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Secretary Russell Redding, G. Thomas Brouse, Peggy Heskell, and Rose Brouse accepting their Century Farm sign for The Happy Mountain Bouse Farm started in 1920.

Bradford County Farm was honored as a Century Farm.

by Lizzie Bailey, Pennsylvania State Grange

The Happy Mountain Bouse Farm was recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as the newest Century Farm at Ag Progress Days. The family farm located in Monroe Township in Bradford County has been owned and operated by the Bouse Family since 1920. The three siblings; Margaret (Peggy) Bouse Heskell, Rose Bouse, and G. Thomas Bouse share ownership of the farm.

Peggy Heskell shared, "Our Grandfather, Leo Bouse, purchased 80 acres and our father added additional farmland. The farm now has 430 acres that keeps us very busy."

The PA Department of Agriculture says that there are

now 2,150 farms, of which 192 are Century Farms and 1,957 are Bicentennial Farms. The Miller Farm in Lancaster, purchased in 1717 from William Penn became the nation's first Tricentennial Farm in 2019.

Grange Connection

It is always exciting to see family farms being recognized for their longevity, but it is even more exciting when it is discovered there is some Grange history associated, as it is with this particular family farm.

The Bouse family were talking with Secretary Redding after the ceremony at Ag Progress Days that they needed to leave shortly as they needed to get back to the farm for their church fundraiser.

They were deep in conversation with Secretary Redding about how they make homemade Grapenut ice cream for the church to sell to raise money. In the midst of the conversation the Bouse family mentioned that there had been a Grange hall next to their farm property. Secretary Redding introduced the Bouse family to me and Peggy and Rose began to share their Grange story.

At one time their dad was president of this Grange. When asked, Rose shared, "The Grange was Liberty Corners." Research of our PA Grange history records revealed some information about Liberty Corners Grange. Old officer records list Harold Bouse as holding officer positions with the Grange during the 1950's and 1960's. (continued on page 15)

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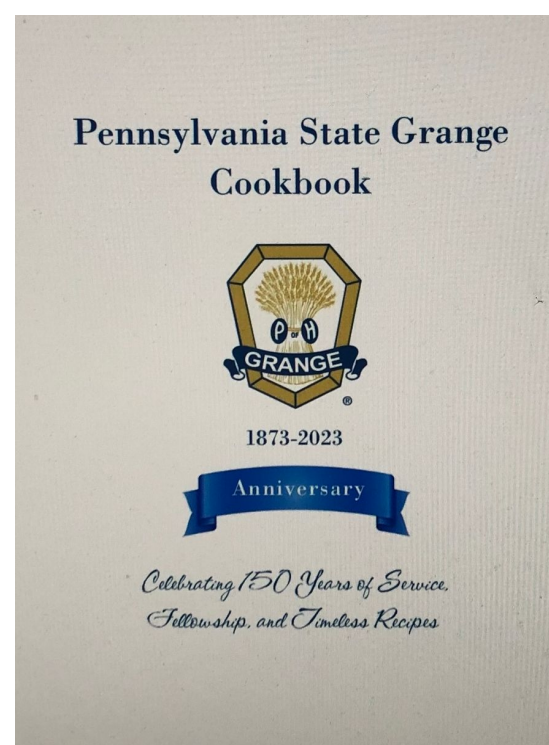


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From the President's Desk

Wayne D. Campbell

PA State Grange President

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The Pennsylvania State Grange annual session will be over by the time you receive this issue. I hope you had a representative at session, and they brought back lots of good information for your Grange.

We are just a few short weeks from the General Election on November 2, 2021. The polls are scheduled to be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Perhaps your Grange could do a soup, sandwich, and bake sale if no other organization already do that for the convenience of the voters in your community. I know I keep harping at you to vote, but please, do not allow a very small minority to decide what will map the future in your community, state, and nation. I used an example in a previous issue showing how just a few hundred people in a community of thousands could make all the decisions if we all don't vote. Don't let this be your community!!

We are fully moved into our new property at 26 CJEMS Lane., Mifflintown, PA. 17059. We are still unpacking boxes and deciding how to set up some of our spaces. The History Committee will be working through the winter on displaying

many of the artifacts that were previously stored in boxes. The great news is Linlo Properties was able to find a new business to lease our space in Lemoyne so our lease will officially terminate on December 31, 2021.



I had put in my last PGN article about a ruling that is set to go into effect on January 01, 2022. This ruling will help protect us from what is termed, "surprise billing" and out of network billing without advanced patient consent and several other items. As is often the case, the ruling has been made, now they are trying to figure out how to implement it. Stay tuned to the National Grange's Patrons Chain email and Carrie Nace's legislative article for updates. If you do not receive the Patrons Chain email from the National Grange, please call the National Grange office at 202.628.3507 and

ask for Stephanie Wilkins at ext. 101. You can email her at swilkins@nationalgrange.org. To get the Pennsylvania State Grange weekly email blasts contact Lizzie Bailey at 717.254.9550 or email her at publicrelations@pagrange.org.

We are entering into the Holiday season. If your Grange provides meals, coats, blankets, rides, or in any other way supports those in need within your community, please be sure to include this in your next year's Community Service report. If you have a community Christmas party, please take photos and send them along with a small article to Brittany to include in the PGN at pagrange@pagrange.org. Please remember to set your camera to high resolution so your photos can be used in the magazine.

This past year has been an emotional roller coaster. As we look forward to 2022 and all the events, starting with the Farm Show, let's do our part to be sure we keep each other safe. Debbie and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at the 2022 Pennsylvania Farm Show. We wish each and every one of you a blessed holiday season!!

Fraternally,
Wayne D. Campbell, President
Pennsylvania State Grange





Chaplain's Corner
Jodi Keith Kensinger
 PA State Grange Chaplain

Greetings from central PA!! As you sit to read this, the Christmas spirit is in full swing! There is holiday music playing on the radio; Christmas trees are up in many homes; Christmas lights are strung across the front porches of many communities in towns all over our country; and I love that it appears that the majority of people are getting into the festive holiday spirit. I love this time of year! The weather is much cooler; and people are thinking about others and genuinely want each other to have a magical, Christmas holiday filled with cherished memories.

A few weeks ago, actually back in September, I was on my way to Philadelphia for one of my RULE study institute trainings, and like most of you traveling anywhere new, I was using my GPS to get me there, safely. Well, I am not a city girl..... I am not a four lanes of highway in one direction person..... I am not a bumper-to-bumper traffic, going into a major city girl. But there I was..... putting my faith and trust into a little box to get me to my destination, safely.

Here in this Christmas season, I think back to that situation; and I am reminded of another group, made up of three men from afar, riding on camels to deliver presents to baby Jesus. In

Matthew 2: 1-2 & 9-12, it talks about the Magi and the star that led them to that tiny baby: "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him..... After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.



When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route." They followed God, do we?

Going back to my trip to Philadelphia, it freaked me out to watch for my exit (which I missed two different times and went into a shady part of the city) and pay

attention to the traffic that was flying past me on the interstate at 9 pm! Now thinking about those

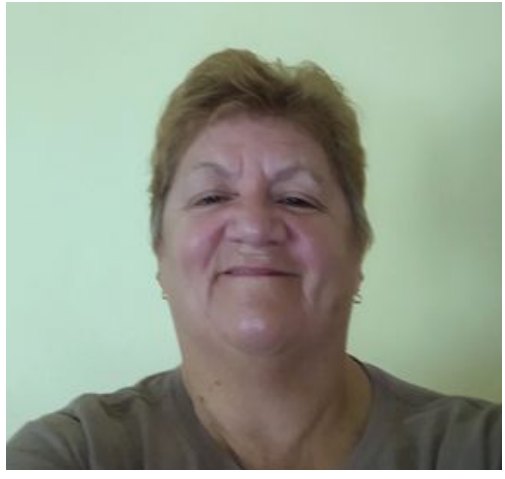
Wise Men and how they ONLY had a star to follow, shows that I did not place my faith where it needed to be. I should have placed more faith and trust for my safety and destination into the hands of our Creator, the Holy one. He is the ONLY one that should lead our paths and guide our ways. Where have you placed your trust & faith these days? At the feet of our heavenly father or just trusting in a tiny GPS system for direction? When was the last time that you picked up your Bible and looked for direction in your life?

In the chorus of the Christmas song "We Three Kings" it says, "O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light." This Christmas holiday, I encourage you to follow God's perfect light and be a light in the world.

May you all have a blessed Christmas holiday season, and with it carry the Christmas Spirit into the new year, in weeks to come! May you be blessed in God's loving and perfect Will for you this Christmas and New Year! God Bless and here's to 2022 being a year of blessings and beyond! Merry Christmas from my family to all of yours!

Love Always,
 Jodi Keith Kensinger
 PA State Grange Chaplain
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Melanie Melius
PA State Grange
Family Activities Director

Happy Thanksgiving!

Hi Everybody,
 I hope everyone made it through State Session - I made it. Now a little slow down time till Holiday time comes. Where did this year go? I was in Sam's Club in late September and all I saw was Christmas and a little Halloween witch decorations which had not come around yet. Just let us enjoy the Holidays PLEASE!!!!
 Thanksgiving is right around the corner I'm ready for turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and all the other trimmings, like pumpkin pie with whipped topping - yes, so good. Then on to the baking of all the good cookies, and all the other sweet treats. I hope your Thanksgiving is wonderful, and you make more memories to last a lifetime and eat some really good food and some sweet treats.



Thanksgiving is going to be great. Merle & I and the 2 puppies; Saddle and Maggie will go to camp. We go out the early part of November and we stay till the end of March or beginning of April. So, we will be there for Christmas - as my time slows down a little, I can't wait. I hope your Christmases will be white, and everyone has a great Christmas making memories.

I hope everyone's time will also slow down a little for you to make some contest entries during the holidays while watching all the Christmas movies. The contests make great family time projects.

We have 3 new food contests to enter for 2022.

- Class 10 - Apple Dumplings
- Class 11 - Snickerdoodles
- Class 12 - No-Bake cookies

I hope everyone got a copy of The Guide to Contests 2022-2023 or came into the Family Activities area at State Session and picked



Here is a sneak peek of the 2022 Family Activities Quilt raffle

up a copy of the 2022 Contest papers for next year. If you didn't get a copy, call or email me and I will send you a copy. Let me know any other questions you want to ask and I hope I can answer. Till I write my story for next PGN (it is due in December) I will put all the winners of State session contests in my story.

So, I hope you all have a great Holiday Season, Enjoy, and God Bless all of you.

Thank you
 Yours Truly

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Give thanks with a grateful heart.

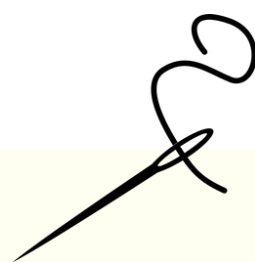


Family Activity Contests

Quilt/Quilt Block
Embroidery
Cross Stitch
Plastic Canvas
Afghan
Baking Contest
and more...

Merry Christmas!

*We hope All your Christmases
will be white, and everyone has
a Great Christmas making memories!
-Melanie & Family Activities Committee*



Class 1: 2022 Quilt Blocks - Lights and Shadow

Pieced - Color scheme-Pink Print, Pink Solid, White Solid,
Light Grey Solid, Aqua Solid, Aqua Print.

**Must be 12 1/2" X 12 1/2" finished square, which includes
1/4" seam allowance.**

1. Must be the designated pattern and color scheme as shown on the instruction sheet.
2. Must be 100% cotton.
3. Wash fabric before using to control bleeding and shrinkage.
4. Judging of **TOP** only!!
5. All blocks are to be sent to the state session for judging. Subordinate and Pomona elimination is not necessary.
6. Blocks **WILL NOT** be returned. They will be used by the Family Activities Department for future quilts.
7. Entries will be judged on workmanship, creativity, and general appearance.

Review the Guide to Contests & Programs for additional contests!

Pennsylvania State Grange 2022-2023 Guide to Contest & Programs



This Guide includes all contest and programs for 2022-2023

Please retain this document for future reference.
This information can be downloaded from our website
www.pagrang.org.

The Guide to Contests can be
found on the PA Grange website.
<https://www.pagrang.org/documents.html>



Membership News
Lizzie Bailey
PA State Grange
Membership & PR Director

Simple little pleasures...



Greetings Grangers!

I want to talk about the importance of simple little pleasures.

I have always found that sitting outside on the patio in the wee hours of the morning drinking a cup of coffee is the best way to start my day. The picturesque view of my garden, the forest, the orchestra of birds chirping remind me to be thankful and enjoy what God has provided. Now that winter has arrived my routine will focus around the kitchen; cooking and baking so I can share some goodies with my family and neighbors.

There are many articles written about the benefits of having time for simple pleasures. They are a great way to improve your emotions and outlook. Quite honestly it de-stresses me and improves my happiness.

A positive thing I noticed during our pandemic is that people returned to simple pleasures. I saw on social media pictures of families playing games together, working on projects, baking in their kitchens, crafting, socializing and my list could go

on and on. But the important point to make here is the pandemic brought us back to simple little things. People discovered spending time together was fun and how

ways, others of us in huge ways. The world around us has changed too.

There is a lot of turbulence among people, who are exhibiting anger, and so much political discord. I would like to remind everyone that love will always prevail. Grangers have always exhibited love through being good friends, supporting their community through service projects, and love of socialization with such things as potluck dinners.

Which this brings me to why so much conversation about simple little pleasures. I would like to encourage you to focus on the little things that make you happy. Then think about how you could share those simple little pleasures with others at your Grange.

You know, I often think about Mr. Kelly and his trip down South to assess the farming communities after the Civil War. He realized that if we got people to sit around a table and eat together, it was the beginning of healing ourselves of anger, hurt, and feelings of hatred. It returns our thoughts to what we all have in common, and that we are people all connected to each other with commonalities.

Simple Pleasures

- Enjoy the sunrise or sunset**
- Stargazing around a campfire**
- Baking cookies**
- Drinking coffee with friends**
- Reading a book**
- Making crafts**
- Walking/hiking**
- Socializing**
- What is your simple pleasure?**

important it was to focus on homelife, family, and enjoying a slower pace of life. Time for simple little pleasures.

The pandemic has changed our lives in ways we could never imagine. We will never go back exactly to what we were before COVID19, as we have created a "new normal". We all have changed, some of us in small



Coffee with a friend is like capturing happiness in a cup. - Anonymous

So, with that being said, I am asking you to think about ways to bring your community together. Start very small, invite a few families from your community to come and have coffee or hot cocoa and cookies to just socialize at your Grange. Don't have any preconceived notions other than making new friends. Don't talk membership, don't talk about "hot topics" that can be bothersome to others. Just enjoy simple conversation and each other's company. Look for the things you have in common.



Here we are with the holidays kicking in, some people will feel a lot of stress preparing for them. Can you think of a few people to invite to have cookies and coffee with you? Maybe invite them to a cookie making party where they can go home with a few dozen cookies compliments of your Grange.

If you are thinking about an event geared for families, what about a holiday craft, something that can be a gift to someone else? A handmade Christmas card? Pinterest, and DIY projects are of interest to a lot of people. If you need some ideas reach out to Jenn Nauss, Pennsylvania State Grange Lecturer, or Melanie Melius Family Activities Director. They will be able to provide you with lots of ideas.

Some of the best events that I held with our local kids in our community were very simple. We threw sheets over clothes lines and created tents to day camp. We read books and kept journals. We had cupcake decorating contests and made smores in solar ovens that were created from pizza boxes and aluminum foil.

Just remember simple little things that bring people together to have fun and enjoy each other's company. You will never go wrong with that!

Yours in Grange service,

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Lizzie's Gingerbread Cookie Recipe

3/4 cup butter softened
1 cup of sugar
1 large egg
1/4 cup molasses
2 cups of flour
2 tsp of baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1 1/2 tsp of cinnamon
1 1/2 tsp. of ginger

Mix together butter and sugar till well blended and smooth. Add egg and molasses and mix till blended together.

Use a separate bowl and put in flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and ginger; mix together very well.

Add dry ingredients to the wet ingredients in your first bowl. Form cookie dough into 1 1/2 inch balls and place on cookie sheet 3" apart.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes at 350 degrees. Let cool on cookie sheet for a few minutes before transferring to a cooling rack to continue to cool.



Youth Committee
Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth Director

As I write this article for the PGN, we are anxiously awaiting the start of the PA State Grange Annual Session in Valley Forge, PA. We have many exciting things happening during this session and I am also eager to see everyone again!

The new "look" for the State Youth Officer Team was unveiled during the Youth Opening on Saturday morning of State Session. I hope this new look inspires pride in the youth as they represent the PA State Grange and also instills pride in you for our great youth and young adults.

The next issue of the PGN will be filled with pictures from State Session and our contest winners! Held at the end of August was our annual Youth and Young Adults Family Picnic. Several youth and

young adults and their families braved the heat and joined in on the fun and free food on August 21st. The event was held at the new State Grange Headquarters, so attendees were also given a tour of the new facility. We look forward to continuing this picnic tradition at the new HQ for the next few years.

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 Grange, 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 below.

Fraternally,



Ellen Wadsworth
PA State Grange
Youth and Young Adults Director
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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



Grange Volunteer Opportunities!

There are many ways you can be a big help in volunteering for projects with Grange!

Here are a few volunteer jobs we are sharing, please let us know if you have an interest!

*Many volunteer hands
make light work!*

Office Helper

If you would like to volunteer with preparing items for quarterly mailings at the PA State Grange office.

This requires making copies, stuffing envelopes, applying mailing labels, etc. Call 717-737-8855 for details.

Photographer/Writer

Volunteer to take pictures and write up short stories about your Grange events to the PGN and social media.

Call 717-254-9550 for details!

PGN Proofreader

This can be done from the comfort of your own home. Must have a computer with internet

Call Lizzie at 717-254-9550.



Jenn Nauss
PA State Grange
Lecturer

Greetings from South Central PA! As I write this article, October is almost here, and State Session is right around the corner. Since State Session is still a few weeks away and contest winners will not be announced until the next issue of the Grange News, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some changes to the Lecturer's Contests and Programs which will take effect in 2022. The new Guide to Contests and Programs will be distributed in the near future so please make sure to take a look at the programs and contests that are sponsored by the Lecturer's Department!

"Creative Connections" replaces Open House Reports

The COVID-19 pandemic has required us to think outside the box and find new ways to make our Grange known in our communities. But, even before COVID and certainly as we emerge from the pandemic (hopefully soon), Granges were and will be finding creative ways of sharing their Grange stories. Sometimes this is in the format of a traditional Open House or Community Night but, more and more, it is not. The Lecturer's committee feels that all Granges that are making their presence

known in their communities are worthy of recognition. Because of this, the Creative Connections contest will permanently take the place of the Open House Reports. Granges that are holding traditional Open Houses will be able to enter Division A. Granges that complete another designated project to tell their Grange story will be able to enter in Division B.

New Classes - Pen in Hand and Art

The Pen in Hand classes are:

1. Poetry - 300 word maximum
2. Short Story - 1,500 word maximum
3. NEW FOR 2022: The Grange of the Future - If I could change something about the Grange, it would be... - 500 word maximum

The classes for the Art contest are:

1. Nature/Animals
2. People
3. Still Life

Photography moves VIRTUAL with new classes

After success of and participation in last year's virtual photography contest, we will be moving this contest to a virtual format for 2022-2023. The National Grange's photography contest has also moved to a virtual format and is open to ALL members, not only state Best of Show winners. For

Contests and Future Plans

this reason, **there will no longer be subordinate eliminations for this contest.** All Subordinate Grange members are invited to submit their photos - no more than one entry per person per class.

Photography classes for 2022-2023 are:

1. Bridges
2. Wildlife
3. Landscape
4. People
5. Celebrations



Why aren't there more craft contests?

I have received some suggestions and feedback about having more craft and cooking contests. At this time, these contests have not been added for a few reasons. First, several other departments sponsor contests in these areas, and I do not wish to detract from their work. Second - and most importantly - I believe that the role of the State Grange Lecturer's Department is to be a support to Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers. The Lecturer's Reports and Scrapbooks,

Lecturer's Grant, and Design a Program contest are all sponsored by the department in an effort to recognize Lecturers/Program Directors for their hard work and to facilitate idea-sharing. Finally, the Lecturer's Department sponsors the "My Favorite Anything" contest for any craft imaginable (as long as it can fit in a 2' x 2' x 2' box). I encourage your Grange Lecturer/Program Directors to continue to develop programs to teach members different crafts and skills. Projects taught and created can be entered in the "My Favorite Anything" contest! Classes are:

1. Wood
2. Plastic
3. Fabric/Material/Yarn
4. Miscellaneous

Future Plans

Keep an eye out for more information related to the following planned events and activities:

- Regional Leadership

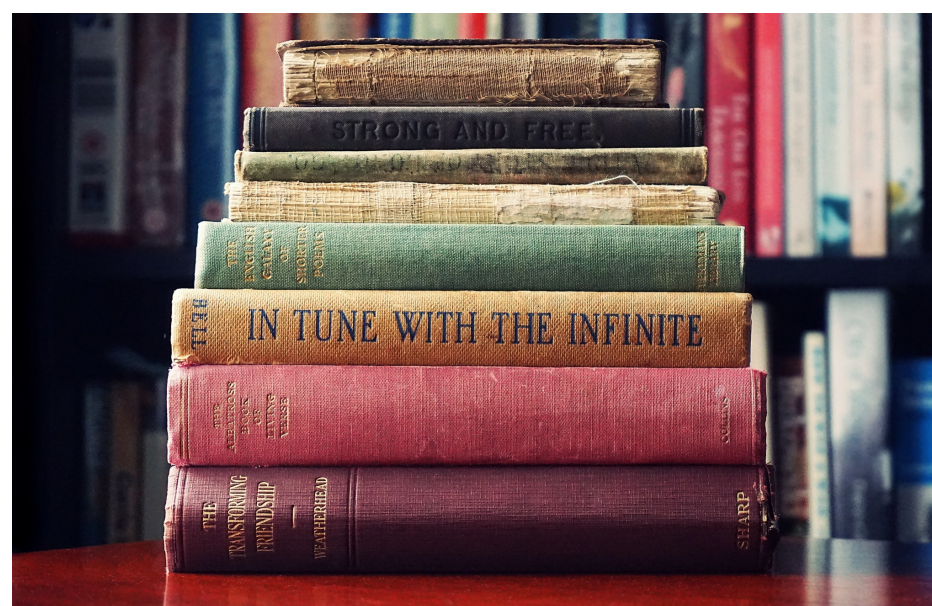
Conferences are in the process of being planned for Spring 2022. Dates and locations are to be determined and will be released in the future issues of the Grange News, on the State Grange website, on the State Grange Facebook page, and in the email blasts. My hope is to hold these in-person, but final plans will depend on the status of the COVID pandemic.

- Virtual Program Director Roundtables are also being planned as a way for Lecturer/Program Directors from across the state to share ideas,

ask for suggestions/feedback, and discuss other issues facing Program Directors. Look for information in the near future!

Program Ideas

- November is National Novel Writing Month and Book Lovers Day is the first Saturday of November - Invite members to bring a favorite book to share/swap with other members. Invite a local author to speak with your members and invite the community!



- December 28 is Card Playing Day - have a game night for your members. Invite members to bring a favorite game and teach others to play it!



Respectfully,



Jenn Nauss
PA State Grange Lecturer



Thanksgiving Blessings

Gratitude before me,
gratitude behind me,
gratitude to the left of me,
gratitude to the right of me,
gratitude above me,
gratitude below me,
gratitude within me,
gratitude all around me.

- Angeles Arrien

For food that stays our
hunger, For rest that
brings us ease,
For homes where
memories linger,
We give our thanks for
these.

- Traditional, American



Rachel Bailey
PA State Grange
Deaf and Community Service Director



Good deeds = Happiness!

If there ever was a season for giving back to others, it has to be this time of year. For many of us, we will be gathering with friends and family, sharing meals made with love and making new memories as we celebrate our traditions. The merriment can be shared with more than those in our inner circles and by doing so, we become stronger communities.

For the better part of my senior year in high school and after, I volunteered on a weekly basis at a homeless shelter in Carlisle, Pa. I wasn't entirely out of my comfort zone as we were there to help children ages 3-18 with homework, have a snack and play games. We unexpectedly became mentors to little people who taught us way more than we taught them. When you volunteer in a homeless shelter there are things that we normally say in everyday conversation that you learn to rephrase. For instance, at the end of our evening with the kids, we would start to pack up our supplies and start sending kids back to their guardians. While they stuck out their lips and said "please don't go" we would respond by saying "we have to get our supplies back to school" or "we have a long drive back to where we came from"

instead of a normal response of "we're heading home" ... something that they don't have. We all grew very fond of these children who faithfully returned week after week to our program and we knew come Christmas we wanted to do something special for them. We rallied support from peers, friends and family to purchase an age appropriate toy and winter clothes accessories like hats, gloves and scarves. I will never forget our holiday party with the kids and watching them all rip open the paper in excitement. One boy in particular who was about 10 years old clenched his brand new, matching hat and gloves in his hand, pulled them close to his heart and exclaimed how it was just what he wanted. Total cost of this said matching hat and glove set was probably less than \$3 ... but to he who had so little, it was everything. During this holiday season, please consider ways that you can spread cheer to those you know and those who are simply in need of your spirit.

Rachel Bailey
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Here are a few ideas to give back and spread cheer:

- Pay for the coffee of the next person in line
- Help a neighbor rake leaves or shovel snow
- Write cards/draw pictures and send to the elderly in nursing homes
- Make treats and thank you notes to your police and fire departments

Now it's your turn! Make a list of things that you can do to give back and spread cheer:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Century Farm continued from page 1

Liberty Corners Grange closed in 2008. The Bouse family purchased it as it was near their farm property. The Bouse family said that the local church uses the Grange Hall and they do fundraisers such as making and selling Grapenut ice cream.

It was nice to hear about the repurposing of the old Grange hall. The halls are part of our history, but it is nice to learn that when they are sold, they are also new beginnings for others.

Liberty Corners Grange History

Liberty Corners Grange #1618 in Monroe Township, Bradford County was organized by Asa S Stevens, and W.B. Packard and chartered on July 1, 1914. The Grange had 24 founding members on record. Family surnames included; Benjamin, Elliott, Cummings, Scott, Bull, Morton, Bowman, and Irvine. The officers elected for Liberty Corners Grange were: J.P. Bull as Master, Adaline Benjamin as Lecturer, and Flora Bull as Secretary.

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PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.
National Grange, Incorporated January, 1873.

Deputies Organizing Granges are Requested to Send a Copy of this Sheet to the Secretary of their State Grange at the Same Time They Send the Application and Fee to Tippecanoe City, Ohio.

To C. M. FREEMAN, Secretary of National Grange,
Tippecanoe City, Ohio.

The undersigned have organized a subordinate Grange in the
Town of Monroe, County of Bradford
State of Pa. and most respectfully ask for a Dispensation and all necessary documents, and endorse the fee of Fifteen Dollars for the same.

NAMES OF APPLICANTS.
Roland M. Benjamin, George R. Elliott, Robert Crimmins,
J. F. Scott, J. P. Bull, Lina M. Scott, Adaline Benjamin, Maud
Bull, Stella M. Scott, Edith M. Norton, H. H. Norton, R. H.
Cummings, H. F. Scott, Mrs. H. F. Scott, J. H. Bowman,
Mrs. J. H. Bowman, Mary B. Bull, Florence M. Bull, H. C.
Bull, Mrs. H. C. Bull, J. C. Irvine, Mrs. J. C. Irvine,
C. M. Irvine, Mrs. C. M. Irvine,

Adaline Benjamin, Lecturer
P. O. Address Towanda, R. R. 3, Pa.

J. P. Bull, Master
P. O. Address Flora Bull, Secretary
P. O. Address Towanda, R. R. 3, Pa.

Nearest Express Office Monroeton, County of Bradford
Name of Grange Liberty Corners #1618
Organized and Approved by Asa S. Stevens & W. B. Packard
Date April 30, 1914, P. O. Address Towanda, R. R. 3, Pa. 24

INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPUTIES.
The Grange organized will receive all necessary documents with their dispensation, and in the meantime can be appointing their committees, preparing their hall and balloting for candidates. Dispensations will invariably be sent within forty-eight hours after the receipt of the application. Write additional names on back. The dispensation and outfit will be sent to the Master of the new Grange unless otherwise instructed.

This is the charter application from 1914 when Liberty Corners Grange #1618, Monroe Township in Bradford County applied to be a subordinate Grange.

'Sad note to the story:
Calls were made trying to reach Peggy Heskell for some additional details about the old Grange hall, On the last attempt, Peggy's husband Harold Heskell answered the phone. I shared with him who I was and asked if I could speak with Peggy about the Century Farm Award. With sadness he he told me that Peggy passed away at the end of August. We talked for a little bit, and before the call ended, Harold said "Peggy was so very excited about receiving the Century Farm Award."

The Pennsylvania State Grange sends condolences to Harold Heskell, and the Bouse family in the loss of Peggy.

The Century and Bicentennial Farm Programs have been created to recognize those farms and farm families that have done so much to contribute to Pennsylvania's heritage.

If you would like to learn more about the Century Farm Program call: 717-783-8460.



Grange News – Article from State Grange History Committee

See the latest 150th anniversary update on the State Grange website by clicking on <https://www.pagrang.org/state-grange-150th-anniverary.html>

The official kick-off of the sesquicentennial of the PA State Grange was a glorious celebration on a clear and beautiful September 18, 2021. By sheer coincidence, this date was 148 years to the very day of the organization of the state organization on September 18, 1873. Refer elsewhere in this issue to two full pages of pictures from the open house brunch at Eagle Grange #1 near Montgomery and a luncheon program at the Country Cupboard in Lewisburg. The program included the recognition for three Pennsylvanians inducted into the National Grange “Hall of Fame”, a candle lighting ceremony symbolizing the initial spark that brought Grange into Pennsylvania and an inspiring message from Dr. Meecee Baker.

Sister Baker’s message went far beyond the usual recounting of past achievements often visited during anniversary celebrations. Instead the audience was challenged to embrace the following “P” statements:

1. It is People that make Grange memories special.
2. The Grange is in crisis and we have to pay attention to the trends of membership decline and the accelerating loss of local Granges. If we don’t Pay attention and Pivot to take decisive action, the Grange will be without members or a community presence in less than 20 years. To do so, we have to know ourselves. The Grange is primarily a rural service organization.
3. Provide a statewide membership option and covert to a membership management software package that improves efficiency and increases communication.
4. Purge the policy manual of those policies which are outdated or even harmful to progress in the 21st century.
5. Participate in a statewide service project to focus effort and resources on a common goal.

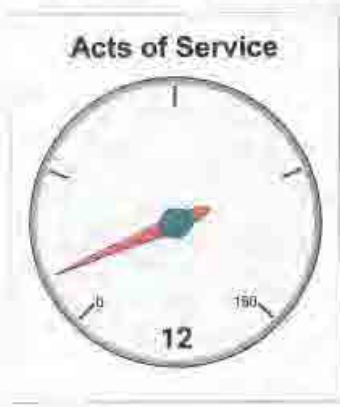
Part of the message was the hope that these suggestions would create discussion and action. The challenge was evidently successful in sparking discussions almost immediately on how to undertake steps to explore and accomplish the rather significant changes needed to bring about a positive result. A transcribed copy of Meecee’s speech is available by contacting Doug Bonsall of the History Committee.



Limited Edition Anniversary Collectible The floral centerpieces on the tables at the anniversary kick-off luncheon in September were arranged in a custom designed travel tumbler featuring the 150th logo. The tumbler became an immediately popular and treasured collector’s item for the 19 lucky people winning them that day. So popular, in fact, that a limited number of the additional tumblers have been ordered and will be available for purchase at upcoming State Grange events while supply lasts. State Lecturer Jenn Nauss is the contact person for the tumblers, as well as for the remaining 150th anniversary T-shirts featuring the slogan “PA State Grange 150 Years - It All Started at Eagle #1”. Both of these items are in limited quantity with no plans to order additional supplies of either. Contact Jenn at

717-512-1261 for details.

Anniversary Booklets A 48-page full color historical booklet was published in 2021 by Eagle Grange #1 to mark its 150th birthday. The publication includes highlights of the formation of both the National and State Granges, as well as pictures and text covering the history of this first Grange that brought the organization to Pennsylvania. Many Granges and individuals across the state sponsored ads in the booklet, making its printing possible. Copies are available for a donation by contacting Jenn Nauss or Doug Bonsall (717-921-1957).



Acts of Service The dial continues to climb recording our progress in this anniversary project; as of 10/1/2021 twelve Acts of Service have been reported. Check out the spreadsheet found at: [Pennsylvania State Grange 150 Years...150 Acts of Service - Google Sheets](#) to see the new and innovative things that Subordinate, Junior and Pomona Granges are doing to serve their communities during the celebration of our State Grange sesquicentennial. Every 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. Granges may submit any number of acts of service at any time to Doug Bonsall (douglas.b@verizon.net) or Jenn Nauss (inauss89@gmail.com) so they may be added to the on-line listing; please follow the format of the projects already recorded, being as brief yet descriptive as possible.

Degree Exemplification Many thanks to patrons from York County for recently exemplifying the First and Second Degrees at the State Grange session in the Valley Forge. Since few Granges are using the traditional degree work for initiation of new members, it was good to re-visit this part of the order's history to hear again the beautiful language which imparts the values and teachings of the Grange. The Third and Fourth Degrees will be presented in 2022 at the State Session in York, PA.

Why is money being raised? For the past year we've been promoting the purchase of candles on the 150th anniversary cake, so far raising about \$7,100 to fund the 150th anniversary celebration. Candle contributions in any amount, including duplicate candle amounts, continue to be accepted. Below we are announcing a second fund raiser for any person, group or business which may have resources to make a larger show of support.

You might be asking: Why there are multiple fund raising efforts going on? How much money is needed? Delegates to the 2019 State Grange session in State College adopted a resolution removing the 2023 session from the usual regional rotation of hosting duties and, instead, made all Granges throughout the state responsible for the 2023 convention and special anniversary events. The state president then appointed the State Grange History Committee to coordinate the planning, financing and staffing effort for 2023. Although costs to host a Grange session varies from region to region depending on the availability/price of facilities, in recent years that cost has averaged about \$12,000. Anniversary events leading up to 2023, including a celebration banquet and the rental of facilities with an auditorium adequate for an historical pageant and the Sixth Degree in full form, could push costs to as much as \$20,000.

We hope to raise the needed funds voluntarily without any need to assess Granges. It's a well-known fact that some Granges are in tight financial situations and can contribute only modest amounts, while others with more resources can donate more substantial sums. The amount of the gift is not important; our goal is to get every Grange and every member involved in supporting their celebration of this milestone event.

Individual, Grange and corporate sponsors are invited to provide major financial sponsorship for the Grange's celebration beginning in September 2021 and culminating in October 2023. During this 2-year period, the PA State Grange will renew its commitment to serve local communities through increased service projects, renewed exemplification of its traditional ritual and special programs highlighting 150 years of Grange history. Each of the sponsor levels is designated by a precious gem, the color of which relates to one of the levels of the Grange organization. Appropriate recognition of sponsors will be given in Grange publications and at anniversary events.

 Diamond (Assembly of Demeter) - \$5,000 or more	 Emerald (Pomona/County Grange) - \$1,000-\$1,999
 Gold (National Grange) - \$3,000-\$4,999	 Sapphire (Subordinate/Community Grange) - \$500-\$999
 Rose Quartz (State Grange) - \$2,000-\$2,999	 Ruby Sponsor (Junior Grange) - \$250-\$499

Please make sponsorship checks payable to: PA State Grange History Committee

Eagle Grange Celebrates 150 Years!



Eagle Grange partnered with the Milton FFA to hold a Family Fun Fair in July.



For the first time in 10 years, Eagle Grange had a fair display – a winning one at that!



Eagle Grange Historical Display



Eagle's longest, continuous member, Jo Ann Murray, cuts the anniversary cake on August 7th.



A butterfly release was held on August 7th to signify Eagle Grange's renewal.



Eagle received recognition from the State Grange (left) and the National Grange (right).



Eagle members and friends tour the historic Stone Church in Alvira, a town taken by the federal government during WWII. Prior to the church tour, the group toured the landfill near the Grange Hall.



Eagle Grange welcomed visitors from across the state at an Open House held on September 18th, prior to the State Grange Anniversary Kick-Off the same day.

150th Anniversary Kick-Off Highlights



A new banner will be seen at all anniversary events!



Dr. MeeCee Baker was the keynote speaker. She urged Granges to *pivot* to make much needed changes to membership and policy.



Grangers from across the state participated in a Candle Lighting Ceremony, which signified the spreading of the "Grange light" from Eagle Grange across the state.



The 150th Anniversary Cookbook was unveiled!



The families (or home Grange) of the Hall of Fame inductees each received a memorial gift from the State Grange.



The Candle Lighting Ceremony came "full circle" from the National Grange to Eagle Grange #1 to the first 25 Pennsylvania Granges and then to the State Grange.

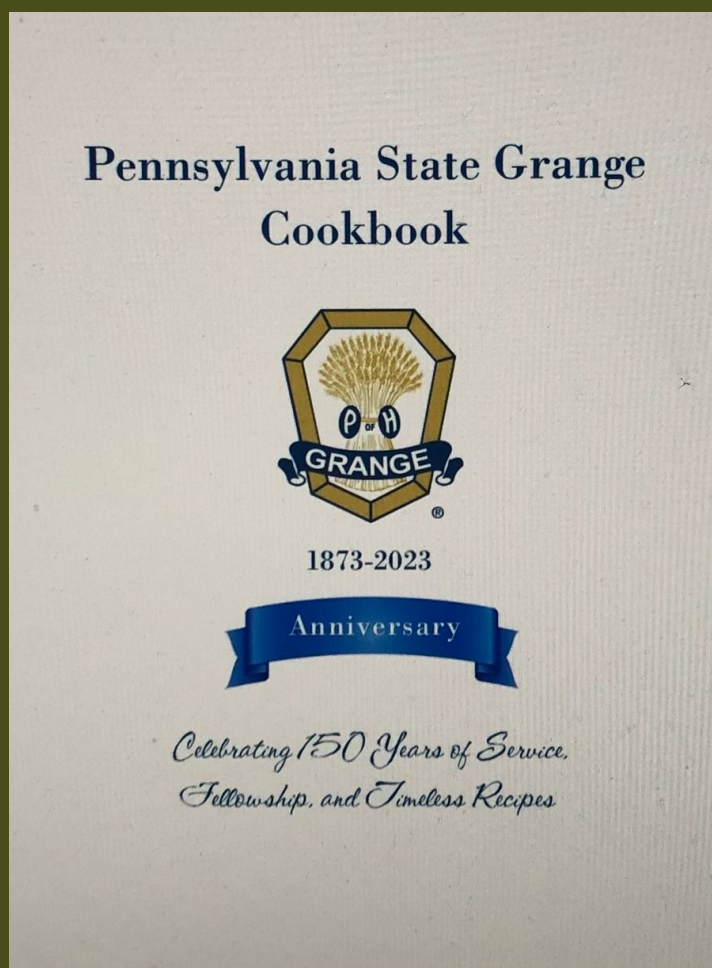


Beautiful centerpieces were a nice touch!



MARKETPLACE

Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbooks



**150th Anniversary
Cookbook
has arrived!**



\$30 each

Order Cookbooks at:

www.pagrang.org/grange-store.html

**Granges can order by case lots for
discount pricing by
calling the office at 717-737-8855
or email: pagrang@pagrang.org**

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 to pick 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.

**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
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 roadside produce markets and country stores has proved successful for several Granges in marketing the product.



Dear Santa,

I hope you are resting along with the reindeer for your Christmas eve visit. I am giving you some _____ cookies _____ milk _____ other and some _____ for the reindeer!

My family and friends are happy to share that I've been:
_____ Naughty _____ Nice





Things I really like...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Merry Christmas!

Penn State Extension

Tips for Selection and Care of Cut Christmas Trees.

by Sandy Feather, Vincent Cotrone, Rick Bates

There is no right or wrong species when it comes to choosing a Christmas tree. It all depends on your tastes and what is available locally. Bringing a freshly cut tree into your home, having it hold irreplaceable ornaments and bear witness to the most loving traditions within your family deserves a bit of research.

Most commercially available Christmas trees are harvested the first couple weeks of November. If you enjoy decorating your home as early as Thanksgiving or early December, you are challenging a tree to maintain its freshness in the warm, dry environment of our heated homes. To optimize the length of time a tree looks its best, seek out the freshest tree, choose tree varieties which can take indoor conditions, and optimize the environment once the tree is brought into your home.

The freshest trees are grown locally and harvested closer to Thanksgiving. Some of these farms allow you to cut your own tree or choose a tree they will cut for you. To locate a Christmas tree grower in your area, visit the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association website. Some of the most popular conifers grown for Christmas trees are:



Christmas Tree Farm Photo Credit: Penn State Extension Master Gardeners Program

Douglas-Fir

have soft, flat, blue-green needles that are attached singly to the stem. Their naturally symmetrical growth habit yields a full, attractive Christmas tree, and their reputation for good needle retention makes Douglas-fir one of the most popular species to invite home for the holidays. The branches are moderately stiff and may not be suitable for the heaviest ornaments. Best of all, Douglas-fir has a sweet citrusy scent that most people enjoy.

Frasier and Balsam Fir

have soft, flat, dark green needles marked by silver bands on the undersides. They are thicker than

Douglas-fir needles, and are also attached singly to the stem. Their overall growth habit is a bit more stiff than that of a Douglas-fir, but quite attractive, and they also win praise for good needle retention. Their branches are moderately stiff and may not be suitable for the heaviest ornaments. The spicy, resinous fragrance makes Frasier and Balsam fir holiday favorites.

White and Scotch Pine

have needles bundled into groups of five (white pine) or two (Scotch pine). They are tightly sheared when grown as Christmas trees to create a dense, full shape. Both are popular, traditional Christmas

trees with good reputations for needle retention. Scotch pine is quite strong and will hold heavy ornaments with ease; white pine is more flexible and may not support the heaviest ornaments. Both perfume a room with a clean pine fragrance.

Colorado Blue Spruce

have sharp, square needles that are attached singly to the stem. Valued for their blue-green to silvery blue color, Colorado blue spruce has gained popularity as a Christmas tree. They tend to have a symmetrical growth habit and hold the heaviest ornaments without complaint. They hold their needles well, but only if care is taken to make sure they never run out of water. Once they dry out, even once, many needles will fall. Another drawback is that their needles are very sharp - this is not a good selection for homes with small children.

Selecting a Fresh Tree

You can definitely be assured of getting a fresh tree if you cut your own tree from a local Christmas tree farm. While this is a cherished family tradition for many, the convenience of purchasing a pre-cut tree is more attractive for others.

To check a pre-cut tree for freshness, look for flexible needles that remain firmly attached when you tug on them. All needled evergreens shed their oldest needles every year, so do not be concerned when brown needles fall from the interior of

the tree when you knock the base of the tree on the ground. Just make sure they are thoroughly shaken off the tree before taking it indoors. If the needles pull out easily, or if they appear a dull, lifeless green, that tree may be past its prime.

Maintaining Freshness

Maintaining a high moisture level in the tree is the single most important factor in reducing needle loss and keeping the tree fresh. This is accomplished primarily through the use of water-holding stands and keeping the water level in the stand above the base of the tree. Every year, there are many articles written concerning the handling and care of Christmas trees. Unfortunately, they often contain erroneous information.

These research-based guidelines will help you to maintain the freshness and aroma of your live Christmas tree this holiday season:

1. Use a tree stand with an adequate water-holding capacity. A tree stand should have a water basin that provides 1 quart of water per inch of stem diameter. For most Christmas trees, the stand should hold at least 1 gallon of water. A cut tree will absorb a surprising amount of water, particularly during the first week, so replenish the water daily.
2. The tree stand should fit your tree. Some stands have circular rings at the top, so the ring must be large enough for the trunk of

your tree to go through the hole. Avoid whittling down the sides of the trunk to fit a stand. The outer layers of wood are the most efficient in taking up water and should not be removed.

3. If the tree is to be stored for more than a couple of days before display, it is advisable to place its trunk in water and store it in a cool, shaded, and protected, area such as an unheated garage.
4. If the tree has been cut within the past 12 hours, it will not be necessary to recut the trunk prior to display indoors. If it has been longer than 12 hours since harvest, the trunk should be recut to improve water uptake.

5. Cutting off a disk of wood about ¼" thick from the base of the trunk is all that is necessary before putting the tree in the stand. Make the cut perpendicular to the stem axis. Don't cut the trunk at an angle, or into a v-shape, which makes it far more difficult to hold the tree in the stand and also reduces the amount of water available to the tree.

6. Keep displayed trees away from sources of heat (fireplaces, heaters, heat vents, and direct sunlight). Lowering the room temperature will slow the drying process, resulting in less water consumption each day.
7. The temperature of the water used to fill the stand is not important and does not affect water uptake.

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Junior Committee
Philip Vonada
PA State Junior Grange Director

This has been an incredible year! I am so proud and excited for everything the Junior Grangers across Pennsylvania have accomplished this year, and I'm looking forward to even more.

It was fantastic to see so many Juniors at State Session in Valley Forge in October! There were a ton of fantastic contest entries and a bunch of new categories for 2022-2023 in the new Guide to Contests. Check out the Junior Grange page on the PA State Grange website for the Junior pages.

Also at State Session, we presented Derek Schroeder with the 2021 Junior Grange Supporter of the Year. Derek has been a tremendous help and support over the past year and many years prior, as a counselor at camp, organizing Junior activities at Session this year, and as a former Junior Committee member. Derek is a fantastic "Junior-at-heart" and an amazing role model for our Junior Grangers across the state. Congratulations, Derek, and thank you for all you do!

This winter, I encourage every Junior Grange to take part in the History Committee's "**PA State Grange 150 Years - 150 Acts of Service**". Reports of your Grange's

act(s) of service may be reported at any time to Doug Bonsall (douglas.b@verizon.net) or Jenn Nauss (jnauss89@gmail.com) so they may be added to the list. More information can be found at <https://www.pagrang.org/state-grange-150th-anniversary.html>. It's important to remember that Junior Grangers may be small, but can have a MIGHTY impact!



This holiday season, I hope you find time to connect with your families while engaging in something fun, educational, or useful. Try to find a way to serve or give back to your community - maybe go caroling at a nursing home, collect items for a shelter for the homeless, or deliver cookies and hot cocoa mixes to members of your Grange, church, or community who may not have local families or may not be able to go out.

I also encourage you to get a start on next year's contest items. Our 2022 "Recycled Craft" contest is **buttons** - try using your odds and ends buttons to create a cool holiday decoration. This link has a bunch of cool ideas. And the best



part is, there's no "right way" to do it:

<https://speechroomstyle.com/easy-christmas-crafts-8-button-ornaments/>



One of the coolest things about the holidays is how each family has their own traditions! I'd love to hear about yours, and share them with other Juniors from around the state. Send a brief write-up of your holiday traditions or favorite activities (or recipes!) along with a picture or two to pajuniorgrange@gmail.com and I'll be sharing them on our Facebook page and website throughout the season!

Happy Holidays, and - as always - remember to **be kind**,

Phil

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PA Farm Show January 8 - 15, 2022 "Harvesting More"

Volunteers Needed!

The Pennsylvania State Grange is looking forward to setting up our booth at the **2022 PA Farm Show** held at the Farm Show complex at 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

The show opens on Saturday, January 8th and runs through Saturday, January 15th.

We are asking all Grange members to consider volunteering to assist in our booth so we have the coverage it needs to operate for the event.

We offer **3-hour work shifts** for each day:

9am - 12 noon

12 noon - 3 pm

3 pm - 6 pm

6 pm - 9 pm

You may work more than one shift if you like, as we have volunteers who are spending the day and pick and choose when to work that coordinates with events they want to attend at the show.

We have lots of fun at the booth and hope you will join us!

Call:

Lizzie @ 717-254-9550

Email:

publicrelations@pagrange.org

Tips for Selection and Care continued from page 23

8. Check the stand daily to make sure that the level of water does not go below the base of the tree. With many stands, there can still be water in the stand even though the base of the tree is no longer submerged in water.

9. Drilling a hole in the base of the trunk does not improve water uptake.

10. The use of "IV" type devices to supply water directly to holes drilled into the sides of the tree trunk is not as effective as displaying the tree in a more traditional, water-holding tree stand.

11. Applying anti-transpirants to the tree does not have a significant effect on the rate of moisture loss. These products are marketed as a way to block evaporation from the foliage surface, but, in reality, they have little effect on a cut tree displayed indoors.

12. Adding water-holding gels to the stand is not beneficial, and they can reduce the amount of water in the stand that is available to the tree.

13. Do not use additives, such as floral preservatives, commercial tree preservatives, molasses, sugar, bleach, soft drinks, aspirin, honey, and other concoctions, in the water. Clean water is all that is needed to maintain freshness.

14. Displaying trees in water with the proper care is much more

effective in reducing fire hazards than spraying trees with flame retardants. Some flame retardants can damage needles and actually increase the rate of moisture loss from trees.

15. Monitor your tree for dryness. Run your fingers across the needles to determine whether they are dry and brittle. If the needles break easily or fall off in your hand, the tree is dry and should be removed.

Newer LED Christmas lights generate less heat than older types of lighting. Always turn the lights off when the tree is unattended.

After the holidays

When you are ready to take the tree down after the holidays, do not be in a hurry to send it to a landfill. Evergreen boughs make a great mulch for perennial flowering plants that do not tolerate other mulches that can hold excessive moisture around their crowns. They can also be placed on the ground near bird feeders to create a little shelter for ground-feeding birds. Also, many communities have a special pick up or designate a drop off site for Christmas trees. They may hold a big community bonfire or grind the trees into mulch that can be used for the garden in spring.





Government Matters

Carrie Nace

Novak Strategic Advisors

A TIME FOR REFLECTION

It is hard to believe it is coming up on a year since I began my journey with the Pennsylvania State Grange as your lobbyist and legislative director and I can honestly say its been an absolute pleasure and honor. I have had the chance to get to know many of you and it is my hope I will be meeting many more of you during 2022. I have had the chance to travel to Family Festival, driven out west to the Butler Grange, and helped out at Ag Progress Days. By the time you are reading this I will have had the chance to participate in the Pennsylvania Grange State session, something I am greatly anticipating.

One thing I have found throughout my time with the Grange is that within the Pennsylvania State Capitol, the Pennsylvania State Grange is a widely respected organization. Senate and House members come to the Grange for advice on many policy issues, whether to testify or add their voice of support or opposition on issues. This is a testament to the great ways you have used your voice as a Grange member.

In September, I was asked to be on Rep. Torren Ecker's (Adams County) first podcast entitled, "Did you know". The podcast focuses on laws passed in Harrisburg that many people do not realize were passed, yet affect their daily lives. In his first podcast, Ecker focused on the

recently passed Milk Labeling Law which was a result of the Dairy Future Commission of which Pennsylvania State Grange was a member. You can listen to the podcast on PA House Podcasts- pahousegop.com/mypodcasts

Thank you for the opportunity to further the Pennsylvania State Grange legislative agenda and I look forward to interacting with you in the future. As always I am a phone call or email away and here to assist all of you.



BUSY FALL FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

The Pennsylvania State Grange started fall with a bang starting in late August, in meeting Senator Gene Yaw's Chief of Staff, Nick Troutman, to discuss solar farms as it relates to the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee's future hearings. Discussed were issues related to the recycling of solar panels and the issue of importing the panels from China. The Pennsylvania State Grange stands ready to be a resource in the Capitol on issues surrounding solar farms.



Wayne and Carrie also met with Mike Atchie, outreach director for Williams in late August to discuss its latest pipeline project to deliver natural gas throughout Pennsylvania. Atchie explained he is working on education around their latest project in Pennsylvania and is meeting with key stakeholder groups of which Grange is part of.



InCity Farms

On September 2nd, Wayne Campbell, Carrie Nace and PR Director Lizzie Bailey traveled to Butler County to attend a meeting with InCity Farms which was arranged by Richard Mangel. InCity Farms is a leader in the production of organically grown plants and vegetables, all through the use of aquaponics technology. Aquaponics is a food production system that couples aquaculture with hydroponics whereby the nutrient-rich aquaculture water is fed to hydroponically-grown plants, where nitrifying bacteria convert ammonia into nitrates.

The group met with CEO Glenn Ford who is looking to build facilities in Pennsylvania and would like support from the Pennsylvania State Grange. It was agreed that the Grange would help schedule meetings with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to start productive conversations.

On September 17th, Campbell and Nace traveled to Senator Gene Yaw's Agriculture breakfast which included remarks from Senator Yaw and PA Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding. Campbell had a chance to have good conversations with both Senator Yaw, his Chief of Staff, Nick Troutman and Secretary Russell Redding on issues of importance to the State Grange.

In September, the Pennsylvania State Grange was asked to participate in a coalition group on rural broadband. The first meeting was held on September 28th and will be meeting regularly until progress is made on deployment of broadband in rural Pennsylvania. House Consumer Affairs Chairmen, Jim Marshall and Rob Matzie spoke on their desire to pass meaningful legislation and the need for stakeholder groups to weigh in. The group will continue to meet throughout the fall during session weeks in Harrisburg.

Start of Fall Session

General Assembly has returned to Harrisburg for its fall session, and the tempo of the legislative process is quickening as they discuss issues related to election reform, how to spend \$6 billion received from the Federal

Government, suspended regulations, and policies from the Governor's COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, etc. There are not that many session days left in 2021 as the Senate will be in Harrisburg 12 days and the House, 15 days.

Committee Hearings on Agricultural issues

As the General Assembly begins its fall agenda, a few Agricultural issues will be discussed in committee hearings.



Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee: Hearing on utility scale solar power generation on farmland also known as solar farm factories. -The Pennsylvania State Grange will be providing written testimony.

House Consumer Affairs Committee: Hearing on rural broadband. - The Pennsylvania State Grange will be providing in-person testimony.

Center for Rural PA: Hearing on solar farms: The Pennsylvania State Grange will be providing written testimony.

Grange Urges PMMB to continue Over-Order Premium

In testimony presented to the PA Milk Marketing Board (PMMB), the Pennsylvania State Grange presented the case for continuing the one-dollar Over-Order Premium placed on fluid milk produced and sold within the state.

Representing the Grange was Lancaster dairy farmer Matt Espenshade. A seventh generation Lancaster farmer, his family milks 70 cows with a 20,400-pound average. He described conditions for the dairy farmer who still must cope with rising feed costs. Matt is President of the Elizabethtown Grange (Lancaster County).

"We began 2021 in January receiving \$17.31 per hundredweight for our milk, with an income over feed cost of \$10.05. For the next five months, prices held in a range between \$14.27 and \$14.98, but feed costs continued to climb. By July, feed costs had reached \$10.55 per hundredweight, leaving an income over feed cost of just \$4.11 per hundredweight. August milk rose to \$17.13, but feed costs continue to be a significant burden at \$11.14 per hundredweight, leaving just \$5.99 per hundredweight.

"The past year has once again proved how vital margin protection programs are during times of uncertainty. Since the program's early days, our farm has been enrolled in the USDA's Dairy Margin Coverage program. Emergency measures in response to COVID by the federal government, such as Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP & CFAP-2), have helped cover financial losses at the farm level, and have spared operations like mine from true economic disaster and ruin," said Espenshade.

I wish all of you a wonderful Holiday Season and as always, feel free to reach out to me at 717-424-5832 or carrie@nsallc.com.

Carrie Nae
Legislative Director
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What's happening across PA...



PA Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding, 2nd PA Alternate Dairy Princess, Crystal Bomgardner, Lebanon County, PA Dairy Princess: Mikayla Davis, Berks County, 1st PA Alternate Dairy Princess: Kelly Bliss, Huntingdon County

Mikayla Davis Crowned PA Dairy Princess

Mikayla Davis was crowned the 2021-22 PA Dairy Princess on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the annual state pageant. Mikayla is a member of the Ontelaunee Grange in Berks County. There are two alternate Dairy Princesses: 1st Alternate Dairy Princess is Kelly Bliss of Lebanon County and 2nd Alternate Dairy Princess is Crystal Bomgardner of Lebanon County. Congratulations to all and we look forward to learning more about dairy with your promotion programs throughout the year!

Please send us your news and photos.

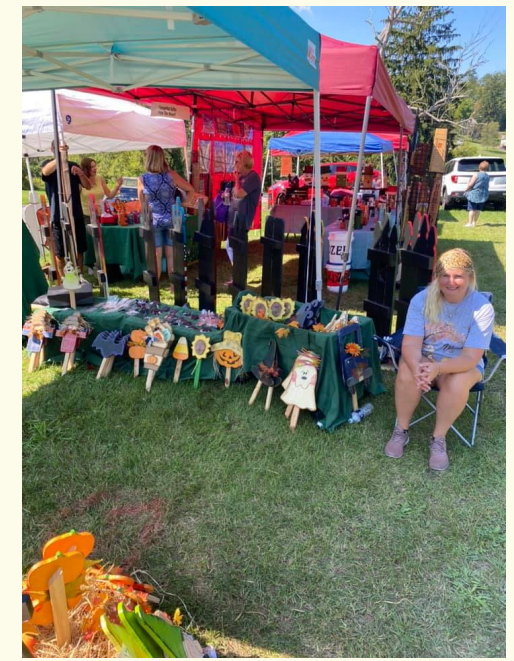
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Grange members are fundraising by selling Grange Cookbooks and Apple Butter. Call 717-737-8855 for details!

Gingerhill Grange #1549

Gingerhill Grange #1549 in Washington County held a Vendor Show at their Grange Hall on September 18th. They had lots of vendors, flea market items, and great food for sale.



Kutztown Grange #1836

Kutztown Grange in Berks County held a pot pie dinner on September 25th at their Grange Hall. They served 470 meals with the volunteer help serving walk-ins, take-out meals, and the sale of quarts.



What's happening across PA...



STONY POINT GRANGE #1694

To the left is a picture of Stony Point's #1694 1st Place fair display that they had at the Jamestown, PA Fair.

PERRY CO. POMONA GRANGE #69

Perry County Pomona Grange presented a check in the amount of \$6,124.72 to the 4-H Club at the Perry County Fair.



VIRGINVILLE GRANGE #1832 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

Virginville Grange 100th Anniversary celebration was held September 12, 2021, at CJ Hummels Restaurant in Lenhartsville, PA.



Pictured (from L to R): Henry Seidel, Virginville Grange President; Nettie Kauffman, Pomona Grange President; Wayne Campbell, PA State Grange President; and Betsy Huber, National Grange President.

HOOKSTOWN GRANGE #1980



Hookstown Grange #1980 recently held an awards ceremony to honor their members for their service to the organization.

Michael Rounds was chosen as Hookstown's Granger of the Year and Barb Reper was recognized as Hookstown Grange Community Service Person of the Year.

CHESTER VALLEY GRANGE #1496



Chester Valley Grange #1496 in Chester County made pillowcases for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month which is recognized every year in September. Chester Valley Grange members made and donated 50 pillowcases to Ryan's Cases for Smiles.

The pillowcases were dropped off at Pottstown Sewing - Your "Sew" Happy Place in Pottstown, PA. The pillowcases will be distributed to Lehigh Valley Hospital and Penn Medicine Lancaster General. If anyone would like to donate material or join the sewing group, contact chestervalleygrange@gmail.com or via Facebook messenger.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE



The Kutztown Rotary Club invited the Pennsylvania State Grange to attend their 84th Annual Farmer's Night Event held on Saturday, September 11th at the Maiden Creek Township Community Park in Blandon, PA.

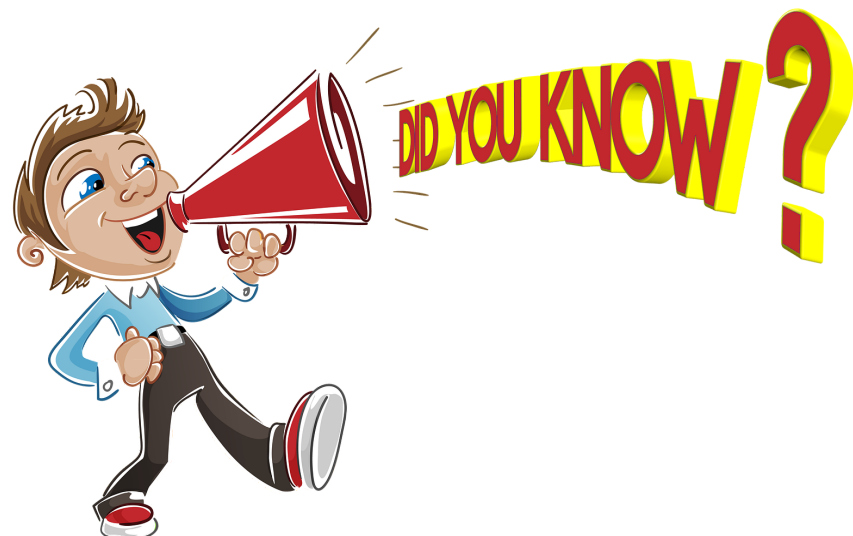
The 7430 District Governor Bob Hobaugh welcomed all to the event and State Senator Judy Schwank discussed agricultural issues the PA Senate is addressing such as broadband and solar energy. Musical entertainment was provided by Berks County Musician David Kline.



There was a great turnout from the Rotarians and the agricultural community!

PA State Senator Judy Schwank and PR./Memberhsip Director., Lizzie Bailey.

National Grange Building Dedication Day had Some Hiccups.



The National Grange Headquarters building was finished in 1960. On June 29, 1960, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was willing to give a speech at the dedication ceremony. However, he accidentally left the prepared speech, written by National Grange Master Hershel Newsom, at home. President Eisenhower still spoke at the ceremony despite not having any notes. Also on the dedication day, members of the President's Administration and Secret Service were taking tours of the new building. The tour guides were members of the National Grange Youth Team. California youth representative Dick Dopkins took his group on one of the elevators, which then became stuck for an hour and a half.



Holiday Nuts

1 egg white	1 tsp cold water
1 lb pecan halves	1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/4 tsp salt	1/2 to 1 tsp cinnamon

Beat egg white and cold water until fluffy. Add pecan halves and stir gently to coat. Combine the sugar, salt and cinnamon together. Add the coated pecan halves and stir gently until thoroughly mixed. Spread mixture into greased 9x13x2 pan. Bake at 225 degrees for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes.

Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617

This recipe can be found in the 125th Anniversary edition of the Pennsylvania State Grange cookbook.



Dilled Lemon Chicken

1 1/2 lb boneless chicken breasts	1/4 tsp salt
1/4 cup margarine or butter	1/8 tsp dried dillweed
1/2 cup dry white wine	1/2 lemon, thinly sliced
1 Tbsp lemon juice	2 green onions, sliced

Saute chicken breasts in margarine in 10-in skillet for 5 minutes on each side or until light brown. Combine wine, lemon juice, salt and dillweed in small bowl; pour over chicken. Place lemon slices on chicken. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, for 10 to 15 minutes or until chicken is tender. Remove chicken with slotted spoon to warm platter. Boil wine mixture for 3 minutes or until reduced by half, stirring constantly. Pour over chicken. Sprinkle with green onions.

Karen Yetter, Valley Grange #1360

This recipe can be found in the 1992 edition of the Pennsylvania State Grange cookbook.

Member Benefit Highlights

Do you buy Christmas presents online? Do you shop online often? You may be able to earn money for your online shopping trips!



Just for signing up for Rakuten you can receive a \$10 Cash Rebate. Using Rakuten also gets you discounts up to 40% in over 2,500 online stores. Just go to their website

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If you are asked for a referral code use: pagrange

There is nothing easier than getting paid to shop online!



Do you have life insurance? Are you aware that the PA State Grange offers an Accidental Death Policy on all of their members?

\$3000 Accidental Death Policy for PA Grange Member
Contact State Grange Office at 717-737-8855 for Sales Rep information.

You can also receive a FREE Child Safety Kit for every child in your household.



Welcome New Members!!!

Sanatoga #25

Zachary Troutman
Michael Troutman
Mildred "Pat" Miller

Wysauking-Sheshequin #58

Margaret Boritz

Logan #109

Brent Hales

Marion #223

Helen Rogers-Koon

Dawson #419

Douglas Gardner

Middletown #684

Adrienne Vance

Steve Vance

Isabella Vance

Stacy Wertman

James Wertman

Mason Wertman

Craig Bollinger

Sheila Bollinger

Charlie Bollinger

Saskia Kelter

Joseph Kelter

Zoe Kelter

Zev Kelter

Forest #853

Tiffany Bachman

South Auburn #1188

Kristy Fitting

Hickory #1285

Brianna Palumbo

Richard Martin

Bradley Calliari

Rod Fairman

Lesley Fairman

Austin Fairman

Landon Fairman

Jefferson #1373

Darlene Buckley

Karen Slee

Cole Cannon

Jefferson #1384

Barbara Weller

Briana Prince

Brach Gibbons

Reed Williams

Karl Brobst

Sharon Thomas

Mykal McCulloch

Barb Peters

Jerry Heim

Stanley Brozana

Rachel Brobst

Victoria Konkus

Abigail Konkus

Jefferson #1384 (cont.)

Michelle Zimmerman

David Jenkins

Liz Kattner

Marie Bildheiser

William Bildheiser Jr

Valerie Bildheiser

Vanessa Bildheiser

Hannah Burke

Amy Burke

Angela Meck

Ashley Bieski

Barbara Malewski

Connor Czarick

Danielle Boris

Josiah Meck

Kay Jones

Lindsay Cohan Pellazar

Jefferson #1384 (cont.)

Natalia Brobst

Natalie McCulloch

Seth Pellazar

Chester Valley #1496

Daniel Ramsey

Kimmerlings #1529

William Baker

Ginger Hill #1549

Carol Provan

Stony Point #1694

John Bost

Log Cabin Unity #2110

Christopher Perseghetti

Rose Vogan



In Memoriam

"Well Done Good and Faithful Servant..."

California #941

Lou Bowersox

Chestnut Ridge #1133

Roy Naser

Kimberton #1304

Clyde Scheib

Chester Valley #1496

William Smith

Patricia Mastrangelo

Baileyville #1991

Winifred Reed

Fred Strouse

Frankfort Springs #1989

Betty Sue Sutherin

Sanatoga #25

Richard Heylmun

Doris Meloy Solomon

Logan #109

Janice Day

Oriental #165

Hilda Lewis

Walker #786

Helen Guss

Gibson #798

Rupert Carey

Charlotte Sidorski



Russelville #91

Lina Day
(Nov.)
Harold Bryson
(Nov.)
Art Hershey
(Nov.)
Marjorie Holman
(Nov.)
Janet Robinson
(Nov.)

Russelville #91 (cont.)

Dakota Ruoss
(Nov.)
Doris Worth
(Nov.)
Vera Miller
(Dec.)
Stanley Reyburn
(Dec.)

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2021-2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All dates are tentative and subject to change.

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
30th: Memorial Day



JUNE

14th: Flag Day
24-26th: Youth Camp; Camp Sylvan Hills
26-July 2nd: Junior Grange Camp; Camp Sylvan Hills

JULY

4th: Independence Day
14-17th: Family Festival; Centre County Fairground



AUGUST

9-11th: AG Progress Days; Pennsylvania Furnace



SEPTEMBER

5th: Labor Day



OCTOBER

14-16th: State Session; York, PA
31st: Happy Halloween!



Pennsylvania State Grange

Pennsylvania Grange News

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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!!!

Pennsylvania State Grange

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