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# PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS





## Congratulations Krista Pontius!

Krista Pontius Agriculture Education Teacher at Greenwood Middle/High School located in Millerstown, Pa. was bestowed the "Top Teacher" Award by the Live with Kelly and Ryan Show on the ABC Network.

Grangers were thrilled to hear this news and are very excited that people across the country know what the local community already knew about Krista as a truly caring teacher with a passion for teaching..

The locals have sung Krista's praises for years for what she does for agriculture, her students, the community and Grangers.

Krista and her husband Jason are active dairy farmers on their family's farm, Cocolamus Farms in Millerstown, Pa. Krista is the Lecturer at Perry Valley Grange in Perry County.



Pennsylvania State Grange President Wayne Campbell recognizes Krista Pontius with a certificate for her achievement.

You can find a link for Krista's interview  
at: [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org)  
for the Live with Kelly and Ryan Show

Krista shares, "I have always loved animals and I have always loved farming and now I get to share my passion with my students every day." She has been teaching for 24 years of which 20 years have been at Greenwood .

Darla Kauffman, parent, says "Krista shows our kids that "Service is Action". It is nothing to find our kids creating a banquet, packaging food for the food banks or, you can find our kids cleaning up the town square.

Krista feels that her most important thing is to teach the kids about knowing their food source, and becoming good consumers.

Great Job and congratulations Krista!!!

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## From the President's Desk

**Wayne D. Campbell**

PA State Grange President  
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### *New era for Pennsylvania State Grange!*

May 11, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. marked the beginning of a new era for the Pennsylvania State Grange. That was the date and time we settled on a property located at 26 CJEMS Ln., Mifflintown, Pa., 17059 to be the new office of the Pennsylvania State Grange. For many years the Executive committee and the past and present Presidents of the Pennsylvania State Grange have been looking for a location that would serve many purposes for the State Grange. We believe this new location will do just that. It took several months of looking at the property, discussions, and negotiations before it was agreed upon to purchase the property.

Due to work and other circumstances not all of the Executive committee was able to be on hand for the signing. State Grange Executive committee members that were able to attend were Ruth Vonada and Dr. James Diamond. Dr. Diamond served as a witness to the signatures. I was honored to do the signing on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Lizzie Bailey, the Pennsylvania State Grange Public Relations/Membership Consultant, was on hand to photograph the event. Lizzie was accompanied by her husband Cliff Bailey. Mariann Stiely represented the Law offices of Laws, Staruch, and Pisarcik who represent the Pennsylvania State Grange. Mariann was honored to

be a part of this monumental action of the Grange. Betsy Fairman and Paula Frymoyer were present as the two sisters selling the property.



**The Pennsylvania State Grange new office in Mifflintown, Pa.**

The property was formerly a home décor and craft shop that was owned by 2 sisters who took great pride in their store. They remodeled the entire building when they purchased it in 2000. Once the remodeling was completed in 2001 they opened their shop. They remodeled the inside of the building by removing all the inside partitions, installing wide boards on several of the walls that were removed from the home of the sisters' attic, and some German siding that was also removed from the outside of the home before it was demolished. This enabled them to always have memories near to them every day they were at work. This open

design will allow us a multitude of possibilities as we move forward. A large sign has been placed out front that is very visible when passing by on Route 35. This road is the most traveled road in Juniata county. The property is North and West of Harrisburg meeting one of our objectives of getting more toward the center of the State but still in easy travel distance of the State Capital.

Each Grange will be receiving a letter telling about the purchase and further details on how to contact the new Pennsylvania State Grange Office. We look forward to many of you visiting us as you travel and getting a look at your new State Grange office!! I have talked in several of my previous articles about new beginnings and "Cultivating Connections," We look forward to this new property enabling us to make both statements a reality.

Fraternally,  
Wayne D. Campbell, President  
Pennsylvania State Grange





**Chaplain's Corner**  
**Jodi Keith Kensinger**  
 PA State Grange Chaplain

# New Beginnings

Welcome to Summer!

Where is the year going?!? It's hard to believe that we are already nearly half of the way through the year and celebrating our country's Independence Day, on July 4th! Everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and having lazy days hanging out by the side of the pool.



This time last year, we were all in isolation and social distanced from our loved ones. Time was hard. Not being able to hug and love my favorite people was really hard for me, as I am sure it was just as difficult for you as well. So much of our lives was put on hold because of the shut downs. But here we are one year later, starting to get back to semi-normal. Places are beginning to open up; people are getting the vaccine; and everyone is feeling brave enough to venture out into this new world of Covid-19. Nevertheless, there are still some people out there, that are very

hesitant on how to proceed in our new normal called life. Psalm 139:14 says, "I praise you because **I am fearfully and wonderfully made**; your works are wonderful, I know that full well". Indeed, we are fearful of returning back to being shut down again, nonetheless... We are wonderfully made in God's sight that we could jump into our so-called normal life, a little too fast.

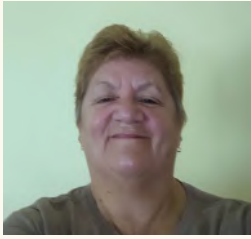
He made each one of us with a certain purpose on this planet and we need to slowly ease back into life again. Have you ever stopped to consider that God might have been handling the world a restart button or telling us that we need to stop and smell the roses, so to speak? Maybe God was trying to tell his people something during the shutdown time? For me, Psalm 46:10, "He says, '**Be still and know that I am God**; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth' became a theme in my life. It was a time that I could stop, recharge, and consider my priorities in life and what was important. God allowed each one of us a new beginning when Covid-19 came to town. How are you handling your "new beginning"? Where did your priorities lie with the shut down? Where do they stack now, after going through a



pandemic? What's important to you currently? Are you spending more time with your family? Did you take up a new hobby? What are you doing with your new beginning in 2021? As you continue in this "new beginning", I encourage you to be still and listen for God talking to you, to your soul. We are all wonderfully and specifically made. With God's direction we can be more than we ever thought we could be in the days, months, years ahead of us. Have a delightful summer and make lifelong memories in the mean time! Life's a wave, so catch it. Happy Summer, Friends!

Love Always & God Bless,  
 Jodi Keith Kensinger  
 PA State Grange Chaplain  
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**Melanie Melius**  
**PA State Grange**  
**Family Activities Director**

*I can't wait to see everyone at Family Festival!*

I hope all is well with everyone. Sorry we lost our warm weather for the Memorial Day get togethers. It was a cold day in Centre County with a high of 47 for the day. I really hope the warmer weather comes back around.

It is almost Family Festival time and I can not wait to be able to see everyone face to face. It will be a weekend of talking, laughing, and joking. I hope you got your reservation in for good food and a lot of fun! Remember the tour will be Friday morning, with lunch to eat in the garden. Friday night's supper will be a good one too with the Youth cooking! There are also really good workshops scheduled to fit everyone's tastes.

Family Activities will be collecting for the food bank. We will also be doing the wraps for Wrapped In Hugs for the Gift of Life program.



As always the Family Activities Department is still collecting stamps! The stamps are donated to a service organization that uses funds raised from the stamps to provide hospital equipment and eyeglasses to individuals in need. Just rip the corner of the envelope with the stamp. Try to leave some of the letter around the stamp as they will need to remove the stamp from the envelope.

**Please Donate!!!**

Greeting Cards

Soda Pop Tabs

Eye Glasses

Cell Phones

We are also collecting greeting cards, soda pop tabs, eye glasses, and cell phones.

The soda can tabs are being donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey, PA. as there is a Pennsylvania family in need of the services and the tabs assist with costs at the Ronald McDonald House.

The Grange has supported the Lions Club eyeglasses donation program for a very long time. Please consider donating as the Lions Club refurbishes eyeglasses and provides them to individuals in need.

What to do with your old cell phones just sitting around your home? Donate them to Family Activities as we turn them into Verizon who refurbishes phones and provides them to service men and women.



Anyone wanting to help sell quilt raffle tickets and cookbooks at Ag Progress Days is encouraged to sign up. We can always use your help! Fairs and events are happening this summer, so make sure to have the Family Activities raffle tickets on hand to sell. I hope to see everyone safe and healthy soon!

Thank you  
 Yours Truly

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 Family Activities Director  
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**Membership News**  
**Lizzie Bailey**  
**PA State Grange**  
**Membership & PR Director**

*The times they are a changin...*

There is an old Bob Dylan song where he sings, "The times they are a changin". Dylan sang this song in 1964 and it is still so true today. My Gramm always said the only thing you can't count on is change.

Change can be good as it can provide a new perspective and rejuvenate you like you never thought possible.

The Pennsylvania State Grange is undergoing changes and it is quite exciting! A new building is now owned by the State Grange and was purchased without the need of a mortgage, As Grangers we are blessed to appreciate the value of ownership and know that this big step will bring us opportunities!

We are emerging from the past year and a half with our eyes set upon a new promising future. Let's embrace the "newness" and let the excitement in you generate ideas for your Subordinate, Pomona, State and National Granges.



**Pennsylvania State Grange**

To receive Grange emails...

**Text: 22828**  
**PAGRANGE**



Just send your email address by text message:

With CDC Guidelines lifted I am once again on the move and ready to visit my Grange family all over Pennsylvania. Please call or email me with an invite to attend your event, be a speaker, or request a few fun workshops I have created during the pandemic. Now is a great time to schedule a community get-together for fun and share information about your Grange.

I will still be doing some trainings and discussions via Zoom. If you would like to schedule a virtual meeting, let me know. I am happy to work on virtual or in-person scheduling with you.

**Welcome to the newly reorganized Jefferson Grange #1384 Schuylkill County!**



If you are not signed up for email blasts please do it now. It is a great way to stay in tune with any news and stories.

Please keep sending your event pictures with a little update on what your Grange is doing. We are looking for items for the PGN.



Please make sure that you are checking out our member benefits page at [www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org) Top right hand corner register or if you are registered click log-in. It is important to share benefits with potential new members. The benefits being used really do help offset the price of our Grange membership dues.

If you have any questions or would like more information on how to promote Grange and our benefits give me a call. I am more than happy to discuss the benefits with you.

It has been a long year and a half with restrictions. Summer is here, consider hosting a fun little social at your Grange and invite some others from your community to attend a few hours of fun!

Yours in Grange service,

Lizzie Bailey  
 PR/Membership Director  
 717-254-9550 Cell  
 717-737-8855 Office  
[publicrelations@pagrange.org](mailto:publicrelations@pagrange.org)





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



## Youth Officer Team Info

Our Grange Youth Mixer (GYM) has been a great chance for youth and young adults across the state to have some fun and fellowship every month with out leaving the comfort of their own home. We are taking a break for the summer, but stay tuned as we will return with the PA GYM in September!

CALLING ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS! Anyone interested in applying to be on the Youth Officer Team this year (2021-2022) please send an email to youth@pagrange.org with the following information:

Name / Address / email / phone  
Grange name & number /  
position interested in

The Youth Officer Team will be doing several "events" in addition to the standard Opening of the

Grange at State Session. You don't want to miss being a part of this trend-setting team! Deadline is August 31, 2021.

Other dates to make sure you have marked in your calendar are:



**July 15-18** - PA State Grange Family Festival. Youth activities for this great weekend will include a Volleyball Tournament (start practicing now!), an exercise class (maybe Pounds this year), and a Road Rally! All attendees are eligible to participate in the Knowledge Test

and our new PA State Grange Outstanding Young Patrons will also be selected. The MALC Regional Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests will also be held during this weekend.



**July 20-25** - Grange Revival in the Black Hills of South Dakota. This is the 2nd Grange Revival and is designed to be a family friendly event for all Grange members and friends and family to create and strengthen fraternal bonds. If you are a "seasoned" youth member and miss the good old days of summer camp, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE! Don't miss out on this great event. More info is available on Facebook, search for Grange Revival 2021.

### Youth Officer Team Sponsorship

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ office

Select one:

\_\_\_ \$100 donation to sponsor a member of the Youth Team, receive a supporter vest, size: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$60 donation to sponsor a member of the Youth Team

Please send this form and sponsorship to: Ellen Wadsworth, 362 University Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352





**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE FOLKS TO JOIN US IN THIS NEW OPPORTUNITY!**

Become a sponsor for a member of the Youth Officer Team. Beginning with the Youth Officer Team selected for the PA State Grange Session in October 2021, the Youth Officers will be presented with an official Youth Team vest, including the Grange logo and their name embroidered on the front. It's time for our State Youth Team to have a distinct identifier, similar to those of the FFA and 4-H. The Youth and Young Adults Committee has selected gray vests for the Youth

Team and black vests for the sponsors.

To sponsor a member of the Youth Team and receive your own black vest, we are requesting a donation of at least \$100 to the PA Grange Youth Department. Donations can be made by Granges, individuals or small groups but only 1 supporter vest per \$100 will be available. To sponsor a member of the Youth Team without a supporter vest, we are requesting a donation of at least \$60. If you have a specific

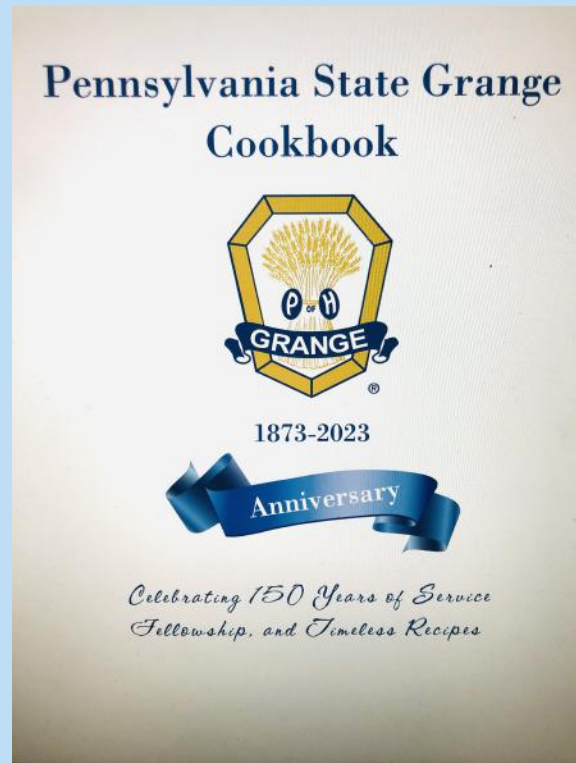
office that you would like to sponsor, please annotate that on the form.

The Youth Team will be wearing their vest while participating in any Grange activity to show their pride in this great organization. Thank you for your help in recognizing our amazing Youth and Young Adults!

Fraternally,,  
Ellen M Wadsworth  
PA State Grange Youth Director



# Pennsylvania State Grange 150th Anniversary Limited Edition Cookbook



The Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbook Committee has been diligently working on the 150th Anniversary Limited Edition Cookbook. The Anniversary Edition has 900 recipes. The committee would like to thank all the members for the many recipe submissions. The cookbook showcases really great recipes and it is no wonder the Grange Cookbooks' reputation precedes itself as one of the best cookbooks to own!

How to purchase the cookbooks and pricing can be obtained from the Pennsylvania State Grange as at the time of PGN printing these details are being worked on.



# MARKETPLACE

## Apple Butter

The Pennsylvania State Grange has been able to purchase one batch of Apple Butter to sell for this year. The 91 cases of Apple Butter have been distributed throughout the State for your convenience in picking it up. Please contact one of the following people to arrange picking up Apple Butter if your Grange would like to sell it. Contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office at 717.737.8855 or call Wayne at 717.275.5045 for pricing.

Plumsteadville Grange, Bucks Co. Jane Birk 610.657.7668  
Union Grange, Susquehanna Co. Wayne Oakley 570.575.9978  
Progress Grange, Centre Co. Tammy Jurkowski 814.404.2460  
Hickory Grange, Clearfield Co. Debra Kramer 814.771.8459  
Scrubgrass Grange, Venango Co. Barb Gross 724.290.3783  
Crawford Pomona, Crawford Co. Sherman Allen 814.671.9947  
Fairview Grange, Beaver Co. Chuck Campbell 727.601.3184  
Pennsylvania State Grange office, 717.737.8855 or 717.275.5045

Developing a relationship with road side produce markets and country stores has proved successful for several Granges in marketing the product.

## QUILT RAFFLE



Family Activities  
Quilt Raffle Tickets! - \$1.00 each

Send a check to  
Melanie Melius, FA Director  
P.O. Box 103  
Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868

Questions?  
Call: 814-360-7058  
Email: melmelius59@gmail.com

## Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbooks



\$30 each  
Order Cookbooks at:  
[www.pagrang.org/](http://www.pagrang.org/)

Call 717-737-8855



**Jenn Nauss**  
**PA State Grange**  
**Lecturer**

## Contest Info for State Session

Greetings from South Central PA!

Summer is here and I hope you and your families are enjoying time outside. While not "out of the clear", I am hopeful that, with vaccines and the nicer weather, we are starting to emerge from the COVID pandemic. With the summer comes many Grange events and activities, including Youth and Junior Camps and Family Festival. I hope to see many of you at some of these events this summer!

### Virtual Leadership Workshops

Thank you to everyone who led, participated in, or watched the Virtual Leadership Workshops. Chairs from each State Grange department led some insightful discussions about their work, issues facing the Grange, and how we can think "outside the box" during the pandemic and as we move to a "new normal".

For anyone who has not watched the workshops, they are available on the home page of the Pennsylvania State Grange website - [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org) - as well as the State Grange's YouTube Channel. Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for "Pennsylvania State Grange". Each workshop is available to view. Click "Subscribe" to see future videos that are posted to the

YouTube channel.

### State Session Contests

Now is the time to work on your Lecturer's reports, scrapbooks, and other entries for the Lecturer's Department contests. The deadline for many submissions is September 15th.

Similar to last year, Lecturer's Reports will be judged separately from Lecturer's Scrapbooks (submitted with report). First place report winners will be awarded \$10. First place scrapbook winners will be awarded \$50.



The Creative Connections contest will continue this year in place of the Open House contest. There are two divisions:

- Division A - Granges who held their Open Houses, whether in-person or virtually
- Division B - Granges who could not hold an Open House but did another designated project to "tell their Grange Story" instead

In the Lecturer's Report, Lecturer's Scrapbook, and Creative Connections contests there are 4 classes:

- **Pomona**
- **Subordinate - Up to 50 members**
- **Subordinate - 50-99 members**
- **Subordinate - 100 or more members**

Forms for these contests were mailed to the Secretaries of each Subordinate and Pomona Granges and are available on the Lecturer's page of the State Grange website.

Details for all of the Lecturer's contests can be found in the 2020-2021 Guide to Contests and Programs on the Lecturer's page of the State Grange website. Please check the Lecturer's Letter (also on the Lecturer's page of the State Grange website) for other updates. If you are unable to access these files on the website and have not received the packet from your Secretary, please contact me at 717-512-1261 or [jnauss89@gmail.com](mailto:jnauss89@gmail.com) and I will make sure you have a copy.

Start preparing your entries and mark your calendars. Make sure to consult your Guide to Contests and Programs for details about all of the contests and programs sponsored by the Lecturer's Department. September 15th will be here before we know it!

Other Lecturer's contests include:

### Pen In Hand

Classes:

- "One thing I learned during social distancing..." (500 words maximum)
- Poetry (300 words maximum)
- Short Story (1,500 words maximum)
- My Favorite Grange Memory... (500 words maximum)

Submit by **September 15th.**

First Place in each class - \$10



### VIRTUAL Photography

Classes:

- Pennsylvania - My Home
- Sunrise / Sunset
- Pets / Animals
- Landscape
- Churches
- Beauty In the Midst of Crisis

Submit virtually by **September 15th.**

First Place in each class - \$10

Best of Show - \$20

### Lecturer's Grant

Quality educational programs can be critical tools for our Granges and our ability to reach our members and those in the community. We recognize that these programs can be financially taxing and that not all Granges have the financial resources to plan such programs.

The Lecturer's Department will sponsor a grant of \$100 for this purpose.

Submit applications by **September 15th.**

Entries can be submitted, when appropriate, by email to [jnauss89@gmail.com](mailto:jnauss89@gmail.com) or by mail to:

Jenn Nauss  
10 W Schoolside Dr  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

### Art

Classes:

- Nature
- Animals
- Abstract
- People
- Street Art / Graffiti

**Bring to State Session**

First Place in each class - \$10

Best of Show - \$20

### My Favorite Anything

Classes:

- Wood
- Plastic
- Fabric / Material / Yarn
- Miscellaneous

**Bring to State Session**

First Place in each class - \$10

Best of Show - \$20

### Design a Program Contest

Lecturer's design programs as one of the primary responsibilities of their office. Pennsylvania Lecturers/Program Directors are doing amazing work and should be recognized for their creative ideas.

Entries will be compiled into a Lecturer's Idea Book.

Submit by September 15th.

First Place - \$30

Second Place - \$20

Third Place - \$10

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## Program Ideas

### August

- **August 5** - Work Like a Dog Day  
Ask members (before the meeting so they can prepare) to share information about their jobs (current or past), especially interesting or unique things other members would not know.
- **August 7** - Campfire Day - Invite a speaker to talk about outdoor safety. If you have the space at your Grange hall or where you meet, have a campfire or firepit for a social hour before or after your meeting. Roast s'mores and sing campfire songs.



- **August 21** - National Honey Bee Awareness Day - Invite a speaker to learn an educational program about the importance of honey bees and the troubles facing them. Teach your members how they can help protect the honey bees.

### September

- September 6 - Read a Book Day  
Ask members (before the meeting so they can prepare) to bring along a favorite book. Ask them to give a brief description of the book and why other members should read it.



## 2021 Pennsylvania State Grange Session Bus Trip

We are planning a trip on October 14, 2021, to the Independence National Park in Philadelphia. This is the Birthplace of American Freedom. You can visit the National Constitution Center, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, and many others.

The Bus will leave the Valley Forge Casino Resort at approximately 10:00 a.m. We should arrive at the Park at approximately 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be on your own, but the Food Court in the bottom of the Bourse Building comes highly recommended - they even have the famous Philadelphia cheesesteaks!

You will have approximately 3 hours (including Lunch) to tour the Park. Maps of the Park will be provided. The total cost of the trip is \$27 / person, this price doesn't include the cost of Lunch.

We need at least 20 People to book this trip. If you would like to go, please contact: Terry Murray at (484) 643-0087 or he may be reached at: terrymurray911@gmail.com. No money is required now, you will pay when you get on the Bus. All seats on the Bus need to be reserved by September 1, 2021.

- **September 22** - First Day of Fall  
Fall brings with it beautiful, cooler weather.



Take advantage of the nice weather and plan a fun outing or tour of a nearby notable location.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions!

Jenn Nauss  
Lecturer/Program Director  
717-512-1261  
[jnauss89@gmail.com](mailto:jnauss89@gmail.com)



## 2021 Pennsylvania State Grange Session

**Reminder:**

**Book your hotel room by September 22nd to receive the blocked room rate of \$126 per night!!!**

**After this date the room rate increases !!!**



**Rachel Bailey**  
**PA State Grange**  
**Deaf and Community Service Director**

*Continue to do good deeds!*

Hello Friends,

**Virtual Workshop**

I want to start off by thanking a wonderful group of participants who made the Deaf and Community Service Committee and Lecturer’s virtual workshop an engaging conversation about community service in the age of a pandemic. Our panelists were Allayn Beck from the State College Food Bank, Justin Eberly who represents a variety of first responders and training, Tammy Jurkowski and Denny McCloskey of Progress Grange in Centre Hall.



We discussed how volunteer recruitment has changed, the growing need for food security, and how we can make an impact. If you were not able to attend, please watch the recorded version at:

<https://youtu.be/g0LTol8eOgk>

**Family Festival**

I am so excited to see you all at Family Festival. There are so many fun workshops to participate in especially for the kids who can participate in the Bike-A-Thon Saturday morning.

We will also be hosting a silent auction at Family Festival. This would be an opportune time for your Grange to put together a creative basket to be auctioned off. There are other ways to participate, like bringing non-perishable goods to camp for our food drive benefiting the State College Food Bank. Regardless of which way you want to be active at Family Festival, I know it's going to be a great time!

**Upcoming Deadlines:**

The year is half way over which means we have some very important deadlines approaching. First upcoming deadline are your nominations for the EMS/Firefighter/Teacher of the year award. Nominations must be sent by September 1, 2021. I am looking forward to receiving your community service report scrapbooks. As a reminder these are compilations of the service you’ve done from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 and must be received by September 15. Please refer to the contests rules book or myself for specific questions.

**Upcoming Deadlines:**

**September 1:**  
 EMS/Firefighter/Teacher of the Year

**September 15:**  
 Community Service Reports/Scrapbook

**Out and About**

I had the pleasure of meeting with the Berks County Grange in April. We did an exercise by writing down questions and comments on how they’ve adapted to community service in the last year. I’ve read these notecards several times as it reminds me that service comes in many forms. These members wrote things like taking friends and family to doctor appointments, sitting bedside to their sick spouse and another who made over 500 face masks to donate to community members and hospitals. I love hearing these stories and they are what I share with friends who are not Grange members when asked “what exactly do Grange members do.”

Keep doing amazing things, you all inspire me and others around you. Thank you for your services and see you at the state convention!

**Be well, do good deeds and stay in touch,**

**Rachel**

Rachel Bailey  
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**History Committee**  
**Doug Bonsall**  
**PA State Grange History Chair**

**Sesquicentennial Anniversary Kick Off Events - COVID restrictions have been lifted!**

Seating capacity at the Country Cupboard Restaurant & Shoppes, 101 Hafer Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837 is now limited only by the size of the banquet facility and that means we can accept up to 200 reservations for the 150th anniversary kick-off luncheon on **Saturday, September 18, 2021**. If you have not already purchased tickets, there's still time - contact Anna May Nauss at 717-697-5104 or [annauss@aol.com](mailto:annauss@aol.com). The price is \$25 for adults with children's prices ranging from \$2-\$12 depending on age. Attendees are encouraged to wear the official 150th anniversary T-shirt.

The date of this event is a happy coincidence - it will be exactly 148 years to the day of the Pennsylvania State Grange's organization on September 18, 1873 - and a most appropriate day to begin the two-year celebration recognizing 150 years of State Grange history and service. Following the 1:30pm buffet luncheon, the program will include the recognition of three outstanding Pennsylvania Grangers - the late brothers Leonard Rhone, John W. Scott and J. Luther Snyder - for their induction into the National Grange Hall of Fame (see related article on page 18) and an

inspiring candle lighting ceremony. Speaker Dr. Meecee Baker will challenge today's Grange members with the provocative topic **Honoring Our History & Preserving Our Future** which promises to ask the tough question "Is our history and it's traditions hindering the Grange's future?"



Kick-off activities on Sept. 18 also include an open house brunch from 10am-1pm at Eagle Grange #1, conveniently located along Route 15 at 32 East Blind Road, Montgomery, PA 17752. Please stop by Pennsylvania's first Grange for fellowship and another glimpse at Grange history before travelling to the nearby site of the luncheon. This area of central Pennsylvania also offers many interesting sites to visit before or after the day's events; you might even consider making this a weekend trip so you can enjoy things like the Hiawatha Paddleboat cruise on the Susquehanna River, Purity Candle Factory Store, Mifflinburg Buggy Museum, Little League Museum

See the latest  
 150th anniversary update  
 on the State Grange website  
 by clicking on

<https://www.pagrang.org/state-grange-150th-anniversary.html>

or the many wineries and antique shops in the area. Details at:  
<https://www.pagrang.org/uploads/6/>

**Did you get your anniversary T-shirt yet?** - The official 150th anniversary T-shirts featuring the slogan "**PA State Grange 150 Years - It All Started at Eagle #1**" were introduced and became an immediate best seller at last fall's State Grange session in Erie. So far about 150 of them are being worn all over the state; many more are still available in six sizes to fit every member of the family. The cost is \$12 each for small, medium and large sizes; X-Large, 2X-Large and 3X-Large are \$14 each. They may be purchased at State Grange events or by mail order. Contact Jenn Nauss at 717-512-1261 for details and to place your order for the size(s) you need. Please wear your T-shirt with pride at the Sept. 18th anniversary kick-off and at upcoming Grange events throughout the anniversary celebration.





## Celebrating with Acts of Service

This special feature of the State Grange's 150th anniversary was introduced in the last issue and several acts of service by our local Granges had already been reported at the time input was due for this issue. By the time this issue reaches your mailbox, we hope that many more acts will have been reported.



Every community Grange is challenged to sponsor at least one **new** service project between now and October 2023 and to use this opportunity to tell others about the Grange story of serving rural Pennsylvania for the past 150 years. Our theme for this initiative is "**PA State Grange 150 Years - 150 Acts of Service**". A spreadsheet to share these acts of service may be found at: [Pennsylvania State Grange 150 Years...150 Acts of Service - Google Sheets](#). Note the dial measuring our progress toward reaching the goal of 150 new service projects; please do your part to move the dial to 150 completed projects and beyond. Reports of your Grange's act(s) of service may be reported at any time to Doug Bonsall ([douglas.b@verizon.net](mailto:douglas.b@verizon.net)) or Jenn Nauss ([jnauss89@gmail.com](mailto:jnauss89@gmail.com)) so they may be added to the list; please follow the format of the first several projects already recorded, being as brief yet



Call History Committee to purchase a candle!

descriptive as possible.

**Degree Exemplification** - York County Grangers have come forward to exemplify the First and Second Degrees at the annual State Grange session this fall in Valley Forge. The tentative schedule calls for this exemplification to take place Friday, October 15, 2021, at 7:30pm. Although we realize few Granges are presenting the degrees in full form anymore, the History Committee believes it is important to re-visit our traditional ritual during the anniversary period. At the 2022 session in York, the Third Degree will be presented by the State Youth Department and the Fourth Degree by Centre County. At the 2023 session in Reading, the Fifth Degree will be presented by Susquehanna Pomona and drill teams from Beaver, Centre, and Chester Counties have already been confirmed for a full exemplification of the Sixth Degree.

**Lighting the Cake** - There are still unlighted candles on the PA State Grange 150th birthday cake which is raising funds for the sesquicentennial celebration. Individuals and Granges who have not yet contributed to this first fundraiser are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Contact the History Committee for details about remaining candles and how you can make a donation in any amount. A corporate sponsorship program targeting businesses will be introduced in 2022.

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**Leonard Rhone**



**John W. Scott**



**J. Luther Snyder**

## **National Grange Hall of Fame Inductees**

Pennsylvania can be very pleased that three of its Past Presidents (Masters) - Leonard Rhone, John W. Scott, and J. Luther Snyder - have been honored with induction into the National Grange "Hall of Fame". All were nominated by the PA State Grange History Committee and were favorably accepted at the national level. This recognition program honors (deceased) members who played a significant role in the history and development of the National Grange. A special tribute will be given to these three men at the September 18th anniversary kick-off luncheon when current National Grange president Betsy Huber is expected to introduce and explain the Hall of Fame program.

Leonard Rhone from Centre County, inducted in 2019, served Pennsylvania as State Overseer from 1878-80 and Master from 1880-98, concurrently serving both on the National Grange Executive Committee from 1888-1898 (seven years as Chair) and High Priest of Demeter from 1889-1895.

Brothers Scott and Snyder were scheduled for their Hall of Fame induction in 2020 but COVID-related changes in the National Grange session have delayed that recognition until 2021. John W. Scott of Butler County was Pennsylvania State Master from 1962-68 during which time he also served as National Grange Gatekeeper 1963-65 and Secretary 1965-69. He became the first Pennsylvanian to be elevated to the position of National Master, serving in that office from 1969-1979.

J. Luther Snyder from York County was State Secretary from 1967-74 and State Master from 1974-1979. He served as National Grange Priest Annalist in the Assembly of Demeter from 1976-87.



# Family Festival

## "QUARANTINE SURVIVOR ON GRANGE ISLAND"

### Schedule of Events

#### July 15-18, 2021



### Thursday, July 15

- 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 Vespers - Bldg A
- 9:00-11:00 Bring your Favorite Game  
Quilt Block Painting-Bldg C
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



### Friday, July 16

- 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 – Carrie Nace
- 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  
Junior/Youth Water Games
- 3:00-5:00 Dinner - Bldg D – *Hamburgers; Hot Dogs; Macaroni Salad; Baked Beans; Cookies*
- 5:30-6:30 Wilderness Bar

*Hosted by the FA; Assisted by Youth Department*

- 7:00-8:00 Jeremy Goodling, Music Ministry, (A)
- 8:00-9:00 Survivor Challenges Bldg A
- 9:00 Vespers-Bldg A  
Cake walk immediately after Vespers
- 9:30 Knowledge TEST – Bldg C
- 11:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out



Rhoneymeade Sculpture Garden and Arboretum  
Leonard Rhone Family Farm

- 7:30-8:30
- 8:30
- 9:00-10:00
- 9:00-10:00
- 9:00-??
- 10:00-??
- 10:00-11:30
- 10:00-11:00
- 10:00-11:30
- 12:00-1:00

### Saturday, July 17

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

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

### Sunday, July 18

- 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!**

# 2021 Annual PA State Grange Session

Registration is now open for the 2021 PA State Grange Session, October 15-17, 2021, beginning at 9:00 am Friday and closing Sunday afternoon. The Southeastern host committee has been working to plan a full session for 2021 including the traditional exhibits, banquets, and activities for Youth and Juniors. We look forward to again meeting with all of our fellow Grangers in person. While you are visiting eastern PA, consider taking an extra day or two to explore all that the region has to offer, including the Valley Forge National Historical Park, among others.

**Registration Fee.** All delegates and guests at the convention must be registered and pay the \$20 registration fee. There is a \$10 late fee for registrations postmarked after the cut-off date on the registration form. Sixth Degree candidates not participating in Session, Junior members and chaperones, and those only attending only meal functions do not have to pay the registration fee, although they must register. Junior chaperones must also obtain clearance from the Junior Director and State Office.



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**Host Hotel: Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA 19406.** The Grange's room rate is \$126.00 per night, plus tax (single/double). The rate is also good 3 days pre- or post-session subject to availability. Please plan to book early to ensure you receive rooms in our block and at our negotiated rate. As Covid-19 restrictions ease, hotel rates and occupancy will increase.

**Independence Hall & Liberty Bell Tour.** We are offering an optional bus tour on Thursday to visit

Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. We will leave the hotel at 10 a.m. There will be time to explore on your own and have lunch at one of the many restaurants in the area. The cost is \$27 per person, and advance registration is required. Contact Terry Murray directly at 484-643-0087 or [terrymurray911@gmail.com](mailto:terrymurray911@gmail.com) to reserve your spot. Payment may be made on-site.



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**Ticketed Meals.** All meals listed on the registration form are open to all delegates/guests, and advance tickets are required. We are offering optional breakfasts as the only other option at the hotel is Dunkin Donuts. This year we are also offering an alternate lunch on Friday for those not attending the Past Officers' Luncheon. The menu will be the same, but the two meals will be held in separate rooms. Please indicate your preference on the registration form.

**Junior Jam.** Juniors will be taken to Northern Star Farm in Trappe. This 200+ acre farm is home of the former State Grange President Charlie Wismer, currently owned and operated by his son Matthew with his daughters Ashley and Erin. Every October the farm hosts its annual Fall Festival. This includes hayrides, farm animals, apple slingshot, and various games and activities. After fun at the farm, the Juniors will head over to Keystone Grange to spend the night. There they will work on a community service project, watch a movie, and play board games.

We look forward to seeing everyone in October!

2021 Southeastern Host Committee



## REGISTRATION FORM

Pennsylvania State Grange – 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session  
 October 15 – 17, 2021  
 Valley Forge Casino Resort; Valley Forge, PA

**IMPORTANT:** Please complete a **SEPARATE** form for each person attending.

Please check **ALL** that apply:

State Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Past State Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pomona Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Subordinate Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Director/Committee \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY FOR NAME BADGE

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grange Name & #: \_\_\_\_\_ Pomona: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*All reservations must be Postmarked by September 15, 2021\*\*\***  
**There will be a \$10 LATE FEE for registrations postmarked after the deadline date and due upon arrival at State Session.**

Registration		\$20.00	_____
Junior Jamboree (Ages 5-14)		\$30.00	_____
Junior Jamboree Chaperone		\$0.00	_____
Friday Breakfast	Adult	\$18.00	_____
	Child	\$13.00	_____
Friday Lunch Buffet	Adult	\$28.00	_____
(General & Past Officer)	Child	\$18.00	_____
Saturday Breakfast	Adult	\$18.00	_____
	Child	\$13.00	_____
Youth Lunch Buffet (Saturday)	Adult	\$30.00	_____
	Child	\$20.00	_____
Sunday Breakfast	Adult	\$18.00	_____
	Child	\$13.00	_____
All Granger Luncheon (Sunday)	Adult	\$35.00	_____
	Child	\$15.00	_____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>		<b>\$</b>	_____

All meals are open to everyone.

Child prices apply up to age 12.

Please send completed forms and payment (made payable to Pennsylvania State Grange Patrons 2021) to:  
 Barbara Schroeder  
 220 North 4<sup>th</sup> St  
 Hamburg, PA 19526

If you have questions, please contact Barbara or Derek Schroeder at 610-698-3999 or [bschroeder0103@gmail.com](mailto:bschroeder0103@gmail.com)

If you have any dietary restrictions or allergies, please indicate them on the back of this page.



**Junior Committee**  
**Philip Vonada**  
**PA State Junior Grange Director**

BE KIND!!

By the time you're reading this, summer will be halfway over! We will have finished Junior Grange Camp and Family Festival, and will be on our way into "county fair season". I wish I could give you a write-up on how everything with our Juniors went this summer, but...in my current world, it's not even June yet. So, I encourage you to check out <https://www.pagrang.org/juniors.html>, where I will have an update on all of our summer events, including the introduction of our new **Junior Grange Ambassadors!**



If you're like me, you love a good County Fair - the food, people, games, entertainment, and of course, all the incredible ways agriculture is on display and celebrated through Grange, 4-H, FFA, and other exhibits, contests, from animals to vegetables to canned goods and more! There's so much excitement at fairs, it's just impossible to not have fun! I encourage our Juniors to keep all of this in mind, and maybe find some good inspiration for two of our contests for State Session this year:

**Creative Writing**

Topic: "What does Agriculture Mean to Me?"

Rules: All creative writing entries must use the above topic.

1. The entry must be typed, double spaced
2. Minimum of 4 complete paragraphs and maximum 5 pages
3. It can be a poem, song, or story
4. Must be an original writing of the person submitting the entry

**Scrapbook Page**

2021 Theme: "Farmers Feed the World" (No Farm, No Feed)

1. Size is Standard Scrapbook page - 12"x12"
2. NO kits or pre-designs
3. Secure/glue all elements
4. Page must be placed in a plastic sleeve created for scrapbook pages

More information on both of these contests can be found in the 2020-2021 Guide to Contests and Programs found on the PA State Grange website. I look forward to seeing our Juniors' creativity!

For any Juniors who are exhibiting livestock, entering contests, or participating in other ways in county or town fairs, please email your pictures to me with a 1-2 sentence caption, and you might be featured on the PA Junior Grange Facebook page and website! I love seeing our "Juniors in action" (and bonus points if you're wearing a Grange shirt in

your photo!) And remember that you can invite your Junior Grange Ambassadors to your fair, too - to help present awards or more. Just email me at

[pajuniorgrange@gmail.com](mailto:pajuniorgrange@gmail.com) and I'll do my best to get it set up.

I hope all of our Junior Grangers stay active in their communities this summer. Looking for an idea on how you can volunteer or give back during the summer months? Here are a few ideas (all to be done with ADULT SUPERVISION):

- pick up trash at your local river, lake, or park
- pass out cold bottled water to people working outside
- set up a lemonade stand at a local senior center. Price of lemonade? One smile!
- plant flowers, mow the lawn, or do other work for a family in need
- decorate a neighbor's sidewalk or driveway with sidewalk chalk
- share what you grow in your garden. If you have extra food, even a box of random vegetables at the end of your driveway saying "FREE" is a good way to give back!
- interview a parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle, then type it up to share with your family - it's important to save family history
- stock up on school supplies as they go on sale, then donate to a local charity who will distribute them to families in need.



I just want to take a moment - again - to say **THANK YOU** to the Granges who have contributed to the Junior Grange appeal. Granges from almost half of Pennsylvania's counties have donated, and we are SO appreciative! Your support directly helps our committee plan the events, contests, and programs like I've talked about in this article. I'd love to see [all 67 counties of Pennsylvania](#) represented in some way!



## JUNIOR ONLINE GATHERINGS

We held the final **Junior Online Gathering** of the spring on May 23rd. With Tina, we learned about the history of Memorial Day, created a fun firework craft, played a game, and got to see other Juniors from across the state. While we're currently on a break for the summer, mark your calendar for **September 19 at 2:00** for our next one!

As we approach the end of summer already (isn't that crazy?!), it's time to start thinking about heading back to school. Here are a few healthy habits for our Juniors to keep in mind when the school year begins:

1. Get enough sleep (between 8 and 10 hours), and set a bedtime routine
2. Stay active - it's important to get outside and find some sort of exercise during the day
3. Eat breakfast - it's truly the most important meal of the day, and kickstarts your brain for school. (Oh and eat lunch, and a healthy snack after school, too!)
4. Set a routine - for before

school and after school. Most kids need a quick 'brain break' before starting homework (a great time for snack or some outside play), but also make sure all the homework is done before it gets too late. Your routine can also include household chores, teaching proper hygiene, and other family activities.

5. Ask for help - encourage your Juniors to ask for help when things get hard or confusing, and to talk to an adult about issues that are affecting them at school. I hope everyone has a **FANTASTIC** start to the school year!

It's not too early to start thinking about State Grange in Valley Forge this October. I know the host committee has a fantastic **Junior Jam** scheduled, the Russelville Junior Grangers are presenting the Junior Degree, and there will be plenty of Junior Contests! Register as soon as you can, because it's going to be great, and I can't wait to see you all there. We will also be unveiling the NEW 2022 & 2023 Contests in October!

## +1 PROGRAM

A reminder that the +1 Program of the National Grange allows any child between 5 and 14 to become an individual member of a Subordinate/Community Grange. This means that these children can complete in any of our Junior Grange programming throughout the state and country!

More information can be found here:

<https://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/is-a-1-junior-grange/>

I am so proud of everything our Junior Grangers are doing in your communities. Keep up the good work, and make sure you get your friends involved.

As always, practice kindness in everything you do,

*Phil*

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# NATIONAL GRANGE

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## **Future National Grange Conventions**

Each year, the National Grange holds a convention for the delegate body to set the policy agenda for the upcoming year and members to attain their Seventh Degree. The convention is open to the public for most events, however, the Seventh Degree conferral ceremony and the opening of the convention are limited to only Grange members.

Convention consists of daily sessions, committee meetings, workshops, a store, and an idea fair exhibit, in which different Granges share programs that are successful in their state. The convention has daily Grange Youth activities each day, along with Junior Grange activities, and activities for non-delegates.

Convention sites are rotated around the country among the five Grange regions.

### **155th Annual National Grange Convention**

November 9-13, 2021  
Hyatt Regency Wichita  
400 W. Waterman Street  
Wichita, KS 67202  
(316) 293-1234

### **156th Annual National Grange Convention**

November 15-19, 2022  
Nugget Casino Resort  
1100 Nugget Avenue  
Sparks, Nevada 89431  
(800) 648-1177

### **157th Annual National Grange Convention**

November 14-18, 2023  
Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls  
Sheraton at the Falls  
300 Third Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14303





**Front row: Junior Grange Ambassador Elisabeth Reich, Youth Ambassador Isabella Boone. Row 2: Philip Vonada Junior Grange Director, and President Wayne Campbell. Row 3: Junior Grange Ambassador Bryce Danko, and Outstanding Young Patrons Braden Gourley, and Derek Snyder.**



The Pennsylvania State Grange was honored to host the Youth and Junior Grange Ambassadors at the Pennsylvania State Capitol on June 8th. The PA Grange Royalty Program encourages junior and youth members to become leaders among their peers and to represent the Grange throughout the state and country. Royalty Ambassadors learn leadership skills, legislative skills and become ambassadors and representatives for the oldest agricultural fraternity in the United States.

The 2021 Royalty Day started with a wonderful potluck dinner hosted by the Oliver Grange in Perry County on Monday evening. On Tuesday, after a great breakfast at Perkins, the group took a tour of the Capitol Building, were introduced on the floor of the House, and most importantly, met with their individual Senate and House members to advocate for issues of importance to the Pennsylvania State Grange. It was a great experience for all and the Grange is excited to host again next year.

Thank you to our Novak Strategic Advisors Legislative Consultant Carrie Nace for organizing the event and accompanying the royalty team.



**Government Matters**  
**Carrie Nace**  
**Novak Strategic Advisors**

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE WELCOMES JUNIOR GRANGE AMBASSADORS AND YOUTH AMBASSADORS TO PENNSYLVANIA CAPITOL ON JUNE 8TH.**

In a sign that life is slowing getting back to normal after the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Pennsylvania State Grange is once again hosting our Junior Grange and Youth ambassadors for a day at the Pennsylvania State Capitol known as “Royalty Day”. The ambassadors will be touring the Capitol, viewing House Session and will be introduced on the House Floor. Most importantly, they will be given the chance to advocate on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Grange on issues of importance to their legislative representatives. We are certainly proud of them and are looking forward to Royalty Day!

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-Were appointed to a top-level Advisory Committee created by Senate Resolution 47 and coordinated by the PA Joint State Legislative Commission. Its purpose was to explore policy options and make recommendations to the General Assembly.

Pennsylvania State Grange was the ONLY rural membership organization named to this Advisory Committee. The first of five such reports coming from the Joint State Legislative Commission was issued in September 2000.

-Organized Broadband Panels at the PA Farm Show for several years running, including a virtual one in January 2021. They were a progression starting with the dire need for high-speed Broadband, followed by examples of successful approaches ranging from a community becoming its own Internet Service Provider to what happen in another state

(Maryland) where the Governor has actively supported state funding for Broadband. In January 2021, discussion centered on next steps that should be taken now.

Participants included individuals such as the Majority Chair of the Senate Communications and Technology Committee Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York) and Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington). She has led the House Democratic Caucus to better understand the need and solution to the Digital Divide. Senator Phillips-Hill and Rep. Snyder co-chair the legislature’s bipartisan Broadband Caucus.

- Has led the charge in the 2021-22 legislative session to say “Show Me the Money” when it comes to Broadband. The Grange has pointed to the lack of a line item for Broadband in the State Budget, the fact that neither Governor Wolf nor the General Assembly has ever provided any financial or staff resources for the Governor’s Office of Broadband Initiatives.

-Has proposed a new funding concept for Broadband to make up for the state’s inattention. Pennsylvania State Grange believes that a nominal per cell phone charge of a dollar a month similar to the 911 fee one sees on their landline telephone bill could build up to a pool to encourage telecommunications companies to reach the proverbial last house on the road.

-Has testified perhaps as many as twenty times to various legislative committees in the past several years on the need for universal access to high-speed Broadband.

Recently, Pennsylvania State Grange submitted comments to the House Local Government Committee's May 26 hearing on telecommunications deployment in the Commonwealth as it relates to mandating online advertising of local projects.

In 2021, several Broadband bills have been introduced as of June 1, 2021. Supported by the Grange are:

**Senate Bill 442** (Phillips-Hill-R-York) to force the state to do an inventory of state-owned structures such as towers that could be piggy-backed with private sector equipment to expand Internet access.

**House Bill 1075** (Snyder-D-Greene/Fayette/Washington) establishes a centralized Authority to coordinate Broadband expansion development and funding.

**Senate Bill 341** (Phillips-Hill) to relax some regulatory barriers to rural telephone companies that want to expand technology services to their customers.

**House Bill 166** (Snyder) makes it easier for small rural municipalities to become its own Internet Service Provider.

**Senate Bill 341** (Phillips-Hill) to relax regulations impeding rural telephone companies from expanding their services to offer Broadband.

Related bills also receive Grange support.

**House Bill 642** (Sappey-D-Chester) and **Senate Bill 705** (Vogel-R-Beaver) provide for the regulation of Telemedicine and requiring insurance companies to pay Telemedicine claims. **NOTE:** Pennsylvania State Grange supports these bills but

underscores the need for universal access to high-speed Broadband before Telemedicine can be truly effective throughout the state.

**House Bill 855** (Owlett-R-Potter/Tioga/Bradford) allows for professional licensing applications be sent via hard copy U.S. Mail if there is no access to the Internet. **NOTE:** Strictly speaking, this is not a Broadband bill. It addresses the state's policy of Internet applications only – hard to do when there is no Internet.



### **GRANGE PRESENTS TESTIMONY ADVANCING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF LEGAL NOTICES**

On May 26th, the Pennsylvania State Grange submitted written testimony to the Local Government Committee opposing **House Bill 955** (Ortitay-R-Allegheny/Washington). This legislation would expand advertising options for municipalities in posting legal notices. Although proponents say it will save municipalities money to advertise via the

Internet, the real-world impact will be for many municipalities to simply post the notice on their website and say 'we have notified the public.' As written, **HB 955** would allow municipalities to forego newspaper advertising altogether – the requirement now.

The Grange does not oppose expanding advertising options to the Internet or social media but argues that newspapers are still a major source of information and should not be cut out. First, in much of PA, newspapers are a major medium for local government news to get to the public. Although there has not been research, it is likely that a municipal website does not get much traffic compared to the thousands who receive the newspaper. Besides, the Grange argued that there is nothing wrong with using newspapers' on-line editions to reach people who are more inclined to use the internet than to reach hard copy. The goal is to inform the public about what local government is doing. This transparency will diminish if municipalities are allowed to choose an only Internet way of informing taxpayer citizens about these matters. Pennsylvania State Grange is partnering with the PA NewsMedia Association on this issue.

Carrie Nace  
Novak Strategic Advisors





# Pennsylvania State Grange has a new location!

By Dr. James Diamond

PRELUDE: On behalf of 8,208 Subordinate and lifetime Grange members, Pennsylvania State Grange officials made history on 11 May 2021 to be archived in State Grange Chronicles.



Per the recommendation of the Pennsylvania State Grange President and Executive Committee, we experienced the closure of the settlement on a new Pennsylvania State Grange home by signing documents to purchase and take possession of a beautiful building at 26 CJEMS Lane, Mifflintown, Pennsylvania (CJEMS is an acronym for Central Juniata Emergency Medical Services). I was inspired to write this prose poem titled “New Chapter for a 150-Year Old Grange” because I am a third-generation Grange member and have been a Grange member for 70-years. I was utterly delighted to be part of a team effort to acquire a property that will become the Head Office for all of Pennsylvania’s 173 Subordinate Granges.

## NEW CHAPTER FOR A 150-YEAR OLD GRANGE

Pennsylvania State Grange President signing documents during the settlement on a new Pennsylvania State Grange home. Documents that enable PSG to purchase and take possession of this beautiful building at 26 CJEMS Lane, Mifflintown, Pennsylvania (Photo by Lizzie Bailey of Wayne Campbell, PSG President and Buyer, Betsy Fairman and Paula Frymoyer, Sellers signing closure documents with Jim Diamond representing the PSG Executive Committee witnessing this historical event on 11 May 2021).



## NEW PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE HOME

The new sign was installed on 26 May 2021 by Debbie Campbell and Wayne Campbell. The purpose of the sign was to identify the whereabouts of the Pennsylvania State Grange home and to promote the Grange to people passing this beautiful building as they drive by on Route 35. (Photo by Debbie Campbell just minutes after the sign was installed.)

## NEW CHAPTER FOR A 150-YEAR OLD GRANGE

Established in 1871, the Pennsylvania State Grange (PSG) has a rich heritage that has contributed a plethora of services for rural communities, local residents, and people in need both domestically and internationally. Nelson Mandela once said, "If you want the cooperation of humans around you, you must make them feel they are important and you do that by being genuine and humble." The genuine and humble leadership within Pennsylvania's Subordinate Granges is why its memberships have been able to contribute copious endowments to ameliorate the well-being of needy citizens regardless of their educational level, nationality, language spoken or religion worshiped.

Grange members from across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania yearned to acquire a permanent State Grange Office that was located somewhere near the center of the state. A Realtor contacted state president Wayne Campbell indicating he had a building for sale that fulfilled criteria established by State Grange President and Executive Committee. During a site visitation by the Executive Committee, it was concluded the building's condition needed very little remodeling and by-and-large was adequately acceptable as a State Grange Center. In April 2021 the PSG Executive Committee voted to approve the purchase of a new State Grange Head Office. It is with great excitement and happiness the Pennsylvania State Grange now found a new home. It was amazing being part of a dynamic State Grange team making history on 11 May 2021 for Pennsylvania State Grange chronicles.



The new State Grange home has much potential to fulfill the needs of State Grange's current daily business affairs, conferences, Executive Committee meetings, conclaves plus hosting a museum for Grange objects of historical significance. Furthermore, it had access to municipal sewage and water; magnificent road frontage for a large State Grange sign; there was ample parking adjacent to the

building; it was easy to find, and the building is large enough to exhibit historical Grange items that have been stored in boxes for many years.



Grange members work hard, have fun and make history. This initiative to establish a new home office was a historic event for current and future generations. Those in attendance to witness the closing on Tuesday, 11 May 2021 included: Wayne Campbell, buyer, and State Grange President; Betsy Fairman, seller; Paula Frymoyer, seller; Marianne Stiely, Paralegal Representative; and those representing the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee: James Diamond and Ruth Vonda. Lizzie Bailey, Pennsylvania State Grange Public Relations and Membership Consultant, and her husband Cliff Bailey, were in attendance to record the event. We cordially invite Subordinate Grange groups or individual members to call the Pennsylvania State Grange office for scheduling a tour of their new home.

The building has a unique history of its own. The wide plank boards on the walls and the German siding used on the center walls were removed from one of the former owner's attic and outside of the home before it was torn down. She used a sponge to hand stamp each individual brick design on the cement floor in the area that may be used as the conference room. Conceivably the Pennsylvania State Grange will entrust those beautiful wide plank boards on the walls of its new Grange home another 150 years of life. Long live the benevolent endeavors for humankind by the community Grange members of Pennsylvania Granges! business affairs, conferences, Executive Committee meetings, conclaves plus hosting a museum for Grange objects of historical significance. Furthermore, it had access to municipal sewage and water; magnificent road frontage for a large State Grange sign; there was ample parking adjacent to the building; it was easy to find, and the building is large enough to exhibit historical Grange items that have been stored in boxes for many years.



# What's happening across PA...

## GIRARD #788



Girard Grange 788 celebrated an Old Fashioned Apple Butter Boil in October of 2020. The project began Friday with peeling and cutting four bushels of apples donated by Tom and Joan Clippenger. Saturday at 5 a.m., the apples and 20 gallons of cider were placed in a copper kettle on the fire to start the process. Boiling and stirring the pot was an all day process. The day's work culminated at 7pm with 150 pints of apple butter. There were over 70 people in attendance and many of them took a turn in the stirring of the apple butter. Included in the day was a cake decorating contest. A variety of soups were available to share with those in attendance. A local line dancing group entertained us with some dances. Several people joined the dancing. All agreed we are looking forward to this year and adding more events. All proceeds were put toward some needed renovation work of the Grange.

## BERKS COUNTY JR. GRANGE



Berks County Junior Grange held their Junior Grange Camp on May 14-16. 30 Juniors participated in camp. New royalty were also announced. Junior Princess is Cadence Tempel, Pioneer Jr. Grange. Junior Prince is Tyler Davis, Ontelaunee Jr. Grange. Mini Princess is Lillian Dusko, Virginville Jr. Grange. Mini Prince is Nolan Fayewicz, Virginville Jr. Grange.

## JEFFERSON #1373



This is a photo of the memorial flag pole placed in front of our Grange in memory of Albert Martsof, long-time member and husband of Nettie Martsof. Albert was responsible for so many repairs and duties for and around the Grange building, it was decided to honor his many years of service with a visible remembrance of this wonderful man. At night the solar light illuminates the flag and the lights on the sign below announce the Grange's location to anyone looking for us.



**NEW OFFICE ADDRESS**  
**Pennsylvania State Grange**  
**26 CJEMS Ln.**  
**Mifflintown, PA 17059**



5901 EASTON RD (RT. 611) PLUMSTEADVILLE, PA 18949

# PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE FARM MARKET

*June 5 through October 30*

9:00AM TO 12:30/1PM EVERY SATURDAY

Vegetables, fruits, local honey, eggs, baked goods, free coffee, flowers, alpaca products, handmade items, artwork, soaps & more!

Follow us on Facebook for weekly updates!

PLUMSTEADVILLE GRANGE #1738

## PROGRESS #96



**5th Annual Progress Grange Children's Fair 2021**

July 17, 2021 - TIME: 10:00am - 3:00pm  
 Rear of 217 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Centre Hall  
 For More Information Contact: Denny McCloskey (814) 360-1094  
 DENNY@DMPRODUCTIONS.NET  
 Visit us on Facebook at: @ProgressGrange96

## LAWRENCE COUNTY JR. #547



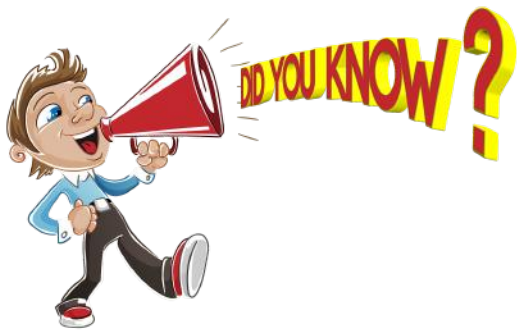
Lawrence County Junior Grangers planted some bee, bird and butterfly friendly flowers in front of Liberty Grange #1780. A huge Thank You goes to fellow Grange member George Rodgers of Rodgers Grove City Agway & Pet Supplies for providing all the materials!

### Fresh Produce



### Artisan Products





Rural Free Delivery (RFD), service begun in the United States in 1896 to deliver mail directly to farm families. Before RFD, rural inhabitants had to pick up mail themselves at sometimes distant post offices or pay private express companies for delivery. Free mail delivery began in cities in 1863, but it took more than 20 years of agitating by the National Grange for the service to be extended. In 1898 officials of the Post Office announced that any group of farmers could have free delivery merely by sending a petition, along with a description of their community and roads, to their congressman. The flood of petitions was overwhelming, and by 1905 the Post Office was serving 32,000 RFD routes.



### Frozen Peanut Butter Pie

1 graham cracker pie crust  
1/2 pint heavy cream, whipped  
1 cup confectioners sugar

1/3 cup peanut butter  
1/2 cup milk  
4 oz cream cheese

Beat cream cheese until soft and fluffy. Beat in sugar and peanut butter until well blended. Slowly add milk, blending thoroughly into mixture. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into pie crust and freeze. Let stand 5-8 minutes before serving. Cut into small slices, as it is very rich. Pie stays smooth even when frozen for a week.

Beulah M. White - Olanta Grange #715

This recipe can be found in the Pennsylvania State Grange's 125th Anniversary Edition Cookbook.

### Contest Highlights



Do you draw or paint? The Lecturer Department has a contest for you! There are 5 different classes to enter; Nature, Animals, Abstract, People, and Street Art/Graffiti. Let's see the artwork that you've created this past year!

A lot of businesses advertise on the radio. The Youth Department has a Radio Spot contest. Create a radio commercial about the Grange that is 60 seconds in length. What are some things that you would put in a commercial about the Grange?



For more contests please refer to the 2020-2021 Guide to Contest and Programs.



# Member Benefit Highlights



## VISION BENEFITS



The Pennsylvania State Grange has a partnership with the Alera Group to offer our members vision insurance. VBA is one of the largest and best-known providers of vision benefits in America. VBA offers 4 standard vision plans to choose from. Available Plan & Rates Effective 3/1/20 - 2/28/22.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Single	\$5.76	\$7.85	\$8.70	\$10.44
Family	\$11.51	\$15.65	\$17.40	\$20.88

If you want more information about the vision benefits the Grange has to offer please call the office at 717-737-8855 or email: [pagrangr@pagranger.org](mailto:pagrangr@pagranger.org).



## Are you going to any Amusement Parks or taking any day trips? We may have discounted tickets!

The Grange also has different rental car and hotel discounts to complete your vacation getaway.

The Pennsylvania State Grange has a partnership with Tickets At Work to bring our members the best deals on hotels, amusement parks and other attractions, movie tickets, rental cars, and everyday shopping. Contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office for the Company Code to start utilizing your discounts today!



## Welcome New Members!!!



### Eagle #1

David Bitter  
Keri Boyer  
Serena Fisher  
Tristin Kitchens  
KJ Reimensyder-Wagner

### Keystone #2

Lisa Minardi  
**Middletown #684**  
Morgan Forsyth  
**Tuscarora #774**  
Floyd Rowles  
Corinne Hostetter  
**Walker #786**  
Korinne Kauffman

### Valley #1360

George Page  
**Jefferson #1373**  
Amy Shuffstall  
Alivia Shuffstall  
Marlo Troup



### Honey Brook #1688

Alta McFarland  
Barry Witmer  
Doris Witmer  
**Scrubgrass #1705**  
Olivia Drake  
Scott Gianoglio  
**Plumsteadville #1738**  
David Magolis  
**Ridgeview #1948**  
Al Vallozzi  
**Cumberland Valley #2104**  
Ferne Dietrich

### Bernville #1887

Norman Reifsnnyder  
(Aug. 1921)  
**Mt Nebo #1872**  
Katherine Holman  
(May 1920)

### Correction:

In the May/June Issue Glenn Hoffman was listed under the New Member section instead of the Memoriam section. We regret this error.



## In Memoriam

"Well Done Good and Faithful Servant..."

### Correction:

In the January/February Issue George Fulkman was referred to as George Fulkroad. We regret this error.

### Eagle #1

William McElroy  
**Keystone #2**  
Hiram Hershey  
Ray Lehman  
**Sanatoga #25**  
Adam Wambach  
Mary Ann Springer  
**Brandywine #60**  
Samuel Swayne  
**Dawson #419**  
Ralph Radishek  
**Scotch Valley #510**  
Ethel Diehl  
**Hayfield #800**  
Elizabeth Novotny

### Rundells #871

Deborah Gevin  
**Elk Creek #997**  
Jack Sheffer  
**Watson #1068**  
Alice Lindell  
**Buckhorn #1119**  
Alice Gallaher  
**Fairdale #1157**  
Alice Carr  
**Enterprise #1352**  
Carl LaTourette  
Betty Hartman  
**Valley #1360**  
Mary Calhoun  
Betty Yinger

### Fassett #1567

Barbara Congdon  
**Pleasant Valley #1643**  
Leslie Firth  
Lorene Hopkins  
**Mahoning Valley #1649**  
William Cummins  
**Liberty #1780**  
Donald Fox  
**Red Lion #1781**  
Bruce Stein  
**Dayton #1819**  
Patricia Wolfgang  
**Virginville #1832**  
Elaine J Miller  
Mark Stitzel

### Kutztown #1839

Carl Lobb  
**Little Gap #1882**  
Mrs. Wilbert Zacharias  
**Baileyville #1991**  
Robert E Fry  
Jacqueline Pantano  
**Walker #2007**  
Carl Deitrich (75 yr mem.)  
Franklin Wagner (62 yr mem)  
**Long Branch Comm #2072**  
Velma N Gajan  
**Twin East Hanover #2089**  
Melvin Fureman  
Lillian Seaman

# Book Your Room

Book your room for the PA State Grange Session directly with the hotel to ensure you get the Grange's group rate and that the host region gets credit for their contracted room commitment.

Book by calling the hotel directly at 610-354-8118 - Mention Group Block code A1021GR, PA State Grange, and request rooms in the Valley Tower. Please indicate your room preference (king/double), the number of guests per room, and supply your contact information and a credit card to hold the reservation. A deposit of the first night's room fee + taxes will be charged to your card when booking but is refundable if you cancel at least 3 days prior to your arrival date.

## NEW OFFICE ADDRESS

**26 CJEMS Ln.  
Mifflintown, PA 17059**

### 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Dates are tentative and subject to change

#### JULY

4th: Independence Day  
15-18th: Family Festival;  
Centre County  
Fairground  
20-25th: Grange Revival;  
Sturgis, SD

#### AUGUST

10-12th: AG Progress  
Days; Pennsylvania  
Furnace



#### SEPTEMBER

6th: Labor Day  
18th: 150th Anniversary  
Luncheon; Lewisburg,  
PA



#### OCTOBER

15-17th: State Session;  
King of Prussia, PA  
31st: Happy Halloween!



#### NOVEMBER

9-13th: National Grange  
Convention; Wichita,  
KS  
11th: Veterans Day  
25th: Happy  
Thanksgiving

#### DECEMBER

25th: Merry Christmas!



#### JANUARY 2022

1st: Happy New Year!  
8-15th: PA Farm Show



#### FEBRUARY

21st: President's Day



#### MARCH

13th: Daylight Savings  
Time (turn clocks  
forward)



#### APRIL

17th: Easter  
22nd: Earth Day



#### MAY

5th: Cinco de Mayo  
30st: Memorial Day



#### JUNE

14th: Flag Day



# **Pennsylvania State Grange**

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## **What can the Grange do for you?**

### **National Grange Benefits**

- Wyndham Hotel: Members save up to 20%
- Hertz/Avis/Budget Rental Car
- CVS Caremark: Savings up to 50% with CVS RxSavings Plus Card
- 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 Car Rental: Discounted Member Rates.
- BJ's Wholesale Club: Save \$15 on Basic, 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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