We also sponsored a pumpkin growing contest for the Port Matilda Elementary School. We distributed the pumpkin seeds last spring and the students grew them over the summer. The students then brought the pumpkins into the school and registered them in several categories. The pumpkins were judged and the winners are pictured above. Way to go!!

## HARMONY GRANGE #1201

Harmony Grange recently hon-



(Harmony Grange) 25-yr members: (front left to right) Margaret Harkleroad, Sherry Hughes & Susan Hartman. (back left to right) Thomas Hughes, Berdina Beck & Janet Whited

ored their 25 & 50 year members for their many years of continuous service to the Grange. Twenty-five year members present were Margaret Harkleroad, Sherry Hughes, Susan Hartman, W. Thomas Hughes, Berdina Beck and Janet Whited. Those who were absent were Keith Bailey, Andy Neff, and Craig and Lou Ann Sneath. Fifty year members or golden sheaf were Richard Hartman, Orvis Leamer, Alden Beck Jr. and Joseph Harkleroad. Those who were





*(Harmony Grange) 50-yr members: (front left to right) Richard Hartman & Orvis Leamer. (back left to right) Alden Beck Jr. & Joseph Harkleroad.*

unable to attend were Shirley Fry, B. June Hughes, Kathryn Mackes, Helen Mulhollen, Nancy Toomer, Helen Young and Jean Young.

### **SCOTCH VALLEY GRANGE #510**

Scotch Valley Grange of Blair County. Held its annual Silver Star recognition meeting on October 2,



*(Scotch Valley Grange)*

2018. State Master Wayne Campbell and his wife Debbie were recognized as guests. This evening was the night of recognition for Grangers years of service. We had 3 people who received awards this evening. Master Charles Brennehan and his wife Betty both received 70 years certificates; Ruth Griffin received an 85-year certificate. We also presented the Granger of Year Award. It was presented to Alan Johnson.

### **BUTLER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17**

On November 12, 2018 Butler County Pomona Grange held their All Granger Banquet at Jefferson Grange #1373. All members present enjoyed a wonderful dinner served by Jefferson Grange. Three ladies singing patriotic music pro-

vided entertainment for the evening. Years of Grange Service certificates were presented by each Grange Master. Donegal Grange #1495- Marvin Davis for 40 years, Lou Holzwarth for 30 years, Mike Shake for 30 years, Ruby Cramer for 30 years, & Goldie Davis for 30 years. Jefferson Grange #1373- Jill Caveralo for 5 years. Unionville



*(Butler County Pomona) Pat Weir receiving her Granger of the Year Award.*

Grange #1971- Betty Davis for 40 years & Richard & Virginia Mangel for 50 years. Next the Community Service Award and the Granger of the Year Awards were presented by Pomona Master Richard Mangel. The Community Service Award was presented to Tim Shaffer of Unionville Grange #1971 for his service not only to the Grange, but also to the community. Then the Granger of the Year Award was presented to Pat Weir of Unionville Grange #1971 for her many years of service in the Grange, her Church, and her community. No matter what you would ask her to do she was always ready and willing to help. Congratulations Pat Weir.

### **WESLEY GRANGE #1675**

Wesley Grange Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Supper April 6, 2019. At Wesley Grange (601 Old Rte. 8, (Wesley) Harrisville, PA 16038). Serving 7 am to ? \$8 for adults all you can eat Buckwheat Cake, pancakes, blueberry cakes, sausage, cookies, apple-sauce and drink.

### **GIRARD GRANGE #788**



*(Girard Grange)*

The Girard Grange from Frenchville recently received an award for the fastest growing Grange under 20 members. The award included a check for \$1,000. The Grange was closed in the winter of 2016. The membership had dwindled to a few members and they were no longer able to keep the Grange going. A new group has been formed and we have given new life to this historic part of our community. We have put a new metal roof on the building, painted the exterior, updated the bathroom, replaced the stove and refrigerator, and added base-board heating.

All of the accomplishments were made possible because of the events held there. There have



*(Girard Grange)*

been neighborhood picnics, chicken barbeques, reunions, banquets and a soup meal. We hope to continue the enthusiasm we have generated and increase our involvement in the community.

### **GINGER HILL GRANGE #1549**

In August 2018, Ginger Hill Grange (at their first year at the fair) won 1st place and best in



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show at the Washington County Agricultural Fair... a perfect way to celebrate the Grange members saving their Grange from closing it's doors!

On June 5, 2018 new members were obligated (28 new members plus 4 lifetime members), election of officers held and officers installed! A wonderful evening was had by all!!!



(Ginger Hill Grange)

Ginger Hill Grange building has a quaint stage that conjures visions of fiddlers performing live on the raised platform while square dancers spin on its polished wooden floors.

The building in Nottingham Township, which has held up well



(Ginger Hill Grange) Fair exhibit in 2018

for its age, also was known for hosting campaign speeches in the rural area where it was a challenge for politicians to go door to door for votes.

"There were so many roots here back in the day," said Jen Leach, who is among a group of local residents who met Thursday to begin plans to reopen the Grange.

"We're going to do our darndest to make this work," said Leach,

who operates a "hobby farm" in neighboring Somerset Township.

While there were once more than 100 granges in Washington and Greene counties, their numbers have dramatically dwindled as

farming practices have changed, along with rural lifestyles.

Ginger Hill Grange closed earlier in the year after its membership dropped to fewer than 10 widows. Most of the interior furnishings, including kitchen appliances and tables and chairs, were donated to other area organizations, said Lizzie Bailey, public relations and Membership Director of Pennsylvania State Grange in Lemoyne.

An April 24 story about the Grange closing in the Observer-Reporter, in Washington, resulted in the State Grange receiving numerous inquiries from local residents who wanted to keep the Ginger Hill Grange alive, Bailey said.

She came to Nottingham Township Thursday to meet with about 10 people in a nearby horse stable to sign up new members of Ginger Hill Grange and to tour the 1913 hall.

"The community did not want to lose the Grange," Bailey said at Ginger Hill Acres, which is a short distance from the Grange at 3389 Route 136.

The Grange still has a ways to go before it's back to its early glory days...but with some hard work, loyal members and hopefully some much needed funding...the potential for Ginger Hill is limitless!

### LONDON GRANGE #1492

London Grange celebrated the season by giving to BeLoved Mercy Ministries at the Grange's annual Christmas dinner. The executive director of the local charity Marty Pottinger shared how the organization was formed to help people in the Grove City area find housing. He shared stories of how they have been able to help families and individuals that have needed help to move forward with their lives. The ministry is currently renovating a mobile home to have available for families in need. The Grange collected cleaning products, laundry supplies, dishes, towels and other items to support the work of BeLoved Mercy Ministries. Grange Master George Gregg presented



(London Grange) Marty Pottinger receives a check from London Grange Master George Gregg to support the local ministry that helps the homeless

Pottinger with a check to further their ministry.

The following members received recognition for their long time commitment to the Grange: Carol Ann Gregg, 55 years; Amanda Kassi, 25 years; Virginia Richardson, 60 years; Walter Richardson, 65 years; and Hulbert Russell, 45 years.

### HALFMOON GRANGE #290

Emily Hobbs Way was presented an award for her 80 years of loyal and long-standing membership in Halfmoon Grange #290 in Centre County. She joined Hookstown Grange #1980 in Beaver County as a young girl where her mother served for more than 20 years as Secretary.





In 1946, Emily's mother, who was not particularly fond of her current choice of a beau, arranged for Emily to attend a square dance at Penn State. It was there she met her husband-to-be, Elwood Way from Centre County. After a year's long distance romance, they married and she transferred her membership to Halfmoon Grange where Elwood belonged.

Elwood passed away in 2016 after achieving 81 years as a Granger. They both served in various capacities and Emily even followed in her mother's footsteps by serving as secretary for a number of years as one of the offices she held.

Carrying out the Grange family heritage, two of her sons and a daughter-in-law were presented with awards: Brooks Way received



*(Halfmoon Grange) front: Emily Way; Back row left to right, Brooks Way, Sharon Way, Donald Way*

his 50-year award; his wife, Sharon, received her 40-year award; and Donald Way received his 50-year award.

In addition to their Grange involvement, the Ways have been very active in their community as well as carrying on their family business, Way Fruit Farm, on the outskirts of Stormstown, Halfmoon Township. Jason and Megan Way Coopey are the fourth generation operators of the business.

Halfmoon Grange also recently updated their awards program and provided these long-overdue certificates and awards to the following Grangers:

Eighty Year Membership - Emily Way, Seventy Year Member-

ships - George Peters (post mortem) and Hugh Wilson, Sixty-Five Year Memberships - Doris Bickle and Martha Colbert, Sixty Year Memberships - Gloria Ellenberger and Rodney Reese, Fifty-Five Year Memberships - Terry Albright and Samuel Gray, Forty Year Membership - Sharon Way, Thirty-Five Year Memberships - Judy Pressler and Lee Pressler, Thirty Year Memberships - Edgar Jodon, Sharon Jodon and Andy Shore, Twenty-Five Year Memberships - Karen Brown, Paul Brown, Melissa Gartner and Rachel Neff, Twenty Year Memberships - Rosalie Fasick, Michael McLaughlin, Gloria McNeal, Barbara Simpson and Diane Snyder, Fifteen Year Memberships - Barbara Brodzina and Sharon Ludrowsky, Ten Year Memberships - Angela Auman, Gloria Reese and Samuel Reese, Five Year Memberships - Linda Barger, Deborah Griffin, Robert Griffin, Liz Spicer, Tim Spicer, Lana Sutton, Richard Sutton

### PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

Members and Grange friends gathered on Saturday December



*(Plumsteadville Grange)*

8 to celebrate the holiday season with a potluck dinner, musical and comedy entertainment and a special visit from St. Nick and his



*(Plumsteadville Grange)*

merry elves, concluding with carol singing by all. Everyone in attendance had a good time.

In addition, Linda Ochoco, Danboro 4-H leader presented our Grange with its "Supporter of the Year" at the Christmas party. 4-H



*(Plumsteadville Grange)*

and Grange go hand-in-hand, and one supports the other.

Plumsteadville Grange quilters produce a work of art quilt annually to be raffled off. Tickets are sold at Grange events with the winner chosen at the last day of the Farm Market the Grange operates. this season's winner was Louann Zapicchi. Louann is one of our Farm Market vendors; she sells



*(Plumsteadville Grange) pictured with quilt winner is Meg Lomax, quilting group chair.*

very fine Alpaca products from her Alpaca herd in Ottsville. She is a very worthy winner because she bought tickets every week she was

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*Back to the Land:*

# Plan Ahead!



By Heather Hiller

By the time this issue of PGN is in your hands, HOPEFULLY we are starting to think about our grand gardening plans! I know I'm already thinking in that direction... trying to figure out where I want to place our garden at our new farm, deciding what style garden I want to develop (raised bed or traditional), do I want the new chickens to have access to the garden (for bug control), how am I going to utilize some of the horse manure my crew "gifted" me with this past winter, and certainly I'm contemplating how I'm going to be consuming all the wonderful tasty treats I grow with my own hands.

This leads me to the subject of canning. I grew up being absolutely terrified of pressure cookers. I heard horror stories of pressure cooking gone bad, and woes of cleaning enormous messes off the counters and ceiling of canning mistakes. So when I first decided to do some canning of my own, as an adult, I scoured every book on the subject for details on how to do it right, and then I made sure I had the very best supplies, and then I held my breath. Oh... wait... no, I actually didn't hold my breath! I'd discovered that all the treats I like... can be hot water bath processed! YIPPEE!!! No exploding pots of scalding water in MY kitchen!

That first year I processed pasta sauce (no meat), apple slices for pies (I'm sure you remember me telling the tale of THAT adventure) and pickles. We're still using the sauce (2 years later), and the pickles kinda went soggy... so I'll need to revamp that recipe.

This past December I decided to try my hand at processing more fruit products. I'd purchased a crate of delicious Empire Apples from my family's orchard...and as the cold started to creep into the garage I decided I better can those apples before losing them to freeze. I've always enjoyed apple butter (though I'm not real fond of apple sauce), and chutneys...







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present at the Farm Market. The total of money raised from the raffle was \$564, which will be used toward improvements to the farm market barn.

### VIRGINVILLE GRANGE #1832

The Christmas season is a time of faith, family and friends. This was on full display at Virginville Grange's Christmas Social



(Virginville Grange) Virginville Grangers and friends surround Santa during the Christmas celebration.

held Wednesday, December 19 at Virginville Grange Hall, Berks County. After a potluck meal, Virginville Junior Grangers offered musical selections to entertain a crowd of more than one-hundred before acting out a nativity scene entitled, "Down on the Farm at Christmas." To compliment, Subordinate members sang the Twelve Days of Farming and Santa's arrival was marked with the joyful singing of Jingle Bells.

Community service donations as a result of a benefit bingo and benefit dance were presented to Kim Merkel (\$4,000) and Sandra Masters (\$3,065) to help with medical expenses.

Special guests for the evening included twenty-two fifty-plus year members of the order. Ninety-eight



(Virginville Grange) 90-year plus members: Norman O. Merkel (98), Edith G. Dreibelbis (91), Santa Claus, Gladys C. Kieffer (90), & May A. LaFaver (95).

year-old Norman O. Merkel, born the year Virginville Grange was chartered, was especially recognized for his eighty-four years of membership. Four of the eleven ninety-plus year-old Virginville Grangers were present. Everyone had the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and receive a candy and an orange. To conclude the festivities, Santa, with his big white sack, made his way to the center of the room to lead the annual peanut scramble.



so looked up a couple recipes for both items. I ended up canning a couple dozen half-pint jars of curried apple chutney, a dozen jars of spiced apple butter (though it has a consistency more of chunky apple sauce), and I even processed a dozen half-pints of blueberry chutney. The apple chutney and "apple butter" are FABULOUS! The blueberry chutney...well... I haven't quite decided if I like it or not.

Here's what I do KNOW, though... I've managed to put food in the pantry that otherwise would have possibly gone to waste. Instead of losing all those apples

use on turkey sandwiches, pork roasts, etc. And it's incredibly joyous to be able to just go to the pantry and grab a jar of decadently spicy apple "sauce/butter" on a cold winter evening when we're in the mood for a sweet treat. I also know that canning isn't the scary activity I always thought it was! Yes, you do have to be VERY careful of boiling water and incredibly hot processed foods, but the results are worth it!



(because I just couldn't eat them fast enough), my husband and I now have a delicious condiment to

So, though I know that we are likely to see more snow and cold weather during the months of March & April... I'll still be PLANNING AHEAD! I'll be designing my garden with the plan of canning most everything I grow in excess. And yes, I'll be planting some unique fruit trees based solely on real-

ly creative canning recipes I've found. And next winter, when we get snowed/iced in during the winter... we'll be able to enjoy our own canned vegetables and fruit, grown on our property utilizing organic techniques, instead of buying food grown in a foreign country...and wondering what strange fertilizers those countries used.

So start getting excited about the growing season ahead... and start PLANNING!!!





## WELCOME

### NEW MEMBERS!

**Girard #788**

Francis Thomas

**Warriors Mark #974**

Jesse Kulak

Sara Kulak

Linda Smith

**Roseville #1290**

Robert Teeter

Kevin Weilacher

**Chester Valley #1496**

Marie Leach

Virginia Selfridge

**Plainfield #1727**

Barbara Gleim

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Laura Gogets

Doreen Griffe

Angie Church

Don Church

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Robert Barclay

Doris Kilgore

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Alan Klingensmith

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Sandra Olsen

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Elliott Cooke

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**IN MEMORIAM****Beech Flats #336**

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Richard Kershner

Paul Stitzel

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**Royal #1972**

Mable Molinaro

**Hookstown #1980**

James Scott

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Glady Nadik

**SENIOR BIRTHDAYS****Russellville Grange #91**

Betty Spotts DOB: 1929

**Beech Flats #336**

C. Richard Pratt

J. William "Bill" Swingle

**Hartslog Valley Grange #375**

Belated Birthdays:

Martha Anderson: October, 1921

Joseph Kurtz: October, 1938

Larry Sather: December, 1940

January Birthdays:

Janice Bowser: January, 1934

William Anderson: January, 1928

Benjamin Dively: January, 1930

Charles States: January, 1942

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portant to have a thorough inventory of all physical assets so that adequate coverage can be purchased.

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# 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We don't have many dates, yet, for 2019, but here's what we have so far. If your Grange is holding any yearly festivals or events, please email those dates to: [info@88dragon.com](mailto:info@88dragon.com)

## PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

January 5-12, 2019  
Farm Show Complex  
Harrisburg, PA

## FAMILY FESTIVAL

July 18-21, 2019  
Centre County Fairgrounds  
Centre Hall, PA

## AG PROGRESS DAYS

August 13-15, 2019  
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA

## STATE SESSION

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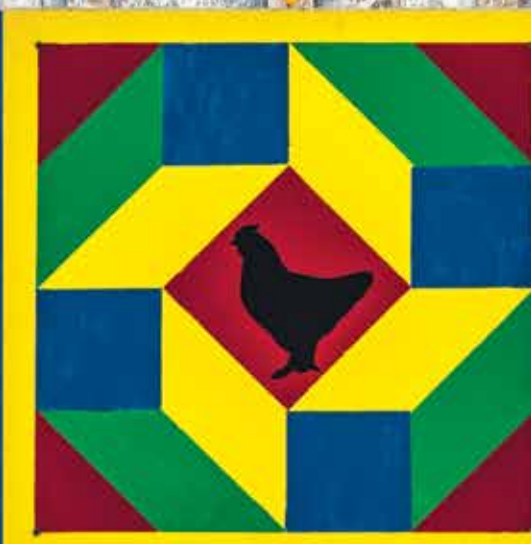
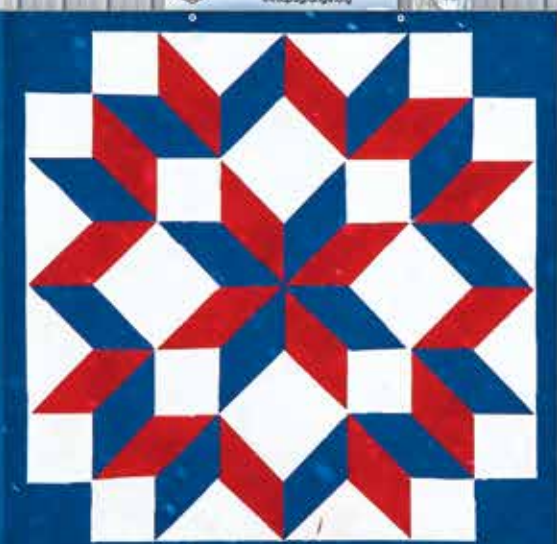
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# Spotted Lanternfly

## Know what to look for

Spotted lanternfly adults are about 1 inch long and a half inch wide with wings folded.

Nymphs are ¼- to ½-inch long and develop through four stages, all of which are wingless.

Egg masses have a gray, mud-like covering, which can become dry and cracked over time. Older egg masses may lose their covering and appear as columns of 30-50 seed-like eggs. Egg masses can be found on trees, rocks, and other hard surfaces.

- A. Adult, wings closed
- B. Adult, wings open
- C. Nymph, early stage
- D. Nymph, late stage
- E. Egg mass, fresh
- F. Egg mass, older



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Ernie Sattler

## Report a Sighting

1. Check if you're in or out of the quarantine zone by visiting [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly)
2. Kill and collect the specimen by freezing it or placing it in rubbing alcohol. If you are able, take a picture of it.
3. Report the sighting online at [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly). If you cannot access the internet, call 888-4-BADFLY (888-422-3359) toll-free. Please only use this hotline for sightings outside of the quarantine zone.

## Stop the Spread

1. Destroy all life stages of spotted lanternfly that you find.
2. Check your car and outdoor equipment for spotted lanternfly eggs, nymphs, and adults before moving within or out of the quarantine zone. Don't move firewood.
3. Share your spotted lanternfly knowledge with others!



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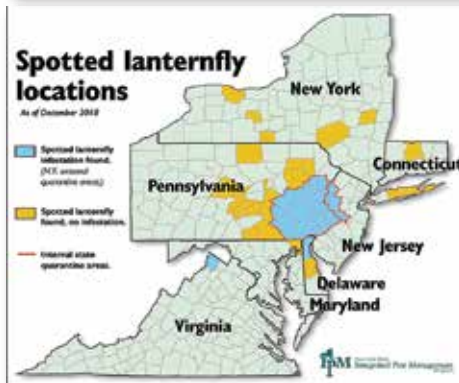




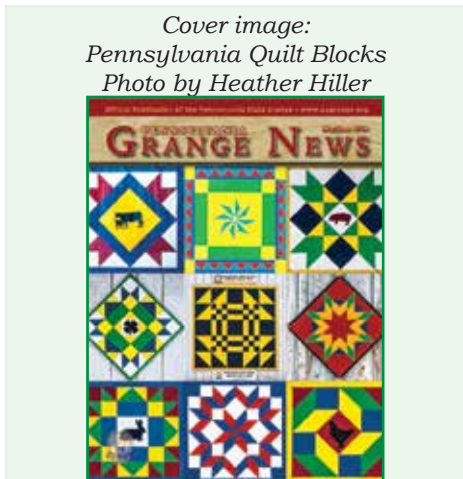
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## From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell  
PA State Grange President  
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Dear Grangers

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, thoughts, cards, and well wishes. On February 9, 2019 I experienced a very bad fall while cleaning out a Grange Hall in preparation for sale. I would like to thank Cliff Bailey for his quick actions that day which very likely saved my life. My injuries included a mild concussion, 6 broken ribs; 3 on each side, bruised lungs, a broken left shoulder, 2 broken teeth, and some minor cuts, scrapes, and bruises.

The Grange family all across America responded with prayers, cards, and emails. To all of you I'll again say thank you and a very special thank you to Cliff. My life nearly ended in a split second. I have asked myself

heard me say one of my favorite songs is "God's Greatest Gifts Are Unanswered Prayers". Many times as days, months, or even years go by we look back and say, "Wow, I'm glad he didn't grant me that". We must talk to God every day and ask for his guidance. Where that leads we may not know or understand at any given moment.

This is a time of year when God is showing us his magnificent splendor all across the land as the new growth springs forth. I would ask each one of you to embrace the new growth and new opportunities God puts before us each day.

The Grange is involved in many issues right now. There is the need for adequate Broadband, the crisis facing our dairy farmers, health care for the elderly and all of us, Sunday hunting in Pennsylvania, the concern over tariffs and their effects on trade with other countries, and immigration. Every member of the Grange will be affected by one or more of these issues. We must persevere in our work to see that all come to a fair conclusion. Many of these will be ongoing issues for years to come. Some of the solutions may not be as we think they should be. We need to talk with our legislators, talk with each other, and work every day to improve life for our fellowman.

I point out when I speak at Grange events that we are a very unique organization. We do not tell our local Granges what they must work on in

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over and over why am I still here? I truly believe God has a plan for each of us, but it is not for us to know or even understand that plan at all times. We must put our lives in his hands and know that in time, we will come to understand that plan. Many of you have



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## Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler  
PA State Grange Chaplain



### Time to Celebrate and Commemorate

May and June hold so many opportunities to **celebrate life** to the fullest and to **commemorate** special occasions.

The May flowers are such a welcome sight **and** smell after a long, cold, snowy, icy and windy winter. We see God's handiwork in the daffodils and tulips. Their splashes of color **light** up our gardens. We stand in awe as the first signs of buds appear on the lilac bushes. We know that **sweet scent** will soon permeate the air!

**God** has given us the commandment to **honor our mothers** and Jesus showed his concern for his mother as He hung on the cross. Although we have a specific day to honor our mothers, whether we are fortunate to have them with us in person or whether we have them with us in our treasured memories, we should celebrate and be thankful for them every day!

Then there is Memorial Day when we pay our **respects to those military personnel** who have died in battle defending our country. I remember when it was called Decoration Day. Veteran's organizations put new flags on each military grave and we, as children, would decorate their graves with flowers. That was so special! It certainly is a day to **celebrate their devoted contribution**.

And, speaking of "soldiers," I am reminded of the 19th century hymn

"Onward Christian Soldiers"...we should be such **devoted soldiers to our Lord and Savior**.

When June rolls around or as the song goes, when June "busts out all over," we continue to see the **miracles of resurrection**: those dead seeds, those spindly onion sets, those scrawny tomato and pepper plants seem to come to life right before our eyes! Roses are in full bloom and if we thought those lilacs presented a sweet smell, it is **"heavenly"** to stoop over and **sniff a Peace Rose or admire a Mr. Lincoln!**

We celebrate graduations and weddings as new beginnings; they then become reunions and anniversaries to celebrate again later! Once again to reiterate the other half of God's commandment, we **honor our fathers!** He has given us earthly fathers to attend to our earthly needs and to help provide guidance; so we celebrate and remember in person or in our hearts, our "dads" on their special day and always for their love and support.

In addition to all these "special days" it is imperative to **celebrate each new day** as a gift from **God**, appreciate His bounteous blessings, **dedicate ourselves** to commemorating the death and resurrection of His only Son, Jesus Christ, and abide by His Commandment to **love for one another** to the fullest by our words and our actions.

God Bless You and Keep You in His Presence this Easter Season and Always!

Prayerfully yours,  
Judy Pressler  
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## Membership News

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### Stories, best thing ever!

I was recently asked by a friend what is something special that we have done for our kids' birthdays. I pondered for a few minutes, thinking about all the special dinners we have made, all the birthday cakes and even all the gifts, but then it hit me. Even now as adults, my girls love to hear about the day they were born. It is their special story that no one else has and of course it is one of many things about their life that makes them unique.

My oldest daughter, Kristen, was born in a rural medical center on a warm September day. Kinsey arrived five years later at the same rural medical center in the month of January in the middle of a huge snowstorm. Another five years later, then there was Rachel. Rachel's arrival was a prescheduled September delivery. Kristen chose her delivery date, as she didn't want to share her birthday with Rachel. They each have their story.

What is your story? We all have special stories. Do you think about all the special moments of your life? What about your Grange stories? I always ask lots of questions, how long have you been a Grange member, were your parents, and grandparents members? I love to hear your stories, and you tell them with such fondness that I treasure them.

When others ask questions about, "What is Grange," think about your stories that can be used to answer their questions. People can relate and visualize a story and when you share a story with enthusiasm you can gain new members!

It is very important to share your Grange's history with your members. It has been my experi-



ence, there are a lot of members that don't know how and who started their Grange. They may not know what your Grange is known for, or other historical details on things you have accomplished in your community. Do your members know the history of the Pennsylvania State Grange and the National Grange? This would be a wonderful lecturer program for an upcoming meeting.

Speaking of stories... at the direction of the State Grange President, the History Committee has begun brainstorming ways to celebrate the organization's 150th anniversary in 2023. We are aware from the various printed State Grange histories that historical pageants were presented at the annual sessions of 1923, 1948, 1973 and 1998 when the 50th, 75th, 100th and 125th anniversaries (respectively) of the State Grange were celebrated. We have

found programs for several of the pageants listing topics and participants in each of the various acts/scenes but we have not found the more detailed scripts for any of the pageants. Unfortunately, all the persons who chaired the various pageants are deceased so we are unable to contact them to see if any copies of the scripts still exist. If anyone happens to have a copy of scripts from any of these pageants, please consider sharing that information with the State Grange History Committee by contacting Chair Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957 or [douglas.b@verizon.net](mailto:douglas.b@verizon.net).



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And to wrap on this issue's column...make sure to mark your calendars for Ag Progress Days! We are looking for volunteers to help at our Grange booth for the event! Call Lizzie at 717-254-9550 or email: [publicrelations@pagrange.org](mailto:publicrelations@pagrange.org)

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## Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities  
Director

Hi everyone from cold Pine Grove Mills. You should have gotten your packets by now from State Grange with all the information in them. I sent out Quilt raffle tickets. If you need more please call me at 814-360-7058 or email me at [melmelius59@gmail.com](mailto:melmelius59@gmail.com). Thank you!

The contests this year are: Quilt Block contest: "Kelley's Colors" color scheme is royal blue print, dark green solid, light pink solid, yellow solid (just think of the Grange colors). Please DON'T SERGE around the

edge and also watch the bias of the material. Baking contest: 9" whole cherry pie, 6-Chocolate chip cookies (anyway you make them), and 6-hay-stack candy. And new this year: Table centerpiece; with candle (class 19), with coffee/soup mug (class 20), Holiday of your choice (class 21). Max size is 8"x8" any shape is acceptable. Mosaic Artwork (class 22) Any medium (glass, beads, small tile, etc.) Max size 12"x12". Shadow box: (NO KITS) Max size 15"long x 12" wide x 2" deep any shape is acceptable. Vacation (class 23), Holiday (class 24), Sport (class 25), Other (class 26).

We have a lot of new contests this year along with the quilting, sewing,

afghans, embroidery, cross stitch, plastic canvas, and cotton thread.

So lets say a little prayer for the start of warmer temperatures... and start working on those contests for this year. Thank you and hope to see all of you at Family Fest in July! Don't forget that our tour this year is to the Pasto Ag Museum (full of antique farm machinery)... you don't want to miss all the hands on stuff!

Yours Truly,  
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their local communities. Each local Grange has the flexibility to determine what is a concern in their community and then work to address it.

Even though God's Greatest Gifts Are Unanswered Prayers, they are answered, just many times not how we thought they should be. I will ask each of you to take an active part in your community. Talk with your legislators and voice your opinion and the opinion of your Grange to them. Remember, they cannot represent you if you don't represent yourself to them. Smile and say hello to people you pass on the street. Perhaps the smile you give them they will pass on to others. I will close with a few final thoughts. Tell your family and your spouse you love them every day. Don't hold grudges, and let go of hard feelings. Believe me, in the blink of an eye you may lose the opportunity to ever do so again!

Fraternally,  
Wayne D. Campbell,  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
President



## Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail

We have been working on the expansion of the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail on our website. Please make sure to check our website at [www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org) and click on Quilt Trail to confirm that your quilt is listed on the trail. If it isn't please contact me so we can update our records. If your Grange doesn't have a quilt, please consider attending Family Festival to work on creating a wooden Quilt square! We would

love to see the trail grow into more communities! If you have questions about making a quilt square, please contact Barbara Gross, Heritage Quilt Trail Coordinator by emailing: [berglen@verizon.net](mailto:berglen@verizon.net) or calling 724-290-3783.





## Program Director

Jenn Nauss

PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central PA!

As I write this article, there is still snow on the ground and winter temperatures look like they will be around for a while yet. Let's hope that by the time you are reading this, we are enjoying the warm spring weather!

Thank you to everyone who spent the weekend with us in Gettysburg at the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference! Make sure you share what you learned that weekend with other members of your Subordinate and Pomona Granges who were not able to join us.

### Family Festival

Family Festival is right around the corner – July 18-21, 2019 at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds. The theme this year is “The Fifties—The Movers and The Shakers”. Check your March-April Grange News and the State Grange website for the schedule and registration. Registration is due by **June 9, 2019**.

The Lecturer's Committee will be offering two workshops that weekend. The first one will be on Friday from 2:00 to 3:00 and will show participants one way to make your own wreath. Materials will be provided. Please join us for a fun afternoon – and enter your wreath in the contest at State Session! We will also be hosting another workshop on program development, which will be on Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30.

### Talent Contest

The annual Talent Contest will be held during Family Festival, on Saturday evening, July 20, 2019, at 7:00. Contestants may enter in **Vocal, Instrumental, or Variety** categories. To adhere to National Evening of Excellence guidelines, entries must be a maximum of 5 minutes in length. Please pre-register by emailing me at [lecturer@pagrange.org](mailto:lecturer@pagrange.org) or by calling me at (717) 512-1261. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 entries in each category. The Best-of-Show winner will also be selected and share their talent at this year's National Session in Minnesota.

### Reports and Contests

Subordinate and Pomona reports and scrapbooks, as well as Community Day/Night reports, will be judged prior to State Session, with awards to be given at session. Reports and scrapbooks are due by September 15, 2019. Please see the 2019 Guide to Contests and Programs for more details.

It is also not too early to begin working on your contests for State Session! Please reference the 2019 Guide to Contests and Programs, which can be found on the State Grange website or with your Subordinate Secretaries. Make a wreath, work on your photography skills, create a craft stick art project, and more!

By the time you read this, you should have received, or will be soon receiving, the Lecturer's Mailing with report forms and more details about the contests at State Session.

### Program Ideas

#### MAY:

- 5/6: National Nurse's Day
- 5/7: National Teacher's Day – Work with your Community Service chair to collect classroom supplies to donate to local teachers; invite a teacher to talk about public education and accept the donation
- 5/12: Mother's Day
- 5/27: Memorial Day

#### JUNE:

- 6/14: Flag Day
- 6/16: Father's Day
- 6/21: First Day of Summer – Plan an educational program for members and local families about summer safety – sun protection, outdoor safety, swimming safety, etc.

#### JULY:

- 7/4: Independence Day – Plan a program honoring local veterans and service members. Work with your Community Service chair to put together care packages for servicemen and women.
- 7/21: National Ice Cream Day – Plan a program to promote the dairy industry. Invite your local Dairy Royalty to participate or even lead the program.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas!

Jenn Nauss  
Lecturer  
[jnauss89@gmail.com](mailto:jnauss89@gmail.com)







## History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee  
Director

Your History Committee was especially busy over the past few months adding more information to the State Grange website. Now with just a few clicks of a mouse, readers are able to access all existent Journals of Proceedings, Subordinate Grange charter applications and summaries of major events during terms of our State Masters/Presidents. By the end of this year, our goal is to finish the historical summaries for all terms and post Phase 3 documents currently being micro-filmed and digitized to the website – these include Executive Committee minutes, officers’ registers and the published histories of the Pennsylvania State Grange. If you haven’t visited the history pages of the website recently, take a moment to explore at <http://www.pagrang.org/history-committee.html>.

This final phase of records preservation has been made possible by generous contributions totaling \$4,045 from the following Granges and individuals who have contributed to the appeal issued last fall (in order of receipt):

- Perry Valley #1804, Perry County
- Honey Brook Township #1688, Chester County
- Shavers Creek #353, Huntingdon County
- Laura McCardle, Huntingdon, PA
- Valley #1360, York County\*
- Harveys Aleppo #1444, Greene County
- Scrubgrass #1705, Venango County
- Ontelaunee #1617, Berks County

- Mahoning Valley #1649, Lawrence County
- Virginville #1832, Berks County
- Dawson #419, Fayette County
- Fairdale #1157, Susquehanna County
- California #941, Montour County
- Russellville #91, Chester County
- Fayette County Pomona #49
- Crawford County Pomona #26
- Forest #853, Forest County
- Chestnut Ridge #1133, Washington County
- Blair County Pomona #37
- Mt. Nebo #1872, Allegheny County
- Logan #109, Centre County
- Greene County Pomona #63
- Oliver #1069, Perry County
- Hookstown #1980, Beaver County
- Hayfield #800, Crawford County
- Cochranon #2030, Crawford County
- Perry County Pomona #69
- Lawrence county Pomona #65
- Bucks County Pomona #22
- PA State Grange Past Officers
- Walker #2007, Centre county
- Beaver county Pomona #66
- Edinboro #947, Erie County
- Trexlertown #1755, Lehigh County

A very special thanks to Valley Grange #1360, York County, for pledging a second contribution which will underwrite the purchase of a professional grade video camera that will be used to record interviews with prominent Grange leaders. These video interviews are a new initiative to record Grange memories and histories from those persons that were involved and helped to make it all happen over many years. Steve & Karen Mohn have joined the History Committee to coordinate the interviews.

Contributions continue to be received and will be used for projects associated with the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange coming up in 2023. Initial brainstorming about this celebration continues and we are hopeful that the 150th anniversary of Pennsylvania’s first Grange – Eagle #1 near Williamsport – in early 2021 will serve as the kick-off for two years of special activities across the state.

Pennsylvania was honored with the opportunity to discuss our historical preservation of Grange records by presenting a workshop in March at the Mid-Atlantic Leaders’ Conference in Gettysburg. Leaders from many other states were encouraged to undertake similar work to preserve their Grange stories.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER** - Local and Pomona Granges that have an interest in microfilming and/or digitizing their records will have an opportunity to do so under the contract negotiated by the State Grange History Committee with IMR Digital just as soon as the balance of the state documents are finished. Even though IMR will probably not be able to start individual Grange’s work until later this year, it’s not too early to start planning. Contact Jennifer Nauss at [Jnauss89@gmail.com](mailto:Jnauss89@gmail.com) for details about preparing your records and the estimated cost.

Doug Bonsall, Chair  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
History Committee  
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# Family Festival

## THE 50'S

### "THE MOVERS AND THE SHAKERS"

#### Schedule of Events

#### July 18-21, 2019



### Thursday, July 18

- 1:00 - 5:30 Registration- Bldg A
- 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
- 7:00-- Registration - Bldg A
- 7:00-8:00 Welcome: Betsy Huber & Wayne Campbell Workshop - Bldg A
- 8:00-8:30 Rootbeer, Coke, Orange Floats
- 8:30-9:30 Bring your Favorite Game Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
- 9:30 Vespers - Bldg A
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

- 9:00-10:30 Youth Activity - TBA - Bldg A
- 10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews - Bldg B
- 10:30 - 11:45 "Meeting Grease" - Dr. Diamond Basic Parliamentary Skills
- 10:30-11:30 Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
- 11:30-12:00 Gift of Life Presentation-Bldg A
- Blessing of Wrapped in Hugs
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D (Impromptu Question to Young Patron Finalists)
- 1:00 Youth Activity - TBA
- 1:00-3:30 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
- Food Safety Workshop
- 2:00-4:00 Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B
- 3:30-4:30 Program Development Workshop-Bldg A - Lecturer Committee
- 5:00-6:00 Dinner - Bldg D
- Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Sweet Potatoes, Applesauce & Tossed Salad
- 7:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A
- Introduction of Royalty
- Ice Cream Social
- Cake Walk
- Vespers
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

### Friday, July 19

- 7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
- Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
- 10:00-11:00 English Paper Piercing Workshop
- 10:30-12:00 Registration - Bldg A
- 11:00-12:00 PR Workshop - Vision Boards w/ Lizzie-Bldg A
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
- 1:30-4:00 Tour-Pasto Ag Museum @ Penn State Research Center
- 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A
- 2:00-3:00 Make your Own Wreath Workshop Bldg A (State Contest - Lecturer's Comm.)
- 3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth Water Games
- 5:30-6:30 Dinner - Bldg D - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans & Cookies
- Hosted by the FA & assisted by Youth Departments
- 7:00-9:00 Sock Hop - Dress the Theme Plus Soda Floats Bldg A
- 9:00-9:15 Cake Walk
- 9:15 Vespers-Bldg A
- 9:30 Knowledge TEST - Bldg C
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



### Saturday, July 20

- 7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A
- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D (Announce Young Patron Finalists)
- 8:30 Group Photo - Bldg A
- 9:00-11:30 Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B



### Sunday, July 21

- 7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
- 9:00 - 10:00 Worship Service - Bldg A
- 10:00 Clean Up and Depart

Assistance cleaning and packing up of Bldg. D is much appreciated  
Thank You!  
Wishing you a safe trip Home!



# PASTO

## AGRICULTURAL

### MUSEUM







# Youth News

**Youth Committee**  
Ellen Wadsworth  
PA State Grange Youth Director



Greetings from the Youth and Young Adults Department!

Summer is coming! And that means Youth Camp is just around the corner. This year's theme is European Tour and we have a great fun-filled weekend planned. The registration form is located in this issue of the PGN as well as online at [www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org) and on the Pennsylvania Youth and Young Adults Facebook page. In addition to games and workshops, we will also be selecting the 2019-20 Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors. The youth selected will be representing the youth of the Pennsylvania State Grange at various activities and events during the next year. If you are between the ages of 15 to 21, consider running for State Youth Ambassador to represent your organization, plus it also looks great on college applications and resumes. Sign up now so you won't miss this awesome weekend.

Our 2018-19 Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors have been busy participating in activities such as PA Farm Show and most recently the Berks County Pomona meeting. Here are some thoughts from the current Ambassadors as they come to the end of their term.

*Hi! I am Isaac Mengel, the 2018-2019 Male Youth Ambassa-*

*sador this year. When I was first crowned the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassador I was extremely excited for the upcoming events I would be able to experience throughout the year. With Ellen and the rest of the committee I traveled to State Session in Pittsburgh. In January I traveled to the Farm Show to attend the royalty banquet and the opening ceremony where I was able to meet the Governor and many state and federal*



*Congressman. I look forward to the rest of the year and will remember this experience for the rest of my life and I am so thankful for this opportunity.*

Isaac Mengel

*Hi, my name is Mikayla Davis and I am the 2018-19 Pennsylvania Grange Youth Ambassador. This past year I had the opportunity to do a lot of Grange related things. I went to State Grange Session which was held in western Pennsylvania. The Grange youth opened for session and I held the office of Lady Assistant Steward and was part of writing the opening drill. In January, I was able to attend the PA Farm Show. I was invited to the PA Preferred Banquet on Friday night and then the opening ceremonies Saturday morning. I got to work in the Grange booth where I got to talk to people about the Grange and why they should join the Grange. I also had the opportunity to attend the Mid Atlantic Grange Leadership Conference in Gettysburg. Later on during my reign I will tour the Capital and have a tour of the Governor's Mansion. After that, we have a fun day at Hershey Park planned. Overall, this year as the Youth Ambassador I have met many dignitaries and had a blast meeting and spending time with new and old friends. I encourage every youth member to run for Youth Ambassador as it is a great experience and you will learn a lot within that one year.*

Mikayla Davis

Ellen Wadsworth  
Youth Director  
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# PA State Grange Youth Camp is coming!!!

June 28-30, 2019  
JOIN US for "European Tour"  
at Camp Sylvan Hills  
Howard, PA 16841  
(814) 355-5652



Name \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Grange/County: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Year Youth Camper: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_S\_\_\_ \_\_\_M\_\_\_ \_\_\_L\_\_\_ \_\_\_XL\_\_\_ \_\_\_XXL\_\_\_ \_\_\_XXXL\_\_\_

\*\*\* ALLERGIES\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact & Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Fee for the Weekend: \$75.00 per person  
(\$15.00 will be paid by the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund Account)  
Each person will pay \$60.00  
\*\*\*\*\*SPECIAL – 1ST TIME CAMPERS ONLY \$30.00\*\*\*\*\*

This fee includes lodging, 5 meals, activities, workshops, snacks and fellowship.

Participants need to bring their own bedding, towels, washcloths and personal toiletries.  
Additional information and directions will be posted online or emailed or sent to you  
after your application is received.

Look for details/registration online:  
PA State Grange Webpage and the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults Facebook page!  
Or mail in paper copy to: PA Grange Youth, c/o Ellen Wadsworth, 362 University Road,  
Lincoln University, PA 19352

QUESTIONS?? Email: Youth@pagrange.org / Cell: 417-967-6474  
Registration and Camp Fee Deadline: June 1st, 2019





# Junior News

**Junior Committee**  
Lurae Benzio  
PA State Grange Junior Committee  
Director

HELLO Junior Grangers!

FINALLY - we are done with the cold, snow and gray days and we are ready for Summer and those warm sunny days. Along with our excitement for Summer comes planning for the PA Junior Grange Camp in July. This year we are going to have an amazing week full of Disney themed workshops, activities and events. "Grange Camp - the happiest place on earth" is what our theme title is but we all know it is a Disney theme. (We don't want to get in trouble for calling it a Disney camp). I hope you are planning on returning to camp as a camper or if you have never been to camp, this is a GREAT time to come and check us out! We will have some special guests joining us this year as well. We will be introducing a couple of new things about the PA Jr Grange. We will be having so much fun all week! I hope to see your application in the mail soon. The deadline to submit it is June 8th. You can find a copy

of the application in this edition of the PA Grange News or online at pagrange.org or go to our Facebook page and under files you can find a copy to print off. I can also email you a copy if that is needed.

I want to give a shout out to a few of the County Jr. Grange Camps happening in May and June. The Berks County Camp will be held the weekend of May 17-19 and their camp theme is Family Game Night. The Beaver County Camp is held the from June 18-22 and they will be having fun in the Wild Wild West. This is a great time to share with the Juniors in attendance about coming to State Junior Grange Camp!

Enjoy the Sunshine!

See you all soon!  
Lurae Benzio  
Junior Grange Director  
Benz4@comcast.net  
724-643-5750

## COOKIES NEEDED

**The Junior Grange Camp would like cookies for the evening snacks and are asking our wonderful Grange bakers to help us out.**

**We will need 5 dozen a night and are not picky about what we receive.**

**If you would like to help us out, please contact Lurae Benzio at [benz4@comcast.net](mailto:benz4@comcast.net)**






**Sold Out**



## Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbooks

**\$30**

[www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org)  
(click on cookbook tab)

**(717)737-8855**




Limited quantities available...





**2019 Pennsylvania Junior Grange  
Camper Application**

June 30-July 6, 2019

Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA  
For Junior Grange age: 7 -14

**“Grange Camp – The Happiest Place on Earth”**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of Jan 1, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first year at State Camp? \_\_\_\_\_

Please  
Attach school  
photo here

**Camper fee - \$155.00** (This reflects a \$15.00 credit from the  
Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund)

THERE IS ALSO A SIBLING DISCOUNT: 1<sup>st</sup> child = full price of \$155 and then a \$15 reduction  
for every child after. (2<sup>nd</sup> child = \$140, 3<sup>rd</sup> child = \$140 4<sup>th</sup> child = \$140 and so on)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR GRANGE**

**Mail Application with attached photo to:  
Director Lurae Benzio, 103 Highland Dr. , Industry, PA 15052**

**REGISTRATION and CAMP FEE DEADLINE: JUNE 8, 2019**

Any application postmarked after June 8, 2019 will be charged an additional \$20.00 and  
will not be guaranteed a camp T-shirt.

A full Camp packet will be mailed with more information to all who submits this application!

\*\*\*\* Once again we are making it OPTIONAL to bring a food donation. PLEASE put an “X” on the line below if you are  
willing to bring a food donation. Your food donation item will be listed in your camp packet that is mailed to you a few  
weeks prior to camp.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I am willing to bring a food donation to camp.

**T-shirt Size:** (circle one below)

Child Med. / Child Lrg. / Adult Sm. / Adult Med. / Adult Lrg.  
Adult XL / Adult 2XL

**\*All Counselors/Helpers must contact Director Lurae Benzio for consideration and an application**



# Spotted Lanternfly a New Grape Threat

**Swarms of feeding spotted lanternfly can kill a vineyard. Will the Pennsylvania quarantine be able to keep them from spreading?**

By: Kate Prengaman

Making itself at home in Eastern Pennsylvania, the invasive spotted lanternfly has proven itself to be an enormous nuisance and serious threat to vineyards and to the economy of the region — both thanks to the resulting damage and to quarantine restrictions.

The striking leafhopper — distinguished by bright red underwings that give the gray spotted wings a rosy tint when crawling up a tree — has a wide host preference, sucking sap from woody plants that include fruit trees and landscape trees, but grapevines appear to be a favorite, along with the invasive and pervasive tree-of-heaven. Native to Southeast Asia, the spotted lanternfly, SLF, was first found in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 2014.

Like brown marmorated stink bug before it, SLF is a nuisance for residents and difficult to control because it is found throughout the landscape, but due to its penchant for feeding swarms, it can kill a vineyard in one season.

“It’s pretty shocking damage, actually,” said Heather Leach, extension entomologist for Penn State University. “With high feedings, we end up with vines that aren’t producing flowers and fruit or are completely dead,” she said. “I know one vineyard had 2.5 acres of Pinot Noir that was attacked in the fall of 2017 and in the spring, everything was dead. So, the damage is scary and happens quickly.”

Between 30 and 40 wine grape growers in the quarantined zone of Eastern Pennsylvania had spotted lanternfly damage in their vineyards last year, Leach said. The state is the fifth-largest producer of wine grapes and the third-largest producer of juice grapes in the country, although SLF has not yet been found in the juice grape growing region along Lake Erie.

For now, the infestation remains largely restricted to 13 quarantined counties in Eastern Pennsylvania, along with three neighboring counties in New Jersey and one in Delaware. But there’s also a population growing around Winchester, Virginia, and SLF have been found in more than a dozen other counties in Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and Maryland.

SLF lays its gray, hard-to-spot egg masses indiscriminately, so moving trucks, Christmas trees,

## **Its ability to hitchhike with human movement poses the greatest concern**

patio furniture or apple bins could all relocate the pest, said entomologist Sven-Erik Spichiger, who recently joined the Washington State Department of Agriculture from Pennsylvania. The Virginia population is believed to have been transported on landscaping material.

“Here’s the real issue: These things love to lay eggs on rusty



*Photo courtesy of Erica Smyers, Penn State University*

*The sap-sucking spotted lanternfly poses a serious threat to vineyards in Eastern Pennsylvania, where a quarantine is in place to prevent the invasive species from hitchhiking to other regions.*

metal, like a railcar, so it has high risk of transport,” Spichiger warned Washington grape growers at an industry meeting in November. “Make no mistake about it; it is coming here and probably quicker than you think.”

(MAP graphic: Source: New York State Integrated Pest Management Program)

## **Management**

The good news is that SLF is relatively easy to kill. Familiar pyrethroid and neonicotinoid insecticides, such as Scorpion (dinotefuran), Actara (thiamethoxam), Brigade (bifenthrin) and Mustang Maxx (zeta-cypermethrin), along with Sevin (carbaryl), all work well, but since SLF have a wide host range across the landscape, new bugs can invade a recently treated area.

So, the challenge becomes bal-

ancing a long-lasting residual for the repeat invasion with the need for a low preharvest interval, as feeding swarms seem to peak in September, just as growers need to harvest, Leach said.

“I have heard growers using some of the longer residual products after harvest with good success,” she said. “It’s nice to spray some bifenthrin and have a break



from worrying about it.”

Leach said she tells growers to spray when there are five to 10 SLF per vine, but that’s based more on anecdotal evidence, since they just don’t have enough data yet.

More research is underway at the university, state and federal level to learn how best to control SLF — including applied studies in vineyards to understand how much feeding vines can tolerate and to establish management thresholds, develop pheromone lures and traps, and hunt for effective biocontrols.

“Our top priority right now is making sure vineyards have better management options,” she said. “To be honest, there is just still a lot we don’t know.”

It is well-established that growers and homeowners alike should remove tree-of-heaven or treat the trees with a systemic insecticide. The state of Pennsylvania and U.S. Department of Agriculture are working together on a program to treat the trees to kill SLF as well.

Wrapping trunks of infested trees with sticky tape can also kill the flightless nymphs, which are black with white spots in the ear-

ly stages of development and then turn red with black and white spots as they mature.

### On the lookout

Swarms of SLF have been found feeding on peach and apple trees as well, but it’s much shorter-lived and growers haven’t yet seen economic damage to tree health, Leach said.

Harvesting clean fruit in the midst of a pest swarm poses a challenge for commercial operations that need to ensure bins are pest-free before shipping out of the quarantine region — and debilitating for pick-your-own and other agritourism businesses.

“It’s literally swarming orchards during picking and packing,” Spichiger said.

Ed Weaver, who owns a farm market and pick-your-own farm in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, said SLF prefers tree-of-heaven, maple and birch on his property more than apple trees, at least so far. He first spotted the bugs in 2017 and saw a significant population last year.



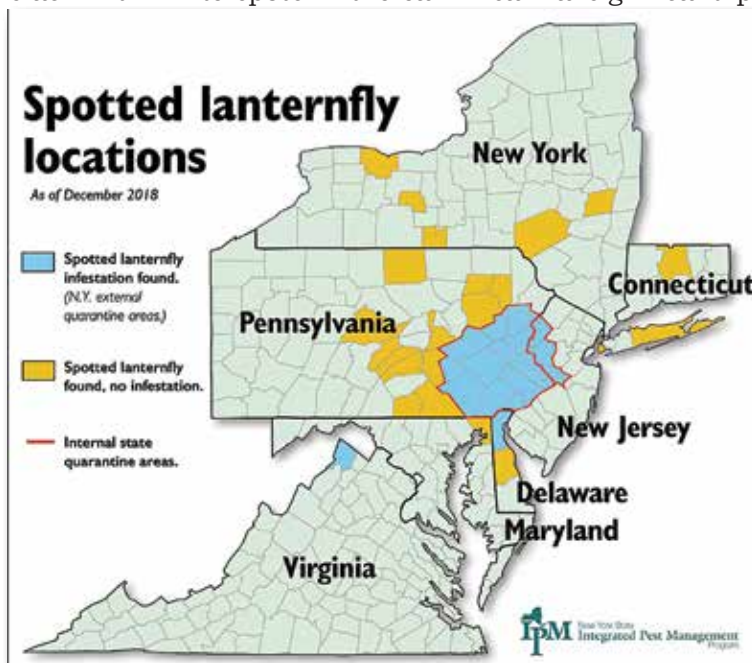
Spotted lanternfly that feed on grapevines take a serious toll on vine health, reducing flowering the following season or even killing the vines. Courtesy Erica Smyers, Penn State University

Grape growers in adjacent regions are also a bit freaked out. In New York, the focus is on education and outreach, so that farmers and citizens are prepared to identify and report the pest before it has time to establish, said Tim Weigle, statewide grape IPM extension educator at Cornell University.

The IPM program has combined forces with state and federal regulators to establish a command center to respond to SLF sightings, he said — the first time such a coordinated response has been launched for an invasive insect. “We’re hoping we can keep it to a dull roar,” Weigle said. “I don’t think we can completely prevent it, but hopefully we can keep it down until we have the biological controls.”

“The negative impact has just been more the customer experience,” he said. “For people who come from out west of our farm and had not experienced them yet, they were freaked out.”

Leach said the controversial quarantine, which adds expenses to any business moving product out of the regulated region, appears to be working to slow the spread of the pest, but ultimately is unlikely to contain it completely. “Because it hitchhikes so well, they can go cross-country very easily,” Weigle said. “If I was a grape grower anywhere in the U.S., I’d make sure I know what this pest looks like.”



March 7th, 2019



## Government Matters Vince Phillips PA State Grange Lobbyist

### IMPORTANT TO YOU!

Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange on issues that are important to you. After all, our legislative goals come from members. Please let us know: [legislative@pagrange.org](mailto:legislative@pagrange.org) or 717-737-8855 or 717-346-1063. If you

want help in drafting a resolution to be considered by your local Grange which then gets voted on at State Session in October, please utilize the Pennsylvania State Grange as a resource. If you want to see the positions taken by the Pennsylvania State Grange on legislative and regulatory issues, please refer to our web site, [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org).

### SUNDAY HUNTING BECOMES A LEGISLATIVE ISSUE (AGAIN)

With the introduction of Senate Bill 147 by Senator Dan Laughlin (R-Erie) and its consideration by the Senate Game & Fisheries Committee, the issue of permitting Sunday hunting is back.

In 2005, delegates to the Pennsylvania State Grange Fall Session adopted a policy position which states: "The Grange opposes Sunday hunting on any land. We support the antlered and antlerless deer season be extended by one week, allowing more hunting time and more harvest of deer, without Sunday hunting. (2005)"

Based on this position, the Pennsylvania State Grange has been active on this issue this spring.

President Wayne Campbell has had full-length opinion articles appear in numbers of Pennsylvania's newspapers including but not limited to the Patriot-News in Harrisburg, Tribune-Review (Trib-Web) in Westmoreland/Allegheny Counties, Morning Call in Allentown, Johnstown Democrat, and others.

In addition, President Campbell was the featured program guest on a television program produced and aired by PA Cable Network (PCN).

On February 27, the House

# FROM THE FORESTS... ...TO THE FIELDS

Game & Fisheries Committee held a hearing to review the PA Game Commission's annual report to the General Assembly. PA State Grange submitted a statement from Grange President Wayne Campbell.

The gist of Wayne Campbell's statement to the committee was that the PA Game Commission and other advocates for Sunday hunting are taking a short-term approach to a broader problem. Declining num-



Image from "Business Insider"

Pennsylvania State Grange advocates that the PA House or Senate direct the PA Legislative & Budget Committee to do an in-depth study on hunting in Pennsylvania and analyze some of the possible causes of licensing decline. Some of these might be: demise of hunting safety education offered through the schools; changing of society's attitudes and feelings towards hunting; other recreational pastimes that compete with hunting, etc. In addition, perhaps the Legislative Budget & Finance Committee could look at other states' experiences to see if those states permitting Sunday hunting saw a dramatic increase in hunting license sales after Sunday hunting was allowed.

The Pennsylvania State Grange hopes that this in-depth study would better document the status of hunting in PA. This would give the legislature additional information before moving any sort of Sunday hunting legislation.

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bers of hunting licenses has taken place over several years from many causes. Allowing Sunday hunting is not a silver bullet.



## GRANGE WEIGHS IN ON AG CAREER BILLS

The Pennsylvania State Grange weighed in on two bills designed to promote career-building workforce development.

First was support of House Bill 393 sponsored by Rep. Pat Harkins (D-Erie). It would set up an online inter-agency group career resource center at the state level to try to coordinate workforce development. The PA Department of Agriculture is part of the group. Pennsylvania State Grange said that Rep. Harkins' bill correctly identifies Agriculture's importance to PA's economy since the PA Department of Agriculture is formally part of this career resource.

The second bill received qualified support from the Pennsylvania State Grange. House Bill 394 sponsored by Rep. Gerald Mullery (D-Luzerne) directs the Department of Education to inventory workforce development programs offered at secondary and post-secondary institutions.

While supporting the concept, Pennsylvania State Grange believes that the legislation is incomplete because the PA Department of Agriculture is not explicitly included. Although the Departments of Labor & Industry and Education both play vital roles, Agriculture is where these workforce development resources also need to be identified. The job and career resources that the Department of Agriculture can contribute would be invaluable.

In 2018, Pennsylvania State Grange submitted testimony on earlier versions of the two pieces of legislation to the House Democratic Policy Committee.

Both bills are part of an eight bill omnibus workforce development package being pushed by both Republican and Democratic Chairs of the House Education Committee, Rep. Curt Sonney (R-Erie) and Rep. Jim Roebuck (D-Phila.).

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## A WALK THROUGH THE PA FARM BILL

This spring, in addition to the many pieces of legislation affecting farming and the rural economy, one generating considerable discussion is the PA Farm Bill proposed by Governor Tom Wolf. Readers of Pennsylvania Grange News should at least know something about it since elements will likely see legislative action by the end of June since they involve State Budget issues.

The Pennsylvania Farm Bill invests more than \$24 million in Pennsylvania's agriculture industry to grow opportunities and resources, remove barriers to entry, and cultivate future generations of leaders within agriculture. The plan is somewhat unusual in that it is a comprehensive proposal covering many areas of PA Agriculture. There are of course other pieces of the Governor's State Budget proposal such as more money for workforce development that are also part of the State Budget negotiations between the Governor and the General Assembly. A separate proposal from the Governor would tax Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction to repay a proposed \$4.5 billion bond issue for Broadband expansion, flood and storm water management, and monies addressing blight in many of PA's smaller communities.

### What Is In The PA Farm Bill? Agricultural Business Development and Succession Planning

Pennsylvania Agricultural Business Development Center, funded at \$2 million, would serve as a resource to help every farmer create a business plan, transition plan, or succession plan to ensure their best chance for future success. There would also be a Realty Transfer Tax Exemption for any transfer of preserved farmland to



*President Wayne Campbell addressing PA House & Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee at their meeting being held at Ag Progress Days in 2018*

a qualified beginning farmer.

### Creating more processing capabilities to accommodate a growing animal agriculture sector

Pennsylvania Dairy Investment Program, funded at \$5 million, would fund research and development, organic transition assistance, value-added processing, and marketing grants in support of Pennsylvania's Dairy industry. \$1 million would go to the Center for Animal Agriculture Excellence to support the animal agriculture industry by expanding processing capacity, technical assistance, providing resources for food safety compliance, and assisting with the establishment of hemp as an approved animal feed. In addition, there would be \$500,000 to encourage access to new and expanded markets for small or new producers by reimbursing federal meat inspection costs and subsidizing the first-time purchase of equipment needed for federal compliance.

### Removing regulatory burdens and strengthening the state's business climate

Conservation Excellence Grant Program, funded at \$2.5 million, would provide financial and technical assistance to farmers to install and implement best management practices.

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# Grange News

## LIBERTY GRANGE #1780

Dear Fellow Grange members and Friends of Liberty Grange #1780... Liberty Grange turns 100 years old in 2019! To celebrate, a 100th Birthday Celebration has been scheduled for:

Friday, May 10, 2019 at 7 pm  
at Liberty Grange  
3067 Harlansburg Road  
New Castle, PA 16101

PA State Grange Master/President Wayne Campbell will be the featured speaker. There will also be entertainment and refreshments! Liberty Grange has been a presence in our community for 100 years, for which we are very proud. Our organization still supports farming and other rural interests but is becoming more active in community service. We also continue to support the Lawrence County Junior Grange, 4-H and FFA programs. We also offer our building for rentals at a reasonable rate and participate in county events such as the Lawrence County Fair where we hope to educate the public on various topics. Please mark your calendar for May 10, 2019 at 7 pm to hear about our past and listen about the future of the Grange. Please join us as we celebrate! For more information, please call or text Bonnie Casselberry at 724-674-2621.

## PERRY VALLEY GRANGE #1804

Thanks to the initiative of two Millerstown (PA) organizations - Greenwood High School FFA and Perry Valley Grange #1804 - partnering to pool their resources, a food packing project has resulted in 48,500 breakfast meal kits to fight hunger in Perry and Juniata Counties. Some 263 volunteers of all ages descended on the Greenwood Elementary School cafeteria Friday evening, March 1, 2019, to work for two hour shifts on teams that packaged the oatmeal and



*(Perry Valley Grange) Volunteers packed 48,500 breakfast kits to fight hunger in Perry and Juniata Counties at a meal packing event held March 1st in the Greenwood Elementary School, Millerstown. The meal packing was a joint project sponsored by the Greenwood High School FFA and Perry Valley Grange #1804.*

dried fruit meal.

It was a festive atmosphere as volunteers arrived and were divided into teams after receiving instructions during a project overview. Each time 5,000 meal kits were finished, a gong sounded to announce the latest achievement and this solicited spontaneous celebration from the assembled workers. A light supper was provided to all volunteers.

According to Krista Pontius, FFA Adviser and Grange program director, the overwhelming financial support for this program received from organizations, church-



*(Perry Valley Grange) - Long-time Perry Valley Grange member Bill Cameron of Millerstown invited participants at the meal packing event to take part in a \$10,000 volunteer challenge as part of the group's 100th anniversary. The first 100 persons to give 100 hours of volunteer service to local organizations over the next 12 months will be recognized as a Grange Centennial Community Volunteer and an organization of their choice will receive a \$100 grant.*



*(Perry Valley Grange) State Grange President Wayne Campbell was among the several hundred volunteers who helped pack 48,500 meal kits at a "feed the hungry" March 2019 service project jointly sponsored by Perry Valley Grange #1804, Perry County, and the Greenwood High School FFA*

es and individuals amounted to more \$14,500. Since the original goal to cover the cost of food supplies purchased through "Meals of Hope" was exceeded, it is expected that several thousand dollars will also be given as cash donations to local food banks which are distributing the packaged meals.

Perry Valley Grange is celebrating 100 years of continuous service throughout 2019 and kicked off a special centennial challenge during the meal packing event. Any individual who gives 100 hours of volunteer, non-paid service between 3/1/2019-2/29/2020 to non-profit civic, school (educational), religious, fraternal or veteran organizations in the Millerstown-Liverpool-Newport communities will be recognized as a Grange Centennial Volunteer and one organization of the volunteer's choice will receive a \$100 grant from the Grange.

Volunteers at the March 1st event were able to record their first two hours of service toward the community volunteer challenge. This program will recognize the first 100 persons to reach

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## **HOT OFF THE PRESS... FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE OFFICE**

### **Media Statement on Trump 2020 Budget**

Pennsylvania State Grange feels that the Federal Budget for 2020 proposed by President Donald Trump shows that there is a continued lack of communication within the Federal Government. It is unrealistic in that it does not support what was outlined in the 2018 Farm Bill.

On one hand, President Trump has repeatedly spoken to applaud America's farmers. In praising American Agriculture, he pledged continued support for Crop Insurance. The Agriculture Community looks for him to keep his word as there is an obvious disconnect between him and the Office of Management & Budget on the 2020 Federal Budget..

The Budget actually proposed to Congress shows a 15 percent decrease in USDA funding from \$20.8 billion to \$17.2 billion. One of the fundamentals of the bipartisan 2018 Farm Bill was the continued need for a reliable safety net for farmers afflicted with severe weather, pests and other threats to production. The 2020 proposal cuts Crop Insurance premium support from 62% to 48%, limits the numbers of agricultural producers that are eligible, and "tightens" commodity payment limits.

Source: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/budget-fy2020.pdf>

Compare the reality of this Federal Budget proposal with what the President said on January 14, 2019.

The Farm Bill delivers for our farmers on a wide range of key priorities. On critical farm programs, such as crop insurance, you will have the support you need to plan for the future. It increases the amount farmers can borrow so you can expand and improve your businesses. Now you have a government that is loyal to you.

Source: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-american-farm-bureau-federations-100th-annual-convention-new-orleans-louisiana/>

### **Pennsylvania State Grange Disappointed by Sunday Hunting Vote**

The PA State Grange registered deep disappointment on the February 5 vote by the Pennsylvania Senate Game and Fisheries Committee on legislation to allow Sunday deer hunting and issued the following statement by Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell. Prompting the statement was Senate Bill 147 sponsored by Senator Dan Laughlin (R-Erie). It would remove the decades-old prohibition on Sunday rifle hunting of deer in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania State Grange takes the position that Sunday hunting means uncertainty to other users of wooded areas about

possibly being harmed by a mistaken gunshot or ricochet. While the risk may be statistically small, there is a real perception that a person might unknowingly come to harm, inhibiting their full enjoyment of the outdoors.

While understanding the Pennsylvania Game Commission's desire to see more hunting, the Pennsylvania State Grange believes that other users should have a day free from this threat of possible harm. Hunters, hikers, and equine activities all have a recreation interest in the outdoors. That means sharing of the time and space so that no one group is discouraged from participating in outdoors activity.

*"Grange members includes many avid hunters and we support their activities while recognizing the need by other users to have a space where they do not have to look over their proverbial shoulder at possible harm to themselves and their families seeking to utilize these natural resources.*

*We appreciate that 'no' votes were cast by Senators Elder Vogel from Beaver County, Senator Bob Mensch whose district includes parts of Berks, Bucks, and Montgomery Counties and Senator Andy Dinniman from Chester County.*

*Frankly, the Pennsylvania State Grange believes that the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee*

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*“Heads UP” continued from page 21 acted too swiftly in ramming this bill through with only one days notice given for a major committee vote. A better approach in our view would have been for the committee to listen to all stakeholders via public hearing before voting on legislation to end the prohibition on Sunday hunting.”*

**Statement from Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell on USDA’s Announcement on the Regulation of “Cell-Cultured Protein”**

The core question to the Pennsylvania State Grange regarding “cell-cultured” protein, also known as lab-manufactured protein, is one of labeling. Whatever you call it, this is not meat and those who would someday want to market it must not label it as such. Truth in labeling is critical for consumers. They need to know what they are eating. If someone wants to consume lab-manufactured protein, that is fine. BUT, they must know that this is not meat. True meat comes from an animal, not from a laboratory.

The Pennsylvania State Grange welcomes the announcement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that they and the Food and Drug Administration will jointly regulate lab-manufactured protein. We also are glad that USDA appears to have the primary responsibility in labeling of this new product.

*NOTE: Following this statement is the USDA announcement*

USDA and FDA Announce a Formal Agreement to Regulate Cell-Cultured Food Products from Cell Lines of Livestock and Poultry  
USDA Media and Consumer Inquiries:

WASHINGTON, March 7, 2019 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) today announced a formal agreement to

jointly oversee the production of human food products derived from the cells of livestock and poultry. FSIS and FDA released a formal agreement to address the regulatory oversight of human food produced using this new technology. The formal agreement describes the oversight roles and responsibilities for both agencies and how the agencies will collaborate to regulate the development and entry of these products into commerce. This shared regulatory approach will ensure that cell-cultured products derived from the cell lines of livestock and poultry are produced safely and are accurately labeled.

“Consumers trust the USDA mark of inspection to ensure safe, wholesome and accurately labeled products,” said USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety Mindy Brashears. “We look forward to continued collaboration with FDA and our stakeholders to safely regulate these new products and ensure parity in labeling.”

“We recognize that our stakeholders want clarity on how we will move forward with a regulatory regime to ensure the safety and proper labeling of these cell-cultured human food products while continuing to encourage innovation,” said Frank Yiannas, FDA Deputy Commissioner for Food Policy and Response. “Collaboration between USDA and FDA will allow us to draw upon the unique expertise of each agency in addressing the many important technical and regulatory considerations that can arise with the development of animal cell-cultured food products for human consumption.”

Under the formal agreement, the agencies agree upon a joint regulatory framework wherein FDA oversees cell collection, cell banks, and cell growth and differentiation. A transition from FDA to FSIS oversight will occur during the cell harvest stage. FSIS

will oversee the production and labeling of human food products derived from the cells of livestock and poultry.

On Oct. 23-24, 2018, FSIS and FDA held a joint public meeting to discuss the use of cell culture technology to develop products derived from livestock and poultry. The public meeting focused on the potential hazards, oversight considerations, and labeling of cell cultured food products derived from livestock and poultry.

To view the recorded webinar from the public meeting on the FSIS website at [www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/meetings/past-meetings](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/meetings/past-meetings).

To view the Formal Agreement, visit the FSIS website at [www.fsis.usda.gov/formalagreement](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/formalagreement) or the FDA website at [www.fda.gov/Food/InternationalInteragencyCoordination/DomesticInteragencyAgreements/UCM632752.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Food/InternationalInteragencyCoordination/DomesticInteragencyAgreements/UCM632752.htm).

**Pennsylvania State Grange Testifies on Milk Marketing Orders**

The Pennsylvania State Grange called on the PA Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) to set the over-order premium payment at \$1.00 at its hearing March 8. Testifying on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Lancaster County dairy farmer Matt Espenshade said that 2018 will be a year that will be talked about for generations to come. Record-setting rainfall affected nearly all of agriculture in Pennsylvania. He said that the almost continuous rain could not have come at a worse time for struggling dairy farmers in the Commonwealth because combined with the lower price for milk it attributed to higher feed costs as well.

In addition to urging adoption of the \$1.00 over-order premium, Espenshade asked policymakers to take a longer view of solving the problems facing the dairy farmer.

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# Let's SHARE The Outdoors!

By: Wayne Campbell, President,  
Pennsylvania State Grange

In Harrisburg, there is a renewed push by some that Sunday hunting should be permitted. The PA State Grange respectfully disagrees.

Even while disagreeing, we certainly understand the rationale. The PA Game Commission believes it will make more money from the sale of hunting licenses. Firearms manufacturers and those selling guns feel that Sunday hunting will help their economic bottom line. Others are worried about the decline of hunting by younger people because Saturdays are already crowded with non-hunting activities like soccer, swimming, etc. Personally, I come from the hunting culture of Pennsylvania. I am an avid hunter. I love to hunt. I love being outdoors. I cherish the opportunity to teach my grandchildren about hunting safety and the joys of a day in the woods..

I also believe that it is important for hunting to share the outdoors with others who also love being outside and who engage in recreational activities.

Independent of arguments about observing Sunday as a day of church, family, and rest, there are strong economic arguments that warrant keeping hunting Sunday free. Hunting's economic contribution pales when compared to non-hunting recreational activities.

Hunting is only a part of outdoor recreation. The U.S. Government's Bureau of Economic Analysis was directed to prepare an assessment and analysis of the outdoor recreation economy in the United States by the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act of 2016. (<https://www.bea.gov/data/special-topics/outdoor-recreation>) Its summary report issued September 20, 2018, credited

outdoor recreation for generating 2.2 percent of the Gross Domestic Product in 2016. The top six outdoor recreation activities were: Boating/Fishing \$36.9 billion; Game Areas such as golfing and tennis \$34.7 billion; RVing

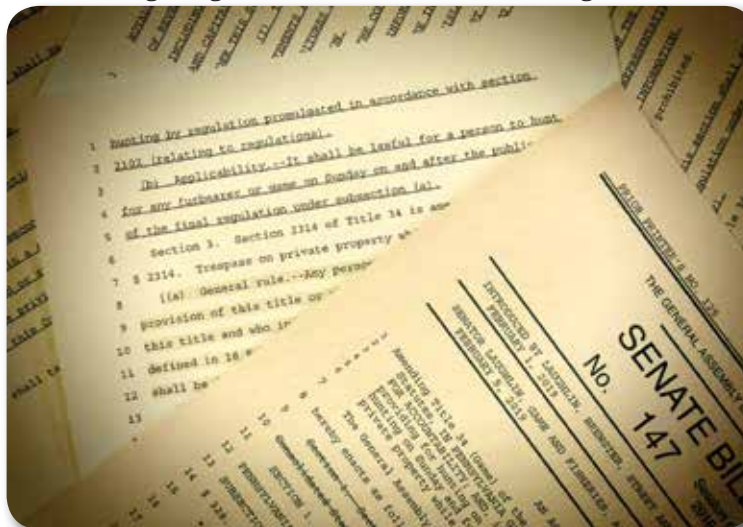
\$36.9 billion

- Climbing/Hiking/Tent Camping \$7.5 billion

Government statistics are important but are they validated by other research? The U.S. Outdoor Industry Association provided more statistics which suggests an even greater contribution to U.S. economic activity.

This 2017 document shows hunting as a part, but not the dominant part, of the economic contribution to the United States from outdoor recreation. ([https://outdoorindustry.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/OIA\\_Reconomy\\_FINAL\\_Single.pdf](https://outdoorindustry.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/OIA_Reconomy_FINAL_Single.pdf))

Note that the figures (below) for hunting and fishing provided to the Outdoor Industry Association for this study came through agreements with the American Sportfishing Association and the National Shooting Sports Foundation.



\$30 billion; Guided Tours/Outfitted Travel \$25.7 billion; Motorcycling/ATVing \$20.3 billion. Well down the list came Hunting (the category includes archery as well as non-archery hunting) which had \$13.9 billion in economic impact in the U.s.

What these statistics do is to document that hunting plays a significant role but is by no means the dominant part of outdoor recreation's contribution to the economy.

	Retail Spending	Jobs	State & Local Taxes
Camping	\$166.9 billion	1.4 million	\$11.3 billion
Fishing	\$35.6 billion	287,554	\$2.4 billion
Hunting	\$27.4 billion	194,973	\$1.7 billion
Trail Sports	\$201.5 billion	1,762,665	\$13.5 billion
Wildlife Watching	\$30.2 billion	235,825	\$1.9 billion

Breaking it down further, following U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis figures compare hunting with other forest and woodland recreational activities in terms of economic impact.

- Hunting (including archery) \$13.9 billion
- Equestrian \$10.6 billion
- Boating/Fishing

What Does All This Have to do With Sunday Hunting? Other outdoor recreational activities provide as much if not more economic activity than hunting.

Hunters get six days a week. Other users of the outdoors should get one day where the fear of hunting accidents (ricochets, etc.) does not put a damper on their enjoyment of the outdoors.



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ment practices. \$500,000 would re-establish the Agriculture Linked Investment Program (low-interest loan program for implementation of best management practices). There would be \$3 million allocated for Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credits (REAP), to increase the lifetime cap and increase availability of the REAP program.

A transportation concern would be addressed in the PA Farm Bill. To ensure that farmers are better able to transport agricultural products or supplies, the Farm Bill proposes to expand the allowable width for the use of implements of husbandry on roads, such as farm tractors and combines, from 16 feet to 18 feet. The PA Farm Bill seeks to enhance diversification or transition to other ag operations for preserved farms where the original operation is no longer feasible by amending the Agricultural Area Security Act to allow for subdivision of preserved farms. This proposal would also repeal unnecessary audit provisions from the Cooperative Agricultural Association Law which currently requires agricultural cooperatives to provide certified financial audits to the PA Department of Agriculture, removing an antiquated burden for existing cooperatives and a barrier for new cooperatives.

Workforce, Youth Development and Agriculture Disaster Programs

\$500,000 would re-establish the Agriculture and Rural Youth Organization Grant Program to fund agricultural and rural youth organizations to increase knowledge and awareness of agricultural issues. Nutrition programs would benefit from \$500,000 for the Pennsylvania Farm to School Grant Program, funded to improve childhood nutrition while increasing exposure to agriculture. In Agriculture, everyone’s fear is that some biological disaster such as Avian Influenza or Spotted Lanternfly will devastate PA agricultural production.

The PA Farm Bill would establish a \$5 million fund to protect agriculture infrastructure – the Pennsylvania Rapid Response Disaster Readiness Account. The Account could also be used to provide an immediate response to a food borne illness.

Increasing Marketing Opportunities and Making Pennsylvania the Nation’s Leading Organic State

The goal of the Wolf Administration is to use \$1.6 million for the PA Preferred Organic Initiative to make Pennsylvania the nation’s leading organic state by further enhancing the growth of the organic industry. Pennsylvania is now the Nation’s second highest producer of organic products after California.

The PA Farm Bill would provide PA Preferred with an additional \$1 million to support the overall PA Preferred ag product branding program and to bolster enrollment in the Homegrown by Heroes Program; establish a State-level Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, funded at \$500,000, to invest in and encourage farming of high-priority horticultural crops like hemp, hops, and hardwoods; and \$500,000 for Urban Agriculture to improve agriculture infrastructure in urban areas and support of community development efforts.

As always, please contact me with your questions or issues on which you feel the Grange should focus.

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the 100 hour mark, which means the Grange is committing \$10,000 over the next year to support the work of local organizations. The registration form for the volunteer program may be found on the home page of the Grange website <http://www.perryvalleygrange.org/> and are also available by contacting Doug Bonsall at 717-921-1957.

**STONY POINT GRANGE #1694**

Members of Stony Point Grange #1694 prepared and served meals to more than 140 clients of the Good Shepard Center in Greenville, PA on Presidents’ Day, February 18th, as one of their annual community service projects.



*(Stony Point Grange) Pictured left to right: Martha Gruber, Jason Gruber, Ralph Boyd, Ruth Gruber, Stan Gruber, Ken Ammann, Ron Amrhein, and Marlene Boyd. Missing from photo – Kathy Ammann.*



**2019 Quilt Raffle  
Tickets are available  
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or Melanie Melius at  
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“Reducing the financial stress dairy farmers are having involves actions way beyond the authority of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board or any individual farmer to resolve. On one side, it is increasing demand for product. Hopefully, legislation sponsored by PA congressman G.T Thompson allowing whole milk to be provided in school meal programs will help. Actions by USDA to have higher fat content in flavored school lunch milk will also help. The main way to turn the market around will be a re-education of the American public that milk is nutritious. “Hopefully, we can get a new generation to appreciate milk’s value in promoting their health”, he said.

He also urged Pennsylvania state government to work on building up processing facilities, which translates into reduced transportation costs. Espenshade also said that ideally, the Commonwealth could invest in numbers of smaller regionalized processors to promote Pennsylvania’s rural development even as it reduces costs for dairy farmers.

Matt Espenshade is a seventh generation dairy farmer with family ownership dating back to 1867. His farm milks 70 cows with a 19,400 pound rolling herd average. His family farms 260 acres and raises forage and replacement heifers. He is the Master (President) of Elizabethtown Area Grange, number 2076, one of more than 200 local Granges statewide. His farm is a member of Mount Joy Farmers Co-op which is affiliated with Dairy Farmers of America.

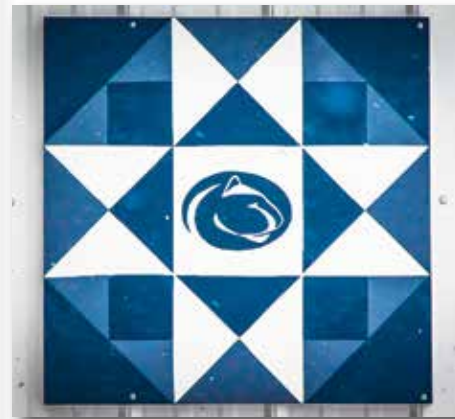
**Pennsylvania State Grange was founded in 1873 as an advocate for farmers, families, businesses and communities in rural Pennsylvania.**



# Quilted Block Colors of Pennsylvania

By Heather Hiller

In previous issues you’ve not only read some of my editorial regarding the many beautiful quilt blocks decorating the back road barns of Pennsylvania, you’ve also been given plenty of opportunities, through quilt block “how-to” gatherings at Family Festival. But...if you’re like me... sometimes seeing what other people have done is the



exact inspiration you need in order to begin creating a beautiful masterpiece of your own.

The cover of this issue of PGN strives to be such an inspiration for you (and maybe even me) to try your hand and creativity at making a quilt block. Be it for your own chicken coop, barn or garage, or as a group activity for your Grange...a

finished quilt block not only beautifies our already stunning state, it also adds a piece



of you to the character of our back roads and country drives. A quilt block gives Sunday drivers, vacationers, and explorers something to enjoy on their adventures through our state. And let’s face it...a gorgeous quilt block can give us a bit of pride in just it’s accomplishment.

So get out there and start creating! Who knows...maybe you even come up with a new gift idea for family and friends!

Every issue, I’ll be including more quilt blocks, as I tour Pennsylvania and photograph the many beautiful landscapes we call “home”. If you’d like to have me come out and photograph your Quilt Block...please make arrangements with me at: [heather@88dragon.com](mailto:heather@88dragon.com) or 570•772•4441. I can’t post them in the magazine if I can’t find them!





**WELCOME**

**NEW MEMBERS!**

**London Grove #63**

David Unger

**Penns Valley #158**

Jason Maddox

John Wells

Kathy Wells

**Union #325**

Felicia Lewis

Michael Lewis

Carne Dreibelbis

**Middletown #684**

Jason Smith

Danielle Smith

Michael Petrus

Joe McCans

Bruce Bowen

Michael Dilanni

Kate Dengler

Thomas Dengler

Sara Dengler

Ava Kutzler

**Girard #788**

Charles Hersh

**Port Matilda #1284**

Kelly Jo Irvin

Cole Irvin

Genia J. Harpster

Todd Grimm

Erica Hilgar

William G. Hilgar

**Valley #1360**

John Weidner

Amanda Brozana Rios

Victor Rios

**Harvey's-Aleppo #1444**

Betsy Cain

Charlie Livengood

**Shartlesville #1512**

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Jayne Kauffman

Jeff Kauffman

Rachel Fisher

Deanna Schrawder

Christine Unger Dawkins

David Bashore

Bernadine Bashore

Troy Fisher

Randy Kramer

Stan Shauger

Heather Sites

**Central #1650**

David Earp

Louise Earp

**Wesley #1675**

Henry Gadsby

**Liberty #1780**

Erin Loccisano

Emily Horrell

John Black

**Little Gap #1882**

Ricky Waibel

**Frankfort Springs #1989**

Jeannie Roessler

Brittany Farrell

**Big Knob #2008**

Aland Evan

Burry Evan

Jamie Mahoney

Vickie Malk

Frank Miklos

Kelly O'Leary

Lisa Patton

Marissa Senock

Elder Vogel

Sue Vogel

Jerri Yeck

Landon Young

**NEW E-MEMBERSHIP!**

Heather E. Hiller

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Keystone #2**

Jane Wismer

**Brandywine #60**

Thomas Anderson

**Russellville #91**

Frances Astle

Charles M. Harris

**Oriental #165**

Merle Lewis

**Dawson #419**

John Brown

**Minnequa #754**

Alice Owen

**Turbett #781**

Don R. Groninger

**Walker #786**

John Cunningham

Judy I. Sieber

**Edinboro #947**

Marilyn Free

**Forkston #1153**

Perle Goodwin

Margaret Kintner

**Central #1216**

Leroy White

**Odin #1254**

Levin Crosby

**London #1492**

Judy Houston

**Ontelaunee #1617**

Isabel Laudenslayer

**Central #1650**

Robert Geiger

**Seipstown #1657**

Harold Gehringer

Earl Horning

Joseph Zeller

**Honeybrook #1688**

John Seldomridge

**Red Lion #1781**

Edmund Markey

**Dayton #1819**

James Snyder

**Virginville #1832**

Carl Miller

Bradley Rahn

**Fleetwood #1839**

Harold Hehr

Dolores Mensch

Harold Schuler

**Diahoga #1951**

Sylvia Teeter

**Baileyville #1991**

Mary Ellen Kean

**Big Knob #2008**

Lloyd Brenner

Mary Louise Graham

Lee Miller

**SENIOR BIRTHDAYS**

**Dayton Grange #1819**

Ailene Bussard

**Sanatoga #25**

Adam Wambach

**Mt. Nebo #1872**

Carol A. Lee

**WHOOPS!!!**

**The Pennsylvania State Grange realized that we forgot to share our cudors with Teddie Wine-land... who received an award for her 60 years of membership in Halfmoon Grange #290. WOOHOO!!! CONGRATS Teddie!!!**



# 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*We don't have many dates, yet, for 2019, but here's what we have so far. If your Grange is holding any yearly festivals or events, please email those dates to: [info@88dragon.com](mailto:info@88dragon.com)*

## **FAMILY FESTIVAL**

July 18-21, 2019  
Centre County Fairgrounds  
Centre Hall, PA

## **AG PROGRESS DAYS**

August 13-15, 2019  
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA

## **STATE SESSION**

October 24-27, 2019  
Ramada Inn & Convention Center  
1450 N. Atherton Street, State College, PA

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**100th  
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# PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS

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# Spotted Lanternfly

## Know what to look for

Spotted lanternfly adults are about 1 inch long and a half inch wide with wings folded.

Nymphs are ¼- to ½-inch long and develop through four stages, all of which are wingless.

Egg masses have a gray, mud-like covering, which can become dry and cracked over time. Older egg masses may lose their covering and appear as columns of 30-50 seed-like eggs. Egg masses can be found on trees, rocks, and other hard surfaces.

- A. Adult, wings closed
- B. Adult, wings open
- C. Nymph, early stage
- D. Nymph, late stage
- E. Egg mass, fresh
- F. Egg mass, older



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Ernie Sattler

## Report a Sighting

1. Check if you're in or out of the quarantine zone by visiting [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly)
2. Kill and collect the specimen by freezing it or placing it in rubbing alcohol. If you are able, take a picture of it.
3. Report the sighting online at [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly). If you cannot access the internet, call 888-4-BADFLY (888-422-3359) toll-free. Please only use this hotline for sightings outside of the quarantine zone.

## Stop the Spread

1. Destroy all life stages of spotted lanternfly that you find.
2. Check your car and outdoor equipment for spotted lanternfly eggs, nymphs, and adults before moving within or out of the quarantine zone. Don't move firewood.
3. Share your spotted lanternfly knowledge with others!



**See it? Report it!** [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly)

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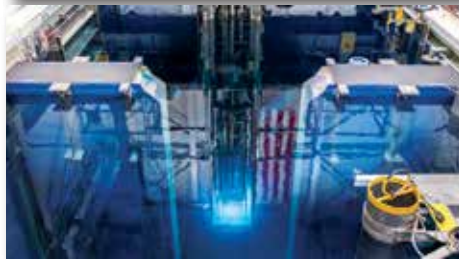


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**WANTED: QUILT BLOCK PAINTERS**  
We are in need of Grangers willing to paint 2' x 2' Quilt Blocks at Family Festival and later in the fall due to the request for additional blocks to be placed within the PA Farm Show Complex. Quilt Block patterns will be chosen and graphed on the boards so all you have to do is paint the designated colors! If interested please e-mail [berglen@verizon.net](mailto:berglen@verizon.net) or call 724-290-3783 and make your desires known.



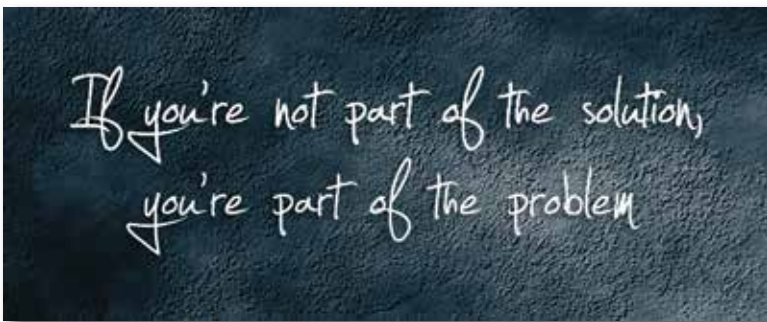


## From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell  
PA State Grange President  
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Dear Grangers

The Primary elections of 2019 are over. Did you vote? I certainly hope so! Voting is a privilege we have in this country that many have fought and died for us to have. We hear the old Cliché, "one vote can make a difference", but we don't believe it. We get frustrated when we see election results and our candidate loses by thousands of votes, but think about this. Let's say we live in a community with 10,000 voting age residents, but only 7,000 are registered to vote.



In the 2016 Presidential election 70 percent of registered Pennsylvania voters cast a ballot according to an article in The Morning Call November 21, 2018. Turnout for the midterm election in 2010 was 46 percent and 42.9 percent in 2014. Just for the sake of making a point, let's use the higher number of 70 percent. If 70 percent of 7,000 voters vote, that is 4,900 people. Think about that number. We have 3,000 people who are not registered to vote, we have 2,100 who are registered to vote but didn't for a total of 5,100. In this hypothetical case, less than

half of the people in the community, 4,900, made the decision for all of us.

I often will ask when someone is complaining about how government works, "did you vote?". I believe in a saying I was told many years ago, "If you are not part of the solution, you are a part of the problem". Please exercise a right many in the world do not have, your ability to make a difference in your government. It won't turn out the way you may want it to every time, but at least you did your part!

After you exercise your right to vote, go one step further, exercise your right to speak. Call your Representative and Senator, send them an email, or go and visit their office. They really

do want to hear from you. How can they govern if they only know what they "think" you want? I have had Legislators tell me they have changed their position on something because of the number of constituents who made their voices heard. Many communications are logged so you don't have a few sending out multiple messages just to make it appear like it's others writing in or calling. I believe we can make a difference. Speak up about Broadband, the dairy industry, Sunday hunting, and State run Retirement plans.

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## Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

### JOYS of Summer

Here we are in the throes of summer! After months of expectation, dreaming and preparations, it is finally that time of the year when we **enjoy** our outdoor activities, our vacation plans and brimming gardens. It is time to think about God and his goodness!

To paraphrase a couple of verses in Ecclesiastes, "He has made everything beautiful in its time and He has set eternity in the human heart. No one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end and there is nothing better for people than to be happy and do good while they live."

There are several lessons here: God is responsible for the beauty all around us. God has promised us eternal life more beautiful than we can imagine. God wants us to be happy and to serve others.

We've read that a cheerful heart is good medicine so let's begin there with **JOYS** that surround us: **Just Open Your Senses...JOYS** that we can see, hear, feel, smell and touch.

We need only to look at the smiling faces of our families around a picnic table, look at the majestic Teton Mountains or Niagara Falls or to look at the bushy beans or towering corn stalks in our gardens to **see** the beauty in His creation.

We need to wake up to the cooing of a pair of doves in the morning, hear the mooing of the cows as they wander into the barn in the eve-

ning or sing along with the choir in church on Sunday morning to **hear** the wonders around us.

We need to blink the rain drops from our eyelashes, wipe the perspiration from our brows or **feel** the cool breeze in the stillness of a night under the stars to appreciate and thank God for our internal thermostats.

We need to savor the delicate scent of the roses, inhale the **smell** of a field of fresh mown hay or follow that aroma from the bar-be-que grill in the neighbor's back yard to be grateful for the blessings around us.

We need to **touch** the soft face of a newborn baby, clasp the hand of a lonely man or woman as we pray with them or kiss a skinned knee of your grandchild to grasp the importance of the connection between God's children.

To **Just Open Your Senses** shows us the **JOYS** we can have here on this earth and gives us a sample of what He has promised in eternity. So however you spend you summer, remember God has made everything beautiful and He wants you to **ENJOY!**

### An Irish Blessing

May flowers always line your path  
and sunshine light your day  
May songbirds serenade you every  
step along the way  
May a rainbow run beside you  
in a sky that's always blue  
AND May happiness fill your heart  
each day your whole life

Prayerfully yours,  
Judy Pressler  
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## Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR  
Director

If you are selling Grange cookbooks at your booth at a local fair, festival, or upcoming holiday event, here are a few tips you can use to enhance your cookbook display and insure that potential customers are noticing the cookbooks. It is important to use a plastic stand to have the book be upright. In front of the cookbook and stand, place 3 cookbooks with the one of the books open to entice people to stop and look at the recipes.

It is important to share some features about the cookbook. When I am at Farm Show I love to share stories that are helpful to those considering purchasing a cookbook.

Cookbooks are “tried and true” recipes that have been handed down through Grange families for generations.

I also ask them, “Have you ever had a recipe and followed the directions and it didn’t achieve the results it should have?” There is something to be said about family shared recipes...they work!

Grange cookbooks provide the person’s name and Grange who provided the recipe. People take pride in sharing their recipes and are proud to put their name on them. It isn’t likely someone will share a bad recipe with his or her name attached to it.

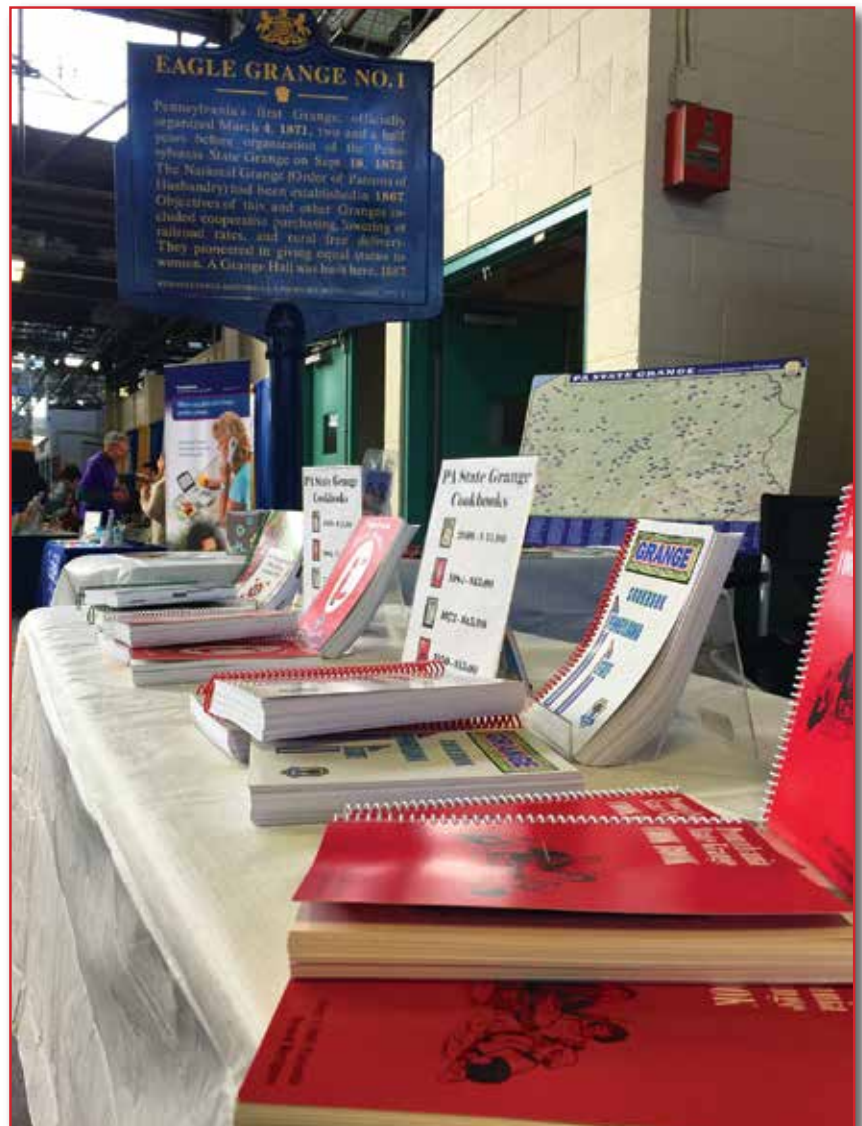
Another thing to highlight is that for the most part, Grange recipes consist of items already in your kitchen cabinets. How many times have you’ve tried a new recipe and you had to run to the store to purchase 2 or 3 items that only would be used for that one recipe.

When I am asked which is the best cookbook, I share that I like them all, but I point out the dif-

ferences of each edition. Each one of our cookbooks represents the cooking culture in that time frame.

The 1950 Cookbook has vintage recipes that people love today. You will find these recipes use verbiage to include “pinch of this and a dash of that” and you will see lard listed as an ingredient. There is a section that explains how to

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## Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities  
Director

Hi everyone, from warm and wet Pine Grove Mills. I see you all are selling your quilt chances. Thank you very much! If you happen to have tickets that you're not going to sell, please send them back to me. I have groups that would like more tickets... but I don't have any to hand out. I hope all are getting ready for Family Festival. This year we are going to have a good time! Our tour is going to be a really great experience; we will be visiting a museum to view antiques that were used on farms and in homes. The museum will have tables set up for hands-on workshops (one of which is a yoyo that participants can make.). I hope a lot of you sign up to attend this year!

Ag Progress is August 13th -15th. If any of you can help to sell quilt tickets on Wednesday, that would be a great help to me...as I have to be at the Centre County Grange Fair to set up our Grange exhibit for this year. If anyone can help for 30 minutes to an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

I hope you are all working on your contest entries... can't wait to see all of them at State Session. I hope all is well with everyone and you're enjoying the warmer weather. Hope to see you at Family Festival in July.

Yours Truly,  
Melanie Melius  
Family Activities Director  
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mle103@comcast.net  
cell (814) 360-7058



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**Program Director**  
**Jenn Nauss**  
 PA State Grange Program Director

Summer Greetings from South Central PA!

Warm weather has arrived and I hope that you are taking advantage of the many fun State Grange opportunities this summer. As new Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Junior royalty are named at Junior Camp, Youth Camp, and Family Festival, I encourage you to invite them to visit your Granges! Consider giving them the opportunity to share their experiences through a program at your meeting. This is a great way to share exciting things happening in the Youth and Junior departments with your members. It also provides an invaluable opportunity for our younger members to build public speaking and leadership skills.

By the time you read this article, Family Festival will be right around the corner. It is not too late to sign up for the Talent Contest!

**Talent Contest**

The annual Talent Contest will be held during Family Festival, on Saturday evening, July 20, 2019, at 7:00 pm. Contestants may enter in **Vocal**, **Instrumental**, or **Variety** categories. To adhere to National Evening of Excellence guidelines, entries must not exceed a maximum of 5 minutes in length. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 entries in each category. The Best-of-Show winner will also be selected and share their talent at this year's National Session in Minnesota. This year, prize money will be awarded to those who place 1st (\$25), 2nd

(\$15) and 3rd (\$10) in each category. Please contact me to pre-register or with questions.

**State Session**

It is hard to believe that the 2019 State Session will be here before we know it. This year's session will be held in State College October 25-27, 2019. Please remember to submit your reports to me by September 15th. In recognition of all of the hard work of our Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers, this year monetary prizes will be awarded to winning reports/scrapbooks. Take advantage of this opportunity to share your hard work and great ideas. Thank you for all you do in your Granges.

As you enjoy the warm weather this summer, don't forget to take photographs for this year's photography contest. The categories for this year are:

- Pennsylvania – My Home
- Sunrise/Sunset
- Pets/Animals
- Plants
- Churches

The Best of Show winner's photograph will represent Pennsylvania in the National Grange Photography Showcase in Minnesota this November.

For more information about the contests for this year, please reference the Guide to Contests and Programs.

The Lecturer's Committee has been hard at work planning some new and exciting contests for next year; check the Pennsylvania Grange News in the coming months for more information.

**Program Ideas**

Throughout the summer, consider an educational program on summer safety (sun protection, swimming safety, camping, etc.)

**JULY:**

7/4: Independence Day – Plan a program honoring local veterans and service members. Work with your Community Service chair to put together care packages for servicemen and women.

7/21: National Ice Cream Day – Plan a program to promote the dairy industry. Invite your local Dairy Royalty to participate or even lead the program.

**AUGUST:**

National Picnic Month – Ask a member to host a picnic for your Grange – a fun opportunity for fellowship!

National Eye Exam Month – Invite a local optometrist/ophthalmologist to lead a program on eye safety and the importance of receiving eye exams.

**SEPTEMBER**

9/2: Labor Day – Consider selecting recipients for the Community Citizen Award (Subordinate) and Public Service Award (Pomona). Hold a program to honor the recipients you have chosen. Certificates can be purchased from the National Grange Supply Store.

9/10: Swap Ideas Day – Have a brainstorming session with your members to think of program ideas for the next year.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas!

Jenn Nauss  
 Lecturer  
 jnauss89@gmail.com







# Family Festival

## THE 50'S

### "THE MOVERS AND THE SHAKERS"

#### Schedule of Events

#### July 18-21, 2019

#### Centre County Fairgrounds, Centre Hall, PA



#### Thursday, July 18

1:00 - 5:30 Registration- Bldg A  
 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D  
 7:00-- Registration - Bldg A  
 7:00-8:00 Welcome: Betsy Huber & Wayne Campbell Workshop - Bldg A  
 8:00-8:30 Rootbeer, Coke, Orange Floats  
 8:30-9:30 Bring your Favorite Game  
 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C  
 9:30 Vespers - Bldg A  
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

8:30 Group Photo - Bldg A  
 9:00-11:30 Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B  
 9:00-10:30 Youth Activity - TBA - Bldg A  
 10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews – Bldg B  
 10:30 – 11:45 “Spotted Lanternfly” – presented by Penn State Ext.  
 10:30-11:30 Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit  
 11:30-12:00 Gift of Life Presentation-Bldg A  
 Blessing of Wrapped in Hugs  
 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D  
 (Impromptu Question to Young Patron Finalists)  
 1:00 Youth Activity – TBA  
 1:00-3:30 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C  
 Food Safety Workshop  
 2:00-4:00 Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B  
 3:30-4:30 Program Development Workshop-Bldg A – Lecturer Committee  
 5:00-6:00 Dinner - Bldg D  
 Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Sweet Potatoes, Applesauce & Tossed Salad  
 7:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A  
 Introduction of Royalty  
 Ice Cream Social  
 Cake Walk  
 Vespers  
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

#### Friday, July 19

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A  
 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D  
 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C  
 10:00-11:00 English Paper Piercing Workshop  
 10:30-12:00 Registration - Bldg A  
 11:00-12:00 PR Workshop – Vision Boards w/ Lizzie-Bldg A  
 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D  
 1:30-4:00 Tour–Pasto Ag Museum @ Penn State Research Center  
 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A  
 2:00-3:00 Make your Own Wreath Workshop Bldg A (State Contest - Lecturer’s Comm.)  
 3:00-5:00 Junior/Youth Water Games  
 5:30-6:30 Dinner - Bldg D – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans & Cookies  
 Hosted by the FA & assisted by Youth Departments  
 7:00-8:00 Elvis Impersonator  
 7:00-9:00 Sock Hop – Dress the Theme Plus Soda Floats Bldg A  
 9:00-9:15 Cake Walk  
 9:15 Vespers-Bldg A  
 9:30 Young Patron Knowledge TEST – Bldg C  
 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



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 2:00-4:00  
 3:30-4:30  
 5:00-6:00  
 7:00  
 11:00

#### Sunday, July 21

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D  
 9:00 – 10:00 Worship Service - Bldg A  
 10:00 Clean Up and Depart

Assistance cleaning and packing up of Bldg. D is much appreciated  
 Thank You!  
 Wishing you a safe trip Home!

#### Saturday, July 20

7:00-7:30 Registration - Bldg A  
 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D  
 (Announce Young Patron Finalists)



# PASTO AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM



## Deaf Activities & Community Services Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

The Deaf Activities and Community Service Department donated \$5,000 to Perfect Fit Canines, located in Pittsburgh, PA. This donation is from the past two years of Bike/Hike and other donations going towards sponsoring an autism support dog. Below are the upcoming donations/projects that will be completed at Family Festival.

### Family Festival Donations:

#### Donation to "Pets Come First":

- 9 Lives dry cat food
- Purina One dry dog food
- Canned cat and dog food – any brand
- Cat litter – both clumping and non-clumping – any brand
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Laundry Detergent

\*\*\*Above is a list of other items that are always accepted and needed at the shelter as well. They are not in need of treats or toys.

Bike/Hike– Benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Centre County

Walk/Bike OR sponsor a friend to do so!

### Mid-Atlantic Leadership Conference

The Deaf Activities and Community Service Department hosted a workshop, led by Philip Vonada discussing how to create a fundraiser. He broke the process down step by step in how to be success-



ful with raising money during an event.

After Philip's presentation, the attendees assembled 53 homeless shelter kits including: tooth brushes, toothpaste, chapstick, deodorant, wet wipes, cough drops, Tylenol, and Granola bars. In addition, attendees for the weekend were asked to bring along baby items that would be donated to Tender Care Pregnancy Consultation Services. Around 200 items were donated to the center.

Lastly, I did move in April. Please either e-mail me or call to get the updated mailing address. This has also been updated with the state office.



Fraternally,  
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# Pennsylvania State Grange

## Officer Descriptions for the 147th Session

October 24-27, 2019  
State College, PA

At the 147th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session one Executive office position will be up for election. Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws state in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.1, "With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer, no office holder's name shall be printed on the ballot for an office if that officer shall have held the same office continuously for six years immediately preceding."



"Great leadership usually starts with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference."

-Mac Anderson

Barbara Gross is the Executive Committee member whose term is expiring this year. Barbara has served 4 years.

Following is a very brief job description for a member of the Executive Committee.

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Executive Committee, suggestions for office will be received on Friday afternoon, October 25th at 1:45 P.M. If you would like more information about serving as a member of the Executive Committee, please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office. You must have someone pre-arranged to suggest your name at

the time of suggestions for office. The election will take place Saturday, October 26th, just before the lunch recess.

The By-Laws do not allow nominating speeches in the Grange, but, in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.6, it states "Each person suggested for a State office shall be permitted to appear and speak before the delegate body for a maximum of two minutes at a designated time prior to the election." This presentation will be allowed immediately after the suggestions from the floor are received Friday afternoon.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Be available to attend meetings of the Executive Committee in Harrisburg or other areas of the state as needed; contribute to decision making and be available to explain decisions made throughout the year; bring ideas to aid in the development of programs, policies, and projects; provide oversight of property and funds of the State Grange; serve as a member of the Board for the Grange Foundation. (Other Executive Committee members are Richard Mangel, Janet Pratt and Dr. James Diamond.)

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# Pennsylvania State Grange the 147th Session

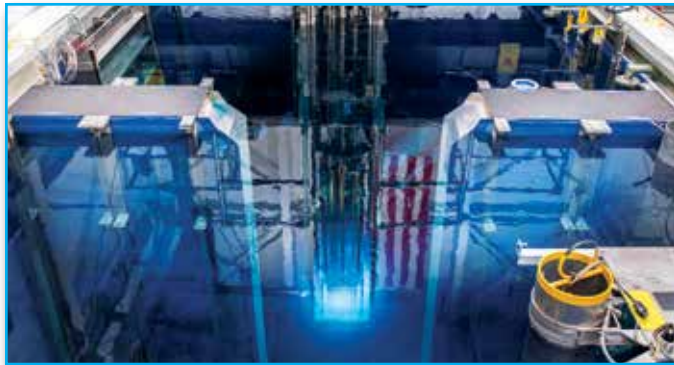
October 24-27, 2019  
State College, PA

## Proposed Schedule

**Hosted by: North Central Host Committee**

### Thursday, October 24

10:00 Executive Committee Meeting  
 1:00p State Officers, Committees Arrive  
 Exhibit Rooms set-up  
 1:00-4:00 Registration  
 1:00-4:00 Tour –Travel to Penn State Campus to see a Nuclear Reactor followed by a stop at the Creamery  
 4:30 Depart for Host Banquet (by invitation only)  
 6:30-10:00 State Officer Rehearsal  
 6:30-9:00 Registration  
 7:00-9:00 Exhibit Entries Accepted



### Friday, October 25

8:00-6:00 Registration  
 8:00-9:00 Session Committee Meetings  
 8:00-10:30 Exhibit Entries Accepted  
 9:00 State Session Opening  
 12:00-1:30 Lunch Recess  
 12:15-1:30 Past Officer Luncheon  
 1:00 Exhibit Entries Judging  
 1:45-5:30 Session Reconvenes  
 1:45 Suggestions for Officers  
 5:30-7:00 Dinner Recess  
 5:30-10:00 Exhibit Rooms Open  
 7:00 Presentation of Awards  
 9:30 Youth Officer Rehearsal

### Saturday, October 26

7:30-8:15 Youth Officer Rehearsal  
 8:00-6:00 Registration  
 8:30 Session Opens - Youth Officers



9:00-8:00 Exhibit Rooms Open  
 10:00-11:00 Junior Jam Registration  
 11:00 (tbd) Junior Jam Depart Hotel  
 11:15 Election of Officers  
 11:30-1:00 Lunch Recess  
 11:45-1:00 Youth Luncheon  
 1:15-5:00 Session Reconvenes  
 5:00-6:30 Dinner Recess  
 6:30-8:00 Conferral of 6th Degree / Installation of Officers / Closing of the Grange  
 8:00 Exhibit Rooms closed /tear down  
 8:00 Foundation Auction  
 9:15 Board Buses for Youth Party

### Sunday, October 27

8:00-9:00 Church Service  
 9:15-10:15 Junior Meeting  
 10:30-12:00 Pick up Exhibits  
 10:30-12:30 Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Competition  
 12:30 All Grangers Banquet

### Tour Information:

2019 State Session Tour scheduled October 24, 2019 for 1:00 P.M. The tour will depart (via car pool) from the Convention Center. We will be going to the Penn State Radiation Science & Engineering Center to tour an onsite nuclear reactor. A valid photo ID will be required for admission. There is no charge for admission. We will park in a parking garage and then walk approximately 1 1/2 blocks to the center. For those with problems walking they can be dropped off at the center and then the driver park in the garage with the rest of us. Once we are finished at the RSEC, we will then head over to the Penn State Creamery... ALWAYS a favorite!!!

Please call Ruth Vonada at 814.404.7989 or Melanie Melius at Home – 814.234.4943 or Cell – 814.360.7058 to reserve your spot on the tour.





## REGISTRATION FORM

Pennsylvania State Grange – 147th Annual Session

October 24-27, 2019

Ramada Conference Center – State College, PA

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please complete a separate form for each person attending. Additional forms are available at [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org), Facebook: North Central Host Committee or by calling the State Grange office.

Please check all that apply:

State Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Past State Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_

Pomona Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Subordinate Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Director/Comm. \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Officer \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY FOR NAME BADGE

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

### ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2019.

*There will be a \$10 late fee assessed for after deadline registrations.*

Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____
Junior Jamboree (ages 5-14)	\$25.00	_____
Breakfast Buffett- Friday	<i>Complimentary for Thursday night hotel guests</i>	
Past Officers Luncheon – Friday	\$21.00	_____
Child ages 4-12(Smaller portion)	\$10.50	_____
Breakfast Buffett- Saturday	\$15.00	_____
Child ages 4-12(Smaller portion)	\$7.50	_____
Youth Luncheon – Saturday	\$20.00	_____
Child ages 4-12(Smaller portion)	\$11.00	_____
Breakfast Buffett- Sunday	\$15.00	_____
Child ages 4-12(Smaller portion)	\$7.50	_____
All Granger Banquet – Sunday -Adult	\$23.00	_____
Options: Vegetarian	\$23.00	_____
Gluten-Free	\$23.00	_____
Child Banquet ages 4-12 (Smaller portion)	\$10.50	_____

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE:**  
Any dietary or allergy concerns must be known 10 days prior to state session. Please list them here:

Please check if you will be participating in the following:

Public Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ Sign a Song \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Outing \_\_\_\_\_

Send forms and payment by September 15, 2019 to:

North Central Host Committee

c/o Ashley Furman

PO Box 481 • Centre Hall, PA 16828

Any questions call Ashley Furman at 814-360-2265, Patty Bird at 814-359-2851 or Ruth Vonada at 814-404-7989

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: SEPTEMBER 15, 2019.**

**All Granger Banquet seating is based on first responses.**

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**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE CONVENTION  
2019 YOUTH OFFICERS APPLICATION  
STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

GRANGE NAME, NUMBER & COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to be considered as an officer for the Youth Team for the State Grange Convention. I understand this commitment involves a practice Friday night and opening the Pennsylvania State Grange convention on Saturday morning. I understand that it is my responsibility to know the speaking part, drill work and responsibilities for the office I have selected.

I would like to be considered for the following office (please list up to three offices in the order of your preference):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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The Youth Department will provide rooms for Friday and Saturday evening (up to 4 individuals per room) and a ticket for the Youth Luncheon on Saturday, October 26, 2019.

I need a room for Friday night: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I need a room for Saturday night: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a ticket for the Youth Luncheon on Saturday: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please return application to: Ellen Wadsworth, 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352, or [youth@pagrange.org](mailto:youth@pagrange.org).

Deadline: July 31, 2019







# CENTRE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE LEGISLATIVE BANQUET

## POMONA GRANGE #13 GIVES MEMBERS A CHANCE TO MEET CANDIDATES AT ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BANQUET

What do you get when you put twenty-five politicians, twenty-two guests, three children, forty-eight Grange members, one Dairy Princess, one Fair Queen and one National Grange President all together in one room? You get the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Legislative Banquet.

The annual Dinner was held at the New Hope Lutheran Church in Spring Mills, PA, on April 6, 2019. The evening started out with a Milk Punch and Cheese Reception hosted by Centre County Dairy Princess Gabrielle Swavely and the Centre County Dairy Promotion Committee. Immediately afterward a wonderful dinner of ham and turkey and all the trimmings was served by members of the church to the waiting attendees.

Centre County Pomona Grange Master/President Ashley Furman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She led the reciting of the "Pledge of Allegiance" and introduced the attending invited guests. Furman introduced

Swavely the Dairy Princess first. Swavely told everyone about some of the achievements she has completed so far in her reign. She was in the top seven finalists at the PA State Dairy Princess Pageant in Camp Hill in September. While there she was named Miss Congeniality and won numerous awards in the competition. She thanked the Grange for inviting her. Next Furman introduced Amelia Miller, the 2019 Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair Queen. Miller was in the top five finalists at the State Fair Convention in Hershey last January. She will continue to promote the fair until she relinquishes her crown this August. Lastly Master Furman introduced the main speaker for the night, Mrs. Betsy Huber. Huber's list of accomplishments contains some of the following firsts. She was the first female President/Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange. She is currently the National Grange President/Master and also was the first female elected President for the National Grange.



*National Grange Master Betsy Huber addresses the audience on the issues of the Grange at the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Leg. Banquet.*

Mrs. Huber, the speaker, then told the audience about how the Grange is fighting for the rights of communities throughout the nation. She informed everyone about issues like broadband, the growing of hemp, the use of "beagles" at airports, and also how the Grange is working hard to stop the flow of prescription drugs coming into the United States from Canada and Mexico. She informed everyone that while they are coming from Canada, they don't originate in Canada, but from Africa and China. She spoke about the good and bad positions in growing hemp. She informed everyone about how broadband is often misrepresented as being available when in actuality it isn't. She informed the audience that the USDA along with the TSA is working with actual beagles to stop the import of illegal pork and pork products from other counties to the United States. After a chuckle from everyone, she explained that it is a more common problem than you would think and beagles have just the right nose for it.



*Centre County Pomona Grange Master Ashley Furman with the assistance of Caleb Davidson and Cooper Poorman draw names for the door prizes*

Centre County Pomona Grange Chaplain Ben Haagen gave the invocation and everyone enjoyed dinner. When finished Master Furman asked everyone attending to introduce themselves. There was a mix of young and old. Politicians, Grange members, guests of all ages and royalty were in attendance.

*"Banquet" continued on page 26*



# Junior News

## Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee  
Director

Hello Junior Grangers and friends!

It's the dog days of summer and as you are reading this edition of the Grange News, the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Camp is either happening (June 30-July 6) or it has just ended. We will have a full report of camp and who the new Junior Grange Royalty are in the next Grange News edition. And you can always go online to Facebook and see the information on either the Pennsylvania State Grange page or ask to join the Pennsylvania Junior Grange page. I'm certain that camp was a wonderful time full of Disney Magic!!

Have you begun any of the contests for State Session? Now is a great time to do a few of the projects and set them aside in a safe place and then bring them to State Session in October. Session will be held in State College and it is always a great time to get together with your Junior Grange friends and see what they've been doing since camp (or the last time you saw them).

Here are the Contests Categories for 2019:

- Recycled Craft: Plastic Water or pop/soda bottle – not to exceed 2 liters
- Baking: Chocolate brownie or other flavor brownie
- Scrapbook Page (new) Theme – “America’s beverage – MILK!”
- Building Blocks: Plastic “Leg-

go” style or Wooden or other

- Pumpkin decorating – field pumpkin only
- Art: Any medium used – Self Portrait, Wild Animals, Pretty Posies (flowers), Automobiles, America the Beautiful
- Photography: Me in a Selfie, My Favorite FARM animal, Our American Flag, Hometown Hereos, Jr. Grange meeting
- Creative Writing: “If you were to have a day to spend with one of the founding members of the Grange, who would it be and why? What would you do? What would you talk about?”

You can find all the details for the contests on the website - [pagrange.org](http://pagrange.org)

One last thought. As we enjoy the Summer months, remember to be aware of your surroundings, both in nature and around public areas. There are so many crazy things happening around us everyday and we need to be aware! From the Spotted Lanternfly in the southeast Counties of PA, to deer ticks all throughout PA...we all must help protect our environment and each other from these harmful bugs. Educate yourself on these pests. There is plenty of educational materials at your County Penn State Extension Office or online concerning the Spotted Lanternfly.



When you and your family are out and about enjoying a day at the Amusement Park, Shopping, Camping, or other fun activity.... always be aware of your surroundings. And if you see something... say something. It is best to report anything that just doesn't seem right than to risk harm to yourself or others. But more than anything...HAVE FUN! Take lots of photos to share and try to take a few for the State Contest too!!

Enjoy the Good 'Ole Summer-time!  
Lurae

See you all soon!  
Lurae Benzio  
Junior Grange Director  
[Benz4@comcast.net](mailto:Benz4@comcast.net)  
724-643-5750







*"What has your Junior Granger been doing this year?"*







**Government Matters**  
**Vince Phillips**  
 PA State Grange Lobbyist

**IMPORTANT TO YOU!**

Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange on issues that are important to you. After all, our legislative goals come from members. Please let us know: [legislative@pagrange.org](mailto:legislative@pagrange.org) or 717-737-8855 or 717-346-1063. If you

want help in drafting a resolution to be considered by your local Grange which then gets voted on at State Session in October, please utilize the Pennsylvania State Grange as a resource. If you want to see the positions taken by the Pennsylvania State Grange on legislative and regulatory issues, please refer to our web site, [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org).

**When you read this, the General Assembly will be one-fourth of the way through the 2019-20 legislative session.**

We thought you would like to see a list of legislation which is relevant to Grange members and others in rural PA, and what positions the Pennsylvania State Grange has taken.

**AGRICULTURAL CO-OPS**

- **Reduce Audit Costs:** This legislation would streamline compliance requirements for agricultural cooperative audits. Legislation was not introduced at time of this writing.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

**AGRI-TOURISM**

- **Wedding barn exemption from Uniform Construction Code standards:** Senate Bill 453 (Ward-R-Blair) and House Bill 1037 (Lawrence-R-Chester) removes a building construction requirement which adds to expenses for the farmer seeking to have agri-tourism/ ag-entertainment events in barns so as to diversify farm revenue.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

- **Limiting Liability for Agri-tourism:** House Bill 1348 (Gleim-R-Cumberland) provides limited liability protection to farmers who provide some type of recreational or educational activity on their farm.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

**BUDGET**

- **The Pennsylvania State Grange always advocates for these budgetary priorities (partial list):**

**GRANGE SCORECARD**

**...2019-2020**

- Additional funding for Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences to support essential research and Extension programs
- Additional funding for University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
- Stable and consistent funding for PA Fairs
- Adequate funding for general government operations for the PA Department of Agriculture
- Preserving or increasing specific line items in the PA Department of Agriculture such as PA Preferred, Youth Shows, agricultural research, Centers for Dairy and Beef Excellence

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

**BUDGET: FISCAL DISCIPLINE**

- **"Robbing Peter to Pay Paul" describes the Administration and General Assembly's practice of taking money where it can even if it is from a restricted in order to meet the revenue projections for the State Budget.**

Examples in 2019 include:

- Raiding the Environmental Stewardship Fund to fund general governmental operations of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as well as to the Agricultural Abatement Fund
- Raiding the Recycling Fund to fund DEP operations
- Raiding the Growing Greener Fund to fund general government operations of the Department

of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCND)

**Grange position: OPPOSES**

**BROADBAND**

- **Inventory of State Structures:** Senate Bill 470 (Phillips-Hill-R-York) and House Bill 305 (Snyder-D-Greene/Fayette/Washington) directs PA to do an inventory of State-owned structures so as allow telecommunications companies to reduce costs by 'piggy-backing' on an existing structure.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

- **Establish a Legislative Commission to keep the General Assembly's focus on achieving universal Broadband access for all Pennsylvanians:** Senate Resolution 47 (Phillips-Hill-R-York)

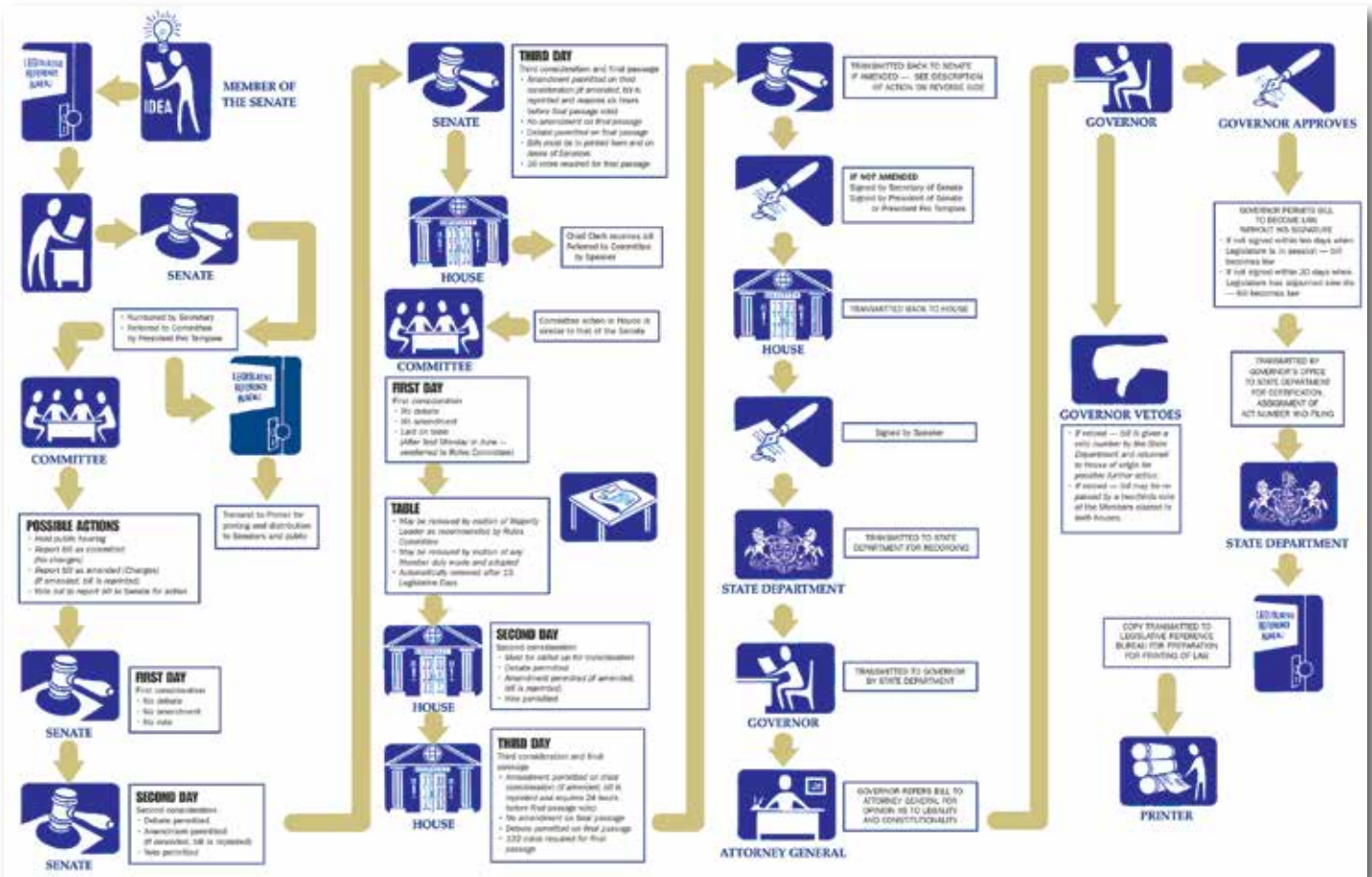
**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

- **Investigation of non-rural telecommunication companies regarding their Broadband expansion efforts:** Senate Resolution 48 (Phillips-Hill-R-York)

**Grange position: NO FORMAL POSITION**

- **Preserving land line telephone service:** Continue the Universal Service Fund which helps rural telephone companies provide land line service to areas not hav-





ing Broadband access. The bill has not been formally introduced at the time of this writing.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

- **Standardize installation of telecommunications equipment to expand Broadband access in several block areas of a municipality:** Legislation has not been introduced at time of this writing.  
**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

### CAREER TRAINING

There are several bills relating to career and technical education as follows:

- **House Bill 393** (Harkins-D-Erie) establishing an interagency (Agriculture, Education, Labor & Industry Departments) online career resource center;
- **House Bill 394** (Mullery-D-Luzerne) directing the Departments of Education and Labor & Industry to set up a workforce development program clearinghouse;
- **House Bill 297** (Mako-R-Northampton) directing the Department of Education to prepare materials outlining future workforce needs and earnings

potentials;

- **House Bill 334** (Grove-R-York) setting procedures for public schools to apply for a vocational classification code for a specified program of technical education. It also authorizes the Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence, with approval by the Department of Education, to develop guidelines when a student may apply an academic course, program, or activity towards completion of an agricultural education program.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS** although *Pennsylvania State Grange feels that House Bill 394 should be amended to add the PA Department of Agriculture to the agencies setting up a workforce development program clearinghouse.*

### DAIRY

- **Dairy Commission:** Senate Bill 585 (Corman-R-Centre) establishes a Dairy Future Commission to focus on ways the Dairy industry can be brought back to a better financial situation for farmers.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS** although *urges that a Grange member dairy farmer be included in the Commission's makeup.*

- **Milk is Milk:** House Resolution 222 (Lawrence-R-Chester) calls on the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) to enforce rules regarding non-milk products using the name 'milk'.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

- **Milk Hauling:** Senate Bill 588 (Ward-R-Blair and Yaw-R-Lycoming) and House Bill 915 (Causer-R-Cameron/Potter/McKean) would allow milk to still be shipped from dairy farms in the event of a weather-related closure of highways by PennDOT.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

- **Establishes 'Keystone Opportunity Dairy Zones' to provide tax incentives for milk processing plants to establish operations in PA:** House Bill 1223 (Lawrence-R-Chester)

**Grange position: SUPPORTS** although *incentives for expansion*

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# Grange News

## WYSAUKING / SHESHEQUIN GRANGE #58

Honored Jean C. Lundy for 80 years in the Grange. Also honored were Charles Lundy for 40 years, his wife Janet Lundy for 35 years. All the Lundy's are pictured below.



## PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

*"Musical Evening Celebrating Grange Month"*

The Plumsteadville Grange Hall was transformed into a music venue on April 26 with five musical acts including the "Brush Brothers", Carol Stranahan, the Back Porch Jug Band and members Amanda Penecale (singer/songwriter on guitar) and Meg Lomax (with her Melodeon). All of these musicians are "regulars" at our farm market.

Approximately 30 people were in attendance to enjoy home-made soups, crusty bread and tempting desserts along with a wide variety



of music including country, folk and country standards, the music of the British Isles and some original tunes.

Several of our farm market vendors provided a preview of the market season. It will be open June through October.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #65

Lawrence County Pomona Grange hosted its annual All-Granger Banquet at Mahoning Valley Grange on April 26. There were 53 members and visitors in attendance. Master of Ceremonies- Wayne Patterson welcomed everyone to the banquet. Everyone joined in to saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Lloyd Raney gave the blessing. A delicious Amish meal was prepared and served by



*(Lawrence County Pomona Grange) Seated: Lawrence County Junior Grange Princess - Addison McGuire. 1st row: State Grange Outstanding Grange Patron - Jodi Keith Kensinger, State Secretary - Deb Campbell, State Junior Director - Lurae Benzo, Pomona Master - Ric Jones, Lawrence County Commissioner- Dan Vogel. 2nd Row: State Master/President - Wayne Campbell, State Overseer - JV Lamb.*

Annie Hershberger and her Amish helpers. After everyone had enjoyed the meal, Wayne Patterson thanked the kitchen crew. He then recognized the head table and dignitaries in the room. He then invited State Master/President Wayne

to speak. Brother Wayne spoke on legislation that the Grange is supporting (Broadband, proposed milk processing plants) and rejecting (Sunday hunting). The information was very informative. Jodi Kensinger, Lurae Benzo, Ric Jones and Bonnie Casselberry gave brief remarks. The evening ended with everyone joining in and repeating the "Mizpah Benedict."

## LINCOLN GRANGE #914



*(Lincoln Grange) Ruthie Garner, 70 years; John Keith, 50 years; Freda Carper, 50 years.*

Lincoln Grangers recognized for years of membership!



*(Lincoln Grange) Johnny Lynn, 60 years membership; Eugene Garner, 65 years membership*

## HAYFIELD GRANGE #800

*"Annual Open House Program"*

Lecturer Chester Tau welcomed everyone and introduced Ann Zurasky, Maplewood High



School Learning Support Teacher. She has been a teacher for 41 years and will be retiring at the end of this school year. She has taught in FL, AL, Meadville and Penncrest. Students from each of the Penncrest Schools attend her class. She teaches life skills to grades 7-12 and up to age 21 if needed. Students are taught cleaning, laundry, cooking social

ing them to Toys for Tots. Scott and Amber Livermore, Nehemiah's parents, encourage their children to give back to their community, neighbors and anyone around them. Nehemiah was presented with a certificate and a bag full of books, puzzles and games.



(Hayfield Grange) - left to right: Chester Tau, Lecturer, Kimberle M. Thomas, Margaret Tau Award of Excellence Recipient; Ann Zurasky, Maplewood High School Learning Support Teacher; Karol Tau, Continuous Membership recipient; Michael Tau, Master. Center front Nehemiah Livermore, Community Citizen Award recipient.

skills, shopping, and job skills in addition to academics. The class prepares a teachers' lunch once a month. Each morning the students prepare coffee for a coffee cart that they sell to the teachers. Once a month they go to the transition house where they prepare their lunch, which they do the shopping for. The students participate in community activities and Special Olympics. In 9th grade they have occupational therapy to assist them with getting a job when they get out of school.

The annual Community Citizen Award was presented by Susan Tau to Nehemiah Livermore of Cambridge Springs. Five-year old Nehemiah was recognized for his concern for underprivileged children to receive Christmas gifts from the Toys for Tots program. The family went to Build-a-Bear in Erie and made 11 bears donat-

Ms. Tau also presented the Margaret Tau Award for Excellence to Kimberle M. Thomas. Mrs. Thomas is a learning support teacher at Cambridge Springs Elementary School. Mrs. Thomas began her teaching career in the Corry School District in 2009. In 2010 she became employed in the Penncrest School District first at Maplewood Elementary from 2010-18 and now at Cambridge Elementary for grades 3-6. She is also involved in the Union City Little League, Union City Prom to Dawn Vice President, Union City Baseball parent, and Union City Class Float Committee. Letters of recommendation all stressed Mrs. Thomas' caring for her students, going above and beyond for any student that is under her care. She is a powerful advocate for all students, especially her learning support students. Mrs. Thomas was presented with a certificate and a monetary award. She noted that the monetary award would be used to purchase furniture for her classroom as well as using some for incentives for her students.

Master Tau presented a letter of recognition for five years of continuous membership to Karol Tau. Others to receive continuous membership recognition but were not present were James Mosier, 60 years; Nellis Leonheart, 50 years, and Raymond Kennerknecht, 15 years.

**WALKER GRANGE #2007**

Congratulations to member Myken Poorman. Myken was chosen National Grange Teacher of



(Walker Grange) Pictured is Master Ben Haagen presenting Myken with her award. 2nd photo: Myken and her husband Ryan and son Cooper

the Year for 2018. Myken was also named the new Pennsylvania State Elite Ms. Agriculture USA. Myken is the AG teacher for Bellefonte Area School District, an FFA Leader as well as an active member of Walker Grange #2007 in Centre County PA. Congratulations to Myken!

**ORIENTAL GRANGE #165**

Russ Gunter, Master/President of Oriental Grange, pictured here presenting a donation to the Wyoming County 4-H Teen Council. They will be hosting 4-H'ers from Kansas this summer.





**HOT OFF THE PRESS...  
FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA  
STATE GRANGE OFFICE**

**LETTER TO THE PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The Pennsylvania State Grange sent the following letter to members of the PA House of Representatives asking that they vote for House Bill 102 providing after hours school access to hunter safety using PA Game Commission-certified instructors. We believe that this legislation could play a role in reversing the decline in Pennsylvania hunting licenses issued by the Game Commission.

The bill's prime sponsor is Rep. Dave Maloney (R-Berks). (717-260-6161; [dmaloney@pahousegop.com](mailto:dmaloney@pahousegop.com)) Following is a link to House Bill 102. <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?s-Year=2019&sInd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=0102>

May 15, 2019

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I am respectfully requesting that you vote for House Bill 102 as it comes before the House on third consideration and final passage.

As you know, House Bill 102 allows for the training on hunting and gun safety on school grounds after school hours. This Hunter Trapper training is a requirement for new hunters.

This is an important step in re-

versing the alarming decline in the numbers of hunting licenses being issued in the Commonwealth.

While the Pennsylvania State Grange would like to see the Legislative and Budget Committee do an in-depth analysis as to long-term reasons for the decline, a more immediate objective is to make sure that our youth are presented with educational opportunities. Instructors in this legislation would be certified by the PA Game Commission to guarantee a consistent quality of instruction on hunting safety and the rules connected with hunting.

Having this proper training resource will certainly familiarize a new generation with hunting. Many say that hunting is in the fabric of the quilt that is Pennsylvania. Generations have enjoyed the outdoors experience and this bill seeks to re-acquaint youth to the sport and to hunting safety.

There is an additional reason to pass House Bill 102. Reversing the decline in hunting licenses is tied to the PA Game Commission's conservation and wildlife management mission. The 2017 Annual Report stated that licenses generated \$26.461 million towards meeting the \$96.5 million in expenditures necessary to meet the PA Game Commission's responsibilities. Reversing the license decline will certainly help the Commission fiscally and reduce pressure to increase fees.

Please vote for House Bill 102.

Sincerely,

Vince Phillips  
Legislative Director  
Pennsylvania State Grange

**Appendix: Mission of the PA Game Commission**

*Goals The Pennsylvania Game Commission exists to manage the Commonwealth's wild birds, wild mammals, and their habitats for current and future generations, a mission it has followed faithfully since 1895. Although its focus has remained static since the agency was created, the suite of challenges and opportunities facing the agency are fluid and dynamic.*

*The agency is focused on the work ahead—adapting to challenges it faces using innovation to accomplish the task of protecting and promoting wildlife in Pennsylvania in the most efficient manner possible.*

- 1. Manage, propagate, and protect all of Pennsylvania's wild birds and mammals and put wildlife first in decision-making*
- 2. Manage wildlife habitats*
- 3. Serve the commonwealth as the leader in wildlife conservation*
- 4. Support Pennsylvania's hunting and trapping heritages*
- 5. Operate using sound, proven business practices to ensure long-term financial stability, to sustain performance improvement and commitment to excellence*

Source: Pennsylvania Game Commission 2017 Annual Report







**Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange participated in the National Grange's Fly-In to Washington, DC. In addition to briefings from USDA and the White House on relevant issues, members were also able to directly press decision makers in Washington on issues such as the need for universal Broadband access for rural America.**







# Fuzzy Wuzzy Has A Naughty Side!

*These toxic caterpillars, living in Pennsylvania, will give you rash, blisters, and maybe even kill you*

By Marcus Schneck | mschneck@pennlive.com

Beautiful and exotic caterpillars crawling across Pennsylvania are engaging humans, who feel the need to touch them... but hold up! With most caterpillars that contact is inconsequential, but there are those that can produce a nasty "sting."

It's not really a sting. Toxic caterpillars are equipped with hollow hairs that on contact break away from the caterpillar, scratch our hands and release toxin into the invisible wound. It's a process called urtication.

Here are few of the toxic caterpillars that live in Pennsylvania.

## Saddleback caterpillar



- Toxicity: Immediate and intense burning sensations at the contact point, followed by redness around the contact point and blistering, which may last for five hours and leave a red mark. In more severe cases, symptoms can include migraines, gastrointestinal disorders, asthma-like conditions, shock and hemorrhaging.

- Caterpillar for: Slug moth.
- Length: Larvae can be as small as 0.05 inch when they hatch and grow to as much an inch in length.
- Common food plants (might be found near): Very wide ranging, including everything from apple to blueberry to cabbage to grass to oak.
- Commonly found: Gardens, fields, woodlands and edges of wetlands.

areas and deciduous woodlands.

## Puss caterpillar



- Toxicity: (One of the most venomous caterpillars in the U.S. Some individuals react more severely to the toxin than others.) Immediate intense burning pain followed by the appearance of a red grid-like pattern and swelling at the contact point. Other symptoms can include headache, fever, nausea, rapid heart rate, low blood pressure, seizures, abdominal pain, muscle spasms and convulsions.
- Caterpillar for: Southern flannel moth.
- Length: Larvae can be as small as 0.05 inch when they hatch and grow to as much 1.6 inches in length.
- Common food plants (might be found near): Apples, ashes, birches, dogwoods, elms, hickories, oaks and other woody plants.
- Commonly found: Deciduous woodlands.

## Io caterpillar



- Toxicity: Almost immediate pain and itching, followed by a welt at the contact point with reddened skin around it.
- Caterpillar for: Io moth
- Length: Larvae are about .15 inch when they hatch and grow to as much as 2.5 inches in length.
- Common food plants (might be found near): Trees and shrubs, including alders, blackberries, cherries, hackberries, hickories, maples, pears and wisteria/
- Commonly found: Suburban





## White hickory tussock caterpillar



- **Toxicity:** Rash, possibly followed by burning, swelling and pain. Hypersensitive individuals may also experience nausea.
- **Caterpillar for:** White hickory tussock moth.
- **Length:** Larvae can be as small as 0.05 inch when they hatch and grow to as much two inches in length.
- **Common food plants (might be found near):** Nut trees, such as hickory and walnut, but also trees ranging from apple to oak to willow, and shrubs and garden plants.
- **Commonly found:** Deciduous woodlands and suburban settings.

## Buck moth caterpillar



- **Toxicity:** Immediate and intense burning sensations at the contact point, followed by redness around the contact point and blistering, which may last for five hours and leave a red mark. In more severe cases, symptoms can include migraines, gastrointestinal disorders, asthma-like conditions, shock and hemorrhaging.
- **Caterpillar for:** Buck moth.
- **Length:** Larvae are about .15

inch when they hatch and grow to as much as 2.5 inches in length.

- **Common food plants (might be found near):** Oaks, especially scrub oak.
- **Commonly found:** Deciduous woodlands.

## Spiny oak slug caterpillar



- **Toxicity:** Itching or burning sensation, redness at contact point.
- **Caterpillar for:** Spiny oak slug moth.
- **Length:** Larvae are about .05 inch when they hatch and grow to as much as .75 inch in length.
- **Common food plants (might be found near):** Wide range of deciduous trees and shrubs.
- **Commonly found:** Deciduous woodlands.

*"President's Desk" continued from page 4*  
Check out our 2018/2019 Legislative Policies Summary under the documents tab on our website, [www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org).

If there is an issue you feel strongly about, talk to your fellow Grangers and write a Resolution at your Grange. Send it to the Pennsylvania State Grange office by the deadline of September 09, 2019. It will be presented at the State Convention October 25 through the 27 at the Ramada Inn and Convention Center in State College and could become policy for the State and National Grange.

Be a Grange Super Hero --- VOTE --- one vote really does count!!!

Fraternally,  
Wayne D. Campbell,  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
President



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set your table, discusses canning your produce, and I would be remiss if I didn't mention the many Jell-O mold recipes in this edition in which one includes a pork chop in it. This comment usually makes us all chuckle and they asked why in which I shrug my shoulders and reply, maybe because they just could do it? Actually Jell-O mold recipes were all the rage and you can find many unique ingredients added like say a pork chop! If nothing else this edition provides an interesting read, even if you don't like to cook!

1972 SOLD OUT!!! Need I say more? Well those who know me well are laughing right now, as yes, let me say a bit more to elaborate that our cookbooks will sell out and they will go away! It does create an urgency to purchase one when you share this important detail. This edition has the greatest cake recipe ever, the Black Magic Cake! Some Granges still have a few of these cookbooks to sell, but they are sold out at Pennsylvania State Grange and there are no plans on reprinting this extremely popular edition.

1984 Cookbook was produced in the 80's and you will find in this edition recipes that include cooking with microwave ovens, diabetic and special diets, cooking for 2 to 200 along with a buying chart for quantity cooking. I was surprised that I actually found a tofu burger recipe in this edition! It also includes some great bread recipes. I will often ask if they make meatloaf and just about everyone will say yes, and then I point out the ham loaf recipe. I'm often surprised as to how many haven't made ham loaf. I will also share that they haven't lived till they try the Potato Pizza recipes on page 178!

2010 Cookbook is the latest edition and just like its predecessors, it has the best recipes ever! I'm quick to share an Apple

Dumpling with sauce recipe on page 236, and that there are a couple quick and easy pie crust recipes included in this section. This cookbook has great resources by sharing abbreviations commonly used, simplified measures, equivalency chart and a fabulous substitutions chart with an extensive index in the back of the book to locate recipes quickly!

After I have used the tips above, if I haven't sold a cookbook yet, I have one last story that I share with folks. When I got married, I couldn't cook at all. It was horrible. I would burn everything. It was easier to pitch my pots and pans than try to clean them, which I did happily and quite often! My husband, Cliff would come home hungry and look at my futile attempts in providing a decently cooked meal. He would proceed to the fridge to find something to make a sandwich. One of my dear aunts knew of my struggles and came to my rescue. She gifted me a 1984 Grange cookbook, which became my cooking bible. I credit this book for saving my marriage or at least saving Cliff from dying from starvation!

I hope that I have been helpful, what are your stories with using the Grange cookbooks?

I have heard a few little birdies chirping and they say there is some discussion of producing a smaller, 150th Anniversary Pennsylvania State Grange cookbook! So, stay tuned for future news on that project.

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When Mrs. Huber was finished she was presented with a Penn State gift package from the Grange for her willingness to come and participate.

Candidates and politicians were then allowed to speak but were given no more than a two-minute time frame. Virtually all those that spoke were current candidates including the three Centre County Commissioners, Steve Dershem, Mark Higgins and Michael Pipe, who are all



*Legislative Committee Members (L-R) Ruth Luse, Kenna Kurtz, Chairperson Patty Bird, and Ashley Furman stand behind the display of door prizes that were donated for the Centre County Pomona Grange #13 Legislative Banquet.*

up for election this year. Each of the current commissioners talked about what they have accomplished and what they see needs to occur in the future. The other candidates running for Centre County Commissioner that were in attendance were Chris Exarchos and Vicki Wedler both former County Commissioners. Candidate Tanner Day was scheduled to appear but was "under the weather" and chose to stay home. Candidates running in the special election for the 12th District replacing retiring Senator Marino, Democrat Mark Friedenberg and Republican Fred Keller, were both in attendance and spoke about how they would like to change several things in the Agricultural industry for starters. Recorder of Deeds Candidate Republican Georgi Bennett and Democratic Candidate Joe Davidson were in attendance but







due to a medical emergency Bennett needed to leave early so Davidson was the only one to speak about his current position. Seeking the position of Controller which is becoming vacant by the retirement of outgoing Controller Chuck Witmer, were Republican Henry Fifield and Democrat Jason Moser. Fifield is currently the assistant Controller and Moser serves as the Democratic Jury Commissioner. Since current Centre County Treasurer Rich Fornicola is also retiring, candidates for his position are Colleen Kennedy, who is currently an accountant in State College and Blaine Thomas, a Bellefonte businessman. Prothonotary Debra Immerl who is retiring after forty years of service in the office of Prothonotary was in attendance and her Assistant Prothonotary Jeremy Breon (a candidate for the job) was in attendance and spoke of his reasons wanting to take over the position. Candidate Scott Sayers, the current Coroner, was on duty for the evening and unable to attend. Jeremie Thompson, a candidate for Ferguson Township Supervisor informed everyone why he was seeking the job. Lastly, in attendance were uncontested candidates Bryan Sampsel, currently serving as Centre County Sheriff, and Christine Millinder, the current Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans Court, who is also running uncontested. Other officials in attendance were Bob Yearick, the Mayor of Howard; Glenn "GT" Thompson, US Congressman from the 59th District; Kerry Benninghoff, PA State Representative from the 171st District; and Rich Irvin, PA State Representative for the 81st District.

Ending out the evening was the awarding of door prizes donated by guests, candidates and Granges. With over one hundred people attending, Legislative Committee Chair Patty Bird and her committee of Ashley Furman, Ruth Luse and Kenna Kurtz deemed the banquet a huge success and thanked all those who attended.

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of PA existing facilities in the Keystone Opportunity Dairy Zones should not be overlooked.

#### EDUCATION

- **Consolidation of School Benefit Programs:** Senate Bill 604 (Argall-R-Schuylkill) would require school districts to join one of the regional consortia to coordinate benefit programs.

**Grange position: NO FORMAL POSITION** although the Pennsylvania State Grange opposes any state-wide consolidation of school benefit into a state-run program.

#### ELECTIONS

- **Amend the State Constitution to allow a Candidate for Governor to pick his or her Lt Governor running mate:** Senate Bill 133 (Argall-R-Schuylkill)

**Grange position: NO FORMAL POSITION**

- **Open Primary:** Senate Bill 300 (Scarnati-R-Jefferson) would allow independents to vote in the primary of their choice.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

#### FARMING'S FUTURE

- **Personal Income Tax Credit:** Senate Bill 478 (Vogel-R-Beaver) provides a PIT credit to landowners who sell or lease their land, buildings and equipment to a beginning farmer.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

- **Farm Succession:** Funding increase for FarmLink PA which provides assistance to help farmers in succession planning. Legislation has not been introduced at time of writing.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

- **Farm Succession:** Senate Bill 145 (Yaw-R-Lycoming) gives farmers more flexibility and discretion regarding construction and subdivision on protected farmland.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

#### FLOOD INSURANCE

- **Flood Insurance Premium Task Force:** House Bill 328 (Warren-D-Bucks) would establish a Task Force to look at ways Flood In-

urance can be more accessible (affordable).

**Grange position: SUPPORTS** although feels that a licensed Flood Insurance agent should be part of the Task Force.

#### GOVERNMENT WASTE

- **Selling the Lt. Governor's Mansion as a way to save taxpayer dollars** (no bill number at time of this writing)

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

#### HEALTH

- **State-Based Exchange in case the Federal Government or the Supreme Court voids Obamacare:** No bill has yet been introduced at the time of this writing.

**Grange position: NO FORMAL POSITION**

- **Telemedicine:** House Bill 15 (Readshaw-D-Allegheny) and House Bill 872 (Day-R-Berks/Lehigh) establishes ground rules for the use of Telemedicine. A third bill will be introduced by Senator Elder Vogel (R-Beaver).

**Grange position: SUPPORTS** but wants Broadband to also be addressed since, without Internet availability, Telemedicine does not work.

#### LEGISLATOR COMPENSATION

- **Legislators should contribute 5% of their health insurance premium:** House Bill 1073 (Farry-R-Bucks)

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

#### ORGANICS

- **This proposal sets as a goal of making PA Number One in Organic agricultural production in the United States.** (We are now second, after California). It does so by strengthening the marketing of organic products and building demand for PA Preferred Organic products. Specific legislative language was not available at time of this writing.

**Grange position: GENERALLY SUPPORTING** pending details as long as it does not result in a de-emphasizing of non-organic agricultural commodities.

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### PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

• Not yet introduced, this bill would exempt buildings used by agricultural groups and fraternal lodges such as Grange Hall from the property tax.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

### PROTECTED FARMLAND

• **Right of Way:** House Bill 441 (Sonney-R-Erie) allows preserved farms to provide a right of way for wind energy generation.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

### REGULATORY REFORM

**There is a package of regulatory reform bills seeing action in the General Assembly as follows:**

- **House Bill 806** (Keefer-R-York/Cumberland) amends the Regulatory Review Act to require (among other things) an estimated economic impact of a proposed Rule.
- **House Bill 430** (Benninghoff-R-Centre) prohibits agencies from reissuing regulations that were previously disapproved. In addition, legislative committees would be able to report a concurrent resolution to initiate the repeal of regulations now in effect.
- **House Bill 762** (T. O'Neal-R-Washington) requires an annual report detailing activities of agencies' regulatory compliance officers.
- **House Bill 509** (Rothman-R-Cumberland) requires that agencies have an online tracking system for permit applications.
- **House Bill 1055** (Klunk-R-York) which says that for every regulation being proposed, there must be two regulations slated for repeal.
- **Senate Bill 253** (Phillips-Hill-R-York) which requires that each agency have a Regulatory Compliance Officer who could provide advisory opinion to requesters as to how to comply. The requester would be held harmless if the recommendation was adopted.

**Grange position: NO FORMAL POSITION** on these specific bills but Pennsylvania State Grange generally favors anything that will streamline regulation and reduce the regulatory burden on farmers and small businesses.

### SUNDAY HUNTING

• **Senate Bill 147 Senator Dan Laughlin (R-Erie) would allow Sunday hunting.**  
**Grange position: OPPOSES**

### TRANSPORTATION

• **Distracted Driving:** Senate Bill 131 (Sabatina-D-Phila.) prohibits its use of hand-held devices for talking or texting for drivers below the age of 18. In the House, a stronger distractive driving bill is House Bill 37 (Brown-R-Monroe) would ban any such use by drivers regardless of the age.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS** although preferring the stronger language in House Bill 37.

• **Vehicle Width:** Senate Bill 338 (Langerholc-R-Cambria) would increase allowable width of farm equipment from the current 16 feet to 18 feet.

**Grange position: NO FORMAL POSITION**

### URBAN AGRICULTURE

• **Encouraging agriculture infrastructure:** Senate Bill 627 (Street-D-Phila.) would establish a partial reimbursement program for individuals who are attempting to build an agriculture infrastructure in urban areas. This would promote aggregation of agricultural products, sharing of community resources, and promoting community development -- thus reducing the 'Food Deserts' found in some urban areas.

**Grange position: SUPPORTS**

As always, please contact me with your questions or issues on which you feel the Grange should focus.

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(New Vernon Grange)

### NEW VERNON GRANGE #608

New Vernon Grange, in Clarks Mills, PA recently recognized members for their years of service. Pictured front row: Alice Henderson, 60 yrs; Lib Patterson, 65 yrs; Cora McAdams, 50 yrs; Harry Elder, Sr., 65 yrs; Roberta Elder, 55 yrs. Back row: Regis Reash, 15 yrs; Bert Lackey, 60 yrs; Jeanette Vernon, 60 yrs; Larry & Patty McAdams, both 50 yrs; Deb & Jeff Holmes, both 50 yrs.

### VIRGINVILLE GRANGE #1832

A "Hee Haw Salute" to Virginville Grange!



Direct from Kornfield Kounty and live from Virginville Grange, the May 1st Community Night festivities featured Hee Haw inspired acts including community donations, member recognition, hilarious humor, and talented musical entertainment for 320 energized attendants ranging in age from un-







der 1 year to 99! The family affair generated a community spirit that echoed throughout the Grange hall as generations of Grangers



and strangers applauded, celebrated, laughed, and remembered together.

Representatives from local non-profit groups accepted the following donations: Community Fire Company of Virginville (\$750), Old Time Plow Boys (\$250), and Antique Engine, Tractor & Toy Club (\$250). Additionally, through efforts of a benefit bingo this past March by the Community Service Committee of Virginville Grange, \$4,000 was raised and donated to Leann Wheeland and family, Hamburg, to assist with medical expenses resulting from an automobile accident this past January in Tilden Township. Family member Nancy Wheeland genuinely remarked, "The members of Virginville Grange are so talented,



hardworking and giving. The ongoing community support over the past four months has certainly made our journey a bit easier. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

May Lafaver, Shoemaker-ersville, was honored with the order's annual Granger of the Year Award, an accolade given for faithful service. Members



of Virginville Grangers recognized for their commitment to the group – 85 years: Norman O. Merkel; 75 years: Paul J. Miller, Feryl J. Treichler and Jean A. Wetzel; 70 years: Janet Christman, Ernest O. Miller and Marilyn M. Miller; 65 years: Betty Dreibelbis, Kenneth Fryer, Jean Luckenbill and Doris Schlenker; 60 years: Anna Bachman, Coralie Leiby, J. Bruce Leiby, Neil Merkel, Dorothy M. Miller and Anna Mae Weiss; 50 years: Carolyn B. Hollenbach and Marilyn R. Miller; 40 years: Jan Adam, Deborah Dietrich, Sheila Fisher, Audrey Merkel, Gary Moyer and Harold Reppert; 25 years: Derek Schroeder and Benjamin Sonon.

Dressed up in Hee Haw style, members rattled off one-liners and



sang familiar songs, modified with a Virginville twist, from the Hee Haw show. Peace in the Valley was sung during a memorial service to honor members who have passed away during the past year. A flower was presented by a family member or friend to remember the following members: Lillian (Kunkel) Mengel, Esther (Moll) Stitzel, Paul R. Seidel, Paul F. Stitzel, Richard G. Kershner, Fern (Leiby) Adam, Bradley W. Rahn, Carl S. Miller, John A. Kunkel, and Kenneth G. Fryer.

An incredible ice cream social concluded the celebration and offered an opportune time for fellowship. "This event is the highlight of our year and showcases the essence of the organization's core of family and community. That's where our greatness begins. By the hands of our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers, that's how we continue to succeed," remarked Henry Seidel, President of the order.

### STONY POINT GRANGE #1694

Recently, Stony Point initiated seven new members at their March 21st meeting.



(Stony Point) L to R: Stony Point Master Ken Ammann, Tom Harpst, Ron Amrhein, Dan Wimer, Bob Weygant, Ian Wimer, Connie Weygant, and Becky Wimer





**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

**Progress #96**

Matthew Naylor

**Logan #109**

Sara Lucas

**Marrion #223**

Rick Rogers

Scott Smith

Joshua Fetters

Terra Ingram

Cortnie Fetters

**Dawson #419**

Kio Ansell

**Bloomingtondale #536**

Donna Post

**Spruce Hill #772**

Chloe Bryner

**Tuscarora #774**

Jenn Dunn

Sandy Hughes

Joe Parson

**Hayfield #800**

LeeAnn Kapanick

Taylor Munce

**Forest #853**

Denise Saxton

Ray Saxton

**Lincoln #914**

Stephanie Coffman

**Harmony #1201**

Jim Cathcart

Betty Lou Kunsman

Ethan Koziel

S. Renea Young

**Hickory #1285**

Michael Carcella

Victoria Foltz

Holly Foltz

Heidi Kramer

Patricia Bundy

Don Spicher

Lydiann Spicher

Betty Burns

James Burns

**Ginger Hill #1549**

Elizabeth Sites

Robert Funtal

Flora Funtal

Andres Funtal

Racheal Funtal

**Stoney Point #1694**

Connie Weygandt

Robert Weygandt

Thomas Harpst

Ronald Armhein

Becky Wimer

Ian Wimer

Daniel Wimer

**Scrubgrass #1705**

Ellen McClelland

**Plumsteadville #1738**

Kacy Kiljanski

Amanda Penecale

Andrew Pencale

Janet Rick

Jay Sandler

Lisa Sandler

Nancy Lou Mitchell

**Virginville #1832**

Joshua Fairchild

Julia Hoffman

Lucs Blatt

Jacob Fegley

**Kutztown #1836**

Eva Leidich

Dale Leidich

**Bernville #1887**

Tracy York

**Hamburg #2103**

Lisa Buckley

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Brandywine #60**

Virginia E. S. Selfridge

**Sanatoga #25**

Arlene Walters

**Logan #109**

Howard S. Grove Sr.

Elizabeth R. Pyfer

**Marion #223**

Bonnie Young

**Iona #272**

Kenneth Harris

**New Vernon #608**

Mary McConnell

Helen Straub

**Forest #853**

Robert Hauger

**Warriors Mark #974**

Wanneta Henderson

**Marshallton #1394**

Marie L. Ciarlone

**Mahoning Valley #1649**

William C Zeh

**Hillcrest #1674**

Leon W. Paul

**Central #1650**

Robert Geiger

**Unity #1710**

June Marzani

**Pioneer #1777**

Ruth Kistler

**Fleetwood #1839**

Madeline Althouse

**Mt. Nebo #1872**

Evan Tilly

**Diahoga #1951**

LaRue Jennings

Sylvia Teeter

**Sanborn #2016**

Edith Yarger

Jacob Yarger

**Vernon #936**

Esther Leighty

**Roseville #1290**

Dorothy Mumford

**Harmony #1201**

Jean Young

**Union #152**

Leroy Spadine

**Beech Flats #336**

Jasper Smith

Joyce Pratt

**Laurel Point #915**

Robert Stitt

**Lincoln #914**

Alvin Cake

**Gouglersville #1743**

Michael Leddy

**SENIOR BIRTHDAYS**

**Sanatoga #25**

Kathryn Geist

Jack Walters

**Bernville Grange #1887**

Norman Reifsnyder

**WHOOOPS!!!**

**The last issue of the PGN listed Merle Lee from Oriental Grange #165 as deceased. However, he is very much alive. Sorry for our error!**



# 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are working on our 2020 calendar, now. If your Grange is holding any yearly festivals or events, please email those dates to: [info@88dragon.com](mailto:info@88dragon.com) as soon as possible. Thank you!

## FAMILY FESTIVAL

July 18-21, 2019  
Centre County Fairgrounds  
Centre Hall, PA

## AG PROGRESS DAYS

August 13-15, 2019  
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA

## STATE SESSION

October 24-27, 2019  
Ramada Inn & Convention Center  
1450 N. Atherton Street, State College, PA

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# Youth News

Youth Committee  
Ellen Wadsworth  
PA State Grange Youth Director



The Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults will be hosting a picnic on September 28, 2019, at the Kieffer Farm (5374 Four Point Road, Bethel, PA 19507). The picnic is open to youth and young adult aged members and their

immediate family. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for food and games starting around 12 noon. There will also be a community service activity planned for the morning prior to the picnic. The project, location, and time will be determined at a later date and communicated across the state. We hope to see you there!



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### **BENEFITS**

#### **National Grange Benefits**

- Wyndham Hotel: Members save up to 20%
- Hertz/Avis/Budget Rental Car
- CVS Caremark: Savings up to 50% with CVS RxSavings Plus Card
- Comfort Keepers
- National Grange Travel Center
- Office Depot/Office Max/Shop.com
- TSYS Merchant Solutions

#### **Pennsylvania State Grange Benefits**

- American Income Life: All members receive a \$3000 Accidental Death Benefit
- Avis Rental Car: Discounted Member rates
- BJ's Wholesale Club: Save \$15 on Base, or \$30 on Rewards Membership, plus 1 free month
- Comfort Keepers In-Home Care
- Costco: Receive a \$10 Costco Cash Card for Gold Star Business Members
- Tickets at Work: Offers discounts on movie tickets, concerts, travel, theme parks, and shopping

The PA State Grange also offers scholarships and interest free loans



Contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office with questions about becoming a member...and start enjoying the many benefits of being a Grange Member... immediately!

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# PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS

September/October 2019





# Spotted Lanternfly

## Know what to look for

Spotted lanternfly adults are about 1 inch long and a half inch wide with wings folded.

Nymphs are ¼- to ½-inch long and develop through four stages, all of which are wingless.

Egg masses have a gray, mud-like covering, which can become dry and cracked over time. Older egg masses may lose their covering and appear as columns of 30-50 seed-like eggs. Egg masses can be found on trees, rocks, and other hard surfaces.

- A. Adult, wings closed
- B. Adult, wings open
- C. Nymph, early stage
- D. Nymph, late stage
- E. Egg mass, fresh
- F. Egg mass, older



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Ernie Sattler

## Report a Sighting

1. Check if you're in or out of the quarantine zone by visiting [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly)
2. Kill and collect the specimen by freezing it or placing it in rubbing alcohol. If you are able, take a picture of it.
3. Report the sighting online at [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly). If you cannot access the internet, call 888-4-BADFLY (888-422-3359) toll-free. Please only use this hotline for sightings outside of the quarantine zone.

## Stop the Spread

1. Destroy all life stages of spotted lanternfly that you find.
2. Check your car and outdoor equipment for spotted lanternfly eggs, nymphs, and adults before moving within or out of the quarantine zone. Don't move firewood.
3. Share your spotted lanternfly knowledge with others!



**See it? Report it!** [extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly)

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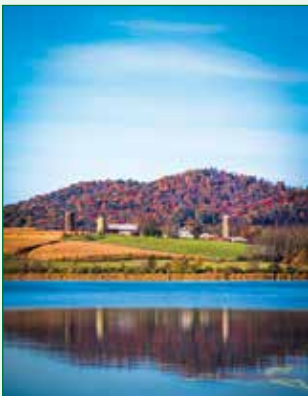
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**WANTED: QUILT BLOCK PAINTERS**  
We are in need of Grangers willing to paint 2' x 2' Quilt Blocks this fall due to the request for additional blocks to be placed within the PA Farm Show Complex. Quilt Block patterns will be chosen and graphed on the boards so all you have to do is paint the designated colors!  
If interested please e-mail [berglen@verizon.net](mailto:berglen@verizon.net) or call 724-290-3783 and make your desires known.

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## From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell  
PA State Grange President  
president@pagrange.org

Dear Grangers

As we start to look forward to the fall season with the shorter days, longer nights, and cooler temperatures, what else is coming? There is the fall harvest, conventions, holidays, and yes, maybe even snow!! What will you spend your time doing over the next few months? Hopefully a major part of your time will include family. There are the football games, field hockey, softball and baseball depending on your area. Farmers will be busy bringing in the harvest, planting the winter crops, and preparing for the long cold winter ahead.

With the start of Fall also comes the Legislators coming back to Harrisburg. We had a new budget that passed on time but there are still items that need attention. We have an election coming up in just a few months. If you remember the example I used in my last article, let's not let a few decide the path of the majority. The next PGN will arrive just before the general election date of November 5, 2019. Please be sure to exercise your right to vote on that day!

It has been an interesting year in Harrisburg. We've seen the sign-

ing of the first ever Pennsylvania Farm Bill. There have been several pieces of legislation introduced to help advance Pennsylvania's number one industry, Agriculture. There is a push for additional milk processing plants to provide cheese and specialty dairy products that are in demand by today's society. If we can produce these items here in Pennsylvania using milk from Pennsylvania farms, we can market it with the Pa. Preferred label.



This is a very important marketing tool that benefits our Pennsylvania farmers. More and more people want to "buy local" and shop for food marketed with the Pa. Preferred Label. There is a strong push to get whole milk back into our school lunches along with flavored milk. Let's give our children a nutritious drink they will drink and not deposit in the trash can.

We also saw movement on the issue of Broadband. Several pieces of legislation were introduced that will help advance Broadband in our state. There is a long way to go but at least all recognize its impor-

tance and are at the table working for a solution.

There was and still is the issue of Sunday hunting. The Pennsylvania State Grange has stood firm on our policy opposing Sunday hunting. In 2005 the Delegate body adopted our policy opposing Sunday hunting. The Delegates at that time proposed adding an extra week to the rifled deer season along with an extra Saturday. This

was never adopted by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. I urge you to contact your Representatives and voice your opinions to them. Our Representatives will be addressing this issue very early in their Fall session I'm sure. 2019 will certainly be a year

for the history books legislatively and we still have several months to go.

As we begin our harvest season let us diligently work to harvest not only the crops, but the many different things in life that help us to grow every day.

Continue to be a Grange Super Hero, after all, it's the Grange way!!

Fraternally,  
Wayne D. Campbell,  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
President







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## Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

### *We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves*

that special treat on home-made bread AND raise some money!

Those loads of golden grain represent the reward for the planting and nurturing process that occupied our thoughts and time from early spring until now so we can fill the barns for the winter ahead.

Fall also reminds me of a song we sang when I was younger at EVERY September or October Grange meeting. I used to inwardly groan every time the Lecturer

### **Bringing in the Sheaves**

It's challenging to think ahead as we prepare for the next issue of the Grange News. We're just starting to enjoy some warm summer weather (after the rains) and now I must turn my thoughts and prayers to Autumn!

When I think about September and October, it conjures up pictures of excited little faces peering out school bus windows, apple butter kettles steaming over open fires, and tractors and large equipment moving methodically back and forth blowing grain into the trucks.

Those orange buses mean school has resumed and life has settled back into a familiar routine now that vacations, camps, and family reunions are over until next year.

Those copper kettles signify a traditional get together to snit and stir before we get to "lick the kettle." All this work so we can enjoy

**"Bringing in the Sheaves"**

*Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness  
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve  
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

*Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows  
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze  
By and by the harvest and the labor ended  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves*

*Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master  
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves  
When our weepings over He will bid us welcome  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves*

*Refrain:  
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,  
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,*

would announce **"Bringing in the Sheaves."** I don't know to this day why I dreaded singing it. Maybe it was the way we sang it, e.g., the tempo of the whole thing seemed like it dragged on and on! Maybe it reminded me that summer was

*"Chaplain" continued on page 29*



## Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR  
Director

The Cumberland Valley Grange has been working with our local Summer Lunch program for a couple of years, and we find it a joy to provide kids programming for our local community. We love that the program is open to all at no charge. All the kids are there to have fun, socialize, and if they can learn a little bit about agriculture, we are thrilled. But there are also kids in the group that experience food insecurity and we are their food resource for the day. We

the kids eating their lunch. We are notorious for overcooking and we had plenty of food to share, I extended the offer for them to come eat with the kids. They were a little hesitant to accept, but I insisted. They were hungry and it showed. I offered seconds and the dad asked if he could take a plate home for his mom instead who wasn't with them as she hadn't eaten yet that day. I fixed up the to-go container while preparing a second helping for them.

I cried when I shared this story with my daughter Kinsey, who was helping me that day. I don't

ever remember being without food, and knowing this kind of hunger. Growing up, my parents grew a big garden, I remember home cooked meals, breads, pies, sticky buns etc. When we wanted something for our meal you went to the root cellar

and families that we work with now.

I bring up this subject as it is a great way for your Grange to be involved with families in your local community. It seems that there is more interest in learning about cooking, canning, and sewing. Incorporating programs into your Grange to include classes on these subjects is a great way to have new people attend and learn how to garden, preserve food and skills such as sewing, crocheting etc. Programming can grow your membership and also offer value to your community in teaching life skills.

One never knows how you make an impression on others, but I like to think that I make a difference in others by sharing stories, and teaching things that I learned growing up. Maya Angelou once said, "When you know better, you do better." I try to keep that statement close to my heart and say it daily in working on programs to serve the community. What programs are you doing or can you do to address problems in your community?

provide breakfast and lunch to the kids when they come for our day camp program.

I live in a small town and a few years ago I saw hunger first hand. At our day camp, two young siblings were just finishing up their lunch, as their dad and grandfather had arrived to pick them up. The kids were still eating and dad and grandfather said they would wait as they didn't want to rush

grabbed some potatoes, stopped at shelves of canned goods and found yourself at the dinner table with a fabulous meal. These are things my parents taught me to do, and as an adult I am much like my parents stocking my cabinets and making sure there is plenty to eat. But not everybody was raised to learn how to garden, and preserve their food. Schools have dropped programming teaching life skills and it shows with some of the kids

Look forward to seeing you at State Session,

Yours in Grange service,  
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## Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities  
Director

Hi everyone... I'm writing this as I sit at the Remington Ryde Bluegrass Festival at Centre County Grange Park. Just thinking, and imagining how much fun we'll all have, when we're back here in 2 weeks for Family Festival. I'm sure everyone will have a GREAT weekend. We have a good tour of the Pasto Argiculture museum scheduled, which I'm sure will be a hit with all who attended. I hope you are still working on contest entries and getting your entries judged at your subordinate level! Don't forget to please send them on to State level. When you get this issue of Grange News, it will be in time for State Session.... I hope to see a lot of you there. It will soon be Autumn; the leaves


will be turning pretty shades of red, orange, and yellow. Where did the time and days go this year? If you still have Quilt Raffle tickets to sell, or if you sold them, please get them to me or bring them to State Session. So until I see all of you at State Session... I'm going back to my Bluegrass show to enjoy some really good music.

Yours Truly,  
Melanie Melius  
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**2019 Quilt Raffle  
Tickets are available  
now! If you're interested,  
please contact the  
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Grange Office,  
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**Program Director**  
**Jenn Nauss**  
 PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central Pennsylvania,

Where did the summer go? It seems impossible that it is already nearly fall and that we are only a few weeks away from the Pennsylvania State Grange session in October. I hope to see many of you at the State Grange session in State College, and hope to see many contest entries in the many Lecturer's contests.

The most important thing to take note of is the rapidly upcoming deadline for Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer's Reports. Reports and notebooks/scrapbooks are due to me by **SEPTEMBER 15, 2019** for judging prior to the State Session. Report forms were sent out in a mailing to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange and are also available on the Pennsylvania State Grange website. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or clarifications.

Please take note of the Lecturer's contests included in the Guide to Contests and Programs available on the Pennsylvania State Grange website. Now is the time to be working on and completing contest entries! Summer is a great time to take some photos for the Photography contest. The categories are: Pennsylvania – My Home, Sunrise/Sunset, Pets/Animals, Plants, and Churches. Photos must be a minimum of 5"x5" and must not exceed the maximum of 11"x14". Please reference the

Guide for more details about the Photography and other contests.

Raffle tickets are available for the National Grange Quilt Raffle. This year's quilt is a Tender Heart quilt that was pieced together from quilt block entries from last year. Tickets are \$5 each and the winner will be drawn on November 8, 2019 at the National Grange Session in Minnesota. Please contact me or the state office if you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets.

Look for more information in the 2020 Guide to Contests and Programs about some new contests and programs for next year. The committee and I have been hard at work brainstorming some new and exciting ideas and we are excited to share them with you!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions! I look forward to seeing you in State College for 2019 State Grange Session!

**Program Ideas**

**September:**

9/26 – Johnny Appleseed Day – Have an apple tasting contest – cut up a variety of apples into small pieces and have your members taste each and guess which variety of apple it is. Educate members about varieties of apples and what their best uses are (cooking, baking, snacking, etc.)

**October:**

10/9 – Fire Prevention Day – Invite a local fire company to lead the program on fire safety and the

importance of emergency plans for your Grange, your place of work, and your homes. Work with your community service chair to consider making a donation to the fire company.

Cookie Month – Have a cookie swap! Each member or family bakes their favorite kind of cookie and brings a container. Then members fill up the containers with one or a few of each kind of cookie, so that each member takes home a sampler of cookies. Bring your recipes along to share.

**November:**

11/11 – Veteran's Day – Contact your local Quilts of Valor Foundation chapter to honor local veterans by presenting them with a quilt of valor. The National Grange has partnered with the Quilts of Valor Foundation (<https://www.qovf.org/>). Have a ceremony to present the quilts to the veterans.

Third Week of November – Game and Puzzle Week – Have a game night before or after your meeting!

Jenn Nauss  
 Lecturer  
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## History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee  
Director

### Preservation of State Grange Records Completed -

By the time this article reaches the homes of Grange members



*American Values.  
Hometown Roots.*

throughout Pennsylvania, your History Committee expects that the third and final phase of micro-filming/digitizing records will be done. Soon the historical information available on the State Grange website will include Executive Committee minutes, officers' registers and the published histories of the Pennsylvania State Grange in addition to all the other documents available on-line. Thanks to the generosity of dozens of Subordinate and Pomona Granges and some individual Grangers, in excess of \$10,000 has been given over the past several years and used for this one-time project to preserve the documents of our nearly 150 year history. Learn more about the proud heritage of the Pennsylvania State Grange at: <http://www.pagrange.org/history-committee.html>.

### Local Grange Records -

With the preservation of State

Grange records now complete, the State Grange's vendor IMR Digital can now begin to microfilm and/or digitize records of Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Local Granges will be able to preserve their records under the contract negotiated by the State Grange History Committee. Contact Jennifer Nauss at [Jnauss89@gmail.com](mailto:Jnauss89@gmail.com) for details about preparing your records and the estimated cost.

### State Grange 150th Anniversary -

Now efforts will focus on preparations for the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange

coming up in 2023. The brainstorming step to plan for this celebration began with a committee meeting in July at Family Festival. Although we have many months of work to do before any specific details can be announced, we are hopeful that the celebration will take place with special events in all regions of the

state over an extended period rather than the anniversary confined to the several days of a State Grange session. We continue to envision the 150th anniversary of Pennsylvania's first Grange - Eagle #1 near Williamsport - in early 2021 as the kick-off for two years of special activities across the state.

### Become a Friend of Eagle Grange #1 -

It's quite unusual for any organization to exist for 150 years and we are extremely proud to say that the Grange that started it all in Pennsylvania has been active continuously since its founding in 1871. But Eagle Grange with its small active membership struggles



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## Deaf Activities & Community Service Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Thank you to all those that donated to the different organizations we collected items or money for during Family Festival. Please see my department report at state session for updates about the total amount of items donated and money raised for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Speaking of state session, please ensure that you send your community service reports to me by September 15. It is crucial for



you to do this no matter how many projects you've completed in order for our state to receive funds from nationals. I have been notified that my state report page was not included in the mailing. If you need a printed copy, please contact the state office. Otherwise, it is posted on the website under the Deaf Activities/Community Service Page. Also, the National Grange Firefighter/EMT, Law Enforcement Officer, and Teacher of the Year Nominations are due to me on September 1st. Last year our teacher of the year nomination (who is a Grange member) won at Nationals.

This year at State Grange Session we will be focusing on collecting items for a resource center targeted for those who are survivors of sexual or domestic abuse

as well as a food bank. We will be collecting items for Centre Safe: Empowering Survivors, Eliminating Violence, formerly known as the Centre County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC) and the State College Food Bank.

We will also be having the book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange (no VHS tapes). Bring these items to our table in the exhibit room and then come back and buy some new ones. Money from this will be donated to Dogs for Better Lives. A committee member may not be at the table at all times. A container will be left out for those interested in taking a book to donate.

Below are items that can be collected. If any more information becomes available, I will be sure to update

you in the next Grange News and will post updates of the Pennsylvania Grange Community Service Facebook page.

### State Session Donations:

Centre Safe: Empowering Survivors, Eliminating Violence:  
<http://ccwrc.org>

### Always Helpful

- Gas and Grocery Cards (\$10-\$25 cards)
- Wal-Mart and Target Gift Cards (\$10-\$25 cards)
- Bus Tokens

### Kitchen Items

- Sponges and dish scrubbers
- Paper plates and napkins (prefer no Styrofoam)
- Bowls (serving, mixing, cereal/soup)
- Stock pots

- Frying pans
- Can opener (manual or electric)

### Bedroom Items

- NEW Blankets, Quilts, and Comforters
- Pillow Protectors (prefer plastic lined)
- Fitted Sheets (full and single)
- Bed Pillows

### Bathroom Items

- Toilet Paper (Scott brand - septic safe only)
- Shower Curtains and Rings
- Bath Mats
- Hair Conditioner

### Cleaning Supplies

- All purpose cleaners
- HE Laundry Detergent
- Dish gloves including non latex
- Bleach
- Dryer Sheets

### New Clothing (female and male adult sizes)

- PJs, T-shirts, Lounge Pant/Jogging Pants
- Women's underwear (size 5) and sports bras
- Slippers

### Items for Individuals and Families Moving into New Homes

- Rolling Suitcases (large)
- New small appliances (especially coffee makers)

### Food Bank of State College: <https://www.sfoodbank.org>

Updates to this list may occur as there are changes in needed items. Please watch the Pennsylvania State Grange Community Service Facebook page or the e-mail blasts closer to state session for updates or use the above link to search for up to date needs. Updates will NOT be available in the Grange News as the deadline for the magazine is too far in advance to give an accurate update. Thank you! But, with that being said, any non-perishable item or gift cards will be helpful.

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# Pennsylvania State Grange

## Officer Descriptions for the 147th Session

October 24-27, 2019  
State College, PA

At the 147th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session one Executive office position will be up for election. Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws state in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.1, "With the exception of Secretary and Treasurer, no office holder's name shall be printed on the ballot for an office if that officer shall have held the same office continuously for six years immediately preceding."



**"Great leadership usually starts with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference."**

-Mac Anderson

Barbara Gross is the Executive Committee member whose term is expiring this year. Barbara has served 4 years.

Following is a very brief job description for a member of the Executive Committee.

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Executive Committee, suggestions for office will be received on Friday afternoon, October 25th at 1:45 P.M. If you would like more information about serving as a member of the Executive Committee, please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office. You must have someone pre-arranged to suggest your name at

the time of suggestions for office. The election will take place Saturday, October 26th, just before the lunch recess.

The By-Laws do not allow nominating speeches in the Grange, but, in Article VI, paragraph 1.6.6, it states "Each person suggested for a State office shall be permitted to appear and speak before the delegate body for a maximum of two minutes at a designated time prior to the election." This presentation will be allowed immediately after the suggestions from the floor are received Friday afternoon.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Be available to attend meetings of the Executive Committee in Harrisburg or other areas of the state as needed; contribute to decision making and be available to explain decisions made throughout the year; bring ideas to aid in the development of programs, policies, and projects; provide oversight of property and funds of the State Grange; serve as a member of the Board for the Grange Foundation. (Other Executive Committee members are Richard Mangel, Janet Pratt and Dr. James Diamond.)

### Ramada (Headquarters)

\$92 night plus taxes  
1450 S. Atherton St.  
State College, PA 16801  
814-238-3001  
Not all rooms have elevator access, please ask about handicap accessibility. When making reservations, you MUST tell them that you are with the Pennsylvania State Grange in order to get the special rate by Sept. 24, 2019.

## HOTELS

### SUPER 8

1663 S. Atherton St.  
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# Pennsylvania State Grange the 147th Session

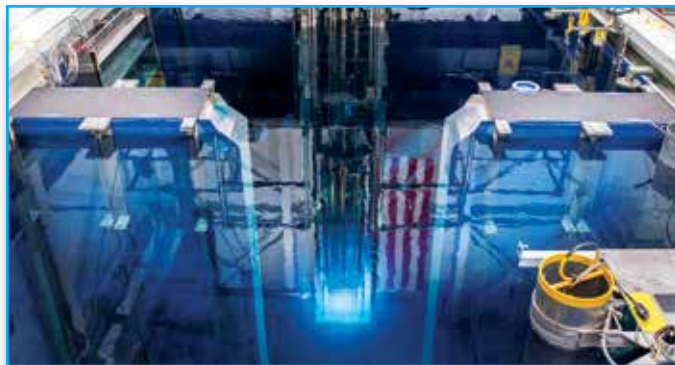
October 24-27, 2019  
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## Proposed Schedule

**Hosted by: North Central Host Committee**

### Thursday, October 24

10:00 Executive Committee Meeting  
 1:00p State Officers, Committees Arrive  
 Exhibit Rooms set-up  
 1:00-4:00 Registration  
 1:00-4:00 Tour -Travel to Penn State Campus to see a Nuclear Reactor followed by a stop at the Creamery  
 4:30 Depart for Host Banquet (by invitation only)  
 6:30-10:00 State Officer Rehearsal  
 6:30-9:00 Registration  
 7:00-9:00 Exhibit Entries Accepted



### Friday, October 25

8:00-6:00 Registration  
 8:00-9:00 Session Committee Meetings  
 8:00-10:30 Exhibit Entries Accepted  
 9:00 State Session Opening  
 12:00-1:30 Lunch Recess  
 12:15-1:30 Past Officer Luncheon  
 1:00 Exhibit Entries Judging  
 1:45-5:30 Session Reconvenes  
 1:45 Suggestions for Officers  
 5:30-7:00 Dinner Recess  
 5:30-10:00 Exhibit Rooms Open  
 7:00 Presentation of Awards  
 9:30 Youth Officer Rehearsal

### Saturday, October 26

7:30-8:15 Youth Officer Rehearsal  
 8:00-6:00 Registration  
 8:30 Session Opens - Youth Officers



9:00-8:00 Exhibit Rooms Open  
 10:00-11:00 Junior Jam Registration  
 11:00 (tbd) Junior Jam Depart Hotel  
 11:15 Election of Officers  
 11:30-1:00 Lunch Recess  
 11:45-1:00 Youth Luncheon  
 1:15-5:00 Session Reconvenes  
 5:00-6:30 Dinner Recess  
 6:30-8:00 Conferral of 6th Degree / Installation of Officers / Closing of the Grange  
 8:00 Exhibit Rooms closed /tear down  
 8:00 Foundation Auction  
 9:15 Board Buses for Youth Party

### Sunday, October 27

8:00-9:00 Church Service  
 9:15-10:15 Junior Meeting  
 10:30-12:00 Pick up Exhibits  
 10:30-12:30 Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Competition  
 12:30 All Grangers Banquet

### Tour Information:

2019 State Session Tour scheduled October 24, 2019 for 1:00 P.M. The tour will depart (via car pool) from the Convention Center. We will be going to the Penn State Radiation Science & Engineering Center to tour an onsite nuclear reactor. A valid photo ID will be required for admission. There is no charge for admission. We will park in a parking garage and then walk approximately 1 1/2 blocks to the center. For those with problems walking they can be dropped off at the center and then the driver park in the garage with the rest of us. Once we are finished at the RSEC, we will then head over to the Penn State Creamery... ALWAYS a favorite!!!

Please call Ruth Vonada at 814.404.7989 or Melanie Melius at Home - 814.234.4943 or Cell - 814.360.7058 to reserve your spot on the tour.





## REGISTRATION FORM

Pennsylvania State Grange – 147th Annual Session

October 24-27, 2019

Ramada Conference Center – State College, PA

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please complete a separate form for each person attending. Additional forms are available at [www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org), Facebook: North Central Host Committee or by calling the State Grange office.

Please check all that apply:

State Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Past State Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_  
Pomona Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Subordinate Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Director/Comm. \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Officer \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY FOR NAME BADGE

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Grange Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

### ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2019.

*There will be a \$10 late fee assessed for after deadline registrations.*

Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____
Junior Jamboree (ages 5-14)	\$25.00	_____
Breakfast Buffett- Friday	<i>Complimentary for Thursday night hotel guests</i>	
Past Officers Luncheon – Friday	\$21.00	_____
Child ages 4-12(Smaller portion)	\$10.50	_____
Breakfast Buffett- Saturday	\$15.00	_____
Child ages 4-12(Smaller portion)	\$7.50	_____
Youth Luncheon – Saturday	\$20.00	_____
Child ages 4-12(Smaller portion)	\$11.00	_____
Breakfast Buffett- Sunday	\$15.00	_____
Child ages 4-12(Smaller portion)	\$7.50	_____
All Granger Banquet – Sunday -Adult	\$23.00	_____
Options: Vegetarian	\$23.00	_____
Gluten-Free	\$23.00	_____
Child Banquet ages 4-12 (Smaller portion)	\$10.50	_____

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE:**  
Any dietary or allergy concerns must be known 10 days prior to state session. Please list them here:

Please check if you will be participating in the following:

Public Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ Sign a Song \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Outing \_\_\_\_\_

Send forms and payment by September 15, 2019 to:

North Central Host Committee  
c/o Ashley Furman  
PO Box 481 • Centre Hall, PA 16828

Any questions call Ashley Furman at 814-360-2265, Patty Bird at 814-359-2851 or Ruth Vonada at 814-404-7989

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: SEPTEMBER 15, 2019.**

**All Granger Banquet seating is based on first responses.**

*There will be a \$10 late fee assessed for after deadline registrations.*



# Youth News

**Youth Committee**  
Ellen Wadsworth  
PA State Grange Youth Director



Happy September!

State Session will be here before we know it. Have you started your contest entries? Here are some of our fun contests you can enter.

Start with a cake mix, and cupcake decorating are our two baking categories. The recycled craft has three different classes- container, fabric, and wood. Building block creation, scrapbook page, create a commercial, and create a button are also other options to participate in! Make sure you label all of your entries with your name, address, Grange, age, contest title, and with the class, category, or division written on it.

You may also sign up and enter in any of the four public speaking categories. Prepared speech, radio spot contest, impromptu, and public speaking with visual aid(s).

Remember, all the contest rules with heavier descriptions can be found online at [www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org) under "Documents" and choose "2019 Guide to Contest & Programs" link. See you in State College!

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**Youth Camp European Adventure:**

Youth and young adults from around the state traveled far and wide to take a virtual trip through Europe during Youth Camp, June

29-30, 2019. Many of our travels revolved around trying food from different countries, such as French and German Continental Breakfasts, Spanish Empanadas, and British Shepherds Pie. The youth and young adults also played foreign language Bingo, made kites and terrariums, and completed a service project of decorating Kindness Boxes for a PA Food Bank. The weekend finale was the Coronation of our new 2019-2020 Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors, Isabella Boone from Centre County, and Josh Mengel from Berks County. We conducted an International Fair following coronation and had several youth, young adults, and young at heart bring in items to share with the campers.

*(See pictures on page 15)*

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**Words from the new Youth Ambassadors:**

**Isabella Boone -**

Hi Pennsylvania Grangers! I am Isabella Boone, your new Pennsylvania State Grange Female Youth Ambassador for 2019-2020. I am from Baileyville Grange #1991 in Centre County. I've been involved in the Grange since I was very little due to my grandparents being in the

Grange. My grandma, Melanie Melius, is the Family Activities Director for the state and I've always loved being with her at state functions and meetings. I can't wait to meet many of you at open houses and Grange meetings across the state. I'm looking forward to talking about the Youth Grange and what we really do for Pennsylvania! Thank you for all your support!

*Isabella*

**Josh Mengel -**

Hi everyone! My name is Joshua Mengel and I am the new PA 2019-2020 male Youth Ambassador. I am a member of Fleetwood Grange in Berks County. I love to hunt, fish, hang with friends, play soccer, sing, and be outside. This fall I will be a Junior at Elizabethtown College majoring in Environmental Science. I am the co-captain of my club soccer team and the treasurer of Phalanx, Elizabethtown's all male accapella group.

During my time as Youth Ambassador, I would like to work on





bringing back some activities in the Grange that used to be such a huge part of the organization when my parents were my age. I want to restart the softball, volleyball, and bowling leagues, along with the skit nights that took place at the local Granges. Not only would these activities increase membership, but also youth membership that the Grange really needs right now. I encourage all of you to bring this idea up at your local meetings.

Ellen Wadsworth  
Youth Director  
cell: 417-967-6474  
e-mail: [youth@pagrange.org](mailto:youth@pagrange.org)



Isabella and I would love to meet all of you and get to spend time at more Granges around the state. I thank you all for this opportunity and look forward to this upcoming year!  
*Josh*





# Junior News

**Junior Committee**  
Lurae Benzio  
PA State Grange Junior Committee  
Director

Hello Juniors and Junior Supporters!

We had an AWESOME State Camp this year and there are several photos to show you how much fun we all had! The Disney theme was great to work with! It was heartwarming to have so many State officers either on staff for the week or visit/attend camp and support the program! I am one lucky Director! There were 4 former JG Directors who came to visit and reminisce about the "good ole days"; Kelly Van Ord, Mike and Janet Pratt and Deb Campbell. It was nice to have them back at camp, singing songs and seeing the smiles on the campers' faces!

The new 2019-2020 Junior Grange Royalty were announced on Friday evening after several days of interviewing with the judg-

es. The new Princess is Elisabeth Reich from Valley Grange #1360 in York Co. Elisabeth has been a Junior member for many years and is also one of the graduating Juniors. She has helped out with many fundraisers at Valley Grange including the BIG ONE – Farm Show Milkshake Booth!



The new Prince; Bryce Danko from Community Grange in Perry County, has been a member for many years. Bryce has the unique opportunity to do many Grange events when he travels with his Grandparents, Wayne & Deb Campbell. Just days prior to attending this years' camp, Bryce returned from a special Boy Scout trip which took him and his troop hiking over 100 miles through the mountains of New Mexico on what is often referred to as the "Philmont Trip".

The theme for next year's camp is "Wilderness Survival" and the committee and other staff members are already planning activities and events. Our goal is to bring in 10 new campers (to make up for the 10 that graduated)...or have 10 Juniors return to camp. We have room for more...so plan on sending your child to camp next year!

Our next BIG Junior event is the Junior Jam held every year during the State Session. This year, session is in State College and the planning committee has some fun things planned for the Juniors. You can register them online or by using the form in this edition (page 13) (or past editions) or contact me and I will send you one. Note: the registrations are NOT mailed to me! I hope to see many of the Juniors at State Session. And I hope all of our Juniors send (or bring) their Contest entries to State Session. We have so many different things to make or do. From Photography and drawing to baking and scrapbooking – there is surely something to interest all Juniors.







As we approach the upcoming school year, and school shopping for supplies begins, please consider buying one or two extra packs of pencils or crayons or other supplies and send them to school so the teachers have a supply. So many children go without



an end and the Autumn season moves in to greet us with cooler temps and good harvests!  
God Bless

See you all soon!  
Lurae Benzio  
Junior Grange Director  
Benz4@comcast.net  
724-643-5750



ets to make sure everyone is taken care of. If everyone bought just one more notebook, folder or glue stick, (or other items) it would help out many!!

Enjoy time with family and friends as the summer months come to

the needed school supplies and many times teachers reach into their own pock-







**Government Matters**  
**Vince Phillips**  
 PA State Grange Lobbyist

**IMPORTANT TO YOU!**

Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange on issues that are important to you. After all, our legislative goals come from members. Please let us know: [legislative@pagrange.org](mailto:legislative@pagrange.org) or 717-737-8855 or 717-346-1063. If you

want help in drafting a resolution to be considered by your local Grange which then gets voted on at State Session in October, please utilize the Pennsylvania State Grange as a resource. If you want to see the positions taken by the Pennsylvania State Grange on legislative and regulatory issues, please refer to our web site, [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org).

**AGRICULTURE  
 LEGISLATION**

The PA General Assembly passed numbers of bills designed to help PA Agriculture which were signed into law. By way of reference, there were two sets of farm legislation. One was the PA Farm Bill, a package of bills relating to different components of PA's number one industry. Second was a package of bills put forth by Senate Republicans called 'Farming First'. In some cases, specific bills were included in both groups.

**Signed into law: These are in both PA Farm Bill and Farming First.**

- **Senate Bill 585 (Act 66)** establishes the Dairy Future Commission. NOTE: Pennsylvania State Grange will have a place on the Dairy Future Commission.
- **Senate Bill 338 (Act 28)** increases the allowable width for farm equipment to be 18 feet, up from the current 16 feet.
- **Senate Bill 478 (Act 65)** provides a personal income tax credit for landowners who sell or lease land or equipment to beginning farmers.
- **House Bill 370 (Act 33)** provides flexibility for protected farms regarding an additional residence. Its companion was Senate Bill 145, part of the Farming First package of bills.

# Summer Produced A Bumper Crop in Harrisburg!

**Parts of the PA Farm Bill signed into law**

- **House Bill 1520 (Act 36)** provides grants to small meat processors to help them comply with Federal inspection requirements. It was amended to include other parts of the PA Farm Bill found in other pieces of legislation. These include details of PA Preferred and establishment of a program to help veterans go into farming.
- **House Bill 1516 (Act 35)** establishes a special account to deal with major threats to food such as Avian Influenza.
- **House Bill 1526 (Act 37)** restores the Agriculture-Linked Investment Program (low cost loans to farmers to implement best management practices).
- **Senate Bill 661 (Act 40)** creates the Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Fund. It allows resources to go for specialty crops such as hemp and hops that are not

eligible under the USDA Specialty Crop Grant program. It also establishes the PA Agriculture Business Development Center to serve as a business planning and succession planning resource it also restores the Agriculture & Rural Workforce youth grant program and creates a new financial resource for urban agriculture projects.

- **House Bill 1590 (Act 38)** establishes the Dairy Investment Program and Dairy Investment Program Account.
- **House Bill 1514 (Act 34)** provides for the Farm to School program.
- **Senate Bill 634 (Act 39)** establishes the Conservation Excellence Grant Program to provide financial and technical assistance to farmers to install and maintain best management practices. The companion bill is **House Bill 1517** which passed the House and was referred to the Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee.



**Pending Legislative Consideration this fall are:**

- **Senate Bill 583** establishes guidelines for agritourism on protected farms. It passed the Senate and is now in the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee. It is part of Farming First package of bills.
- **Senate Bill 453** exempts wedding barns from Uniform Construction Code building requirements. Status: Passing the Senate, SB 453 is now in the House Labor

ral Affairs Committee. SB 623 is part of the PA Farm Bill package.

- **Senate Bill 623** provides for an exemption from the Real Estate Transfer Tax for a transfer of protected farmland to a beginning farmer. It is part of the PA Farm Bill.

One part of the Governor's original PA Farm Bill that was not introduced was an attempt to repeal certain audit procedures for agricultural cooperatives.

*to the travel ban under the declaration puts the public in jeopardy, which, in turn, endangers our State Police and first responders and even our milk haulers. In my view, such an exemption runs counter to the safety of the driving public.*

*I think it is important to note several things about the travel ban under consideration in this legislation. Typically, the bans are short in duration; however, they may be extended due to vehicle accidents or stranded motorists due to hazardous conditions on the highways. For example, on November 15, 2018, a severe winter weather event occurred in this Commonwealth. Interstates 83, 81, 80, and 78 were closed for up to 15 hours while commercial vehicles were removed from the snow and ice that had built up around their stopped vehicles. Commercial vehicle bans were then initiated for the next five storms spanning from January to March 2019. With the bans in place, there were no significant closures on the interstate highways in this Commonwealth. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the commercial vehicle bans implemented during this time averaged only 18 hours in duration. This time seems like a small price to pay when considering the public safety benefits of the travel bans."*

**GOVERNOR VETOES DAIRY BILL**

Despite the euphoria in the Agriculture Community from all the legislation signed into law, there was a casualty with Governor Tom Wolf's veto of **House Bill 915** sponsored by House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Majority Chair Martin Causer (R-McKean/Cameron/Potter). This legislation would have permitted milk haulers to continue picking up milk from dairy farmers even after a weather emergency was called and commercial traffic on the Interstates was banned. Governor Wolf vetoed HB 915 a day after he held a signing ceremony to celebrate other parts of his PA Farm Bill which passed the General Assembly.

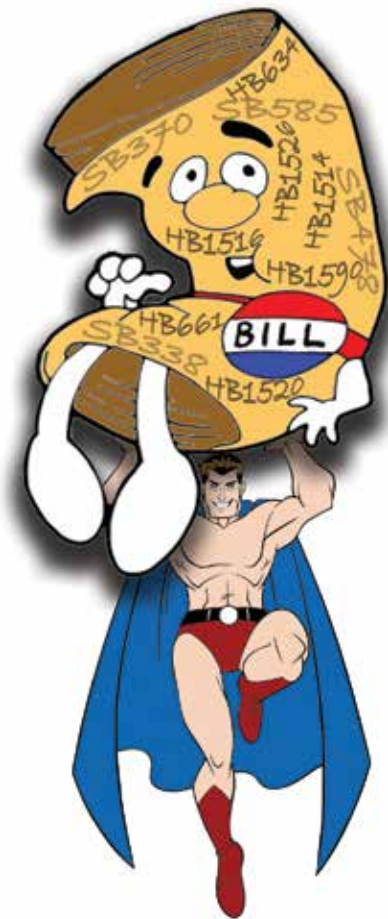
**Following are two documents. First is the veto message from Governor Wolf. Second is the reaction from Chair Causer.**

**Governor Tom Wolf:**

*"After careful consideration, I must veto this legislation due to very serious public safety concerns. A declaration of disaster emergency carries the gravest considerations insofar as the traveling public is concerned. Furthermore, prior declarations have proven effective in lessening the danger to the public at-large during precarious time periods. Providing for an exemption*

**Chair Martin Causer:**

*"The governor's decision to veto this bill is very much at odds with what he says about his support for our farmers. Every single agriculture organization across the state supports this bill because they know dairy farmers have only two options for the milk produced on their farms – they have to ship it out or they have to dump it. Period. Cows are going to produce milk no matter what the weather forecast – you can't change their milking schedules and you can't just turn them off!*



& Industry Committee. Its companion bill in the House is **House Bill 1037** which is on the House calendar. SB 453 is part of Farming First package of bills.

- **Senate Bill 623** promotes organic farming in Pennsylvania through the PA Preferred Program. It is currently in the Senate Agriculture & Ru-

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# Grange News

## LIBERTY GRANGE #1780

A very happy note to report: the baby, Summer, that we held our Super BINGO for, just got discharged 2 weeks after her surgery to the Ronald MacDonald House near Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Both she and her donor, Michele, are doing very well. Our Grange worked with the Scott Township Fire Dept and other Community members and raised \$6000 that was split evenly between the families to help with expenses not covered by their insurance. Many fellow Grangers across the state contributed to the cause!



*(Liberty Grange) Summer*

## STONY POINT GRANGE #1694

Representatives of Stony Point Grange, in Mercer County; Ralph

and Pat Boyd, Bernie Fulton, and Ken Ammann presented a check to Tim McGee and Wayne Stratos of Mercer County Disabled American Veterans Chapter 55 on Friday, May 17th. The Grange held a pancake dinner in observance of Veterans' Day this past November with proceeds to benefit Mercer County DAV transportation program.



*(Stony Point Grange) l-r: Tim McGee, Ken Ammann, Ralph Boyd, Pat Boyd, and Wayne Stratos.*

On Saturday, July 13th, Stony Point Grange hosted a hunter safety class. Lunch was prepared by Stony Point members for 110 youth and adult attendees and the certified instructors that were in charge of the class.



*(Stony Point Grange)*

## VALLEY GRANGE #1360

Valley Grange, in Lewisberry, PA, had a fantastic meeting on June 10, 2019. Our guests; PA Jr royalty Cassy and Zach, PA Youth Ambassadors Mikayla and Isaac, and PA Young Patron Jodi, led us in a great Grange trivia tic



*(Valley Grange)*

tac toe game, and we ended the evening celebrating Dairy Month with an ice cream sundae station!

## BUCKS COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #22

Bucks Co. Pomona Grange, in Bucks Co, recently donated a total of \$1,000 to local charitable organizations: Bucks Co. SPCA, Meals on Wheels of Upper Bucks, Woodside and Central Bucks, A Wom-





## CRAWFORD COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #26

The June Pomona meeting was hosted by Atlantic Grange and featured a program on the Revitalization of Conneaut Lake. The program was presented by Bill Eldridge which outlined the accomplishments of the Conneaut Lake Development Committee. The Committee is comprised of 32 volunteer citi-

Information Systems Agency, and as Operations Researcher at the Army Depot System Command, both located in Chambersburg, PA. He is a continuing member of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences and the Production and Operations Management Society with membership exceeding 30 years in each organization. He currently is an elected member of the Conneaut Lake Borough Council, currently in his second term of office. Mr. Eldridge serves as the Chairman of the Conneaut Lake Community Development Committee. In January 2012 he completed Chairmanship of the Crawford County Citizen's Advisory Group that examined County Courthouse facilities and made recommendations to the Commissioners for the most cost-effective solution needed for renovations to County Government facilities with the estimated cost of the recommendations of \$25 million. He serves as a member of the Pastoral Council of Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church and resides in Conneaut Lake.



### Hot Dogs for a Dollar Helping our Pomona Grange Donation Fund Benefiting

- Central Bucks Meals on Wheels
- Upper Bucks Meals on Wheels
- Woodside Meals on Wheels
- A Woman's Place
- Chandler Hall Hospice
- Bucks Co. SPCA

(Bucks County Pomona) l-r with Jim Diamond: Linda Reider from Bucks County SPCA, Donna Gordon from Woodside Meals on Wheels and Bonnie Gepner from Central Bucks Meals on Wheels.

an's Place and Chandler Hall Hospice. All of these groups receive no public funding. Donations were presented at Plumsteadville Grange's weekly farm market where hot dogs were also sold to raise additional funds.

## MARION GRANGE #223

As most of you are aware, we are slowly rebuilding. We recently held our first community activity, during a physical meeting, in a very long time. We had old members and new members join us. A fun night giving back to the community by creating Jared Boxes. We created 24 boxes for toddlers and will donate then to the Mount Nittany Hospital. Here is the website for the Jared Box project: <http://www.thejaredbox.com/pages/index.html>



(Marion Grange) l-r: Erika Stover, Scott Smith, Jennie Rogers, Eileen Cramer, Courtney Fetters



(Crawford County Pomona) l-r: Arvilla Allen, Pomona Lecturer, Bill Eldridge, 2019 Public Service Award Recipient, and Michael Tau, Pomona Master.

zens from the Conneaut Lake area. Funds raised and spent during the past five years for these projects amounted to \$3,440,000 with the Borough contributing \$150,000. They are currently in Phase II of the project which will continue into 2020.

Following Mr. Eldridge's presentation, Pomona Lecturer Arvilla Allen presented the 2019 Public Service Award to Mr. Eldridge for his work in the Conneaut Lake Revitalization and involvement in the community. Mr. Eldridge retired from the Department of Defense where he served as a Civilian Program Manager at Defense

## CENTRAL GRANGE #1216

On Tuesday, May 2nd, the Potter County Republican Committee, along with Central Grange, hosted a "Meet the Candidate" forum at the Central Grange hall starting with coffee and tea and a light luncheon at 5:30 PM. At 6:00 PM, twelve candidates for several Potter County Offices were introduced and each were given five minutes to tell the approximately forty five attendees what their plans are if/when they are elected to the Office.

Potter County Register and Recorder; Nicole Larson, Prothonotary; Kathy Schroeder, and Sheriff; Glenn C. Drake were unopposed. All of the action in the May primary

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**HOT OFF THE PRESS...  
FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA  
STATE GRANGE  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE**

**MILK MAKES HEADWAY**

Dairy advocates received a boost with adoption of **House Resolution 222**. It reminds the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of its legal responsibility to enforcing existing rules about mislabeling non-milk products as ‘milk’.

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**BUDGET BLISS**

Overall, the State Budget as relating to Agriculture contained much to please the Agriculture Community. Overall investment increases \$19.5 million. Animal Health & Diagnostic Commission received \$2 million. Restored and funded were programs originally eliminated by in Governor Wolf’s original State Budget proposal. These include hardwoods research, agricultural research, agriculture promotion, and the livestock open dairy and livestock shows. PA Department of Agriculture general operations budget increased to \$33.731 million from 33.481 million. Penn State’s College of Agricultural Sciences received \$54.96 million. Funding for Agriculture Workforce, PA Fairs, PA Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) delivering fresh farm products to food banks, and the University of Pennsylvania’s Veterinary program are stable.

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**RESEARCH CHALLENGES FCC BROADBAND POLICY**

Research done by Sascha Meinrath, Palmer Chair of Penn State’s College of Communications points to inaccurate measurement of Broadband access by the Federal Trade Commission (FCC). Speaking to

the Governor’s Rural Development Council, he pointed to research that he conducted for the Center for Rural PA which measured 11 million Broadband widths in Pennsylvania. It showed a stark contrast from the FCC assertion that all PA counties have acceptable 25 MB Broadband width. His finding was that zero counties have reached that level. Greene County for example had a median speed of 7.22 MB.

This disconnect stems from FCC’s determination that access is universal in a Census block if one potentially has access. In contrast, the Center for Rural PA study used real measurement data from actual readings of speed width.

There are two major complications that this generates. First, the FCC numbers do not explain why much of rural Pennsylvania has no or limited access to Broadband. Second, PA has lost out of millions of dollars of Federal assistance because government funders use the FCC measurement to determine the need. If the FCC says we have 100% coverage, then there is no reason to provide grant monies. There are exceptions, for example with a \$15 million grant to rural PA from the Appalachian Regional Commission and possibly from HHS with the Rural Health Model initiative. to boost rural hospital community outreach.

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**OTHER BROADBAND NEWS**

Senate Resolutions 47 and 48 were adopted by the Senate before its summer recess. Both are sponsored by Senator Kristin Phil-

lips-Hill. **Senate Resolution 47** establishes a legislative commission to help the General Assembly keep its attention focused on the need for more access to Broadband width. Senate Resolution 48 directs the Joint State Government Commission to investigate whether or not non-rural telecommunications carriers are compliant with existing PA law regarding supplying minimum Broadband width.

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**SENATE BILL 147 UPDATE**

Even though we lost, the Pennsylvania State Grange did not bargain away what its members wanted. The Pennsylvania State Grange opposes Sunday hunting and will continue to do so in the House. We believe that Sunday hunting is a short-sighted way to resolve the really complex question as to why hunting license numbers continue to decline.

Here is the score card. The vote was 36-14 in favor of Sunday hunting.

14 Senators (6 Republicans and 8 Democrats) voted for the Pennsylvania State Grange position against Sunday hunting.

Regards,

Vince  
Vince Phillips, Legislative Director  
Pennsylvania State Grange





# Without any reservations...

*the people want whole milk back in schools!!!*

Guest Editorial with photos  
by Arden Tewksbury, Manager

June 25, 2019

The enthusiastic crowd that attended the Dairy Day on Tuesday, June 18 in Harrisburg, PA clearly shows that adults, high school

Even Nelson Trautman was at the dairy rally, and he started the very successful hay bale campaign to advertise milk.

Pro-Ag has been passing out flyers for over 40 years to various consumers, and these same consumers are putting them on Facebook to their friends all across the United States. Our flyers support the need of using whole milk and butter in the consumer's diet. Our supporting information has mainly come from author Nina Teicholz, who spent 8 years writing her book, "The Big Fat Surprise; Why Butter, Meat  
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from left to right: Congressman GT Thompson (R-PA), Arden Tewksbury, manager of Pro-Ag, and Congressman Fred Keller (R-PA) hold up bottles of whole chocolate milk in Harrisburg at June's Dairy Day.



Arden Tewksbury, manager of Pro-Ag, delivers thousands of dairy farmer petitions to the USDA office of the Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, earlier in June 2019.

students, and dairy princesses are enthusiastic about the possibility of getting whole milk back in our schools.

The enthusiasm to place whole milk back in the school has now just caught on. The people who put together the rally deserve a lot of credit, and the members of the PA House of Representatives' Ag Committee needs to be thanked for having a meeting at the State Capital building and passing a resolution to get whole milk back in our schools.

**VALLEY GRANGE #1360**

**WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP TO MAKE THE PA DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION FAMOUS FARM SHOW MILKSHAKES.**

**JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 11**

**CALL DOT TRAVER (717) 938 2986**  
**EMAIL: DOT.FARMSHOW@GMAIL.COM**





## Back to the Land:

# Raised Beds: Version 1.0

By Heather Hiller

Late last year, my husband and I were finally able to sell our old farm and move closer to his work territory. We'd had our farm on the market for years...and I refused to plant a garden on the chance I'd have to leave it for someone else to harvest. So this spring, I was FINALLY able to pull out those raised-bed plans I've been drooling over for a good three to four years. We created a "master plan", then figured out what we could afford to spend each year in order to make it work. This year we decided to start with three raised beds, with the goal of adding three-four more each year until we've created an enclosed fruit and garden yard.

Once we decided how many beds we'd build when the weather broke, I got to work testing my green thumb by planting dozens of microscopic seeds and pampering those little buggers... FOR MONTHS! Lessons I've learned... most herbs are a real pain to start indoors, seeds don't like mold (so ventilate often!), if following the instructions doesn't work... try something different before throwing out that batch of started seeds, and NEVER give up! Eventually those little guys will poke their heads out of the ground and it'll make you SOOO darn proud!

I started all my seeds around the end of February, and by April I was rewarded with a tiny family of seedlings. So we kicked our building plans into full gear and started to get kinda excited about actually having a garden. We couldn't wait until May finally rolled around and we were able to break ground on our big adventure. We'd planned on it being just the two of us building the beds, but our nephew, Jordan Downey, came up and pitched in a hand.

Now, two months later... SUCCESS!!! A few days ago I froze our first batch of snap peas and last night we enjoyed our first green beans. I have to tell you...this is SOOOO incredibly COOL! I HIGHLY recommend raised beds... as bending over to weed is NOT a highlight of the growing experience!

This first year we planted to-

matoes, green beans, snap peas, five types of peppers (because I like spicy), onions, rhubarb, mint, basil and asparagus. The rhubarb and asparagus won't be harvested until next year... so that was a long game plan. Based on lessons learned this year, next year we'll give the tomato plants their own bed (they DON'T play well with others), and we'll plant a lot more onions, beans and peas, while adding zucchini and yellow squash. I will add this... I planted ONLY organic, non GMO, seeds, and I'll be harvesting seeds from this years crop to see if I can get them to grow next year.

Hope you enjoy my photo essay... and that you give this a try next spring!



Leveled ground and used pressure treated lumber to build beds



5/18: Filled base layer with shale



Lined the beds with window seal to protect the plants from chemicals in the lumber





Next layer is gravel... for drainage



Lined the beds next with landscape fabric... to cut down on weeds



Fourth layer is made up of rabbit and horse manure



Fifth layer: leaves and grass clippings from around the property



Sixth layer: good quality topsoil purchased locally in bulk



And the fun begins... planting every thing!



07/01: Starting to look like an actual garden



07/14: HOLY COW!!! I grew something!!!



7/20: Out of control tomatos!



7/20: Need to plant MANY more of these next year... so yummy



7/20: Just getting hotter every day... excellent!



7/20: Our little "bee house" is full of guests... pollinating away



7/20: Hard to not to harvest the onions... must wait... patience!



7/20: Mint is starting to multiply... yeah!





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ry election was for the three openings on the Potter County Board of Commissioners...with five running for the three openings. Paul Heimel was seeking to extend his position on the Board. Nancy Grupp, Barry Hayman, J. David Buckler and Larry Hinrichsen each spoke that evening.

Those present were given a challenge with different ideas on who would do more for the betterment of our area.

We were honored to have Pennsylvania State Grange President; Wayne D. Campbell, and his wife Deb, as our guests. In his message, Wayne stressed that a few people working together can accomplish much good.

We were grateful for David Castano, President of the Potter County Historical Society, who was MC for the evening and kept the event smoothly moving along.



(Central Grange) l-r: Karen Cahilly, David Castano, Donna Lehman, Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary Debbie Campbell and Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell

### PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE #1074

PVG recently purchased FFA (Future Farmers of America) jackets for two deserving students at Honesdale High School. Both students are ninth graders at the high school and first year members of the FFA group.

PVG also, recently, awarded their annual scholarships, in the amount of \$750 each, to two lo-



(Pleasant Valley Grange) l-r: Ron Rowe (Grange member), Lexi Korb & Jacob Turner (jacket recipients), Rebecca Rowe and Louise Rowe (Grange members)



(Pleasant Valley Grange) l-r: Ron Rowe, Lily Fries, Rebecca Rowe, Brooke Rutledge & Louise Rowe

cal students. The scholarship is awarded, each year, to a student, or students, planning on majoring in agricultural related fields. This year's winners; Brooke Rutledge and Lily Fires, were both graduates of the Honesdale High School.

Brooke will be attending Penn State University to major in Animal Science and Lily will be studying Dairy Management at SUNY Cobleskill. Both girls are active members of a local 4-H program and the FFA club at their high school.

It is the goal of the Pleasant Valley Grange to make this scholarship available each year to the youth in our community to help them further their education.

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### Holiday needs

- Gift Cards to Wegmans to purchase fresh potatoes and hams
- Canned Yams (less than 40oz)
- French Fried Onions
- Flour (2-5 pound packages)
- Sugar (2-5 pound packages)
- Oil
- Canned Pineapple

**Current Needs** (June 2019, latest update – see link above for updates throughout the year)

- Laundry detergent
- Canned pears and pineapple
- Salt, pepper, and spices
- Tomato products (stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Canned pasta sauce and Sloppy Joe sauce (Chef Boyardee, Manwich, etc.)
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Beets

### PLEASE NOTE:

- We are not in need of the following: Baby Food, Baby Formula, Green Beans, Corn, or Protein Beans
- We cannot accept expired or opened food items. Please check the expiration dates on items before donating them. Our food donation guidelines provide assistance in determining what can be accepted.

Lastly, I did move in April. Please either e-mail me or call to get the updated mailing address. This has also been updated with the state office.

Fraternally,  
Gail Switzer  
Deaf Activities/Community Service Committee Director  
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# 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED!

## **PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE AWARDING OF 6 SCHOLARSHIPS AND 5 INTEREST FREE LOANS TO PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE YOUTH FOR 2019**

The Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation Scholarship was established in 1996 by delegate action, this scholarship is available to any Grange member, in good standing, entering their Junior or Senior year in college. The following People have been awarded scholarships from the Foundation:

1. Hannah Leibensperger is the daughter of Robert Leibensperger and Cindy Leibensperger of Topton, Pennsylvania. Hannah is attending Elizabethtown College where she has a double major in Psychology and Occupational Therapy.
2. Dori Kralj is the daughter of Rick and Gretchen Kralj of Emlenton, Pennsylvania. Dori is attending Iowa State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and minoring in International Studies.
3. Maria Schall is the daughter of Kenneth and Carol Schall of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. Maria is attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she is majoring in Early Childhood Education and Special Education and minoring in Middle Level Math.
4. Grace Wadsworth is the daughter of David and Ellen Wadsworth of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. Grace

is attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she has a major in Child Development and a minor in Spanish.

The Rhone Grant is given in honor of Leonard Rhone who was the third Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange. This scholarship is given in his name to honor the great things he did for the Grange. This scholarship is only available to those pursuing a degree in Agriculture or Human Development & Family Services at Penn State University. The Grant is being awarded this year to:

1. Sara Benzio is the daughter of Mark and Lurae Benzio of Industry, Pennsylvania. Sara is attending Penn State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and Ag Business and a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Science.

The Grange has a Grange Scholarship Endowment at Penn State University. The recipient of this scholarship is selected by the Penn State Office of Student Aid Scholarship Committee. Applicants apply to the Pennsylvania State Grange who then forwards the applications to the committee for review.

This year the recipient is:

1. Sara Benzio is the daughter of Mark and Lurae Benzio of Industry, Pennsylvania. Sara is attending Penn State University where she is majoring in Animal Science and Ag Business and a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Science.

The Pennsylvania State Grange also offers an interest free loan established by Ellis M. Santee who was an active Grange member and country doctor who knew the importance of a good education. This loan fund was established by the late doctor to help young members get that education. This year that assistance will be given to the following:

1. Hannah Leibensperger is the daughter of Robert Leibensperger and Cindy Leibensperger of Topton, Pennsylvania. Hannah is attending Elizabethtown College where she has a double major in Psychology and Occupational Therapy.
2. Mitchell Grove is the son of William and Michele Grove of Felton, Pennsylvania. Mitchell is attending Iowa State University where is majoring in Agricultural Engineering.

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# Liberty Grange 100th Celebration

Liberty Grange #1780 held its 100th Anniversary Celebration on Friday May 10, 2019. Over one hundred guests and Grange members attended and were welcomed by Liberty's President Nancy Rodgers. Chaplin Sandra Moore read the opening prayer. After the pledge of allegiance, several honored guests were recognized. Secretary Bonnie Casselberry read a short history about Liberty Grange. Bonnie publicly thanked the members of the community, Scott Township Fire Department and fellow Grange members for supporting Liberty's recent Super BINGO fundraiser for liver donor Michele and recipient Summer.

Lawrence County Commissioner Dan Vogler read a Proclamation from the Commissioners. Commissioner Bob Del Signore was also in attendance. Pennsylvania Senator Elder Vogel read a Citation

and accomplishments. A Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from United States Representative Mike Kelly was read by Lawrence County Grange President Ric Jones.

Many Grange members from all over the state of Pennsylvania were in the audience and were recognized including Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Director Lurae Benizio from Beaver County, Pennsylvania State Executive Committee

Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary Deb Campbell and her husband Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell from Perry County.



Roll call of Granges counted 17 members from Liberty, 2 from

## *Over one hundred guests and Grange members attended and were welcomed*

honoring Liberty Grange's anni-

member Dick Mangel & his wife Ginny, Pennsylvania State Grange Flora from Butler County, Pennsylvania State Grange Vice President J V Lamb of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania State Grange PR/ Membership Consultant Lizzie Bailey of Cumberland County, and Penn-

East New Castle, 15 from Mahoning Valley, 5 from Westfield, 1 from Log Cabin Grange in Mercer and 3 from Beaver County Granges and 6 Lawrence County Junior Grangers. Nancy Shively, age 99, was recognized as the oldest member of Liberty Grange attending that evening. Other Liberty Grange members Lillian Jeffrey, age 104 and Evelyn Smith, age 93 were also mentioned but unable to attend.

Nancy Shively reminisced about her memories of being a Grange member. Former member Lois Henneman, descended from Liberty Charter members Fran-







cis and Lloyd McCracken, spoke about plays that were performed on the stage. Lorraine McKibben, a descendent of Charter members Olive and Frank Forbes, shared her earliest Grange memory about the time her family took water in 4 ten gallon milk cans up to Liberty with a team of horses named Dick and Dan for an event. She also recalled about the time Liberty won first prize at a parade in New Castle with a bicentennial-themed float pulled by a team of ponies. They won the \$200 prize which the Grange donated to the County Home to buy needed clothing for the residents. Bill McChesney, a relative of Charter member Roy Alexander, recalled the story of how Roy had been the person who suggested that the Grange should be named "Liberty".

East of Enon, a blue grass Gospel group consisting of Dave Foster and his two daughters, Judy and Jeannine entertained the guests. They were joined for a couple songs by long-time friend and local Grange member George Caselberry, playing his harmonicas. Keynote speaker for the evening was Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell, who spoke about the history of the Grange and its accomplishments. He also explained some of the legislative issues that the Grange is currently working on and many of the benefits of being a member. Wayne publically thanked Senator Vogel for all his work supporting agriculture in Pennsylvania.

Castle Country Cloggers performed a couple numbers for the crowd, and Ric Jones read "So, God Made a Farmer" by Paul Harvey. Following the benediction, guests went downstairs to the social hall for cupcakes, ice cream, fruit and beverages. For more information about Grange, visit the Pennsylvania State Grange website: [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org) or call Ric Jones 724-944-9613.

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over. The only rejoicing I felt was no more riding that binder til next year!

But now that I am a "little" older, I took a closer look at this song and realize there is a deeper, more meaningful and even a biblical message here!

Since there were no monstrous, motorized combines to harvest the grain back in 1874, Knowles Shaw used the sheaves of grain as a metaphor to illustrate Psalm 126:5,6 (*feel free to look this up*).

We must sow seeds of kindness all times of the day, in all kinds of circumstances and, even if we don't feel like it! Jesus told His disciples that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. We must continue to sow the good seeds of His message and work toward the harvest. Life may seem hopeless at times, but we have the assurance if we continue to serve the Lord, there will come a time for rejoicing, for He has said there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who changes his heart and life than ninety-nine who didn't need to change!

With this insight, I will sow seeds of kindness, sing **"Bringing in the Sheaves"** with a smile on my face and look forward to a bountiful harvest when we all get to heaven.



Prayerfully yours,  
Judy Pressler  
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to survive and could use a great deal of extra help. Two members of the State Grange History Committee have been working monthly since March 2019 with the members on the "Renew Eagle Grange" program to set goals and make plans for the future. In addition to more activities to serve the area and attract new members, high on the list of priorities is the renovation of the Grange Hall kitchen, restrooms and first floor meeting space to make the hall a more welcoming and modern facility for both Grange and community activities. Its highly visible location along Route 15 makes the Grange Hall a real asset with the potential of once again becoming the hub for activities in this area. The recently announced "Friends of Eagle Grange #1" program will provide some of the funds needed to undertake building improvements. Local businesses, individuals, and other Granges are invited to become a "Friend" with an annual donation of \$50. Donations may be made directly to Eagle Grange or through the State Grange Foundation; donations contributed through the Foundation may be deductible for tax purposes. With support from Granges and individual patrons across the state, we hope to reach the goal of 150 friends for Eagle's 150th anniversary. For more information and to access the "Friends" donation forms, visit <http://www.pagrange.org/pennsylvanias-first-grange-eagle-1.html>. You'll have the opportunity to become a "Friend" at State Grange in October; just look for the eye-catching Eagle Grange banner there.

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History Committee  
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*I understand the governor's concern for public safety in extreme conditions, but when we look at the travel bans issued this past winter, most of the 'storms' turned out to be nothing more than typical wintry weather conditions...if that, And when conditions do deteriorate, keeping these heavy milk trucks on interstates and off of secondary roads, which are plowed and treated far less often, is often the safer option. I'm not sure what the governor fails to understand about the problems his travel bans have caused for our dairy industry, which is already struggling to stay afloat. You can spend all the money you want on things like developing the market for organics and increasing processing opportunities, but if you can't get the milk off the farm, what's the point?"*

The General Assembly can try to override the veto or the House could push for passage of House Bill 915's companion Senate Bill 588 which passed the Senate and is now in the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee.

*Vince Phillips is the lobbyist for the Pennsylvania State Grange. He has lobbied in PA since 1989, coming from the Nation's Capitol where, among other things, he served on President Reagan's Transition Team and held a Reagan Administration appointment at USDA.*

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and Cheese Belong in a Healthy Diet" along with videos of Nina's work.



Sherry Bunting, a writer for the Farmshine magazine, has recently been doing a great job writing about getting whole milk back in our schools.

However, I am concerned that we now have different versions of the need to get whole milk back in our schools. I think it's time we unite everyone's efforts and get behind the same program. I'm not surprised that national milk and IDFA feel that 1 % milk is good enough to have in our schools. Let's push that thinking aside and let's unite together to get real, whole milk back into our schools.

Certainly our school children need it and want it.

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# 2019-20 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are working on our 2020 calendar, now. If your Grange is holding any yearly festivals or events, please email those dates to: [info@88dragon.com](mailto:info@88dragon.com) as soon as possible. Thank you!

## STATE SESSION

October 24-27, 2019  
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## PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

January 4-12, 2020  
Farm Show Complex  
Harrisburg, PA

## AG PROGRESS DAYS

August 18-20, 2020  
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

### Tioga #1223

Rodney Fountain  
Michelle Bousquet  
Joan Stone  
Monique Knapp  
Kevin Knapp  
Nathaniel Welsh

### Liberty #1780

Cindy Iorio  
Thomas Iorio

### Shartlesville #1512

Beth Machmer  
Joshua Sites  
Kirby Sites  
Nayley Sites

### Fairdale #1157

Bonnie Miller  
William Miller

### Logan #109

Tara Mondock

### Centre Hill #885

Richard Rothrock

### Roseville #1290

John Johnson

### Progress #96

Alaina McCloskey

### Pleasant Hill #1861

Beth Skiles

Nicole Eckenrode

### Ontelaunee #1617

Tanner Davis

Jayden Dennis

## IN MEMORIAM

### Mt. Nebo #1872

Lois Tilly

### Valley #1360

Robert Boyce

### Tioga #1223

Mary Jane Brace

### Star #993

Theresa Tonick

### Bald Eagle #1390

Donald Kimmerling

### North Strabane #1434

Dorothy Townsend

### Bernville #1887

Charles Kissling

### South Auburn #1188

James Luce

### Big Knob #2008

Lloyd Brenner

### Honey Brook #1688

Thomas Bamberger

### Fairdale #1157

Jack Bechtel

### Ontelaunee #1617

John Weist

Verna Kopicz

### Hayfield #800

Richard Tobin

### Odin #1254

Arnold Haskins

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## *Wish Book*



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# YOUR P.D.A. NEWS TIDBITS

## Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

18 Feet - Attention farmers! There's a new, relaxed limit on implements of agriculture husbandry. It is now legal to have equipment up to 18 feet wide on PA roadways, thanks to the PA-FarmBill.



Mushrooms - 63% of mushrooms grown in the U.S. are grown right here in Pennsylvania. PA mushrooms support 9,500 jobs and turn out over 570 million pounds of product each year. Not to mention, they're particularly good sautéed in butter with a bit of thyme.



Pennsylvania milk - Before you buy your milk, look a little closer for a 42! Milk with a plant code beginning with "42" was processed in PA and predominantly sourced from PA dairy farms. Buy local, support PA dairy farmers. Retailers of PA milk: <https://choosepaday.com/retailers/>



Hemp - the crop of a million uses. Join in as hemp farmers, processors, supporting industries, and hemp industry experts from across the country and internationally, come together. The PA Hemp Summit will provide an occasion to learn, network, and grow the businesses that comprise Pennsylvania's hemp industry. Learn more: <https://teampa.com/pa-hempsummit/>



Spotted Lanternfly - This insect is easily moved if no one is looking. If you are in the quarantine area, please "Look Before You Leave" Inspecting your vehicles, trailers, or any outdoor items before you move around or out of the quarantine is important. If possible, don't park in tree lines and keep windows rolled up when you park your vehicle. Know the life stages of the insect and when to look for them.



Beer - With over 3.7 MILLION barrels of beer produced in 2018, the Keystone State really puts the PA in IPA. PA leads the nation in craft beer production - we make nearly 12 gallons for every resident who's 21+! From just 88 breweries in 2011, we've grown to have over 350 craft breweries in Pennsylvania, and many of them rely on local farms for grains and hops.



No matter what you're drinking to celebrate, you can know that people all over the world are enjoying something special brewed right here in Pennsylvania. In 2018, PA exported over \$7 million worth of beer (and almost \$13 million in brewed beverages overall)!



All across Pennsylvania - 580,000 people work day-in and day-out... pushing agriculture forward... contributing \$135.7 billion to the state's economy. Thank you for doing what you do.







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**WANTED: QUILT BLOCK PAINTERS**  
We are in need of Grangers willing to paint 2' x 2' Quilt Blocks this fall due to the request for additional blocks to be placed within the PA Farm Show Complex. Quilt Block patterns will be chosen and graphed on the boards so all you have to do is paint the designated colors!  
If interested please e-mail [berglen@verizon.net](mailto:berglen@verizon.net) or call 724-290-3783 and make your desires known.





**From the President's Desk**  
 Wayne D. Campbell  
 PA State Grange President  
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Dear Grangers

Don't forget to vote!! You should be receiving this issue of the PGN just a few weeks prior to election. Be sure you exercise your right to vote. Make a difference one vote at a time.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. Our annual State Grange Session will have just been completed and National Grange is right around the corner. We will be working on setting action into place to achieve the goal of resolutions approved at the 147th Pennsylvania State Grange Session. I am proud to be a member of an organization where our direction comes from the local communities and not from an office in Harrisburg or Washington. We are able to address issues in our communities that are important to our friends and neighbors.

In the coming weeks look around your community. Determine how you as an individual can make a difference. Talk to your Grange about what it can do to correct an issue or address a concern within your area. We have been using the phrase, "Grange Super Heros" over the last year. Let's continue to be a Grange Super Hero throughout the year 2020.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, what in life are you thankful for. I hope one of your first thoughts are your family. Debbie

and I will have welcomed a new Grandchild into our lives in October. This gives us the opportunity to make a difference in yet another life. To tell them stories and provide guidance as they grow. To teach them things that will enable them to make a difference in their world. To be that comforting shoulder, lend an ear to listen, or a hand to help. We all can be thankful for being able to watch a child grow, to develop, and to become an independent individual. It's hard when they don't want a hug anymore or they won't kiss Grandma in front of their friends. But hopefully, our love, our guidance, and our inspiration will help them tackle the world and make a difference. We need to be thankful for all the wonderful things God provides for us each and every day.



a mitten tree at your church and knit a pair of warm mittens. You can cut a load of firewood for the man down the road who was injured at work and was unable to get his firewood in early. You can help at a homeless shelter, cook a meal for a neighbor and invite them over because otherwise they would spend the day alone. You can go on and on with ways we can give that, in some cases, won't cost us a cent. One big thing to remember, this should not end when Christmas is over.

We need to be generous, caring, loving, supporters to those less fortunate around us every day of the year. Be a Grange Super Hero,

be that person that put a smile on another's face, be that person that stepped up and said, "I'd be delighted" all year long.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Fraternally,  
 Wayne D. Campbell,  
 Pennsylvania State Grange  
 President



**VOLUNTEER**  
*do good. feel good*

With the Christmas season we think of giving. What can you give to help someone else? We don't have to have extra money in order to be able to give. You can volunteer at the local food bank, shovel a sidewalk for an elderly neighbor, make a repair to someone's home who is unable to do it themselves. There are so many ways we can give. You can take a name from





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## Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING & MERRY CHRISTMAS!

This is the issue for Thanksgiving and Christmas and I know you have heard the same messages over and over: Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! Having written articles for this time of the year several times, I thought I would suggest something different this year. Using the Acrostic for THANKSGIVING, start with November 1 and try a letter each day. If you finish before Thanksgiving, start over!! Do the same for CHRISTMAS and start with December 1 and start over! OR choose to repeat days that were your favorites!! See if this makes a difference for you on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day!!

### THANKSGIVING

**T** Thank God for His presence in your life

**H** Help provide meals at a homeless shelter

**A** Appreciate all His numerous blessings you have received

**N** Notice the beauty God creates every autumn

**K** Kneel in prayer daily

**S** Supply food to your local Food Bank

**G** Give of your time and talent to a local charity

**I** Identify a family who could use a gift card to WalMart

**V** Visit a shut-in who has no family living nearby

**I** Invite someone to share

*your holiday meal*

**N** Nurture your relationships with your family and friends

**G** Grow your faith by studying the Word

### CHRISTMAS

**C** Celebrate the birth of Jesus

**H** Hope for world peace for the holidays and beyond

**R** Recognize the importance of the birth of the Christ Child

**I** Imagine yourself at the manger so many years ago

**S** Share the good news like the shepherds did

**T** Treat others as Jesus said you would like to be treated

**M** Minimize your emphasis on material things this Christmas

**A** Acknowledge the real reason for the season

**S** Savor the time spent with your loved ones

May God bless you richly, may you have a bountiful Thanksgiving, and may you have a magnificent Christmas!

**Sharing God's message and love,**

Prayerfully yours,  
Judy Pressler  
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## Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR Director

Holiday music is playing, and the cookie baking has begun at the Bailey home. Our favorite cookie recipes are tabbed in our Grange



cookbooks, which are spread out on our table. Cookie baking is a tradition that goes back to when I was a little girl. Mom would start making goodies for the holidays at the beginning of November. Wonderful sugar cookies, homemade fudge, raisin filled cookies. While she worked in the kitchen, she would tell us stories about family, and things they did as kids growing up. Stories that have stayed with me through all these years, and it is because of family storytelling that I still love hearing them. I value all the Grange stories about family, friends, experiences, and the stories of your Grange halls. I often say

when entering a Grange hall if the walls could talk to me, and then I smile because they often do tell me stories with the pictures and plaques, and memorabilia hanging on the walls!

This past year the challenges have been many, but for those of you actively working on growing your Grange, you are creating success stories! Our salutation, "A good Patron places Faith in God, nurtures Hope, dispenses Charity, and is noted for Fidelity." So, I would like to share a story with you about faith, hope, charity, and fidelity as I share a story of the Duttreys and Hickory Grange in Dubois, Clearfield County.

### Fidelity

Doyle and Norma Duttrey and their little dog, Peaches had been making the trek from Tyrone to Dubois for years to be part of the Hickory Grange located in Clearfield County. I received a phone call from Doyle inquiring about



the workshops we were providing to the Granges. He had mentioned he first joined Grange in 1952 and at one time they had as many as 80 members in their Grange. He was sad to share that their Grange was down to 13 members and they didn't have enough money to pay their current bills. He was worried about the future of Hickory Grange as he was the president, secretary and treasurer as no one stepped up to hold offices.

### Faith and Hope

We went into planning mode for a workshop and Doyle and Norma were willing to do whatever was asked of them. We scheduled an interview for the Duttreys with the local TV news station to share their Grange story. We shared meeting info with newspapers and relied heavily on social media. We all were saying prayers for a positive outcome for Hickory Grange. Local people had seen the news story on TV and they came to the meeting! Wayne talked about Grange and answered many questions.

### Charity

One pivotal moment was when one of the gentleman in the audience looked over at a young man sitting nearby, who we now know was Jeremiah, and said that if Jeremiah would make a commitment to be part of this project and or-

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## Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities  
Director



Hi, Everyone! I have one question... where did our Summer go? I have been so busy this last month and a half I don't know where my summer went. I hope everyone had a good summer. The Family Festival went Great. Wayne said we had about 175 people through the festival for the weekend. The tour to the Pasto Ag Museum was attended by 49 people, who all enjoyed the antique machinery of the yesterday years. For dinner, Friday evening, 135 people attended for all the good food that the youth cooked. Saturday there were loads of good workshops to be enjoyed by all.

I hope you are working on Contest entries for next year from the new 2020/2021 Guide to Contests

your Grange received at State Session. If your Grange doesn't do any judging, you can bring your entries to State Session in 2020 to be judged.

Thank you, and I hope each and every one of you has a very merry and joyous holiday season.

Yours Truly,  
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*"Membership" continued from page 6*  
ganize it, he would write a check that moment to cover the several hundred dollars worth of bills for Hickory Grange that needed paid. Jeremiah stepped up, said yes, the check was written, and this group of new members has been busy ever since. Doyle said these members are "go-getters" as they are having breakfast and dinner events, musical entertainment, and they did a huge yard sale. The Hickory Grange, a year and a half later, now has over 50 members!

So, let me end with this...in the Bible the book of Matthew, Jesus was talking to the disciples about the kingdom of God and he told the parable of the tiny little mustard seed when it is planted grows into a huge tree. If you too can have the faith of the mustard seed, you will see great things happen!

May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas filled with love, joy, and happiness!

Yours in Grange service,  
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## Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbooks

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(click on cookbook tab)

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**Program Director**  
**Jenn Nauss**  
 PA State Grange Program Director



Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the cool weather of fall. By the time you read this, State Session will have recently ended, bringing with it a new Grange year. As we start this new Grange year, I encourage you to think of a few goals that you would like to accomplish in your Grange in the next year. Plan some new, engaging programs; invite speakers from your communities to lead programs; organize a Lecturer's Committee to assist you with program planning for the year. Don't hesitate to reach out to myself or a member of the committee with any questions or for any support!

Congratulations to Jennifer Beamon, the winner of our Talent Contest who will be singing at the National Grange Evening of Excellence in Minnesota! She will be a wonderful representative for Pennsylvania this year. Start planning now for your talent entries for next year's Talent Contest, which will be held at Family Festival in July. National Session is in Pennsylvania in 2020, so I hope to see many more talent entries vying for an opportunity to represent Pennsylvania in Valley Forge next November!

The new Guide to Contests and Programs is available and there are several new contests. There will be a new program contest; contest entries will be judged and will all be compiled into a Program Idea Guide. There will also be a new Lecturer's Grant to financially support Lectur-

ers to put on high-quality, engaging programs in their Granges. Check out the Guide for more information and details.

**Program Ideas**  
**November**

- Veteran's Day: Honor veterans in your local Granges or communities. Reach out to your local Quilts of Valor chapter to find a time to give a quilt to the veterans in your Grange
- Thanksgiving: Have a holiday recipe exchange with a covered dish dinner for members to share their delicious recipes

**December**

- Christmas: Organize a Christmas party for your Grange members – sing carols, share

interesting facts about Christmas and how it is celebrated around the world, or have a gift exchange. Consider working with your community service director to "adopt" a local family in need to purchase gifts or provide the holiday meal. Plan a program or special event to wrap the gifts as a group!

Jenn Nauss  
 Lecturer  
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## History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee  
Director



### State Grange Records Preservation

The third and final phase of microfilming/digitizing State Grange records has taken a bit longer than anticipated due to delays experienced by the contractor for this work. Nevertheless, in the foreseeable future all these documents – Journals of Proceedings, newsletters, officer rosters, Executive Committee minutes, published histories, etc. - from the past nearly 150 years will have been microfilmed for permanent preservation and also digitized so images are readily available on the website at: <http://www.pagrangle.org/history-committee.html>. The process to load the digitized files onto the website is a slow, labor intensive process but will be a good project to tackle during the coming winter months.

### State Grange 150th Anniversary

Last January President Wayne Campbell appointed the standing History Committee to assume leadership for the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange which was founded on September 18, 1873 in Reading, PA. Recognition of this significant milestone will climax at the 2023 state session, but preliminary thoughts are for about 18 months of special observances across the state to precede the final celebration. A primary goal for celebrating a century and a half of Grange history/accomplishments will be for all Granges and their members to “own” the

observance. Discussions and preliminary planning have been on-going throughout the year and continued at the state session in State College; look for details to be released later in 2020.

**Eagle Grange #1** – There’s still time for Granges and individual patrons to become “Friends of Eagle Grange #1” to provide the extra financial and moral support needed to keep this historic Subordinate alive. After all, it was the vision of Montgomery area farmer Luke Eger after reading about the new Grange movement that led to the founding of this very first Grange in Pennsylvania during March, 1871. From this one small pioneer Grange grew all the 2,100+ Granges that were organized and served this state since then. For more information and to access the “Friends” donation forms, visit <http://www.pagrangle.org/pennsylvanias-first-grange---eagle-1.html>. A mailing was also sent recently to all Subordinate and Pomona Granges about this opportunity to help a Grange in need; thank you for providing the usual generous support for which our fraternity is known.

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By Heather Hiller

Happy Holidays! Last year, for our November/December Issue, we featured a number of festive articles. So many people complimented us on the content, we thought it would be a great idea to continue the theme this year. You’ll notice that this “Holiday” Issue has an undercurrent of “Traditions” & “Gifting”. This idea was actually planted by my husband a few months ago. He told me how, as a child, he couldn’t wait to see the postman deliver the seasonal SEARS and MONTGOMERY WARDS Gift Books. He and his sister would spend hours going cover to cover... dreaming of the goodies they’d love to find under the tree Christmas morning. His story made me think of how Grangers kinda do the same thing as those “Gift Catalogs”... Grangers fill charities with hope and dreams. Almost all our Granges donate time and money to local charities and causes... building a strong tradition of compassion and giving.

In honor of the original inspiration... a SEARS “Wish Book”, I recreated one of the covers I was able to find (with some creative differences). I hope you enjoy the cover and this issue... and share it with your neighbors and friends. May you all have a blessed Christmas!





## Deaf Activities & Community Service Department

Gail Switzer  
PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Thank you to all those that donated to our Family Festival projects. We had a full table of items that our PA State Grange Junior and Youth royalty delivered to Pets Come First during the Family Festival weekend. We also raised \$715 for Big Brothers Big Sisters during our "cake walks" (\$168) and our annual Bike/Hike \$547. Thank you everyone for your continued support. Next year we are considering doing a silent auction throughout the weekend to help raise funds for another organization. Please keep your eyes out for more information about this.

This year at State Grange Session we were focusing on collecting items for a resource center targeted for those who are survivors of sexual or domestic abuse as well as a food bank. We were collecting items for Centre Safe: Empowering Survivors, Eliminating Violence, formerly known as the Centre County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC) and the State College Food Bank.

We had the book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange Session. People brought these items to our table in the lobby, and then came back to buy some new ones. Monies from this event will be donated to Dogs for Better Lives. When a committee member was unable to man the table, a container was left out so those interested could still take a book to donate.

Below are items that can be collected. These lists are updated regularly, please check online for any updates to the lists. If any more information becomes available, I will be

sure to update you in the next Grange News and will post updates of the PA Grange Community Service Facebook page

### State Session Donations:

Centre Safe: Empowering Survivors, Eliminating Violence: <http://ccwrc.org>

**- Special Request -**  
**New or Gently-Used Refrigerator**  
**Towels of all kinds (bath towels, hand towels, kitchen towels, wash clothes)**

### Always Helpful

- Gas and Grocery Cards (\$10-\$25 cards)
- Wal-Mart and Target Gift Cards (\$10-\$25 cards)
- Bus Tokens

### Kitchen Items

- Sponges and dish scrubbers
- Paper plates and napkins (prefer no Styrofoam)
- Bowls (serving, mixing, cereal/soup)
- Stock pots
- Frying pans
- Can opener (manual or electric)

### Bedroom Items

- NEW Blankets, Quilts, and Comforters
- Pillow Protectors (prefer plastic lined)
- Fitted Sheets (full and single)
- Bed Pillows

### Bathroom Items

- Toilet Paper (Scott brand - septic safe only)
- Shower Curtains and Rings
- Bath Mats
- Hair Conditioner

### Cleaning Supplies

- All purpose cleaners
- HE Laundry Detergent
- Dish gloves including non latex
- Bleach
- Dryer Sheets

### New Clothing (female and male adult sizes)

- PJs, T-shirts, Lounge Pant/Jogging Pants
- Women's underwear (size 5) and sports bras
- Slippers

### Items for Individuals and Families Moving into New Homes

- Rolling Suitcases (large)
- New small appliances (especially coffee makers)

**Food Bank of State College:** <https://www.scfoodbank.org>

Updates to this list may occur as there are changes in needed items. Please watch the Pennsylvania State Grange Community Service Facebook page or the e-mail blasts closer to state session for updates or use the above link to search for up to date needs. Updates will NOT be available in the Grange News as the deadline for the magazine is too far in advance to give an accurate update. Thank you! But, with that being said, any non-perishable item or gift cards will be helpful.

### Holiday needs

- Gift Cards to Wegmans to purchase fresh potatoes and hams
- Canned Yams (less than 40oz)
- French Fried Onions
- Flour (2-5 pound packages)
- Sugar (2-5 pound packages)
- Oil
- Canned Pineapple

**Current Needs** (June 2019, latest update - see link above for updates throughout the year)

- Laundry detergent
- Canned pears and pineapple
- Salt, pepper, and spices
- Tomato products (stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Canned pasta sauce and Sloppy Joe sauce (Chef Boyardee, Man-

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# My Journey Thru Grange History

By Lurae Benzio

I mentioned in my Junior Grange article that I was writing this column to share with others my discovery of something wonderful to me...Grange History! More specific... my family Grange History! When I joined the Grange with my husband and 2 daughters 10 years ago, we knew we both had parents and grandparents who were once Grange members. My husband's Grandma is still a member at age 95. I barely remember when my parents were members and for some reason there was not a Junior Grange back then...because if there was, I would have been in it!!

I went digging for some information after filling out the application for the National Grange Family Legacy Award and have fallen deep into the Record Books of Sugar Hill Grange #1969, Jefferson County (they merged with another Grange a few years ago). On May 17, 1929 the Sugar Hill Grange #1969 was chartered with 40 members. A month later, on June 18th my Grandparents, Frank & Anna B Marnati joined the Grange. My Grandpa was 29 and Grandma 20. My Grandparents had 9 children and almost all of them joined the Grange when they turned 14.

I LOVE seeing the names of

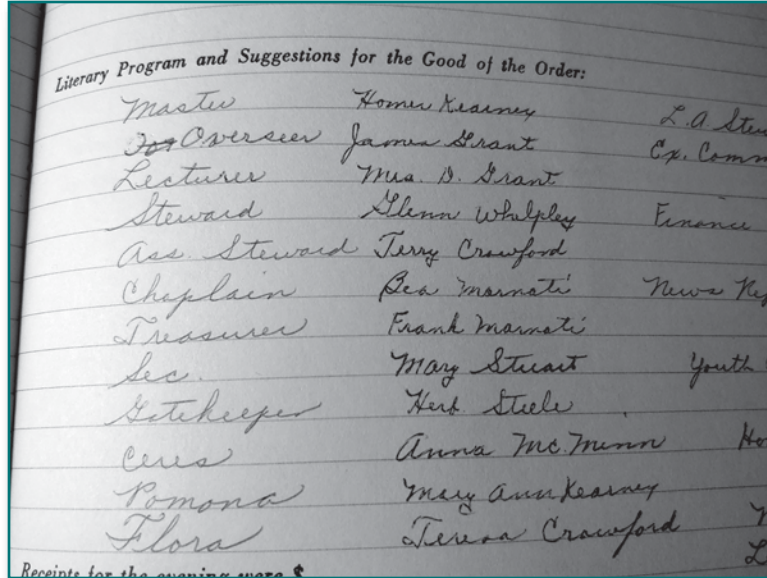
my relatives in office positions, on committees or being mentioned for a project or award. My Mom joined when she was 14 in 1955 and had been dropped from the rolls in 1960 only to be reinstated in 1976. My Dad then joined

13, 1978 meeting, the charter was draped for my Grandma. To read those words brought a tear to my eye. My parents stayed involved for just a few more years. The only relative to continue their Grange Journey until they passed was my

Grandpa. He passed away at age 93 in October 1993. He was a Grange member for 64 years serving in many office positions, committees and participating in skits, performing violin solos and sharing jokes and stories. I know without a doubt that my Grandparents would have been over the moon proud of me and my Grange journey - and even MORE happy that my children and grand-children are Grange members. We

have helped to bring our Grange Legacy to 5 Generations!!

My thanks to Jim & Evelyn Grant for welcoming my husband and I into their home and letting me bring the Sugar Hill Grange Record books home to look through. They have been Grange members for over 50 years and have been able to keep the Grange alive in the Brockway area for many years, until recently. I plan on attending a Jefferson County Pomona meeting soon so I can share my Grange Journey with them and how grateful I am for the Grange Family I now have across the state.



in March of 1977 and to my surprise, my older sister joined the next month in April 1977. I am 5 years younger than my sister and would have only been 9 years old at the time... and remember some Grange potluck dinners and activities, but no Junior Grange.

I have enjoyed looking through the Record books and seeing so many familiar names. It wasn't until April 1978 that I felt the sadness in reading such history. It was listed under "members who are sick or distressed" that my Grandma was in Danville hospital. That was when we found out she had a cancerous brain tumor. In just 3 short months, at the July



## Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee  
Director

# Junior News

Happy Holidays to all the Juniors and JG Alumni, Supporters and Friends!!

We are entering the season when we will be hearing Christmas Songs and see many TV shows (most specifically from the Hallmark channel) about "...the Most Wonderful Time of the year...". Many of us enjoy the Christmas season which begins shortly after Thanksgiving with the Season of Advent. We are in full preparation mode for the coming of Jesus...as a baby...given to us by our Spiritual Father. We begin to prepare our homes with festive decorations, smells of baked goods and gifts of love.

It is also a time when we reminisce about the 11 months prior to the holiday. We talk about the vacations we took, Grange camps we attended, picnics we went to and backyard fun we had with family and friends. We think about things we accomplished or didn't yet finish. People we met, new families that joined us or the loved ones we lost. We smile thinking about babies that were born - we especially love our new future Junior Grangers: Aurora Zvarick, Cyrus Reburn, Charlotte Furman & Waylon Wadsworth (there might be others I am not aware of). There are so many times throughout the year that we can say are WONDERFUL! It is great "therapy" to jot down those "wonderful times of the year" and tuck them away someplace special so as we age, our children and grand-children can find them

and enjoy the little moments that occupied our years.

As a Junior Grange member, if you were lucky enough to join at the very young age of 5 and mature to the age of 14, when it is time to move to the "next level", you have MANY moments of Wonderful times tucked away in your memory. If you are still young, hopefully your parents are recording your Grange Journey through photos and journaling. It makes me smile just thinking about all my family has done in the 10 years that we have been Grange members. So many of you have years and years of amazing memories and so many more years to add to them. You will read in another part of this edition of the Grange News a column I wrote about a great Grange History adventure that I am on. Hopefully it will warm your heart and make you understand why I feel strongly about recording your Grange years and taking photos and having keepsakes.

You often times hear people say that "Change is a good thing - it brings forth new ideas, involvement and energy". As a Grassroots Organization, we have the ability to embrace change when we see a need. We can have a discussion on many levels about what is needed to move our great Organization into the Future. From the Junior Grange Level all the way up the ladder...we can embrace the needs of our members and make adjustments where needed...all while staying true to our Founders groundwork. I bring up the mention of CHANGE because the PA State Junior Grange Department

will be announcing some changes in 2020. Some of them will make sense to you, some of you will question why it is being done. Know that none of the changes are coming without first having a lot of discussion. I feel strongly that the changes that are coming will benefit the Junior Grange program and move us into the future with our red sneakers on!!

Whether it is celebrating "The most Wonderful Times of the Year", journaling your Junior Grange Journey or embracing Change to come, I hope that all of you have a wonderful end of 2019! Enjoy these last couple of months and prepare your hearts and homes with joy and love. I pray that you and your families have a beautiful holiday! See you in 2020!!

*PS: Please enjoy the collection of Junior pictures, on the facing page, taken throughout the 2019 year.*

See you all soon!  
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# It's A Winter Wonderland!!!

*We hope you're able to get out and enjoy one or more of these incredible events. There are so many ways you could incorporate these tried and true events into events held at your local Granges!*

**Make 2019 the year you get out and explore a few of the many unique holiday-inspired festivals & events around Pennsylvania! Pennsylvania truly is a "Winter Wonderland" over the Holiday season!**

## **2019 Gingerbread House Display & Contest**



September 04 - November 19  
Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts  
222 Market St  
Harrisburg, PA  
717-724-3880  
<https://www.whitakercenter.org/events/detail/2019-gingerbread-house-display-and-contest>

## **A Bird-in-Hand Christmas to Remember - Our Day in Paradise**



October 30 - December 28  
Bird-in-Hand Stage  
2760 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bird-In-Hand, PA  
800-790-4069 | 800-790-4069  
<https://bird-in-hand.com/2019-on-the-stage/>  
In this live holiday musical, Mat-

thew and Mary face unforeseen challenges as the new owners of a thrift shop and caregivers for an elderly parent with Alzheimer's.

## **3rd Annual Small Works Sales Exhibition**

November 01 - December 30  
Black Moth Gallery  
18 East Lancaster Avenue  
Ardmore, PA  
610-642-1500  
<https://www.blackmothtattooand-gallery.com>

A holiday art show and sale from some of the area's most talented artists. A wide variety of affordable pieces from under \$450.00.

## **Koziar's Christmas Village in Bernville**



Opens November 3  
782 Christmas Village Rd. Bernville, PA 19506  
<https://www.koziarschristmasvillage.com>  
Walk through Koziar's Christmas wonderland, which features more than one million lights, and get ready for this festive season. You might even see Santa.

## **Magic & Wonder: A Magical Merry Christmas - Holiday Wishes Come True**



November 06 - December 31  
Bird-in-Hand Stage  
2760 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Bird-In-Hand, PA  
800-790-4069 | 800-790-4069  
<https://bird-in-hand.com/stage/>  
Join Brett and his cast in a heartwarming new show for the holiday season. Family and friends of all ages will enjoy the illusions, comedy, costumes and music in this spectacular holiday production...

## **28th Annual Distelfink Country Christmas**



November 08 - November 10  
Market 106 North Street Intersection of Rt. 897 and Rt.419





Schaefferstown, PA  
717-228-2790  
Thomas Brendle Museum  
<https://www.distelfinkcrafters.org>  
Dedicated to the decorative arts and committed to excellence in craftsmanship, Distelfink Country Christmas is a unique show. The theme is country/ primitive so don't expect anything flashy.

**Hersheypark Christmas Candyland**



November 15 - January 1  
100 W. Hersheypark Drive,  
Hershey, PA  
<https://www.hersheypark.com/explore-the-park/christmas.php>  
Experience our most festive seasonal event of the year, Hersheypark Christmas Candyland®! Join us for more than 4 million lights, your favorite rides and coasters, a visit with Santa, and so much more! Don't miss our sweet holiday celebration!

**It's a Wonderful Life Festival and Parade**



Indiana, PA  
November 16-December 16  
<https://wonderfullifestival.com>  
For more than 20 years, Indiana has celebrated the start to the holiday season with the Lucy Donnelly Holiday Parade and Festival on the Friday evening before Thanksgiving. In addition to the kickoff event,

Downtown Indiana will play host to five Saturdays of Santa, entertainment and holiday treats in IRMC Park. Sunday afternoons families can enjoy holiday favorites at the Indiana Theater.

**Overly's Country Christmas - Laurel Highlands**

Greensburg, PA  
November 22 - December 30  
[www.overlys.com](http://www.overlys.com)  
Featuring 2.4 million twinkling lights spread across 15 acres of the Westmoreland Fairgrounds, Overly's Country Christmas has been a tradition in western Pennsylvania for more than 50 years.

**Christmas Glow**



November 21 - January 05  
31st Street Studios  
77 31st Street, Pittsburgh, PA  
<https://www.glowgardens.com/pittsburgh-christmas>  
Glow is a seasonal community festival, bringing together the people you love to stroll, laugh and play under the twinkle of half a million lights. The playgrounds and interactive features will entertain the kids for hours, while Glow's illuminated sculptures and backdrops are perfect for snapping selfies and family photos.

**A Longwood Christmas in Kennett Square**

November 22 - January 5  
1001 Longwood Road  
Kennett Square, PA  
<https://longwoodgardens.org/events-and-performances/events/longwood-christmas>  
Every year, Longwood Gardens in



southeastern Pennsylvania decks itself out for the holiday season. One of the best holiday attractions in all of Pennsylvania, A Longwood Christmas should be on every PA travelers list. The Holiday Display Inspires and Dazzles ...

**Christkindlmarkt**



November 22 - December 22  
PNC Plaza  
645 E. First Street, Bethlehem, PA  
<https://www.christmascity.org/christkindlmarkt/>  
Christkindlmarkt is a one-of-a-kind family event that brings the spirit of Bethlehem alive with the season. Aisles of handmade works by more than 150 of the nation's finest artisans, the ring-ting-tingling sounds of live Christmas music and jolly, old St. Nick's hearty laughter, ice carving and glassblowing demonstrations!

**30th Annual Beaver County Christmas Extravaganza**

November 28 - November 30  
Bradys Run Lodge  
Bradys Run Rd., Beaver Falls, PA  
330-502-9882  
<https://visitbeavercounty.com/calendar/calendar-november/event/2861/>

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# Grange News

## CENTRE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #13



(Centre County Pomona) Penns Valley Grange #158 members Deb Immel (left) and Jeremy Breon (right) are manning the membership table

### Seeking New Members

The Centre County Pomona Grange #13 membership committee made its presence known during the 2019 Centre County Grange Fair. We used this time to promote the Grange organization and recruit new members. Throughout the week the table was manned by members of the subordinate Granges of Centre County. The members interacted with visitors highlighting the strong points of the Grange. They stressed that the Grange is a family orientated, hands-on organization. The members directed potential new members to a Grange in their area.

## CHESTNUT RIDGE GRANGE #1133



(Chestnut Ridge) Master Bill Devore presents certificates to Betty Naser, 75 years; Grace Mitchell, 65 years; and Jack Bauer, 60 years.

At a recent meeting of Chestnut Ridge Grange #1133, Washington County, members were honored for long-time service.

## PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738



(Plumsteadville) Brynn Barnhart, 2019 Middletown Grange Fair Queen, posing on the fairgrounds with her Karakul ram "Roy Boy" who she showed at the fair.

Plumsteadville Grange, of Bucks County, congratulates member Brynn Barnhart who was recently crowned as Bucks County's 2019 Middletown Grange Fair Queen. Brynn is a Junior at Palisades High School and a member of the Danboro 4H Club and raises sheep and other animals on her family's farm in Bucks County.

Plumsteadville Grange also



(Plumsteadville) l-r: Dan & Annette Crooke (parents of the late Ellen Elaine Crooke), Sydney Ochoco & Melissa Rosen (Scholarship recipients), Meg Lomax (Scholarship Committee Chair)

recently awarded scholarships to two Bucks County 4H members.

Melissa Rosen, has completed her first year of study at Delaware Valley University with a major in animal science. She was also a 2019 summer intern with the PA State Extension (4H).

Sydney Ochoco will be attending PACE University in New York City with a major in marketing. She has presented posters at Delaware Valley University's A-Day as a member of Danboro 4H for 10 years.

## PIONEER GRANGE #1777



Scenes from July's Pioneer Grange #1777 annual picnic in Mertztown, PA. Fun & games, fellowship & obligated 2 new Grange members. All in all, a great day. We welcome Megan and John to the organization.



## ORIENTAL GRANGE #165



(Oriental Grange)





Members; Russ & Pat Gunton, Judy & Dale Shupp shown manning the Susquehanna/Wyoming Pomona Grange Cookie & Popcorn Booth at the 2019 Harford Fair

### ATLANTIC GRANGE #344



“What The Grange Promotes”! Atlantic Grange #344, Placed First at the recent Crawford County Fair with their “What The Grange Promotes” display.

### BUTLER COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17



*(Butler) Butler County Pomona's display.*

Butler Co Pomona Grange attend the Butler Farm Show this year from Aug 5th to Aug 10th. We do a basket raffle as well as giving out information on the Grange. The money raised is used back in our community. We are in the Ag. Building along with other Ag. organization. Just another way to keep the Grange name in the community. Thanks to all those who helped from all 4 local Granges.

Butler Co Pomona Grange attends the Big Butler Fair each year. This year the fair ran from



June 28th to July 6th. At the fair grounds there is a Grange building with a kitchen. Each year we run the kitchen to raise money to be able to do Community Service projects within Butler Co. We want to thank the New Castle Rainbow Girls, the Grove City Rainbow



Girls, the Butler DeMolay, and the Butler high school football team for their help in manning the kitchen for the Grange. If it were not for this help we would not be able to run the kitchen. Also, you



will see the attached picture of the quilt that we gave away this year and the hospitality area where we promote the Grange. Along with pictures of the three displays done by our local Granges. First place



went to Donegal Grange, Second place went to Jefferson Grange, and Third place went to Unionville Grange. Thanks to all who helped.

### HICKORY GRANGE #1285

Everything has been going very well at Hickory Grange! We were successful in reaching our goal of putting a new roof on the building in July. Our annual yard sale, which raised \$2750, helped us secure enough money to cover our heating expenses for this coming winter. By the time you read this article, we will have held our breakfast fundraiser in September. We feel as though we've accomplished so much in the past year... and we now officially have 51 fantastic members!

### ONDAWA GRANGE #174

Ondawa Grange held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 28th, at the Big Pond U.M. Church to honor many of our long-term members. The meeting started with a lovely meal, served by Vaughan and Kathy Harkness. Master Dilmun Dunbar presided over the evening's events. The evening gathering opened by singing “America The Beautiful” and saluting the American Flag. Opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Kathy Harkness, followed by opening the Bible on the altar. Master Dunbar then shared many of the projects that Ondawa Grange has worked on.

Gerald Pratt, of Windfall Grange, presented certificates and seals to the following members: LaRue & Carlene Austin for 30 years, Robert & Pam Haden for 35 years, Richard & Mimi Eaton for 45 years, Lyle & Ardith Harkness for 50 years, Vaughan & Kathy Harkness for 50 years, Charlette Stevens for 65 years, and Keith Robbins and Dilmun Dunbar for 75 years of continuous membership in the Grange.

Master Dunbar then introduced Clint Owlett, our State Representative, who presented citations to Dilmun Dunbar & Keith

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# Pennsylvania Holiday Traditions

Article compiled Heather Hiller

## THE UPSIDE-DOWN CHRISTMAS TREES

With roots reaching back to old Europe, the upside-down tree was once part of many traditions. During



the Middle Ages, they were hung from the ceiling in a central part of the home and decorated.

Legend has it that England's St. Boniface was furious when he saw pagans revering an oak tree in 7th-century Germany where he was teaching. He cut it down, but a fir tree sprang up on the same spot. Boniface used the triangular shape of this fir tree as a tool to describe the Holy Trinity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Pagans who converted to Christianity later continued the practice, believing that the shape of the tree symbolized Christ's crucifixion. Today, it is still popular in some parts of Eastern Europe.

In the modernized Western world, you'll see these trees mounted as huge displays in hotel lobbies, shopping centers, or other businesses. It's gained a lot of traction in terms of becoming holiday décor in many homes around the world this year. Just ask social media. Some people hate the idea. Some love it. Some are very confused. Others are indifferent.

Upside-down Christmas trees can be hung from a sturdy bracket on the ceiling or mounted tip-down on the wall.

An upside-down tree offers a few benefits not available with its right-side-up cousin. If you have small

## What do Pickles, Putz & Pizzelles have to do with Christmas?

children, you can keep most of the ornaments away from their little hands. Pets aren't able to race around and knock decorations off the tree, and you'll be able to pile many more packages under the tree.

### OYSTER STEW FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

A Christmas meal in Ireland usually had a simple stew made from dried ling, milk, butter and pepper, according to History. However, Irish cooks weren't able to find any dried ling in the United States and used oysters instead. Oysters have a similar taste to ling, as it's salty, briny and chewy. They didn't even need to be close to the ocean to get oysters



as, by the 1860s, it was available canned, pickled and dried throughout the country.

### MORAVIAN STARS

Many families decorate their homes with a multi-pointed Moravian star during the holidays, according to the Monroe County Historical Association.

The Moravian church started as a Protestant denomination during the 14th century in Bohemia and Moravia, which is now part of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, according to the association. The Moravian stars were made as a geometry exercise at a Moravian school in Niesky, Germany, in 1850, according to The



Morning Call. A student later learned about how popular Moravian stars were and started to sell them.

The Moravians brought this tradition with them when they settled in Pennsylvania in the 18th Century.

### DRINKING BOILO DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON





Boilo is a popular holiday drink in coal country, according to previous reporting by PennLive. It's an alcoholic cocktail that's either served warm or hot. Boilo is the invention of Lithuanian immigrants. You can find a recipe for the drink here.

*(I've included a yummy recipe for this on page 22 if you'd like to try it!)*

### DECORATING THE HOME WITH PUTZ



Another tradition that German-speaking immigrants introduced to Pennsylvania in the 18th century was the putz, a diorama of the Nativity scene, according to Lancaster Online. Every Moravian home used to have a putz in the 18th and 19th centuries, and it helped families tell the story of Jesus' birth. Every putz was different, so families used to visit each other's homes to see their creations.

### EATING PIZZELLES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Some Italian-Americans observe the tradition of having sweets the



closer they are to religious events, such as Christmas, and one such treat is the pizzelle, according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. It's a cross between a waffle and a cookie and resembles snowflakes or doilies. Pizzelle are usually flavored with anise.

### PORK & SAUERKRAUT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Eating slow-cooked pork with a side of preserved cabbage on New Year's Day is said to bring good luck, according to Billy Penn. The Pennsylvania Dutch brought the German tradition along with them when they settled in the central and south central parts of the state.

The reason for this tradition is that butchering often took place be-



fore Christmas or New Year's Day, and pork would be served as part of the holiday meal, according to the site. It's believed that since pigs root forward that it represents progress.

As cabbage is often harvested in the fall, cooks would pickle and serve it alongside those same meals. Pennsylvania Dutch parents would tell their children if they ate sauerkraut on New Year's Day that they'd be in for a "sweet year." Long strands of sauerkraut also represents long life, and its green color it starts out as symbolizes money.

### CHRISTMAS TREE PICKLE

Another German-American tradition is hiding a pickle in the branches of a Christmas tree, according to the Columbia Daily Tribune. The first

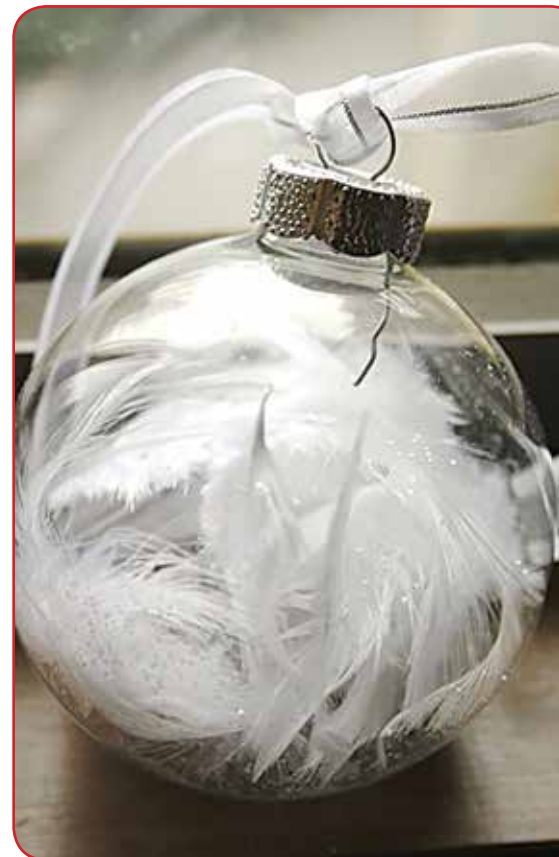


child to find it on Christmas morning would receive a special gift from Santa Claus. Another version of that story has the first adult to find it getting good luck for the rest of that year.

However, the Columbia Daily Tribune wrote that this tradition probably originated from an American business that imported German glass ornaments in 1890. That includes the weihnachtgurk, a blown-glass pickle ornament.

### DECORATING THE HOME WITH A GOOSE FEATHER TREE FOR CHRISTMAS

German immigrants also brought over the tradition of decorating their homes with goose-feather trees in the 19th century, according to the Mennonite Heritage Center. These trees could be found in homes until the 1940s and many of them are considered valuable today.





## Government Matters

Vince Phillips

PA State Grange Lobbyist

### IMPORTANT TO YOU!

Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange on issues that are important to you. After all, our legislative goals come from members. Please let us know: [legislative@pagrange.org](mailto:legislative@pagrange.org) or 717-737-8855 or 717-346-1063. If you

want help in drafting a resolution to be considered by your local Grange which then gets voted on at State Session in October, please utilize the Pennsylvania State Grange as a resource. If you want to see the positions taken by the Pennsylvania State Grange on legislative and regulatory issues, please refer to our web site, [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org).

Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell told lawmakers of the critical need rural Pennsylvanians face because of insufficient access to the Internet and current technology. The event was a hearing convened by the PA Senate Communications & Technology Committee to document the need for Broadband in unserved and underserved areas.

Testifying on behalf of Grange members, their families and communities regarding the urgency behind the Pennsylvania State Grange's quest for universal access to high-speed Broadband, he gave a number of specific examples such as:

- A modern 'Smart' corn planter saved a farmer \$3,000 in one planting season by eliminating double planting where rows overlapped.
- A 'Smart' combine will not only record bushels per acre produced, but the operator can mark areas of poor weed kill by utilizing an onboard computer system.
- The farmer can then use the information recorded by the combine to program a "Smart" sprayer to increase or decrease as needed both herbicides and fertilizers on that field in the next growing season. This reduces the farmer's expenses, reduces the chances of runoff, and increases production on the same amount of ground.

Citing an August 23, 2019 report from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service showing an improvement in PA to 64% of farmers having Internet access, this year, up from 62% in 2017, Campbell asked

# Grange Testifies At Broadband Hearing

if only a two-percent improvement in two years means that PA farmers will be forced to wait another 26 years before reaching the level where they should be now. Too often, he said, policy issues seem theoretical. "I want legislators to see the reality of what the lack of wide-width Broadband does to rural PA", he said.

A specific example occurred when he went to his local butcher shop in Perry County. When he went to pay the bill they could not validate his credit card because the Internet was down. He said that a store employee said that the Internet access is sporadic. Campbell said that was not a problem since the store owner knows him and he is a regular customer, but what if he were a stranger. This means that if the owner allows a customer they do not know to leave the butcher shop with a \$200 purchase of meat and when the credit card machine is able to get back on line, the card rejects, that sale just became a total loss.

Another example is campgrounds that are hurt economically when they cannot book a reservation online or when a prospective guest decides not to go there because there is no Wi-Fi.

A specific example involving health came from Campbell's personal experience transporting residents of Perry County on shared transpor-

tation. "I would pick up a resident who lived in western Perry County to take him to a doctor in Camp Hill. Travel time one way was often 2 1/2 to 3 hours plus the waiting time in the doctor's office to get his 15 minutes of real time with a doctor. There were times when I got him home, I would help him walk from the bus to his house because he was literally too tired to fully function and I was afraid he might fall. With Telemedicine, he may have had the opportunity to utilize remote diagnostics and consultation and saved himself a full day of stress. Needless to say, where he lived, he did not have access to Broadband. Telemedicine only works when the tools are present to make it work", he said.

Campbell told legislators that these examples involved real people and businesses and should provide the needed incentive to push for policy action.

He also emphasized that Broad-





band is the Rural Electrification issue for this century.

Attending the Broadband hearing were these legislators:

- Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York), Majority Chair, Senate Communications & Technology Committee
- Senator Jay Costa (D-Allegheny), Senate Democratic Leader
- Rep. Bud Cook (R-Fayette/Washington)
- Rep. Ryan Warner (R-Fayette/Westmoreland)
- Senator Scott Hutchinson (R-Venango/Forest/Butler/Warren/Clarion), Majority Chair, Senate Finance Committee
- Senator Pat Stefano (R-Somerset/Fayette/Westmoreland), Majority Chair, Senate Law & Justice Committee
- Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington), Co-Chair, House Broadband Caucus

Achieving universal access to Broadband is the top legislative priority of the Pennsylvania State Grange. For more information on the hearing or on how you may watch it, please contact Chloe Mandara, Esq., Office of Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York), Majority Chair, Senate



Wayne Campbell answers a question from Senate Committee Chair Kristin Phillips-Hill.

## LEGISLATION TO WATCH IN HARRISBURG

The General Assembly is already beginning to direct its energies towards expanding high-speed access. Please note these bills:

- House Bill 305 would require that PA State Government take an inventory of state-owned structures to identify which might be appropriate for telecommunications companies to ‘piggyback’ equipment to add more people who can access this technology. It would also provide income to the state from leasing agreements.
- Continue Universal Services Fund which preserves land line telephone service to rural areas. Currently, there is no bill number for this legislation.
- Senate Resolution 47 establishes a joint House-Senate Commission to keep the General Assembly focused on this issue.
- Senate Resolution 48 would audit telecommunication companies to determine compliance with existing laws requiring companies to provide basic Internet access.
- House Bill 1400 seeks to standardize local construction requirements for small cell facilities on utility poles to achieve shorter range expansion of Broadband, thus reducing installation costs.
- Senate Bill 835 would dedicate state funding for Broadband expansion.

Communications & Technology Committee. 717-787-7085; cmandara@pasen.gov.

learning. Overall, 28 percent of community colleges credits are earned online.

### WHAT ARE OTHERS SAYING ABOUT BROADBAND?

At the hearing, other testimony also highlighted the need. Some examples:

**School Director:** What can teachers do to help those students with no Internet at home? Realistically, nothing except reduce actual class time so that students can do their homework at school.

**University of California, PA:** The Internet is absolutely necessary for students with college admissions, scholarships and financial aid, course content, student exams which are done online. Besides, ‘renting’ an online book is cheaper for the student than buying hard cover texts.

**Butler County Community College:** Community colleges are the largest sector of higher education in PA. Butler CCC started out with 431 students and now has an enrollment of 20,000. Given commuters who must juggle jobs, families and schools, the Internet is essential for

**Maple Syrup Farmer:** Modern maple sugar production is very different from the old days walking around with a pail to collect syrup. Now, production is remotely monitored with sensors telling when the collection containers are almost full. 20 percent of our sales come from social media as we market worldwide and of course we take credit cards and cash at the retail level.

**USDA Rural Development:** Thanks to technology, farmers can plant straight rows with seeds planted in the same hole each year (the soil is not as hard and decaying material provides nourishment for the new crop). Urban hospitals can monitor rural patients’ conditions and can alert rural medical staff of a change – a lifesaver. The USDA presenter also said that in Pennsylvania, achieving universal access to high-speed Broadband means that advocates must keep making noise and develop strategic partnerships in order to succeed.

In addition, there were other topics raised such as the Penn State study for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania which concluded that FCC determinations of current Broadband access were woefully inaccurate.

*“Government” continued on page 33*



By Heather Hiller

# Pennsylvania Granger

*Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas to all of you! With this year's "Holiday" issue, I wanted to create a meal that mirrored the theme of this issue... TRADITIONS & GIVING. I've put together a number of recipes that might not be in our recipe cards, along with a couple that offer a slight variation on your usual favorites. I hope you enjoy... and consider the gift of "Giving", during this beautiful season, with someone who may be alone for the Holidays.*

## BOILO

- 4 cups water or 2 liters Ginger Ale
- 4 ½ pounds clover honey
- 4 oranges, quartered
- 3 lemons, quartered
- 1 cup raisins
- 6 cinnamon sticks
- 1 tsp caraway seeds
- ½ tsp whole allspice berries
- ½ tsp whole cloves
- 1 cup raisins
- ½ gallon 100 proof grain alcohol (whiskey preferred)

### Step 1

In a large pot over medium heat, mix the water with honey, and stir to combine. Stir in the orange and lemon quarters, raisins, cinnamon sticks, caraway seeds, allspice berries, and cloves, and bring



mixture to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer, and cook, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes. Remove from heat, and strain the liquid into a large pot. Allow to cool for a few minutes.

### Step 2

Slowly pour the grain alcohol into the honey mixture, and stir to combine. Pour into bottles, and cap; refrigerate until use. Serve gently warmed in shot glasses.

## OYSTER STEW

- 1 pt. shucked fresh oysters, undrained
- 2 cups milk
- Salt & pepper
- 1/4 cup butter
- ½ onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 tablespoon sherry
- ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon celery salt
- Fresh Italian parsley, chopped
- Cayenne pepper
- Oyster crackers

### Step 1

Drain oysters, reserving oyster liquor. Heat milk and oyster liquor in saucepan until mixture begins to steam. Add oysters and season with desired amount of salt and pepper. Cook until the edges of the oysters just begin to curl. Transfer oysters to a plate to prevent over-cooking.



### Step 2

Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and cook until tender. Sprinkle flour over onion mixture and cook until completely incorporated and bubbly. Whisk in half-and-half, sherry, Worcestershire sauce, and celery salt. Bring to a boil. Whisk in reserved milk mixture. Add oysters. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook until warm. Season to taste with salt, pepper. Top with chopped parsley and Cayenne pepper. Serve with oysters crackers or crusty bread.

*\*I'll be trying this recipe this year, as I LOVE oyster stew!*

## BAKED CORN

- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 2 T sugar
- 2 cups canned corn
- 2 T melted butter
- 1-2 cups milk

### Step 1

Mix first 4 ingredients together, set aside. Add corn to above mixture. Blend butter and milk (amount of



# Holiday Dinner Table

milk depends on how damp you prefer your baked corn) together. Add to the corn mixture.

## Step 2

Pour into either 8"x8" or 8"x9" baking dish. Bake at 350° for 45-60 minutes (until knife comes out clear from center of corn)

\* *Recipe compliments of my Mother-in-law, Carlene Raemsch.*

## ROAST TURKEY

- 10-12 lb turkey
- coarse kosher salt
- 1 T black pepper
- 1 lemon, zested/quartered
- 1 bunch fresh thyme
- 1 bunch fresh sage
- 12 garlic cloves, peeled/smashed
- 12 oz hard apple cider
- dry white wine, as needed
- 2 onions, peeled/quartered
- 3 bay leaves
- olive oil
- 3 T butter, cut into ½" pats
- Herbs (use your favorite variety of herbs/spices) for placing under skin of bird

## Step 1

Remove giblets & reserve for stock/gravy. Pat turkey & neck dry. Rub turkey/neck w/ 1/2 tsp salt (per lb), pepper & lemon zest. Transfer to seal-able bag. Tuck herbs & 6 garlic cloves into bag. Seal & refrigerate 1-3 days, turning bird over every 12 hours.



## Step 2

Remove bird from bag & pat dry. Place turkey, uncovered, on baking sheet. Return to fridge for 4-12 hours... to dry out skin.

## Step 3

When ready to cook, remove from fridge & allow to come to room temp for 1 hour. Heat oven to 450°. In bottom of large roasting pan, add cider & enough wine to fill pan to 1/4" deep. Add half the onions, remaining 6 garlic cloves & bay leaves. Stuff remaining onion quarters & lemon quarters into bird. Brush skin, generously, w/ olive oil. Separate skin from breast & stuff butter & herbs into the pocket.

## Step 4

Place turkey, breast UP, on a roasting rack, set inside the roasting pan. Transfer pan to oven & roast 30 minutes. Cover breast with foil. Reduce heat to 350° & continue roasting until temperature reaches 165° (apx 1.5-2 hours). Transfer to cutting board & rest for 15-30 minutes before carving.

\* *This is my personal recipe for Turkey. I'm not a fan of bland roast turkey...so I created something that actually has flavor.*

## HERBED MONKEY BREAD

- 3-3.5 cups AP flour
- 2 T sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 pkg (1/4 oz) active dry yeast
- 1-1/4 cup fat-free milk
- 2 T Canola oil
- 4 T butter, melted/divided
- 1 egg
- 2 T grated Asiago cheese
- 1 T sesame seeds
- ½ tsp garlic salt
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- ½ tsp each of parsley flakes,

thyme, rosemary, Cajun seasoning

## Step 1

In large bowl, combine 2 C flour, sugar, salt & yeast. In a small saucepan, heat milk, oil & 2 T butter to 120-130°. Add to dry ingredients; beat just until moistened. Add egg; beat until smooth. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Turn onto lightly floured surface & knead until smooth & elastic (apx 6-8 minutes). Place in a bowl, coated w/ cooking spray. Turn once to coat top of dough. Cover and let rise in warm place until doubled... apx 1 hour.

## Step 2

In small bowl, combine cheese, sesame seeds, garlic salt and herbs & spices. Punch down dough. Divide dough into 32 equal pieces; roll each into a ball. Drizzle 2 tsp butter into a 10" tube pan coated w/ cooking spray; sprinkle bottom of pan w/ 1/3 cheese mixture. Top w/ 16 balls. Repeat layers. Drizzle w/ remaining butter & sprinkle w/ remaining cheese mixture.

## Step 3

Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes (golden brown). Cool 10 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack. Served whole and let people pull chunks off.

\* *I made this last year and it's delicious!*





# PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE



# WISH BOOK

**Valley Grange #1360** routinely supports several area groups on a regular basis:

- 4-H - <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/4-H> (We support 4-H programs at the county and state level annually)
- FFA - <https://www.paffa.org/> (We donate 15 FFA Blue & Gold jackets to several local FFA chapters annually)
- New Life for Girls - <http://www.newlifeforgirls.org/> (We provide financial support and invite the group to Thanksgiving Dinner with our Grange annually)
- New Hope Ministries: <https://nhm-pa.org> (We provide financial support and pack food for weekend backpack program during the school year)
- THON - Four Diamond's Fund - <https://thon.org/> (We provide financial support annually)
- Red Land Little League Baseball - <https://www.redlandyouthbaseball.com/> (We sponsor a team each year. In recent years one of our Junior Grangers plays on the team we sponsor)
- Golf "Fore" Jackie - <https://www.lithgowfoundation.org/charity-events> (We have provided signature sponsor financial support since the inception of the tournament that raises funds for brain trauma treatment)
- Holy Spirit Nurse's Walk: <https://runsignup.com> (We provide financial support to honor our Grange members who are nurses at Holy Spirit

Hospital)

- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank "Fill A Glass With Hope": <https://www.feedingpa.org/milk/> (We provide financial support annually to provide fluid milk in area food banks)
- PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation: <https://pafss-scholarshipfoundation.com/> (We support the scholarship fund for youth exhibitors of PA Farm Show)
- Cantate Carlisle: <http://www.cantatecarlisle.org/> (We sponsor two concerts annually to keep vibrant choral music available in the community)

The chair of our Community Service Committee, Tonya Traver, does an excellent job of keeping us connected to the community. She and her family are our primary liaison to the folks at New Life for Girls whom we support financially and invite them to join us for a Thanksgiving dinner each year before a regular Grange meeting. Tonya brings financial gifts from Valley Grange to them multiple times throughout the year for special occasions. For example, we supported them with gas cards to ease the burden of moms' and childrens' activities during the summer. That is just one example of Tonya's impact.

### **Fairdale Grange #1157**

Groups we support:

- Women's Resource Center : [wrcnepa.org](http://wrcnepa.org)
- True Friends: [www.truefriends.org](http://www.truefriends.org) (a no kill shelter)

- Trehab: [www.trehab.org](http://www.trehab.org) (A food pantry, food collections at holidays for food baskets to needy)
- Interfaith: [www.interfaithsc.org](http://www.interfaithsc.org) (thrift store, Christmas presents for children, new backpacks and new shoes for school each year)

### **Cumberland Valley Grange #2014**

in Shippensburg, Cumberland County works closely with The Shippensburg Boys & Girls Club and the Summer Lunch program as we provide Day Camp programming in the summer for them. We also are starting to be more involved with The Harbor in Shippensburg.

- Boys and Girls Club of Shippensburg: [www.bgccs.org](http://www.bgccs.org)
- Summer Lunch of Shippensburg: <https://www.shipresources.org/summer-lunch-program>
- The Harbor: [www.theharborofshippensburg.com](http://www.theharborofshippensburg.com)

**Perry Valley Grange #1804**, Perry County, works with the following charitable organizations on a regular basis:

- Greenwood High School FFA (<http://greenwoodsd.schoolwires.com/domain/41>)
- Newport Public Library (<https://pecoinfo.org/library-hours/newport-public-library/>)
- Millerstown Community Park (<http://www.millerstownpa.com/park.htm>)



*In church we are instructed to live life with a "Servant Heart". Too often, once we leave the sanctuary, that "Servant Heart" becomes hardened to current events and we lose track of the instructions gifted to us by Christ. Luke 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you". This time of year many people offer up their time to help those desperately in need. The beauty of the Grange... ALL year Grange members walk with a joyous Servant Heart. In this article, we celebrate just a few of the wonderful sacrifices our various Grange members have made for their communities.*

*May God bless all of you!*

**Plumsteadville Grange #1738**, Bucks County. I believe our most important charitable effort is our support of Bucks County 4-H. A number of the county's 4-H clubs meet at our hall (free of charge) including the Danboro community club, Beef, Sheep and Goat clubs. The hall is also used for special 4-H events such as the 4-H Fashion Revue. Grange Members are also 4-H leaders including Dan and Annette Crooke (Beef Club) and Shelia Wiltshire (Sew Much Fun Club), Bucks County 4-H (Penn State Extension)

Plumsteadville would also like to give special recognition to Nancy Young. Nancy has been a baking vendor at our Farm market for many years and has taken the role of co-manager of the market for the last two years. She has also taken on the responsibilities of Treasurer and membership/dues collection manager and getting our records aligned with those of the State.

#### **Keystone Grange**

Denae and Gene Zvarick have been volunteering at the Speakers House in Trappe for a number of years, through restoration work, garden and farm stand establishment. They have been active in the 300th anniversary of Trappe through its steering committee. They plan and coordinate most of the fundraising activities

at Keystone Grange. Denae and Gene are currently co-chairs of the 2020 National Convention in Valley Forge. They are the face of Keystone Grange at all community events.

#### **Stony Point Grange #1694**

- Members volunteer to provide weekly services at the Good Shepherd Center Food Pantry and annually provide a meal for Good Shepherd clients on Presidents Day.
- Stony Point supports local 4-H and FFA with an annual monetary donation
- A Stony Point member is a Veterans Administration volunteer that drives the Disabled American Veterans van to transport veterans to the Butler and Pittsburgh VA hospitals for medical treatment.
- Stony Point makes an annual monetary donation to the Mercer County Disabled American Veterans chapter from funds raised at the Stony Point Pancake Day.
- Stony Point works with a local Volunteer Fire Department for a joint reverse raffle fundrais-

er. West Salem Volunteer Fire Dept. for the last seven years.

- Stony Point participates in the Quilts of Valor Program making quilt awards to local veterans every year.
- Stony Point hosts a PA Game Commission certified Hunter Safety Program annually.
- Stony Point works with a local (Fredonia) Lions Club on projects of facility improvement while also assisting the Lions with one of their major fundraiser events.
- Stony Point makes a monetary donation to a local fair (Jamestown) and sets up a fair display and sets up displays at our summertime monthly ice cream suppers to promote the Grange.

Also, Stony Point has several members that contribute much time and effort toward the operation of the Grange but I'd like to take this opportunity to mention one.... Martha Gruber is the Lady Assistant Steward and the Activities Chair. She oversees many fundraisers and facilities rentals each year.





**HOT OFF THE PRESS...  
FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA  
STATE GRANGE  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE**

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE  
GRANGE TESTIFIES on  
DAIRY FEED CHALLENGE**

HARRISBURG... The Pennsylvania State Grange called on the PA Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) to keep the over-order premium payment at \$1.00 at its hearing September 4. Testifying on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Lancaster County dairy farmer Matt Espenshade also walked the PMMB through the year with a family dairy farm where the mounting challenge was feed.

Suffice it to say, per Espenshade, that 2018-19 presented one challenge after another beginning with overall low milk prices affecting all dairy farmers, down to \$14.91 per hundredweight at the end of 2018, the lowest in three years.

Despite some improvement in 2019, he said that 2018's weather saturation caused difficulties in a more immediate way in 2019 – supplying feed to his milk cows.

A core question for his farm was how to overcome the shortage of haylage for milk cows. As a vital source of protein in the milking cow's diet, his farm tried increasing corn silage and using alfalfa, even though it was early for the alfalfa to be harvested. By the late spring, milk prices climbed to \$18.15 per hundredweight but this news was offset by feed costs. Corn silage was in shorter supply, prompting more hay but the difference in price was \$30 per ton compared to \$60 per ton for haylage.

The increased milk price early in the year showed that what goes up

must come down, dropping to \$16.63 in July. As Espenshade pointed out, the major impact on his family farm came from feed issues which dropped his Income Over Feed Cost (IOFC) to \$4.07 per hundredweight in July compared to \$9.65 in April.

One strategy was to switch from purchasing flaked corn at \$205 per



ton and soybean-based protein concentrate at \$477 per ton to a corn-soy blend at \$332 per ton.

Espenshade said that the consequence of changing feed because of the need to adapt to shortages is decreased milk production.

Dairy cows like consistency. They like a standard routine, day in and day out. Needless to say, these drastic swings in their feed rations were not well received. We watched as our efforts were met with decreased milk production and lower component averages from the herd.

In addition to urging continuance of the \$1.00 over-order premium, Espenshade asked policymakers to take a longer view of solving the problems facing the dairy farmer.

Reducing the financial stress dairy farmers are having involves actions way beyond the authority of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board or any individual farmer to resolve. Part of promoting a solid economic base for rural Pennsylvania is making the climate for business investment more desirable. Building up processing facilities right here in the Commonwealth means reduced transportation costs. We are fortunate to have a sizable number of dairy farms throughout our state. Having numbers of smaller regionalized processors seems to me to be a goal that we can achieve to promote Pennsylvania's rural development, with an added benefit of reducing costs for dairy farmers.

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Matt Espenshade is a seventh generation dairy farmer with family ownership dating back to 1867. His farm milks 70 cows with a 19,400 pound rolling herd average. His family farms 260 acres and raises forage and replacement heifers. He is the Master (President) of Elizabethtown Area Grange #2076, one of more than 200 local Granges statewide. His farm is a member of Mount Joy Farmers Co-op which is affiliated with Dairy Farmers of America.

Pennsylvania State Grange was founded in 1873 as an advocate for farmers, families, businesses and communities in rural Pennsylvania.

Regards,  
Vince Phillips, Legislative Director  
Pennsylvania State Grange





# And the Race is on... Paint, Paint, Paint!!!!

*Count Down to PA Farm Show!!!*

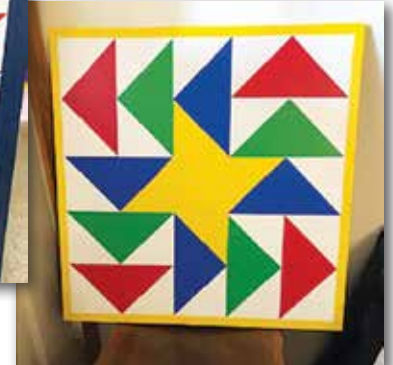
By Barbara Gross

About 7 years ago the Pennsylvania Grange Heritage Quilt Trail proudly presented two wooden Quilt blocks to the PA Farm Show Complex to be placed at the entrance to the Expo Hall. The blocks were 8' x 8' in size and one depicted the 4-H program and the other the FFA Program. However due to the Giant Corporation taking over sponsorship of the Expo Hall the PA Grange Heritage Trail blocks came down. Plans are now to place the two large quilt blocks in the MacClay Street Lobby which is open daily to the public because of offices upstairs in the building.

When talking with Sharon S. Altland, Executive Director, Farm Show Complex and Expo Center and Heidi Svonavec, Assistant Executive Director, Farm Show Complex and Expo Center, in the spring, concerning the placement of the two blocks, we were asked if the Pennsylvania State Grange could make additional wooden quilt blocks to be placed throughout the PA Farm Show Complex. Pleasantly surprised, we heartily agreed to providing at least 100 wooden quilt blocks prior to November 1st, 2019! And then reality set in and we realized what an awesome task we agreed to.

With the help of Grange members and friends of the Grange, blocks were designed and farmed out to be painted. Several were painted at Family Festival, many went home with people to finish at their leisure and some were donated from past painting classes. We are happy to say the first 50 blocks are completed and were on their way to the Farm Show Complex on 9/8/19. Sharon Altland herself was in Western PA and stopped to pick up a car load of the blocks to take back to Harrisburg! The Farm Show is as excited to mount them, as we are to have them displayed in the Complex. So now we are working on the next 50 blocks and will have them delivered by November 1st.

So make a point of attending the PA Farm Show in January 4 - 11, 2020, and view all 100 of the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail Blocks throughout the PA Farm Show Complex. And while you are there be sure to volunteer a couple hours in the Pennsylvania Grange Booth to meet the public, tell the work of the Grange and sign up some new members.







# Oh Christmas Tree



There's something absolutely magical about a beautiful Christmas tree. By Thanksgiving we might all be rolling our eyes at the endless Christmas songs playing on every radio station... and yet... we all experience a similar child-like joy when we place that first delicate glass bulb on the Christmas tree.

As everyone may know, last year my husband and I moved. In previous years we'd always gone into Williamsport and purchased a pre-cut tree from one of the many local tree vendors. Last year, we decided to create a new tradition... we picked and cut our own tree from a

local Christmas tree farm. I'm by no means an expert on picking a tree (I've been doing this only 7 years), but I do like to stand back and "visualize" the finished tree. Sometimes this "process" can take a while (to my husband's dismay, initially). I have to stand back from the tree and frame her with my hands (kinda like when I'm scouting a new photo shoot location). I take a mental picture of the gaps in the branches and try to figure out if she'll look good with our eclectic collection of ornaments.

This process was rather frustrating when we were originally purchasing our pre-cut tree from a ven-







dor, however... picking a tree that's still in the ground... WOW!!! There's just SOOOOO many choices!!! And none of the trees are trimmed up... so they can be very wild looking. This new way of picking a tree is way more fun... for me, at least. My dear husband just trudges along, dragging the wheeled carry sled, patiently waiting for me to complete my "process". Last year, it took me over an hour to make a choice. And when we tugged my stunning 12 foot beauty into our foyer and cut the strings, and she poofed out to darned near fill the entry... SO EXCITING!

Last year my husband introduced me to Hobby Lobby, right before Christmas. Such a bad idea! Turns out... besides having a "collector" personality for baby chickens, I also have a "decorator bug" for Christmas ornaments! I believe our bank called us on the way home to verify our credit card hadn't been snicked.

We drive past the farm, where we got our tree last year, on a almost daily basis. I've been eyeballing my "chosen one" (that I'd picked last year for our 2019 tree) and the other

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day, I confessed to Mr. Hiller that I wasn't real thrilled with how she was looking. He simply groaned and resigned himself to wandering around with me for a couple hours... while I worked my "process". I grinned.

Traditions are important. We are all so busy and rushed nowadays... we need to take the time, when we can, to observe traditions. Traditions keep us in touch with our roots, our loved ones, our faith, our values. Nothing wrong, though, with creating new TRADITIONS!

**- Heather Hiller**  
*Publishing Editor*







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Robbins from the House of Representatives. The program continued with Karen Kilzer, daughter of Dilmon Dunbar, reading a poem “Day Dreaming of Grange Members Past”, a tribute to our past Grange members, written by Master Dunbar.

Master Dunbar was joined by three of his children. His son,



*(Ondawa) State Rep., Clint Owlett, presenting Mr. Dunbar & Mr Robbins with citations.*

Gene, came in from England, while his daughter, Karen, came in from Pittsburgh, and his son, Dale, attended from Big Pond.

Many friends and Grangers from Beech Flats, Fassett, Windfall & Ondawa attended. Pastor Jennifer Wolfe, of the Big Pond U.M. Church gave the evening benediction.

**DAYTON GRANGE #1819 CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!!!**

Dayton Grange, in Armstrong County, was organized in 1919. Recently, we held our 100th Anniversary Banquet at the Dayton Marshall House Museum. Our membership enjoyed a delicious meal served by the singing waiters, enjoyed Barber Shop songs and heard the history about the 1800’s farm house museum.

Master Robert Snyder gave the welcome and Secretary Betty Calhoun served as the Master of Ceremonies. Bill Calhoun read the history of the Dayton Grange before we honored Bruce Steele for his 30 years of service as Master. We also recognized various Grange members and Bill Calhoun received his 50 year Pennsylvania State Grange

and National Gold Seal Certificate.

The community service project honored the Dayton American Legion, Marshall House Museum (DALHS) and the Dayton Volunteer Fire Company, and presented each with a \$500 check.

We also had a display of treasured scrapbooks and books for guests to reminisce and appreciate all the good work and programs the Dayton Grange has done over the 100 years.

**BEECH GROVE GRANGE #1089**

Honesdale High School Seniors: Lily Fries, Camden Bannon and Brooke Rutledge were recently awarded scholarships from Beech Grove Grange #1089. Each year the Grange makes three presentations to worthy Seniors who will be continuing their education in agriculture and related fields.

Lily Fries will be attending SUNY at Cobleskill, to major in Dairy Production and Management. After college, she plans to take her management skills further in the Wayne County area. Lily hopes to continue her love of dairy farming while being able to incorporate new and exciting tech-



*(Beech Grove) l-r: Leroy Spoor (Grange Master), Lily Fries, Pam Box and Jane Bollinger; Grange Scholarship Committee*

niques that she has learned.

Camden plans to attain a BS degree in Biology or Animal Science and then apply to Veterinary School with aspirations of becoming

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The indoor and outdoor attractions will delight you. There is the North Pole Cafe, Candy Cane Lane Gift Shop, Santa Land and the large model train display and winter village. There will be chainsaw carving, pony rides and so much more!

### Christmas Village in Philadelphia



November 28 - December 24

LOVE Park

JFK Plaza, Philadelphia, PA

215-501-2680

<http://www.philachristmas.com>

Running in its 12th season, Christmas Village in Philadelphia will transform LOVE Park into an authentic German Christmas market. Over 80 vendors offer their unique giftware and delicious European food specialties! Always a must-see: the famous German vendor Käthe Wohlfahrt, which features genuine German ornaments and Christmas gifts. Christmas Village Carousel and more vendors are extending festivities to the City Hall Courtyard.

### Festival of Trees

November 29 - December 01

Bayfront Convention Center

1 Sassafras Pier, Erie, PA

814-397-1104

<https://www.supportahn.org/festival>

Festival of Trees is a community tradition featuring a gallery of uniquely decorated trees, local entertainment and live reindeer from noon to 5:00 PM each day, holiday displays and six rooms from Santa's castle filled with activities for children to explore.

### Holiday Magic! Winter Flower Show and Light Garden

November 29 - January 12

Phipps Conservatory and



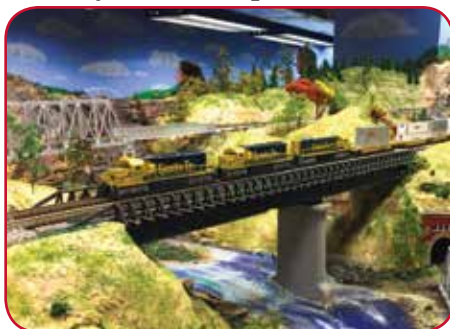
Botanical Gardens

1 Schenley Drive, Pittsburgh, PA

<https://www.phipps.conservatory.org/holidaymagic>

Make plans to experience one of the best holiday attractions and treasured family traditions in Pittsburgh at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Garden's Holiday Magic! Winter Flower Show and Light Garden. There's more to explore at Phipps, with both indoor and outdoor holiday displays encompassing 15 acres.

### Holiday Show & Open House



November 30 - January 05

Ohio Valley Lines

1225 Merchant Street

Ambridge, PA

724-266-4787

<https://visitbeavercounty.com/calendar/calendar-november/entry/2328/>

2019-20 Holiday Show & Open House. Come and see two great operating model railroads! Shop our flea market. Take a chance on the raffle baskets! And Bob Evan's 'Trains for Tots' program will be giving away 4 model train sets per day!!

### Pennsylvania Governor's Residence Holiday Tours

2035 N Front St

Harrisburg, PA

<https://www.residence.pa.gov/Tours/Pages/default.aspx>

During the 2019 holiday season, the Governor's Residence will be open for self-guided, public tours on December 2-4, 9-11, and 16-18 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Holiday tours are self-guided and

reservations are NOT required. For more information, please call the tour line at 717-772-9130.

### Juniata River Valley Festival of Ice



December 5-6

One West Market Street

Lewistown, PA

717-248-6713

<https://jrvvisitors.com/events/festival-of-ice/>

The 23rd annual Juniata River Valley Festival of Ice will include live ice carving, ice sculptures, wagon rides, live nativity, live music, 4K run, vendors, food, crazy parade, petting zoo, kids activities, and photos with Santa Claus.

### The Pennsylvania Christmas & Gift Show

Cameron & Maclay Streets

Harrisburg, PA

December 5-8

<https://www.pachristmasshow.com>

Christmas shop at one of the largest holiday shows in the country! Thousands come from all over the Northeast to visit The Pennsylvania Christmas & Gift Show, a festive celebration of the season's finest decorations, arts & crafts, cuisines, and musical & dance groups. Among the unique and exclusive gifts available are crafts, jewelry, clothing, Christmas decorations, toys, household accents, ceramics, furniture, dolls, flowers, paintings, holiday foods and much more.

### A Gettysburg Christmas Festival

December 6-8

Downtown Gettysburg

Gettysburg, PA

<https://www.agettysburgchristmasfestival.com>

Join us in historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for an unforgettable



holiday experience. Kick off the holiday season with food, entertainment, art and fun for the entire family as you experience Christmas through the years in Gettysburg. In addition, the festival includes a Christmas parade, Breakfast with Santa, the Gingerbread Celebration & Holiday Mart, Christmas Greens & Gourmet Gifts Sale, free carriage rides, Christmas carols by Gettysburg College's acapella group and so much more!

**36th Annual Dickens of a Christmas**



Downtown Wellsboro, PA  
December 7

Step back in time and celebrate the holidays Victorian style. Get your shopping done early amongst the many outdoor vendors that line the streets of downtown Wellsboro, in addition to the many stores that are a great way to warm up and get your gift list completed at the same time. There is something for everyone! There are many wonderful local restaurants as well as many food vendors on the streets. Street performers will be filling the day with Christmas carols, skits and dancing too.

**4th Annual Christmas on Main Street**



December 13-15  
Downtown Wellsboro, PA  
<https://www.wellsborochristmasonmainstreet.com>

Stroll along the gas-lit Main Street and enjoy the picturesque town.

Visit 24 displays of historic ornaments made locally in the early 1940's and learn how Wellsboro saved Christmas during World War II. It's a weekend filled with activities to warm your heart and fill you with Christmas spirit! Check it out on Facebook for updates and additions.

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For additional things to do, places to go, and festivals to enjoy, please visit the websites listed below for additional events happening around Pennsylvania this Holiday season!

- <https://visitpa.com/pa-events-festivals>
- <https://pa-vendors.com/events-in-pennsylvania-by-month/>
- <https://www.pennlive.com/events/?date=2019-11-01>



- Heather Hiller  
Publishing Editor

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This was brought up by presenters and legislators including Majority Chair of the Senate Communications & Technology Committee Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York). The testifier representing the cable TV industry disagreed, saying that the PSU study did not use the proper methodology to reach that conclusion.

Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa said that PA should enact RestorePA which involves a \$4.5 billion loan which would be paid back by severance taxes on Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction. This was echoed by Mark Critz, the executive director of the Governor's Rural Development Council. Senator Costa also stressed that access to technology gives rural Pennsylvania the opportunity to participate in a global economy.

Rep. Warner (R-Fayette/Westmoreland) asked if accelerating reliance on online teaching was being pushed too much in lieu of traditional classroom learning. Presenters said that the market says that America needs technologically skilled workers and that we must keep up with where the world is currently.

Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington) said that the need is a reality. In 2019, if you cannot connect, you cannot compete.

Senator Pat Stefano (R-Fayette/Somerset/Westmoreland) said that a proper role for government is to help develop infrastructure, in this case the technology superhighway.

*Vince Phillips is the lobbyist for the Pennsylvania State Grange. He has lobbied in PA since 1989, coming from the Nation's Capitol where, among other things, he served on President Reagan's Transition Team and held a Reagan Administration appointment at USDA.*

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ing a doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Brooke plans to attend Penn State University and major in Animal Science. Ever since she was little, she has had a passion for working with animals. Brooke's FFA Chapter gave her a chance to learn about animal science, animal care, management, and agri-

culture.

Grange Master, Leroy Spoor, stated; "The Grange, through the years, has been the foundation of agricultural activities in Wayne County. It tries, each year, to keep this tradition alive by making these scholarships available to young people as they continue their education in this field."

Grange members; Pamela Box

and Jane Bollinger, served on the scholarship selection committee.

The Grange wishes to thank Honesdale High School Guidance Counselors, Amy Neugebauer, Mrs. Pinto and Paul Reiprich, Carla Swendsen, Administrative Assistant, and Principal Christopher Pietrazewski for their assistance.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

### Harveys-Aleppo #1444

John "Buzz" Walters

### Marion #223

Wanda McCloskey

### Virginville #1832

Nancy Wheeland

Carrie Heckman

Holly Walker

### Pleasant Valley #1074

Brianna Metschulat

Julie Metschulat

### Bloomington #536

Harry Birth

Brent Birth

### Pioneer #1777

Megan Monahan

John Monahan

### Hickory #1285

Kim Peterka

Joe Peterka

### Russellville #91

Jessica Shaw

### Richland #1413

Michael Groner

### Lincoln #914

Ben Wingert

Sharon Wingert

### Spruce Hill #772

Charles Houser

### Walker #2007

Robert Yearick

### Logan #109

Lauren Brooks

Lisa Brooks

### Harmony #1202

Joshua Isenberg

Amanda Pennington

### Hookstown #1980

Richard Reese

Julianne Reese

Ariel Huffman

Larry Reese Jr.

Tryston Stewart

### Ginger Hill #1549

Resa Stauffer

Mai Brna

### Madison #2064

Chris Trahan

Peggy Trahan

### Plumsteadville #1738

Lester Heacock

Carol Rasmussen

Nancy Stephenson

Garrett Galluppi

Susan Galluppi

Maria Macri

Irene Macri

Barbara Macri

Brynn Barnhart

Kiera Barnhart

### Progress #96

Charles Coder Jr.

Deborah Coder

### Big Knob #2008

Lynn Patsiga

### Hartslog Valley #375

Katherine Stine

## BIRTHDAYS

### Canusarago Grange #27

Mary Brown: Sept 2, 1920

## IN MEMORIAM

### Penns Valley #158

M. Dale Vonada

### Victor #159

Kitty Rudy

### Trexlerstown #1755

Michael Hebelka

Harold Oswald Jr.

### Brandywine #60

Ralph Buckles

### Virginville #1832

Kenneth Fryer

### Fleetwood #1839

Harold Althouse

### Walker #786

Wilbur Zendt

### Plumsteadville #1738

Norma Knowler

Lynn Litzenberger

### Roseville #1290

Norma Knapp

### Schnecksville #1684

Curtis Robert

### Middletown #684

John Thompson Jr.

### Wesley #1675

Cecil Ward

### Sinking Valley #484

Mahlon Lepperd

Margie Albright

### Perry Valley #1804

Avonell Waller

### Star #993

Miriam Forney

### Bernville #1887

Charles Kissling

### Hookstown #1980

Sue Gourley

### Mahoning Valley #1649

Martha Shannon

### Central Grange #1650

Walter J. Frisch

### Russellville #91

Jean Yarnall

Francis Watterson

### Richland #1413

Twila Dunlap

### Fairdale #1157

John Bechtel

### Shavers Creek #353

Orpha Hearn

### Ontelaunee #1617

Catherine Holcombe

### Forest #853

Melvin Sandrock

### Hartslog Valley #375

Janice Bowser

### Marion #1853

John Schueller

### East Franklin #1709

June Shriver



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wich, etc.)

- Cooking Oil
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Beets

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- We are not in need of the following: Baby Food, Baby Formula, Green Beans, Corn, or Protein Beans
- We cannot accept expired or opened food items. Please check the expiration dates on items before donating them. Our food donation guidelines provide assistance in determining what can be accepted.

Lastly, I did move in April. Please either e-mail me or call to get the updated mailing address. This has also been updated with the state office.

Fraternally,  
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# 2019-20 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are working on our 2020 calendar, now. If your Grange is holding any yearly festivals or events, please email those dates to: [info@88dragon.com](mailto:info@88dragon.com) as soon as possible. Thank you!

**2019**

**All You Can Eat Buckwheat Pancake & Sausage Dinner**  
November 2nd, 2019 7AM-6PM  
Wesley Grange Hall  
information: Michael Pratt  
[westpratts@verizon.net](mailto:westpratts@verizon.net)

**2020**

**PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW**  
January 4-12, 2020  
Farm Show Complex  
Harrisburg, PA

**YOUTH CAMP**

June 26-28, 2020  
Camp Sylvan Hills  
Howard, PA

**JUNIOR CAMP**

June 28-July 4, 2020  
Camp Sylvan Hills  
Howard, PA

**FAMILY FESTIVAL**

July 16-19, 2020  
Centre County Fairgrounds  
Centre Hall, PA

**AG PROGRESS DAYS**

August 11-13, 2020  
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA  
<https://agsci.psu.edu/apd/about>

**STATE SESSION**

October 15-19, 2020  
Ambassador Center Hotel  
Erie, PA

# 2020

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**Federal Holidays 2020**

Jan 1	New Year's Day	Jul 3	Independence Day (obs.)	Nov 11	Veterans Day
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4	Independence Day	Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day
Feb 17	Presidents' Day	Sep 7	Labor Day	Dec 25	Christmas Day
May 25	Memorial Day	Oct 12	Columbus Day		

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- TSYS Merchant Solutions

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The Pennsylvania State Grange also offers scholarships and interest free loans



Contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office with questions about becoming a member...and start enjoying the many benefits of being a Grange Member... immediately!

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