

PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS

January/February 2020



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2020 PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

January 5th-12th Schedule (highlights)

Please find full schedule at: <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/plan/schedule/full-schedule/Pages/default.aspx>

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

8:00 a.m.

- Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association Championship (NHA)

10:00 a.m.

- Opening Ceremonies with Governor Tom Wolf & Secretary Russell Redding (SA)
- Blue Ribbon Pie Contest (GFA)
- Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)

11:00 a.m.

- Chef Instructor Mike Ditchfield and Students from the Pennsylvania College of Technology (CCS)

11:30 a.m.

- Cumberland County Drill Team (NHA)
- Beginning in Beekeeping Perry Arlia (LFS)

12:30 p.m.

- Pennsylvania State Police Drill Team Demonstration (NHA)

1:00 p.m.

- Wine Competition Awards Ceremony (MHS)
- Thermador Challenge – “Iron Chef” Competition with local Chefs and Media Personalities (CCS)
- Basics of Maple Syrup Production, Andy Dewing (LFS)

2:00 p.m.

- Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Meet and Greet (NHA)
- David Santucci, Regional Sales Manager, Country Fresh Mushroom (CCS)
- PA Preferred Junior Baking Cookie/Brownie Bar Contest (GFA)
- Cheese Competition Awards Ceremony (MHS)

2:30 p.m.

- Cider Competition Awards Ceremony (MHS)

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- Basics of Maple Syrup Production, Andy Dewing (LFS)

3:00 p.m.

- Beer Competition Awards Ceremony (MHS)

4:00 p.m.

- Sheep Herding Demonstration (EA)
- PA Preferred Chocolate Cake Contest (GFA)

5:00 p.m.

- Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association Championship (NHA)
- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania Beekeepers Association (CCS)
- Basics of Maple Syrup Production Andy Dewing (LFS)

5:30 p.m.

- Owning and caring for Small Ruminants Dr. Pesato Upenn (LFS)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 8 PM

10:00 a.m.

- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)
- Non-Denominational Worship Service (BH)
- Basics of Maple Syrup Production Andy Dewing (LFS)

12:00 p.m.

- Draft Horse Hitch Competition – 6 Horse Hitch and other Team Classes (NHA)
- Angel Food Cake Contest (GFA)
- Raising Alpacas PA Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (LFS)

2:00 p.m.

- Junior Market Steer Show, followed by Showmanship (EA)

LOCATION KEY:

BH	PA Preferred® Banquet Hall
CCC	Crossroads Conference Center
E	East Hall
KCC	Keystone Conference Center
NHA	New Holland Arena
CCS	Culinary Connection Stage
LFS	Lancaster Farming Stage
EL	East Maclay Street Lobby
GFA	Good Foods Area
MHS	Main Hall Stage
SA	Small/Sale Arena
GEX	Giant® Exposition Hall
EA	Equine Arena
EB	Equine Barn
M	Main Hall

2:30 p.m.

- Differences in Honey, Perry Arlia (LFS)

3:00 p.m.

- Celebrity Chef Demonstration (CCS)

4:00 p.m.

- Grand Champion Junior Market Swine, Followed by Showmanship (SA)
- Thumbprint Cookie Contest (GFA)

5:00 p.m.

- Grand Champion Junior Market Steer, Followed by Showmanship (EA)
- School Cooking Challenge with Students from the Pennsylvania College of Technology (CCS)
- Basics of Maple Syrup Production (LFS)

6:00 p.m.

- Horse Vaulting Demonstration (NHA)
- Showmanship Clinic (SA)
- Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)
- Raising Alpacas PA Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (LFS)

6:30 p.m.

- Horse Logging Demonstration (EA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

8:00 a.m.

- Open Beef Angus, Simmental, Hereford & Limousin Judging (EA)
- Junior Market Goat (SA)

10:00 a.m.

- Maple Production Demonstration

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Cultivating Connections





From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
PA State Grange President
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Happy New Year to everyone and WOW, it's 2020!! As we start off our new year, let's set some goals. Let's each resolve to introduce at least two new people to the Grange. Let's resolve to become involved in something new within our Grange. Join a new committee, help at a fund raiser you've never helped at before, or take on a new project within your community.

I am very pleased to announce that Matthew Espenshade was chosen as the Granger of the Year. He is a member of Elizabethtown Grange #2076 in Lancaster County. Matt was presented the award at the All Granger Banquet which is held at the conclusion of the Pennsylvania State Grange convention. Matt was surprised to say the least. He is one of those Grangers who works very hard but prefers to be behind the scenes. Matt made the statement, "When I graduated from college and was looking to get more involved in my community, I joined Elizabethtown Grange. They have never told me no in trying new ideas".

We all can take a valuable lesson from his statement. It's a new

year, let's try a new idea. Let's hold more public meetings to educate our communities on subjects that affect them every day. Let's reach out to other organizations and see how we can partner to reach mutual goals.

January always starts out with a flurry of activity as we are preparing for the Pennsylvania Farm Show. We would be glad to have your help at the Pennsylvania State Grange booth during the week. It's a great opportunity to see old friends, meet new people as they visit our stand and introduce them to the Grange. It gives you a great opportunity to explain our roots in agriculture, our strong family values, and tell people about the many legislative achievements of the Grange. You would be amazed at how many are

cessing plants, and better health care.

As we talk about achievements, remember to talk with your legislators regularly. The only way they can know your position on the issues is if you tell them. They want to represent their constituents, so attend their town meetings, write to them, and email them. Remember to say thank you when something you feel strongly about is passed into law. We all like to know someone appreciates what we are doing.

Consider holding a public meeting at your Grange and inviting a Pennsylvania State Grange officer to speak. Contact a local newspaper and see if they will cover the event. I believe the Grange is the best kept secret out there.

We need to let people know what we do, how we can help them, and how together we can help our communities. People need to know we are more than just that building down along route so and so.

I'm looking forward to an exciting new year. Let's make resolu-

tions we can keep and set them as goals!!!

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell,
Pennsylvania State Grange
President



RESOLUTIONS

- Hold Public Meetings
- Create Communittee Partners
- Introduce 2 People to Grange
- Talk With Your Local Legislator
- Help at a Fund Raiser
- Mentor a New Member
- GET INVOLVED!!!

unaware that it was a Granger who started the push for mail delivery out into the country side. That we were instrumental in the creation of the rural electric co-ops, and that today we are working for adequate Broadband, more dairy pro-



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Chaplain's Corner

Judy Pressler

PA State Grange Chaplain

HAPPY NEW YEAR & VALENTINES DAY!

If we practice the fruits of the Spirit (according to chapter 5 of Galatians) love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, think what an impact we will have in this New Year. Even if we accomplish some of them with the intent to keep on trying...indeed we will be **fruitful!**

If we use Jesus as our example we can respond to the emotional, physical, and/or financial needs of those around us no matter what their lifestyle happens to be. If we step out of our comfort zone and lend a helping hand, our actions will ripple out like a pebble in a puddle! It will **mean a lot** not only to those we have touched but to our Heavenly Father.

If we are fortunate enough to see results of our efforts, we have received our **reward**. However, we know that the real reward comes from pleasing our God and we will receive that final reward in His good time.

All these are good thoughts for the New Year and the months to follow so I will suffice it to say by accomplishing any or many of these objectives, we will be observing the sentiments expressed in **February, the month for LOVE**, and we know that **LOVE** is the greatest gift of all.

Praying for love in all aspects of your lives,
Judy Pressler, Chaplain
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Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

Happy New Year!

Ring in the new year means a new beginning and brings lots of hope and anticipation for many great things to happen. For Grange, great things are here and more to come for 2020!

Farm Show...

We hope that you will join us in our excitement this year as we show off the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail at the Farm Show Complex.

100 quilt blocks have been delivered and put in place by the farm show staff. We have a scavenger



hunt to go along with the trail to share the rich history of quilting.

The Grange has filled a 30ft. display case in the McClay Street lobby showcasing the history of quilting. You will find Grange on the Family Activities Stage two times during the week to talk about the quilt trail, and all things Grange!

It is estimated that 500,000 people flow through the complex and it

is a wonderful opportunity for people to learn more about Grange. We look forward to seeing you at Farm Show!

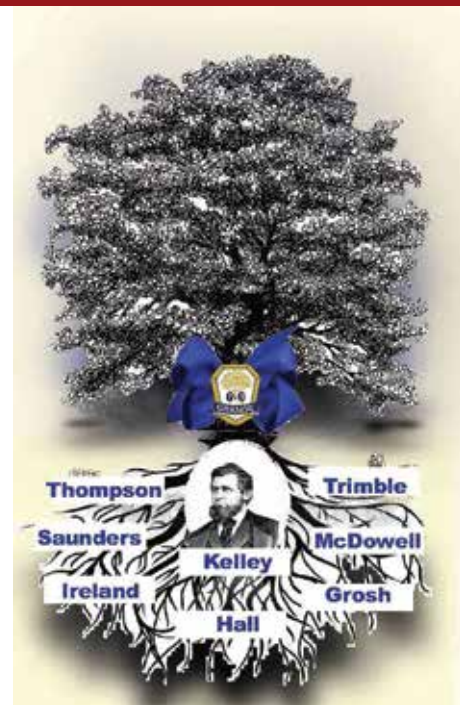
April is Grange Month...

It is the perfect time to host a community open house, entertainment, neighbor-night, etc. and celebrate with your community! Don't know what to do? Here are a few ideas to think or talk about. How about something Irish for St. Patrick's Day. When the kids were little we used to have a Leprechaun Hunt. We would hide foiled chocolate coins, other little goodies, and include some half dollars for them. Easter Egg Hunt and offer craft activities, free hotdogs for lunch. A community potluck dinner with nothing more than to socialize with your community members. Whatever you choose to do, have fun with everyone who attends, as that is what is important.

Please remember to share your upcoming events so they can be posted on the Pennsylvania State Grange's social media, website, and distributed to media outlets.

How is your Grange Family Tree...

We have had lots of discussion about growing our Granges and it is important that we don't lose sight of our goal of 11 members per Grange. Please schedule us to come out for a community workshop on the importance of Grange in your community. Who do you invite? Well start with your own family who are not members. Look at the people in your community. What about those who you work with, people at the post office,



bank, local officials, and stores? I look forward to seeing additions to your Grange family tree!

I ask that when you invite your community that you tell a positive story. I want you to tell them what you love about Grange. If you tell your story from your heart with passion, people will listen, and they will ask you questions. Please share that you are wanting to do new things, have new ideas to do things to better serve your community. Guess what? They will come check out your Grange. Talk about what Grange is currently working on, use the tool kit with resources (that you received at State Session), refer them to our website, share your newsletters, talk about legislative policy.

Our Granges are our past, present, and future. It is important to share our history, live in the moment, and look to the future! It is our responsibility to pass our Grange onto the next generation of members to ensure our legacy!

Yours in Grange service,
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Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hi Everyone! I hope you all made it through State Session, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year 2020.

We had a good time at State Session with a total of 144 entries (from 20 counties). The 2019 Outstanding Subordinate Family Activities Director is now Jane Repert, from Berks County Pomona #43, and the 2019 Outstanding Pomona Family Activities Director is Virginia Mangel, from Butler County Pomona #17. People's Choice Award went to Karen Poorman, of Baileyville Grange #1991, in Centre County.

We will be shipping out 2020/2021 contest packets in Jan/ Feb 2020... so Secretaries...


watch your mail, please. If you are getting a packet... please make copies of the contest papers to share with your Grange members. Anyone needing contest papers please let me know and I will make you copies and send them out to you.


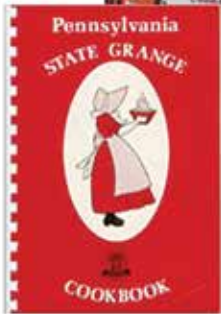

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Greetings from South Central PA!

As I write this, Halloween is on the horizon, but by the time you're reading this, the New Year will be here (or right around the corner). I hope you and yours had a joyous and blessed Holiday Season.

State Session

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Lecturer's Department contests this past year! Congratulations to our winners, who are listed at the end of this article. I am excited to report that Pennsylvania was represented well at the National Session in November. Jen Beamon, from Hamburg Grange #2013, performed during the Evening of Excellence. Ashley Mohn, from Marion Grange #1853, won Best of Show in the Photography Contest and represented Pennsylvania in the Photography Showcase. Congratulations!

Updates to the 2020-21 Guide to Contests and Programs

There are a few updates to the Lecturer's Contests and Programs since the Guide was printed. Contests and Programs were updated over the summer for publication, but a few challenges arose during judging that I would like to update moving forward. A revised copy of the guide will be available on the website.

First, starting in 2020, Lecturer's Reports and Scrapbooks will be judged separately. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th places for reports AND scrapbooks. Addi-

tionally, monetary prizes will be given for the 1st place winners in each class for reports (\$10) and scrapbooks (\$50). Community Night/Day (Open House) Reports will be judged as they have been with 1st place winners in each class receiving a plaque.

Second, the membership classes for Subordinate Lecturer's Reports/Scrapbooks and Community Night/Day (Open House) Reports were quite unbalanced this past year. In an effort to create more equitable competition, the membership classes have been revised to 1) Up to 50 members; 2) 51-99 members; and 3) 100 or more members.

Finally, this past year, we had no entries in the **Pen-in-Hand** contest. This is a great opportunity for members to showcase their creative writing skills. A new class has been added to replace the "Book/Film Review" class. The new class is "**My Favorite Grange memory...**" with a word limit of 500 words. So, the three classes for **Pen-in-Hand** are: 1) Poetry (300 words max); 2) Short Story (1,500 words max); and 3) My Favorite Grange Memory..." (300 words max).

Please refer to the updated Guide on the website and feel free to contact me with any questions about these changes or any of the contests and programs within the Lecturer's Department.

Regional Leadership Conferences

The Pennsylvania State Grange is offering a series of Regional Conferences across Pennsylvania in the spring of 2020. These conferences will aim to provide meaningful leadership training to ALL Grange lead-

ers and members and improve information-sharing between the State Grange and Subordinate and Pomona Granges. There will be 3 conferences, scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Logan Grange, Centre County (CENTRAL)
- Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Big Knob Grange, Beaver County (WEST)
- Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Kutztown Grange, Berks County (EAST)

We are still in the process of determining a specific schedule, but several workshops will be offered from many of the departments and committees of the PA State Grange, including Lecturer's, Youth, Juniors, Community Service, History Committee, and more.

The conferences will begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. The registration fee is \$10.00. The Registration Form is included in this issue of the Pennsylvania Grange News.

Look for more information about the schedule and specific workshops that will be offered early in the New Year. Please contact me with any questions or for more information!

Program Ideas

January: National Hobby Month – Have your members share information about their favorite hobbies. Have a Hobby Night with stations set up around the room for members to share a little about their favorite activities. Ask a member to lead a program about one of their favorite hobbies.

- January 4: Trivia Day – Celebrate Trivia Day by preparing an interactive trivia contest for your members. Play Jeopardy or Hollywood Squares and quiz your members on Grange trivia, Holiday trivia, or trivia about a topic of interest to you and your members!



February:

- February 2 – Super Bowl Sunday – Host your own team relay games or activities for your members. Host a Super Bowl collection, in conjunction with your Community Service chair, and have members donate cans of soup and other food donations for a local food bank. Have two boxes (one for each team) and have members place donations in the box of the team they are cheering for.
- February 14 – National Organ Donor Day – Invite a representative from Gift of Life or similar organization to lead an educational program for your members about Organ Donation.

2019 STATE SESSION CONTEST WINNERS

LECTURER'S REPORTS/SCRAPBOOKS

Subordinate:

Up to 75 Members

1. Cheryl Miller, Union Grange #325, Centre County
2. Chester Tau, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
3. Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
4. Marjorie Craven, Edgewood Grange #688, Bucks County

76-149 Members

1. Ashley Furman, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
2. Linda Roan, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County
3. Tina Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County

150+ Members

1. Brenda Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
2. Heidi Berger, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
3. Dee Ruckert, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

Pomona:

1. Kenna Kurtz, Centre County Pomona #13
2. Nettie Kauffman, Berks County Pomona #43
3. Arvilla Allen, Crawford County

Pomona #26

4. Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County Pomona #66

COMMUNITY NIGHT/DAY (OPEN HOUSE)

REPORTS/SCRAPBOOKS

Subordinate:

Up to 75 Members

1. Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
2. Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
3. Nancy Sattazahn, Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County
4. Cheryl Ruoss, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

76-149 Members

1. Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
2. Ashley Furman, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
3. Linda Roan, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County

150+ Members

1. Brenda Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Pomona:

1. Arvilla Allen, Crawford County Pomona #26
2. Mary McMillin, Lawrence County Pomona #65
3. Georgette Mummert, Huntingdon County Pomona #6

CONTAINER POT DECORATING

Funny:

Subordinate

1. Miranda Irons, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
2. Debra Kieffer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Juniors

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

Pretty:

Subordinate

1. Deanna Hollabaugh, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
2. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
3. Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
4. Sandra Hill, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Juniors

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
2. Alexis Servin, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
3. Julie Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
4. Heidi Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

Grange:

Subordinate

1. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Juniors

1. Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

BEST OF SHOW: Deanna Hollabaugh, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County

TISSUE BOX COVERS

Holiday/Seasonal:

Subordinate

1. Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
2. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
3. Thelma Slippey, Shavers Creek #353, Huntingdon County
4. Ruth Kurtz, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County

Most Creative:

Subordinate

1. Walter McChesney Jr., Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
2. Laura McCardle, Shavers Creek Grange #353, Huntingdon County
3. Katherine Stine, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
4. Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

Juniors

1. Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

BEST OF SHOW: Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

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CRAFT STICK ART

Prettiest:

Subordinate

1. Jen Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
2. Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
4. Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

Juniors

1. Kay Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
2. Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Junior Grange #452, Berks County
3. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
4. Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

Funniest:

Subordinate

1. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
2. Walter G. McChessney, Jr., Harslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
3. Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Juniors

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
2. Julie Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
3. Connor Servin, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
4. Logan Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

Most Creative:

Subordinate

1. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
2. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Juniors

1. Tabitha Samsel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
2. Lila Samsel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
3. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, #547, Lawrence County
4. Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Junior #181, Beaver County

BEST OF SHOW: Kay Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

WREATHES

Holiday:

Subordinate

1. Bryan Poorman, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County
2. Patty Bird, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
3. Janet Schlegel, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
4. William McGregor, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

Juniors

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

Pretty:

Subordinate

1. Ashley Furman, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
2. William McGregor, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
4. Kenna Kurtz, Logan Grange #109, Centre County

Juniors

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
2. Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #452, Berks County

Grange:

Subordinate

1. Marty Dinsmore, Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County
2. Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Berks County
4. Fern Sonon, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

BEST OF SHOW: Bryan Poorman, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County

MY FAVORITE ANYTHING

Wood:

1. Margaret Storm, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County

2. Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
3. Donald Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
4. Ann Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County

Plastic:

1. Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
2. Luca Loccisano, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

Material/Yarn:

1. Barbara Gross, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
2. Sharon Heck, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
3. Gretchen Kralj, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
4. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Miscellaneous:

1. Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
2. Kelly VanOrd, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
3. Margaret Storm, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
4. Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

ART

Nature:

1. Marci Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
2. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
3. Deanna Hollabaugh, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
4. Bill Yeckley, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Animals:

1. Miranda Irons, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
2. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

Abstract:

1. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
2. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
3. Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
4. Helen Lafferty, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

People:

No entries



Street Art/Graffiti on Canvas:

- 1.Charles Brenneman, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
- 2.Virginia Yeckley, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
- 3.Betty Brenneman, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
- 4.Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

BEST OF SHOW: Marci Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

PHOTOGRAPHY

Pennsylvania - My Home:

- 1.Susan Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 2.Mary McMillin, Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County
- 3.Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
- 4.Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill #1861, Cambria County

Sunrise/Sunset:

- 1.Ian Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2.Jim Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3.Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 4.Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

Pets/Animals:

- 1.Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 2.Michelle Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3.Vicky Baird Confer, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
- 4.Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County

Plants:

- 1.Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 2.Susan Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3.Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 4.Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Churches:

- 1.Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
- 2.Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 3.Marci Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 4.Miranda Irons, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County



“Best of Show Winner Ashley Mohn’s photo represented Pennsylvania in the 2019 National Grange Photography Showcase.”

BEST OF SHOW: Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County (Pets/Animals)

Photo Gallery/Slide Show/Story Board

1 - Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOS

Digitally Enhanced Photography:

- 1.Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 2.Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
- 3.Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

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Photo Collage:

- 1.Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 2.Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 3.Ian Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 4.Kay Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County





Deaf Activities & Community Service Department

Gail Switzer

PA State Grange Deaf Activities & Community Service Director

Hello Grangers,

As the past two years, 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. It is extremely impressive and something each and every one of you should be proud of! We logged about 47,000 hours of community service from the 55 reports that were submitted. Way to go Pennsylvania!

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

Granges with 25 or less members:

1. Sinking Valley Grange #484
2. London Grove Grange #63

Granges with 26-60 members:

1. Hamburg Grange #2103
2. Hayfield Grange #800
3. Harvey's Aleppo #1444

Honorable Mention: Schnecksville Grange #1684

Granges with 61 or more members:

1. Valley Grange #1360
2. Hookstown Grange #1980
3. Big Knob Grange #2008
4. Honorable Mention: Plumsteadville Grange #1738

Pomona Granges

1. Centre County #13
2. Bucks County #22
3. Berks County #43

Honorable Mention: Lehigh-Northampton Pomona #68

Congratulations to Valley Grange #1360, as their book represented Pennsylvania at the National Grange Session in Minnesota in November 2019.

This year at State Grange Session we collected 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 a heaping table full of donations, so thank you to all of the Granges or individuals who supported these collections. We will also be sending a check for \$250 to the State College Food Bank from the Sunday morning church service offering. We were also successful with our book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange. We raised \$61.75 from this sale and will be sending \$300 to Dogs for Better Lives with the help of the church offering from Sunday at session.

We had 4 contestants in our sign a song contest this year. Jodi Keith-Kensinger and Philip Vonada in the subordinate category and Foster and Elsa Kehs in the junior category. Congrats to Philip Vonada who will be representing Pennsylvania at Eastern Regionals to compete for this contest. Philip also represented Pennsylvania and the Eastern Region at Nationals this year. I strongly encourage everyone to consider participating next year!

Congrats and thank you to Big Knob Grange who was the only participant in our new "Community Service Project of the Year" contest. I hope others will participate next year! Additionally, we have a Deaf Awareness poster contest that no one competed in, make a reminder to participate in the upcoming year.

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.

Fraternally,
Gail Switzer
Deaf Activities/Community Service Committee Director
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History Committee
Doug Bonsall
 PA State Grange History Committee
 Director



Rhone Inducted into National Grange Hall of Fame

One of Pennsylvania's early Grange leaders - Leonard Rhone of Centre County - was recognized for his achievements at the recent National Grange session in Minnesota by being inducted into the Grange Virtual Hall of Fame, created in 2015 to recognize Grange members who had a significant role in the history of the National Grange. The nomination of Leonard Rhone was submitted by the State Grange History Committee over a year ago and we are pleased of his selection for this honor. He and his wife were charter members of Progress Grange #96. Brother Rhone was the organizer of many early Granges in Centre County and the prime mover behind the establishment of the Grange Encampment & Cen-

seven years, and also concurrently served as National Grange High Priest of Demeter from 1889-1895. He was one of the first to appear before Congress to testify in support of rural free delivery of mail.

Leonard Rhone was born July 21, 1838 in Potter Township near Centre Hall on the Rhone Homestead, now known as Rhoneymead which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. He studied at Kishacoquilla Academy and after teaching for a

State Grange Records Preservation

Microfilming and digitizing of the third batch of State Grange records - officer rosters, Executive Committee minutes, and published histories - has been completed. Within the next few months these documents will be posted to the State Grange website at <http://www.pagrang.org/history-committee.html> for easy access by any visitor to that site. Recently we have found some interesting newspapers and minutes from State Junior and Youth Camps and have decided to have these microfilmed/digitized as funds will permit to remove the risk of this information being lost to the deterioration of time.

State Grange Auction

Thanks to the support of the State Grange Executive Committee which designated proceeds from the annual action at the state session to support the work of the History Committee, we now have \$2,434 in additional funds to continue our work. Most of this will be set aside as a "starter fund" for the 150th anniversary of the State Grange coming up in 2023. Planning for this special occasion is shifting into high gear with hopes of kicking off some advance activities during the 2020 state session in Erie and at the 150th anniversary of Eagle Grange #1 in 2021.



tre County Fair. He rose through many Grange positions to become the third Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange from 1880-1889, was elected to the National Grange Executive Committee from 1888-1898 and served as its chair for

year, became a farmer by choice. In 1864 he married Mary Margaret Sankey, a neighbor girl. He later purchased the other heirs' interests to the farm. Leonard was elected as a Trustee of PA State College in 1880 and appointed on important commissions by various Governors. He also was elected to the Pennsylvania State Legislature during his term as Master of the State Grange, serving two two-year terms (1885-86 and 1887-88).

While serving in the Legislature, he was a champion for agriculture and good government, and secured increased appropriations for public schools in an effort to equalize taxation. Although

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Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio
PA State Grange Junior Committee
Director

Junior News

HAPPY 2020 to all of you!

Can you believe we are starting a new year? And can you believe it is 2020?? Well – I can't believe it! Time is just moving right a long and we are all on this fun ride together! Before we know it – State Camp will be here! Speaking of State JG Camp – did you know the theme is Wilderness Adventure!? We are going to be doing so many new things and having so much fun! I want each of you to invite a friend to join you at camp this year. It can be a current Junior Granger or a friend that might become a future Junior Granger. Invite them to join us and have an adventurous week in the Wilderness!

Help me welcome the newest Jr Grange committee member – Tina Reich. Tina is from Valley Grange #1360 in York Co. She is the mom of our current State JG Princess, Elisabeth and her brother Jackson and little sister Gretchen. Tina is

excited to be on the committee and she is going to be a great addition to the team! WELCOME TINA!!

If you haven't yet heard – the PA Jr. Grange has something – or should I say SOMEONE – to brag about and be so very proud of! Our PA State JG Prince, Bryce Danko, was awarded the title of the 2019-2020 National Jr Grange Ambassador at the 153rd National Grange Convention that was held in November in Bloomington (Minneapolis area), MN. It is quite an AWESOME honor to be given this title and Bryce will share the responsibility of the title with Brian-na Gervis from Connecticut who was also chosen. Bryce will be representing the Juniors around the US and helping to promote the programs, contests and more. Look for more from Bryce in the next issue of Grange News!

Speaking of the National Contests, I want to Congratulate Kay Reyburn and Emma Seidel who both won a ribbon at the National Convention for their Creative Art. I am so proud of these 2 young ladies. Since the National Convention is in Valley Forge PA this year – I hope that we have many more entries. You can go to www.nationaljuniorgrange.org to see all of the contests.

What are your goals for this year? What are some things you want to do? These are questions that are always asked when we begin a new year. If you haven't writ-

ten a bucket list for this year of things you want to see, do or go...I invite you to begin one! Add some simple things and then write some that seem more difficult to reach. Make it a goal to cross as many off the list as you can. Get your family involved and make a "Bucket List" together. Work together to cross the things off the list. What are some ideas that you can put on there? Here are a few to consider: Attend all of the Jr Grange meetings or activities in your Grange or in the county. Attend County or State Camp (if you haven't done so yet). Work on a State or National contest item each month so you have entries for State Session or National Convention. Volunteer at a Food Bank, or other community center that allows young people to help out (this is a great one for the family to do together). The list is endless. See what kind of "Bucket List" you can create and see how much you can cross off the List by the end of the year!

Enjoy these cold snowy days and stay safe while playing out in the snow!!

PS: Please enjoy the collection of Junior pictures, on the facing page, taken throughout the 2019 year.

See you all soon!
Lurae Benzio
Junior Grange Director
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Youth News

Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director



As another great Youth year comes to a close, all of the youth and young adults want to thank everyone for the great support of our programs and our youth over the year. Many at State Session were able to meet and talk with several of our great youth and young adults, including these two, Braden Gourley and Derek Snyder 2019-2020 Outstanding Young Patrons.

Hello fellow Grangers! Our names are Braden Gourley and Derek Snyder, and we are excited to be your 2019-2020 Pennsylvania State Grange Outstanding Young Patrons.

I, Braden, grew up in Hookstown in Beaver County, where I first joined the Grange and later got involved with State Junior Grange and Youth & Young Adults activities. I am a 2015 graduate of Penn State University, where I was a Chemical Engineering major and member of the Penn State University Marching Blue Band. Since then, I have been working for Merck & Co and have spent time living and working in a variety of different places including the Netherlands, North Carolina, and Philadelphia, where I currently live now.

I, Derek, grew up in Boiling Springs in Cumberland County, and continue to belong to Valley Grange #1360 in York County. I first got involved with State Junior Grange and Youth & Young Adults

activities in 2009 and am excited to be part of both the State Junior and Youth Committees this year for the Pennsylvania State Grange. I am a 2018 graduate of Penn State, where I double majored in Corporate Business Innovation and Economics. Currently, I am a legislative aide for Representative Torren Ecker, who is a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

In our upcoming year as Outstanding Young Patrons, we are both looking forward to increasing the excitement and membership of the Pennsylvania Grange Youth & Young Adults program. Some of our passions include volunteerism, legislative advocacy, and making people laugh, which we hope to do a lot throughout this year. We both enjoy using humor as a tool to help people become more engaged and interested in joining the Grange Youth program and taking an interest in what we are doing throughout the state.

We, Braden and Derek, look forward to visiting as many Granges and Grange events throughout the year. We are available to provide a program or serve as entertainment for any of your upcoming events, and we hope that you consider inviting us to be a part of them. We continue to be proud Pennsylvania Grangers and are looking forward to spending this upcoming year spreading the great benefits of being involved with such an amazing organization. Thank you again,

thank you again.

Sincerely,
Braden and Derek
2019 Pennsylvania State Grange
Outstanding Young Patrons

We have an exciting year planned for 2020, including being part of the hosting region for National Session 2020 in November. Youth events for this year will be posted on the Pennsylvania Grange website, the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults Facebook page and hopefully soon on our new Instagram!

We had many Grangers enter the youth contests at State Session! Congratulations to these winners!

2019 PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE YOUTH DEPARTMENT CONTEST WINNERS

START WITH A CAKE MIX - Chocolate Variation

1. Mary McMillan - Lawrence
2. Dina Zug - Juniata
3. Margaret Storm - Cambria

START WITH A CAKE MIX - White/Yellow Variation

1. Jen Beamon - Berks
2. Mary McMillan - Lawrence
3. Heather Druckenmiller - York-Adams



START WITH A CAKE MIX -
Spice/Fruit/Nut Variation

1. Tammy Schaeffer - Berks
2. Jodi Keith Kensinger -
Huntingdon

CUPCAKE DECORATING -
14+

1. Heather Druckenmiller -
York-Adams
2. Jen Beamon - Berks
3. Margaret Storm - Cambria

CUPCAKE DECORATING -
5-14

1. Sadie Johnson - Beaver
2. Gayle Reyburn - Chester
3. Harvey Reyburn - Chester

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Grange -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Grange -
Adult (36+)

1. Margaret Storm - Cambria
2. Cindy Keith - Huntingdon
3. Karen Mohn - Berks

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Other - Ju-
niors (5-13)

1. Emma Seidel - Berks

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Other -
Youth (14-21)

1. Jessica Hudack - Beaver

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Other -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon
2. Ashley Mohn - Berks
3. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

SCRAPBOOK PAGE - Other -
Adult (36+)

1. Gloria Fogle - Cambria
2. Shelley Fayewicz - Berks
3. Cindy Keith - Huntingdon

BUILDING BLOCK CREATION -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jen Beamon - Berks
2. Ashley Mohn - Berks

BUILDING BLOCK CREATION -
Adult (36+)

1. Karen Mohn - Berks
2. Derek Schroeder - Berks

3. Steve Mohn - Berks

RECYCLED CRAFT - Container -
Juniors (5-13)

1. Jacob Schroeder - Berks
2. Abigail Kehs - Chester

RECYCLED CRAFT - Container -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Ashley Mohn - Berks
2. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

RECYCLED CRAFT - Container -
Adult (36+)

1. Debra Kieffer - Berks
2. Beth Parrish - Beaver
3. Jerry Cramer - Cumberland

RECYCLED CRAFT - Fabric - Ju-
niors (5-13)

1. Abigail Kehs - Chester

RECYCLED CRAFT - Fabric -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jen Beamon - Berks
2. Ashley Mohn - Berks
3. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

RECYCLED CRAFT - Wood - Ju-
niors (5-13)

1. Alayna Flickinger - Chester
2. Molly Reyburn - Chester
3. Elsa Kehs - Chester

RECYCLED CRAFT - Wood -
Youth (14-21)

1. Cassy Kehs - Chester

RECYCLED CRAFT - Wood -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Ashley Mohn - Berks
2. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

RECYCLED CRAFT - Wood -Adult
(36+)

1. Derek Schroeder - Berks

CREATE A COMMERCIAL -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Ashley Mohn - Berks

DESIGN A BUTTON - Young Adult
(22-35)

1. Philip Vonada - Centre
2. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon
3. Ashley Mohn - Berks

DESIGN A BUTTON -Adult
(36+)

1. Steve Mohn - Berks
2. Karen Mohn - Berks

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Prepared -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon
2. Gail Switzer - Berks

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Impromptu -
Youth (14-21)

1. Hannah Leibensperger - Berks
2. Isabella Boone - Centre

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Impromptu -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Phil Vonada - Centre
2. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon
3. Braden Gourley - Beaver

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Impromptu
-Adult (36+)

1. Tina Reich - York-Adams
2. Lurae Benzio - Beaver
3. Jennifer Kehs - Chester

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Radio Spot -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Braden Gourley - Beaver
2. Jodi Kensinger - Huntingdon

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Visual Aids -
Young Adult (22-35)

1. Braden Gourley - Beaver

Congratulations again to all of the
winners! Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

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Grange News

Judy Pressler, Chaplain

I would like to share that we had 137 folks for a wonderful turnout at our Worship Service at State Session. The offering was very generous and we gave a gift of \$100 to Pastor James Williams, who delivered an inspirational message, and were able to contribute \$228.13 to Dogs for Better Lives and \$228.12 to the State College Food Bank, two charities featured at the State Session.

SOUTH AUBURN GRANGE #1188

The South Auburn Grange held a chicken barbeque July 27, 2019 to benefit local fire companies, Meshoppen Volunteer Fire Company and Goodwill Fire Company of Laceyville. Grange members Ted Place and John Tewksbury are shown presenting checks to fire company members Chris Carney and Brad Fassett as other fire company members look on. The South Auburn Grange and community appreciate our volunteer firemen and all who assist them.



(South Auburn)

HAMBURG GRANGE #2103

The Hamburg Grange #2103 wants to personally Thank the Hamburg Area Community for supporting our September 21st Chicken Pot Pie Dinner at the Hamburg Area Senior High School. We were very happy to see the support for our veterans and active military who give each and every

one of us our freedoms and rights. We PROUDLY gave 55 free meals to these brave men and women, including our very own Hamburg Mayor George Holmes and Police Chief Tony Kuklinski. We served a total of 362 people who supported the dinner by eating in, and taking dinners and quarts of pot pie home with them.



(Hamburg) Tony & George at the September Pot Pie Dinner

PORT MATILDA GRANGE #1284

Our Grange has been busy again! We had line dancing lessons, our annual plant sale, with proceeds going towards a community project.

We made apple dumplings again this year, with the proceeds of that sale going to our local EMS. We also do a Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It sale and that money will benefit our local elementary school. We are busy, busy busy!



(Port Matilda)



(Port Matilda)

BUTLER COUNTY POMONA #17

On October 7, 2019 Butler Co Pomona Grange held their Annual All Granger Banquet. It was held at Donegal Grange this year with 22 members in attendance. Thanks to Donegal Grange for a great dinner and the entertainment by the group Friends of God. The All Granger Banquet is where we recognize Grangers for their many year's of service. This year Albert Martsof was presented his certificate by his wife Nettie Martsof for 55 years of service to Jefferson Grange. Albert does many things in his local Grange



(Butler County)

as well as for Butler Co Pomona Grange. Congratulations to Albert for his many years of service and we look forward to his continued involvement.

We also honored the Granger of the Year for Butler County. This years award was presented by President, Richard Mangel to Virginia Mangel for all her work. She



(Butler County)

has been a Granger for over 51 years and has held many offices on the Subordinate, Pomona, and State Grange level. She is always willing to do whatever is asked of her. Congratulations to Virginia.

On September 22, 2019, Butler Co Pomona Grange hosted a 2 hour Boat Dinner Cruise on Moraine State Park. We had 23 Grange members from Butler Co



(Butler County)

and Beaver Co. on the cruise. It was a fun time to enjoy each others company and fellowship with Grange members from another County. Hopefully we can do this again next year. The weather was great and we got to see some Bald Eagles plus other birds on the cruise. Thanks to all those who attended.

On November 4, 2019 Butler



(Butler County)

Co Pomona Grange was honored to present 14 young Butler County 4-H members with a certificate and cash award for their outstanding work on their 4-H project books.

There were 75 project books that were judged and these 14 young people were picked as the first place winners. Congratulations to all the winners.

CRAWFORD COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

RECOGNIZES VETERANS

The annual Veterans' Recognition program was held Saturday, October 19th at the Atlantic IOOF Hall. Pomona Master Michael Tau welcomed guests and members. Arvilla Allen, Pomona Lecturer, announced Veterans being recognized were from Operation Enduring Freedom, Persian Gulf War and Vietnam War. Special musical entertainment was provided by the Joy Singers from Mumford United Methodist Church. Joanne Sperry served as the pianist for the program.

Mrs. Allen introduced the speaker, Col. Richard Krankota, Director of Veteran Services in Crawford County. He began by stating that "Veterans enable us

to enjoy the freedoms we have today." The veterans Service Office provides the primary services for Veterans in Crawford County from the time they are discharged from the service until they die. There are 67 counties in PA with 65 counties having Veteran Services offices. The offices work directly with the Veterans Administration. Mr. Krankota noted that prior to September 8, 1980 someone who served one day of duty was con-



(Crawford County:

Veterans picture left to right: Richard Krankota, Phil Barnynai, Chester Packard, Jerry Hunter, David Hayes)

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CANDY

VICTOR GRANGE
is selling delicious candy
to help renovate their
100 plus year old building

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Case price: \$54.00 (18 per case)

Flavors:
Milk, Dark Chocolate &
Peanut Butter

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GRANGER OF THE YEAR

Getting to know... Matt Espenshade, our 2019/2020 Granger of the Year!

Matthew Espenshade is a member of Elizabethtown Grange #2076 in Lancaster County. Matt and his wife Charlene and two sons are active dairy farmers. Matt has been a Grange member for 22 years and is currently serving as Master of the Elizabethtown Grange as well as Pomona Gatekeeper.

There are many things that Matt is involved with as a Granger. One example is the milk shake stand at the Elizabethtown Fair, where he actively works the booth every evening. He is proud of the involvement of Elizabethtown Grange has at the booth and the juniors and youth work towards their fees to attend Grange camps. He actively has worked with the FFA and is involved with the youth of his Grange. He looks for ways to unify his community and Grange with the projects they do such as raising funds for the local K-9 unit.

Elizabethtown Grange members shared that as a dairy farmer, it can be difficult to lead the day-to-day operations, but he serves

as a voice for the Grange on dairy policy. He testifies on behalf of the State Grange at the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board hearings.

Grange member Evelyn Zeleski shared, "Matthew Espenshade isn't just your normal Granger. Matt goes above and beyond the

perfect example of blending agriculture and the community together. There isn't a restaurant or grocery store that Matt goes to that a member of our community does not recognize him. Most community members recognize Matt as a local dairy farmer, but in addition to caring for cows, he is also instilling fellowship and leadership into the future through Junior Grange members, as well as his two sons. One of my personal favorite characteristics of Matt is that no matter what event it is, he stays behind the curtain, and quietly and thoughtfully observes the mark that the Elizabethtown Grange has left on the community, other Grangers, and proudly repents Granges of the State of Pennsylvania very well."



duties of a Granger. He takes his time to help educate interested friends, neighbors and the public of not only the dairy industry, but also of the entire agricultural sector. He is certainly a wealth of knowledge in this field... and he shares that knowledge while giving farm tours, donating time to local fairs, and while he is providing the

**Congratulations Matt on being
our Granger of the Year!**



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sidered a veteran. After that date an individual must serve two years before being considered a veteran. He noted that the support from local Veterans organizations is amazing providing additional support when needed. Approximately \$52 million a year comes to Crawford County.

Each Veteran was presented with a certificate issued by The National Grange in recognition of their service. Hayfield Master Michael Tau and Lecturer Chester



(Crawford County: Quilts of Valor picture left to right: Veterans Jerry Hunter, Phil Barnynai, David Hayes, and Chester Packard.)

Tau presented a certificate to Jerry Hunter of Saegertown. Chester Tau also read a letter from Saegertown Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troup 254 recognizing Mr. Hunter for his dedication to the Boy Scouts for over 30 years.

Atlantic Master Esther Horne and Lecturer Arvilla Allen presented certificates to Phil Branynai, David Hayes, Richard Krankota and Chester Packard.

Virginia Shields, Atlantic Grange, read "I Am A Veteran".

Collene Munn of the PA Stitchers of Valor gave a brief history of how the Quilts of Valor program began in Crawford County. To date they have presented 185 Quilts of Valor in Crawford, Mercer and Venango Counties. Assisting Mrs. Munn were Kathy Cooper-Winters, Janet Owens, Linda Roche and Shannon Hentzel.

Nikayla Peters, Crawford County Dairy Princess and a member of the Cochranon Blue Ribbon 4-H Club spoke briefly telling of her involvement with Allen Farms

with a herd of 140 dairy cows. The Dairy Princess program provided ice cream for refreshments following the program.

HAYFIELD GRANGE

The annual Thanksgiving-Christmas dinner was held at the Downtown Mall Bistro on Sunday, November 10th. Following dinner, Emily Tau read "I Found the Wintertime" and Lecturer Chester Tau read "Harvest Time" and "Thanksgiving Day Is Here".

Lecturer Tau presented continuous membership awards to Gene and Gretchen Schlosser for 45 years and John and Alverna Hotchkiss for 60 years of Grange membership. Others to receive recognition but were unable to attend were Heather Henderson 25 years, Wade Cadle, Jr. 30 years, and Joyce Stewart 60 years.

There were 59 boxes of new Christmas cards donated for residents of Crawford County Care Center, Rolling Fields Elder Care,



(Hayfield: L-R- John and Alverna Hotchkiss, Gretchen and Gene Schlosser, and Lecturer Chester Tau.)

and Edinboro Manor. Also collected were eight hats, eight hat/mitten/glove sets, and 31 pair of gloves/mittens to be used in the TLC Christmas boxes for students in Cussewago Township with the balance donated to the Pomona project for the Jimmy Moore Christmas Party.





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 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.

SUNDAY HUNTING HEATS UP

On October 30, the PA House voted for Senate Bill 147 which would allow Sunday hunting in PA. Even though the bill was passed, Pennsylvania State Grange wants to publicly thank those lawmakers who voted no. They realize that Sunday hunting simply will NOT solve the problem of declining numbers of licenses sold in PA and nationally.

Pennsylvania State Grange has been very active on this issue and did not abandon its original posi-

tion to oppose Sunday hunting. During the legislative process, the bill was amended to include some property owner privacy restrictions to neutralize some of the opposition. The Pennsylvania State Grange holds that the core issue is not a repairs-all amendment. The basic question is rather whether or not Sunday hunting should be permitted at all.

A major reason has to do with Sunday hunting not addressing longer-term causes for less inter-

est in hunting. In a letter to legislators, the Pennsylvania State Grange said, *“Although some feel that a compromise deal was possibly struck and so the committee can sigh with relief, then vote the bill out, and move on to other matters, we ask that you not make a hasty vote. A vote now does not address long-term issues affecting hunting in Pennsylvania. These longer-term problems will not be resolved by Senate Bill 147 or by simply amending language on property rights.”*

Honor Roll of Who Voted for the Grange Position Opposing Sunday Hunting

Republicans

- Rep. Kerry Benninghoff (Centre)
- Rep. Karen Boback (Lackawanna/Luzerne/Wyoming)
- Rep. Lynda Schlegel Culver (Snyder/Northumberland)
- Rep. Bryan Cutler (Lancaster)
- Rep. Sheryl Delozier (Cumberland)
- Rep. Chris Dush (Armstrong/Indiana)
- Rep. Torren Ecker (Adams)
- Rep. Mark Gillen (Berks)
- Rep. Keith Gillespie (York)
- Rep. Barb Gleim (Cumberland)
- Rep. Jim Gregory (Blair)
- Rep. Marcia Hahn (Northampton)
- Rep. Sue Helm (Dauphin/Lebanon)
- Rep. Johnathan Hershey (Franklin/Juniata/Mifflin)
- Rep. Rich Irvin (Centre/Huntingdon/Mifflin)
- Rep. Rep. Rob Kauffman (Franklin)
- Rep. Mark Keller (Perry)
- Rep. Jerry Knowles (Schuylkill/Berks)

- Rep. Dave Maloney (Berks)
- Rep. Carl Metzgar (Bedford/Somerset)
- Rep. Kurt Masser (Columbia/Montour/Northumberland)
- Rep. Dave Millard (Columbia)
- Rep. Brett Miller (Lancaster)
- Rep. Marci Mustello (Butler)
- Rep. Tedd Nesbit (Butler/Mercer)
- Rep. Donna Oberlander (Clarion/Forest/Armstrong)
- Rep. Clint Owlett (Potter/Tioga/Bradford)
- Rep. Kathy Rapp (Warren/Forest/Crawford)
- Rep. Brad Roae (Crawford/Erie)
- Rep. Dave Rowe (Snyder /Union)
- Rep. Paul Schemel (Franklin)
- Rep. Jim Struzzi (Indiana)
- Rep. Jesse Topper (Bedford/Franklin/Fulton)
- Rep. Parke Wheeland (Crawford/Erie/Lawrence/Mercer)

Democrats

- Rep. Donna Bullock (Phila.)
- Rep. Tom Caltagirone (Berks)
- Rep. Carolyn Comitta (Chester)

- Rep. Scott Conklin (Centre)
- Rep. Margo Davidson (Delaware)
- Rep. Lisa Fiedler (Phila.)
- Rep. Ed Gainey (Allegheny)
- Rep. Liz Hanbidge (Montgomery)
- Rep. Kristine Howard (Chester)
- Rep. Mary Louise Isaacson (Phila.)
- Rep. Steve Kinsey (Phila.)
- Rep. Summer Lee (Allegheny)
- Rep. Mark Longietti (Mercer)
- Rep. Steve McCarter (Montgomery)
- Rep. Daniel Friel Otten (Chester)
- Rep. Chris Rabb (Phila.)
- Rep. Chris Sainato (Lawrence)
- Rep. Steve Samuelson (Northampton)
- Rep. Chris Sappey (Chester)
- Rep. Greg Vitali (Delaware)

Of these, 24 are from predominately rural areas, 11 represent urban areas, and 19 are from mixed rural/suburban areas. Six are members of the PA Legislative Black Caucus.



BROADBAND IS TRUE HEALTH REFORM

Pennsylvania Grange President Wayne Campbell sent the following letter on Broadband to media in Pennsylvania. It was used in numbers of publications including Lancaster Farming magazine.

Dear Editor:

The current buzz in Washington and with Democratic presidential candidates is Medicare for All supported by Senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren. Other candidates such as Joe Biden prefer sort of a Medicare for All - Lite called the Public Option which increases Federal control of the U.S. health care system, although not by as much as the single payer plans advocated by Sanders and Warren.

As someone who lives in rural Pennsylvania, I would ask for the Federal Government and Congress to step back and rethink these plans. We have had a great deal of Federal experimentation since 2010 and frankly, rural health care needs a breather. Rural areas face difficulties such as lack of providers, distance between patients and health care facilities, and high cost to patient ratios because of a smaller population base. Massive new Federal intrusion would most certainly bring new workability issues as well as probably trying to reinvent how people receive and pay for health care.

Rather than having another massive Federal makeover of our health care system, I suggest that we let cost-savings innovations of telemedicine continue to evolve. Already, a patient can have direct consultation and diagnostic testing done without the person having to leave his or her home. Medical advances of telemedicine have been dramatic to rural residents' benefit.

However, telemedicine does not work where there is no or little access to the Internet or smart phones. This has been called the Digital Divide where rural areas are disadvantaged without access to adequate technology. Instead of considering Medicare for All or the Public Option, perhaps Congress should instead focus on how to achieve universal access to Broadband. That approach would certainly reduce health care costs through telemedicine and it is more down to earth than new grand plans envisioned by some in Washington.

Granted, rural health care issues transcend whether or not telemedicine is THE answer. But it is one answer that could be fully realized if Congress makes Broadband a reality in rural America. Policymakers in Congress should look at the big picture and think outside their box
Sincerely,

Wayne Campbell, President
Pennsylvania State Grange

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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The letter continues: *"The number of licenses in PA and elsewhere is declining and has for years. Proponents of Sunday hunting at the hearing were unable to point to solid evidence that Sunday hunting generated more license activity. It was conjecture and frankly wishful thinking."*

Pennsylvania State Grange instead prefers **House Resolution 593** which directs the Legislative Budget & Finance Committee to study the root causes for the decline in hunting. Knowing why gives the General Assembly tools to more precisely look for remedies. The Pennsylvania State Grange asked legislators to take a look at the Resolution sponsored by avid hunter and Game & Fisheries Committee member Dave Maloney (R-Berks). Rep. Maloney's legislation is a constructive alternative to Senate Bill 147. In addition, Pennsylvania State Grange advocates Senate passage of House Bill 102. This would permit hunting education classes to be held after school hours in school buildings. Hopefully, this will help familiarize a new generation about hunting as a recreational sport which also helps fund wildlife management and preservation efforts.

PLEASE NOTE: Additional developments on Sunday hunting may have occurred between the time of this writing and its publication. If you would like to know more, please contact your lobbyist at xenobun@aol.com or 717-346-1063.





“PA Farm Show” continued from page 2
by the PA Maple Syrup Producers
(CCS)

1:00 p.m.
• Grand Champion Junior Market Goat Followed by Showmanship (SA)
• Selling Eggs in Pennsylvania, Food Safety, PDA (LFS)

1:30 p.m.
• Raising a Dairy Heifer/Poisonous Plants to Dairy Charley Quick (LFS)

2:00 p.m.
• Barry Crumlich, Executive Chef, Pennsylvania Governor’s Residence (CCS)
• Pennsylvania State FFA Association Mid-Winter Convention (NHA)
• Textile Science Project, Kaylee Knapp and Olivia Drake (LFS)

2:30 p.m.
• Small Engine Project Max Knapp and Dawson Beach (LFS)

4:00 p.m.
• Raising a Dairy Heifer/Poisonous Plants to Dairy, Charley Quick (LFS)

4:30 p.m.
• Beef Supreme Champion (EA)
• Make Mine Country Concert (NHA)
• Raising and Showing Goats Grace Romesberg (LFS)

5:00 p.m.
• Master Showmanship Competition (SA)
• Textile Science Project Kaylee Knapp and Olivia Drake (LFS)

5:30 p.m.
• Small Engine Project, Max Knapp and Dawson Beach (LFS)

6:00 p.m.
• Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)
• Mini Horse Pull (EA)

7:00 p.m.
• Square Dance Competition (NHA)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

7:00 a.m.
• Scholarship Foundation Breakfast (BH)

8:00 a.m.
• Alpaca Show and Demonstration (EA)

9:00 a.m.
• Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation Awards (SA)
• Pony Pulling Contest; Heavy, Light and Mediumweight (NHA)

9:30 a.m.
• Sale of Champions followed by Jr. Livestock Sale (SA)

10:00 a.m.
• NASA’s Mars Challenge, Daisy and Rose Snow (LFS)

10:30 a.m.
• Spotted Lanternfly Awards, PDA (LFS)

11:00 a.m.
• Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)
• Robotics and Agriculture Centre County 4-H Robotic Club (LFS)

12:00 p.m.
• Using Drone Technology in Agriculture Albert Sarvis Harrisburg University (LFS)

1:00 p.m.
• Robotics and Agriculture Centre County 4-H Robotic Club (LFS)

1:30 p.m.
• Horse Pulling Contest; Light and

Heavyweight (NHA)
• NASA’s Mars Challenge, Daisy and Rose Snow (LFS)

4:00 p.m.
• Pennsylvania’s Greatest Whoopie Pie Contest, Sponsored by Good Foods (GFA)

5:00 p.m.
• Draft Horse Hitch and Drive (EA)
• School Cooking Challenge with Students from the Dauphin County Technical School (CCS)

6:00 p.m.
• Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)
• Celebrity Draft Horse Feed Scurry Challenge (EA)
• Using Drone Technology in Agriculture, Albert Sarvis Harrisburg University (LFS)

7:00 p.m.
• Make Mine Country – Musical Entertainment (NHA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019
HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

8:00 a.m.
• Antique Tractor Display and Farm Activity Area (EA)
• Speed Horse Demonstration (LA)

10:00 a.m.
• Youth Fleece to Shawl Contest and Auction (SA)





- Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)
- PA Farm Show through the Years, Mary Klaus (LFS)

10:30 a.m.

- Produce Rule Food Safety PDA (LFS)

11:30 a.m.

- How to Prepare for a Cheese Party (MHS)
- Selling Eggs in Pennsylvania, Food Safety, PDA (LFS)

12:00 p.m.

- Draft Horse Hitch and Drive (NHA)

12:30 p.m.

- Youth Pedal Tractor Pull (EA)

2:00 p.m.

- Speed Horse Demonstration (NHA)

2:30 p.m.

- How to Prepare for a Cheese Party (MHS)

3:00 p.m.

- Sheep to Shawl Contest and Auction (SA)

4:00 p.m.

- Antique Tractor Pull (EA)

5:00 p.m.

- Draft Horse Pleasure Showmanship, Decorating, Riding, and Barrel classes (LA)

5:30 p.m.

- Bid Calling Contest (BH)

6:00 p.m.

- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)

6:30 p.m.

- Sheep to Shawl Auction (SA)

7:00 p.m.

- Fleece Auction (SA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

Veterans, Military & Their Families Day: Farmers are the 2% of our nation that feeds us. Veterans are the 2% that protects us. On Thursday, January 11, we will honor those who feed, those who serve, and those who do both. It's always a good day to recognize those who

dedicate their lives for our freedom.

8:30 a.m.

- Draft Horse Pleasure Show and Stick Horse Race (EA)

10:00 a.m.

- Tractor Square Dancing (NHA)
- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)
- **Recognition of Veterans, Active Military and Their Families (LFS)**

11:00 a.m.

- Michael Harants, Harrisburg ACF Chapter, Professional Chef Consultant & U.S. Navy Deputy Program (CCS)
- Military Band Concert (LFS)

12:00 p.m.

- Junior Breeding Sheep Champion (SA)

1:00 p.m.

- Exceptional Rodeo (NHA)
- Army vs. Navy Cook-Off (CCS)

1:30 p.m.

Produce Rule Food Safety, PDA (LFS)

4:00 p.m.

John Moeller, and Author, "Dining at the White House- From The President's Table to Yours" (CCS)

5:00 p.m.

Junior Meat Breeding Goat Show (NW)

6:00 p.m.

PA Equine Showcase (EA)

Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)

7:00 p.m.

PRCA Circuit Finals Rodeo (NHA)

8:00 p.m.

Junior Meat Breeding Goat Supreme Champion (NW)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 9 PM

Resource Conservation Day: Farmers are the original stewards of our land. On Friday, January 11, we're highlighting the work of our industry to provide for the future of our state, and our nation, through farmland preservation and best management practices for conservation.

8:00 a.m.

- Open Sheep Show (SA)
- Dairy Cattle Show (EA)
- Open Dairy Goat Judging (NW)

9:30 a.m.

- Horse Shoeing, Hoof Trimming, and Sheep Shearing Demonstration (NHA)
- Celebrity Honey Extraction Demonstration (MHS)

10:00 a.m.

- Maple Production Demonstration by the PA Maple Syrup Producers (CCS)
- The Modern Journeymen (LFS)

11:00 a.m.

- How to Construct Rain Barrels Cumberland Co. Conservation District (LFS)

11:30 a.m.

- Supreme Champion Wool (SA)
- Container Salad Gardening Good Grows (LFS)

12:00 p.m.

- The Best Sausage & Beer Competition presented by the PA Pork Producers Council (CCS)
- The Modern Journeymen (LFS)

12:30 p.m.

- Being a Veterinary Pathologist Dr. Julie Engles (LFS)

1:00 p.m.

- Peregrine Falcon Bert Myers (LFS)

1:30 p.m.

- How to Construct Rain Barrels Cumberland Co. Conservation District (LFS)

2:00 p.m.

- Sprouting Grains (LFS)

2:30 p.m.

- Celebrity Cow Milking Contest (EA)

3:30 p.m.

- Milk a Cow Event (EA)

4:30 p.m.

- Being a Veterinary Pathologist Dr. Julie (LFS)

5:00 p.m.

- Angorapalooza (SA)
- Golden Barrel Sticky Bun Contest (GFA)

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

**MID-ATLANTIC SOYBEAN
ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS
US-JAPAN TRADE DEAL**

Mechanicsburg, PA...

The Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association (MASA) applauded the successful conclusion of trading negotiations between the United States and Japan with the signing of the U.S. – Japan Trade Agreement by President Trump, October 7.

“The U.S. – Japan Trade Agreement cements an excellent trading relationship,” said executive director Vince Phillips. “The Trade Agreement will provide America’s farmers and ranchers enhanced market access in our third largest agricultural export market”.

Japan is one of the top ten markets for U.S. soybeans. Of specific interest to soybean growers is a staged reduction of Japan’s tariff on soybean oil. According to the American Soybean Association, the two counties have an excellent trading relationship regarding soybeans with the United States being the largest soybean supplier to Japan, with soybean exports totaling \$976 million in 2017.

This was one of two agreements with Japan, the other on digital trade. The White House issued the following regarding the agricultural part of the Agreement:

- This is a tremendous victory for American farmers, as they

will have expanded access to a fairer market to export their products.

Japan is our third largest agricultural export market and accounted for \$14.1 billion in food and agricultural exports in 2018.

- Japan will eliminate or reduce tariffs on approximately \$7.2 billion in United States agricultural exports.

Japan will eliminate or significantly lower tariffs on American beef, pork, poultry, wheat, cheese, wine, ethanol, and more.

- Once this agreement is implemented, over 90 percent of United States agricultural imports into Japan will be duty free or receive preferential tariff access.

Source: White House Press Office <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-donald-j-trump-secured-tremendous-victory-american-farmers-businesses-new-japan-trade-agreements/>
MASA represents soybean growers in PA, MD, DE, and NJ.

GRANGE SUPPORTS DAIRY ZONES

Special zones in general generate opportunities for business investment needed in a particular locale. Certainly, they have been found to be tried and true successes in stimulating business investment. Rep. John Lawrence (R-Chester) has introduced House Bill 1223 to create special zones to help the Dairy Industry.

While also creating geographic zones, House Bill 1223 recognizes that incentivizing to focus on one industry can achieve focused results. Dairy is the cornerstone of PA Agriculture. As such, it makes sense to attract resources through incentives to strengthen this core. That is the underlying rationale. Several advantages follow.

First, PA’s rural areas need economic development. **Creating Keystone Opportunity Dairy Zones will stimulate business investment, create jobs, and sustain the local tax base.** Presumably, numbers of these enterprises will come from PA entrepreneurs themselves -- particularly if they already know the area. Pennsylvania State Grange holds that local or regional ownership is best because the firm owners have a vested interest in seeing Pennsylvania thrive. With all respect to national firms, PA may be one location out of many and as such, PA is one piece of a larger business





plan, subject to corporate change. We hope that Keystone Opportunity Dairy Zones will be a magnet for Pennsylvania investment with staying power

Second, **transportation costs are reduced if the processing facility is closer to the farmer.** Everyone benefits with local or regional in-state facilities. Savings add up to reduced costs. In addition, having processing done here means that processing money stays in Pennsylvania, thus helping our state's overall business climate.

The third reason is that many dairy farmers may be somewhat unclear as to the over-order premium and what revenue they will receive. Currently, as we understand it, these monies are calculated on milk that is produced by PA dairy farmers that stays in PA. If shipped out of state, that is not part of the revenue calculation. One approach is to clarify the rules so that farmers better see how the over-order premium is calculated. Another approach is to keep PA dairy farmers' milk in the state by encouraging more processing capability here. The Pennsylvania State Grange has not done the statistical research to back this up, for example, knowing how many fluid milk facilities would start up in PA versus a cheese processing plant. Despite that disclaimer, **we believe that dairy farmers will receive additional over-order premium income if the milk stays in the state.** House Bill 1223 can help make that happen.

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



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he had many demands on his time due to this extensive involvement in Grange and elected positions, he had a successful farm and took part in local cooperatives. He died September 25, 1917 in Centre Hall and is interred in the local Reformed & Lutheran Cemetery. The Rhone Scholarship Fund of the Pennsylvania State Grange was established in his memory by his daughters.

For more information about Leonard Rhone and the significant events of his term as State Grange Master, visit http://www.pagrang.org/uploads/6/8/1/3/68133151/state_master_bios_-_rhone_-_updated.pdf.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
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History Committee
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News Release

Getting a bus to go to the PA Farm Show

Wednesday, Jan 8, 2020

This is Public Officials Day luncheon time) and in the evening is the Pa Auctioneers Bid Calling Contest.

Cost: \$50.00/person.
Route to Farm Show: We'll leave Greenville around 12:30am. Rt 18 North to Hartstown, then to Conneaut Lake, then Rt 322 East to Meadville Home Depot. Get on I-79 South. To I-80 East, To I-99 South and get back on Rt 322 to Farm Show.

We can make various stops along this Route to accommodate people's home area. There is no admission charge. Most of show is under-roof, however there can be cold areas. Wear comfortable shoes as there is lots of walking!! Bring \$\$ for food. Usually there are long lines for certain kinds of food in the Food Court.

We plan on arriving at the show 9-9:30am, and leaving show around

9-9:30pm for the return trip back home.

No smoking or alcohol on bus or in the FS Building. Be courteous to others while on the bus as they may need/want to sleep as this is a long day and some may have to get up early for chores/work the next day.

Paid reservations: First come-first served !!

Any questions/concerns?
Contact me anytime!
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2020 Grange Regional Conference Registration

The PA State Grange is offering a series of Regional Conferences across Pennsylvania in the spring of 2020. These conferences will aim to provide meaningful leadership training to ALL Grange leaders and members and improve information-sharing between the State Grange and Subordinate and Pomona Granges. There will be 3 conferences, scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, **March 7, 2020** at **Logan Grange**, Centre County (CENTRAL)
- Saturday, **March 28, 2020** at **Big Knob Grange**, Beaver County (WEST)
- Saturday, **May 2, 2020** at **Kutztown Grange**, Berks County (EAST)

We are still in the process of determining a specific schedule, but several workshops will be offered from many of the departments and committees of the Pennsylvania State Grange, including Lecturer's, Youth, Juniors, Community Service, History Committee, and more.

The conferences will begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Registration fee is \$10.00.

Registration:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Grange: _____ County: _____

I am registering to attend the Regional Conference on:

- Saturday, March 7, 2020 – Logan Grange, Centre County
- Saturday, March 28, 2020 – Big Knob Grange, Beaver County
- Saturday, May 2, 2020 – Kutztown Grange, Berks County

Please return registration form and \$10.00 registration fee to:

Jenn Nauss
10 West Schoolside Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

***Make checks payable to the Pennsylvania State Grange**

Logan Grange (3/7/2020) – Register by **February 15, 2020**
Big Knob Grange (3/28/2020) – Register by **March 7, 2020**
Kutztown Grange (5/2/2020) – Register by **April 11, 2020**

Contact Jenn Nauss at (717) 512-1261 or jnauss89@gmail.com with any questions or for more information.

Medicare 101

What Is The Difference Between Part A & Part B???

Original Medicare, Part A and Part B, is a government health insurance program for those who qualify by age or disability.

- Part A is hospital insurance
- Part B is medical insurance

There are some out of pocket costs associated with Original Medicare, such as deductibles, co-insurance, and copayments. To help with those costs, there are two commonly used options used to supplement or replace Original Medicare and both are offered by private insurance companies. These plans have significant differences with regards to costs, benefits, and how they work. It is very important to understand these differences when you review your Medicare coverage options. Medicare Supplement insurance, also known as Medigap coverage, functions as a secondary coverage to Medicare and may cover costs like deductibles, copayments, co-insurance, and emergency medical care while traveling outside of the United States. There are 10 standardized plan types, each given a letter designation.

Plans of the same letter offer the same coverage regardless of the company it is purchased from, but premiums can and will vary greatly. Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin offer their own standardized Medicare Supplement plans. Current Medicare Supplement

plans do not include prescription drug coverage.

Medicare Advantage plans are an alternative way to receive your Medicare benefits through a private, Medicare approved insurance company. They must

include all your Medicare Part A and Part B coverages, but they may offer additional benefits not included in Original Medicare, such as vision, dental, hearing services and prescription drug coverage. Medicare Advantage plan costs and coverages vary greatly and it is suggested that you shop around to find a plan that will fit your needs as there are many different types of Medicare Advantage plans. To be eligible to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, you must be enrolled in Original Medicare, reside in the plan's service area, and not have End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

What Can You Tell Me About Part D???

Medicare Part D is prescription drug coverage and beneficiaries have the option to enroll in Part D if they are enrolled in Medicare Part A and/or Part B and live in the service area of the plan. Medicare Part D is available through private

Confused About Medicare?

The great people over at ASA have put together a brief description of some of the highlights of Medicare coverage for us.

companies that are contracted by Medicare, so costs, coverages, and availability varies between companies, plans, and location. If you do not enroll in Medicare Part D when you're first eligible and you go without creditable coverage for 63 days or more, you could face a

What Medicare Coverage Do I Need???

late enrollment penalty if you sign up for Part D later on. There are many different Part D plans available and each one has its own formulary (list of covered drugs) so it is extremely important to make sure you enroll in the proper drug plan.

With so much to try and understand, finding a knowledgeable agent you can trust is critical. The Pennsylvania State Grange office can help you get in touch with our representative at the Medicare Division within Agri-Services Agency. You can reach the State Grange office at: 1-717-737-8855

You can also learn more about the Medicare program at: <https://www.medicare.gov>



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- The Modern Journeymen (LFS)

5:30 p.m.

- Peregrine Falcon Bert Myers (LFS)

6:00 p.m.

- PA Equine Showcase (EA)
- Honey Extraction Demonstration by the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association (CCS)
- Raising Alpacas PA Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (LFS)

7:00 p.m.

- PRCA Circuit Finals Rodeo (NHA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

HOURS: 8 AM TO 5 PM

8:00 a.m.

Boer Goat Show (NW)
Breeding Sheep Show (SA)

8:30 a.m.

Antique Tractor Restoration Presenta-

tions and Awards (LFS)

9:00 a.m.

PA Equine Showcase (EA)
Antique Tractor Restoration Presenta-
tions (LFS)

9:30 a.m.

Farm Class Horse Pulling (NHA)
Antique Tractor Restoration Presenta-
tions and Awards (LFS)

10:00 a.m.

Honey Extraction Demonstration by
the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers
Association (CCS)
Antique Tractor Restoration Presenta-
tions and Awards (LFS)

11:00 a.m.

- Undeniably Dairy Milkshake Con-
test presented by the American
Dairy Association North East
(CCS)
- Antique Tractor Restoration Pre-
sentations and Awards (LFS)

12:00 p.m.

- Dairy Judging School (NW)
- Antique Tractor Restoration Pre-
sentations (LFS)

1:00 p.m.

- Supreme Champion Meat (SA)
- Antique Tractor Restoration
Awards (LFS)

2:00 p.m.

- Lumberjack Demonstration and
Competition (EA)

3:00 p.m.

- Apple Auction (M)

5:00 p.m.

- PRCA Circuit Finals Rodeo (NHA)

**Farm Show Complex
2300 N. Cameron St.,
Harrisburg, PA 17110**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Fairview #1351

Stacie Dow
Rozan Norris

Sewickley #1897

Lisa Berch-Schmidt
Pam Roll

Log Cabin Unity #2110

Hailie Perseghetti
Zackery Perseghetti
Tom Vogan

Leo Vogan

Stony Point #1694

Dr. Robert Multari
Lesley Bales

Virginville #1832

Elaine Madeira
Elizabeth Seidel

Hookstown #1980

Robin Rogers
Ronald Rogers

Port Matilda #1284

Mackenzie Stine

Fairdale #1157

Tina Adoranto

Gouglersville #1743

Carol Harris
George Reid
Sallie Jo Reid

Progress #96

Branden Bowden
Kody Bowden

Tracey McCloskey
Robbie Swanger
Marshall Zimmerman
Martin Schwab
Erica Schwab

Walker #2007

Nichole Hockenberry
Holly Yearick

Edgewood #688

Barbara Torak

Halfmoon #290

Jacob Huntsmen
Wendy Huntsmen

Logan #109

Thomas Long

Trexkertown #1755

Carol Petroske

BIRTHDAYS

Logan #109

Lynn H Corl (Jan. 1, 1933)

IN MEMORIAM

Vernon #936

Richard Irwin

Labor #1063

Roger Dillmuth

Community #1767

Isabelle Lee

Helen Trout

Dayton #1819

Aliene Bussard

Central #1650

Walter Frisch

New Vernon #608

Alice Baxter Henderson

Buffalo #1523

Willard Teagarden
Eleanor Hunter

Walker #786

John Westover

Dawson #419

Harry "Arnold" Davis

Delaware #1895

Lena Kilgus

Paul Kilgus

Little Gap #1882

Ella Mae Moyer

Port Matilda #1284

Edith Stine

Virginville #1832

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January 4-12, 2020

Farm Show Complex • Harrisburg, PA

YOUTH CAMP

June 26-28, 2020

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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

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Federal Holidays 2020

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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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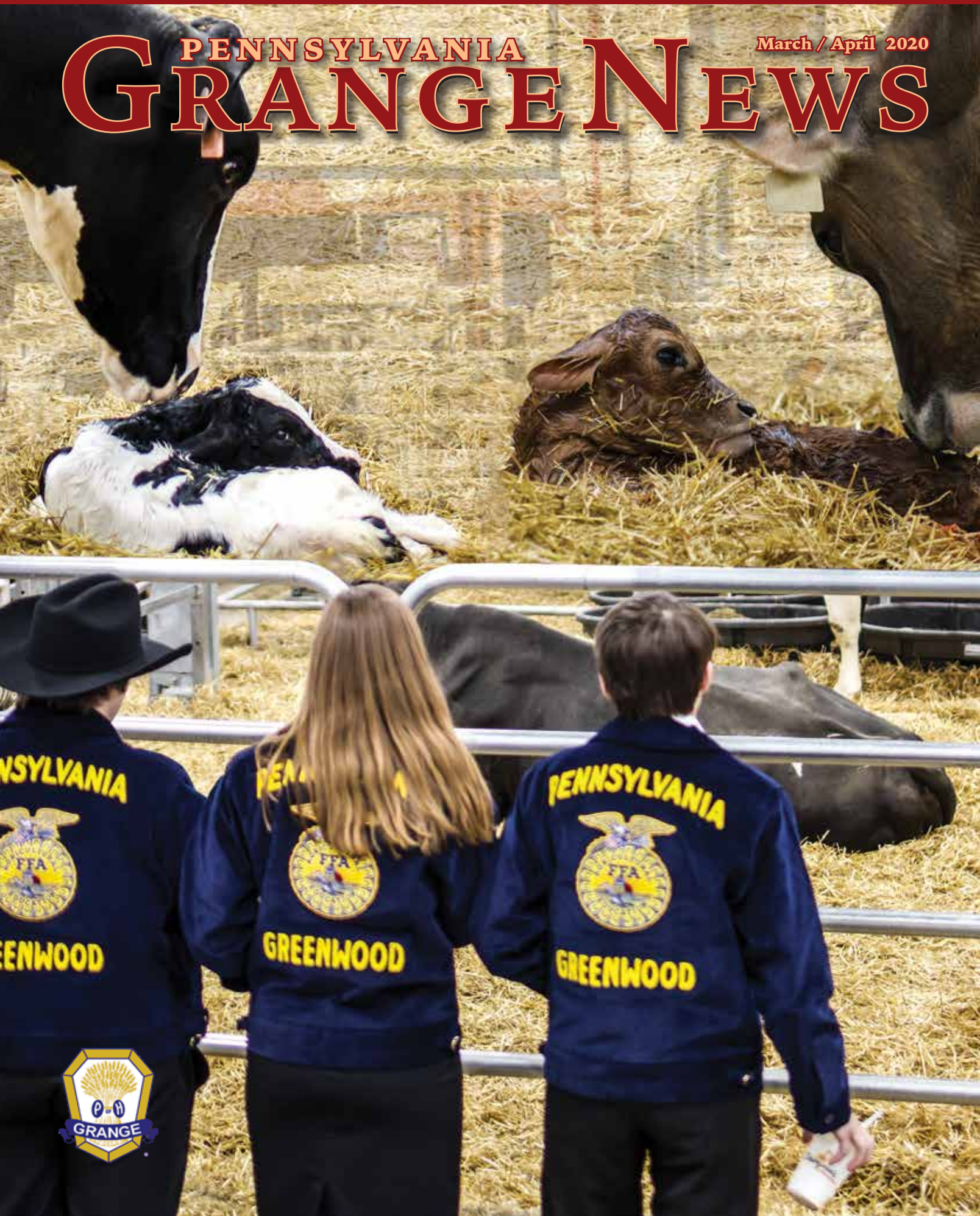
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Seeds Of Knowledge

Tidbits from the Pennsylvania State Grange Community



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- from Debbie Campbell



National Grange Leaders

The following officers, pictured above, have been elected as leaders of the National Grange:

- Master/President - Betsy Huber, PA
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- Executive Committee - Lynette Schaeffer, IL and Steven Coye, NY
- Lecturer - Christine Hamp, WA
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- Pomona - Kay Stiles, MD
- Flora - Welina Shufeldt, OK

Congratulations to all!

Keith Family

Recently the Keith Family was acknowledged as a Grange Legacy Family!



L to R: John Keith, Harry Keith, National Master Betsy Huber, Jodi Keith Kensinger, Cindy Keith, Pennsylvania State Grange Master Wayne Campbell

Mid-Atlantic Regional Grange Leaders Conference

March 20 – 22, 2020
Friday evening – Sunday noon (everyone welcome!)
EVENT HOTEL
Holiday Inn Philadelphia South

PA on the National Session Hosting Committee – 2020 Future in Focus

Pennsylvania is one of several states hosting National Grange Convention this November in Valley Forge, PA and we want you there! We are going to need lots of volunteers for all types of jobs. If you have some free time in November and think you want to volunteer, be checking the PGN and the State Grange Website in the near future for your point person. Or if you want to check out what's so great about the National Grange Session, mark your calendar to attend. The schedule and registration links will be posted in April at www.nationalgrange.org.

- from Ellen Wadsworth

Quilt Blocks at the Farm Show Complex

Quilting is historic. Designs tell a story and reflect the people and times in which they are made. Thanks to the PA Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania State Grange is featuring over 100 of these quilt designs at the Farm Show as a tribute to this part of Pennsylvania Agriculture's heritage. This is part of a larger project called the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail which leads viewers across the Commonwealth. Of course, not all quilts are from times past. In the Maclay Street Lobby of the Farm Show Complex, there are two quilt designs honoring



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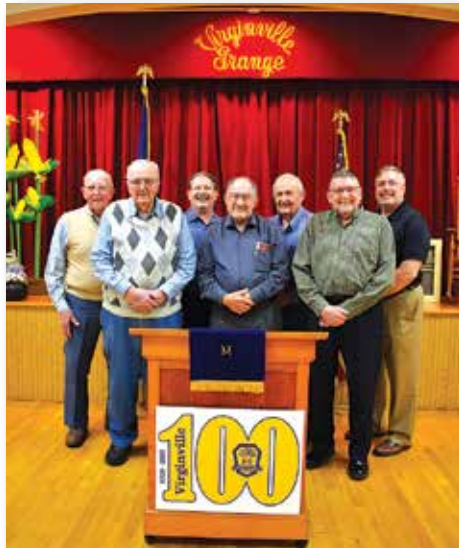


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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
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In the last issue I talked about setting goals, introducing new people to the Grange, joining a new committee, and/or doing something new in your community. How are you making out with these things? Please write a small article about something your Grange has done or is going to do and submit it to the PGN. Let us help you by



helping you get the word out! Send public events you are doing to Lizzie Bailey so she can get it out in an email blast a few weeks before the event. Remember, if we don't tell people about ourselves, we will always just be that building down along route so and so.

Each of your Granges should have received a letter in late December telling you of a fantastic opportunity. An anonymous donor has offered to pay the first year's dues for up to 257 FFA members who join the Grange. If you have an FFA at your local school, please use this as a way to grow that relationship with them. Talk with the FFA Advisor and invite all the FFA members to your meeting or pro-

vide him or her with information on this offer. This will give them a chance to further their work and involvement in rural Pennsylvania in the Grange even while they may still be active in the FFA. Please call and report any new members from the FFA to Brittany in the Pennsylvania State Grange office so we can get them on our email blast mailing list and start getting Grange information to them.

April will bring with it Grange month and another major Primary election. Election Day here in Pennsylvania is April 28, 2020 with polls open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Please exercise your right to vote and make your voice heard.

Plan a public meeting or event to promote Grange month at your Grange and put an invitation in the public service announcements of your local paper. Invite the local newspaper to come and do a

story on it. Need a good resource center for a speaker? Contact your local Penn State Extension office. They offer a very valuable wealth of information on an extensive list of subjects.

The Pennsylvania State Grange will be doing a Day on the Hill event again this year. Please look for the sign up information in this edition of the Grange News. I would encourage you to participate in the Day on the Hill event and spend some time with your legislator. They can only represent you if you communicate with them and let them know your position on the issues.

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell,
Pennsylvania State Grange
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Chaplain's Corner
 Judy Pressler
 PA State Grange Chaplain

Reflection & Celebration

I am still surrounded by our Christmas tree and decorations as I sit down to write my article for the March-April issue. We have just **celebrated the wonder of the Savior's birth** and read and heard and sang about the significance of it: Glory to God in the highest and on earth, **peace** and goodwill. We were in such a happy mood.

Now just a few months later, we are in the middle of another season leading up to a **celebration of our Savior's death**. The tinsel, the twinkling lights, the beautiful tree top stars, the various versions of the nativity scene and the bright red bows of the *Christmas season* are long packed away.

Now the mood has changed. We are in the *Lenten season*. We see pictures of the donkey ride, the waving palms, Jesus' Last Supper with his beloved disciples, the trial, the mockery, the long painful trek to Calvary, the agonizing torturous death on the cross, and the heartbreaking moments for Mary the mother who carried and delivered the baby Jesus. We sing the somber tunes depicting this period in Jesus' life. The one bright promise we hold on to is when Jesus told his disciples

"I have told you many things so that you may have **peace**. In this world you will have many troubles, but do not be afraid..... **peace** I leave with you. My **peace** I give you."

Then we move into the *Easter season* celebrating Jesus' resurrection! The excitement of an empty tomb with the stone pushed aside and the angel's pronouncement that "He is not here, He is risen." *He is alive after being dead*. Now white lilies and happy alleluias fill the air.



The most important celebration for us is when we believe that Jesus died so that we may be forgiven of our sins...and that He has gone ahead to provide a place for us. We may have that **peace** in our hearts despite troubles that

might surround us here on earth because he has promised us that there is *life after death*.

As an example of that, I'd like to share a story of my Christmas cactus. It bloomed just in time for Christmas! It continued to produce a beautiful array of delicate pink flowers: when one would finally fall off, another bud had already opened. One morning I noticed a long piece of green foliage had fallen to the floor. On the end was a tight bud. Rather than throw it away, I decided to put it in a glass of water to see what happened. I watched it as it sat there on my kitchen counter and slowly the bud opened into the most beautiful long pink flower reinforcing my belief that there is *life after death!*

So my message is **BELIEVE** that you may have peace in your heart and experience the true **REASON FOR THE EASTER SEASON.....**

God Bless you and your family and Have a Beautiful Easter.

Praying for love in all aspects of your lives,
 Judy Pressler, Chaplain
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Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director



The Common Thread

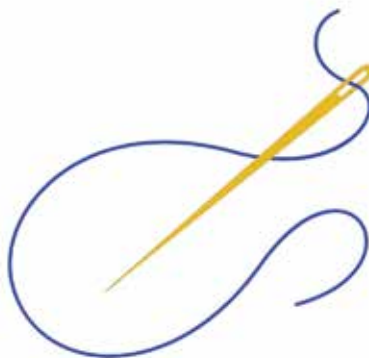
Over the past 12 months I have been working closely with Barb Gross, Granger from Scrubgrass Grange in Venango County, on the expansion of the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail at the PA Farm Show complex. It has been quite an educational journey for me as she provided me with information, reference books, and stories to have a better understanding on quilt blocks and their designs.

In talking with Barb about this and that regarding Grange, it brought back some memories. I grew up through the 70's and came to love watching the TV show, "Little House on the Prairie." I was drawn to their way of life; with all the struggles and challenges of living in the West in the 1800's. Sev-

eral of the show's story lines were about Pa being a Granger. The Grange was part of their life.

As a youth I first learned about sewing at school through the home economics program taught by Mrs. Joan Keith. My interest in sewing grew and my Gram and mom cultivated that interest by showing me how to piece material together to make quilt tops. Mrs. Keith was a Granger with Lincoln Grange.

As a teenager and young adult every summer we looked forward to attending the county fair. Mom and I would walk around the fair



looking at exhibits. Mom would stop at the Grange booth to see what cookbooks were for sale. There was a Grange hall not too far from where we lived and we would occasionally attend a community dinner.

When I was working at a booth at the Shippensburg Fair in 2006, the Kitners' were the Young Adult Married Couple at that time and they stopped by to talk to me. They shared so enthusiastically about their Grange and all the things

that Grange did in their community. It was exciting to talk to them and that is when the idea of a Grange in Shippensburg started.

I hadn't realized that Grange was a common thread in my life as I think back on some of these memories. I'm not sure why my family didn't join Grange when I was younger, but it doesn't surprise me that as an adult, Grange and I found each other.

Do you think that there are others like me? The people who know about Grange and attend events that maybe just need an enthusiastic invite to be part of your Grange. My whole life my path crossed with Grange, but until meeting the Kitners, that is when I really received an invite to participate and become a Granger.

Look for opportunities to share Grange with others and don't be shy to invite them to your Grange. April is Grange Month... make sure to plan a fun community event to invite your community to come have fun and learn more about Grange.

Yours in Grange service,
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Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

At the 2019 Pennsylvania State Grange Convention, we had 12 contest cherry pies, which were auctioned off with proceeds of \$405.00 going to the Scholarship Fund.

- Subordinate Director of the Year: Jane Reppert – Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County #43
- Pomona Grange Director of the Year: Virginia Mangel – Butler County #17
- Peoples Choice Award: Karen Poorman – Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County Pomona #13
- State Grange Quilt Winner: Scott Shank – Manheim, PA – Elizabethtown Grange #2076

The 2020 Quilt Block Pattern will be – Saunder's Gavel – Royal Blue Marbling Print, Gold Solid & White Solid

The 2020 Family Activities will be mailed out by the end of January.

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius
Family Activities Director
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2019 FAMILY ACTIVITIES CONTEST WINNERS

144 Total Entries
26 Quilt Blocks

Class 1 Kelleys Colors:

1st Diane Geschwindt, Berks Co.
2nd Mary Ann Nagel, Lawrence Co.
3rd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.

Class 2 Quilts:

1st Virginia Shields, Crawford Co.
2nd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.
3rd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.

Class 4 Quilts:

1st Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.

Class 5 Quilts:

1st Gretchen Kralj, Venango Co.
2nd Barbara Gross, Venango Co.
3rd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.

Class 6 Wall Hanging:

1st Shirley Swires, Blair Co.
2nd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.

Class 7 Wall Hanging:

1st Ellen McClelland, Venango Co.
2nd Gretchen Karlj, Venango Co.
3rd Sue Courson, Venango Co.

Class 8 Quilt:

1st Amanda Brozana-Rios, York-Adams Co.
2nd Barbara Warden, Venango Co.
3rd Barbara Gross, Venango Co.

Class 10 Baking/Cooking – Cherry Pie:

1st Mary Ann Haagen, Centre Co.
2nd Jessica Reyburn, Chester Co.
3rd Letty Riley, Blair Co.

Class 11 Baking/Cooking – Choc.

Chip Cookies:

1st Ruth Griffins, Blair Co.
2nd Gayle Reyburn, Chester Co.
3rd Carolyn Hopp, Washington Co.

Class 12 – Baking/Cooking – Haystack Candy:

1st Laura Sharpneck, Washington Co.
2nd Mary Ann Haagen, Centre Co.
3rd Pat Beck, Venango Co.

Class 13A – Afghan:

1st Nicole Rubernacker, Berks Co.
2nd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.
3rd Jennifer Caulk, Venango Co.

Class 14A – Baby Afghan:

1st Jill Cavalero, Butler Co.
2nd Jane Reppert, Berks Co.
3rd Mary Ann Nagel, Lawrence Co.

Class 14B – Baby Afghan:

1st Sharon Heck, Berks Co.
2nd Jill Cavalero, Butler Co.
3rd Shirley Garren, Beaver Co.

Class 15 – Embroidery:

1st Karen Poorman, Centre Co.
2nd Gladys Keiffer, Berks Co.
3rd Shirley Swires, Blair Co.

Class 16 – Counted Cross Stitch:

1st Cyndi Wetzel, Berks Co.
2nd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.
3rd Lisa Butler, Centre Co.

Class 16A – Cross Stitch

1st Karen Poorman, Centre Co.
2nd Ilene Althenhiem, Potter Co.
3rd Ellen Schaller, Northampton Co.

Class 17 Plastic Canvas:

1st Cyndi Wetzel, Berks Co.
2nd Ilene Althenheim, Potter Co.
3rd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.

Class 18 – Cotton Thread:

1st Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.
2nd Gloria Hahn, Lawrence Co.
3rd June Stricker, Berks Co.

Class 19 – Table Centerpiece/Candle:

1st Sue Courson, Venango Co.
2nd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.
3rd Ellen Wadsworth, Chester Co.

Class 20 – Table Centerpiece Coffee/Soup Mug:

1st Debra Kieffer, Berks Co.
2nd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.
3rd Ellen Wadsworth, Chester Co.

Class 21 – Table Centerpiece Holiday:

1st Lois Runniger, Venango Co.
2nd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.
3rd Marian Wetzel, Berks Co.

Class 22 – Mosaic Artwork:

1st Dee Ruckert, Beaver Co.
2nd Diane Geschwindt, Berks Co.
3rd Jessica Reyburn, Chester Co.

Class 23 – Shadow Box Vacation:

1st Donald Kauffman, Berks Co.

Class 24 – Shadow Box Holiday:

1st Irvin Kauffman, Berks Co.

Class 26 – Shadow Box Other:

1st Diane Geschwindt, Berks Co.
2nd Lois Runniger, Venango Co.
3rd Art Beckert, Beaver Co.





Program Director
Jenn Nauss
 PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this article finds you well and looking forward to the warmer weather of spring! Spring is a time of growth and change. I hope that you use this season as an inspiration to do some exciting new things in your Grange this year. Try some new and different programs, encourage your members to participate in some of the new State Grange contests and programs for this year, and engage in conversations in your Grange about how to grow your membership. Lecturers have a unique and important role to play in this growth! Interesting, educational, and relevant programs have the opportunity to draw potential new members to your meetings or entice inactive current members to come back. Do not be afraid to think outside of the box!

Updates to the 2020-21 Guide to Contests and Programs

There are a few updates to the Lecturer's Contests and Programs since the Guide was printed. The updated guide is available on the website, but I wanted to draw your attention to them.

First, starting in 2020, Lecturer's Reports and Scrapbooks will be judged separately. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th places for reports AND scrapbooks. Additionally, monetary prizes will

be given for the 1st place winners in each class for reports (\$10) and scrapbooks (\$50). Community Night/Day (Open House) Reports will be judged as they have been with 1st place winners in each class receiving a plaque.

Second, the membership classes for Subordinate Lecturer's Reports/Scrapbooks and Community Night/Day (Open House) Reports were quite unbalanced this past year. In an effort to create more equitable competition, the membership classes have been revised to 1) Up to **50** members; 2) **51-99** members; and 3) **100** or more members.

Finally, this past year, we had no entries in the Pen in Hand contest. This is a great opportunity for members to showcase their creative writing skills. A new class has been added to replace the "Book/Film Review" class. The new class is "**My Favorite Grange Memory...**" with a word limit of 500 words. So, the three classes for Pen in Hand are: 1) Poetry (300 words max); 2) Short Story (1,500 words max); and 3) My Favorite Grange Memory..." (500 words max).

Please refer to the updated Guide on the website and feel free to contact me with any questions about these changes or any of the contests and programs within the Lecturer's Department. It's never too early to get started on your entries for this fall!

By the time you receive this newsletter, you should have re-

ceived or will soon be receiving the Lecturer's Department mailing with the 2020 report forms and more information about State and National Grange programs.

Regional Leadership Conferences

The Pennsylvania State Grange is offering a series of Regional Conferences across Pennsylvania in the spring of 2020. There will be 3 conferences, scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, **March 7**, 2020 at **Logan Grange**, Centre County
- Saturday, **March 28**, 2020 at **Big Knob Grange**, Beaver County
- Saturday, **May 2**, 2020 at **Kutztown Grange**, Berks County

We have put together a full schedule for the regional conferences that will provide meaningful and relevant training for ALL Grange leaders and members. This is a great opportunity to hear about new programs offered by all of the Pennsylvania State Grange departments and to get meaningful training in a variety of areas. These include how to conduct and participate in Grange meetings, how to handle tricky questions you might hear while talking with others about the Grange, and how to make our Granges more hospitable and welcoming to potential new members. You won't want to miss this opportunity!

The conferences will begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. The registration fee is \$10.00. The Registration Form is included in this issue of the Pennsylvania Grange News, as is the schedule. Please contact me with any questions or for more information!



National Grange 2020

The National Grange Session will be hosted here in Pennsylvania this November 17-21, 2020 at the Valley Forge Casino Resort! This is an excellent opportunity to see the National Grange at work while the session is held right here in our own state! Please make plans to attend or visit the National Grange Session that week. At this time, I am working with National Lecturer, Christine Hamp, and other lecturers from the Mid-Atlantic region to make arrangements for all of the Lecturer's sponsored activities for the session. Please keep an eye out for more information about the session in the Pennsylvania Grange News, on the State Grange website, and on social media.

A special note to Pennsylvania Grangers who are also quilters – every year at the National Grange Session, Quilts of Valor are given to recognize active duty Grange members and Grange veterans. We are looking for quilters who may be interested in making a Quilt of Valor to be presented on November 18. Please reach out to me to let me know if you would be interested in making a quilt or if

you know of someone (or a group) who may be interested in making one.

Program Ideas

March

March 3 – Super Tuesday – This is the day during the Presidential Primary season when the greatest number of states hold their primary elections or caucuses. Have an educational program about the Presidential Election (information about the candidates, how the party conventions and securing the party's nomination work, how the electoral college works and why it exists, etc.). Just remember that the Grange is a non-partisan organization, so make sure any program about politics remains balanced and unbiased.

March 25 – National/World Agriculture Day – Celebrate the Grange's work for rural America by honoring members who are actively working in agriculture or agricultural-related industries. Hold a covered dish dinner and reflect on all that goes into bringing the food to our tables.

April

April is Grange Month! Host an Open House/Community Day to

let others in your community know what your Grange is all about. Reach out to the State Grange History Committee if you are interested in a prepared historical PowerPoint presentation that can be customized and shared at an Open House event or as a program at a regular meeting.

April 12 – Easter – Have an Easter Egg Hunt for your members! Hide little pieces of paper with Easter trivia inside the eggs and have participants find and pair the questions with the answers in the eggs and then share with the group!


May

May 7 – National Tourism Day – Have members share their favorite vacation or tourist destinations.

May 20 – Be a Millionaire Day – While this may be a far-fetched idea for most of us, it's never a bad idea to make sure that we are making the best financial decisions. Invite a financial planner to talk about options and opportunities to make the most of our money.

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Lecturer
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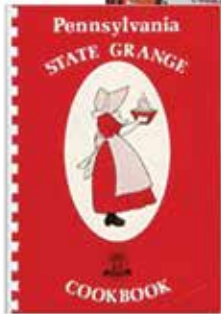
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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

Looking Toward 150th

With the microfilming and digitizing of State Grange records finished except for future documents, the efforts of the History Committee are now directed toward the 150th anniversary of the organization of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Although the Grange came to Pennsylvania in March, 1871 with the formation of Eagle #1 in Lycoming County, the initial movement was slow becoming established so it was not until September 18, 1873, that representatives from 22 of the 25 local Granges organized in the State up to that time met in Reading to formally organize the State Grange.

So, starting in 2021 with the 150th anniversary of Eagle Grange #1 and continuing through 2023, Pennsylvania Grangers will be celebrating this significant historical milestone. State President Campbell last year appointed the History Committee to be in charge of the anniversary observance and numerous brainstorming/planning meetings have already taken place. The goal of the celebration will be:

- To educate Grange members and public about the significant

history and accomplishments of the Grange in Pennsylvania,

- To inspire current Grange members and renew their commitment to advancing the order, and
- To reach out to the larger community with a message about the Grange and its purposes today.

As this article is being written in early January (2020), contacts are being made for the kick-off event to be held in Lycoming County on a Saturday in April, 2021. Tentatively, an open house



reception will take place at Eagle Grange during the morning, followed by a luncheon at a nearby location. The program will include a motivational speaker and a symbolic passing of the Grange light in a historically accurate way - from a representative of the National Grange to Eagle Grange, then to the other 24 original Subordinate Granges and finally to the State Grange. Later, as the celebration grows just as the infant Grange movement spread throughout

Pennsylvania, that same light will be distributed to every county and into every active Grange.

A resolution passed by the delegates at the 2019 annual State Grange session approved the location of the 2023 session to be Reading, PA where the State Grange was organized and where the 75th, 100th and 125th anniversary celebrations were held. The normal convention hosting responsibilities by geographic regions of the state will be suspended for that year and all Granges in Pennsylvania will be called upon to provide the manpower and financial resources to make a really special session possible. At this point, plans are in the early stages for a historical pageant, special acts of service, an anniversary banquet and the conferral of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees in full form (including the beautiful and uniquely Pennsylvania Ceres, Pomona and Flora drills).

Watch for more details to be announced in the next issue and to learn about ways for every Grange and every member to become involved in the recognition of a century and a half of service.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
Pennsylvania State Grange
History Committee
douglas.b@verizon.net





Catch the Contagious Virginville Vibe

During its Grange Centennial Celebrations



Tucked away in rural Richmond Township, northern Berks County, Pennsylvania, is a registered historic district of about fifty homes and a hundred and fifty residents. The Maiden Creek meanders south towards Reading, Pennsylvania, and is surrounded by fertile farmland and lush forests. An early Native American trading post and once a hub of activity during the robust days of the railroad, the thriving hamlet turned sleepy village named Virginville is no different from many small communities across the state.

Yet headquartered since 1950, in a modest building once housing the local fire department, is Virginville Grange, a community level organization of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Boasting nearly four hundred members, the Virginville chapter holds the largest membership body in the state and is a leading contender nationally. This year will mark a major milestone as Virginville Grange celebrates its centennial!

Many local level Granges sprung up in this region during the early twentieth century as news of the benefits of the national fraternal order for farm families spread. Early examples of influence included road improvements, electrification, and rural mail delivery. Although many members still have a direct connection to agriculture, the order has evolved and offers benefits for all of rural America. Today, National Grange is a major advocate for increased internet access in less populated areas of the country.

Eighty-nine men and women signed their names and chartered the Virginville establishment on February 24, 1920. The young Grange grew quickly as the membership, made up of predominately faith-based Pennsylvania German farmers, found a place for socialization and a broad range of services. Not conflicting with religion, the Grange in fact reinforced their beliefs through ritual by presenting the American flag and opening the Bible at each meeting.

In 1924, Virginville Grange began doing business with Eastern



Eastern States Farmer's Exchange

States Farmer's Exchange, a program allowing members to receive discounts for bulk orders of feed and supplies. Grangers served as agents for the exchange, and shipments came to town every two weeks by rail. This successful program continued until 1967.

Nearly seventy years ago, Virginville members began offering funnel cakes at a local folklife festival held in nearby Kutztown, Pennsylvania. This was the first time the homemade confection was offered in a commercial setting. This tradition is still carried on by Virginville members during the nine-day event each summer.

In 1954, a quilt made by Virginville members won first place in a National Grange contest of more than 500 entries. Filled with Grange pride, members traveled to Washington, DC, to present this work of art to Mamie Eisenhower, the first lady of the United States of America.



Quilt presented to Mamie Eisenhower



Funnel Cake

More smiles for the group came in 1957 when Virginville Junior Grange was chartered to offer the Grange experience to children ages five to fourteen. Honored with the prestigious Junior Grange of the Nation Award in 1984, this segment continues today at the same level of prosperity as its parent.

Looking for more fund-raising ideas, members filled roles in a home-spun play written by a fellow member. The entire production was

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2011 So Gaed's "Evva" play revived

recited exclusively in the Pennsylvania Dutch (German) dialect and presented for the first time in 1958. The three-act comedy was revived in 1985 and 2011 and has proven to be one of the largest fund-raising events, raising \$10,000 in 2011 alone.

Each year since 1959, thousands of people have enjoyed Virginville's longest running event, an all-you-can-eat Mother's Day feast served annually at the Grange hall. Various other banquets, fairs, festivals, sandwich sales, and public auctions have provided opportunities as well.

**MOTHER'S DAY
HAM AND TURKEY
DINNER**
(FAMILY STYLE)
Sponsored by
VIRGINVILLE GRANGE
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1985
11:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M
VIRGINVILLE GRANGE HALL
VIRGINVILLE, PA.
Adults \$5.50 Children, 5 - 12, \$2.50
Dessert Included

Mother's Day Poster 1985

In 1997, members organized a farm safety day to raise awareness of agricultural related hazards in a rural setting to hundreds of members of the community. The event was so successful it captured the group the highest community ser-

vice award at National Grange that year.

The loss of generations sparked a need to document local history of the village and surrounding area, so members became involved during 2002-2003 in the creation of a local hardbound history book entitled The History of Virginville. The Grange backed the project financially and sales reached one thousand copies.

Extreme Makeover Home Edition, the renowned ABC reality television show, came to nearby Hamburg, Pennsylvania, in 2010, to surprise a family and build them a new home in one week. Virginville Grangers pitched in by preparing a buffet-style meal served on site for the production staff and volunteers.



Extreme Makeover Home Edition

Over the years as the organization grew, so did the need for more space. Numerous additions and improvements have been made to the real estate. Most recent renovations during 2006-2007 boasted a generator, handicapped facilities, and an elevator setting the stage for the Grange hall to be a local emergency shelter.

Virginville's proudest outreach



April 2007 Dedication of Grange Hall & Renovations

moments are those dedicated to others. Years ago, members assisted those in need by harvesting crops, sharing food, or making repairs to buildings and equipment. In recent decades, barbecue chicken dinners, dances, raffles, and bingos are dedicated to barn fires, illnesses, accidents, misfortunes, law enforcement agencies, emergency response outfits, and other local non-profit efforts keeping members busy as they happily work together to produce charitable funds in excess of \$100,000. In 2015, a benefit bonanza, including a raffle, bingo and dance, raised \$25,000 in honor of a seventeen-year-old Virginville Granger who successfully battled Hodgkin's lymphoma. The funds were paid forward by the member to three charities who supported her through her journey.

The highlight of Virginville's year is Community Night, drawing a crowd of 250 to the first meeting



\$25,000 raised for VG member with Hodgkin's lymphoma

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Virginville Grange's Centennial

ANNUAL PICNIC VIRGINVILLE GRANGE, No. 1832

WILL BE HELD AT
TREXLER'S PARK
Along Route 22, midway between
Hamburg and Lenhartsville, Pa.

Sat. JUNE 18, 1938

MUSIC WILL BE FURNISHED BY
The Texas Rough Riders
W E U RADIO ARTISTS

Chicken and Noodle Soup will be Served
Fancy Work will be on Sale
EVERYBODY WELCOME



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Join Us!

VG100 JUBILEE

WED, MAY 6, 2020

Program: 7:30PM, Doors open 6:30PM

An evening of entertainment, community donations, and member recognition, including skits, songs, reminiscing and refreshments.

Free Admission, No reservations required.

Virginville Grange Hall
456 Main Street, Virginville, PA 19564
Berks County, 610-562-8357

Follow our adventures ...



VirginvilleGrange#1832



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in May. Member recognition, charitable donations, humor, entertainment and fellowship round out an evening of great achievement and provide the perfect place to showcase the results of all of the efforts to members of the community.

Over the years, members of Virginville Grange have filled leadership roles, participated in activities, and competed in contests at the county, state, and national Grange levels. Volunteers at heart and selfless in nature, Grangers do not look for acknowledgement of their work. Nevertheless, Virginville Grange and its members have received countless accolades within the Grange organization and the community at large.

Today, Virginville Grange is a reputable non-profit with a diverse group of vibrant volunteers consisting of generations of charter member families, as well as strangers turned Grangers, working together to support beneficial grassroots legislation, education, family values, and community service. Like clockwork, Virginville Grange Hall becomes alive on the first and third Wednesday of each month as members gather for programs and meetings, averaging an attendance of sixty, with greatly increased num-



Memorabilia Night

and concluding the evening with a heartwarming friendship circle as all joined in singing *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*.

The culmination... a pair of events, to be held this spring. A Virginville Grange member family and friends' banquet in late April



Blue & Gold Night, Virginville Junior Grangers perform opening ceremonies

has resulted in a complete sellout of 300 tickets. A public celebration, dubbed the Jubilee, is slated at Virginville Grange Hall on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 7:30PM. We invite one and all to join in the Jubilee festivities. Visit Facebook/VirginvilleGrange#1832 to follow Virginville's adventures. Come and catch the contagious Virginville vibe and be a part of this once in a lifetime celebration!

bers for special suppers and events. The infectious spirit has eager volunteers offering their time and talents to the vast variety of happenings. The strength and vitality of any organization can be measured by the participation of its members in activities and programs. During 2019, an astonishing 10,000 recorded volunteer hours of service were documented!

Centennial celebrations began in 2019, one year prior to the 100th Anniversary, with three Grange meetings turned special affairs, including Masters' Night in April where seven living past presidents shared term highlights, Memorabilia Night in July which gave members an opportunity to reminisce with their Grange photos and collectibles, and Blue and Gold Night in November honoring all member accomplishments, offering fun times and photo capturing moments at a photo booth,



Past Masters' Night



Blue & Gold Night, Friendship Circle

VIRGINVILLE GRANGE #1832
OF THE ORDER OF
PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
Chartered February 24, 1920

PO Box 173, 456 Main Street,
Virginville, Pennsylvania 19564
610-562-8357

Facebook/VirginvilleGrange#1832



Youth News

Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director

Youth Ambassadors, Young Patrons, as well as our committee and myself, who are ready and willing to provide a program for your Grange or event. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions or requests for assistance!

Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director
Cell: 417-967-6474,
email: youth@pagrange.org

The Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults kicked off the New Year and the new decade with a blast! A blast at the PA State Farm Show that is. Our great Youth and Young Adults represented the Pennsylvania State Grange very well while attending the PA Preferred Farm Show Reception on Friday, January 3rd, along with participating in a Meet and Greet and Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, January 4th. We were honored to have one of our Young Adults chosen to give the Time of Reflection during the opening ceremonies. Great Job Braden Gourley! In addition to spending time with other Commodity representatives during the festivities, they also put in a few hours working at the State Grange booth in the Main Hall.

Spring is just around the corner and with spring comes a busy season of Grange Youth and Young Adult activities! This spring we will be participating in the PA Regional Conferences across the state and plan to have a Youth and Young Adults activity at the close of each regional conference. The dates and locations are in the Lecturers information and on the Calendar of Events.

Also coming quickly on March 20-22, is the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference being held in Swedesboro, NJ, just outside of Philadelphia. Make plans to attend this great Leadership Conference with workshops for all Grangers as well

as Sign-a-Song and Public Speaking contests. Grange Baseball will also make a come-back this year! Details should be posted on the National Grange and State Grange websites by the time you receive this issue.

Lastly, if you are a young adult, 21 or over, mark your calendar to participate in the annual Young Adults Weekend, April 17-19, in the Harrisburg area. Arrive anytime Friday evening for an optional activity and then be ready to kick off the exciting weekend Saturday morning! More info will be posted on the State Grange website as well as the Youth and Young Adults Facebook page soon.

We are always looking for new ideas and ways to help our fellow Grangers. We also have our Pennsylvania State Grange





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TO: Pennsylvania State Grange Members

FROM: Wayne Campbell Vince Phillips
President Legislative Director

On Tuesday April 7, 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.**
- **Pennsylvania State Grange advocates for sufficient Internet speed and cell service for all.**
- **More must be done to help dairy farmers by encouraging regional investment in fluid processing facilities.**
- **Farmers who diversify income through agritourism need liability protection.**
- **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? 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 complete and return the registration form on page 17.
You have a personal stake in protecting your community.**



REGISTRATION FORM

PA State Grange Legislative Day in Harrisburg Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

NAME _____

GRANGE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME ZIP CODE _____

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:

_____ / _____ / _____

Send or Fax Your Registration Form to Vince Phillips, PA State Grange

20 Erford Road, Suite 216
Lemoyne, Pennsylvania 17043
717-346-1063; FAX 717-232-7005
xenobun@aol.com

Schedule

Before 8:30 a.m.	Arrive at the State Capitol Room 113, East Wing Rotunda (East side of Capitol Building)
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Briefing on issues and on how to communicate effectively with legislators and staff in Room 113, East Wing
9:00 a.m.	Appointments begin
9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Meetings with lawmakers, committee chairs and others; Lunch is Dutch Treat between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol Cafeteria depending on your individual legislative visit schedule.



Family Festival

"SURVIVAL ON GRANGE ISLAND"

Schedule of Events

July 16-19, 2020



Thursday, July 16

- 1:00 – 4:30 Registration- Bldg A
- 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
- 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

Friday, July 17

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 - 9:00-10:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
 - 9:30-11:30 Registration - Bldg A
 - 10:00-11:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
 - 10:00-11:00 Legislative Updates - Vince Philips
 - 11:00-12:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
 - 11:00-2:30 Tour–Rhoneymeade Farm – Carpool –
3 mi. Bagged Lunch Included
 - 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
 - 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A
 - 3:00-4:30 Meeting Grease – Dr. Diamond
Basic Meeting Parliamentary Procedure
 - 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 Department*
- 7:00-9:00 Survival Challenges Bldg A
 - 9:00 Vespers-Bldg A
 - 9:30 Knowledge TEST – Bldg C
 - 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Rhoneymeade Sculpture Garden and Arboretum
Leonard Rhone Family Farm

Saturday, July 18

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
(Announce Young Patron Finalists)
- 8:30 Group Photo – Location TBD
- 9:00-11:30 Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B
- 9:00-10:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
- 9:00-10:30 Youth Activity - TBA - Bldg A
- 10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews – Bldg B
- 10:00-11:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
- 10:00 – 11:30 Lecturer’s Workshop – Paint & Create
Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
- 11:00-12:00 Lunch - Bldg D
*(Impromptu Question to Young
Patron Finalists)*
- 1:00 Youth Activity – Road Rally
- 1:00-3:30 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
- 1:00-2:00 PR Workshop – Grange Survivor 101 -
Lizzie-Bldg A
- 2:00-4:00 Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B -
Small - \$5.00; Large - \$10.00
- 4:00 Volley Ball Tournament
- 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
Vespers
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

D&CS Committee is having a Silent Auction all weekend and donations are appreciated!

Sunday, July 19

- 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!



Survival on Grange Island

Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival July 16-19, 2020

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Grange: _____

County: _____

_____ Tent (\$15 per night/ NOT per person)

Tent mates: _____

_____ RV/Camper (\$25 per night/space,
NOT per person) (Fees have increased)

RV/Camper-mates: _____

Length: _____ Ft. Trailer or Motor Home
(Circle)

_____ Dump prior to leaving (Fee \$25)

Day of Arrival:

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Hotel- Please make your own reservation

Reservations block reserved at—

Ramada Conference Center

1450 South Atherton St.

814-238-3001

\$77.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT

Use Group Code **PAGRANGE20**

**MUST STATE WITH PA STATE GRANGE
TO GET OUR RATE.**

Deadline for rate is June 18, 2020

***** Please note: PA State Grange is discounting
each space \$5.00 for Tents & Campers. Centre Co.
Fair have increased their prices.**

R.S.V.P by June 15, 2020



MEALS (please check desired meals –

*(Adult meals only) \$5.50 Discount if you get ALL Meals
Children 4 and under are Free, ages 5-11 half price.*

- _____ All Meals \$41.00 _____
- _____ Thursday Dinner \$8.00 _____
- _____ Friday Breakfast \$4.50 _____
- _____ Friday Lunch \$5.50 _____
- _____ Friday Dinner \$6.00 _____
- _____ Saturday Breakfast \$4.50 _____
- _____ Saturday Lunch \$5.50 _____
- _____ Saturday Dinner \$8.00 _____
- _____ Sunday Breakfast \$4.50 _____

Tent Fee Per Night _____ X \$15.00 _____

RV/Camper Fee Per Night _____ X \$25.00 _____

RV Dumping Fee(\$25.00) _____

Registration Fee (\$5.00/person-4
and under Free) _____

Rhoneymeade Sculpture Farm (\$6.00)
Includes a bagged lunch _____

English Paper Piecing Workshop (\$3.00)
Choose 1st; 2nd and 3rd Choices _____

_____ Fri-9:00; _____ Fri-10:00; _____ Fri-11:00

_____ Sat-9:00; _____ Sat-10:00 _____

Quilt Block Workshop (\$40.00) _____

Paint & Create (\$10.00) _____

Stained Glass Workshop
(\$5.00 - Small \$10.00 - Large) _____

T-Shirt _____

Child S M L XL (\$8.00)

Adult S M L XL (\$10.00)

Adult 2XL 3XL 4XL (12.00)

Pocket – No Pocket [®]

(Please Circle Size)

Total Cost _____

Make checks payable to: **PA State Grange**

Send Registration & Payment to:

PA State Grange

Attn: Family Festival

20 Erford Rd, Suite 216

Lemoyne PA 17043



2020 Grange Regional Conference Registration

The Pennsylvania State Grange is offering a series of Regional Conferences across Pennsylvania in the spring of 2020. These conferences will aim to provide meaningful leadership training to ALL Grange leaders and members and improve information-sharing between the State Grange and Subordinate and Pomona Granges. There will be 3 conferences, scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Logan Grange, Centre County (CENTRAL)
- Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Big Knob Grange, Beaver County (WEST)
- Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Kutztown Grange, Berks County (EAST)

The conferences will begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Registration fee is \$10.00.

Please see the tentative schedule also included in this issue of the PGN for a list of the workshops and activities planned for the conferences.

Registration:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Grange: _____ County: _____

I am registering to attend the Regional Conference on:

- Saturday, March 7, 2020 – Logan Grange, Centre County
- Saturday, March 28, 2020 – Big Knob Grange, Beaver County
- Saturday, May 2, 2020 – Kutztown Grange, Berks County

Please return registration form and \$10.00 registration fee to:

Jenn Nauss
10 West Schoolside Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

*Make checks payable to the Pennsylvania State Grange

Logan Grange (3/7/2020) – Register by **February 15, 2020**
Big Knob Grange (3/28/2020) – Register by **March 7, 2020**
Kutztown Grange (5/2/2020) – Register by **April 11, 2020**

Contact Jenn Nauss at (717) 512-1261 or jnauss89@gmail.com with any questions or for more information.



2020 Grange Regional Conference

Tentative Schedule

(March 7th, March 28th, May 2nd)

10:00 – 10:15 Gather/Welcome by the Pennsylvania State Grange

10:15 – 11:00 “Ritual 101”

Have you ever wondered why we open and close the Grange as it is written in the manual? Learn how and why the Grange uses ritual in regular meetings.

11:00 – 11:30 Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration/Explanation

Learn about an exciting new connection between the Grange and the FFA and learn why Parliamentary Procedure (how business is run) is important.

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch with Breakout Sessions

- Masters/Presidents
- Secretaries
- Lecturers
- Youth/Young Adults
- Juniors
- Deaf and Community Service
- Family Activities

12:30 – 1:00 Brief Review of Contests/Programs (Whole Group)

Hear from the Pennsylvania State Grange Department Chairs and State Officers about roles and responsibilities and exciting new contests and programs for 2020.

1:00 – 1:40 Community Service Project

The Deaf and Community Service Department will sponsor a hands-on service project, creating treat bags for police officers. Have fun and give back!

1:45 – 2:15 “If You Give a Grange a Junior”

Have you ever read the book, “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” by Laura Numeroff? In this workshop, learn what can happen “If You Give a Grange a Junior” by Lurae Benzio, Junior Director. Handouts and a cookie for all who participate!

2:20 – 2:50 Legislative Review

What are the Grange’s legislative priorities? How does an idea become Grange policy? How do we encourage our members to take more interest in this process?

2:55 – 3:30 Hospitality

As we hopefully gain new members, both young and young-at-heart, are our Granges ready to welcome them? Engage in a discussion about how we can make our Granges more hospitable. We don’t get a second chance to make a first impression!

3:35 – 4:10 “I don’t know how to answer that!”

As you have talked with others about the Grange, have you ever been asked a real zinger that you weren’t sure how to answer? Learn how to handle those tricky questions and share what the Grange is all about.

4:15 – 4:30 Wrap-Up/Evaluation/Questions

This is your opportunity to share your feedback about this conference and let us know what you would like to see at future regional conferences.



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 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.

On two occasions at the 2020 Farm Show, the Pennsylvania State Grange pressed the case for universal access to high-speed Broadband. These included a hearing of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee. The second was a panel discussion convened by the Grange to discuss several success stories in this quest.

HOUSE HEARING

Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell presented testimony as part of a panel which also included PA Farm Bureau, PA Farmers Union, PA Association for Sustainable Agriculture and PennAg Industries Association.

The bulk of Campbell's testimony centered on Broadband. He compared the need of expanding Broadband access in this century to rural electrification in the 20th Century. Lack of universal access puts rural Pennsylvania way behind -- in production agriculture, in education, in economic investment, in health care, and in the conduct of everyday lives. That description sounds like rural America in the early part of the 20th Century before rural electrification.

The elephant in the room is how to pay for it.

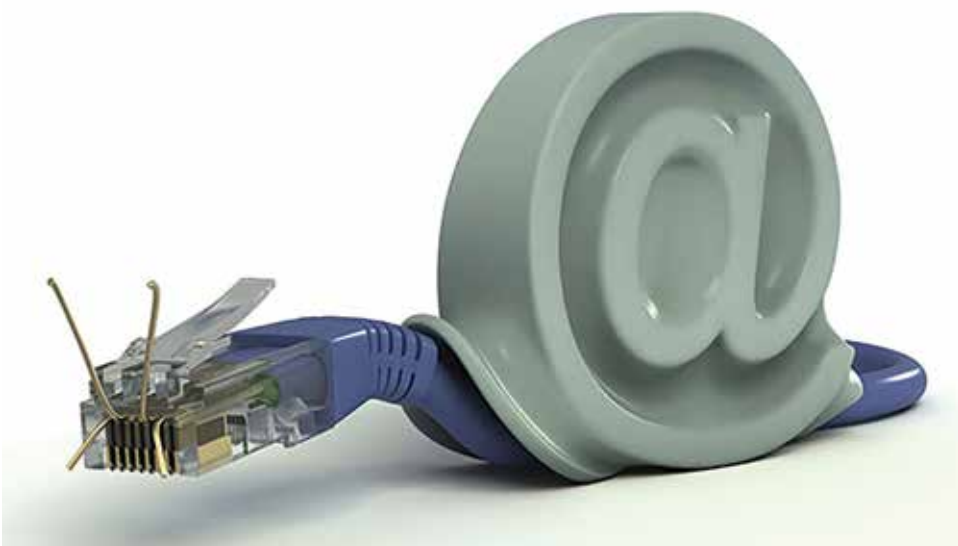
The House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee was challenged by Campbell to introduce a res-

BROADBAND AGAIN TAKES CENTER STAGE

olution directing the Legislative Budget & Finance Committee or the Center for Rural PA to analyze funding options. Although the Grange is not endorsing a particular funding mechanism, one possibility cited by the Pennsylvania State Grange was a minimal surcharge from each cell phone per month. This option would need to include millions of cell phones in order to be viable. Nationally, for example, the March 20, 2018 Media Tech Reviews predicts 276.7 million cell phone subscribers in the U.S. in 2020. Since cell phone subscribers typically have more than one cell phone, the actual

numbers could be much higher. The number of Pennsylvania cell phones has not been verified -- hence, a need for the study.

Wayne Campbell lauded House passage of **House Bill 305** sponsored by Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington) as a positive step. This legislation requires that Pennsylvania inventory state-owned structures to see if a telecommunications company could 'piggyback' equipment on a tower. If feasible, the telecom company would pay the Commonwealth a leasing fee.





Another accomplishment is the creation of the bipartisan House Broadband Caucus last session by Representative Pam Snyder and former Representative and now Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill. This session, the Republican co-chair is Representative Rich Irvin (R-Mifflin/Huntingdon/Centre). Hopefully, this Caucus will help legislators stay focused on this critical issue.

Currently, the House Broadband Caucus has 23 members. The group is bipartisan and includes twelve members from rural districts, five from suburban areas, and six from cities.

OTHER ISSUES PRESENTED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

There were several other issues stressed by President Campbell at the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee hearing.

Agritourism. First and foremost was **House Bill 1348** sponsored by Rep. Barb Gleim (R-Cumberland). This would limit liability for farms seeking an additional income stream from agritourism or agrientertainment. This limited liability would apply providing that visitors were warned about possible risks on a working farm and there were reasonable attempts to remove obvious hazards. Despite pushback by the trial lawyers, this legislation passed the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee unanimously on June 5, 2019. Assuming that it passes the House, the PA Senate will also have to consider the bill before it goes to Governor Wolf for his signature.

Dairy. While **HB 1348** helps farmers in the longer term, an immediate need is more investment in PA-based regional dairy processing facilities. Fortunately, **House Bill 1223** was introduced by Rep. John Lawrence (R-Ches-

Quick Guide to Broadband Legislation

Given the increased interest in Broadband by the General Assembly, here is a handy listing of some of the Broadband bills supported by the Pennsylvania State Grange.

House Bill 305 and Senate Bill 470 (Snyder; Phillips-Hill)

Requires the state to inventory state-owned structures to determine which would be appropriate for ‘piggybacking’ telecommunications equipment. PA would lease the space on the structure for a fee. State Police structure leasing income would be dedicated to help fund State Police.

Senate Resolution 47 and House Resolution 64 (Phillips-Hill; Snyder)

Establishes a bicameral legislative task force to focus on Broadband expansion.

Senate Resolution 48 and House Resolution 63 (Phillips-Hill; Snyder)

Directs that non-rural telecommunications companies be audited to determine their compliance with existing laws regarding provision of Internet service.

House Bill 2055 (Snyder)

Allows municipal authorities to deploy Broadband Internet Infrastructure.

Senate Bill 835 (Langerholc)

Establishes a dedicated fund of not less than 10 million dollars to provide grants for expansion of Broadband to unserved areas.

Senate Bill 725 and House Bill 1585 (Yudichak; Wheatly)

Governor Wolf’s Restore PA would borrow \$4.5 billion loan to be repaid by Marcellus Shale natural gas severance tax.

Senate Bill 712 (Argall)

Fiscal Code bill which includes specific monies for two north central PA economic development entities to develop a regional Broadband system. Status: Act 20 of 2019

House Bill 1400 (Farry)

Standardizes ‘colocation’ installation standards for small cell facilities (expanding Broadband in a limited range).

NOT YET INTRODUCED: (Irvin)

Preserves land line telephone service to rural areas (Universal Service Fund).

ter) to establish PA Dairy Keystone Opportunity Zones. These are designated areas within the state where investors in dairy processing could receive a variety of tax credits and other incentives.

Creating Dairy Keystone Opportunity Zones should incentivize investment in PA-based milk processing facilities. The legislation offers two benefits to farmers in addition to helping a local economy. First, a regional facility means less travel expense for milk

transport. Second, it will boost dairy farm revenues by allowing a greater over-order premium going back to the farmer. Currently, that revenue is often lost because the milk is produced in PA but processed out of state, meaning that the farmer loses out on the over-order premium income.

One point emphasized by Campbell was the need to take care of unfinished business from 2019. He said, “One thing that was unresolved in 2019 was “Government” continued on page 24



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the issue of milk hauling. As you know, Governor Wolf vetoed **House Bill 915** sponsored by Chair Causser. Another milk hauling bill, **Senate Bill 588** sponsored by Senator Judy Ward from Blair County, also passed the Senate and is now in this committee. The question is what will finally happen to resolve this issue. When severe winter weather comes, milk haulers must still pick up milk from local dairy farms since farmers generally do not have a large storage capacity. This milk must then be transported to processing plants without delay. The committee should re-examine this issue and decide if the need warrants more legislative action."

GRANGE ISSUES THANK YOU TO REP. KELLER

The Pennsylvania State Grange issued a statement recognizing the service of Perry County Representative Mark Keller. Keller, a Republican, announced his decision not to seek re-election. The Grange lauded him for helping other legislators better understand the realities of farming today given his practical knowledge from farming. Keller is serving out the remainder of his term which ends November 30, 2020.

When President Campbell also publicly thanked Rep. Keller, before the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee, the other legislators gave Keller an ovation.

Several other lawmakers with a strong interest in Grange issues have also announced plans to retire.

They include Rep. Marcia Hahn (R-Northumberland), a member of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee and Rep. Garth Everett (R-Lycoming). Everett is the current Chair of the House State Government Committee. Of note to Granges in areas where Marcellus Shale natural gas


is being extracted, Everett has introduced legislation forcing energy companies to pay property owners the full amount of royalties required by state law. Hahn and Everett will complete the rest of their terms this year.

THE GRANGE WANTS YOU TO BE RESOLVED

The Pennsylvania State Grange is responsive to its members. Lobbying and advocacy is based on what members say they want. In a nutshell, here is how Grange policy is set.

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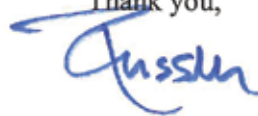
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Pennsylvania State Grange
Wayne Campbell, President
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Dear Wayne and Grange members:

I wanted to take a moment and thank you for inviting me to the 147th Annual State Grange Convention. The Grange's members continue to demonstrate tremendous leadership and commitment to the commonwealth and are a crucial part of the agriculture industry's success. Your dedication to your community is the seed to many amazing things across Pennsylvania, and I hope that you reflect with great pride on the work you have done, the lives you have touched, and all you have accomplished. I look forward to our continued partnership.

Thank you,



Russell C. Redding
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2020 FARM SHOW SIGHTINGS

We hope you enjoy this collection of photos captured during the 2020 Pennsylvania Farm Show!



President Wayne Campbell and Youth Ambassador Isabella Boone greeted Attorney General Josh Shapiro who stopped in the Pennsylvania Grange booth.



National Grange Master, Betsy Huber, pictured with the quilt block she painted.



Vince Phillips introduces panel for discussion on Broadband held at PA Farm Show. Seated are Henry McCreary, President, Rural Broadband Cooperative, Hon. Pam Snyder, (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington) Co-chair, PA House Broadband Caucus, Rachel Hauser, Executive Assistant to the President, Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative, Charlotte Davis, Executive Director, Rural Maryland Council, and President Wayne Campbell of Pennsylvania State Grange.



President Wayne Campbell and Barb Gross being interviewed by Comcast Newsmakers about Grange and the Heritage Quilt Trail.



Pennsylvania Grange Royalty, in pictures below, at this years Grange Booth and at Opening Ceremonies!

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Secretary Russel Redding (pictured below) exploring all the beautiful quilt blocks Grange members painted for the Farm Show Complex.



Senator John DiSanto stopped by the Grange booth to visit with Wayne Campbell!





Grange News

PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

Plumsteadville Grange held its annual Christmas party on Satur-



(Plumsteadville Grange) "Santa's Elves"

day December 14, 2019. We were pleased to have National Grange Junior Ambassador Bryce Danko as a guest as well as five PA State officers: President, Wayne Camp-



(Plumsteadville Grange) "Washington crossing the Delaware"

bell, Secretary Debbie Campbell, Assistant Steward Robert Kleckner, Gatekeeper Gene Zvarick and our own Dr. James Diamond, Executive Committee.

Following a covered dish dinner we were treated to entertainment by Santa's Elves and a visit



(Plumsteadville Grange) "Joyful Singers" entertaining at Grange Christmas Party

from Santa for the children. Danboro 4H club (which meets at our hall) treated us to a skit reenacting Washington crossing the Delaware, followed by a concert by the "Joyful Singers" a local choral group and ending with carol singing by all.

SCOTCH VALLEY GRANGE #510

Recently, Ruth Griffin was named Granger of the Year by Scotch Valley Grange #510. Ruth



(Scotch Valley) Ruth Griffin

has been a member of the Grange for 85 years and she is now 100 years old. She served as the head cook at our Grange for many years. She has held many offices in the Grange.

PERRY VALLEY GRANGE #1804

Perry Valley Grange #1804 was organized July 29, 1919, in Perry County with 86 charter members, primarily rural residents from



(Perry Valley) Participating in the dedication were (l-r): Doug Bonsall, Cathy Morrison, Carl Landis, Linda Byers and Renee Hetrick; Bicentennial Commission representative Frank Campbell and State Grange President Wayne Campbell

Greenwood and Liverpool Townships. As part of its 100th anniversary observance during 2019, the Grange purchased this permanent historical marker, installed beside the stage at the Perry County Fairgrounds and dedicated at a brief ceremony held during the fair this past summer. This site was selected because of the Grange's long-time involvement in the fair, which included providing the initial funding in 1980 to build the fair stage and more recently a \$10,000 grant for water and sewage installation. Arrangements for the marker were done in cooperation with the Fair Board and the Perry County Bicentennial Commission which is promoting the installation of such historical markers throughout the area as Perry County moves toward its 200th anniversary in 2020.

HALFMOON GRANGE #290

Roy W. Beck was awarded a Quilt of Valor at the meeting of Halfmoon Grange #290 on January 11. He served in the 112th Air National Guard in State College from 1959-1965 and was activated to serve in Germany during



(Halfmoon Grange) Roy W. Beck



(Halfmoon Grange) Roy is pictured with his family: (left to right) grandson Joey, daughter Teresa, Roy, granddaughter Harley, wife Beverly and son Brian.

the Berlin Crises in 1961. He and his wife are members of Halfmoon Grange. Ann Reid and Jane Brown of the Happy Valley Quilts of Valor group presented him with a certificate and the quilt.

WINDFALL GRANGE #257

Recently sixty-four Grangers, family and friends gathered at the Windfall U. Methodist Church to honor Owen Brackman of W. LeRoy as Windfall Grange's "Granger of the Year". Pastor Josh Yorks, of the Troy and Windfall United Methodist Church Charge gave the invocation and a short meditation on being thankful. Following that invocation, a bountiful turkey dinner was served. After dinner, Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell presented Owen Brackman and Gerald Pratt with their 70th Year Seals in honor of their active service to the Grange. President Campbell also spoke of the many services the Grange provides. Kim Johns, a representative of Representative Clint Owlett's office, presented Owen with a citation from the PA State House of Representatives. Ruth Wicker and Marjorie Pratt then sang two musical selections. Owen's brother, Charles (of Blandon, PA), spoke about Owen's life and his abundant generosity to his family and friends. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also spoke of the many acts of kindness and caring that Owen had shared with them through the years. His home was always open to them to stay.

Several had traveled many times with Owen, and they told of his help and the many "fun things" they had shared. Shirley Morse, of LeRoy, spoke of Owen as a good neighbor and fellow Granger. Lyle Wright, of East Canton, and Ira Haire, of Bellville, spoke of the many dedicated hours of service Owen had given as a faithful member of the East Canton United Methodist Church. Jake Guffey, of North Towanda, spoke on the years that Owen had served the PA Extension Service. Ellen Foust, of Grantville Smt, represented the Troy Fair Board and told of Owen's countless hours serving on the Troy Fair Board, helping to see that the Grange booths were filled each year, and of his selling pies and cookies night after night during the Troy Fair alongside his faithful helper, his brother; Paul. Gerald Pratt, of Windfall, also spoke of Owen's continuous help getting the Grange Booth assembled and displayed as they worked together at the Troy Fair and also at the Bloomsburg Fair. The meeting was closed with everyone singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds". Mike Pratt, of Grove City, served as Master of Ceremonies.

ORIENTAL GRANGE #165

Russ Gunton, Master/President of Oriental Grange, and numerous Grange members, presented a donation to the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen in Tunkhannock, Wyoming County. Oriental Grange members and friends helped prepare and serve the Thanksgiving dinner on November 25th, 2019.

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE #1074



(Oriental Grange)

The Pleasant Valley Grange, of Wayne County, recently made their annual Holiday donations to the following organizations: the Bethany Library, the Wayne County Victim's Intervention Program, the Wayne County Children's Christmas Bureau, and the Salvation Army's Second Harvest Food Bank. Pictured is Sandy Dunn, Grange Treasurer, making those donations to workers from those organizations.



(Pleasant Valley) Wayne Co. Victim's Intervention Program



(Pleasant Valley) Wayne Co. Children's Christmas Bureau



(Pleasant Valley) Bethany Library



(Pleasant Valley) Salvation Army Second Harvest Bank





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the FFA and 4-H.
- from Vince Phillips

Tractor Engine Show

The 2019 Tractor Engine show was held September 28th and 29th on the grounds of the Gouglersville Grange #1743. The weekend was filled with tractors, engines, community interest and, of course, great food. There was an abundant dis-



play of new and old tractors, engines and some unique conversions. With perfect weather everyone had time to mingle and reconnect with old



friends and make some new ones. There were several demonstrations with steam powered engines and tree



stump removal by David Mohn. The highlight of the event was the tractor parade.

We hope you enjoy a few pictures from our event. Our next event will be



the tractor engine show scheduled for September 26th and 27th of 2020... we hope to see you there!



Amanda Schaeffer (pictured above), of Grand View Dairy Farm, is one of our young adults who brought her 1950 Oliver 77 Fleet line tractor to this event.

- from SallieJo Reid

Flora Group

Members of Centre County Granges performed the Flora Drill during the conferral of the 6th Degree at the 2019 Pennsylvania State Grange Session



The group was made up of Centre County Grange Ladies, was organized by Melanie Melius and was directed by Melissa Gartner. They gave a



beautiful performance and added to the 6th degree conferral. (this is not just a biased opinion....heard lots of compliments from others!)

- from Judy Pressler





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- What is the Need? What is important to you as a Grange member? Policy positions cover a wide range of topics.
- What is the Answer? If you identify a problem, do you have an idea as to how to confront the problem?
- How do I get my idea/solution to the point of being considered by the Pennsylvania State Grange?
 - Put it in writing. What that means is using a certain format to express your thoughts. This format is designed so that readers can see the need (these are the WHEREAS clauses) and the policy you want the Grange to adopt (the BE IT RESOLVED clauses).
- Utilize State Grange staff to help you draft it. Usually, this is a five to ten-minute conversation. Then, you receive a draft. Keep in mind that when you receive a draft, it is a draft. Make it yours. Review it to be sure that the draft language is true to your point. Again, staff will help re-draft if needed.
- Take your draft resolution to your Grange and talk with others. Your Grange needs to make a decision to move the resolution on to the state

level. Resolutions may come from Pomona Granges as well.

- Resolution Committee. On September 17, 2020, the Pennsylvania State Grange will convene a meeting of the different resolution committees to review each resolution. This Resolution meeting is made up of specific committees. Committees are organized as to subject matter, for example, agriculture. The committee can choose to favorably report the resolution to the Delegate Body, may reject, or amend. Please understand that if the committee rejects a resolution, it does not have the final word. Delegates to the October State Session do.
- At the State Session, delegates consider each resolution. The State Session can adopt the resolution to become state policy. It can reject it. It can overrule the recommendation of the resolutions committee and adopt a resolution anyway. It can also amend a resolution. That is how Grange policies are set.
- At the State Session, some older resolutions are retired and put in archives when their original purpose is irrel-

evant. An example in 2019 was the retiring of a resolution that was approved as policy in 2006. The text and explanation of this archived resolution follows.

MEDICARE USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

The Grange supports the implementation of a Federal law mandating that the Medicare system use an identification number other than the individual’s Social Security number and supports the universal implementation of such a law across all insurance providers.

REASON FOR ARCHIVING

Beginning in 2018, the Social Security Administration converted Medicare identification numbers to another numbering system.

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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A NEW BEGINNING

Cover story

What awaits us in 2020? This issue's cover photo shows FFA students who were just awarded their FFA jackets standing by the calving corner at the Farm Show. Two different new beginnings. Youth that have put on the



blue and gold jacket for the first time and are ready to embark on an exciting new journey in the FFA. The cows that are standing in the calving corner pens at the Pennsylvania Farm Show are about to give birth to their offspring. How do these two different events tie into the Grange? We have an opportunity for a

new beginning for many of our Granges.

The Pennsylvania State Grange has been awarded a very unique opportunity. An anonymous donor has offered to pay the first year's dues of up to 257 FFA members who join the Grange. This provides a tremendous opportunity for your Grange to build a relationship with your local FFA chapter.



The Grange already has a tie to the FFA. The Grange helped draft the legislation that established the Vocational Ag-



riculture program. We both have impressive opening

ceremonies, and we both hold high the value of helping our fellow man.

The FFA motto is: Learning to do, doing to learn, learning to live, living to serve. The Grange motto is: In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity. When you read the two mottos, FFA students actively living their motto leads right into continuing their journey through life living the Grange motto.

Welcome these new young members into your Grange. Encourage them to share with you the leadership abilities they learned as members of the FFA. Try new community service projects that they are interested in, try new fundraising ideas they may present. Life is a daily learning experience. Do not pass by the opportunity to learn new ideas and new ways from these inspirational young leaders.

2020, a new year, a new decade, a new opportunity. What are you going to do with this opportunity???

(Cover photography by Lindsay Schroeder. Cover photo morph by 88 Dragon Design Studio.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Harvey's Aleppo #1444

Judy Beresford

Middletown #684

Leonard Franckowiak

Thomas Oliver

Harmony #1201

Howard Clark

Devin Beck

Hickory #1285

William Larsen Jr.

Carlene Duttry

Beech Grove #1089

Danielle Brussell

Chad Brussell

Sara Mignerey

James Mignerey

Joanne Mignerey

Albert Mignerey

Valley #1360

Samantha Wilkins

Mifflin #1725

Naomi Cornman

Fleetwood #1839

Connor Schlegel

Austin Kopfer

Steven Simpson

Kevin Messersmith

Lori Williams

Jefferson #1373

Pearl Kocher

Virginville #1832

Jonathan Bond

IN MEMORIAM

Minnequa #754

Edward Payne

Big Knob #2008

Richard Palak

Valley #1360

Treva Leese

Sinking Valley #484

Louise Pearson

California #941

Fran Kessler

Liberty #1780

Evelyn Wilson

Mt. Nebo #1872

Helen (Pat) Reid

Doris Munsch

Hayfield #800

Sharron McMillin

Herman Hunter

Westfield #1514

Ivan Raney

Goshen #121

Harold Rennard

Walker #786

Joanne Shehan

Caryle Groninger

Central #1650

Sandra German

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020

We are working on our 2020 calendar. If your Grange is holding any festivals or events, please email those dates to:

info@88dragon.com as soon as possible.

Thank you!

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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 28	Thanksgiving Day
Feb 17	Presidents' Day	Sep 7	Labor Day	Dec 25	Christmas Day
May 25	Memorial Day	Oct 12	Columbus Day		

March 7, 2020

PA Regional Conference, Logan Grange,
10 am with follow-on Youth Activity at 4:30 pm

March 20-22, 2020

Mid Atlantic Leaders Conference,
Swedesboro, NJ

March 28, 2020

PA Regional Conference,
Big Knob Grange, 10 am with follow-on Youth
Activity at 4:30 pm

April 4th, 2020

Wesley Grange Buckwheat Cake and Sausage
Supper (Venango County) on old Rte. 8 north
of Barkeyville. Start serving at 7:00 a.m.
Cost \$8 for adults all you can eat.

April 7, 2020

Day On The Hill, Harrisburg

April 17-19, 2020

Young Adults Weekend, Harrisburg

May 2, 2020

PA Regional Conference,
Kutztown Grange
10 am with follow-on Youth Activity at 4:30 pm

June 26-28, 2020

YOUTH CAMP
Camp Sylvan Hills • Howard, PA

June 28-July 4, 2020

JUNIOR CAMP
Camp Sylvan Hills • Howard, PA

July 16-19, 2020

FAMILY FESTIVAL
Centre County Fairgrounds • Centre Hall, PA

August 11-13, 2020

AG PROGRESS DAYS
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA
<https://agsci.psu.edu/apd/about>

September 26, 2020

Youth and Young Adults Family Picnic

October 15-18, 2020

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- Avis Rental Car: Discounted Member rates
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- Tickets at Work: Offers discounts on movie tickets, concerts, travel, theme parks, and shopping

The Pennsylvania State Grange also offers scholarships and interest free loans



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Windows to the Past...

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... Farm Show Quilt Display Case

In 2012 the Pennsylvania State Grange placed two 8' x 8' wooden quilt blocks in the Cameron Street Lobby of the Pennsylvania State Farm Show Complex in honor of 4-H and FFA. In 2019 the Giant Corporation took over sponsorship of the Expo Hall just off of the Cameron Street Lobby and the quilt blocks came down. In April of 2019 Lizzie Bailey and Barbara and Glenn Gross met with the Farm Show Administrators, Sharon Altland Myers and Heidi Svonavec, to ask if the blocks could be placed somewhere else in the complex. At the conclusion of that meeting not only were the two blocks going to be remounted, we also had agreed to make 100 small 2' x 2' wooden quilt blocks to be placed throughout the complex as well as decorate a 30' display case with quilting history! Upon leaving the complex, our first reactions were, "Oh my, what did we agree to?"

The 30' display case is located in the McClay Lobby which is open

daily to the public since offices are located in that portion of the building. The two original quilt blocks

For many, it was the quilting tools we had all gotten rid of but now again were searching for.



honoring 4-H and FFA are mounted in this area anchoring each end of the lobby. You are welcome to stop in any time and view the blocks and display case.

The McClay Lobby display case features quilting items and tools from the 1850s through the 1950s. It is the "things" our mothers and ancestors held dear because it was the tools of their trade. In order to create this display, Grangers searched their own stashes as well as second hand stores and appealed to friends for quilt related items.

In the 1850s quilting was done out of necessity – quilts were not only used for warm bed coverings but were often used as room dividers and covers over windows and walls to keep out the cold. Quilts were made from scraps of fabric left over from making clothing with little thought to coordination of colors and accuracy of design, quilts were made for utility purposes only. The quilt on the frame in the display case is an excellent example - no coordination of fabric colors and no attention to aligning the blocks when piecing them together. This quilt is pinned on a large wooden quilting frame with small metal straight pins while wooden pins hold the corners the frame together to keep it square. The quilt is made in the typical sandwich style of a decorative top, cotton batting and a fabric backing. If ladies did not have enough floor

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From the President's Desk

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Debbie and I just returned from the National Grange President/Master's Conference in Maryland as I write this article. What an amazing conference it was! Thank you to Kay and Allen Stiles for organizing the event. Allen is the President of the Maryland State Grange and Kay, his wife, is the National Grange Pomona, Pennsylvania and Delaware provided assistance to Maryland in hosting the event.

We began Friday evening with a panel discussion on organizing and reorganizing Granges. There is a need today as much as ever for what a Grange has to offer to each community. Family values, includes the entire family, community service, legislative action to improve life in urban and rural communities, and a way to make a difference in your community.

We attended workshops all day Saturday, each being approximately 45 minutes in length. The workshops covered a variety of topics from Grange record keeping, bonding, Junior program, program preparation, and how to develop an interactive program. An interactive program is one you would use at a fair or community event that requires those who stop by to get involved in a learning presentation. These are espe-

cially attractive to those who have no knowledge of the subject or to a younger age group who could "get their hands dirty" and learn at the same time.

Another workshop was on all the benefits offered to our members through the National Grange and how to register on the National Grange website to gain access to the benefits. It was really interest-



ing to hear how many of us there have saved by taking advantage of one or more of the benefits.

Pennsylvania State Grange offers many member benefits that allow our members to save money on vacations or memberships to other businesses like Sam's Club that will save you money every time you shop. Lizzie Bailey has written an article that is in this edition on the benefits and the advantages of the benefits available

to our members through both the Pennsylvania State Grange and the National Grange.

I would encourage all of you to ask your Lecturer/Program Director to invite Lizzie Bailey our Public Relations/Membership Consultant, a State Officer, a History Committee member, Vince Phillips our Legislative Consultant, or myself to your Grange to present a program. We are an amazing organization with so much to offer, let's share it with others in our community. It's how we can cultivate connections in 2020!!

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell,
Pennsylvania State Grange
President
president@pagrange.org



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Chaplain's Corner
 Judy Pressler
 PA State Grange Chaplain



If Punxsutawney Phil, that famous Pennsylvania groundhog, was correct that we'd have an early spring and if April sent her refreshing showers, we should be enjoying May flowers. Tulips, daffodils and crocuses will be finishing up their grand show just in time for lilacs, forsythia and roses to make their splendid debuts. Robins, bluebirds, sparrows, and various other summer-time birds will have begun their "nesting" routines.

What a glorious time of the year! One of those times that remind us of how great God's love truly is. It is so important for us to remember how much God cares for us compared to the lilies of the field and the birds of the air.

Finally, one day, standing in my kitchen peeling apples for sauce, I had been **fretting** to Lee and **agonizing** because I hadn't gotten any ideas from God and my deadline was approaching **FAST**. Then, maybe because I was **"still"** and **"listened"**, I started thinking of how many times in the past week

in my readings, I had come across the admonition to **"DO NOT WORRY!"** Don't worry about what to eat, what to wear, **what to write**, or even what about tomorrow. By worrying, can I add one inch to my height (actually, *as expected for someone my age*, I'm shrinking!) or can I add one more hour to my life (which, looking at the big picture, has been a blessed run)?

I began thinking of things I have been worrying about *in addition to my article*: medical diagnoses for some friends, grieving family members, news headlines, qualifications of the painter we hired, what clothes I will need for our anniversary trip, how old I will be on my next birthday, etc.

You know, worry can damage your health, consume your thoughts, disrupt your productivity, affect your treatment of others

AND most importantly, **reduce your ability to trust in or your reliance on God**. Worrying is time well wasted!

His suggestion is to **seek Him first**. Pay attention to what God has done, what God is doing, and what God promises. **Be still and know that He is God**. If He cares so deeply for the livelihood of the birds, the beauty of the wildflowers and even knows how many hairs (or bare spaces) on your head, we must realize how very much He cares for us. We are **special** in His sight!. He has promised to never abandon us and will be with us each step of the way.

So put **WORRY** aside. **RELY** on and **REJOICE** in God's promises.

REMEMBER "His Eye is on the Sparrow and We Know He Watches Us"

Excerpt from a Mormon Tabernacle Hymn

*Consider the lilies of the field,
 How they grow, how they grow.
 Consider the birds in the sky,
 How they fly, how they fly.
 He clothes the lilies of the field.
 He feeds the birds in the sky.
 And He will feed those who trust Him,
 And guide them with His eye.*

Praying for love in all aspects of your lives,
 Judy Pressler, Chaplain
 jxp2@psu.edu





Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

Grange Benefits

Who doesn't like to save money? I encourage each and every one of us to look closely at our Grange Member Benefits on the Pennsylvania State Grange and National websites. Do you know that we offer insurance coverage for health, life, property, and vision options?

Grange Benefits = Saved \$\$\$!



We have two credit unions that are options for you to join. Members 1st offers great investing options and PSECU can't be beat with their rates on home or car loans and credit card offerings.

If you are planning on a summer vacation, concerts, or even going to the movies make sure to register for Tickets at Work. There are discounts for just about everything that you would want to do for summer fun!

We also have the discount online program Rakuten. When you register and make your first purchase you receive \$10. And the Pennsylvania State Grange receives a one-time stipend. Use the following link to register for Rakuten: <https://www.rakuten.com/r/PAGRAN24?eeid=28187>

What better way to help assist the Pennsylvania State Grange with

funding and receiving cash rebates for yourself!

Grange Membership

I know that we all talk about the cost of membership to the many different organizations that we belong to, but quite honestly, my Grange membership is my most treasured! I love spending time with my Grange family, working on events



and programs that benefit my community and beyond. We all are interested in the many rural and urban issues that we can address through legislative policy. The investment of 12 cents a day for an adult membership is a huge bargain for the return.



Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail

We are looking for few volunteers who enjoy doing some online research in reference to the Heritage Quilt Blocks. If you are interested in learning a little bit more and how you can help from the comfort of working on this project at home, please call Lizzie at 717-254-9950 or email:

publicrelations@pagrange.org.

Yours in Grange service,
Lizzie Bailey
PR/Membership Director
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Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hello everyone! I hope you all are well. I have a few things I need to share with you. There is a new contest this year... it is under the **Embroidery, Counted Cross Stitch, and Plastic Canvas**. It is 16A and it will be Cross Stitch. These entries will be judged separate from each other.

Also, if you didn't get Quilt Block tickets, or you sold all of your tickets and need more, PLEASE let me know call me (814)-360-7058 or email me, melmelius59@gmail.com I will be glad to mail you tickets. Tickets have to be back to me no later than the end of September. We will be drawing a name at State Session, and the State Office has a

new rule for this year that we can not sell tickets at State Session. If you have tickets you are not going to sell please send back to me, and if you sold your tickets get the stubs to me before September.

Next, I want to share with you that we collected and delivered 60 pounds of food, to the food bank, at one of our recent meetings! "Way to go" to everyone who donated!

The Family Activities community service this year is Veterans Home in Hollidaysburg and VA hospital. Here is a list of the things they need:

Men's clothing (Sizes: Small - 5x)

- Sweatpants & Lounge Pants
- Sweatshirts (pullover & zip up)
- Buttdown Flannel Shirts

- Winter Coats
- Tshirts (short & long sleeve)
- Underwear /Boxer Briefs (new, unopened package)
- Sturdy Sneakers/Boots/Slippers (Sizes 8 - 14... Med & Wide)
- Socks

Women's Clothing (Especially 2x-4x):

- Elastic waist pants and Sweatpants
- Shirts/Sweaters/Cardigans
- Socks.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Postage stamps
- Headphones (No Earbuds)
- Umbrellas
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C & D)
- Body Wash (Men's & Women's)
- Toothpaste
- Women's Hair Ties/Pins/Clips
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Men's Wallets
- Reading Glasses
- Suspenders
- Board Games
- Unopened Puzzles
- Universal Remotes
- Wristwatches
- Men's Belts
- Slippers (all sizes)

Just bring the items to Family Fest in July. Hope to see you all There and Everyone stays Well.

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius
Family Activities Director
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cell (814) 360-7058





Program Director
Jenn Nauss
 PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this article finds you well and getting ready for the summer.

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

The first regional leadership conference was held on March 7th at Logan Grange in Centre County and was a success! More than 50 people attended the conference, including members of the Bald Eagle FFA who led a Parliamentary Procedure demonstration. Attendees prepared 99 gift bags to donate to local police stations. The workshops provided leadership training from many of the PA State Grange departments. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated!

As I write this article, the March 28th conference at Big Knob Grange in Beaver County is in the process of being rescheduled for Saturday, May 30th. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! At this time, the Kutztown Grange conference scheduled for May 2nd is still on. Please check the State Grange website, the Facebook page, and the weekly email blasts for more information.

FAMILY FESTIVAL

This year's Family Festival is scheduled for July 16-19 at the Centre County Fairgrounds in Centre Hall. There are many fun activities and workshops sched-

uled for the weekend. Check out the schedule and plan to join us! The Lecturer's Committee is hosting a "Paint and Create" workshop during Family Festival. The group will be led in how to create a painting on canvas step-by-step. By breaking down the process step-by-step, everyone can participate and create a beautiful work of art, even those who do not consider themselves to be artists. The Art contest is within the Lecturer's department and paintings created at Family Festival may be submitted in that contest. Registration for this workshop is \$10 and will cover the expenses of all materials.

TALENT CONTEST

The Talent Contest takes place each year at the Family Festival held at the Centre County Fairgrounds in July. The Talent Contest is a great opportunity for Grangers to share their gifts with others. This is a National Contest; the Best of Show winner advances to the Evening of Excellence at the National Grange Convention. Preregistration by contacting the State Lecturer is recommended, but not required. Please contact me at jnauss89@gmail.com or (717) 512-1261 to let me know if you plan on participating

This year's Talent Contest will be on Saturday, July 18th at 7:00 pm. Please strongly encourage your members to participate in the Talent Contest! This year, the National Convention is in Valley Forge – right here in our own state! What an honor it would be to represent Pennsylvania in the Evening of Excellence while the

National Convention is here! The details and rules are included below:

Classes:

1. Instrumental
2. Vocal
3. Variety/Other Acts

Division:

1. Subordinate (14+)

Rules:

1. Time Limit: No minimum; all acts will be held to a 5 minute maximum.
2. Participants must provide their own accompaniment (either live or recorded).
3. Best of Show winner from the previous year may not enter the Talent Contest in the same class the following year.

Ribbons will be awarded to the top three entries in each class. First place entries in each class will receive \$25.00; second place - \$15.00; third place - \$10.00. A Best of Show winner will be selected from across all classes.

REPORTS AND CONTESTS

Now is the time to work on preparing your reports and contest entries for the State Session in October. Please reference the 2020-2021 Guide to Contests and Programs that was distributed to your Granges last October and is on the website (pagrange.org). Reports and Scrapbooks are due to me by September 15th.

New for this year are the "Design a Program" contest and the "Lecturer's Grant". The "Design a Program" contest is open to all Grange members. Entries should include a detailed plan for the program, including the name of the program, what materials are needed, an outline of the program, the number of participants, and the length of the program. Entries are due to me by September 15th. Winning programs will receive a



monetary award of \$30 for first place, \$20 for second place, and \$10 for third place. All entries will be compiled into a “Lecturers’ Idea Book,” which will be available to Lecturers and other members.

The “Lecturer’s Grant” aims to provide support for those Lecturers who are preparing – or who would like to prepare – high-quality programs, but may lack the financial resources to make them a reality. The “Lecturer’s Grant” will provide at least one grant of \$100 to winning Lecturers. Entries should include a program proposal, budget proposal, and a brief letter of need (500 word maximum). Entries are due to me by September 15th for judging prior to the State Session.

Please look at the Guide to Contests and Programs for more details about these and other Lecturer Contests.

NATIONAL GRANGE

2020 is an exciting year for Pennsylvania as we prepare to host the National Convention in Valley Forge in November. The host committee has been hard at work making sure that it will be a successful and enjoyable convention. Please plan to visit the con-

vention this year, whether this is your first National Session or you attend every year. Pennsylvania does not host the National Convention very often, so this will be the closest National Session is to us for several years. Come get your 7th Degree, see the delegates at work, and join the tours that are scheduled (see more information on tours in this issue of the PGN)!

Registration should be live – or will be going live soon – so please keep checking the website, the PGN, the Facebook page, and the weekly email blasts for more information and details! You won’t want to miss this!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

PROGRAM IDEAS

May

- National Blood Pressure Month – Plan a program about heart health and arrange for free health screenings. Invite the community!
- National Barbecue Month – Plan a program about summer safety. Have a covered-dish barbecue meal be-

fore or after.

June


- Dairy Month – Invite your county Dairy Princess to lead a program on the dairy industry. Invite a local dairy farmer to talk about the issues facing the dairy industry.
- National Adopt a Cat Month – Plan a program about pet adoption. Work with your Community Service chairperson to coordinate a collection of items to donate to a local shelter.

July

As I write this, it is still unknown whether the 2020 Olympics will still continue. Host your own “Grange Olympics!” Plan fun activities with some friendly competition among your members. Do an egg and spoon relay race, have a horseshoe or corn-hole tournament, or any other fun relay/contest. Get medals (from the dollar store or Walmart) or prizes for your winning teams!

Jenn Nauss
Lecturer
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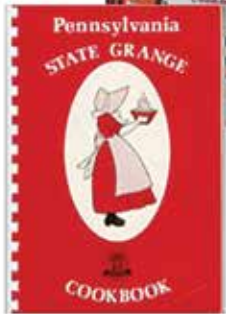
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Junior News

Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee
Director

Happy Spring/Summer to all the Juniors and friends!

This is one of my favorite seasons and not just because the sun is shining more or the birds are singing their songs. Not because of the beautiful flowers blooming or the trees in their full green glory again. The reason I love this sea-

course new friends are always made at camp, and many of those friendships become lifelong! I am excited to go on a Wildness Adventure and learn some Survival skills at State Camp this year! The Committee has been busy planning a fun time for everyone!



financial help to pay their dues for their first year...we should all have an increase in our membership! Don't stop at the FFA youth. Invite the Boy/Girl Scouts and their families to be a part of us. Partner with them on a community project. Help the older Scouts earn their Eagle Rank or Gold Star Rank by discussing how they can help out your Grange with a project. Another Organization that is flourishing is the Miss Agriculture USA program. These young girls, ladies and women are implored to promote Agriculture. Aren't we doing the same? There are Miss Ag Queens in nearly every county in PA and the program is also National. These families are whom we want and need to help us grow as an Organization. Let me know if you want more information and I can help you reach out to any of these groups.

I want to share a little bit of my workshop that I presented at the Regional Leadership Conferences this Spring. The first was held at Logan Grange in Centre County, then we went to Big Knob Grange in Beaver County and will be finishing up on the Eastern side of the state at Kutztown in Berks County. One of the key points that I made was to embrace and accept change in order to grow. You have heard over and over that the Youth are the future of

our Organization. While I truly believe that, I also know that without the young people in our "Family Fraternal Order" we are missing part of the "Family". Our young people are being asked to do more community service and care about their environment more than ever through their school lessons. What better time AND place to give them the opportunity to continue their service than within our Grange Family. They need us as much as we need them. But do the young people or younger families know you (we) even exist as an Organization? We have the opportunity to invite FFA members and with the

son, is because it is Junior Grange Camp Season!! Whether it is a County camp or the State Camp... it is a great time to be a Junior in PA! In this edition you will find a copy of the State Camp Application. At the top in a box is a link to complete the application online with a payment option as well. If you are able to do the online version - please do. I think it will be less paperwork in the end for everyone. Also, PLEASE share the camp opportunity with all of the Juniors and let them know they can invite a friend to join them. Sometimes new ventures are more fun with a friend by your side. Of



Springtime is a Season of Growth... lets also Grow our Granges!

Fraternally,
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Photos by Lindsay Schroeder





History Committee
Doug Bonsall
 PA State Grange History Committee
 Director

SAVE THE DATE!!!

LIGHT THE CAKE!!!

The State Grange's 150th anniversary celebration, beginning with the April 2021 kick-off and continuing through the 2023 session in Reading, PA will be a significant milestone and one that requires a significant amount of funding to be raised. Delegates at the 2019 state session approved a resolution that suspends the normal convention hosting responsibilities by geographic regions of the state and calls upon all Granges in Pennsylvania to provide the manpower and financial resources to

make a really special session possible. At this point, plans are in the early stages for a historical pageant, special acts of service, an anniversary banquet and the conferral of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees in full form (including the beautiful and uniquely Pennsylvania Ceres, Pomona and Flora drills). A fund raising campaign was started earlier this spring at the regional leadership conferences, inviting Granges and individual members to sponsor one or more of the anniversary candles to light our birthday cake. This initial project provides the opportunity to purchase one of 150 candles at any of 150 amounts of support - \$1 for candle #1 through \$150 for candle #150. Some candles have already been pur-

chased; you can find out what candles remain and how to make your contribution by contacting: Steve & Karen Mohn, 308 Mill Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567. Our goal is to have all candles sponsored and the cake ablaze by the time of the state session in Erie this fall.

Friends of Eagle Grange – Last fall an appeal was issued asking for financial assistance to Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County. It is from this Grange that the Patrons of Husbandry movement came to Pennsylvania in 1871 when Montgomery (PA) farmer Luke Eger contacted the National Grange for information about organizing a local unit. After some persuasion among his family and neigh-





bors, Brother Eger was finally able to find 40 persons willing to form this new fraternity. Although he thought that “there will be little difficulty in raising other clubs in this county”, it was more than two years before other local Granges began to be organized in Pennsylvania, leading to the formation of the PA State Grange in September, 1873. Although Eagle Grange #1 has been continually active for the past 149 years and is planning for its 150th anniversary next year (2021), the Grange membership is small and their circa 1888 Grange Hall is in need of significant renovation to become handicapped accessible and functionally updated for more use community use. Many thanks to those Granges and individuals that have contributed over \$3,300 in answer to this appeal, providing a much needed boost to the renovations and improvements currently being planned:

- Buckhorn Grange #1119, Cambria County
- Gordon Hiller, Williamsport, PA
- Doug Bonsall, Dauphin, PA
- Michael & Jane Adams, Hamburg,

- PA
- Roseville Grange #1290, Jefferson County
- Perry Valley Grange #1804, Perry County
- Jennifer Nauss, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Dayton Grange #1819, Armstrong County
- Star Grange #993, Northampton County
- Virginia Phillips, Edinburg, PA
- Oliver Grange #1069, Perry County
- Sanatoga Grange #25, Montgomery County
- Bernard & Elizabeth Downey, Montoursville, PA
- Delaware Grange #1895, Northumberland County
- Betsy E. Huber, Lincoln University, PA
- Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County
- C. Lamont & Ruth Wallis, Montgomery, PA
- London Grange #1492, Mercer

- County
- Carmichaels Grange #1389, Greene County
- Robert F. Pardoe, Jr., Milton, PA
- Harold & Marjorie Brown, Liberty, PA
- Kimberton Grange #1304, Chester County
- Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County
- Valley Grange #1360, York County
- Mary Sproat, Kennett Square, PA
- Fayette-Westmoreland Pomona Grange #49
- Washington County Pomona #16
- Beaver County Pomona Grange #66
- Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28
- York-Adams Pomona Grange #40

Doug Bonsall, Chair
 Pennsylvania State Grange
 History Committee
 douglas.b@verizon.net



Mark Your Calendars!

**Join us to kick-off the celebrations for the PA State Grange’s 150th Anniversary!
 Saturday, April 17, 2021**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Eagle Grange #1 Open House

Celebrate the 150th Birthday of Eagle Grange #1 and drop by to learn more about Pennsylvania’s historic first Grange near Williamsport

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**PA State Grange 150th Anniversary
 Kick-Off Luncheon and Program**

Kick-off the celebrations for the 150th Anniversary with a luncheon and program at the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg (a short drive from Eagle Grange #1)

Turn the day into an outing! Visit some of the many unique sites in the Williamsport-Lewisburg area. Email Doug Bonsall at douglas.b@verizon.net for a list of attractions to visit before and after these Grange events.

For tickets, contact Anna May Nauss at (717) 697-5104 or annauss@aol.com.

Tickets - \$25/person

Checks made payable to the PA State Grange History Committee

Mail payment and self-addressed stamped envelope (for tickets) to:

Anna May Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Youth News

Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director



The Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults just completed their yearly planning meeting and have initiated several new programs for this coming year.

With the cancellation of the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference, plans are being worked to hold the regional contests – public-speaking, sign-a-song and Grange baseball sometime over the next few months. Stay tuned for more updates on these great contests.

If you are a young adult, 21 or over, and you marked your calendar to participate in the annual Young Adults Weekend, April 17-19, we have postponed that weekend activity to 21-23 August. The sign-up link is: <https://form.jotform.com/200697787218165> and we will be staying in the Harrisburg area. Plan to arrive anytime Friday evening for an optional activity and then be ready to kick off the exciting weekend Saturday morning! More info will be posted on the sign-up link, State Grange website as well as the Youth and Young Adults Facebook page soon.

Youth Camp is coming up quickly and this year we are celebrating the Summer Olympics! Sign up today to join in the fun with the 2020 Grange Olympics! The sign-up link is: <https://form.jotform.com/200735641693154> or use the paper form in this issue of the PGN. Bring your friends

to help your “country” win the Grange Olympics!

The Youth and Young Adults Committee is adding some excite-



ment to the Family Festival weekend this year! We are planning a Volleyball Tournament and hope to see teams from all around the state – both youth and old timers! Come up for the day (Saturday) or join us for the entire weekend. Eliminations will be held in the morning and the final round will be held at 4 pm Saturday afternoon. Sign-up for the Volleyball Tournament is: <https://form.jotform.com/200735828888066> and rules will be sent out to all who



sign up by email as well as posted on the State Grange Youth webpage and Facebook.

Also coming to Family Festival is the 2020 Grange Road Rally! The Youth and Young Adults Department is hosting a Road Rally on Saturday afternoon, July 18th. Sign up for this exciting Grange Road Rally is: <https://form.jotform.com/200736086540149>. Similar to the Volleyball Tournament, the rules will be posted at the above link as well as the State Grange Youth webpage and Facebook.

Calling all Young Adults, 22 to 35! Are you interested in representing the Pennsylvania State Grange and the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Department for the next year? If so, come to Family Festival and participate in the selection process for this honor! If you have questions, email youth@pagrange.org.

We are always looking for new ideas and ways to help our fellow Grangers. We also have our Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors, Young Patrons, as well as our committee and myself, who are ready and willing to provide a program for your Grange or event. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions or requests for assistance!

Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director
Cell: 417-967-6474,
email: youth@pagrange.org



PA State Grange Youth Camp 2020 Olympics!!! June 26-28, 2020

JOIN US for the 2020 Grange Olympics 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: <https://form.jotform.com/200735641693154>

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: 1 June 2020





NEW: ONLINE APPLICATION and PAYMENT OPTION AVAILABLE by going to this link
<https://form.jotform.com/200615538875158>

**2020 Pennsylvania Junior Grange
 Camper Application**

June 28 – July 4, 2020

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



"WILDLIFE ADVENTURE & SURVIVAL"

Name: _____ M _____ F _____

Address: _____

Phone/Cell: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (NEW) Age they will be on 12/31/2020 _____

Grange Name & Number: _____

First year at Camp? Yes _____ No _____ How many years in Jr Grange? _____

CAMPER FEE - \$155.00 (This reflects a \$15 credit from the Jonathan Sattazahn Memorial Fund)

**Sibling Discount: 1st child = full price of \$155 and then a \$15 reduction for every child after. (2nd = \$140, 3rd = \$140...)

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Enclosed is my check or money order payable to: **Pennsylvania Junior Grange**
- Please email me at the above email address with a way to pay with debit/credit card online.

REGISTRATION AND CAMP FEE DEADLINE: JUNE 8, 2020

Any application postmarked after June 8, 2020 will be subject to 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 to camp. Your donation will be listed in your camp packet or emailed directly to you. Thank you!

_____ YES, I am willing to bring a food donation to camp

T-SHIRT SIZE: (Circle one below)

Child Med / Child Large / Adult Small / Adult Med / Adult Large / Adult X-Large / Adult 2XL / Adult 3XL

**MAIL THIS FORM AND CHECK (if applicable) to Director Lurae Benzio: 103 Highland Dr. Industry, PA 15052



Family Festival

"SURVIVAL ON GRANGE ISLAND"

Schedule of Events

July 16-19, 2020



Thursday, July 16

- 1:00 – 4:30 Registration- Bldg A
- 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner - Bldg D
- 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

Friday, July 17

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
 - 9:00-10:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
 - 9:30-11:30 Registration - Bldg A
 - 10:00-11:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
 - 10:00-11:00 Legislative Updates - Vince Philips
 - 11:00-12:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
 - 11:00-2:30 Tour–Rhoneymeade Farm – Carpool –
3 mi. Bagged Lunch Included
 - 12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bldg D
 - 2:00-4:00 Registration - Bldg A
 - 3:00-4:30 Meeting Grease – Dr. Diamond
Basic Meeting Parliamentary Procedure
 - 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 Department*
- 7:00-9:00 Survival Challenges Bldg A
 - 9:00 Vespers-Bldg A
 - 9:30 Knowledge TEST – Bldg C
 - 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Rhoneymeade Sculpture Garden and Arboretum
Leonard Rhone Family Farm

Saturday, July 18

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast - Bldg D
(Announce Young Patron Finalists)
- 8:30 Group Photo – Location TBD
- 9:00-11:30 Jr. Grange Workshop & Fun -Bldg B
- 9:00-10:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
- 9:00-10:30 Youth Activity - TBA - Bldg A
- 10:00-11:30 Young Patron Interviews – Bldg B
- 10:00-11:00 English Paper Piecing - \$3.00 – Limit 5
- 10:00 – 11:30 Lecturer’s Workshop – Paint & Create
Bike/Hike-a-Thon Benefit
- 11:00-12:00 Lunch - Bldg D
*(Impromptu Question to Young
Patron Finalists)*
- 12:00-1:00 Youth Activity – Road Rally
- 1:00 Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
- 1:00-3:30 PR Workshop – Grange Survivor 101 -
Lizzie-Bldg A
- 1:00-2:00 Stained Glass Workshop-Bldg B -
Small - \$5.00; Large - \$10.00
- 2:00-4:00 Volley Ball Tournament
- 4:00 Dinner - Bldg D
*Baked Ham; Scalloped Potatoes;
Corn; Sweet Potatoes;
Applesauce; Tossed Salad*
- 5:00-6:00 Talent Contest - Bldg A
- 7:00 Introduction of Royalty
Ice Cream Social
Vespers
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

D&CS Committee is having a Silent Auction all weekend and donations are appreciated!

Sunday, July 19

- 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!



Survival on Grange Island

Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival July 16-19, 2020

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Grange: _____

County: _____

_____ Tent (\$15 per night/ NOT per person)

Tent mates: _____

_____ RV/Camper (\$25 per night/space, NOT per person) (Fees have increased)

RV/Camper-mates: _____

Length: _____ Ft. Trailer or Motor Home (Circle)

_____ Dump prior to leaving (Fee \$25)

Day of Arrival:

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Hotel- Please make your own reservation
Reservations block reserved at—
Ramada Conference Center
1450 South Atherton St.
814-238-3001
\$77.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT
Use Group Code **PAGRANGE20**

MUST STATE WITH PA STATE GRANGE TO GET OUR RATE.

Deadline for rate is June 18, 2020

***** Please note: PA State Grange is discounting each space \$5.00 for Tents & Campers. Centre Co. Fair have increased their prices.**

R.S.V.P by June 15, 2020



MEALS (please check desired meals – (Adult meals only) \$5.50 Discount if you get ALL Meals Children 4 and under are Free, ages 5-11 half price.

- _____ All Meals \$41.00 _____
- _____ Thursday Dinner \$8.00 _____
- _____ Friday Breakfast \$4.50 _____
- _____ Friday Lunch \$5.50 _____
- _____ Friday Dinner \$6.00 _____
- _____ Saturday Breakfast \$4.50 _____
- _____ Saturday Lunch \$5.50 _____
- _____ Saturday Dinner \$8.00 _____
- _____ Sunday Breakfast \$4.50 _____

Tent Fee Per Night _____ X \$15.00 _____

RV/Camper Fee Per Night _____ X \$25.00 _____

RV Dumping Fee(\$25.00) _____

Registration Fee (\$5.00/person-4 and under Free) _____

Rhoneymeade Sculpture Farm (\$6.00) Includes a bagged lunch _____

English Paper Piecing Workshop (\$3.00) Choose 1st, 2nd and 3rd Choices _____

_____ Fri-9:00; _____ Fri-10:00; _____ Fri-11:00

_____ Sat-9:00; _____ Sat-10:00 _____

Quilt Block Workshop (\$40.00) _____

Paint & Create (\$10.00) _____

Stained Glass Workshop (\$5.00 - Small \$10.00 - Large) _____

T-Shirt _____

Child S M L XL (\$8.00) _____

Adult S M L XL (\$10.00) _____

Adult 2XL 3XL 4XL (12.00) _____

Pocket – No Pocket (Please Circle Size) [®]

Total Cost _____

Make checks payable to: **PA State Grange**
Send Registration & Payment to:

PA State Grange
Attn: Family Festival
20 Erford Rd, Suite 216
Lemoyne PA 17043





• New Hampshire Civics 101 •

Article & Photos by Lizzie Bailey

New Hampshire's residents take great pride in their political history as they celebrated their centennial of being the First in the Nation to vote this year.

The few years prior to 1920, some states cancelled their primaries due to low voter turnout and the state of Indiana moved their primary to May which put New Hampshire as the first presidential primary election in the country in 1920. The opportunity of being first may have come about more by happenstance, but NH embraced it.

The Grangers who attended were very fortunate to have as their legislative fly-in hosts, Bob Haefner and Tara Sad. They both have served in the New Hampshire legislature for ten years and brought a wealth of information about the political processes.

Haefner shared what makes the primary election so special. He said, "The NH Primary is the first Primary contest for both parties

to choose their candidates to run for/ be nominated to run for President. In most states the Primary season is pretty short, but in NH and Iowa, it is a two-year process. It is retail politics at its best. Anyone that wants to run for president has the opportunity to join the race for a relatively cheap cost. Most of the two-year process of running in NH is very small gatherings in people's homes, where you can hear a candidate speak. You are able in those small gatherings, and there are hundreds of them, you have the opportunity to ask questions and just have a chance to have a conversation with the candidate".

Haefner adds, "This New Hampshire process affects us all because the press follows each serious candidate for the two years, the rest of the country is introduced to them as well. We also have a tendency to narrow the field. For those across our country who do not get to see candidates up close in person, in the larger

states, almost all of the exposure they have is with press reports or TV Ads."

New Hampshire has 400 legislators. Sad shared details of what it means to be a legislator in New Hampshire. "The New Hampshire



Civil War Flags on display in the lobby of the New Hampshire State Capitol

representative is paid \$100. a year, before taxes. There is no office fully staffed to handle the daily work. Days start early and can be long." The legislators are very hands on reading, writing, and revising bills. Sad included that there is no housing budget, so if



New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner talking to Grangers about the NH political primary

take their jobs as representative seriously, too (at least most of them, that is!) Another is that becoming a representative is inexpensive and relatively easy to do. You don't have to worry about buying TV advertisements or radio spots. There aren't intense debates or stressful campaigns. You do knock on doors, but that's fun. And being a representative is something you can take pride in. I think that's the biggest

had a busy time as they toured the New Hampshire State Capitol, and were welcomed by Speaker of the House Stephen Shurtleff, Secretary of State Bill Gardner, and Commissioner of Agriculture Shawn Jasper who all spoke to the group.

We were served a fabulous breakfast at the NH State Grange and all the local Grangers were fabulous to volunteer their services to make this trip such a wonderful adventure and learning experience.

you are coming from a distance, you are responsible for overnight accommodations.

Why would someone want to serve for such meager pay and such a heavy workload? "Well" said Sad, "In speaking to everyone I served with over the 20 years, the universal answer is 'Because it's my civic duty'. We take that very seriously in NH. "She also adds, "they

part." The discussion of politics swirled through the air everywhere the Grangers went. The locals spoke with such passion about the political process, which was contagious, as you learned more about what makes this NH primary tick. The Grangers



The Co-Hosts for the National Grange Legislative Fly-In that was held in New Hampshire

Tara Sad is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a degree in business administration. She had careers in the film, television, and legal professions in Los Angeles and New York City before moving to Walpole, New Hampshire more than 25 years ago. Tara served for 10 years in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, four of those as chair of the Environment and Agriculture Committee and four as the ranking member. While in the House, she also served on the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules and the Dairy Task Force, in addition to chairing the state's Rural Affairs Commission and the Milk Producers Emergency Relief Fund Board. Tara is a longtime and active member of The Council of State Governments Eastern Regional Conference.



Bob Haefner has a master's degree in management from Lesley University and a B.S. in business administration from Hawthorne College, magna cum laude. He served his military obligation in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and spent 36 years with Fortune 500 companies in people, process, and program management. After retiring from HP, Bob ran for the New Hampshire House of Representatives and spent 10 years on the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, four of those as ranking member and four as chair. Bob is a fellow of the Eastern Leadership Academy. During his time in the legislature Bob chaired the Dairy, the Department of Agriculture, and the Cooperative Extension Centennial committees as well as the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab funding study. Bob is a county director of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau and a member of the Farm Bureau government affairs, policy, and dairy committees. He has been active in State Agriculture and Rural Leaders (SARL). He has been a member of the NH State Grange Executive Committee and the Legislative Director for the State Grange.



NATIONAL GRANGE TOURS

Mark your calendars for the week of November 17-22 to attend the National Convention in Valley Forge, PA! There are several tours planned for this year's National Convention - make a trip and plan to join us! Register, today, at www.nationalgrange.org!

General Tour - Option 1

Friday, November 20 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$30

Tour of Historic Philadelphia and Valley Forge

Visit the city at the heart of the American Revolution. Depart the Valley Forge Casino Resort for a morning in Philadelphia! Visit the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were signed. Tour participants should have time to explore other historic Philadelphia locations, as well.

Enjoy lunch in Philadelphia; suggestions will be provided to participants.

After leaving Philadelphia, participants will travel to Valley Forge National Historical Park for a private bus tour of the park with a few stops at important sites along the way.

General Tour - Option 2

Friday, November 20 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$30

Tour of the Muhlenberg Properties and Valley Forge

For anyone who has already experienced Philadelphia or for those looking for less hustle and bustle - Visit the home of Frederick Muhlenberg, the first Speaker of the House of US Representatives, in nearby Trappe. Also tour the home of his father, renowned Lutheran pastor, Henry Muhlenberg, and Augustus Lutheran Church, the oldest Lutheran church building in the United States.

After leaving Philadelphia, participants will travel to Valley Forge National Historical Park for a private bus tour of the park with a few stops at important sites along the way.

*Note: Wheelchair accessibility is difficult

Youth Tour

Friday, November 20 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: \$20

Tour of Historic Philadelphia and On-Site Service Project

Visit the city at the heart of the American Revolution. Depart the Valley Forge Casino Resort for a morning in Philadelphia! Visit the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were signed. Tour participants should have time to explore other historic Philadelphia locations, as well.

Enjoy lunch in Philadelphia; suggestions will be provided to participants.

After leaving Philadelphia, youth will return to the King of Prussia area for an on-site service project.

Junior Tour

Saturday, November 21 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$20

Tour of the Franklin Institute and the Liberty Bell

Juniors will have the opportunity to visit the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. The Franklin Institute was founded in 1824 in honor of America's first scientist - Ben Franklin. Since then, it has been one of America's most celebrated museums! Experience interactive exhibits that are fun for kids of all ages!

After leaving the Franklin Institute, juniors will tour the Liberty Bell, one of America's most famous symbols of freedom and justice.



PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE
2020 National Grange Convention – Eastern Region

November 14-21, 2020
 Host Committee Meeting
 Volunteer Information Sheet

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Check if we can text you

Email Address: _____

Days & Times

Available:

Date	Times Available
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, November 14	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, November 15	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday, November 16	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, November 22	_____

Interests –

- National Office help (running copies of resolutions)
- Host Office help (bus/airport schedules, general info, etc.)
- Registration
- Van Driver
- Store help
- Showcase monitor
- Foundation Mercantile help
- Ironing/Laundry
- Hospitality room
- Crochet and knitting doers or teachers
- Community service collector/counter
- Assist with the Juniors (*National Grange rule that you must be registered in Safe Gatherings*)
- Security Guard (overnight)
- Where needed
- Clean up on Sunday

Email the form or information to Debbie Campbell at secretary@pagrange.org. Cell number 717.275.4469.



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 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.

February 26, 2020

GRANGE PRESIDENT SEEKS PENN STATE TRUSTEE SPOT

LEMOYNE, PA... Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell announced that he is seeking a position on the Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees. In submitting his nomination, Campbell pointed to his service as Grange President as a way of helping Penn State “provide a link between the university and our grass roots constituencies.”

A lifelong Grange member and serving as President of the Pennsylvania State Grange since 2017, Campbell pointed to the Pennsylvania State Grange’s advocacy for rural and urban residents in seeking universal access to high-speed Broadband, increasing dairy consumption to create more demand, improved health care, and many other concerns of Pennsylvanians.

“Many of these are inter-related with Penn State. Broadband ties into improvements in rural health because Telemedicine cannot work without connectivity. Dairy consumption may be a consumer matter but agricultural research is the foundation of the Dairy industry. The success of Agriculture depends on innovative research that improves technology, developing new ways to improve conservation practice and educating the brilliant minds of our youth,” he said. “The common denominator for these is the Penn State Land Grant University. Much of my work with the Pennsylvania State Grange has been to help leg-

islators better understand the vital role Penn State plays in keeping Agriculture the Number One industry in PA, promoting their research to protect our livestock, bees, forests, and all aspects of agriculture and the need to fund Penn State properly.”

Wayne Campbell’s dedication to, and the love of agriculture began early, having been born into a family dairy farm and owning his own Holstein cows by the age of 14. He went on to assist farmers by working as a Certified farm equipment technician for New Holland and J.I. Case. For over 25 years he worked for General Motors dealerships where he served as Warranty Administrator, Service Manager, and performed diagnostic trouble-shooting. His background includes service with a transportation firm providing transportation for the elderly and others to medical and other destinations. “That work in particular gave me a real awareness of the needs of seniors and the consequences of isolation and difficulties in receiving nearby health care,” he said. Early in his Grange career, Campbell served six years on the Pennsylvania State Grange Agriculture Committee, created to advise the Grange on policy matters.

Agricultural Delegate elections of the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University will take place in University Park on May 7, 2020. Preceding that, each county with agricultural groups must select three delegates at county caucuses April 16. Details on the Trustee process: Shelly Zeigler-Byers 814-865-2521.

March 4, 2020

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE TESTIFIES on DAIRY FEED CHALLENGE

HARRISBURG...The Pennsylvania State Grange called on the PA Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) to maintain the over-order premium payment at \$1.00 per hundredweight on qualifying milk at a hearing March 4. Testifying on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Lancaster County dairy farmer Matt Espenshade noted the recently higher blend price for the milk his family has shipped. He also walked the PMMB through the year with a family dairy farm where the mounting challenge was feed availability.

“The strengthening of milk prices since the last PMMB over-order premium hearing has been a welcome and long overdue development for our state’s dairy farm families. In January the price we were paid for our milk eclipsed the twenty dollar per hundredweight level for the first time since January of 2015,” said Espenshade.

Despite some improvement in 2019, he pointed to 2018’s weather saturation which caused difficulties in a more immediate way in 2019 – supplying feed to his milk cows. Since 2018, adverse weather conditions at planting and harvest have impacted the quantity and quality of the homegrown forages that are vital for his herd’s dairy feed ration.



“The inability to raise and harvest crops at the right time has had a cascading effect since that time. We have been dealing with more shortages of feed at critical times over the past two years”, he said. “It is a precarious situation to be in, and we are hoping the weather this spring is more conducive. Shortages in quality and quantity of our home-grown forages will lead to increased feed purchases during the upcoming year, putting even more strain on margins.”

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. “Part of promoting rural development in Pennsylvania is making the climate for business investment more desirable. As a dairy farmer, distance means something and the Pennsylvania State Grange believes processing closer to production would be of benefit to all involved in the state’s dairy industry.”

Espenshade’s testimony concluded with a reminder to all parties involved in bringing milk from the farm to the consumer. “It is good to remember that all of us in this room want the same thing; that Pennsylvania milk is the first choice to be served on Pennsylvania dinner tables. I hope you will consider the plight of our farmers as you set the over-order premium for fluid milk produced, processed, and sold within Pennsylvania”.

Matt Espenshade is a seventh-generation dairy farmer with family ownership dating back to 1867. His farm milks 70 cows with an 18,000-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.

March 5, 2020

GRANGE QUESTIONS COMMITMENT BY ADMINISTRATION TO BROADBAND

LEMOYNE... The Pennsylvania State Grange announced a position to oppose the Wolf Administration’s desire to impose a severance tax to fund the Restore PA program. Restore PA would have the state borrow \$4.5 billion to fund numbers of state projects in six areas including Broadband. The Governor has not indicated how much of the \$4.5 billion would be allocated for Broadband or the other five areas, flood control, green infrastructure, transportation, remediation of contaminants (from mines). The failure to give these figures in itself is concerning.

This was predicated by the House Appropriations Committee hearing today (March 5) when a question about Broadband funding was raised by Rep. Jonathan Fritz representing Susquehanna and Wayne Counties.

He asked why the Administration’s State Budget contained zero monies to fund the Governor’s Office of Broadband Initiatives. This Office was created by Governor Wolf to demonstrate the Administration’s commitment to universal high-speed Broadband for rural Pennsylvania.

The answer by Budget Secretary Jen Swails was that PA should pass Restore PA first.

“This answer is completely unacceptable,” said Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell. “To create the Governor’s Office of Broadband Initiatives and provide no resources is totally inconsistent with the Administration’s stated goal. It appears the Governor is saying Restore PA is the only way the Administration will work to achieve this goal. The Administration apparently felt that a Broadband promise would get rural advocates behind him.”

Campbell said that this strategy backfired and will not work. “We have so far held our tongue because Broadband access is our top legislative priority. But it appears that there is little willingness on the part of the Administration which created the Governor’s Office of Broadband initiatives to actually make it work unless Restore PA is passed and they are using that as a pressure tactic on legislators”.

The Pennsylvania State Grange is supporting a different way to fund Broadband that does not tax the natural gas industry. The Grange’s plan would allow for a minor per month surcharge on every cell phone similar to the 9aa item on telephone bills. This revenue would go into a dedicated fund which would fund the Office of Broadband Initiatives, but primarily it would provide matching funds to companies choosing to invest in expanding connectivity to residents of the Commonwealth. In essence, this means that those of us using the service are helping to expand it.

Nationally, Pew Research Center reports that 77 percent of the U.S population have and use cell phones. Statistica reports that this translates into 285.3 million smartphone users nationally. While that is a national figure, Pennsylvania doubtless reflects those numbers on a state scale.

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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Lee Pressler's Antique

"Farming" Museum

Article by Judith Albright



Secretary Redding greeted by Lee Pressler and his grandson William Gartner

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding sat on one of Pennsylvania's finest products at the annual Farm Show in January: a 1954 SD-4 Sheppard diesel tractor! Having grown up on a farm in a neighboring county to the factory that manufactured these tractors from 1949 to 1956, he never had an occasion to sit on one. Lee Pressler of Centre County was only too happy to provide that opportunity!

During the Secretary's visit to the 2019 Pennsylvania State Grange Convention dinner in October 2019, Lee issued the invitation, assuring him that he would take his Sheppard tractor to the



Secretary Redding seated on the Sheppard

Farm Show if he'd like to check it out. And, so the rest is history.

Although Lee never lived on a farm, he spent a lot of time on his

grandfather's farm and it apparently "grew" on him as is evident in his collection of antique tractors and farm machinery. He began restoring them in 1981 when he hauled a 1929 McCormick Deering home.

He decided this was the year for the Sheppard since he had taken other antique tractors pre-



1929 Hart Parr

viously. Of course, he had several to choose from in his museum including two with sentimental value: the 1929 Hart Parr that belonged to his grandfather and a 1936 Farmall similar to his wife's grandmother's that burned in a fire (which displays the original drawbar). Each of the other tractors have its own story: an English Ferguson dropped off by a distant cousin, a Minneapolis Moline purchased with his dad in Belleville, an Allis Chalmers WD-45 that belonged to a long-time neighboring farmer, etc.

Through the years, Lee was not satisfied to just restore antique tractors, he branched out to include a hayloader, a John Deere

grain binder, a drill, mowers, and a manure spreader. Then he added a few trucks to his collection: a M-35A2 military truck, a 1955 Chevy roll back, a 1966 OSH KOSH snow plow (which took 9 gallons of yellow paint to refinish it!).

Finally, he added cubicles with smaller antiques of interest: his grandmother's Maytag washing machine and her blue & white cookstove, vacuum cleaners, baseball memorabilia, milking items from the farm and military mementos from that period of his life.

What started out as a challenging hobby has turned into a showcase of equipment and items that provides an opportunity to journey back in time and appreciate the "good ole days" in the life of our forefathers. Lee is only too happy to welcome visitors if you call ahead.



1936 Farmall



148TH PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE ANNUAL SESSION

**October 15th-18th
Erie, PA**

Article by Barbara Gross

For the fifth time in the history of the Pennsylvania State Grange we are once again meeting in Erie, the fourth largest city in Pennsylvania. Past sessions were held in Erie in 1904, 1927, 1956 and 1963. It has been 64 years since we have had the honor of State Grange Session in the far Northwest corner of PA. We hope you plan on joining us.

Lots of great activities have been planned starting with a choice of tours Thursday afternoon. Erie County is known for Lake Erie with Presque Isle State Park and the Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) as well as the agriculture impact of grape growers.

A self-driving tour of Presque Isle State Park and TREC will be outlined for you. Presque Isle State Park is a 3,200-acre sandy peninsula that arches into Lake Erie featuring Pennsylvania's only "seashore." The park creates Presque Isle Bay, a wide and deep harbor for the city of Erie. The bay attracts many pleasure boats and worldwide freighters -- making Erie an important Great Lakes shipping port. TREC is dedicated to teaching visitors about Presque Isle and the many different forms of life that inhabit this unique peninsula. Admission is free to the interactive exhibits and the 75-foot observation tower provides a great view of the Lake.

The second tour will focus on the grape industry. Pennsylvania's moderate climate and rolling terrain provides some of the best grape growing conditions on the

East Coast. With approximately 14,000 acres of grapes, Pennsylvania ranks 4th nationally in the amount of grapes grown and 8th in wine production. The warm waters of Lake Erie are ideal for grape growing. Lake Erie Wine Country is the largest grape-growing region east of the Rockies and produce an exciting diversity of wines. A motor coach tour of three wineries with a catered dinner at the end of the tour will cost \$40 and be limited to the first 56 people who sign up! Look for this tour listed on the

Welch's does not offer tours of their plant but if you drive the country side you will probably see grape harvesting in process.

Session will officially open on Friday at 9:00 am. With the officer's drill followed by official business. Exhibit entries will be accepted up until 10:30 with judging to take place and exhibit rooms to open from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Being a full officer election year, suggestions for officers will occur at 1:45 immediately followed by candidate's comments. Friday evening will host the Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Competition for everyone to enjoy.

Saturday Session opens at 8:30 am and will continue with the Resolutions and break at 11:00 am for the election of officers. They Junior Grange Jam will register at 11 am and will continue through Sunday. Sixth Degree will be presented at 1:30 pm followed by announcement of new officers and completion of business. The Youth Banquet will be held Saturday evening followed by the Foundation Auction and the Youth Party.

Sunday morning church service will start at 8:00 am followed by the Junior Grange Meeting. Pick up of Exhibits will occur between 9:30 and 10:30. The All Granger Banquet will begin at 11:00 am with Installation of Officers and Awards. A fun filled, full schedule has been planned at the Ambassador Center which is on Peach Street – the heart of Erie's business and shopping center.

We hope you can come join us!!



7792 Peach Street • Erie, PA 16509

registration form.

A few miles north of Erie in a town called Northeast is the Welch's Grape Juice Plant that has enough tanks to hold 1.8 million gallons of grape juice in cold storage to make juices, jams and jellies year-round. They process an average of 125,000 tons of grapes delivered from their family farmer-owners during each harvest season. Welch's is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year so it is just a little older than the PA State Grange! Unfortunately,



Grange News

SANATOGA GRANGE #25

Granger's Celebrate 100th birthday of Adam Wambach at Sanatoga Grange #25!! At the March 4, 2020 meeting, the Sanatoga Grange #25 celebrated the 100th birthday of Adam Wambach. Adam turned a spry 100 in January and the group hon-



ored his participation in the local Grange. Adam has been a member for 65 continuous years from 1955 and served as Master of the North Coventry Grange #2011 for about ten years. Adma currently serves as Overseer of Sanasota Grange. When the North Coventry Grange consolidated, he became a member of the Sanatoga Grange #25 .

Adam received a Certificate of Recognition for 65 years of Grange membership and a congratulatory letter from Wayne Campbell for both his grange membership also a happy birthday for his 100 year milestone .

Congratulations Adam!

CENTRE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #13

Centre County Pomona Grange members who serve on the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair Committee are congratulat-



ing the 2019/2020 Centre County Grange Fair Queen Morgan Bair for her success. Morgan placed in the top five finalists at the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs Convention held in January at Hershey.

At their February meeting, Centre County Pomona Grange



(Centre County Pomona Grange) l-r: Master Ashley Furman & member Carol Ann Corman

#13 Master Ashley Furman was presented an appreciation award from Penns Valley Grange #158 member Carol Ann Corman representing the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association. Each year the Grange supports the FFA Organization by funding 10 blue and gold FFA jackets to the FFA Organization to be given to deserving freshman members.

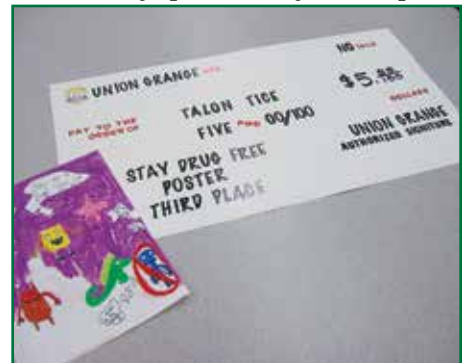
UNION GRANGE #325

Union Grange Went Boldly

Many of us grew up with syfy program Star Trek we memorized



the opening dialog, the voyages of starship USS ENTERPRISE on its five-year mission, "is to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before!". Union Grange #325 went boldly in to the Bald Eagle School District seeking their assistance to provide a drug and alcohol prevent program in the fall of 2019. Our objective was to increase the public awareness of the negative impacts of addiction to alcohol and drugs. To help the public renounce their pride and become alert to the symptoms of addition in their communities, their neighborhoods and their families. To help the public to become heroes when they proactively seek posi-

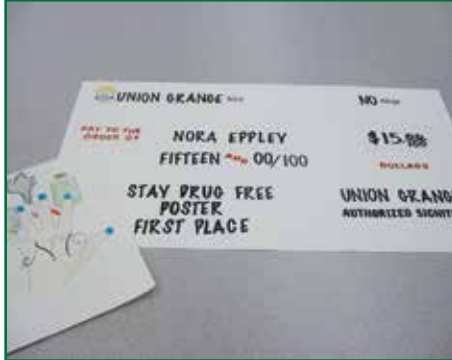


itive, caring intervention for the individuals that needs help.

Union Grange was welcomed to offer a program to the community at the Bald Eagle High School. We



worked diligently with the support of school districts superintendent, Jeffrey D. Miles. We scheduled a panel discussion with the following agencies Centre County Drug and Alcohol office, Crossroads, Centre County Law Enforcement, Centre County Probation and Parole, Centre County Youth Services Bureau, Pyramid Healthcare/Quest Services, Inc. Union Grange placed



an article in the local medias and school publication. Unfortunately, the public did not attend.

Yet, we did have success. We created a poster contest for the, new life and new civilization, of the middle school sixth-grade students. The theme of the contest was, STAY DRUG FREE. The students employed their creative talents. The art and health teachers selected the first, second, and third place poster. Union Grange rewarded the student's work with a monetary award. The prizes went to Nora Eppley, first place \$15.00, Jacob Moore, second place \$10.00 and third place \$5.00 was given to Talon Tice.

KEYSTONE GRANGE #2

Keystone Grange recently held a Hail and Farewell event for long



time members Connie and Bob Peck. Connie served as Mayor of Trappe for the past 12 years. The event included proclamations and certificates of appreciation from various civic groups such as the



local fire department and local nonprofits and State Senators in-

cluding Senator Bob Mensch. The Pecks will be relocating to Asheville, NC."

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 17th, as one of their annual community service projects.



(Stony Point Grange) l-r: Martha Gruber, Jason Gruber, Ralph Boyd, Stan Gruber, Bob Weygandt, Ken Ammann, Tom Harpst, Kathy Ammann, Ruth Gruber, and Vicky Metz. Missing from photo - Ron Amrhein.



National Session Hosting Committee "2020 Future in Focus"

Pennsylvania is one of several states hosting National Grange Convention this November 17-21, 2020 in Valley Forge, PA and we want you there!



We will need lots of volunteers for all types of jobs. If you have some free time in November and think you want to volunteer, fill out the volunteer form in this issue of the PGN and send it to the State Grange office or email to: secretary@pagrange.org.

If you want to check out what's so great about the National Grange Session, mark your calendar to attend. The schedule and registration links will be posted in April at www.nationalgrange.org.



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space to set up a large frame they would often use a wooden hoop to quilt small sections of a quilt at a time. The quilt in the hoop is an appliqued quilt where by you cut out blocks in different shapes and sew them on to the background top fab-



ric. Appliqued quilts are done in a specific pattern with quilters striving for accuracy of pattern and design. All piecing and quilting was done by hand with the quilting stitches being quite close together and the lines of stitching being within a few inches of each other to hold the batting secure and prevent it from bunching.

The trunk next to the rocking chair holds several quilts including a red work quilt which has a white background fabric that is embroidered with red floss - this one has embroidered animal pictures which were often traced from coloring books. In the trunk you will also find a nine-patch block quilt and draped over the side is a red and white pieced quilt in the Irish Chain pattern.

The Singer treadle sewing machine for home use became popular in the late 1800's. The machine was manually powered by a large foot plate that was rocked back and forth with your foot to make the wheel turn and the needle go up and down creating a lock stitch. The sewing machine cabinet has three drawers on each side to hold your sewing notions. A roll of cotton batting and a pieced quilt block lay on top of

the treadle with several more quilt blocks laying underneath.

The large sewing stand on legs in the display case is a replica of one that Martha Washington used and was marketed in the late 1800s. It has drawers for sewing needs as well as large cylindrical chambers on each side to hold fabric and notions. A smaller wooden sewing basket on the floor was also a popular item to store sewing and quilting notions as well as baskets and tins.

Three quilts are displayed on the rack at the back center of the case, again very representative of quilts made from scraps of fabric left over from clothing projects. There was not money to purchase new fabrics for quilts. The designs continue to be very simple with mostly square blocks being used but you will notice they are now setting the blocks on point to create a different look.

In the forefront of the display is a wooden ironing board with many, many layers of fabric and padding - it was common to keep adding another layer of padding and muslin to your ironing board when it developed worn spots and holes instead of stripping it down to the wood and starting over to cover it. Two quilt tops waiting to be quilted are draped over the ironing board - one in a star pattern and the other in a pinwheel pattern. Sitting alongside the quilts are two early electric irons which are very heavy! On the floor is a wooden table top ironing board often know as a sleeve board and two sad irons which had to be

heated on the cook stove when ironing. A roll of Mountain Mist cotton batting is also laying on the Ironing board. This popular batting always had quilt block patterns and quilting motifs inside the paper wrapper and often served as inspirations for quilters to try new and different blocks and designs. The inside of a wrapper is displayed on the wall showing the Grandmother's Flower Garden hexie design along with the pieced blocks.

And then comes the electric Singer Sewing machine which became very popular after WWI. The practice of door-to-door sales emerged with the electric sewing machines. It allowed salesmen to bring the machines into prospective customers' homes, and show them how such a novel machine could simplify their lives coupled with a installment payment plan that required sales men to collect weekly payments, thus starting the charge card system. This greatly increased sewing machine sales and excited the ladies. The sewing machines typically came in a wooden cabinet - either maple or walnut stain - that could be closed and used as an end table. A small front tip-out drawer



held sewing notions. Also available but not often affordable to many households was a matching bench seat that stored sewing materials.

Stands to hold sewing supplies were often hand made and came in a variety of patterns. The one in our display has a star cutout on each end. Plastic sewing boxes designed



to hold quilting items became available at the end of the era and were a must for every sewer.

Quilts were pieced together much faster with the electric machine. As the economy improved, women were able to purchase new fabrics that were specifically used to make quilts. During this period

quilting the drawn pattern. The last quilt in the display case is quite a contrast to the first quilt. It features a tulip pattern pieced in pink and green fabric with a white background fabric. It features a center design of tulips surrounded by rows of the same tulip block on all four sides.

220 which is still in use today. The General company was bought out by Singer in the early 1950's.

Scattered throughout the display are sewing notions – things you use when sewing. There are needle holders, scissors, sewing baskets, button boxes, jars with spools of thread, pin cushions, quilt

blocks, pattern booklets, pamphlets and hand drawn stencils of cardboard to trace onto your quilt. The pieced Quilt blocks found throughout the display depict the following patterns: nine patch, 25 patch, hexagon pattern of Grandmother's Flower Garden, Friendship Fan, Dresden plate, as well as embroidered blocks.

Special thanks go out to many, many Grangers and friends of the Grange who

freely gave of their items to create this display. Many of the items have little or no known history because they were found or discovered when cleaning out homes. And as all quilters know, "A bed without a quilt is like a sky without stars!"



of time quilting started to become an expression of art. Patterns were used with artistic designs as the last quilt in our display illustrates. Quilts were hand quilted with specific designs by using templates such as feathers or medallion patterns, tracing them on the fabric and then

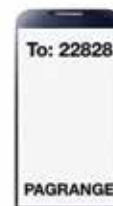
The last machine in the display was made by the General Company. It is a small electric portable machine that sits on a table top and comes with a carrying case making it easily transported to different places. The machine is very similar to the popular Singer Featherweight



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May 2, 2020

PA Regional Conference,
Kutztown Grange
10 am with follow-on Youth Activity at 4:30 pm

May 8, 2020 (8pm)

The Old Time Fiddler's Annual Spring Concert
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May 9, 2020

AYCE Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo
Tuscarora Grange
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June 7, 2020

Tool Bingo (1:00pm)
Tuscarora Grange
10575 Rt. 75 S • East Waterford

June 13, 2020

AYCE Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo
Tuscarora Grange
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June 26-28, 2020

YOUTH CAMP
Camp Sylvan Hills • Howard, PA

June 28-July 4, 2020

JUNIOR CAMP
Camp Sylvan Hills • Howard, PA

July 11, 2020

AYCE Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo
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July 16-19, 2020

FAMILY FESTIVAL
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August 8, 2020

AYCE Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo
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August 11-13, 2020

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August 21-23, 2020

Young Adults Weekend, Harrisburg area

September 12, 2020

AYCE Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo
Tuscarora Grange
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September 20, 2020

Quarter Mania (1:30pm)
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September 26, 2020

Youth and Young Adults Family Picnic

October 10, 2020

AYCE Breakfast (6am-10am) \$9 Adults/\$4 <12 yo
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October 15-18, 2020

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October 24, 2020

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November 14, 2020

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November 17-21, 2020

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

**GRANGE URGES PASSAGE
OF DISTRACTED DRIVING
BILL**

LEMOYNE... The Pennsylvania State Grange wrote April 17 to both Republican and Democratic Chairs of the Senate Transportation Committee urging action on a distracted driving bill in anticipation of an eventual loosening of COVID-19 driving restrictions.

The letter to Majority Chair Kim Ward (R-Westmoreland) and Minority Chair John Sabatina (D-Phila.) said that the Senate Transportation Committee should act on House Bill 37 sponsored by Rep. Rosemary Brown (R-Monroe) to plan for when driving will resume. The letter suggests that when the stay at home edict is relaxed, there will be a surge of driving activity and a resurgence of driving while texting or using cell phones for talking or taking selfies when driving.

In 2015, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported there were 3,196 fatal crashes that occurred on U.S. roadways that involved distraction (10% of all fatal crashes).

More recent Pennsylvania figures from PennDOT's 2018 PA Crash Facts and Statistics cited 128,420 reportable 2018 crashes of which 14,292 (11%) were attributed to distracted driving. These distracted driving accidents resulted in 63 deaths.

The House passed House Bill 37 in January but the Senate Transportation Committee has not yet taken up the bill. The Grange letter notes that the General Assembly's focus is rightly on addressing the coronavirus COVID-19 crisis but that the Senate Transportation Committee should act "as is prudently possible."

**GRANGE SUPPORTS
BROADBAND REACH BILLS**

LEMOYNE... The Pennsylvania State Grange is supporting new legislation that will help communities and their residents in rural Pennsylvania to finally receive high-speed Broadband. Specifically, the two pieces of legislation are Senate Bill 1118 sponsored by Senator Joe Pittman (R-Indiana) and House Bill 2438 sponsored by Rep. Clint Owlett (R-Tioga/Potter/Bradford). These bills would allow rural electric cooperatives and others easier access to "piggyback" on the electrical wiring already in place to expand communications technology to unserved and underserved parts of the State with no or little access to the Internet. SB 1118 and HB 2438 streamline the approval process that must take place before the "piggybacking" can begin.

"The advantage of this legislation is that it takes advantage of existing infrastructure," said Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell. "The Grange has repeatedly said that universal access to high-speed Broadband is to this century what Rural Electrification was to the 20th Century. Different technology, but the same message - rural America must not be left behind."

The National Grange was a national leader to achieving the goal of Rural Electrification and is working at the national level to expand rural Broadband. The Pennsylvania State Grange has championed bridging the Digital Divide in Pennsylvania for over a decade. "This approach of utilizing existing electrical infrastructure where feasible helps to provide another answer to the high-cost reality of telecommunications companies that are asked to connect the proverbial last house on the left. Streamlining this

approval process will hopefully speed up the approval process and put more money on Broadband expansion that would have previously been spent on permit acquisition," Campbell said.

Currently, SB 1118 is in the Senate Communications & Technology Committee. HB 2438 is in the House Consumer Affairs Committee.

**MEDIA STATEMENT ON
WOLF'S VETOS**

Pennsylvania State Grange believes that the May 19 veto by Governor Wolf of more business opening legislation is unfortunate. While appreciating his desire to defend his original business closure order, hopefully he will see that there is significant interest in getting PA's economy and tax base back on track by safely following CDC guidelines. It is our hope that he will allow auto dealers and garden centers to reopen with CDC guidelines just as he did with Realtors a short time after his veto of the legislation that would have done the same thing. Source: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/20200519-Real-Estate-Guidance.pdf>

Our fear is that these vetoes will poison the proverbial well as the Governor and the General Assembly begin to discuss State Budget enactment in June. Our Government's actions in both branches have become extremely partisan and this is hurting all Pennsylvanians! Pennsylvania deserves a team working together, now more than ever, and that is not what we are seeing.

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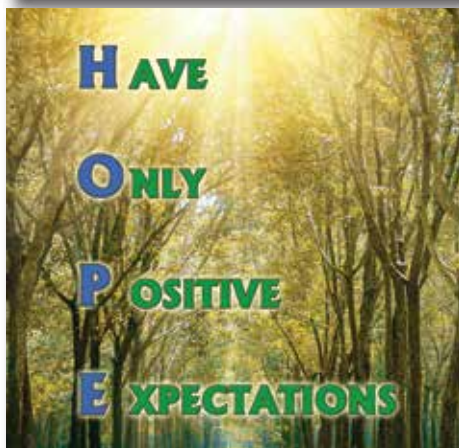


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From the President's Desk

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*American Values.
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January 2, 2020 Lizzie Bailey, Cliff Bailey, Debbie Campbell and myself are busy setting up the Pennsylvania State Grange booth at the Farm Show. Members of Valley Grange are getting the world famous milk shake machines cleaned up and ready for another year of dispensing those delicious milk shakes. Grangers are active over in the Family Activities corner assembling quilt displays, photos made from seeds, sewing displays and many other family related displays. We were all excited just thinking about the week ahead. Friday night at the Pa Preferred Dinner the Pennsylvania State Grange Royalty were able to mingle with Legislators, business owners, representatives from Penn State Land Grant University, and meet with Secretary Redding. Saturday morning, we were all at the State Grange booth excited to tell visitors the advantages of being a Grange member and how Grange can make a difference in your community. Life was good!!!

Fast forward to March 19, 2020. Brittany Covey, our Pennsylvania State Grange Office Secretary, brought in hoagies her daughter was selling for Debbie and I. We talked about this new virus that has been in the news called the Coronavirus. We wondered how it would affect the operations at the office, how will it affect our Granges and Grangers throughout the state and even the country. We monitored the news throughout the day and wondered what steps our government would be taking to help keep us safe. It was a little different than any other day at the office, but it was another day at

the office. We said our goodbyes late that afternoon and said I'll see you tomorrow. By the time I had reached my home in Perry County, Brittany had texted me and asked if I heard the news. Pennsylvania's Governor has issued a stay at home order and all non-life sustaining businesses are to close by 8:00 P.M. tonight. WOW. It's May 12, 2020 and Brittany and I still have not seen each other at the office.

Our world changed in what seemed like hours. It suddenly became not okay to shake hands, not okay to give someone a hug when you meet them, not okay to run out to the store for a single item. Jobs were lost by the thousands, lives were turned upside down, and as of today, we are still wondering what our future will look like.

But in these trying, stressful, uncertain times, Grangers again stand above the crowd. Within days members were making masks to give to health care workers and other at risk members in their community. Granges were becoming food distribution points in conjunction with their local food banks and making food items to give out in addition to the food from the food bank. They were contacting neighbors and elderly members to see if they were okay and did they need anything from the store. Many of our members are essential workers, doctors, nurses, healthcare providers, truck drivers, and the list goes on, who continue to go to work every day to keep our lives safe. Grangers began to embrace a new way of coming together, that thing called ZOOM conferencing. It was the new way to hold a Grange meeting. In many cases more members joined in because they could do so from the safety and

comfort of their homes even if they were hours away from the Grange Hall.

May 11, 2020 brought another announcement by the Pennsylvania State Grange no one could have ever imagined. The word went out that Youth Camp, Junior Camp, and Family Festival have all been cancelled for 2020. Not in our most bizarre dreams would we have ever thought we'd see an announcement like that. Every day is bringing new cancellations of public events. When will we return to life as we knew it? Will we ever return to life as before, or is this the new normal? I don't have the answers to these questions, but I do know that every day Grangers are meeting a need in their communities. Every day Grangers are cultivating connections to be sure there is a brighter future for all our communities.

Let's make sure we continue to make a difference in our communities. Let's follow the Grange motto, "In essentials unity, in nonessentials liberty, and in all things charity". Thank God every day for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us, even in these trying times. Let's start each new day as we start our meetings, "The hour of labor has arrived and the work of another day demands our attention." I look forward to when we can again gather in our halls and gain comfort and strength from that time together.

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell,
Pennsylvania State Grange
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Chaplain's Corner
 Judy Pressler
 PA State Grange Chaplain

**Promises Made:
 Promises Kept**

Do you ever stop to notice how God answers you sometimes in ways you did not expect? He has promised that He would be with us always. When I mentioned to our daughter that I have been praying about my next article, she suggested a theme. I told her she must have been the answer that God promised!

Beginning in March we entered a very unsettling period in our lives. We don't know what to expect that our lives will be like in July or August. Will restrictions be lifted or will they still be in place? Will we have escaped or contracted the COVID 19? Will employees be back to work or still unemployed? Will we be feeding our families from the grocery stores and own gardens or will we still be depending on food banks? Will we be attending church in our living rooms or in our sanctuaries? Will our camps be up and running or a dream for next year? Wherever we find ourselves this summer, one thing is for sure. God has promised He would be with us always.

As I write this in early May we are still in the Easter season and we could compare our situation to that of the disciples in their first Easter season. From Good Friday on they experienced a very unsettling time. They had no way of knowing what life was going to be



like for them from that day forward. Their leader had been crucified, dead and buried. And because of the violent mood of the crowds, they had every right to be living in fear and uncertainty. Would they be recognized as His followers and hunted down? Should they run away or just hide out? Could they possibly have the same influence on the people now or could their message be conceived as worthless? What did their futures hold? They temporarily forgot He had promised He would not abandon them.

Their Easter season began when He arose victorious over death and appeared to His disciples. Once again He promised He would never leave them orphans. He was going to send his Holy Spirit as a comforter and counselor for them.

His promise is as good today as it was then: He will never leave us without a Comforter to help

through the twists and turns of our earthly lives and to help prepare us for our heavenly home. He will be with us through our deepest valleys, comfort us in our fears and desperation, surround us in our loneliness, depression, illnesses, and even grief over the loss of loved ones.

Think of it like this: When you see a beautiful butterfly this summer, remember how that caterpillar had to go through its dark chrysalis period before it could emerge triumphantly into what God intended it to become! Remembering his promises, we too can emerge triumphantly into what God wants us to be!

Praying for love in all aspects of your lives,
 Judy Pressler, Chaplain
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Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

It's a new day with new opportunities!

Many people have experienced loss of family members, some people may have been ill and recovered, and workers stepped up on the front lines and became our heroes. Our kids and youth lost out on schooling, events, being able to see friends and extended family. Stay at home orders, social distancing, masks, and waiting patiently to go through phases of red, yellow and green. This all has been part of our new normal.

But in spite of all the challenges, regulations, and loneliness of missing people this pandemic created some positive things.

We all were given the gift of downtime and we discovered our families again. Kindness emerged as people started taking care of each other by donating, volunteering, calling their neighbors to check on them, and running errands for those with compromised health.

Strangers stepped up to help farmers by buying milk and helping sell their eggs and produce so animals could be saved and people could receive food that needed it.

The list could go on and on about great acts of kindness and gratitude.

Grangers stepped up in times of need and gave it their all and dug a little deeper and gave more.

We turned to technology, as this became the avenue for virtual communication. We socialized, we learned through online classes and workshops, we held parties, we played games, and we cooked. We invited neighbors, acquaintances, and even strangers to our events. And these people came and we all had fun!

In this new day, Grange is so important as our organization offers what many people are yearning for, and they just didn't realize it till a pandemic stopped us all in our tracks. There are opportunities for Grange to grow if we keep our momentum. Social distancing is here for the long haul and Grangers need to be looking for opportunities to involve those around us.

We at the state office are here for our members, let us work with you, to create virtual events, do Grange business, and look for these new opportunities in your area.

I'm a phone call/email away, check in with me to let me know how you are doing.

Yours in Grange service,
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COVID TRANSPARENCY LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rural Pennsylvania took the brunt of business closures. Closing an auto dealer or a gardening center or a small mom and pop store is a big deal to a rural community. Farmers took a big hit when closing restaurants led to the dumping of milk, eggs, and vegetables. Why did "they" make those decisions? Why were Realtors closed in PA and not in any other state? Why were the big box stores allowed to keep their retail sales of non-food items going while traditional department stores like PA-owned Boscov's were forced to shutter their doors?

In defense of the Governor, he had to do something quickly and quick decisions had to be made. However, the best public policy is one that is thought through where everyone believes that there are consistent criteria for making these decisions.

The business shut-down waiver process seemed arbitrary with some businesses saved financially and others not. Who made those decisions? Who knows? When methodology for these decisions is hidden, people will see exceptions to the supposed rules and wonder if the closures are merited. That perception prompted a Republican reaction from the legislature, which in turn, prompted the Governor's reaction, which of course generated more partisan backlash, more vetoes, and an unsuccessful attempt to override.

Here is the real tragedy. Lack of transparency has made people even more skeptical of our government at a time when people must trust that officials have everyone's best interest at heart. Credibility is at the heart of our democratic system. In Pennsylvania's case, that was lost.

Sincerely,
Wayne Campbell
Pennsylvania State Grange
President





Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are all staying Safe and Healthy. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge ALL ESSENTIAL workers who have had to work in the Danger Zones. Doctors, nurses, assisted living caregivers, grocery store clerks and stockers, restaurant workers, warehouse workers, mail and delivery workers, police, fire department personnel, EMT's, garbage collectors, janitors, and other sanitation workers, truck drivers, farmers, funeral home personnel and any others who I may have missed. Thank you all!!

Centre County moved into the yellow phase of reopening on May 8 but are still only allowed 25 people or under in a group. We are being asked to stay at home as much as possible. Merle and I and the 2 dogs go for a ride once in a while just to get out of the house. The dogs, Sadie and Maggie, enjoy the car ride and when we get home they take a big nap.

I hope with all this time on everyone's hands you are getting some of the contests done that you will be entering **next** year. If anyone needs additional raffle tickets, please contact me either by phone or email listed at the end of this article. We are requiring ALL the Quilt raffle tickets be sent back before State Session this year. A letter was received at the State Office stating that drawings for small games of chance must be held in the county in which the license is

issued. In order to comply with this requirement, we must do the drawing before we go to Erie for State Session. PLEASE !!! still bring additional prizes to Erie, as winners will be previously drawn at the State Office in anticipation of your donations. In order to comply with this requirement, we MUST have ALL QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS SENT BACK to me NO LATER than OCTOBER 2, 2020. So PLEASE Buy or Sell your raffle tickets early.

60 pounds of food was collected at the Leadership Conference that was held at Logan Grange in Centre County On March 8, 2020. These food items were donated to the Centre County Food Bank. Thank you to all who donated the food.

The Family Activities Community service project will still continue even though Family Festival has been cancelled. I am asking that you please take the items that you have collected to your local Veterans Home. Please include the total number of items donated on your Subordinate and Pomona reports.

Here is a list of things that are needed:

Men's Clothing - Sizes Small to 5x

- Sweatpants and Lounge Pants
- Sweatshirts (Pull-over and zip up)
- Button-down Flannel Shirts
- Winter Coats
- T-Shirts (short & long sleeve)
- Underwear—Boxers or Briefs (new, unopened packages only)
- Sturdy Sneakers/Boots/Slippers - Sizes 8- 14 Med & Wide
- Socks

Women's Clothing - Especially 2x-4x

- Elastic waist pants and Sweat-pants
- Shirts/Sweaters/Cardigans and Socks

Miscellaneous Items:

- Postage Stamps
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Universal Remotes
- Headphones (No Earbuds)
- Men's Wallets
- Wristwatches
- Umbrellas
- Reading Glasses
- Men's Belts
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C&D)
- Suspenders
- Toothpaste
- Body Wash (Men's & Women's)
- Board Games
- Slippers (all sizes)
- Women's Hair Ties/Pins/Clips
- Unopened Puzzles

Clothing can be new or very gently used (items must be clean).

If you have any question or require additional information, please call or email me at the information listed below.

Please stay safe and healthy and hope to see everyone at State Session this year.

Yours Truly,
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Program Director
Jenn Nauss
 PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this finds you and your families safe and well during these unprecedented times. So much has changed since I wrote the last article for the Grange News. But what has not changed is the potential for our Granges to continue their work in our communities. Granges across the state and nation have been adapting to these new times to best serve their communities. Some Granges are holding virtual meetings and hosting virtual programs for their members. Some Granges are reimagining their roles in their communities – making masks, helping feed the hungry, and with countless other projects. If your Grange has not done so yet, consider ways that you can reach the members of your Grange and members of your larger community. Are you able to use a virtual platform – like Zoom or Conference Calls – to hold meetings and connect with your members? Can you fill a need in your community with a special service project? How can you share the Grange story in your communities?

A few months ago, I never would have anticipated the far-reaching implications of COVID-19. The Regional Conferences that were scheduled at Big Knob Grange and Kutztown Grange have been postponed indefinitely. Should it be safe to gather in large numbers later this year, I will explore our options for rescheduling. Should it not be safe to gather, we will look forward to hosting the Regional Conferences next spring.

The COVID-19 crisis also impacts several of the Lecturer’s Department Contests and Programs. The Committee has been hard at work brainstorming ways that we can move forward with some contests and programs while recognizing that traditional ways are not possible at this time. These changes are summarized below.

Talent Goes Virtual

Because of the cancellation of Family Festival, the Talent Show for 2020 will be held virtually. Members are encouraged to submit video recordings of their talents, which will be presented in an online format. The classes and rules will remain the same. It will be determined if this will be a contest or an exhibition for 2020.

Classes:

1. Instrumental
2. Vocal
3. Variety/Other Acts

Division:

1. Subordinate (14+)

Rules:

1. Time Limit: No minimum; all acts will be held to a 5-minute maximum.
2. Participants must provide their own accompaniment (either live or recorded).
3. Best of Show winner from the previous year may not enter the Talent Contest in the same class the following year.

The Virtual Talent Show will be held on Saturday, July 18th (the

original date during Family Festival). More information about how to view and/or join the Talent Show will be shared closer to the time. Talent videos should be submitted by Saturday, July 4th to allow adequate time to compile videos for the Talent Show. Videos may be submitted by email or Cloud link to jnauss89@gmail.com or submitted on Flash Drive or CD to:

Jenn Nauss
 10 West Schoolside Drive
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Introducing a New Report to Replace the Community Night/Open House Report

The Lecturer’s Department is well aware of the fact that many Granges may have needed to postpone or cancel their Open Houses for this year because of the COVID-19 crisis. In recognition of this and to honor the work of Lecturers during these unprecedented times, we are introducing a new program – ***Creative Connections***.

This report will take the place of the Open House report form. There will be three divisions.

- **Division A** – Granges who were able to hold their Open House – “We had our Open House and here is what it looked like...”
- **Division B** – Granges who had planned their Open House but could not hold it – “We had our Open House planned, but could not have it. Here is what it would have looked like...”
- **Division C** – Granges who could not hold their Open House – “Because of COVID-19, we could not have our Open House. Here is what we did instead...”

Granges who fall in Division A can complete the form similarly to how they would have completed the Open House form in the past.

Granges who fall in Division B can complete the form similarly to



how they would have in the past, except some information will be unknown (like number of attendees). Lecturers should fill out the form with as much information and supporting documents as they have to show what their Open House would have looked like if they would have been able to have it.

Division C is designed to acknowledge that many Lecturers and Granges have found ways to share the Grange Story in their communities in ways other than a traditional Open House. Perhaps your Grange is holding virtual meetings with programs to engage your members. Maybe your Grange is finding unique ways to serve your community during this time. Whatever your Grange is doing to connect with your members and the community during this time of social distancing is important and is worthy of acknowledgement. If your Grange's outreach during this time has been community service, you can report on that in both this report and your Community Service Report.

There will still be membership classes in each division:

1. Pomona
2. Subordinate – Up to 50 members
3. Subordinate – Between 51 and 99 members
4. Subordinate – 100 or more members

Because of this change, winning Granges in each division and class will receive a framed Certificate of Excellence in lieu of a plaque for this year.

New COVID-19 Contest Classes

New Classes have been added to the Pen in Hand and Photography Contests.

Pen in Hand

- NEW Class – “One thing I learned during Social Distancing...”
- Be creative with this! This could be a poignant life lesson

learned during the COVID-19 crisis. It could be a new skill or hobby (perhaps art or sewing or learning how to cut hair) that you have picked up with extra time on your hands. It could be a humorous piece.

- 500 word maximum
- All other Pen in Hand rules should be followed as detailed in the Guide to Contests and Programs

Photography

- NEW Class – “Beauty in the Midst of Crisis”
- This is also a class that allows for a lot of flexibility and interpretation! Maybe you have taken a photo of some beautiful flowers growing in your garden. Maybe you have taken a photo of your Grange's community service work during this time. Maybe you took a photo of a child or grandchild while you have been home. Use your imagination and hone your photography skills.
- All Photography rules should be followed as detailed in the Guide to Contests and Programs.

All other Contests and Programs are being continued. This is the perfect time to work on your “My Favorite Anything” entry or work on submitting your programs for the “Design a Program” contest.

Please read the weekly Grange email blasts and check the Grange website for any other updates that may come up in the next few months. Look for more information about how to join and/or view the Virtual Talent Show as we get closer to July.

As a reminder, please make sure to send reports and designated contests to me by **September 15**. The report forms are available on the Lecturer's page of the Pennsylvania State Grange website and also in a mailing to Granges.

In lieu of traditional program ideas, here are some ideas for how to continue to provide meaningful programs or otherwise connect with your members during this time of Social Distancing.

- Consider using a virtual conference call program – like Zoom – to hold meetings. The State Grange has a Zoom account and can help you to set up your meeting. What is really nice about Zoom is that both computer-users and dial-in-users can access the meeting. There are many programming options that would be possible on Zoom meetings, including educational speakers, programs about topics of interest, and even fun and games, like Bingo or Trivia.
- If virtual meetings are not an option, coordinate volunteers from your Grange to make regular contact with members who may not be connected through email or social media. Check-in on them to see how they are doing and if there is anything they need. Make sure they are getting updates from your local Grange and the State Grange.
- Work with your Community Service Chair to think of unique ways that you can serve your communities at this time. Even though some restrictions are in the process of being lifted, there will be plenty of needs that will continue, even as counties move to the yellow phase and green phases.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Also, please share with me what your Grange is doing to connect with your members and the community during this time. I would love to feature the great things you are doing in future articles.

Jenn Nauss
State Lecturer
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Youth News

Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director



June 26-27, 2020 Youth Camp, Virtually There Theme

Who would have thought our lives and schedules would change so drastically from one issue of the PGN to the next? With the cancellation of so many of our favorite activities this year, we are looking for new ways to connect and socialize.

The Youth and Young Adults Committee will be holding Youth Camp this year with the newly revised theme of "Virtually There". We are planning several fun activities during the weekend of when Youth Camp would have been held, so save these dates and times on your calendar!

- **Friday, June 26**, Virtually There Camp Kick-off beginning at 6 pm, followed by a night of activities, and
- **Saturday, June 27**, Virtually There Camp activities beginning at 5 pm

The complete schedule and links will be posted on the "Penn-

sylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults" Facebook group soon. If you are not a member of this group yet, please search for the group and send a request to join so that you will not miss out on the fun! Some of the activities being planned include Trivia, card games, scavenger hunt, escape room, and possibly more. Attendance at any of the events during Virtually There Youth Camp will earn you a special memento to be sent in the mail. Please register at the Youth Camp link: <https://form.jotform.com/200735641693154> if you plan to participate. There is no cost for the Virtually There Youth Camp this year.

If we receive a positive response from activities at Virtually There Youth Camp, we will schedule additional nights throughout the rest of the summer.

At this time, we are still planning to hold our annual Young Adults Weekend, 21-23 August.

The sign-up link is: <https://form.jotform.com/200697787218165> and we will be staying in the Harrisburg area. Attendance for this event will be capped at 20 Young Adults, so register soon.

In this time of change and uncertainty, we are continually looking for new ideas and ways to help our fellow Grangers. If you are looking for a little something different for your Grange virtual meeting, let me know. Our Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors, Young Patrons, as well as our committee and myself, are ready and willing to provide a program for your Grange or event.

Ellen Wadsworth
Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director
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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

**See the new 150th anniversary page on the
State Grange website found under
<https://www.pagrange.org/about-us.html>**

Light The Cake– Big plans were made earlier this year to light a birthday cake to recognize the upcoming 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange. The cake was introduced at the first of the planned regional leadership conferences held early March in Centre County and several of the candles were sold that day (see attached photo). We had

hoped to take the cake all over the state at various Grange activities (other regional leadership conferences, camps and Family Festival) and challenge members to sponsor one of the 150 candles. The monies raised will be the kick-off of finances needed to fund the State Grange's 150th anniversary celebration, beginning with the April 2021 kick-off and continuing through the 2023 session in Reading, PA. Some candles have been purchased but we are behind schedule with the cancellation of Grange activities this spring and summer.

With your help, we can still reach our goal to have all candles sponsored and the cake ablaze by the time of the state session in Erie this fall. To find out what candles remain and how to make your contribution, contact Steve & Karen Mohn, 308 Mill Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567 (askmohn@comcast.net).

Anniversary Kick-Off – Did you reserve the date of Saturday, April 17, 2021, to attend the kick-off of the State Grange's 150th anniversary? A big day is planned starting with an open house and reception at Eagle Grange #1 near Montgomery, PA where the Grange movement began

in Pennsylvania in 1871. A festive luncheon is planned at the nearby Country Cupboard Restaurant and Shops north of Lewisburg featuring a motivational speaker and historical candlelighting ceremony. For tickets and details, contact Anna May Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 (amnauss@aol.com).

Update on Eagle Grange – Speaking of Grange #1, as of late spring major renovations to the hall were al-

traditional degree work that teaches Grange principles. While many people note the importance of Grange ritual, the degrees seem to be exemplified infrequently in many parts of the state. As part of the 150th anniversary activities, we hope to present the first and second degrees at the state session in 2021 and the third and fourth degrees in 2022, complete with tableaux and speaking parts memorized. In 2023, the celebration will culminate with the exemplification of the fifth and sixth degrees in full form. We are looking for Granges, counties or other groups of patrons to exemplify the first through fourth degrees. If interested, contact Doug Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018 (douglas.b@verizon.net).

New On-Line Resources –

Perhaps you've noticed the addition of many more digitized files to the History Committee pages of the State Grange website. During some unexpected free time of this past spring, several committee volunteers uploaded the final group of documents that tell nearly 150 years of the Pennsylvania State Grange story – officers' registers, Executive Committee minutes and historical books published at major anniversaries. With the exception of future documents as they are created, this completes the microfilming and digitizing to preserve important documents that began several years ago.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
Pennsylvania State Grange
History Committee
douglas.b@verizon.net



Help to light the PA State Grange 150th anniversary cake by sponsoring one or more of its 150 candles

most completed to improve the Eagle Grange Hall so the organization can better serve its community. Funded by a combination of monies from donations and the sale of some real estate, the hall now features two accessible restrooms, new paint and flooring in the dining hall and kitchen, interior and exterior emergency lighting, an entrance ramp that meets current building codes and dedicated handicap parking spaces. Thanks to all those who contributed money, labor and moral support to this pioneer Grange supporting this initiative.

Looking for Degree Teams – An important part of our history is the





Junior News

Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee Director

Hello and Happy Summertime to all of you!!

WOW - what a crazy end of winter and spring we've had! At the time I am writing this - most of Pennsylvania will be moving into the "Yellow" stage of the plan to get our state back to working and functioning a little more. However, so much is not going back to "normal" and it is affecting all of us in one way or another. It was a very sad day when I had to announce that the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Camp was being cancelled. For decades, Juniors have been attending a week of camp and enjoying the fun, friendships and memories made. Although we won't be together in person, the Junior Grange Committee and I are working on offering some virtual fun and a few surprises during the week that we would have been at State camp. We will have activities, craft sessions, presenters, how-to videos and we will also have a LIVE online Coronation Ceremony on Friday July 3rd. During the Coronation - we will announce the new Junior Grange Ambassadors. Information was sent out to the Juniors who are age eligible and they went through a process similar to what they would do if they were at camp. So, if you receive this edition of PA Grange News prior to July 3rd, please tune in to the Coronation. (details will be announced on the email blast and facebook page)

During this trying time of social distancing, it can be difficult to find joy... especially if you are a child and are missing your friends. Many of our Juniors across the commonwealth have kept busy with their online school, building forts, climbing trees, baking goodies, helping around the house and even celebrating their birthdays in unique (and social distancing) ways! I featured a few Juniors in the photos to show you that they are finding ways to keep busy, help each other and share a message! It is great to see so many smiling faces in these photos.

As we approach the late summer and start of the new school year, I wish for all of you to make the most of the situation and do good things. Bring a smile to someone's face, learn a new skill or work more on the skills you have struggled with. Do more with your family and appreciate what you have around you. Time moves so quickly and all of this will be a distant memory one day. So while you have the time... do some good so those memories are extra special!

Big Hugs and High Fives to all of you! Keep being AWESOME!

Fraternally,
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Elisabeth's birthday



Gio's birthday

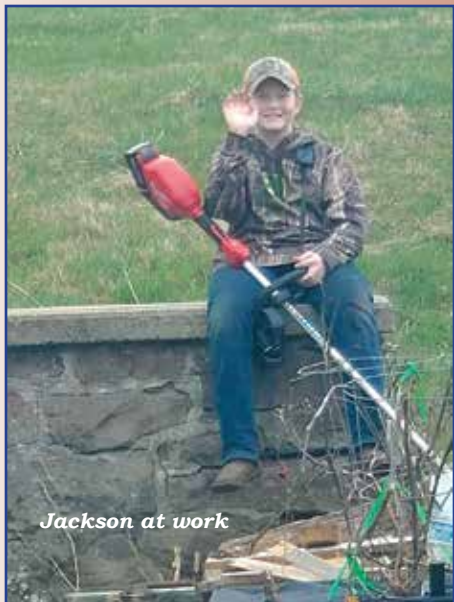


Reyburn family



Grace's pillows

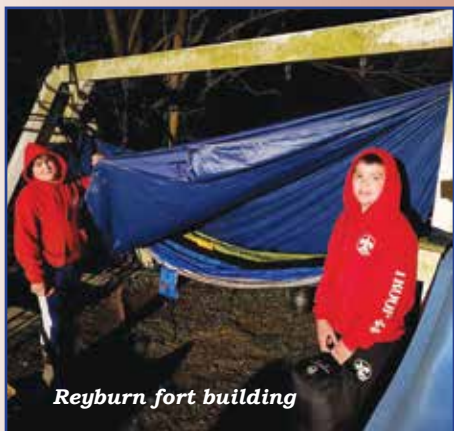




Jackson at work



Danko trees



Reyburn fort building



Natalee's calf



Martin science project



Zug grands



Martin schooling



Major Changes to the 2020 Pennsylvania State Grange Convention

The Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange has made the very difficult decision to greatly scale back this year's convention. Due to the dangers presented by the Coronavirus we have decided to follow the same format being used by the National Grange. The safety of our members must be our primary concern. Only Delegates, Officers, and minimal staffing will be allowed to attend. No guests, Grange or otherwise, will be able to attend session. All resolution work will be completed by the committees via ZOOM meetings prior to the convention and a single committee representative will be at session to present recommendations. Committee members who are not Delegates will not be allowed to attend. There will be no displays, presentation of the 6th Degree, Banquets, Benefit

Auction, and Youth or Junior activities. By the time you read this in the PGN your Subordinate and Pomona Master/President will have received a detailed letter with application for your Delegates.

Our Directors are working on ways to continue the work of the committees virtually. Please watch for information in the email blasts and on Facebook for further details. If you do not receive the email blast please contact Lizzie Bailey at 717.254.9550 to have your email address added to the mailing list. If you have members without email, please share the information with them as it becomes available.

The drawing for the Family Activities Quilt was going to take place prior to session due to a clarification

of the Small Games of Chance Law this year. That drawing will still take place and the winners will be announced. Please send any prizes to session along with your Delegates. Any winners who are present will receive their prizes and the others will be distributed as quickly as possible.

Please be aware that this was a very difficult decision for the entire Executive Committee. We enjoy the business and fellowship at session as much as everyone else. We just do not feel that, at this time, we can adequately prepare for session to be held in a safe format for all our members. If you have any questions or concerns about the change in session, please let an Executive Committee member know.



2020 National Grange Convention

The National Grange Executive Committee is very sorry to announce that the 2020 National Grange Convention will have many changes because of the Covid-19 pandemic and therefore will be open for National delegates and officers only. No visitors or Grangers will be invited to attend in person this year.

The convention will be cut to two days and the only business will be voting on resolutions and electing two executive committee officers. Extra activities, such as the Evening of Excellence, Youth and Junior Public Speaking and Sign a Song, will take place virtually. The Seventh Degree will not be exemplified this year.

Other recognitions such as Community Service awards, Distinguished Grange, Grange Legacy Family, and the Quilt Block Contest, will be held and awards given, but there will be no ceremony. National Grange Department Directors will be sending out information regarding their programs and how they will be handled this year, so stay tuned!

The Valley Forge Casino Resort, site of the convention, has been closed since March 14 to this date (June 6). We don't know when it will be permitted to open, because the counties around Philadelphia are a hot spot for the virus. The hotel is willing to allow us to downsize our convention to two days, 80 people, hopefully without penalty, so we are

exercising that option at this time.

Also we do not want to endanger any of our members by asking them to travel and to spend days in a large crowd. The health and safety of our Grange family comes first. We feel it may not be safe to gather, even by November. Many of your State Sessions will see major changes this year also. We hope you will understand this decision, and keep on working at the local level as much as you can to help your communities.

Fraternally,
Betsy E. Huber
National Master





Grange News

LINCOLN GRANGE #914

Members of Lincoln Grange #914 spent one Saturday working at making masks for their community. Members Jodi Keith Kensinger, Stacie Keith, Cindy Keith, &



Reba Clapper sewing masks

Reba Clapper worked at cutting fabric out, pinning the liner and fabric together, and sewing the



Cindy Keith sewing together a mask

pieces together. It was quite the process they had figured out and all the while practicing social distancing! Many of the community



Stacie Keith pinning masks together



Stacie and her dog Riley in charge of drive by pick up for community masks



members praised their efforts and thanked the Grange members for their time and talents.

LOG CABIN UNITY GRANGE

Stories from members and their involvement with Grange never grow old. Ginny Straub of Log Cabin Unity Grange, Mercer County celebrated 60 years as a Granger this past April. Ginny shared that her neighbor was an avid Grange member at Mill Brook Grange. Ginny was invited to go along to an event. She liked Grange and she joined when she was 16 years old.

Ginny has a lifetime of memories that are wrapped around



Grange. She met her husband Richard through events. One evening at the Mercer County Grange Fair Square Dance he asked her to dance. Ginny shared that he was very quiet, but before the evening was over, he was able to steal a kiss under the moonlight with her. Ginny laughed as she said, "He was an old bachelor at 33 and I was an old maid of 26 when we married a few years later".

Ginny shared that she and Richard raised their two boys; Joel and Chris in Grange. The boys attended camp every year, they both served as Junior Princes and Youth Ambassadors. In later years after Joel married Christie (Bagenstose), they served as Young Couple of the Year. Ginny said with great pride, "I have never missed a Junior Grange Camp in all these years". She also added

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Pennsylvania State Grange

Officer Descriptions for the 148th Session

October 15-18, 2020
Erie, PA

At the 148th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session all offices 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."

If you are interested in serving as a State Officer, suggestions for office will be received on Friday afternoon, October 16th at 1:45 P.M. If you would like more information about serving as a State Officer, or know that you would like to be suggested, please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office for the contact information of the Nominating Committee or have someone pre-arranged to suggest your name. The election will take place Saturday, October 17th, at 11:00 A.M. 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 permit-



ted to appear and speak before the delegate body for a maximum of two minutes at a designated time prior to the election." These presentations will be allowed immediately after the suggestions from the floor are received Friday afternoon.

Following are brief job descriptions for each State Office, along with the current officer's name and length of time served in that office. A complete description of officer duties can be found at www.pagrange.org.

All officers are to memorize their part in the Degree work; be available for speaking engagements as approved by the State President/Master; support and promote the policies and programs of the State Grange; submit articles for the Pennsylvania Grange News as requested by the editor or President/Master; attend the State Convention, special events, officer's meetings; and prepare an annual report for the Journal of Proceedings.

PRESIDENT/MASTER:

Wayne Campbell [3 years], Be available to work in the Pennsylvania State Grange Office, make Grange and office management decisions; appoint Advocates/Deputies and committees; provide leadership in the absence of policy and/or when adjustments are appropriate; hire and supervise the State Grange office staff; represent the State Grange at various functions; speak where invited; oversee all State Grange programs and projects; develop and implement new programs, serve ex-officio on all committees; provide leadership in legislative matters; visit Granges as needed;



hear concerns of rural Pennsylvania, help members resolve problems; inject new ideas and provide the tools needed to encourage membership growth; oversee status of all Subordinate and Pomona Granges; organize and reorganize Granges; write articles for the Pennsylvania Grange News [PGN] and letters of communication.

**VICE PRESIDENT/
OVERSEER:**

JV Lamb [3 years], In the event of an emergency be prepared to fulfill the office of President/Master, fill in for the Master at workshops, meetings and activities as needed; serve on the Executive Committee; speak at engagements as requested by the President/Master, be available as needed by the State President/Master; and serve as a member of the Board for the Grange Foundation.

LECTURER:

Jennifer Nauss [2 years], Develop the yearly Lecturer's program with the assistance of your Committee, provide support, assistance and guidance for Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers and the Lecturer's Committee via communications; plan and lead music at State Convention; promote and conduct the annual talent contest; plan and oversee the Lecturer's displays, exhibits, contests and judging of programs under the Lecturer's direction at state and district events; promote Grange projects and policies; budget income and expenses; file quarterly financial reports; visit Granges as available; write articles for the PGN.

STEWARD:

Andrew Kieffer [2 years], Schedule State Advocates working at State Session; conduct the election of officers; assist in preparing the stage for the Session and Degree.

ASSISTANT STEWARD:

Robert Kleckner III [2 years], Assist with conducting the Convention; aid the Steward in preparing for the meeting and degree.

LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD:

Lorena Baughman [4 years], Assist with conducting the Convention; aid the Steward in preparing for the meeting and degree; store, wash and iron the court ladies' gowns for the Degree.

CHAPLAIN:

Judy Pressler [4 years], Provide spiritual guidance and/or meditations at all sessions of the annual Convention and other state events; prepare and conduct the annual memorial service; write articles for the PGN.



TREASURER:

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SECRETARY:

Debbie Campbell (8 years), Prepare minutes of the Session and publish the Journal of Proceedings; communicate with Subordinate and Pomona secretaries; be available to the State Grange office staff on a weekly basis; be available to handle specific duties as assigned by the State President/Master and Executive Committee. Assist Office Secretary in logging

and processing Quarterly Dues from Subordinate Granges and oversee prompt payment of Dues to National Grange as required by the By-Laws. Maintain Grange supply department inventory and sales; process 25, 50, and 50-plus year certificates for membership.

GATEKEEPER:

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CERES:

Hannah Leibensperger (2 years), Launder, store, and press the Ceres drill costumes and accessories for the drill team; select court ladies.

POMONA:

Jennifer Beamon [2 years], Launder, store and press the Pomona drill costumes and accessories for the drill team; select court ladies.

FLORA:

Virginia Mangel [4 years], Select and teach each drill team for the Degree; launder, store and press the Flora drill costumes and accessories for the drill team, pillar girls and rose girls; select court ladies.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Richard Mangel [4 years] 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 Janet Pratt, Barbara Schroeder and Dr. James Diamond.)





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 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.

Pennsylvania State Grange members have a variety of interests and backgrounds. What all have in common is a desire to appreciate the blessings we are given even while wanting to improve the state in which we live. This article discusses how Grange members can let their concerns be acted on by the Pennsylvania State Grange. When they suggest Grange policies through Resolutions at the State Session, it represents this grassroots, member-centered, policy process. What should we advocate? You tell us.

Here are a few from the 2019 State Session that were adopted and became Grange policy.

- Resolved: The Pennsylvania State Grange actively advocates passage of legislation to allow milk haulers an exemption from weather-related closings of Interstate highways.
- Resolved: The Pennsylvania and the National Grange support legislation calling for a halt on implementation of MS4 and if implementation is continued, farmers be exempt from having to incur costs connected with storm water management plan development or simply be exempted from the MS4 requirement altogether. (MS4 is federally-mandated storm water management with costs borne by municipalities and ultimately the taxpayers.)
- Resolved: The Pennsylvania State Grange urge the PA Game Commission to allow electronic transmission and payment for antlerless deer hunting license applications.

MEMBERS DRIVE GRANGE POLICY

What Does This Have to do With You?

Our strength comes from you, our members. The things we advocate come from you, our members. Ask yourself these questions.

- What is going on with state government that has or is affecting you now?
- What legislation is important to rural PA? What do you want to see enacted?

The Process: Put Forth a Resolution.

Take your ideas and write them down. There is a format for Resolutions. It includes two parts. The first is Whereas. The whereas clauses show the need. What is the need that prompts your suggestion as Grange policy? The second part of the format is the Resolved. Simply put, what do you want the Pennsylvania State Grange to advocate?

Here is a sample format:

WHEREAS, much of PA agriculture depends on pollination by bees, and;

WHEREAS, bees are under stress with hive collapses and emerging threats like the Asian Murder Hornet, and;

WHEREAS, research is vital to finding ways to restore and preserve the PA bee population; therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Pennsylvania State Grange asks



the PA Department of Agriculture to declare restoration of PA's bee population a state priority for research funding.

That wasn't so hard was it? Rest assured, if you need help in drafting something, please feel free to contact the State Office for help (legislative@pagrange.org).

The next step is the hardest. An individual must first take his or her idea and bring to their own Grange for discussion. That means that the author must talk with other members about their idea. Addressing the fear of public speaking that some have, keep in mind that this is not a speech.



It is a conversation with fellow Grangers. You say why this idea is important. Fellow members ask questions and you all discuss it. Then your Grange votes to forward your suggestion.

The next step is a state-level meeting which usually takes place in September. The Pennsylvania State Grange has specific subcommittees that take the ideas and

discuss them. Their role is to vet the proposed Resolutions to make sure that they do not duplicate existing Grange policy and that they are feasible. Then, these committees forward the Resolutions to the State Session Delegate body with recommendations.

These recommendations would be evaluated by Delegates. Is the Resolution present policy? Should it be adopted or rejected? Should it be amended and then approved? The State Session Delegates make the final decision. Sometimes the recommendations from the Resolutions meeting are heeded. Sometimes not. That ensures that every recommendation from a Grange member gets a fair hearing at both the Resolutions meeting and by State Session Delegates.

Sometimes the State Session Delegates ask that the Resolution be sent back to the relevant res-

olutions committee for re-drafting in case the original Resolution was unclear or needs to be amended. Then, it goes back to State Session again for the final decision on what our policies should be.

Of course, if you have a Resolution that means something to you and others, attending and participating in local and state Grange meetings is certainly an important part of achieving your goal.

Underscore the importance of this process. It is open. It is transparent. And it is fruitful because then the Pennsylvania State Grange has a direction of what its members want it to do. Your adopted Resolution also provides marching orders for Grange lobbying and media. The most important takeaway from this article is that you can make your views felt.

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that in 2007 they were chosen as Grange Family of the Year.

“Grange offers something for everyone who joins”, added Ginny as she thought about all the things over the years that Grange provided them. She has held just about every office through the Mercer County Pomona, was Master at Stonypoint Grange and Log Cabin Unity Grange. She added that Richard passed away in 2017 and it is hard losing a spouse. She added that her strength comes from the time she spends with her family and lifelong Grange friends she has made from across the country.

Congratulations Ginny on 60 years a Granger!

PROGRESS GRANGE #96

In mid-March, as the COVID-19 stay-at-home restrictions were



Making over 100 sandwiches

just beginning to keep people of all ages from their schools, jobs, and



Packing weekend bags in Progress Grange Hall



Hunger Heroes / Progress Grange members Denny McCloskey, LeDon Young, and Tammy Jurkowski

families, a call for help was sent out from the local YMCA to open up food distribution sites across the Penns Valley area of Centre County. Responding to this need, Progress Grange #96 Master Denny McCloskey reached out to Mel Curtis, Moshannon Valley YMCA Branch Director, offering the Progress Grange in Centre Hall as a family food pick-up location.



Seated - LeDon Young, Rear Left to Right Tammy Jurkowski, Alaina McCloskey, Marshall Stoner, Denny McCloskey, Diana Powlus, Maddie Gooch, Hannah Gooch

The Progress Grange, after much preparation and planning, opened its first distribution on



LeDon Young and Debbie Peterson delivering food to a senior not able to come to the hall for pickup



Soph helping with food delivery

April 10, 2020. Wanting to help more than just the local families, it was decided that the Grange would not only help sort, prepare and distribute the weekend family bags, they would also offer a luncheon meal to local seniors



Weekend bags ready for distribution

and veterans. These folks would receive, at no cost, a homemade soup and sandwich, fruit, and a dessert treat. Many bags were delivered personally to shut-ins by Grange members and other community volunteers.



Awaiting first vehicle to load



Marshall Stoner and Alaina McCloskey loading vehicle with food items

The Penns Valley Hope Fund has also partnered with the Progress Grange and the YMCA to financially support the effort to get food in to the hands of those that need it most. Private, individual donations have been given in excess of \$500. Each week numbers have grown steadily, with items such as milk, eggs, and fresh fruit being offered along with various shelf-stable foods. It is estimated that the Grange distribution has helped over 500 individuals since this project began.

To make a private donation or for more information, please con-



Master Denny McCloskey asking family what items they need

tact Master Denny McCloskey at denny@dmproductions.net.

We also want to make known a few other facts;

1. In past weeks, Progress Grange made over 100 sandwiches each week. Half of them are turkey and other half ham. They are put in the senior / veteran bags. This past week we made almost 150 sandwiches
2. Progress Grange made over 150 pieces of chocolate cake to be included in the bags this past week.
3. Progress Grange, made the soup that is included in the senior / veteran bags (Ham Potpie, vegetable beef, and ham and bean)
4. Our location is also being used as a warehouse for packing and distributing bags to other locations in Penns Valley area
5. It takes many hours of preparation each week for the distribution to take place (over 60 hours of volunteers)



Senior / Veteran bags ready for distribution

Several of our members met at the Grange and prepared the Ham pot pie that went in the first Senior and Vet bags, and the vegetable soup that went in the next time, and the ham and bean that is going in this time. They made the cake and cupcakes that went in last weeks. A little bit of home made goodness for our seniors and vets. Denny has specific numbers of the folks who come for the meals, and the weekend bags, as well as the number that we deliver with the help of community members who have asked to join in.

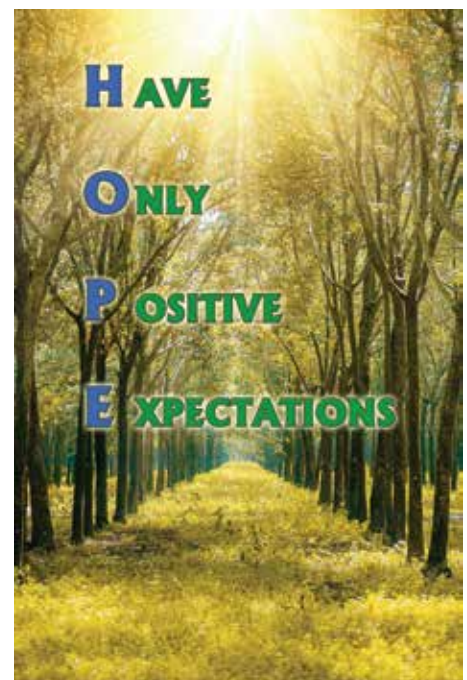
VENANGO GRANGE

In Venango County Wesley Grange members were joined by local students in preparing “Vial of Life” kits. A “Vial of Life” decal on an entry door indicates to first responders that vital information is posted on the refrigerator door. The kit contains important medical information that can assist emergency personnel in administering the proper medical treatment. The free kits prepared by Wesley Grange will be used by those in Venango and surrounding



Venango: L-r Sophie Shadle, Shanee Smith, Hope Kellner, Alisa Lipinski

counties including Crawford, Clarion, Mercer, Butler, and Lawrence. More information on the “Vial of Life” program can be found online at vialoflife.com.





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Eagle #1

Jordan Downey
Cindy Newcomer

Goshen #121

Jessica Wadsworth

Union #152

Wanda Brooks
William Brooks
Clista Parkhurst
Donna Potter
John Potter

Union #325

John Walters
Mary Walters

Dawson #419

Lois Connors

Forest #853

Bonnie Meisel

California #941

Roxanne Kvalkauskas

Oliver #1069

Carol Hardbarger
Barry Signor
Theresa Signor
Wendy Witmyer

Jeffrey Wood

Joanne Wood

Harmony #1201

Mark Fox

Hickory #1285

Eunice Dunn

Robert Pernesky

Chester Valley #1496

Pat Mastrangelo

Ralph Mastrangelo

Ontelaunee #1617

Chris Blatt

Zoe Merkel

Stony Point #1694

Nicholas Ammann

Gouglersville #1749

William Fultz

Virginville #1832

Richard Geisinger

Robbert Hiza

Lisa Houser

Donna Leibensperger

Denael Strong

Mackenzie Wolfe

Capital City #2111

Jim Bohner

Shelly Bohner

Joel Figueras

Harold Forney

Morgan Ruziecki

James Swetlick
Sean Swetlick
Emily Webb
Michelle Zandome

BIRTHDAYS

Mt. Nebo #1872

Katherine (Kay) Holman
100 years old on May 21, 2020

Bernville Grange #1887

Norman Reifsnyder
August 25, 1921

IN MEMORIAM

Eagle #1

Paul Renninger

Logan #109

Jean Lair

Beech Flats #336

Duane Wilcox

Shaver's Creek #353

S. Horace Mowrer

Hartslog Valley #375

Benjamin F. Dively

Dawson #419

Virginia Wiltrout

Walker #786

Margaret S. Adams

Hayfield #800

Patricia Barnes

Forest #853

Patricia Stenger

Dennis Luther

California #941

Paul M. Kohl

Elkland #976

Carl F. Hugo

Star #993

Ethel Jones

Thomas R. Hahn

Labor #1063

Margaret Branning

Central #1216

Edythe Glassmire

Tioga #1223

Charles Jones Jr.

Port Matilada

#1284

Jean Reese

Valley #1360

Justin Boose

Marcia Nace

Burgettstown

#1502

Wayne Kramer

Central #1650

Dorothy Arndt
Curtis Freibolin
Paul Krause
Warren Creitz

Schnecksville #1684

Carl Heintzelman

Harmony #1692

Jean Klutsarits

Trexlerstown #1755

Sandra Gangewere

Spring Church #1803

Buryl Harley

Virginville #1832

Dorothy M. Nester

Fleetwood #1839

Harold Aulenbach

Mt. Nebo #1872

Margaret Maier

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**Join us to kick-off the celebrations for the PA State Grange's 150th Anniversary!
Saturday, April 17, 2021**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Eagle Grange #1 Open House

Celebrate the 150th Birthday of Eagle Grange #1 and drop by to learn more about Pennsylvania's historic first Grange near Williamsport

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**PA State Grange 150th Anniversary
Kick-Off Luncheon and Program**

Kick-off the celebrations for the 150th Anniversary with a luncheon and program at the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg (a short drive from Eagle Grange #1)

Turn the day into an outing! Visit some of the many unique sites in the Williamsport-Lewisburg area. Email Doug Bonsall at douglas.b@verizon.net for a list of attractions to visit before and after these Grange events.

For tickets, contact Anna May Nauss at (717) 697-5104 or annauss@aol.com.

Tickets - \$25/person

Checks made payable to the PA State Grange History Committee

Mail payment and self-addressed stamped envelope (for tickets) to:

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- CVS Caremark: Savings up to 50% with CVS RxSavings Plus Card
- 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
- Tickets at Work: Offers discounts on movie tickets, concerts, travel, theme parks, and shopping

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

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE
STATEMENT REGARDING REP.
MARK KELLER APPOINTMENT
AS AG COMMITTEE CHAIR**

LEMOYNE... Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell issued the following statement because of the appointment of PA Representative Mark Keller's (R-Perry) to serve as Majority Chair of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee:

"The Pennsylvania State Grange is delighted to see that Perry County Rep. Mark Keller is the new Majority Chair of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee. He is a leading proponent for farmers and has always been effective as an advocate for rural interests to fellow legislators because he is a hands-on farmer. He is a loyal friend to the Pennsylvania State Grange and other agricultural groups. We applaud his work and his continuing legislative efforts on behalf of Pennsylvania Agriculture as Committee Chair."

"The Pennsylvania State Grange also wants to thank immediate past Chair Rep. Marty Causer for his stewardship of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee. During his tenure, the Committee led on so many issues affecting the Agriculture Community that run the gamut. The PA Farm Bill, Broadband legislation, milk hauling during emergencies, and many other pieces of constructive legislation are a few that show his handiwork. We wish him the very

best in his new role as new House Majority Policy Committee Chair."

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE
GRANGE STATEMENT REGARD-
ING WOLF ADMINISTRATION
BROADBAND ADVOCACY**

LEMOYNE... Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell issued the following in the wake of a letter sent by Governor Tom Wolf and ten other Governors urging Federal policymakers to fund Broadband expansion.

The Pennsylvania State Grange appreciates the intent of the Governor's letter asking the President and Congress to fund expansion of high-speed Broadband in unserved and underserved areas. We respectfully point out that good intentions are best demonstrated at home.

While the Governor established the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives with fanfare, he never funded it. In each State Budget he proposed, there continues to be no line-item for this important office. There is no resource so that the Office could actually coordinate Pennsylvania's efforts to secure Federal funding and serve as a liaison

between the FCC and State Government. The Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives has no dedicated staff. The lone staff person is 'borrowed' from the Department of Community & Economic Development.

The Pennsylvania State Grange urges Governor Tom Wolf to reinforce the leadership he has shown in advocating Federal Broadband funding by helping his own Office of Broadband Initiatives function as it should. We fear that without funding, the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives will become irrelevant.

Following as a reference, is the letter from the Governor's Office, joining other state Governors. It was sent to President Trump and congressional leadership.

June 25, 2020

As Governors, we have seen and appreciate your quick and much-needed COVID-19 economic

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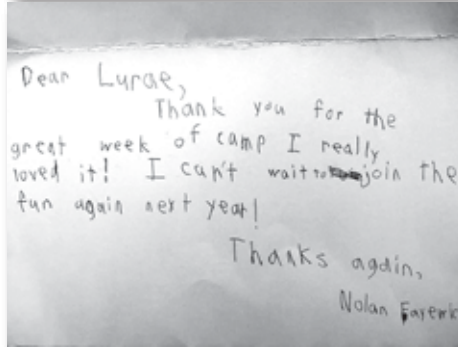


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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell
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*American Values.
Hometown Roots.*

In my last article I talked about these unusual times and the many things Grangers have been doing. I questioned if we would or when we would return to life as we knew it. I still ponder those two questions. But what I do know is that Grangers are still cultivating connections and making an impact.

We are still working very hard to get adequate Broadband across Pennsylvania. We continue to do everything we can to keep this at the top of Legislators and the Governor's priorities. The Pandemic has made it even more obvious how important an issue this is. Educating our children, providing health care for everyone, not only our seniors, and for farmers to be able to utilize Smart farm equipment and have access to the internet to be able to use programs that work in conjunction with the Smart farm equipment.

In many of my conversations I have found a strong desire of our citizens to help their neighbors. I say this because of what many have told me about the terrific response that not only Grangers have seen at their fundraisers, but other groups like fire companies have experienced. People have said chicken BBQ's, Fish Fries, etc. have sold out very quickly. We have posted on our website, www.pagrange.org, the CDC guidelines you will need to follow when holding any events or reopening to have meetings. All fundraisers that I am aware of have been held as drive through events.

Please take a moment to look at the benefits we offer in the member benefits page on our website. If you have trouble registering for the member benefits page, please call Lizzie or myself for help. One of our benefits, Tickets at Work, are offering some really good discount tickets to amusement parks, discounted hotel rates, and other discounts nationwide.

Yes, these are unusual times, but we have the tools to still cultivate connections. We have ZOOM Conferencing, we have the CDC guidelines to be able to safely do drive through events, and we have the perseverance to push on. Be willing to step out of your comfort zone and try something new.

The Pennsylvania State Grange office continues to operate on an appointment basis with everyone working from home as much as possible. Please call any of us with questions that we can help you with. President Wayne Campbell 717.275.5045, Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary Debbie Campbell 717.275.4469, Brittany Covey Office Secretary 717.743.9787, Lizzie Bailey Public Relations/Membership Consultant 717.254.9550, or Vince Phillips Legislative Consultant 717.728.1217.

Fraternally,
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Pennsylvania State Grange
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PGN ARTICLES: Effective Jan/Feb 2021 Issue!!!

I would like to thank Heather Hiller for the time and dedication she has given to the Pennsylvania Grange News over the last several years. Heather has done an outstanding job of providing interesting and informative articles to our members and publishing a great magazine for us.

Effective with the January/February, 2021 issue of the Pennsylvania Grange News, the publishing of it will be moving back to the office of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Please email all articles, photos, and other information for in the PGN to pagrange@pagrange.org or mail it to:

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Questions can be directed to Lizzie Bailey at 717.254.9550 or Brittany Covey at 717.743.9787.

Wayne D. Campbell, President
Pennsylvania State Grange



Chaplain's Corner
 Judy Pressler
 PA State Grange Chaplain

God's Abundance

I heard a minister say once that God is a **"God of Abundant Love."** What exactly does the word abundance mean? From a couple of different dictionaries: *an extremely plentiful or over-sufficient quantity or supply; overflowing fullness;* and from a Bible dictionary: *full of everything you need to sustain yourself in joy and purpose.* The **antonym for abundance** is *scarcity or dearth!* So what does that mean to us?

As autumn settles in, it is a time to reap the benefits of our planting and tending to our gardens. When we planted our gardens, we used new seeds and tilled the ground until it was just right. The corn, beets and onions came up and looked great. The tomato and pepper plants took root and began to look healthy. A few bean stalks popped up here and there and the cucumbers never came up. We bought more plants but couldn't find more bean seeds. Then the hot, dry weather hit and everything began wilting!

When we shopped for toilet paper, paper towels and hand sanitizer, the shelves were empty with warning signs: one per customer! Church doors were closed, restaurants only offered take-out meals and surgeries and ER trips were limited to patient only while family members waited in the parking lots! Person to person visits were taboo.

We have to expect disappointments along our way, but we must not get bogged down and forget that God's love is always present no matter what we are going through. We must remember that God's love is so wide, long, high and deep that it surpasses anything we could imagine. *He is at work in all things for the good of the people who love Him.*

At this writing, our corn is in tassel, we have small tomatoes on the vines, peppers and beans are hanging on the plants, cucumbers are in blossom. **We are expecting an abundant harvest to share with the local Food Bank.**

We never ran out of toilet paper, we found ample hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes and we are eating well...I have used my Grange cookbooks more these past several months than I did the other 50+ years!

We are now in good health and looking forward to attending State Session. We have kept up to date with friends and family by phone and computers and I was delighted to receive a nice letter from a Junior Granger asking about my welfare!!

I would say we are experiencing the **abundance of God's love**

even if it is in a different way than we had expected. God doesn't just love a little, He loves a lot! His **abundant mercy and compassion** are always extremely plentiful and overly-sufficient for all our needs. **He is a God of Abundance not Scarcity!**

God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
 II Corinthians 9:8



Praying for love in all aspects of your lives,
 Judy Pressler, Chaplain
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Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

Zoom Meetings

Just a reminder that we have Zoom available for our Granges who want to have a virtual meeting or fun gathering. You can call in on a phone or use a computer to participate in the meeting.

Membership Workshops

I know the past several months have been unusual times as we have abided by "Stay at home" orders to limit our socialization with others due to COVID-19.

Don't let these times distract you from our goals of growing membership. Actually, now is a great time to be discussing Grange!



You're Invited...
Pennsylvania State Grange Zoom Bingo
 Wednesdays
 7:00 p.m.
 (zoom room will open at 6:30 to socialize!)
Come join us for Bingo!!!
 Please email, or text/call Lizzie with any questions!
 Email: publicrelations@pagrange.org or Text/call: 717-254-9550

Don't forget to call me to schedule some time so we can work together on growing membership at your Grange.

Zoom Bingo

The Pennsylvania State Grange is playing Virtual Bingo every Wednesday night on Zoom. It is a fantastic way to have some fun, fellowship and maybe win a prize or too! The more the merrier is our philosophy, so invite a friend, family members, and neighbor to join the fun! Contact Lizzie to receive a bingo card and more information.

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Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hello everyone. I hope you are staying safe and healthy. By now everyone should know that both State and National Sessions have been modified for this year. Subordinate and Pomona Reports were initially scheduled to come to me by Sept.15, 2020, however, I'm going to CANCEL reports for this year. I will not be judging anything this year. Instead, I'm asking for next year's report to contain this year's 2019/2020 activities. This means that I will be judging 24 months on next year's 2020/2021 report. The 2020/2021 report will be due Sept. 15, 2021. In that report, please include all activities completed before the COVID-19 shut down and any activities in 2020.

If you have a National Quilt block that needs to be sent, please get it to me as soon as possible. I will be sending them in at the end of this September.

Quilt Raffle Tickets need to be sold or bought and returned to me NO later than Saturday OCTOBER 3, 2020. The Committee will be getting together and draw the winners at the State Office this year. We will announce the winners at the modified State Session and send home prizes with those who can attend. For those winners who are not attending the modified State Session, I will be mailing you your prizes. If your Grange is donating a prize for the Quilt and More Raffle, please send it along with someone that is attending modified session (Please have the

Grange name attached, so I know which Grange it is from). Thank you for sending prizes that help the Family Activities Quilt and More Raffle.

With all that said I hope to see all of the new contest entries in 2021. I'm looking forward to my Family Activities room overflowing with contest entries next year!- Can't wait to see everyone again... it has been a long year. Everyone stay safe and healthy.

Any Questions PLEASE call or email me.

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius
Family Activities Director
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Program Director
Jenn Nauss
 PA State Grange Program Director

Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope that you had a wonderful summer, despite these unprecedented circumstances because of COVID-19. I certainly have missed seeing you at Youth and Junior Camps and Family Festival, the events that are the highlights of my summers. So many things have changed in the last few months and continue to change on a daily – sometimes hourly – basis. I hope that your Granges have found new ways to connect to your communities and your members despite the need for physical distance and other precautions.

Updates to Contests and Programs

Since the last Grange News article, there have been some changes to the State Session Contests and Programs. These are summarized below.

Creative Connections

In understanding that Granges had to put many in-person events on hold and to honor the work of Lecturers during these unprecedented times, we are introducing a new program – **Creative Connections**.

This report will take the place of the Open House report form. There will be three divisions.

- **Division A** – Granges who were able to hold their Open House – “We had our Open House and here is what it looked like...”
- **Division B** – Granges who had planned their Open House but could not hold it – “We had our Open House planned, but could not have it. Here is what it would have looked like...”
- **Division C** – Granges who could not hold their Open

House – “Because of COVID-19, we could not have our Open House. Here is what we did instead...”

There will still be membership classes in each division:

1. Pomona
2. Subordinate – Up to 50 members
3. Subordinate – Between 51 and 99 members
4. Subordinate – 100 or more members

Because of this change, winning Granges in each division and class will receive a framed Certificate of Excellence in lieu of a plaque for this year. Creative Connections reports are due to me by **September 15th**.

Pen in Hand

- NEW Class – “One thing I learned during Social Distancing...”
1. 500 word maximum
 2. All other Pen in Hand rules should be followed as detailed in the Guide to Contests and Programs

Photography – conducted VIRTUALLY this year

- NEW Class – “Beauty in the Midst of Crisis”
- Other classes continue: Pennsylvania – My Home, Sunrise/Sunset, Pets/Animals, Plants, Churches
- Photos (one per Subordinate Grange per class) should be submitted to Jenn Nauss via email (jnauss89@gmail.com) or on a flash drive or CD mailed to Jenn Nauss, 10 West School-

side Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

- Because there will not be a National Grange Photography Showcase this year, this year’s winner will not advance to a National Contest.

Design a Program and Lecturer’s Grant

Please reference the Guide to Contests and Programs for specific information about these two new programs. The “Design a Program” contest entries will be compiled into a Lecturer’s Idea Book that will be distributed and made available online. The Lecturer’s Grant is an opportunity for Granges to apply for funding to make their dream programs a reality. Entries for these programs are due to me by **September 15th**.

Lecturer’s Reports

Lecturers should submit their reports to me by **September 15th**. New this year is that Scrapbooks will be judged separately from reports submitted without scrapbooks. First place report winners in each class will be awarded \$10 and first place scrapbook winners in each class will be awarded \$50.

All report forms are available on the Lecturer’s page of the PA State Grange website and also were sent in a mailing to Granges. If you have not received a copy or cannot view the forms on the website, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My Favorite Anything and Art Contests – Canceled

Because of the changes with State Session, specifically that there will not be an Exhibit Room, the “My Favorite Anything” and Art Contests will NOT be held this year. Please continue to work on your creations and plan to enter them in the contests in 2021.

Please read the weekly Grange email blasts and check the Grange website for any other updates that may come up in the next few months. Circumstances with the virus change frequently, and therefore, some plans may also need to change as the circumstances do.

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Historic Pennsylvania Grange Celebrates New Look

By Jenn Nauss
Pennsylvania State Grange Lecturer/
Program Director



A little more than a year ago, Pennsylvania's first Grange – Eagle Grange #1 in Lycoming County – embarked on a journey to renew itself. Together with the help of Doug Bonsall and Jenn Nauss from

continue their work for the next 150 years and beyond.

Through keeping an open mind to new ideas and the hard work of the members, Eagle Grange #1 has made some impressive strides in their renewal. They hosted a successful Candidates Forum last October for the County Commissioner candidates, which drew more than 80 people from the community. Individuals

and families continue to use the building for family functions and other gatherings. The Susquehanna Valley West Coast Swing Dance Community regularly uses the Grange Hall for weekly dance practices and performances. bell, have also replaced the floor throughout the first floor of the hall. Grange volunteers have also done extensive painting to make the building a more attractive site for community events. It is thanks to the generous donations from Friends of Eagle Grange #1 from across the state of Pennsylvania and a few larger donations from Perry Valley Grange #1804, Valley Grange #1360, and Red Lion Grange #1781 that this work could be completed.



(April 2020) Grange President David Troutman helps with the initial task of emptying all the kitchen cabinets for the upcoming renovation. (Photo Credit: Beth Downey)

the Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee, the members of Eagle Grange #1 have made tremendous strides toward renewing the Grange as a community hub in Montgomery, Lycoming County.

Eagle Grange #1 was founded almost 150 years ago, in March 1871, thanks to the organizational efforts of Luke Eger. Pennsylvania's first Grange has been continually active since its founding almost 150 years ago but, like many Granges around the state and the country, has faced several uphill battles including decreasing active membership and financial difficulties. Eagle Grange's renewal project aims to increase their active involvement in Montgomery and surrounding communities to con-

tinually uses the Grange Hall for weekly dance practices and performances.

In order to make the building more accessible and readily used for such community events, Eagle Grange has undergone some major renovations. These include making the Grange Hall ADA-compliant with accessible restrooms, an entrance ramp, and a reserved handicap parking area. Grange volunteers from Eagle Grange and Valley Grange #1360 in York County, as well as Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Camp-



(June 2020) The results of a long day of work - by 11 p.m. that evening, the floor was finally finished in the dining hall and kitchen. (Photo Credit: David Troutman)



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Youth News

Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director



What an interesting summer! No in-person Youth Camp, or Junior Camp or Family Festival which was very depressing for the dedicated Grangers who organize these events as well as all those who attend. Hopefully you have participated in virtual Grange events to help combat the blues and to stay connected!

We held a virtual Youth Camp this past June with over 20 participants each night. The youth and young adults connecting to our Virtually There 2020 Youth Camp were able to visit with friends from across the state, as well as talk about how this pandemic has affected them. The youth also participated in several games, including scavenger hunts and trivia challenges, a pet show and tell and learned about the changes in the youth contests for this year.

Several youth and young adult members were eager to connect again for another activity. This time we co-hosted a Virtual Paint Night along with the State Lecturer. This activity was held on August 1st and was enjoyed by many Grangers and non-Grangers of all ages.

UPDATES TO CONTESTS: An update to our Youth and Young Adults contests, especially those held at State Session follows.

State Public Speaking Contest – all four categories will be held virtually on October 10, 2020. The rules and guidelines are in the

Guide to Contests and Programs 2020-21. Sign up by **October 1st** on <https://form.jotform.com/201985749128164> to reserve your time slot for:

- Prepared Speech
- Radio Spot
- Impromptu Speech
- DIY Speech

Folding Display Contest - is now called the GRANGE DISPLAY Contest – The rules have changed slightly to fall in line with the National Youth contest rules. The goal of the Grange Display contest is to create either a digital or folding display that could be utilized at a county fair, library, Grange open house or other forum to promote the Grange, Grange program or Grange issue. All entries for the Grange Display Contest must be received by email or mail by **October 1st** to youth@pagrange.org or 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352. Winners will be displayed on the Youth and Young Adults webpage and Facebook page.

Revised Contest Rules:

1. All entrants must be youth or young adult members of a subordinate/community Grange
2. Two age divisions: Youth - Grange members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1; Young Adult - Grange members between the ages of 22-35.
3. The display theme must be Grange related.
4. The winning entries from PA will be sent to National Youth Director for judging and hopefully exhibited at the National

Grange Session.

5. A Grange member may enter as an individual OR as a member of a group. All group entry members must be in the same age division.
6. Folding Display should be no larger than 3' x 4' and should be able to stand by itself. At least 3 photos of the folding display from different angles will be submitted for judging.
7. Digital displays must be on a flash drive and in .MP4, .MPG, WMA format.
8. Displays will be judged on content, organization, originality and neatness.

Create A Button Contest – This contest will be held following the same rules as in the Guide to Contests and Programs, however the button design must be submitted by **October 1st** to youth@pagrange.org or 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352.

NEW! Grange Commercial Contest - A Grange commercial is an advertisement promoting the Grange. The Commercial entry must be submitted by **October 1st** to youth@pagrange.org or 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352.

Contest Rules:

1. Contest participant(s) must film and edit themselves doing a commercial for the Grange.
2. Can include up to five people in the commercial.
3. Commercials should last between 30-60 seconds.

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History Committee

Doug Bonsall

PA State Grange History Committee
Director

See the new 150th anniversary page on the
State Grange website found under
<https://www.pagrang.org/state-grange-150th-anniversary.html>

Regional Coordinators for 150th Anniversary – Regional coordinators have been appointed to assist the 150th Anniversary general committee to communicate with Pomona Granges within their area and to encourage involvement in the State Grange’s upcoming sesquicentennial celebration.

- Northwest Region (Granges in Crawford, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, and Warren Counties) – Kelly VanOrd; kvanord@verizon.net; 814-484-7295
- Northcentral Region (Granges in Centre, Clearfield, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter and Tioga Counties) – Cheryl Miller; miller.cheryl39@yahoo.com; 814-355-1139
- Northeast Region (Granges in Bradford, Carbon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Northampton, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming Counties) – Monica Turner; woakes@epix.net; 570-942-4627
- Southwest Region (Granges in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland Counties) – Janet Fishovitz; jfishovitz@gmail.com; 724-494-5472
- Southcentral Region (Granges in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Juniata, Perry, Somerset and York Counties) – Krista Pontius; kpontius@greenwoodsd.org; 717-385-6015
- Southeast Region (Granges in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Montgomery Counties) – Gene & Denae Zvarick; info@keystonegrange2.org; 484-663-3219

Pomona Granges will be asked to appoint an anniversary coordinator to

promote anniversary activities to every Subordinate Grange.

Light the Cake – Candles to light our 150th anniversary birthday cake are being purchased but there are still plenty of opportunities for members to sponsor one of the remaining candles. The cancellation of so many Grange activities has put this initiative a bit behind schedule but we re-



Help to light the PA State Grange 150th anniversary cake by sponsoring one or more of its 150 candles

main confident that we can wrap up this fund raiser by the close of 2020. The monies raised will help fund the State Grange’s 150th anniversary celebration, beginning with the April 2021 kick-off and continuing through the 2023 session in Reading, PA. To find out what candles remain and how to make your contribution, contact Steve & Karen Mohn, 308 Mill Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567 (askmohn@comcast.net).

Anniversary Kick-Off – Did you reserve the date of Saturday, April 17, 2021, to attend the kick-off of the State Grange’s 150th anniversary? A big day is planned starting with an open house and brunch reception at Eagle Grange #1 near Montgomery, PA (just south of Williamsport) where the Grange movement began in Pennsylvania in 1871. A festive luncheon is

planned at the nearby Country Cupboard Restaurant and Shops north of Lewisburg featuring a motivational speaker, a historical candlelighting ceremony and the induction of two Pennsylvania patrons (John W. Scott and J. Luther Snyder) into the National Grange “Hall of Fame”. For tickets and details, contact Anna May Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 (amnauss@aol.com).

Looking for Degree Teams – In the last issue an invitation was issued for Granges, counties or other groups of patrons to exemplify the first through fourth degrees as part of 150th anniversary activities. We hope to present the first and second degrees at the state session in 2021 and the third and fourth degrees in 2022, complete with tableaux and speaking parts memorized. In 2023, the celebration will culminate with the exemplification of the fifth and sixth degrees in full form. To volunteer or for more information, contact Doug

Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018 (douglas.b@verizon.net).

Free Regalia/Grange Items – The State Grange has an abundance of extra officers’ regalia, songbooks, implements, staves, etc. from closed Granges that we’d love to share at no cost to your Grange other than arranging for transportation from the office. If your Grange needs any of these items, please contact Doug Bonsall.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
Pennsylvania State Grange
History Committee
douglas.b@verizon.net





Junior News

Junior Committee

Lurae Benzio

PA State Grange Junior Committee
Director

HELLO Juniors, JG Families and JG Supporters!

WOW! What a hot summer we are having!! As I write this article in mid July, the temp is 91 and the humidity is 90%. I don't want to complain too loudly because it IS SUMMER - - but I prefer the cooler temps that come in the Fall. We are entering that beautiful time of year when the leaves begin to change, the nights are crisp and there is pumpkin EVERYTHING!! Speaking of pumpkins, you may have heard by now that the Pennsylvania State Session is not happening as normal this year. The Departments will not be setting up their contest areas and that includes the Juniors. There will be no JG Jam either. This is very sad to me. Sad to all of us. But, I want to still have a pumpkin decorating contest - - VIRTUALLY! Same rules apply as what is in the Contest Guide. I want you to work on the pumpkin, make it look great, take a photo of it and then email that photo to me BEFORE October 7th. Send the photo to benz4@comcast.net. I will then separate into the age categories and post online in the Junior Grange Facebook Page for judging. More details will be posted on the Facebook Page and in the Pennsylvania Grange Email blasts that goes out weekly. A copy of the Contest Guide can be found on the Pennsylvania Grange website: www.pagrang.org.

Many of you know that the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Camp was held Virtually this year. It was a GREAT time and I am happy to report that the comments from campers and parents alike were positive. We all had challenges to face but in the end - we succeeded and had a nice week. I kicked off the week by doing a LIVE welcome from Log Cabin Grange in Crawford County where Ginny Straub is from. Her son Joel and daughter-in-law Christie Straub helped to make the evening special with a campfire so we could



roast marshmallows for S'mores. The Perseghetti Children joined me in kicking off the camp week. Some of the other events held were a Camp Sing-a-long on Monday Night with Jen Beamon and Gail Switzer leading the campers. On Tuesday night the teams faced off for Trivia Night with Tina Reich (our newest JG Committee member). Wednesday Night was BINGO night with Suann Johnson. We had a Talent Night on Thursday Evening and had 12 Juniors sharing their talents. Those Ju-

niors are: Nolan Fayewicz - magic trick, Sarah Scharf - flute, Elsa Kehs - singing, Alexis Servin - piano, Connor Servin - piano, Logan Eisenhower - bass clarinet, Heidi & Julie Eisenhower - piano duet, Sarah Riegel- piano & singing, Harvey Reyburn - Bassoon, Gayle Reyburn - singing, Cameron Narad - poster/art lesson. We have some amazing talent among our kiddos!!

The camp week ended on Friday with a special camp video, some special words from me (Lurae) for the Vesper service and then Philip Vonada sang "Pass It On" which is a tradition to sing on Friday night of camp - around candlelight. I want to thank my Junior Grange Committee for helping out, the Virtual Counselors and Helpers for sitting in on the Cabin Chat Times, those that did Vesper services, the families who sent me flag raising videos, Lindsey Schroeder for helping with the camp video and the many Grange members who supported the whole idea of having a virtual camp. Together we can accomplish great things!! I am sharing a few photos from camp (most taken by parents in their homes) and also sharing 2 sweet thank you notes from 2 Juniors who I can't wait to meet in person next summer!!

As we move into a new season and continue to have concerns about the Corona Virus and other obstacles, please remember to be kind to one another. We are all dealing with these challenges and we all have ways of dealing with adversity. Listen to each other, help each other, share ideas with each other and care about each other! A great Big VIRTUAL hug to all of you!

Fraternally,
Lurae Benzio
Junior Grange Director
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2020 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED!

Pennsylvania State Grange is pleased to announce the awarding of 3 scholarships and 3 interest free loans to Pennsylvania State Grange Youth.

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. 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 has a minor in International Agriculture.
2. 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 has a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Science.
3. Jessica Cain is the daughter of Gregory and Cindy Cain of Howard, Pennsylvania. Jessica is attending Lock Haven University where she is majoring in Secondary Social Studies Education.

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. Mikara Anderson is the daughter of Gerald and Holly Anderson of Three Springs, Pennsylvania. Mikara is attending Penn State University where she is majoring in Animal Science, Business and Management, and a minor in

each Agribusiness Management and 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. 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 has a minor in International Agriculture.
2. 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 has a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Science.
3. Mikara Anderson is the daughter of Gerald and Holly Anderson of Three Springs, Pennsylvania. Mikara is attending Penn State University where she is majoring in Animal Science, Business and Management, and has a minor in each Agribusiness Management and Wildlife and Fisheries Science.





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stimulus for the American people. We know that much more needs to be done and we look forward to our continued work with you to respond to this crisis together.

As COVID-19 continues to impact both urban and rural communities, we are gravely concerned about the compromised digital access that now threatens entire communities, and people’s livelihoods, educational access, quality of healthcare and lives.

Our rural communities are particularly less prepared to mitigate the pandemic itself and adapt to what will certainly be a different world in a post-COVID economy, in large part because of the lack of access to Broadband. Some 18 million Americans lack access to Broadband internet connectivity, 14 million of whom reside in rural America. In today’s economy these communities, businesses and families without adequate access are left behind, and the consequences are staggering from an economic, health, education, and social standpoint.

Broadband is not a luxury, but rather a critical infrastructure that’s vitally important to our economic future and national security. While the investment to-date is much appreciated, we believe it is only a down payment in the total investment needed to close this gap.

An FCC estimate from 2017 estimates it would cost \$80 billion to bring high-speed internet to the remaining parts of our country that do not have access. Last year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a report, citing Deloitte data, that estimated it would require “between \$130 and \$150 billion over the next five to seven years, to adequately support rural coverage and 5G wireless densification.”

Additional Broadband investment must meet the level of the challenge and be made at the speed that is clearly now required. This investment will unleash economic potential, promote stable job growth that’s resilient in times like these, and ensure all businesses and families can participate in the digital economy.

This investment will unlock the potential of a new generation of technologies for healthcare advancement, ensure that school children across America have access to the best educational tools, foster new ways of doing business, stimulate the advancement of agricultural and food production technologies and give states and communities the opportunities to capitalize on smart infrastructure deployment.

Mr. President, Congressional Leaders – we must work together as past generations have done to provide a service fundamental to life in America today. It is time for the Rural Electrification Act of our generation. As you consider this investment, we urge you to look to the lessons of the past and ask ourselves not how we can afford to embrace innovation and bring new technologies to all communities, but with all we stand to lose, how we can afford not to.

As Governors, we are all ready to partner with you to ensure an efficient and effective strategy to quickly deploy these resources to bridge the digital divide. We call on Congress to act immediately and together to pass a groundbreaking package that provides the necessary digital access to all Americans.

Sincerely,
Governor Doug Burgum, North Dakota
Governor Tom Wolf, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Governor Kristi Noem, South Dakota
Governor Tony Evers, Wisconsin
Governor Kim Reynolds, Iowa
Governor Kate Brown, Oregon
Governor Mike DeWine, Ohio
Governor Laura Kelly, Kansas
Governor Eric Holcomb, Indiana
Governor Jay Inslee, Washington
Governor Tim Walz, Minnesota

TO: Members, PA State Council of Farm Organizations and Interested Parties:

Good morning all,

I am forwarding this information from Penn State. I hope you and others who look to you will find it to be a resource.

Since pollination and the health of bees are critical to Pennsylvania Agriculture (and this is Pollinator Week), please distribute this information widely.

Thanks,

Vince
Vince Phillips
Executive Director
PA State Council of Farm Organizations

Hi everyone,

I wanted to pass along some resources that have been developed by our colleagues that you might find useful!

First, WiBee (<https://pollinators.wisc.edu/wibee/>) is a new citizen science app developed by the Gratton Lab at University of Wisconsin. It is smart-phone accessible and can be used to track bee visits to flowering plants. It has a data dashboard that can be used to work with the submitted data. This is a great tool for growers, gardeners and students!

Second, Cornell University released its 432 page analysis of the economic benefits and risks to pollinators of neonic use in NY agricultural systems:
<https://pollinator.cals.cornell.edu/pollinator-research-cornell/neonicotinoid-report/>
Scott McArt summarized the main results on his Twitter thread:
<https://twitter.com/McArtLab/status/1275774701214863363>

Third, The Pollinators movie is now available digitally for download:
<https://www.thepollinators.net/how-to-watch>

This movie has received numerous awards, and is a great summary of the complex interactions between our food systems, commercial beekeeping, and pollinator health. This is an excellent resource for education and outreach.





Pennsylvania State Grange

Officer Descriptions for the 148th Session

October 15-18, 2020
Erie, PA

At the 148th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session all offices 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."

If you are interested in serving as a State Officer, suggestions for office will be received on Friday afternoon, October 16th at 1:45 P.M. If you would like more information about serving as a State Officer, or know that you would like to be suggested, please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office for the contact information of the Nominating Committee or have someone pre-arranged to suggest your name. The election will take place Saturday, October 17th, at 11:00 A.M. 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." These presentations will be allowed immediately after the suggestions from the floor are received Friday afternoon.

Following are brief job descriptions for each State Office, along with the current officer's name and length of time served in that office. A complete description of officer duties can be found at www.pagrange.org.



All officers are to memorize their part in the Degree work; be available for speaking engagements as approved by the State President/Master; support and promote the policies and programs of the State Grange; submit articles for the Pennsylvania Grange News as requested by the editor or President/Master; attend the State Convention, special events, officer's meetings; and prepare an annual report for the Journal of Proceedings.

PRESIDENT/MASTER:

Wayne Campbell [3 years], Be available to work in the Pennsylvania State Grange Office, make Grange and office management decisions; appoint Advocates/Deputies and committees; provide leadership in the absence of policy and/or when adjustments are appropriate; hire and supervise the State Grange office staff; represent the

State Grange at various functions; speak where invited; oversee all State Grange programs and projects; develop and implement new programs, serve ex-officio on all committees; provide leadership in legislative matters; visit Granges as needed; hear concerns of rural Pennsylvania, help members resolve problems; inject new ideas and provide the tools needed to encourage membership growth; oversee status of all Subordinate and Pomona Granges; organize and reorganize Granges; write articles for the Pennsylvania Grange News [PGN] and letters of communication.

VICE PRESIDENT/

OVERSEER:

JV Lamb [3 years], In the event of an emergency be prepared to fulfil the office of President/Master, fill in for the Master at workshops, meetings and activities as needed; serve on the Executive Committee; speak at engagements as requested by the President/Master, be available as needed by the State President/Master; and serve as a member of the Board for the Grange Foundation.

LECTURER:

Jennifer Nauss [2 years], Develop the yearly Lecturer's program with the assistance of your Committee, provide support, assistance and guidance for Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers and the Lecturer's Committee via communications; plan and lead music at State Convention; promote and conduct the annual talent contest; plan and oversee the Lecturer's displays,



exhibits, contests and judging of programs under the Lecturer's direction at state and district events; promote Grange projects and policies; budget income and expenses; file quarterly financial reports; visit Granges as available; write articles for the PGN.

STEWARD:

Andrew Kieffer [2 years], Schedule State Advocates working at State Session; conduct the election of officers; assist in preparing the stage for the Session and Degree.

ASSISTANT STEWARD:

Robert Kleckner III [2 years], Assist with conducting the Convention; aid the Steward in preparing for the meeting and degree.

LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD:

Lorena Baughman [4 years], Assist with conducting the Convention; aid the Steward in preparing for the meeting and degree; store, wash and iron the court ladies' gowns for the Degree.

CHAPLAIN:

Judy Pressler [4 years], Provide spiritual guidance and/or meditations at all sessions of the annual Convention and other state events; prepare and conduct the annual memorial service; write articles for the PGN.

TREASURER:

Henry Seidel (16 years), Assist the State President/Master in managing certain financial matters; report to the Executive Committee quarterly in writing regarding changes made in investments; manage the scholarship loan and grant programs, including payback schedules; be knowledgeable regarding investments, bookkeeping and financial planning; manage the lifetime membership program funds and Grange Trust Fund accounts; manage Grange Improvement Loan accounts; serve as a member of the Board of the Grange Foundation; be responsible for safekeeping of legal documents; present annual financial and audit reports.

SECRETARY:

Debbie Campbell (8 years), Prepare minutes of the Session and publish the Journal of Proceedings; commu-

nicate with Subordinate and Pomona secretaries; be available to the State Grange office staff on a weekly basis; be available to handle specific duties as assigned by the State President/Master and Executive Committee. Assist Office Secretary in logging and processing Quarterly Dues from Subordinate Granges and oversee prompt payment of Dues to National Grange as required by the By-Laws. Maintain Grange supply department inventory and sales; process 25, 50, and 50-plus year certificates for membership.

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As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Program Ideas

September

Back to School: The plans for returning to school this fall continue to be in flux and are changing rapidly. Regardless of whether students are back to school in person, learning remotely, or doing some combination of the two, schools, educators and students need all the support they can get. Consider inviting a local teacher to educate your members – and the community – about the challenges facing schools in these unprecedented times. If it is safe to meet in person, invite them to speak at a meeting. If it is not, consider having a Zoom meeting or having the teacher write an article to put in your newsletters or on social media. Work with your Community Service chair to make a donation of cleaning supplies to your local school district or reach out to a local district to see what types of materials they may need to support safe, in-person education or remote learning.

October

October 24 – Make a Difference Day – Celebrate the ways your Grange has made a difference in your community. Reflect back on the programs and projects your Grange has conducted in the last year and have a planning discussion about what sorts of programs and projects your Grange should have for the coming year.

I encourage you to continue to think of ways to provide programming for your members, even if you are unable to meet at this time. Maintain communication with newsletters, phone calls, and emails. Consider using Zoom (the Pennsylvania State Grange has an account) to hold meetings virtually if it is unsafe to meet in person. Share any creative ideas you have been using to reach your members; I'd love to share the great work you are doing in future articles.

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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.

The understatement of the year goes as follows: This has been and is a trying time for Grangers, their families, their communities and frankly for all of rural Pennsylvania. A recent cartoon showed people blowing horns and throwing confetti. When asked, they replied that regardless of what the calendar says, they were done with 2020 and preferred to be in 2021.

In addition to the obvious such as what the business shut-downs have done to rural economies, an underlying issue has emerged that illustrates how non-metropolitan Pennsylvania has been specifically hurt by the coronavirus. This impact is similar to what our non-rural friends have faced but it affects rural PA far worse. The reason is that a resource other communities have simply is not available in much of the rural parts of the state.

That resource is access to high-speed Broadband. Here is the conventional wisdom: use technology to overcome adversity caused by the coronavirus crisis.

- School buildings are not open or only partially open? Solution is learning remotely from your computer at home!
- Business closing or forced cut-backs? Solution is on-line commerce!
- Ag meetings or training? Solution is to go virtual!
- Difficulty in receiving in-person health care? Solution is Telemedicine!

In other words, no worries. Technology can save us. Right? WRONG.

If we do not have access to technology, all the modern Internet resources in the world become irrelevant to the fact that:

“REMOTELY” PROSPECTS ARE REMOTE FOR RURAL PA

- Rural students cannot do their homework or attend virtual (remote) classes.
- Businesses cannot market products and services remotely.
- Virtual meetings are ignored if you can't go virtual. Thus, the value of these meetings – whether an Extension workshop or a virtual event – is lost.
- Distance from medical care and isolation continue to be public and personal health issues.

Understand that these problems are not new. They were obstacles faced by rural communities long before the coronavirus crisis. What is different is that technology is hailed as a panacea and it is not a solution if the technology is not available.

Put another way, the Digital Divide between technology haves and have-nots has been very much there for some time but the lack of access to high-speed Broadband is felt more deeply because of coronavirus.

CORONAVIRUS UNDERSCORES GRANGE’S NO. 1 PRIORITY

As most know, the number one priority for the Pennsylvania State Grange is achieving the goal of universal access to high-speed Broadband. We believe that Broadband is to this century what rural electrification was

in the 20th Century.

Look at these parallels:

- Each involves technology where rural areas don't have it universally (electricity and Broadband).
- Each involves education. Electric lighting helped education just as the Internet is essential now.
- Health care: Can you envision medical care without electricity? Well, in this century, the challenge is access to the Internet as the new phase of medical care.
- What did electricity do for businesses? Storage, manufacturing, retail sales were all greatly enhanced because of electricity. In this century, it is digital technology.

So, how do we get to universal access to high-speed Broadband? Barring a multi-billion dollar Marshall Plan for Broadband, the efforts will remain piecemeal with all the little parts of the solution adding up to bridging the Digital Divide. The Pennsylvania State Grange is working on a number of these, a partial list of which follows.

How To Pay for It

- Pennsylvania State Grange believes that there needs to be a centralized office to coordinate PA efforts to gain funding. Now, the Governor's Office of Broadband



Initiatives exists, but the Governor has never requested any funding for the Office. There is only one employee and she is part-time. PA State Grange wants to see that Office funded as part of the State Budget.

- **House Bill 2348** (Causer-R-McKean/Cameron/Potter) would take an existing tax credit for telecommunication investment and convert it into a matching grant program.
- **Senate Bill 835** (Langerholc-R-Cambria/Clearfield) establishes a grant program to spur telecommunications investment in underserved areas.

Ways to Facilitate Development Without Tax Dollars

- **Senate Bill 1118** (Pittman-R-Indiana) and **House Bill 2438** (Owlett-R-Potter/Tioga) streamline the process whereby a rural electric cooperative can upgrade existing electrical lines to have a Broadband component.
- **House Bill 2055** (Snyder-D-Greene/Fayette) removes certain legal obstacles for small municipalities who are tired of waiting for Internet and decide to become an Internet Service Provider (ISP).
- **Senate Resolution 48** (Phillips-Hill-R-York) directs that an audit be done on whether or not telecommunications companies are meeting current legal obligations regarding access to Broadband.
- **House Bill 305** (Snyder-D-Greene/Fayette) and **Senate Bill 470** (Phillips-Hill-R-York) would have an inventory take place of state-owned structures to identify which ones could be marketed to host telecommunications equipment. Those spaces would be leased with proceeds going to the Commonwealth.
- Right now, telephone users pay a nominal 911 fee to pay for citizens' use of 911 to report emergencies. Pennsylvania State Grange wants policymakers to look at a similar Broadband fee for cell phone users. There are likely more cell phones in Pennsylvania than there are people. Since universal access to Broadband helps strengthen PA's economy, education, health care and its agricultural base, all people should play a part in getting us there.

Try To Develop a Comprehensive Broadband Plan

- **Senate Resolution 47** (Phillips-Hill-R-York) created a Broadband Task Force and Advisory Committee to compare different ways of reaching universal access to Broadband. **Pennsylvania State Grange is the ONLY rural advocacy group included in the Advisory Committee. The resulting report would help legislators figure out what to do.**

NOTE: This is not an encyclopedic list. Other bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate that address other pieces of the puzzle. The Pennsylvania State Grange supports all but one, the Restore PA plan proposed by the Wolf Administration. Our opposition presents several arguments:

- Restore PA is a \$4.5 billion dollar loan which would be paid back by taxing Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction (called a severance tax). If less gas is being extracted because of a low market price for natural gas, PA gets less money and taxpayers are left to make

up the difference in repaying the loan.

- Restore PA is supposedly meant to fund Broadband but there is no set amount dedicated for that purpose. Broadband must compete with flood remediation, downtown revitalisation, parks, transportation, and several other areas for this money. Any resources for Broadband would be diffused by money going to all these other purposes.

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PRESIDENT CAMPBELL'S LETTER PUBLISHED IN LANCASTER FARMING *on July 25th, 2020*

The Pennsylvania State Grange appreciates the intent of Governor Tom Wolf's recent letter to the President and Congress asking them to fund expansion of high-speed Broadband in unserved and underserved areas. We respectfully point out that good intentions are best demonstrated at home.

While the Governor established the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives with fanfare, he never funded it. In each State Budget he proposed, there was no line-item request for this important Office. How can the Office actually coordinate Pennsylvania's efforts to secure Federal funding and serve as a liaison between the FCC and State Government with no resources? The Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives has no budget or dedicated staff. The lone staff person is 'borrowed' from the Department of Community & Economic Development.

The Pennsylvania State Grange urges Governor Tom Wolf to reinforce the leadership he has shown in advocating Federal Broadband funding by helping his own Office of Broadband Initiatives function as it should. We fear that without funding, the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives will become irrelevant.

Following is a quote from the original letter from the Governor, joining other state Governors sent to President Trump and congressional leadership

Additional Broadband investment must meet the level of the challenge and be made at the speed that is clearly now required. This investment will unleash economic potential, promote stable job growth that's resilient in times like these, and ensure all businesses and families can participate in the digital economy.

Although good advice to Washington, at a minimum, we should start by funding the Governor's Office of Broadband Initiatives.



Grange News

LIBERTY GRANGE #1780

Liberty Grange held a FREE drive-thru Strawberry Social on Saturday, May 30, 2020 for our Community Service event. We gave away Strawberry Shortcake "kits" that included: a cup of



strawberries, piece of white cake, an ice cream cup and plasticware. Although there was no charge,



many people wanted to make a donation. We raised \$134 for the Harlansburg Presbyterian Church Food Bank that has been serving families in our community.



SOUTH AUBURN GRANGE #1188

On July 25, 2020 the South Auburn Grange # 1188 held a virtual fundraiser via mail-in contributions along with a chicken barbeque and donation campaign for the benefit of the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Wyalusing, PA. The Grange is happy to report that over \$3,300 was raised for this worthy, non-profit food pantry. The Grange would also like to thank our Grange members and friends and neighbors that supported the fundraiser.



Peg Huyck of Helping Hands receiving funds from Charlene Tewksbury of the South Auburn Grange



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(June 2020) State Grange president Wayne Campbell, along with members from several other Granges, tackled the job of installing beautiful new laminate flooring. (Photo Credit: Beth Downey)

The work at Eagle Grange #1 is not done! In the next few months, Eagle Grange is planning several other community events. These include honoring three local fire companies on August 4th, when Eagle Grange hosted members of the fire companies to celebrate their essential work in the community. On September 5th, Eagle Grange is hosting a community yard sale at their Hall, which is prominently located off of Route 15. Community members will be invited to set up their own tables at this yard sale. Eagle Grange also



(July 2020) The new and improved entrance to the historic Eagle Grange Hall; note the accessible ramp and the reserved handicap parking area. (Photo Credit: David Troutman)

hopes to make the day a “Community Day” and include other important services to the community. These include sponsoring a blood drive with a mobile blood bank and inviting a shredding truck for community members to shred confidential paperwork. These are only a few examples of the types of events that Eagle Grange plans to coordinate to better serve the community and become a hub of community activities in Lycoming County.

Future building renovation projects when funding becomes available include the installation of wall-mounted ductless HVAC



(June 2020) The dining room is ready for its first event with new tables and curtains added. (Photo Credit: David Troutman)

units to add air conditioning to the building, updating the kitchen appliances, and renovations to the second floor of the building.

Eagle Grange #1 is excited to showcase their “New Look”, their



(June 2020) The kitchen is now clean, bright and well equipped with stainless steel work counters. All the cabinets were painted to create this fresh and welcoming look. (Photo Credit: David Troutman)

history, and celebrate their continued work in the future at an 150th Anniversary Open House held next spring in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Grange’s 150th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 10 am – 1 pm and plan to visit Eagle Grange #1 for this Open House!

If you would like to contribute to the ongoing work at Eagle Grange #1, please consider becoming a Friend of Eagle Grange. More information about Eagle Grange’s history and background and the Friend of Eagle Grange application can be found on the State Grange website at <https://www.pagrangle.org/pennsylvanias-first-grange---eagle-1.html>. Contact Jenn Nauss (jnauss89@gmail.com or 717-512-1261) or Doug Bonsall (douglas.b@verizon.net or 717-921-1957) for more information about becoming a Friend of Eagle Grange!



(June 2020) A panoramic view of the completed handicap accessible restroom. About \$35,000 plus countless hours of volunteer labor has been invested in the renovation work. Large donations came from Valley, Perry Valley & Red Lion Granges. (Photo Credit: David Troutman)



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4. The participants must include a written script.
5. Three age divisions:
 - Youth - Grange members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1;
 - Young Adult - Grange members between the ages of 22-35;
 - Youth Alumni ages 36 and older.
6. Commercials must be on a flash drive and in .MP4, .MPG, WMA format.

Youth and Young Adult Contests that will not be held this year: Start with a Cake Mix, Cupcake Decorating, Scrapbook Page, Recycled Craft, Building Blocks Creation,

At the time of writing this article, the Youth and Young Adults Department are still planning to hold the following annual events:

- 21-23 August - Young Adults Weekend
- 26 September - Youth and Young Adults Family picnic
- 10 October - Virtual Contest night
- Jan/Feb 2021 - Youth Winter Retreat

In this time of change and uncertainty, we are continually looking for new ideas and ways to help our fellow Grangers. If you are looking for a little something different for your Grange virtual meeting, let me know. Our Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Ambassadors, Young Patrons, as well as our committee and myself, are ready and willing to provide a program for your Grange or event.

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BIRTHDAYS

- Fred Hosler**
April 19 (93 years old)
- Betty Yinger**
June 28 (96 years old)
- Fae Snyder**
June 24 (88 years old)

IN MEMORIAM

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Mark Your Calendars!

**Join us to kick-off the celebrations for the PA State Grange's 150th Anniversary!
Saturday, April 17, 2021**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Eagle Grange #1 Open House

Celebrate the 150th Birthday of Eagle Grange #1 and drop by to learn more about Pennsylvania's historic first Grange near Williamsport

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**PA State Grange 150th Anniversary
Kick-Off Luncheon and Program**

Kick-off the celebrations for the 150th Anniversary with a luncheon and program at the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg (a short drive from Eagle Grange #1)

Turn the day into an outing! Visit some of the many unique sites in the Williamsport-Lewisburg area. Email Doug Bonsall at douglas.b@verizon.net for a list of attractions to visit before and after these Grange events.

For tickets, contact Anna May Nauss at (717) 697-5104 or annauss@aol.com.

Tickets - \$25/person

Checks made payable to the PA State Grange History Committee

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

**GRANGE APPLAUDS SENATE
VOTE ON BROADBAND BILL**

The Pennsylvania State Grange lauded the September 8 unanimous vote by the PA State Senate on Senate Bill 835 sponsored by Senator Wayne Langerholc (R-Cambria) to create an Authority which could award grants to telecommunications companies willing to “go the last mile” in providing access to high-speed Broadband in less populated parts of PA.

According to Grange President Wayne Campbell, Senate Bill 835 provides the opportunity for Pennsylvania to gain Federal resources to help the Commonwealth with Broadband expansion. “For the first time, there will be a centralized point to coordinate efforts”, he said. “This is critical because the existing Governor’s Office of Broadband Initiatives has no budget, no staff, and little coordinating capacity to convince the Federal Government that Pennsylvania actually has a plan to achieve the universal access goal.”

Senate Bill 835 must still pass the House and be sent to the Governor for his signature.

Universal access to high-speed Broadband is the number one priority for the Pennsylvania State Grange.

**GRANGE URGES HOUSE YES
VOTE ON AGRITOURISM
LIABILITY BILL**

The Pennsylvania State Grange is urging the PA House of Representatives to pass legislation that would provide limited civil liability

to farmers seeking to provide agritourism and/or agri-entertainment to the general public. A letter was sent to Representatives September 11.

The bill is House Bill 1348 sponsored by Rep. Barb Gleim (R-Cumberland). Its rationale is that farmers are struggling and need to develop other sources of income to keep the family farm in operation. The Grange letter said that threat of frivolous lawsuits is a barrier and suggests that: ‘Agritourism and agri-entertainment can bring in new income IF a farmer does not fear that a frivolous lawsuit will take away their farm. A farmer should take reasonable steps to protect visitors from hurting themselves with fences, warning signs, etc. What House Bill 1348 does is to protect the farmer from a lawsuit by someone who acts in an unsafe manner, gets hurt, and then sues the farmer.’

House Bill 1348 was scheduled for a House vote on Wednesday September 16. Currently, the bill has 63 sponsors.

The Grange letter concludes by saying, ‘Agriculture supports Pennsylvania. The General Assembly should do everything it can to protect farmers in these vulnerable times.’

Following is a link to the legislation and to Rep. Gleim’s sponsorship memo.

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?s-Year=2019&sInd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=1348>

**GRANGE APPLAUDS SENATE
COMMITTEE TELEPHONE BILL
VOTE**

The Pennsylvania State Grange applauds the Senate Professional Licensure & Consumer Protection Committee for its favorable reporting of Senate Bill 1112 sponsored by Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill from York County. The September 22, 2020, committee vote was 12-1.

The bill seeks to update Pennsylvania’s regulatory oversight over Public Utility Commission-regulated rural telephone systems. “Despite society’s overall reliance on Broadband, land-line telephones still remain a lifeline for many in rural Pennsylvania for the simple reason that they do not have access to wireless high-speed Broadband”, said Grange President Wayne Campbell.

“This lack for many people means no access to Telemedicine which is critical in these COVID-19 days. This lack means limited ability to engage in commerce during the COVID-19 business shutdown”, he stressed. “The COVID-19 crisis has illustrated the continuing necessity for land-line telephones until the day PA reaches the goal of universal access to high-speed Broadband. Even then, the utility poles may be the means by which to run the needed cable to provide that access.”

Senate Bill 1112 removes regulatory administrative and other compliance cost barriers which now inhibit rural telephone companies from developing and providing Broadband capabilities.

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From the President's Desk

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*American Values.
Hometown Roots.*

Over the past year you have seen the words “cultivating connections” in my articles. This has been the National Grange theme for 2020. We will learn the new theme for 2021 at the abbreviated National Grange session in Valley Forge Pennsylvania.

I hope that even though 2020 has been a year like no other, you have cultivated connections. This has really been a year to develop community connections. Many of you found ways to be a positive influence in your community during these trying times. Some made face masks and gave them to neighbors, essential workers, teachers, friends and family. Grange Halls became food distribution points, and some did free milk give away events. The milk give away helped local dairy farmers and provided a very nutritious part of a daily diet for many families.

But as 2020 draws to a close let us not miss out on more ways to cultivate connections. This whole year has seen more people in need than in recent times. This will continue to be a concern through the Christmas season and beyond. Partner with other local groups and organizations to help our friends and neighbors in need. For many this is going to be a very difficult winter. Restaurant employees and other service industry people have lost their jobs or have been laid off due to the Pandemic and are relying on unemployment benefits, if they can even get them.

In many cases these benefits will not meet the bills. Check with your local charities and churches and see how you or your Grange can help. Seniors may need a ride to a doctor's office, or just someone to talk to. Remember in a previous article I said it doesn't have to cost money to help or to make a difference. A warm smile, shoveling a sidewalk, or helping someone bring in firewood can mean more than money at times.

Please keep your mind focused on the reason for the season. Be that bright spot in someone's day, be that anonymous person who sent a Christmas card with a gift card in it for a local market. Provide a gift card to a needy family so they can purchase presents for their children. Covid-19 may keep us from helping in the same way we did in the past, but it can't stop

us from still being a good neighbor and a good friend.

Debbie and I hope and pray that each and every one of you can gather as a family and celebrate the holiday season. We hope your Christmas will be made a little brighter and a little warmer knowing that you made someone else's Christmas a little brighter, a little warmer, and a little less stressful. God bless each one of you and may you have a safe and Happy New Year!!

Fraternally,
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PGN ARTICLES: Effective Jan/Feb 2021 Issue!!!

Effective with the January/February, 2021 issue of the Pennsylvania Grange News, the publishing of it will be moving back to the office of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

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Wayne D. Campbell, President
Pennsylvania State Grange



Chaplain's Corner
 Judy Pressler
 PA State Grange Chaplain

I Will Be With You

Given this past year, you might think it would be difficult for me to wish you a **Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!**

But, for a minute, let's think about others who have had similar experiences prior to their Thanksgiving or Christmas.

How about the Pilgrims: They spent days and nights on that long voyage through stormy waters, inclement weather and all kinds of illness. They were isolated from their friends and family back home. They saw loved ones die and/or become ravaged by sea sickness or disease. They had no idea what lay ahead of them

Then, let's think about Mary, an unmarried, teenage girl who found herself pregnant with child. She faced embarrassment, ridicule, possible threats on her life and fear about what would happen when she told Joseph, her beloved fiance'. Then there was Joseph, who felt betrayed and bewildered as to what the future held.

We have gone through our own storms, our threatening situations, our sicknesses, our grieving for loved ones, our fear of violence, our unpredictable weather events, our uncertainty about the future.

These unsettled times remind me of Moses when God confronted him at the burning bush. God told him he should go and lead the Israelites out of their bondage in Egypt. He had no idea what ordeals and miseries lay ahead but when he questioned God about it, God reassured him with these words: **"I will be with you."**

Thanks be to God that His words are still valid today! **He will be with us!**

But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" and God said, "I WILL BE WITH YOU."

How exciting it was that the Pilgrims found a way to celebrate a blessed Thanksgiving dinner with unlikely friends, share food they never heard of and realize their dreams of a better life than their former one. Their new norm was not without problems, but they could face their new life because **God was with them.**

How exciting it was when Mary and Joseph relied on those same words that **God would be with them** and they celebrated the birth of their son, truly a gift from God as promised. Their new norm

was not without problems either, but they knew **God would continue to be with them.**

How exciting it is then at Thanksgiving we can acknowledge **God was with us** as we recall the many blessings we received this year despite the anxious moments and distressing situations.

How exciting it is on Christmas we can celebrate the birth of the Christ Child who brought and still brings us the promise **God will be with us** at all times.

Our new norm may not be without snags or complications, but we can rely on His promise **He will be with us now** and in our eternal home where there will be no more trials and troubles!

With that thought, I **can** thankfully and joyfully wish you all

A Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas!

Praying for love in all aspects of your lives,
 Judy Pressler, Chaplain
 jxp2@psu.edu





Membership News

Lizzie Bailey

PA State Grange Membership & PR
Director

"Kindness is something everyone can afford to give." - Unknown

This past year has been challenging in many different ways as we all have dealt with the pandemic, economy, protests, and politics. I think we will all be anxious to close the books on 2020 and look to 2021 with hopes of better times. But let's not rush through the next few months as we celebrate the holidays with being good friends, showing love, and sharing kindness.

I just finished writing out a few things I still need to do for the holidays... buy holiday cards & postage, wrap presents, locate the tub with porch decorations, and plan some acts of kindness.

I have watched Grangers step up and serve their communities with many acts of kindness this year. I know this will continue through the holidays as Grangers are instilled with serving others. I encourage you to continue to perform even the smallest acts

of kindness. Send cards as there is nothing more endearing than a handwritten note. Make phone calls to neighbors, friends, and family to check in on them, share stories, and let them know that you care about them. As a Grange, maybe provide a holiday meal and gifts to a family who may have lost their job this year. Say thank you to all frontline workers who work tirelessly every day.

I hope that the holidays bring you joy, peace and happiness. If I can be of any help with anything please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please register for member benefits!

Discounts on theme parks, hotels, concert tickets, shopping, insurance, and more.

Go to www.pagrang.org

Click on login/Register (upper right-hand corner). Enter your name and email to register. The Pennsylvania State Grange office will confirm your membership and you will be able to access the Member Benefits page.

Yours in Grange service,
Lizzie Bailey
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150th Pennsylvania State Grange Anniversary Cookbook!

The Pennsylvania State Grange is preparing a wonderful 150th Anniversary Grange Cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. The cookbook will be professionally published and is certain to become a treasured keepsake.

Please have your members fill out the form on page 15 (one recipe per form, please copy as needed) and submit them to the address, or email, listed below. We will only accept four favorite recipes from each member. The form can be located at www.pagrang.org or email the committee.

Deadline is Dec. 31, 2020 for submissions.
Email: grangecookbook150@yahoo.com

Mail: Pennsylvania State Grange
c/o Cookbook Committee
20 Erford Road, Suite 216
Lemoyne, PA 17043





Family Activities

Melanie Melius

PA State Grange Family Activities
Director

Hello Everyone, I hope everyone is staying Safe and Healthy and wearing your mask. As you all know everything was slimmed down this year on State Session. I do not have a lot to report on so I thought I would send out the NEW CONTESTS for 2021... that way I know EVERYONE will have a COPY of ALL Contests.

Quilt Blocks-

Class 1 -Envelope, Pieced- Color scheme – White solid, light purple print, dark purple SOLID. Must be 12"x12" finished square, which includes ¼" seam allowance. Must be the designated pattern and color scheme as shown on the instruction sheet.

Quilt Contest-

Divisions A- Quilt size Min 60" x 60"- Max 120"x120"

Class 2- hand quilted by an individual

Class 3- hand quilted by a group of Grangers. Judging on top only.

Division B- Baby/Crib Quilt size Min 34"x38"- Max 48"x60"

Class 4- Hand quilted

Class 5- Machine Quilted

Judging on top only

Division C- Wall Hangings- Max 48"x48"

Class 6- Hand quilted

Class 7- Machine quilted

Judging on top only

Division D- Machine Quilt- Min 60"x60"- Max 120"x120"

Class 8- Machine constructed and quilted, Judging quilt top only.

Division E- Preprinted Top Quilt- Min 60"x60"- Max 120"x120"

Class 9- ALL work must be done by HAND. Judging quilt top only NO precut quilt kits, No tied quilts. Quilted items must contain batting.

Division A, B, C, D, and E sent to State Session for Judging. NO Subordinate or Pomona elimination is necessary for this contest.

Baking/ Cooking Contest- New this year will be:

Class 10- Banana Nut Bread

Class 11- Cake Donuts- NO YEAST !!

Class 12- Turtles. One whole loaf of bread, 4 donuts-plain or iced, and 6 pieces of candy.

Afghan Contest-

Full size Min 42"x55"- Max 60"x72"

Class 13A- Crochet

Class 13B- Knitted Baby Afghan- Max size 45"x45"

Class 14A- Crochet

Class 14B- Knitted

Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Counted Cross Stitch, Plastic Canvas Contest-

Class 15A- Embroidery- Size 12" and under

Class 15B- Embroidery- over 12"

Class 16A- Cross Stitch- 12" and under

Class 16B- Cross Stitch- over 12"

Class 16C- Counted Cross Stitch- 12" and under

Class 16D- Counted Cross Stitch- over 12"

Class 17- Plastic Canvas Needlepoint.

Cotton Thread Contest-

Class 18- Doilies/ Centerpieces- Must be hand Crocheted, Knitted or Tatted

String Art Contest-

Class 19- Large Art- Min 17"x17" Max 24"x24"

Class 20- Small Art- Min 10"x10". Max 16"x16". Must be Hand-made, CANNOT be purchased kit.

Jewelry Contest-

Class 21- Necklace

Class 22- Bracelet

Class 23- Earrings- NO KITS!!

Can be made with beads, stones, wire, wood, etc. No size restriction.

Woodburning Contest-

Class 24- NO KITS!! Max 16"x20" Design is of your choice. All work must be done by entrant.

I hope this will help everyone enter MORE contests this year. Everyone should make a copy of this, then you will have it on hand. I hope to see everyone next year at the 2021 State Session! So for now... stay SAFE and HEALTHY and wear a mask for your protection and mine.

Yours Truly,
Melanie Melius
Family Activities Director
melmelius59@gmail.com
(814)-360-7058





Program Director
Jenn Nauss
 PA State Grange Program Director

Holiday Greetings from South Central PA!

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the cooler weather! As you are reading this, the State Grange session has recently concluded and a new Grange year has begun. With the advent of a new Grange year, I would encourage you to make plans for your Granges for the year ahead. What programs would your members like to see? What programs and activities could you plan that would entice others from the community to come see what the Grange is all about? Although things are certainly different during these unprecedented times, our Grange work does not need to grind to a halt. Think outside of the box to find ways to continue to meet – whether that means meeting safely in person with physical distancing or using a video teleconferencing program to meet virtually.

Updates

The contests and programs for 2020 continue into 2021. Please consult the “Guide to Contests and Programs” which can be found on the Lecturer’s page of the State Grange website – www.pagrange.org. As I write this, there are still several days remaining before the deadline for many contests, but I am pleased that the disruptions of the past several months have not stopped many Granges from submitting reports and contest entries. I wish to thank you for your

patience and understanding this year as we navigated this uncharted territory with COVID-19. I am hopeful that 2021 will bring about some positive changes and that we will be able to resume many of the in-person activities that we missed this past year.

I am planning on holding Regional Leadership Conferences again in the spring of 2021. I am hoping that we are able to convene safely and I will be sharing more information about the schedule and workshops in the near future.

Congratulations to Philip Vonada of Penns Valley Grange #158 in Centre County for winning this year’s Best of Show in the Virtual Talent Contest! Philip sang Josh Groban’s “You Raise Me Up”. We are proud that Philip will represent Pennsylvania in the National Grange Virtual Evening of Excellence and will look forward to cheering him on in November!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas!

I wish you and yours a blessed holiday season and a joyous beginning to 2021!

Program Ideas:

- Many religions celebrate major holidays in the months of Novem-

ber and December (in addition to other secular holidays). Plan an educational program to share information and important tenets of holidays, especially ones your members might not be as familiar with!

- New Year’s Resolutions (Grange-style) – have a planning meeting with your members. What are your goals for 2021? Create a calendar of program ideas, activities, speakers, etc. for 2021. Listen to members’ suggestions and come up with a game plan to make your program ideas a success!



Jenn Nauss
 State Lecturer
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Youth News

Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director



It has been a rather interesting summer and some events are happening, although on a much smaller scale than normal. The Youth and Young Adults Department has been busy this summer and fall planning, cancelling and rescheduling a few events. Here is a quick summary of our normal schedule of events:

ROYALTY TRIP

How sad it was to cancel the Royalty Trip and annual excursion to Hershey Park this year because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Happily though, we do plan to go to the "Happiest Place on Earth" in 2021 with this same group of royalty.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE YOUTH CAMP

Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Camp could have been another casualty of COVID-19, however we planned two nights of virtual youth camp activities instead. Over 20 youth and young adults connected through Zoom each night. The youth and young adults participated in games, such as Trivia and Scavenger Hunts, learned some of the program updates and basically had a chance to visit with other youth online. As the decision to cancel in-person Youth Camp was made, we also decided to ask the current Youth Ambassadors and Young Patrons to continue in their honored position for another year. With the COVID-19 Pandemic closing many locations and cancelling many events, the Youth Ambassadors and Young Patrons would have missed out on half of their year of

events. The Olympics 2020 theme for Youth Camp is now pushed to be the theme for Youth Camp 2021 and so are the real Olympics.



PAINT NIGHT WITH THE YOUTH AND LECTURERS COMMITTEE

One of the new virtual events held this summer was a Paint Night



on Zoom. The Lecturers Committee and Youth Committee co-hosted and conducted a virtual Paint Night on August 1st. Over 30 individuals from across the country connected via Zoom and followed along as our paint instructor led us to paint a sunflower on a canvas. Everyone enjoyed the event and the chance to



do something different with friends. We will be planning another Paint Night in the fall.

YOUTH FAMILY PICNIC

Our annual picnic was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. We will return to holding our annual Youth and Young Adults Free Family Picnic in 2021.

STATE GRANGE SESSION

Sadly, there will be no Youth Officer Team this year at State Grange Session in Erie, PA. There will also be no in person contests. Instead we have moved our popular Public Speaking contest online. The deadline to register is October 1st and the competition will be held virtually on 10 October. The contests that will be held virtually this year include: Public Speaking (all categories), Folding Display (now Grange Display) contest, Create a Button contest, and Grange Commercial Contest. The contests that will not be held in 2020 include: Start with a Cake Mix, Cupcake Decorating, Scrapbook Page, Recycled Craft, and Building Block Creation.

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Celebrate Pennsylvania State Grange's 150th Anniversary in Style!

In anticipation of the State Grange's 150th Anniversary in 2023, Pennsylvania's first Grange, Eagle #1, is selling commemorative T-shirts! Eagle Grange reaches their 150th Birthday in March 2021, thus beginning the celebrations leading up to the State Grange's 150th Anniversary in 2023. Order a commemorative t-shirt to celebrate this State Grange milestone in style! The State Grange is holding a 150th Anniversary Kick-Off celebration on April 17, 2021 in Lewisburg. This will be the official kick-off of an 18-month-long celebration of the State Grange's 150 years of service. We invite everyone to wear this shirt for the festivities that day!



T-shirts are available in sizes S – 3XL while supplies last. The cost is \$12 per shirt. Shirts can be purchased in person at State Grange functions. Shirts can also be pre-ordered to guarantee the size you want and then picked up at State Grange functions by contacting Jenn Nauss. Shirts can also be shipped for \$6.00 per single shirt. Discounted shipping rates are available for multiple shirt orders that are being shipped to the same location. Contact Jenn Nauss prior to sending payment to determine what the shipping costs will be. Proceeds from shirt sales will support Eagle Grange's ongoing renewal efforts and renovations to the historic Grange Hall in Lycoming County.

Shirts can be ordered by contacting Jenn Nauss at (717) 512-1261 or jnauss89@gmail.com. Payment and order form (below) should be sent to Jenn Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Checks can be made payable to Eagle Grange #1.

Anniversary T-Shirt Order Form

Name _____ Grange Name and # _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Size (Mark Quantity Next to Size) - \$12 per shirt, plus \$6 shipping per single shirt (discounted shipping rates are available for multiple shirt orders being shipped to one location – contact Jenn Nauss before ordering for more information)

_____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL

Checks should be made payable to Eagle Grange #1. Payment and order form should be mailed to
Jenn Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



History Committee
 Doug Bonsall
 PA State Grange History Committee
 Director

See the latest 150th anniversary update on the State Grange website by clicking on <https://www.pagrang.org/state-grange-150th-anniversary.html>

Tickets for Kick-Off Luncheon

It's time to reserve tickets for the official kick-off of the State Grange's 150th anniversary on April 17, 2021. See details in this issue.

Lighting the Cake

There are still plenty of candles on our birthday cake to be lighted. Buy one or more today and help us prepare to celebrate 150 years of Grange in Pennsylvania in grand style. See details in this issue.

Changes/Corrections for Regional Coordinators

Please note the following changes/corrections for regional coordinators announced in the last issue. These coordinators are getting started with communications to Pomona Granges within their area, encouraging involvement in the State Grange's upcoming sesquicentennial celebration.

- Northeast Region – Coordinator is now: Penny Carpenetti, bpcarpy@icloud.com, 570-878-4244

- Southeast Region – Gene & Dena Zvarick, gazvarick@yahoo.com, 484-663-3219

Pomona Grange Presidents were contacted in October with the request to appoint a local anniversary coordinator to work directly with the Regional Coordinators. The deadline for reporting the name, address, email and phone number of Pomona coordinators is 11/30/2020.

Looking for Degree Teams

We are still looking for Granges, counties or other groups of patrons to exemplify the first through fourth degrees as part of 150th anniversary activities. The goal is to exemplify and present the first and second degrees in 2021 and the third and fourth degrees in 2022, complete with tableaux and speaking parts memorized. It may be helpful in making such a commitment to know the location of the upcoming state sessions where the degrees would be exemplified - the 2021 session will be held in Valley Forge (same location as the abbreviated 2020 Na-

tional Grange session) and the 2022 session will be hosted somewhere in southcentral Pennsylvania (exact location still to be determined). To volunteer or for more information, contact Doug Bonsall, PO Box 765, Dauphin, PA 17018 (douglas.b@verizon.net).

Free Regalia/Grange Items

We're anxious to share an abundance of extra officers' regalia, songbooks, implements, staves, etc. from closed Granges at no cost to Granges that can use these items. Only those things in good condition have been retained and are being offered free; all you have to do is arrange for transportation from the State Grange office. If your Grange needs any of these items, please contact Doug Bonsall.

Doug Bonsall, Chair
 Pennsylvania State Grange
 History Committee
 douglas.b@verizon.net





Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbooks

\$30

www.pagrang.org

(click on cookbook tab)



Limited quantities available...

(717)737-8855



PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE THIS FLYER TO YOUR GRANGE MEMBERS

Light the Cake!

Celebrating 150 Years of the Pennsylvania State Grange

This is the first fundraiser for the PA State Grange's 150th Anniversary in 2023. All funds raised will be used to host the 150th Anniversary Session in Reading in October 2023. This will be a special session with many commemorative events, including:

Full Conferral of the Sixth Degree
Historical Pageant

Celebration Banquet
State-Wide Service Projects

Every Grange and Granger in Pennsylvania has the opportunity to share in this important celebration! Help us make this dream a reality by donating to the 1-to-150 Fundraiser. Every donation is appreciated!

How it works:

The PA State Grange Birthday Cake has 150 candles. Each candle costs the amount listed on the candle (the 1st candle costs \$1, the 150th candle costs \$150). Candles can be purchased in any order until all 150 candles have been sold. Donors will be recognized with their name on the candle they have purchased, which will be displayed on the cake.

The Birthday Cake will appear at all State Grange functions through 2020 and 2021. Candles can be purchased at the display or by contacting Karen Mohn at (610) 589-2473 or askmohn@comcast.net. Please contact Karen to find out which candles are still available for purchase; your preferred candle will be reserved until payment is received. Send payment with slip below.



LIGHT THE CAKE!

Please make check payable to: PA State Grange History Committee
Mail to: Karen Mohn, 308 Mill Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567

Name: _____ Candle Amount: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Grange Name and Number: _____ County: _____



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Join us to kick-off the celebrations for the PA State Grange's 150th Anniversary!

10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Eagle Grange #1 Open House

Celebrate the 150th Birthday of Eagle Grange #1 and drop by to learn more about Pennsylvania's historic first Grange near Williamsport

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
PA State Grange 150th Anniversary Kick-Off Luncheon and Program

Kick-off the celebrations for the 150th Anniversary with a luncheon and program at the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg (a short drive from Eagle Grange #1)

Turn the day into an outing! Visit some of the many unique sites in the Williamsport-Lewisburg area. Email Doug Bonsall at douglas.b@verizon.net for a list of attractions to visit before and after these Grange events.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION KICK-OFF
SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Grange Name and Number _____ County _____

_____ Number attending the Open House/Brunch at Eagle Grange #1, Montgomery, PA (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

_____ Number of reservations for luncheon and program (Mark quantity next to price) – Held at Country Cupboard Restaurant & Shoppes, Lewisburg, PA (1:30 p.m.)

_____ \$25.00 per adult (13+) _____ \$12.00 (11-12 years)
_____ \$10.00 (6-10 years) _____ \$2.00 (0-5 years)

Amount Enclosed \$_____ Please make checks payable to: PA State Grange History Committee
Please include self-addressed, stamped envelope for tickets to be mailed to you in advance of luncheon.

Mail ticket order form to: Anna May Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



PA State Grange 150th Anniversary Cookbook

Dear Friend,

The PA State Grange is preparing a wonderful 150th Anniversary Grange Cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. The cookbook will be professionally published, and it is certain to become a treasured keepsake.

Please submit no more than 4 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our group's cookbook. Follow the instructions below. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Thank you for contributing recipes as this will help to ensure that our cookbook will be a huge success.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Print **NEATLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL**, and place only **ONE RECIPE** per form.
- If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
- Please **WRITE LEGIBLY**, as this will greatly reduce errors.
- List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., 2 (8-oz.) cans, temps, and baking/cooking times.
- Keep ingredients separate and directions in one paragraph. Do not submit recipes in steps, columns, or charts. Recipes which cannot conform to our chosen recipe format will be omitted.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." **DO NOT** use statements like, "combine first three ingredients."
- Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
- Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size, or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of this form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.
- Select recipe category below:

Appetizers & Beverages

Soups & Salads

Vegetables & Side Dishes

Main Dishes

Breads & Rolls

Desserts Cookies & Candy

This & That

Please submit your recipes to the committee by ~~Oct. 31, 2020~~ so we can meet our deadline. Thank you!

December 31, 2020

Attn: 150th Cookbook Committee
PA State Grange, 20 Erford Road, Suite 216, Lemoyne, PA 17043

Email: Grangecookbook150@yahoo.com



PA State Grange 150th Anniversary Cookbook

Submitted by _____

Grange Name and Number _____ Phone#/Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____

INGREDIENTS: Use abbreviations pt. qt. pkg. env. c. tsp. T. oz. lb. gal. doz. sm. med. lg.

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DIRECTIONS: _____



Grange News

HALFMOON GRANGE #290

Lee Pressler, newly elected Master of Halfmoon Gange #290, constructed the building to house their new Little Free Library. It is situated in front of their Grange Hall and is easily accessible along Rt. 550. His family helped to paint, erect and stock it with books when they gathered for a family reunion at his home in August.



[Front: William Gartner (Junior Member), Keith Bickle and "Duke"] [Back Row: L to R: Martha Colbert (Member), Judy Pressler, (Member), Melissa Gartner (Member), Bill Gartner, Lee Pressler (Member), Teddie Wineland (Member), Janet Bickle, Bob Bickle]



PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

Plumsteadville Grange recently awarded scholarships of \$1000 each to two Bucks County 4H members.

Natalie Swope will attend Penn State University to study Animal Science and her ultimate goal is to become a veterinarian.

Sydney Ochoco is a sophomore at PACE University in New York City with a major in Business Management and Psychology.

As our Grange has been meeting virtually, scholarships were mailed to the recipients. We will invite both to attend a future in person meeting to tell us about their college experiences.

ONTELAUNEE GRANGE #1617

Ontelaunee Grange recognized its oldest member (100 years old on September 24) and her accomplishments of 85 years of service to the organization. Pictured presenting a certificate of 85 years in the organization is Irvin J. Kauffman, President of Ontelaunee and son-in-law to Helen.



Helen B. Latshaw joined the Grange on June 12, 1935. Her years of service to the organization have seen willingness to help where needed. Although she has not held an office, she has chaired the banquet committee for many

years. She and her late husband, Donald, spent many hours gathering supplies for banquets, monthly breakfasts, and other events that were held at the hall. One of her favorite duties at the banquets and breakfasts was washing dishes, which she did till she was 95 years old. Helen is proud of her 7 children, who all had been a member of the Grange at one time or another. To date, there are five surviving children. Three of these are very active with the Grange today. She also has 16 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 2 step great-grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren.

Ontelaunee Grange is proud to have her as a member.

BIG KNOB GRANGE

We were unable to have a fair



this year so Members of Big Knob Grange had a "Take Out Stuffed



Pork Chip Dinner” on Sept 3rd. The Stuffed Pork Chop meal is always our biggest dinner during the fair. We served 500 Take Out Dinners. We have decided to have a Stuffed Chicken Breast Take Out Dinner on October 1st.



PERRY VALLEY GRANGE #1804

Perry Valley Grange, in Perry County, has sponsored two drive-through free milk giveaways to help citizens in their community struggling with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The projects had three goals – support a local dairy processing plant, help local farmers by increasing demand for their dairy products and provide nutritious food for fami-



(Perry Valley Grange members pictured during a Grange sponsored drive-through milk giveaway)



(Eagle Grange #1 vice president Fred Murray [far right] joins fire and emergency services officials by a piece of fire equipment outside the newly renovated Grange Hall following a program honoring three local fire companies.)

lies/individuals in need. During the first giveaway in July Grange volunteers gave away 125 gallons of whole milk and 125 half-gallons of chocolate milk. The second giveaway in September was increased to 150 of each milk product and also enlisted the help of local churches to provide bread, butter, peanut butter and jelly to accompany the milk. The County Dairy Princess joined Grange and church volunteers to greet guests at the most recent distribution.

EAGLE GRANGE #1

Three local volunteer fire companies in southern Lycoming County – Montgomery, Clinton Township and Washington Township – each recently received a \$500 grant and framed certificate of appreciation from Eagle Grange #1, Montgomery, PA. The County Director of Emergency Services spoke during the program and two of the three County Commissioners attended the meeting. Each of these officials added their thanks for the extraordinary contributions given to the community by these volunteer emergency services and commended the Grange for making the generous gifts to support the fire companies.

STATE GRANGE OFFICE

Please remember... please email all future articles, photos, and other information for in the PGN to pagrange@pagrange.org or mail it to:
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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 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.

The Pennsylvania State Grange has done well this session of the General Assembly. 2021 will mean the beginning of a new legislative session. This means new legislators even as we say goodbye to such Agriculture defenders like Rep. Mark Keller (R-Perry). Since Rep. Keller was the Majority Chair of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee, those will be big shoes to fill. Thankfully, other members of the committee are likely to continue except for Rep. Marcia Hahn (R-Northampton) who also retired in 2020.

ACHIEVEMENT: BROADBAND

By far, the biggest success of the Pennsylvania State Grange is to bring an awareness to the General Assembly that universal access to high-speed Broadband is a must. Grange has been at the forefront of this issue and has played a significant role in almost every Broadband bill discussed.

In September, the PA Joint State Government Commission issued its long-awaited analysis of Broadband policy options. This blue-ribbon task force's report will be the blueprint for the General Assembly. Pennsylvania State Grange was the only member-based rural advocacy group appointed to work on the Broadband Report. This underscores both the leadership of the Grange and the credibility of the ideas we brought to that table. A separate

A RECAP OF THE 2019-20 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

part of Pennsylvania Grange News goes into depth about the Broadband Report's findings and suggestions.

Bridging the Digital Divide was also demonstrated sadly by the COVID-19 Crisis of 2020. With businesses and schools being forced to close by government order, it illustrated just how vulnerable rural PA is since the prevailing answer was 'Do it on-line.'

- Schools closed? Learn remotely (by computer) --- except you can't without Broadband.
- Can't get to medical treatment? Use Telemedicine --- except that you can't without access to the Internet.
- Business closed? No problem. Market on-line --- but how, if there is little or no Internet service.
- Isolated and feeling lonely because of stay-at-home rules? Just access Facebook or some of the social media to stay connected --- How?

Pennsylvania State Grange was in the forefront in making sure that policymakers understood this reality.

Here are a few of the many Broadband issues worked on by the Grange:

- Legislation making it easier for rural electric cooperatives to piggyback Broadband onto their existing electric lines.
- Pushing to set up an independent authority to coordinate Broadband efforts in the Commonwealth. PA has left millions of Federal dollars on the table that could have helped expand Broadband but the state did not have a developed plan so the Federal resources went to other states. It sets up a grant program to telecommunication companies that expand high-speed Broadband to unserved areas.
- The Senate Resolution that set up the task force to analyze Broadband policy options.
- A bill to make it easier for



municipalities to become their own Internet Service Provider (ISP) in case the telecommunications companies have not supplied access.

- Legislation to inventory state-owned properties to see which could also host telecommunications equipment.
- A bill to convert an existing telecommunications tax credit to a matching grant program to encourage telecommunications companies to expand their capacity to underserved or unserved areas without high-speed Broadband.
- Grange opposes Governor Wolf's Restore PA proposal that would have the state borrow \$4.5 billion and repay the loan with a new tax on natural gas extraction. Grange opposes this since:
 - A huge loan like that would have to be borne by taxpayers should natural gas production be reduced because of a decline in natural gas prices. NOTE: The issue here is not whether someone likes or hates natural gas development. Rather, it is the matter of the state being fiscally responsible.
 - Restore PA was marketed as the solution to Broadband when in fact, the money would be diffused in over ten specific categories besides Broadband.

ACHIEVEMENT: PA FARM BILL

Governor Tom Wolf and Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding did something never done before in PA. They proposed a package of bills in an omnibus approach instead of a piecemeal approach to Agriculture. As a result, all but one of the multi-bill package were passed and signed into law. Some examples: new farmer incentives, assistance to dairy farmers, meat

processors, urban agriculture, etc. Although lobbied on by the entire Agriculture Community, Pennsylvania State Grange was involved in seeking passage.

SETBACKS

At the end of day, the Pennsylvania State Grange stood alone in trying to prevent Sunday hunting. Despite this, legislation was passed to allow deer hunting on three Sundays. This was a long-standing source of conflict between agricultural groups and outdoor recreational users versus hunting and gun manufacturing interests. This was the biggest setback for the Grange but we held true to member-adopted policy (in 2005).

Another setback was Governor Wolf's veto on milk hauling legislation. Pennsylvania State Grange and others argued that milk haulers must pick up milk from dairy farms even when Interstates are closed due to a weather emergency. The General Assembly understood that cows don't wait to give milk and farms do not have storage resources big enough to wait for the milk to be hauled away. Sadly, the veto was not overridden by the General Assembly.

BACK IN 2021

Any bill that was not acted on in 2020 died at the end of the session. That means those issues will continue but as new legislation in 2021.

MILESTONE BROADBAND REPORT RELEASED

The PA Joint State Government Commission issued an anticipated report September 3 analyzing options for Pennsylvania to reach a goal of universal access to high-speed Broadband.

This report resulted from PA Senate passage of **Senate Reso-**

lution 47 sponsored by Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York). The intent was to convene a special task force and Advisory Committee to work through the multiple issues confronting the ultimate goal to provide all rural Pennsylvanians with contemporary technology – Internet, cell phones, etc.

The Pennsylvania State Grange was named to the Advisory Committee as the only one representing a rural member-based organization.

Other members included government entities such as the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Community & Economic Development, and Center for Rural PA, etc. Other Advisory Committee members came largely from the telecommunications community.

WHAT IS IN THE BROADBAND REPORT?

Entitled Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services to Underserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth, the Report has several parts. First is a background on Broadband both from the Federal and PA levels. Next, there are sections dealing with the existing potentials for this technology in areas like education, Telemedicine, and production agriculture.

It also goes through how other states have addressed the problems caused by lack of access. Most important are the recommendations.

- A statewide independent broadband Authority should be established to serve as a central point of contact for coordinated broadband deployment.
- Broadband deployment should be permanently funded as a line item appropriate

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tion in the Commonwealth’s annual budget for the proposed broadband authority. A dedicated Broadband Fund should be established to fund broadband deployment and improvement.

- Competitive market conditions for deployment do not reach all areas of need. Consequently, providers should be given incentives to meet service objectives in areas of marketplace failure, but such incentives must be tied to verifiable standards and objective accountability.
- Any community-based organization, municipality, rural electric cooperative, commercial entity, or fixed wireless provider, should be eligible for state-supported loans and grants administered by the broadband authority. All entities should meet specified qualifications to be able to assure the authority of the feasibility of their proposals.
- In those areas where “last mile” connectivity is not a viable option for commercial entities, community-based networks, municipalities, and existing infrastructure entities, such as rural electric cooperatives should be encouraged to attempt to fill in the gaps.
- Priority of efforts to expand broadband deployment should focus on unserved and underserved areas first, and be technology-neutral, both in terms of existing technology and new and evolving technologies.
- Broadband deployment efforts should include considerations of affordability to consumers. As part of broadband deployment funding, a recipient of state funding should be required to provide some level of minimum service at a uniform price as a low-cost alternative for

lower income subscribers. Further, all providers should be expected to meet the same standards of speed and access to services for lower income subscribers regardless of geographic location.

- Anchor institutions such as schools, postsecondary institutions, libraries, municipal offices, community facilities, etc., in unserved and underserved areas should have a minimum high-speed level of wired services.
- The definition of broadband should provide for Internet speeds more consistent with current technological capabilities and needs, as well as contain a mechanism by which minimum speeds can be adjusted as technology evolves. The consensus of most of the advisory committee members is that the definition of broadband should be consistent with the FCC standard. Additionally, all entities that receive state funds to deploy broadband should be subject to the same speed standards.

The full report is available at <http://jsg.legis.state.pa.us/>

NOTE: Of particular interest to Pennsylvania State Grange were recommendations one and two. There should be established an Authority to coordinate Broadband efforts in Pennsylvania. It should be independent with the responsibility to develop a Broadband Strategy in order to capture Federal resources. It would also have the ability of awarding grants. Most important, it should have its own line item in the State Budget. Right now, the Governor’s Office of Broadband Initiatives is handicapped because it has no real authority. It has no budget and it has no staff.

SOME OTHER GRANGE ISSUES

- **Agritourism liability limits:** Threat of frivolous lawsuits is a barrier. Agritourism and agri-entertainment can bring in new income IF a farmer does not fear that a frivolous lawsuit will take away their farm. A farmer should take reasonable steps to protect visitors from hurting themselves with fences, warning signs, etc. Legislation protects the farmer from a lawsuit by someone who acts in an unsafe manner, gets hurt, and then sues the farmer’.
- **Distracted Driving:** Legislation would make it illegal for drivers to use a hand-held electronic device while operating a vehicle.
- **Dairy:** The Pennsylvania State Grange was represented on the PA Dairy Future Commission by member Dina Zug. Among other things, she advocated greater promotion of milk and dairy exports and more utilization of the Port of Philadelphia.
- **Dairy:** Legislation would set up the Keystone Dairy Opportunity Zones to attract investment in regional dairy processors through tax credits for this investment. A partner to that is legislation to help the PA Milk Marketing Board and the PA Department of Revenue keep better track of outside milk coming into PA by the big-food chains.
- **Farm Opportunities:** The Pennsylvania State Grange advocates legislation that would allow farmers to utilize barns as an agri-entertainment resource by allowing an exemption from state building code construction standards. It is called ‘the wedding barn bill’.
- **Abuse of Power:** The Delaware River Basin Commission is an unelected region-



al body made up of the five Governors from DE, NJ, PA, NY, and MD. It is trying to prevent any fracking or natural gas development in northeastern PA. This is considered by the Pennsylvania State Grange as an abuse of power since the Commission's action is a direct conflict with established PA state law that regulates fracking and natural gas development in the entire state and not all of PA except for northeast PA. NOTE: The issue here to the Grange is not whether fracking is good or bad. Rather, it is all about whether or not PA gets to regulate its own affairs.

- **Abuse of Power:** Governor Wolf joined the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a multi-state body having the authority to impose fines on facilities using coal for energy. Grange opposes RGGI since there is a policy position opposing cap and trade and the fact that the Governor should not be able to force Pennsylvania into a regional unelected body that has power over the Commonwealth without getting the General Assembly to disagree.

CROP INSURANCE GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS AND CROP INSURANCE AGENTS

The PA Department of Agriculture has the PA Crop Insurance Guide available for Crop Insurance agents and to the farmers they serve. PDA will supply single or multiple copies free of charge.

The PA Guide to Crop Insurance is a plainly written publication that explains how the Crop Insurance product works and provides market information and

A PERSONAL OPEN LETTER TO GRANGERS

I am writing to let you know that I am retiring as a lobbyist in Harrisburg after 31 years in the trenches. It has been an honor to serve the Pennsylvania State Grange and its members. I value the successes we have had as an organization but most of all, I appreciate Grange members as being people with integrity and civility – in somewhat short supply these troubled days.

I wish everyone the best. God bless.

Vince Phillips
Legislative Director

utilization by type of commodity. It should be a useful educational aid to help agricultural producers understand more about Crop Insurance before meeting with their Crop Insurance agents.

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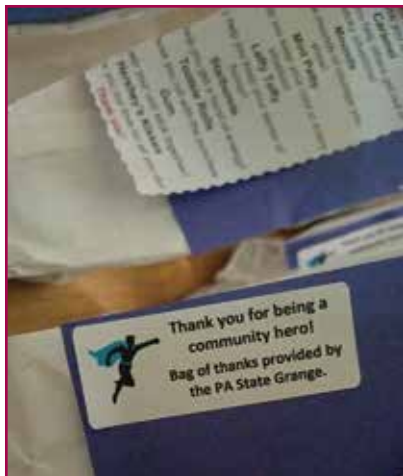
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YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND

We were all excitedly looking forward to seeing old friends and



making new ones on our 5th Annual Young Adults weekend. This event was planned for the older youth from ages 21-35. The committee planned a weekend full of fun and fellowship for April, however the weekend was postponed until late August and was much smaller and more low key than usual. While visiting with each other, we



did complete over 400 bags of goodies for the heroes of today – nurses, doctors, police, first responders. Everyone in attendance took a bunch of bags to deliver to their local hospital or police/fire station. We are looking for prospective locations for the 6th Annual Young



Adults weekend in 2021. Look for more information on this event and many more across the state in the coming year.

As we begin to look ahead to planning Youth Activities in 2021, we are hopeful that some of the restrictions will be eased and we will be able to enjoy fellowship with our Youth and Young Adults, and Young at Heart Grangers

in person for some of the activities. We have exciting activities planned



and can't wait to get started on them! Stay safe and stay well!

Fraternally,
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Campbell said that impediments to Broadband expansion should be addressed but that core functions of the PUC should be retained.

Important to the Pennsylvania State Grange are the bill's provisions to retain PUC authority over handling consumer service complaints and continuing to meet universal service needs. Following is a link to the legislation: https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/bill_history.cfm?s-year=2019&sind=0&body=S&-type=B&bn=1112



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Long Branch Community #2072

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Misprint in the July/August Issue. We reported the wrong Grange for William Fultz. William belongs to Greenwood #1852.

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